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The two sides of contact tracing

Pritzker says it's a key to reopening state; health leaders concede the system isn't ready yet

BY HAL DARDICK AND DAN PETRELLA

One of the key conditions Gov. J.B. Pritzker says must be met before Illinois can lift its stay-at-home order is a comprehensive way to track, warn and quarantine everyone who has had significant contact with newly diagnosed COVID-19 patients.

"Contact tracing is one of the most critical tools that we have to reduce our spread rate, speed up our diagnoses and seek to halt outbreaks before they happen," the governor said Friday during his daily briefing.

But state, Chicago and Cook County public health leaders concede they're not yet ready to fully roll out a coronavirus contact tracing system. The big problems to solve? Finding enough workers and putting technology in place.

Dr. Ngozi Ezike, director of the Illinois Department of Public Health, cited estimates that there need to be 30 contact tracers for every 100,000 people. That means more than 3,800 interviewers to handle the data, sleuthing and legwork necessary to trace contacts on the unprecedented scale needed during a pandemic caused by such a virulent disease.

The city can't say how many people it has on the job, with officials noting there are people working on it from different divisions within the Chicago Department of Public Health and its health care allies.

The county, meanwhile, says it has 29 people devoted to the effort but will need at least 300 to cover more than 2 million residents spread over 700 square miles of suburban Cook.

And so state public health officials say the goal is for "some portion" of the program to be in place by late

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SCHERINA SEATON

Critical care nurse at Loretto Hospital

There's no crying in intensive care. Seaton has enforced that rule throughout the pandemic, afraid that if she lets herself weep she wouldn't stop. She says she could cry endlessly for the patients who die without their loved ones in the visitor-restricted ward, the family members who can't hold their hands and the medical staff who tried to save them. Instead, she helps place the patient in a body bag and calls the Cook County medical examiner. If Seaton sees someone crying, she tells them to "go fix your allergies." "I don't cry," Seaton said. "But I find myself fixing my allergies more and more."

CAROL BAILEY

Respiratory therapist at OSF Little Company of Mary

With more than 50 years in the health care field, Bailey has never faced an illness as mysterious and aggressive as the coronavirus. The many unknowns make her job as a respiratory therapist — the professionals who help initiate and manage life support systems for COVID-19 patients on ventilators — even more challenging than usual. "We don't know a lot about this virus," she said. "We're still in the process of learning about it and that's what makes it so difficult."

ADAM GOMEZ

Emergency department medical technician at Loretto Hospital

Gomez, who begins treating potential COVID-19 patients as soon as they are admitted, says he finds himself praying more than he did before the pandemic. He prays for his patients, for the strength to get through each shift and the ability to decontaminate thoroughly enough to keep the virus out of his home and away from his partner. "It takes a strong heart to do our jobs under these circumstances," he said. "I thank God every morning that I wake up healthy and have a chance to help."

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For restaurant owners, optimism, fear on menu

BY PHIL VETTEL

What was initially announced as a two-week restaurant shutdown, in response to the coronavirus, has now lasted seven weeks in Illinois. By the time May 30, the last day of the shutdown (barring further extensions) rolls around, Chicago's dining rooms will have been dark for 11 straight weeks.

Chicago's restaurant owners find themselves simultaneously attempting to survive under the present circumstances, while planning for the time when restaurants can welcome the public back inside. And therein lies the problem: No one knows when that future will arrive, or what it will look like when it gets here.

"It's an unreal experience," said Jason Hammel, chef and owner of Lula Cafe and Marisol, both closed. "Not a day goes by that I don't get a text asking what I

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As surgeries resume, some patients still wait

BY LISA SCHENCKER

When Brandi Corbello was diagnosed with stage 3 melanoma last year, she felt as if her normally stable life was suddenly out of control.

But the 31-year-old Streeterville woman soon adapted, finding a new routine.

After undergoing surgery to remove the area around a cancerous mole and a lymph node, she began getting CT scans and ultrasounds every few months to make sure the skin cancer didn't return. She also received monthly immunotherapy infusions and got her blood drawn every couple of weeks for monitoring at Northwestern Memorial Hospital.

But that routine was suspended in April as many Illinois hospitals canceled all but the most pressing procedures, tests and appointments to help slow the spread of COVID-19 and to

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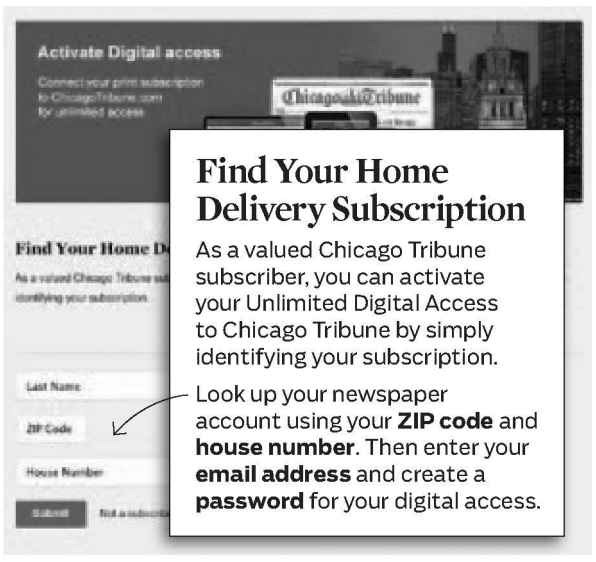
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Vice President Mike Pence, sans mask, visits Dennis Nelson during a tour of the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.



John Kass

April's Golden Moutza: Something less human

As the Golden Moutza of April approached, I'd hoped we'd be saved by an indicted politician, weeping at his arraignment, blaming it all on a Viagra addiction.

Or some Florida man, naked and high on crack, showing up in an alligator's mouth.

But this was not to be. The moutza nominations were all about the coronavirus. And feelings about coronavirus feelings. The American culture now prizes feelings — and the elimination of all human death by federal order — more than anything.

That would make liver sausage sandwiches the third best thing in the world.

What surprised me about a recent coronavirus liver sausage column I wrote were the scores of women telling me they just love liver sausage sandwiches. All except my wife.

"I hate to do it, but I nominate that lovely Sicilian you are married to," said Bob Evans. "She moved you to a Hobbit hole across from the picturesque windmill, and now she's raising a stink about you enjoying a liver sausage and raw onion sandwich. That goes way too far in my book."

You dare bring my wife into this? I'm not some passive-aggressive billionaire Gov. Commodius Maximus of a failed state seeking federal pension bailouts.

I can't send Betty to our fancy vacation home, because we don't own a fancy vacation home. Betty did leave the Shire and took the pony cart to the Hobbit store and picked up a pound of liver sausage. And, she made me a great sanguich.

Nah! and Nah! to you, Bob.

How does this work? Readers find me on social media and make their nominations, as did my Greek ancestors, with their open palm extended at their targets, and a lusty "Nah!" (here) or "Feesah etho" (blow on it).

"I have a nomination for the GMOTM," said Kathy Patrician. "The coronavirus itself. Perhaps not too original but this thing is just so arrrggghh. So, to CV, a hearty Nah!"

Kathy, allow me to consult the sacred Moutzatution, which states: 1) No president may win the award dating back to Barack Obama, because the Golden Moutza would become a partisan hate fest like Twitter; and 2) that the winner must be able to feel shame.

"I nominate the scientists at Lysol for their failure to seize a fantastic opportunity and let a good coronavirus crisis go to waste," said Rich Escallier. "They should have grabbed their microscopes and immediately begun working on an amazingly effective injectable version of their tremendous product. Nah! Feesah Etho and take a deeply laborical (is that even a word?) breath. Get to work!"

Injectable Lysol? Ah, Rich, I see what you did there. Artfully done, my friend. Artfully done.

"You (Kass) are infatuated with yourself. You have extreme disdain for anyone who doesn't see eye-to-eye with you," writes Denise Howard. "And as far as your liver sausage is concerned — you've earned the 'Golden Moutza' of the year."

Wait. You don't like liver sausage?

"Isaiah Thomas NAH!," said Rick McMahon of the former Detroit Piston. "For being a weasel and not owning up to his ridiculously poor sportsmanship."

Thomas and his Pistons were crushed by Michael Jordan and the Chicago Bulls in the 1991 playoffs. The Pistons wouldn't shake hands. In ESPN's documentary series "The Last Dance," Jordan smirked and called Thomas a "(bleep)hole." Thomas later said Jordan was only the fourth-best player he ever faced.

Jordan the fourth best? C'mon, man. You're from Chicago. Let your jealousy go, weasel. Nah!

Terry Poulos gave a big fat outza to Vice President Mike Pence.

"Pence all the way," said Poulos. "Since Pence refused to wear a mask in a coronavirus hospital ward, let's give him the Moutza Mask he richly earned. Nah!!"

One of my favorite officials, Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot, was honored with many nominations, but not for her dance on TikTok.

"My vote is for Mayor Lightfoot for the 'Let them Eat Cake' attitude after giving social distancing and stay-at-home orders and then deciding it was a good idea for her to get a haircut. 'Because she's on TV,' she said," said former Chicago police Cmdr. Bob Angone. "I mean Lightfoot, the April Moutza for you. Nah. Chicago leadership at its best."

Reader David Mansfield nominated House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, aka Fancy Nancy, aka Nancy Antoinette, who did a bit on a late-night TV talk show bragging about her gourmet stash of ice cream, even as she horse-traded over much needed coronavirus relief.

"It's gotta be Nancy Pelosi," said Mansfield. "With her $12 a pint ice cream. I mean how insensitive and elite can you get? Nah!"

There were so many worthies. But there can only be just one. And I'm reminded of Kathy Patrician's nomination of the coronavirus as winner of the moutza.

No, a virus cannot feel shame. But buried deep within the Moutzatution is a note written by the ancient Dr. Birx Fauciopoulos, saying the Golden Moutza can be used for therapeutic purposes.

What's better? To curl up in a fetal position and live in terror of the deadly virus? Or stand like Americans once used to stand, and prudently demonstrate contempt from a distance.

I vote we stand. At least until we're dead. Then it doesn't matter.

Coronavirus? You have no face to blush. No, don't blow on it. Instead, eat it!

The Golden Moutza of April is all yours.

Nah!

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An expert says optional social interactions and our inclination to opt out are magnified during the coronavirus pandemic.

Go ahead, call that old friend. It will go better than you think.



MARY SCHMICH

Another day at home. Another day wondering if and when you'll ever again see people the old-fashioned way, meaning in the flesh and within hugging range.

Another day when a thought crosses your mind: Maybe I should call that old friend. But no. That would be weird. And you're not really phone friends anyway. Maybe you should text. Or email. Or just not bother at all.

Let Nick Epley tell you why you should make that call.

Epley is a professor at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business. He studies social cognition, which, by his description, includes trying to understand "why smart people so routinely misunderstand each other." He teaches about ethics and happiness and is best known for his research on the psychological rewards of talking to strangers. During this pandemic, he has been thinking about social connections in a time of enforced isolation.

"In daily life, when we're not on lockdown," Epley said by phone on Friday, "we connect with people often accidentally. We pass somebody in the hallway, say hi. They say hi back. Or I get on the train and there's my friend Harold and I sit down and chat with Harold. You've got meetings with people. These connections just happen. You don't have to make a decision."

But now?

"Now social connection is something you have to decide to do. Any barriers in the choice are magnified."

Epley's not talking about required Zoom work meetings. He means our optional social interactions and our inclination to opt out. Or, if we do decide to connect, our decision to keep a certain emotional distance by emailing or texting. Our choices, he says, are often based on mistakes.

One common mistake?

"People underestimate how social others are. That leads to a general tendency to underestimate how positively people respond when you reach out to them in a prosocial way."

Another mistake?

"People think it's going to be more awkward to call up an old friend on the phone than it actually is."

A phone call, Epley says, may feel too intimate, but an exchange of voices in real time provides benefits a written exchange can't.

As he puts it: "You understand others more accurately, and feel more connected to them, when you actually hear what another person has to say than when you read the same content."

Epley's ideas are based on years of research. From his work he has deduced that we also underestimate the power of a compliment, an offer of help, an expression of support — useful behavior any time, especially helpful now.

But what about all of us who are feeling — paradoxically — socially isolated and socially overextended in this strange time? I've talked on the phone more in the past few weeks than I have in years. I know many people who say the same. And there's a reason that "Zoom fatigue" has entered the common vocabulary.

"As with anything," Epley said, "you can overdo it. Same with exercise. Don't exercise eight hours a day. The idea is not to open up the valve on your faucet and let it run all the time — but when the plant seems to need watering."

In other words: Not too much, not too little. Sometimes, not all the time.

"The data on happiness makes it very clear that happiness — positive mood, at least — is an emotion that is fleeting," Epley said. "One nice thing happens and you feel good and then it levels off. A life that has a lot of positive mood in it isn't determined by extreme moments, but by the frequency of positive moments."

He refers to it as "sprinkling." An example of sprinkling: After he hosted a recent webinar on social connections during the pandemic, Epley heard from someone saying they'd created a list of old friends to connect with. They planned to get in touch with one every day.

After I talked to Epley on Friday, I went out for a walk and was moved to call my best high school friend. We've exchanged texts in the past couple of weeks but I hadn't talked to her in at least three years. The usual benign reasons: our time zones are different, not everyone likes to be cold-called, it's easy to lose the rhythm of phone conversations.

But on a warm spring morning in the midst of a pandemic I called, without warning. She answered. We cried out each other's names then talked for nearly an hour the way we had at 16.

As we were about to hang up, she told me a story. The other day she was sitting at her computer, feeling a little down, when she heard the sound of a violin. She stepped outside. There at the end of her driveway was a boy from the neighborhood playing just for her.

In my mind I saw her listening to the boy and I heard the music, which made me almost as happy as it had made her. It reinforced something Epley had said: "When you feel the inclination to reach out, do it, because it's likelier to go better than you think."

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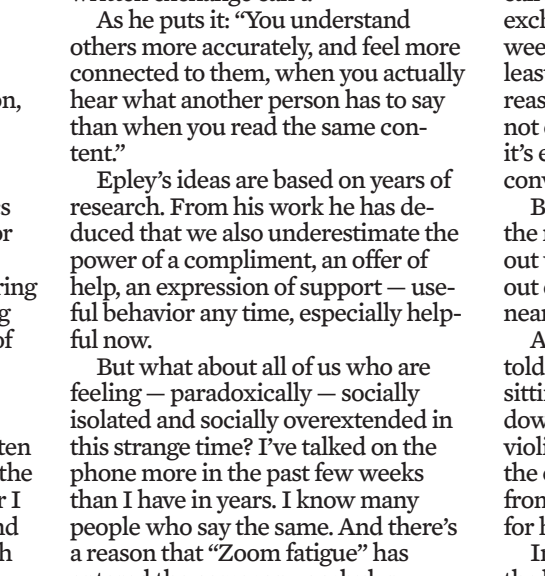
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After a funeral at Doty Nash Funeral Home on April 24, the remains of Joseph R. James are readied for transport to Oak Woods Cemetery.

The sacred 'homegoing' services for black families being upended



WILLIAM LEE

In the midst of the COVID-19 outbreak that has taken more than 1,600 lives in Cook County in seven weeks, it feels like a blessing that I was able to attend my grandmother Rosie Lee's funeral surrounded by family and friends before social distancing became a grim reality.

At her funeral on March 6 — two weeks before the state's stay-at-home order went into effect — I had the chance to reconnect with relatives I hadn't seen or spoken with in years, making plans for our first family reunion in more than a decade. The passing of such a powerful presence in my life was made much easier by the support of my big extended family.

The families affected by COVID-19 haven't been as lucky. The outbreak, which has been devastating to the area's African American communities, has also been hugely disruptive to our funeral traditions.

Friends and family traveling from near and far to celebrate and console is a hallmark of African American funerals. The tradition was strengthened after the end of slavery, reconnecting families splintered by forced separation and, then, later, the Great Migration. A 2016 article by Tiffany Stanley in The Atlantic said that after slavery and Jim Crow, when many lost their lives prematurely, "homegoings" offered black Americans the respect in death that they didn't always receive in life.

Now, social distancing and a state stay-at-home order have meant churches are closed to funeral services, while funeral homes and cemeteries strictly enforce the number of mourners allowed inside. At a recent burial at the Oak Woods Cemetery, only four members of a family were allowed inside its sprawling 183-acre grounds at a time.

Another despairing theme I've encountered repeatedly while interviewing families of COVID-19 victims is how many weren't able to speak with their ailing loved ones before they died. Many died alone in intensive care units, with the lucky ones maybe able to say farewell by phone. Relatives aren't allowed inside a quarantined area.

Linda Veasley-Payne, who lost her mother and grandmother to the virus days apart, said her last memory of her mother was seeing her rushed to a hospital. Eight days later, her mother was gone. "It has been really hard because when the ambulance took her on March 31, that's the last time we saw her," Veasley-Payne tearfully recalled.

Anthony McLaurin, whose mother Christine, 86, died in isolation from the virus at a suburban hospital on March 25, said the lack of a funeral devastated his large, grieving family that includes nine siblings, along with dozens of grandchildren.

Instead of having a large family funeral that would have allowed them to begin healing, Christine McLaurin was quietly cremated. "She was well respected and loved. She meant everything to the family," said McLaurin, 53. "All of our hearts are broken. Because of (COVID-19), you really can't have a funeral and family get-togethers and you can't do what you usually do when somebody passes."

At the 73-year-old A.A. Rayner and Sons — one of the South Side's oldest black funeral businesses — director Charles S. Childs Jr. said relatives of coronavirus victims are often themselves quarantined, creating another set of problems for organizing a solemn gathering that may include family members traveling from other states. Some families seek to stall funeral arrangements until after their self-imposed quarantine ends, while others are fearful of passing it to loved ones attending the memorial.

"It's very nerve-wracking for family members who have lost somebody, who are told to stay home and are nervous about the possible spread to other family members," Childs said. "Some families who are in quarantine are terribly shaken by this."

The Rev. Marshall Hatch, who lost his older sister Rhoda Hatch on April 4, said social distancing has even changed small ways family members typically comfort one another. After receiving news of his sister's death, Hatch recalled not being able to physically console his siblings as he broke the grim news.

"We can't touch each other, we had to stand a distance apart," Hatch recalled. "It was the most difficult time to be social distancing. People were crying, looking at each other, and during a time of prayer you can't hold hands."

Hatch's family forewent a traditional funeral, opting instead for a drive to the cemetery. "In our family, we have that issue of people that can't come out at all ... and we can't really have that many people in one spot," he said. "Nobody can have that kind of closure that we're accustomed to."

Hatch said he worried that by not properly grieving, family members would suffer "trauma, the psychological and emotional trauma. In our family, we've had tensions that I've never seen before."

To address these concerns, some operators, like the Doty Nash funeral home on South Stony Island Avenue, have begun hosting virtual services where relatives can watch via the internet.

That innovation recently helped the out-of-state relatives of one of its clients who opted to watch the funeral broadcast after officials in North Carolina informed them they would have to undergo a 14-day quarantine if they left the state.

"Family members from seven states tuned into that service, said Vera Hudson, co-owner of Doty Nash. "There's so many news stories about people contracting this disease at a funeral or a church that people were happy to be with the family through the internet."

Hudson said being able to view services online offers a compromise for relatives who may be worried about being exposed, but who seek the acceptance of death that a funeral can bring.

"If this were me or someone in my family ... and I could not be at the funeral, I would feel cheated," Hudson said. "We always say here that funerals are not for the dead, they're for the living. They're here to help you move on and grieve."

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Officials to wind down med facility at McCormick Place

BY LISA SCHENCKER

State and city officials are winding down the alternate care facility they set up at McCormick Place, saying the extra space to treat patients is not needed now that the growth of COVID-19 is slowing in Illinois.

McCormick will no longer accept new patients, and after the last of the current patients leaves, officials will take down half of its existing 1,000 beds — those meant for people who are mildly ill. Dr. Nick Turkal, executive director of the McCormick Place alternate care site, declined to say how many patients were at McCormick on Friday.

Officials plan to keep the other 500 beds standing for the time being, though without staff, Turkal said. Those beds were to accommodate sicker patients.

"We are pleased to report that the curve is flattening, and our local hospitals and health care systems continue to operate with capacity; therefore, the McCormick Place (alternate care facility) will stop operating in its clinical needs testing phase," Gov. J.B. Pritzker and Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot said in a joint statement Friday.

"The McCormick Place Alternate Care Facility was originally developed out of an abundance of caution and based on data projections of over 40,000 hospitalizations in matter of weeks," the statement said.

Though the number of COVID-19 cases in Illinois continues to grow, it has been increasing at a slower rate. Around the beginning of April, confirmed cases were doubling every 3.6 days, but as of mid-April, that had stretched to about 8.2 days. State leaders have said they believe Illinois is reaching the peak of the pandemic's rate of growth.

As of Thursday, Illinois hospitals still had nearly 11,000 beds available out of 32,006 beds total, according to the Illinois Department of Public Health. About 904 intensive care unit beds were open out of 3,658 total ICU beds, though some individual hospitals and regions have been running lower on ICU capacity than others.

McCormick began accepting patients about two weeks ago. The last of its current patients is expected to leave in the next week, and the 500 beds for mildly ill patients will be taken down at that point, Turkal said.

The facility was originally to include 3,000 beds. The announcement Friday followed news last week that officials planned to scale down the facility to 1,000 beds.

Medical workers hired to staff McCormick are being redeployed elsewhere "where they are needed," Turkal said, though he declined to say specifically where.

While the last 500 remaining beds will remain available for now, "we'll have to revisit that in several weeks and see what's happened in Chicagoland during that time," Turkal said. The city and state plan to keep those beds standing as they monitor hospital capacity amid plans for Illinois hospitals to restart elective surgeries May 11.

The Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority, the agency that runs McCormick Place, was authorized to spend up to $13 million on construction of the medical center. It was built by workers from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Illinois National Guard and local contractors. The majority of costs related to McCormick Place are being reimbursed by the federal government, city officials have said.

Other facilities in Illinois, including the former Advocate Sherman Hospital in Elgin, Westlake Hospital in Melrose Park and MetroSouth Medical Center in Blue Island also have been designated as alternate care sites. Pritzker said last week that those sites had not been "turned on yet because it does not appear, at least at the moment, that we need them in the near future."

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Poll shows thumbs-up for Pritzker, not Trump

Illinois residents give governor high marks for handling of crisis

BY RICK PEARSON

Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker got strong marks from Illinois residents for his stay-at-home-centered handling of the coronavirus outbreak while nearly half disapproved of President Donald Trump's efforts to address the crisis, according to a new nationwide survey.

The poll, conducted by Harvard, Rutgers and Northeastern universities from April 17-26, also showed Illinois residents are split on whether the federal government has taken the pandemic seriously, and two-thirds think the state is at least a month away from reopening its business economy.

The COVID-19 Consortium for Understanding the Public's Policy Preferences Across States surveyed nearly 23,000 people nationally online, including 596 in Illinois, and said its findings among the state's residents had an error margin of 4 percentage points.

The survey weighted its state findings based on the demographics of age, race and gender. Of the Illinois participants, 41% identified as Democrats, 30% as Republicans and 24% as independents.

Of the Illinoisans in the survey, 69% said they approved of Pritzker's handling of the outbreak, while 14% disapproved. Another 16% had no opinion. In contrast, 39% of Illinois residents approved of Trump's handling of the pandemic, while 45% disapproved. Another 17% had no opinion.

The survey's authors said that in every state of the union, residents approved of their own governor's handling of the COVID-19 crisis at a higher level than they rated that of Trump.

Asked if they trusted Trump to do the right thing to handle the outbreak, 53% of Illinois residents said not too much or not at all, while 47% had at least some trust in the president. Trump's trust factor was lower than what state residents gave to Congress, 55%; state government, 77%; and likely Democratic presidential nominee former Vice President Joe Biden, with 59%.

The survey's findings come as Pritzker faces legal and political challenges to his authority.

His latest order continuing to urge residents to stay at home and requiring face coverings in settings where social distancing cannot be maintained took effect Friday. The survey showed it shouldn't be too much of an adjustment for most Illinoisans — nearly 6 in 10 people said they had very closely followed the mask recommendation during the last week, while another 2 in 10 said they'd followed it somewhat closely.

The poll also asked Illinois participants how they felt their state and federal governments were reacting to the pandemic.

Three-quarters of Illinoisans said state government was reacting about right, 15% said it was overreacting and 10% said it was not taking the crisis seriously enough. In contrast, 45% of state residents thought the federal government wasn't taking it seriously enough. Another 48% said they thought Washington was acting about right, and 8% said it was overreacting.

As for Pritzker's stay-at-home orders, 93% approved of them, including 75% who said they strongly approved. Another 85% approved of requirements that most businesses close.

But few Illinoisans had expectations that the state's business economy would reopen soon. Only 8% said it should begin immediately, and 9% said within the next two weeks. Another 18% said it should begin in two to four weeks, 20% said in four to six weeks and 19% said in six to eight weeks.

The largest group, at 27%, said it should reopen after more than eight weeks.

Overall, 88% of state residents said they felt well-informed about the steps needed to be taken to protect themselves while only 2% said they were not. Another 10% said they had no opinion about their preparedness.

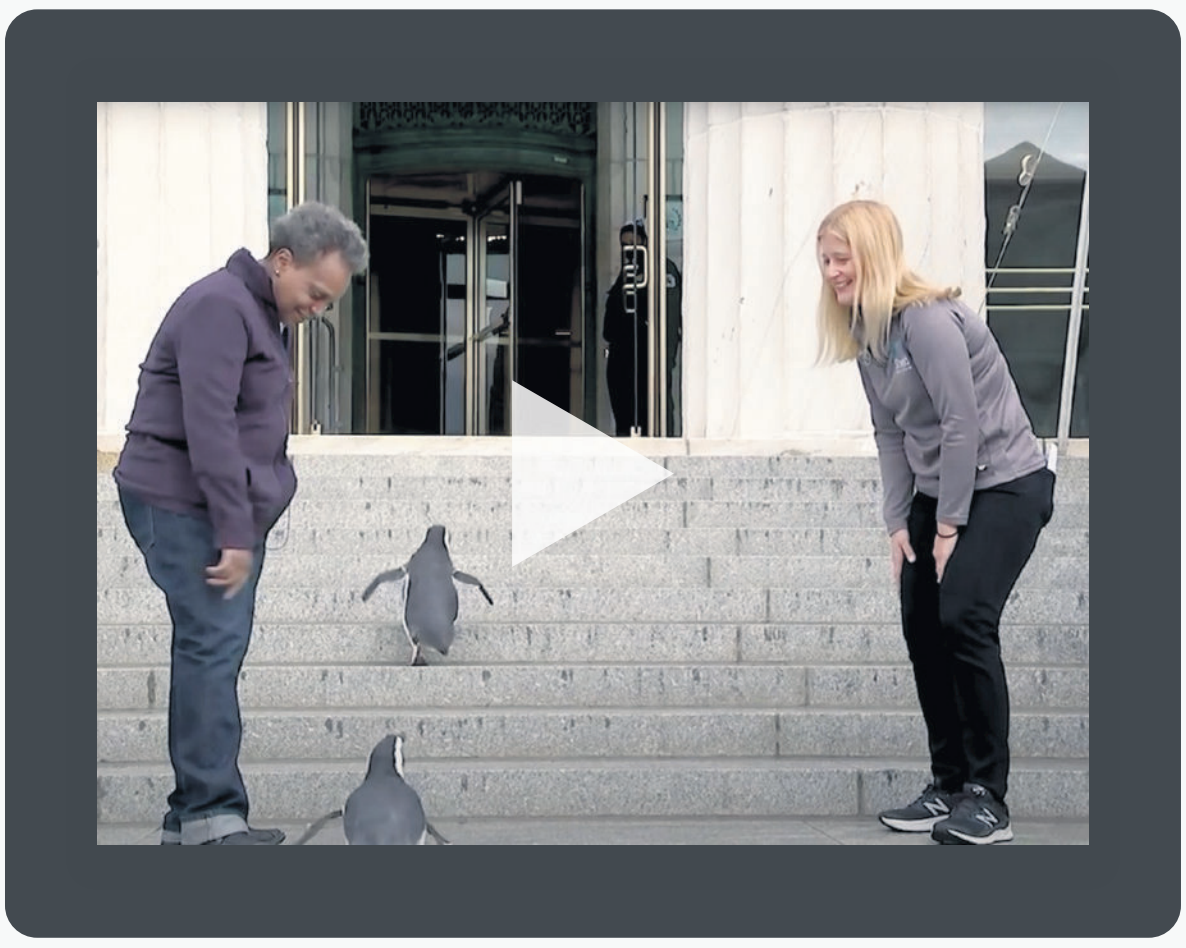
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CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Warm weather leads to more warnings

Death toll climbs by 105 in Illinois

By Robert McCoppin and Madeline Buckley



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Gerardo De La Torre grills Saturday while waiting for his brother at Harrison Park in Pilsen.

An early May Saturday with temperatures in the 70s brought crowds of people outside to enjoy the sunshine and stern reminders from Gov. J.B. Pritzker and Mayor Lori Lightfoot that social-distancing requirements remain in place, no matter the weather.

"Because people think it's summer, it's warm out, I can do whatever I want, I'm young, it's not going to affect me," the mayor said at a late afternoon news conference on the West Side. "It does, it will, and we will make sure you are in compliance.

"And please, folks, you've got to stay home, and save lives."

Chicago police Superintendent David Brown was with Lightfoot and warned that officers will crack down to stop parties where crowds gather. Towing cars, issuing citations and making arrests are all "on the table," he said.

Asked at his daily coronavirus news briefing earlier Saturday afternoon about the importance of social distancing as warm temperatures arrive, Pritzker said, "That's still what people need to do."

He also reiterated that "face coverings are vital for people to wear, in fact it may be the most important thing you can do to save other people's lives."

Staying at home clearly wasn't the order of the day for many on a summerlike Saturday. In Lincoln Park, crowds of people were outside on foot and on bikes, and many brought lawn chairs and blankets into the park to lounge in the grass.

At one point in midafternoon, a police vehicle drove through the grass toward a group of people hitting around a volleyball. After a brief discussion, the game disbanded.

The latest stay-at-home order remains in effect until May 29, and the number of new COVID-19 cases remains stubbornly high. Officials on Saturday reported 2,450 new known cases over the last 24-hour period and 105 new deaths, bringing the totals to 55,505 cases and 2,559 fatalities statewide.

Pritzker repeated that the number of cases is going up because the state is doing more tests to diagnose COVID-19. While the infection rate is falling somewhat, Pritzker indicated he's reluctant to reopen the state while hospitalizations and the use of intensive care beds continues to climb.

The governor said he recognized the many problems caused by the statewide stay-at-home order and closure of businesses considered nonessential, but said it remains necessary to save lives.

"I want people to get back to work," he said. But he added, "There's a lot of factors to consider as we're trying to reopen the economy."

The governor has been under increasing pressure to reopen the state. Two Republican state legislators filed lawsuits challenging his stay-at-home order, and a northwest Illinois church filed a federal lawsuit arguing the order violated congregants' religious freedom.

The governor's latest order took effect Friday, the day after the church's lawsuit was filed, and unlike earlier versions made clear that Illinois residents are allowed to leave their homes "to engage in the free exercise of religion." The order does require that gatherings be limited to 10 people or fewer and social distancing be practiced.

In addition to the lawsuits, hundreds of demonstrators gathered in Chicago and Springfield on Friday to protest the stay-at-home order. Pritzker was asked about the signs carried by some of the demonstrators.

"There were quite a number of people who seemed to have been carrying signs filled with hate. There were people carrying signs with swastikas on them suggesting that there's, you know, either that they believe in Nazism or they think it's OK to throw the invective at people with a swastika," said Pritzker, who is Jewish.

"What I can tell you for myself is that I have spent decades of my life fighting against bigotry and hatred," Pritzker said. "The meaning of that swastika is apparently unknown to the people that are carrying it, or if it is known, it is a demonstration of the hate that is among us."

Pritzker later added that he'd "defend to the death their right to be wrong and to say it out loud," and that he was "very hopeful that nobody got sick as a result of showing up at a protest and not wearing a mask and not adhering to social distancing norms."

Despite the pushback, a recent poll showed nearly 7 in 10 Illinois residents approve of Pritzker's handling of the pandemic. And 8 in 10 residents said they very closely or somewhat closely followed the recommendation to wear a face mask while in public, a requirement in public settings where social distancing cannot be maintained under the stay-at-home order that took effect Friday.

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Dr. Arwady: 'I am a little worried ... it's a beautiful day and people are out'

By Elyssa Cherney

Chicago's top health official said Saturday she worries people eager to get outdoors and enjoy the pleasant weather this weekend could counteract the progress against the COVID-19 pandemic made through social distancing efforts.

"We've been making progress in terms of seeing that curve flattening, but we are not seeing it decreasing," Dr. Allison Arwady said Saturday morning on her daily Facebook livestreaming event. "We're close there, but there was a reason to extend the stay-at-home order. And I am a little worried because I was out today ... it's a beautiful day and people are out."

Though the rate of infection has slowed, she cautioned the state has not yet seen its peak and will need to keep restrictions in place for some time.

The city's new numbers represent an increase of 1,238 new diagnoses and 30 additional deaths since Friday, Arwady said. The figures have risen, in part, as more testing becomes available, Arwady said. Fatal cases continue to disproportionately affect minority and elderly communities.

Another measure the city tracks was also going the wrong direction: cellphone data, which shows the movement of residents, indicates people have been more active outside their homes in the last 24 hours. That could be tied to weather, which brought sunshine Friday and was expected to reach 75 degrees Saturday.

Wearing a pastel-colored sweater that she noted was suited for springtime, Arwady said people who venture outside should only do so with household members and should keep their distance from others. The cellphone data also began to show more activity Friday when protesters gathered in downtown Chicago, calling on the governor to reopen more of the state's economy.

"I'm worried because we need to get on the other side of this curve," Arwady said. "We're not going to see that peak until sometime in May, and the more we have new infections, the more we have people out and about and not abiding by the stay-at-home order, the longer that peak gets pushed.

"The biggest factor in all of this is how many new infections we have. And how many new infections we have is directly caused by how many interactions people are having with each other," she said.

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CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

For what it is, applaud 'great success story'



REX W. HUPPKE

It's high time people start applauding the amazingly successful job President Donald Trump and White House senior adviser Jared Kushner have done handling the coronavirus outbreak in America.

As Kushner told Fox News on Wednesday: "The federal government rose to the challenge, and this is a great success story."

The young man who made a seamless transition from failing at realty to shadow-running the most powerful country in the world is right. The Trump administration has smartly and flawlessly handled every aspect of the COVID-19 pandemic.

So why do only about 40% of Americans approve of the president's handling of the coronavirus when it should be 100% of Americans approving, and ideally applauding?

It's a mystery.

Yes, as of Wednesday, more than 60,000 people had died of COVID-19, more than the number of Americans killed in the Vietnam War. But that's an unfair comparison. As I'm sure Kushner would be quick to point out, the virus has still not killed more Americans than died in ALL wars. So that's clearly a win.

And as Trump has repeatedly pointed out, "potentially 2.2 million" Americans could have died "if we did nothing." Few are pointing out the number of lives this president saved by shelving the "do nothing" plan and reluctantly doing something. There's a word for that kind of leadership. I'm not sure what it is, but I'm sure it's a very good word.

Let's also remember the myriad other things that could have killed Americans since the outbreak started but haven't, all thanks to the steady, large hands of our great president and his almost translucent son-in-law.

An asteroid could have wiped out half the country. But you won't hear the Lamestream Media reporting on the fact that there have been zero catastrophic asteroid strikes.

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And it's worth mentioning here, for the first time in any major U.S. publication, that there have been NO VELOCIRAPTOR-RELATED DEATHS in the United States this year. That's really something.

So while the Trump administration naturally considers every life precious, 60,000 lives lost is a great success story, as there's no telling how many more deaths might have happened if other deadly things had occurred.

Another big part of the coronavirus success story is the economy, which is doing extremely well when compared with not having any economy at all.

While the nattering nabobs of negativity in the news media keep pointing to the more than 30 million Americans who have requested unemployment benefits since the outbreak started, the real focus should be on the fact that millions of Americans remain employed.

Yes, some U.S. workers are getting a much-needed unpaid vacation of indeterminate length, but many still have jobs. Look at it this way: There could be zero Americans employed. That would stink, right? But instead, thanks to the powerful work of your president and his knowledgeable son-in-law, there are more-than-zero Americans working. Success!

And none of that really matters anyway because the economy will come roaring back soon, thanks to the AMAZING coronavirus testing process that President Trump/Kushner have not put in place nationally via their none-of-government approach.

As Trump said this week: "We are the best in the world on testing. We've tested much more than anybody else, times two — or every country combined. We've tested more than every country combined."

That is 100% correct, as long you don't actually combine every country. (Also, try to avoid combining the testing totals of just Russia, Germany and Italy, as those might make Trump's claim slightly less than 100% correct, which would be unpatriotic.)

Bottom line: Victory is ours! Not everyone has died, not everyone is unemployed and we are outpacing the entire world at overstating our coronavirus testing capabilities and not being eaten by velociraptors.

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A great success story for the ages*!

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Jared Kushner, son-in-law of President Donald Trump, has been advising Trump on response to the pandemic.

Illinois coronavirus tracker

Data from Illinois Department of Public Health and Chicago Tribune reporting as of May 2.

Confirmed cases:	Total deaths:	Total tests:	Percent of Ill. residents tested:
58,505	2,559	299,896	2.35%

ICU beds available:	Hospital beds available:	Ventilators available:
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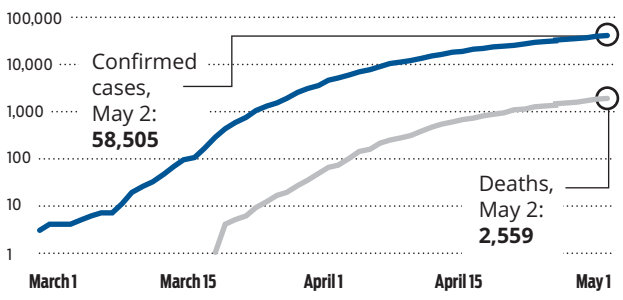
Reported coronavirus cases and deaths

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Lake (700,832)	3,975	567.2	141
DuPage (928,589)	3,432	369.6	188
Will (692,310)	2,796	403.9	164
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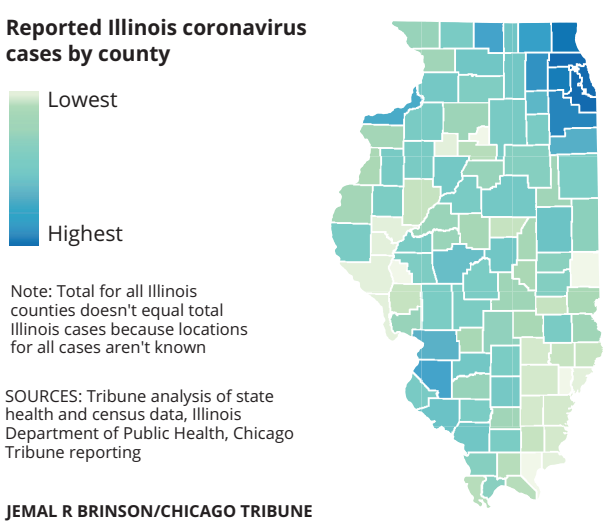
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Cumulative confirmed cases and deaths

By day, in log scale



Reported Illinois coronavirus cases by county



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Economy? Lives? Talking points not so simple

Even in pandemic, conversation can be constructive

By Jennifer Day



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Critics of Gov. J.B. Pritzker participate Friday in a rally in Chicago's Loop, calling to reopen Illinois.

You're stuck at home, mindlessly scrolling through Facebook when you stumble upon a post from a cousin. He's touting a COVID-19 conspiracy theory as justification to reopen the economy. You normally ignore his politically charged posts, but this one gives you pause.

You wonder: *Does he really believe COVID-19 is no worse than the flu? Is he social distancing? Is he infecting Grandma?*

Should you say something to him? What could you say that would make a difference?

Given the dysfunctional state of our national politics, many have spent the past four years tuning out friends and family who live on the other side of the partisan divide. But as political tension grows over when states should reopen their economies, anxiety is rising that the pandemic could become the deadliest battle in our ongoing culture war.

Last week, a southern Illinois judge issued a temporary injunction blocking Gov. J.B. Pritzker's stay-at-home order from applying to state Rep. Darren Bailey, a Republican from Xenia who filed a lawsuit.

"There is a real debate to be had about when and how to open up," said William Howell, professor of American politics at the University of Chicago and co-host of "Not Another Politics Podcast." "There are different populations suffering in different kinds of ways. This isn't just a public health catastrophe; it's also a political challenge and justifiably so. What a healthy politics is, is one that allows for meaningful and civil disagreement and engagement."

And yet, nothing feels particularly healthy these days.

Here are some tips on how to have a constructive political conversation in an era when nearly everyone, regardless of ideology, has thrown their hands up and asked themselves, *How do you talk to these people?*

1. Don't be reductive. First, stop thinking of your loved ones (and fellow voting citizens) as "these people." Remember what bonds you to friends who disagree with you. Try to see the situation through their eyes, says Alexandra Solomon, a licensed psychologist and assistant clinical professor at Northwestern University. Likewise, acknowledge that our current moment is complex. "We've made this very strange false dichotomy: You either support the economy or you support human life," she said. "That's false."

2. Do they *really* believe what they're saying? People often spout opinions to signify their party affiliation. This is especially true in the social media era when people forward articles online without even reading them first. "I grew up in Chicago, and there were perennial debates about who was better: the White Sox or the Cubs," said Gregory Huber, professor of political science at Yale University. "There was always an actual objective fact, which was who was better in that given year. And people weren't really arguing about the facts; they were arguing about which team they liked better. I think that often when people are debating politics, they're really just trying to say which team they're on."

3. Consider your own motives. Before you engage, question yourself: What are you trying to accomplish? Are you hoping to engage and clarify your own thinking? Or are you looking for the cheap thrill of the zing? Solomon recommends observing how your body feels. If you're so worked up that you're going to feel nauseated after getting into it with your uncle, maybe don't do it — or find a different approach.

4. Use FaceTime, not Facebook. If you really want to have a meaningful conversation, pick up the phone. Video calls are especially helpful, Solomon said, because facial cues and body postures are essential in connecting with one another.

5. Listen carefully. Be respectful and try to see the situation from your loved one's point of view. Be curious. Ask questions about how they're experiencing the crisis, and consider how their background may influence their perceptions. Solomon said the pandemic is dredging up old trauma for many. "Someone might be saying, 'Open up the economy,' but three layers down what they might be saying is, 'It's pretty horrifying to be stuck in my house because growing up my house was unsafe and my core pain was feeling trapped.'" Or, given the economic uncertainty of the moment, someone may need space to talk through their anxieties about paying bills. Solomon suggests using "XYZ" statements — "When you say X, I feel Y and Z" — to ground the tone of the conversation in collaboration rather than conflict.

6. Forget about data. It's important to have credible sources of information to guide your decisions, but don't expect to convince anyone of anything using facts — especially during a pandemic when so much is still unknown, said Andy Slavitt, a senior adviser for the Bipartisan Policy Center in Washington. "No one's going to be bullied or outdata'd. Most people are going to respond to personal experience," he said, adding this is an unprecedented time. "I think there are a few things everyone can agree on, though: Which is when you don't know, it's better to be safer than not to be safe."

7. Remember, we're more united than it may seem. Yes, small protests have broken out in recent days, and a recent working paper in the National Bureau of Economic Research suggested Republicans didn't take social distancing as seriously as Democrats. But polls show Americans are generally united in their support of stay-at-home orders. The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research reported last week that only 12% of Americans felt their states' lockdowns went too far; the vast majority felt the measures were about right or didn't go far enough.

Differences in policy may have more to do with the fact that COVID-19 simply hasn't arrived yet in certain geographic areas. "The situation is dramatically different on the ground in these different places," Huber said. "I don't think you're finding Democrats and Republicans saying vastly different things on average about the coronavirus being scary. There seems to be a lot of consensus on the public health matter, and this is encouraging."

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Chicago overall crime, arrest numbers drop

Sheltering order contributing factor in statistical plunge

By Jeremy Gorner



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Police work the scene where four people were shot, including a 3-year-old girl, April 7 on Chicago's South Side.

As overall crime in Chicago plummeted drastically during the first full month that Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker's stay-at-home order was in effect, statistics show total arrests made by Chicago police also took a plunge.

From March 22 to April 23, Chicago police made 1,406 arrests compared with 4,985 during the same period a year earlier, a nearly 72% decline, according to city crime data. Pritzker's stay-at-home order went into effect at 5 p.m. March 21 as a precautionary measure against the COVID-19 pandemic.

The drop in arrests comes as the Chicago Police Department announced on Friday that major crime — a combination of homicides, robberies, sexual assaults, felony thefts, burglaries and aggravated batteries — dropped by 30% in April, the first full month under Pritzker's stay-at-home order.

The department's arrest tally during the weeks after Pritzker's emergency directive was by far the lowest for the monthlong time period for any year going back to at least 2001, the crime data shows. This comes at a time when CPD's force of about 13,400 sworn cops is the most the nation's second largest police department has had in years, though more than 400 have been sidelined in recent weeks due to the disease.

Since the COVID-19 threat has taken shape, Chicago police officers have been advised to write a ticket whenever possible for low-level crimes instead of making a physical arrest. Asked about the drop in arrests, CPD spokesman Luis Agostini said officers were still responding to emergency scenes as needed.

"CPD's ability to provide public safety and response to calls for service, continues while also enforcing the statewide stay-at-home order," Agostini said.

Chicago police only made 175 drug arrests from March 22 to April 23, compared with 1,388 during the same period in 2019, the data shows.

It's an extremely sharp drop that could be explained by a couple of different factors, according to law enforcement sources, among them that cops may be limiting their contact with those suspects because of the pandemic. The Cook County state's attorney's office also has announced they will not prosecute new narcotics cases while the state crime lab has scaled back on testing confiscated drugs due to COVID-19..

In other crime categories, battery arrests by Chicago police dropped by about 54% from March 22 to April 23. During that time frame, officers made 434 battery arrests, ranging from felony aggravated battery to misdemeanor simple battery, compared with 942 during the year-earlier period, the data shows.

There were only 12 burglary arrests during the monthlong period, down from 41 last year, the data shows. And CPD's 22 robbery arrests during the stretch were a plunge from 65 last year, the data shows.

The drastic drop in arrests in these cases could also be explained by double-digit drops in reported crime in those crime categories. Experts have agreed that short-term crime drops could be related to people staying in their homes.

Experts and law enforcement leaders across the country also have warned about possible upticks in domestic crimes and family-related violations the longer people are confined by sheltering restrictions.

Indeed, domestic-related crimes were reported at a higher rate from March 22 to April 23 this year than each of the last four years. About 22% of total reported crime in the monthlong period was considered domestic-related, according to Chicago online crime data.

In each of the previous four years, reported domestic-related crimes comprised about 16% or 17% of total reported crime during the same period, the data shows.

Violence still remained a stubborn problem for Chicago police despite the stay-at-home order. During a 28-day period through April 26, the city recorded 192 shootings, 16 more than the same period in 2019, CPD statistics show. And Chicago's 52 homicides this year during that time frame was only three fewer than last year's period.

Through April 26, Chicago recorded 149 homicides for the whole year, 14 more than the year-earlier period, amounting to a 10% jump, the statistics show.

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Brandi Corbello is a cancer patient who had her monthly medication infusion and monitoring canceled in April because of COVID-19.

conserve beds and resources for a possible flood of COVID-19 patients.

Corbello understands why her treatment and monitoring were put off, and she and her doctor agree that the delays didn't put her in danger. Still, she called the postponement "unnerving."

"I've been pretty anxious," Corbello said. She also worries for people who may not know they have cancer because some testing has been put off. "You just don't know what's going on."

Now that the growth rate of COVID-19 cases in Illinois has slowed, the state health department has said elective surgeries and procedures may resume May 11 at Illinois hospitals and surgery centers. But some patients might have to wait longer than that, as hospitals deal with backlogs, rebuild their capacities and figure out which patients should go first. And other people, though in need of certain procedures, may also continue to put off care out of fear of catching COVID-19.

Though the term "elective" may bring to mind cosmetic surgeries and other optional procedures, it actually encompasses a wide range of necessary, if not emergency, treatments — everything from heart valve replacements and repairs of herniated discs to certain cancer therapies.

"We are going to be living with COVID for many months to come, not at the pandemic level ... but at a level that is still going to (require) consideration for how we prioritize care for some time to come," said Dr. Jeffrey Matthews, surgeon in chief at University of Chicago Medicine.

Guidance released by the Illinois Department of Public Health requires that hospitals and surgical centers meet a list of criteria before restarting elective procedures, including having a certain amount of personal protective equipment on hand. To resume elective procedures that require overnight care, hospitals must also create committees of doctors and nurses to prioritize surgeries and must have a certain number of available beds.

Northwestern Memorial doesn't plan to bring back elective surgeries just yet because the hospital wouldn't be able to meet the state's requirements for open beds if it did so, given the number of COVID-19 patients it's still treating, said Dr. Charles Davidson, clinical chief of cardiology.

"The COVID pandemic really hasn't started to decline at least at Northwestern," Davidson said. "We are not in a position where we can open up all services."

Northwestern has, however, been planning to bring back more urgent surgeries and procedures the first week of May, Davidson said. These are not elective, he said; they are treatments for patients whose conditions have worsened or those who might worsen as their issues go untreated.

Over the last month, many types of cardiovascular surgeries have been delayed, including some bypasses, stent insertions and valve repairs, Davidson said.

Rosemary Grow, of Bloomingdale, is one of the Northwestern patients whose procedures were put on hold. Grow, 73, has a condition in which the mitral valve in her heart doesn't close tightly, allowing blood to flow backward in her heart. Grow was supposed to have a device called a MitraClip inserted on May 4 to address the problem, which causes her to have shortness of breath and fatigue.

She understands why the procedure was put off, but hopes she'll be able to get it rescheduled sooner rather than later. Before Grow started experiencing symptoms, she was an active person, but now, if she tries to do more than a few tasks she has to rest. "I want to feel less tired and less overexerted," Grow said.

"I was disappointed that it didn't go through, of course, but I understand public safety, and concerns over the safety of myself and everyone," Grow said of her procedure.

The University of Chicago Medical Center has also already begun, in recent weeks, to slowly increase what it calls "medically necessary time-sensitive" procedures: a colon resection to remove a blockage, removal of an infected hip replacement, repair of a lacerated finger tendon. The hospital has been trying to prioritize cases by looking at how likely a surgery is to improve a patient's health, whether there are safe alternatives to surgery, what types of resources a surgery would require, and whether a surgery would put the patient or health care workers at greater risk of contracting COVID-19.

The hospital plans to restart elective surgeries after May 11, "but we have a lot medically necessary time sensitive (surgeries) to do first," Matthews said.

Loyola Medicine plans to bring back most of its elective surgeries in three phases. The first phase, starting May 11, will include restarting elective surgeries performed in outpatient surgical centers rather than the hospital, including eye surgeries and certain kinds of endoscopies and orthopedic procedures, said Dr. Richard Freeman, regional chief clinical officer. The second phase may start about a week after that and include non-urgent surgeries performed in the hospital that don't require overnight stays, such as certain types of biopsies to diagnose cancer and heart stent placements.

The final phase will entail resuming non-urgent surgeries in the hospital that require overnight stays, such as heart valve replacements, total joint replacements and certain types of spine surgeries.

Loyola doesn't yet know when it will implement that final phase. It needs more empty intensive care unit beds before bringing those surgeries back, Freeman said. Loyola includes Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood, Gottlieb Memorial Hospital in Melrose Park and MacNeal Hospital in Berwyn.

Advocate Aurora Health, which has 12 hospitals in Illinois, plans to extend previous restrictions on elective surgeries and procedures and non-urgent outpatient visits through May 15, the system said in a statement. Advocate said it would, however, explore lifting those restrictions in communities with fewer cases of COVID-19.

Amita Health, which has 19 hospitals in Illinois, is also still in the planning stages.

"We're still taking into consideration all factors that will allow us to safely restart (nonemergency) procedures, such as availability of PPE and COVID-19 tests," Amita said in a statement. "We will not restart these procedures until we know we can best protect our patients, physicians and associates."

Even after more hospitals resume normal service, some patients may be forced to wait as hospitals clear their backlogs. Others may continue to put off treatment, for financial reasons or for fear of the coronavirus. A TransUnion Healthcare survey from the week of April 13 found that nearly half of patients who had elective surgeries deferred said they would reschedule only once they believe there's no longer a high risk of catching COVID-19 or once guidelines say it's safe.

Many of Northwestern Medicine neurosurgeon Dr. Sheri Dewan's patients have already told her they'd like to continue to wait until June or July, she said. They're afraid of catching the virus and also worried about how to get through a surgery and recovery when many hospitals are still restricting visitors, she said.

"For many of the surgeries, such as larger cranial surgeries or spinal surgeries, patients are very reluctant now, not only out of fear of catching the coronavirus but also the fact that their family may not be able to visit them for an extended period of time," Dewan said. "It's challenging to go through surgery without having a support structure readily available to you."

Still, she said, it's important to give patients who have been struggling through pain and discomfort the chance to get their issues addressed. She estimates that 20% to 25% of the procedures she usually does were canceled in recent weeks.

"I think it's going to be a very slow process," Dewan said. "I don't suspect we're going to be ramping up quickly."

Some patients, however, are eager to resume their normal medical care, even though COVID-19 is unlikely to disappear any time soon.

Lauren Sheely, of Lakeview, was supposed to have her kidney and lungs scanned at U. of C. Medical Center on April 13. Sheely has a genetic condition called von Hippel-Lindau that causes tumors, sometimes benign and sometimes cancerous, to grow throughout her body. In 2018, she underwent surgery to remove a tumor from her kidney. She undergoes regular scans to check for tumor growth.

Her kidney and lung scans have been rescheduled for June 8, and she plans to make that appointment. The 28-year-old said she will wear a mask and gloves, bring hand sanitizer and be as careful as she can.

"I feel like every month that passes that I don't do it will make me a little more anxious that there's something going on I don't know about," Sheely said.

Kelly Vick, of Mount Pleasant, Wisconsin, was hoping to start an in vitro fertilization cycle in mid-April, as she and her husband have been trying to conceive for about two years.

She was to undergo two more tests before starting IVF, but those tests were delayed until May because of COVID-19. The American Society for Reproductive Medicine also recommended in March that IVF clinics hold off on starting any new IVF cycles — putting the dreams of many families on hold. A typical IVF cycle involves at least two types of medical procedures, one to retrieve eggs and another to transfer an embryo into the uterus.

The society has since come out with updated recommendations, detailing how some clinics may resume care.

Dr. Michelle Catenacci, medical director of Vick's clinic, the Advanced Fertility Center of Chicago, said the center started offering limited treatments a couple weeks ago for patients who were at the highest risk for worsening fertility issues, for example because of age. The clinic is also now slowly starting to add more patients back to its schedule for May and June, but limiting the number who can get treatment each week to maintain social distancing, Catenacci said.

Vick hopes to get her treatment underway as soon as possible. She never expected that a pandemic would become a barrier to starting her family — but she's trying to stay positive.

"I know there's someone else struggling more than I am," Vick said. "There's always someone with a worse health condition than what I'm going through. It is frustrating, but it's frustrating for everyone."

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Menu

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think is going to happen, and where we're going to be. And I'm talking to the top tier, people who are award winners and have what you might consider to be the best restaurants in the city. They're very concerned; I can't think how people, who don't have access to information that some of us have, are going to cope."

"I think it's pretty dire," Hammel said. "Chefs, as a rule, don't panic. But the pressure has been getting intense."

Few experiences have been as intense as that shared by Erich and Katie Wennberg, owners of Maple Tree Inn. A fixture in south suburban Blue Island, Maple Tree Inn was destroyed by fire in 2018. The restaurant limped along in a temporary location nearby until securing a spacious new location in Homewood.

The restaurant reopened to long lines, full dining rooms and packed reservations. For about a month. Then the shutdown order was announced.

"Five weeks later, boom," said Erich Wennberg. "Fortunately, when Katie and I opened, takeout was part of the concept, so when (the shutdown) happened, we were primed and ready. It's been very, very good; the only people we had to furlough were the high-school kids — the bussers and food runners. We haven't laid off anybody else."

Stephanie Hart, whose Brown Sugar Bakery enjoyed a bustling retail and wholesale business, termed the shutdown "a real sucker punch."

"My wholesale business with restaurants, not being able to sell at Navy Pier (where Brown Sugar Bakery operated a kiosk), the whole-cake business dropped dramatically," she said. "I had so many caterer cancellations, because of postponed weddings, it was outrageous."

"I told another entrepreneur, 'You have to know the game has stopped. It's time to rethink how we're going to play the next quarter, and the score's going to reset to zero.'"

Hart's "next quarter" begins this week, when she will reopen her bakery at its original location on 75th Street on the South Side. There will be a limited menu of whole cakes, most aimed at the Mother's Day audience, via her brownsugarbakerychicago.com website; Hart plans to expand her offerings in the coming weeks.

Hart was one of the recipients of the Illinois Hospitality Emergency Grant fund; the money, she said, went to "technical improvements" and training staffers under new safety procedures.

"I have to get back to business," she said, "but I also need to create an environment that's safe."

Many restaurants went completely dark when the shutdown was enacted; others transformed into pickup and delivery operations, keeping a few staffers employed while trying to pay at least some bills. Lettuce Entertain You Enterprises, by contrast, has 20 properties offering carryout and delivery.

"Carryout/delivery is a drop in the bucket for what restaurants need to pay rent and cover overhead," said president R.J. Melman. "But it makes the bleeding a bit less, and it keeps a lot of people employed."

Carryout — with no delivery — has worked extremely well for the Alinea Group. Best known for its premium-priced restaurants Alinea and Next, the group pivoted to curbside service in March, supplying prepackaged meals (including heating and serving instructions) at prices ranging from $24.95 to $50 per person. Customers prepay for the meals via the Tock To Go website, drive to the pickup spot at the appointed time (times are staggered, much like restaurant reservations) and pop open their trunk. Expediters place the food in the car. No muss, no fuss, no contact. A recent offering of coq au vin, said co-owner Nick Kokonas, sold 1,200 orders in one day.



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Chef/owner Stephanie Hart displays two cakes at Brown Sugar Bakery on East 75th Street in Chicago.



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Erich and Katie Wennberg reopened Maple Tree Inn in Homewood a few weeks before the shutdown.



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Carrie Nahabedian says Brindille will reopen June 3, with social-distancing standards and one-use menus.

"There is a big difference between standard delivery and this 'new' type of carryout business," Kokonas said. "Restaurants are coming up with much higher-quality meals, and I've been impressed at the range of unique and delicious offerings so early into this crisis."

The demand for higher-quality takeout seems to be substantial. One Off Hospitality, which briefly offered carryout/delivery before closing all its restaurants, will resume carryout service, via its OneOffToGo website, at four restaurants and the Publican Quality Bread retail store, beginning this week. Pacific Standard Time, part of One Off via a joint partnership, will resume its daily Family Meal curbside service, beginning Monday.

Similarly, two previously shuttered Boka Restaurant Group restaurants, Girl & the Goat and Boka, will launch carryout service, via the Tock To Go system, this week.

"We started getting orders as soon as we announced," said Boka chef Lee Wolen. "Dinners, desserts, bottles of wine, everything's selling. It's not like it's going to be huge money, but when you're running with a small crew, it's good money. If it pays the rent and doesn't put us further behind, it's not about me making a million dollars."

As always in the restaurant game, it's about survival. But as restaurants look forward to the days after the coronavirus crisis, the question remains how many restaurants will remain to see it.

"That's the trillion-dollar question, isn't it?" Melman said. "I think there will be a contraction of locations; you have to believe that's the big issue going forward. It's not like we (Lettuce Entertain You) can reopen 130 restaurants on the same day; you just can't."

"In reality, I have no idea what any of this is going to look like in three months, or six months, or a year," said Scott Worsham, co-owner of Bar Biscay and mfk restaurants. "I'm starting to worry that we may be looking back on this time as a quaint idyll, when we're all burning our furniture to stay warm and cook rats. My guess? Chicago, and every other city whose small businesses do not receive proper aid, will look like a mega mall, with big corporate chains and not a single local business in sight."

"I'm thinking around 25% won't reopen," said Phil Mott, former restaurateur and Kendall College professor and occasional consultant. "Some will reopen, optimistically, and will not be able to weather the new operating conditions — fewer seats, reluctant diners, high unemployment — and my guess would be another 10 to 20% of those will fail. An industry already fraught with risk is going to be even tougher to succeed at."

"How can anyone possibly know that?" countered Kokonas. "I think nearly everybody will try to reopen; the trickier part is what happens after you reopen."

Carrie Nahabedian, chef and co-owner (with cousin Michael Nahabedian) of Brindille restaurant, made the bold move recently of announcing, via Facebook, a reopening date of June 3.

"Our plan is to open Wednesday to Saturday," she said. "Fortunately, Brindille is pretty spacious already. We'll remove some tables, or we might have some tables that are just unavailable. It'll be a very small menu, possibly three courses for under $45."

Although Nahabedian said she bought "some cool-looking masks" for her staffers, she knows there's more to reopening than stylish PPEs.

"Number one, it has to be safe and secure," she said. "Instead of paper towels in the bathroom, we might go with cloth towels we can sanitize. Single-use menus thrown away at the end of the night. I don't think guests want to see tables being sprayed and sanitized in the middle of service, so probably when a party is done, we just don't use that table for the rest of the night."

"The bottom line is, are the people going to come back?" Nahabedian said. "If there's not enough business for four days, we'll do three days. We picked June 3 (to open), but it could be July 3. If we're not comfortable, if the staff isn't comfortable, we stay closed and that's all there is to it. Adapt and survive, or you close; those are your options."

Among the challenges that reopening restaurants will face:

Occupancy limits and other requirements: Nobody expects the shutdown order to be lifted completely; it will be a gradual transition requiring social distancing and strict customer-count limits. Spacing requirements — say, a 6-foot distance between occupied tables — and occupancy maximums could reduce a restaurant's seating capacity by at least 50%.

"It's hard enough making money at full capacity," Melman said. "How does half work?"

Other requirements, such as new, as-yet-undetermined safety protocols (such as barriers between workers and customers), could saddle restaurants with additional expenses.

Customer acceptance: When will people be comfortable dining amid strangers? Will they support a restaurant seating no more than four tables at a time, staffed by servers wearing surgical masks and disposable nitrile gloves? Will they patronize a bar enforcing 6-foot distancing? Will customers submit to touchless scans checking for elevated temperatures? Will guests spend as they did, previrus?

"It will take a long time for the dining public to get back to prepandemic spending behavior," Mott said. "It will take a while to get people back to financial security, and people will remain wary of gathering in crowded restaurants."

Lease terms: What a restaurant owner pays in rent (nearly all restaurants lease their spaces) determines how much is left for salaries, product — and how much a restaurant must charge.

"You get a better lease, you can offer better prices," Kokonas said. "Everybody who signed really high leases aren't going to make it, unless landlords have the foresight to adjust. Restaurants that are able to renegotiate their leases, or get new ones, will be better able to stay open."

Lease terms may determine whether some restaurants even bother to reopen, Melman said. "If their leases are up, you gotta believe some restaurant owners are thinking there's an easier way to make money," he said.

Staffing: Generous unemployment benefits make minimum wage unattractive; even $15 an hour might not be sufficient to lure workers back, especially if personal safety remains a concern.

"It'll be hugely difficult to find talent," Kokonas said. "People are saying, 'I can make 80% of my money staying home.' To me, those people are short-sighted. But no way the industry doesn't shed a bunch of jobs; I bet 20 to 30% of restaurant employment goes away."

"I'm nervous about people leaving the industry, and picking another industry that's hiring," Melman said. "I know this from other downturns; in 2009, people who had gone to law school couldn't get law jobs, and some of them wound up in hospitality. The reverse will be true this time."

"The restaurant business is a broken system in need of reform," said Abe Conlon, whose award-winning Fat Rice restaurant recently reconcepted into Super Fat Rice Super Mart, selling meal kits and specialty items. "And the light at the end of this tunnel is the opportunity to redefine what this business is. We need to start empathizing with, and putting a higher value on, food-service workers. We're operating on the slimmest of margins, and people are still saying, 'That's too expensive.'"

"Do I think restaurants will fail?" Hammel asked. "Yeah. Who's going to be here is the critical question. I'm super-concerned about a massive wipeout of the culture — the taquerias and coffee shops, the corner stores that sell sandwiches, and that little Italian restaurant you like. They're amazing, and have built reputations over the years, but they don't have the outreach.

"And what about Chinatown?" he said. "These independents really create the culture of the city. Even the big guys — I'm talking about Boka and One Off — I consider them 100% to be independents, and they make the city what it is. And from One Off to taco trucks, we're all in the same boat now."

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Parades, distancing part of hoopla for high school seniors

By Karen Ann Cullotta

Evanston Township High School administrator Beth Arey recalls the years before COVID-19 cast a shadow on spring celebrations, when high school seniors clad in collegiate spirit wear would head to "The Hub" on May 1 for congratulations and cupcakes.

The Hub — a multiuse student learning center — is dark and silent these days, and while Arey laments the disappointing end of high school facing Evanston's 870 graduating seniors, she said the absence of a traditional college Decision Day this year has a silver lining.

"Decision Day can be a tricky time in a diverse environment, where you have very bright kids, many who don't have financial resources," said Arey, the school's college and curriculum coordinator.

"Some of these students feel like everyone is wondering why they aren't going to a better college ... it's one of the reasons we've gotten a lot of pushback on Decision Day. But I think there are also those families that are frustrated this week, because it's another thing their kids are missing out on," Arey said.

Despite some educators, parents and students questioning the merits of marking Decision Day, many graduating seniors across the region took advantage of the sunshine Friday to celebrate the tradition from the safety of decorated cars, and via tweets and Instagram stories.

At Lane Tech College Prep High School, Decision Day typically involved a massive celebration for seniors, with an afternoon of activities on the football field. Instead, the school on Friday held a virtual Decision Day, with a Zoom call for the entire class of 2020 and social media celebrations including a Twitter competition for the best Decision Day spirit photo.

Officials at Barrington High School said while Friday's Decision Day celebration would not feature cookies and school banners as in years past, students were invited to decorate their car to reflect their next step, whether it's college, trade school, a gap year, the military or a career.

The teens, who were asked to wear masks, were also invited to drive over to the high school's parking lot, where they were to be photographed in their cars and handed a free graduate yard sign.

As scores of decorated cars arrived at Barrington High School around 1 p.m. Friday to pick up the promised signs, however, students learned that like everything else they had anticipated about their senior year it was not to be. Officials said the signs were not ready for delivery, so the teens were asked to return later in the afternoon.



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DeeDee Broustis drives in a parade Friday on Decision Day at Barrington High School. "I just want to hug my friends," said Broustis, who will attend the University of Illinois.

"This is not what we expected, but I love our school, and I know they were trying their best for us to celebrate decision day," said senior DeeDee Broustis, who spent two hours decking out her SUV Friday with University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign-themed orange and blue.

"It's really hard to be a senior right now, but so many people are dying, and people are losing family members. I'm just looking forward to being able to hug my friends again."

The annual Decision Day breakfast was canceled at Buffalo Grove High School, but officials transformed the event into a "Pick-up and Drop-off" day for caps and gowns, yard or window signs, honors regalia and items that were left behind in students' lockers.

While Buffalo Grove graduating seniors were also urged to decorate their cars to reflect their future plans, many of those decisions hinge upon the future trajectory of the coronavirus pandemic, according to Paul Genovese, a postsecondary counselor at the high school.

"I'm fielding calls every day from parents who are very concerned, and many are telling me they're taking a wait-and-see approach," Genovese said. "For many families, making a decision about college is in a holding pattern right now, because parents are waiting to see if they'll still be employed."

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HANDS-ON, BUT FAR OFF LINE

Students can learn math and English online, but how about pottery? Closed schools cut down on options

By John Keilman

Veronika Pesovic's sponge cake looked and tasted fine, but she knew something was off. It was denser than it should have been, and she wasn't sure how it ended up that way. Were the egg whites whipped properly? Was the oven too hot, or not hot enough?

Had the aspiring pastry chef been in her classroom at the College of Lake County, where she is enrolled in a patisserie course, she could have asked her teacher on the spot. But the campus is closed and Pesovic is confined to her Grayslake home, continuing her education in her own kitchen.

"A big part of baking is how things look and how they feel," she said. "We're still learning how heavy a batter should look, what temperature something has to be. When we're in class, a lot of what I do is ask, 'Chef, does this look all right?' Not having that guidance on site is what I would consider the most difficult part of it."

As students and teachers across Illinois continue to adjust to the long-distance education prompted by the COVID-19 pandemic, the learning curve has been steepest for those in hands-on courses, where classroom conditions are impossible to simulate via email or video chats.

That has forced educators and learners alike to become more resourceful and innovative, though in some cases, there is no substitute for what was left behind when their schools closed.

"They can read about it, but to be in a kitchen with a professional chef showing them what can go wrong, other ways to make their pastry or desserts, that part of it is missing," said Pesovic's teacher, baking and pastry instructor Teresa Novinska. "More of them are making more mistakes that I probably could have caught."

She has tried to adjust by demonstrating techniques on Zoom and encouraging students to send photos and written summaries of the final result. But some recipes are no longer doable because of the specialized equipment or uncommon ingredients required, she said.

Joe Dusa, who is enrolled in Novinska's chocolate and confections class, said he is now making his own ingredients, visiting websites to learn how to create inverted sugar and glucose syrup.

"If I'm given a challenge, I will try to find the answer," said Dusa, who lives in Lake Villa. "You go online, you read directions, and if it doesn't work out the first time, you do it again."



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Buffalo Grove High School junior Brandon Bowers works on his dad's Mercedes-Benz in his family's garage. He's doing work for his auto diagnostics class.



Veronika Pesovic's works on a three-layer vanilla and strawberry cake at her home April 24 in Grayslake. Pesovic is taking a Patisserie 2 class through the College of Lake County.

Such inventiveness has been essential for students trying to make the best of a bad situation. In the engineering class Joe Morales teaches at Bartlett High School, students were one week away from finishing their prototypes in a yearlong project when school closed.

Most were out of luck, their go-karts or air hockey tables put on hold for lack of proper equipment at home — "Only one student out of 150 had access to welding equipment," Morales said — but seniors Garima Shah and Pooja Patel were determined to finish their creation: a pair of light-up high heels whose illumination is controlled by a cellphone.

The original plan was to attach the lights to the heels, but since neither had access to a soldering iron, they decided to wrap the lights around the sole and hide the electronics in a case tucked discreetly onto the shank.

"In a way, an upside was that we had to learn to think on our feet and problem solve," Shah said. "We had to adapt and find a way to get it done."

But adaptability can go only so far. Sean Murrin's automotive classes at Buffalo Grove High School have had to switch to webinars and online training modules since students no longer have access to a garage. Murrin said that could be a drawback for kids seeking to get professional certification right out of high school, though most of his seniors plan to continue their education in college or trade school.

He said it's unfair to require students to work on vehicles on their own, since many don't have the necessary tools or even a car. But some, he noted, have taken that task upon themselves.

"The kids who like working on their cars, it doesn't matter if there's 10 feet of snow or COVID-19," he said. "They're gear heads. Nothing's going to stop them."

Case in point is Brandon Bowers, a Buffalo Grove junior. He has put custom rims and rear struts on his brother's Toyota and new sway bars on his dad's Mercedes.

"Getting under the car isn't easy (without a professional lift), but otherwise it's been fairly easy for me," he said. "It's not my first time doing it at home."

When it comes to learning to drive a car, though, some limits can't be overcome through ingenuity.

The state requires 30 hours of classroom instruction and six hours of road time in driver's education courses. While schools can continue with online learning, students must wait to finish their time behind the wheel until the government says it's safe, said Brent Johnston of the Illinois High School and College Driver Education Association.

He said with up to 60,000 high school students taking the class every semester, along with another 10,000 to 15,000 who enroll over the summer, Illinois could see a glut of students needing road time and not enough instructors. His organization is asking the state for permission to allow retired teachers to provide that instruction in the summer and fall.

But Johnston said the loss of classroom time might be a greater issue. He said he uses in-person meetings to impress the importance of safety upon his students, sometimes bringing in guest speakers who have been injured in crashes.

"I teach kids how to drive behind the wheel, but I teach kids how to stay alive in the classroom," he said.

The stakes aren't quite so high for Marla Seibold, who teaches art at Evanston Township High School, but she, too, is operating in less than ideal conditions. She was able to supply her painting students before school closed, but those learning ceramics weren't so lucky; without clay and other materials, they are planning their projects rather than actually executing them.

Her Advanced Placement students, meanwhile, are essentially done with the portfolios they've worked on all year, and which can earn them college credit if a panel of educators score them high enough. But they're still disappointed with how their senior year turned out, Seibold said, and generally conduct their Zoom conferences glumly wrapped in blankets.

"It's better to be with our students," she said. "This is not a replacement at all, in any way, shape or form."

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CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Faces on the front lines

By Stacy St. Clair and Brian Cassella

Doctors. Nurses. Respiratory therapists.

Aides. Custodians. Medical supply managers. Cooks.

As Illinois fights COVID-19, these are the faces on the front lines. They are the people who go to work each day — and night — to care for the nearly 5,000 people in Illinois hospitalized because of the deadly virus. Shift after shift at hospitals of all sizes, they push aside concerns for their own safety and band together to defeat an invisible enemy that science is still trying to fully understand.

They are scared.

They are exhausted.

And above all else, they are committed — both to their patients and each other.

At OSF HealthCare Little Company of Mary Medical Center, a 298-bed hospital in south suburban Evergreen Park, the teamwork amazes Dr. Nasser Zakieh, medical director of critical care medicine

The hospital's physical and occupational therapists, for example, assumed responsibility for turning ICU patients on to their stomachs to improve oxygen levels and then flipping them onto their backs many hours later. It's beyond the typical scope of their duties, and the selflessness has so moved Zakieh that he now wears teal scrubs — the bright-colored uniform worn by the therapists at the hospital — in their honor.

"I was really shocked and surprised by how resilient our team is," Zakieh said. "This is not an easy task and they have been phenomenal."

With all the gratitude being shown to doctors and nurses these days, Dr. Simone Liverpool, who works in the COVID-19 ward at Loretto Hospital in the Austin neighborhood, worries the public doesn't fully understand how many people the medical staff relies upon to do their jobs each day.

"Doctors and nurses are on the front lines, of course. But so are the housekeeping crews and the cooks," she said. "Everyone here is an essential employee. We are all on the front lines together."

And you can see it on their faces.





DR. NASSER ZAKIEH

Medical director of critical care medicine at OSF Little Company of Mary

With his 38-bed intensive care unit near capacity, Zakieh sees the coronavirus as a yet-to-be-defeated enemy. He knows people are anxious for the country to reopen and he, too, looks forward to normalcy's return.

But he says the science is clear: Without containment, there can be no infection control.

"Stay home, so we can eventually go home too," he said. "I am not saying this to be political. My team cannot do this forever."



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DR. SIMONE LIVERPOOL

Physician in the COVID unit at Loretto Hospital

Every bed in Loretto's 15-bed COVID ward — a mixture of ICU and less serious cases — was filled when Liverpool arrived at work on a recent weekday morning. Within 45 minutes, she placed one patient on a ventilator and anticipated a second would need to be intubated soon.

A third patient — a man who been admitted with milder symptoms just three days earlier — needed to begin dialysis treatment because his kidneys had stopped functioning.

Life can change in an instant at the hospital, and it wears on the staff.

"People don't understand how sick the patients are and how rapidly they can decline," Liverpool said. "They don't see what we see every day. It has always been a difficult job, but our burden is now tenfold."

ELAINE RHODES-WRIGHT

Emergency department nurse at OSF Little Company of Mary

As they work to stabilize patients, emergency department nurses also keep a close eye on each other during their 12-hour shifts.

"You're always watching your co-worker to make sure they're OK and see if they need something," Rhodes-Wright said. "Regardless of what's happening, you have to be ready to jump in there and help them even though you're risking yourself."







TAMEKA AMOS

Patient care technician at OSF Little Company of Mary

With visitors banned, Amos does her best to serve as a surrogate family member. A certified nurse's assistant, she takes a little extra time to talk with patients or hold their hands when she's in a room.

"I try to comfort them, even if it means I'm in that PPE for five more minutes than I need to be," she says. "The hard part is having to walk out that door. You can see the fear in their eyes. Neither of us know if they'll be breathing the next time I see them. It takes a toll."

DELANEY SMITH

Security officer at Loretto Hospital

Smith is accustomed to keeping order, but the outbreak has posed a challenge unlike any other. Tensions are high and patience is short in Austin as residents worry about their health, their jobs and their futures, he said. Knowing that African Americans in lower-income neighborhoods are dying from the virus at a disproportionate rate than other parts of the city, West Side residents are waiting hours in line to be tested in the hospital parking lot.

The long waits have led to occasional shouting matches and complaints, some of them directed at Smith. "I listen to their concerns and try to explain things gently because I know times are tough and people are really frightened," Smith said. "Not only am I exhausted physically, I'm exhausted mentally and emotionally. But I couldn't see myself anywhere else right now. I believe I was called to serve this community."

CHANTE GARNER

Supply chain manager at OSF Little Company of Mary

With limited medical supplies available across the country, Garner has made countless phone calls to manufacturers in hopes of securing needed equipment. That relentlessness led to her hitting the pandemic jackpot a few weeks ago, when she scored thousands of face shields and goggles for hospital employees. When the pallets filled with protective eyewear arrived, she released a joyful scream that echoed through the warehouse.

"The delivery guys thought I was crazy, but I didn't care," she said. "I've never been as happy as I was in that moment."

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Tracing

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May, the current expiration date on Pritzker's stay-at-home order.

"We don't necessarily have to have all of it by then," said Dr. Wayne Duffus, the acting state epidemiologist. The priority will be "critical areas," including nursing homes, long-term care facilities, prisons and jails, he said.

Beyond that, the state is working on a standardized hiring process, an online training program and a computer app to help track cases and contacts, Duffus said. The bulk of public health system work in Illinois is done at the local level, so the state envisions its role as being "an operations manager" for contact tracing at the 97 county and regional health departments.

Pritzker on Friday estimated the cost of the effort at $80 million.

National experts agree that contact tracing is essential if states are to avoid another surge in COVID-19 cases and an overwhelming flood of patients into hospitals.

Tools are limited to slow the virus's spread before the nation develops therapies and a vaccine, but social distancing remains effective, said Anita Cicero, deputy director of the Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security.

"But as communities and economies need to relax some of those social distancing restrictions, testing and tracing the cases is the tool that we have right now that will be effective," she added. "And if communities aren't able to isolate the sick and quarantine those who are exposed, then rapid community spread is probably likely to increase again, which would bring us back to requiring the strict physical distancing measures."



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Dr. John Schneider, a specialist affiliated with the University of Chicago, works Thursdayat the Howard Brown Health clinic.

What is contact tracing?

Contact tracing in the U.S. dates back to at least the early 20th century, when it was used to limit the spread of communicable diseases such as smallpox and tuberculosis. Since then, it's been employed to control other scourges, including sexually transmitted diseases, measles and Ebola.

The practice has been credited with limiting the spread of COVID-19 in other countries that quickly turned to the approach. That includes South Korea and Singapore, where the government used digital surveillance and enforcement methods that likely would meet stiff resistance here from privacy and freedom advocates.

"So many diseases are highly communicable," said Dr. Jennifer Layden, chief medical officer for the Chicago Department of Public Health. "So contact investigations are part of the public health bread and butter."

Here's how it works: When a confirmed case of COVID-19 is reported to the state, a contact tracer tracks down the sick person, or their relatives when the person is too ill to talk or has died from the disease.

The interviewer tells them the patient should be isolated at home until they no longer are believed to be contagious. Sometimes, if the person doesn't have the capability to isolate on their own, they refer them to social service agencies that can help find alternative housing and delivery of food, medicine or health care services.

The interviewer tries to determine who the patient had contact with up to two weeks prior to symptom onset. In some cases, a person may have no symptoms at all, making that calculation more difficult.

The tracers then track down those contacts and attempt to speak with them. They suggest precautions to avoid spreading the disease and ask them to quarantine at home for two weeks from the time of contact with the infected person, or if they are sick, until they have fully recovered.

Ideally, the tracers also would track down the contacts of everyone who is presumptively diagnosed with COVID-19, given that person could be spreading SARS-CoV-2 — the virus that causes the disease — before a test confirms they actually have it, experts said.

"At the very first hint of somebody being ill, they need to immediately be put into isolation, even while they are awaiting their test results," said Dr. Rachel Rubin, the county public health department's senior medical officer. "Even if they did a test that went off to a lab, they can't even wait that two days to 10 days of getting that result, because in that intervening time when they are just beginning to get sick is when they are infecting everybody around them."

Tracing work takes time, requires empathy and social skills, and can be emotionally taxing.

"We're asking people to kind of recount stories that they have probably already told other physicians before, and sometimes we're asking family members to recount how their loved ones died," said Dr. Chen Wang, a preventive medicine fellow for the county health department who has been tracking down cases for a couple of months.

"I've had cases where I called the phone number of that person who has passed away and I speak with their spouse. And their wife says, 'This was my husband I had been with for 60 years, and the longest time we every spent apart were those days that he was in the hospital.' And now the surviving spouse is back in their home alone."

Despite the anxiety that can be involved, nearly everyone is cooperative with the efforts, Wang added.

"People recognize that we're all in this together, and everyone has something that they can contribute," she said.

Efforts underway

Pritzker and Illinois officials have looked to Massachusetts' partnership with global health nonprofit Partners In Health as a model. That northeastern state — with a little more than half the population of Illinois but more COVID-19 cases and deaths, is deploying 1,000 contact workers. Johns Hopkins experts say even that likely won't be enough.

Duffus, acting state epidemiologist, said one particular aspect of the Massachusetts program that he would like to implement in Illinois is the use of resource coordinators. Those workers are tasked with making sure people who test positive for COVID-19 have the food, medications and services they need to be able to self-isolate.

"A resource coordinator is going to be crucial to the success of this because we can ask people to do things, but if their needs are not met, it's going to be very difficult for them," he said.

Not all of the contact tracers would need a background in medicine or public health, Duffus said. They should be hired locally because they will have an easier time establishing trust with the people who they call, he added.

The state also is looking at the use of technology to help with case tracking, with the possibility of an online application that would let people enter their symptoms and contacts so that workers can follow those leads.

Illinois has been without a permanent state epidemiologist since Layden resigned at the end of February to become the city's chief medical officer. Duffus, a senior medical adviser in the Division of Global HIV and TB at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, arrived April 5. At the time, the state had reported more than 11,000 known cases of COVID-19 and 274 deaths.

Ezike said that there was no downtime because Illinois' public health department was covered by epidemiologists who have been CDC-trained and are longtime infectious disease experts.

Chicago has been doing some contact tracing since the initial outbreak. But it has had to pick and choose what to focus on because of limited resources.

"Certainly congregate settings where we're seeing a high level of spread, and that would be long-term care facilities, public shelters, jails, those outbreaks that are reported to us ... in a workplace are priorities," Layden said.

"But we are really striving to get to a point — I mean where there's review of the data and there's investigation into every case — to the point where we are thoroughly investigating all the contacts is something we are striving to do," she said.

The city is working to build partnerships with community health workers, students and others to expand the ranks of contact tracers, so when cases eventually decline they can work to prevent another flare-up, Layden added.

Like the state, Chicago is searching for ways that technology might make the job easier and more efficient. While rolling out the Chi COVID Coach app, Dr. Allison Arwady, the city's public health commissioner, said city officials were looking at the possibility of using it to help track contacts and send warnings to contacts via text when someone contracts the virus.

Cook County has focused its 29 contact tracers on nursing homes and group homes, as well as hospitalized patients, said Rubin, the health department's senior medical officer.

When the surge starts to decline, the program will need to expand, she added. Rubin also said testing is not yet as widespread, quick and accurate as necessary to detect cases early, when a patient may be most contagious. And there needs to be a more thorough system for reporting test results to the state because not all health care providers are doing that, she said.

"Once we reach a point where we can start doing more contact tracing, we really will need to ramp it up, because we want to stop that next surge ... from being as high and as steep," Rubin said.

A 'near miss'

A Johns Hopkins study concluded the nation needs about 100,000 contact tracers, with more than 3,800 in Illinois. But Crystal Watson, the report's lead author, warned that "we also shouldn't delay in conducting tracing until we have a perfect testing system."

In Chicago, Howard Brown Health has been doing contact tracing from the start.

It was a natural for the nonprofit organization, which serves the LGBTQ community and other groups that face health care disparities. For many years, the organization has been contact tracing for sexually transmitted diseases, including AIDS, said Dr. John Schneider, an infectious disease specialist affiliated with the University of Chicago.

Since early March, Howard Brown Health has interviewed about 300 people with COVID-19 and reached out to as many as 1,200 of their contacts. Schneider makes many of those calls, and described one situation that he described as "a near miss" where intervention may have come too late.

He was talking to a woman who had COVID-19 and lived at home with her husband, son and daughter. Everyone but the daughter had become sick, so they sent her to live with relatives, including her grandparents. By the time she was tested — and found to be infected with the virus despite having no symptoms — the disease already had spread to others in her temporary home.

"If I could have gotten to her three days earlier ... then I could have said, 'The daughter needs to stay home, keep her in a different room if asymptomatic, that's fine, but no one should be going to the grandparents right now,'" Schneider said.

The case illustrates the need for doing contact tracing from the very moment of diagnosis, possibly at the lab where the person went for the test.

Like the governor and the experts, Schneider believes contact tracing will be crucial to prevent or limit future outbreaks after the number of cases in the current surge diminishes.

"We're entering a phase where it's really important, because then it starts to become more manageable, and then it has implications for keeping things open, keeping families healthy," he said.

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Aurora's ailing 'Cross Man' gets drive-by salute

By Denise Crosby

The dichotomy that is Greg Zanis was on full display Friday afternoon as hundreds of cars filled with members of a grateful community drove past his Aurora home at the corner of Indian Trail and Church roads, where the terminally ill man was able to witness — as much as possible during a pandemic shelter-in-place — just how many people his life has touched.

Zanis, who is mostly bedridden and on hospice care from a grim bladder cancer diagnosis, has spent the past two decades seeking media attention for his Crosses for Losses ministry, while masterly dodging the press at the sites of the nation's most horrendous mass shootings because, he always said, "the crosses are about victims and their families, not about me."

That was not the case during Friday's drive-by "visitation" that was put together by his children after the family realized how quickly their father's health was failing these past few weeks.

They came by the hundreds to show the "Cross Man" their gratitude and love, and not just from the Chicago area but from across the nation, which should not have been a surprise considering the thousands of miles Zanis has covered in the last two decades erecting his handmade crosses at the sites of mass shootings in this country.



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Greg Zanis, with his wife, Susan, watches a parade of vehicles drive past their home Friday.

For two hours a steady stream of cars, SUVs, motorcycles, police squad cars, trucks and even bicycles lined up along Church Road, at times stretching a mile and a half back as their occupants patiently waited to make a right turn onto Indian Trail that took them onto the private property and eventually allowed them to complete a huge loop past the Zanis family's front steps.

Too weak to come outside, the "Cross Man" sat in a wheelchair in the front doorway, wife Sue next to him, smiling and occasionally waving at the people who drove past in vehicles decorated with painted messages, signs posters and balloons.

"Well done my good and faithful servant," proclaimed one message.

"Thank you for bringing light to darkness," read another.

"We know you made our heartbreak more bearable," said another.

"He got a huge driveway full of love and respect," said Tony Dickey, director and chaplain of Disaster and Victim Services International, who drove from Alabama to see his "good friend" one final time and to help the Aurora police and Kane County sheriff's department with traffic control. "And no one deserves it more."

Those sentiments were shared by New Yorker Greg Packer, who met Zanis after the mass shooting in Las Vegas in 2017 and was so inspired by him he made the trip from Long Island to Aurora so he could see his "hero" one final time.

Others who came from near and far included a family from the Pulse night club in Orlando, Florida, who left a large colorful poster offering their support; the loved ones of 26-year-old Luis Martinez, who was shot and killed four years ago on Beach Street in Aurora; and Zenobia Carmel, the mother of 39-year-old Michael Octavius Bell, who was killed in Chicago two years ago this month.

"Greg made me a beautiful cross," Carmel said, tears rolling down her face as she recalled, "the comfort he gave me" during this dark period in her life.

"He is my hero. He is a hero to so many."

"This is your day, Dad," daughter Susie repeated over and over to her father, who eventually grew too weak to watch the parade of cars and had to lie down.

But long after Zanis left to go inside, drivers and their passengers continued to drive by, expressing their gratitude to the family, who promised to make sure Greg got every message they offered. Even when the limited copies of his book "The Cross Man" ran out, people still donated the book's selling price of $20. (The book can be ordered at aurorahistory.net)

"This has been amazing," said his grateful daughter Katherine Oliver. "I am at peace seeing my dad like this."

This outpouring of support, however, is only a fraction of the payout "this man deserves," said Chicago activist Takala Welch, who has been working with the mothers of murder victims since 1998 and has seen over and over the impact Zanis and his crosses have had.

"He has no idea how many hearts he has touched," Welch said.

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White House senior adviser Jared Kushner and White House counselor Kellyanne Conway during a meeting in the Oval Office on Thursday.

Who's right on COVID-19? The optimists or the pessimists?



STEVE CHAPMAN

Ted Williams was one of the greatest hitters baseball has ever seen, and his theories of how to succeed at the plate are still influential. He was the last major leaguer to bat .400 over a season and retired in 1960 ranking third all-time in career home runs.

Sports writer Ira Berkow once asked him the source of his prowess. Was it his exceptional reflexes, perhaps, or his phenomenal eyesight? Williams scoffed at these explanations and emphatically provided his own: "It was all trial and (bleeping) error, trial and (bleeping) error, trial and (bleeping) error, trial and (bleeping) error!"

Williams knew that any concept is worthless unless it can be used successfully in the real world. And the only way to know whether it can be used successfully is to, um, give it a try and discard it if it proves unsuccessful.

During the coronavirus crisis, there is a range of opinions on what the future holds. On the gloomy side, economist Mark Zandi of Moody's Analytics expects that "the economy will take years to fully recover." Dr. Anthony Fauci said in March that even with social distancing and other protections, 240,000 Americans could die of COVID-19.

Then there are optimists like Donald Trump's son-in-law and adviser Jared Kushner, who said Wednesday, "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's really rocking again."

Personally, I'm inclined to the pessimistic view. But if there is anything certain about the crisis, it's that uncertainties abound. Even experts are groping to understand the disease and how to combat it.

The administration and some Republican governors lean to the sunny side. Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp elected to let gyms, hair salons, churches, tattoo parlors, restaurants and movie theaters reopen. Texas Gov. Greg Abbott chose to allow restaurants, retail stores and movie theaters to resume operations.

These decisions will gratify protesters who have rallied in numerous states, including Illinois on Friday, in opposition to stay-at-home edicts. But anyone who thinks that politicians or business people can promptly restore a state resembling normality is fantasizing. They will find the task to be much like herding cats.

The ultimate outcome will depend on the choices of hundreds of millions of people who will make their own assessments of the risks and rewards they face and how to act on them. It wasn't the stay-at-home orders that started the economic collapse we're enduring. It was the pandemic itself and the fear it engendered.

Kemp's shelter-in-place directive didn't come until March 19. But restaurant bookings in Atlanta were down 78% on March 16, compared to a year earlier. Dallas' stay-at-home order took effect on March 23, but March 16 restaurant bookings were off 61%. Before the first stay-at-home orders, the nation's movie theaters had their worst weekend in 20 years. By Sunday, March 15, many churches had already canceled in-person services.

Even before Americans fully absorbed the danger, they were taking precautions. A lot of them, perhaps most, will continue to do so even if their president or governor tells them to get out and spend money. No one likes prolonged isolation, but the risk of a painful death or lasting lung damage is a powerful deterrent to resuming the familiar pleasures of life.

But that's not to say Kemp and Abbott are wrong. Even under the relaxed rules, businesses in both states will be obliged to adopt safeguards. Georgia restaurants will be limited to 10 customers per 500 square feet, and movie theaters will have to enforce social distancing. The catch is that the state can't make them reopen, and the owners of 120 dining establishments in Atlanta and Savannah announced they would not.

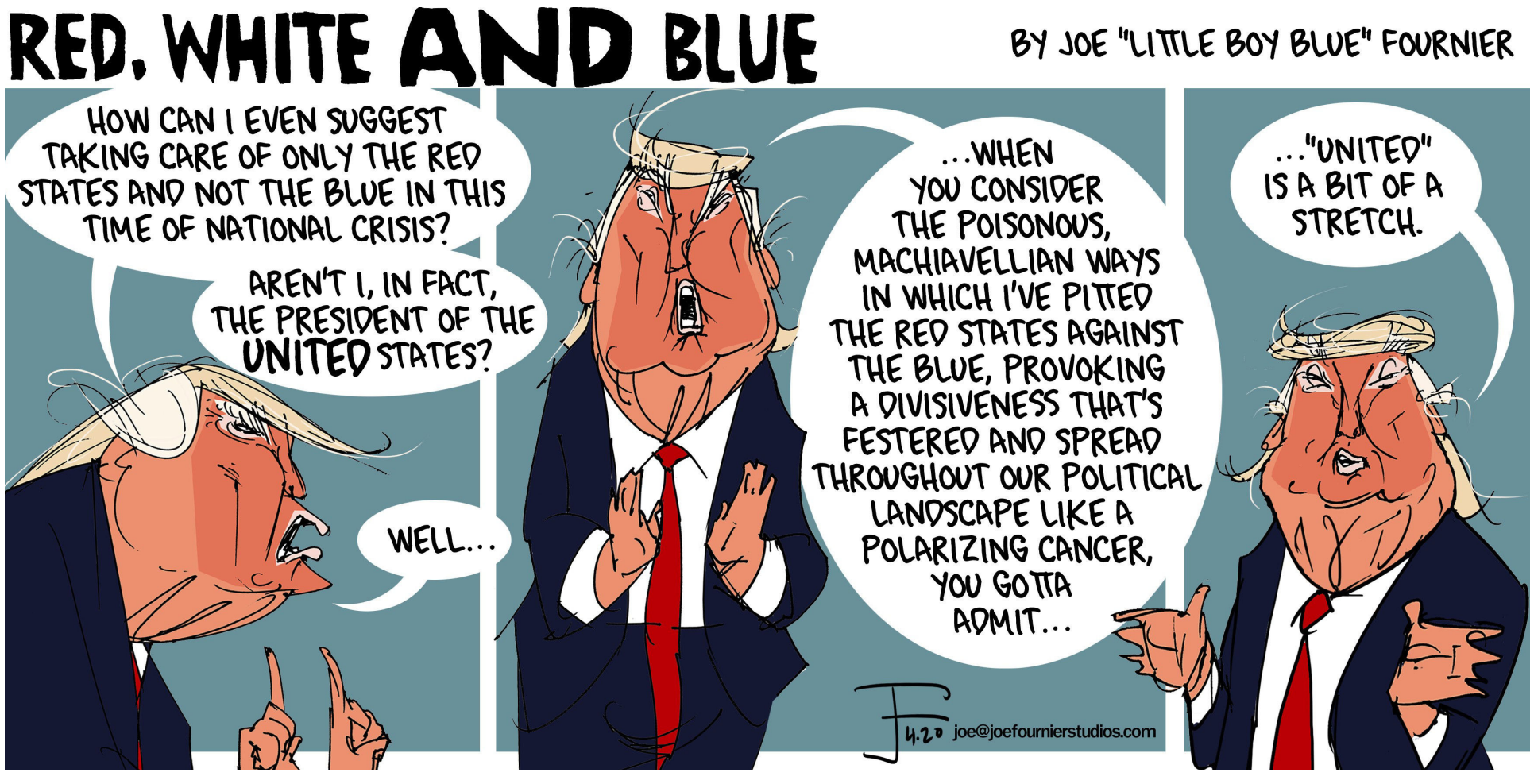
But some businesses will jump at the chance — and it may turn out that the harms are minimal, leading still others to reopen and enticing customers to return. It's not inconceivable that the remaining restrictions, combined with the care exercised by prudent consumers (such as mask-wearing and hand-washing), will be largely effective in curbing transmission. It may be that most rural states and small towns will remain comparatively safe.

Implementing different policies in different places has its hazards, but it will reduce uncertainty. We will learn something from the experience. Not all of the lessons will be welcome, but as Ted Williams could attest, all of them will be instructive.

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CHANGE OF SUBJECT

By Eric Zorn



COVID-19 brings traffic to a standstill in the driver's licensing process

The state of Georgia has waived the requirement that prospective drivers take a road test before getting their licenses during the current public health emergency.

I get it. It's very difficult to conduct a traditional road test — with the examiner in the passenger seat holding a clipboard — and maintain the recommended safe distance between people.

But eliminating the test seems like a bad idea. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration looked at available data in 22 states for a 2011 report on novice drivers and found an average 25.2% failure rate for road tests. Illinois' teen failure rate was 14.8%, but secretary of state officials say it's now down to about 5%. Georgia's head of driver services told reporters that "more than 80%" of the 5,000 teens who usually take the road test each week pass. But even with the lower estimates we're talking about, hundreds if not thousands of newly minted unqualified drivers are being set loose on Georgia's roads every week until regular testing resumes.

"It's ludicrous," said Brent Johnston, president of the Illinois High School and College Driver Education Association. "Yes, we're in a crisis situation now, but they're risking another crisis by giving out licenses without road tests."

I called Johnston in light of the news from Georgia to ask about the impact of the near total shutdown of the Illinois secretary of state's vehicle services offices that is now scheduled to last until at least the end of May. All road testing for conventional licenses has been halted here, along with in-vehicle learning.

"We estimate that there are up to 60,000 second-semester driver's education students who still need to finish their mandatory six hours of behind-the-wheel instruction," Johnston said. Those students already have their learner's permits that allow them to begin the required nine-month, 50-hour practice regimen, but Johnston said some 25,000 students whose public high school driving classes had yet to start when nearly everything shut down in mid-March (or who had planned to get driving instruction over the summer) are now completely on hold.



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Neuqua Valley High School students take a driver's education class in 2014 in Naperville.

There are certainly people with worse problems than delays in their rites of passage. A driver's license is not just a passport to certain freedoms, though, but often an aid to finding and keeping a job. The Illinois secretary of state's office estimates that, in a normal, non-pandemic week, some 110,000 drivers take road tests either at state offices or in conjunction with their schools.

Assuming, optimistically, that normal testing can resume in June, the test backlog will be in the hundreds of thousands.

Secretary of state spokesman Dave Druker said tests for commercial licenses — for bus and truck drivers — are still being conducted at several facilities. But for the safety of all concerned, the examiners observe the applicants remotely rather than from the seat next to them.

Why not test teens and other new drivers the same way? Have the examiner follow the applicant through a series of driving moves while communicating by cellphone to the person in the passenger seat who accompanied the applicant to the test site?

Druker said the state's considering the idea. But it is not, thank goodness, considering emulating Georgia and forgoing road tests altogether.

More vehicle-related news you can use

Good news! Every deadline you're looking at regarding renewing your state ID, license or plates is now on hold, Druker said, and has been pushed back to 90 days after the secretary of state's office formally reopens. And the Chicago city clerk's office is waiving late fees on city vehicle sticker renewals and purchases from March 19 until the office reopens, which will be sometime after May 31.

More good news! The deadline to provide extra documentation to make your driver's license or state identification card Real-ID compatible has been pushed back one year, to Oct. 1, 2021, in light of the COVID-19 crisis. After the deadline, you won't be able to board a commercial airplane or enter a federal facility without a Real ID or a passport, and I'd been predicting long, angry lines at the end of September.

Still more good news! If you have a car you're not using at all during the shutdown, your insurer can suspend all the coverage except comprehensive — for theft, vandalism and other damage — without penalty until you decide to reactivate it. Just don't cheat.

'Creek' is some high-water TV

For years I'd avoided the Canadian TV comedy "Schitt's Creek" in large part because the very title suggested the sort of juvenile snickering I like to reserve for banter on the golf course.

Yeah, we get it. Throw in a couple of gratuitous silent consonants and you can say and write an otherwise forbidden word. Haw haw haw.

But so many people kept recommending the show to me that I broke down, early in the lockdown, went to Netflix and gave it a try, starting from the beginning. The premise, briefly, is that a fabulously wealthy family suddenly loses its fortune and must move into a seedy motel in rural Schitt's Creek, a town they once purchased because the name sounded so funny to them.

At first I feared it was going to be just "Green Acres" with swear words. But after a few episodes it revealed itself as surprisingly deep, amusing and evocative, a show in which the characters evolve in unexpected ways. When I mention the final episode of the second season to longtime fans — they call themselves "Schitt-heads" — they nod excitedly.

"Schitt's Creek" is perfect escapism for these troubled times, and now I've become one of those people who recommends it to everyone. We've been watching two episodes a night and are now, sadly, on the sixth and final season.

Don't tell me how it ends. But do tell me what we should watch next to fill the hole the conclusion will leave in our hearts.

Re: Tweets

The winner of this week's reader poll to select the funniest tweet was "Well you have to admit he's right on this one. If you inject disinfectant, you won't die of COVID-19 ..." by @Lisabug74.

The poll appears at chicagotribune.com/zorn, where you can read all the nominees. For an early alert when each new poll is posted, sign up for the Change of Subject email newsletter at chicagotribune.com/newsletters.

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FRESH AIR FOUGHT TUBERCULOSIS

Unorthodox approach kept kids outside in Chicago, even in winter

By Elise De Los Santos

Just as the coronavirus pandemic has forced today's educators to rethink teaching methods and health care experts to push for new practices, so did another health crisis that Chicago faced more than 100 years ago.

About a decade before the so-called Spanish flu killed millions worldwide, tuberculosis was infecting a number of the city's school-aged children.

A disease caused by bacteria that usually attack the lungs, tuberculosis can easily spread when a cough or sneeze releases the bacteria into the air. Conventional medical treatment involves antibiotics, but physicians of the 19th and early 20th century believed that fresh air, in particular, and light and activities were key parts of healing and preventing this respiratory scourge.

To combat the spread of tuberculosis and serve the needs of Chicago students already stricken with it, experts in health, education and child welfare began to call for a new kind of school: one that brought children outdoors and into fresh air as much as possible.

These "open air schools" literally got rid of all the trappings of a traditional classroom by removing windows, doors and heat.

Early in August 1909, 26 Chicago schoolchildren with "light forms" of tuberculosis gathered at 76th Street and Vincennes Avenue, in what is now the West Chatham neighborhood, to embark on a five-week experiment the Tribune reported as "the first of the sort made in any city."

The mostly outdoor school, led by teachers and nurses, emphasized physical activities "in an attempt (for the students) to acquire strength to combat the incipient stages of the white plague," as tuberculosis was called.

"First of all the face and hands of each one were washed, and then the children sat down to breakfast," the Tribune reported after the first day of classes. "Then the children washed the dishes, took their first lessons in camp duties, and received light instruction in the school building, the tent in which the classes are to be held not having been delivered. There were frequent intermissions for play, story telling, and gymnastics.

"After luncheon there was an hour of rest, many of the children taking sun baths in large canvas chairs. After more gymnastics there was another hour for sleep, then play, more rest, and supper. The dishes were washed again, each had a shower bath, and, provided with car fare, the pupils were sent to their homes, to return this morning."

Though the pilot program took place during the summer, advocates were already thinking about how open air schools could operate once it got colder: "The plans of the promoters of this school contemplate the opening of winter schools with all windows and doors removed. Tuberculous children will sit wrapped in blankets, furs, and mittens while they study."

The open air school made it past its trial run and through its first winter, despite one instructor calling for a better teachers uniform because "wintry winds blow around her feet and they get cold" while walking among her students, and despite the principal's later admission that open air classrooms weren't approved by the Chicago Board of Education during winter.



CHICAGO HERALD AND EXAMINER 1929

Facility Superintendent Martin Lynn is surrounded by children at Chicago's Municipal Tuberculosis Sanitarium.



CHICAGO TRIBUNE 1909

A nurse washes a student at an open-air school in Chicago. Teaching children how to wash hands and keep clean was part of the regimen of the school day.

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"We disobeyed the board's rules — but we didn't say anything about it until the experiment proved successful," Principal William E. Watt said at an Board of Education meeting in October 1910 while pushing for more open air classrooms in Chicago's public schools, the Tribune reported. "We let the children wear overcoats and overshoes and they were as warm as they wanted to be, with plenty of exercise and something to keep them interested."

The demand is there to keep and grow the program, Watt said.

"This year there are 1,000 children and parents and twenty teachers who want all the class rooms open. We will maintain as many as the board will let us and the better health and more active mentalities of the pupils will prove the success of the system," he said.

Women's clubs, nurses and physicians across the city joined the push to broaden the open air school network. At least three other open air schools were operating by 1911, the same year a Tribune editorial — headlined "What are Readin', 'Ritin', and 'Rithmetic Compared with Vim, Vigor, and Vitality? Demand Open-air Students" — defended those institutions' nontraditional methods.

"Any deficiency in learning is so amply compensated for by an increased rosiness of cheek and plumpness of arm that no distress is expressed by the strictest of formal educators," the editorial said. "They are schools in which efficiency is gauged by gain in appetite, not in mental achievement, but this does not imply that they exactly neglect the cultivation of the mind."

The editorial's praise of the open air schools was tempered by the acknowledgment that the fight against tuberculosis was limited to the length of the school day.

"The only menace to the work is the sad fact that usually before (the students) are entirely well they have to return to the insanitary conditions of their homes and the ignorance of their families. If the work could reach farther and continue longer, that diminishing tuberculosis death rate would decline to several notches nearer the vanishing point."

The open air schools reported their students were gaining health and weight with the prescribed open windows and low temperatures, and soon Chicago's program was gaining national attention. The superintendent of the United Charities of Chicago at the time, Sherman C. Kingsley, was an "open air crusader" who offered the city's efforts as an example for the rest of the country to follow.

"Three years ago there was not a single place in this country where such children could receive free care and schooling. Today there are only twenty-seven schools (whereas) 9,200 are needed," Kingsley said at a National Education Association meeting in 1911, according to the Tribune. "The great point ... is to assure all the 10,000,000 school children in the United States their share of the fresh air."

Kingsley touted the "results" that Chicago had achieved: "The universal testimony of these open air schools is that the children gain in weight, that temperatures are reduced, that listless children become alert and attentive and that there is a marked change in the mental grasp of the children. In the Elizabeth McCormick Open Air school there was an average gain of over four pounds."

Though open air schools and classrooms didn't gain the widespread use that Kingsley and other advocates envisioned in the early 1900s, the organizations he worked for continue to help local children and their families to this day.

Shortly after his speech, Kingsley became head of the Elizabeth McCormick Memorial Fund, which funded the open air school of the same name and still supports welfare services, research and philanthropy for Cook County children today as part of the Chicago Community Trust.

In recent years, the open air concept enjoyed a resurrection of sorts through a program that operated on the Northwest Side. An outdoor preschool ran for about five years in a wooded area of the Chicago Park District's North Park Village campus. It was modeled on the idea that unstructured play in nature teaches essential skills and also that outdoor education combats modern ills in children like obesity and depression. It was shut down last August after complaints from neighbors.

Coincidentally, North Park Village used to be the Chicago Municipal Tuberculosis Sanitarium complex, once one of the largest facilities in the U.S. dedicated to treating those with the disease.

Health crises, as challenging as they may be, can inspire surprising innovation and collaborative effort, as the Tribune noted in 1908 about the battle against the "white plague": "The spirit of the whole campaign which is being waged so vigorously against tuberculosis is that of hope and encouragement."

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Coronavirus and corruption: Two scourges Illinois needs to extinguish

Before the nation and Illinois got gobsmacked by a global health pandemic, federal prosecutors in Chicago were moving in on politicians suspected of wrongdoing. Remember those days? A lot seems to have *not* happened while we've been quarantined, homebound and isolating. At least, not publicly.

How fortunate for any politician given the gift of time.

The coronavirus stay-at-home orders have slowed the pace of government at all levels. Public activity from the Northern District U.S. attorney's office has diminished considerably since mid-March.

We have been assured the slowdown doesn't mean investigations have halted. It could be the opposite — more time for prosecutors to dive into paperwork, transcribe recorded conversations and collect financial records. Can interrogations of suspected connivers still take place, as long as everyone stays 6 feet apart? We don't know.

We do hope the exposing of alleged corruption in Illinois rolls on. Voters will head to the polls in a few short months. They deserve to be armed with as much information as possible.



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People carry boxes from Ald. Edward M. Burke's 14th Ward office in the 2600 block of West 51st Street on Nov. 29, 2018, in Chicago.

Where we left off

Ald. Ed Burke, 14th, faces a 14-count racketeering indictment alleging several schemes that involved his role as alderman and his private law practice. In February, the judge hearing his case indicated a possible trial next year. Outlined in Burke's indictment of a year ago this month, prosecutors allege he used Chicago's Old Post Office, a Burger King permit, a redevelopment project and museum fees to leverage his power as alderman, boost his law business and punish detractors.

He remains on the City Council representing the Southwest Side but was stripped of his influential finance chairman post. He pleaded not guilty to the charges.

Weeks before attention turned to the coronavirus, former state Rep. Luis Arroyo, D-Chicago, pleaded not guilty in February to a bribery charge after the feds allegedly heard him, through a wired-up state senator, offer money in exchange for legislative help for one of Arroyo's clients. The senator believed to have been cooperating with the feds is Terry Link, D-Vernon Hills, who remains in the Senate and has denied involvement.

Arroyo's jobs as a state representative and a paid lobbyist triggered some ethics reforms late last year requiring more lobbyist disclosure. But serious reform out of Springfield has been swept to the wayside. The legislature has not met since February.

Former state Sen. Martin Sandoval, D-Chicago, pleaded guilty in January to corruption charges in a red-light camera bribery scheme. While leading the Senate's transportation committee, Sandoval — among other things — admitted he took bribes to squash bills harmful to the red-light camera industry. He has no sentencing date set; he is cooperating with prosecutors.

And Sen. Tom Cullerton, D-Villa Park, indicted in an alleged ghost payrolling scheme involving the Teamsters, faces a July date for jury selection in his trial. Prosecutors say the distant cousin of former Senate President John Cullerton accepted roughly $275,000 in pay and benefits from the Teamsters for doing little to no work. Sen. Cullerton pleaded not guilty to the charges.

ComEd and red-light cameras

While it's unclear the precise direction federal prosecutors are headed, one investigation remains centered on ComEd's lobbying activities. That probe has ensnared House Speaker Michael Madigan's close confidante, Mike McClain, who lobbied for the utility company. McClain is not accused of wrongdoing, but the feds raided his Quincy home, along with two other people connected to Madigan — former Chicago Ald. Michael R. Zalewski and former aide Kevin Quinn — a year ago this month.

Another investigation has focused on the red-light camera company, SafeSpeed, that won permission from numerous municipalities to install cameras at intersections. The lucrative business of ticket-writing provided windfall revenue for towns and, prosecutors allege, kickback opportunities. SafeSpeed executives have denied any involvement in payoffs to win contracts.

But the red-light probe ensnared the chief of staff to former Cook County Commissioner Jeffrey Tobolski. Patrick Doherty of Palos Heights was indicted in February, accused of accepting bribes to push camera installments in the suburbs. Doherty has pleaded not guilty.

His former boss, Tobolski, stepped down from the Cook County Board in March; the feds had raided McCook Village Hall, where he was mayor, and his home where agents allegedly found more than $51,000 in cash, according to the Sun-Times. Tobolski has not been accused of wrongdoing.

A new County Board member

You might think, given ongoing corruption investigations, Democratic Party officials would replace Tobolski on the Cook County Board through a squeaky clean process: make an announcement about the opening, collect resumes, interview candidates publicly, vote out in the open, put a good-government reformer in the seat.

Did they? No. Cook County and Chicago Democratic officials met quietly on April 15 at a private club in Berwyn and installed Frank Aguilar, a Cicero insider who once worked with convicted former Mayor Betty Loren-Maltese, who is now connected to Cicero Mayor Larry Dominick. With little discussion, Aguilar was appointed to the $85,000 a year, part-time job.

Aguilar served in the legislature for a short time — as a Republican.

The money trail

Whatever corruption investigations are unfolding behind closed doors, public documents provide clues they're heating up. The Tribune reported on April 19 that Speaker Madigan, who has not been accused of wrongdoing, paid nearly $462,000 in legal fees during the first three months of this year alone.

"The fees represented legal counsel engaged over the past year to monitor ongoing investigations," Madigan's spokeswoman told the reporters in a statement.

That's a lot of dough presumably raised from teachers, organized labor, law firms and special interest groups for the person in power, regardless of tainted circumstances. Ald. Burke has spent more than $1 million on legal fees, the Tribune reported last month.

Tobolski's campaign fund shows a $100,000 payment to Blaine & Vanzant last October for legal fees, a few weeks after the feds raided McCook Village Hall.

Ethics legislation, remap

What has been derailed by the coronavirus pandemic and lockdown orders is ethics legislation in Springfield.

Lawmakers aren't meeting, and Gov. J.B. Pritzker has taken a hands-off approach. While he said in January during his State of the State address that Springfield "must root out the purveyors of greed and corruption in both parties" and that "it's no longer enough to sit idle" while acts of corruption persist, ethics reform has been swiped to the side.

The state also will pass an unfortunate milestone on Monday: the last day lawmakers could vote to put redistricting reform on the ballot. The Illinois Constitution provides deadlines for November ballot initiatives. Monday is it. The deadline will come and go, leaving proponents of redistricting reform little chance of being heard for another 10 years.

This is why the role of federal prosecutors is critical. Citizens have tried to shake up their government on redistricting reform, on term limits, on ethics, only to be blocked time and again by the party in charge. Citizens have voted with their feet, leaving Illinois in an exodus fashion that is likely to cause the state to lose another Congressional seat. They are fed up.

One of the remaining weapons to force reform in government, to encourage honest brokerage, is the U.S. attorney's office. The work of the feds is crucial to restoring trust — and rebuilding Illinois. No other law enforcement entity has shown the guts to take on corruption. The next election is just months away. Voters deserve good government. Will prosecutors help them get it?

ABOUT VOTING BY MAIL

President Donald Trump, who has regularly voted using mailed-in absentee ballots, has claimed that voting by mail is too susceptible to fraud to be allowed. That's a flat-out lie: Oregon aggressively hunts for any election irregularities, and it has never found anything resembling the fantasy scenarios conjured up by Trump and others on the far right.

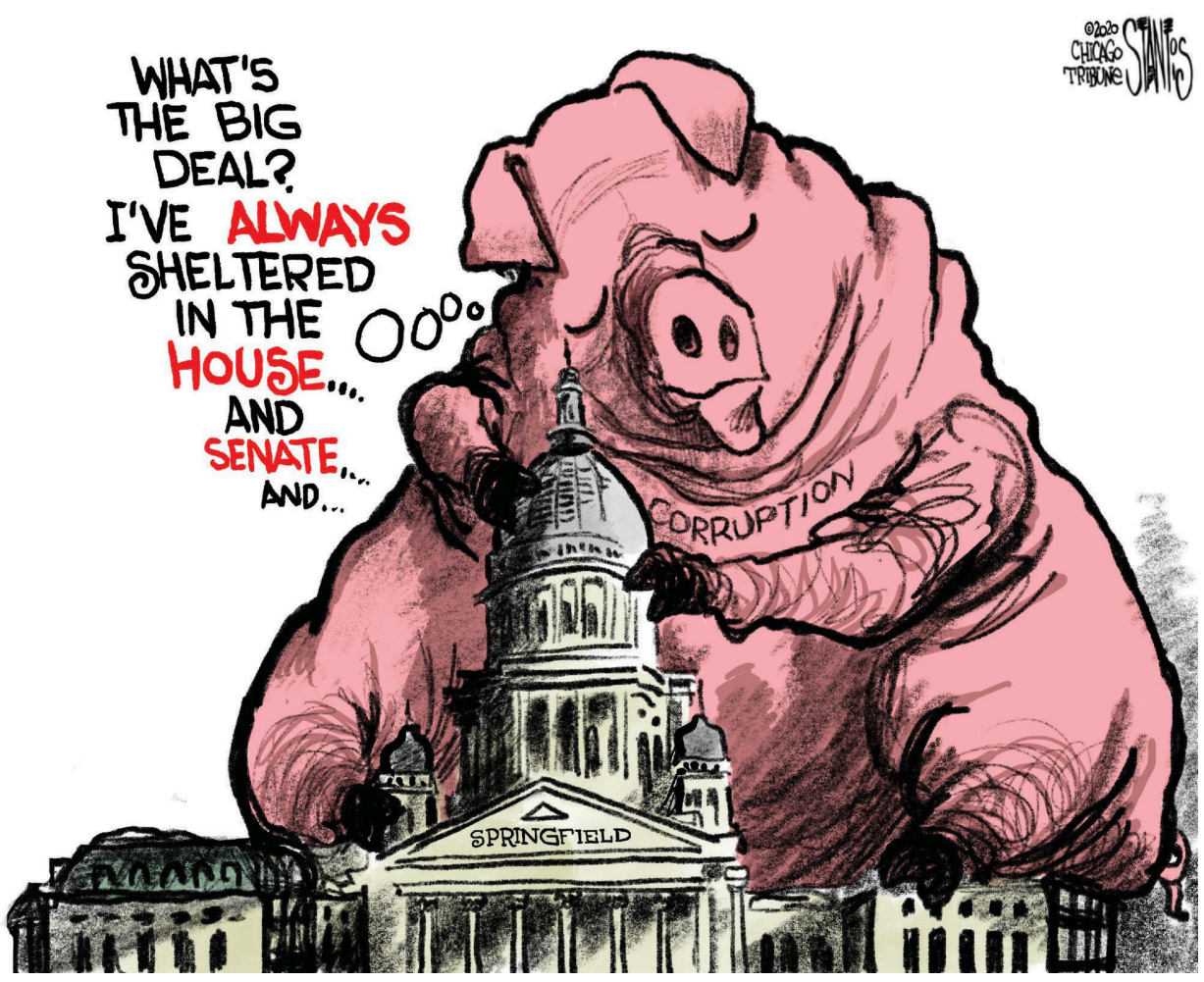
Oregon Republicans agree. Our former secretary of state, the late — and very conservative — Dennis Richardson, wrote to Trump in 2017 that "we are confident that voter fraud in last November's election did not occur in Oregon." Our current Republican secretary of state, Bev Clarno, said, "We've proven that our system is very secure and voters love it." And, by the way, nearly a million members of our armed forces vote by mail all the time. They've been doing it for decades.

I know voting by mail works — which is why I wrote a bill with Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn., to make sure that every American has the right to vote the way we do in Oregon. Our bill doesn't require all-mail elections, of course: If states want to have in-person voting, they can do that, too. The legislation would additionally require that states provide residents with 20 days of early voting, and it has clear rules to make sure that people's ballots don't get thrown out by mistake.

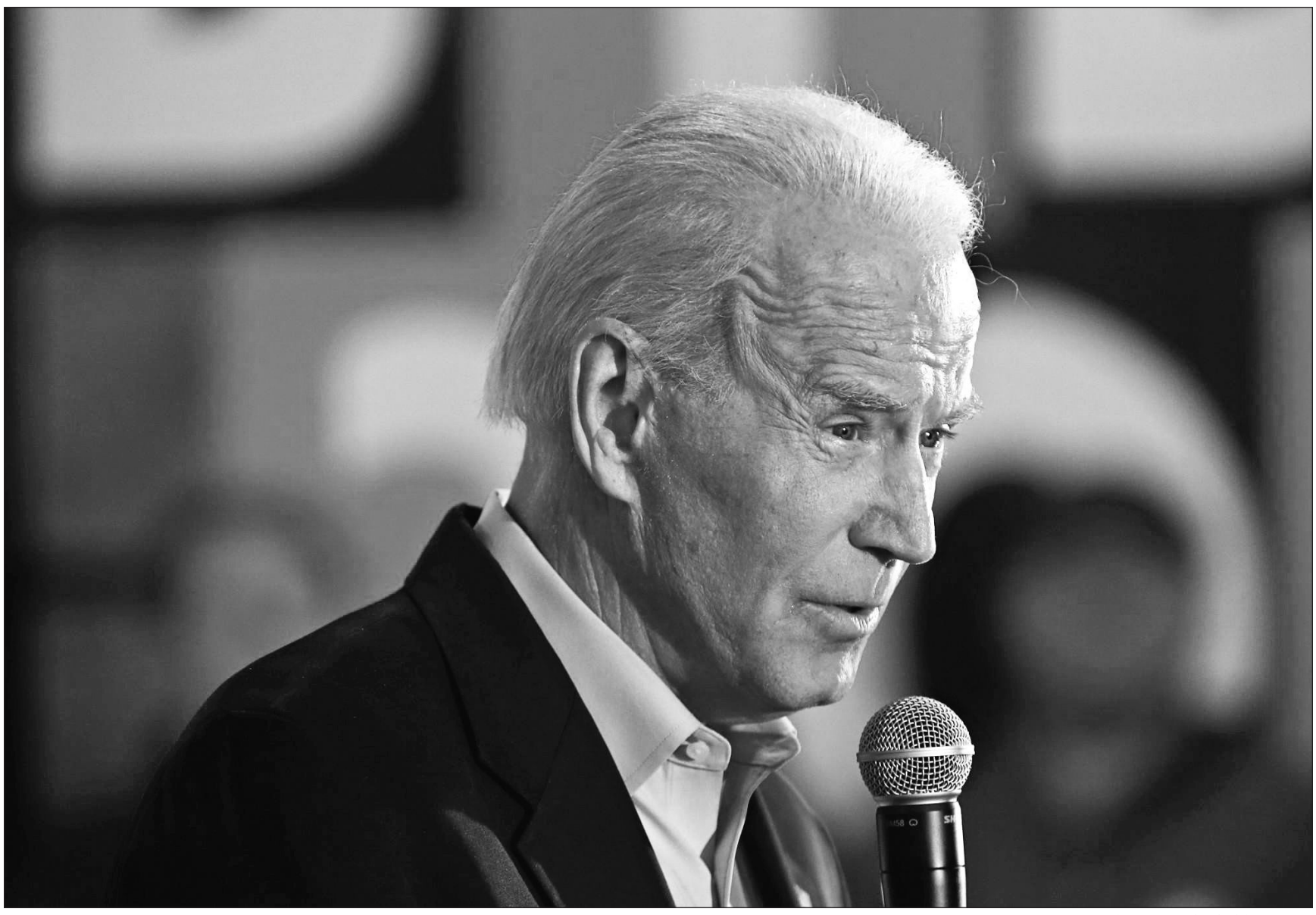
Time is running out to prepare for November's election, and if Congress doesn't act in a matter of weeks, I'm afraid many state and local governments won't be ready if, as scientists suggest they will, COVID-19 cases spike in the fall. Trump and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., must drop their partisan roadblocks and give states the guidance and resources they need to help all Americans exercise their constitutional rights as soon as possible. Oregon has shown voting by mail works — no matter your political preferences. It can work for the rest of America, too.

U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Oregon, for NBC News

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PERSPECTIVE



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Presidential candidate and former Vice President Joe Biden at a campaign event in Fort Madison, Iowa, on Jan. 31.

Biden's denial of Tara Reade's charges was necessary but not enough



CLARENCE PAGE

Biden needs to try, at least, to clear the air, not only for his fellow Democrats, who have been put on the defensive by the right's relentless Tara-Tara-Tara drumbeat, but also for women's rights advocates ...

I applaud Joe Biden for responding to his former Senate aide Tara Reade's allegation of sexual assault, but it is by no means enough to put the case to rest.

First, his statement posted on Medium and his brief interview Friday morning on MSNBC's "Morning Joe," added nothing to his denials expressed earlier by his campaign. His key statement about Reade's allegations that he engaged in misconduct with her 27 years ago. "They aren't true. This never happened."

Likewise, in his interview on "Morning Joe" Friday, he flatly denied Reade's claim, "No, it is not true. I'm saying unequivocally it never, never happened."

That's reassuring for those of us who want to give Biden the benefit of our doubts, but it will only embolden his political adversaries — on both the political right and hard-liners of the progressive left, and #MeToo movement feminists.

Biden needs to try, at least, to clear the air, not only for his fellow Democrats, who have been put on the defensive by the right's relentless Tara-Tara-Tara drumbeat, but also for women's rights advocates, particularly the #MeToo movement, whose leaders are divided in this case by their own controversial "believe all women" mantra.

Reade, a staff assistant in the early 1990s in Biden's Senate office, was one of the women who spoke out last year about Biden's long-running reputation as a Mr. Hands, painfully well-documented (just Google "Joe Biden hands") in a variety of grip-and-grin ceremonial photos over the years.

Reade said last April that Biden had "rubbed her shoulders and neck" and "played with her hair."

She told The Union, a California newspaper, that she didn't feel sexualized. Instead she "compared the experience to being a lamp ... when it's too bright you throw it away."

But the story heated up after a March interview with left-wing podcaster Katie Halper in which Reade claimed Biden pushed her against a wall and penetrated her with his fingers.

The New York Times obtained a copy of a report Reade filed with the Washington, D.C., police in March, saying she was the victim of a sexual assault in 1993, the Times said. The report does not mention Biden by name, but she said the complaint was about him.

Reade also was unable to produce a copy of a complaint she said she filed with the Senate in 1993, and Biden's campaign said they had no copy of it either.

In the past month, The New York Times and The Washington Post have taken deep-dive investigations into the allegations, but come back with inconclusive results. Although a few people have corroborated parts of her accounts, there are inconsistencies. They include her claim to have filed a complaint with congressional authorities. Such a complaint would have automatically triggered an inquiry, but so far no evidence of it has turned up.

There's more, including some other independent probes that raise questions about her account and her credibility. Besides her complaint against Biden, some stories question her suddenly acquired deep appreciation for Russian leader Vladimir Putin.

A reader sent me a report on Medium by Brian and Eddie Krassenstein that looks like a made-to-order opposition research paper for Biden's defense team.

Such stories offer a preview of more he-said-she-said stories to come. It can get pretty nasty out there. Much less certain is whether any of this reaches a resolution clear enough to satisfy both sides before Election Day, if ever.

That's why I think Biden is wise to take a stand of wanting to hear what his accuser has to say whether he — or we — believe her or not. I have never believed the "believe all women" mantra because it makes a hash of a couple of what should be sacred principles in this country: the rule of law and the rights of the accused to be presumed innocent until proved guilty.

That's why I was more than mildly amused to see President Donald Trump's response to a question about Reade's allegations. "I think he should respond," Trump said. "It could be false accusations. I know all about false accusations, I've been falsely charged numerous times — and there is such a thing."

Indeed, there is, although Trump's record of sexual assault and misconduct allegations by more than a dozen women, far more serious than the allegation against Biden, amount to a record to which the president might rather not call our attention — again.

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Art and artists will rise again

For the first time in a long time, the show isn't going on. Only a global pandemic could bring about an edict so counter-intuitive that it feels almost blasphemous just to write it.

You can understand why that's so disconcerting for so many. Stages have gone dark, studios are closed. City streets, typically brimming with improvised performance all around us, have gone eerily silent. As the world continues practicing the strange dance of social distancing, one thing, among many others, is unmistakably missing from our lives: live art.

What we are really missing is each other.

The Brookings Institute noted in a 2019 study that "engaging with art is essential to the human experience," that the arts "challenge us with different points of view, compel us to empathize with 'others,' and give us the opportunity to reflect on the human condition." As the human condition goes, the absence of live performance is a loss of identity — of beautiful voices and instruments, bodies in motion, a culture that is often synonymous with the word "city" itself. Unlike crises of the past, the coronavirus pandemic is unusually surreal for its unprecedented scope and uncertainty.

But we are optimists. Our message is hope, not despair. We know the arts will return stronger. We believe it with full conviction because history proves that nothing keeps productive artists down or out.

The Great Depression gave us "The Grapes of Wrath." The aftermath of 9/11 saw the founding of the Tribeca Film Festival. The Great Recession began in 2008, the same year Lin-Manuel Miranda picked up Ron Chernow's biography of Alexander Hamilton.

For the Joffrey's part, we have lived to survive through the Vietnam War, the AIDS crisis, economic downturns. In 1993, we premiered Gerald Arpino's "Billboards," a wildly successful "pop ballet" set to the music of Prince that saved the company from bankruptcy. Two years later, we made Chicago our permanent home.

Of course, optimism and a cursory history lesson go only so far. The coronavirus, like all crises, has thrown our world into stark relief. We must remember our responsibility to one another and that "together" is what gets us through these hard times.

Yes, life as we know it has changed. But one truism remains: Art will prevail. Why? Because it always does.

— Greg Cameron, Ashley Wheater and Anne Kaplan, The Joffrey Ballet

Ravinia will shine again as a gem

As expected, Ravinia Park announced that this season is being canceled due to the coronavirus. The last time the park was dark was during the Great Depression, according to Howard Reich. Along with the wonderful music, I will miss walking through the park gazing at the myriad elegant tables along with their bounty of food fit for a king and the happy people enjoying this moment in time.

Tragically, I also think about the musicians not performing and the restaurants and high-quality grocery stores that provided fare for Ravinia from all over the area and their employees mostly put out of work by this pandemic. As was the case in the 1930s when the venue reopened, it became the crown jewel it currently is today, and once again, hopefully next year, the park can reopen to rave reviews with the same elegance and style.

— Howard Kirschner, Morton Grove

The state's leaders have work to do

I know I will be accused of living in a fairy tale world by posing this question: Why can't the people of Illinois receive better leadership?

While I appreciate and applaud the current work of our governor and Chicago's mayor in helping guide us safely through the coronavirus pandemic, the fact is that Illinois has been fiscally mismanaged for decades, and our leadership should acknowledge it.

Gov. J.B. Pritzker and Mayor Lori Lightfoot did not create the problems, but denying and pointing fingers at other states' issues when Illinois is called out by the president is less than good leadership.

It was Illinois' Senate president who requested the outrageous, shameless amount of over $40 billion in federal aid, expecting taxpayers in other parts of the country to bail out our mistakes. So if we are publicly shamed, we earned it.

That does not mean our leadership cannot put the past behind and lead us through the process of reform and fiscal sanity.

The good people of Illinois will follow good leadership. Please take the challenge.

— Patricia M. Bidwill, Glenview

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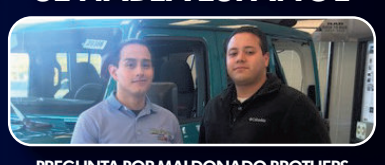
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States fall short of US test minimum

Lack of widespread screens may lead to more shutdowns

By Christina A. Cassidy, Matthew Perrone, Jason Dearen and Nicky Forster
Associated Press



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A crowd of people, only some of them masked, waits Saturday for a Blue Angels and Thunderbirds flyover in Washington.

ATLANTA — As more states begin to relax their coronavirus lockdowns, most are falling short of the minimum levels of testing suggested by the federal government and recommended by a variety of public health researchers, an Associated Press analysis has found.

Three months into an unprecedented public health emergency, the White House has largely resisted calls for a coordinated plan to conduct the millions of tests experts say are needed to contain the virus. What federal officials outlined recently isn't even an official benchmark, and AP's analysis found that a majority of states are not yet meeting it.

With no specific guidelines, states are left to figure out what a successful testing program should be while they simultaneously try to reopen their shattered economies. If states don't have robust testing, public health experts say they will be unable to detect outbreaks quickly enough to contain them, which could lead to more shutdowns.

"It's dangerous and irresponsible," said Lawrence Gostin, a public health specialist at Georgetown University.

In many states, testing has been limited to hospitalized patients, high-risk individuals and front-line workers. But most public health experts agree that containing the virus will require a massive expansion of testing that eventually includes millions of patients without symptoms, which is not happening now.

A testing blueprint released last week by the Trump administration lacked any metrics state officials could use to make informed decisions. Instead, the document made clear that states are responsible for testing, saying the federal government is the "supplier of last resort."

The closest the White House has come to issuing a benchmark does not appear in the document. At a recent briefing, senior administration officials said the government would provide each state with enough tests, swabs and related materials to screen at least 2.6% of their populations in May and June. Those hit harder by the outbreak would be eligible for additional assistance.

It was unclear how the 2.6% figure was reached. When asked about it, officials with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services described it as 2% of state populations per month without explaining the discrepancy. Officials also did not respond to questions about whether the administration has a target for how many daily tests should be done nationwide or when it would issue more details.

Only about 40% of states currently meet even the 2% testing threshold, according to AP's analysis. The percentage is expected to rise as states increase their testing capabilities. The AP based the monthly testing rate for each state on the average number of new daily tests over the most recent 7 days. The data is from the COVID Tracking Project and includes counts up to April 30.

A White House spokesman said Friday that the administration's testing threshold is only a suggestion and states are ultimately responsible for deciding how to reopen in a "safe and responsible manner." The administration says it is working to expand testing and has been highlighting plans first announced in March for additional testing sites at retail pharmacy chains.

States that do not meet the administration's testing guidance, based on their current screening rates, include some that have been moving into the early stages of reopening, such as Colorado, South Carolina and Texas.

Georgia, which has moved aggressively to ease restrictions and lift its stay-at-home order, is just under the 2% threshold.

Louisiana and Kansas, where Republican lawmakers have been putting pressure on Democratic governors to reopen, are falling short, according to the AP analysis. In Kansas, the governor and top health administrator expect to reach the 2% mark this month.

Florida, which announced its first phase of reopening will start this week, also falls short but has said it will be able to test 30,000 to 40,000 people a day if needed.

Former health officials and experts were critical of the testing blueprint and said the 2.6% or 2% population metric was too vague and didn't take into account guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control on who should be tested.

"Why don't they say, 'We'll test everybody with any symptoms of coronavirus and all their contacts?' " said Dr. James Curran, a former assistant U.S. surgeon general who worked at CDC for 25 years. "If that amounts to 2% that's fine, but the guidelines are not to test 2%. The guidelines are to test who needs it."

Many experts already say the national testing rate falls short of what is needed to safely ease social distancing guidelines.

Researchers at Harvard have calculated that the U.S. needs to be testing roughly 500,000 people per day before considering easing restrictions this month. That's a nearly 150% increase from the recent daily tally of approximately 200,000 tests.

Virus upends long-held Supreme Court traditions

Arguments held by phone, live audio broadcasts are firsts

By Mark Sherman and Jessica Gresko
Associated Press



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For the first time, the Supreme Court will hear arguments by phone on Monday due to the pandemic. Monday kicks off a stretch in which the high court will hear 10 cases in six days.

WASHINGTON — The coronavirus pandemic is forcing big changes at the tradition-bound Supreme Court. The justices will hear arguments this month by telephone for the first time since Alexander Graham Bell patented his invention in 1876.

Audio of the arguments will be broadcast live by the news media, another first. This will be just the second time that the justices will meet outside the court since the Supreme Court building opened in 1935. (Discovery of anthrax in a court mailroom in 2001 forced a temporary relocation to another federal courthouse less than a mile away.)

The first argument is Monday, and the court will hear 10 cases over six days. Among the cases to be argued: President Donald Trump's bid to keep certain financial records private and whether presidential electors are required to cast their Electoral College ballots for the candidate who won their state.

Here are a few things to know ahead of the arguments:

Seniority rules: Supreme Court arguments are generally freewheeling affairs, with rapid-fire questions coming at advocates. That often means the justices trip over each other trying to get in a question.

This time, the justices will ask questions in order of seniority, with Chief Justice John Roberts going first and Justice Brett Kavanaugh, the last to speak. Doing things in seniority order is routine at the court.

One justice you probably won't hear much from is Clarence Thomas, who is the longest-serving member of the court. He almost never asks questions, and he's said he thinks his colleagues interrupt the lawyers before them too much.

Dress code — robes optional: Before taking the bench, the justices gather behind the courtroom to put on their black robes and shake hands, another tradition upended by the virus outbreak. But with no one to see them, they could just as easily wear their bathrobes.

The same goes for lawyers who argue before the Supreme Court. Appropriate court attire for lawyers, the court says, is "conservative business dress in traditional dark colors." Think navy blue, or charcoal gray. Sweatpants come in those colors, don't they?

Meanwhile, the Justice Department says the government's lawyers will wear their traditional long-tailed formal morning coats and present their arguments from the conference room of the solicitor general, the government's top Supreme Court lawyer.

No buzzer, no lights: Five minutes before the justices take the bench, a buzzer sounds in the courtroom. It sounds again right before they emerge from behind the courtroom's red velvet curtains. No warnings are likely over the phone, the court said, and it's not as though the lawyers need any.

They'll get a call at 9:15 a.m. EDT, 45 minutes before arguments begin. At 10, the court's marshal, Pamela Talkin, will call the court to order. It's possible there will be some variation on her usual cry that begins with the phrase: "Oyez! Oyez! Oyez!"

Another courtroom cue will be missing. Typically lawyers arguing before the court get a warning that their time is about to expire: a white light that goes on at the podium where they are arguing. A red light goes on when it's time to stop talking. "Arguing counsel have been encouraged to keep their own time for argument, so that they can independently determine how much time is remaining," court spokeswoman Kathy Arberg said.

Everyone gets a seat: If you're a member of the public, getting a ticket to watch a Supreme Court argument is like winning the lottery. The tickets are free, but there are fewer than 100 seats typically available to the public and to get one you have to line up before dawn.

And that's just for cases that are snoozers. Watching a blockbuster can mean spending days in line, or paying someone to do it on your behalf. People waited through a rainy night and falling temperatures for arguments in November over legal protections for young immigrants.

This time, with arguments beginning at the traditional 10 a.m. in Washington, D.C., even West Coasters can stay in bed past dawn and still have time to tune in to C-SPAN to hear the proceedings.

Still no cameras: Many state Supreme Courts and one federal appeals court, in San Francisco, regularly have live video of their courtroom sessions, and have continued to do so even as they have moved to remote hearings because of the virus.

But that's a bridge too far for the Supreme Court. The justices won't even have any internal video link that would allow them to see each other during the arguments, Arberg said.

14-hour food line? It's happening in S. Africa

By Bram Janssen and Jerome Delay
Associated Press



JEROME DELAY/AP

Thousands line up to receive food handouts Saturday in the Olievenhoutbos township of Midrand, South Africa.

OLIEVENHOUTBOS, South Africa — Thousands of people stood in line for hours Saturday in a South African township waiting for handouts of food.

The scene has repeated itself for days in one of the world's most unequal countries as charities haul essentials to low-income neighborhoods suffering under coronavirus restrictions.

A five-week lockdown, one of the world's strictest, eased slightly Friday, allowing more businesses to resume and giving more hungry people a chance to support themselves and their families.

Social distancing collapsed in parts of the line that wound past battered shopfronts, though some people turned and stretched out their arms, making sure to stay beyond fingertips' reach.

"Please, when you move forward just keep the same distance," a soldier called out.

Some weary people scrubbed their faces in frustration. Others pulled their jackets over the heads as protection from the sun.

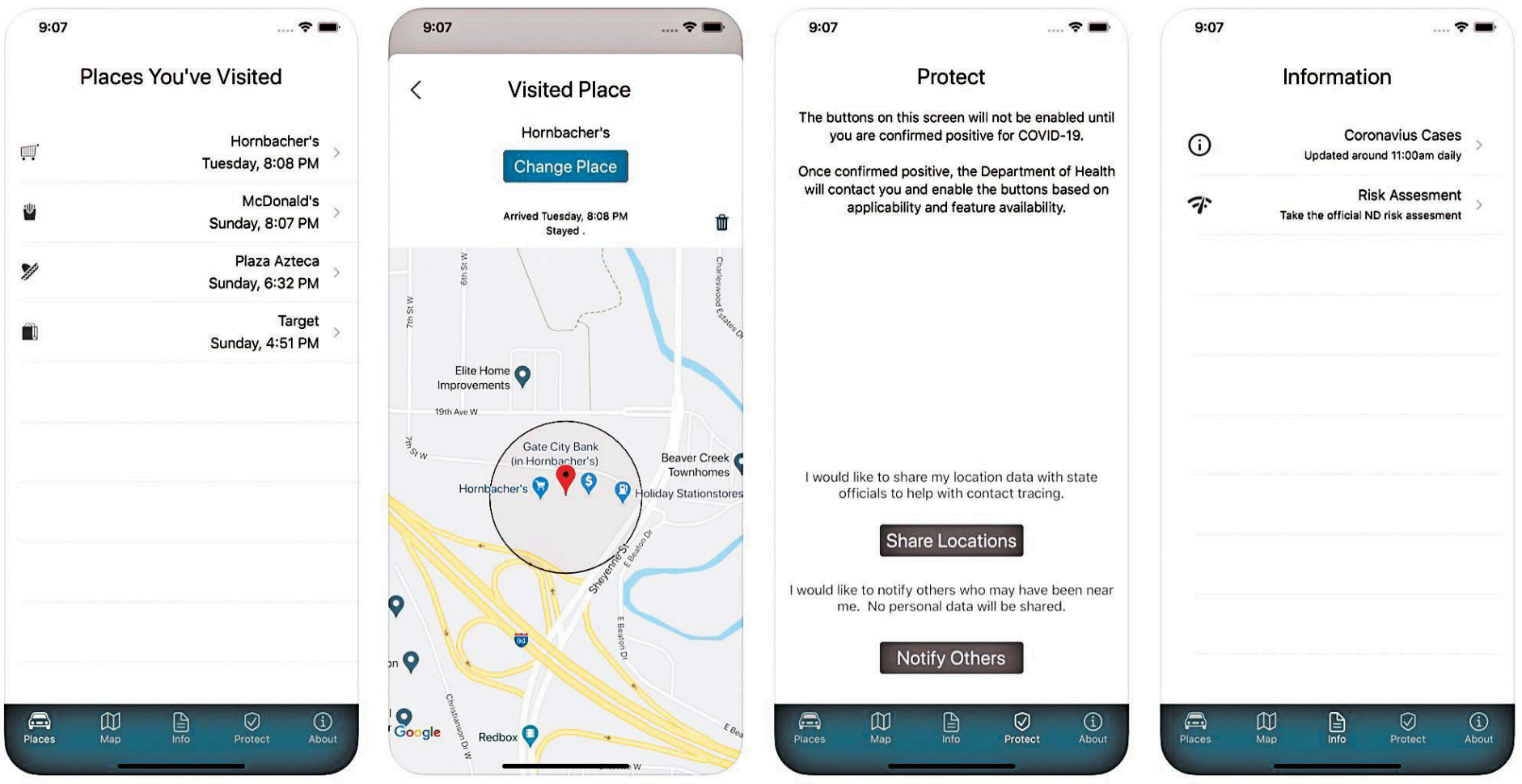
"I'm waiting here, I'm sure it's now 14 hours and some minutes. Fourteen hours and some minutes, since yesterday I was waiting here," Melvyn Mangura, a 37-year-old painter, said.

The local Mahlasedi Foundation is one of many charities handing out packages of food that contain maize meal, boxed milk, tinned fish and beans.

President Cyril Ramaphosa has emphasized that his government is trying to balance the need to curb the spread of the virus with pressure to minimize economic hardships. South Africa has the most virus cases in Africa with more than 5,900.

"Our people need to eat. They need to earn a living," the president said late last month while announcing the start of a phased recovery of economic activity.

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VIA THE NEW YORK TIMES

A smartphone app being used in North and South Dakota as part of statewide efforts to ramp up contact tracing for people infected with the coronavirus.

Virus apps raise concerns

Slew of new phone software for tracking coronavirus exposure could shrink epidemic but imperil privacy

By Jennifer Valentino-DeVries, Natasha Singer and Aaron Krolik
The New York Times

Faced with a growing coronavirus threat, the governor of North Dakota in March posed a question to a friend from his private-sector days. The friend, a software engineer, had once created a location-tracking app for football fans at North Dakota State University who liked to meet up when traveling to big games.

"Can you track people for COVID?" asked Gov. Douglas Burgum.

Within days, the engineer, Tim Brookins, had reworked the football app to do just that, he recalled. The app is now being used in North and South Dakota as part of statewide efforts to ramp up contact tracing for people infected with the coronavirus.

The new app is part of a worldwide scramble to deploy smartphone tools to rein in the pandemic. If the virus's path can be tracked, even predicted, the hope is that more people will be able to resume at least part of their normal routines — and fewer will need to confine themselves at home.

At their core, the apps are intended to gather information about the movements of people who have tested positive for the virus, alert others who might have crossed their paths and, in some cases, make sure infected people stay quarantined.

They use smartphone technologies, such as GPS and Bluetooth, to collect and share the data, making them agile and easy to use but also providing an enticing target for hackers or government surveillance.

Several dozen countries, states, universities and companies are racing to develop and begin using the digital tools, which public health experts said could improve person-to-person contact tracing but are not a panacea. The mad dash has left some places with a confusing mishmash of options and has some computer security researchers worried about vulnerabilities in hastily written software.

There is no evidence that the apps will be effective without widespread testing for the virus and without enormous numbers of voluntary participants, which could be hampered by years of privacy scandals involving both governments and companies.

Aware of the problems, Apple and Google announced in April they were creating software that public health authorities could use to make apps.

The tool will allow different apps to work together and has the support of many privacy experts. But several technology law scholars expressed concern that even well-intentioned digital surveillance tools could become problematic and are difficult to withdraw.

"We've already learned what moving fast and breaking things can do to society," said Woodrow Hartzog, a professor of law and computer science at Northeastern University, referring to the negative consequences of a tech mindset that values speed and disruption above all else.

Only 25,000 people in North Dakota, about 3% of the population, have downloaded the state's app, which before two weeks ago was available only for iPhones.

In March, Singapore introduced a voluntary contact-tracing app, but only about 1.1 million people — 20% of the population — have downloaded it. Norway's app has caught on more quickly, with nearly 30% of residents signing up for it since it was released last month.

Still, a recent study by epidemiologists at Oxford University estimated that 60% of the population in a given area would need to use an automated app that traces contacts and notifies users of exposure, combined with other tactics such as broader testing and the quarantining of the most vulnerable people, for the app to contain the virus.

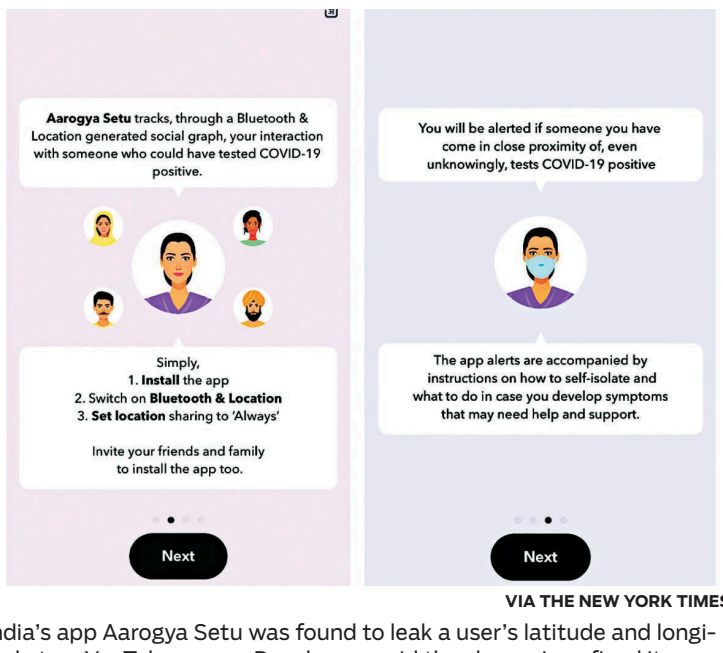
While some compliance is better than none, the researchers found, low rates of adoption in many areas suggest voluntary programs may not provide a breakthrough.

"With 10%, 20%, 30% uptake of the app, you get a progressive reduction in the size of the epidemic," said Christophe Fraser, an expert in infectious disease dynamics and control at the Big Data Institute at Oxford, who has advised Britain's National Health Service on an app it is developing.

Despite the uncertainty, some health experts say the virus spreads so quickly and stealthily that there is an urgent need for new mechanisms to combat it. Even with partial participation, for example, the apps can allow traditional contact tracing to focus on people without phones, who are often poorer, older and more vulnerable. Only about half of Americans ages 65 and over have a smartphone.

"Automated contact tracing is a big idea, an ambitious idea," said Dr. Louise Ivers, the executive director of the Center for Global Health at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, who has been working with a team at MIT to develop contact-tracing technology. "But it's important to be ambitious right now."

The proliferation of coronavirus apps has trailed the spread of the pandemic around the globe. Often, the differences among apps are technical ones but can create vast differences in their security, privacy and effectiveness.



VIA THE NEW YORK TIMES

India's app Aarogya Setu was found to leak a user's latitude and longitude to a YouTube server. Developers said they have since fixed it.

In February, China began requiring residents in more than 200 cities to download a health code app that automatically dictates whether people must quarantine. Location data is sent to the government from the phones, but it is unclear how the quarantine decisions are made.

By contrast, Singapore's app uses Bluetooth rather than location data to identify nearby phones, and the information is stored on the phones unless a person tests positive for the virus and agrees to share the data with contact tracers, who can then notify others who may have been exposed.

In Norway, the app sends data from the phone's GPS and Bluetooth to central servers that can be accessed by government health authorities. A new law mandates that the information be used only for the pandemic and that it be deleted every 30 days.

North Dakota's app, Care19, uses Wi-Fi, cell towers and GPS to gauge people's locations, usually within about 175 feet, making it much less accurate than Bluetooth-based apps. This means it is now useful only to help patients tell contact tracers where they were while they were contagious.

An analysis by The New York Times confirmed that the app sends people's location data to a private server hosted on Microsoft's cloud platform. Brookins, the developer, said that only he and one other person had access to the server and that health officials could get the data only of people who tested positive for the coronavirus and then agreed to share it.

India, which, like the United States, is relying on a combination of state and federal efforts to tackle the pandemic, is a case study in the rush for new technologies.

A quarantine app in the Indian state of Maharashtra, which includes the country's most populous city, Mumbai, uses GPS data collected from people's smartphones to create a virtual perimeter around their homes. If users move beyond their permitted radius, the app notifies local authorities.

Another app, called Quarantine Watch, in Karnataka state, also records the locations of certain people under quarantine and requires them to take selfies to prove they are staying home.

In an effort to coordinate public health surveillance, the central government of Prime Minister Narendra Modi introduced its own contact-tracing app in early April. The app, called Aarogya Setu — or health care bridge — uses smartphone location data and Bluetooth to log people's travel routes and the other phones they encounter. With urging from Modi, more than 77 million people, about 5.6% of the population, have downloaded it so far. Local authorities are promoting the Modi government's app along with their own.

An expert advising the Modi government on its app said it had already helped public health monitors pinpoint hot spots for the virus and speed their door-to-door visits to certain neighborhoods to alert residents, many of whom did not own smartphones.

But civil liberties groups have warned that the rush to adopt virus-tracking technologies may entrench new forms of government surveillance and social control even if the apps do not prove effective in fighting the coronavirus.

"They just pilot it out, see how it works and, as the debate is taking place, they scale the project — and once it's scaled, then it becomes a lot harder to roll back," said Sidharth Deb, the policy and parliamentary counsel for the Internet Freedom Foundation, a digital rights group in New Delhi.

An analysis by The Times found that the Quarantine Watch app, which is available on Google Android, lacked common security measures, and that the Android version of the Aarogya Setu app leaked a user's latitude and longitude to a YouTube server.

Google, which owns YouTube, said that the Aarogya Setu app appeared to have sent the location data inadvertently and that YouTube would delete it. The app developers said Sunday that they had fixed the problem.

An official in Karnataka said that the app used essential security measures and that the issues identified by The Times had been resolved.

The wide-ranging efforts, and their varying quality, have led to calls for industry standards related to privacy and other matters.

Whether to send data to central health authorities is the biggest sticking point.

Technologists who focus on privacy say the best way to prevent governments from using data to surveil people is to never let them have it in the first place.

"You can look at what happened after 9/11," said James Larus, the dean of the School of Computer and Communications Science at EPFL, a science-focused university in Switzerland. "There were all these consequences for privacy made possible by a crisis."

But centralized collection of the data may be essential for effective contact tracing, others argue.

"Having location history helps you better identify where infections might be, helps you identify the hot spots," said Lalitesh Katragadda, the founder of Indihood, a group developing technologies for underserved populations, and an adviser on the Indian government's app.

A key to making the apps successful, proponents said, is persuading people that the apps will help keep them safe and allow them to emerge from lockdowns.

"When you hear people saying there will never be takeup of the app," said Fraser, the Oxford epidemiologist, "they are talking like we are not in the world we are currently in."



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Singapore's app uses Bluetooth rather than location data to identify nearby phones, which is more secure.

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As pressure grows, virus vaccine race ramps up

The intensity for a 'holy grail' reaches breakneck pace

By David E. Sanger, David D. Kirkpatrick, Carl Zimmer, Katie Thomas and Sui-Lee Wee
The New York Times

WASHINGTON — Four months after a mysterious new virus began its deadly march around the globe, the search for a vaccine has taken on an intensity never before seen in medical research, with huge implications for public health, the world economy and politics.

Seven of the roughly 90 projects being pursued by governments, pharmaceutical makers, biotech innovators and academic laboratories have reached the stage of clinical trials. With political leaders — not least President Donald Trump — increasingly pressing for progress, and with big potential profits at stake for the industry, drugmakers and researchers have signaled that they are moving ahead at unheard-of speeds.

But the whole enterprise remains dogged by uncertainty about whether any coronavirus vaccine will prove effective, how fast it could be made available to millions or billions of people and whether the rush — compressing a process that can take 10 years into 10 months — will sacrifice safety.

Some experts say the more immediately promising field might be the development of treatments to speed recovery from COVID-19, an approach that has generated some optimism in the last week through initially encouraging research results on remdesivir, an antiviral drug once tried against Ebola.

In an era of intense nationalism, the geopolitics of the vaccine race are growing as complex as the medicine. Months of mutual vilification between the United States and China over the origins of the virus have poisoned most efforts at cooperation between them. The U.S. government is already warning that American innovations must be protected from theft — chiefly from Beijing.

"Biomedical research has long been a focus of theft, especially by the Chinese government, and vaccines and treatments for the coronavirus are today's holy grail," John Demers, assistant attorney general for national security, said Friday. "We will use all the tools we have to safeguard American research."

The intensity of the global research effort is such that governments and companies are building production lines before they have anything to produce.

"You don't wait until you get an answer before you start manufacturing." Dr. Anthony Fauci, the director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and the federal government's top expert on infectious diseases, said this past week.

With the demand for a vaccine so intense, there are escalating calls for "human-challenge trials" to speed the process: tests in which volunteers are injected with a potential vaccine and then deliberately exposed to the coronavirus.

Because the approach involves exposing participants to a potentially deadly disease, challenge trials are ethically fraught. But they could be faster than simply inoculating human subjects and waiting for them to be exposed.

Even when promising solutions are found, there are big challenges to scaling up production and distribution. Bill Gates, the Microsoft founder whose foundation is spending $250 million to help spur vaccine development, has warned about a critical shortage of medical glass.

Without sufficient supplies of the glass, there will be too few vials to transport the billions of doses that will ultimately be needed.

The scale of the problem and the demand for a quick solution are bound to create tensions between the profit motives of the pharmaceutical industry, which typically fights hard to wring the most out of their investments in new drugs, and the public's need for quick action to get any effective vaccines to as many people as possible.

Given the proliferation of vaccine projects, the best outcome may be none of them emerging as a clear winner.

"Let's say we get one vaccine quickly but we can only get 2 million doses of it at the end of next year," said Anita Zaidi, who directs the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation's vaccine development program. "And another vaccine, just as effective, comes three months later but we can make a billion doses. Who won that race?"

The answer, she said, "is we will need many different vaccines to cross the finish line."

It is one thing to design a vaccine in record time. It is a different challenge to manufacture and distribute one on a scale never attempted — billions of doses, transported at below-zero temperatures to nearly every corner of the world.

"If you want to give a vaccine to a billion people, it better be very safe and very effective," said Dr. Paul Stoffels, chief scientific officer of Johnson & Johnson. "But you also need to know how to make it in amounts we've never really seen before."



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Pharmacist Michael Witte, left, gives Rebecca Sirull a shot in the first stage of a clinical trial of a potential vaccine for COVID-19 in March at a Seattle health research institute.



LYNNE SLADKY/AP

Livestreaming is one way church services are being delivered during the COVID-19 crisis.

Pass the plate? Not so fast, as US churches rethink routines

By Brendan Farrington
Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — It's almost unheard of to go into a Southern Baptist church and not have a plate passed for donations.

Until now.

"It took a pandemic for a Baptist church to quit passing a plate — that's almost unthinkable," said David Uth, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Orlando and president of the Southern Baptist Pastors Conference on a video conference on how to reopen churches.

"It's close to heresy, real close. It's just not going to be the same."

The meeting was set up by the Florida Family Policy Council and had about 800 church leaders from across the country listening to the conversation about the impact of the coronavirus on religious institutions and what to do going forward. A prominent message was that a church isn't just a building but a community, so there has to be a new way of thinking about spreading God's message and not spreading a disease.

"Everything that we'll do, we'll do outside," said Eli Hendricks, the pastor at a small Tallahassee church. "I will perform baptisms. I feel like that is an instrumental time in the life of a believer."

But he said he will ask people to wear something to cover their faces. And when it comes time for an offering, he too won't pass a plate.

"If you have dozens of people touching them, you raise the risk of that virus being passed," he said.

Instead, pastors said they'll set up donation stations at the front of churches or go back to the long-handled baskets that can be extended down church aisles.

They also talked about different ways to reach people, such as social media, the internet or even "snail mail" to deliver a message instead of encouraging large crowds to gather in the same place. Uth said that included livestreaming a funeral that he only allowed 10 people to attend in person.

"It actually was incredible," he said. "I was so worried going into it that it just wasn't going to be what it can be and should be, but it absolutely was amazing.

"So you know what? I think we can do these things. We just have to do them a little differently.

He said that may mean not opening up churches to large groups.

"What are the essentials that God would say for the church?" Uth said. "We developed a series called essentials, and guess what? Our building wasn't one of them.

"The greatest church is a healthy church."

As far as getting back to normal, Uth said he would take a cue from a being larger than his church.

"When Disney opens, we're going to open," said Uth, who has a church with more than 5,000 members. "That sends a message to the people here that it must be OK. I think we would do well to gain wisdom from them. We don't have to do it at the same time, but at least learn from them."

Churches' plans to move forward during this crisis could create new opportunities, said John Stemberger, president of the Florida Family Policy Council.

"This could be the churches' finest hour," he said. "It really could be if we respond with grace and respond with wisdom."

Workers' dilemma: Infection risk or loss of jobless benefits?

By Jeff Amy and Adrian Sainz
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Some of the millions of American workers laid off because of the coronavirus are beginning to face a tough choice — return to work and risk infection, or stay home and risk losing unemployment payments.

The decision is most pressing in states where governors have started allowing businesses such as restaurants to reopen with social distancing restrictions.

Tyler Price, 26, was called back to his job at Del Frisco's Grille in the Nashville suburb of Brentwood. Tennessee allowed restaurants to open dining rooms at 50% capacity, with servers wearing masks and being tested for fever.

But Price, who has yet to receive unemployment benefits, is wrestling with what do. He said he is "highly susceptible" to respiratory illness and was hospitalized with pneumonia as a child.

"I know what it feels like to be in a hospital, to be drowning in your own lungs," said Price, who moved in with his mother near St. Louis after getting laid off.

He said waiting tables "is impossible to do under social distancing guidelines," and he would prefer to draw unemployment payments.

On Thursday, the Labor Department reported that the business shutdowns and stay-at-home orders caused by the pandemic have led 30 million Americans to file for unemployment insurance, or roughly 1 of every 6 workers.

The design of the unemployment system adds to the pressure. If an employer calls back laid-off workers, they must report to work or are likely to lose their benefits.



NATI HARNIK/AP

Hairstylist Lacey Ward, of Omaha, Nebraska, feels that going back to work puts her family at risk.



JEFF ROBERSON/AP

Tyler Price, now in St. Louis, said waiting tables is "impossible to do under social distancing guidelines."

That's because unemployment insurance is designed to tide people over until they can get back to a job, said Michele Evermore, a senior policy analyst with the National Employment Law Project in New York.

"An unemployed worker cannot refuse suitable work and still continue to collect unemployment insurance," Evermore said. "Presumably, the job you used to have is suitable."

Fear of getting sick or worries that an employer isn't providing adequate infection protection are generally not reasons someone can file for benefits. The latter concern is getting more complicated because some businesses are lobbying to keep employees and customers from suing them over coronavirus transmission.

Lacey Ward, a hairstylist in Omaha, Nebraska, filed for unemployment benefits in mid-March and is still waiting for the first payment. She's been forced to drain her family's savings and feels increasing pressure to return to work. Still, she is worried that Gov. Pete Ricketts' decision to let salons reopen Monday could put her, her husband and two young sons at risk.

"I would rather be safe than sorry," Ward said. "We are not an essential field. I haven't had my hair done in three or four months at this point. But what does it matter? Who are people seeing?"

Ward, 38, said she's so concerned about spreading the virus that she plans to change clothes and wash her hair before she returns home.

"We're playing with fire, physically touching another person," she said.

Some workers are ready to go back. Kathryn Marsilli, 33, is a manager and server at The Collins Quarter restaurant in Savannah, Georgia.

She knows she may make less at work because of reduced business and would like a way for those with fears of the virus to stay home. But she said she wants to go back out of loyalty to the owner and because she's not interested in trying to maximize her unemployment benefits.

"My future where I work is more important to me than trying to get what I can now," Marsilli said.

Other workers may be tempted to hold on to unemployment. Especially in some low-wage regions, laid-off workers may receive more money with the state benefit and the additional $600 a week provided by Congress than they were on the job. The federal boost ends July 31.



MARK LENNIHAN/AP

Brian Stokes Mitchell belts out "The Impossible Dream" from his apartment on New York's Upper West Side.

Serenade puts the front line on center stage

By Jocyln Novcek
Associated Press

NEW YORK — It's a stunning sound, emerging amid the clanging and the whooping and the banging and the honking at 7 each night as New Yorkers cheer front-line workers: the velvety baritone of Brian Stokes Mitchell.

For decades, Mitchell's voice has been one of the most celebrated in the Broadway theater, evoking goosebumps in musicals like "Kiss Me, Kate," for which he won a Tony, and "Man of La Mancha," in which he played Don Quixote.

Now, with Broadway's houses shuttered due to the coronavirus, the voice rings out from a fifth-floor apartment on the Upper West Side — fittingly on Broadway, a couple miles from the theater district.

"This is my quest," Mitchell sings, leaning precariously out his window, launching directly into the meatiest part of "The Impossible Dream." — "To follow that star. No matter how hopeless, no matter how far."

Mitchell, 62, is looking to serenade crews of ambulances, fire engines, police cars, or medical workers. When they stop and listen, Mitchell sings directly to them. And when people clap, he sweeps his arms as if to say: "Not me. Them."

Mitchell's gratitude stems from a personal ordeal. He is a survivor of the coronavirus, falling ill in late March. One night, he had a fever nearing 105 degrees, and almost was hospitalized. He's been symptom-free for several weeks.

"I'd been going to the window to applaud for the health care workers like everybody else in New York," he says. "Then one night I spontaneously thought, 'Oh, I think my lungs feel like I can sing now.' "

He thought it would be a one-night gig. But people kept coming.

For now, Mitchell keeps busy with his unpaid gig. "Broadway's closed, but someone's still singing on Broadway!" he quips.

Bridge club gets dealt a deadly hand

Virus wreaks havoc in center popular with senior citizens

By Jack Healy
The New York Times



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The Colorado Springs Bridge Center has long been a social hub for retirees. The coronavirus has killed four members.

DENVER — It had already been a grim day. The governor of Colorado had just announced the state's first coronavirus death, an 83-year-old woman, when public health investigators discovered where she had spent some of her final days: a bridge club.

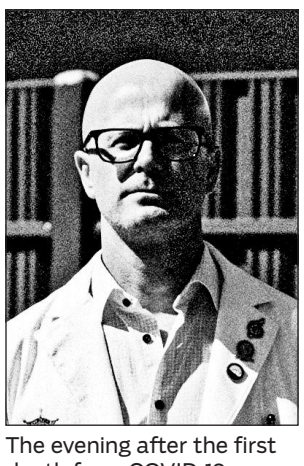
Leon Kelly, the county coroner in Colorado Springs, felt his stomach drop. "It was full-throttle, worst-case scenario," he said.

For decades, the Colorado Springs Bridge Center had been a social hub for retirees immersed in the world of trumps, tricks and cutthroat bidding strategies. The players would spend afternoons inside their clubhouse overlooking Pikes Peak, snacking on popcorn and celery sticks and showing off photos of their grandchildren while playing hand after hand.

Now, the club had become a new breeding ground for a virus that has carved through family funerals, church gatherings, nursing homes and choir practices across the country, striking groups of older, vulnerable people with cruel efficiency.

That evening on March 13, Kelly hurriedly called an aunt and asked her: Tell me everything you can about bridge. How do players sit? How many cards do they touch? He could already picture the virus spreading as players moved from table to table, passing cards from hand to hand, seeding an invisible course of infection.

Four of the bridge center's members are now dead, and at least 25 others have spent the past month fighting symptoms of the virus. The clubhouse is empty. And as members pass their quarantines playing online bridge and sharing updates about who is recovering and who is still in the hospital, some worry that the simple ritual of playing cards together will never feel safe again.



The evening after the first death from COVID-19 was reported in Colorado, Dr. Leon Kelly, El Paso County coroner, called an aunt for a crash course about bridge.

"Bridge is a very social game," said Jeff Rapp, a player who knew the first victim. "We speak to each other. We like to have snacks when we play. There are so many things connected with duplicate bridge that are now dangerous."

In duplicate bridge, partners sit across from each other at a four-person table, and the cards are tucked into plastic trays that circulate from table to table. The game is infinitely complex, but the goal is simple: Make a smart bid, and play the best hand you can with the cards you are dealt.

Bridge was a passion for some. For others, it was a good excuse to get out of the house, keep their minds sharp and connect with friends and neighbors over a $5 game.

"What are the senior citizens going to do for activities?" said John Dukellis, who helped coordinate games. "It's cheaper than a movie. It's their social group. It's their lives. It hit us blindsided."

Members said the coronavirus still seemed like a faraway threat at the end of February, when they got together for some pairs games and a "299er" tournament for beginner and intermediate players over a five-day stretch.

Some were worried enough about the news out of the Pacific Northwest that they skipped the tournament. As they sat down at the blue-topped card tables, people in a Seattle-area nursing home were being rushed to a hospital with fevers and coughs, and the nation's death count from the coronavirus, still in the single digits, was ticking up.

Colorado would not announce its first coronavirus cases until March 5, and like most states, it was not yet restricting businesses or social gatherings or ordering people to stay home. Rapp, 65, who ran some of the games, dug around in the clubhouse closet and set out hand sanitizer.

About 150 people showed up to play from Feb. 27 to March 3. During one hand, a woman shielded her face with cards when an opponent sighed heavily.

"We were aware of coronavirus cases popping up," Rapp said. "The people who wanted to play came to play."

The virus came too.

Public health officials in Colorado Springs say they believe that the 83-year-old woman was the first to bring the virus into the bridge club. She had not traveled recently, and officials said they did not know how she contracted it.

Club members described her as a beginner player who had recently started attending more games because she was excited about the upcoming 299er tournament. Public health officials said she began feeling sick as the tournament went on.

"She was just living her life with minor symptoms like we've all done before," said Kelly, the coroner, who was also drafted to become deputy medical director for the El Paso County's public health agency as the outbreak erupted. "This lady is just one more victim in the chain of events. Not the cause."

She died in a hospital March 13, and her coronavirus test came back positive a couple of hours later. Some of her family was already getting sick.

Public health officials raced to figure out who else might be walking around infected. The club provided a list of 100 bridge players, and the county set up a hotline for people who suspected they had been exposed.

The circle kept growing. One bridge player had gone to a choir practice: Add another 150 names to the list. The county's four-person epidemiology staff got so swamped that it drafted coroner's investigators to start calling.

Pete Coggeshall, 80, was one name on the list. He sat beside the 83-year-old woman March 3. Days later, he started to feel a strange cold coming on. Coca-Cola, which he loved, tasted strange. He avoided the common communion cup during Sunday services at the Rock of Ages Lutheran Church, and then felt worse after he got home. He ended up in a hospital for three days. "It was like somebody hit me with a brick," he said.

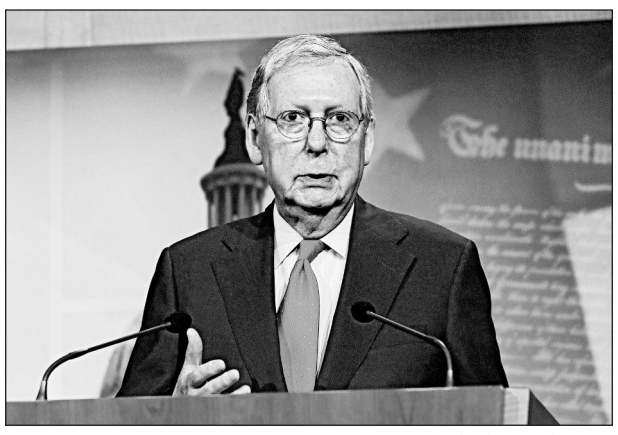
The club has been closed since news broke of the first death, and members say nobody knows when it may reopen. Some are optimistic they will be able to reunite and grieve their friends and play together. Rapp, who helped run some games, is less certain.

"It became ground zero," he said. "There's no telling how long this is going to go on."

For now, one task awaits. Rapp said he planned to collect the cards and burn them.

Senate to convene with risks due to no quick virus testing

By Lisa Mascaro
Associated Press



PATRICK SEMANSKY/AP

When the Senate convenes Monday, Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., thinks it "can conduct our business safely."

WASHINGTON — The Senate is set to convene Monday, but the health risks from the coronavirus are being laid bare as the Capitol physician says there is no way to quickly test the 100 senators and staff.

It's a high-profile snapshot of the national testing shortfall as the Trump administration strives to resume business as usual to kick-start the economy.

As Congress prepares to partially return next week, the legislative branch will be a changed place after all but shuttering for more than a month amid the virus outbreak. Senators are being advised to wear masks, stay 6 feet apart and keep most of their staff working from home, according to official guidance provided to top staff.

On a conference call Thursday, the Capitol physician said his office does not have a testing system available for instant virus checks, as happens at the White House, according to a Republican familiar with the call with GOP chiefs of staff.

Instead, the physician said the office only checks those lawmakers who are showing symptoms. Test results can take up to seven days, he told them.

The U.S. Capitol remains closed to visitors, a shutdown extended to mid-May, and the Washington, D.C., region remains under stay-at-home orders.

While the Senate has scheduled key public hearings, guidance from the Senate Rules Committee says people can view the proceedings online. Several House committees are also expected to hold hearings.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell's office is expected to send out additional guidance ahead of Monday's scheduled reopening, officials said. The House declined this week to bring its 400-plus members back into session after the Capitol physician warned it was not worth the health risks.

McConnell has not said whether he consulted with the physician in deciding to resume Senate operations.

"I think we can conduct our business safely," he said this week on Fox.

Lawmakers are especially concerned about the hundreds of cooks, custodial staff and maintenance workers needed to run the vast Capitol complex, many of whom commute from the region that remains a virus hot spot.

A memo from the Office of the Attending Physician said it "continues to recommend teleworking for all Congressional offices."

But one Republican, Sen. Mike Lee of Utah, in a strict reading of the Constitution, said lawmakers must be present.

"If some of my colleagues in the Senate are really concerned that they won't survive the process of doing what they were hired to do, then perhaps they should consider another line of work," Lee said in a statement.

As Congress considers the next coronavirus aid package, the Senate's attention will largely be focused on what McConnell calls the "personnel business" — confirming the president's judicial and executive branch nominees.

Among those are Justin Walker, a McConnell-backed nominee for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, often seen as stepping stone for future Supreme Court nominees. Also facing a nomination hearing will be John Ratcliffe, the Republican congressman from Texas who is President Donald Trump's choice to be the new director of the Office of National Intelligence.

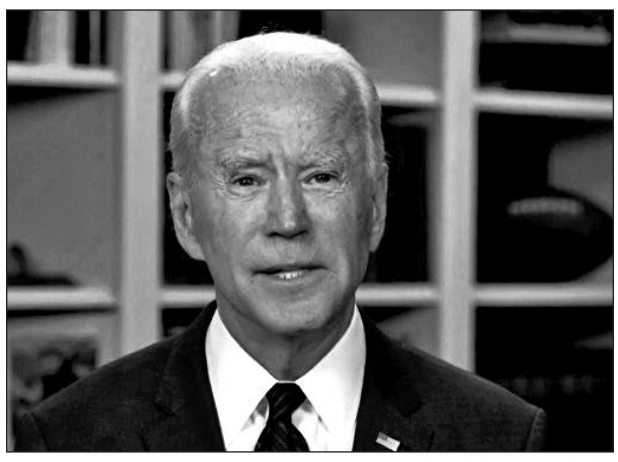
Democrats have called on Trump to implement a national testing strategy, using the wartime Defense Production Act to ensure a steady medical supply of swabs, lab supplies and other testing materials as states consider easing off stay-at-home restrictions.

For the next aid package, Speaker Nancy Pelosi said states and cities are seeking as much as $1 trillion to prevent layoffs as costs skyrocket during the pandemic and revenues plummet during the economic shutdown.

Republicans are resisting what they call a "bailout" for state governments. GOP senators heard privately this week from Hank Paulson, the former Treasury Secretary, about strategies used during the 2008 financial crisis.

Dems' 2020 mantra: 'Believe women' ... but vet any claims

By Laurie Kellman and Bill Barrow
Associated Press



MSNBC'S MORNING JOE

Former Vice President Joe Biden on Friday denied that he sexually assaulted a onetime Senate staffer in 1993.

WASHINGTON — "Believe women" was never a call to believe all women automatically.

That's what leading Democrats, including the prominent figures of the #MeToo movement, are suggesting as they stand behind former Vice President Joe Biden and his bid to unseat President Donald Trump. From House Speaker Nancy Pelosi to the female senators who ran for president and prominent Hollywood activists, they're not backing down after Biden publicly denied a former aide's accusation that he assaulted her in 1993.

"It never happened," Biden said Friday on MSNBC's "Morning Joe."

"Believing women means taking the woman's claim seriously when she steps forward, and then vet it, look into it. That's true in this case as well," he said. "But in the end, the truth is what matters, and in this case, the truth is the claims are false."

There was a clear discomfort and perhaps resentment with being on defense on the issue while campaigning against a president accused by more than two dozen women of sexual misconduct. Trump has denied the allegations. Especially galling to some is the charge by Republicans that Democrats are giving Biden a pass they didn't afford Justice Brett Kavanaugh when he denied Christine Blasey Ford's accusation of sexual assault when they were teenagers.

Pelosi, the nation's highest-ranking Democrat, recognized the maw and curtly stepped around it.

"I don't need a lecture or a speech," she said at her weekly news conference as she cut into a reporter's question about a double standard. "With all the respect in the world for any woman who comes forward, I have the highest regard for Joe Biden. And that's what I have to say about that."

Karen Finney, a prominent Democratic strategist and message-maker who worked for Hillary Clinton's 2016 campaign, rejected the Kavanaugh comparison outright.

In the context of sexual assault allegations, Finney said "believe women" doesn't mean accepting as fact any assertion, but instead means affording women the default credibility to take claims seriously.

"If you start from the premise that this person is telling the truth, then you do the investigation and look at the facts," she said, "and if the facts tell a different story, then that's an important conversation to have."

Biden's supporters in the Senate, too, have stood by him, including some who challenged him for the nomination and are now said to be on his short list for a running mate.

But a few hours after his appearance on MSNBC, Trump's campaign posted a video featuring many of them — Kirsten Gillibrand of New York, Kamala Harris of California and Mazie Hirono of Hawaii — saying in the past that female accusers should be believed.

NH legislator resigns after tweet

Rep. Richard Komi, a state legislator in Manchester, New Hampshire, resigned Saturday after he posted a tweet that dismissed sexual assault allegations against Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden as unlikely because of the way women's bodies are constructed.

Komi, a Democrat, tweeted that a woman's anatomy would make it difficult to digitally penetrate her without "some cooperation from the female herself."

The tweet, since deleted, prompted House Speaker Steve Shurtleff to call for Komi's resignation late Friday over what he described as an "outrageous and offensive tweet about sexual assault and survivors of sexual assault."

Reade alleges that Biden pushed her against a wall in the basement of a Capitol Hill office building in the spring of 1993, groped her and penetrated her with his finger. Last year, Reade publicly accused Biden of inappropriate touching, but she did not allege sexual assault.

Misery deepens for Italy's 'invisibles'

African migrants feeling the crush of country's lockdown

By Trisha Thomas
Associated Press

CASTEL VOLTURNO, Italy — They are known as "the invisibles": Undocumented African migrants who, even before the coronavirus outbreak plunged Italy into crisis, barely scraped by as day laborers, prostitutes, freelance hairdressers and seasonal farm hands.

Locked down for two months in crumbling apartments in a mob-infiltrated town north of Naples, their hand-to-mouth existence has grown even more precarious with no work, no food and no hope.

Italy is preparing to reopen some business and industry Monday in a preliminary easing of its virus shutdown. But there is no indication that "the invisibles" of Castel Volturno will get back to work anytime soon, and no evidence that the government's social nets will ease their misery.

"I need help. Help me. For my children, for my husband, I need help," said a tearful Mary Sado Ofori, a Nigerian hairdresser and mother of three who has been holed up in her overcrowded apartment block. She ran out of milk for her 6-month old, and is getting by on handouts from a friend.

A patchwork team of volunteers, medics, a priest, a cultural mediator and local city hall officials are trying to make sure "the invisibles" aren't forgotten entirely, delivering groceries daily to their choked apartments and trying to provide health care. But the need is outstripping the resources.

"There is an emergency within the COVID emergency which is a social emergency," said Sergio Serraiano, who runs a health clinic in town. "We knew this was going to happen, and we were waiting for it from the beginning."



ALESSANDRA TARANTINO/AP

Mary Sado Ofori, from Nigeria, works as a hairdresser, but with Italy shut down, she gets by on handouts from a friend.

The virus struck hardest in Italy's industrial north, where the first homegrown case was registered Feb. 21 and where most of the infected and 28,000 dead were recorded. The bulk of the government's attention and response focused on reinforcing the health care system there to withstand the onslaught of tens of thousands of sick.

Castel Volturno is another world entirely, a 17-mile strip of land running along the sea north of Naples that is controlled by the Camorra organized crime syndicate. Here there have only been about a dozen COVID cases, and none among the migrants.

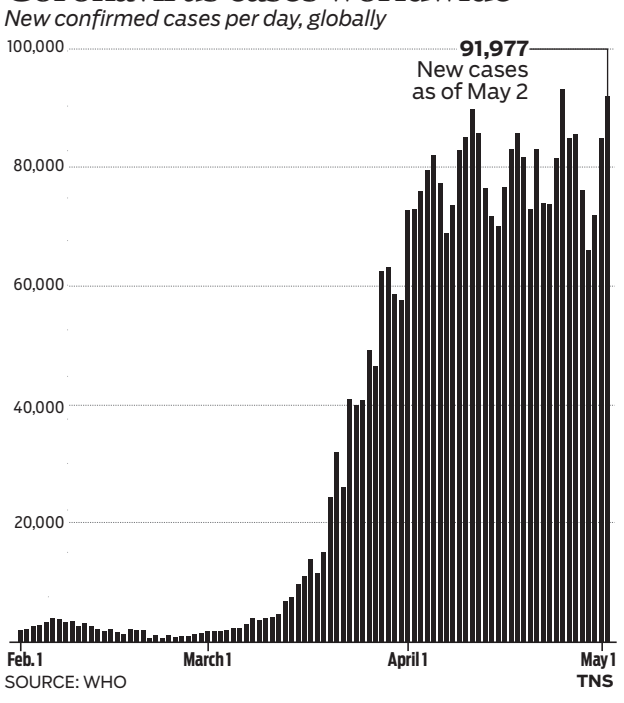
But Castel Volturno has other problems that the COVID crisis has exacerbated. Known as the "Terra dei Fuochi" or land of fires, Castel Volturno and surrounding areas have unusually high cancer rates, blamed on the illegal dumping and burning of toxic waste that have polluted the air, sea and underground wells.

Here the mob runs drugs and waste disposal, and officials have warned the clans are primed to exploit the economic misery that the virus shutdowns have caused.

It is also here that "the invisibles" have settled over the years, many after crossing the Mediterranean from Libya in smugglers boats hoping for a better life. No one knows their numbers for certain, but estimates run as high as 600,000 nationally. In Castel Volturno, a city with an official population of around 26,000, there are estimates of 10,000 to 20,000.

The men get by on day jobs picking tomatoes, lemons or oranges, or in construction where they earn $28 a day. The woman sell their bodies, or if they are lucky, work as freelance hairstylists or selling trinkets on the street.

In normal times, the men gather at 4 a.m., waiting for trucks to take them to farms or construction sites. But since the lockdown, even that illegal off-the-books system known as "caporalato" has ground to a halt.



The migrants, who already were living precariously without official residency or work permits, now can't pay their rent or buy food.

"We don't have electricity. We don't have water. We don't have documents," said Jimmy Donko, a 43-year-old Ghanaian migrant who lives with 46 Nigerian and Ghanaian men in a dark, rundown house where filthy dishes fill the kitchen sink and old blankets serve as curtains over broken windows.

A consortium of unions and nonprofit organizations has called for a general amnesty to legalize undocumented migrants. Government ministers have vowed to help even those in the black-market economy survive the emergency. A proposed law would legalize migrant farmworkers for the strawberry, peach and melon harvests, given that Italy's legal seasonal farm hands have been kept at home in Eastern Europe because of virus travel restrictions.

But no proposals have made it into law, and there is fierce opposition nationwide and in tiny Castel Volturno to any moves to legalize the African workforce currently here.

"We are talking about 20,000 illegal migrants in a population of 26,000 inhabitants — that makes it almost equal one foreigner for one Italian," said Mayor Luigi Petrella, of the right-wing, anti-migrant Brothers of Italy party. "It seems absurd to propose something like that."

That said, city hall is working to feed the masses, teaming up with the local Centro Fernandes refugee center to bring bags of food each day to the locked-down, out-of-work migrants.

The Rev. Daniele Moschetti, a former missionary in Nairobi, Kenya, now delivers groceries to the poor in his homeland.

"It was different when I was in Nairobi," he said. "There was poverty, but it was more human. Here there is something diabolical about all this, something evil in how all these people are treated."

NEWS BRIEFING

Staff and news services

Kim Jong Un's visit to NKorea fertilizer plant stokes concern

The place North Korean leader Kim Jong Un visited may be as significant as his very appearance in public after a three-week absence that raised questions about his health and control of the nuclear-armed state.

State media on Saturday said Kim celebrated completion of the Sunchon Phosphatic Fertilizer Factory near Pyongyang. Although the inspection appeared routine, the facility has long been the subject of high-level attention for its dual-use potential: North Korea could tap it to increase production of food and nuclear weapons.

A research paper in April said the plant offers Kim the opportunity to boost the state's flagging economy by helping agricultural production and can aid in uranium extraction from phosphoric acid, allowing North Korea to conceal its nuclear activities from the world.

Inmates riot at Brazil prison over no visits during pandemic

RIO DE JANEIRO — Rioting inmates at a prison in the northern state of Amazonas held seven guards hostage for several hours Saturday, protesting against the suspension of all visits in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic, authorities said.

After more than five hours, the state's public security secretariat said the situation inside Puraquequara prison was brought under control without any casualties and the guards freed.

Visits at the facility were suspended in mid-March, family members said, and rumors that the virus has began to spread inside have been on social media for weeks. Without visits, most families are cut off from loved ones with no way of contacting them.

Riots often occur in Brazil's understaffed and overcrowded prisons.

5.4-magnitude earthquake strikes southern Puerto Rico

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — A 5.4-magnitude earthquake struck near southern Puerto Rico on Saturday, briefly knocking out power and forcing the relocation of at least 50 families on an island where some people still remain in shelters from quakes earlier this year.

There were no immediate reports of casualties.

The U.S. Geological Survey said the quake hit at a depth of 5.6 miles near the city of Ponce and the towns of Guanica and Guayanilla, where hundreds of homes were destroyed by a quake in early January that killed one person and caused millions of dollars in damage.

Most of the damage was reported in Ponce, about 75 miles southwest of San Juan.

Several aftershocks hit Puerto Rico's southern region, including a 4.9-magnitude one.



JON SHAPLEY/HOUSTON CHRONICLE

Authorities investigate the scene of a helicopter crash early Saturday at an apartment complex in Houston. One officer on board was killed, while a second was injured.

Copter crash leaves 1 Houston police officer dead, 1 injured

HOUSTON — A Houston police helicopter crashed early Saturday, killing one of the two officers on board and critically injuring the other, while assisting a call to search for bodies in a nearby bayou, officials said.

A pilot and tactical flight officer were aboard a helicopter when it crashed at an apartment complex around 2 a.m. They were flown to a hospital where the tactical flight officer died, police Chief Art Acevedo said hours after the crash during a news conference, where he was joined by the city's mayor, Sylvester Turner.

The department identified the officer who died as Tactical Flight Officer Jason Knox. He is survived by a wife and two young children, Acevedo said.

No cause for the crash was given and Acevedo said the National Transportation Board and the Federal Aviation Administration would investigate while Houston police conduct a separate homicide investigation.

Acevedo noted that shots rang out across the street from the scene at around 3 a.m. and six people were taken into custody.

The crash investigation would explore whether the helicopter was struck by gunfire, Acevedo said, noting instances in his previous work in Austin and California when police helicopters were fired upon.

The pilot, Senior Police Officer Chase Cormier, was "very banged up," and had serious injuries, but was conscious Saturday afternoon. There were no injuries to anyone on the ground at the apartment complex, Acevedo told reporters.

The helicopter was supposed to assist with a search for bodies in a bayou, which was prompted by a tip that the police chief characterized as "probably a bogus call — we don't know."

Sudan set to criminalize female genital mutilation

CAIRO — Sudanese officials said Saturday they are working to criminalize the widespread practice of female genital mutilation after the transitional government approved a landmark draft law.

Under the proposed amendment to the criminal code, anyone found guilty of performing the procedure would be sentenced to up to three years in prison, according to a copy obtained by The Associated Press.

The law must be ratified by a joint meeting of the Cabinet and the sovereign council, which assumed power after last year's overthrow of longtime President Omar al-Bashir.

Female genital mutilation is a deeply rooted practice in Sudan and other countries in Africa, Asia and the Middle East, where it is traditionally seen as a way of curbing female sexual desire to reinforce conservative behavior.

Philippines verifying if headless body is adventurer

MANILA, Philippines — Philippine military officials said Saturday the headless body of a man and a boat have been found and authorities were verifying if he could be a Chinese adventurer who went missing while rowing across the Pacific Ocean last year.

Regional military commander Lt. Gen. Cirilito Sobejana said the head of the man found in the southernmost province of Tawi Tawi may have been severed by strong waves as the body drifted.

Ransom-seeking Abu Sayyaf militants have taken hostages in the region in the past and decapitated some of them, but in the case of the remains found in Tawi Tawi, Sobejana told The Associated Press there was no sign of beheading.

Military officials in a report said the body clad in a dive suit was found April 24 by a villager.

In London: Prime Minister Boris Johnson and fiancee Carrie Symonds named their baby boy Wilfred Lawrie Nicholas Johnson in honor of their grandfathers and doctors who saved the U.K. leader's life when he was hospitalized with COVID-19.

Symonds made the announcement on Instagram Saturday, posting a picture of her cradling her 3-day-old son and explaining the name choice.

The birth came days after Johnson returned to work following his hospitalization for the coronavirus. He spent a week at London's St. Thomas' hospital, including three nights in intensive care.

Johnson was present for the birth but back at 10 Downing St. within hours.

OBITUARIES

Remembering the lives of those from 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.

MILTON SIVELS JR., 68

From Park Forest. Died April 15.



BRITTANY SIVELS

Milton Trey Sivels III called his father "Pops" — and he was not alone.

Milton Sivels Jr. was a father figure to hundreds of young men as the founder and head coach of the Chicago Firehawks, a semipro football team.

"When he was a kid, football kept him busy and off the streets," said his wife, Janice Sivels. "This was his way of giving back. He taught men how to be dads and husbands. He listened to their problems and came up with solutions.

"He wasn't a big man, a broad man or a tall man, but he was a giant in so many ways."

Sivels died April 15 at Franciscan Health Olympia Fields. He was 68 and a cancer survivor but caught pneumonia in January and was transferred to a rehabilitation facility in Matteson. Combined with the effects of COVID-19, he could not recover.

Janice Sivels, his wife of 39 years, called him "selfless" and used his final wish as an example.

"My husband," she said, "wanted to be cremated. He said: 'Please don't spend a lot of money to have any kind of funeral. I don't want you to put that money in the ground. Celebrate and party and have a wonderful time. Talk about the good times we had.'

"He is still thinking about everybody else."

Sivels played football at Lindblom Tech and Upper Iowa University before meeting Janice at the University of Iowa. He played running back for several semipro teams in the Midwest in the early '80s.

His resume was diverse, with stints at Soft Sheen (hair care) Products, M&J's barbecue restaurant, Home Depot and as an accountant at EMA Reality.

"He was a man of a lot of talents," Janice Sivels said.

When daughter Brittany joined the choir at Crete-Monee High School, her father became the group's unofficial vocal coach. He trained her in basketball and track, and they watched Doris Day movies together.

"He could do no wrong for me," she said. "He was very supportive of anything I wanted to do — model, act, sing. I'm daddy's girl. From childhood up to until he passed, my eyeballs were on him."

He coached his son on the Firehawks, with "Trey" Sivels describing his father's "mild-mannered" style: "He wasn't a yeller and he would not belittle a player. He'd talk to you on the side and try to build up your confidence."

Sivels often would cover the fees of players who could not afford them.

"He'd take money out of our household so guys had jerseys and could afford the bus," his son said. "When I was younger I was like: Man, forget them. If they can't pay, they can't play."

Former players lauded Sivels during a 71-minute podcast dedicated to his memory called: "Milton Sivels Jr. (The Man of Men)."

Hosts Lamon Hudson and Terrence Dills of "Here's the Thing with Huddie & Tay" included tributes from former players. A sample: "Thank you for giving me a second chance. Thank you for believing in me. I will continue your legacy, not only in my offspring but for the next generation. I love you Pops."

Said Hudson during the episode: "He (helped) a lot of grown men who were probably misfits, gangbangers, drug dealers, everyday working people, blue-collar men ... he made sure we had something to do outside of everyday life."

On the show, Deals called Sivels "a life coach, a mentor, a financial adviser at times. This man talked to me about infidelity and set me straight. He gave us time and still never took away from (children) Little Milt or Britt. I'm so grateful.

"Anybody listening ... this was a great man. So many hats."

— Teddy Greenstein

ALBERT STOKES SR., 75

From Chicago. Died April 11

SHERRELL STOKES, 54

From Chicago. Died April 13.

The tightknit South Side family gathered in February to celebrate its patriarch's 75th birthday.

Two months later, COVID-19 struck the family harm, infecting four members. Two, including its beloved leader, succumbed to the illness.

Despite the loss of his father and sister, Connilus Stokes said the tragedy has not broken his family's deep faith.

"My father's biggest purpose in life was to teach and administer love," said Stokes, a minister. "Situations like



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this make you want to give up, throw in the towel and get angry. But even in death, there is still a reason to celebrate. ... We have to love each other despite what we may be feeling.

"We have to draw upon that love to get to a better place."

The Rev. Albert Stokes Sr., a retired preacher, 75, died April 11. His oldest daughter, Sherrell Stokes, 54, died two days later, also of the virus. Both had underlying medical conditions.

The fourth oldest of nine children, Stokes Sr. grew up in Clarksdale, Mississippi, and helped raise his younger siblings.

He moved to Chicago in 1963 and married his wife, Carrie, about three years later. The two had four children during a marriage that spanned more than four decades until her death in 2005.

To support his family, Stokes Sr. worked for Austin J. Merkel Co. for 33 years until his retirement.

But, relatives say, the church was his true calling.

A pastor at the Greater Pisidia Missionary Baptist Church on the South Side, he retired after 25 years of service about one year ago. He had previously served 24 years in the roles of deacon and associate minister at another church.

Relatives said they are numb, stunned.

It was just over a year ago that four generations of the family, donning white shirts, posed for a portrait in honor of the reverend's 74th birthday. He is pictured seated between his two minister sons, wearing a proud smile and holding a great-grandchild.

It was a young relative who first fell ill in March and was hospitalized. By April, both the reverend and his daughter, Sherrell, who lived with him, were sick with virus-related symptoms as well.

She went to the hospital, but the reverend refused the family's pleas to leave his home, relatives said. He died in his sleep April 11.

The family watched on video two days later as his daughter drew her final breaths. The younger relative and a fourth member of the family who was hospitalized both are in recovery.

Relatives described Stokes Sr. as funny, lighthearted, caring and generous.

"My dad was the most amazing provider and mentor," his son, Connilus Stokes, said. "There was nothing he wouldn't do for his family."

His daughter Kierra was the reverend's oldest grandchild. She said her "papa" knew before his death that his daughter likely was not going to make it. They did not tell her when he died with the hope she would get better.

Kierra Stokes said the two in life were "stuck together like glue," with her fun-loving aunt active in the church and volunteering in her daughter's school when the girl was younger.

Sherrell Stokes is survived by a daughter, Iasha Ford, and many other relatives.

The Rev. Stokes is survived by two sons, Connilus and Michael and daughter Lisa Smith. He is also survived by 14 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Besides his daughter, another son, Albert Stokes Jr., preceded him in death. The family said a double memorial service will take place when the pandemic allows.

— Christy Gutowski

MARI JO DAVITTO, 82

From Thornton. Died April 7.



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Wherever she went, Mari Jo Davitto was likely to find someone she knew.

Maybe at a volunteer outing or Bible study. On a trip to New York. One year, it happened in the middle of a busy airport.

"Lo and behold, somebody came over and, 'Oh, hi Mari Jo, how're you doing?' " said her daughter-in-law Kathy Davitto. "She just knew everybody."

"I think people were her hobby," Kathy Davitto said.

Mari Jo Schlundt was born April 26, 1937, and grew up on the South Side of Chicago. She married Joseph Davitto and spent 53 years with him, until his death in 2008. The Davittos had two sons, Richard and Joseph, and Mari Jo eventually became a proud great-grandmother.

After keeping the books at a doctor's office, Davitto lived out her retirement in Thornton. But she never sat around.

"She was constantly on the go," said her son, Richard Davitto. "She couldn't handle just sitting down."

Kathy Davitto said she told her husband: "Your mother has more energy than I do."

Mari Jo Davitto often volunteered with Restoration Ministries, a Christian nonprofit organization, helping with everything from addiction programs to sorting toys for the Christmas store.

Karen Vrdolyak, vice president of development and administration for the organization, said Davitto "just did everything."

"She was a ball of fire and lots of fun," Vrdolyak said.

Kelly Cavarretta, who helped run an emergency shelter with Restoration Ministries, knew Davitto for decades. With guests at the shelter, Davitto displayed remarkable compassion, Cavarretta said. She was always bringing in extra supplies and volunteering extra hours.

"I knew how well I knew her and how friendly she was with me, but to see that everywhere — she was friendly with everybody," Cavaretta said. "It wasn't just a hello and a hug. She knew everything about everybody."

Davitto's dream was to go to Israel, her family said, and she finally made it there last year.

"She lived her life the way she wanted to," Richard Davitto said. "Nothing held her down."

A few weeks ago, Davitto's family took her to Ingalls Memorial Hospital in Harvey after she experienced dizziness. Davitto didn't have a cough, or fever. At first, the family thought Davitto was doing well. Her son joked she was still able to complain about the hospital food. But the illness progressed rapidly.

Davitto's family leaned on the medical staff to communicate, and Kathy Davitto said she called regularly to check in.

"I said, can you do us a favor?" Kathy Davitto said. "Could you please tell her that we love her and we miss her and we're waiting for her to get home? Every time we called it was just, can you tell her we love her and hope she gets better?

"What can you say, you know? That's all you can say," Kathy Davitto said.

On April 7, a week after she was admitted, Davitto died of complications from the coronavirus. She was 82.

"She definitely will be missed by a lot of people," Kathy Davitto said.

— Morgan Greene

TIMOTHY BRANSCOMB, 32

From Chicago. Died April 6.



LAUREN THOMAS

Timothy Branscomb was supposed to be planning his wedding now. Instead, his fiancee is making arrangements for a funeral.

Branscomb passed away at 32 years old from complications due to COVID-19, leaving behind the fiancee, Lauren Thomas, and a 12-year-old daughter.

"You were my rock, Teddy. My shelter. My comfort. You were my everything," Thomas posted to Facebook.

Thomas and Branscomb were together for five years before his death. For as long as she knew him, Thomas said Branscomb maintained a childlike spirit. Everyone in her family referred to him as the lovable giant.

Thomas recalled times the couple would go to Petsmart to buy treats for their dogs. Instead she would find Branscomb in another aisle playing with the pets for sale.

"Any chance he got to be around an animal, he was in heaven", Thomas said.

Branscomb worked as a security guard at three physicians' offices. As an essential employee, Branscomb continued to work through the pandemic, and Thomas fears that was how he caught the virus.

She said Branscomb was always busy looking out for others.

"He was just loving" Thomas said "Whatever he could do to help someone he would do it."

His daughter was his priority, and he made sure to see her as often as possible, picking her up from school to do homework and play video games.

"They love each other so much," Thomas said. "They are like best friends."

Branscomb entered the hospital with COVID-19 symptoms April 1 and two days later tested positive for the virus. Some days he would feel better, but eventually he caught pneumonia and had to be placed on a ventilator. Branscomb was scared, but his family tried to assure him it would be OK.

There were further complications and Branscomb needed emergency dialysis. He died April 6.

Thomas posted a screenshot of her final video chat with Branscomb before he was placed on the ventilator. In the caption she wrote "here is the last time I got to lay eyes on my fiancee."

The post was shared by over 100 people, some who had only met Branscomb once. But, Thomas said that was just the kind of lasting impression he left on people.

— Sophie Sherry

Chicago Daily Tribune

ON MAY 3 ...

In 1469 statesman and political philosopher Niccolo Machiavelli was born in Florence, Italy.

In 1802 Washington was incorporated as a city.

In 1921 Sugar Ray Robinson, who became the welterweight and middleweight boxing champion, was born in Detroit. **Also in 1921** West Virginia imposed the first state sales tax.

In 1937 novelist Margaret Mitchell won a Pulitzer Prize for "Gone With the Wind."

In 1945, during World War II, Japanese forces on Okinawa launched their only major counteroffensive, but failed to break the American lines.

In 1948 the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that covenants prohibiting the sale of real estate to minority group members are legally unenforceable.

In 1979 Margaret Thatcher and Britain's Conservative Party won a general election, making Thatcher her nation's first female prime minister.

In 1997 world chess champion Garry Kasparov won the first game of his much-anticipated rematch with IBM's Deep Blue computer. (However, Kasparov ended up losing the six-game match.)

In 2002 the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston backed out of a settlement agreement with 86 people who had accused defrocked priest John Geoghan of child molestation, saying the deal was becoming too expensive. (The archdiocese later agreed to a $10 million settlement.)

In 2003 New Hampshire awoke to find its granite symbol of independence and stubbornness, the Old Man of the Mountain, had collapsed into rubble.

In 2005 the first democratically elected government in Iraq's history was sworn in.

In 2016 Fort McMurray was ordered evacuated as an out-of-control wildfire engulfed homes and sent ash raining down on the capital of northern Alberta's oil sands region. **Also in 2016** Lin-Manuel Miranda's "Hamilton" dominated the 2016 Tony Award nominations with a record-setting 16 ballot categories, including best musical. **Also in 2016** Chicago Public Schools announced that transgender and gender nonconforming students would be able to use restrooms and locker rooms that match their gender identity. **Also in 2016** the College of DuPage board of trustees approved the hiring of retired Navy Vice Admiral Ann Rondeau as the beleaguered school's new president.

WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

ILLINOIS

May 2

Powerball ..... **13 16 33 58 68 / 24**
Powerball jackpot: $51M
Lotto ..... **15 36 38 47 48 52 / 8**
Lotto jackpot: $10.5M
Pick 3 midday ..... **365 / 0**
Pick 4 midday ..... **8638 / 4**
Lucky Day Lotto midday **3 15 20 26 35**
Pick 3 evening ..... **381 / 3**
Pick 4 evening ..... **9360 / 2**
Lucky Day Lotto evening **6 13 18 26 33**

May 1

Mega Millions ..... **28 30 31 35 66 / 14**
Mega Millions jackpot: $200M
Pick 3 midday ..... **739 / 9**
Pick 4 midday ..... **4430 / 4**
Lucky Day Lotto midday **12 20 29 32 37**
Pick 3 evening ..... **192 / 5**
Pick 4 evening ..... **1260 / 3**
Lucky Day Lotto evening **04 19 22 41 43**

May 5 Mega Millions: $215M

INDIANA

May 2

Lotto **06 11 30 35 43 44**
Daily 3 midday ..... **767 / 1**
Daily 4 midday ..... **1882 / 1**
Daily 3 evening ..... **264 / 7**
Daily 4 evening ..... **1882 / 1**
Cash 5 ..... **11 12 19 33 36**

MICHIGAN

May 2

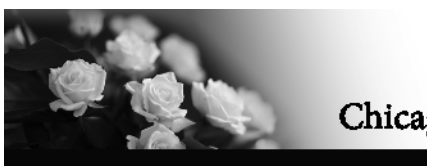
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Daily 3 midday **877**
Daily 4 midday **5686**
Daily 3 evening **827**
Daily 4 evening **2995**
Fantasy 5 ..... **03 18 24 32 36**
Keno **05 07 15 16 20 21 22 23 24 26 35 39 40 41 43 52 56 57 58 67 70 75**

WISCONSIN

May 2

Megabucks **07 14 15 22 23 42**
Pick 3 ..... **257**
Pick 4 ..... **6936**
Badger 5 ..... **01 05 07 14 16**
SuperCash **03 09 19 32 33 35**

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Chicago Tribune Death Notices

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Death Notices

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, Il., sister Mara (Patrick) Cotter of Chicago, brother Michael (Danielle) Adelman of NYC, loving relatives, friends from her childhood home of Flossmoor, Il., 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 Thea 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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Aloisio, Theresa M.



Theresa M. Aloisio, nee Lonero. Age 96. Beloved wife of the late George. Loving mother of Georgiana Donohue, Bob (Mary Shanley) and Mary Therese Aloisio. Devoted grandmother of Gina, Nick (Jenny) and Patrick Aloisio, Frank and Joe Donohue, Tommy Majestic and the late Tony Majestic. Dear great-grandmother of Isabella, Vincent and Enzo Gomez, Elliot and Adam Aloisio. Fond sister of the late Rose, Catherine, Jenny, Mary, Sam, Joe, Nancy and Annie. Loved aunt of many nieces and nephews. Services and Entombment at All Saints Cemetery were private. Memorial Service will be announced at a later date. Funeral Information and to sign the guest book visit, www.ryan-parke.com.

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Anderson, Lawrence A.

Lawrence A. Anderson, age 72, went home to the Lord in the early hours of Saturday, April 25, 2020. He is preceded by his mother, Florence Brazda and sister, Jacqueline Jones and survived by his brother and wife, Robert G. Robertson and Patricia L. Robertson and many nieces and nephews. Larry was a graduate degree physicist and teacher who retired quite early in life due to an extraordinary psychiatric illness from which he sadly never recovered. Those who knew Larry in his younger years will remember him as a very bright, caring, funny and handsome young man who later suffered greatly from his illness and resulted in his near total social withdrawal. Larry will be remembered and very much missed by those who recall him in his best days, of which there were all too few. Burial will be private with family only. Celebration of Life to be held at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to **Pedersen Ryberg Funeral Home** 630-834-1133 or pedersenryberg.com. Please visit website for updated information.

Pedersen Ryberg

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Andrews, Alice V.

Alice V. Andrews, age 97; beloved wife of the late Stanley; loving mother of Theresa (David) McKissack and Thomas (Theresa); cherished grandmother of 6; great-grandmother of 9; fond sister of the late Raymond and Arthur Restarski; dear aunt of many. A celebration of Alice's life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials to your favorite charity appreciated. Arrangements by **Matz Funeral Home**, Mt. Prospect. 847/394-2336

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Antonakis, John

John Antonakis, 85, of Chicago. Beloved husband of Aikaterina. Loving father of Eleni (John) Garbis. Dear pappou of Athanasios and Aikaterina Garbis. Adored brother of Georgia Bouloukos. Loving uncle, cousin, and friend of many. Due to the Covid-19 restrictions, funeral services will be held privately. Interment private at Memorial Park Cemetery in Skokie, IL. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, 2727 W Winona St, Chicago, IL 60625. Funeral Information 773-736-3833 or visit www.smithcorcoran.com

Smith-Corcoran Funeral Homes

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Ayres, John



John T. (Jack) Ayres, recently of Glenview and a long-time resident of Buffalo Grove, passed away peacefully on April 24th, 2020. He was born on January 26, 1926 in Oak Park Illinois to Thomas and Honore. Beloved husband of the late Betty, loving father of Mary Beth, cherished brother of Mary (Albright), and Uncle John to so many who loved him and his "Three Little Fishies".

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Internment private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to JourneyCare https://journeycare.org/ or Gerry's Cafe https://www.gerryscafe.org/

Info: www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847)675-1990.

Donnellan Family Funeral Services

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Becker, Verna



Verna Becker (nee Gefter) age 79, devoted daughter of the late Nathan and Rhea Gefter; beloved wife of Ira Becker, happily married for 57 years; loving mother of Sheila (Ron) Jacobson, Linda (Howie) Schnuer and Michael (Betty Chan) Becker; cherished grandmother of Jeremy, Benjamin, Zander, Merrick (Patrick), Spencer, Samantha, Julia, Julien and Allison; dear sister of Zina Greene; much loved sister-in-law of Joan (Harold) Bader; treasured aunt to many nieces and nephews; adored by cousins. Born in Chicago having grown up in Rogers Park, Verna attended Sullivan High and then graduated from Roosevelt University with a degree in Sociology. Never one to sit idle, her passion, selflessness and warmth shined brightly to everyone she touched – including her clients throughout her exceptional 30-year career as a travel agent and via voluntary charitable time spent being active in Hadassah, JUF and her synagogue's Sisterhood. Verna was the central link to her immediate and extended family, as well as the social director - taking charge of family events, holidays, and of course family travel. As a mother, she accomplished the ultimate feat - to this day, each of her children truly believe they were her favorite! With a captivating winning smile, Verna made people comfortable to talk to her before any words were even uttered. She was a real people person and would often strike up conversations with strangers. The telephone was her entertainment facility as she talked to her friends and made daily calls to her mother and mother-in-law. Verna will be missed by all her loved ones. Due to the pandemic and out of concern for our extended family and friends, the private graveside service has been held. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Beth Hillel-B'nai Emunah, Hadassah Chicago-North Shore, Alzheimer's Association or a Jewish charity of your choice. For information and condolences: 847-255-3520 or www.shalom2.com

Shalom Memorial Funeral Home

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Ben-Zeev, Saul

Saul Ben-Zeev, 93. Beloved husband of Sandra nee Epstein. Loving father of Jason "Yerachmiel" and Matthew Ben-Zeev. Proud grandfather of Rayna and Ari. Dear brother of the late Carol (the late Reg) Tauben and the late Dan (Gail) Ben-Zeev. Born in Jerusalem in 1926, he arrived in America at age 12, and was, just six short years later, a US Army officer in the thick of WWII. Engaged in reconnaissance missions in the Philippines, he was later part of the post-war US occupation force in Japan, pinpointing the locations of munitions factories and coordinating their deconstruction. Returning home, he gained his PhD in group dynamics at the University of Chicago, and based on his learnings, helped develop an innovative business research tool known as the "focus group." He then became the founder of two thriving marketing research companies, C&R Research and Fieldwork, Inc. Considered among the nation's foremost marketing research analysts, he was sought after for his unique business insights. As a group moderator, he used an unstructured, provocative style of questioning, similar to that of a therapist, to lead conversations to unexpected places, draw consumers into deeper self-examination, and ultimately draw insights that led to breakthroughs for his clients. These clients often ranked among America's most well-known consumer product brands. Traveling frequently for business, he became an American Airlines 10 Million Miler-which is also about the distance he'd go out of his way to help someone advance their career, life's dream, or science fair project. He loved words, and figuring out where they came from. He wore furry hats well into spring. He had one sweatshirt that said "Realist" and another one, "Idealist." He amassed a spectacular collection of hotel soaps. With his own hands, he built a loft space with a retractable staircase. He saw dozens of plays, and fell asleep in all of them. He walked around the house singing "Arrivaderci Roma," or sometimes "Volga Boatmen." He laughed hard at his own jokes. His many cousins in Israel remained dear to him all his life. Late in life he took up watercolor painting and to no one's surprise, was good at it. He personally drew up the architectural plans of his offices in 15 cities. His conversation was never vanilla, but his ice cream always was. Private graveside services were held on Tuesday. There will be a public memorial service when it is safe. Donations can be made to the ARK, www.arkchicago.org. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfinfo.com

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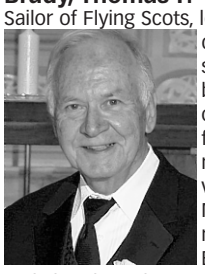
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Bidinger, Irene C.

Irene C. Bidinger, nee Corbally. Irene passed away on April 25, 2020, at the age of 104. She was born on March 23, 1916 in Chicago. Irene was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 47 years, Joseph (ret. CFD), her daughter Barbara F, (Sal) Pernice, granddaughter Cynthia D. (Stan) Lewandowski, her parents Michael and Agnes Corbally and her 15 brothers and sisters. She is survived by her children Dorothea, Joseph (Margie), John (Connie), Kathleen (John) Murphy, Patrice Bidinger (Jim Chessare), Elizabeth (Pat) Moore, Nancy (Frank) Caccavallo and Maureen (Dave) Nolimal. Irene was a loving grandmother of 19 and great-grandmother to 12, a fond aunt and great-aunt to many nieces and nephews. Irene was a devout Catholic who lived her faith through her daily actions. She was a kind person who helped many without fanfare. Irene loved to sing and she sang until the end. She lived the majority of her life in Chicago with the remaining years in Lombard, Il. Due to current situations, services were private but a celebration of her life will be held at a later date. Donations can be made, in Irene and Joe's name, to the Firemen's Annuity and Benefit Fund of Chicago for widows of retired CFD members to 20 S. Clark St, Suite 300, Chicago, Il 60603 Info: Gamboney & Son 708/420-5108

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Brady, Thomas F.



Sailor of Flying Scots, lover of Harleys, devil's advocate in any debate, college sports fan: Thomas F. Brady, born 03/20/1945, found rest on 04/25/2020, after suffering complications from multiple strokes. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Marianne (nee Walsh); his much-loved children, Lauren Elizabeth (J. Michael Seward) and Theodore Thomas (Meredith Lynn Riemersma); and cherished grandchildren, Jane Elizabeth and Thomas Michael Seward. He is also survived by his brothers F. Patrick (Margaret) and Edward M. (Helen) and his sister Mary Margaret Clarke (Robert) and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his remarkable parents Edward F. and Verona I. Brady.

Thomas graduated from Marquette University in 1967. Afterwards he served in the Army artillery in Vietnam near Pleiku. Following his military service, he enrolled in the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee where he earned a master's degree in economics. He spent much of his career as a C.P.A. and later in life taught economics at Waukesha Technical College.

Tom enjoyed sailing, bicycle riding, and roller blading along the Milwaukee Lakefront with his family during the summer; and in winter, he liked to ice skate and watch college basketball, especially the UWM Panthers at the Klotsche Center. He was also an avid reader of biographies and books on economic theory. Moreover, he punctuated each season with trips to Chicago and New York to visit his children and attend live theater productions.

Tom cherished all the numerous and wonderful visits from family and friends over the years, the daily phone calls and texts, and all the funny cards and hilarious gifts. His love and humor will be missed. Memorial services will be held at a later date.

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Bramson, Melvin R.



Melvin R. Bramson, 90, of Boynton Beach, FL, April 30, 2020. Died just 16 days following the death of his beloved wife, Elissa "Cookie." Loving stepfather of Laurence, Raizel, Gary, and Steven. Stepfather of Jason, Zachary, Brian, Jacob, Brett, Robert-Josef, Samuel, Austin, and Megan. Step-Great grandfather of six. Son of the late Rose and Herman Abramson. Loving brother of the late Harriet Abramson. Mel was an attorney and member of the Chicago Bar. He was a preeminent jokester. He will be remembered for his wonderful sense of humor and kindness. Both he and his wife Elissa, were avid democrats, major fundraisers for cancer research, and beloved members of their community. They were deeply loved and will be terribly missed. May they rest together in peace. Graveside services are private, but you can access the service on the **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home** Facebook page, Tuesday, May 5, 2020 at 1:30 PM. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Elissa's favorite cause: PAP CORPS, 5367 Landon Circle, Boynton Beach, FL. 33437. For info: 847-256-5700.

WEINSTEIN & PISER FUNERAL HOME

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Brown, Felton Robert

Felton Robert Brown, 91, of Romeoville, IL, formerly of Chicago passed away on April 30, 2020. He was born on February 3, 1929 to Frank and Dolly Brown in Dublin, GA.

Felton served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War before moving to Chicago where he began his career as a Pipefitter. He met his bride Irene Biedakiewicz of 64 years at the Conrad Hilton Hotel. They wed on April 16, 1955. He was an active member of Sacred Heart Church. Felton was loved by all, never had an unkind word for anyone. His smile would light up a room.

Felton was preceded in death by his beloved wife Irene and survived by his children Donna (Tim) Gonser of Romeoville, Linda (Ron) Abramowicz of Oregon, IL, Dale (Beth) Brown of Romeoville, Darren (Michelle) Brown of Crestwood, KY, grandchildren Chris (Kayla), Danielle (Mike), Michelle (Ben), Kristen, Ashley, Emily, Natalie, Ryan, Lauren, Miranda, Liam, Nash and great-grandchildren Neva, Olivia, JD, Jeremiah, Benny, Caleb, Elijah and Austin.

Funeral arrangements to be announced at a later date.

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Busse, George R.



George R. Busse, age 91, passed away on April 29, 2020. George was born and raised in Mount Prospect, IL. He was a lifelong resident of Mount Prospect until moving to an assisted living facility in Schaumburg., IL

George was born on August 14, 1928 to George L. and Hilda (Rohlwing) Busse. He attended Saint Paul Lutheran School and Arlington High School before attending Oklahoma A & M University on an athletic scholarship. He graduated from college in 1950 with a BA in Business and shortly thereafter married his high school sweetheart Esther Karstens of Arlington Heights, IL. After four years serving as an officer and a pilot in the US Air Force, George returned to Mount Prospect where he went to work with his father in the family real estate business. He was President of George L. Busse & Company for 25 years and was deeply involved in many of the major northwest suburban development projects of the 60s and 70s. George was very active in his community. Among the multiple positions he held in a variety of business, community and church organizations were Mount Prospect Village Trustee, Elk Grove Township Clerk, President of the Mount Prospect Chamber of Commerce, Chairman of the Mount Prospect State Bank, Chairman of the Northwest Suburban YMCA and Chairman of St. Paul Lutheran Church. Yet, despite his many activities and accomplishments, what most defined George in the eyes of his family and friends was his Christ filled heart, integrity and warm personality.

George is survived by his beloved wife of 69 years, Esther, his two sons George K (Suzanne) and Brad; his seven grandchildren Blake, George Brent, Alison (Blake) Summers, Emily, Andrew, Rochelle and Kendrick (Kasey) Taves and his sister Joanne (Richard) Mortensen. He was proceeded in death by his parents and sister, Louise Greinke.

A private service for only the immediate family will be held on Wednesday, May 6th at Friedrichs Funeral Home, 320 W. Central Road, Mount Prospect, IL. Interment Saint Paul Lutheran Cemetery, Mount Prospect. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Saint Paul Lutheran Church, 108 S. School St., Mount Prospect, IL 60056 or the Alzheimer's Association (alz.org).

For information call 847-255-7800 or go to www.friedrichsfh.com for George's obituary and to view the Funeral Service on his Tribute Wall.

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Callbeck, Robert F.



Robert Frederic Callbeck, 96; professional engineer and former Deputy Commissioner, Chicago Dept. of Streets and Sanitation, Bureau of Streets; U.S. Navy veteran of WWII and the Korean War; passed away peacefully at the home he shared with his daughter and son-in-law on April 29, 2020. Born in Joliet, Bob graduated from South Broward High School in Dania, FL, and earned his B.S. in Civil Engineering from Bradley University before embarking on his satisfying career in the public sector. Earning the respect of six Chicago mayors over the course of 40 years, he retired in 2007 as Chief Engineer in Chicago's Department of Transportation (CDOT), Division of Project Development. Devoted husband of the late Marie Louise "Mary Lou" Callbeck (nee Filograsso); cherished and greatly missed father and father-in-law of Margaret and Paul Waverly; much-loved uncle, esteemed colleague, mentor, and friend to many. Also preceded in death by his beloved siblings Gaile Phillips (Hiram, living) and Neil (Martha, living) and parents Fred Colin Callbeck and Hilda Elizabeth Callbeck (nee Spurgin). A celebration of his life will be held when it is safe to gather. Future interment of remains at Calvary Cemetery, Evanston. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care of Mount Prospect, IL; Partnership With Native Americans nativepartnership.org; or Little Brothers - Friends of the Elderly Chicago Chapter. Arrangements by **Cremation Society of Illinois**, 773-281-5058 or www.cremation-society.com.

Cremation Society of Illinois

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Canning, William H.

William H. Canning, age 63, Veteran US Army, passed away April 30th after a long illness. Loving husband of Cheryl Ann, nee Wysocki for more than 40 years. Beloved son of the late Loretta Canning. Dear brother of Patrick (Nancy) and Michael (Patti) Canning. Fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Bill loved fishing and his canine companion, Bella. Due to the pandemic a memorial service for Bill will be held at a later time. Funeral arrangements entrusted to **Beverly Ridge Funeral Home** 773-779-4411.

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Carey, Eleanor A.

Eleanor A. Carey (nee Fioretti), age 91, beloved wife of the late Patrick J. Carey Sr.; loving mother of Kathleen Carey, Edward Carey and Patrick Jr. (Toni) Carey; devoted grandmother Dawn (David) Martin; cherished great-grandmother of Emma and Johnny Martin; dearest sister of the late Helen (Emil) Esposito, the late Ida (Marshall) Malloy, the late Gemma (Adolph) Novello and the late Tony (Rosalie) Fioretti; dear aunt and great aunt to many. Funeral Services will be private. A Memorial Mass to celebrate Eleanor's life will be scheduled at a later date. Info: 708 429-3200

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Cerovski, Patricia A.

Patricia A. Cerovski, (nee Keeley), age 87, beloved wife of the late Joseph. Loving mother of Paul (Lianne) Cero and Nancy (the late Gerald) Rappaport. Devoted grandmother of Ian and Andrew Cero, Paige (J. P. Graveline) Cero, Kayleigh (Alex) Tick and Emily (Jack Rabenn) Rappaport. Fond sister of Michael Keeley and Lorraine Serwatka. Dearest daughter of the late William and Margorie (nee Mason) Keeley. Funeral services are being held privately for family members. Private interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. For further information **RICHARD J MODELL FUNERAL HOME**, 708-301-3595 or rjmodellfh.com.

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Ciucci, Domenico

Domenico Ciucci age 77; Native of Lucca, Italy;



Beloved husband of Gerri nee Krema; Loving father of Mara (Dino) Thanos, Laura (Bob) Tyler and Michelle (Jon) Woodring; Caring grandpa of Alicia, Andrea, Alexandra and Athan Thanos, Monica, Johnny and Michael Tyler, Nolan, Barron, Aubrey and Colton Woodring; Dear brother of Elvira, Mario and Patrizia. A Memorial Mass will be held later in the year when family and friends can safely gather. Donations may be made in Domenico's name to Misericordia. Arrangements were entrusted to **The Oaks Funeral Home** 630-250-8588.

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Cochrane, Richard C.

Richard C. Cochrane, Navy Veteran Submarine Service. Beloved Husband of Margaret, nee Karczynski. Loving Father of Brian J. and Mark J. Cochrane. Dear Brother of Mary Ann (late Eugene) Stempora, Gerald (Anne Marie) Cochrane, Terrance (Maryann) Cochrane, Sharon(Bill) Wood and the late Michael, William, Robert, John and Patricia. Fond Uncle of many Nieces and Nephews. Dear Brother-in-law of Norbert Jarocki. Due to the COVID pandemic burial at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery will be private. A Celebration of Richard's life and a Memorial Mass will be planned for a later date. Please remember Richard in your prayers. Please visit Richard's personal tribute website at: www.foranfuneralhome.com. 708-458-0208

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Conley, John Graham

On the morning of April 29th, 2020 our beloved Papa



John Conley was called home to be with Our Lord. He joins his parents, Anna and Rutherford, his brother Victor, Dr. Richard Evans, countless friends, and our Mother, Doris Arosemena Conley, who died in 1993. John and Doris were married for 44 years and shared 11 children. John was born January 3rd, 1924 and raised in Glendale California where he graduated from high school in 1942 and entered the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, NY. In 1944 John joined the rest of the greatest generation as a LT. jg in the U.S. Navy where he served in the Pacific campaigns of WWII supporting USN and USMC operations. He was discharged in 1946 and entered UCLA under the GI bill. He graduated in 1948 with a BA in Economics and went to work for American LaFrance. Over the years he worked for Sunbeam Corporation, Shavex, and in the late 1960's he joined an old neighbor and friend from Milwaukee, Gene Freedman, in creating Enesco Imports where he worked until he retired in his 70's. Papa was blessed to find love again after the passing of our Mother. He and Margret Mary O'Neill have been married for the past 23 years. She has been an incredible partner for our Papa and a source of constant love and support to all of the Conley Children, Grand Children, Great Grand Children and the many members of their extended Irish/Latin family. John served on many not for profit governance boards including the Father Paul Foundation and Easter Seals of Chicago. John and Margaret Mary both served on the Board of Little Sisters of the Poor St. Mary's Home in Chicago. John is survived by Margaret Mary. John leaves behind his loving 11 children; Mariita Conley Evans, Anna Marie Conley Vanek (Tony), John Conley (Susan), Timothy Conley (Annette), Mary Margaret Wade (Rod), Mary Kathleen Johnson (Dave), James Conley (Sally), Mary Elizabeth Czajkowski (Steve), Marie Therese Romano (Michael), Paul Conley (Carisa), and Michael Conley (Karen). He was blessed with 33 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren. In addition, he leaves three wonderful stepchildren, Margret Mary O'Neill Stoetzel (John), Tom O'Neill, and Elizabeth O'Neill Hamlin (Mark), along with their combined 5 wonderful children. At Christmas each year this enormous tribe would gather at their home in Winnetka to celebrate with Papa John and Margaret Mary the birth of Christ. Papa John as he was called by his Grand Children had an attitude toward life which uplifted anyone who encountered him. He believed that if you are going to do anything then it was "worth doing it right". His passion for hunting, fishing, tennis and all things outdoors kept him young and with us. His life served as an example that age is no barrier, it is just another signpost on the road. Papa John taught us that the 3 most important things in life were your Faith in God, your family, and your personal integrity. He did more than just preach this, for 96 years he lived these beliefs. We look now to heaven to honor his beautiful legacy. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Little Sisters of the Poor, Saint Mary Home, 2325 N Lakewood Avenue Chicago, IL 60614. Info www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847) 675-1990.

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Conroyd, Thomas

Thomas, "Tommy" Conroyd, a life-long Cubs fan, passed away on April 27, at the age of 66. Beloved son of the late Frank and Bonnie Conroyd; loving husband to the late Mary Frances (Connors). He is survived by his sons, Thomas and Patrick; sister Susan Williams and husband Jerry; sister Mary Fabianski (Conroyd); brother Frank Conroyd; sister Mary Therese Klein and husband Mark; sister Elizabeth Paur and husband Kenneth; brother John Conroyd and wife Jennifer. Bartending for many years allowed Tom to make friends with his many customers. Tom had a good nature and great sense of humor. He loved telling stories about his life that made people smile.He will be greatly missed by his family and friends. Due to the Covid-19 virus, no visitation or funeral service at this time. For info 800-562-0082 or www.hursen.com

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Czech, Arline J.



Arline J. Czech, nee Nelson, 92, of DesPlaines formerly of Jefferson Park. Passed away April 23, 2020 in Niles, Illinois. Beloved wife of the late Peter S. Czech. Loving mother of Christine (the late Terry) Blair, Betty (Chris) Mrozek and Michael (Carri) Czech. Proud grandmother of Richard (Ashley) Loza, Jennifer (Peter) Hoza, Kristin (Ken) Brown, Heather (Gelu) Croitor, Emily, Annie, Sarah and Joshua (Emma) Czech. Great Grandmother of Evan, Brielle, Andrew Hoza, Lucas and Selah Brown.

Due to the government regulations concerning public gatherings the funeral service and interment has taken place. Services entrusted to the M J Suerth Funeral Home. For further information 773-631-1240 or www.suerth.com.

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De Cicco, Nicholas Francis

husband of Donna, brother, father and grandfather passed away on April 20, 2020. Survived by his wife Donna, Sisters Louise Jaunich, former brother-in-law Harvey Jaunich, Joyce Zueck (Michael). Children: Christopher, Peter (Jenny), Monica, Patrick (Melissa). Grandchildren: Michael, Grace, Caroline, Thomas, Maura, Gianna, Charlotte, James and Luca; and many nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by his Parents Lucy and Nicholas De Cicco, and brother Michael De Cicco. Member of the Chicago Board of Trade from 1973 - 2006. Served on the Corn Pit Commitee and Soybean Oil Pit Committees. Member of the Evanston Golf Club. Formerly of Lincolnwood, IL, recently retired to AZ.

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DiGiovanni, Cosimo 'Chuck'

Cosimo "Chuck" DiGiovanni, Navy WWII Veteran, age

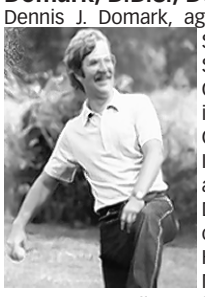


93, loving husband of 72 years to Betty Lou (Heilingoetter), went to be with his Lord. He is survived by his caring children, Sandra (Hank) Gentry, Barbara (Jim) Wrobel, Chuck (Nancy) and Nick (Jane), ten grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews; we will miss him dearly. He is preceded in death by his parents Nick and Margaret, sisters Catherine (Tony) Caccamo and May (Ed) Andrle, and dear nephew Saro Caccamo.
Coz grew up on the North side of Chicago and graduated early to join the Navy in WWII serving in the Pacific. After marrying the love of his life, Betty, they moved from Grand and Damen to the SW Side to be founding members of Our Lady of the Snows. Chuck had a long career as a draftsman and Project Engineer but found most pleasure working in the garage with Vince and Howie or designing and building a house in Indiana. Chuck lived a life of service as an usher and member of St. Vincent DePaul, first at OLS and then St. Terrence in Alsip. He and Betty also delivered food and Holy Communion to shut-ins until Betty's stroke at 89 after which he helped care for her. A celebration of life will take place at a future date. For further information **RICHARD J MODELL FUNERAL HOME**, 708-301-3595 or rjmodellfh.com.

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Domark, D.D.S., Dennis J.

Dennis J. Domark, age 78, a resident of Easely,



SC, passed away on Sunday, March 22, 2020 at Cottingham Hospice House in Seneca, SC. He was born October 12, 1941 in Chicago, IL, the son of the late Joseph and Lorraine (nee Rautis) Domark. Dennis was husband of the late Linda J. Domark. He is survived by his sons, Michael, Steve (Tammy), Jeff (Molly) and Jason (Rachel), his daughter, Christine and 12 grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister, Lori and brother, Rick. Dennis was a general dentist in Naperville for over 30 years. He loved his family and always put them first. He explained away his random acts of kindness with his lifelong motto "Just Because." If he wasn't coaching or taking care of patients you'd find him on the golf course. Private family graveside services will be held at SS. Peter & Paul Cemetery in Naperville. **Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services**, Naperville, was entrusted with arrangements. For information please call 630/355-0213 or visit www.friedrich-jones.com

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Don, Dr. Allen

US Navy veteran of WWII and the Korean War



and long-time resident of Manhasset, NY, passed away at age 95 on April 22, 2020. Predeceased by his beloved wife of 40 years, Elizabeth Mann Don, a Kindertransport child and Holocaust survivor and his parents Reuben and Beatrice Don. Survived by his identical twin brother, Jerome Don and sister, Frances Don Roston, nephew and nieces Marcia Don Harpaz (Yacov), Laurie Don, Russell Don (Betsy), and Peggy Roston, 7 grand nephews and nieces, and 5 great grand nephews and nieces.
A graduate of Purdue University and Harvard Business School, with two doctorates, Dr. Don was a teacher by nature and profession. At age 16, he taught radio code to aviation cadets and officers-in-training at Northwestern University, Evanston, IL. He was a tenured professor at the Robert B. Willumstad School of Business at Adelphi University, Garden City, NY until his retirement as Professor Emeritus. True to his passion for encouraging learning, he established the Elizabeth and Allen Don Center for Innovative Technology and Decision Sciences at Adelphi. He was a member of Temple Judea in Manhasset, NY.
Private memorial service was held graveside where Dr. Don was interred alongside his wife at the Calverton National Cemetery in Calverton, NY. Remembrance contributions may be made to the charity of your choice. Memorial service for family and friends to be held at a later date

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Doneske, Rose

Rose Doneske (nee Hanket), 90, passed away April



28, 2020. She was born in Berwyn, IL, a longtime resident of Riverside, IL, and St. Charles, IL. Wife of the late Richard Doneske. Adored mother of Mark Doneske of St. Charles, IL and Donna Shanel of Dublin, OH. Proud Nana of James Shanel (Laura Shanel), Mollye Shanel, Katie Shanel (Rob Lovato). Cherished great-grandmother of Audrey and Vera Shanel. She was an avid bridge player and golfer and a member of The Silver Foxes of St. John Neumann. Interment will be at Queen of Heaven Cemetery. A celebration of life to be scheduled at a later date.

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Ettelson, Julian R.

Julian R. Ettelson, age 91, of Tucson, AZ for over 25 years, and formerly of Chicago, loving father of Bruce (Missy) Ettelson and Carolyn Ettelson Klein; adored grandfather of Grant, Paige and Reed Ettelson, and Abbie and Jacob Klein; devoted son of the late Herbert and the late Grace (nee Fernbach) Ettelson; beloved longtime friend of Louise Sole; lifetime best friend of Marshall Becker and dear husband of the late Joanne Saunders.

Julian served honorably in the military in the Judge Advocate General's Corps, was a respected prosecutor for the IRS, and a financial executive in multiple industries.

He had a passion for learning; he earned four degrees from the University of Chicago: 2 bachelor's degrees, the first at the age of 19, along with a J.D. and a M.B.A. degree. Julian continued his love for learning into his 90s, studying German and Spanish, and was an active student in the Humanities, Spanish and Astronomy Programs at the University of Arizona.

Julian was an avid traveler and adventurer, he visited 3 continents at the age of 90, hiked in the Sabino Canyons and the Swiss Alps, and even took up golf and piano in his 70s. He also served on several boards: Member of the Board of Trustees at Mount Sinai Hospital, Member of the Board and Chairman of the Board of Education at North Shore Congregation Israel, and Member of the Board of Humanities Seminars Program at the University of Arizona.

Due to the pandemic virus and our concern for our extended family and friends, the graveside service and shiva will be private. Donations may be made to Humanities Seminars Program at the University of Arizona, https://give.uafoundation.org/humanities-seminars. Information: The **Goldman Funeral Group** (847) 478-1600.

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Farber, Kathryn T.

Kathryn "Kay" T. Farber (Stolle), age 85, formally of Niles, IL and St. Germain, WI, resident of Eagle River, WI, passed away peacefully at her home on April 25, 2020 with her family at her side. Memorial service to be held at a later date. Please visit Gaffney-Busha.com for Kathryn T. Farber's obituary.

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Feirick, Richard W.

Richard "Rick" W. Feirick of Brookfield, formerly of Oak Park, age 69. Beloved husband of Maureen, nee O'Brien; loving father of Shannon (Kevin) Kuratko, Matthew, Brian and Sean Feirick; dear brother of Ruth (Wade) Suhy, Patti Feirick, Linda Linse, Joan Timejardine, Stanley (Donna) the late James (Laura), the late John and the late Janet; brother-in-law of Kevin, Patrick (Terri) and the late Mary Kay O'Brien; fond uncle of many nieces and nephews; favorite uncle to James (Joanna) Bokholdt and Ronnie (Kara) Lewis; cherished nephew of Mary (late Mike) McMahon and Patricia (late Richard) Picha. **Due to the Covid-19 Crisis services are private. A Memorial Mass and celebration of Rick's life will be held at a later date**. Arrangements entrusted to The Original Kuratko Family-Brian D. Kuratko, Director. For info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.

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Fieroh, Virginia

Virginia Maghakian Fieroh, 98, was welcomed



into heaven by her beloved husband, Walter Fieroh and son Wayne Fieroh on April 23, 2020. Virginia was born on November 8, 1921, and raised In Stoneham, MA. Virginia and Walter Fieroh married in 1945 in Boston, and then moved to Chicago. Virginia was devoted to her family, including sons Wayne (Nancy Warner) and Lawrence (Beverly Bunting). Virginia was a loan officer at Mt. Greenwood Bank during the 1970's. After retiring Virginia and Walter moved to Palos Park, Illinois, and more recently to Rochester Hills, Michigan. Virginia and Walter were longtime members of Peace Memorial Church in Palos Park, IL.
Virginia will be missed be her grandchildren Jeffery Fieroh, Michelle Fieroh Rutke (Charles), Lindsay Fieroh Wagner (Kyle), Zachary Fieroh (Caroline), and Taylor Fieroh, as well as great grandchildren Haley Rutke and Chaz Rutke. Virginia was preceded in death by her sister, Mary Maghakian Carevelle.
A celebration of Virginia's remarkable life will take place later this summer, followed by interment next to Walter at Chapel Hill Cemetery, Oak Lawn, IL., In lieu of flowers, the family requests that a donation be made in Virginia's name to your favorite charity.

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Foust, Catherine Eardley 'Cathy'



April 15, 2020 of Leonia, New Jersey. For more information please go to

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Furlong, Edward W.

Edward W. Furlong, weeks short of 94, retired Lieutenant, CFD. U.S. Army veteran of WWII. Beloved husband of the late Elsie Elizabeth. Dedicated and cherished father of Edward J. and Arlene. Devoted brother of Tom (Rose), the late Robert (Keen), and the late James. Fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Member of Pipe Fitters' Local 597 since 1942. A longtime resident of St. Thomas More Parish, Ed lived in Chicago throughout his life, an avid swimmer who fully enjoyed its pools and Lake Michigan. The Furlong family thanks the team at St. Joseph Village of Chicago for its support in recent years. A celebration of life and private inurnment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery will take place at a later date.

Garcia , Guillermo 'Giging'

Guillermo Garcia, 85, passed away at home in



Chicago on Wednesday April 29, 2020 after a valiant battle with Alzheimer and Cancer. Guillermo Garcia served his country as a sergeant in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and was discharged honorably. He is survived by the loving mother of his children, Dominga Roman. He is also the loving father of Raquel, Minerva, Domillie, and Rene. Cherished grandfather of Gillian and Jay Galarza, Gloria, Diana, Vivian, Domingita, Norma, Eli Garcia, Jermaine, Johnny, and many great grandchildren. He worked at Sharp Metal as a mechanist. His hobbies included rollerskating, fishing, wood working, and was a collector of model train sets. Giging was a very generous man who will be missed.

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Garcia, William M.

William M. Garcia, 77, of Niles formerly of Edison



Park. Beloved husband to Charmaine, nee Lehmann for 56 years. Loving father of William R. (Dawn) Garcia, Michelle Castronova, Anthony (Jennifer) Garcia and Chrisann (Richard) Fahy. Proud grandfather of Alyssa, Emily, William, Jake, Amanda, Nicholas, Curtis, Jason, A.J., Olivia, Cody, Kaylin, Meegan, Hayden, and many nieces and nephews. Dearest brother of Amy late (Robert) Krieger, Sue (James) Gasparo, and his late brothers Ignatius (Kathy), Joseph (Rita), Paul (Aracely), and Archie Garcia.

Bill was a retired 40 + year printer at Segerdahl Corporation and an avid Cubs and Bears fan, who would often enjoy a Miller Lite with friends and family.

Due to the governmental regulations on public gatherings the interment was private. A memorial Mass will be scheduled in the future. Services entrusted to the **M J Suerth Funeral Home**. For further information 773-631-1240 or www.suerth.com.

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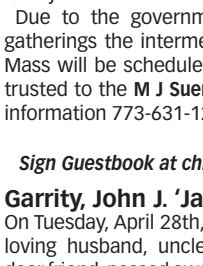
Garrity, John J. 'Jack'

On Tuesday, April 28th, 2020, John ("Jack") J. Garrity, loving husband, uncle, brother-in-law, cousin and dear friend, passed away in his sleep at home. He had recently celebrated his 72nd birthday. Jack was born on April 18, 1948 in Chicago, IL to Joseph and Helyn (Barry) Garrity. He attended Queen of Angels grammar school and DePaul High School. On October 6, 1986, he married his true love, Maria Terese Schmid. Together they created a magic that spilled out into the lives of everyone around them. They brought joy and a unique, powerful light into the lives of those lucky enough to cross their path. Jack carried a lifelong disability of muscular dystrophy regally, like a mantle of ermine. Having a true 'gift of gab' he wove stories the likes of which Shakespeare would have taken note. Sharp minded, charismatic, and recklessly handsome, he was a joy to be around. He was the life of every party, and was also a fighter. He had tremendous grit, determination, and strength which lives on beyond his time with us. As a young man, he loved white water kayaking, and was daring on those rivers as he was in his life. Jack will be remembered forever for his quick wit, cynic remarks, his infectious smile, and strength of spirit. He was "Jack" unabashedly himself; he was a force. Jack was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Helyn Garrity and sister Mary Pat Clemmons. He is survived by his wife Maria, and an ocean of cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. Due to the unfortunate social constraints at this time, only members of the family will attend funeral services. Services are being arranged by **Cooney Funeral Home** located at 3918 W. Irving Park Rd. in Chicago. Until a time when we can join together to honor Jack, we encourage all to celebrate him in your own way. His family hopes to share more details soon. If you would like to remember Jack in a donation, please consider the Muscular Dystrophy Association at mda.donordrive.com/donate

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Garvey, Geraldine 'Geri'

Geraldine S. "Geri" Garvey (nee Hothersall), 78,



of Western Springs, IL, at rest April 27, 2020. Born November 12, 1941 in Chicago, IL to John and Susan Hothersall. Beloved wife of Ralph; loving mother of Ralph Jr. "Rocky" (Erica); devoted grandmother of Nora, Amelia and Piper; dearest sister of Barry (Carol) Hothersall and Susie Martineck; dear aunt of Denise Marciszewski. Geri taught at Gower Middle School in Burr Ridge for 50 years. She enjoyed her many friendships along with the wonders of her cell phone! A Celebration of Geri's Life will be held at a future date. Arrangements entrusted to **West Suburban Funeral Home & Cremation Services**, Westmont. Info 630-852-8000 or www.westsuburbanfh.com

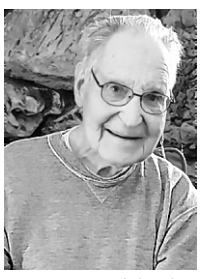
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Giermak, Elaine Anne

Elaine Anne Giermak, age 75, wife of Frank Hoss, sister of Jan Reisch & Cathie (Mike) Todnem, passed away suddenly on April 20, 2020 in Urbana, Illinois.
Aunt of Franz Reisch, Karla (Todd Underhill) Reisch, Chris Todnem, Sarah (Brandon Lenk) Todnem & Lindsay Todnem.
She taught at Campus Middle School for Girls in Urbana and many Illinois schools.
Freese Funeral Home, St. Joseph, Illinois.

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Gilbert, Edward T.



Edward T. Gilbert, 101, long time resident of Edison Park, C.F.D. retired. Passed away peacefully on April 29, 2020. Beloved husband of 66 years to Virginia, nee Mau. Loving father of the late Michael (JoAnn) Gilbert, Catherine (Kenneth) Kozubal and Patricia (Thomas) Leppert. Proud grandfather of Fr. Giles Michael Gilbert, Kaitlin Kozubal, Kyle Gilbert and Ashley Kozubal. Dear brother of the late Frances (Babe) Schaefer and the late James Gilbert. Fond uncle of many nieces and nephews and a dear friend to many.

Due to the governmental restrictions on public gatherings the services were private. Arrangements entrusted to the M J Suerth Funeral Home. For further information 773-631-1240 or www.suerth.com.

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Glow, Virginia

Virginia Glow, nee Stanczyk, 88. Beloved wife of the late Raymond Glow. Loving mother of Nancy (Mike) Reynolds, Susan (Michael) Weyhe, Dawn (Steve) Szwed, the late John Glow, Jill (Kenny) Jarema and David (Cami) Glow. Proud grandma to Ally, Jessi, Mandy and Emily. Dearest aunt to Marilyn Gabrysiak. Mom, you taught us what love is. Your kindness and humor touched all who knew you.
Private interment at Resurrection Cemetery. A Funeral Mass and Celebration of Life will be held at a future date.In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the animal rescue group of your choice.

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Goldberg, Gerald H. ''Jerry''

Gerald "Jerry" H. Goldberg, age 84, of Northbrook passed away peacefully surrounded by family. Jerry is survived his beloved wife Tamara "Tammy" of 62 years; 3 daughters, Bonnie (Randy) Brickman, Joanie (Gary) Heymann, Lisa (Josh) Adler and his grandchildren, Jordyn, Taylor, Scott Harris, Justin Brickman, Emily, Jonathan Adler. Due to the pandemic and out of concern for extended family and friends, services and shiva are private. Memorial donations may be made to National Multiple Sclerosis Society. For information or to leave condolences, **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com.

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Gorek, Clara A.

Clara A. Gorek (Cakanic) 8/20/32-4/27/20 born in Chicago, formerly lived in Palos Heights and Oak Lawn. She was preceded in death by her parents Peter and Mary Cakanic and her brother and sister Peter and Mary Cakanic. Loving Mother of Carol Anderson (the late Michael) and Vince (the late Cindy). Devoted Grandmother of Christina Bultas (Matt) and Michelle (fiance Dave Yochem). Fond Great Grandmother of Michael Bultas. Thankful to all the Caregivers and Medical Professionals that were part of her life. Very devoted to her family and a die-hard Chicago Cubs fan. Lifetime member Croatian Fraternal Union. Due to Covid-19 circumstances, Private Memorial and Interment. Celebration of Life Gathering Summer of 2020. In lieu of flowers, donations: the Greater Chicago Food Depository. chicagosfoodbank.org 773/247-3663

Dignity Memorial Chapel Hill Gardens South Oaklawn

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Groos, William J.

William J. Groos, age 72, of Orland Park, IL passed away on April 29, 2020



Bill is the loving husband for 51 years to Janice N. Groos; proud father to Mark (Monika) Groos, Michael (Mary) Groos, and Jeffrey (Anne) Groos; treasured grandfather to Laura Groos, Michael Groos Jr., Johnathan Groos, Jackson Groos; beloved brother to Joan Groos, Judy (Walter) Reiman, and Robert (Susan) Groos; devoted son to the late William C. and Margaret M. Groos.

Bill was very proud of his career in the Army. He was stationed from 1968 to 1970 at Ft. Irwin Military Base, California. He was assigned as Chief of Howitzer Section and Chief of the Firing Battery B, 3rd Battalion, 73rd Field Artillery. Bill was honored to be chosen "Sergeant of the Year by the enlisted men and Colonel Dan Jennings, Jr. Upon his discharge, Staff Sergeant Groos was awarded the Army Commendation Medal for Meritorious Service, by the Secretary of the Army.

Bill had 41 years of experience in the Rail Car Industry. His chief achievement was the development of Millennium Rail Inc. as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer.

His passion in life was becoming a private pilot. During his retirement he spent many hours as a volunteer for PAWS, performing Dog Rescue Flights. Bill was a much admired man, but his true love was his family and friends, who cherished him for being a wonderful man to those who knew him best. May God Bless him, he will be sorely missed.

Private family services will be conducted at a later date. Chapel Hill Gardens South Funeral Home will be entrusted with his arrangements.

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Gruszka, Frances M.

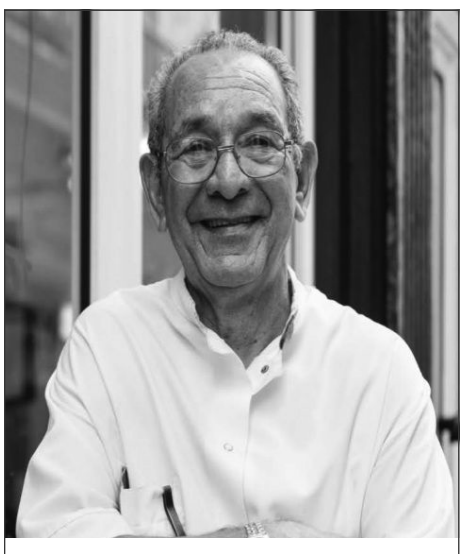
Frances M. Gruszka, age 99. Beloved wife of the late Edward W. Loving mother of Eugene and the late Walter Gruszka. Devoted grandmother of five, great grandmother of ten. Fond sister of Mary (the late Stanley) Mistarz and the late Helen (the late Leonard) Olejniczak. Dear aunt of many nieces and nephews. Member of the Rhine Post VFW #2729 Auxiliary, St. Camillus Golden Agers and Rosary Sodality, 23rd Ward Seniors, Garfield Ridge Seniors and the SSSSO Organization

Due to the COVID-19 concerns, visitation and funeral services will be private. A memorial mass will be celebrated at a later date.

Arrangements are entrusted to the Richard-Midway Funeral Home.

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Harper, John Andrew

John A. Harper passed away peacefully on May 1, 2020. He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 54 years, Mary C. Harper. He is survived by his son, John G. Harper, his daughter-in-law Tiffiney K. Harper and his 3 adoring grandchildren – Laura (Matt) Jalove, Mike Harper, and Kate Harper as well as his brother Tom (Karen) Harper. He will be terribly missed by all. He was thrilled to have made it to his 83rd birthday last week. Services will be private due to the pandemic.

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Healy, Bernice R.



Bernice R Healy (nee Dooley), age 97, born April 12, 1923 and entered into Eternal Life on April 28, 2020. Beloved wife of the late William F. Healy.

Loving mother of Beth Lanigan, the late Jerry (Stephanie), Brian, Barbara (Ed) Bara, Jeanine (Tom) Maloney, Angel Sharon Ann (twin sister of Jeanine), and Michael; fond mother-in-law of Mick Lanigan and Karen Healy.

Proud grandmother of nine and great grandmother of fourteen.

Ber has now been reunited with her whole Dooley family in Heaven: her twin sister Bernadette "Ber" (Bud) Tucker, Ted (Ruth) Dooley, Kathryn "Midge" (Harold) Krueger, Leo (Dolores) Dooley, and Florence (Ray) Howard. Her many nieces and nephews also held a special place in her heart.

Ber's roots were on the South Side of Chicago: she was an alumna of St. Sabina grammar school and Calumet H.S. (where she & Ber were part of the "Twin Club"). She and her husband raised their family in the South Side neighborhoods, and she worked as the secretary for Little Flower grammar school for 25 years.

She enjoyed all things Irish, especially Irish dancing and music- often Ber was the first one on the dance floor. In her later years, she was able to enjoy several trips to Ireland with family.

She loved nothing more than being with family- attending every family event, and welcoming new babies into the family.

Ber had a unique bond with her twin sister Bernadette, known to all as "Ber & Ber", and they were a package deal- to love one was to love both. She was also blessed to be the mother of twins herself- Jeanine and Sharon Ann.

Ber was a resident of Smith Village in her last years. Although it was always her intention to donate her body for scientific research, current times prohibit that wish, along with having an immediate memorial Mass. Information on services to be held at St. Christina Church will be available at a later date.

Memorials in Bernice's honor can be made to Misericordia, 6300 N Ridge Ave., Chicago, IL 60660, or to a charity of your choice, and are most appreciated.

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Hefferan, Richard P. 'Dick'



Richard "Dick" Hefferan, 86, passed away Friday, April 24, 2020 in Park Ridge IL. Dick was married for 60 years to the love of his life Margaret "Marge" (nee Caldwell) Hefferan. He is also survived by his three sons John (Patricia) Hefferan; Patrick (Inez) Hefferan; Michael (Kristen) Hefferan; grandchildren Brian, Valerie, John, Hannah, Ella and Kayla. He was preceded in death by his parents Phelim and Bessie Hefferan; daughter Sally Hefferan; and two brothers, Reverend John Hefferan and William Hefferan.

He was born in Chicago on December 16, 1933. He was a long-term resident of Park Ridge and a member of St. Paul of the Cross Church. He attended Quigley Preparatory High School (ora et labora), Loyola University and Loyola Law School. Dick was a former attorney at Allied Van Lines and the Alliance of American Insurers. He volunteered his time as a member on the Park Ridge Police and Fire Commissioners board and coaching his sons in basketball.

Dick had many passions, he loved spending time with his family; taking his boys out on the water, playing guitar, and he spent many beautiful days on the golf course with his wife, brother, friends and sons.

Thank you to his wonderful caregiver, Anna Njuguna, for her several years of loving care to Dick.

Private funeral services will be held at **Ryan-Parke Funeral Home** in Park Ridge with interment following at All Saints Cemetery in Des Plaines. Due to the pandemic, a future celebration of life will be planned. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to charity of your choice. Funeral Information and to sign the guest book visit, www.ryan-parke.com.

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Hewitt, George Richard 'Dick'



A guy who had Nazis shooting at him in the hedgerow lanes of Normandy and in a foxhole in Bastogne during WWII probably never dreamed in 1944 that he would die peacefully in his sleep at age 96 on April 15, 2020 in Evanston, IL.



Known as "Dick" to everyone except the U.S. Army, he was born in 1923 in the small town of Amboy, IL, the only child of Burt and Anna (McMahon) Hewitt. Every week at the movies he saw an utterly glamorous world of big cities, beautiful blondes, and enduring popular music, sparking his life-long passion for travel and The Great American Songbook. A gifted pianist, he majored in music at Illinois Wesleyan, leaving in his sophomore year to enlist in the Army.

Dick was assigned to the 101st Airborne Division and after training in the U.S., landed in England on his 20th birthday. He visited London every possible chance before being delivered via glider to France for the D Day invasion. He was in Paris after the liberation, then returned to England - only to redeploy to Holland for Operation Market Garden. In December, he and the rest of the 101st were rousted out of camp to defend Bastogne in the Battle of the Bulge. On April 30, 1945, he was at Dachau the day after it was liberated. Discharged at Christmas, Dick returned to Illinois and finished his bachelor's at Northwestern and his Master's at Columbia.

In 1950, he married Joyce Hughes, who died in 2008 on their 58th wedding anniversary. Those 58 years produced three children, five grandchildren, a successful career at Glenbrook North High School, a music-and-book-filled home in Northbrook, many camping trips, four dachshunds, five cats, and a lot of laughter.

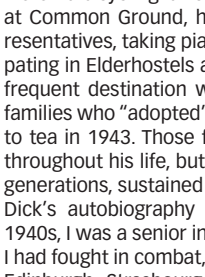
Dick had many acquaintances, a few dear friends, a superb sense of humor, and a family who thought the world of him. His passions for music, books and movies, and the enticements of Chicago jazz clubs, the symphony and the theater were a mainstay of retirement for him and Joyce - when they weren't bicycling through Europe, attending class at Common Ground, haranguing their elected representatives, taking piano lessons (again), or participating in Elderhostels around the globe. Their most frequent destination was England to visit the two families who "adopted" him as a GI after inviting him to tea in 1943. Those friendships not only endured throughout his life, but have stretched across three generations, sustained by his children.

Dick's autobiography notes, "At the start of the 1940s, I was a senior in high school. When it ended, I had fought in combat, seen the Alps, London, Paris, Edinburgh, Strasbourg and the Mediterranean, finished undergraduate and graduate degrees, had my first "real" job and was engaged to be married. Those years were a real ride on Life's merry-go-round. It was my first experience with the chaotic nature of existence – an often interesting, sometimes frightening, occasionally fascinating time. The world that opened up to me in those 10 years was a very different one than had there been no World War II. I had every reason to give Life a hug for getting me from 1940 to 1950."

We have every reason to give his Life a hug for getting from 1923 to 2020. To mourn and celebrate him, he leaves his children Ann (Jon Gordon), Sally (Larry Jakus), Dick (Kelly), grandchildren Margaret Jakus, Abigail Jakus, Katherine Hewitt, Jack Hewitt and Grant Hewitt (Adrienne), his 101st Airborne comrade-in-arms Phil Hooper and Laura Hewitt. We give thanks to the amazing caregivers at Three Crowns Park for the part they played in the last chapter of his life. A memorial celebration will be held at a later date. Donations may be made in his memory to Orphans of the Storm (www.orphansofthestorm.org) or Chicago a cappella (www.chicagoacappella.org).

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Hill, Elsie Jean



Elsie Jean Billups Hill was born in Chicago, Illinois on March 22, 1934 to Gertrude and Charles Billups.

On Monday, April 27, 2020 at 6:43 P.M. Elsie made her transition.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2020 between 1 - 5p.

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Hillsman, Linda Cairo



Linda Cairo Hillsman, age 60, of La Grange Park, IL, was called to Heaven after a long battle with cancer on April 21, 2020. Beloved wife of Richard Hillsman; devoted mother of Caitlin (Devin) Marino, Dana Hillsman (CJ Ryan, fiancé) and Michael Hillsman; dear sister of Ernie (Anna) Cairo, Cindy (Mark) Goodwin and Karen Cairo; caring in-laws Gerry (Lou O'Toole) Hillsman, Mary (Brian Weberg) Hillsman, Jean (the late Tim) Ferrara, Peter Hillsman, Steve (Kathleen) Hillsman; and numerous nieces and nephews. Linda was raised in the West Lawn neighborhood of Chicago by her parents Ernie Sr. and the late Nancy, attended Hubbard High School and earned a degree from DePaul University. Linda and Richard met while working at The First National Bank of Chicago and were married for over 30 years. Linda was devoted to her family and to her faith in our Lord, Jesus Christ. After her first bout with cancer in 2002, Linda dedicated herself to fitness and self-improvement as a personal trainer, group fitness instructor and author. Linda was a fabulous dancer and especially loved teaching Zumba. In her later years when physical limitations slowed her down, her focus shifted to spiritual development and evangelism through church ministry and prayer. She will be remembered for her kind, loving spirit and selflessness. Although too short, her life served as a beacon of Light, a shining example of courage, strength and goodness for her family and many friends. A Funeral Mass will be held on July 15, 2020 at 10:00 am at St. Francis Xavier Church in La Grange, IL. Interment will be private at Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Hillside, IL. Arrangements entrusted to **Hitzeman Funeral Home**, Brookfield, IL 60513. Memorial contributions may be made to Misericordia Heart of Mercy, 6300 North Ridge Road, Chicago, IL 60660 or to The Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph, 1515 West Ogden Avenue, La Grange Park, IL 60526. For more information call 708-485-2000 or visit online at www.HitzemanFuneral.com

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Janda, Charles William

Charles William Janda, age 80, of La Grange Park. Beloved husband of Mary Ellen Janda, nee Riha and loving father of Charles Peter Janda. Private Family Services have been held. Interment Private Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside, IL. Memorials appreciated to the Shriners Hospital for Children, 2211 N. Oak Park Ave., Chicago, IL 60707. For those of you that would have attended services and would like to express your condolences to the family, please click on the link below and you can leave the family a message. If you wish to send a Sympathy Card or Mass Card to the Family, please feel free to send it to **Hitzeman Funeral Home**, 9445 West 31st Street, Brookfield, IL 60513, c/o The Charles Janda Family. We will gladly forward it on to the family. Information 708-485-2000 or www.HitzemanFuneral.com.

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Jarosz, Jolanta

Stefania Jarosz, nee Oriwol, age 90, beloved wife of the late Marian; loving mother of Jolanta (Jim) McNamara, and Wanda (Miro) Kuprianczyk; dear grandmother of Stephanie (Matt) Guth, Adam Kuprianczyk, and family members in Poland. Stefania was a Polish Army veteran, a combatant in the Warsaw Uprising, a survivor of the Nazi POW camp at Oberlangen, and Vice-President of the Polish Home Army Association. Services for Jolanta are private. Arrangements by Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. Funeral info: 847-966-7302 or www.skajafuneralhomes.com

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Jindra, George J.

George J. Jindra of Naperville, formerly of La Grange Park, age 97. U.S. Army Veteran WWII. Beloved husband of the late Mary, nee Ruf; loving father of Alan (Kaylynn) Jindra, Marlene Teichart and Gary (Kathy) Jindra; proud grandfather of Justin, Sean, Ashley, Kelly, Sarah, Kyle, Christopher, Bethany and Patrick; great grandfather of 18; dear brother of the late Adeline, Charles and Edward. George opened Eastland Industries in 1979. Due to the Covid-19 crisis services are private. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to **Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home**. For info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.

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Johnson, George R.

George R. Johnson, age 76, of Palos Heights, Vietnam War Army Veteran, passed away on April 30, 2020. Loving husband of over 40 years to Kathleen Johnson; Beloved father to the late Jennifer, Ryan (Amanda), and the late George Johnson; Cherished grandfather to Avery and Grant Johnson; Dear uncle to many. George was preceded in death by his siblings, Shirley (the late Jack) and Tom (Adrienne) Johnson. Services will be private at this time for George. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in George's name to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, P.O. Box 91891, Washington DC 20090.

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Just, Roger Francis



Roger Francis Just of Willowbrook, IL formerly of La Grange Park, died peacefully on Tuesday, April 28. Roger, 93, born in LaSalle-Peru, IL, was a loving husband of 50 years to Mary Jean, was a devoted and caring father of six children, and dearly loved his fourteen grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Roger dedicated more than six decades of his life working for the freight industry and served his country in the Navy during WWII. He was also an avid gardener who always had a yard adorned with beautiful flowers. He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Stella (Krolak) Just, his wife Mary Jean (Shields), and his brother Donald Just. Roger is survived by his children, Mary Lynn (Steve) Capouch, Beth Ann (Craig) Scott, Susan (James) Schlindwein, William (Susan), Gregory (Sandra), Cheryl (Tony) Napoli; his grandchildren Andy, Cathleen and Thomas Capouch, Matthew (Kelly) and Gavin Scott, Daniel (Alex), Ann Marie (Ryan) Schiller and Susie Schlindwein, Nicholas, Kerry, Alexandra, Lauren and Mark Just, and Gabriella Napoli; his great grandchildren Emma and Madelyn Schiller; his brother Richard Just; and his many nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be private. Memorials may be made to Hinsdale Hospital Foundation- Area of Highest and Greatest Need, 120 N Oak Street Hinsdale, IL 60521. Please indicate that your gift is in memorial of Roger Just. Donations will benefit the doctors and nurses who are bravely fighting COVID-19 and who took excellent care of Roger. Arrangements entrusted to Adolf Funeral Home 630-325-2300 www.adolfservices.com.

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Kaage, Muriel G.

Muriel G. Kaage, nee Planz, 90, of Park Ridge, longtime member of the Edison Park community. Beloved wife of the late Irvin L. Kaage, Jr for 70 years who passed away 36 hours earlier both of virus complications. Loving mother of Irvin L. (Laurel) Kaage, III, Michael (Karen) Kaage and Patricia (the late Edward) Yauch. Proud grandmother of Kathrine (Daniel) Esposito, Irvin L. (Claire) Kaage, IV, Kristen Kaage, Christopher Kaage and Kent (Grace) Kaage. Great grandmother of Aellah Kaage, Barjona Kaage, Irvin L. Kaage, V, Alexander Esposito, Ryan Esposito, Thurlow Kaage, Elisabeth Esposito and Soren Kaage. Dear sister of Arlene (the late Henry) Kraus, Diana (the late Donald) Langguth and the late Edwin (the late Helen) Planz. Preceded in death by her parents Evelyn, nee Albert and Edwin Planz.

Muriel was a strong influence on Irv and her family. Always a fashionably dressed lady. Frequently wearing her signature hats to church and other functions that resulted in her nickname, "Hat Lady". She will be sorely missed by her family and many cherished friends.

Due to the government restrictions on public gatherings the interment was private. A public memorial service will be held in the future when possible. Services entrusted to the M J Suerth Funeral Home. For more information 773-631-1240 or www.suerth.com

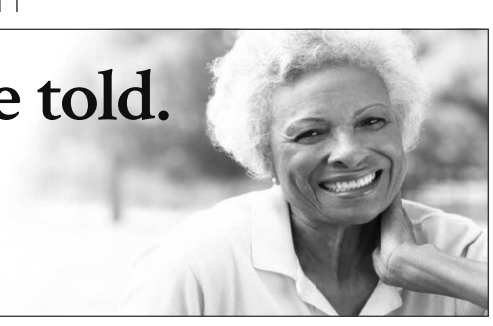
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Kaage, Jr., Irvin L.



Irvin L. Kaage, Jr, 92, of Park Ridge, owner and operator of Kaage's Newsstand in Edison Park. U.S. Navy veteran. Beloved husband for 70 years to the late Muriel G. Kaage, nee Planz who passed away 36 hours after Irvin, both of virus complications. Loving father of Irvin L. (Laurel) Kaage, III, Michael (Karen) Kaage and Patricia (the late Edward) Yauch. Proud grandfather of Kathrine (Daniel) Esposito, Irvin L. (Claire) Kaage, IV, Kristen Kaage, Christopher Kaage and Kent (Grace) Kaage. Great grandfather of Aellah Kaage, Barjona Kaage, Irvin L. Kaage, V, Alexander Esposito, Ryan Esposito, Thurlow Kaage, Elisabeth Esposito and Soren Kaage. Dear brother of Genevieve (the late Ian) Clark, the late Marie (the late Robert) Kjellen, the late Gabriel (the late Warren) Frost, the late Elvina Kaage, the late Virginia (the late Ronald) Machaj and the late George (Eleanor) Kaage. Preceeded in death by his parents Gabrielle, nee Katzenberger and the Irvin L. Kaage, Sr.

Irv was a fixture for 77 years at the newsstand at the corner of Northwest Hwy and Oliphant, which the Edison Park Chamber of Commerce named Kaage's Korner in 2013. He was beloved by the community for recognizing his customers by name and providing a smiling, uplifting greeting to those of all ages. He was a strong influence for those young boys and men who entered the business world as newsboys on the corner. He was a mentor, teacher and cherished friend to many.

Due to the government restrictions on public gatherings the interment was private. A public memorial service will be held in the future when possible. Services entrusted to the M J Suerth Funeral Home. For more information 773-631-1240 or www.suerth.com.

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Karkazis, Lambros Constantine

Lambros Constantine Karkazis, age 91. Beloved husband of the late Helen Manos Karkazis of Baltimore, MD. Loving father of Dean, John (Jill), & Eve (Chris) Kappas. Proud grandfather of Alex, Nick, Michael, Lambros, Chris, Lexie, Matthew, & Kally. Dear brother of the late Helen (late Chris) Pappademos, late Daphine (late George) Bagatelas, late Ephrosine (late John) Kotsionis, James (Phyllis), & George (Myrsini). "Al" owned Karkazis Furs in La Grange, IL for many years with his brother. He was a member of the Kiwanis Club and the La Grange Business Association. He was an avid golfer who loved his family and his church. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church, 2501 S. Wolf Rd. Westchester, IL 60154 and American Stroke Association at www.stroke.org. Arrangements are entrusted to **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, Countryside at 708-352-6500 or HJfunerals.com.

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Kelly, Mary Lou

With great sadness we announce the peaceful passing of Mary Lou Kelly (nee Mannix) age 93, on Monday, April 27, 2020. Beloved wife of 64 years to the late John Kelly; loving mother of Daniel (Kathy), Nancy (Juergen), Tim (Erin), Jack (Diane) and the late Tom; grandmother to 14 and great- grandmother of 8. Mary is preceded in death by her parents Thomas and Anne (nee McClain) Mannix; two brothers Tom (Jeanette), Bob (Charmaine), and her sister Lorrie Mannix.

Mary Lou was a friend to many whose wonderful sense of humor and warm smile will be missed by many. Mary is now off to the great casino in the sky, ready to re-up and start playing a new hand.

In lieu of flowers, please send a donation to the Charity of your choice, such as American Heart Association. Due to current Covid -19 restrictions, a memorial service and celebration of life will be held at a later date.

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Kessler, June

June Kessler, nee Bromberg. Beloved wife of the late Dr. Seymour Kessler. Adored mother of Jori (Mark) Kovel. Cherished grandmother of Carli and Grant Kovel. Dear sister of Eleanor (the late Leonard) Belson and the late Florence (the late Herbert) Rudman. Devoted daughter of the late Mina and Abraham Bromberg. She will always be remembered for her kindness, strength, grace, wisdom, generosity, beauty, and unwavering dedication to her family. Private family services were held. Memorial contributions may be made in her name to JUF, 30 S. Wells Street, Chicago, IL 60606, www.juf.org. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals**-Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfinfo.com

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King, Barbara J.

Barbara J. King, nee Wellborn, age 81, beloved wife for 49 years to the late Gerald J. "Jerry" King (2010). Loving mother of Sharon (Lee) Pielemeier, Kathy (Michael) Evans, and Jean (Stan) Gralewski. Cherished grandmother of John Pavloski, Kevin (Colleen) Pavloski, and Megan Ditzler. Dearest great-grandmother of Hunter and Joe. Preceded in death by her siblings: Alene Miles, Marion O'Rourke Gloria Linhart, Orin "Sonny" Wellborn, Jr., and Joyce Baker. Dear aunt of many nieces and nephews. Due to the unfortunate circumstances surrounding COVID-19 and for the safety of the family and community, funeral service and burial will be held privately. In lieu of flowers memorials to American Heart Association are appreciated. Express your thoughts and condolences at colonialchapel.com 708-532-5400

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Koff-Klein, Rose

Rose Koff-Klein (nee Pekofsky) age 91, beloved wife of the late Saul Klein; loving parent (with Leonard) of the late Felicia Kingsley, Eileen (Dan) Racinowski, David Koff and Jonathan (Tricia) Koff; cherished grandmother of Alana, the late Dana, Jeremy (Rina), Sara (Randy), Laura, Kayla, Gayle (Todd), Harrison and Jason; much loved great-grandmother, aunt and great aunt to many; preceded in death by her brothers Milton (Sylvia) Pekay and Morris Pekofsky. Rose was a treasured friend to many. She loved nothing more than spending time with her family and has been an inspiration to us all. Due to the pandemic and out of concern for our extended family and friends, services and shiva will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Susan G. Komen Chicago or the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. For information and condolences: **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 847-255-3520 or www.shalom2.com

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Kuhn, Dolores Ellen 'Dorey'



Dolores Ellen "Dorey" Kuhn (nee Bechen), age 74, of Countryside, formerly of Cicero, passed away peacefully on May 1, 2020 holding her husband's hand after a hard struggle with COVID-19. Beloved wife of Charles R. "Charlie" Kuhn, Jr. for a wonderful 51 years. Loving mother of Andrea "Andi" (Mark) McFarlane and Casey (Dan) Schafer. Devoted grandma of Maggie and Bridget Schafer and Spencer McFarlane. Dear sister of Donald (Diane) Bechen. Fond aunt of many. Preceded in death by her parents Herman and Dolores Bechen. Dorey enjoyed and spoiled her dogs Krissy, Rocky, PJ, Samantha, Lucy, and Oreo. Dorey was also a die-hard Cubs fan. Dorey was a longtime teacher and principal in the Chicago Catholic schools. She also served as volunteer manager at Chicago Catholic Charities. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Chicago Catholic Charities. Due to today's pandemic, a service will be held privately at 11:00am on Thursday, May 7th, with a live stream available at hjfunerals.com/obituaries/2020/05/01/dolores-ellen-dorey-kuhn/ 15 minutes before the service begins. Arrangements are entrusted to **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, Countryside at 708-352-6500 or HJfunerals.com.

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Lanzillotti, Joseph J.

Joseph J. Lanzillotti passed away peacefully on Thursday, April 30th, while surrounded by his loving family in the tranquility of his own home at the golden age of 91. Beloved Husband of Rosemary nee Pasquale for 60 amazing years. Devoted Father of Angela (John Berger) and Francine (Chuck) Lazzara. Loving Son of the late Anthony and late Angeline nee Storto Lanzillotti. Devoted Grandpa Joe of Taylor and Julian Lazzara. Dear twin Brother of the late Carmen and the late Anna Marie (the late Jack) Lynch. Dear Brother-in-law to Frank (Vivian) Pasquale and David (Mary Beth) Pasquale. Dear Uncle and Great Uncle to many. Joe was an attorney in private practice in the city of Berwyn from 1960 until his retirement in 1993. He served as the mayor of the City of Berwyn from 1981 to 1993. He also served as a Justice of the Peace, City Prosecutor, Berwyn Township Collector, the Committeeman for the Democratic Organization of Berwyn, one of the founders of the Italian-American Civic Organization of Berwyn and a lifetime resident of Berwyn. Arrangements for Joe have been entrusted to Russo's Hillside Chapels. In keeping in compliance with the current CDC and IDPH recommendations regarding gathering size (not to exceed more than 10 people), all funeral services for Joe will remain private for just the immediate family only. A memorial service to celebrate Joe's life will be scheduled at a later date. For those of you that would have attended Joe's services you may sign his guestbook and leave your condolences for the family by clicking on the 'Guest Book' tab at the top of this page. For additional information please call (708) 449-5300.

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Last, Roger A.

Roger A. Last, 73 of Addison, Illinois passed away on April 30. Born in Maywood, Illinois, proud graduate of Proviso East High School, he was the son of the late Walter O. and Myrtle Alice (Williams) Last. Brother of Walter J. and the late Sally J. Last, uncle to Kimberly Last. U.S. Air Force veteran, die-hard Cubs fan. Not related to COVID-19. Arrangements held privately. For info, www.HumesFH.com or 630.628.8808

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Lester, John A.

John A. Lester, 76, of Wheaton, born in Chattanooga, TN; retired facilities staff, United States Postal Service; passed away April 27, 2020, of COVID. Husband of Sharon Diane Lester (nee Eckert), father of Sean Lester, son of the late John J. Lester and Hazel E. Lester (nee Albert). John's cremated remains will be scattered on Lake Michigan, when it is safe to gather. Arrangements by **Cremation Society of Illinois**, 773-281-5058 or www.cremation-society.com.

Cremation Society of Illinois

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Long, Ethel

Ethel Long, nee Cohen, age 97. Beloved wife of the late William. Loving mother of Barbara Long and Richard Long. Dear sister of the late Beatrice (the late Joseph) Abern, the late Dr. Leon Carrow and the late Dolly (the late Barry) Levison. Cherished sister-in-law of Blanche (the late Philip) Meisel. The family appreciates adored and wonderful caregiver Cristy Dizon. Will be missed by many nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews and friends. Due to the pandemic, a private family graveside will be held Monday. To attend the funeral live stream, please visit our website. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in her memory to Congregation Beth Shalom, 3433 Walters Ave., Northbrook, IL 60062, www.bethshalomnb.org. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals**- Buffalo Grove, 847.229.8822, www.cjfinfo.com

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Lordan, Barbara Ryan

Barbara Ryan Lordan, age 70, of Oak Park; wife of Jerry Lordan; mother of Brendan and Erin Lordan; sister of Michael (Marianne) and William (Leonie) Ryan and the late Mary Ryan (Edmund) Radz; daughter of the late Francis and Agnes nee O'Toole Ryan. She received her BA from Northeastern University in Boston, MA and her MBA from Dominican University in River Forest, IL. She was a technical sales representative for Eastman Kodak. She used her French language skill as a volunteer in Crossroads Africa in the Ivory Coast. Celebration of life services will be held in Oak Park, IL and Watertown, MA at a later date. When available, service information will be updated at: drechslerbrownwilliams.com. In lieu of flowers, donations to: Catholic Charities of Chicago (catholiccharities.net) are appreciated.

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Mahoney, Marilyn Roberta

Of Brookfield, WI (Nee Busch) Received home by The Good Lord on April 24, 2020 at the age of 83. She was born in Chicago to Robert and Anna Busch. Beloved wife of the late Robert Emmett Mahoney Jr. Loving mother of Dennis Augustus (Melissa), Kathleen Marie Gill, and Robert Emmett III. Mother -in-law of Harry S. Gill and Denise M. O'Keefe. Grandmother of Sarah, Emma (Phil), Olivia Ewing (Eric), Griffin, and Liam Gill, Robert Emmett Mahoney IV (Hillary), Michael Donald Mahoney and Caitlin Grace Mahoney and great-grandmother of Robert Emmett Mahoney V and Charles Finnegan Mahoney. Sister of the late Elizabeth Anthony. Aunt of Mary Anne Kavanagh. She is furthered survived by her life companion Warren Wind, previously her high school sweetheart, recently reunited for the last, happiest 8-1/2 years of her life, extending her family to include Stuart, Mickey, Steven, Cathy, Scotty (deceased) and Isabel Wind, along with Warren's four grandchildren.

Marilyn died peacefully, yet unexpectedly, as a result of complications from a recent fall in her home. Marilyn genuinely embraced life, loved her family deeply and treasured her many friends. She cherished every day of her life and passed from this world knowing she was going home to The Good Lord.

She was a proud graduate of Luther High School North, Chicago, 1954.

A private family funeral service was held at Harder Funeral Home, Brookfield, WI., and Marilyn was buried at Maryhill Cemetery, Niles, IL on April 30, 2020. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations to the American Heart Association or the Brookfield Lutheran Church, Brookfield, WI.

The family would like to extend their profound appreciation for all the excellent healthcare providers who took care of Marilyn, past and most recently, especially all those wonderful people at Waukesha Memorial Hospital. The family also wishes to express their personal gratitude to Harry S. Gill, M.D., Sanjay Singh, M.D. and Robert McManus, M.D. for providing Marilyn the ability to enjoy many more memorable years with all those she loved.

Marilyn's family will be planning and hosting a Celebration of Life once the current pandemic circumstances and public safety concerns have expired. For those who may wish to express their condolences, or for updates on the future Celebration of Life, please refer to the Harder Funeral Hone at harderfuneralhome.com.

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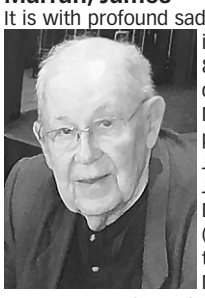
Mannix, Jeannette

Jeannette Mannix of Chicago, passed away peacefully on April 29, 2020 with her devoted family by her side. Beloved wife of the late Thomas E. Mannix. Cherished mother of Judy (Tom) Pfeiffer, Mary Mannix, & the late John (Pat) Mannix & Patty Meinke. Proud grandmother & great grandmother of many. Services & Interment private. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Ronald McDonald Houses Charities, RMH near Advocate Children's Hospital, 4410 W. 93rd St. Oak Lawn, IL 60453 www.rmhccni.org/donate would be greatly appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home. thompsonkuensterfuneralhome.com 708-425-0500.

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Marran, James

It is with profound sadness that we relay the passing of James F. Marran, age 89, of Winnetka. He was the devoted husband of Barbara Marran, nee Hammond. The proud and loving father of James (Francine) Marran, Julia (Jim Grosh) Marran, David (Laura) Marran, Paul (Jeannine) Marran. He was the delighted grandpa of Michael (Kimi), Laura (Greg), Jack, Kathryn (David), Elizabeth, Luke, Calvin and was also lucky enough to be the adoring and amused great grandpa of Wesley, Siena, Kellen, Theodore, and James. Throughout his life he was the loyal brother of the late John (Theresa) Marran.



A celebration of Jim's life will be announced at a later date. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to New Trier Educational Fund-Marran Fund, 7 Happ Road, Northfield, IL 60093 or New Trier Township Food Pantry, 739 Elm Street, Winnetka, IL 60093.

As a tribute to Jim, please pour yourself a bourbon Manhattan tonight and toast his memory and long life.

Info: www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847) 675-1990.

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Meeker, Katherine 'Kate '

Katherine "Kate" Meeker nee Cotter, age 94. Beloved wife of the late Willard "Bill" Meeker, CFD. Loving mother of Kathleen (Peter) Severyns, Mary Ellen (Glen) Wherfel, Richard (ret. CFD/OEMC) (Mary Eileen) and Julie (Gregory) Courchene. Dear grandma "gram" of Richard, Tom, Quinn, Susanna, Patrick, Michael, Ryan, Jessica, Bill and Laura; great grandmother of 10. Sister of the late Mary (the late Arvid) McGuire and Nancy (Nick) Valenziano. Please omit flowers. Donation to the charity of your choice would be appreciated. Due to the Covid-19 crisis funeral services will be held privately, a memorial service will be held at a later date. Friends are encouraged to share condolences on Kate's memorial at www.smithcorcoran.com. Please call 773-736-3833 for more information.

Smith-Corcoran Funeral Homes

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Mischke, Rose Marie

Rose Marie Mischke nee Bradtke of Park Ridge, IL passed away on May 2nd at age 83. Preceded in death by her beloved husband and best friend Robert T. Mischke, Sr. Devoted mother of Robert T. Jr. (Sheila) , Carol (Jim) Bowler, Christy Rehberger and Mark (Loryn). Cherished grandmother of Brian, Jennifer (John) Andreoni, Siobhan, Bridget (Michael) Drzik, Eric (Giulia), Amanda (Aaron Assmann), Samantha, Evan (Lisa Nahhas) Bowler and Olivia, Alyse Rehberger. Proud great grandmother to Tyler and Arthur Mischke, Gavin Andreoni, and Addison Drzik. Dear sister to Arlene Tadda. Funeral services will be held privately, and a celebration of her life will take place at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations to Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, 1500 Rosecrans Ave., Suite 200, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266 or at pancan.org/donate

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Mullin, John V.

John V. Mullin, beloved husband of the late Joanne M. (nee Buker) Mullin; loving father of Sean Mullin, Kathleen (Jim) Maertzig and Michael (Sherry) Mullin; dear brother of Elizabeth (the late Jake) Mahal, Mary Jo (the late Tom) Dockery and the late Joseph, Francis and Fr. Edward Mullin; brother-in-law of Janice (Art) Taillon; grandfather of John (Stephanie) Maertzig, Nicole Maertzig and Brittany Maertzig; great-grandfather of Easton and Colton Maertzig and many nieces and nephews. A private graveside service will be held at Risen Lord Cemetery in Oswego, IL. Arrangements by **The Healy Chapel**, 332 W. Downer Place, Aurora, IL. For further information please call 630-897-9291 or visit www.healychapel.com to leave an online condolence.

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Musica, Noreen C.

Noreen C. Musica, nee Wilmot, age 77; beloved wife of the late Richard; loving step-mother of Richard Musica; dear sister of James (Katherine) Wilmot and the late Mary Anne Wilmot; fond aunt of Patrick (Yana) Wilmot and great-aunt of Jacob Wilmot. Funeral Services and Interment Private at this time. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl. 17, Chicago, IL 60601 or to the charity of your choice. Arrangements handled by **Gibbons Funeral Home**, Elmhurst. 630-832-0018 or www.gibbonsfuneralhome.com

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Norris, Henrietta B.

Henrietta Norris nee Bennick, age 78 of Mount Prospect, IL. Loving mother of Gwyn and George Blackburn. Beloved daughter of the late Dave and Sylvia Bennick. Proud grandmother of Joshua. Dear sister of Neal and Janet. Fond aunt of Annemarie, Joseph, Rebecca and Monica. Services are private. Arrangements by **DuPage Cremations, Ltd. and Memorial Chapel** (630) 293-5200.

DuPage Cremations, Ltd. and Memorial Chapel

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O'Byrn, Daniel E.



Daniel E. O'Byrn, April 28, 2020. Age 93. Of Oak Brook, IL. Devoted husband of the late Josephine O'Byrn, nee Rizzico. Loving father of Brian (Gail), Daniel E., Jr. (Ginny), and Michael O'Byrn. Cherished grandfather of Jessica and Emily O'Byrn. Beloved brother of Alan, O'Byrn, Nolan O'Byrne, Lionel O'Byrn, Edna Mitkowski, Mary Wood, and the late Geraldine Woehnker. Daniel is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins, and a host of friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Elizabeth, nee Nolan and Earl E. O'Byrne. Visitation and funeral services are private. A Memorial Service will be scheduled at a later date and time. Memorial Offerings in Daniel's name may be made to Catholic Charities of Chicago, 721 N. LaSalle St., Chicago, IL.60654 or www.donate@catholiccharities.net, and will be deeply appreciated. Petkus & Son Funeral Directors in charge of arrangements. 800-994-7600 or www.petkusfuneralhomes.com

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O'Connor, George R.

George R. O'Connor was a U.S. Marine who fought in the Korean War. He was awarded the Purple Heart, the Korean Campaign Ribbon, and four Bronze Stars. He spent a career teaching in the Chicago public high schools, and is survived by many nieces and nephews. A private graveside service will be held with his family. Interment Queen of Heaven, Hillside. Arrangements entrusted to **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, Countryside. Info: (708) 352-6500 or hjfunerals.com

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O'Hare, Patricia A.

Patricia Ann O'Hare (nee O'Brien), 96, devoted wife of 59 years to the late Frank; amazing mother of Trip (Judy), Colleen, Ellen (Dennis) McDonald, Nancy (Tom) Longino, Maribeth (Bob) Kilcoyne, Therese (James) O'Toole, Jean Steinhauer, Laurie (Kevin) Scully, Brian (Susan), Timothy (Nora), and the late William; wonderful grandmother of Shannon (Jeremy DeMuth), Bridget (Dennis) Heywood, Frank IV (Kaitie), Billy (Emily) O'Hare, Mike and Jim McDonald, Lisa (Charlie) Staggs, Kevin (Katie) Longino, Lauren (Dave) Mehon, Robert (McKinsey) Kilcoyne, Jim (Kayley) O'Toole, Bill (Casey) O'Toole, Dan (Tori) O'Toole, Sarah, Brendan, and Emily Steinhauer, Lindsay (Mike) O'Neill, Claire and the late Will Scully, Sydney, Patrick, and Casey O'Hare, Jack, Owen, and Thomas O'Hare; joyful great-grandmother of Frank V, Wylder, Genevieve, and Baby O'Hare, Dennis III (Trippy) and Shirley Heywood, Brenden and Cole Dominguez, Steve Staggs, Lucy and Jake Mehon, Rosalyn Longino, Bruce and Nolan Kilcoyne, Brooks O'Toole, Braxton and Baby O'Toole. Pat was an unfaltering friend and a true patriot who epitomized our Greatest Generation's Can-Do, Will-Do attitude. She showed all of us the true face of devotion during Frank's final illness; now she has united with his spirit, and they walk once again in peace and love. Visitation private, but will be followed by a celebration of her life in the coming months. Donations to Elevate Senior Living/Holland House, 16300 Louis Avenue, South Holland Il 60473; or Vitas Hospice (www.vitascommunityconnection.org) appreciated.

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Ogiego, Olivia J.



It is with profound grief and sadness that we announce the passing of Olivia Joy Ogiego, beloved daughter, sister, granddaughter, niece, cousin and girlfriend to all whose lives she touched. Olivia's life was taken suddenly by a tragic auto accident April 30, 2020.

Olivia was born on January 21, 2000 to Elizabeth Joy Ogiego and the late Joel Matthew Ogiego. She graduated from Valparaiso High School, Class of 2018. She adored her mother, her brother and her three pugs. Olivia was a great reader and had a fantastic memory. Above all she deeply loved her family gatherings and was always looking forward to the next one. She was always happy and brightened every room she entered. She was one of a kind and loved by all.

She will be deeply missed and survived by her mother Liz, her brother Nick, her half sister Ella, her grandmother Carol Mandich, her aunts and uncles Mark, Steve (Shelley) and Melissa Mandich (fiancée Michael Sullivan), Jerry, John (Terri), Jeff (Jill) and Jason (Kelly) Ogiego.

Her loving cousins, Nicole (Ian) Joel, Michael, Matthew (Virginia), Danielle, Peter and Madelyn Mandich, Carly Carrabine, Emilia and Arianna Joel, Jacob, Jordan, Briana, Chase and Ronni Lynn Ogiego. Preceded in death by her father Joel and grandfathers Nick Mandich and Jerome Ogiego and grandmother Delores Ogiego.

Olivia was so loved and will always be remembered for her bright smile, positive demeanor and kind and loving heart.

A private family viewing will be held at Moeller Funeral Home in Valparaiso, IN. A memorial service will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers please send donations to Porter County Animal Shelter in Olivia's memory.

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Osajda, Col. Michael C.

Colonel Michael C. Osajda, USMC, Retired, was born February 11, 1947 in Chicago to Joseph and Jean Osajda. He passed away peacefully April 26, 2020 in Mundelein. Michael is survived by his sisters, Patricia Stoneberg, JoJean Brandl, and Elaine (Thomas) Hann; and he was the adored uncle, great uncle, and great great uncle to many. He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Maribel Leibforth; and brother, Richard (Ruth) Osajda. Services for Michael will be held at a later date. Please visit www.davenportfamily.com for updated service information and to leave condolences. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to TLS Veterans, 5330 W Elm St., McHenry, IL 60050. This organization supports local homeless veterans. Arrangements were entrusted to **Davenport Family Funeral Home** and Crematory, Barrington.

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Palasz, Joseph S.

"On the evening of April 9, 2020 Joseph S. Palasz of Oak Lawn passed away at the age of 66 from complications related to COVID-19. Joe is preceded is death by his father, Edward E. and mother, Stephanie as well as brother Edward D. (Joan). He is Survived by his brother Richard (Kay) and John (Joyce) as well as many other loving relatives. Joe lived his entire life n Oak Lawn where he was a 1971 graduate of St. Laurence High School. Joe requested that his body be donated for medical research in the hope of someday helping others, however this was not possible given his diagnosis of COVID-19. At the time, per his wishes, there are no plans for any type of formal remembrance or Celebration of life."

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Paley, Michael Douglas

Michael Douglas Paley, age 50, adored son of Robert and Marcia Paley; beloved husband of Rachel Cantor; loving father of Samuel and Matthew Paley and dear second father of Eitan, Uma and Ronen Malani; much loved brother of Susan Paley (Kevin) Fisher and brothers-in-law Brent (Andrea) Cantor and Mark (Amy) Cantor; Michael was a treasured uncle to many nieces and nephews. Due to the pandemic and out of concern for our extended family and friends, services and shiva will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Cure Alzheimer's Fund, www.curealz.org/outreach/in-memory/michael-paley. For information (including details to come for an open memorial service) and condolences: **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 847-255-3520 or www.shalom2.com

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Peterson, Kenneth J.



Kenneth J. Peterson age 75 of Homewood formerly of Chicago Heights, Illinois passed away on April 23, 2020. Loving husband to Dawn (nee Colonnelli). Beloved brother to Shirley (Russ) Boettger, Wayne (Sue) Peterson, Jerry (late Nancy) Peterson, Leonard Peterson, preceded in death by his siblings Charlene Niebling, Donald Peterson and Norma Grutzius. Fond son to the late Leonard and Alvira (nee Jurgerson) Peterson. Uncle to many nieces and nephews. Kenneth retired as the Director of Buildings and Grounds for Park Forest School District 163 and retired from Infant Jesus of Prague Church in Flossmoor. Kenneth was a member of Loyal Order Moose Lodge 828, lifetime member of the South Suburban Maintenance Association and was also an avid bowler and golfer. Kenneth served proudly in the U.S. Army where he received an award in National Defense Service Medal and Good Conduct Metal. Burial and service was private due to the COVID-19 virus.

Funeral Arrangements entrusted to **Kerr-Parzygnot Funeral Home**, 540 Dixie Highway, Chicago Heights, IL. Burial at Assumption Cemetery, Glenwood, Illinois. Info: (708)-754-0016.

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Petrone, Ricky Laury

Ricky Laury Petrone, born May 19, 1949 in Chicago, Illinois, passed away April 13,2020 in Las Vegas. Ricky was the son of the late Alderman Patrick Pasquale Petrone and Ruth Petrone. He was preceded in death by his sister Patricia Petrone. He left behind his sister Pamela Petrone-Nickles and her children Dylan Nickles and Trisha Nickles. He graduated from Northwestern U.and received his law degree from DePaul U. in 1974. Ricky started his lengthy law career the Cook County State Attorneys office, then transferred to Cook County Public Defenders office, where he represented his clients in courtroom hearings. In 1980 he moved to Las Vegas and entered into private practice with the Tom Pitaro Law Firm. They specialized in personal injury and criminal law. Four years later he opened his own practice while continuing to collaborate with Me. Pitaro. Mr. Petrone was a lifelong friend of many of his Northwestern Alpha Delta Phi fraternity brothers, returning to Chicago school reunions and joining many of them on a memorable raft trip through the Grand Canyon in 1995. He was a generous host when friends visited Las Vegas. He always had room in his home and would provide his guests with boat trips on Lake Mead and tickets for shows on the Strip. Ricky was a stalwart at the sports book of many Las Vegas casinos where he enjoyed the status of a regular. He spent lengthy time recuperating from back surgery with his sister Pam in Macon, Georgia, who never failed to support him in his time of need. After a serious heart attack in August 2015, his health was never the same. We will all remember him as a shooting star who shown very brightly before falling way to fast.

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Phelan, Pauline

nee Waydonoski, age 100, died peacefully April 25, 2020. She was the beloved wife for 62 years of the late Bernard J. Phelan (2006), loving mother of Bernard A. (Marianne), Mary Suwanski, Michael, Betty Edwards, Patrick (Tammy) and Robert (Roxanne) Phelan; cherished grandmother of 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; dear sister of the late Helen (the late Steve) Polachek, dear sister-in-law of Jack (the late Helen) Phelan, Marjorie Steffen, and Sr. Jean Phelan, SSND; fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. The family wishes to sincerely thank Pauline's caregivers these past two years. Pauline worked for the British Navy in Norfolk, VA during World War II and met her husband there. She enjoyed gardening, baking, attending plays, and playing cards. Pauline greatly enjoyed her 100th birthday party last June and came within two months of celebrating her 101st birthday. May she rest in peace. Services private. A Memorial Mass and celebration of life at a later date when it will be safe to gather. Private interment at Maryhill Cemetery next to her beloved husband. In lieu of flowers, donations to the American Macular Degeneration Foundation, P.O. Box 515, Northampton, MA 01061-0515 would be appreciated. For info 847-685-1002.

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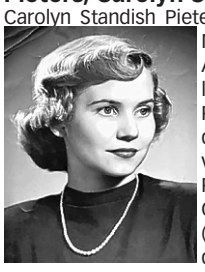
Philipp, Lois Ann



(nee Oldenburg) of Lindenhurst, Ill, formally of Mt. Prospect, Ill, and Milwaukee, Wis, passed away peacefully on April 29, 2020 surrounded by her family. Loving wife of the late William P. Philipp, dear mother of Rev. Rachel Vione (Joseph), Timothy, Elizabeth (David Pettker), and Joseph. Loving grandmother to Joseph and Amanda Vione, and Andrew, Nicholas, and Katherine Pettker. An accomplished musician and dedicated piano teacher certified by the Music Teachers National Association, Lois taught hundreds of students throughout her career. She also directed many church choral groups and hand bell choirs. After earning her degree in Music Theory, Lois studied at the Sorbonne and played at Carnegie Hall. She traveled the world both before she was married and then with her husband, Bill. She and Bill sang together with the Apollo Chorus of Chicago and performed with them at Orchestra Hall in Chicago and internationally. Her true vocation in life was as a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. Burial will be private at Wisconsin Memorial Park in Brookfield, Wisconsin. SCHMIDT & BARTELT, Funeral and Cremation Services, Wauwatosa, WI (414) 774-5010 serving the family.

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Pieters, Carolyn Standish



Carolyn Standish Pieters, 90, longtime resident of Northbrook, passed away on April 28, 2020. Carol's beloved husband, Scott Bennett Pieters, preceded her in death in 1991. She is survived by her children Jeanne Pieters, Mark (Leslee) Pieters, Glenn Pieters, Christopher (Rita) Pieters , 8 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren, and many beloved nieces, nephews, and extended family members. She was preceded in death by her brothers Seymour, Tom, and Bob. Carol was a graduate of Evanston Township High School and Northwestern University. She is remembered as a loving, faithful, and sporting woman. She appreciated music and the arts and maintained a lifelong passion for horses and her beloved canine companions. Carol was an active member at Village Presbyterian Church and later North Northfield United Methodist Church, both in Northbrook. Future plans to celebrate Carol's life are pending. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Alzheimer's Association. Please go to www.nhscotthanekamp.com for an extended obituary.

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Pines, Sandra L.

Sandra Pines, née Loewy, 86, beloved daughter of the late Joseph and Lillian Loewy; devoted wife of the late Marshall Pines and mother of Jeff (Mary Samerdyke) Pines and Andrew (Renee Graxirena) Pines; doting grandmother of Joey Pines; dear sister of Joan Amsterdam, friend of many. She will be greatly missed for her broad mind and devotion to her family; during her husband Marshall's lengthy struggle with ALS Sandy demonstrated unflagging strength and support. Sandy and Marshall were active in their support of the Les Turner ALS Foundation. An avid reader and nature enthusiast, Sandy worked for 25 years as a Science Editor, first for World Book Encyclopedia and later for Scott Foresman publishing. Active in local politics as a long-time Winnetka resident Sandy served as President of the School Board of the Winnetka Public Schools. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The League of Women Voters or Les Turner ALS Foundation. A memorial service will be held at a later time to celebrate Sandy's life. For info: 847-256-5700.

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Polacek, Dorothy

Dorothy Polacek, nee Zogata, longtime resident of Oak Lawn and parishioner of St. Germaine, passed away on April 29, 2020. Beloved wife of the late Joseph Polacek; Loving mother of Joe (Nancy) Polacek, Rod (Krystyna) Polacek, and Cindy (Stephen) Greene; Proud grandmother of Carolyn (Clark) Barnett, Justin (Charity) Polacek, Joanna (Nathan) Jacoby, the late Sarah Polacek, Stefanie Polacek, Robert (Amanda) Polacek, Scott (Lane) Greene, and Dana Greene; Cherished great-grandmother of Lillian and Jameson Barnett, Shirley, Grace, Miriam, Clara, and Walter Polacek, Teliah Cota, and Evelyn Jacoby; Aunt and great-aunt to many. Dorothy was preceded in death by her 13 siblings. Her love and kindness will be greatly missed. The family extends sincere gratitude to Harvester Place, Burr Ridge for their excellent care of Dorothy. Special thanks to Amita Healthcare for the hospice service provided. Due to CDC guidelines for Coronavirus, private arrangements are being made through Blake-Lamb of Oak Lawn. After restrictions are lifted, a Memorial Service will be planned. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Dorothy's honor to the Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 9601, Washington, DC 20090-6011.

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Price, Margaret P. 'Peg'



Margaret P. "Peg" Price (nee Nelson), age 87, a resident of Naperville, IL since 1967, passed away on Sunday, April 26, 2020 at St. Patrick's Residence in Naperville. She was born April 8, 1933 in Eau Claire, WI. Peg was a former Naperville City Councilwoman and Naperville Mayor from 1983-1991.

Beloved wife of the late Charles D. "Chuck" Price, whom she married Nov. 19, 1953 and who preceded her in death on September 18, 2019, loving mother of Steven (Pam) Price and Timothy (Debra) Price, both of Naperville, adored grandmother of Amanda (Joe) Arand and Scott Price, devoted daughter of the late Paul and Margaret (nee Rooney) Nelson, dear sister of the late Jane (John) Eichorst and the late Jerry (Jan) Nelson, sister-in-law of Edith (the late Robert) Glomsky, Mary (the late Dexter) Defnet, Michael (Ginny) Price, Joseph (Laura) Price, the late Richard (Dreema) Price and David (the late Phyllis) Price, fond aunt, great-aunt and friend of many.

Peg married her classmate and childhood sweetheart, Chuck Price, in 1953. After Chuck's employment with Western Electric Company/Lucent Technologies took them to New Jersey, the Prices were transferred to Naperville in 1967 with their two young sons.

Peg became the first woman Mayor of Naperville, serving from 1983 to 1991, with stints on the Naperville City Council before and after two terms as Mayor.

She was the first woman to regularly attend Rotary Club of Naperville meetings; and when women were welcomed as members in 1987, Peg joined Rita Harvard to become one of the first two women to officially join the service club.

Mayor Price is credited during her term for starting the State of the City Address and beginning the planning for the Naperville Municipal Center and Naperville's water utility.

Throughout the years, Peg was active with the Maplebrook II Home Owner's Association, Naperville Area Homeowners Confederation, League of Women Voters, political campaigns, Loaves & Fishes at St. Raphael's as well as many charity golf outings and fundraisers.

Peg also appreciated the can-do volunteer spirit that created many important local assets, including the development of the Naperville Riverwalk for the City's sesquicentennial anniversary. Peg was a former Riverwalk Commissioner.

Due to the current health crisis, a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at a later date at St. Raphael Catholic Church, Naperville.

In lieu of a visitation, Peg asks that well-wishers take a few minutes "to call a friend."

In lieu of flowers, donations in Peg's memory may be made to: Naperville Riverwalk Foundation, Attn: Jan Erickson, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL 60540, (630) 305-5984, https://www.napervilleriverwalk-foundation.org/donate-2/

Arrangements by Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Naperville, IL.

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Quinn, Paul Vincent

Paul Vincent Quinn left this world on April 24, 2020 to join Jeanne Quinn, the love of his life, for their next adventure together. He leaves a legacy of love, patience, integrity and generosity to his family which includes his children Jennifer (Gene) Beil, Sarah (Jeff) Burke, Chris Quinn, his grandchildren Dylan Fisher, Roan Burke, Isla Burke and extended family. Services will be held at a later date when we can hug (hopefully), cry, laugh and toast him together. Memorials may be made to him at No Kid Hungry. They provide vulnerable kids with nutritious food and teach their families how to cook healthy, affordable meals. (https://www.nokidhungry.org/). Please see full obituary at www.nhscotthanekamp.com.

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Rao, S. Rajeev



S. Rajeev Rao, 43; of Chicago; passed away suddenly April 22, 2020. He was the beloved son of Doreen Rao (Chicago) and S. Ramana Rao (West Palm Beach); father of Dillon Barrett, Anna Krishna, and Alexander Bodhi; husband of Suraporn "Netty" Chaipet. Rajeev studied food at Le Cordon Bleu in Chicago with many years of experience in the food and hospitality industry. He was an exceptionally sensitive, insightful and fun-loving world traveler who beamed with pride when speaking of his children and his family. A memorial service will be scheduled when it is safe to gather publicly. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to the Gateway Foundation: https://www.gatewayfoundation.org/about-gateway-foundation/make-a-donation/. Arrangements by **Cremation Society of Illinois**, 773-281-5058 or www.cremation-society.com.

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Reifer, Frieda

Frieda Reifer, nee Grytz, age 98. Beloved wife of the late Louis Reifer and the late Max Rajfer. Loving mother of Sol (Wendy Muchman) Rajfer, Rachel (David) Grund and Anne (Allan) Spector. Proud grandmother of Melissa Grund (David) Sarnoff, the late Jason Rajfer, Michelle (Jeremy) Schlachet, Marissa (Harris) Eisenberg, Stephen (Laura) Spector and Robert Rajfer. Adored great grandmother of Benjamin and Lily Sarnoff, Asher and Julia Schlachet, Hailee and Charlotte Eisenberg. Dear sister of the late Jacob (Bella) Grytz, the late Eva and Bella. Also greatly missed by Sol (Linda) and Jacob (Susan) Reifer and their children and caregivers Lana, Riza and Paz. Due to the pandemic, the family will have a private family graveside service on Sunday. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made in her memory to Michael J. Fox Foundation, Donation Processing, P.O. Box 5014, Hagerstown, MD 21741-5014, www.michaeljfox.org. Arrangements by Chicago Jewish Funerals - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfinfo.com

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Resnikoff, Elizabeth 'Betty'



Betty Resnikoff of Chicago passed away at 1:35 pm on Tuesday, April 28, 2020. She was a patient at Swedish Hospital. After three tests for the corona virus, she finally tested positive, and was treated for this and related complications, from which she suddenly and unexpectedly died.

Betty Resnikoff was born Elizabeth Telfair Alfini on May 18, 1936, in Yonkers, New York to James Alfini (1910 – 1989) and Olga Genish Alfini (1914 – 2002). She graduated from Gorton High School in Yonkers and earned a bachelor's degree from New York University and a master's degree from the University of Wisconsin Madison. She married Neal Resnikoff on June 11, 1960. Betty taught English, Social Studies, and Art at a number of junior high schools, senior high schools, and colleges and universities, including two years in the secondary school for girls in Zanzibar, East Africa, and several years at the University of Illinois in Chicago (UIC).

Betty Resnikoff was committed to working for social justice. In particular, she was committed to working for social justice at UIC, in her Albany Park neighborhood, and in the Chicago Anti-War Coalition.

Betty Resnikoff is survived by her husband Neal; brothers Charles Alfini of Stamford, Connecticut and James Alfini of Houston, Texas; niece Karyn Alfini of Stamford, Connecticut; and nephews Bryan Alfini of Ossining, New York, Jon Alfini of White Plains, New York, Michael Alfini of Morton Grove, Illinois and David Alfini of Chicago, Illinois. She is also survived by her brothers-in-law Don and Roy Resnikoff, and their children and families: Paul, Sarah, David, and Alan Resnikoff.

Memories and thoughts of Betty should be sent to Neal Resnikoff, P.O. Box 18224, Chicago, IL 60618, or emailed to NealBetty@AOL.COM. No plans have been made at this time for a memorial gathering.

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Ripa, Maria Rita



Maria Rita Ripa, 103, of Chicago, IL and formerly of St. Joseph, MI, passed away on Tues., April 28, 2020 at Evanston Hospital. Arrangements have been entrusted to Starks & Menchinger Chapel. A private service will be held at a later date. Burial will take place at Resurrection Cemetery, St. Joseph, MI. Those wishing to leave an online condolence may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com. Maria loved to travel. She would extensively visit Europe and South America, where she had many friends. It was during these trips where Maria became fluent in Italian and Spanish and her passion for Spanish Music and dancing began. Maria was the devoted daughter of the late Louise Ripa; beloved sister of the late Leonora Yolanda Ripa; fond cousin of Rosemary Tirio, Carol (Michael) Lamplot, John (Patricia) Tirio, and Mark (Patrice) Tirio. She is also survived by many second cousins, friends and colleagues at the Modern Language Department of the University of Illinois at Chicago, where she was employed for 42 years.

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Rivera, Shiela Janelle



Cook County Deputy Sheriff Sheila Janelle Rivera passed away in Chicago, IL April 19, 2020 after a valiant fight. Sheila was a kindhearted, hardworking, loving Christian who brought great joy, comfort, and happiness to all she touched. Her smile was radiant, undyingly brightening the day like sunshine, and we celebrate her life. Sheila was born in Philadelphia, MS and was a proud member of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians Tribe where she previously worked as a Choctaw Police Officer "Possum". Sheila was an ordained Minister and a true servant of God. Sheila attended Choctaw Central H.S., Haskell Indian Nations University, University of Oklahoma "GO SOONERS!!!"; she has a Master in Social Work from Washington University, St. Louis, MO. and a Master in Pastoral Studies from Loyola University, Chicago, and she attended the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian Police Academy. Sheila's dream job was to work at Disney as a security guard. Disney was a place that brought her great joy and happiness and we know that she is in Disney Heaven greeting all who come with that brilliant smile and a warmhearted welcome. Sheila overcame many obstacles and achieved every goal she set; however, in her own words, "being Isaiah's mom is the greatest blessing for me". Sheila leaves behind in body but never in spirit her adoring son Isaiah C. Rivera "Nita" and her humbled loving husband Chicago Police Sergeant Noland Rivera. Yes, Sheila you were always #1. Beloved daughter of Rita Mattera from Choctaw, MS and Fred Mattera from Virginia Beach, VA; cherished sister of Ashley Mattera (Hannah) from Hattiesburg, MS and Angelina Smaith (James) from Bay St. Louis, MS; dear aunt of Andrew, Christopher, Elijah Mattera; fond niece of Gloria White, Bernita Reynolds, Brenda Stephens, Bobby Tubby and the late Melvin and Jerry Tubby and Mike White; devoted granddaughter of the late Vivian Tubby (Her Hero); lovingly remembered by her step children Anthony, Allie, Megan, and Noland Jr Rivera.

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Rocklin, Sandra

Sandra Rocklin, 82, passed away peacefully on Thursday April 30.

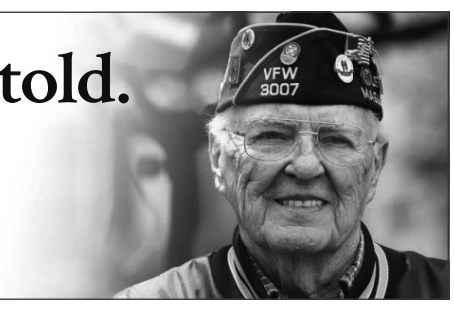
Sandra is predeceased by her husband, Robert Rocklin; her parents, Harold and Molly Berry; her brother Sheldon Berry; and her sister, Elaine Hench. She is survived by her children: Marc (Kathy), Barry, and Jill Martin (Shawn), and her grandchildren, Dana and Jake Rocklin, and Joshua and Stephanie Martin. Sandra was born in Chicago, IL on June 15, 1937 and graduated from Senn High school and went on to attend the University of Illinois.

In light of the current world situation, the graveside service and shiva will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to The Alzheimer's Association www.alz.org or The Council for Jewish Elderly www.cje.net

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Rogers, Robert Thomas

Robert Thomas Rogers, 91, born February 18, 1929, died April 21, 2020 from complications due to Covid-19.

A longtime resident of the Northwest Suburbs, Bob was a loving husband to Margaret (nee Brenner) for 68 years. Devoted father to: Kathleen Rogers Henderson, Debra (John)Bolash, Linda (Thomas) Voirin, Diane Rogers, Kevin (Kim née Caruso), David (Renee née Zbyszewski), Lawrence (Linda née Nasser), Mark, Steven, Jeffrey (Leane née Minia) and Jennifer. He was a beloved grandfather to 31 and great grandfather (Pa) to 9.

A veteran of the Korean War, Bob was a First Lieutenant in the Army serving in the Signal Corps at the Pentagon. Upon returning home, he began working for Gaw O'Hara Envelope Co as a cost accounting clerk. Through diligence and hard work, he rose to be one of the top salesman. He took time to learn the capabilities of every machine and utilized that knowledge to pioneer innovative solutions to fulfill his customer's needs. By the time he joined Carrier Envelope Co, people from throughout the industry sought him out for input and advice.

Bob was a devout Catholic not only through his commitment to the church but as a Christian example to his children. While a parishioner at St Raymond de Penafort he was eager to serve in multiple ministries such as Lector, Eucharistic Minister, President of CCD and President of the Parish Board. In the 60's he implemented numerous educational opportunities for kids and adults. In the 70's he and his wife helped create the first major fundraiser (Jubilee!) enlisting and coordinating hundreds of volunteers. It was a huge success both financially and furthering a sense of community. Bowling was another passion for Bob starting as a teenager. Throughout his life he was consistently on 2-3 leagues at a time and a scratch bowler with a 205 average in the parish league. In later years, he moved into Arlington Heights and was a regular attendee at St James Church.

Bob was a great storyteller and he loved the reaction he got when he told people how many kids he had. He enjoyed sharing the kid's antics to whomever would listen. He took great pride and satisfaction in his large family who will miss him dearly.

He was preceded in death by his parents John J and Margaret (nee Kane) Rogers and his sister Marjorie. He is survived by his brother John (late Joan), sister Mary (late Donald) Dombrowski, sister in law Cathie (late Phillip) Disparte and many cherished nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The Alzheimer's Association designated to "Research Only" 800-272-3900. A funeral and Celebration of Life will be scheduled at a later date. Information call 847-255-7800 or www.friedrichsfh.com

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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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Ross, Donald K.



Donald K. Ross, age 89, of Fontana, beloved husband of Mary Therese (McCormack); loving father of Katherine (Kevin) Simard and Kevin (Tara) Ross; loved grandfather of Katie, Kiley, Molly, and Danny; dear brother of Elizabeth (the late William) Lawler. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at a later date. Donald was a 1953 graduate of the University of Notre Dame. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the St. Vincent de Paul Society - St. Benedict's Conference, 137 Dewey Ave., Fontana, WI 53125. For more information, visit www.ToyntonFuneralHome.com or call 262-275-2171.

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Ross, Edward

Edward Ross age 49 of Wilmette passed away peacefully surrounded by the love of his family and friends on Friday, April 24th, 2020. Beloved son of the late Judith Rengel Ross and Joel Ross; dear brother of Eric Ross (Carol Anne), and Earl Ross; fond uncle of Jennifer and Nicole Ross; and many devoted friends. His quick wit, intellect, and humor enabled him to hold a genuine conversation with just about anyone he encountered. Ed was a professional wrestler with Great Lakes Wrestling. He was discovered by Danny Bonaduce and appeared regularly on his radio and tv show as well as many others. Ed brought a smile to everyone he encountered while working at the Wilmette Park District. He was a member of the Hester-Wilmette American Legion post #46 supporting USA Troops and Veterans. In lieu of flowers a go fund me page has been set up for the benefit of Ed and charities that he supports https://www.gofundme.com/f/ed-ross-i-did-it-my-way. You may also do so by visiting gofundme.com. Info www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847) 675-1990.

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Santoro, Joseph J.



Joseph J. Santoro, Army Veteran, beloved husband of 61 years to Joyce (nee Roche); loving father of Sally (Jeff) Ranos, Terri (Dan) McElroy, Joseph (Karen), Julie (John) Hueckstaedt and John (Kim). Devoted grandfather of Chloe, Jeffrey, Anthony, Hannah, Kyle, Lauren, Amber, Tess, Jacob, Cecily, Rocco, Dino, Erin (Hueckstaedt) Seebacher, the late Joseph and Emma. Dear brother of Mary Webb, Theresa Healy, the late Rose Broderick, Antoinette Rutherford, James, Carmen and Conrad Santoro. Fond uncle, brother-in-law and friend to many. Donations in Joe's memory can be made to JDRF or the Parkinson's Foundation. Services are being held privately. For further info **RICHARD J MODELL FUNERAL HOME**, 708-301-3595 or rjmodellfh.com.

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Savin, Danna

Danna Savin, nee Mary Danna Delchamps, passed away on April 28, 2020 of the Covid-19 virus, after a very long struggle with Alzheimer's disease. Beloved by all, Danna leaves behind her adoring husband Bob; her children Michael, Matthew and Colleen; and her grandchildren, Emma, Cole and Drew. Danna was devoted to her family and to her love of nursing. Danna was also active in fundraising for her temple and charitable organizations. Danna's memory will remain with those who knew and loved her.

A Memorial Service will be announced at a future date.

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Schaaf, Louise W.



Louise W. Schaaf nee Burkle. The oldest person in Illinois at 113 1/2. Beloved wife of the late Erwin. Loving mother of Ruth (Peter) Arend and Henry (Gay) Schaaf. Grandmother of Gale (Dr. Paul) Bicek, Michael Arend, Dan (Sue) Wolff and Dennis (Sandy) Wolff. Great grandmother of Erin (Ken) Perry, Kristin (Brandon) Welch, Stephen (Alison) Bicek, Brian (Alicia) Bicek, Adrienne (Tim) Moeller, Ashley Arend, Chloey Wolff, Jack and Sydney Wolff. Great Great Grandmother of Ryan and Connor Perry, Aidan and Kyleigh Welch, Brooks and Lily Bicek, Benjamin and Mia Bicek. Louise loved baking, cooking, all of her grandchildren, great grandchildren, great great grandchildren and was looking forward to the new great great grandchild. Due to the Corona Virus Pandemic, there will be a Memorial Service at a later date. Memorial donations to American Cancer Society or Lurie Childrens Hospital would be appreciated.

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Scherer, Dr. Patricia Ann

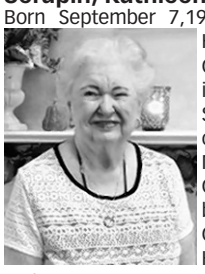


Dr. Patricia Ann Scherer, nee Albright, 89, of Northbrook, passed away April 26, 2020. She was the beloved wife of the late William Scherer; loving Mother of the late Cecilia (William) Strejc, Kathleen (Paul) Herman; cherished grandmother of Christine Erickson, Carolyn Strejc, Jessica (Joseph) Burger, Michael (Caitlin) Herman, Jeffrey (Gina) Herman, Julianne (Andrew) Egger, Emily Herman, Tim Herman; dear great-grandmother of 8. Patricia was the President and founder of The International Center on Deafness and The Arts, founded in 1973, and Mental Health and Deafness Resources, Inc., founded in 1982. It was her mission to bring the Arts to Deaf and Hard of Hearing children and to teach them. She also was an active member of the Northbrook Rotary for 25 years. A memorial will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the National Association of the Deaf, The Village Presbyterian Church, Northbrook Rotary or Northwestern University. For extended obituary go to www.nhscotthanekamp.com.

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Serapin, Kathleen Marie



Born September 7,1931 to Myrtle and Leonard Hohl (now deceased) in Chicago, IL. She is preceded in death by husband, Peter P. Serapin, brother Robert Hohl of Calumet City, IL, sister Marcella Mitchell of Cardiff, CA. Surviving family include brother Leo Hohl of Atlanta, GA, daughters, Christine Kluck, Cynthia (Dan) Kluck and son Peter M. (Margaret) Serapin, 4 grandchildren: Melis-sa (Jeff Wright), Lisa (Dave Pilotto), Zachary and Kristen Serapin, and 4 great grand children: Oli-ver, Elyse Matthew and Graham Louise. She was very fond of her nieces Betty Sue, Janet and nephews Jeff, David and Wayne.

Kathleen grew up on Chicago's south side. She worked as an elementary school teacher for Chicago Public Schools. In retirement, Kathleen lived in Hot Springs Village, AR, Geneva, Il and Raleigh NC. She enjoyed maintaining an independent lifestyle.

She passed peacefully, April 22, 2020. After cremation she will be laid to rest with her husband Pe-ter Paul in Hot Springs Village. Donations can be made to Room to Read, roomtoread.org. Condolences may be shared CremationSocietyNC.com

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Seyfarth, James C.

James C. Seyfarth, age 86, a resident of Monarch Landing in Naperville, IL and a former longtime resident of Oakbrook, IL, passed away peacefully on May 1, 2020 at Seasons Hospice Home. He was born on April 28, 1934 in Lanark, IL. James was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Nancy J. Seyfarth, in 2016; his parents, Mac and Dorothy Seyfarth; his brother, Richard (the late Barbara) Seyfarth. He is survived by his loving children, Jeffrey A. (Marcie) Seyfarth of Naperville, Scott R. (Eileen) Seyfarth of Hinsdale, IL, Kurt D. (Robin) Seyfarth of Batavia and Jan Mallak of Naperville; his cherished grandchildren, Adam (Natalie) Seyfarth, William Seyfarth, Alison (William) Feldman, Michele (James) CarMichael, Emily Seyfarth, Karen Seyfarth, Steven Seyfarth, Lindsay and Abigail Mallak; his adored great-grandson, Jaxson Seyfarth; as well as numerous nieces and nephews, and many great friends. Jim was a very well liked, friendly and respected man who lived each day for his family. He graduated from DePauw University and enjoyed a successful career in the financial industry for over 30 years. Jim was an avid golfer and bicyclist and loved to be outdoors. He was also a huge Cubs fan and Kansas University Jayhawk's fan. He will be forever remembered as a loving family man, a true gentleman, and a friend to all who knew him. For those who would like to leave a lasting tribute to Jim's life, memorials may be directed to the American Cancer Society, 1801 S. Meyers Rd, Suite 100, Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181. Private family funeral services will be held at the **Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services**, Naperville. Interment will follow at the Naperville Cemetery. For information please call 630/355-0213 or visit www.friedrich-jones.com

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Shelven, Thomas N.

Thomas N. Shelven, 90, passed away peacefully at home on April 26, 2020. He will lovingly be remembered as a husband, father, grandfather, uncle, fisherman and friend. Beloved husband of Betsy for 59 years with whom he explored the world at the wheel of his motorhome; loving father to Anne Sommers and Peggy (William) Marshall; cherished grandfather of Charles and Maggie Sommers and Benjamin and William Marshall; dear brother of the late Gerald (Therese Ann), Alice (Thomas) Affeldt and Susan (Leonard) Slowik. Tom was a retired IBEW electrician, a member of The Knights of Columbus 4th Degree, founding member and usher of St. Emily Parish and a volunteer for The Society of St. Vincent DePaul. Gravesite services will be private by necessity with a memorial service to celebrate his life at a later date. Memorial donations can be made to The Society of St. Vincent DePaul. 847/394-2336

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Siegel, Beth A.

Beth A. Siegel, née Marks,74, passed away peacefully at her home in Highland Park; beloved wife and best friend for 48 years of Dennis Siegel; devoted mother of Jason (Devon) Siegel, Ryan (Tiffani) Siegel, and Jonathan Siegel (fiancé Barrett Nash); adored "Gummy" of Isabelle, Avery, Nora, Henry, and grandson-to-be Joseph; dear friend and dedicated teacher to many. She is already greatly missed. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The American Cancer Society, donate3.cancer.org. Private service. Please place comments / memories for display at the service to comfort the family on the **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home** website, www.weinsteinandpiserfuneralhome.com. For info: 847-256-5700.

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Silver, Adam Jason

Beloved son of Deborah nee Kornbluth and Neal Silver. Loving brother of Mara Silver-Schack (Daniel Schack). Adored uncle to Evan, Sydney, and Aliza Silver-Schack. Nephew of Katherine Kornbluth (the late Alan Cohen). Cousin of Jason Kornbluth Cohen. He died after a valiant one and a half year battle with cancer. Graduate of Drake University, Adam loved technology, video games and watching all Chicago sports, especially the Cubs on tv. He enjoyed viewing the latest movies and listening to his nieces and nephew read to him. Most of all he loved his family. Adam donated his eyes so that two people can regain their vision. He wished for donations to be made to St. Jude Childrens Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tennessee 38105, www.stjude.org/donate. In order to keep everyone safe there will be a public memorial service at a later date. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfinfo.com

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Smith, Rosemary Theresa 'Rose'

Rosemary Theresa Smith, 61, formerly of Chicago, passed away unexpectedly at home in Florida. Beloved mother of Lauren Stumblingbear. Rosemary was loved by many and will be deeply missed. Private burial at All Saints Cemetery. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to (charity?). Arrangements by **Cremation Society of Illinois**, 773-281-5058 or www.cremation-society.com.

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Smykowski, Barbara Mae

Barbara Mae (Sieracki) Smykowski, age 82, passed away peacefully April 26, 2020.

Preceded by her loving husband of 46 years, Richard A. Smykowski, her parents, Peter and Mary (Kroll) Sieracki, and her 10 brothers and sisters.

Proud mother of Karen (Christopher) Gresk, Michael (Carol) Smykowski, John (Becky) Smykowski, Barbara Jurlow, Peter (Jennifer) Smykowski, and Bill (Stacey) Smykowski; and grandmother of 11.

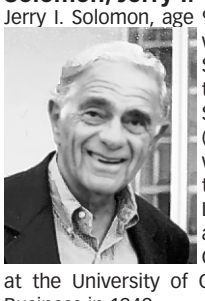
A memorial celebration for Barbara will be planned for a future date. Memorials to the Parkinson's Foundation (https://www.parkinson.org/) appreciated.

Please visit www.fredcdames.com to read her complete obituary or leave a condolence. Fred C. Dames Funeral Home, Joliet, is in charge of arrangements. For more information, (815) 741-5500.

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Solomon, Jerry I.



Jerry I. Solomon, age 95, of Longboat Key, Florida, was born in Chicago on September 4, 1924. He was the son of the late Irving Solomon and the late Edith (Neumann) Solomon. He was a 1941 graduate of the University of Chicago Laboratory School, earned a BA at the University of Chicago in 1947, and an MBA at the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business in 1949.

Jerry served as an infantryman in the US Army in the Third Battalion of the 132nd Infantry (Americal Division). He saw action in Bougainville, Leyte, and Cebu in the Pacific theater. He was also part of the occupying force in Tokyo. He was honorably discharged on December 7, 1945.

He married the late Carol (Simon) Solomon on June 19, 1947, at the Belden-Stratford Hotel in Chicago. The couple was blessed with three children, James, Judith, and Robert. They were married for 62 years before Carol's passing in 2010.

After graduating from the University of Chicago, Jerry joined fellow graduates Edwin Bergman, Richard Neufeld, and Charlie Rosenblum at US Reduction Company, a secondary aluminum smelter in East Chicago, Indiana. He stayed on at US Reduction through its sale to American Can Corporation, and in 1981 started Hunter Douglas Metals, an international trading company, dealing in primary and secondary aluminum. He retired in 1991.

Jerry was a member of KAM Isiah Israel in the Hyde Park neighborhood of Chicago, as were his father and grandfather. He was an avid tennis player, golfer, and loved following all sports including his beloved Chicago White Sox.

Jerry will be lovingly missed by his son, James Solomon and his former wife Heidi Steinberg of New York, New York; his daughter, Judith Maley and her husband, David Maley of Chicago; his son, Robert Solomon and his wife, Catherine (Green) Solomon of Washington, DC; and his grandchildren, Lauren, Michael, Jennifer, Amy, Julie, and Matthew.

Contributions in Jerry's memory can be made to Jerry's favorite charities, the KAMII Rabbi's Discretionary Fund or the University of Chicago Laboratory Schools.

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Sotonoff, Louis 'Lou'

Lou Sotonoff, age 82, passed away April 30, 2020. He is survived by his wife, Roberta, and his daughters Jamie (Joe) Bartosch and Caryn Sachs. Proud grandfather to Annie, J.J., Sam and Levi. Lou was a beloved pharmacist and the longtime owner of Linden Pharmacy in Wilmette. Due to the COVID pandemic, the funeral service will be private. Donations can be sent to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, michaeljfox.org. Info: The **Goldman Funeral Group**, goldmanfuneralgroup.com (847) 478-1600.

Goldman Funeral Group

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Souders, Evelyn Carolyn 'Lynne'

Evelyn Carolyn "Lynne" Souders, 96, of Elmhurst, IL died April 24, 2020. Lynne is survived by her sister, Anita Gilligan; two children, Gail (Ken) Kosar and Bill (Nancy) Souders; four grandchildren, Linsey (Jon) Karl, Ryan (Kacie) Souders, Scott (Kimberly) Souders, Ben Souders; and two great grandchildren, Kennedy Karl and Eden Souders. She is preceded in death by her husband, William Souders, and her parents, Richard and Amy Scafati. A private interment and service will be postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Donations to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (ILS.org), and Living Water International (water.cc) would be welcomed.

For updated service information contact **Elmhurst Community Funeral Home – THE AHLGRIM CHAPEL**, Elmhurst, IL www.Ahlgrim.com or (630) 834-3515.

Elmhurst Community Funeral Home – The Ahlgrim Chapel

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Stankus, Charles Anthony



Chuck passed away in the early hours of April 28th, with his wife Christine and son Dan by his side. He is preceded in death by his son Michael. He served the Phoenix Police Department for over 30 years starting as a patrolman and retiring as a Lieutenant at Desert Ridge Precinct. He loved his job and all the people he worked with. He will be greatly missed by his wife Chris of 56 years, his son Dan and all his family and friends in Phoenix; including his brothers, Richard (Patt), Gerry (Olga), David (Monica) and their families and friends in Chicago, his birthplace 79 years ago.

In lieu of flowers please support Phoenix Rescue Mission and the Phoenix 100 Club. Please visit the attached links online and choose which direction you would like to donate. No services are currently taking place at this time due to the virus epidemic.

It's easy to give online. If you'd rather send a check, please mail it to our PO Box:

Phoenix Rescue Mission P.O. Box 6708 Phoenix, AZ 85005-6708 https://phoenixrescuemission.org/give/ and

100 Club of Arizona 333 N. 44th St, Ste 100 Phoenix, AZ 85008

https://www.100club.org/

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Stein, Mildred 'Millie'

Mildred "Millie" Stein, 95, of Morton Grove. Beloved wife of the late Isadore Stein; loving mother of Michael Stein; cherished grandmother of Justine (Michael) Hess and great grandmother of Luca Hess; caring sister of Faye, Becky and the late Harry; loving aunt of many and a dear friend to all. Do to current circumstances, services are private. A public memorial service will held at a later date. Funeral service will be streamed live via the **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home** Facebook page Monday, May 4, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. For further information please call 847-256-5700.

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Stenmark, Janet



Janet Stenmark nee Lawrenz, age 74, of Niles, IL. Janet was born to Elmer and Kathryn Lawrenz nee Shanahan on January 20, 1946 in Chicago, IL. Janet grew up in the North Park neighborhood, graduating from North Park Academy in 1964. Loving mother of Scott (Teresa) Stenmark and Paul (Amy) Stenmark. Proud grandmother of Taylor, Kiersten, Carter Stenmark; Emma and Cal Stenmark. Dear sister of Judith Schaefer nee Lawrenz and aunt of Kathleen Meisinger nee Schaefer. Interment: Ridgewood Cemetery, Niles, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to: North Park University, Office of Development, Box 6, 3225 W Foster Avenue, Chicago IL 60625-4895 or Covenant Home of Chicago, 2720 West Foster Avenue, Chicago, IL 60625. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Info: www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847) 675-1990.

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Stringini, Angela

Angela Stringini, nee Lucca, 91, formerly of Lombard. Beloved wife of the late Michael. Loving mother of Susan (Steve) Miles and Richard Stringini. Cherished grandmother of Tony Voegtle, Angela (John) Wiggins, Michelle, Christiana and Theresa Stringini. Dearest great-grandmother of 10. A memorial mass and interment will be held at a later date. For info, www.HumesFH.com or 630.628.8808

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Szabela, Anne M.



Anne M. Szabela nee Schuch, 90, passed away on April 26, 2020. Anne was born in Chicago, IL to the late Joseph and Hermina (Gabler) Schuch. Anne was preceded in death by her loving husband of 53 years, Edward. Devoted mother of William (Terese), Karen Potempa, Richard, Jerome (Lauri), and Jeanne (William) Buttimer; proud grandmother of eleven and great-grandmother of eight; caring sister of Edward (Lillian), Paul (Patricia), the late Joseph (Rose), and the late Bernice Schuch. Anne was a longtime resident of Mokena, IL and a faithful parishioner of St. Mary Catholic Church. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a memorial service will take place at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to Vandenberg Funeral Home, 708-479-1210 or www.vandenbergfuneralhome.com

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Ternes, Peter C.

Peter C. Ternes, age 91, at rest May 1, 2020; Beloved husband of the late Laura (nee Poole); Loving father of Linda (Rick) Wilkinson, Susan (John Ret. CFD) Franco, Marjorie (Thomas CFD) Maestre, Michael Ret CFD (Jan), and Vincent Ternes (Ret CFD); Dearest grandpa of Christopher (Ellie) and Brian Wilkinson, Jeffrey and Gregory Franco and Nina (John) Scherer, Valerie (Ryan) Velliquette, Jesse (Emma) and Andrew Maestre (CFD), Disa (Jim) Chorzempa, Tina Montelpasse, Michael (Mica) and Mitchell Ternes; proud great-grandpa of 19; Dear brother of Donald (Jeanine) Ternes and Mary (Joseph) Sokachitch; Fond uncle of many nieces and nephews; Proud graduate of St. Rita H.S. Class of 1946; Funeral Services will be held privately; Interment St. Mary Cemetery; A Celebration of Life, in honor of Peter, will take place at a later date; Arrangements have been entrusted to **Curley Funeral Home**, Chicago Ridge; For info: 708-422-2700 or www.curleyfuneralhome.com

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Tlusty, Thomas c.

SERVICE UPDATE

Thomas C. Tlusty, 82, beloved husband of Merril Tlusty, nee Van Allen, private grave side Friday, May 8, 2020, Wheaton Cemetery. A memorial celebration of Thomas' life will be held at a later date. Hultgren Funeral Home, www.hultgren.com or 630-668-0027.

Valles, Nancy Joan

With profound sadness, we announced the passing of Nancy Joan Valles (nee Grundei) on the 30th of April 2020. She left us at the age of 85 while resting peacefully in her home in Park Ridge, Illinois. She was a loving wife to Miles, a devoted mother to Pam (Jerry) Wayer, Karen (Mike) Klimas and Ellen (Gary) Valles Wyshel and the proud Nana of Jennifer, Jessica, Julie, Ted and Joe. She was predeceased by her sisters Rosemary and Helen May and her brother Augie. Nancy was a fun wife, mother, teacher and friend, who loved to travel and made learning and exploring local activities into an adventure. She will be dearly missed and forever in our hearts. A private service and interment was held at St. Joseph's Cemetery in River Grove. A memorial service will be held at a future date.

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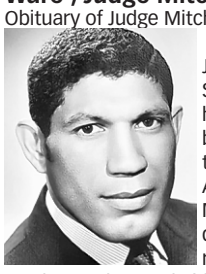
Versaci, Nicholetta J.

Nicholetta J. Versaci, age 94; born into eternal life on April 30, 2020. Longtime resident of Downers Grove. Loving wife of the late Thomas; dearest mother of Vincent (Jean) and Rocco (Shannon); loving Nonnie of Vincent Jr. (Margaret), Mary Beth, Joseph (Bridget), Theresa, Patricia, Nick and Tony; cherished great-grandmother of Eleanor and Charlotte; beloved sister of Angelina, the late Anna and the late Antoinette. Funeral services are under the care of **Modell Funeral Home** and are private. Interment Clarendon Hills Cemetery. For information (630) 852-3595 or www.modelldarien.com

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Ware , Judge Mitchell

Obituary of Judge Mitchell Ware



Judge Mitchell Ware died on Sunday, April 19, 2020 at his home in Chicago. Ware was born in 1933 the youngest of three children to Dr. Robert Arthur Ware and Bertha Mae [Peete] Ware who predeceased him. Ware was raised by Acie and Hettie Wesley on the southside of Chicago. He attended St. Elizabeth High School, where he led the Iron Men of St. Elizabeth in scoring for both the Catholic League All-Star basketball and football teams during his senior year.

Ware attended St. Ambrose College on an academic and athletic scholarship and was inducted into the St. Ambrose College Athlete Hall of Fame after his career there.

Following St. Ambrose, Ware was drafted into the United States Army where he played on the United States Army football team in Europe, led the conference in total yardage and was then invited to play for the Chicago Bears.

After football, Ware launched a career in law-enforcement and became one of Illinois' first Black state troopers. He later became a news reporter for WBBM and CBS News.

Ware attended DePaul University College of Law and then commenced his private law practice career with the law firm of Mazza, Mazzio & Ware.

In 1970, President Richard Nixon appointed Ware to the National Commission on Marijuana and Drug Abuse. Subsequently, Ware rose to become Superintendent of both the Illinois Division of Narcotics Control and the Illinois Bureau of Investigation, as well as the Deputy Superintendent of the Chicago Police Department.

In the early 1980's, Ware joined LaFontant, Wilkins, Jones & Ware and later became the founding partner of Jones, Ware & Grenard, a firm that became known as one of the largest and most respected minority law firms in the country.

In 1998, Ware's career culminated as a judge in the Circuit Court of Cook County Illinois and he was later inducted into the Cook County Bar Association Hall of Fame.

Mitchell Ware is survived by his five (5) children Pamela Marie Ware, Mitchell Stephen Ware (wife Yolanda), Gregory Patrick Ware, Bobby Ware, Esq. and Michael Paul Ware; eleven (11) grandchildren Lecretia, Erin, Cara, John, Mitchell, Daniel, Patrick, Sydney, Jaden, Destiny and Mariah; eight (8) great-grandchildren; and hosts of family, friends, and colleagues.

To read his full obituary and sign Judge Ware's Guestbook, visit JudgeMitchellWare.com

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Washburn, Marilyn Jean



Marilyn Jean Washburn, nee Werle, age 82, of Chicago. Beloved daughter of the late Mary and John Werle. Devoted sister of John (Elinor) Werle Jr. Loving mother of Thomas (Deirdre) Washburn, John (Colleen) Washburn, and James (Patricia) Washburn. Fond grandmother of Mary Jo (Stephen) Corby, Jennifer Washburn, Tera (Nikolas) Cromydas, Maggie Washburn, Brittany Washburn, Jacqueline (David) Fleming, Molly Washburn, Victoria Washburn, Thomas Washburn Jr., and John Washburn Jr. Adoring great- grandmother of Quinn Corby and Charlotte Cromydas. Dear friend of Thomas Washburn Sr. Ms. Washburn greatly enjoyed her career at Service Envelope Corporation with her three sons, attending church services, and spending time with her family. Due to the limitations and restrictions at this time, a funeral mass will take place at a later date. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: Alzheimer's Association, 225 North Michigan Ave., Fl. 17, Chicago, IL 60601 (alz.org) Info: www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847) 675-1990.

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Waver, Dolores M.

Dolores M. Waver, nee Paszkiet, of Westchester, age 92. Beloved wife of the late Raymond Sr.; loving mother of Bill (Nola), Glenn, Bruce and the late Raymond Jr.; proud grandmother of Anthony, Mathew, Brian, Alyssa, Ariel and the late Jeff; great-grandmother of Noah and Natalia; dear sister of Rose and the late Richard, John and Rita. Services were private. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Dolores Waver Memorial Fund Go Fund Me Page appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to **Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home**. For info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.

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Yzaguirre, Emilio



Emilio Yzaguirre, 76, of Carol Stream, passed away peacefully the morning of April 25, 2020. He was the loving father of Michelle (Dan) Finch; proud abuelo of Max Finch; cherished brother of Delores (late Joe) Depa, late Sara Gallegos, late Rebecca Villarreal, Ray (Sharon) Yzaguirre, and Bud (Judy) Ysaguirre; caring uncle, cousin and friend to many.



He was born January 31, 1944 in San Benito, TX to Baltazar and Josephine (De los Santo) Yzaguirre. After spending his childhood in Texas, his family moved to Chicago. Emilio enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps, serving during the Vietnam War from 1963 - 1967. He served his country with honor and displayed exceptional leadership, rising in rank to Sergeant before being honorably discharged and awarded The Purple Heart. He was perhaps most proud of his grandson, becoming a very active and involved abuelo. From traveling over an hour each way to give Max bottles in daycare to showing him how to use a slingshot and BB gun, and countless other cherished memories. You could always find 'Emo' having his coffee and reading the paper every morning at a local coffee shop, making an array of friends who became like family. He will be remembered for his work-ethic, generosity and relationships with family and friends. He will be forever remembered and greatly missed. A memorial service and celebration of his life will be held at a later date when we are able to gather again. Interment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in Emilio's memory may be made to The American Cancer Society at https://donate3.cancer.org/

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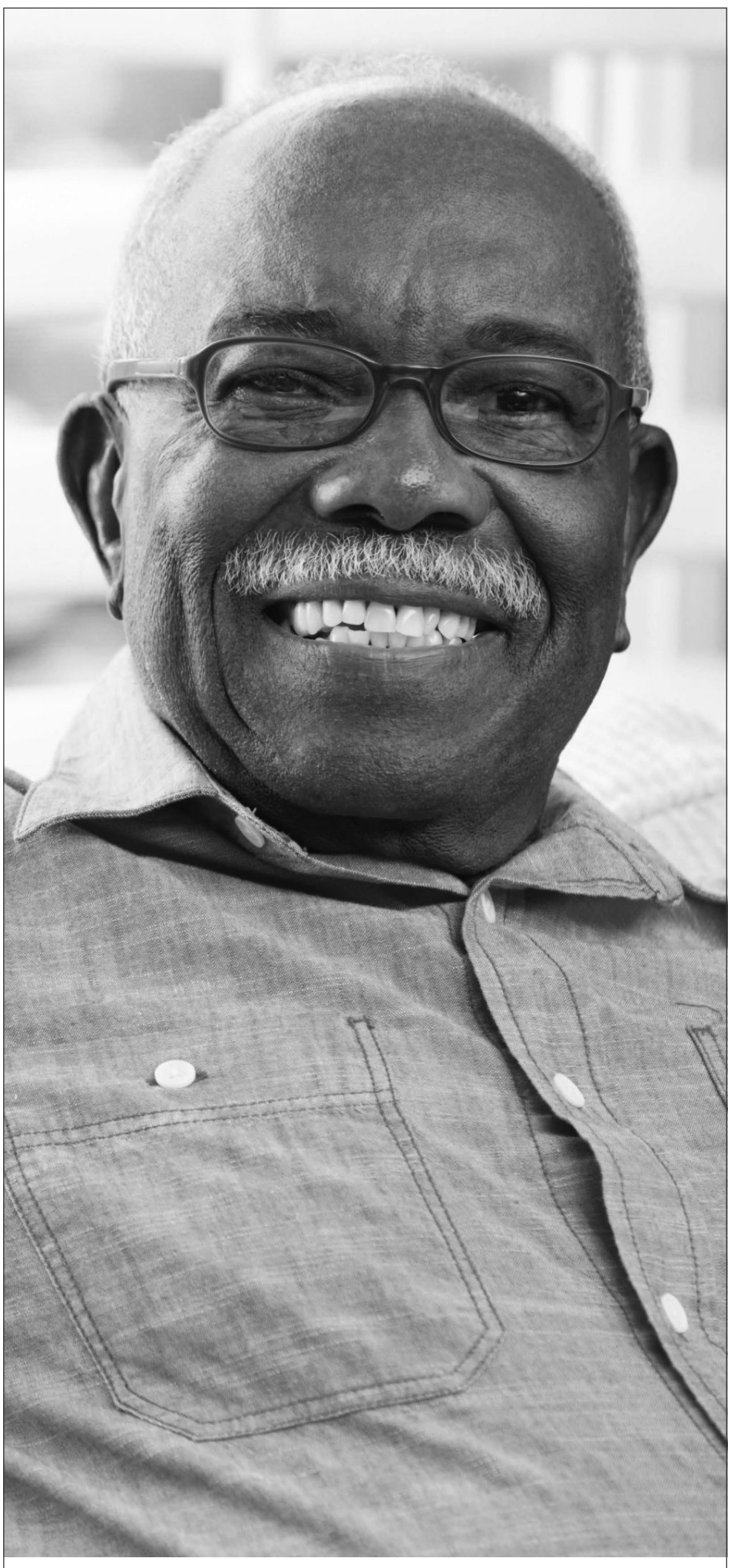
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SUNDAY, MAY 3 NORMAL HIGH: **66°** NORMAL LOW: **45°** RECORD HIGH: **92° (1955)** RECORD LOW: **30° (2004)**

Cooler week lies ahead after a mild weekend

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH	LOW
70	43

■ **Mild air remains, but chillier conditions approach from the north.**

■ Cloudiness lingers early, then becoming mostly sunny mid-late morning.

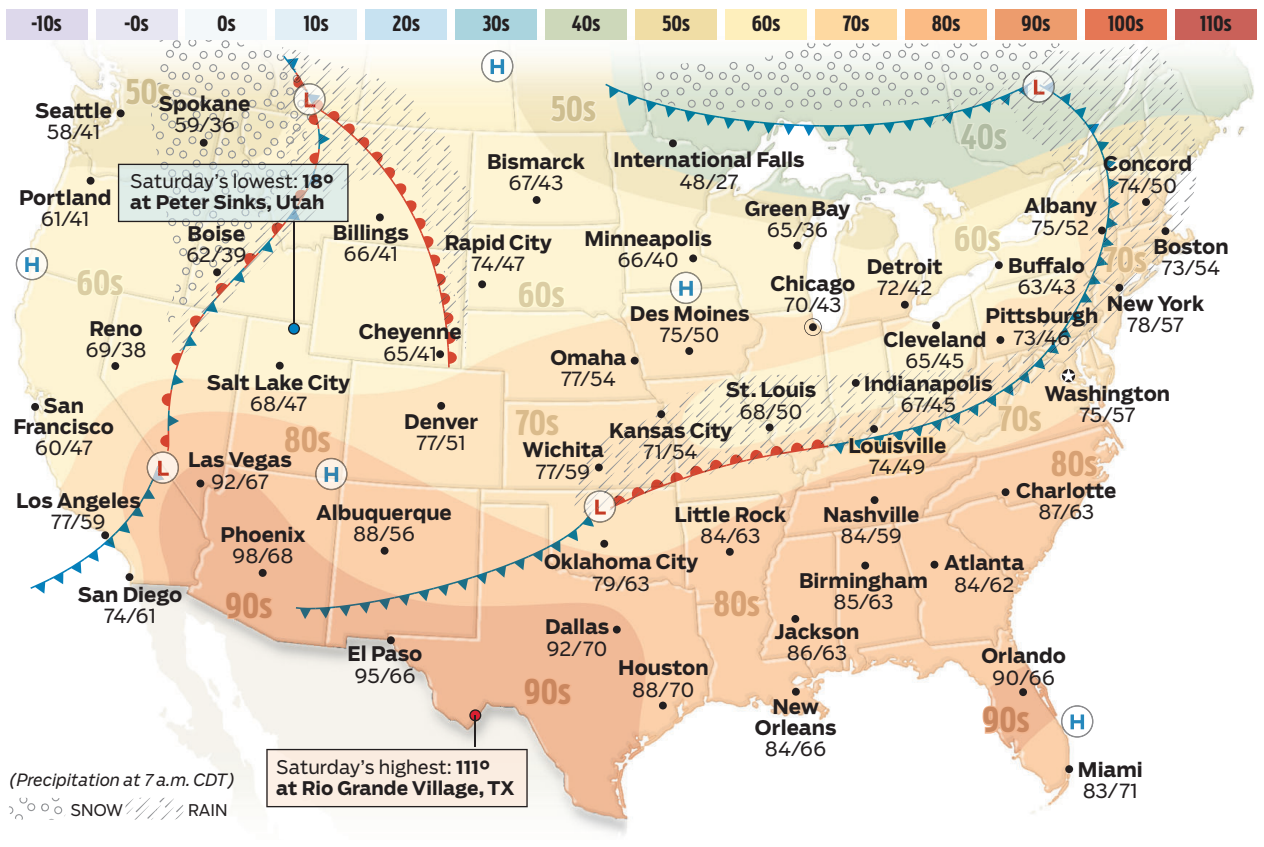
■ Breezy and continued mild. Temps peak in the upper 60s-low 70s.

■ NW winds 15-25 mph diminish in the afternoon.

■ Turning colder toward evening and at night as a stronger cold front passes.

■Temps dip to the low-mid 40s as winds shift NE.

NATIONAL FORECAST



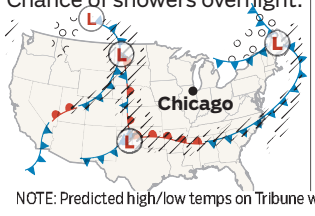
With gusty NW winds and a somewhat cloudy start to the day Sunday, the sun should break out and allow the Pacific-origin air mass overhead to warm back into the upper 60s or lower 70s during the afternoon. A cold front will usher in the leading edge of Canadian-source high pressure during the evening. This cool high pressure will then dominate our weather the upcoming week.

As cold air settles into our area from the north, temperatures in Chicago for the next several days will average 12-15 degrees below normal. During the same period, clouds will move in and out of the area, but rain should be scant with two weather systems giving some light showers Tuesday and a little more light rain next Friday.

MONDAY, MAY 4

HIGH	LOW
52	42

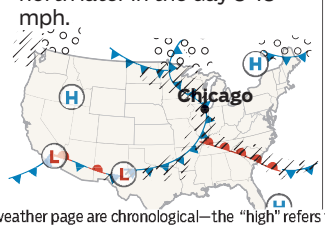
Morning sun gives way to increasing cloudiness. High pressure to the north feeds noticeably cooler air into the area on NE winds of 10-20 mph. Highs mid-50s well inland; upper 40s lakeside. Chance of showers overnight.



TUESDAY, MAY 5

HIGH	LOW
56	42

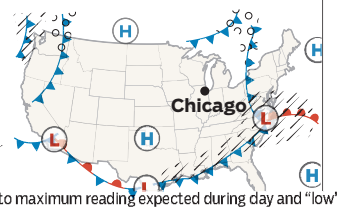
Considerable cloudiness and cool with a few scattered light showers. Highs in the mid 50s. Partly cloudy overnight. Winds shift from the SE to the north later in the day 8-18 mph.



WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

HIGH	LOW
55	39

Partly cloudy, breezy winds out of the north and cool. Highs in the middle 50s. Fair skies overnight with diminishing winds.



THURSDAY, MAY 7

HIGH	LOW
60	43

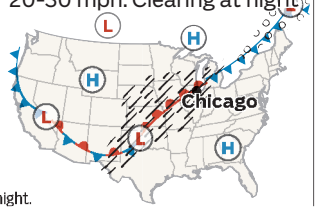
Mostly sunny and not quite as cool with highs around 60 degrees. Increasing clouds overnight with a chance of light rain toward morning. Light westerly winds shift east overnight.



FRIDAY, MAY 8

HIGH	LOW
52	36

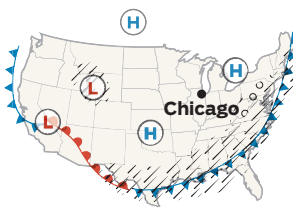
Weather system passes to the south spreading rain across the area. Mostly cloudy and raw with a brisk NE wind off the lake. Temps in the low-mid 50s inland and 40s along the laket. NE winds 20-30 mph. Clearing at night.



SATURDAY, MAY 9

HIGH	LOW
51	35

Partly sunny and continued cool. Highs 40s at the lakefront, lowers 50s inland. Clear and cold overnight. Northerly winds.



NOTE: Predicted high/low temps on Tribune weather page are chronological—the "high" refers to maximum reading expected during day and "low" is the minimum reading expected the following night.

ASK TOM

Dear Tom,

In early May 1934, did a huge dust storm hit downtown Chicago and did it continue all the way to New York City?

Mike Desmond, Oak Park

Dear Mike,

It certainly did. Chicago experienced a significant dust storm on May 10-11, 1934, a little more than two months before the city experienced its all-time record high of 105 degrees on July 24.

Strong northwest winds sent clouds of dust that originated in the high Plains swirling into the city.

The dust cut off sunlight and lowered visibility to less than a mile and caused widespread health issues, particularly respiratory problems.

The air was so dry the dew point plunged to a desert like 18 degrees and the relative humidity dropped to 13%.

The dust storm continued east, hitting New York, Boston and Atlanta.

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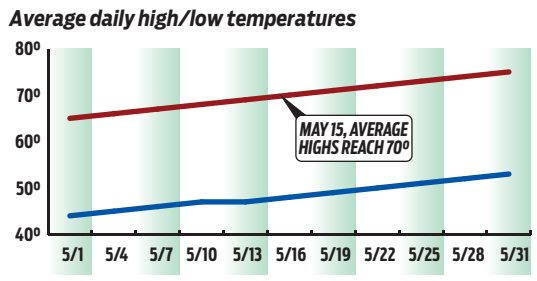
WGN-TV meteorologists Mark Carroll, Steve Kahn, Richard Koeneman, Paul Merzlock and Paul Dailey, plus Bill Snyder, contribute to this page.

Hear Demetrius Ivory's weather updates weekdays 3 to 6 p.m. on WGN-AM 720 Chicago.

Typical May features rising temps—what will May, 2020 bring?

MAY—A TRANSITION MONTH FROM SPRING TO SUMMER

Average daily high/low temperatures



Avg. high temp
Avg. low temp

Highest May temps:
- **98°**: 5/31/1934
- **97°**: 5/27/2018
- **95°**: 5/28/2018
- **95°**: 5/20/1977

Lowest May temps:
- **27°**: 5/9/1983
- **27°**: 5/2/1875
- **28°**: 5/10/1983
- **29°**: 5/7/1989
- **29°**: 5/8/1983

OTHER MAY WEATHER STATS

Average temp: 59.1° ***Average precip: 3.68"***

Five warmest		Five coldest		Five wettest		Five driest	
69.3°	1977	51.4°	1882	8.25"	2019	0.30"	1992
67.1°	1962	51.6°	1907	8.21"	2018	0.58"	1994
66.2°	2018	52.0°	1935	7.59"	1945	0.67"	1934
66.0°	1964	52.1°	1873	7.32"	1883	0.78"	1950
65.9°	1911	52.4°	1893	7.27"	2011	0.80"	1921

Average number of t-storm days: 6

Average sunshine: 57% of possible sunshine

■ *Sunrise (1st):* ***5:46 AM****; Sunset (1st):* ***7:49 PM*** GAIN 57 MINS. DAYLIGHT

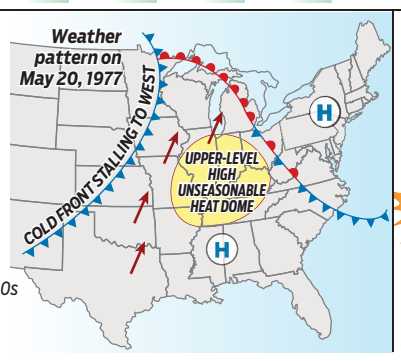
■ *Sunrise (31st):* ***5:18 AM****; Sunset (31st):* ***8:18 PM***

■ *Elevation of sun at solar noon:* ***63.4°*** *(1st);* ***70.1°*** *(31st)*

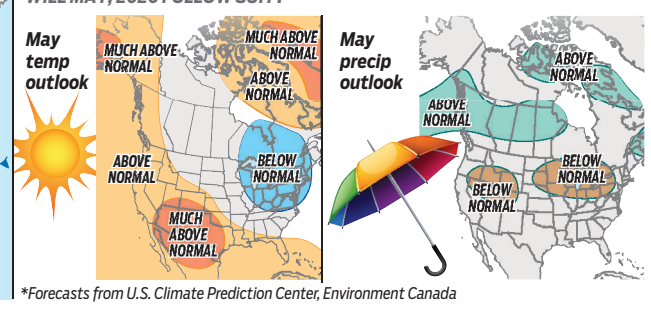
SUMMER CAME EARLY IN 1977—CHICAGO'S WARMEST MAY ON RECORD

May, 1977 heat wave just 4 months removed from city's coldest month on record

May 19, 1977
- *Average high:* ***81.8°***
- *Heat wave:* ***May 16-24***
- *9 straight days in the 90s*
- *Peak:* ***95°*** *on the 20th*



THE PAST TWO MAYS WERE THE WETTEST ON RECORD—WILL MAY, 2020 FOLLOW SUIT?



*Forecasts from U.S. Climate Prediction Center, Environment Canada

SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

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MIDWEST CITIES

SUN./MON.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois						
Carbondale	ts	71	50	sh	73	56
Champaign	sh	68	42	cl	63	46
Decatur	sh	67	45	sh	65	48
Moline	pc	75	44	sh	61	44
Peoria	pc	68	44	cl	61	45
Quincy	sh	71	48	sh	63	49
Rockford	pc	73	39	cl	57	41
Springfield	sh	67	46	sh	64	49
Sterling	pc	73	41	sh	59	42
Indiana						
Bloomington	ts	64	45	pc	68	50
Evansville	ts	70	50	sh	75	55
Fort Wayne	cl	71	41	pc	61	44
Indianapolis	sh	67	45	pc	66	49
Lafayette	cl	71	44	pc	65	50
South Bend	pc	67	39	cl	58	44
Wisconsin						
Green Bay	pc	65	36	cl	52	38
Kenosha	pc	69	38	cl	46	38
La Crosse	pc	71	39	cl	62	44
Madison	pc	70	37	cl	58	39
Milwaukee	pc	70	37	cl	45	38
Wausau	pc	59	32	cl	56	36
Michigan						
Detroit	pc	72	42	pc	57	39
Grand Rapids	pc	67	37	pc	60	41
Marquette	cl	45	31	pc	39	29
St. Ste. Marie	pc	47	31	su	45	30
Traverse City	pc	57	35	pc	46	34
Iowa						
Ames	pc	76	46	sh	60	48
Cedar Rapids	pc	74	42	sh	59	44
Des Moines	pc	75	50	sh	59	48
Dubuque	pc	74	41	sh	59	42

OTHER U.S. CITIES

SUN./MON.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Abilene	su	97	69	su	100	66
Albany	pc	75	52	pc	58	40
Albuquerque	su	88	56	su	86	56
Amarillo	pc	84	60	su	90	54
Anchorage	cl	54	39	cl	53	38
Asheville	su	84	58	pc	76	55
Aspen	su	69	40	pc	61	34
Atlanta	su	84	62	ts	84	64
Atlantic City	sh	72	55	pc	67	45
Austin	pc	94	69	pc	93	71
Baltimore	sh	74	57	pc	65	49
Billings	ts	66	41	pc	62	41
Birmingham	su	85	63	pc	87	64
Bismarck	pc	67	43	sh	62	39
Boise	pc	62	39	su	69	46
Boston	pc	73	54	pc	64	43
Brownsville	su	92	75	pc	93	76
Buffalo	pc	63	43	pc	52	35
Burlington	pc	70	46	sh	52	38
Charlotte	su	87	63	pc	83	58
Charlstn SC	su	79	66	ts	83	69
Charlstn WV	ts	74	48	pc	67	47
Chattanooga	pc	85	63	cl	80	63
Cheyenne	ts	65	41	pc	61	34
Cincinnati	sh	66	46	pc	68	47
Cleveland	pc	65	45	pc	48	41
Colo. Spgs	pc	79	48	pc	71	42
Columbia MO	sh	69	50	sh	65	51
Columbia SC	su	89	66	pc	88	64
Columbus	sh	69	46	pc	62	43
Concord	pc	74	50	pc	61	40
Crps Christi	su	87	73	pc	89	74
Dallas	pc	92	70	pc	91	70
Daytona Bch.	su	84	62	su	89	63
Denver	pc	77	51	pc	70	45
Duluth	pc	48	34	cl	40	35
El Paso	su	95	66	su	95	65
Fairbanks	su	52	33	pc	58	34
Fargo	su	57	38	sh	49	40
Flagstaff	su	71	38	su	74	37
Fort Myers	pc	91	68	su	90	67
Fort Smith	pc	85	65	ts	88	62
Fresno	pc	82	52	su	84	55
Grand Junc.	su	83	50	su	77	45
Great Falls	pc	60	36	pc	61	37
Harrisburg	pc	78	53	pc	63	44
Hartford	pc	77	54	pc	63	43
Helena	pc	59	36	pc	62	38
Honolulu	pc	83	72	pc	83	71
Houston	pc	88	70	pc	89	72
Int'l Falls	pc	48	27	cl	55	33
Jackson	su	86	63	su	86	64
Jacksonville	pc	90	65	su	93	68
Juneau	sh	53	41	pc	55	41
Kansas City	sh	71	54	ts	62	51
Las Vegas	pc	92	67	su	90	65
Lexington	ts	71	46	pc	69	50
Lincoln	pc	77	52	sh	63	45
Little Rock	pc	84	63	pc	85	66
Los Angeles	su	77	59	su	81	61
Louisville	ts	74	49	pc	73	53
Macon	su	86	61	pc	88	64
Memphis	pc	83	64	cl	83	69
Miami	pc	83	71	su	84	71
Minneapolis	su	66	40	sh	60	46
Mobile	pc	82	63	su	84	65
Montgomery	pc	87	60	pc	89	62
Nashville	ts	84	59	pc	79	62
New Orleans	pc	84	66	su	86	67
New York	pc	78	57	pc	63	46
Norfolk	pc	84	62	pc	76	53
Okla. City	pc	79	63	pc	91	59
Omaha	pc	77	54	sh	63	48
Orlando	su	90	66	su	93	67
Palm Beach	pc	83	68	su	86	70
Palm Springs	su	96	67	su	100	71
Philadelphia	sh	78	56	pc	65	46
Phoenix	su	98	68	su	99	68
Pittsburgh	sh	73	46	pc	58	39
Portland, ME	pc	63	48	sh	61	43
Portland, OR	sh	61	41	cl	63	46
Providence	pc	75	54	pc	66	43
Raleigh	su	85	64	su	80	54
Rapid City	ts	74	47	pc	62	39
Reno	su	69	38	pc	74	44
Richmond	pc	83	59	su	76	51
Rochester	pc	69	43	sh	51	34
Sacramento	su	78	46	pc	83	50
Salem, Ore.	sh	59	38	cl	62	43
Salt Lake City	pc	68	47	pc	66	46
San Antonio	pc	95	68	pc	95	68
San Diego	su	74	61	su	76	63
San Francisco	pc	60	47	pc	61	49
San Juan	pc	87	75	pc	87	76
Santa Fe	su	80	50	su	79	46
Savannah	su	88	63	su	91	67
Seattle	sh	58	41	cl	64	48
Shreveport	pc	87	66	pc	86	67
Sioux Falls	pc	77	49	sh	57	45
Spokane	pc	59	36	pc	64	43
St. Louis	sh	68	50	sh	70	54
Syracuse	pc	71	45	sh	51	35
Tallahassee	pc	87	59	su	90	63
Tampa	su	88	65	su	89	67
Topeka	sh	73	54	ts	62	51
Tucson	su	97	62	su	97	62
Tulsa	pc	83	66	ts	88	60
Washington	ts	75	57	pc	66	48
Wichita	pc	77	59	ts	80	54
Wilkes Barre	pc	70	47	pc	52	35
Yuma	su	97	66	su	98	68

WORLD CITIES

SUNDAY	FC	HI	LO
Acapulco	su	86	73
Algiers	pc	90	62
Amsterdam	pc	61	46
Ankara	rn	59	48
Athens	ts	77	57
Auckland	ts	66	56
Baghdad	su	94	67
Bangkok	pc	97	83
Barbados	pc	87	79
Barcelona	pc	70	58
Beijing	cl	69	50
Beirut	su	72	61
Berlin	cl	61	45
Bermuda	pc	68	64
Bogota	sh	67	50
Brussels	cl	62	47
Bucharest	ts	67	52
Budapest	pc	66	43
Buenos Aires	pc	70	56
Cairo	pc	89	66
Cancun	pc	85	78
Caracas	pc	87	67
Casablanca	pc	91	64
Copenhagen	pc	57	42
Dublin	cl	53	43
Edmonton	sh	64	40
Frankfurt	pc	61	44
Geneva	sh	65	47
Guadalajara	pc	92	60
Havana	cl	88	69
Helsinki	pc	52	40
Hong Kong	pc	84	76
Istanbul	sh	65	55
Jerusalem	pc	78	52
Johannesburg	su	73	47
Kabul	pc	70	50
Kingston	ts	87	79
Kyiv	ts	69	51
Lima	pc	74	66
Lisbon	pc	85	61
London	cl	62	49
Madrid	pc	84	57
Manila	pc	98	82
Mexico City	su	83	55
Monterrey	pc	93	70
Montreal	sh	66	46
Moscow	pc	74	53
Munich	pc	61	47
Nairobi	ts	77	60
Nassau	pc	83	72
New Delhi	pc	97	76
Oslo	sh	55	35
Ottawa	pc	66	43
Panama City	ts	90	76
Paris	sh	67	53
Prague	cl	60	42
Rio de Janeiro	pc	77	63
Riyadh	su	98	72
Rome	pc	79	53
Santiago	pc	71	48
Seoul	pc	77	54
Singapore	ts	88	80
Sofia	rn	56	42
Stockholm	rn	59	38
Sydney	su	65	56
Taipei	pc	92	74
Tehran	ts	69	55
Tokyo	sh	70	61
Toronto	pc	68	42
Trinidad	pc	89	76
Vancouver	sh	55	42
Vienna	pc	64	43
Warsaw	sh	59	40
Winnipeg	pc	49	34

FORECAST (FC) ABBREVIATIONS: su-sunny pc-partly cloudy cl-cloudy rn-rain ts-thunderstorm sn-snow fl -flurries fr-freezing rain sl-sleet sh-showers rs-rain/snow ss-snow showers w-windy na-unavailable

CHICAGO DIGEST

SATURDAY TEMPERATURES

LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
Aurora	75	58	Midway	79	58
Gary	79	60	O'Hare	77	59
Kankakee	77	56	Romeoville	76	56
Lakefront	76	58	Valparaiso	79	55
Lansing	77	53	Waukegan	79	52

CHICAGO PRECIPITATION

PERIOD	2020	NORMAL
Sat. (through 4 p.m.)	Trace	0.12"
May to date	Trace	0.23"
Year to date	10.86"	9.63"

SUNDAY SUNBURN FORECAST

TIME OF EXPOSURE BEFORE SUNBURN BEGINS	
7 a.m.	3 hours, 15 minutes
1 p.m.*	60 minutes
4 p.m.	Burn unlikely

SOURCE: Clear Skin Dermatology; Dr. Bryan Schultz
*Peak intensity

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS

	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Wind	WNW 15-25 kts.	ENE 8-18 kts.
Waves	2-4 feet	2-3 feet
Sat. shore/crib water temps	50°/47°	

LAST WEEK'S PEAK POLLEN LEVEL

POLLEN	LEVEL
Tree	High
Grass	0
Mold	Low
Ragweed	0
Weed	0

SOURCE: Loyola Medical Allergy Count, Dr. Rachna Shah

CHICAGO AIR QUALITY

Saturday's reading	Good
Sunday's forecast	Good
Critical pollutant	Particulates

SUNDAY RISE/SET TIMES

Sun	5:43 a.m.	7:51 p.m.
Moon	3:19 p.m.	3:56 a.m.

FULL	3RD Q	NEW	1ST Q
May 7	May 14	May 22	May 29

SUNDAY PLANET WATCH

PLANET	RISE	SET
Mercury	5:42 a.m.	7:447 p.m.
Venus	7:21 a.m.	11:13 p.m.
Mars	2:42 a.m.	12:54 p.m.
Jupiter	1:17 a.m.	10:42a.m.
Saturn	1:33 a.m.	11:07 a.m.

BEST VIEWING	TIME	DIRECTION
Mercury	Not visible	
Venus	8:45 p.m.	24° WNW
Mars	4:15 a.m.	14.5° SE
Jupiter	4:15 a.m.	22.5° SSE
Saturn	4:15 a.m.	22° SSE

Source: Dan Joyce, Chicago Astronomical Society



LOVE YOUR JOB? NOMINATE IT AS A TOP WORKPLACE

The Chicago Tribune is seeking nominations for our annual Top Workplaces special report, in which we explore how organizations create and sustain a positive and productive culture. We'll also compile a list of this year's top workplaces in the Chicago area.

It's a difficult year for organizations of all sizes. The coronavirus pandemic has personally affected employees and their families. It has changed not just where people work, but how they work. And it has forced far-flung teams to reset and communicate expectations, preserve relationships with customers and grapple with strained budgets.

A top workplace is an organization that is successful because its employees enjoy their work, embrace their mission and feel like valued teammates.

Compensation and perks are factors, but the more important components include opportunities for professional growth and being treated with respect. Those boxes are easy to check during the good times, but may matter more when faced with unprecedented challenges.

To qualify, a workplace must have at least 100 employees in the Chicago area. Nominations are open to all employers, including nonprofits.

Now through July, nominated companies that agree to participate will distribute to employees an easy-to-complete, confidential survey developed by the Tribune's research partner, Energage, which will calculate the list of top workplaces. There is no fee to participate.

Top performers will be recognized in the report and in an online directory. Plans for an event honoring the winners are undecided at this time, given the current recommendations on social distancing. To nominate a company, go to www.chicagotribune.com/nominate or call 312-878-7356. The deadline for nominations is May 22.

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CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK



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A NEW KIND OF COMFORT

Goodbye, breakfast buffets and notepads; hello, germ-zapping robots. **Hotels are doubling down on hygiene** as revenue falls during pandemic.

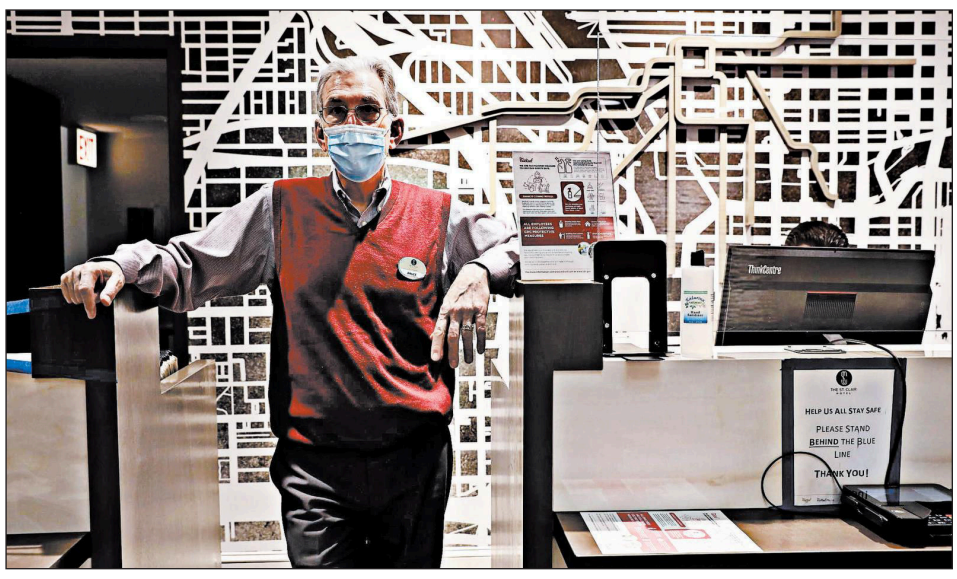
By Lori Rackl

The coronavirus crisis has not only sent the hotel industry reeling by cratering occupancy rates. It's forcing hotels to ramp up their cleaning protocols and hygiene — things that will be more of a priority for consumers in a post-pandemic world, where safe is the new sexy.

"What would have been in the back of customers' minds is now front and center," said Phil Cordell, Hilton's global head of new brand development.

Hilton, Marriott and, as of Wednesday, Chicago-based Hyatt, have all announced plans for updated cleaning standards and other steps aimed at protecting the health of guests and staff at thousands of properties around

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ABOVE: The St. Clair Hotel manager Bruce Hutcheon says his 208-room property off North Michigan Avenue is about 15% full. **TOP:** Maria Medina cleans a guest bathroom at The St. Clair Hotel, part of Red Roof's Red Collection of properties.

Who is liable if workers get sick?

Employers could face crisis as businesses prepare to reopen

By Alexia Elejalde-Ruiz

Businesses gearing up to return to work as coronavirus lockdowns ease face a minefield of potential liabilities, from age discrimination claims if they hesitate to bring back older employees to disability discrimination claims if they punish anxious workers fearful to come into the office.

But one of their biggest concerns is if employees get sick with COVID-19 and claim they contracted it at work — a costly proposition, employer groups say, at a time businesses are grappling with stalled sales and lost income.

"For an employer wanting to get back to normal business, this could be the third crisis facing the nation," said Todd Maisch, head of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce. "The first being the health crisis, the second being the economic crisis, the third being years of a liability crisis."

As federal lawmakers battle over whether to shield employers from pandemic-related lawsuits, a fight is brewing in Illinois over workers' compensation coverage for COVID-19 illnesses.

Illinois was the first state in the nation to change its workers' compensation law to presume workers contracted COVID-19 on the job if they work at businesses deemed essential by the state's stay-at-home order, such health care, banks and grocery stores. That made it easier for them to get coverage for medical bills, lost wages, long-term impairment and, if they didn't survive the disease, death benefits for their families.

But business groups concerned about the cost of claims sued, and a judge halted enforcement of the change, saying the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission exceeded its rule-making authority when it approved the emergency amendment.

On Monday the state withdrew the change, reverting to existing law that requires employees to prove that their

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No summer festivals puts business crimp on artists

Cancellations cut into main source of income

By Abdel Jimenez

The colorful T-shirts Kathy Kelly designs, each of which bears a comical black cat, have become a popular item at the Midwest art festivals where she sets up shop.

But Kelly, from Jefferson Park, said she couldn't find the color of fabric she needed for one of this year's shirts, holding up the project. Kelly designs four new shirts each year.

In hindsight, the delay turned out to be a blessing, because the COVID-19 health crisis forced organizers to scrap art festivals and street fairs scheduled to take place in the Chicago area in May, June and beyond. But while she saved money by not creating new shirts, Kelly said she's anxious about what those cancellations will mean for her income. Kelly teaches high school art at Ida Crown Jewish Academy in Skokie, but makes about 70% of her income selling her work at art festivals.

"Nothing compares to this. We've never gone through anything like this," said Kelly, who has been selling T-shirts, calendars and notecards for 30 years.

For many artisans, their main source of income is selling products at art festivals. Spring and summer festivals filled with vendors selling photographs, jewelry, pottery, clothing, and more attract thousands of visitors during the sunny weather. Several Chicago events were canceled this year including the Old Town Art Fair, Logan Square Arts Festival, the 57th Street Art Fair and Maifest.

Those canceled shows mean lost revenue that can amount to tens of thousands of dollars for some artisans, many of whom don't have a large financial cushion. Clifton Henri, a photographer who owns Flypaper, a private gallery in West Beverly, says he expects to lose about $50,000 in revenue he had expected to earn at festivals that are now canceled.

"The arts are fragile," Henri said. "Right now I should be at the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage

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Photographer Clifton Henri prepares his artwork for shipment at his studio in Chicago. He organized a flash sale of his work online.

CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Branded face masks turn protection into ad space

Strategist says 'face billboards,' if done correctly, will become part of culture



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Mayor Lori Lightfoot wears a face mask bearing the message #StayHome on April 23 at the Historic Water Tower.

By Robert Channick

The requirement that Illinois residents wear facial coverings in public to prevent the spread of coronavirus has given rise to a new advertising vehicle — branded face masks promoting everything from fast food restaurants to sports teams.

All major sports leagues have begun producing officially licensed team logo masks. Universal Music Group is making masks featuring artists from Willie Nelson to Justin Bieber. Warners Bros. has licensed a mask with the cast from the 1990s TV show, "Beverly Hills, 90210."

Many of the proceeds of branded mask sales, at least initially, are helping to fund COVID-19 relief efforts. But turning personal protective equipment into an ad for a real estate agent may raise eyebrows, even in the new normal of a worldwide health crisis.

New York-based branding strategist Peter Shankman said branded face masks, if "done the right way," will generally be perceived in a positive light.

"Wearable brands have become a part of our culture," Shankman said.

Fanatics, which operates an officially licensed e-commerce merchandise business for major sports leagues, sells team masks for the NFL, NBA, NHL, MLS and WNBA, at prices ranging from $15 to $25 each.

The Blackhawks are the second best-selling NHL team and the Bulls rank fifth among NBA teams for mask sales, Fanatics spokesman Brandon Williams said Thursday.

In Chicago, Mayor Lori Lightfoot may be the top salesperson for branded masks after donning one featuring the city logo and her COVID-19 prevention mantra, #StayHome.

The mask was made by Pride Masks, which converted its small Chicago factory from a marching band uniform supplier and flag maker to a branded face mask company last month.

"Once the mayor started wearing the mask, it's blown up," said Alan Spaeth, 55, co-founder of the company formerly known as R&S Marching Arts.

The company has been inundated with commercial orders, employing a staff of about 18 in split shifts to produce about 700 to 800 masks per day. The masks sell for $15 each, in lots generally ranging from 20 to 500 masks per design. Clients include a Dow Chemical plant in Midland, Michigan, local Sonic restaurants and flight crews from Southwest Airlines.

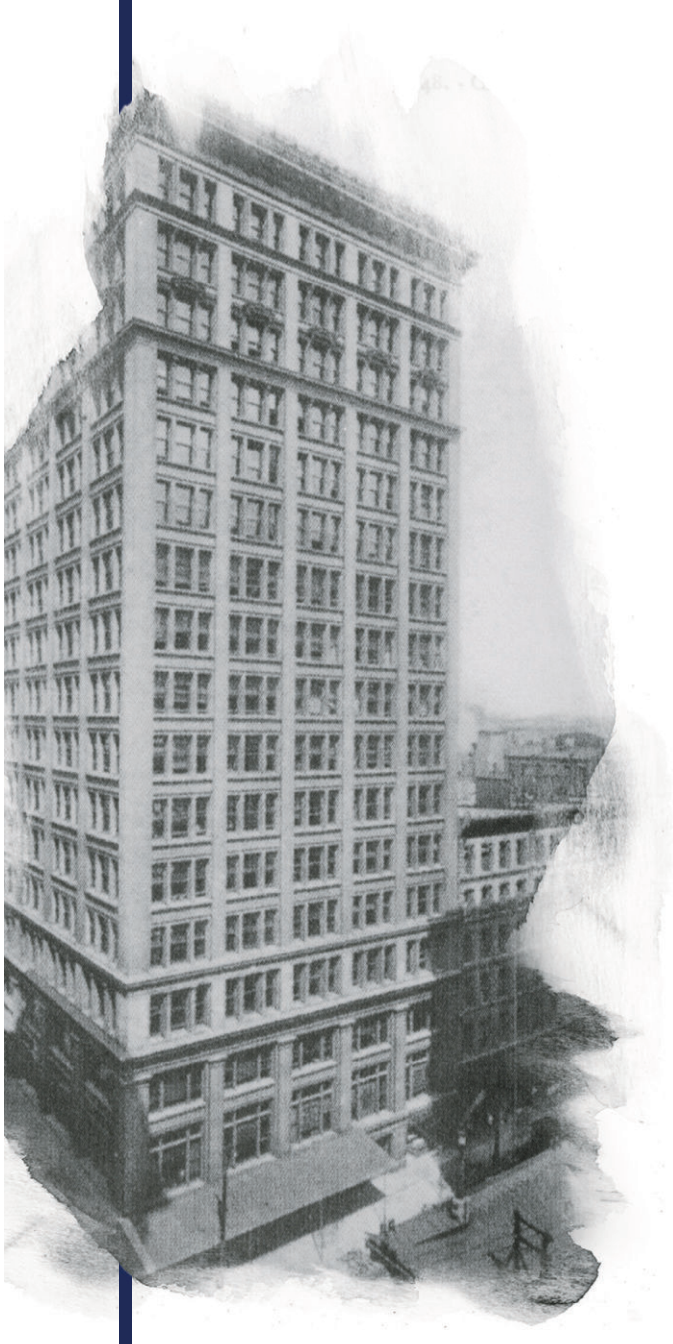
Spaeth turned down an order for a half million face masks from a pharmaceutical company because it would have overwhelmed production and squeezed out smaller business customers.

Companies are buying the branded masks to meet state health requirements and provide "corporate wear," Spaeth said.

One client in particular said it was concerned about potentially inappropriate personal messaging on masks worn by employees.

"It's a way to keep everything uniform, and if you're representing a company, keep it on message," Spaeth said. "It's a face billboard."

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Hotels

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the world. Home-rental companies like Airbnb have made similar moves.

Demand for hotel rooms has tanked during the pandemic. Among the U.S. hotels that are still open, about 3 out of 4 rooms are vacant, according to data released Thursday by the hospitality research company STR. In Chicago's central business district, the occupancy rate is just shy of 14%.

When people start staying in hotels again, they'll notice some changes as new hygiene measures get rolled out in the coming weeks and months.

Expect less furniture to make way for more social distancing in lobbies and other public areas. Hand sanitizing stations will be highly visible. So will housekeepers, whose role moves from behind-the-scenes to center stage as they frequently and conspicuously wipe down railings, elevator buttons and door handles with hospital-grade disinfectants.

"You can't just tell people you're cleaning, you have to let them see people cleaning," said Jonathon Day, associate professor at Purdue University's School of Hospitality and Tourism Management in West Lafayette, Indiana. "These companies need to be transparent about what they're doing and demonstrate it, so we have a sense of comfort. It's only when I feel safe about going back to hotels that I'm going to let my guard down enough to leave my house."

Some housekeeping teams will have high-tech tools at their disposal, like germ-zapping robots that look straight off the set of "Star Wars" and electrostatic sprayers to rapidly disinfect guest rooms and fitness centers. The latter is part of Marriott's plan, which also involves testing ultraviolet light technology to sanitize guests' key cards.



WESTIN HOUSTON MEDICAL CENTER

The LightStrike Germ-Zapping Robot emits ultraviolet light to destroy viruses and bacteria within minutes. Some hotels are showing interest in adding it to their cleaning arsenals.

The Westin Houston Medical Center hotel started using its pair of LightStrike Germ-Zapping Robots in March. Made by Xenex Disinfection Services and costing about $100,000 each, the machines emit broad-spectrum ultraviolet light to destroy viruses and bacteria within minutes. They've been used for infection control in hundreds of hospitals for several years. Now the hospitality industry is showing interest.

"We've been contacted by dozens and dozens of hotels in Europe, the Middle East, here in the U.S.," said company spokeswoman Melinda Hart. "They're all trying to find a way for travelers to feel safe again."

Hilton is working with health experts at Mayo Clinic and the makers of Lysol for its new "CleanStay" program at the company's 6,100-plus properties spread over 18 brands, including Waldorf Astoria, Embassy Suites and Hampton hotels.

The new measures mandate extra disinfection of the 10 most often touched parts of a hotel room — light switches, TV remotes, thermostats, toilet handles — and putting a seal on room doors to let guests know they're the first to enter their freshly cleaned quarters.

"I remember as a kid we'd travel on vacation, check into a motel and there's a seal around the toilet seat," Cordell said. "It harkens back to that. It's a confidence builder for guests."

Hilton is ditching some traditional guest room staples like notepads, pens and directories full of well-thumbed pages. Fitness centers will close periodically throughout the day for additional cleaning, and the number of guests exercising at the same time will be limited. Breakfasts will likely entail more grab-and-go options. Buffets, where they still exist, will have enhanced sanitation and be less hands-on.

"Maybe you scooped your own green beans before, but now someone will put them on your plate," Cordell said.

"Some of this is the new normal and some of it will vary over time," he added. "The visibility of housekeeping, the cleaning products ... that may be forever. Other elements like the distancing of tables in the restaurants, that will probably start to wane a bit at some point."

Marriott recently created a Global Cleanliness Council that's outlined multiple measures to reduce the spread of disease. Disinfecting wipes will be put in all guest rooms throughout the company's 7,300 properties. In nearly half of these hotels, guests can use their phone to check in, access their room with a digital key and order a meal that will be packaged and deposited outside the door.

Over at Hyatt, a new initiative requires that each of its 900-some properties has at least one specially trained hygiene manager by September. Hyatt also is the first hospitality brand to commit to getting all of its hotels accredited by the Global Biorisk Advisory Council, a division of the Northbrook-based cleaning industry trade association, ISSA.

The new GBAC STAR certification is meant to ensure that a hotel — or restaurant, arena or convention center — has the proper chemicals, equipment and procedures to remove harmful pathogens. The concept of GBAC STAR certification predates the coronavirus crisis, but the pandemic fast-tracked the launch of the program, which starts accepting applications May 7.

"We had to hasten the development because the demand in the marketplace is mind-boggling," ISSA Executive Director John Barrett said. "People need this assurance, so we hustled to get it built."

The heightened emphasis on hygiene is happening across the lodging spectrum, from budget hotels and luxury resorts to vacation rental homes.

Housekeepers at the Red Roof chain now sanitize corridors, elevators, the front desk and other high-traffic areas up to four times a day with coronavirus-killing products approved by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Cloth towels have been replaced by disposables in the public restrooms of the high-end, Switzerland-headquartered Kempinski Hotels, where employees have donned white gloves and designer face masks.

When The Langham hotels in the U.S. start accepting new reservations, the luxury properties will be taking guests' and employees' temperatures. If they have a high enough fever, a security officer wearing personal protective equipment will escort them to a room set aside for quarantine so they can contact their doctor for guidance.

"If they cannot reach a doctor, we will find one for them," Langham spokeswoman Louise O'Brien responded in an email.

When Turks and Caicos ends its lockdown and hotels on its tropical islands reopen, breakfast buffets will be on hold at least until the end of the year at The Sands at Grace Bay and two other resorts owned by the Caribbean-based Hartling Group.

"Everything will be a la carte — for now, no more buffets," said Karen Whitt, vice president of sales and marketing. On the beaches and pool decks, lounge chairs will be spaced further apart, and dining rooms will operate at about half capacity, she added. "We're also enhancing room service, so guests have the option of having any meal they would have had at our restaurant in the comfort and privacy of their rooms."

Home-rental companies Airbnb and Turnkey Vacation Rentals also are enhancing their cleaning protocols in light of COVID-19.

Turnkey will soon debut a training and certification program for its new cleanliness and safety standards for all of its housekeepers, who will use an app to photo-validate their use of coronavirus-fighting products.

To guard against the spread of disease through airborne particles, the vacation rental management company is requiring a 24-hour buffer between guest stays, lasting through June at the earliest.

Airbnb worked with former U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy to craft guidelines that call for cleaners to wear masks and use certain disinfectants. Hosts also are supposed to wait at least 24 hours between check out and the arrival of the next guests.

Airbnb hosts are being encouraged, not required, to follow the new protocols. But customers will be able to see which ones do and which don't.

"Guests want assurances and some comfort that they are not walking into a petri dish," said Meighan Depke, an Airbnb host in Logan Square. "I'll be happy to complete (Airbnb's) certification to earn whatever star they might be awarding."

Depke moderates a 16,000-member private Facebook group called Airbnb's Finest Hosts.

"Some hosts in our group are screaming about overreach and the 24-hour pause between guests," she said. "But hey, it's a brand new world. Adapt or watch your business suffer."

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Workers

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workplace was the cause of their illness. That can be a high bar given that the highly contagious coronavirus seems to lurk everywhere.

Gov. JB Pritzker's office said he plans to revive efforts to ensure front-line workers receive workers' compensation insurance if they get sick, either through administrative rule-making or in the legislature. The Illinois AFL-CIO, a federation of unions representing 900,000 workers in the state, including grocery store workers, bus drivers and manufacturing employees, called the opposition by the business groups "shameful" and vowed to fight for workers' compensation protection for front-line workers as a way to push their employers to provide safe workplaces. Dozens of workers at grocery stores, meat and food processing plants, public transit facilities and other businesses have died as the virus spreads.

The Illinois Manufacturers Association, which together with the Illinois Retail Merchants Association brought the lawsuit seeking to halt the amendment, said it would be open to compromise legislation that creates a legal presumption that traditional first responders like nurses and ambulance drivers sick with COVID-19 contracted it at work. But it shouldn't be so broad as to cover all essential workers, which could overwhelm the workers' comp system, said Mark Denzler, president and CEO of the manufacturers group.

The state's original amendment could have cost the workers' compensation system an additional $66 million to $4.4 billion, according to estimates by the National Council on Compensation Insurance.

Still, Edward Priz, president of Advanced Insurance Management in suburban Riverside, which consults employers on workers' compensation matters, bemoaned the withdrawal of Illinois' pioneering law, which he said would have helped many people without good health insurance or paid sick leave. Employers — whose workers compensation rates are based in part on past claims — may have faced higher premiums down the road but most have insurance policies that would have paid the claims, he said.

"I'm dismayed. I am angry," said Priz, who had submitted a workers' comp claim for his own employee who fell ill with COVID-19 and was just notified she would not be covered unless she could prove she had contracted the virus at work.

"We hear all this talk about we're all in this together, but in one of the concrete ways we could have demonstrated that we are in this together, these employer groups decided to scuttle this vital change," he said.

The workers' compensation program, which allows employees to collect benefits for workplace injuries or illnesses without proving their employer was at fault, is generally considered an exclusive remedy, meaning employees are prohibited from filing a civil suit for negligence against their employer.

That arrangement tends to be beneficial for employers because it heads off negligence lawsuits that carry higher damages for pain and suffering, and without it employers could be exposed to a greater cost of litigation, said Jeremy Glenn, an attorney with Cozen O'Connor who represents management in employment cases.

But Maisch contends personal injury lawyers will find ways to sue over worker illnesses. He anticipates a deluge of lawsuits as the state opens up, and hopes efforts succeed at the national level to give employers some legal immunity.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R- Kentucky, has said he wants to include a liability shield for employers in the next coronavirus relief bill, but he faces opposition from the Democratic-controlled House. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., has said she has no interest in "having any less protection for our workers."

The Labor Department, following President Donald Trump's executive order to keep meat processing plants open, said it would consider backing employers in litigation if they demonstrate good-faith attempts to comply with federal safety guidelines issued for the industry.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce is advocating for protection from negligence lawsuits for employers that follow safety guidelines put out by federal and local governments. The threat of lawsuits from employees or customers alleging virus exposure is the business community's greatest area of concern, the chamber said.

"It could cause businesses to hesitate when reopening," said Harold Kim, president of the U.S. Chamber Institute for Legal Reform. "That's a problem when it comes to a pathway to economic recovery."

The chamber's proposal does not try to shield employers accused of willful or wanton disregard for worker safety, a claim that can be pursued outside of workers' compensation.

That is the accusation of a wrongful death lawsuit filed against Walmart by the family of Wando Evans, a 51-year-old employee at the retailer's Evergreen Park store who died of COVID-19 in late March, four days before a co-worker, 48-year-old Phillip Thomas, also died of the disease.

Attorney Tony Kalogerakos, who is representing Evans' four siblings in the suit, said he has affidavits from employees saying no protections were put in place as the company scrambled to hire people to meet a surge in demand, and workers who complained of symptoms were ignored. He will have to prove the company knew about the underlying conditions and failed to address them, he said.

"With our particular Walmart, they weren't following any rules," Kalogerakos said. "They were so overwhelmed with people, they didn't implement anything at all, it was just a regular day at that Walmart."

Kalogerakos believes the Walmart lawsuit is an outlier and most safety claims will be resolved with workers' compensation if employees can show they got the virus at work, which he doesn't think should be that challenging because "there's nowhere else to go. Everything is closed."

Walmart said it takes the issue seriously but was "heartbroken" by the deaths.

"While it may be impossible to determine where or how someone contracts the virus, we have taken steps across the country to protect our associates and customers, including additional cleaning measures, installing sneeze guards at registers, placing social distancing decals on the floors and limiting the number of customers in a store at a given time," company spokesman Randy Gargrove said in a statement. "We'll continue to take steps, such as screening associates, conducting temperature checks, and requiring that associates wear masks or other face coverings at work."

To protect against lawsuits, attorneys have been advising companies to implement safety measures recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration and state and local authorities.

"If employers can show they took reasonable efforts based on the information available, they will be in a very good spot to defend themselves," said Antonio Calderone, an attorney with Laner Muchin who represents management in labor and employment cases. In some cases employers have to be sure the safety measures themselves don't pose other risks to workers, like wearing masks that could interfere with machinery or catch fire.

Employers also have to make employees feel protected, because if workers reasonably believe the office is unsafe and they refuse to return to work, disciplining them could set an employer up for an accusation of retaliation, said Brian Alcala, a labor and employment attorney with Nixon Peabody who represents management.

"They may be safe, but they also have to *believe* they're safe," Alcala said.

Labor groups want to ensure the measures aren't superficial. For example, if companies are providing disposable gloves they should make enough available for workers to change them throughout their shifts, said Tim Drea, president of the Illinois AFL-CIO.

They also want "strong, clear, enforceable safety standards" rather than suggested guidelines.

"Standards have accountability," Drea said. "We're looking for something with teeth."

Illinois, by executive order, has provided some standards, such as mandating social distancing and the availability of hand sanitizer for employees and customers. As of Friday masks are mandatory in public indoor spaces and when within 6 feet of another person. The state also recently issued specific guidelines for food and meat processing plants that advise pre- and post-shift screening tests that don't just rely on temperature checks, as fever is not a consistent symptom.

The Illinois Manufacturers Association says its member companies are implementing social distancing, including staggering shifts, allowing nonessential employees to work from home, and putting up plastic barriers when it's not possible to keep workers more than 6 feet apart. In some cases they must slow production to comply, Denzler said. But the lack of a uniform set of a guidelines across agencies makes it hard to know if they are doing enough.

"One of the most difficult things that employers face are conflicting sets of regulations and opinions," Denzler said. "There is certainly that fear out there that if I have done everything right, why do I have to defend myself?"

A fundamental problem is that it remains unclear what constitutes a safe workplace in the COVID-19 context, and existing employment laws were not designed to let employers do what they need under the extraordinary circumstances, said Dan Rodriguez, a professor at Northwestern University's Pritzker School of Law and former dean of the law school.

Providing legal immunity to employers who try to comply with guidelines is "well-intentioned," he said, "but that's cold comfort to an employee who feels those guidelines are inadequate to protect them."

State and local authorities must come up with frameworks that offer guidance to employers on how to physically configure their workspaces and other specifics to provide clarity about their responsibilities, so that it doesn't work itself out in the courts, Rodriguez said.

"What are the duties and obligations in that setting are enormously difficult issues of enormous consequence," Rodriguez said. "If we don't figure those out, the economic bounce-back we are all hoping for is not going to happen if employees get sick in massive numbers or employees refuse to come to work in massive numbers."

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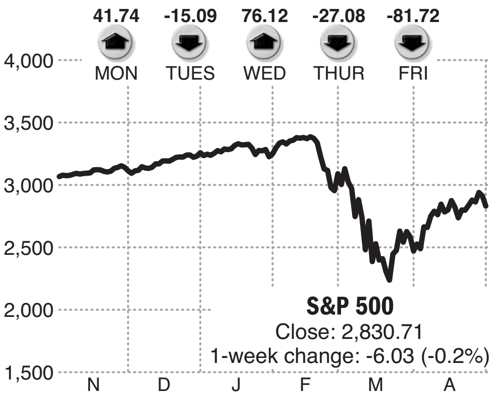
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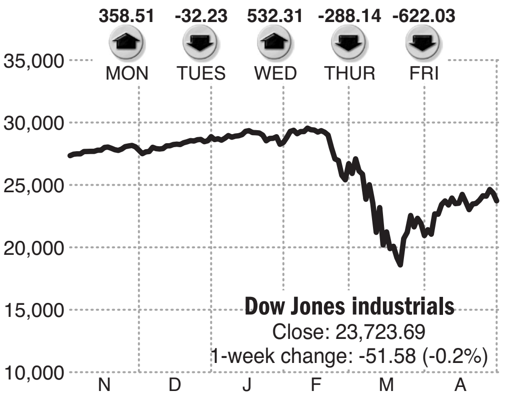
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52-WEEK HIGH	52-WEEK LOW	INDEX	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	YTD %CHG	1YR %CHG
29568.57	18213.65	Dow Jones industrials	24764.77	23645.30	23723.69	-51.58	-0.2	-16.9	-10.5
11359.49	6481.20	Dow Jones trans.	8697.49	8081.09	8144.86	+52.46	+0.7	-25.3	-25.7
963.80	593.52	Dow Jones utilities	824.29	755.75	759.08	-36.01	-4.5	-13.7	-3.1
14183.26	8664.94	NYSE Comp.	11675.30	11011.46	11058.57	+40.68	+0.4	-20.5	-15.2
5914.74	3757.07	NYSE International	4791.32	4516.57	4536.34	+9.21	+0.2	-22.2	-18.1
9736.57	6771.91	Nasdaq 100	9025.82	8668.67	8718.18	-68.42	-0.8	-0.2	+11.1
9838.37	6631.42	Nasdaq Comp.	8957.26	8566.84	8604.95	-29.57	-0.3	-4.1	+5.4
3393.52	2191.86	S&P 500	2954.86	2821.61	2830.71	-6.03	-0.2	-12.4	-3.9
2109.43	1181.96	S&P MidCap	1709.51	1565.27	1590.48	+40.11	+2.6	-22.9	-19.7
34616.78	21955.54	Wilshire 5000	29871.56	28383.76	28500.61	+16.72	+0.1	-13.3	-6.4
1715.08	966.22	Russell 2000	1373.39	1241.91	1260.48	+27.43	+2.2	-24.5	-21.9
433.90	268.57	Dow Jones Stoxx 600	349.22	331.82	337.39	+7.80	+2.4	-18.9	-13.6
7727.49	4898.79	FTSE 100	6151.58	5746.06	5763.06	+10.83	+0.2	-23.6	-21.9

Most active

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
Gen Electric	6.50	+.24
Ford Motor	4.92	+.05
Carnival Corp	13.93	+2.02
Callon Petrol	.82	+.23
Delta Air Lines	24.12	+1.71
Bank of America	23.08	+.90
Nordic Amer Tanker	6.12	+.27
Transocean Ltd	1.15	+.18
Swst Airlines	29.23	-.10
Norwegian Cruise Ln	13.84	+2.98
Marathon Oil	5.50	+.57
Occid Petl	15.24	+1.43
Hertz Corp	3.51	-.20

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
Vislink Technolg	.29	+.10
American Airlines Gp	10.64	+.33
Adv Micro Dev	49.88	-6.30
Seanergy Maritime	.14	-.01
Oasis Petroleum	.60	-.02
Inovio Pharmaceut	10.28	-4.31
TOP Ships Inc	.21	-.05
Taronis Technologies	.21	-.08
Capricor Therap	7.27	+4.78
Microsoft Corp	174.57	+.02
United Airlines Hldg	26.62	+1.06
Aytu BioScience Inc	1.60	+.20
Apple Inc	289.07	+6.10

EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
Alps Alerian MLP	4.87	+.23
Direx S&P500Bear 3x	10.97	-.10
iShs China Large Cap	37.27	-.92
iShs Emerg Mkts	35.32	-.26
iShares EAFE ETF	55.34	+.13
iShares Rus 2000	125.14	+2.73
Invesco QQQ Trust	212.74	-1.10
ProShs UltraPro QQQ	63.51	-1.59
ProShs UltPro ShtQQQ	12.62	+.02
SPDR S&P500 ETF Tr	282.79	-.18
SPDR Financial	22.06	+.32
US Oil Fund LP	2.13	-.44
VanE Vect Gld Miners	33.29	-.64

Largest Companies

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
AT&T Inc	29.90	+.19
Abbott Labs	89.85	-4.21
Adobe Inc	343.84	-.26
Alibaba Group Hldg	194.48	-9.88
Alphabet Inc C	1320.61	+41.30
Alphabet Inc A	1317.32	+40.72
Amazon.com Inc	2286.04	-124.18
Apple Inc	289.07	+6.10
AstraZeneca PLC	51.86	+.68
Bank of America	23.08	+.90
Berkshire Hath A	273975.00	-5484.99
Berkshire Hath B	182.67	-3.85
Brist Myr Sqb	60.26	-1.99
Chevron Corp	89.44	+2.43
China Mobile Ltd	38.76	-.91
Cisco Syst	40.92	-1.60
CocaCola Co	45.60	+.17
Comcast Corp A	36.98	-.18
Disney	105.50	+4.31
Eli Lilly	153.63	-9.30
Exxon Mobil Corp	43.14	-.59
Facebook Inc	202.27	+12.20
HSBC Holdings prA	25.66	+.16
Home Depot	218.57	+6.39
Intel Corp	57.47	-1.79
JPMorgan Chase	93.25	+2.54
Johnson & Johnson	148.29	-6.57
MasterCard Inc	268.74	+9.98
McDonalds Corp	182.66	-1.36
Merck & Co	77.67	-3.76
Microsoft Corp	174.57	+.02
Netflix Inc	415.27	-9.72
Novartis AG	83.41	-5.64
Novo Nordisk AS	63.43	-1.48
Nvidia Corporation	282.78	-6.81
Oracle Corp	51.79	-1.22
PayPal Holdings	120.61	+.43
PepsiCo	130.14	-4.22
Pfizer Inc	37.64	+.26
Procter & Gamble	116.82	-1.96
SAP Se	116.97	+.48
Salesforce.com Inc	156.37	+2.39
Toyota Mot	121.12	-1.44
Unitedhealth Group	284.51	-6.78
Verizon Comm	56.83	-1.10
Visa Inc	175.57	+8.25
WalMart Strs	122.92	-6.52

Largest mutual funds

Based on Total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG IN $	1-YR %RTN
American Century UltraInv	51.07	+.15	+9.1
American Funds AMCpA m	30.73	+.02	+.2
American Funds AmrcnBalA m	26.63	-.06	+2.1
American Funds AmrcnMutA m	37.75	-.29	-3.7
American Funds BdfAmrcA m	13.77	...	+11.1
American Funds CptWldGrIncA m	44.36	+.24	-6.6
American Funds CptlIncBldrA m	54.92	-.03	-5.7
American Funds EuroPacGrA m	46.26	+.68	-9.1
American Funds FdmtlInvsA m	53.25	+.03	-4.6
American Funds GrfAmrcA m	48.35	-.14	+3.4
American Funds IncAmrcA m	20.21	+.01	-4.5
American Funds InvCAmrcA m	34.70	-.12	-3.6
American Funds NewWldA m	59.12	+.87	-7.8
American Funds NwPrspctvA m	42.08	+.02	-1.3
American Funds SmCpWldA m	50.89	+.70	-4.3
American Funds TheNewEcoA m	41.67	-.16	-2.2
American Funds TxExBdA m	12.88	-.05	+1.2
American Funds WAMtInvsA m	40.86	-.10	-5.3
Baird AggrgateBdInstl	11.58	-.02	+10.2
Baird CorPlusBdInstl	11.80	-.02	+9.0
BlackRock StrIncOpIns	9.53	+.01	+.7
DFA EMktCorEqI	16.90	+.37	-17.6
DFA EmMktsValInstl	21.46	+.68	-23.7
DFA FvYrGlbFIIns	10.81	+.02	+2.9
DFA IntlCorEqIns	10.64	+.18	-16.8
DFA USCorEq1Instl	21.48	+.16	-7.9
DFA USCorEqIIInstl	19.33	+.20	-9.6
DFA USLgCpValInstl	28.74	+.31	-17.4
DFA USSmCpInstl	25.76	+.93	-22.6
Dodge & Cox Bal	84.90	+.54	-8.0
Dodge & Cox Inc	14.20	+.01	+7.6
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	31.90	+1.15	-21.0
Dodge & Cox Stk	147.95	+1.00	-15.2
DoubleLine CorFII	10.82	-.01	+3.2
DoubleLine TtlRetBdI	10.54	+.01	+4.0
Edgewood GrInstl	38.04	...	+10.6
FPA Crescent d	28.26	+.47	-13.0
Fidelity 500IdxInsPrm	98.21	-.19	-1.2
Fidelity BCGrowth	105.09	-.29	+7.3
Fidelity Balanced	22.76	+.06	+1.8
Fidelity Cap&Inc	8.84	+.10	-7.6
Fidelity Contrafund	13.13	-.02	+5.2
Fidelity ContrafundK	13.15	-.01	+5.3
Fidelity EmergMketsOpps	16.55	+.14	-10.4
Fidelity ExMktIdxInPr	51.31	+1.03	-13.6
Fidelity Frdm 2020	14.90	+.07	-.9
Fidelity Frdm 2025	12.99	+.06	-1.8
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Fidelity GroCo	21.57	-.33	+14.1
Fidelity GroCo	18.08	-.27	+16.0
Fidelity GroCoK	21.61	-.33	+14.2
Fidelity IntlGr	15.37	+.08	+.7
Fidelity IntlIdxInstlPrm	34.48	+.30	-13.3
Fidelity IntlVal	7.41	+.14	-19.7
Fidelity InvmGradeBd	11.84	+.01	+9.2
Fidelity LowPrStk	39.52	+.53	-11.6
Fidelity Magellan	9.71	-.03	+5.8
Fidelity OTCPortfolio	12.35	-.07	+8.7
Fidelity Puritan	21.58	-.09	+3.3
Fidelity TotalBond	11.06	+.01	+7.8
Fidelity TtlMktIdxInsPrm	78.49	+.11	-3.3
Fidelity USBdIdxInsPrm	12.45	-.02	+11.1
Fidelity Advisor NewInsI	29.74	-.04	-1.4
First Eagle GlbA m	50.33	+.12	-6.2
Franklin Templeton CATxFrIncA1 m	7.39	-.01	+2.2
Franklin Templeton GlbBdAdv	10.05	+.06	-6.7
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Franklin Templeton IncAdv	1.96	-.03	-8.9
Franklin Templeton IncC m	2.01	-.03	-9.7
Franklin Templeton RisingDivsA m	60.29	-.21	-3.6
Harbor CptlApprecInstl	74.61	-.23	+8.3
Harding Loevner IntlEqInstl	20.27	+.55	-7.9
INVESCO DevMktsY	37.03	+.89	-12.6
JPMorgan CoreBondI	12.19	-.05	+9.6
JPMorgan CoreBondR6	12.20	-.05	+9.6
Lord Abbett ShrtDurIncA m	4.04	+.01	-.2
Lord Abbett ShrtDurIncF b	4.04	+.01	-.1
MFS ValI	36.55	-.04	-8.3
Metropolitan West TtlRetBdI	11.34	-.02	+10.4
Metropolitan West TtlRetBdPlan	10.67	-.01	+10.5
Old Westbury LgCpStrats	12.96	+.06	-5.6
PGIM Investments TtlRetBdZ	14.24	+.01	+6.5
PIMCO AlAstInstl	10.37	+.17	-6.2
PIMCO IncA m	11.12	+.04	-2.2
PIMCO IncI2	11.12	+.04	-2.0
PIMCO IncInstl	11.12	+.04	-1.9
PIMCO TtlRetIns	10.66	...	+9.4
Schwab SP500Idx	43.55	-.08	-1.2
T. Rowe Price BCGr	120.45	+.06	+5.1
T. Rowe Price CptlAprc	29.60	+.24	+3.8
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T. Rowe Price EqInc	24.12	-.08	-16.8
T. Rowe Price GrStk	69.43	+.16	+3.4
T. Rowe Price HlthSci	78.78	-2.71	+14.2
T. Rowe Price InsLgCpGr	42.51	-.04	+5.5
T. Rowe Price MdCpGr	82.34	+.81	-4.8

FUND	NAV	CHG IN $	1-YR %RTN
T. Rowe Price NewHorizons	59.30	+.66	+11.7
T. Rowe Price NewInc	9.59	...	+5.3
T. Rowe Price Rtr2020	20.12	+.09	-1.7
T. Rowe Price Rtr2025	15.97	+.07	-2.8
T. Rowe Price Rtr2030	22.95	+.11	-3.8
T. Rowe Price Val	30.11	-.22	-13.0
TIAA-CREF BdIdxIns	11.57	-.01	+10.6
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	261.62	-.50	-1.3
Vanguard BalIdxAdmrl	36.70	+.02	+2.9
Vanguard CAITTxExAdm	11.86	-.04	+2.6
Vanguard CptlOppAdmrl	133.37	-1.20	-6.7
Vanguard DevMIdxAdmrl	11.28	+.13	-13.3
Vanguard DevMIdxIns	11.29	+.12	-13.3
Vanguard DivGrInv	26.92	-.17	-.6
Vanguard EMStkIdxInAdm	29.72	+.45	-14.4
Vanguard EqIncAdmrl	64.99	-.68	-8.9
Vanguard ExplorerAdmrl	80.34	+1.25	-10.4
Vanguard ExtMktIdxAdmrl	76.77	+1.53	-13.5
Vanguard ExtMktIdxIns	76.77	+1.54	-13.5
Vanguard GNMAAdmrl	10.85	+.04	+7.7
Vanguard GrIdxAdmrl	90.37	+.12	+9.1
Vanguard GrIdxIns	90.38	+.12	+9.1
Vanguard HCAdmrl	82.99	-2.46	+15.8
Vanguard HYCorpAdmrl	5.43	+.02	-1.8
Vanguard HYTEAdmrl	11.03	-.05	-.3
Vanguard InTrBdIdxAdmrl	12.34	...	+11.8
Vanguard InTrInGdAdm	10.19	+.03	+9.1
Vanguard InTrTEAdmrl	14.16	-.05	+2.3
Vanguard InflPrtScAdmrl	26.99	-.18	+9.2
Vanguard InflPrtScIns	11.00	-.07	+9.3
Vanguard InsIdxIns	252.81	-.49	-1.2
Vanguard InsIdxInsPlus	252.83	-.48	-1.2
Vanguard InsTrgRt2020Ins	22.59	+.08	+.8
Vanguard InsTtlSMIInPls	59.02	+.06	-3.3
Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl	94.17	+.22	+.7
Vanguard LTInGrdAdm	11.57	-.13	+21.0
Vanguard LTTEAdmrl	11.54	-.05	+2.4
Vanguard LfStrCnsrGrInv	20.10	+.07	+2.9
Vanguard LfStrGrInv	31.86	+.16	-3.9
Vanguard LfStrModGrInv	26.56	+.10	-.5
Vanguard LtdTrmTEAdmrl	10.94	-.02	+1.6
Vanguard MdCpIdxAdmrl	180.81	+.40	-10.0
Vanguard MdCpIdxIns	39.94	+.09	-10.0
Vanguard MdCpIdxInsPlus	196.98	+.43	-10.0
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl	121.78	-1.03	-5.2
Vanguard RlEstIdxAdmrl	104.09	+1.02	-12.4
Vanguard STBdIdxAdmrl	10.82	+.01	+6.2
Vanguard STInfPrScIdIns	24.77	...	+3.1
Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	10.72	+.02	+4.1
Vanguard STInvmGrdIns	10.72	+.02	+4.1
Vanguard STTEAdmrl	15.76	...	+1.5
Vanguard SmCpIdxAdmrl	61.17	+1.44	-17.4
Vanguard SmCpIdxIns	61.17	+1.44	-17.3
Vanguard StarInv	25.39	+.07	+1.3
Vanguard TrgtRtr2015Inv	14.61	+.04	+2.6
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	30.47	+.11	+.7
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	18.25	+.08	-.6
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	32.99	+.15	-1.9
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	20.05	+.09	-3.2
Vanguard TrgtRtr2040Inv	34.28	+.17	-4.4
Vanguard TrgtRtr2045Inv	21.31	+.11	-5.7
Vanguard TrgtRtr2050Inv	34.31	+.17	-5.7
Vanguard TrgtRtr2055Inv	37.25	+.18	-5.7
Vanguard TrgtRtrIncInv	13.63	+.03	+3.5
Vanguard TtBMIdxAdmrl	11.52	-.02	+11.0
Vanguard TtBMIdxIns	11.52	-.02	+11.0
Vanguard TtBMIdxInsPlus	11.52	-.02	+11.0
Vanguard TtInBIdxAdmrl	22.93	+.13	+6.3
Vanguard TtInBIdxIns	34.41	+.19	+6.3
Vanguard TtInBIdxInv	11.47	+.06	+6.3
Vanguard TtInSIdxAdmrl	23.86	+.29	-13.6
Vanguard TtInSIdxIns	95.41	+1.17	-13.6
Vanguard TtInSIdxInsPlus	95.43	+1.17	-13.6
Vanguard TtInSIdxInv	14.26	+.17	-13.7
Vanguard TtlSMIdxAdmrl	68.99	+.07	-3.3
Vanguard TtlSMIdxIns	69.01	+.07	-3.2
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Vanguard ValIdxAdmrl	37.38	-.24	-10.7
Vanguard ValIdxIns	37.38	-.24	-10.7
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Vanguard WndsrIIAdmrl	53.31	+.45	-8.1
Vanguard WndsrIIInv	30.04	+.25	-8.2
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b - Fee covering market costs is paid from fund assets. d - Deferred sales charge, or redemption fee. m - Multiple fees are charged, usually a marketing fee and either a sales or redemption fee. s - fund split shares during the week. x - fund paid a distribution during the week. Source: Morningstar.

How the region's Top 100 companies fared

Ranks based on market capitalization of public companies headquartered in Illinois and northwest Indiana as of Friday, May 1, 2020

Market capitalization in millions of dollars

RANK/COMPANY	CAP	CLOSE	WEEK (Stock $ change)	1-YR (Stock % return)
1 Abbott Labs	158,930	89.85	▼ -4.21	+17.5
2 McDonalds Corp	135,810	182.66	▼ -1.36	-2.6
3 AbbVie Inc	122,327	82.84	▼ -.75	+9.2
4 Boeing Co	75,264	133.37	▲ +4.39	-60.5
5 Mondelez Intl	72,372	50.70	▼ -.71	+3.4
6 CME Group	62,249	173.65	▼ -9.07	+2.7
7 Caterpillar Inc	60,012	110.88	▼ -3.16	-13.6
8 ITW	50,628	159.45	▲ +1.22	+7.1
9 Baxter Intl	44,558	87.84	▼ -5.08	+17.5
10 Deere Co	43,339	138.19	▼ -.44	-10.6
11 Walgreen Boots Alli	36,544	41.66	▼ -2.08	-15.8
12 Kraft Heinz Co	35,895	29.38	▲ +.15	-3.9
13 Exelon Corp	34,866	35.80	▼ -.80	-24.3
14 Allstate Corp	31,609	99.74	▼ -1.70	+4.7
15 Motorola Solutions	23,816	138.83	▼ -13.97	+.9
16 Equity Residential	23,185	62.31	▼ -1.68	-11.9
17 Arch Dan Mid	19,569	35.12	▼ -.87	-13.6
18 ConAgra Brands Inc	16,209	33.28	▼ -.69	+11.4
19 Nthn Trust Cp	15,701	75.47	▼ -1.92	-16.9
20 CDW Corp	15,195	106.82	▲ +2.05	+6.2
21 Gallagher AJ	14,696	77.51	▲ +2.23	-4.0
22 TransUnion	14,560	77.04	▲ +4.91	+13.6
23 Grainger WW	14,311	267.66	▼ -1.95	-.2
24 Dover Corp	13,166	91.47	▲ +.50	-2.5
25 Discover Fin Svcs	12,755	41.37	▲ +5.14	-45.2
26 Ulta Salon Cosmetics	12,065	214.28	▲ +3.76	-37.6
27 Zebra Tech	11,974	225.55	▲ +16.93	+8.8
28 IDEX Corp	11,406	151.29	▼ -1.43	-.7
29 Ventas Inc	11,308	30.33	▲ +2.62	-41.9
30 Equity Lifesty Prop	11,012	60.46	▲ +.03	+5.5
31 CBOE Global Markets	10,381	94.01	▼ -2.51	-.8
32 NiSource Inc	9,364	24.47	▼ -1.35	-6.7
33 Packaging Corp Am	8,987	94.75	▲ +8.76	+.7
34 CNA Financial	7,887	29.08	▼ -.73	-24.5
35 LKQ Corporation	7,620	24.81	▲ +3.48	-13.1
36 Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	7,194	51.50	▲ +7.78	-7.0
37 Hill-Rom Hldgs	6,849	102.25	▼ -10.77	+11.8
38 Aptargroup Inc	6,798	106.14	▲ +2.38	-2.5
39 United Airlines Hldg	6,581	26.62	▲ +1.06	-66.7
40 Morningstar Inc	6,505	151.44	▲ +12.15	+9.5
41 Paylocity Hldg	5,743	107.14	▲ +18.71	+18.6
42 CF Industries	5,689	26.61	▼ -1.39	-35.9
43 Ingredion Inc	5,352	79.84	▼ -.73	-11.7
44 Jones Lang LaSalle	5,218	101.08	▼ -1.40	-31.1
45 Hyatt Hotels Corp	5,206	51.53	▼ -1.10	-25.7
46 IAA Inc	4,970	37.11	▲ +1.13	
47 Old Republic	4,647	15.29	▲ +.19	-20.6
48 First Indl RT	4,612	36.26	▲ +.23	+9.8
49 CDK Global Inc	4,580	37.70	▲ +2.99	-33.9
50 Kemper Corp	4,334	65.01	▼ -.61	-24.0
51 US Foods Holding	4,281	19.47	▼ -.04	-41.2
52 Stericycle Inc	4,226	46.31	▼ -.25	-16.4
53 GrubHub Inc	4,181	45.49	▲ +1.97	-28.5
54 Equity Commonwlth	4,128	33.98	▼ -.20	+17.8
55 Littelfuse Inc	3,536	145.69	▲ +10.20	-26.8
56 Brunswick Corp	3,509	44.16	▲ +.93	-5.1
57 Cabot Microelect	3,494	119.55	▲ +8.04	-1.6
58 Envestnet Inc	3,243	61.30	▲ +3.17	-11.9
59 RLI Corp	3,200	71.25	▲ +2.25	-8.1
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61 Middleby Corp	2,914	52.69	▲ +1.20	-57.9
62 TreeHouse Foods	2,850	50.66	▲ +.55	-22.8
63 Navistar Intl	2,292	23.10	▲ +.74	-30.4
64 Wintrust Financial	2,292	39.83	▲ +3.82	-43.7
65 John Bean Technol	2,277	71.92	▼ -1.40	-29.7
66 Stepan Co	2,109	93.67	▲ +2.64	+4.2
67 GATX	2,008	57.56	▲ +1.49	-20.7
68 Teleph Data	1,942	18.11	▼ -.99	-36.4
69 Adtalem Global Educ	1,741	31.63	▲ +3.54	-35.6
70 US Cellular	1,580	30.07	▼ -1.32	-33.8
71 Federal Signal	1,571	26.08	▼ -1.96	-5.3
72 Fst Midw Bcp	1,479	13.49	▲ +.31	-28.6
73 Hub Group Inc	1,413	42.47	▼ -3.83	+15.7
74 Knowles Corp	1,412	15.29	▲ +.40	-17.6
75 Horace Mann	1,406	34.07	▼ -.20	-5.9
76 Tootsie Roll	1,340	34.55	▼ -.85	-5.9
77 Retail Prop Amer	1,263	5.90	▲ +1.15	-44.2
78 Addus HomeCare	1,251	80.45	▲ +3.29	+19.3
79 Huron Consulting Gp	1,073	46.97	▼ -2.90	+16.0
80 Methode Electronics	1,058	28.53	▲ +.50	+3.2
81 Allscripts Hlthcare	1,002	6.19	▼ -.03	-34.1
82 First Busey Corp	965	17.75	▲ +1.31	-25.4
83 Coeur Mining	949	3.90	▲ +.30	+16.6
84 Sanfilipo John	732	83.03	▼ -.08	+20.8
85 Acco Brands Corp	687	7.11	▲ +1.23	-16.3
86 Groupon Inc	681	1.20	▲ +.09	-65.3
87 AAR Corp	643	18.33	▲ +1.98	-41.1
88 OneSpan Inc	641	15.92	▼ -.76	-9.4
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91 ANI Pharma	478	38.79	▼ -2.98	-43.6
92 QCR Holdings Inc	471	29.77	▲ +3.36	-9.3
93 MYR Group	464	27.82	▲ +1.53	-17.0
94 Echo Global Logis	455	17.12	▲ +1.15	-23.6
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CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Why is toilet paper still so hard to find? Will stores get more?

BY CHRISTOPHER QUINN
The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

Paper goods giant Georgia-Pacific is cranking out 1.5 million more rolls of toilet paper a day than two months ago, but George Bugg still can't find it on the shelves of the Decatur, Georgia, stores where he shops.

Bugg wants to know: What gives? Nearly two months into new shopping habits brought on by the coronavirus pandemic, why haven't manufacturers caught up to demand for toilet paper and paper towels?

"I didn't think we are using much more than usual. But, in the last month, I haven't been able to find it at Sam's. I went to Kroger the next day, the paper towel rack was empty. There were a few off-brand packs of toilet paper, and people were picking up those," Bugg said.

It's the same across much of the nation. In response, manufacturers have restarted idled tissue-making machines, increased efficiency in their 24-hour, seven-day operations, and shipped more paper faster. But they haven't caught up to panicked consumer buying and societal and business changes that have altered American loo-ology. The situation leaves business marketeers unable to predict when the TP shortage might end.

Bugg is likely right. Americans are not using more toilet paper.

"In the end of the day, there is only the same number of people wiping their, um, you know what," said Troy Runge, the chair of the biological systems engineering department at the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

But where that's occurring has changed, and that's one thing contributing to the shortage.

Companies make two lines of toilet paper. One is made from recycled paper and some virgin wood fiber and ends up in offices, schools, factories, restaurants and hospitals. The other line is higher quality and meant for homes.

With people staying at home because of business closings and shelter-in-place orders, the need for the home-quality stuff has skyrocketed, creating an instant and vast imbalance in demand.

Data from Atlanta-based Georgia-Pacific shows an average U.S. household of 2.6 people uses 409 rolls of toilet paper yearly. But staying at home 24-7 would result in about a 140% increase of average daily usage.

Runge — a former 15-year veteran of Kimberly-Clark, one of the big three U.S. tissue manufacturers, along with Georgia-Pacific and Proctor & Gamble — said there is more to the calculus of shortage.

The profit margins for tissue paper are low. To stay competitive, companies have just enough equipment to meet expected demand. The sudden rush was a component that disrupted the carefully balanced supply process.

Artists

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Fest, which has historically been the best show of the year for me."

Some artisans are pivoting to sell their work online, but online sales don't allow them to establish a personal connection with customers that could lead to more sales down the road.

And they worry about the impact the coronavirus will have on art festivals and street fairs going forward. Social distancing guidelines could remain in place for some time, causing additional events to be canceled and attendance to be limited at others. And with millions of Americans claiming unemployment in recent weeks, artisans say shoppers who do come out to festivals may have less money to spend.

It's not just artists who are worried. Organizations like the Dank Haus German American Cultural Center, in Lincoln Square, fear losing the festivals that can bring thousands of attendees to a neighborhood will affect how they raise money.

Dank Haus sells food and beer at Maifest, a German American celebration put on by the nonprofit Mayfest Chicago. The cancellation of Maifest later this month means Dank Haus will lose out on more than $75,000 it would have brought in from the event. The nonprofit would have put the funds toward its language arts program and the maintenance of its center.

Dank Haus also is losing funds it would have generated by renting out its 93-year-old building for weddings, fundraisers, and other events, said executive director Monica Jirak.

Jirak said the organization will lose more than $140,000 from mid-March through the end of May, including funds raised from Maifest.

"It's really only getting worse for us because we do a lot of events," Jirak said.

The organization has pivoted, teaching online German courses and "trying to be the community cultural center that we are," Jirak said.

Even as stay-at-home orders are lifted in the coming months, there is uncertainty about when large gatherings will be allowed again.

"Since they are large-scale events, they may not be able to happen for a while," Frances Kite, a Chicago-area jeweler for 42 years, said of art festivals.

Art festivals are about more than sales for artisans, Kite said. The events also offer cultural elements, like music, tours, and art stations for children.

Kite, who makes most of her income from art fairs, said she is not currently making new jewelry.

"It's a shock, and I am concerned about the people who are affected directly by this crisis. It's hard to be creative at this time, but as time goes on I hope to regain my creativity," Kite said.

Igor Menaker, 56, a photographer from Grayslake who has been selling prints at art festivals for 12 years, said he remains optimistic even though the canceled shows will hurt his bottom line.

"The business model for artists imploded," Menaker said.

Menaker said art fairs help artists develop name recognition, which makes it easier to sell their work. Some juried fairs require artists to apply six months in advance, be selected by a jury to participate, and pay a fee.

Menaker said he paid a $650 booth fee to participate in June's Old Town Art Fair, but he received a full refund after the show was canceled.

Henri, the West Beverly photographer, said the cancellations are forcing artisans to adapt and depend less on art festivals for income.

"It's not how I envisioned the year," he said.

Henri said he has applied for state and federal financial assistance, including a $10,000 grant through the Small Business Administration. If approved, the funds would be used to maintain his studio, pay utilities and keep producing art, Henri said.

Henri and other artists are trying to encourage people to support their work by purchasing online.

"It goes a long way for us because of all of our opportunities were taken away," Henri said. "If artists can survive these times, it will make us better artists and business owners. It'll make us stronger at the end of the day."

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HEALTHCARE >>

You can stay productive

If you want be even more productive while working remotely, here are three ways to use your time:

Categorize your work. Divide your work into two categories: "Thoughtful" projects and "Mindless" projects. The content of a more mindless project will obviously vary depending upon your job and company, and likely includes tasks that don't require much critical or creative attention.

Optimize time management. To complete both types of work quickly, decide what time of day your brain is most active. Be sure to fill this operational timeframe with your most thought-provoking tasks, ones that require ample motivation. If you choose to get Mindless projects out of the way early, brainstorm future assignments at the same time.

This way, you can make the most of your downtime. Don't begin a Thoughtful project without a clear plan. You'll waste valuable minutes staring blankly at your computer screen if you're not already prepared.

The key to time management is becoming aware of where your attention goes and for how long. Keep track how long a particular task takes each day. Then allow yourself this shorter span of time for that particular project.

Morning person? Do you notice that you tend to zone out in the morning? This could be a great time to mentally prepare for the day ahead. As long as you don't become too distracted, it can be a great time to spark ideas and creativity.

Getting into this mindset will not only get you ready for the day, but it will also encourage a positive outlook. Your workload will seem more manageable and you'll have an outline for how and when to tackle each project.



"What voters don't realize is that kicking the can down the road is a good form of exercise."

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Chat rooms

Dealing with talkative family while working from home? Read on.

Fans of old-school rap may remember Run-D.M.C.'s "You Talk Too Much," the 1985 hit that summed up the feelings most of us have when we're trying to get work done but someone has other ideas.

And it's not chatty cubicle mates that are slowing down our workflow. As many of us are finding out, our family members and roommates — those same family members and roommates who offer up a nod and grunt during attempted dinner conversations — seemingly have plenty to say when you're knee-deep in work. When you're trying to get some work done in a shared space — and earbuds aren't the deterrent they are at the office — it's time to take action.

"I have to tell my kids sometimes that daddy needs to work," says Michael Hawkins, 37. "It's a little tough for them sometimes but they get it. I mean, I can redirect them with something on my iPad or a show but when they want to talk, it's hard to get them to move on to something else, so sometimes, I just ride it out."

Flexible, focused

Hawkins, a trends analyst for a restaurant chain based in Southern California, says his children are still fascinated by the novelty of him working from home. "They think it's Christmas or something," says Hawkins, who lives in San Bernardino, California, with his wife and two daughters. "They're always asking what I'm doing and trying to jump on my lap when I'm on a call. It's sweet but it can put a real strain on my patience."

Dr. Kenneth Farr, Ph.D., a clinical psychologist in Dayton, Ohio, says it's important to define boundaries when working from home but to be mindful of the additional stress others may be feeling. "These are uncertain times right now and people have anxiety because so much is unknown. Working in a new setting, taking classes online, spending every minute with the same people — it's something new they haven't had to deal with before so it doesn't make sense to set a rigid set of rules without talking about them first," says Farr.

"If you are setting unrealistic guidelines for the family members at home, there's potential for conflict. It makes more sense to be flexible about what you truly want to accomplish."

Farr says addressing the situation — and the uncertainty that comes with it — with the other members of your household is key to a peaceful, productive environment. "You're putting people in a new situation that's less defined, where they have less structure than they're used to, and where they have no real sense of when things will go back to normal," he says.

"It makes sense to sit down, think about the best way for the people in your family to adapt to these circumstances and to focus on solutions that work for everyone."

Defining space

Whether it's the kitchen table or an office in the basement, it's important for WFH employees to define not only where they're working but what rules should be in place when they're in that select space. And family members shouldn't assume that what works for them works for others.



Really liitle dude? Really? You're going to have to take charge and not lose your parenting cool in work-from-home purgatory, er, perpetuity. Dreamstime

In an interview last year, Steve Langerud, a workplace culture consultant and CEO of Mayflower Homes, Inc. in Grinnell, Iowa, pointed out that employees often have different definitions of privacy and required personal space based on their age, personality, gender, culture and other factors, noting that the best way to map out accommodations for those different definitions is to hold clear, open discussions about expectations.

Workplace expert Dr. Jaclyn Jensen, Ph.D., an associate professor in the College of Business at DePaul University in Chicago, says that holding weekly family meeting can help define limits and expectations. "I think a conversation in which you set expectations for the week is a normal part of life in the office but today, if your office is your home, anyone who is in that home is part of your circle right now," Jensen says. "People in your household right now have to realize that just because you are physically there doesn't mean you're available. If you have a Sunday sit-down with the family and you explain 'this is what the week ahead looks like for me. This is when I'm available and this is when I'm not. And these are the times that I really cannot communicate with you unless it's a real emergency."

Jensen, a mother herself, says that working from home doesn't mean you have to completely cut yourself off from family during the workday. "I may be working but if someone needs something, they'll let me know," she says. "In that way, your six-year-old daughter or teenage son has that in common with your co-workers — when they need you, they come and find you."

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Hard lessons on soft skills

Expand your toolbox while waiting for COVID-19's conclusion

While your resume is filled with the right experience for the jobs you've applied for in the past, it seems like you're always on the do-not-call list. Same with promotions at work. Your title puts you next in line for a promotion as does your track record. But you continue to get passed over again and again when new opportunities up the chain of command open.

Instead of blaming application bots or office politics, take a hard look at your skillset. Do you have what it takes to do the job you desire? Or are you lacking in some of those soft skills that are essential to a new position or promotion?

"Soft skills are the intangible qualities employers seek in their employees," says Ellen Darcy, a career consultant in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. "They're the type of skills that you're expected to have — the ability to listen to others, the ability to communicate with your coworkers, the openness to constructive criticism. They're the skills that you bring to a job that aren't always identifiable on your resume."

In other words, think of hard skills as the skills specific to your field or profession — a working knowledge of Python if you're a programmer or how to close a deal if you're a sales representative. A soft skill, on the other hand, is more universal. Are you a strong communicator? Are you dependable? Do people consider you a leader? "They're those qualities that employers overlooked for years but the ones employees always valued," Darcy says. "Think about some of the promotions in your department 10 years ago. You and your co-workers would scratch your heads because the promoted person was abrasive and unprepared. But those skills don't show up on paper. They're not the type of things that are documented."

Today, Darcy says, managers and HR departments are more tuned into the intangible qualities that separate mediocre employees from the good, and the good ones from the great. "And they seek and prioritize those people when hiring and promoting," Darcy says.

Solidify your skillset

Whether you've been forced into a hiatus from your regular job or worry about what's going to happen to your position when the pandemic passes, here are several steps you can take to prepare yourself for what comes next:

Interpersonal: How well do you interact with others, including how well you interact online? Sometimes it's as simple as a positive attitude and a pleasant disposition. It's essential that you're a person who can work with others to get the job done, no matter what.

Communication: Speaking (or writing) effectively is important but people often undervalue the importance of listening. Practice truly hearing the opinions and ideas of others and then react to those opinions and ideas.

Research: Be curious. If you see an unfamiliar topic on an upcoming meeting agenda, do a little legwork and find out what it is — and what it means to your company — before the meeting occurs. Then, if applicable, analyze how it's worked within your company.

Solve problems: Work toward solutions. Make it part of your normal process. Problem-solving skills include finding ways for people to work together, finding ways to work with other departments, minimizing scheduling conflicts and identifying various solutions that will only help your project and your professional reputation.

Work ethic: When your boss can't see you in person — and let's face it, no one's putting a webcam on you eight hours a day unless they have issues — it's imperative that you do the work. Don't skip projects or mail it in. In fact, you may find that it takes more work than usual to get things done since there are now communications barriers in place that weren't there before. When someone asks for something via email by 3 p.m., send it to them an hour earlier. If you're supposed to be online for a meeting at 10 a.m., get set up ahead of time so you're not tumbling into the screen at 10:06, fumbling with your mute button while yelling at your dog.

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Keeping an eye on the world of sports during the coronavirus crisis:



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NFL proceeding with 2020 planning

Virtually nothing is going to stop the NFL from preparing for the 2020 season. That became evident after the league recently held seven rounds of the draft remotely.

But even as it vows to release a full 16-game schedule by May 9 and plans to begin the regular season the weekend after Labor Day, there are signs that even the powerful NFL is privately accepting it has no immunity to the consequences of COVID-19.

Under normal circumstances, the preseason schedule would be out by now. So, too, would the list of international games in London and Mexico. NFL commissioner Roger Goodell, above, recently directed staff furloughs, salary reductions and cuts in the league's pension plan as a brace for an economic downturn.

What the NFL has going for it is plenty of time on the clock, the longest countdown to kickoff in contrast to other pro sports leagues.

While there have been reports suggesting the NFL is considering contingency plans that include delaying the start of the regular season, an abbreviated schedule and even moving back Super Bowl 55 in Tampa several weeks, optimism remains high that the Super Bowl will go on as scheduled.

"We've been in constant communication with the NFL, and we're totally focused on Feb. 7, 2021," said Rob Higgins, executive director of the Tampa Bay Super Bowl 55 host committee.

More than 50 percent of the league's revenue comes from television, the rest from corporate sponsorships and ticket sales. The last thing the NFL wants to become is the No Fan League. But concessions must be made.

The NFL could consider changes to training camp, limiting fan access to practices, canceling preseason games and opting for joint practices, putting together a flexible schedule in case the league needs to shorten the regular season to 14 or 12 games and limiting attendance at games or taking additional precautions for fans at stadiums.

— Tampa Bay Times

THE QUOTE

"Austria fits that bill very well. It has a local airport right next to the circuit, where people can charter planes into."

— Formula One managing director of motorsports Ross Brawn on starting the season safely July 5 in a controlled environment

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"Game of Thrones" actor Hafthor Bjornsson, who played Gregor "The Mountain" Clegane in the HBO series, set a deadlift world record by lifting 1,104 pounds Saturday in his native Iceland.

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MLS	**NFL**	**NCAA**
Season suspended until at least June 8	*Camps scheduled to start in mid-July*	*Spring sports schedule canceled*

Others: PGA Tour suspended until June 11. NASCAR suspended until May 17. WTA, ATP suspended through at least July 13.



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Mitch Trubisky was selected No. 2 overall in the 2017 NFL draft, but he has yet to live up to the Bears' lofty expectations.

BEARS

4th and done

Bears decline to pick up Trubisky's 5th-year option

By Dan Wiederer

It's now official. The Bears have elected to decline the fifth-year option on quarterback Mitch Trubisky's rookie contract, a league source confirmed to the Tribune on Saturday.

General manager Ryan Pace had avoided questions about the team's plans on that issue since December.

But now the Bears will go forward with Trubisky officially heading into the final year of his deal.

The move is hardly a surprise. So what factored into the team's decision? What are the risks and rewards of this move? Here's a look at eight key questions.

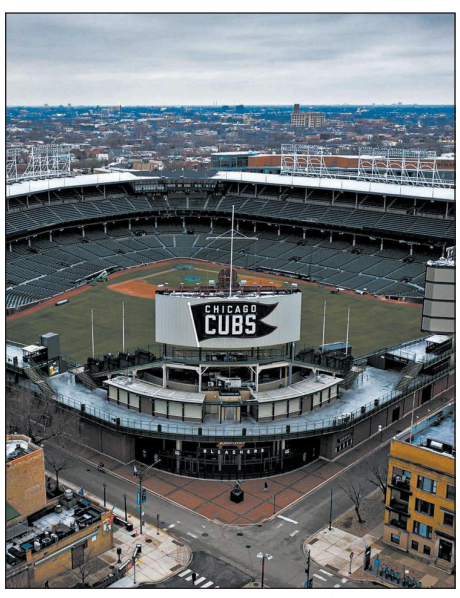
MORE COVERAGE
Where do the Bears stand after free agency and the draft? Tribune writers break it down by position. **Pages 4-5**

1. What was the cost of Trubisky's fifth-year option?

The Bears would have been on the hook for $23.873 million if Trubisky had remained on the roster into the start of the 2021 league year, which begins in March. That price tag is based on position and is higher for top-10 picks, equivalent to the current transition-tag cost at quarterback.

The only other quarterback drafted in the top 10 in 2017 was Patrick Mahomes, whose fifth-year option also includes the

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An aerial view of empty streets around Wrigley Field on March 23.

Surviving without sports can be done, but it's not too easy



Paul Sullivan
In the Wake of the News

Instead of taking it a day at a time, as athletes have preached for decades, the unprecedented sports shutdown has forced us to take things one month at a time.

And with March and April in the books, we're all counting on May to provide some clarity on the return dates of our favorite pastimes.

The last two months amid the coronavirus pandemic have been difficult for fans and especially painful for sports writers with no games to cover. One day you're sitting in Anthony Rizzo's Bentley at Cubs camp talking about the possible last hurrah of the old gang, and the next you're sitting on your couch with nothing to watch but old games and "Tiger King."

In times like this you learn a lot about life. Here are 20 things I've learned from our sports-free existence:

1 As fun as "The Last Dance" has been to watch, it's hard to believe all those ESPN pundits interviewed for the documentary covered the team day in and day out, as did the Chicago media, whose voices somehow are missing.

2 After the ratings success of the NFL draft, the NBA needs to stretch its draft to 20 picks per night over three nights to maximize our viewing pleasure. You're

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BEARS

Trubisky

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$23.873 million price tag. The Chiefs, of course, picked up Mahomes' fifth-year option as a placeholder as they continue negotiations for a much bigger long-term deal with the 2018 MVP and 2019 Super Bowl champion.

The Texans picked up the fifth-year option for 2021 on Deshaun Watson's rookie deal as well while aiming to sign their franchise quarterback to a lucrative long-term deal. The fifth-year price tag for Watson, who was drafted at No. 12, is north of $17 million.

2. But isn't the fifth-year option not fully guaranteed?

Correct. This is the last year, under the league's previous collective bargaining agreement, where the fifth-year option of first-round picks is only guaranteed for injury.

That means had the Bears picked up Trubisky's fifth-year-option, the $23.875 million wouldn't have kicked in until next March, leaving the team an out to cut him at no cost before then as long as Trubisky didn't suffer a serious injury.

In the winter of 2019, the Bears picked up the $13.2 million fifth-year option for Leonard Floyd. But Pace released Floyd last month before that investment kicked in. That was something the Bears took into account while making their decision on Trubisky. Still, they opted to decline the quarterback's option.

3. So what is the risk in picking up the fifth-year option?

The risk, plain and simple, is injury. If Trubisky suffered a severe injury in 2020 that left him unable to play in 2021, the Bears would have been on the hook for the full $23.873 million while getting nothing in return.

Perhaps it seems misguided to worry about a quarterback suffering a severe injury. That's not something that happens with any kind of regularity.

But just this week, ESPN dived deeper into the journey of fellow quarterback Alex Smith, whose career was derailed and his life threatened when he suffered a compound fracture in his right leg during a November 2018 game. It was a routine play that resulted in a gruesome and catastrophic injury. Smith's harrowing story, with ugly images of what happened to his leg, proves sobering. Why even take that chance, especially on a quarterback like Trubisky, whose production through three seasons has been so ordinary?

4. What would have been the reward in picking up the fifth-year option?

With an escape hatch still available, a move to pick up Trubisky's fifth-year option would have given the Bears peace of mind in the event the quarterback has his long-awaited breakthrough in 2020. If Trubisky plays like a rising star — or even just like an above-average and improving starter — the Bears would likely want to lock him into their plans for 2021 and possibly beyond. The fifth-year option would have given them that final season at $23.873 million at the very least. It also could have served as a placeholder and a starting point if they choose to negotiate a longer-term deal.

5. But in the Trubisky-makes-a-big-leap-in-2020 scenario, couldn't the Bears also use the franchise tag on him for 2021?

They can. The franchise tag for quarterbacks this year is just north of $26.8 million and will rise some by next spring. So even in declining Trubisky's fifth-year option, the Bears still have that in their back pocket. Unless, of course, they need to use the franchise tag on someone else. That someone else, in this case, could be receiver Allen Robinson, the only standout on offense right now, whose current contract is set to expire after this season.

It seems likely the Bears will try to negotiate a new deal with Robinson before the 2020 season begins. But those discussions haven't progressed significantly in recent months.

6. Are there examples of highly drafted quarterbacks who haven't had their fifth-year options picked up?

From 2011-2017, 13 quarterbacks were drafted in the top 10. The only two who didn't have their fifth-year options picked up were Jake Locker of the Titans and Blaine Gabbert of the Jaguars.

Locker and Gabbert were selected eighth and 10th in the 2011 draft, respectively.

The Titans declined Locker's option in the spring of 2014. (He had been injured and inconsistent in each of his first three seasons.) And while he was the Titans' Week 1 starter going into the final year of his rookie deal in 2014, he suffered wrist and shoulder injuries during his fourth season. He was benched because of poor performance and ended the year on injured reserve. Locker retired the following March.

The Jaguars declined the fifth-year option on Gabbert's rookie deal in spring 2014 and subsequently traded him to the 49ers to play out the final year of his contract.

In addition to Locker and Gabbert, Robert Griffin III is the only top-10 quarterback in that group who had his fifth-year option picked up, only to be released by the Redskins before it kicked in the following spring.

As far as first-round quarterbacks drafted outside the top 10 who didn't have their fifth-year option exercised, that list includes Christian Ponder, EJ Manuel and Teddy Bridgewater.

In addition, Brandon Weeden, Johnny Manziel and Paxton Lynch all were released by the teams that drafted them before a decision on their fifth-year option came up.

7. What has been the Bears' history with fifth-year options?

From 2011-2017, the Bears made seven first-round selections. They declined the fifth-year options for Gabe Carimi, Shea McClellin, Kyle Fuller and Kevin White and picked up the options for Kyle Long and Floyd.

Floyd, as mentioned, was released before the fifth year of his contract kicked in and Long was given a long-term extension before his fifth season.

Fuller, meanwhile, had a terrific year in the fourth and final year of his rookie deal and cashed in accordingly with the Bears in free agency the following spring.

8. What does this mean for Trubisky going forward?

The Bears declared an "open competition" for starting quarterback, with Trubisky battling veteran Nick Foles for the job. Regardless of what move Pace made with Trubisky's fifth-year option, the soon-to-be-26-year-old quarterback was going to have to prove himself again, needing to convince coach Matt Nagy that he knows how to read coverages, improve his pocket presence and consistently make the kind of game-changing plays that separate standout quarterbacks from mediocre ones.

No one knows yet how that competition will unfold, especially with the lingering uncertainty of when the Bears will be allowed back at Halas Hall. But the focus on Trubisky's contract status for 2021 means little with his role for 2020 unknown.

Pace not only drafted Trubisky with the No. 2 pick in 2017, he made a bold trade to move up one slot to draft him, making it clear that the Bears rated Trubisky significantly ahead of Mahomes and Watson.

Pace would certainly stand to benefit if Trubisky emerged as the player the Bears believed he can be.

But the Bears also have a major incentive to win in 2020 above anything else.

So it's important the general manager recognizes that.

With this latest contract decision official, Trubisky will now have to fight for his future in the organization.



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Bears GM Ryan Pace traded up to draft Mitch Trubisky in 2017 but declined to pick up the fifth-year option on the quarterback's rookie deal.

RYAN WETNIGHT
1970-2020

Former Bears TE succumbs to cancer

By Colleen Kane

Former Bears tight end Ryan Wetnight died from complications of cancer Friday, the Bears announced. He was 49.

Wetnight, a native of Fresno, Calif., played 91 games over seven seasons with the Bears from 1993-99. An undrafted free agent out of Stanford, he totaled 172 catches for 1,522 yards and nine touchdowns for the Bears. He finished his career by playing one season for the Packers, catching three passes for 20 yards.

Wetnight went on to coach youth and high school football in California.

The Bears reported that Wetnight underwent treatment for stomach cancer in 2018 and was declared cancer-free in January 2019. But doctors discovered an inoperable tumor in his stomach in September.

He is survived by his wife, Stacey, and sons, Zach and Scott.

Sullivan

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welcome, America.

3 When we are 100 years old and have forgotten almost everything about this strange time, we'll still remember Horace Grant referring to Isiah Thomas and the 1991 Pistons as "straight-up bitches."

4 The only thing I'm looking forward to when baseball begins without fans is the absence of walk-up music.

5 You still can listen to sports-talk radio even when you're not in your car, but it's not as fun as punching the buttons to see what's on the other sports station.

6 As much as we say we're addicted to sports, quitting cold turkey has no particular withdrawal symptoms — unless you count overeating and serial napping.

7 It's apparently fine when conservative political writer George Will appears on Marquee Sports Network to talk about the Cubs or Mayor Lori Lightfoot goes on NBC Sports Chicago and critiques Matt Nagy's play-calling.

But when a sports writer points out that President Trump's sports advisory committee is stacked with his reelection campaign donors and cronies, the "stick to sports" crowd is triggered. Why is there no "stick to politics" crowd?

8 Speaking of trigger warnings, esports fanatics get riled when you dare suggest playing video games is not actually a sport. If it's on ESPN, they argue, it must be sports. If that's that case, does the Scripps National Spelling Bee that airs annually on ESPN mean spelling also is a sport? And if so, should we start calling it "beesports" and put it in the Olympics?

9 If I could follow only two sports-related Twitter accounts to get me through the rest of the pandemic, it would be @RexChapman and @Super70sSports.

10 When the stay-at-home edict ends in Illinois, the Cubs could probably charge $20 a head and let families picnic at Wrigley Field, as long as they practice social distancing. Proceeds would go to charity, of course.

11 A sports documentary I'd pay to see is the last dance of the 2011 White Sox, with Ozzie Guillen as the centerpiece.

12 Whenever I hear the sound of piano music on TV, I instinctively reach for the remote, knowing a big corporation is about to remind me who the real heroes are before telling me to buy its product. Maybe if the product name was left out of the tributes it would mean something.

13 If Theo Epstein and Rick Hahn don't show up at spring training 2.0 with quarantine beards and shaggy hair, it's going to be extremely disappointing.

14 The NBA, NHL and MLB were concerned enough about player health that the leagues imposed restrictions on media access March 9 to prevent reporters from possibly infecting their employees with the coronavirus. But apparently they weren't quite as concerned about fans potentially infecting each other inside ballparks and stadiums, waiting until March 11 and 12 to suspend their seasons.

15 The 1990s nostalgia show I'd most like to binge right now is "Northern Exposure," but it's not on any streaming service. What kind of world is this?

16 WLS-Ch. 7's Mark Giangreco doesn't really need sports to have a watchable sports segment.

17 The fairest way to compensate ticket holders for canceled baseball games is to refund the entire season now and start collecting money again when — or if — games return. Or is that too logical?

18 I hate to admit it, but I miss trash-talking the other writers and TV and radio reporters in the press box much more than covering the actual games.

19 The only thing I've seen with more bizarre twists and turns than the Netflix documentary miniseries "Tiger King" is the 2004 Cubs. I'm still not sure which was more unbelievable.

20 You know your mental health is worrisome when you start having flashbacks about your flashbacks.



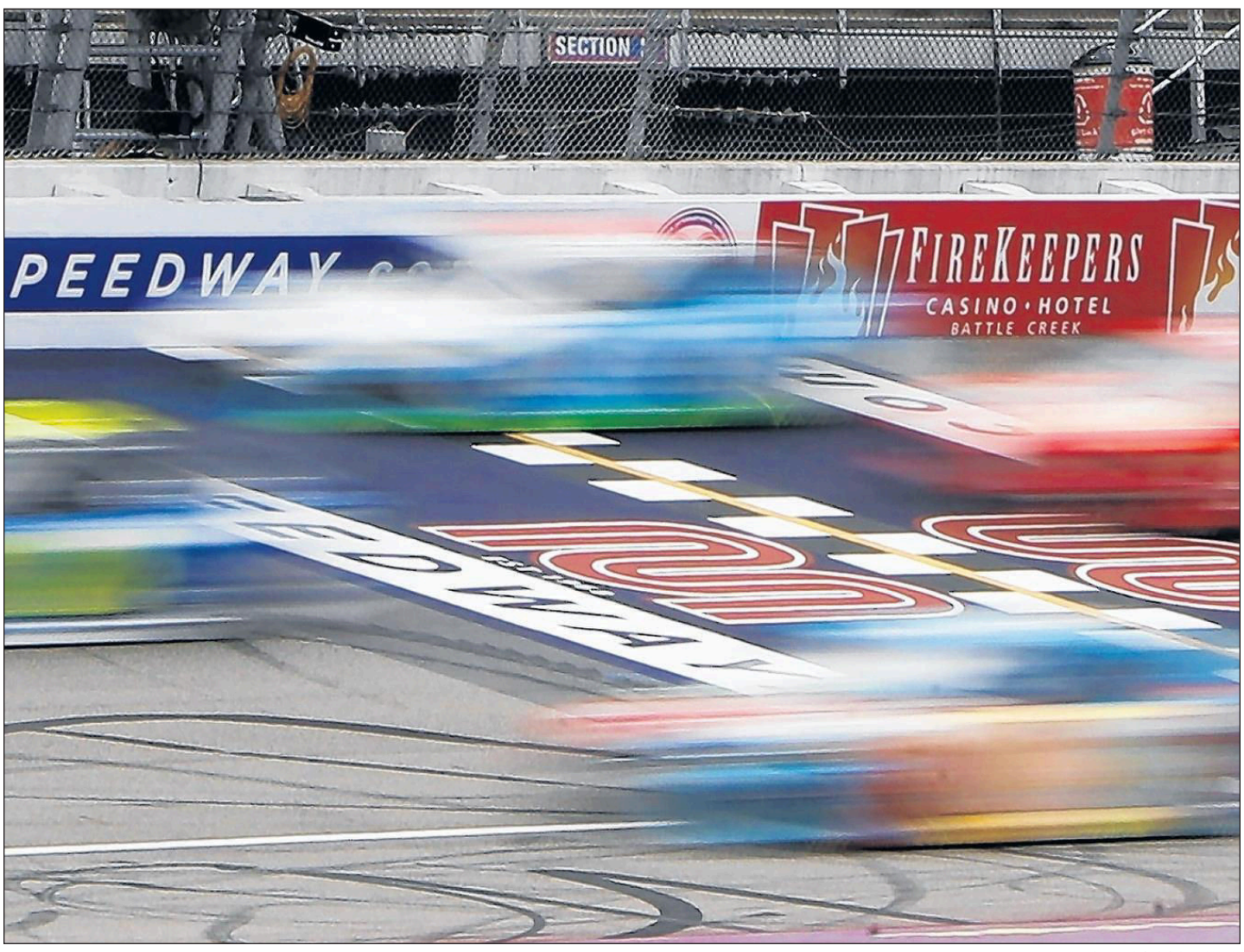
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The downfall of the relationship between Ozzie Guillen and the White Sox in 2011 deserves its own ESPN documentary.

SPORTS

Day 53

Since the sports world went mainly dark



CARLOS OSORIO/AP

With NASCAR set to return to the real tracks on May 17, the iRacing Pro Invitational Series will likely go away.

Checkered flag nearing for virtual racing boom

By Dan Gelston
Associated Press



CHRIS GRAYTHEN/GETTY-AFP

DOVER, Del. — The moment in the virtual sun has arrived for simulated racing and the thousands of gamers who always wanted to race like Dale Earnhardt Jr. or Jeff Gordon at NASCAR tracks from Dover to Daytona.

Sports fans discovered over the last few weeks on national TV a not-so-hidden secret in the racing community: the NASCAR champs and IndyCar drivers wanted to compete like their fans — to hook up a simulator rig, grab a wheel and go head-to-virtual head with the best in the field without risking a real slam into the wall at more than 200 mph.

The races have set viewing records, filling the yawning gaps in sports programming and helping make iRacing, headquartered in Chelmsford, Massachusetts, a breakout company during the coronavirus pandemic.

"I don't think anyone wants a pandemic as the reason why all of a sudden you're extremely successful," iRacing executive Steve Myers said. "The only reason why we've been able to do this is because we've put 16 years worth of work and time into making this platform capable of doing this. It's been massively successful for us to put these races on."

The real hope is the iRacing boon can be sustained without Cup drivers to prop up the series.

With NASCAR set to return May 17, the iRacing Pro Invitational Series will likely go away.

The NASCAR-backed iRacing Series, featuring the best sim racers in the field, will continue to run on digital platforms; six races will air on NBCSN during the series' playoffs. The last race on Fox in the Pro series is scheduled for May 9.

NASCAR's online competition has been the clear winner among other sports — such as tennis — that have dabbled in virtual gaming during the shutdown.

At Dover International Speedway, the finishing touches should have been applied this week, the sponsor signage added, everything spruced up for what would have been a NASCAR Cup Series race Sunday.

Instead, NASCAR drivers will spend the day on those simulators at virtual Dover. Blake Shelton is the grand marshal for the track that has been in the sim company's bank for years, and David Hasselhoff will sing the national anthem. Hendrick Motorsports driver William Byron is the favorite for the fourth straight erace. There's no chance of rain.

The real stars of iRacing are the 3D car artists, software programmers and engineers — in NASCAR parlance, the team back at the shop.

They visit tracks with laser scanners on tripods to capture in perfect detail every bump, curve, crack and painted line in a digital point cloud. The crew takes up to 10,000 pictures of, not just of the track, but any grandstands, bridges or other structures in the distance connected to the property. It can take four to six months from first photos to simulated finish.

There are 98 licensed tracks across IMSA, World of Outlaws, USAC and other notable racing series and more than 2.85 billion iRacing laps have been turned since 2008.

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>
> *— iRacing executive Steve Myers*

"We've always had a commitment to authenticity at all costs," said Greg Hill, who leads the art and production teams at iRacing. "That's a lot of hard work. In some ways, it puts you in a niche, but as we've found with this COVID-19, having had that commitment to authenticity has led to outfits like NASCAR and all these drivers going to us and bringing us this attention."

The numbers — even some real-life bumps, like Kyle Larson's racial slur that cost him his NASCAR ride — bear it out: iRacing, formed in 2004, has added roughly 70,000 subscribers (at up to $55 per year) over the course of the pandemic and become a ratings hit on the weekends. Fox Sports says five pro events — keyed by the star power of today's top Cup drivers and retired greats — have averaged 1.135 million viewers, topped by 1.53 million for the Texas virtual race.

The virtual series, which skews toward the coveted 18-to-34 demographic, passed 100,000 active customers in January and hit 170,000 this week.

"Our theory was always, if the racers like it and they find it useful, then the rest of the general public that enjoys this sport is going to enjoy it as well," Myers said.

Gaming, of course, and social platforms have been a major accessory during the pandemic. Games like Fortnite, once a nuisance to parents, are now de-facto babysitters. Twitch recently reported a 17% increase in hours watched compared to the previous quarter. YouTube Gaming and Facebook Gaming also saw spikes in streaming traffic in the first quarter of this year.

TimTheTatman, DrLupo and Ninja (ask your kids) are this generation's Michael Jordan and Tiger Woods.

Simulated drivers haven't seen their Q score peak just yet — perhaps they should try dodging turtle shells or dodge a thunderbolt — but the question is often raised: Is iRacing a video game?

"People get so hung up on the term simulation vs. a video game," Myers said with a laugh. "I like to say, we are what you want it to be."

Whatever the genre, it's entertainment for fans across the globe to race like their favorite drivers at tracks they may never visit or have always wanted to tame.

The checkered flag is nearing for the weekly national exposure that put iRacing on the real world sports map.

"I'm not joking when I say that the only day off we've had since this started was Easter," Myers said. "It probably won't register what we've done and accomplished until we get a couple weeks down the road here, NASCAR is back on TV and we can sit back and be fans again."

IN BRIEF

Cowboys agree to deal with Dalton

News services

Former Bengals quarterback Andy Dalton is signing with the Cowboys, according to an ESPN report.

He will back up Dak Prescott, with both QBs playing on one-year deals. Prescott and the Cowboys have been at a contract impasse for the better part of a year.

Dalton, who played nine years in Cincinnati, was released this week after the Bengals drafted Joe Burrow No. 1 overall.

He will be making $3 million guaranteed and can earn up to $7 million in incentives, according to Adam Schefter.

Dalton went to high school in Texas and college (TCU) in the Dallas area, where he already owned a house.

■ The Chiefs have agreed to a contract with DE Taco Charlton, adding a former first-round pick who flamed out with the Cowboys and the Dolphins. The Dolphins waived him Thursday and the Chiefs were able to sign him when he cleared waivers Friday. ... The Bears declined the fifth-year option on QB Mitch Trubisky's rookie contract, a league source confirmed to the Chicago Tribune. GM Ryan Pace had avoided questions about the team's plans on that issue since December. But now the Bears will go forward with Trubisky officially heading into the final year of his deal as he prepares to compete with Nick Foles for the starting job.

Auto racing: Scott McLaughlin was supposed to leave Australia for Indianapolis this month to make his IndyCar debut on the road course at Indianapolis Motor Speedway. With sports on hold because of the coronavirus pandemic, the two-time V8 SuperCars champion saw his IndyCar plans postponed. McLaughlin instead settled for a virtual victory on the oval at Indianapolis Motor Speedway — his second win of IndyCar's iRacing six-race series — after a wild finish in which most of the leaders crashed as they rushed toward the checkered flag.

Baseball: Major League Baseball owners will discuss a length for the amateur draft next week and are likely to start the selections on the original date of June 10, a person familiar with the deliberations told AP. Teams and the players' association agreed March 26 to a deal that allowed MLB to cut the draft from 40 rounds to as few as five this year and 20 next year, part of a plan to deal with the new coronavirus pandemic that delayed the start of the season and slashed revenue. As part of the agreement, the sides agreed to leave the assigned slot values of signing bonuses at the same level in 2020 and 2021 as they were last year.

Colleges: F/C Jalen Hill is staying at UCLA for his redshirt junior season. A team spokesman says Hill has withdrawn his name from the NBA draft. Hill averaged 9 points and a team-leading 6.9 rebounds. ... Kansas and Missouri are resuming their bitter Border War in football after the former Big 12 rivals agreed to a four-game series beginning in September 2025.

Horse racing: Secretariat won a virtual Kentucky Derby against 12 fellow Triple Crown winners, 47 years after the chestnut colt won the real race at Churchill Downs. The 1 ¼-mile race featuring computer-generated imagery was held Saturday, the same day the 146th Derby had been scheduled until it was postponed until Sept. 5 by the coronavirus pandemic. Secretariat was the 7-2 favorite, although there was no wagering. Instead, fans selecting the winning horse online were entered to win a VIP experience at the Derby this fall. Churchill Downs pledged to match $1 million in fan donations to COVID-19 relief. ... Charlatan romped to victory by six lengths in the first division of the Arkansas Derby and Nadal won the second division, giving Hall of Fame trainer Bob Baffert a sweep Saturday.

Soccer: Brighton became the first English Premier League club to publicly oppose plans to try to restart the season in neutral stadiums during the coronavirus pandemic. As the COVID-19 death toll surpassed 28,000 in Britain, Brighton chief executive Paul Barber accepted that resuming sporting events would require compromises but said that the league's integrity would be damaged if teams couldn't play at home. West Ham vice chair Karren Brady said "no one wants" neutral stadiums but was not as direct in her opposition to the league's "Project Restart" plan, given the need for authorities to approve venues.

BEARS

For better or worse?

After free agency and draft, it's time to take a close, position-by-position look

By Brad Biggs, Colleen Kane, Dan Wiederer

The biggest waves of free agency crashed upon the NFL shore in March and have long since receded. The draft came and went last week. If a 2020 football season is even possible amid the uncertainty of the coronavirus crisis, now is the time to start looking ahead with greater clarity.

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For the most part, rosters are solidified. Teams have filled their biggest needs and made their most significant overhauls. Offseason programs will proceed online for the foreseeable future. It remains to be seen when players will get a green light to return to team facilities and practice fields.

Still, after months of sorting through the frustrations of 2019, regrouping for 2020 and making a series of moves, the Bears feel they have positioned themselves to be a championship contender.

"We definitely feel like we've improved our team," general manager Ryan Pace said after the draft concluded April 25. "Now we've got to go out there and compete. And we've got to stay healthy. But we definitely feel we're in a much better position."

Pace's spring optimism is predictable. Every GM is expressing similar sentiments as April draws to a close.

But are the Bears truly positioned to make a run at the NFC North title?

To help set the stage, the Tribune's Bears writers went through the roster position by position. As they say in the NFL, you're either getting better or you're getting worse. (Unless you stay the same.) So which path are the Bears on?



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Quarterbacks

Notable newcomers: *Nick Foles*
Key departures: *Chase Daniel*

Brad Biggs: Setting aside for now the competition for the starting job the Bears have said will take place in training camp, swapping out Daniel for Foles is an upgrade even if it comes with a price tag. Credit Daniel for a remarkable career. He has earned more than $34 million — and signed a three-year, $13.05 million contract with the Lions last month — while making five career starts, three over the last two seasons with the Bears, and attempting 218 passes. Foles has started 48 regular-season games and six more in a storybook postseason career. I expect Foles to be the starter, but even if he's in the No. 2 role, the Bears have upgraded there based on experience alone.

Colleen Kane: We don't know whether Foles or Mitch Trubisky will provide the type of quarterback play in 2020 that will lead the Bears back to the playoffs. We do know the Bears quarterback room has gotten better with the addition of Foles. He may be coming off a down year with the Jaguars, but the former Super Bowl MVP has shown he can win when it matters. Now can he do it for a full season?

Dan Wiederer: Last season, the Bears suffered through Trubisky's pronounced struggles with no Plan B to rescue a wayward season. Now, according to Ryan Pace and coach Matt Nagy, the Bears have an "open competition" for the quarterback job. In Foles, the Bears at least have a ninth-year veteran who has made 54 career starts, including the postseason. He was also the Super Bowl MVP a little more than two years ago.

Running backs

Notable newcomers: *None*
Key departures: *None*

Biggs: With no changes to the depth chart except for two undrafted rookie free agents, it seems as if Matt Nagy has placed the blame for the struggles in the running game last season on the position coaches he replaced. The Bears still have confidence in David Montgomery, whom they traded up to choose in Round 3 last year, and they have to do a better job of scheming touches for Tarik Cohen. If not, the adage will prove true: If you aren't getting better, you're getting worse.

Kane: The Bears averaged just 91.1 rushing yards per game and 3.7 yards per carry last season, and they didn't make any key adjustments to the running back group. With Montgomery and Cohen back in their same roles, the Bears instead are looking at changes on the coaching staff and a couple of offensive line additions to boost their running game. More should be expected of Montgomery as he goes into his second season.

Wiederer: With a lean toward "better" because of expected Year 2 improvement from Montgomery. If Montgomery makes a leap and Nagy can find new ways to get Cohen unlocked, the backfield situation should be just fine.

Wide receivers

Notable newcomers: *Darnell Mooney, Ted Ginn Jr.*
Key departures: *Taylor Gabriel*

Biggs: I'd like to say better, but that would be betting on 35-year-old Ted Ginn and Mooney, a fifth-round draft pick. The rookie has a chance to pan out, and Ryan Pace has a strong track record in Round 5.

The bar for improvement over Gabriel isn't particularly high, but wide receiver can be a challenging position for rookies. Just consider the first-year experience of Riley Ridley, last year's fourth-round pick. That's probably why Pace added depth with Ginn, who spent the last three seasons with the Saints. Is it possible Ginn's addition is a reflection the Bears aren't going to spend as much time trying to integrate kickoff returner Cordarrelle Patterson in the offense? I'll say same and note the arrow is pointing up because I like Mooney's skill set and figure Ginn can give them a little bit, but that also requires Anthony Miller returning healthy from another shoulder surgery and remaining healthy this time.

Kane: In the long run, the wide receivers group might be better with Mooney than with Gabriel, who missed significant time with two concussions last year. I just don't think you can project with certainty that the undersized fifth-round pick from Tulane will contribute in 2020 as much as a healthy Gabriel would have in his seventh season. Ted Ginn Jr. was a smart post-draft addition for his speed and experience, but it's also uncertain how much he'll contribute at age 35. Where this evaluation could prove wrong is if Miller comes back strong from another shoulder surgery and Ridley makes significant strides in his second season.

Wiederer: Allen Robinson is still Allen Robinson, and that's a good thing. The addition of Ginn gives the receiving corps added speed and veteran presence. The Bears are also banking on a significant breakthrough from Miller, continued development from Ridley and timely contributions from Mooney. For now, though, those are all see-it-to-believe-it situations.

Tight ends

Notable newcomers: *Jimmy Graham, Cole Kmet, Demetrius Harris*
Key departures: *Trey Burton*

Biggs: There's no place to go but up, right? While I'm skeptical Graham can approach the value of his contract, $9 million for this season, there's no reason to think he can't by himself exceed the production of the position group from last year: 46 receptions, 416 yards and two touchdowns.

The greatest reason for optimism regarding Graham is it sounds like Matt Nagy is fired up about his arrival, and if the coach is on board, it has a chance to work. Kmet should be able to help as a rookie and be an even greater producer in future seasons, and Harris has the benefit of knowing the scheme based on his time in Kansas City. I'm interested to see if the Bears continue to develop Jesper Horsted as a pass-catching option with new position coach Clancy Pendergast.

Kane: It's not hard for Bears tight ends to be better than last year, when they combined for 46 catches, 416 yards and two touchdowns. Say what you want about 33-year-old Graham's career trajectory, but the Bears' new U tight end had more receiving yards (447) and touchdowns (three) than all Bears tight ends combined. And in Kmet, it feels like Ryan Pace might have hit on a tight end after recent failed attempts with Dion Sims, Adam Shaheen and Trey Burton. The Bears think Kmet can contribute as a rookie at the Y position, but how much remains to be seen.

Wiederer: It's unfortunate the Bears were forced into full do-over mode, signing Graham because Burton didn't work out and drafting Kmet because Shaheen has been a huge disappointment. But after a 2019 mess in which six tight ends combined for 46 catches, 416 yards and two touchdowns, there's little question the 2020 group will be better.



New edge rusher Robert Quinn recorded 11½ sacks for the Cowboys in 2019, including this one again



RICK SCUTERI/AP

Offensive line

Notable newcomers: *Germain Ifedi, Jason Spriggs, Arlington Hambright, Lachavious Simmons*
Key departures: *Kyle Long, Cornelius Lucas*

Biggs: The biggest shift is the exit of offensive line coach Harry Hiestand, two years after the Bears celebrated his return following a successful run at Notre Dame, and the arrival of veteran assistant Juan Castillo, who worked with Matt Nagy in Philadelphia and since has spent time with other coaches from the Andy Reid tree: John Harbaugh in Baltimore and Sean McDermott in Buffalo.

The offensive line went from a relative strength in 2018 to an issue last year with pretty much the same personnel, so that is concerning. If Castillo is able to push the right buttons, individual improvements across the line can make the Bears better. If not, they could be spinning their wheels in the trenches.

Kane: The offensive line could look much the same as it did most of last year with Charles Leno, James Daniels, Cody Whitehair, Rashaad Coward and Bobby Massie. However, the low-cost addition of Ifedi has the potential to pay off if he can win the starting right guard job over Coward. The Bears are also banking on the coaching staff, including Castillo, to make the returning players better.

Wiederer: The offseason reshuffling up front has been shrugworthy. Ryan Pace and Nagy believe the arrival of Castillo will be a big help. Maybe, maybe not. Nagy also feels last year's midseason flip of Whitehair to center and Daniels to left guard made more of a difference than most people realize.

Defensive line

Notable newcomers: *John Jenkins*
Key departures: *Nick Williams*

Biggs: Not a lot of change here. Jenkins, who played eight games for the Bears in 2017, projects to be a backup nose tackle. He'll be stouter against the run than Williams was, but Williams got paid in free agency because he displayed the ability to rush the passer from the interior. The biggest bump the Bears can get here is if Akiem Hicks can stay healthy at age 30. Roy Robertson-Harris could be poised for a breakout season as he enters a contract year.

Kane: You could say better if you count the Bears getting back Hicks, who missed 11 games with an elbow injury. But I'm including him as a returning starter. With Hicks, Eddie Goldman, Bilal Nichols and Robertson-Harris returning — and Jay Rodgers back coaching them — the Bears should be excellent again up front. Williams was a great story last year as an injury replacement, recording his first six career sacks in his seventh season. He earned a new contract with the Lions, but the Bears will march on without him.

Wiederer: Hicks is 30 and missed 11 games last season with a dislocated elbow. The Bears need him to be a game-wrecker every week for the defense to be elite again and not just very good.

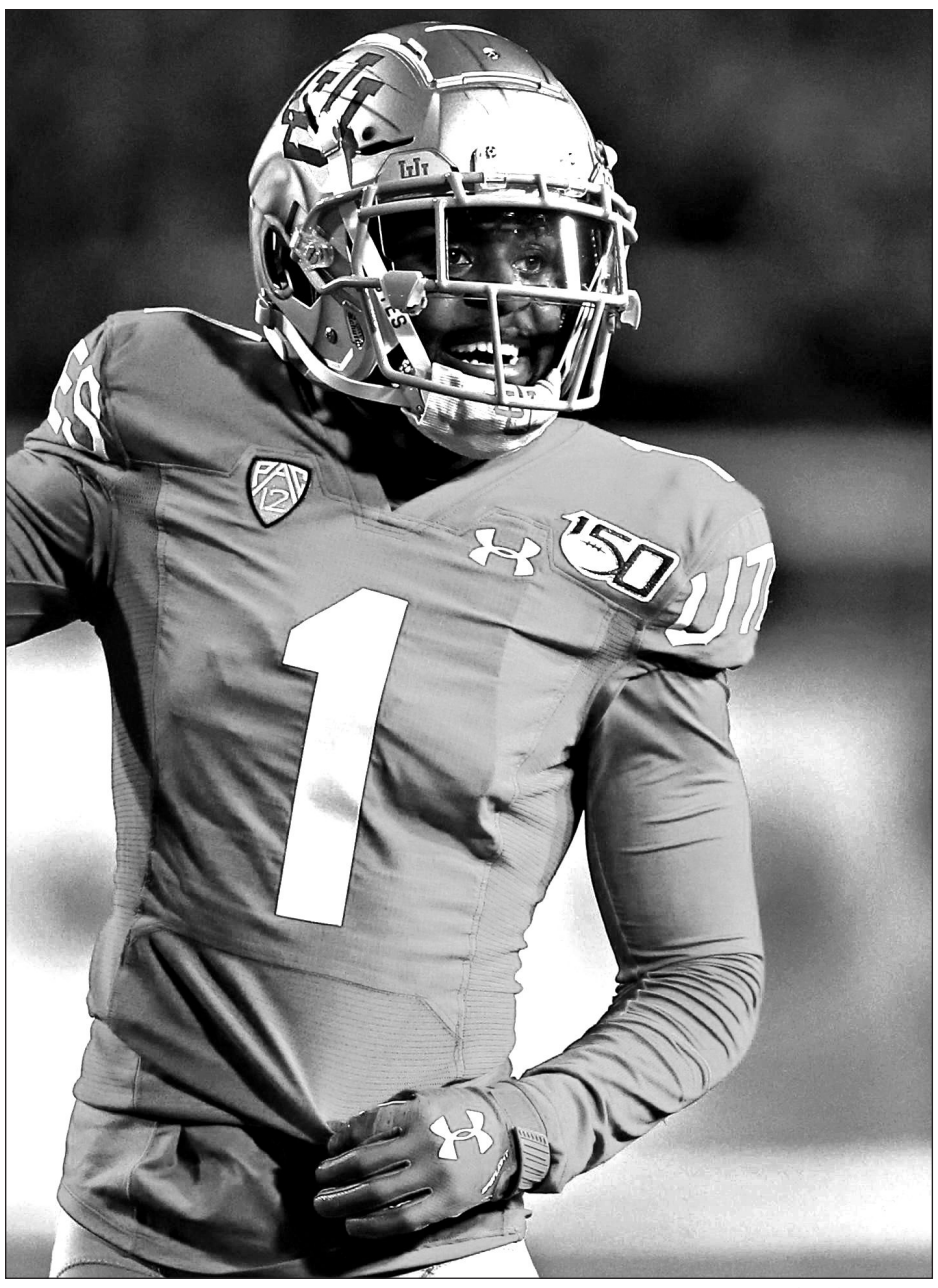
Above: The Bears signed free agent Germain Ifedi to bolster the offensive line.
Above, left: The Bears traded a draft pick to the Jaguars for quarterback Nick Foles,who likely will compete for the starting job with Mitch Trubisky.

? Roster fixes mixed

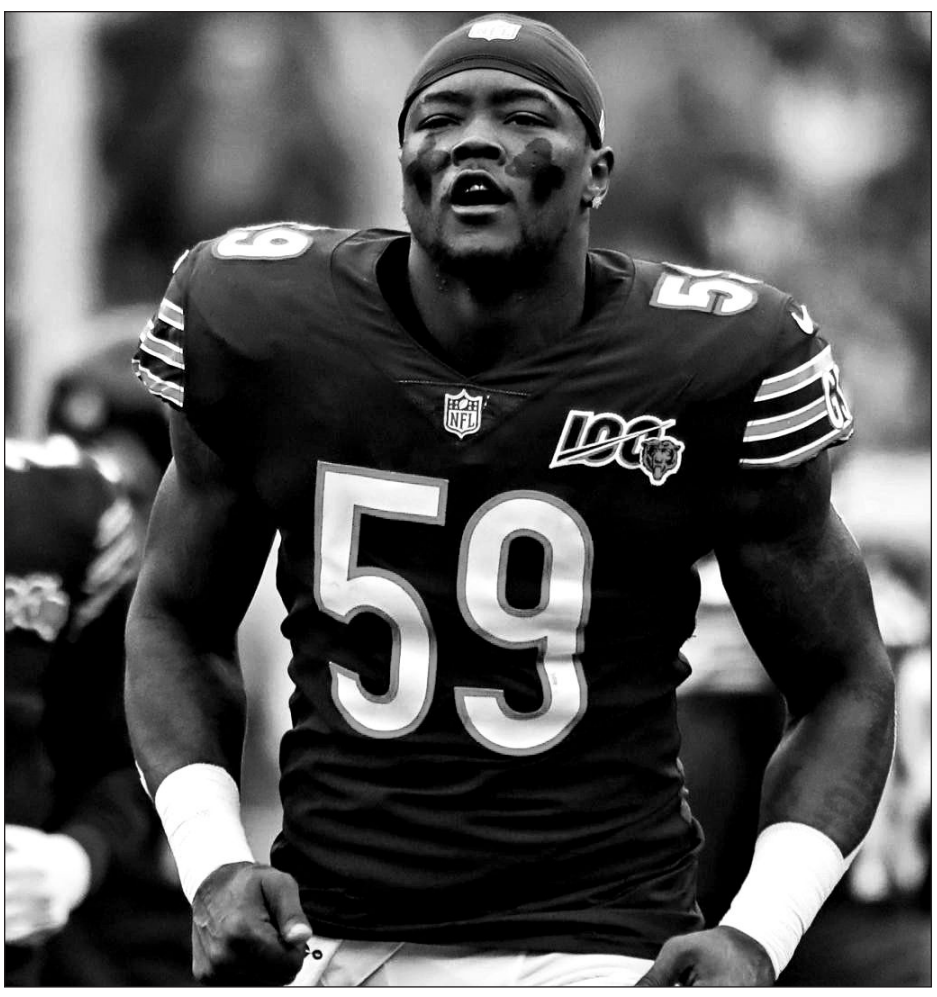


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nst Redskins quarterback Case Keenum in December.



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Edge rushers

Notable newcomers: *Robert Quinn, Trevis Gipson, Barkevious Mingo*
Key departures: *Leonard Floyd, Aaron Lynch*

Biggs: There's a trade-off in paying Quinn $30 million guaranteed to replace Floyd, the No. 9 pick in the 2016 draft. The defense should be more effective pressuring quarterbacks, but Floyd's versatility, athleticism and length allowed him to help in other areas. He became solid at setting the edge in the running game and made it difficult for quarterbacks to throw over or around him. Quinn is not very good versus the run and below average in coverage, but the pass rush really fell off last season. Mingo seems like a decent replacement for Lynch with more ability on special teams, and the Bears hope Gipson can develop into a productive player in a couple of years so they don't have to keep paying top-of-the-market prices for pass rushers.

Kane: Quinn had 11 ½ sacks last year with the Cowboys. That's as many as Floyd had in the last three years combined. If Quinn can have a similar year in 2020 opposite Khalil Mack, the Bears pass rush could be scary. Adding a former first-rounder in Mingo and a shot of youth with Tulsa's Gipson makes the backups more interesting. This looks like the most improved area of the defense, and that's big after the Bears ranked 24th with 32 sacks last year.

Wiederer: Floyd's release, after he recorded just 18 ½ sacks in four seasons, was not surprising but still deflating, yet another top-10 pick that didn't pan out. Quinn will almost certainly be more dangerous across from Mack.

Inside linebackers

Notable newcomers: *Devante Bond*
Key departures: *Nick Kwiatkoski, Kevin Pierre-Louis*

Biggs: This was the deepest position on the roster last season, and after Kwiatkoski (Raiders) and Pierre-Louis (Redskins) left in free agency, there's not a proven performer ready to step in if injuries strike. That's something to keep in mind as the re-signed Danny Trevathan has been a valuable leader but has missed 18 games over the last four seasons.

If former fourth-round pick Joel Iyiegbuniwe is ready to ascend into the No. 3 role, he could cover the losses of Kwiatkoski and Pierre-Louis, who both added solid value on special teams. A more even effort from former first-round pick Roquan Smith also could lead to improvement.

Kane: Am I allowed to say better and worse at the same time? The Bears will be better because the formidable duo of Trevathan and Smith returns from injuries. However, their depth took a hit when Kwiatkoski and Pierre-Louis, who filled in admirably late in the year, moved on. If Trevathan and Smith stay healthy, the Bears should be fine.

Wiederer: Depth remains a question behind starters Smith and Trevathan. Kwiatkoski got a well-deserved payday and starting opportunity with the Raiders.

The Bears chose to invest instead in retaining the high-energy leadership and playmaking ability of Trevathan. But the ninth-year veteran has to stay healthy. And Smith must soon realize his Pro Bowl potential.

Cornerbacks

Notable newcomers: *Jaylon Johnson, Artie Burns, Tre Roberson, Kindle Vildor*
Key departures: *Prince Amukamara*

Biggs: If Johnson can be the kind of first-year starter the Bears envision, he can help this team right away. There will be some bumpy spots because he is a rookie, and I don't know that he will be better than Amukamara was in 2017 or 2018. But the veteran slowed some last season, and Johnson will certainly move better. The depth is improved after it was razor-thin last season, and Kyle Fuller is one of the better cornerbacks in the league.

Kane: This is the hardest position to evaluate because it's difficult to know what the Bears will get from Johnson in his rookie season. He's coming off March shoulder surgery, but Ryan Pace said they expect him to be healthy when they need him. The Bears have better depth pieces to sort through than last year with the additions of Burns, Roberson and the rookie Vildor.

I'm not positive Johnson will be as reliable as a nine-year veteran such as Amukamara *this season*, especially coming off the injury. But Johnson's future is promising, and replacing Amukamara with him was the right move.

Wiederer: Amukamara's experience and veteran savvy will be missed more than many realize. But Johnson projects as an immediate starter, and if his skill set and makeup are everything the Bears believe them to be, he may lock down the job deep into the 2020s.

Safeties

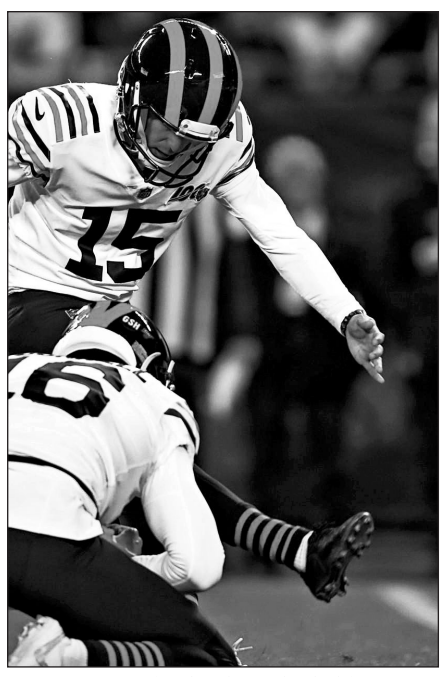
Notable newcomers: *Tashaun Gipson, Jordan Lucas, Kentrell Brice*
Key departures: *Ha Ha Clinton-Dix*

Biggs: Clinton-Dix's performance last season was maybe the most overrated element of the Bears defense. He's on his fourth team in four seasons now, having become the definition of a journeyman.

The addition of Tashaun Gipson provides defensive coordinator Chuck Pagano with an upgrade and gives them a clear starter. Gipsin has a knack for making plays on the ball and should be a better tackler than Clinton-Dix. Overreaction to the depth chart here before Gipson's arrival was unwarranted. The key is they locked up free safety Eddie Jackson for the long haul in January.

Kane: The post-draft addition of Gipson seems to be smart one to fill the starting hole left by the departure of Clinton-Dix. Gipson, 30, had eight interceptions over the last three seasons with the Jaguars and Texans to give him 23 for his career. If Gipson is past the transverse process fracture in his back that caused him to miss two games for the first time in four seasons in 2019, he should be nice veteran presence. Deon Bush and Jordan Lucas provide solid depth.

Wiederer: Gipson is the 2020 version of Clinton-Dix, a reliable veteran who was a one-time Pro Bowl selection. He's a likely Week 1 starter. And from a skill standpoint, he might be a better complementary fit with Eddie Jackson.



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Specialists

Notable newcomers: *Ramiz Ahmed*
Key departures: *None*

Biggs: Eddy Pineiro is the incumbent in a kicking battle with Ahmed. Even if Pineiro wins, his body of work is too small to tell how things will go this season. The hope is his strong finish to 2019 — he made his final 11 field-goal attempts — will carry over into 2020. It's worth noting only one of those kicks was from beyond 36 yards, a 46-yarder in the 26-3 loss to the Chiefs.

What should not be overlooked is the incremental improvement of punter Pat O'Donnell, who seems to get a little bit better every season. He posted a career-best net average of 40.7 yards last year, the best in franchise history. It should be a good group overall for special teams coordinator Chris Tabor.

Kane: It certainly makes sense to add some competition for Pineiro after he had ups and downs in his rookie season. Pineiro seems like the type of player who could rise to the challenge. Ahmed is incredibly inexperienced with just one season of kicking field goals at Nevada in 2018, so it's unclear if he can challenge Pineiro for the job. Something tells me the sequel to the Bears kicking competition won't live up to the craziness of the original.

Wiederer: Competition is a good thing here. Pineiro was inconsistent in his first NFL season, plain and simple. And while he made his final 11 field-goal attempts, only one of those came from beyond 36 yards.

Top: Jaylon Johnson could help the Bears in the secondary during his rookie year.
Above: Eddy Piniero closed 2019 well.
Above, left: Danny Trevathan missed 18 games over the past four seasons.

BULLS



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Toni Kukoc spent six-plus seasons with the Bulls, then returned in 2015 as a special adviser to COO Michael Reinsdorf.

'THE LAST DANCE'

Earning respect

Despite his credentials in Europe, Kukoc needed time to win over Jordan, Pippen

By Jamal Collier

The first two episodes of ESPN's 10-part documentary "The Last Dance" featured the Chicago Bulls' two biggest stars, Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen, center stage. Dennis Rodman and Phil Jackson were featured in the third and fourth episodes. Jerry Krause has been featured prominently, mainly whenever Jordan or Pippen need someone to dunk on. And the promotional poster for the documentary includes Steve Kerr, a role player for the second three-peat whose profile has been heightened since coaching the Golden State Warriors to three NBA championships.

That has left a vital member of those Bulls teams largely on the sideline so far: Toni Kukoc. Kukoc, one of the first European superstars to make the move to the NBA, is introduced in episode five on Sunday. The Bulls drafted him in the second round in 1990, making him the personification of Jordan's and Pippen's disdain for Krause, and he eventually settled in as the Bulls' third-leading scorer during the 1997-98 season. Here are five things to know about Kukoc, a critical member of the Bulls core.

1. Kukoc was one of the most decorated European basketball players at the time.

The modern NBA is an international game, and some of its brightest stars come from Europe, such as Giannis Antetokounmpo of the Bucks, Luka Doncic of the Mavericks and Nikola Jokic of the Nuggets. During the 1990s and even at the turn of the century, however, a stigma existed for most international players that they were "too soft" to play in the NBA. That created some skepticism about Kukoc, even though he was perhaps the most accomplished player to make the transition to the NBA at the time.

Kukoc won the European Player of the Year award five times and was named Mr. Europa four times. He won three straight European championships from 1989 to '91 and was a three-time Final Four MVP in the EuroLeague. That earned him nicknames such as "The Croatian Sensation" and "The White Magic," a reference to his ball -handling skills, court vision and passing range being akin to Lakers star Magic Johnson's.

After drafting him in 1990, Krause would spend three years trying to persuade Kukoc to come to the Bulls before he arrived in 1993, just after Jordan's first retirement.

2. He had an infamous run-in with the Dream Team in 1992.

Krause's pursuit of Kukoc — while Pippen felt he was underappreciated and underpaid — really irked the Bulls' star duo. So when Jordan and Pippen came across Kukoc in an early-round matchup during the 1992 Olympics, the results were ugly.

"Krause was recruiting this guy and talking about how great he was," Jordan said in NBA TV's documentary "The Dream Team." "That's like a father who has all his kids and now he sees another kid that he loves more than he loves his own.

"So we weren't playing against Toni Kukoc. We were playing against Jerry Krause in a Croatia uniform."

Pippen and Jordan were all over Kukoc, limiting him to four points and seven turnovers in a 103-70 rout by the Dream Team. Kukoc was better during the rematch in the gold-medal game, scoring 16 points with nine assists, but the U.S. still dominated in a 117-85 victory.



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Bulls forwards Scottie Pippen and Toni Kukoc talk during Game 4 of the 1998 NBA Finals.

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3. He was picked over Pippen to take the last shot in a 1994 playoff game.

In the final seconds of a 1994 playoff game, with the Jordan-less Bulls down 2-0 in the series against the Knicks, Jackson drew up a play for the game-winning shot.

The play was designed, however, for Kukoc, with Pippen inbounding the ball. That set Pippen off. He reportedly swore and said, "I'm tired of this," before sitting on the bench and refusing to take the floor for the final 1.8 seconds.

Kukoc hit the winning jumper to keep the Bulls alive in a must-win game.

And that wasn't the only big game-winner Kukoc hit in 1994. He made an improbable 3-pointer with 0.8 seconds on the clock in a January game against the Pacers — after Reggie Miller celebrated a little too early by bowing to the Chicago Stadium crowd.



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Five-time European Player of the Year Toni Kukoc joined the Bulls in 1993 after being drafted in 1990.

4. He won the Sixth Man of the Year Award in 1996 and eventually was accepted by Jordan and Pippen.

Despite those bumpy years at the beginning of Kukoc's tenure with the Bulls, he eventually settled into the team and played a critical role in the second three-peat.

Kukoc was able to adjust to what the Bulls needed on the floor, moving to the bench when Jordan came back and Rodman arrived. He won the Sixth Man of the Year Award in 1995-96, averaging 13.1 points, four rebounds and 3.5 assists with a 54.6% effective field-goal percentage, the best of his career. He settled into his role as the third-leading scorer for a 72-win team and eventually earned the respect of Pippen and Jordan.

"Scottie was just a different character than Michael," Kukoc recently told NBC Sports Chicago "He was more (on) the soft side. Every once in a while he would explode, but he would help me.

"Michael was almost always aggressive. Every once in a while he would come to me when he would see I was down. He would tap me on the butt and say, 'I love you, my Yugoslavian brother.' And I was like, 'No, no, no. Croatia.' Those are the things that stick with me that are fun memories."

5. He remained with the Bulls after the 'last dance' and is one of the team's special advisers.

The documentary makes it clear this was the last hurrah for the Bulls core, but Kukoc is one of the few who remained after the dynasty broke apart. During the lockout-shortened 1999 season he averaged 18.8 points, seven rebounds and 5.3 assists to lead the team in all three categories.

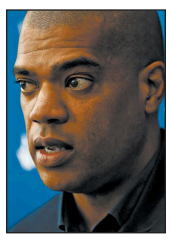
The Bulls were bottoming out and ready to launch into a full rebuild, however, so they traded Kukoc to the 76ers during the next season.

Even though he did not finish his career with the Bulls, Kukoc would return to the organization in 2015 when he was named a special adviser to Bulls COO Michael Reinsdorf.

Eversley brings change in more ways than one

Bulls' first black GM believes background in basketball and with Nike will pay off

By Jamal Collier



Eversley

The Bulls officially announced Marc Eversley as their general manager Friday.

Eversley becomes the right-hand man of new vice president of basketball operations Arturas Karnisovas in the team's remade front office, one tasked with turning around a stalled rebuild.

Much like his new boss, Eversley comes with a reputation for finding undervalued players in the draft during his years as an executive. Now the two will come together to lead the Bulls' decision-making process.

Karnisovas had settled on Eversley as his choice for GM and made plans to call him Monday. But while watching "The Last Dance," ESPN's 10-part documentary on Michael Jordan and the 1997-98 Bulls, Karnisovas said he became emotional and called Eversley late Sunday night to see if he was awake. Eversley was up watching a replay of episodes three and four around 1 a.m. ET when Karnisovas offered him the job.

"We're basketball junkies," Eversely said during his introductory conference call Friday afternoon. "We love being in the gym, we love evaluating talent, we love growing teams. My relationships is obviously something I think I complement him well with.

"In the teams that I've been with prior, we've always fostered healthy debate and communication. After talking to Arturas, that's something he welcomes. As long as you do it in a respectful way, you can do great things."

Bulls fans might not have known much about Eversley before he secured the job, so here are five things to know about the team's new GM.

1. He is credited with discovering Matisse Thybulle.

Eversley spent three years with the 76ers, reuniting with then-team President Bryan Colangelo after the two worked together in Toronto. Even after Colangelo was fired, Eversley remained a part of the 76ers' front office under Elton Brand.

The 76ers credited Eversley with discovering Matisse Thybulle during the guard's junior year at Washington and pushing the organization to move up four spots in last year's draft to select him. As a rookie, Thybulle already is a standout perimeter defender, and he shot 35.2% from beyond the arc.

"I know he has a respect from his peers, and he worked extremely hard to get where he's at today," Karnisovas said of Eversley. "He has tremendous work ethic, and the combination of his eye for talent and ability to connect with players and coaches made him a primary candidate for us."

Eversley's draft record from Philly also had some missteps. He was a part of the push for the 76ers to move up two spots in 2017 to select Markelle Fultz with the No. 1 pick. Fultz struggled badly and endured shooting problems before being traded to the Magic in February 2019.

2. He scouted DeMar DeRozan.

Eversley, who is Canadian, got his first job as an NBA executive with the Raptors and rose through the organization to become Colangleo's right-hand man.

Eversley led the charge to select DeMar DeRozan out of USC in 2009. DeRozan's arrival started a renaissance for the organization, lifting it into contention as he became a four-time All-Star.

That selection helped Eversley develop his reputation as a strong talent evaluator. During his time with the Raptors, Eversley also developed a connection with team President Masai Ujiri, one of basketball's most respected executives and someone Eversley called a brother.

"He really introduced me to the art of scouting and how to truly evaluate talent," Eversley said. "I owe him for that."

3. He worked for Nike for a decade.

Before he entered the NBA executive world, Eversley spent a decade at Nike. At this stop, he began to develop his player connections and relationships around the league, two more strengths he brings to the Bulls.

Eversley rose from working retail in marketing to representing players on the Raptors and around the league. He developed good relationships with the Canadian national team, including Steve Nash, and he attended Vince Carter's wedding and is godfather to Carter's daughter.

In addition to building a strong base through the draft, the Bulls are going to need to be able to attract marquee free agents. Eversley's background gives reason to believe he could help in the push to attract a superstar.

"I'm still extremely close to a lot of the guys at Nike today," he said. "That really taught me the true value of connecting the dots. Relationships move the needle in this business, and it really starts at the grassroots (level).

"I was fortunate enough to work at Nike at a time when LeBron James and players like that were coming up through the system. It really taught me the value of relationships. It taught me the value of a brand, really.

"To Arturas' story from last (Sunday) night, back then the Bulls were one of the strongest brands in the NBA. It's my hope that I can take some of the lessons that I've learned at Nike and implement them here with Chicago as a goal to get the Chicago Bulls back to relevancy and get that brand back to where it's cool again and kids want to be part of it."

4. He played NAIA college basketball.

It will be hard not to notice Eversley when he walks into a room, considering he is 6-foot-8. He played college basketball at the NAIA level for Urbana University in Ohio, which recently closed. Eversley averaged 11.3 points in 95 career games.

5. He is the first black general manager in Bulls history.

The Bulls do not overhaul their front office often, so when their search for Karnisovas started and finished without successfully interviewing any black candidates — in a league in which about 70% of the players are black — they drew criticism from African American executives around the league.

Chief Operating Officer Michael Reinsdorf said they were denied permission to interview the people of color on their list. Regardless, Karnisovas said he would make it a point to change that and considered it a responsibility to emphasize diversity within his candidate pool.

It all helped set things in motion for Eversely to make history as the first black GM in Bulls history, a responsibility he does not take lightly.

"I am a black man in a leadership position now in a city with so many black youths," Eversley said. "I see this as a great opportunity. Being visible is going to be important, being invested is going to be important. This position provides me with resources to help drive some change."

BASEBALL

Road trip inspired by baseball cards

‘The Wax Pack’ author sought out faces from 1986 Topps packs

By Dennis Waszak Jr.
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Brad Balukjian tore open a pack of 1986 Topps baseball cards, chewed the stale, brittle bubblegum and then planned a road trip most sports fans could only dream about.

The college biology professor set out to meet every player whose image appeared on those old pieces of cardboard — from Garry Templeton to Rick Sutcliffe to Carlton Fisk — and see what life after baseball has been like.

“Whether it’s musicians or artists or baseball players, I’m just fascinated by what happens when they’re done after the spotlight,” Balukjian said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press. “I always wanted to do something about those guys I grew up with. And I saw the pack as the perfect device to get a random sample of players from that era.”

The self-funded trip in 2015 cost about $8,000 and took him and his 2002 Honda Accord across 30 states over 11,341 miles in 48 days — fueled by 123 cups of coffee. What Balukjian learned is vividly documented in his recently published book, “The Wax Pack,” which has quickly become a favorite among baseball-hungry fans during the coronavirus pandemic.

“When I actually started doing the trip and talking to these guys, that’s when it really became something a lot bigger,” Balukjian said. “It was transcending baseball and talking about these bigger themes like what is our relationship like with fear, which is a universal question that we all deal with. Baseball players and athletes, in general, they have to master fear to be successful. Call it fear, call it anxiety, whatever you want to call it, it’s all fear.

“And the lessons that they passed on to me about what their relationship was like with fear, it’s something we can all benefit from.”

“The Wax Pack” journey began in 2014 when Balukjian was sitting in the upper deck of Oakland Coliseum watching an Athletics game and realized he wasn’t as familiar with the players on the field as he once was. As a kid growing up in Rhode Island, he followed the game religiously and baseball cards — boxes of them — provided easy links to his heroes on the field.

So, Balukjian ordered a few unopened packs of Topps cards on eBay from 1986, the first year he recalls collecting. The 15-card pack he picked included a mix of stars (Fisk, Sutcliffe, Dwight Gooden and Vince Coleman), solid players (Templeton, Lee Mazzilli, Steve Yeager and Gary Pettis) and non-stars — called “common” cards in the hobby — such as Rance Mulliniks, Randy Ready, Richie Hebner, Jaime Cocanower and Don Carman, Balukjian’s childhood favorite player. Also included were a checklist and the late Al Cowens, whose chapter is arguably the book’s most intriguing.

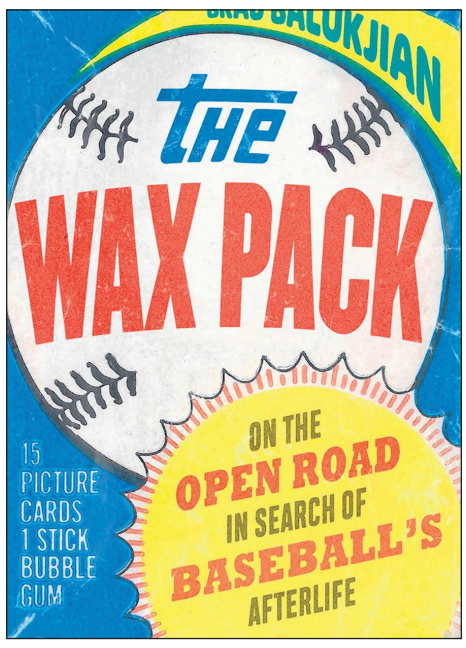
“I didn’t mix cards between packs because that would definitely be cheating,” Balukjian acknowledged. “Also, I didn’t keep opening packs until I got Don Carman because that would be kind of cheating, too.”

Balukjian spent about nine months planning his trip, researching the former players and exchanging letters, emails, texts and phone messages with them and their families to set up meetings.

“I set my expectations to be reasonable enough that, like, OK, I didn’t have an advance, I didn’t have a book deal and I had no guarantees this would work out,” he said. “But I knew that I was having a hell of a ride — the pure road trip aspect of it was fun.”

What transpired is detailed over 275 pages in “The Wax Pack,” which took Balukjian a few years to get published before University of Nebraska Press took a swing — complete with a wax paper-like cover.

Several of the former players shared tales of personal successes and failures with Balukjian, whose adventures included visiting a zoo with Carman, getting a hitting lesson from Mulliniks, watching kung fu movies with Templeton, lifting weights with Ready and desperately trying to chase down Fisk.





AMBER SHEPP/AP

“When I actually started doing the trip and talking to these guys, that’s when it really became something a lot bigger.”

— Brad Balukjian, “The Wax Pack” author

There were a few players Balukjian didn’t link up with, but he managed to turn those setbacks into entertaining chapters.

He also weaved aspects of his own personal life into the book, including his struggles with obsessive-compulsive disorder and anxiety, briefly reuniting with a lost love and reliving moments of his childhood.

“I mean, it’s almost a self-help book as well,” Balukjian said, “because you can get these little bits of wisdom from these players.”

The 39-year-old Balukjian, who teaches at Merritt College in Oakland and is the director of the school’s Natural History & Sustainability program, has maintained relationships with many of those featured in the book.

Despite the overwhelmingly glowing reviews of “The Wax Pack,” Balukjian isn’t planning on hitting the road for a sequel when social distancing and travel restrictions are lifted.

“It’s not tempting creatively because I just don’t think I could match it,” Balukjian said. “I think the novelty of that idea is gone and that’s OK. I get asked this a lot, but I’m like, hey, man, if anyone out there wants to write about another wax pack, like you could franchise this and do other sports and other years, and I would gladly read someone else’s book.”







CHICAGO TRIBUNE (SUTCLIFFE, FISK), GETTY (GOODEN)

Rick Sutcliffe, from top, Carlton Fisk and Dwight Gooden were among the subjects “The Wax Pack” author Brad Balukjian attempted to pursue for his book project.

SCOREBOARD

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Toronto	46	18	.719	—
Boston	43	21	.672	3
Philadelphia	39	26	.600	7½
Brooklyn	30	34	.469	16
New York	21	45	.318	26
SOUTHEAST				
Miami	41	24	.631	—
Orlando	30	35	.462	11
Washington	24	40	.375	16½
Charlotte	23	42	.354	18
Atlanta	20	47	.299	22
CENTRAL				
Milwaukee	53	12	.815	—
Indiana	39	26	.600	14
Chicago	22	43	.338	31
Detroit	20	46	.303	33½
Cleveland	19	46	.292	34

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Houston	40	24	.625	—
Dallas	40	27	.597	1½
Memphis	32	33	.492	8½
New Orleans	28	36	.438	12
San Antonio	27	36	.429	12½
NORTHWEST				
Denver	43	22	.662	—
Utah	41	23	.641	1½
Oklahoma City	40	24	.625	2½
Portland	29	37	.439	14½
Minnesota	19	45	.297	23½
PACIFIC				
L.A. Lakers	49	14	.778	—
L.A. Clippers	44	20	.688	5½
Sacramento	28	36	.438	21½
Phoenix	26	39	.400	24
Golden State	15	50	.231	35

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	44	14	12	100	227	174
Tampa Bay	43	21	6	92	245	195
Toronto	36	25	9	81	238	227
Florida	35	26	8	78	231	228
Montreal	31	31	9	71	212	221
Buffalo	30	31	8	68	195	217
Ottawa	25	34	12	62	191	243
Detroit	17	49	5	39	145	267
METRO.	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
Washington	41	20	8	90	240	215
Philadelphia	41	21	7	89	232	196
Pittsburgh	40	23	6	86	224	196
Carolina	38	25	5	81	222	193
Columbus	33	22	15	81	180	187
N.Y. Islanders	35	23	10	80	192	193
N.Y. Rangers	37	28	5	79	234	222
New Jersey	28	29	12	68	189	230

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	42	19	10	94	225	193
Colorado	42	20	8	92	237	191
Dallas	37	24	8	82	180	177
Winnipeg	37	28	6	80	216	203
Nashville	35	26	8	78	215	217
Minnesota	35	27	7	77	220	220
Chicago	32	30	8	72	212	218
PACIFIC	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
Vegas	39	24	8	86	227	211
Edmonton	37	25	9	83	225	217
Calgary	36	27	7	79	210	215
Vancouver	36	27	6	78	228	217
Arizona	33	29	8	74	195	187
Anaheim	29	33	9	67	187	226
Los Angeles	29	35	6	64	178	212
San Jose	29	36	5	63	182	226

SOCCER

MLS

Eastern	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Atlanta	2	0	0	6	4	2
N.Y. Red Bulls	1	0	1	4	4	3
Montreal	1	0	1	4	4	3
Toronto FC	1	0	1	4	3	2
Columbus	1	0	1	4	2	1
D.C. United	1	1	0	3	3	3
Chicago	0	1	1	1	2	3
New England	0	1	1	1	2	3
Orlando City	0	1	1	1	1	2
Philadelphia	0	1	1	1	3	5
Cincinnati	0	2	0	0	3	5
Inter Miami CF	0	2	0	0	1	3
N.Y. City FC	0	2	0	0	0	2
Western	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PT**	**GF**	**GA**
Sporting KC	2	0	0	6	7	1
Minnesota	2	0	0	6	8	3
Colorado	2	0	0	6	4	2
FC Dallas	1	0	1	4	4	2
Los Angeles FC	1	0	1	4	4	3
Seattle	1	0	1	4	3	2
Portland	1	1	0	3	2	3
Vancouver	1	1	0	3	2	3
Real Salt Lake	0	0	2	2	1	1
LA Galaxy	0	1	1	1	1	2
San Jose	0	1	1	1	4	7
Houston	0	1	1	1	1	5
Nashville SC	0	2	0	0	1	3

3 points for victory, 1 point for tie

Tentative date for the MLS All-Star Game
July 29 vs. La Liga MX All Stars
Banc of California Stadium
in Los Angeles

GOLF

LPGA RESULTS, REVISED SCHEDULE

Jan. 17-20 : Diamond Resorts Tournament of Champions (Eun-hee Ji)
Feb. 7-10 : ISPS Handa Vic Open (Celine Boutier)
Feb. 14-17 : ISPS Handa Women's Australian Open (Nelly Korda)
Feb. 21-24 : Honda LPGA Thailand (Amy Yang)
July 15-18 : Dow Great Lakes Bay Invitational, Midland CC, Midland, Mich.
July 23-26 : Marathon LPGA Classic, Highland Meadows GC, Sylvania, Ohio.
July 31-Aug. 2 : ShopRite LPGA Classic, Sea View Dolce Hotel (Bay Course), Galloway, N.J.
Aug. 6-9 : The Evian Championship, Evian Resort GC, Evian-les-Bains, France.
Aug. 13-16 : Aberdeen Standard Investments Ladies Scottish Open, The Renaissance Club, North Berwick, Scotland.
Aug. 20-23 : AIG Women's British Open, Royal Troon, Troon, Scotland.
Aug. 28-30 : Walmart NW Arkansas Championship, Pinnacle CC, Rogers, Ark.
Sept. 3-6 : CP Women's Open, Shaughnessy Golf and CC, Vancouver, British Columbia.
Sept. 10-13 : ANA Inspiration, Mission Hills CC, Rancho Mirage, Calif.
Sept. 17-20 : Cambia Portland Classic, Columbia Edgewater CC, Portland, Ore.
Sept. 24-27 : Kia Classic, Aviara GC, Carlsbad, Calif.
Oct. 1-4 : Meijer LPGA Classic, Blythefield CC, Grand Rapids, Mich.
Oct. 8-11 : KPMG Women's PGA Championship, Aronimink GC, Newtown Square, Pa.
Oct. 15-18 : Buick LPGA Shanghai, Qizhong Garden GC, Shanghai.
Oct. 22-25 : BMW Ladies Championship, LPGA International Busan, Busan, South Korea.
Oct. 29-Nov. 1 : Taiwan Swinging Skirts LPGA, Miramar Golf and CC, New Taipei City, Taiwan.
Nov. 6-8 : Toto Japan Classic, Taiheyo Club (Minori Course), Ibaraki, Japan.
Nov. 19-22 : Pelican Women's Championship, Pelican CC, Belleair, Fla.
Dec. 3-6 : Volunteers of America Classic, Old American GC, The Colony, Texas.
Dec. 10-13 : U.S. Women's Open, Champions GC, Houston.
Dec. 17-20 : CME Group Tour Championship, Tiburon GC, Naples, Fla.

LPGA ROLEX RANKINGS

GOLFER	COUNTRY	AVG
Jin Young Ko	S Korea	8.44
Nelly Korda	U.S.	5.85
Sung Hyun Park	S Korea	5.71
Nasa Hataoka	Japan	5.34
Danielle Kang	U.S.	5.32
Sei Young Kim	S Korea	5.04
Brooke M Henderson	Canada	4.84
Minjee Lee	Australia	4.61
Lexi Thompson	U.S.	4.54

HORSE RACING

ROAD TO KENTUCKY DERBY POINTS

HORSE	TRAINER	PTS
Tiz the Law	Barclay Tagg	122
Wells Bayou	Brad Cox	104
Ete Indien	Patrick Biancone	74
Modernist	Bill Mott	70
Authentic	Bob Baffert	60
Mr. Monomoy	Brad Cox	52
Nadal	Bob Baffert	50
Mischevious Alex	John Servis	50
Ny Traffic	Saffie Joseph Jr.	50
King Guillermo	Juan Carlos Avila	50
Shivaree	Ralph Nicks	40
Enforceable	Mark Casse	33
Storm the Court	Peter Eurton	32
Sole Volante	Patrick Biancone	30
Major Fed	Greg Foley	30
Thousand Words	Bob Baffert	25
Silver Prospector	Steve Asmussen	21
Field Pass	Mike Maker	20
Excession	Steve Asmussen	20
Candy Tycoon	Todd Pletcher	20
Honor A. P.	John Shirreffs	20
Untitled	Mark Casse	20
Shotski	Jeremiah O'Dwyer	19
Independence Hall	Mike Trombetta	14
Gouverneur Morris	Todd Pletcher	14
Silver State	Steve Asmussen	14
Azul Coast	Bob Baffert	14
Shoplifted	Steve Asmussen	13
Anneau d'Or	Blain Wright	12
Maxfield	Brendan Walsh	10
Basin	Steve Asmussen	10
Eight Rings	Bob Baffert	10
Dennis' Moment	Dale Romans	10
Gold Street	Steve Asmussen	10
Max Player	Linda Rice	10
As Seen On Tv	Kelly Breen	10
Attachment Rate	Dale Romans	10
Texas Swing	Todd Pletcher	10

source: drf.com
Kentucky Derby: Sept. 5, Louisville, Ky

A GOOD TIME TO LOOK BACK

We're all missing sports these days. So with the games on hold, we're offering a daily dose of memorable moments as chronicled through sports history:

Ferdinand stuns Derby

(MAY 3, 1986)

This story, edited for length, published after Bill Shoemaker won his fourth Kentucky Derby, riding long shot Ferdinand to a last-to-first dash for a 2 ¼-length win over Bold Arrangement on May 3, 1986.

By Neil Milbert
Chicago Tribune

LOUISVILLE — Charlie Whittingham and Bill Shoemaker, who have forgotten more about racing than most people will ever know, pooled their resources with those of a colt named Ferdinand and produced an unforgettable Kentucky Derby.

The 73-year-old Whittingham has won more major races than any other trainer in history, but until Saturday afternoon at Churchill Downs, he never had won the Kentucky Derby.

Ferdinand got him over the hump because the 54-year-old Shoemaker, who previously had won America's most revered race three times, saved his best for last.

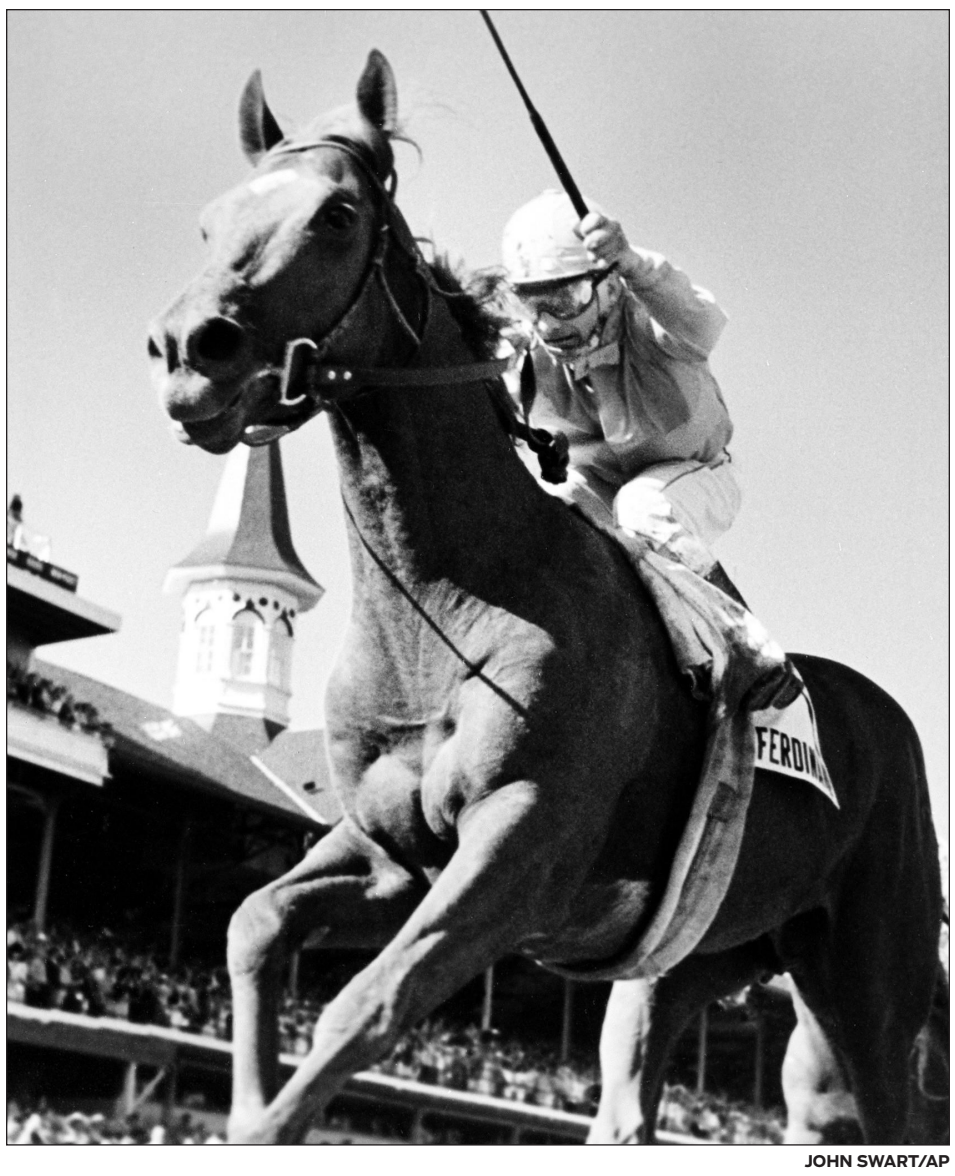
In Shoemaker's triumphs with Swaps in 1955, Tomy Lee in 1959 and Lucky Debonair in 1965, he was either on the lead or just off the pace.

This time, he came from the rear of a field of 16 and won because he asked Ferdinand to make a brazen move. The colt veered from the outside of three horses to find a narrow opening on the rail in the upper stretch.

Getting the message imparted by Shoemaker's left-handed whipping, the 17-to-1 longshot responded by becoming a chip off the old block and doing what came naturally to his daddy, 1970 English Triple Crown winner Nijinsky II.

He surged alongside Bold Arrangement, Broad Brush and Badger Land with three-sixteenths of a mile to run, then swept away to a 2 ¼-length triumph that produced win, place and show payoffs of $37.40, $16.20 and $8.60.

Bold Arrangement finished a strong second at 9-to-1 odds, coming in three-quarters of a length in front of 14-to-1 longshot Broad Brush. Bold Arrangement paid $9.40 and $6.80, and Broad Brush returned $9.20 to show bettors in the throng of 123,819.



JOHN SWART/AP

Jockey Bill Shoemaker raises his whip as he rides his mount Ferdinand to win the Kentucky Derby on May 3, 1986 at Churchill Downs. It was the fourth Derby win for Shoemaker.

In the eyes of those who made another far more esteemed Californian the $2.10-to-$1 favorite because of his five straight triumphs, Snow Chief was the abominable snowman. Snow Chief gained a brief advantage with five-sixteenths of a mile to go, then disappeared when he got some heat and finished 11th.

"He stumbled leaving the gate, and then I had to rush him a little to get a position," said Snow Chief's jockey, Alex Solis. "But at the half-mile pole, he was running easily. I thought he was laying perfect.

"Then, at the three-sixteenths pole, four horses went past him, and he didn't respond. He cannot talk and tell what happened. I think he just got tired."

Snow Chief got tired, and fifth-place Badger Land, the second choice at somewhat surprising odds of $2.60-to-$1, got hammered.

"I got killed coming out of the gate," said Badger Land's jockey, Jorge Velasquez. "I was in serious trouble for the first three or four strides. I was lucky he didn't go down."

Shoemaker downplayed what will go down as one of his most resourceful performances in a career that has seen him win 8,537 races and 942 stakes, including four Kentucky Derbies, two Preaknesses and five Belmonts.

"It wasn't that difficult, execpt for the first turn," he said. "They rammed me into the fence a couple times, and I got pinched back on the rail — way back, farther than I wanted to be.

"I said said to myself: 'I'm here. Nothing I can do about it. I'll just take my time, and then start moving on through.' It worked out perfect."

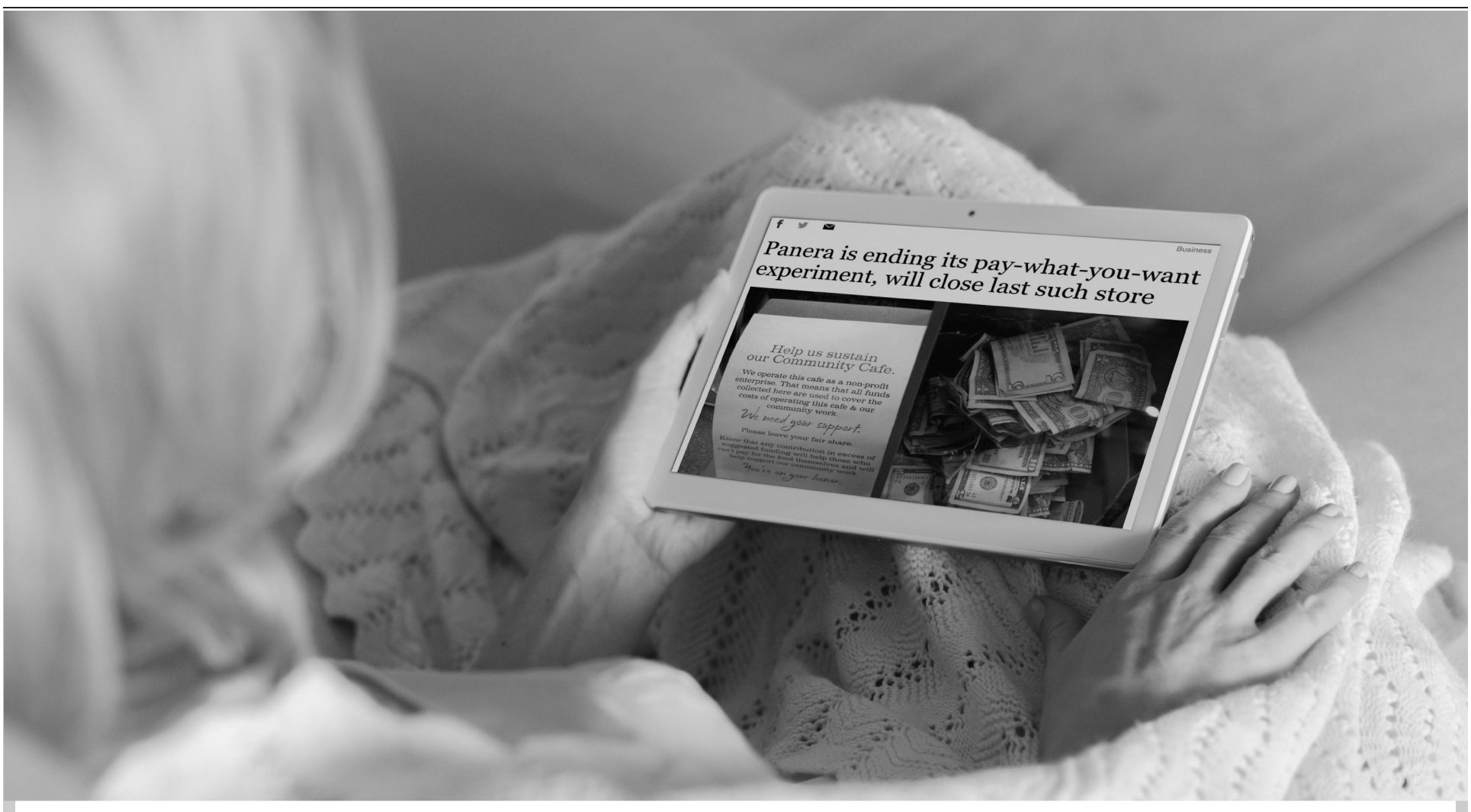
OTHER MAY 3 MOMENTS

2003: Funny Cide becomes the first gelding since Clyde Van Dusen in 1929 to win the Kentucky Derby.

2008: Big Brown, ridden by Kent Desormeaux, defies history with his 4¾-length victory in the Kentucky Derby. Big Brown is the first horse since the filly Regret in 1915 to win the Derby off just three career starts.

2012: LeBron James scores 32 points and Miami takes a 3-0 series lead, sending New York to an NBA postseason-record 13th straight loss, 87-70.

2014: Marian Gaborik scores with seven seconds left in regulation to force overtime, and then scores 12:07 into the extra period to lift the Kings to a 3-2 win against the Ducks. Gaborik is the first player in Stanley Cup Playoffs history to score a tying goal in the final 10 seconds of regulation and then win the game in overtime.



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SUMMIT ENTERTAINMENT

Jeremy Renner in "The Hurt Locker." Many movies on the Iraq War were slammed for being anti-American or anti-soldier, or they were criticized for not being tough enough.

Filming a new reality

When the coronavirus fades, will we find any trace of it at the movies?



Michael Phillips
Talking Pictures

When crises and cataclysms strike, they do their damage and then enter the bloodstream of everything we watch.

What we see, often, is popular culture running the other way. With the film, television and streaming realms suddenly and radically reordered in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, millions of us order up bread, circuses and "Tiger King." Something low, and tasty.

It feels like a very long time since I saw Vin Diesel in "Bloodshot" on March 10, at the IMAX Theater on Chicago's Navy Pier, sitting in close proximity with moviegoers wondering if they should've been there.

How will the coronavirus pandemic of 2020 play out at the movies and on home screens next year and beyond?

It's impure guesswork at best. It's far easier to make a list of how COVID-19 has turned every film made before 2020 into a compilation of social distancing misjudgments.

"I watch old games on ESPN, and seeing a stadium filled with people actually gives me anxiety," says Bill Krebs, executive producer and writer on the NBC series "Good Girls."

"I watch a movie, any movie, where there's a crowded restaurant, people waiting for a table — anxiety."

Another TV producer and screenwriter, Jennifer Cacicio, is working on two TV pilots, both of which sold before "all this happened," she says. One is about an unsolved art heist, the other about the daughter of a serial killer.

"Right now the heist (is) a lot easier to work on," she says. "It's less depressing."

Cacicio says that energy is very strange in her industry right now. Executives in charge of development are unsure about viewers' appetites six months or a year ahead.

"I think we're all just waiting," she says, "to see what sort of work this will lead to." Krebs says "friends of mine who work on medical shows are seriously concerned that some of their episodes, if they're about a virus in a hospital, might have to be rewritten or re-shot."

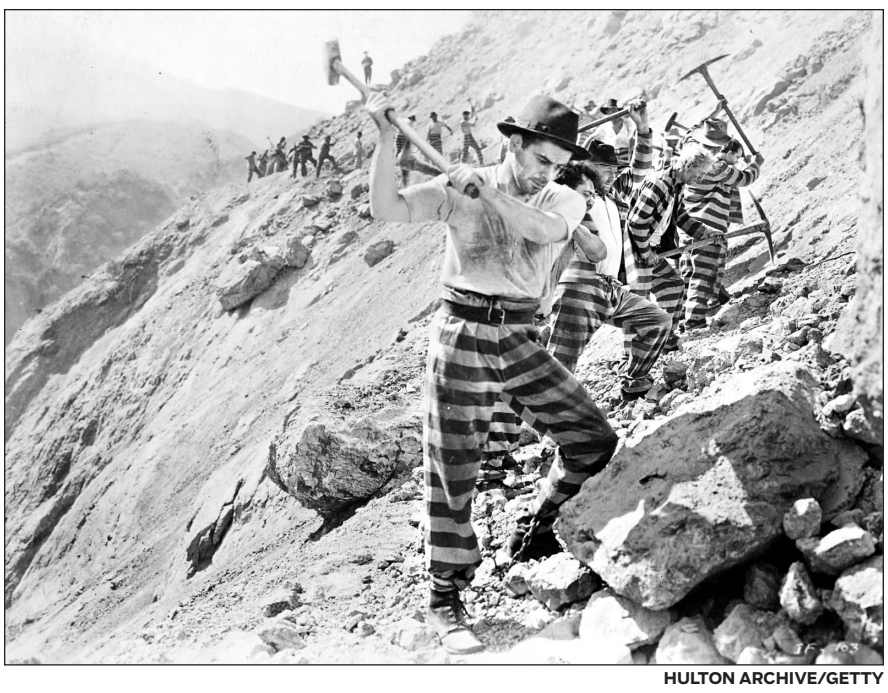
A pandemic is not like a terrorist attack, no matter how often a politician calls it "the invisible enemy." It's not as easily demonized, unless you want to get into the politics and management of the crisis, thereby writing off roughly half the country and half your potential viewers.

Yet the history we're living through today is hugely dramatic in impact and the individual stories waiting to be told.

"As a writer," Krebs says, "you want to give voice to something that hasn't been heard or seen yet. What's happening to all these small businesses, all the restaurants closing? What about how everyone is struggling on multiple fronts?"

A few years from now, he says, "I think people will want to understand how something like this happened.

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HULTON ARCHIVE/GETTY

In the early 1930s, Hollywood faced the Great Depression head-on with such dramas as "I Am a Fugitive From a Chain Gang" starring Paul Muni.

Politicians are our new pandemic celebrities



Chris Jones

Celebrities are on lockdown.

Matt Damon is stuck in Ireland. Pete Davidson now lives in his mom's basement. The Broadway star Adrienne Warren had to sing Tina Turner from her bathtub to get decent acoustics. ("Put some more hot water in," said Rosie O'Donnell, hosting an online show from her garage.)

But politicians are subject to few of these restrictions. Pandemic or not, they have ample access to podiums, press agents, personal assistants and prime-time news conferences.

Even as Hollywood is stuck with virtual backdrops, quarantined assistants and screaming kids barely off camera, pols can travel to far-flung locations such as Syracuse, New York, to appear *in situ*. They can even change their clothes on a semi-regular basis.

Stars used to have fight for attention in a crowded public space. Our new politician-celebs have a captive audience, mostly thanks to declarations they have made themselves.

Of course, we need these political leaders in a way few of us ever have really needed, say, more quality time with Kim Kardashian or an "American Idol" alum or even Brad Pitt, an old-world celeb who at least was clever enough, on last weekend's "Saturday Night Live" to glom on to the sparkling halo that surrounds Dr. Anthony Fauci.

Governors are glowing like flash bulbs. The news briefings of New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo are the highlights of many a prosaic lockdown day in the newly boring Gotham, with Twitter users gushing like teenagers waiting at the only kind of stage door still open, their brows sweaty with passion as the briefings begin.

Fans of all stripes are declaring themselves "Cuomosexuals," often posting themselves looking adoringly at Cuomo's craggy image. It's a term that Cuomo, no fool he, openly has embraced, albeit under the guise of public health and New Yorkers doing as he tells them to do. You even can buy Cuomosexual merchandise.

In California, the telegenic Gov. Gavin Newsom long has been a favorite of Hollywood studios and agencies, but would super-agent Ari Emanuel have returned the call of boring old Mike DeWine, the 72-year-old Republican governor of Ohio?

Yet DeWine, widely admired for his handling of the crisis, has never been more popular than

Turn to ***Jones, Page 5***



BRENNA HERNANDEZ

Mayor Lori Lightfoot, rockhopper penguin Wellington and Shedd Aquarium CEO Bridget Coughlin stand on the aquarium's main entry steps during the shooting of the mayor's first "Stay Home. Hit Play" video.

Proud to be pinups, Las Vegas is their place



Rick Kogan
Sidewalks



ENRIQUE MALFAVON

Viva Las Vegas Rockabilly Weekend contestants Ruby Red and Blue Haired Betty, from Dan Halperin's documentary "Bombshells and Dollies."

Of the many celebrations, events, diversions, games and delights canceled or delayed on our muted planet, the Viva Las Vegas Rockabilly Weekend may not be among the most notable.

It was to have been held over four days in mid-April. Its 23rd annual edition was, as usual, to take place in and around the Orleans Hotel in Las Vegas. It would have, as in years past, attracted 25,000 or so people eager to immerse themselves in a time trip of sorts, in a feast of music, classic cars and vintage style, especially as manifested in a contest to determine, from hundreds of submissions, Miss Viva Las Vegas.

Dan Halperin was all set to be there, again.

Chicago born and raised and long a moviemaker in the snake pit that is Hollywood, he first visited this event seven years ago. "A friend of mine, a college professor from North Carolina, was telling me about it, suggesting that it might have the seeds of a good reality TV show."

At first, he was, admittedly, a stranger in a strange land. But he looked and he listened and came to see this gathering, specifically its pinup competition, a subculture worthy of exploring and filming. And so, he made a movie.

"I was going to bring 1,000 DVDs to sell this year," he said.

There is little doubt that he would have sold out, because his "Bombshells and Dollies" is a delightful, polished and enlightening look at the contemporary pinup world.

"It took a long time to make but it has been, all of it, worthwhile," Halperin says on the telephone from the Santa Monica, California, home he has shared with his wife of two decades, Susan Grant.

He has had a solid and varied filmmaking career. He attended St. Ignatius High School, Notre Dame University and UCLA film school. He became a very hot rock video producer and began to make inroads into feature films. One of his short films, "Rocket to Stardom," was screened at the 1982 Chicago Film Festival. The next year, his movie "Scarred" had a limited theatrical release but made five times its $100,000 cost.

Then he came back to Chicago when his father, Robert, got sick. Dan dropped his video music business and returned home to help care for his dad, who would die in 1985. Dan stayed for a while, reconnecting with old friends and new ideas, such as "Summer in the City," which he described as: "Four kids. A blues band. Friendship. Chicago, 1959," inspired by a short story, "Blight," by local literary lion Stuart Dybek. That never reached a screen, but he did make a 30-minute film titled "Rosemary." Based on a short story by another Chicago giant, Harry Mark Petrakis, it is a moving and moody movie that begins and ends with shots of the famous Edward Hopper painting, "Nighthawks," which hangs at the Art Institute.

Halperin wanted to stay here but opportunities drew him back to LA and he worked steadily there. It was curiosity that drew him to Viva Las Vegas in 2013.

"I didn't know cars, knew nothing of this scene," he said. "It was strange but captivating."

He spent the next few years filming and interviewing there and the more he did so he found himself drawn most powerfully to the women participating in the pinup contest.

"Tell the truth, initially, I thought what they were doing was just silly, so superficial," he says. "But the more I got to know them the more I was intrigued. A couple of possible TV show ideas (about the cars of the musicians) fell through and then after one network wanted a show in which the pinup contestants would argue and have cat fights, I decided instead to make a feature film. These women do not deserve derision. They are adults with full and interesting lives."

One of the reasons for this focus was memories of his mother, Marge.

A child of the Southwest Side, his mother had been a dancer with a troupe in the '40s known as Waikiki Nights. After marrying, she became a model for many of the city's high-end department stores such as Marshall Field & Co. and Bonwit Teller.

Halperin remembered that "many days as a youngster I went to 'the office' with my mom. Mommy day care, with me tucked backstage in the model's dressing room, models racing in and out from the runway, changing outfits. She was a fashionista. She would have understood the women in this film."

They are a chatty and remarkably introspective bunch, with stage names such as Ivy Fox, Victory Violet, Ruby Red, Dixie Delight and Little Bit. Many of the dozen contestants — only three from the U.S., indicative of how pervasive American culture is and the international reach of this curvaceous subculture — interviewed on camera are confident and self-aware. Halperin treats them with admirable respect.

I know what some of you may be thinking. Even in this enlightened #MeToo era, there will be a tendency on the part of some to think this is just another objectifying offering.

In his film, of which his wife is one of two executive producers, Halperin neatly gives an overview of the entire Viva bash but, more importantly, charts the history of pinups, taking us to the time the word was coined in World War II to describe the images of women that came from magazines, torn out and used to decorate the lives of GIs. Though the female form has ever been the object of fantasy, celebrated by artists since cave drawings, soon enough came the birth of Playboy magazine in Chicago in 1953. With that, the pinup was quickly relegated to the nostalgia bin, having perhaps its final fling in the 1970s when posters of Farrah Fawcett went up on walls across the country. But with the internet now offering every conceivable and explicit sort of image, there is a palpable innocence to the pinup age.

"This really is a movement for female empowerment, positive self-image, self-respect and total body acceptance," says Halperin. "I fell in love with every one of these women, learning the reasons behind why they do what they do. It's about individuality and being able to be part of a community of people who celebrate living out loud. It celebrates every woman's right to look and feel gorgeous."

Long a social justice advocate — he has served as co-chair of the Producers Guild's Diversity & Inclusion committee — he is justifiably proud of this film.

He is already working on other projects, including a documentary on his dad, who I knew a little bit and admired plenty. Robert "Buck" Halperin led a life made for the movies. He was a high school (Oak Park), college (Notre Dame and University of Wisconsin) and NFL star as quarterback; a highly decorated WW II naval officer; successful businessman and international renowned sailor and yachtsman.

His son's film will focus on his dad's WW II years. It is now titled "The Navy Scouts and Raiders: The Original Navy Seals," for not only was Buck essential in the D-Day assault but later was commander of a unit conducting secret guerrilla action against the Japanese behind enemy lines.

"This is another one that will take some time," Halperin says.

In the meantime, you can explore "Bombshells and Dollies," also on Amazon and other platforms. And Halperin still has those 1,000 DVDs tucked away in his basement. In the unlikely event that they are still there next year, he'll be bringing them to Vegas, if you happen to be in that neighborhood.

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Ricky Gervais digs into misery

Acerbic comic discusses 'After Life,' life after Golden Globes

By Dave Itzkoff
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Ricky Gervais created, writes and directs the series "After Life," in which he also plays the lead role of widower Tony Johnson.

Ricky Gervais generally has reliable comic timing. He helped usher in a renaissance of documentary-style cringe comedy as a creator and star of the original British version of "The Office." And he has successfully positioned himself against the well-heeled Hollywood crowd that occasionally invites Gervais to mock them to their faces as host of the Golden Globes. (In his routine in January, Gervais roasted his celebrity peers for their displays of social consciousness while they worked for corporations like Amazon, Apple — "a company that runs sweatshops in China" — and Disney. "If ISIS started a streaming service, you'd call your agent, wouldn't you?" he taunted.)

But will the current cultural moment be as receptive to season two of Gervais' dark comedy series "After Life," which Netflix released April 24?

On this show, which Gervais created, writes and directs, he also plays the lead role of Tony Johnson, a widower still mourning his wife, Lisa (Kerry Godliman), who died of breast cancer. In his grief, Tony resolves to become the person he's always wanted to be — self-assertive, impolitic and largely resistant to the efforts of friends who hope to steer him onto more positive paths.

"After Life" is suffused with an existentialism that could make it either an ideal tonic right now or too uncomfortably real — and Gervais knows that its tone is tricky even under normal circumstances. As he said in a recent video chat from his home in north London: "The big worry for me was, could people go from laughing about something ridiculous to crying about something very real? I think the answer is yes."

Gervais talked about making comedy out of misery, the response to his Golden Globes set and his wariness of celebrity worship. These are edited excerpts from that conversation.

Your comedy is often critical of fame and the people who covet it. Do you think that the pandemic has accelerated our distaste for celebrity culture?

I've got nothing against anyone being a celebrity or being famous. I think that people are just a bit tired of being lectured to. Now celebrities think: "The general public needs to see my face. They can't get to the cinema — I need to do something." And it's when you look into their eyes, you know that, even if they're doing something good, they're sort of thinking, "I could weep at what a good person I am." Oh dear.

But when you perform a stand-up routine like the one you did at this year's Golden Globes, you don't have to look over your shoulder when the night is over?

No, the world hasn't changed. No one looks at me differently. And I've got nothing against those people, really. I think that's the mistake people make: They think that every joke is a window to the comedian's soul — because I wrote it and performed it under my own name, that that's really me. And that's just not true. I'll flip a joke halfway through and change my stance to make the joke better. I've got to go after the richest people in the room. I've got to be a court jester, but a court jester's got to make sure that he doesn't get executed as well. I've got to make all the peasants laugh at the king, but the king's sort of got to like it. (Laughs.)

The themes of death and how we deal with loss are pervasive in "After Life." Does that make it any more attuned to the current moment? Or does that make it harder to watch?

I think we second-guess people too much. We worry about what the people at home can take. Real life's worse. They can take all of this. It stuns me that people still think, "Oh, you shouldn't joke about that." We're reading about it in the paper — why can't we joke about it? With other shows of mine, people come up to me on the street, and they usually say, "I love the show." But with this one — and this was before coronavirus — they come up to me and say, "I just want to say, I lost my sister three weeks ago." Or, "I lost my husband." No one said, "Oh, I had to turn it off because it was too upsetting," or, "It reminded me of something bad." You suddenly realize, of course — everyone's grieving. And the older you get, the more you've got to grieve.

There's a scene in one of the new episodes when Tony tells another character, "Everything's bad for you. We're all dying. Being healthy is just dying more slowly." Do you think about moments like that one differently now?

I think it would be different if I did a show that was specifically about coronavirus — (wearily) which there are going to be hundreds. And novels. And weird, fake reality shows. But in the abstract, it's a joke about death, and people are dying all the time. People aren't going, "No one was dying until this year — that joke didn't age well." Tony's acting nihilistically. He's reminding people that he's not over it. He still wants to punish the world. There's a narcissism to his grieving, in a way. And then he confronts people that are worse off than him and make him feel slightly spoiled. We all go through that.

What gets us out of our nihilism and gets us over attitudes like that?

One of the ideas in "After Life" is about how the mundane saves us. We need those little things. The fact that the dog, literally and metaphorically, saves Tony's life, over and over again. I say to the dog, "If you could open a can, I'd be dead now." Death is the last taboo. It's imminent. It's going to happen. We just don't want it to be now, whenever it is. But we can still joke about it. I don't know if that makes the show any more or less poignant or entertaining than any other time. But people do all the things they're supposed to now: They stay in. They wash their hands. They phone their family. And then, I think, they want to watch "Tiger King." You know? No one's thinking about coronavirus when they're watching. And life goes on. Life's got to go on. Life goes on.

Harmonica player one step ahead

Chicago blues artist Sugar Blue, family moved around the world to avoid virus



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Sugar Blue plays harmonica during the Chicago Blues Festival in Grant Park in 2015.

For the past few months, the great Chicago blues harmonica player Sugar Blue has been on the run — from the coronavirus.

His flight has taken him from Shanghai to Milan to the mountains of Italy to where he is now: on a ship somewhere in the Indian Ocean.

"I am starting to think this bug is chasing me around the world," he said in an email conversation from the ship where his wife, a medical doctor and bassist in Blue's band, is guarding crew members' health.

Blue, wife Ilaria Lantieri and their 6-year-old son, James, have been on the run nearly since the dawning of the virus, for they had been living in China before its deadly emergence.

"We gradually started spending more and more time in China since 2018," said Blue, who was born James Whiting in New York and long has been rooted in Chicago's blues scene.

"The vagabonds that we are, we decided to explore Asia," Blue said. "We were fascinated by Shanghai, the Paris of the East, its burgeoning metropolitan feel, its international and diverse music scene. The bustling nightlife and the fast pace of Shanghai life reminded me of my hometown New York, but on steroids!"

In Shanghai, Blue "had been researching the origins of the harmonica," said Lantieri in the email dialogue, "and he found out it actually descended from an ancient Chinese instrument called 'sheng.' So here we are. In the past year he had a chance to meet some maestros of the instrument and even collaborated with Wu Tong, (a) member of Yo-Yo Ma's Silk Road Ensemble."

Blue, Lantieri and son James were reveling in their new life. Until people started to die.

"I was working in the ER when we started hearing about 'strange pneumonias' in a region not too far away," said Lantieri. "It was December last year. In January, the epidemic found its name and agent: the infamous coronavirus. ... The virus had been killing people already since December, we just didn't know its name yet."

Inevitably, the family's idyllic life in Shanghai changed.

"As soon as the gravity of the disease surfaced, the government acted swiftly, locking down entire regions," said Blue and Lantieri in a joint response. "Shanghai became almost a ghost town, with all entertainment venues closed, restaurants allowed to serve take-away only. The grueling traffic of rush hour almost completely disappeared. Empty shopping malls.

"Citizens complied, only small trips to the essential business(es), such as pharmacy or grocery stores. Masks became an integral part of everyone's daily outfit."

At first, Lantieri reassured family and friends in Chicago, Italy and elsewhere that the three of them were safe. On Jan. 24, she posted on Facebook a photo of the threesome, all donning masks and, presumably, smiling behind them. In another post, on Jan. 28, she offered a photo of James mischievously peeking out from behind a blanket and wrote: "Live from Shanghai all good." And on Jan. 31: "Things to do during a coronavirus epidemic: drive to work in 20 (minutes) vs. the usual 1 hr. ... To all worried friends & family ... we are fine, no such thing as shortage of food, lots of home time & cuddles."



SUGAR BLUE

Sugar Blue on the road with his 6-year-old son, James, and his wife/doctor/bassist Ilaria Lantieri.

Circumstances soon changed.

"After three weeks of full quarantine, no school for the little man and no end in sight, we decided to take a trip to Italy to visit family," said Lantieri. "Little did we know at the time that Italy was about to become the next epicenter."

They arrived in February. But Blue did not sound well.

"I had been coughing a bit — you know those ex-smokers — and since we were coming from China, the airport authorities were on max alert," said Blue. "So they swiped us to the infectious disease hospital in Milan. They tested me from nose to toes! Here I am craving some slice of the good Italian pizza, and instead we are stuck in isolation in a hospital room!!"

All three tested negative for COVID-19, leading Blue to "swear I'll never touch another cigarette in my life again!" he added.

Once they were freed from the hospital, standard procedure required that they self-quarantine, "so my dreams of that pizza were delayed once more," said Blue. "No family dinners either."

As long as they weren't going to see anyone, they figured they might as well escape crowded Milan.

"We jumped on our motor home and headed for the mountains," said Blue. "Since we had to be by ourselves, we decided to spend that time immersed in nature rather than (in) some hotel room. It (was) peaceful. We took long walks.

"Did I tell you I have two brand new knees? Can't hike yet, but I do get around pretty good! We cooked on the motor home, enjoyed family time and generally spent time relaxing, writing. A definite change of pace from busy life in Shanghai. Then all hell broke loose in northern Italy. ...

"At this point, I know we can't stay in Italy much longer, and we can't go back to Shanghai because China went in lockdown."

So Lantieri became a doctor on a cruise ship that is "currently sailing without any passengers," she said. It's "peacefully drifting in the Indian Ocean, repatriating crew members (who) are being refused by airlines, and in general (we're) trying to maintain a positive outlook and waiting for the storm to pass."

Like all musicians, they have seen precious opportunities slip away. A much-anticipated engagement at Jazz at Lincoln Center Shanghai won't be happening. A subsequent tour across China and gigs in Europe and the United States to promote a new album, "Colors," has been scotched.

"Can you spell 'reschedule'?" quipped Blue. "I have the quarantine blues!"

Still, Blue and Lantieri realize that life has much to offer.

"I practice my instrument, I write a lot," said Blue. "Just looking at the ocean every day gives me peace and inspiration. But I am not going to lie to you. I miss performing live, I miss the interaction with the audience. I miss my band!

"We just put out a new album, and we were preparing the new show. I was looking forward to bringing the new songs, so now I long for the day we can make that happen."

As for young James, "The little man is going to turn 7 in May," Lantieri said. "Where did the time go? He has been thriving this past year in school, and he misses his little social life.

"We spend a lot of time together, we argue over math, since he much prefers to do English homework with daddy. We play soccer — yes, even inside our ship cabin ... sing, dance, build stuff. He wears his mask and washes his hands like a pro. And in this whole vagabonding he says, 'Mommy, I can't wait for COVID-19 to disappear, so we can go back to Shanghai.' "

In the meantime, he's being versed in the blues and more.

"Michael Jackson is his idol, but let this proud daddy tell you this kid knows Louis Jordan, Aretha Franklin, Ray Charles, Billie Holiday, Duke Ellington," said Blue, who always has applied a jazz musician's technical wizardry and harmonic sophistication to the blues.

After playing some Ellington for his son, Blue heard this response: "Daddy is he alive, can we go see him?"

Answered Blue: "No James. OK, here's some Stevie Wonder.

"And when quarantine is over," added Blue, "please Stevie, please go on tour!"

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What the world needs now is new X

LA punk legends drop a surprise release 40 years after debut album

By Randall Roberts
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John Doe, from left, Exene Cervenka and D.J. Bonebrake, who are all original members of X, perform as the Knitters. X has released a surprise album.

LOS ANGELES — In early March, the four original members of X sat in the mixing room of an Eagle Rock recording studio recounting the how and why of "Alphabetland," their first studio album as a quartet in 35 years.

John Doe, Exene Cervenka, Billy Zoom and D.J. Bonebrake were taking a break from a day of mixing and overdubbing the 11 hard, fast and distorted new rock 'n' roll songs — the kind that first ignited the city on X's 1980 debut album, "Los Angeles."

"Exene and I talked about writing some songs five to seven years ago together, but we weren't sure where it would go," Doe, 67, said of collaborating with his ex-wife and longtime writing partner. "We were doing other creative stuff, and whatever creative force you have goes into whatever's in place, right? Whether it's building a car, making a garden or writing a song."

Now an Austinite, Doe was wearing cowboy boots, bluejeans, a Western-style button-up shirt and a bolo tie. "So Exene and I just kind of got busy and said, 'OK, we've got a place to put it.' "

When Doe finished speaking, Cervenka, 64, who was lounging on the couch, lifted her head: "Actually, I've been writing X songs for 10 years, and finally everybody decided to make a record. That's the real story."

"Alphabetland" arrived out of the blue April 22. Landing months sooner than the band had originally planned, it was recorded with producer Rob Schnapf (Elliott Smith, Beck, Joyce Manor) during two sessions in the fall of 2018 and January 2020.

Doe and Cervenka's competing narratives on X's creative return mirror the call-and-response tension that has powered their work since "Los Angeles" came out. X was scheduled to play that Ray Manzarek-produced debut from start to finish for a 40th anniversary celebration at the Wiltern on April 25.

Instead, after teasing fans on its Facebook page with a photo of wrapped presents, X surprise-released "Alphabetland" to Bandcamp through the indie label Fat Possum.

At just over 30 minutes long, its 11 hit-and-run songs are as driving, poetic and accomplished as anything X has ever done. The album will land on the other major music streaming platforms May 1. The band hopes to tour behind the album in the fall.

Featuring guitarist Zoom's electric guitar riffs and solos, drummer Bonebrake's wrist-snapping rhythms and Doe's tugboat bass lines, songs including "Water & Wine," "Strange Life," "Delta 88" and "Angel on the Road" move with a focused fury. Gone is the country twang that accented X's post-Zoom album "See How We Are" and the alt-rockish "Hey Zeus" from 1993. Back is Cervenka and Doe's tag-team invective.

"It sounds like an X album," added the oft stoic Zoom, 72.

Across a furious five-year period, X recorded five essential rock 'n' roll albums: "Los Angeles," "Wild Gift," "Under the Big Black Sun," "More Fun in the New World" and "Ain't Love Grand." Through songs including "The World's a Mess, It's in My Kiss," "White Girl," "The Once Over Twice," "We're Desperate," "The Hungry Wolf" and "The New World," the band was a crucible for the Hollywood scene of the late '70s and helped draw the blueprint for West Coast punk.

A few shuffled lineups — Zoom left the band in 1985 and returned in 1998 — dozens of years and hundreds of shows later, X plays with a telepathic sense of momentum. Songs ignite, then burn for a few hot minutes until the energy's spent.

Noting that she hadn't made solo music in years, Cervenka said she'd been pushing for a new album for so long in part because she has a harder time writing without purpose. "You can write all day long," she said, adding that her creative aim was simple: "I was hoping that we would be able to make a new record if I kept writing really good lyrics — so I just started sending stuff to John." She also included her sung melodies. Doe, along with Zoom and Bonebrake, then added music.

In 2019, the band logged more concert dates than they had in decades. Touring remains the primary source of income for its members. Doe last issued a solo album, "The Westerner," in 2016. In the interim, he published two books about the rise and fall of LA punk: "Under the Big Black Sun" and "More Fun in the New World." Bonebrake has his own old-time combos. Zoom is all-in on X.

In late 2018, X converged at Sunset Sound in Hollywood with Schnapf to record five songs. Working on a combo of early ideas and, in the case of "Cyrano deBerger's Back," the re-imagining an old one, the session marked the first time the four had been in a recording studio to make an album since "Ain't Love Grand."

"Alphabetland" was originally scheduled to come out in August. But in mid-March, as the coronavirus spread, Fat Possum and the band began discussing a surprise release. Speaking on the phone from Austin, Texas, Doe said the rationale for the early drop was twofold.

"Let's give people — at least our audience and maybe beyond that — something that is upbeat. Something that's new and vital." Logistically, the early release made sense too: With record and CD manufacturing plants shuttered, Fat Possum couldn't guarantee hitting the planned August release date. So X and the label opted to drop the album on the same date that "Los Angeles" was released 40 years ago.

BOOKS

Dive into cocaine underworld

Terrifying drug account was 15 years in the making

By Jim Wyss
Miami Herald



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A farmer shows cocaine base paste at the end of the process to make it from coca leaves in a "cambullon." Toby Muse's new, "Kilo," follows the cocaine trade from Colombian farm to U.S. consumers, considering the failures of drug policy.

As Toby Muse was conducting interviews in Colombia for his new book about the cocaine trade, he found himself in an uncomfortable position. He didn't want his subjects telling him too much about their business. This was particularly true when talking to a narco-trafficker named Alex, who is central to the book — until he gets murdered.

"I didn't want him to say anything that he might regret later on," Muse recalls of those encounters. "My fear was always that he would go home, look up at the ceiling and say, 'Hey, I wish I hadn't said that. I should tie up that loose end.' "

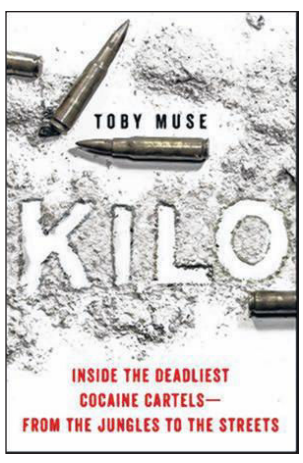
Muse, a journalist who lived in Colombia for 15 years, recently published "Kilo: Inside the Deadliest Cocaine Cartels — From the Jungles to the Streets."

The book follows the cocaine trail from the fields of eastern Colombia where Venezuelan coca pickers, or raspachines, live under the thumb of armed groups, to the shores of the world's largest consumer: the United States.

In the process, Muse provides an unprecedented look at the army of gangs, assassins, pimps, fixers and smugglers who are needed to put a line of white coke up a nose in a South Beach bar.

Muse talked to the Miami Herald about the cocaine trade, the drug war, and the U.S. policy failures that no one is talking about.

The questions and answers have been edited for brevity and clarity.



'Kilo'

By Toby Muse, Morrow, 320 pages, $28.99

Q: There are so many scenes in this book where I, as a reader, fear for your life. Looking back now, how much risk were you taking to get this story?

A: It's not so much that people were putting a gun to my head or a knife to my throat. It was more like just constantly treading on thin ice. There was one danger out in the countryside dealing with narco-militias. ... But in terms of dealing with the cartels, there was this generalized sense of dread around these men and women, it was just constant. When I finished writing this book and got out of that world, it felt like a tremendous weight had been lifted off my shoulders. These are men that kill at the drop of a hat. My constant fear was that, as long as I was in the city (Medellin) and something happened to them, like a bad coincidence, they would blame me. They trusted me up to a point, but does anyone get far in the world of cocaine being 100% trusting? No.

Q: The level of access you had to the underworld is remarkable. How did it come about?

A: Essentially all of this started through a person I met about 10 years ago. I was going into a famous fashion event in Colombia and there was a man with two women standing behind me, and he was also trying to get in. He was trying to get past the (public relations) woman with the clipboard ... for some reason the people with the clipboards always kind of annoy me, and I just said, 'He's with me.' And he said, 'Thanks a lot, I owe you a favor now.'

It turns out he works in the social world of the narcos. He gets women for these narcos. So he's tremendously important in that social world. ... When these men are thinking about the job — the fast cars and the money — they are also thinking about the women. You cannot separate sex from the cocaine trade. And over the years I got to know more and more people through him.

Q: You mentioned that one of your motivations to write this book was to have an outlet to discuss what people told you for years but were unwilling to say on the record.

A: How many times have we had these interviews with police officers or people carrying out the drug war and everything is on the official line, but then we end the interview, the recorder goes off, and then they say, 'Of course we know we can't win this.'

There's the official story and then there's the unofficial story that's closer to the truth. A lot of people know the drug war is unwinnable. What does victory even look like? I don't have the solution. But what I can tell you is that the most critical, brutal part of the drug war is not working. That I can assert 100%. Where do we go from here? I don't know.

Q: At one point in your book a drug trafficker tells you that he sees the U.S. movement to legalize marijuana as a real threat to his business.

A: They very clearly understand that the high level of risk entitles them to massive amounts of reward. They don't want to lower the risk to lower the reward.

The underworld, the black market, takes these essentially unremarkable men and makes them millionaires. Go back to Prohibition in America. I don't think there's anything particularly remarkable about Al Capone. He was vicious, he was violent he was ruthless — all the qualities that made him thrive in the black market. I don't think El Chapo or Pablo Escobar were particularly remarkable men, but they had those qualities in spades: violence, ruthlessness, mercilessness, ambition. We take these unremarkable men, set them loose in the black market and they become multimillionaires if not billionaires. It's our policies that have created these men.

Q: Do you think legalization is part of the solution?

A: Look at how many decades it took the marijuana movement to achieve its goal. That was decades of grassroots activism, celebrity endorsements and they're finally getting it. I don't see the legalization movement even beginning around cocaine and heroin. ... There's no active political organizing. Even if they started next week, they're still 30 years away from getting what they want. ... And in the next 30 years I don't know what we do to stop men and women dying in this drug war that we already know is lost.

Q: What responsibility do U.S. and European consumers have in the war on drugs?

A: On one hand, the consumer has 100% responsibility for this, and I think it's important for them to know where that line of cocaine comes from — all of the misery, greed, violence that had to come together to produce that gram of cocaine. On the other hand, when we go back to looking at Prohibition, I don't think we look back and think that the villain of that whole period were the working men and women who went and got himself or herself a beer at the end of the week. ... Yes, the consumer is absolutely 100% responsible for the demand, and cocaine is capitalism without the veneer of any respect — it's pure supply and demand. But it's the policies that create the chaos, I think.

Q: As the world's top producer of cocaine, Colombia gets much of the attention and the blame. Is it merited?

A: When you look at Colombia as the largest producer of this historically large cocaine crop ... you can say that Colombia failed the world, but you would be wrong. The world failed Colombia. Who across the world is doing a major demand-reduction for cocaine? I'm not aware of a major initiative in the U.S. or the U.K. to cut down on cocaine use. Just like we demand of Colombia to go into these zones and rip out the coca, what is the U.S. doing to lower its demand for coca?

I think the Colombians can be just as ready to stand up and wag their finger at these other countries, just as these other countries have done with Colombia. I think Colombia can ask of Europe and the U.S., 'What have you done to cut demand? It's your demand that makes our country bleed.'

Q: As we're talking, the U.S. has launched a massive narcotics interdiction campaign in the Caribbean aimed at stopping the drug flow out of Venezuela. What are your thoughts?

A: It's a very strange thing when people claim that Venezuela is a narco-state even though it doesn't produce a single gram of cocaine. I understand that cocaine is moved through Venezuela and there is obviously something there to continue to investigate and to continue to police.

But when you are talking about the cocaine that arrives to the U.S. ... the biggest cocaine corridor on the planet is the Eastern Pacific. That's the cocaine that leaves from the west coast of South America — the coast of Colombia and coast of Ecuador. The major part of it is going up to this lawless zone between Mexico and Guatemala. ... I was out with the U.S. Coast Guard for three weeks and they were stopping all of these boats carrying three, four, five tons of cocaine. So many of those vessels were heading to the border of Mexico and Guatemala where they would be received by the Mexican cartels who did the final step of getting it across the border into the U.S., which again, is the biggest consumer of the drug on the planet.

Q: In the almost two decades you were in Colombia, did you see the drug war made a difference?

A: When I arrived in Colombia we had Plan Colombia — a $7.5 billion effort by Bill Clinton. The aim was to militarily take down the cocaine industry. The goal for Plan Colombia was to cut coca crops by 50% by 2005.

Twenty years later we have more cocaine than ever before. People think Pablo Escobar was the golden age of the cartels. Nonsense. There is more cocaine right now than ever before.

Now the Colombian government has announced a new policy goal: By 2023 it wants to cut coca production by 50%. We just move in circles and every time people say we need to re-evaluate the drug war too many people say, 'All that is needed is a little more drug war and then we can win this.' I don't know what victory looks like in this war.

If you believe in the drug war go, go forth and argue that. There can be an argument there to be made. But so much of the drug war is not even questioned. It's possibly the largest public-policy failure and I rarely see anything about it in the media.

REVIEW

'If It Bleeds' gives Stephen King fans 4 new stories

By Rob Merrill
Associated Press

I like to think of Stephen King as a high-paid starting pitcher. Between starts — bestselling novels often thick enough to be doorstops — he works in the bullpen, writing novellas. Over the years, many of those have been made into movies that are now essential parts of the King canon like "Stand By Me" and "Shawshank Redemption."

"If It Bleeds" consists of four stories, and at least one of them may soon come to a screen near you. The eponymous tale lets readers spend some more time with private investigator Holly Gibney, the star of King's latest novel, "The Outsider." Picking up not long after the end of that book, Gibney is back at home in Pittsburgh when a bomb goes off at a local middle school, killing dozens. Without giving too much away, Holly suspects it's the work of a new kind of Outsider and it may just be a jumping off point for season two of the popular HBO series.

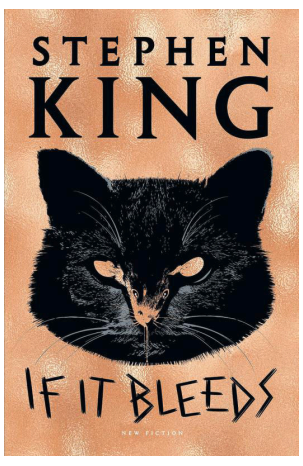
The other three stories in the collection —"Mr. Harrigan's Phone," "The Life of Chuck" and "Rat" — don't feel quite as weighty, but they're all breezy reads with a hint of the supernatural. King has some fun with technology in the lead story, as a young man befriends his extremely wealthy neighbor, a businessman who retired before the internet changed commerce. When the boy gifts him an iPhone, Mr. Harrigan's reaction is priceless: "It's like a broken water main, one spewing information instead of water."

"The Life of Chuck" makes the current global pandemic look tame by comparison. The story begins in a pre-apocalyptic world, where species are dying, electricity is flickering and nobody quite knows humanity's fate. When a message begins to appear on billboards and buildings around town — "39 GREAT YEARS! THANKS, CHUCK!" — the story unfolds in reverse as we learn who Chuck is and discover exactly how we each contain multitudes.

The final story in the collection, "Rat," revisits a frequent King theme — the lengths writers will go to put words on a page. Turns out they can't all be Stephen King, cranking out novels and novellas at a rapid rate.

If the stories have anything in common, it may be their appreciation for the little things in life. Chuck can't live forever in his story, but King's description of an impromptu dance Chuck once performed with a young woman to the beat of a street drummer is the kind of moment anyone would smile about on their deathbed: "He frees the button on his suit coat, brushes the coat behind him with the backs of his hands, hooks his thumbs into his belt like a gunslinger, and does a modified split, out and back."

King fans probably won't consider this collection among his greatest works, but we'll do anything for diversion these days and a few more hours with this master storyteller are welcome.



'If It Bleeds'

By Stephen King, Scribner, 448 pages, $30

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Here's a gut feeling on who'll win the Pulitzer for fiction

By John Warner



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John Warner muses over the contenders for this year's Pulitzer Prize for fiction.

At last, I have occasion to write about something *other* than the coronavirus, because on Monday, the Pulitzer Prizes will be announced — including the prize for fiction. I am going to predict which book is going to win.

I am almost certainly going to be wrong. Unlike other prestigious prizes, the Pulitzer committee doesn't release in advance a long list or short list or even medium-sized list. The winning book is announced along with two other finalists all at once, unless the committee decides for some reason not to award the prize, which last happened in 2012, much to the irritation of people like me.

I'll tell you one writer who is not going to win the Pulitzer Prize for fiction: Margaret Atwood.

She's Canadian, you see, and only U.S. citizens are eligible.

As to which book is going to win, there are a few different ways of handicapping this puppy.

The first consideration is to see if there's a big book looming over the culture that has garnered both critical acclaim and at least decent sales. Last year's winner, Richard Powers's "The Overstory," fits this description, as do the 2017, 2015 and 2014 winners: respectively, Colson Whitehead's "The Underground Railroad," Anthony Doerr's "All the Light We Cannot See," and Donna Tartt's "The Goldfinch."

I don't see a book like that on the horizon this year, so I next turn to the other big book prize, the National Book Award, to see if any of its finalists seems like a good bet.

That award went to Susan Choi for "Trust Exercise," one of my personal favorites of 2019, but if there's going to be a Pulitzer winner pulled from the National Book Award short list, I'd put my bet on "The Other Americans" by Laila Lalami, a novel of immigration in an era where it's a prominent issue. Lalami was also previously a Pulitzer finalist in 2015 for "The Moor's Account."

Another NBA finalist, Marlon James's "Black Leopard, Red Wolf," could also be a contender. It's big, it's ambitious, and James has also won a Man Booker Prize for "A Brief History of Seven Killings."

The other possibility is what I think of as a "wild card" choice, a book that might not be on anyone's radar, but catches the fancy of the nominating panel and then makes it through the voting committee. Think: 2018's "Less" by Andrew Sean Greer, or 2010's "Tinkers" by Paul Harding, which was published by the relatively tiny Bellevue Literary Press.

Maybe smarter folks than me can truly handicap something like this, but once I do my initial surveying, I go with my gut — the same gut that has been recommending books to you fine folks for all these many years.

One book my gut has its eye on (to mix a metaphor) is "Ducks, Newburyport" by Evanston native Lucy Ellmann, a stylistic tour de force that also carries a lot of resonance with our current American way of life.

Another, perhaps darker horse, because it's science fiction and also a collection of short stories, is "Exhalation" by Ted Chiang. Chiang's stories are both thought-provoking and entertaining, and I could see them catching favor with the voters.

Elizabeth Strout won in 2009 for "Olive Kitteridge." Could she win for the follow-up "Olive, Again"? A wonderful book, but unlikely.

I would not be surprised to see Ben Lerner's "The Topeka School" as a finalist. "Mostly Dead Things" by Kristen Arnett would be a similar surprise to "Less," for those who enjoy a little dose of wit.

But in the end, my prediction is: "On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous" by Ocean Vuong. Why? I could tell you because it's well-reviewed and beautifully written, but the truth is, I'm just listening to my gut. And that's what judges do too.

If I'm right, you heard it here first. If I'm wrong, I don't know where you heard such a thing.

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Book recommendations from the Biblioracle

John Warner tells you what to read based on the last five books you've read.

1. "The Bones of Plenty" by Lois Phillips Hudson
2. "Prague Winter: A Personal Story of Remembrance and War, 1937-1948" by Madeleine Albright
3. "The Black Flower" by Howard Bahr
4. "Spies of the Balkans" by Alan Furst
5. "The Splendid and the Vile: A Saga of Churchill, Family, and Defiance During the Blitz" by Erik Larson
— Bill B., Des Plaines
As a history reader, I hope Bill hasn't yet read **"Citizens of London: The Americans Who Stood with Britain in Its Darkest, Finest Hour"** by Lynne Olson.

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1. "Say Nothing: A True Story by of Murder and Memory in Northern Ireland" by Patrick Radden Keefe
2. "The Largesse of the Sea Maiden" by Denis Johnson
3. "X: A Highly Specific, Defiantly Incomplete History of the Early 21st Century" by Chuck Klosterman
4. "Heavy Words Lightly Thrown: The Reason Behind the Rhyme" by Chris Roberts
5. "Mama's Last Hug: Animal Emotions and What They Tell Us About Themselves" by Frans De Waal
— Robert M., Chicago
It's been almost eight years since his passing, and it's a shame we won't see more books from him, but I find David Rakoff's work as vital as ever. Robert should start with **"Fraud."**

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1. "Nothing to See Here" by Kevin Wilson
2. "The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek" by Kim Michele Richardson
3. "Dear Edward" by Ann Napolitano
4. "The Yellow House" by Sarah M. Broom
5. "A Woman is No Man" by Etaf Rum
—Paula E., Hickory Hills
It's a good thing that Rufi Thorpe has a new novel out, **"The Knockout Queen,"** just as Paula is looking for a humane, witty, emotional, character-driven story.

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DARREN MCGEE

The news briefings of New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo are highlights in the newly boring Gotham.

right now, receiving a glowing personal profile this week in the New York Times, no mean feat for a Republican governor of a Midwestern state.

From Toledo to Cincinnati, DeWine's briefings are also highlights of the day, a signal to enjoy some "Wine with DeWine." Even his new puppy, Dolly, has been making news.

"The emotional connection is real," reported WKYC, a Cleveland TV station, somehow discerning a bona fide, open-hearted dog lover from a simple photo DeWine released on Twitter. Nothing fake here, Buckeyes!

Just to DeWine's south, meanwhile, the youthful Gov. Andy Beshear, of Kentucky, is offering bluegrass briefings known as "Afternoons with Andy," half a pandemic version of a fireside chat, half a session with a nouveau Mister Rogers.

Mayors are in on the celebrity action too.

In a shrewd act of self-parody, Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot has embraced the creation of multiple memes and gifs. They all feature her famously stern self inserted into iconic Chicago images, declaring them off-limits and warning wavering citizens to stay home.

Or risk the wrath of a new-age Terminator with her muscles on the inside.

There was Lightfoot inside the Art Institute's iconic Georges Seurat painting, declaring all Sundays in any Chicago park to be off-limits, whatever Georges might say. There she was, masked, atop the iconic Superdawg drive-in, along with the hot-dog characters on the roof. There she was in the window of some dumb dude's apartment, the very embodiment of conscience, moral duty and maternal fortitude.

As as is the case with Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker, Lightfoot has had access to far more national media than usual and her national profile has been rising apace, in part because she has figured out the public-health importance of revealing her humanity and sense of humor, allowing her to dispense orders with a velvet glove.

Back in Chicago, Lightfoot is also showing up on a new TV show on WTTW-Ch. ll, "Stay Home, Hit Play," leading young people on virtual tours of shuttered city museums such as the Museum of Science and Industry, along with other cultural attractions.

It's the kind of high-profile local gig that, pre-pandemic, would most likely have gone to one of the city's celebrated actors or filmmakers. But if you're not an essential worker going about your business, you're really not supposed to be photographed on the steps of the Shedd Aquarium.

Lightfoot, however, can meet the penguins or go wherever she wants with mayoral impunity. And a mission to achieve.

Is there a downside to the rise of the celebrity pol? There is a danger of swelled heads.

President Donald J. Trump, whose long-standing obsessions with popularity and ratings have often undermined his ability to impart serious messages, stands as a cautionary tale. Close viewers of Cuomo's briefings — are there any other kind? — may have noticed more time of late devoted to gubernatorial opinion and speculative personal observation at the expense of the articulation of official policy.

Since this crisis demands complex decision-making with few absolute certainties in the offing, the imperatives of popularity might well vector away from sound policy-making as situations change.

And we don't want our leaders to be thinking too much about their place in history, at least not at the expense of the decisions made in the present. Nor do we want them wondering who will play them in the COVID-19 movies and series that will explode once all of this is over.

Minor worries, though.

This is a time for smart, serious people to take the spotlight: The spring of 2020 is a glorious season for policy wonks, data nerds and medical gurus, and the best of them deserve these refreshing rays of sunlight.

So do we all.

Eventually, of course, the formerly famous will climb back out of their basements, open their Malibu doors, blink in the sunlight and take some deep breaths.

They'll glimpse out at whatever brave new world might exist out there, and call their agents to try and figure out where they now stand in this great reordering of American priorities.

And maybe, just maybe — once Cuomo's movie deal and DeWine's autobiography have been negotiated — that agent will say, "Oh yes, I think I remember you."

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Jay Ellis credits 'Insecure' creator for chance to direct

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Jay Ellis plays Lawrence on the HBO series "Insecure."

Jay Ellis' popularity thanks to his role as Lawrence on "Insecure" is still going strong as the show marks its fourth season: Check social media on Sunday nights, when the HBO comedy airs, and there's a good chance you'll see #LawrenceHive trending.

Although the "Insecure" star and creator Issa Rae said she wrote the show for women, many of the show's male fans have found commonality with Lawrence, Issa Dee's (played by Rae) now ex-boyfriend, a key character on the show.

"I think he is either where a lot of us are currently walking or we just walked out of that — those footsteps — and so I think that's why a lot of dudes connect with him and relate to him," said the 38-year-old Ellis.

Ellis' character has gone through various transformations since season one. Lawrence starts off as the underemployed longtime boyfriend of Issa, whom she eventually cheats on, then attains a successful career and becomes a ladies man. This season, he's getting serious with a woman who has also become a friend to Issa.

Ellis has also grown during the show. Personally, he's become the father to an infant daughter, and professionally, he makes his directorial debut this season.

"My episode shoots out of the country, so logistically we had to shoot last, which was good for me because I got to just focus on acting for the first nine episodes. And then, you know, I had a lot of prep time," says Ellis.

He shadowed other directors such as Alec Berg on "Silicon Valley," Nzingha Stewart on "Black Monday," Michael McDonald on "Brooklyn Nine-Nine," "Queen & Slim" director Melina Matsoukas, who helmed the season two finale of "Insecure," and even sat down with Jordan Peele to pick his brain about the craft.

"I had a community of people who put their arms around me," said Ellis. "So I got really lucky and felt really prepared."

Ellis says it's Rae who provides so many opportunities to up-and-coming directors and actors — something he feels doesn't happen that often in Hollywood.

"She just has this heart for just trusting people, believing in people, giving them an opportunity to try, giving them an opportunity to prove themselves," he said. "And not just with me, but with other directors and other writers that she's brought on to the show and actors that she's brought onto the show."

Besides directing on "Insecure," Ellis is producing an upcoming Amazon Prime Video show starring Phylicia Rashad, as well as executive producing the show "Behind Her Faith" on the Urban Movie Channel, directed by his mother, Paula-Bryant Ellis, whom he encouraged to get into entertainment after a career in corporate banking.

"He's bossy," his mother said. "But it's an amazing experience. It's a great experience, and I've learned so much from him. He's so knowledgeable."

Ellis is also set appear alongside Tom Cruise in "Top Gun: Maverick," scheduled to be released later this year. Ellis called the chance to learn from the Oscar-nominated actor a valuable opportunity.

"When you look at Tom, when his career is 40 years (old) now, and I don't even know the number of movies, but there's not a shot he hasn't seen, there's not a camera he hasn't, you know, been shot on," Ellis said.

"He wanted (the cast) to ask him questions and be able to soak all that up and become filmmakers as well, and how that helps influence you as an actor, and the way you go about your process," Ellis added. "It was absolutely amazing."

WATCH THIS: SUNDAY



Evan Rachel Wood

"Westworld" (8 p.m., 10:50 p.m., 2:45 a.m., HBO): Last season, many critics and viewers alike detected a sophomore slump in this high-concept sci-fi thriller, as each episode often seemed more confounding than the one before. Happily, Season 3 has marked a welcome course correction, as the story follows the AI character Dolores (Evan Rachel Wood) away from the titular park and into the wider world. There, a construction worker named Caleb (new series regular Aaron Paul) is teaching her that humans are less two-dimensional than she thought.

"Atlanta's Missing and Murdered: The Lost Children" (6:45 p.m., 1:10 a.m., HBO): This five-part docuseries draws to a close with a finale that opens in the mid-1980s, as Lynn Whatley — Wayne Williams' appeals attorney — receives from an anonymous informant some shocking but compelling new evidence connecting members of the Ku Klux Klan to the murders. As a judge considers whether to grant Williams' petition for a retrial, an undercover informant and several investigators offer testimony. Some 40 years after the murders first began, family members of the victims gather to grieve and pledge to find out what really happened to the slain children.

"Psycho Escort" (7 p.m., 11:01 p.m., Lifetime): A widow with a young son, Diane isn't ready to re-enter the dating scene, but she's tired of attending work events by herself. Her sister suggests she use a reputable rent-a-date service to engage someone to pose as her boyfriend, and the guy the agency pairs her with seems to fit the bill. Miles is so charming and natural, Diane can't help but feel attracted — not realizing he actually is a dangerous pathological liar. Victoria Barabas, Nick Ballard, Kate Fairaway and Jacob Sandler star in this 2020 thriller.

"Married to Medicine Los Angeles" (8 p.m., 9:30 p.m., Bravo): Dr. Kendra Segura, an OB-GYN and friend of series regular Dr. Britten Cole, and Lia Dias — a friend of Dr. Imani Walker — join the circle of principal characters as this unscripted series returns for Season 2. Elsewhere, Dr. Britten struggles to find "romance time" with her husband while her kids are acting out following her recent cross-country move, while Shanique ponders a move into the luxury real-estate field.

"Billions" (8 p.m., 11 p.m., 1 a.m., Showtime): Julianna Margulies ("The Good Wife") and Corey Stoll ("House of Cards") join the cast as this critically acclaimed drama starts Season 5. Margulies guest stars as Ivy League sociology professor and best-selling author Catherine Brant, while Stoll plays Mike Prince, a social-impact pioneer who poses a big threat to Bobby "Axe" Axelrod's (Damian Lewis) power. Elsewhere, Axe and Chuck Rhoades (Paul Giamatti) reignite their vicious rivalry, and Chuck feuds with a formidable district attorney. Also, Wendy (Maggie Siff) tries to unite the camps of Axe and Taylor (Asia Kate Dillon).

"Family Guy" (8:30 p.m., FOX): After serving as the Griffin family's punching bag for far too long, Meg (voice of Mila Kunis) takes advantage of an erroneous news report that she was involved in a fatal car accident to vanish and start a new life for herself in the new episode "Better Off Meg." Afterwards, Peter (voice of Seth MacFarlane) and the rest of the family get a taste of what life without Meg really would be like.

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MOVIES

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BROADCAST	CBS 2	Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Lost Ark (PG,'81) ★★★★ Harrison Ford. An archaeologist races Nazis to find a powerful relic. ©					(9:34) Man With a Plan	News (N) ♦
	NBC 5	The Wall: "Holly and Michael." (N) © HD		Zoey's Extraordinary Playlist (Season Finale) (N) © HD		(9:01) Good Girls: "Synergy." (Season Finale) (N) © HD		NBC 5 News (N) ♦
	ABC 7	American Idol: "314 (On With the Show: Homeward Bound)." (N) © HD				The Rookie: "The Q Word." (N) ©		News at 10pm (N) ♦
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	CW 26.1	Batwoman (N) © HD		Supergirl (N) © HD		Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©
	The U 26.2	Chicago (PG-13,'02) ★★★ Catherine Zeta-Jones, Renée Zellweger.					Legends of the Fall ★★ ♦	
	MeTV 26.3	Columbo: "Playback." ©			Collector	Flintstones	Honeymoon.	D. Van Dyke
	H&I 26.4	Star Trek ©		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek ♦
	Bounce 26.5	♦ (6) Money Talks (R,'97) ★★ Chris Tucker, Charlie Sheen. ©						Married ♦
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	Ion 38	NCIS: Los Angeles HD		Chicago P.D.: "Reform."		Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago ♦
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	MNT 50	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Family Feud	Family Feud	Dateline ♦
	UniMas 60	♦ Taken 2 ★★	Run All Night (R,'15) ★★ Liam Neeson, Ed Harris.					Jack Ryan ♦
	WJYS 62	Ever Increasing Faith		Truth of God		Pol-News		Paid Prog.
	Univ 66	Man of Steel (PG-13,'13) ★★ Henry Cavill, Amy Adams.						Noticias (N)
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Because they don't want it to happen again."

A century ago, the nation and film industry had just been through two massive losses of life: World War I and the 1918-1919 influenza pandemic. The Great War ended just as the pandemic began.

Many of the independent operators couldn't survive the flu outbreak and subsequent closures. The Spanish flu years were, for the movies, life-threatening. The majority of U.S. theaters closed down for up to six months. When they reopened, the movie business came back strong.

As Richard Brody wrote in a recent New Yorker film essay: "Just as in 1918, it's not inconceivable today that movies made 'before' – before the crackdown against the novel coronavirus, which seems like its own kind of wartime—will seem as dated, and prove as unpopular, as war movies did after the Armistice."

I wonder if I'm alone in wondering: As a country, are we about to hit a period of our history combining unlearned lessons of the 1918 pandemic with the lingering economic fallout of the Great Depression? I hope not.

On the other hand, the Depression's worst years in the early 1930s served as the spark for one of the greatest periods of Hollywood filmmaking.

The Production Code, designed to keep the movies relatively vice-free, was still laxly enforced. The moral landscape of the movies was all about dire straits, expedience and survival. The thrills were often cheap, but the anger was a tonic.

In the pre-Code era, says author and historian Thomas Doherty, you had every kind of movie: from mad comic escapism, in the form of hugely popular and instantly dated Eddie Cantor musical comedies such as "Roman Scandals"(1933), to "a cycle of films at Warner Brothers that directly addressed the effects of the Great Depression."



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In "War of the Worlds," Tom Cruise and Dakota Fanning travel through landscapes eerily reminiscent of 9/11.

Doherty wrote a marvelous book on the subject called "Pre-Code Hollywood: Sex, Immorality, and Insurrection in American Cinema 1930-1934." In some of the harshest films of the period, corrupt and sadistic prison settings ("20,000 Years in Sing Sing," "Each Dawn I Die" and especially "I Am a Fugitive from a Chain Gang") became teeming metaphors for a nation teetering on the brink.

"You look at those films, and you see the rebellion and chaos and fear of a country that's going off the rails," Doherty says. "Many of those films, and not just the prison pictures, are a pure expression of what artists and audiences are feeling at the time.

"It's striking. You'd think audiences would only go to escapist stuff, to Fred and Ginger dancing in Art Deco apartments."

Horror classics of the time, such as the 1931 "Frankenstein," dealt with the tyranny of the angry mob out for vengeance, not so different from the frenzied bank run in Frank Capra's "American Madness" a year later.

Movie mobs such as these suggest a crying need for mob rule. And in part they explain the rise of the gangster genre in the early '30s — films in which American streets became battlegrounds and the stuff of warfare.

When the COVID-19 movies come along in the next few years, one film historian speculates, they'll lean heavily on stories of everyday heroism. Martin Barker, author of "A 'Toxic Genre': The Iraq War Films," focused his book on the 23 Iraq-themed dramas released between 2005 and 2008.

"They were made in the teeth of rejection by audiences," he says. "People knew the films were likely to fail."

Some didn't; "The Hurt Locker" took the top Oscar, and it remains a pretty riveting procedural. But "everybody making a movie on the subject was either (slammed) for being anti-war, anti-American or, worst of all, anti-soldier. Or else they were criticized for not being tough enough."

Barker lives in Bristol, England.

"Here in the UK," he says, "I feel the current emphasis is on heroes — the heroes of the National Health Service, the caregivers. We need to celebrate these people, including all the immigrants who've put their lives on the line to save other people."

Several movies made following the 9/11 terrorist attacks tried a similar tactic, though for such an allegedly unifying moment in 21st century American history, the films struggled to find big, appreciative audiences. The attacks also caused some collateral damage to movies and TV shows of the time, including the Arnold Schwarzenegger vehicle "Collateral."

The international-bombers plot felt all wrong for a post-9/11 release; the film ended up coming out a few months later, with a new marketing campaign.

Disney's "Lilo and Stitch," then in production, went back to the drawing board for a new climax. Stitch's 747 joyride through a cityscape wasn't landing anymore; the scene was relocated to Hawaii, and the aircraft became an alien spaceship.

It's easy to be yanked out of a movie — "Man of Steel" or "Batman v Superman," to name two crass DC examples — when a second-rate director plunders images derived from Manhattan under attack on Sept. 11, 2001.

Steven Spielberg, however, wreaked 9/11-tinged havoc in "War of the Worlds"; the best images, such as the speeding train on fire, took an extra step into the fantastic, not for kicks but for cold creeps and a deathly chill.

That's the sort of image made for a big screen and big crowd. A few months from now, will people be itching to get out of the house to find that big screen and a big crowd, the way I am? Or will they stay put and hope they can get the stuff they used to get at a theater while they're at home?

The recent streaming premiere of "Trolls World Tour," a hugely popular lockdown viewing option for the kids, has threatened to erode the major film studios' allegiance to traditional theatrical release strategies. AMC Theatres, a financial mess thanks in large part to the pandemic, says it won't be showing any Universal Studios titles if things get back to before.

Netflix may be cleaning up right now, but production isn't back up and running yet. One exception, announced April 28: "Orange is the New Black" creator Jenji Kohan is making a quarantine anthology series for Netflix.

It's titled "Social Distance." It's a virtually rendered project, with showrunner Weisman Graham running the show from her living room and cast members performing in their separate residences.

In this "new, bizarre, bewildering reality we are all experiencing," the series producers wrote in a release earlier this week, "Social Distance" will cover "a broad spectrum of tales and moments, some seismic and some mundane," with the hope of "helping people feel closer to one another."

Cacicio, who is writing the two series pilots, says "it'll take six months, or whenever this ends" for her to begin thinking clearly about one question in particular: "What do *I* want to write about what just happened?"

And that, Cacicio cautions, isn't the worry of executives higher up the food chain.

Their question, she says, hasn't changed across a century's worth of calamity: "When all this is over, what are people going to *want?*"

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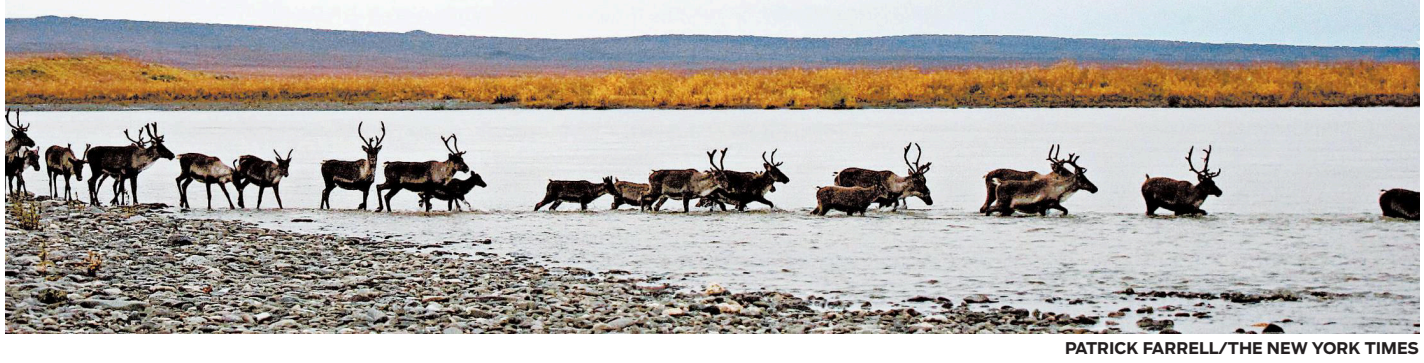
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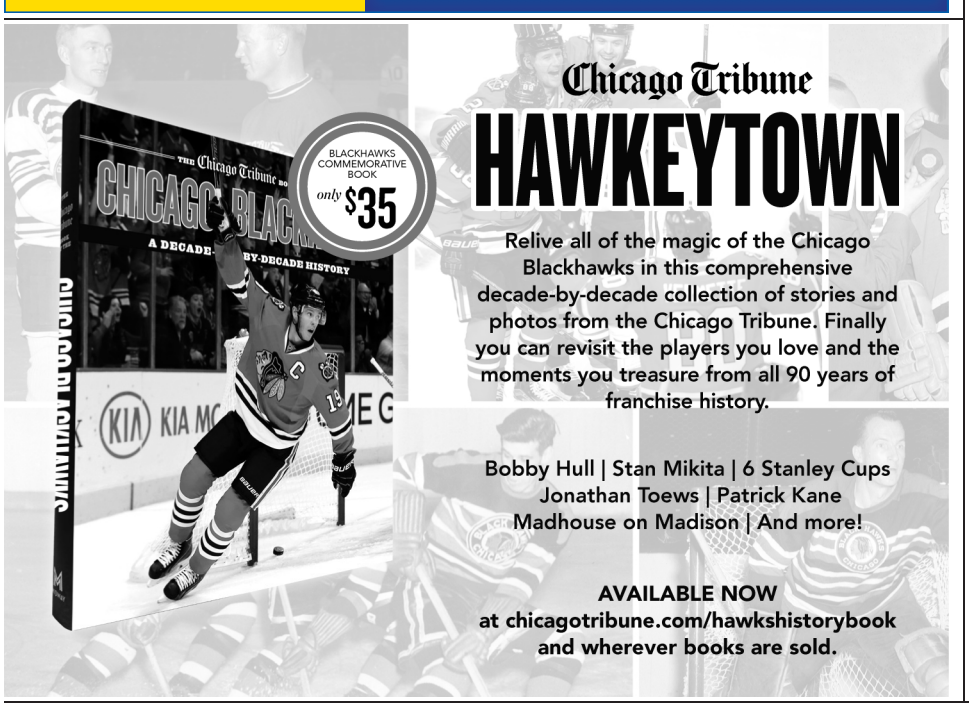
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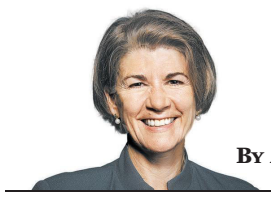
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Neighbor's visit rattles far away relative

Dear Amy: In this time of social isolation, a neighbor just knocked on my 93-year-old aunt's door and then entered her house. Who does that?

I was talking to her at the time, from 2,000 miles away, and my aunt put the phone down to go answer the door. I was begging her not to let anyone in. She has been isolated for six weeks, and even though her son (my cousin) brings her everything she needs, he does not enter her home because his wife is a health care worker.

We all call her and email her daily. We know the isolation is hard on her.

My aunt should not have let the woman in, but I could hear the neighbor talking to her. I told her forcefully to ask the woman to leave immediately, but my aunt is not very assertive. I called my cousin and asked him to go over to her house. I do not care how well-meaning this neighbor was — she put my aunt's life at risk.

This has upset me terribly, and I know I will worry for weeks, fearing that my aunt will become sick. Am I overreacting?

Please tell people to use common sense!

— *Worried Niece*

Dear Niece: Your elderly aunt has a son who is looking in on her. You did the right thing to call him and let him know that a neighbor had stopped by, and now you have to trust that he will handle the situation with his mom.

In my view, you freaked out too forcefully when you were talking to her on the phone. This neighbor might not be in any risk group and might have maintained a very healthy distance — not touching the doorknob, nor getting too close to your aunt.

You should continue your daily contact. Do not lecture or scold her from 2,000 miles away. Do not dwell on the dangers of this virus. Keep your contact as pleasant as possible, and use this time to connect with her in ways that are positive for both of you.

Your anxiety is not as dangerous as COVID-19, but it does create stress and worry for your aunt, which is not good for her.

Dear Amy: My cousin has canceled me. I'm in my 50s, and she's in her 60s. I've always regarded her as a role model, but she is one of the most cynical people I've ever known. She's smart, had incredible professional success and hangs out with accomplished people. I've always felt inadequate around her.

My cousin dropped me because — in brief — she perceived me to be sanctimonious.

In my mind, the only way I can get out of bed in the morning is to do something to help others. If I did nothing to improve this world, I would slit my wrists. I suffer from depression and can't justify my own existence unless I am helping others.

Should I try to explain this to my cousin, or should I just let it go?

Having a relationship with her always required a lot of work on my end as she analyzed everything I ever said — right down to the punctuation.

Having a relationship with her meant a lot to me.

My relationship with her 93-year-old mother has largely been conducted through her. I can't envision visiting her mother, for example, if I'm not also seeing my cousin.

What do I do?

— *Canceled Cousin*

Dear Cousin: Your most important obligation is to your own mental health and well-being. Your relationship with your cousin is imbalanced. Steering clear of her and focusing on your own personal growth would be best for you. You should also pursue therapy, which is the ideal place to explore relationships and the feelings they bring up.

You should stay in touch with your aunt, and if visiting her brings you in proximity to your cousin, be cordial, but don't give yourself away.

Dear Amy: In a recent column, you quoted your hero, Mr. Rogers, who said, "Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping."

You're one of them. Thank you for what you do.

— *Grateful*

Dear Grateful: Mr. Rogers was actually quoting his mother, who passed along this wonderful wisdom when he was a boy.

Many "helpers" these days take great personal risks — every day when they turn up for work. I cannot be counted among them, but thank you so much for this lovely compliment.

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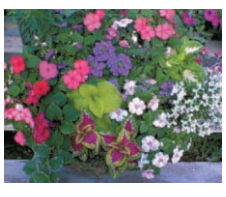



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Why we shouldn't dismiss our kids' complaints

Right now, more than ever, it's important to acknowledge their feelings, however minor



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The playground at Lovelace Park in Evanston is taped off March 31.

My son ordered a game last week and when we received the email notification that it was delivered, it was not, in fact, delivered.

It happens, I told him. It's possible it fell into the delivery person's truck. It's possible someone stole it off our porch. It's possible we have to order another one. Let's give it a couple days.

For whatever reason, there was no smoothing this particular wrinkle. The missing game was a pretty minor setback, all things considered. But it felt, to him, enormous.

A lecture about the health risks facing delivery workers and the suffering all around us and the conversation I had earlier that day with a woman who just lost her dad and all the things we have to be grateful for, including the fact that I still have a job and can order completely superfluous games, started to form in my head.

And I left it there. In my head. Where, in all honesty, it belonged.

Two or three or 30 times a day I find myself not delivering lectures to my kids about how minor their problems are, relatively speaking.

First, it's a tactic I don't love being on the receiving end of. If I have trusted you with a problem, I'm not comforted by you pointing out all the ways I've failed to consider how petty and small that problem is. That makes me feel scolded and reluctant to turn to you in the future for comfort. (I want my kids to always turn to me for comfort.)

Second, it fails to account for the cumulative effect of stressors. A missing game on a regular ol' Friday? Eh. A missing game when you've also lost the ability to go to school and see your friends and see your grandparents and run in the track season you waited all year for and start baseball in May and go on vacation with your dad in June? When e-learning is confusing and indefinite and you keep overhearing your parents talk about their friends who are sick and their jobs that feel shaky and the economy that feels doomed? Suddenly a missing game feels like the proverbial last straw.

Third, I think there are better ways to introduce perspective during a pandemic.

If your family, like mine, has been thus far spared the worst this pandemic is dishing out (we haven't lost loved ones; we can still pay our bills), it's tempting to use that good fortune as a cudgel to obliterate our kids' complaints. (*"Really? You're worried about Lollapalooza when people are dying? Do you know how lucky you are right now?"*)

But I think we can, with some patience and creativity, help our kids (and ourselves) understand that disappointment and fear don't cancel out empathy. We can feel both fully.

I'm finding that where a lecture might go, some gentle commiserating works just as well: "Oof. Talk about insult to injury." "Wow. On top of everything else? That hurts." "Oh, geez. I'm so sorry."

I find myself turning to advice that psychotherapist Katie Hurley once gave me about raising empathetic kids, shortly after her book, "The Happy Kid Handbook: How to Raise Joyful Children in a Stressful World" came out.

"Kids very often don't feel heard and understood," Hurley told me. "When we meet them where they are — 'That's really hard' — their response is, 'Oh, wow. Somebody gets me.' You're not fixing it for them and you're not going to change the thing that happened, but you understand it feels hard and you allow them to be upset."

It feels more urgent than ever not to be raising tone-deaf, self-centered kids, given what's unfolding in our midst. But Hurley said that doesn't mean dismissing our kids' feelings.

"We need to reduce our own fears about 'What am I raising?' and say to ourselves, 'I'm raising a kid who knows what it feels like to be understood,' " she said.

And how they respond to the needs of others is going to be influenced more by what they see us doing (or not doing) than it is by our lectures about how minor their problems are.

Instead of lecturing a kid about how much a homeless person would love to have the food he is rejecting, find ways to give food or money to homeless people, Hurley said at the time. In your kid's presence. With your kid's help.

You can come up with your own translation for today.

"When kids are calm, that's the time to talk about homelessness and hunger and what we can do about global issues," Hurley said. "That's when they will want to make a difference. If we throw all that at them when they're upset, they can't even hear it."

That feels so true and essential to me right now, as I weigh what to do with my own mixture of fear and grief and gratitude and hope and dread. As I try to help my kids figure out what to do with theirs.

"To raise empathetic kids we have to be empathetic people, and that starts at home," Hurley said. "That's how we raise adults who will go out and help someone."

Acknowledge their feelings. Keep looking for ways to help others. For now, that feels like a guiding light worth following.

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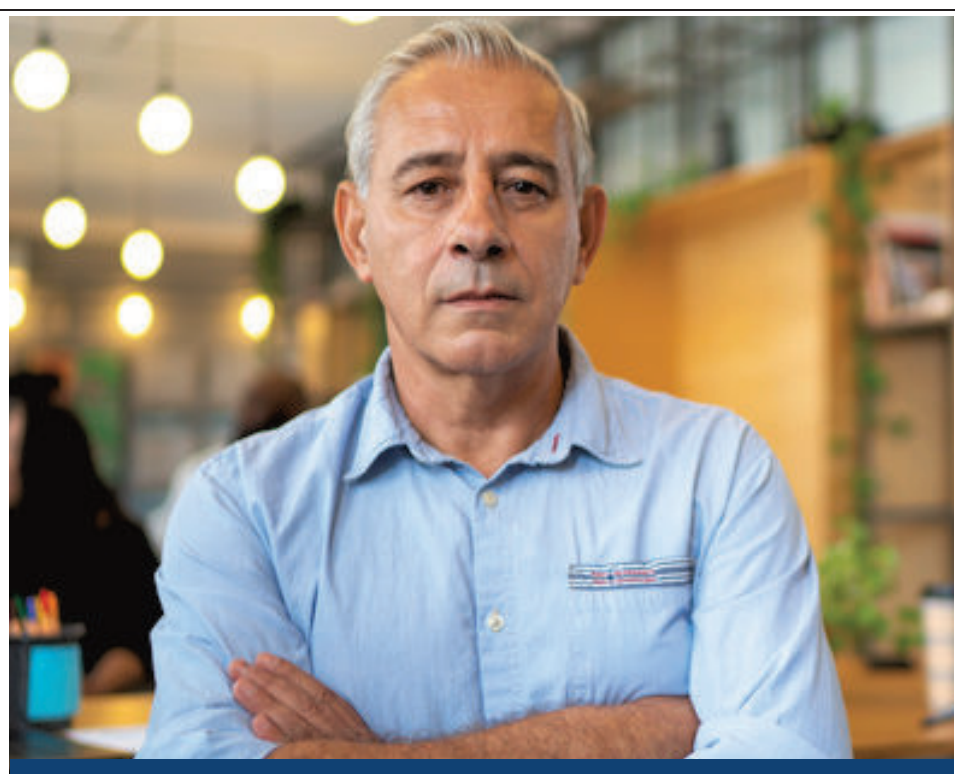
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Richard McMurray builds several spring plants and flowers into individual organic containers at City Grange in Chicago.

Gardening in a pandemic

How to get plants to thrive and adapt to quarantine conditions

By Ariel Cheung

Gardening can reduce stress at a time when many people's mental health could use a boost, and it provides an excuse to get outdoors during the coronavirus pandemic and Illinois' stay-at-home order.

Here's a guide for how to get gardens and indoor plants thriving this spring, plus tips for adapting to quarantine conditions.



Curly parsley plants are available at City Grange, a Lincoln Square gardening center offering curbside pickup and delivery during the stay-at-home order.

Are gardening shops still open?

Hardware supply stores such as Ace Hardware, Home Depot and Lowe's are essential businesses under the state's stay-at-home order. Following Gov. J.B. Pritzker's extension of the order through May, garden centers, greenhouses and nurseries are now classified as essential businesses too.

While those businesses were allowed to fulfill orders for delivery and pickup only during April, they are now permitted to open fully in May, provided they stagger employee shifts and limit the number of people inside the building. The extension also requires employees — and anyone in most public settings — to wear face coverings.

Some locally owned garden centers, such as Gethsemane Garden Center in Edgewater, closed when the stay-at-home order was issued. But Gethsemane said it will open for some services in May.

Other open garden centers include Old Town Gardens, City Grange (Lincoln Square), CityEscape (East Garfield Park), Christy Webber Farm & Garden (East Garfield Park), Farmers Market (Irving Park), Grower's Outlet (Gresham), Chalet Nursery (Wilmette), Ted's Greenhouse (Tinley Park) and Meinke's Garden Center (Niles). Some have expanded their delivery zones as well.

Be sure to call ahead or otherwise confirm a shop's hours before visiting.

What about community gardens?

The Chicago Community Gardeners Association advises against visiting community gardens during the stay-at-home order, suggesting it could put people more at risk than just walking outside.

Those who do go should practice social distancing, wear protective masks and gloves, and be aware of high-touch surfaces such as gate handles. Some community gardens have decided not to open for the season, and others have canceled large gatherings, so check first before you visit.

The association is still finding ways to keep people involved, with an April seed distribution in progress and an online community gardening forum.

How do I start a garden?

Take note of what type of soil is in your yard, be it sandy or claylike, as well as the sunlight exposure and degree of shade. It's vital to consider these conditions when choosing the best plants for your garden, which will also change with the season.

Draw out your space on paper so you can plot out your vision for a garden. Consider things such as where your utilities are located, or how you can use plants to create some privacy in your yard or bolster home security.

Use plant catalogs or get information through the Morton Arboretum Plant Clinic and Chicago Botanic Garden to figure out which plants will fit your needs and the time of year, then order from a nearby garden center. Chicago Botanic Garden also offers a free smartphone app for advice on the go.

Some major changes will need to wait until fall or next spring, but there are still plenty of things you can do as April ends and May brings warmer weather.

What supplies do I need?

If you're starting fresh, you'll need to measure your garden bed to determine how much soil, compost or mulch you'll need. There are tips below for choosing the tools that suit your needs, as well as how to care for them.

For growing plants from seeds, growing cells or jiffy pots will help get sprouts going before they're strong enough to plant outside. (Not all seeds can be started in pots, so check the package label or website.)

For indoor plants, look for pots with drainage holes, as trapped water can lead to root rot. Use plastic inner pots inside slightly larger terra cotta, clay or other decorative pots, and fill them with indoor potting soil or, for succulents, a cactus blend.

If your pots do not have holes, fill the bottom with small stones to keep the soil from becoming too soggy. For plants that need more humidity, you can place stones in the saucer and fill it with water, or mist leaves regularly.

You may also need fertilizer after your new plants settle in. Garden centers will usually provide advice for how best to care for your plants, and some are offering online help during the pandemic.

What should I plant outdoors?

Hardiness zones help determine which types of plants will thrive in your garden's climate. The Chicago area is generally 6a or 5b, and gardening catalogs will include that information for each plant.

You'll need to wait until fall to plant most spring-flowering bulbs, but early spring is the perfect time for violas and pansies, wildflowers and mild-mannered native plants. As April wraps up, it's a good time to plant cool-season annuals such as Persian buttercup or Iceland poppy, and vegetable gardens can get started as well (see more on vegetable gardens below).

What can I grow indoors?

Consider the amount of daylight each room in your home gets, as well as factors such as proximity to radiant heat (which dehydrates air and fluctuates temperature) or access for curious pets to nibble.

Certain houseplants thrive on neglect, so if you haven't had good luck, try a low-maintenance plant such as a ZZ plant, parlor palm, pothos or monstera. Succulents and air plants also tend to require little care.

Most garden centers sell young plants, so you don't have to start from seeds. Certain plants, such as a pothos or spider plant, are easy to propagate, meaning a cutting can grow roots and become its own plant. Ask friends if they have cuttings to spare, or check plant care or trade groups on social media for fellow enthusiasts in your area.

If you have pets, consult experts on which plants would be toxic or poisonous for your animal. While mild toxicity can result in minor side effects, these plants should be kept out of critters' reach.

I have indoor plants already. What spring TLC do they need?

Do a routine check for any pests or diseases, such as spider mites, aphids, mealybugs or mildew. If your houseplant is inside a plastic container, give it a squeeze, or gently lift the plant up without harming the root ball, to see if it needs to be repotted (many do after being dormant in winter).

If the plastic container doesn't have much give, or if roots have started forming in the shape of the pot or are growing out of the holes at the bottom, it is time to repot.

Lower leaves on some plants, such as dracaenas and palms, will start to brown and wither as new growth begins. Prune dead leaves, but take a closer look if the entire plant is affected.

How do I grow herbs or start a vegetable garden?

Full sun is best for a vegetable garden, and if you're new to the process, start small. The end of April is the right time to plant cool-season vegetable crops such as peas, cilantro, lettuce and radish. Start planting potatoes in early May.

The University of Illinois Extension has lots of advice on troubleshooting for vegetable gardens, while Chicago magazine has a great guide on easy-to-grow vegetables and windowsill vegetable gardens. Growing microgreens is a fun option for indoor enthusiasts, and they only take a couple weeks until they're ready to harvest.

For self-water, ready-to-go herb kits, Chicago-based company Modern Sprout puts seeds, soil and other growing materials into a mason jar. Aside from a variety of herbs, the company also makes kits for cacti, flowers and vegetables, plus equipment such as grow lights and hydroplanters.

Some gardening centers also sell young herbs or kits as well.

Can kids help with gardening?

Gardening can be a great way for kids to spend some time outdoors, as long as they're practicing social distancing and not using dangerous tools.

For a fun indoor project, the Chicago Community Gardeners Association provides a tutorial on making seed bombs for your garden.

What if I run into problems such as pests or unhappy plants?

There are lots of resources for gardening enthusiasts. The Tribune's Homes section includes a weekly Q&A for gardeners, and local experts such as WGN's Lou Manfredini offer advice on a wide range of gardening topics. You can also send questions to the U of I Extension expert gardeners, who usually respond in a couple of days.

Along with virtual gardening classes, City Grange is offering one-on-one food garden consultations on Zoom. For $50, a gardening expert will recommend what plants to grow and where to put them, and half the fee goes toward purchasing plants and supplies.

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SOCIAL GRACES

How to handle pesky email chains, Zoom invites

By Hannah Herrera Greenspan
Chicago Tribune

Q: During shelter in place, you've received a lot of chain letters and Zoom invites. You don't want to participate, so should you decline the invite or just ignore it?

A: I don't find these types of chain emails a must-respond.

If you are truly interested in participating, it's best to first reach out to the friends you intend to include and ask them if they want to participate. That way, they have the option to decline instead of feeling guilty about "breaking the chain."

Zoom calls require a different approach because they are more personal in nature. When hosts send invites hoping to see your face and hear your voice on the line, they deserve a proper yes-or-no response.

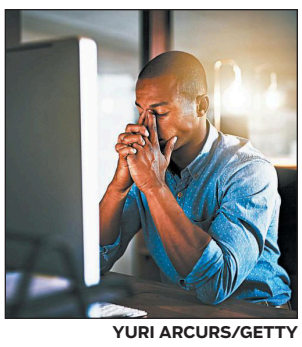
Etiquette doesn't dictate that you have to give a reason for declining, though. A simple, "Thank you for thinking of me. I'm so sorry I'm unable to make it this time," will do!

— Courtney Fadler, owner of Courtney Fadler Etiquette

A: We've all experienced some of the petrifying effects of shelter in place. And if you don't have the energy to attend a cocktail hour where we all have to take turns speaking, sipping drinks crafted from the dregs of our pantries or occasionally switching to virtual palm tree backgrounds in halfhearted attempts to be silly, just send a three-second text to decline. A lightweight "I'm not feeling up to that right now, but please have fun!" communicates that you still appreciate them thinking of you. Even just a dependent clause or two expresses that you would if you could, but today you quaran-can't.

As for the myriad social media challenges circulating — like "send this to 10 people or your grandmother will fall in a bottomless pit" — feel empowered to swipe them away or respond with brevity. If the trauma of COVID-19 has you feeling like a piece of gum stuck to a sidewalk, that's OK. You have no obligation to bake a cake, take a shot or re-create a TikTok dance, no matter how many times you're tagged in someone's story.

— Jack Disselhorst, actor and writer



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Planning a June wedding?

Couples stay on track by going virtual during the pandemic

By Hannah Herrera Greenspan
Chicago Tribune

It's no secret that large gatherings, including weddings and other milestone celebrations, have been put on hold. Many engaged couples have found themselves in a difficult situation when it comes to their nuptials. But the bridal industry is here to help keep the wedding planning on track through virtual dress shopping and appointments, engagement photo shoots and finding the perfect venue.

Janice Jackson started planning her wedding immediately after her January engagement to Andre Heidelberg, 55. The 41-year-old police communications officer, who lives in Chicago, says everything was set for her wedding, planned for June 13.

"We don't know, at this point, if we have to postpone because of the coronavirus," she says. "We've talked about it, and we would like to postpone it, but we're really waiting to hear from our reception venue. ... Of course we want our day — I really want to put on my dress and walk down the aisle. But at the same time, we're concerned about the health and safety of others and our guests because of the pandemic. ... We just want to do our part in preventing the spread."

When it came to wedding planning, Jackson says she didn't know where to begin until she came across Pamela Marie Bridal Boutique, a virtual bridal shop based in Chicago.

Owner Pamela Marie Perkins-Phillips helps women find their perfect wedding dress by providing personal look books via email. With 15 years in the bridal industry, Perkins-Phillips says she had the idea for a virtual bridal shop about five years ago and made the shift in January, ahead of the pandemic. So far, Perkins-Phillips says she has helped nine brides find their dresses, including Jackson.

"Dress shopping can be overwhelming," Perkins-Phillips says. "We send them a survey to find information about their wedding, personal style and budget. Then find photos to build a look with at least three dresses and veil, with wedding party colors if applicable, all via email."

The next steps include physically going with the brides and their friends and family to try on dresses in stores. Perkins-Phillips says she has two brides still waiting to receive their dresses after ordering before the pandemic, including Jackson.

She hasn't gone to stores since the stay-at-home order, but she's working with manufacturers and dress shops to get dresses for two brides.



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Janice Jackson and fiance Andre Heidelberg in her apartment with her wedding veil this month. They are undecided about canceling their June wedding.

"From dress shopping to picking out the right one, she made it easy," says Jackson.

Similarly, Janice Yoder, owner of Adore Bridal in Morton, Illinois, came up with the idea of virtual appointments a few years ago. She says some brides aren't comfortable going inside stores and trying on dresses with a stranger while a large group stares at you.

"I thought about doing this for years but didn't want to get into another business adventure," Yoder says. "But this pandemic put that idea in full motion."

In just five days, Yoder says, the shop created a system for managing and operating virtual appointments. In addition to help with dresses, Adore Bridal is offering virtual appointments for bridal accessories, bridesmaid dresses and suit/tuxedo fittings.

She says the shop has shipped 12 bride boxes filled with three to five wedding dresses to brides across Illinois. Brides first complete the shop's virtual style form and can opt for a virtual appointment to see dresses before shipping. Adore Bridal also offers an optional Zoom call, so brides can share the potential dresses with the shop, friends and family.

The bride boxes include a packing list, an "I said yes" sign, and a video tutorial on how to put on the dress and use the clips. Yoder says brides can text the shop for tips on measuring, sizing, color options for bridesmaid dresses and payment.

If you already have your dress or just want to announce your engagement, consider a virtual photo shoot with your fiance or fiancee.

Chicago-based photographer Kristina Ryon has recently began offering engagement photos over Zoom.

"I came up with the idea to do engagement photos over Zoom or FaceTime from a photographer who was offering boudoir sessions in another state," says Ryon. "And thought why not do that here, but also for couples for engagement sessions whose photo shoots had fallen through since the pandemic?"

Ryon describes the process as simple and similar to a "normal session"; she assists with wardrobe before the shoot, and offers advice on where to find the best lighting and how to pose.

"The major difference is the quality," she says. "You can't get them blown up as huge canvases, but you can share them all over social media and via text. ... It's not about how you get your photos taken; it's a matter of you still are able to get them done and have those memories to look back on. There are ways to still have your sessions done even in a crazy pandemic."

She says she has more engagement shoots lined up and is setting up wedding appointments through Zoom.

Or, if you have your wedding planned and are wondering how to navigate moving forward, Jackie Pappas, sales manager for event venue Morgan's in Chicago, recommends that couples keep in contact with their creative teams to discuss alternative dates and policies.

She says she's seen an increase in brides looking to book their venues for November and December of this year, as well as the early months of next year.

"At this moment, we have not postponed anything. All the weddings we have booked are for June to October. We've been working individually with each bride on a weekly basis, and we're waiting for government guidelines with how to proceed," she says.

Pappas says the couples she talks to are still staying positive and have a backup plan in place. Some brides are looking at nontraditional months and offseason peaks, while others are planning for dates early next year, with the possibility of this year's ceremonies getting postponed.

For couples in the midst of wedding planning during the pandemic, "I would express that, at this time, the best thing to do is be positive," says Pappas. "Not a matter of if but when. It might not be the date they originally booked, but they will still get married. People need to keep that in mind. There are a lot of things to do during this time."

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Podcasts for stir-crazy kids

By Emma Dibdin
The New York Times

The debate over how much screen time is healthy for children has been effectively obliterated by the coronavirus crisis. But if you're seeking an alternative, look to podcasts.

Though episodic radio may not seem like an obvious choice for children's entertainment, there's a vast back catalog of podcasts designed specifically for a younger audience, focusing on everything from history to science to mindfulness.



IRENE RINALDI/THE NEW YORK TIMES

'Brains On!': While some children are science whizzes, others find the subject a real struggle, and American Public Media's engaging "Brains On!" is attuned to both types of young listener. The host, Molly Bloom, is joined by a different child each week and takes a tone that's instructive but never patronizing as she investigates questions like "Do plants have feelings?" or, more recently, "Why is social distancing so important?"

Starter episode: "Staying Home: How Social Distancing Helps Fight Coronavirus"

'Peace Out': Studies have shown that meditation can help children feel calmer and learn more effectively, and the bite-size bedtime stories of "Peace Out" are a gentle place to begin. Each episode aims to teach children how to regulate their emotions through mindfulness techniques like visualization, breathing exercises and body awareness, before it segues into a soothing story designed to induce sleep.

Starter episode: "Pebble Patience"

'Short & Curly': "Should we ban families?" asked a recent episode of this Australian podcast, encapsulating the show's thought-provoking approach to teaching children about ethics. The question encouraged children to ponder privilege and its absence: Why are some babies born into loving, supportive families while others are not, and does Plato's brutal solution (banning families) have any merit? "Short & Curly" expertly tackles the challenge of making philosophy accessible to children, with the hosts taking the audience through gripping thought experiments.

Starter episode: "Should We Ban Families?"

'Ear Snacks': There's an echo of "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood" in this kind, silly and thoughtful musical podcast, which aims to teach children about the world while reminding them to smile. Led by musicians Andrew & Polly — who've created songs for Sesame Studios, among others — "Ear Snacks" leads with a catchy soundtrack and features the voices of children weighing in on a range of subjects, like Ruth Bader Ginsburg and the U.S. census. Packed with earworms and made with heart, the show is a layered delight for young ears, although parents may find the beep-boop sound grating after extended listening.

Starter episode: "Little Bitta Joy"

'Eleanor Amplified': Podcasts have sparked a renaissance for the serialized radio play, and there's no reason children can't get in on the fun. Created by John Sheehan, a former producer for "Fresh Air With Terry Gross," this entertaining adventure series follows a plucky young radio reporter in fictional Union City. Using all her moxie and investigative skills, the eponymous Eleanor works to thwart dastardly plots, expose wrongdoing and speak truth to power.

Starter episode: "Pilot (Robot)"

'The Past and the Curious': Come for that delightful pun title, stay for the accessible but never dumbed-down history lessons. Each episode of this monthly show features bite-size audio dramas that illuminate corners of history that children are unlikely to learn in school, often emphasizing the overlooked accomplishments of women and people of color. Highlights include deep dives on escaped slave-turned-pioneering politician Robert Smalls and "Frankenstein" author Mary Shelley.

Starter episode: "Robert Smalls and Basketballs"

'Book Club for Kids': Having started life in 2000 as an NPR segment, "Book Club for Kids" has now been operating as a podcast for five years. Each episode features three middle schoolers chatting about a favorite book, followed by an excerpt read out loud by a celebrity guest (a fun added layer for adults).

Starter episode: "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn"

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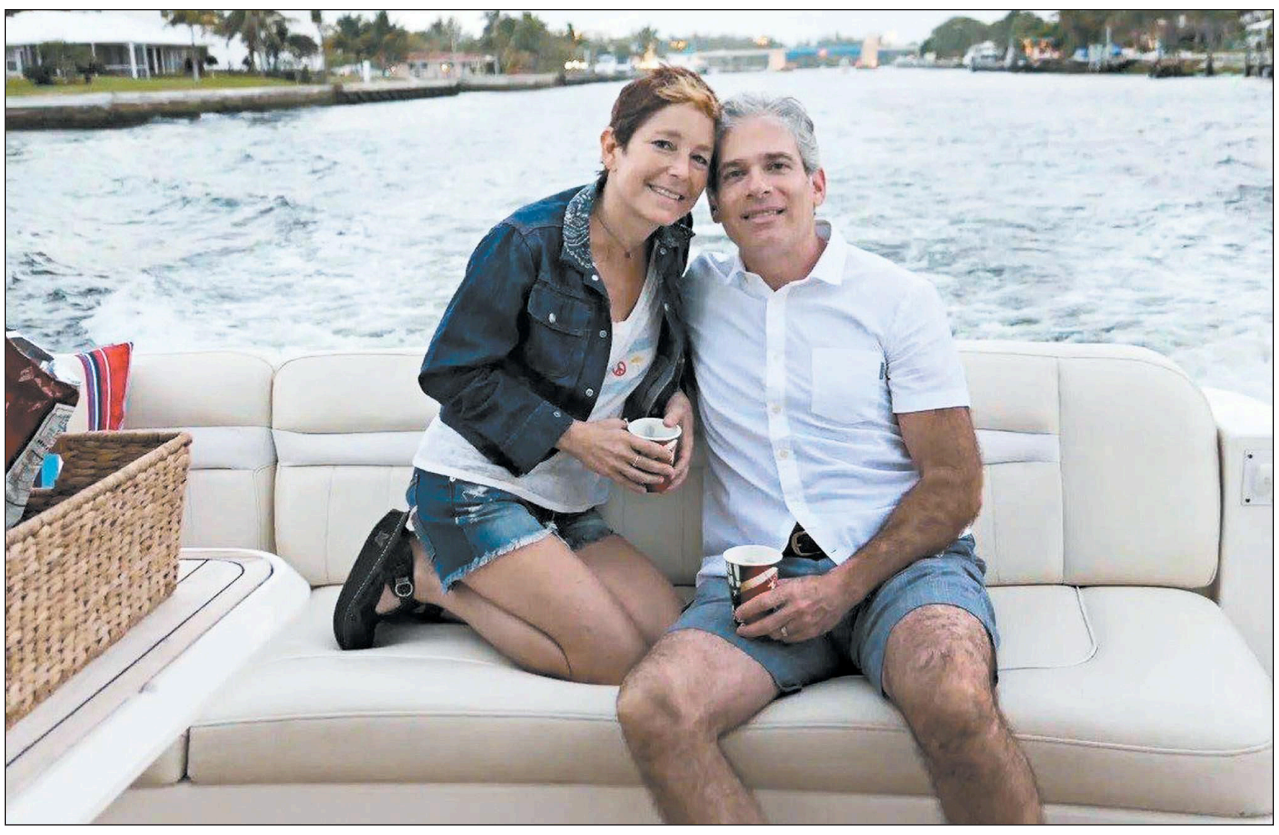


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His dying wife wrote a viral essay about him

Now Jason Rosenthal telling his story of love and loss in memoir

By Nara Schoenberg
Chicago Tribune



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Amy Krouse Rosenthal and her husband, Jason, during a family vacation in Florida in late 2016.

Chicago author Amy Krouse Rosenthal was dying of ovarian cancer when she wrote an essay about her beloved husband, Jason.

She told readers how she fell in love with him in a day, how he showed up at her first ultrasound with flowers, how he still presented her with gum balls when he emerged from gas stations and minimarts. He reveled in art, live music and his kids, she wrote, and — bonus! — he was quite the looker. And if all of this sounded like the world's most unlikely personal ad, that was no accident.

Rosenthal wanted her husband to find love again when she was gone, and she was casting a wide net, with an essay framed as a call for candidates.

Millions read that essay, published in The New York Times in March 2017 just 10 days before Rosenthal died. And many wondered, what would become of the man Rosenthal so vividly depicted as a real-life romantic hero?

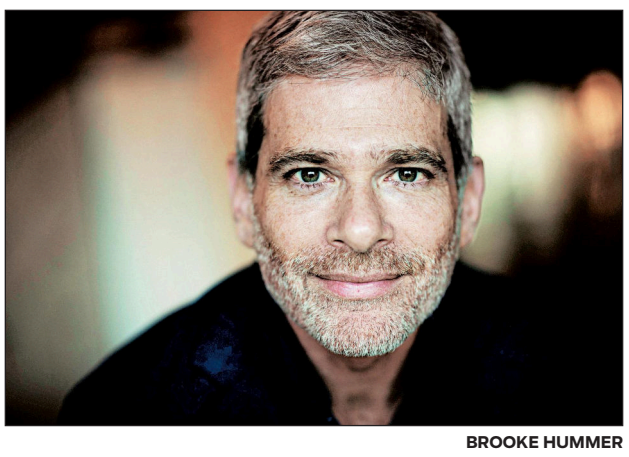
Jason Rosenthal offers answers in his new memoir, "My Wife Said You May Want to Marry Me: A Memoir."

A lawyer and now a public speaker on the topic of grieving, Rosenthal, 55, tells a love story that begins with two Chicago 20-somethings on a blind date. There's love, as well as adventure and the joy of a tight-knit, growing family.

And throughout a 26-year-marriage, there's a striking lack of conflict and frustration.

"I know that it sounds a bit like a fairy tale," Rosenthal said. "And the truth is we were very, very happy and super compatible, and we gave selflessly to each other. We gave each other space, and we gave each other (closeness) when we needed it. It was just a really, really, really good connection, and there was not a touch of drama, really, and there was a lot of beauty."

We asked Rosenthal, now following the coronavirus stay-at-home order with two of his adult children, about his late wife, his grieving process and what it's like to be dating again. The following interview was edited for space and clarity.



BROOKE HUMMER

Jason Rosenthal received over a thousand letters and emails after his dying wife wrote an essay about their love story.

Q: Some people took Amy's call for romantic candidates quite literally. What was it like to be going through intense grieving and at the same time being kind of hit on by strangers?

A: For many months, it was really something that I was not able to process. I was just deep in the throes of my own grief, and while I could see the physical signs of people reaching out in terms of letters and trinkets and things like that, I did not really pay attention to it. I sort of stashed them. So yes, there was an overwhelming response, but it wasn't something that I truly, truly appreciated until much later.

Q: How many letters and emails did you get?

A: Over a thousand. I continue to get emails now that are so powerful and beautiful. People seem to really be searching for a place to connect on the topic of loss, and it's not limited to losing someone close to you. It's just all kinds of issues, everything from losing a pet, to being laid off, to going through a divorce and everything in between.

Q: Your grieving process involved some striking ups and downs.

A: Grief has no timetable. There are going to be moments when you're going to find joy, and you're going to say, "Oh my God! I just smiled. I can't believe that just happened. I didn't know I could do that." And then there'll be another day — not necessarily a milestone like a birthday or an anniversary, although those are very painful. It could be a random Monday morning when you're having your cup of coffee. So it's a process. I think it's a lifetime process. That doesn't mean it's at the forefront of every moment, but it's with you, always.

Q: In the book, you never really talk about anything Amy did that was annoying or about any serious arguments.

A: Oh, I talk about a couple of things (laughs). There's the legendary story in our family of this long day, driving to her family's house, spending the day there, and then she was like, "Let's stop at my friend's house on the way home!" I was like, "Uh ... *no*. We have three small children, and we're going home."

Q: How are you doing now?

A: I feel very grateful about where I am in my life. I am comfortable talking about what I've been through. I'm really comfortable about talking about Amy and our life together, Amy and what she meant to people — even in the face of questions I get in my own family, like are you sure you want to keep doing this? But it feels good; it feels good mostly because the responses I get from total strangers (as a public speaker with a focus on grieving) have been absolutely amazing.

Q: What about your social life? Are you dating again?

A: As I say in the book, it would be dishonest not to talk a little bit about dating. I've met men who are just absolutely unable to move forward, and other men who've dated a month after losing a spouse. I've seen the gamut of guys, so I just wanted people to know, it's OK. In my case, I was given literal express permission, not only to me, but to the entire world, that Amy wanted me to move on and find love with someone else. I don't know how I could have done it personally without that gift, but I'm trying to pay it forward and give that gift to other people.

Q: Does Amy come up when you're dating?

A: Anyone who's going to be with me knows that Amy's got a piece of my heart, always. And yes, that's something I don't shy away from.

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The Western Arctic Caribou Herd crosses the Noatak River on its fall migration. Disappearing in the Arctic wilderness for half a year, a traveler discovered there is always a way forward.

Nature's classroom

What the caribou taught me about being together, and apart

By Caroline Van Hemert
The New York Times

Recently, as each thread of our ordinary existence unravels and travel feels like something we used to do, I've been holding tight to a single mental image. The deep brown gaze of a caribou calf as it passed inches from my face. The whites of its eyes as it glanced at me in surprise. The animal's fear of the unknown dwarfed by its clarity of purpose.

On St. Patrick's Day, 2012, my husband and I had set out on a 4,000-mile, human-powered journey from Bellingham, Washington, in the Pacific Northwest to Kotzebue, Alaska, far above the Arctic Circle. For nearly six months, traveling by rowboat, ski, packraft, foot and canoe, we'd made our way across some of the most remote landscapes on Earth.

In the last days of our trip, we were canoeing down the swollen Noatak River in the Brooks Range of northern Alaska. Bundled and shivering, we never imagined we'd find ourselves hunkered down on a riverbank surrounded by caribou, our breath mingling with theirs.

But late one afternoon, as we rounded a bend in the river, I noticed what looked like a branch floating downstream. And then another. By the time we realized we weren't seeing branches, but antlers, two caribou had landed on the far shore. They pranced and shimmied, water flying in beads off their coats. Waiting at the river's edge were dozens more animals, poised to cross. We pulled our canoe out at the next eddy and stopped to watch. When the last of the animals had finished their swim, we hiked along the brushy bank to find the trail they'd followed to the river. At our feet was a crisscross of tracks, pressed freshly into the soft mud.

At first, everything was still. Then a wave of sound approached like a squall across the water and we crouched down to hide in the bushes. We felt the wave of energy before we saw the first animals, funneling down the hillside toward us. Suddenly we were embedded in the migration of the Western Arctic Caribou Herd. So close I could have reached out and touched their backs, the animals passed in single file on the path beside us. There were dozens of caribou, then hundreds, and soon we lost count.

In magazine spreads and documentary footage, caribou migrations look perfectly choreographed. From the air, tens of thousands of animals move synchronously as they dance across the tundra in sinuous waves. On the ground, backstage with the dancers, I discovered a different scene entirely. Instead of an orderly procession, the migration felt jumbled and jostling, anarchic and frenzied.

This was made worse by the fact that the river crossing had formed a bottleneck: Each caribou had to decide whether to leap from a 6-foot bank into the swirling gray water below or to continue down the trail to another entry. In the moments of indecision, it was almost always a cow and calf that first took the plunge. The calves held tightly to their mothers' sides, each pair exchanging quiet grunts as they splashed in the swift current. They were the ones with the most at stake; they were also the ones that couldn't afford to delay. Still, they hesitated and stumbled, sometimes stepping forward only to jolt back a moment later, letting another caribou pass.

Each animal's actions were driven by something larger than itself. Behind the chaos was the collective need to move. And no matter how frantic the motion felt, no matter how many more animals came down from the hills and joined the bottleneck of the river crossing, I never saw a single shove. No caribou were pushed into the water or trampled against the bushes. It was as though a safety bubble hovered around each animal, with an unspoken, absolutist rule shared among the herd: *Do not harm thy neighbor.*

Just days before we'd met the caribou, we'd waited in a rainstorm on a riverbank for a food resupply that didn't come. We'd lain in our tent, shivering and scared, and wondered if we'd meet our end by this most slow and plodding of means. For almost five days, we survived on two crumbly granola bars, a few tablespoons of olive oil and a package of instant ramen.

When the plane finally came to deliver our resupply, we ate until we were sick. As we paddled away the next morning, I wasn't sure what lessons we had gained, except the fact of our own obvious and humbling mortality.

But on that rainy afternoon, in the collective energy of bodies in motion, hurtling themselves into the current of a cold Arctic river, grace abounded. For hundreds of miles we'd traveled in the shadow of caribou, trusting their wisdom to guide us over terrain that often felt impenetrable. By following their hoof prints and rutted tracks across the mountains, we'd learned that there was always a way forward.

When a caribou calf stopped to sniff me then skittered away to join the others, I realized I'd found what I was looking for. Faith in the unknown. Beauty when I least expected it. The visceral relief of bearing witness to something much larger than myself.

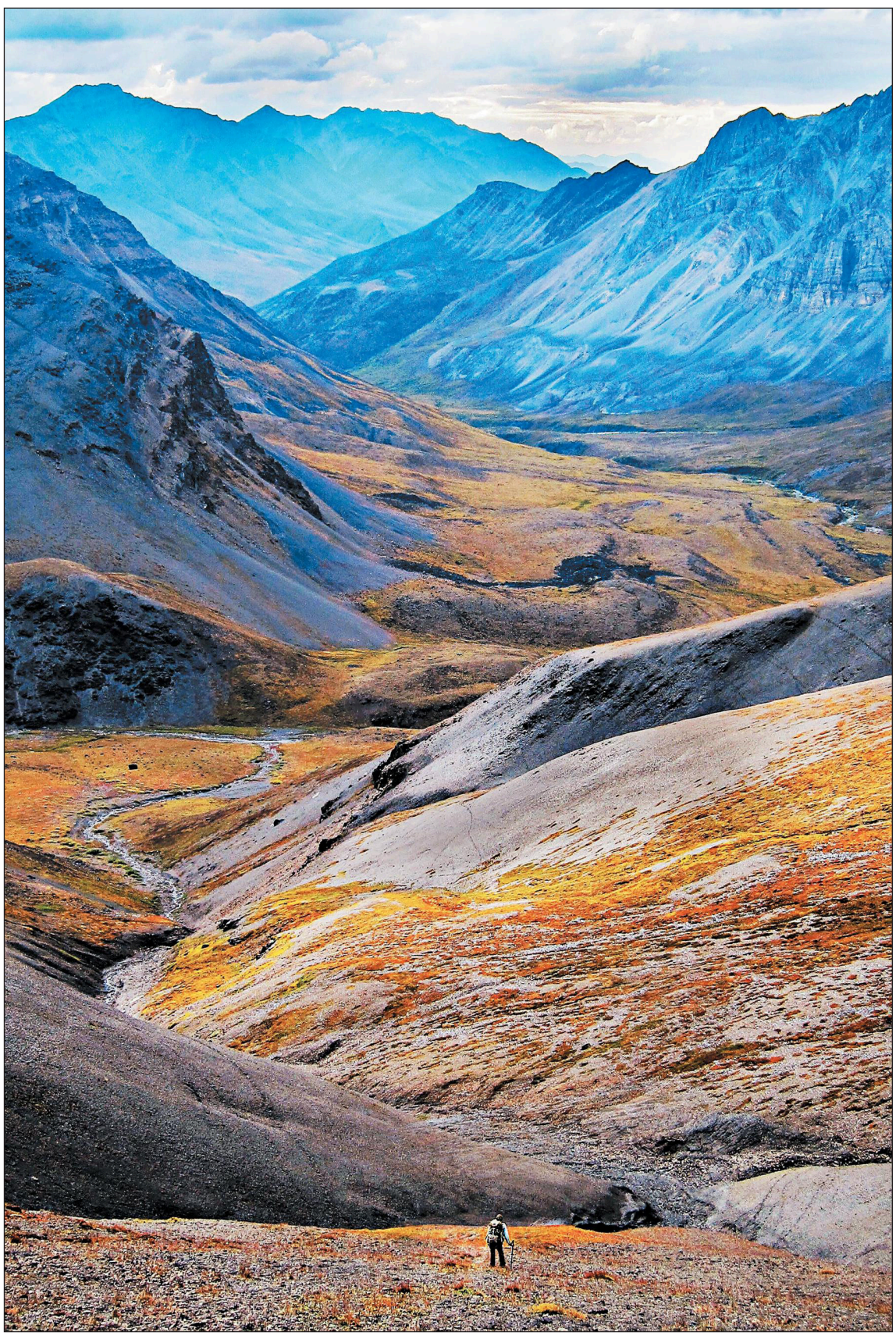
In the evening, we set up camp on a nearby island. As dusk fell, we sat in silence with our shoulders pressed together and watched the steady stream of animals crossing. Later, as I lay in my sleeping bag in the dark, I heard them splashing still. By morning, the caribou were gone.

We set off down the Noatak River again, each paddle stroke carrying us closer to the Chukchi Sea, and the end. We understood in principle that it wasn't possible to disappear into the northern wilderness for half a year and come back unchanged. What we couldn't envision was what this return might look like in practice. Suddenly, I knew it didn't matter. There are some things we can't understand until we live them. To have been among the caribou was all the closure I would ever need.

In the end, perhaps we aren't so different from the caribou crossing the river. By gathering the courage to jump, waiting for the shock of the cold water to pass, and feeling the ripples of our individual choices, we begin to move as one. To survive together, we must be brave. We must be compassionate. We must learn when to step forward as leaders and when to step aside so others can pass safely. And during those moments when fear steals my breath, I will remember the steam rising from the backs of caribou, see the mothers plunging boldly into the cold water with their calves by their sides and let myself believe that we, too, can find our way.

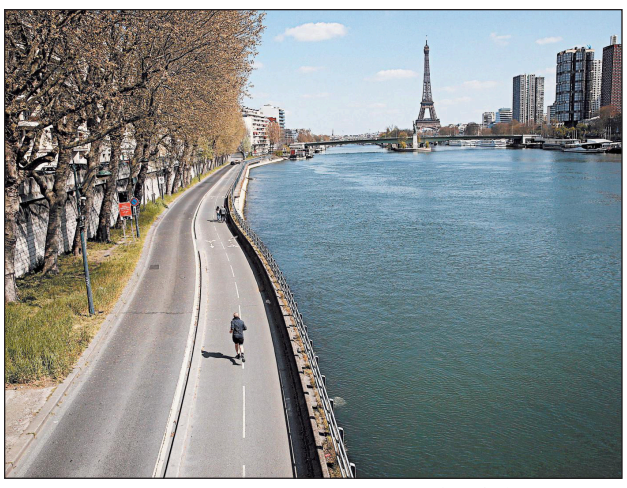


The writer, Caroline Van Hemert, hikes among driftwood along the coast of the Arctic Ocean near the border of the United States and Canada.



In the Brooks Range of northern Alaska, humans are dwarfed by the landscape. The mountains lie entirely above the Arctic Circle.

GeoQuiz The Cook Strait separates the major islands of which country? **Find out on Page 8**



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A man jogs on an empty street along the Seine River in Paris.



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Moored gondolas are reflected on the water of Venice's Grand Canal.



EMILIO MORENATTI/AP

The streets are virtually empty in Barcelona, Spain, a country that heavily relies on tourism.

A 'staggering' blow dealt to tourism in Europe



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A man riding a bicycle takes photographs in a virtually empty Grand Place, the central square in Brussels.

By Raf Casert
Associated Press

HALLE, Belgium — The European Union says its vaunted tourist industry is facing "staggering" figures of decline because of the coronavirus crisis, and the bloc's internal market commissioner wants the sector to be first in line when it comes to recovery funds.

Thierry Breton mentioned figures that the tourism economy could slump up to 70% and will be among the last to recover as the 27-nation bloc is facing perhaps the toughest challenge since its inception.

Across Europe, desolation illustrates the tourism crisis, from empty squares such as the Brussels Grand Place to deserted monuments such as Rome's Colosseum while idle gondolas await nonexistent tourists in Venice. Arrival areas in airports stand empty and beaches, basking in the sunshine, are deserted.

Europe is hardly alone in facing hardship — consider the deserted waterfront under Cape Town's Table Mountain and the closed-off pyramids outside Cairo. But Breton said the European market accounts for half of world tourism.

The scenes, unprecedented since World War II, are hitting everything from multinational airlines to family-owned hotels.

"Tourism was the first sector to be hit by the coronavirus, and I am sure it will be the slowest to recover and come out of this phase," Breton told a European Parliament committee via videolink in late April.

Based on information from international institutions and trade groups, Breton said that "we are looking at quite staggering figures," adding that between 275 and 400 billion euros ($300 to $435 billion) would be lost for the tourism and travel industry because of the pandemic.

He said the estimate for international travel was a decline of up to 30% this year, while tourism could be hit with a slump between 45% and 70% in its economy.

"The loss of earnings at (the) European level we are looking at for hotels and restaurants is a magnitude of at least 50% in terms of annual income," Breton said, adding that it could rise to 70% for tour operations and travel agencies and even more for some cruise and airline companies.

Making things worse is that some countries particularly hard-hit by the coronavirus are also heavily dependent on tourism, such as Italy and Spain.

The pandemic has been felt across the economic spectrum, and the EU is gearing up for a massive aid operation, often compared to the U.S. Marshall Plan that sought to lift up a destitute Europe in the wake of World War II. EU leaders met in a special video summit to get a better grip on the aid effort, which some nations say needs a fund with up to 1.5 trillion euros ($1.63 trillion) to help the bloc's worst-hit countries.

Breton said he would work hard to make sure tourism would stand first in line.

"Tourism should benefit the most, more than 20% without a doubt," he told the parliamentarians.

Tourism is specifically reliant on any developments in the pandemic since countries close off not only borders but often popular places such as museums and beaches to contain the virus. Still, Breton said things could change before the summer.

"I certainly hope that we can start traveling again, despite the restrictions and as soon as this summer," he said.

Whatever happens, Breton also insisted that the industry should also use the crisis as a turning point. Every year complaints keep increasing about over-tourism, which suffocates cities such as Amsterdam, Barcelona and Florence, while all the pollution from flying and cruise ship movements soil tourism's reputation.

He is working to have a special tourism summit in September, where the most important item on the agenda will be to "reinvent the tourism sector of tomorrow."

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Dream about these bucket-list retirement trips

By Kyle Valenta
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For the perfect dose of vibrant city life, history and stunning coastal scenery, Portugal is a no-brainer.

The world may currently be on pause, but that doesn't mean that your travel dreams have to stop. We think that all this home time is the perfect occasion for working on our bucket lists. Whether you're on the verge of retiring, have recently retired or are well into retirement, there are countless amazing travel opportunities out there to explore.

All spots on this list are perfect for retirement travel for a variety of reasons, from tourist-friendliness and ease of navigating to destinations that require a bit more time than we have when we're limited by jobs and vacation days. Read on and start dreaming about your bucket-list retirement trip for when it's safe to travel again.

Road trip in Portugal — from Lisbon to the Algarve

For the perfect dose of vibrant city life, history and stunning coastal scenery, Portugal is a no-brainer. By flying into Lisbon, you'll give yourself a few days to explore the cafes, restaurants and inimitable Lisbon scenery (as well as plenty of time to sample delicious sweets like pasteis de nata). Note that Lisbon is full of street and cobblestone sidewalks, so you'll need to be steady on your feet to make the most of it.

Once you've had your city fill, rent a car and head three hours south to the Algarve. Here, a collection of coastal towns stretches from west to east. Start in Sagres, where little development and dramatic coastal cliffs are the perfect retirement reward. Making your way east, allow for a few days in charming Lagos before continuing on to other quaint towns like Taveira.

Safari in the Masai Mara, Kenya

Retirees with a healthy sense of adventure will be handsomely rewarded with a trip to Kenya to experience the great migration across the Masai Mara. You've likely seen photographs of the dramatic crossings of wildebeest and other hoofed animals as thousands of them make their way across the crocodile-infested Mara River. And that's only a fraction of the majestic natural spectacle.

There are plenty of ways to experience a Kenyan safari, from budget overland Jeeps to fly-in luxury tented camps. No options are cheap, but for an up-close-and-personal encounter with the big five and other species, it's worth the investment. You'll have your pick between parks and national reserves like Aberdare, Masai Mara, Tsavo and Amboseli — or a combination of several. If you're after a truly exclusive experience, you'll want to check out the private conservancies, like the Mara North Conservancy, which offers all night game rides and limits the amount of other safaris within their boundaries at a given time.

Drive the Pacific Coast Highway

You don't need to leave the United States to have an amazing bucket-list trip after you've retired. In fact, the U.S. is blessed with its own share of amazing cities and beautiful landscapes. For an easy-to-plan and easy-to-execute journey, hop in a car and drive (nearly) the entire coast of California.

Also known as California 1, the Pacific Coast Highway runs for over 650 miles — from Dana Point north to Leggett. While those names might not be familiar, the cities and towns in between include Los Angeles, San Francisco, Monterey, Big Sur, Santa Cruz and Santa Barbara. And while exploring those cities is certainly part of the fun of this epic road trip, it's the natural scenery that's especially spectacular.

Beaches, mountains, vineyards, cliffs, forests, fog banks and epic sunsets are all on the menu along the Pacific Coast Highway. Definitely make time for some day hikes in the many state parks and forests along the way. If you're feeling ambitious, take a turn inland and hit up the Sonoma Wine Region to the north of San Francisco. Or opt to start your journey in San Diego and head all the way north in California to the wilderness of Redwood National Park.

Japan during cherry blossom season

To distill all the reasons Japan is a travelers' dream down to one thing would be hard. There's the dazzling cities, incredibly food, efficient transportation, quirky boutiques and gorgeous landscapes across this nation. However, if you're after a truly special only-in-Japan experience, you'll need to visit during cherry blossom season.

To put it mildly: Japan goes nuts for cherry blossoms. The parks of Tokyo fill up — literally — with merrymakers having boozy brunches on blankets. All around people snap photos of themselves with an astonishing array of cherry tree varieties. But it's not just Tokyo. Cities and towns and national parks across the land draw crowds with the spectacle as spring dawns from south to north across Japan.

That makes Japan a no-brainer for retired travelers looking to explore a good cross-section of Japan. Trains run fast and efficiently and connect almost every corner of the country, making navigating Japan relatively easy. And while English isn't spoken as widely as you might expect, everyone involved with the tourist industry will be able to get you to where you need to be easily. Don't miss a hot soak in the world famous onsen.

Utah's national parks and the Grand Canyon

While the United States has some of the most beautiful national parks in the world, some parks are more accessible for seniors than others. There are also few places in the U.S. where you'll find so many stunning natural parks packed into a relatively small region as you will in Utah and Northern Arizona.

Whether you're looking to explore vertigo-inducing hikes like the notoriously dangerous Angel's Landing, take a multiday trek into the desert landscapes or simply enjoy some easy sightseeing on short, simple walks, there's plenty here to in Utah.

The major parks in Utah — Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon and Zion — all offer a range of trails and experiences for visitors. You'll also find that Zion and the Grand Canyon in particular are well-suited to travelers who have any mobility issues. Zion offers a tram through the center of its majestic valley with clear views of the major summits and cliffs all around. Along the South Rim of the Grand Canyon, the four main viewpoints (Yaki, Moran, Grandview and Desert View) are all accessible. While Bryce Canyon is the least accessible of the major parks, Sunrise Point and Sunset Point can easily be reached for some spectacular views.



Rick Steves
is not writing this week

TRAVEL TROUBLESHOOTER

Is travel insurance refundable after coronavirus cancellation?

By Christopher Elliott
King Features

I had a tour of Moscow and St. Petersburg booked for April with Road Scholar. The company canceled the tour because of the coronavirus outbreak. Road Scholar quickly refunded the trip. I want to compliment them on their transparency and consistent communication.

My problem is with Allianz Travel Insurance and trying to get $293 refunded for my travel insurance. According to their refund policy, when the tour company cancels a tour and I have not filed a payable claim, my travel insurance will be refunded.

I contacted Allianz to request my refund. I sent two messages through their website, but received no response. I then called and spoke to a representative on a recorded line. She suggested I send an email request to salessupport @allianzassistance.com, which I did. I have not heard anything back from Allianz. Can you please investigate my situation and help me receive a refund from Allianz Travel Insurance?

— Diane Horban, Chicago

A: If Allianz Travel Insurance says your travel insurance policy is refundable, then you should get all your money back.

But is it? I reviewed the fine print in your contract, and sure enough — if your tour operator cancels, you get a no-questions-asked refund. I hesitated because travel insurance isn't always refundable. As a lot of travelers have discovered in the past few weeks, some policies can be reused, but you don't always get your money back. Most frustrating, the refund rules seem to be changing by the minute as travel insurance companies adjust to the wave of pandemic-related cancellations.

When you ask for a refund, you must put it in writing and then practice extreme patience. Travel insurance companies are overwhelmed with claims and refund requests. In the past, I've had small claims processed by Allianz within 24 hours. But more complicated claims can take extra time. Add the crushing burden of pandemic-related claims, and you may have to wait weeks, and maybe longer.

Putting your refund request in writing was the right move. While travel insurance companies record their phone conversations, you don't have access to the recording. So, you don't know what a representative may or may not have said to you. When you write to a company, you see every written response.

By the way, you could have asked an Allianz executive about your refund if the process dragged on for too long. I publish the names, numbers and email addresses of key Allianz customer service managers on my consumer advocacy site, elliott.org.

I checked with Allianz on your refund. "We did try and cancel the policy, but the customer service (department) said they received a refund error," a representative told me. "This usually happens when there is some issue with refunding back to the payment method."

You resent Allianz your card information, and it promptly processed your refund.

If you need help with a coronavirus-related refund, please contact me.

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CELEBRITY TRAVELER

Special agent's tips for travel by yourself

By Jae-Ha Kim
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"I was a week away from going to Mt. Everest when the unfortunate events of coronavirus caused all travel to be canceled," said former Secret Service special agent Evy Poumpouras, who has a bucket list of places she'd like to visit. "Once things get back to normal, India is the next (destination) on my list. I'm fascinated by their culture and food. I just have to pinpoint exactly where in the country I'd like to visit."

Poumpouras' latest project is her book, "Becoming Bulletproof: Protect Yourself, Read People, Influence Situations, and Live Fearlessly" (Simon & Schuster, $27).

An edited version of our conversation follows.

Q: When you were in the Secret Service, were there different issues to navigate in countries where women had fewer rights than in the United States?

A: Adaptability is one of the most important elements to being a Secret Service special agent. Although protecting the president was always the primary mission, I also needed to respect the culture and societal norms of the country I was in. This meant, for example, that if President (Barack) Obama was visiting Egypt or Jordan, where women were required to keep their arms and legs covered, I followed suit.

The same etiquette applied when protecting certain foreign heads of state who were visiting the U.S. Even when I worked investigations or interviewed terrorists or terrorist sympathizers, I knew my gender could have a negative impact on the outcome. So, in those situations, I adapted and let my male colleagues take the lead. I didn't take it personally, because it wasn't about me or my ego. It was about getting the job done.

Q: What are some tips you would give people traveling alone to keep them safe?

A: Don't be afraid, be cautious. Have situational awareness, which means paying attention to what's going on around you. Your primary focus shouldn't be your phone. And no headphones, either. Being able to hear your environment is just as important as being able to see it. Pay attention to your body language: Shoulders back. Chin up. Eyes scanning. How you carry yourself is the first thing predators look at when choosing their next target.

Do some advance work before you travel: Before going overseas look at any U.S. State Department advisories for your designated country. Find out where the local police stations, fire departments and hospitals are so that you know how to get there in case of an emergency.

Q: What is your favorite vacation destination?

A: Greece. I love it because you can go anywhere. Some vacation destinations encourage tourists to frequent only certain areas or stay within certain geographical boundaries, because it's not safe anywhere else. But in Greece you can explore everywhere. You can mingle with the locals, eat at the same restaurants, dance at the same clubs, swim at the same beaches. When I travel for vacation, I want to embrace the native culture, not be corralled in with the other tourists.

Q: What untapped destination should people know about?

A: Two years ago, I found myself in the middle of the Swiss Alps in a town called Zermatt. I spent a week there skiing. The town prides itself on hospitality, so the people, food and nightlife were beyond my expectations.

Q: What would be your dream trip?

A: Antarctica, which is ironic because I hate the cold!

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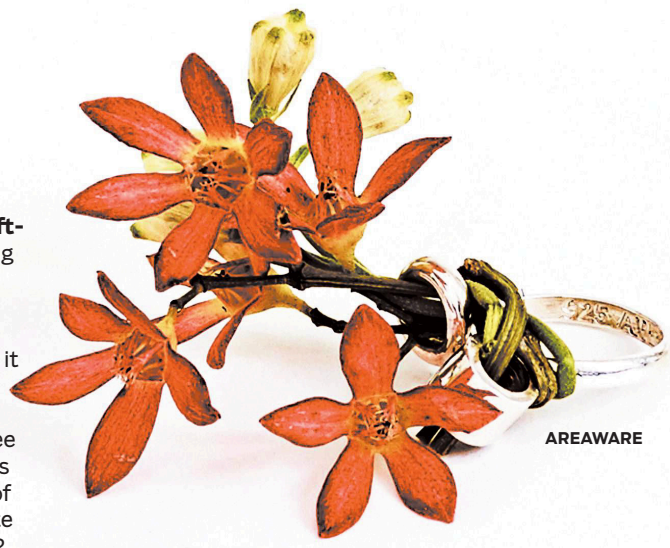
By Darcel Rockett, David Syrek

Remember Mother's Day 2019? The gifts, the gatherings and outings? Odds are this Mother's Day will be vastly different due to the coronavirus pandemic. With the stay-at-home order extended through May 30, celebrations May 10 will inevitably still retain all the love, but the way you show it may have to pivot a bit. Maybe a little Zoom party, perhaps a side of FaceTime, a curbside delivery of goodies to her address or perchance flowers from the nearest grocery store dropped at her door? In spite of social distancing, there are plenty of tokens of love to give at all price points. Here are a few great ways to put a smile on mom's face.

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For the mom who loves crafting: The sterling silver Ikebana Ring lets you insert a flower stem and wind it to create your own ring. Designed by Gahee Kang for a class at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. $52, areaware.com



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For the mom who likes to keep it fresh: Click and Grow's Smart Garden 3 is an indoor garden that cares for itself and has dozens of plant pods to choose from. $99.95, clickandgrow.com



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For the mom who misses her garden: Picnic Time's Essential Garden Tote and Tools. $34, food52.com

For the mom who needs a weekend getaway: Herschel Supply Co. lightweight Strand Daisy duffle bag. $70, nordstrom.com

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For the mon who loves a pop of color: Smeg's joyful pink retro toaster. $169.95, crateandbarrel.com



For the mom who loves a virtual happy hour: Organic pineapple jalapeno and blackberry margarita mixes, $14.36 each, and Sonora etched Tritan margarita glass, $10.36. williamssonoma.com

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For the mom who looks at the world with a smile: Chen Chen and Kai Williams' Yes Mirror Mask wall mirror. $80, areaware.com

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For the mom who loves a little bling: Lizzie Fortunato blue aventurine heart and freshwater pearl Heart Strings Charm Necklace. $250, nordstrom.com

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For the mom who loves to entertain: Williams Sonoma Painterly Citrus cotton napkins, $5.99, and Schumacher Bixi Dragon cotton napkins, $29.99 for a set of four. williamssonoma.com



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For the mom who loves a good card: PopLife Pink Roses pop-up Mother's Day card. $13, poplifecards.com

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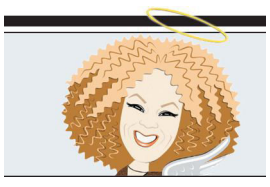
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For the mom who's washed her hands one too many times: Jo Malone Red Roses hand and body lotion. $59, bloomingdales.com

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For the mom who needs a little TLC: Hay lightweight waffle slippers, $22, and robe, $80. us.hay.com

OK to go bra-free during quarantine?



ELLEN WARREN
Answer Angel



DREAMSTIME

A 2013 study found that women going braless developed more natural muscle support of the breasts.

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: Is the fact that I'm not wearing a bra at home during the COVID-19 confinement causing permanent harm, such as sagging? I hate wearing a bra at home (well, actually any time) but I've never gone braless for this long before.
— *Kelly A.*

Dear Kelly: Live it up. Go for it. It's hard to imagine that going braless for a couple weeks or even months is going to cause problems later on. But, my research actually turned up a study by a French doctor that supports (hah!) my assumption. A small study (320 women ages 18-35) published in 2013 by Dr. Jean-Denis Rouillon from the University of Besançon suggested that wearing a bra contributed to sagging breasts. Bra-free women actually developed more natural muscle support of the breasts than women who wore bras, he found. Also, here's what the American Cancer Society says about suggestions that bras cause breast cancer by obstructing lymph flow: "There is no good scientific or clinical basis for this claim, and a 2014 study of more than 1,500 women found no association between wearing a bra and breast cancer risk."

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: For obvious reasons (quarantined!), I'm spending time in front of my TV screen. And yet ... I seem to spend most of that time looking for stuff to watch. I usually just give up and do something else, like reading a book. Of course, I'm grateful that my family has stayed healthy and is not going hungry! I realize my "problem" isn't really a problem, but have you got some recommendations for the leisure time I have after home schooling, laundry, meal prep and keeping the peace in my household? What are YOU doing with your time now that you're stuck in your basement or wherever?
— *P.D.*

Dear P.D.: I don't have a basement but I do have plenty of chores I'm avoiding. I've started going through the closets in the house collecting items to donate — especially clothes that we don't wear or have outgrown. It's not a tidying worthy of Marie Kondo, but it's kind of cleansing and useful for charities such as Salvation Army, Goodwill and Dress for Success (professional clothing to help women's employment). (For cash donations: goodwill.org, salvationarmyusa.org, dfsmovingforward.org). You asked how I'm spending my time working from home, so ... some worthwhile stuff I've been doing includes answering your questions (answerangel ellen@gmail.com), coloring my roots and video and phone calls with friends and family. Also, horrors, my taxes. But to tackle your issue of nothing good to watch, I could give you the list of shows and movies I've been watching but there are plenty of recommendations online. I use word-of-mouth, asking everyone I talk to what they have watched on the platforms I have access to (such as HBO, Netflix, etc.). Because I know I won't remember, I keep an online list (organized by platform) and when I see a commercial for a new season of a series that I watch, I write that down too.

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: I have lots of curly hair and a big bushy beard. Because of the natural curl of the beard, it looks kind of sloppy and unkempt even though I groom it and shave my neck. I don't intend to shave it off but I would like it to look more under control. My girlfriend keeps nagging me to do something about my "unruly" beard. What can I try to show her I'm acting in good faith?
— *James R.*

Dear James: Having spent much of my early adulthood trying to tame my curly hair, I would not recommend any commercial straightening products. You'd regret it. Trust me. A bearded relative pointed me to a plug-in grooming tool: Beardo Premium Beard Straightening Comb (johnsonjonas.com, on sale for $29.97). He has not tested this thing so I can't vouch for it but the ad copy says, "Get rid of that puffy look that nobody likes. ... The conditioning steam infuses moisture and locks natural hair oil." There's a video on the site, but the model's beard still looks puffy to me.

Angelic Readers

Many of you were eager to help Denise W. P. who asked for tips on putting her bulky comforter back into the duvet cover after washing. Shari K., Gail D., Karen R. and Patricia Z. saw an easy-to-use duvet cover on the TV show Shark Tank (beddley.com, $139 and up). Algis V., Barbara B. and Mary D. sent along a video from realsimple.com which involves turning the duvet cover inside out and rolling the comforter. It's almost impossible to figure it out if I listed the seven steps so go to the video, bit.ly/2Vo3Gyk or search "burrito duvet method" on YouTube.com. Many others — Laurel S., Laura L., Charlene S., Marne T., Linda N., Mary W., Linda L. and Courtney S. gamely tried to explain their method which involves turning the duvet cover inside out and placing it on top of the comforter and working from there. The inside out method also was recommended for pillowcases.

Reader Rant

Louise F. writes: "It drives me crazy to see men in restaurants or any building wearing hats whether backward, forwards or inside out. Did fathers neglect to teach their sons this simple point of etiquette? You will never see military personnel wearing a hat inside a building."

Now it's your turn

Send your questions, rants, tips, favorite finds — on style, shopping, makeup, fashion and beauty — to answerangelellen @gmail.com.

CANDID **CANDACE**

The event Candace Jordan was scheduled to cover was canceled due to the coronavirus outbreak.



Thank-you notes still needed during the coronavirus crisis



JUDITH MARTIN
Miss Manners

Dear Miss Manners: Have you thought of making an exception to the rule for mailed thank-you notes during this period, when the government wants us to be cautious about the spread of the coronavirus?

Many who embrace strict rules of etiquette are seniors. A well-timed email thank-you note exception might save lives.

Gentle reader: Electronics have been of incalculable benefit to all who are sequestered in their homes. As difficult as the present situation is, imagine what it would be like if we were closed off from medical news and from virtual contact with relatives and friends.

But congratulations on a novel excuse for not writing letters. Miss Manners has received countless such excuses, but yours is the first to declare it a health risk.

She would like to see authoritative public health statistics indicating that paper mail is so lethal that lives would be saved if it ceased. Should that be true, it would surely apply also to the home deliveries that have become a crucial substitute for going out to buy necessities.

She asks you also to consider the psychological toll of social distancing: loneliness for some, overcrowding for others — and for all, the sudden lack of connectedness when the human touch ceases.

Handwritten letters may seem anachronistic when so many other forms of communication are available, but they are more personal. For most messages, ease and speed make electronic methods preferable. But when expressing deep emotion, such as gratitude and condolences, the labor of writing with one's own hand shows that thought and care were considered even more important.

Try to imagine the house-bound person, whose inbox and messaging apps are crammed with advertisements, schemes and cancellations, plus bragging and complaining from hardly known people, and whose paper mail is all asking to buy or to give.

But there, too, is an envelope with the actual handwriting of someone who seems truly grateful for a present given or a favor done. It indicates that kindness is appreciated. Don't we need some of that?

But Miss Manners is willing to make some concessions. Do not lick the envelope; use water and a sponge. And do not — repeat: not — plant a kiss on the paper.

Dear Miss Manners: I am familiar with your rule about not pointing out other people's rudeness, but in regard to our own personal advent of coronavirus, I wonder if you could suggest a polite way to remind others to cover their noses and mouths when sneezing, coughing or yawning.

In addition to this being an etiquette concern, it is a health concern, and there must be some way to make this point without being offensive.

Gentle reader: Give out tissues, instead of reprimands. This would require you to carry an extra supply, but Miss Manners reminds you that it is not an expensive form of philanthropy.

Dear Miss Manners: What are the acceptable alternatives to the handshake? I prefer the namaste.

Gentle reader: For Miss Manners, the silver lining in this cloud that hangs over us all is the demise of meaningless hugging and kissing. It bothers her as a cheapening of demonstrations of true affection. Before the coronavirus, she heard from Gentle Readers who were worried about the ordinary health aspects of close contact — even including handshakes — with strangers.

So, the namaste, if you prefer, or just the slight bow that goes with it. But as the idea underneath is to show peaceful intentions, surely a simple smile and nod would suffice.

Dear Miss Manners: With so much public attention focused on the spread of coronavirus, it's a good opportunity to remind people to cough/sneeze into their sleeve, not their hand, to avoid contaminating everything they subsequently touch.

Happily, this is what kids have been taught to do in school, but for many adults, this means overcoming a long-ingrained reflexive habit we grew up with. I assure you, though, that everyone will benefit and will appreciate their thoughtfulness.

Gentle reader: Well — as long as those who sneeze into their elbows do not also practice the popular injunction to bump elbows as a substitute for shaking hands.

To send a question to the Miss Manners team of Judith Martin, Nicholas Ivor Martin and Jacobina Martin, go to missmanners.com or write them c/o Universal Uclick, 1130 Walnut St., Kansas City, MO 64106.

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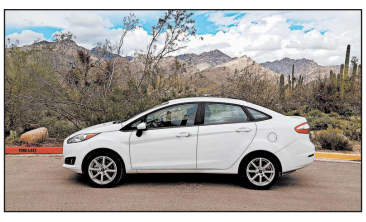
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Lost allure

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Commuters wait for the J train in Brooklyn, New York, on April 15. The coronavirus pandemic has been particularly devastating to America's biggest cities.

Virus finds fertile ground in America's biggest cities, in the density that is otherwise prized

By Sabrina Tavernise and Sarah Mervosh
The New York Times

Even before the coronavirus, Nina Brajovic wasn't so sure about her life in New York. As a consultant for PricewaterhouseCoopers, she spent most weeks out of town traveling for work. She often wondered whether she could do her same job for cheaper — and more easily — while based in her hometown, Pittsburgh.

Over the past month, she has gotten a sneak peek of that life, moving back in with her parents to avoid the wall-to-wall density of New York and working out of her childhood bedroom. She is now savoring life's slowness, eating her father's soup and watching movies on an L-shaped couch with her mom.

"Part of it feels like, why am I even living in New York?" said Brajovic, 24, who pays $1,860 in rent each month for her share of an apartment with two roommates in Manhattan. "Why am I always paying all of this rent?"

With her lease up for renewal, she is contemplating whether to make the move more permanent.

"I have no idea what I am going to do," Brajovic said. "But it is a thought in my mind: the potential of not going back."

The pandemic has been particularly devastating to America's biggest cities, as the virus has found fertile ground in the density that is otherwise prized. And it comes as the country's major urban centers were already losing their appeal for many Americans, as skyrocketing rents and changes in the labor market have pushed the country's youngest adults to suburbs and smaller cities often far from the coasts.

The country's three largest metropolitan areas, New York, Los Angeles and Chicago, all lost population in the past several years, according to an analysis by William Frey, a demographer at the Brookings Institution. In all, growth in the country's major metropolitan areas fell by nearly half over the course of the past decade, Frey found.

Now, as local leaders contemplate how to reopen, the future of life in America's biggest, most dense cities is unclear. Mayors are already warning of precipitous drops in tax revenue from joblessness. And with vast numbers of professionals now working remotely, some may reconsider whether they need to live in the middle of a big city after all.

Before the pandemic, millennials and older members of Generation Z were already increasingly choosing smaller metro areas like Tucson, Arizona; Raleigh, North Carolina; and Columbus, Ohio, according to Frey. Also growing were exurbs and newer suburbs outside large cities.

Cities boomed in the 1990s after two decades of stagnation, lifted by new waves of immigration and vibrant economic growth that attracted newcomers.

But by the mid-2010s, the growth slowed. Big cities had become expensive, with rents far out of the range of middle-income Americans. The economy was changing too: Low-wage jobs, after adjusting for the local cost of living, paid about the same everywhere.

Then the virus hit, sharpening questions of affordability and lifestyle. Some argue it could accelerate the trend that was already underway.

Still, financial uncertainty could also make it less likely for someone to move.

"Moving is stressful, it's expensive, and this is not the time when people are eager to take big risks," said Jed Kolko, chief economist for Indeed, a job search site.

What's more, recessions, at least in recent history, have been good for cities. The most recent population surge in some of the largest metro areas came in the wake of the Great Recession, when people lost their homes in overbuilt suburbs.

But a pandemic makes the equation different and hard to predict.

Ed Glaeser, an economics professor at Harvard University and author of "Triumph of the City," said watching the virus rip through cities was like going back in time.

"Cities were killing fields for

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ELITE STREET

Retired WGN anchor sells house in Lincolnwood

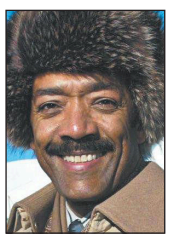
By Bob Goldsborough

Retired WGN-Ch. 9 news anchor Robert Jordan and his wife, Sharon, sold their five-bedroom, 5,000-square-foot brick house in Lincolnwood on March 6 for $1.25 million.

Jordan, 76, retired from Channel 9 in 2016 after a 43-year career in Chicago television news, which culminated with him serving as a weekend news anchor at WGN. Jordan remains active as the CEO of his independent production company, Video Family Biographies, which creates family histories on video.

Jordan said he and his wife have been spending this stay-at-home period hosting their grandchildren while their parents work from home. Jordan quipped that he is serving as the "principal and the teacher" of their makeshift home school, while Sharon is the "caf lady and the nurse."

The Jordans paid $1.05 million in 2002 to buy the brick house



Jordan

from a homebuilder. They first listed the home in late December for $1.3 million, and they went under contract to sell it exactly two months later.

"We're staying in the neighborhood," Jordan said. "A family wanted our home and gave us a price we couldn't refuse."

Jordan noted the home's buyers have parents living in the neighborhood. The buyers also found it a plus that the home is in walking distance of a synagogue, he said.

"It worked out well," Jordan said. "We were happy that the family was able to get near other family members and that we were able to negotiate a good deal on the house."

The house has four full bathrooms, one half-bath and a two-story entry. Its living room features a fireplace, while its kitchen touts top-of-the-line appliances, a walk-in pantry and granite countertops. The master suite has two walk-in closets and a bathroom with double sinks, while Brazilian flooring can be found throughout the home.



DAVID BRAUN

Retired WGN news anchor Robert Jordan and his wife, Sharon, sold their 5,002-square-foot house in Lincolnwood on March 6.

Winnetka manor sells for $3.2 million: A six-bedroom, 12,000-square-foot vintage mansion in Winnetka sold April 17 for just over $3.2 million — almost $3 million less than its 2009 sale price.

Built in 1929, the 20-room mansion on Hill Road is billed as an art deco manor-style home. A prior owner of the mansion, developer J. Paul Beitler, undertook a gut renovation of the mansion over a four-year period in the 1990s. Beitler then sold the mansion to its most recent owner, Robert F. Steel, in 2009 for $6.2 million.

Steel first listed the mansion in 2018 for $5.5 million and cut its asking price early last year to just below $5 million. He reduced his asking price to $4.7 million in September and then to $4.25 million in February.

"It's a sign of the times," said co-listing agent Sharon Friedman of Coldwell Banker, referring to the sale price. "It's sad."

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REAL ESTATE MATTERS

You can use 1031 exchange with co-investors

By Ilyce Glink and Samuel J. Tamkin
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DREAMSTIME

The rules for selling and buying investment properties within the context of a 1031 exchange can be quite complex.

Q: Are there options for a 1031 exchange where you would be a property owner with other people? For example, if you bought an office building, a retail center or an apartment complex with partners? I recently sold a condo for around $225,000 and am thinking about what I can do now with the proceeds.

A: A 1031 exchange (which is listed under Section 1031 of the IRS code) is a like-kind exchange, according to the IRS. It is used by investors to buy and sell similar investments while postponing taxes on the profits generated along the way. According to the IRS, under the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, Section 1031 now applies only to exchanges of real property and not to exchanges of personal or intangible property.

For real estate investors, using a 1031 exchange means you are selling one piece of investment real estate (a home, an office building, a retail center, a warehouse, etc.) for another, but the investment properties don't have to be identical. For example, you can swap a rental apartment building for a small shopping center. However, the IRS says an investment property located in the U.S. is not like-kind to even an identical property located in a foreign country.

There are also very specific rules around using a Section 1031 exchange. The IRS code Section 1031 allows you to sell the existing property and defer the payment of all taxes on that sale, but you must identify a replacement property within 45 days of selling the existing property. You then must close on the new property no later than 180 days following the sale of the property.

The rules for selling and buying investment properties within the context of a 1031 exchange can be quite complex, and we can't go into all the details here. Just know the dates are immovable and unless you're serving the military in a war zone, you can't get an extension. You'll have to consult further with a 1031 specialist to make sure you don't blow any dates or requirements.

Your question seems to imply that you want to buy a new investment property with other investors. You can do this in the context of a 1031 exchange, but it can get complicated. For one, you've already sold your condominium for $225,000. This would mean that your share of ownership in the new investment property must be at least equal to or greater than the $225,000 value of your former condominium.

Also, the condo you sold must have been an investment property. That means the condominium wasn't your personal residence and you owned it for investment purposes (i.e., it was rented out). If that's the case, when you sell the investment property, you need to set up a version of a 1031 exchange known as a "deferred exchange." You set up the deferred exchange usually with a company that specializes in 1031 exchanges.

Here's an example of how this might work: Let's say you and some investor friends want to buy an apartment building together and the building is worth $1 million. In this example, you and your friends would have to buy the building as tenants in common — meaning that you would own a certain share of the building and your friends would own the balance. If you purchased a one-third share in the building, your share would be worth around $333,333 of the building and would exceed your $225,000 sales price. You would be a one-third owner of the building.

Finally, you must remember that your ownership in the new building should mirror the ownership in your old building. This means that if you owned the old condominium in your name, you need to own your one-third interest in the new building in your own name as well. And, you can't set up a limited liability company, or LLC, to own the new building and own your one-third share that way. Your ownership interests must be held in the same way.

One last thing to mention is that some companies specialize in giving investors the ability to buy into a type of property that currently exists. For example, a company may specialize in tenancy in common arrangements and handle the ownership of a portfolio of buildings. If you show up with $225,000, they may be able to place you in one of those properties with an ownership interest equal to the amount you invested. (Be sure to ask a lot of questions, including how you can dispose of your share if you decide to purchase something else and what fees are involved, and then make sure you speak with a smart real estate attorney who can review the documents before you sign.)

For some real estate investors, this sort of investment hits the mark while others prefer to control their own real estate investments.

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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.

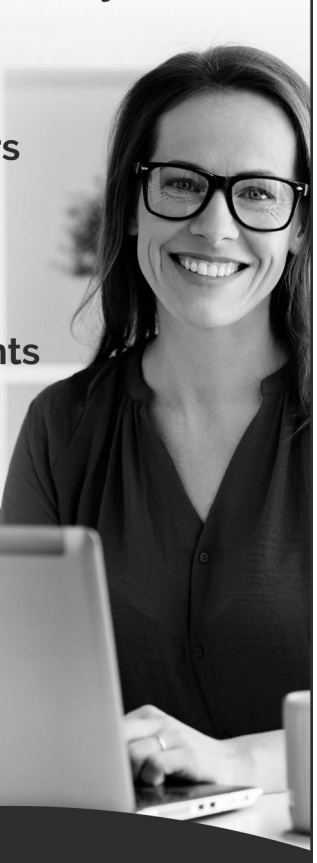
It's also critical to consider your available cash on hand. Paying down card balances will reduce your cash for a down payment and reserve. So if cash is tight, paying down card balances may hurt your application more than help it.

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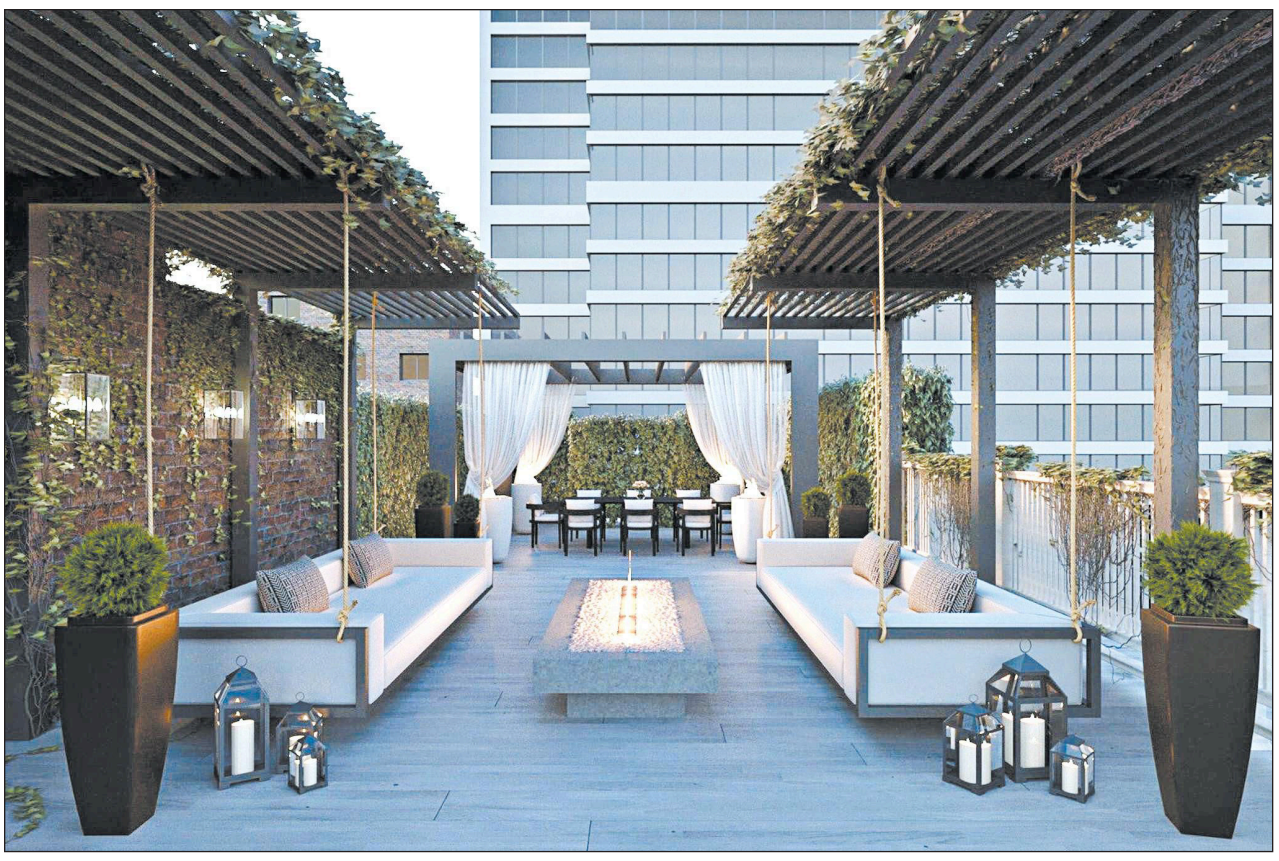
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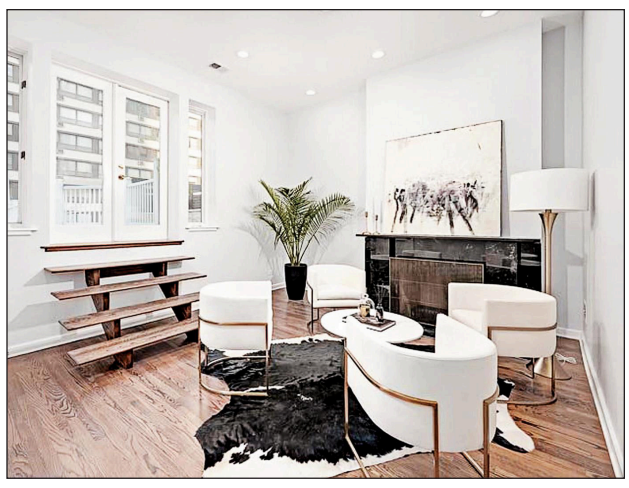


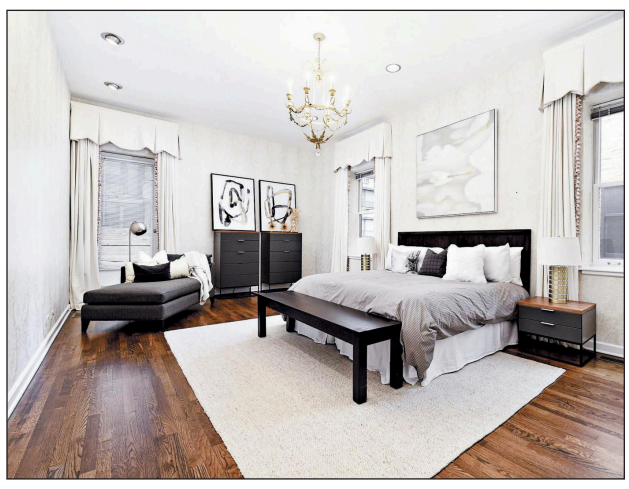
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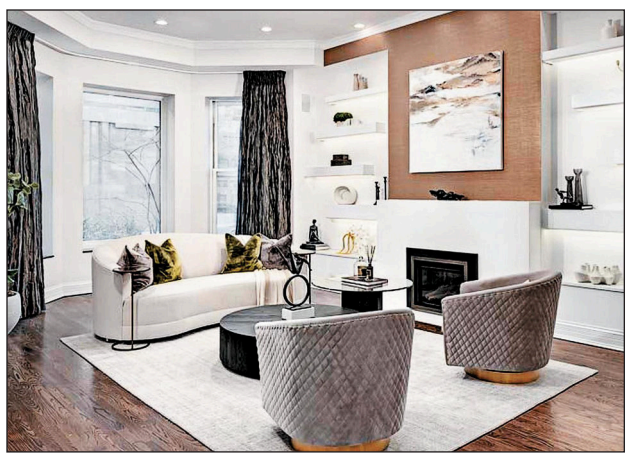
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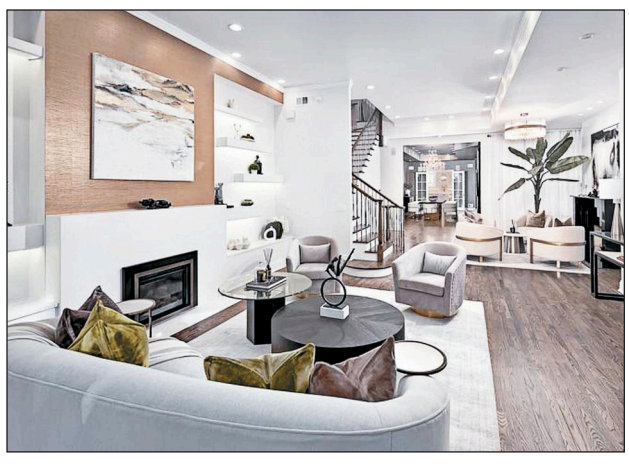
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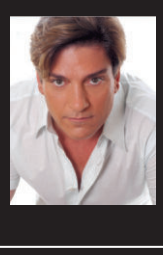
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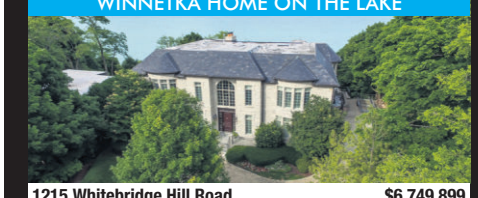
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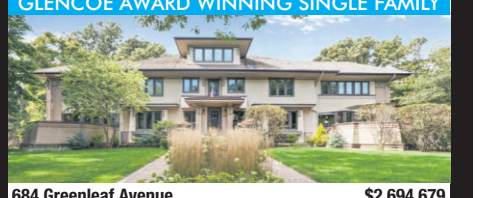
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A NerdWallet report found that 37% of nonhomeowners say not having enough saved for a down payment is holding them back from homeownership.

Many Americans may be unnecessarily talking themselves out of homeownership. Thirty-seven percent of nonhomeowners say not having enough saved for a down payment is holding them back from homeownership, but 62% of Americans incorrectly believe you have to have at least 20% of a home's purchase price to buy, according to NerdWallet's 2020 Home Buyer Report.

The truth is: You don't need 20% of a home's price to buy it. Some lenders offer mortgages with as little as 3% down. So, how do you know just how much you need to save up based on your specific goals? It requires a little strategizing.

Before you can zero in on a down payment target, you have to determine how much home you can afford and when you'd like to start home shopping. First, set your homebuying budget with a home affordability calculator to get estimated monthly payments based on various home prices, down payment amounts and locations.

Then, set an approximate timeline. Maybe you're planning a wedding and know you won't be ready to purchase for at least two years, or you're just starting a graduate program and want to give yourself five years to find employment and settle down after graduation. Be realistic and account for your life circumstances.

With a homebuying budget and estimated timeline, you can start running numbers to set a down payment savings goal.

Is saving 20% by your goal date realistic?

Calculate 20% of that homebuying budget and determine if it's feasible to stash that amount away in the time you've allotted.

If the answer is yes, great! A big down payment doesn't only lower monthly payments, it can save you thousands of dollars in interest over the life of the loan and eliminate the need to pay private mortgage insurance.

If it's no, you have two options: Revisit your goal parameters — opting for a less expensive home or pushing out your target date — or consider a smaller down payment.

Example: For a $250,000 home, someone starting with $0 saved would need to save about $1,400 each month to reach a 20% down payment in three years. For most folks, that's a stretch. Adjusting the timeline to five years would require monthly savings of about $800. While that may be more realistic, a smaller down payment could get you in a home sooner and with less stress to your monthly household budget.

How much can you save by your deadline?

What's the most you can save monthly for your down payment goal? If you don't already know the answer, create a monthly household budget to help figure out where your money is going and how much you can set aside.

At a high level, allocating 50% of your post-tax income toward your needs, 30% toward your wants and 20% toward savings (including your down payment) and debt repayment is a sustainable approach. But by accounting for all of your income and spending, you may realize you can sacrifice a little of your dining out and entertainment money (wants) temporarily to make homeownership a reality sooner.

Example: You decide you can set aside $350 each month. If you're still hoping to start home shopping in three years, this would leave you with $12,600, or a 5% down payment. Because many lenders accept down payments of 5%, and even lower, you'll be in a good place to buy around your three-year target date.

Do you qualify for down payment assistance?

Even setting aside $12,000 in three years can seem out of reach for some people, but all hope is not lost. First-time home buyers, or those who haven't owned a home for the past three years, may qualify for down payment assistance, a grant or loan to cover some or all down payment costs. And in some cases, repeat buyers may qualify.

Down payment assistance programs can both shorten the path to homeownership and free up existing savings for closing costs, moving or other homebuying costs.

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Weighing the trade-offs

A down payment doesn't have to stand in the way of homeownership. Smaller down payments and down payment assistance programs can help you achieve your homebuying dreams more quickly and leave you some savings for an emergency fund or unexpected repairs.

It's worth considering, too, since there's no guarantee your $250,000 homebuying budget will get you the same type of property in three years as it would if you bought sooner. Home prices have been rising, but what will happen in the future and what it could mean for your down payment target is hard to know.

On the other hand, a bigger down payment can equate to a better interest rate on your loan, lower monthly payment, more equity in your home right away and not paying monthly for mortgage insurance. Because you're borrowing less money, you'll pay less in interest over the life of your loan and have lower monthly payments.

Cities

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centuries because of contagious disease," he said, noting that the life expectancy of a baby born in a city in 1900 was seven years less than one born in a rural area.

That gap disappeared by the 1920s with the advent of modern water and sewer systems.

Over time, density became a boon — economically, socially, intellectually. Living in a city became a way to encourage health. People could walk where they needed to go and support one another in tight-knit social networks.

As the threat of the coronavirus lessens, some who fled major cities might elect to stay away, while others will want to flock back to the perks of urban living.

"How people behave in a pandemic is probably not a great guide to how they want to live their lives in normal times," Kolko said. "We are living in the middle of a grand forced experiment, but we really don't know how the experiment is going to play out."

So much is unknown. What will happen to housing prices, whose meteoric rise in cities was a big part of what was driving people away? Or immigration — one of the most important forces contributing to growth in cities? Already under the Trump administration those numbers were slowing. And cities themselves will likely look different as they begin to plan for the possibility of pandemics.

Cities of all sizes may soon look less alluring if drastic drops in income, sales and tourism tax revenue leave gaping holes in budgets.

Four of the five cities most vulnerable to the financial impact of the coronavirus are in Ohio, where cities rely heavily on income tax, a Brookings Institution report found. In California, Los Angeles County is expected to lose $1 billion in sales tax revenue this fiscal year. And in New York City, where tourism and hotel tax revenue are among the losses, Mayor Bill de Blasio said the city faces a revenue shortfall of up to $10 billion.

"We're not going to be able to provide basic services and actually have a normal society if we don't get help from the federal government," he said on CNN recently.

Elite

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Friedman, who co-listed the mansion with Dinny Dwyer, called the mansion "a gem."

"It's more magnificent than it looks in the photos. It's stood the test of time," Friedman said. "It was magnificently renovated with the finest everything."

The mansion has seven full bathrooms and two half-baths. Its features include six fireplaces, custom millwork and coffered ceilings. Among its 20 rooms are a library, a sunroom, separate guest quarters, a newly finished lower level and an attached four-car garage, all on a 1.25-acre property.

The mansion had a $63,190 property tax bill for 2018.

Public records do not yet identify the buyers.

Lake Forest mansion sells for $2.9 million: An eight-bedroom, 10,680-square-foot mansion in Lake Forest most recently owned by Medline Industries' CEO Charlie Mills sold April 8 for $2.9 million.

Built in 1930 and designed by architect Chester Walcott, the 17-room mansion has 12 bathrooms, six fireplaces, a grand entry foyer, high ceilings and millwork throughout. The kitchen boasts multiple pantries, while the family room features a coffered ceiling. Other rooms include a breakfast room with a hearth, a wood-paneled library and a finished basement.

Outside on the 5-acre property are a pool, a pool house, an outdoor kitchen, a generator and a five-car garage wired for electric car charging.

"It was an exceptional residence and property, superior in every way, and with up-to-the-minute perfection," said listing agent Nancy Adelman of Griffith, Grant & Lackie. "I would say the buyer and the seller were both happy with their negotiation."

The mansion has had at least a half-dozen notable owners, including Mills. Its first owner was onetime congressman and Illinois Attorney General Edward J. Brundage, who owned it until dying in 1934.

Later owners included Wilbert E. "Bert" Macfarlane, who was the Chicago Tribune's business manager from 1928 until his death in 1944; longtime Sears Roebuck & Co. president and board chairman Gen. Robert E. Wood; Calvin Fentress, who was Wood's son-in-law and Allstate's chairman; and Ralph Teich, son of postcard manufacturing magnate Curt Teich.

Mills and his wife, Kristen, bought the mansion in 1997 for $1.74 million. They divorced in 2018. Kristen Mills sold the mansion. She first listed it in May 2019 for $4.47 million, and reduced its asking price to $4.2 million in September, to $3.7 million in November and to $3.5 million in January.

Public records do not yet identify the mansion's buyer.

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Understanding reverse mortgage risks, benefits

By Carla Fried
Bankrate



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For those who've saved — but not quite enough — for retirement, there's a potential solution right under foot. According to the Federal Reserve, household equity in real estate for Americans is about equal to their combined retirement savings: more than $18.5 trillion in the third quarter of last year.

Yet most older homeowners remain uninterested in a reverse equity mortgage, which is specifically designed to allow older homeowners to borrow against the value of their equity, without having to pay back a penny until they move or die. The dominant reverse mortgage you can get is called a home equity conversion mortgage, and it is insured by the Federal Housing Administration. In fiscal year 2019, there were fewer than 32,000 new HECM loans issued.

Why? A historically flawed product, and program, have generated plenty of healthy skepticism.

For years, reverse mortgages were marketed as easy ways to meet any financial goal without sufficiently vetting borrowers to make sure they could actually afford to do this. While a reverse does not require any payback until a borrower dies or moves, homeowners must still make all property tax payments and are on the hook for maintenance and insurance. Not carefully vetting borrowers to see if they could keep up with these costs led to some reverse borrowers being forced to sell their home and having no equity for their next home.

Another black eye was that many older reverse mortgages put spouses at risk. Many earlier reverse mortgages only listed one borrower. When that borrower died, or had to move to a care facility, repayment was due. If the other spouse didn't have the cash to pay back the borrowed amount, the only solution was to sell the house to settle the reverse mortgage, leaving the surviving spouse in a precarious financial situation.

That risk has been pretty much eliminated with new regulations that went into effect a few years ago. That change is part of a number of tweaks to the FHA reverse mortgage program that make it less likely that unqualified homeowners will be able to get a reverse mortgage, or be able to borrow a big lump sum, which is often the beginning of problems.

But even a cleaned-up program can't overcome what is believed to be a major hurdle in why equity-rich homeowners aren't interested: the prospect of tapping all your equity and then having to move later.

New academic research

The researchers estimate that just 16% of homeowners who stayed put, or who proactively moved in their 50s/60s, then made a move to a rental or care facility in their 80s.

Granted, a nearly 1 in 5 chance of needing to move is not nothing. But the message of the academic research is that many households would not be at a risk if they tapped a portion of their home equity in retirement.

Upside of a downsize

That said, the safest and most effective way to generate retirement income off of your home is to downsize. The bigger your capital gain on a home sale, the more this can work in your favor. You might be able to buy a new place and still have cash left over that can be invested to generate more retirement income. Run the numbers on how reducing your carrying costs could alleviate a money crunch. Reducing your monthly housing costs by 20% to 30% frees up dollars for other needs and wants.

How to reverse safely

If you refuse to consider a downsize and yet are concerned about cash flow, the safer/saner reverse mortgage program may be worth consideration.

To qualify for an FHA-insured reverse you must submit to a meeting with a counselor to discuss the loan mechanics, costs, etc.

Long before you even get to the counselor stage, you would be wise to hire a financial planner. A planner can help you take a clear-eyed look at the pros and cons of a reverse mortgage and how it fits into your financial strategy.

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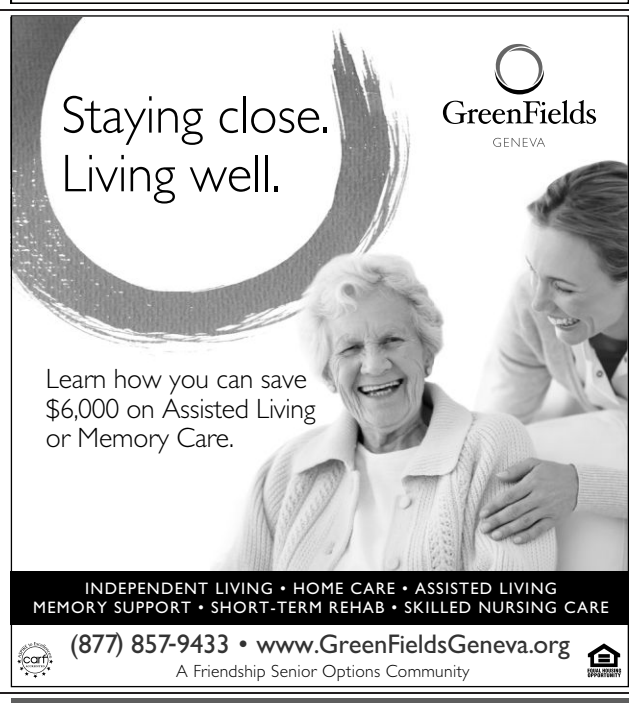
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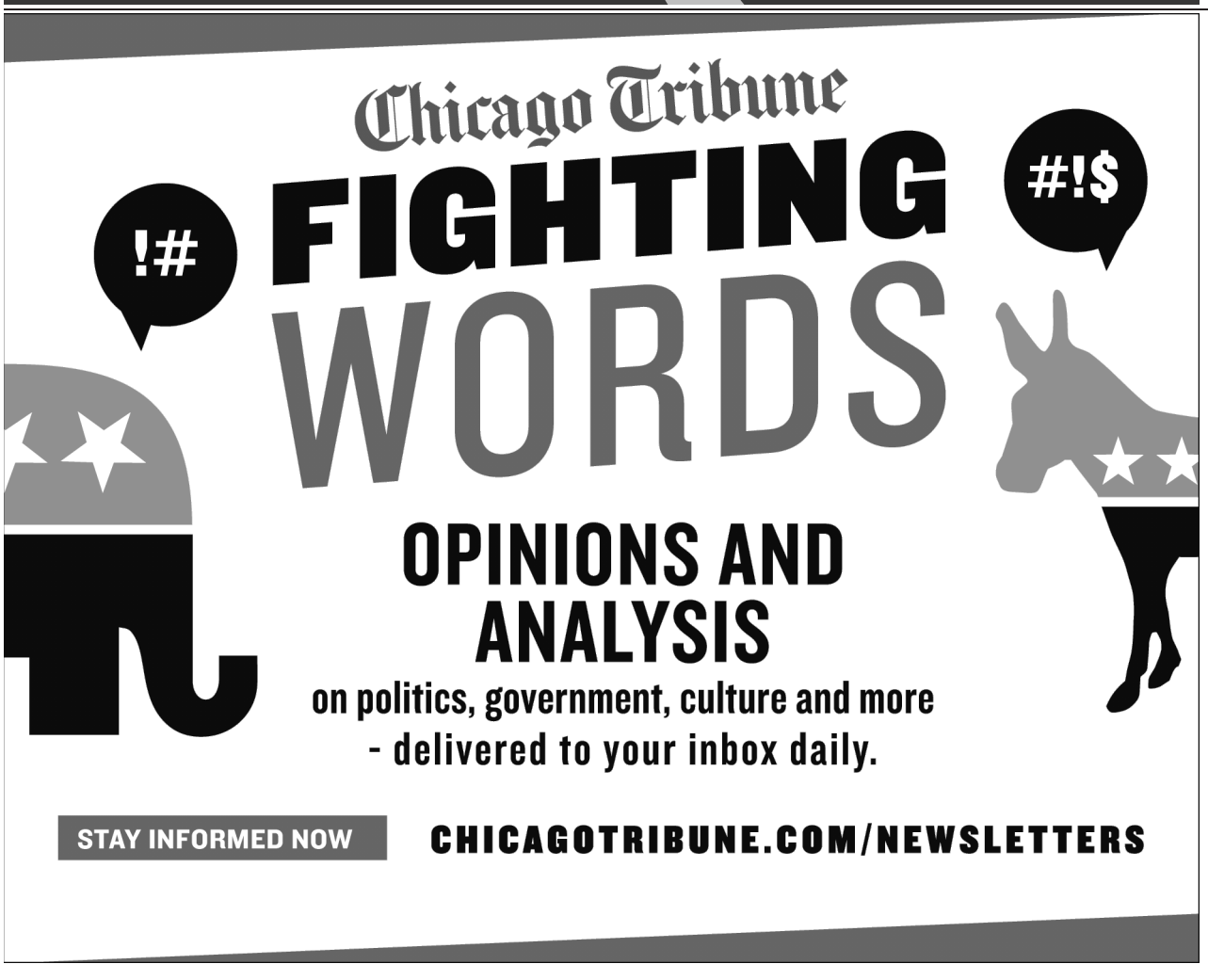














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A Tesla charging station in Skokie. “Unless there’s a charger at work or your apartment ... it’s not practical to buy an EV,” says Chris Nelder of the Rocky Mountain Institute.

Charger deserts

Many city dwellers worry about finding a place to plug in their electric car

By Lawrence Ulrich
The New York Times

There are people across America who would buy an electric car tomorrow — if only they had someplace to plug it in. Forget oft-cited “range anxiety,” many experts say: The real deal-killer, especially for city and apartment dwellers, is a dearth of chargers where they park their cars.

Call it the Great Disconnect. In townhomes, apartments and condos, in dense cities and still-snug suburbs, plenty of people, worried about climate change, would make for a potentially receptive audience for EVs. But without a garage, they often feel locked out of the game.

Jonathan Spira lives in Bayside, Queens, New York, in a tower. Spira, an author and editorial director, has been eyeing a Jaguar I-Pace, an electric SUV. But he has realized that buying one is a nonstarter.

“I live in a charger desert,” he said. The nearest electric oasis is a Nissan dealership 2 miles away. He said it wasn’t practical to drop a car at a station, make his way home by other means, then fetch it when the battery was full, with perfect timing to avoid hogging the charger space.

“It’s ridiculous,” Spira said. “I can’t go miles from my home and then do nothing for several hours.”

He said residents had lobbied building management and the condo board to install chargers in his building, whose below-ground and outdoor lots offer more than 1,300 parking spaces. But discussions get hung up over where to install chargers, how to pay for electricity or which residents will benefit.

“It’s so frustrating,” he said.

Chris Nelder, manager of the EV grid integration group at the Rocky Mountain Institute, said that despite a coming wave of electric cars to challenge Tesla — from Ford Motor, General Motors, Volkswagen and more — governments, regulators and utilities aren’t doing enough.

“The fact is, about 40% of Americans don’t live in single-family homes where you could have a personal charger,” Nelder said. “There’s no doubt the cars are coming, so we should stop waffling and start building some charging infrastructure.”

He added, “Unless there’s a charger at work or your apartment, or damn close to it, it’s not practical to buy an EV.”

The near-novelty status of electric autos in New York bears that out.

According to IHS Markit, nearly 2.4 million cars were registered in the five boroughs as of Jan. 1. Just 5,801 of those were EVs, in a city of 8.6 million people.

Ted Cannis, global director of electrification for Ford, said those numbers, and the untapped market they represent, were constantly on his mind as Ford prepared models like the Mustang Mach-E and an electric version of the F-150 pickup, America’s perennially bestselling vehicle.

“It’s not just a New York problem but a global, urban problem,” Cannis said. “Exciting vehicles will help, but local policy matters a lot.”

Ford is investing $11.5 billion to deliver 40 electrified models by 2022, one of several automakers looking to make a transition from fossil fuels. The urgency is underscored by climate change and changing winds. But the coronavirus now threatens to blunt that huge EV wave, pushing back its arrival and draining money and momentum from startups. Just as important, battered consumers may be less likely to buy a new car, let alone take a flier on an EV that costs substantially more than conventional models.

Pandemic aside, London and roughly 20 major cities plan to bar internal-combustion cars from downtowns. Britain is among governments calling for banning sales of fossil-fueled cars, including gas-electric hybrids, as early as 2035.

That raises another potential disconnect. Studies project up to 21 million annual sales of EVs and plug-in hybrids by 2030, a tenfold increase from today. Purely battery-powered cars found about 1.6 million buyers last year, a tiny drop in a 90.3-million-auto global sales bucket. EV sales actually fell in the U.S. and China, despite Tesla’s big year.

Many industry experts argue that, short of a Marshall Plan-type investment in infrastructure, government decrees to wean tens of millions of drivers off gas nozzles and onto plugs — among the greatest energy revolutions in history — are unrealistic.

“The U.K. cannot approach a blanket ban on petrol, diesel and hybrid cars without a network that supports such a seismic transition,” said Sean Kemple, director of sales for Close Brothers Motor Finance, which works with about 8,000 auto dealers in Britain. That goes for America as well, he said.

“When you’ve got a Brooklyn, London, Manchester, where there’s not a lot of room left to build, you need creative solutions,” Kemple said.

Solutions include mandates and incentives for businesses, builders and renovators to set aside or prewire a percentage of electric parking spaces, as in EV hotbeds like Palo Alto, California. Curbside charging is technically feasible, daunting in practice. City-friendly ideas run from valet charging to Volkswagen’s prototype mobile charging robot, a less cute R2D2 that can cruise parking lots, communicate with cars and fill those that need juice.

“More and more cars are arriving in parking lots and need to charge,” said Bill Loewenthal, a senior vice president at ChargePoint, whose 111,000 charging spots make it the world’s largest open network. “Commercial real estate owners are starting to understand that.”

Elon Musk continues to expand his nationwide Supercharger network. But those DC fast chargers are designed mainly to encourage long-distance electric travel, not for everyday charging. Superchargers still aren’t compatible with non-Tesla models, though Musk has said he would consider sharing the network if rival automakers shared costs.

For owners of other EVs, charging companies are building networks, often in public partnerships. Electrify America plans to have 800 locations with 3,500 chargers open or in development by December 2021.

Autoworkers pitch in to make protective gear

By Tom Krisher
Associated Press

DETROIT — Cindy Parkhurst could have stayed home collecting most of her pay while the Ford plant where she normally works remains closed due to coronavirus fears.

Instead, she and hundreds of other workers at Ford, General Motors, Toyota and other companies have gone back to work to make face shields, surgical masks and ventilators in a wartime-like effort to stem shortages of protective gear and equipment.

“I didn’t give it a second thought,” said Parkhurst, 55, a tow motor driver who is now helping Ford and partner 3M manufacture and ship respirators. “It’s a neat thing to do for the community, for the first responders who definitely need this ... gear.”

All over the country, blue-collar and salaried workers have raised their hands to make medical equipment as companies repurpose factories to answer calls for help from nurses, doctors and paramedics who are treating patients with the highly contagious virus. Workers also are making soap and hand sanitizer, which have been in short supply.

At Ford, over 800 people returned to work at four Detroit-area sites. General Motors has about 400 at a now-closed transmission plant in suburban Detroit and an electronics factory in Kokomo, Indiana, working on shields and ventilators. About 60 Toyota workers are making protective equipment in Kentucky, Texas, Michigan and Alabama.

Most automakers in the U.S. temporarily stopped making vehicles about a month ago after workers complained about the risks of infection at the factories.

At Toyota’s giant factory complex in Georgetown, Kentucky, mechanical engineer Kirk Barber helps ship thousands of face shields that workers are making.

All the workers, he said, had to undergo a cultural change to make sure they stay more than 6 feet apart to protect themselves from possible contagion.



Kirk Barber prepares a shipment of face shields at the Toyota factory in Georgetown, Kentucky.

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“It’s a hard habit to break when you’re typically up and talking to someone, pointing to a document,” Barber said.



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The 2017-2019 Ford Fiesta SE is a great bargain for those doing online car shopping.

Used Ford Fiesta is just what we need right now

By Henry Payne
The Detroit News

I miss the Ford Fiesta. But that doesn't mean I can't have one.

Ford makes some of the best cars on the planet, but under pressure from America's turn to SUVs (and small sales margins), it stopped Fiesta and Focus production for the U.S. market last year. Want a car? Buy used, says Ford.

Good idea.

The Fiesta subcompact cutie is one of the best bargains out there on used — er, preowned — car websites. Nimble. High-tech. Priced under $10,000. And that's a good thing in these budget-sensitive coronavirus times. Online selling makes sense for those isolating themselves for safety reasons.

My wife and I rented a 2019 Fiesta sedan in Arizona this year and had a blast. This tasty tamale was the last model year offered for the U.S. market and the same car introduced in 2017 with two significant updates that put it right in my strike zone: Apple CarPlay/Android Auto app compatibility and alloy wheels.

The alloy wheels are the perfect complement for the subcompact class's best-looking car. This is an affordable car you can admire every day.

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$10,000
with under 50,000 miles

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Performance: 0-60 mph, 9.1 seconds

Apple CarPlay and cousin Android Auto have transformed automotive infotainment systems in recent years, allowing mainstream cars superior nav systems to those found in some $60,000 luxury cruisers. My wife set our destination on her smartphone, plugged into the 8-inch infotainment system, and we were off.

The Fiesta SE came equipped with the original blind-spot assist — Ford's clever, mirror-within-the-side-mirror solution that allowed me to safely monitor my blind spots. Locate a 2018-and-newer model and it will have a standard backup camera too.

My Fiesta rental was a sedan, but I prefer the hatchback, which was priced $300 higher new. The used market doesn't seem to notice a difference, so get the hatch for its superior looks and utility.

The interior of the Fiesta is as sporty as the exterior. A big, motorcycle-like instrument display lurked behind the steering wheel as I easily folded my 6-foot-5-inch frame into the cloth seats.

The cockpit is carefully engineered with big control buttons and knobs within easy reach. Along with the big instrument gauges, it's driver-friendly.

Despite my lead foot, the Fiesta got excellent fuel economy — an important attribute for penny-pinching consumers shopping for sub-$10,000 cars. EPA rates the Fiesta for 30 mpg, but Mrs. Payne and I managed 35 over a variety of highway, city and country roads.

In addition to its good looks, Fiesta will never bore. With its short wheelbase and taught chassis, the subcompact is a mini-party on wheels, tempting drivers to push the limits when outside the city.

For under $10,000, it's all there for the entry-level, COVID-economy buyer: high gas mileage, high-tech, good looks, good ergonomics, hatchback utility, fun handling.

Washington joining in on the tire testing fun



Bob Weber
Motormouth



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The penny has often been used to measure tire tread.

Q: Would you please repeat the information about doing the penny test on your tires to determine if they have enough tread depth? My wife and I take walks and sometimes I look at the tires of parked cars and I am saddened by the number that have minimal, if any, tread on them.

I know people are struggling financially but driving on unsafe tires is not the place to cut corners.

— B.K., Emmaus, Pennsylvania

A: The space between the edge of a penny and the top of President Lincoln's head is 2/32 of an inch. (Yeah, I know that is 1/8 of an inch, but tire treads are measured in 32nds.) If you can see all of Lincoln's head, your tread depth is less than 2/32 of an inch and it's time to replace your tires.

That does not mean that the tire is totally safe. Lately, the advice is to use a quarter. If the tread touches President Washington's head, you have at least 4/32 of an inch of tread remaining, Goodyear says.

Q: It is common in states that allow it (Pennsylvania does) for husband and wife to put both names on the title as H/W. This creates a unique type of ownership, a tenancies by the entireties. This means essentially that the marriage owns the vehicle, so each spouse holds a full ownership that is divisible only upon divorce or the death of one of the spouses. This has the advantage of not only leaving full ownership in the surviving spouse but no tax consequences at all.

Of course, you rightly point out that any type of joint ownership, without an ownership agreement makes it unclear who can use the vehicle, maintain the vehicle make payments, etc.

— R.K., Allentown, Pennsylvania

A: Full disclosure: I am not a lawyer. My original response to a reader with no heirs or spouse was that a joint ownership title with right of survivorship may be the simplest was to transfer the car's title. I have also had advice that titling in the name of one person may protect the other spouse should there be a lawsuit following an accident. Pay a professional for help you can trust.

I will stick to mechanical car questions for which I am qualified. These answers are priceless, er, free.

Q: Both of my Toyotas will take an extra gallon or more after the gas pump first cuts off. To fill my 2016 Toyota Sienna requires me to wait about 5 seconds after gas pumps cuts off and then just open the pump handle a little bit and that will add about .15 gallons each time. I have never had any problem with filling them up to the top but have heard that is not a good idea.

What is the negative?

— D.N., Mankato, Minnesota

A: It is not a good idea. Pumping more gas after the nozzle has clicked off runs the risk of allowing liquid fuel to get into the evaporative emissions control charcoal canister. It is very expensive to replace.

Q: My wipers seem to wear out quickly when using Rain-X. Even with new wipers they still leave the windshield streaky. How do I remove the Rain-X?

— B.S., Circle Pines, Minnesota

A: I have heard that a mixture of equal parts water and white vinegar will work. Once you have the glass squeaky clean, polish it with a dry terry cloth towel or, better yet, a microfiber towel.

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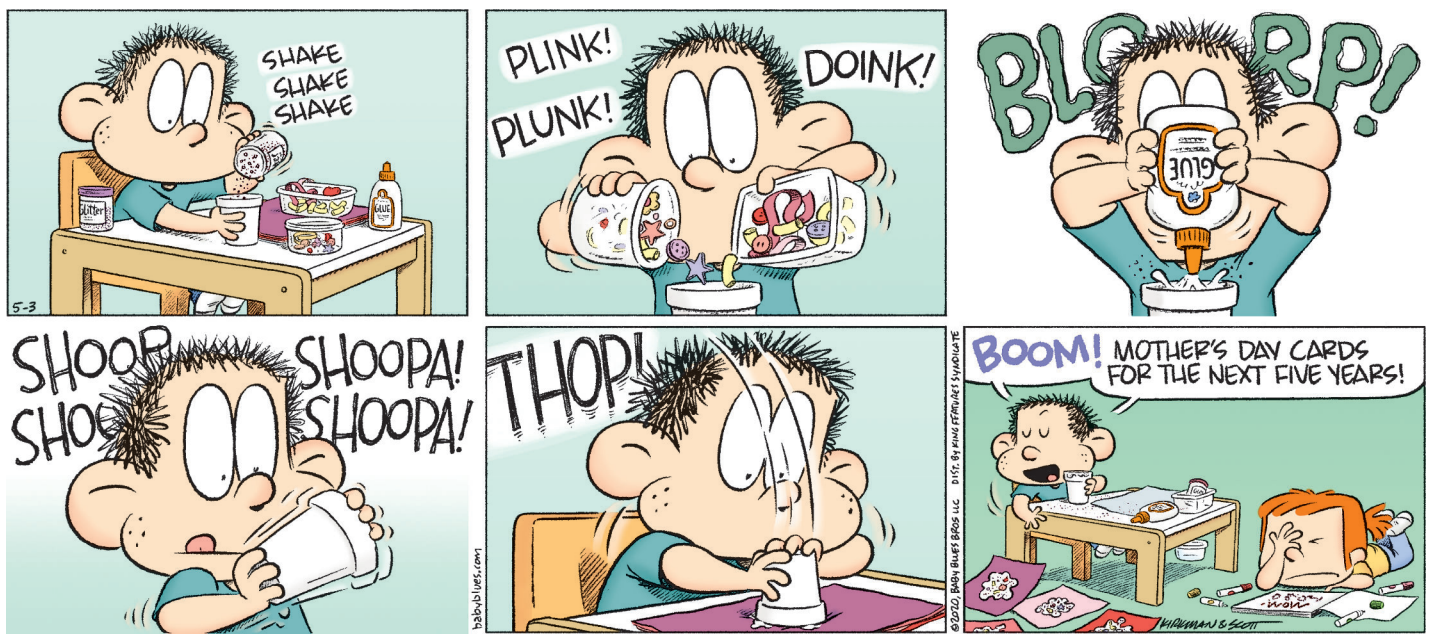


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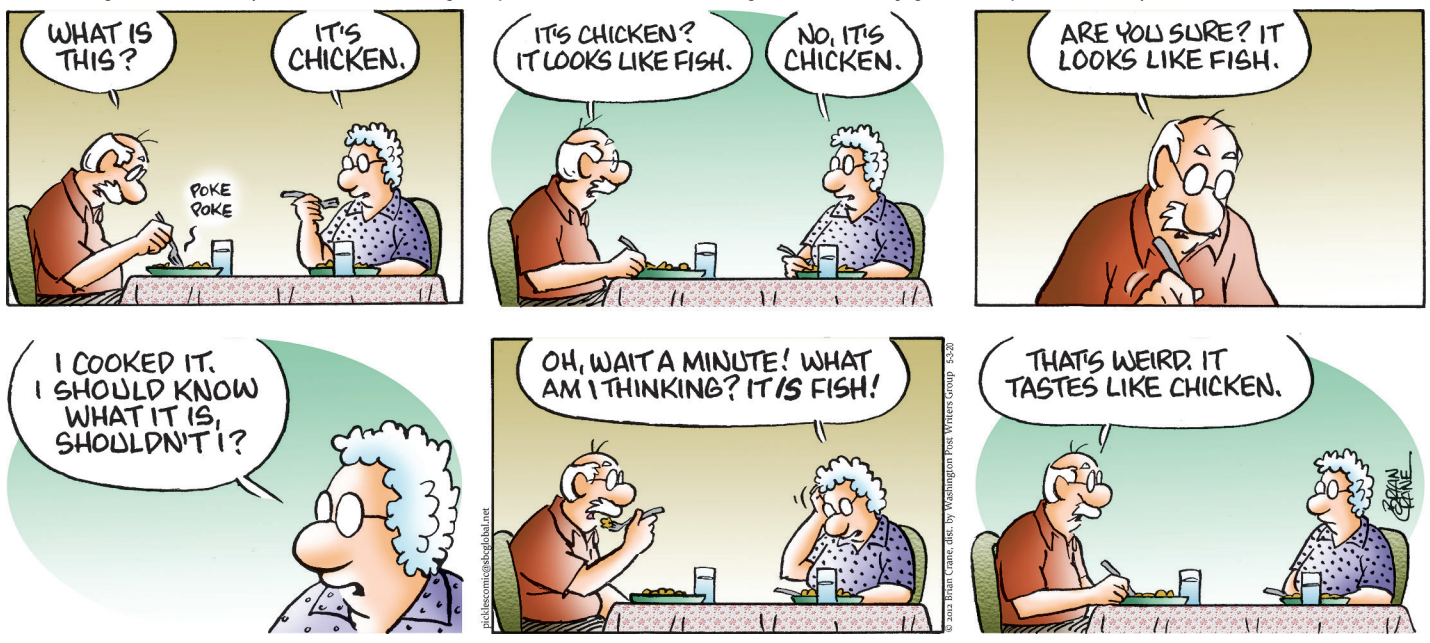
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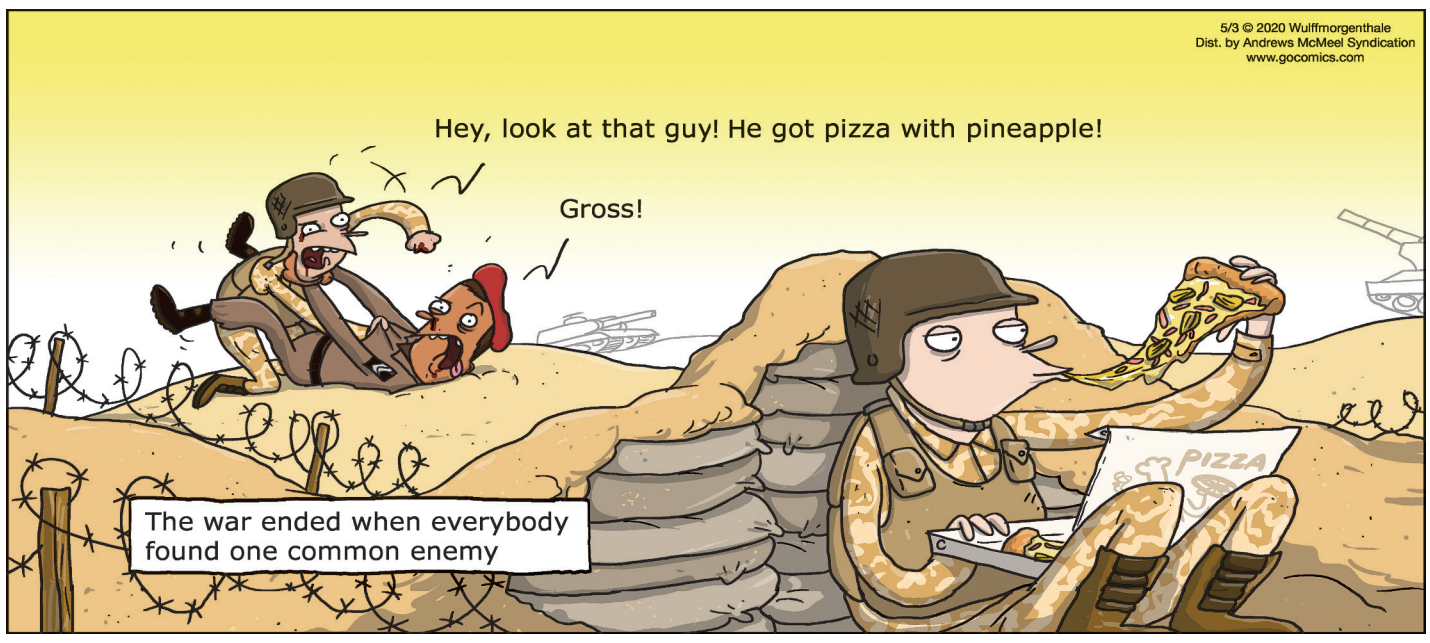
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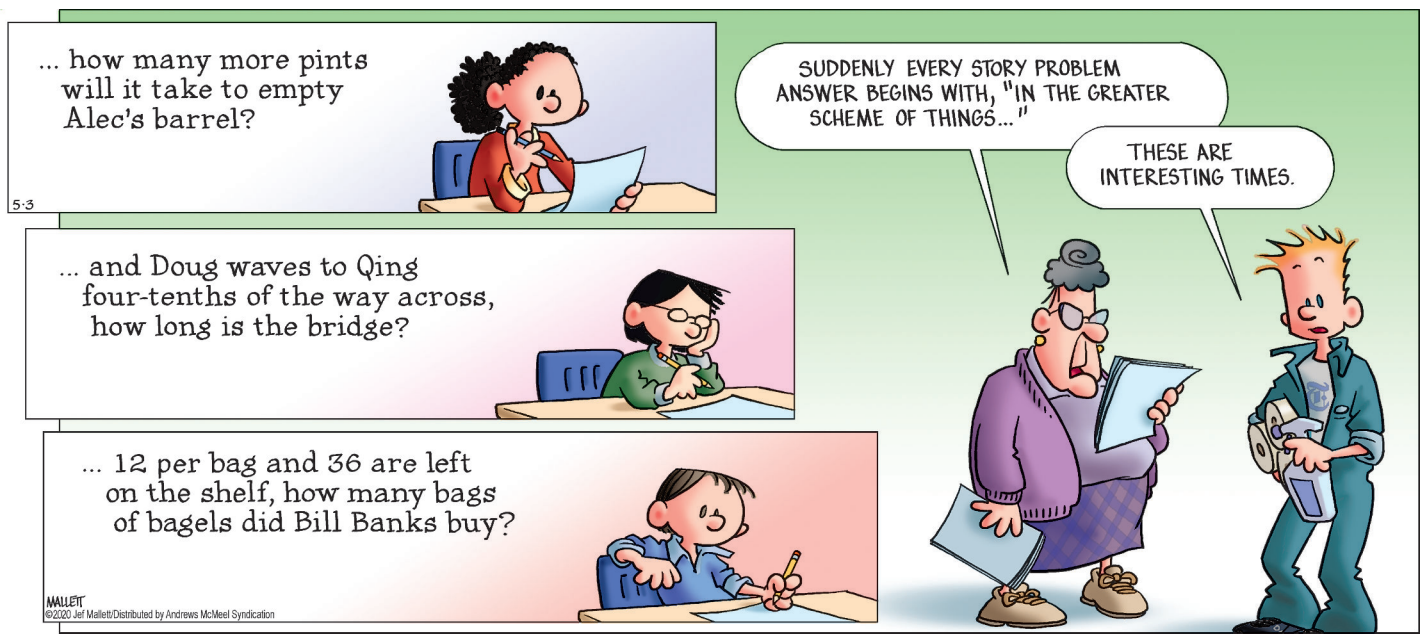
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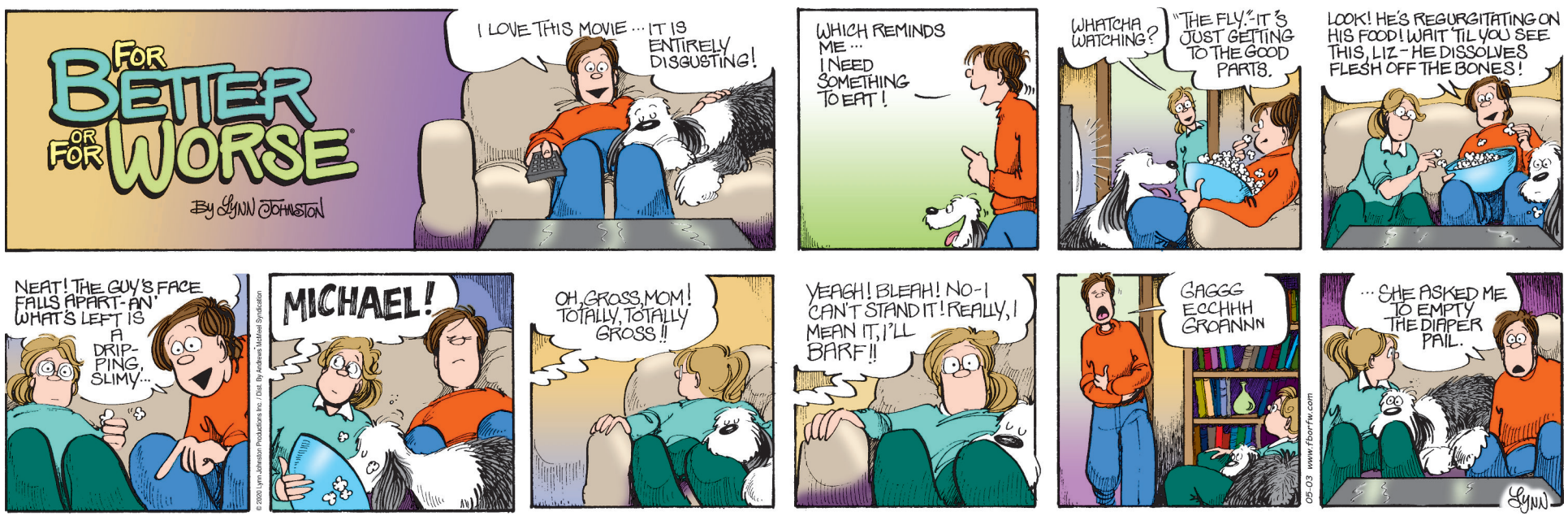
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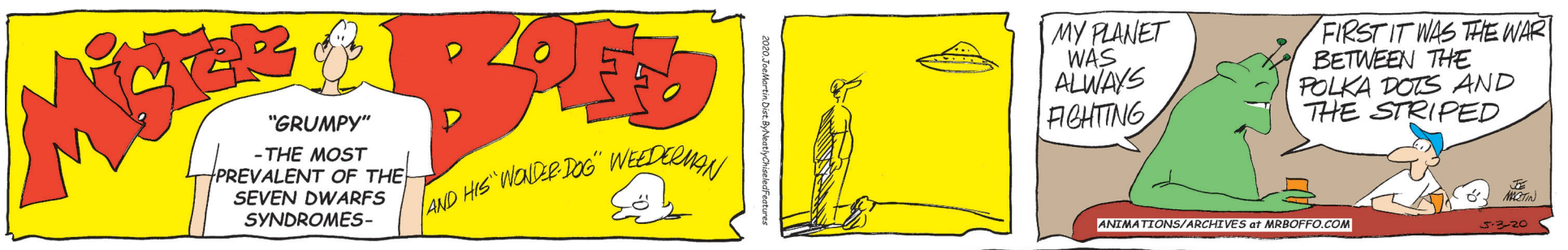
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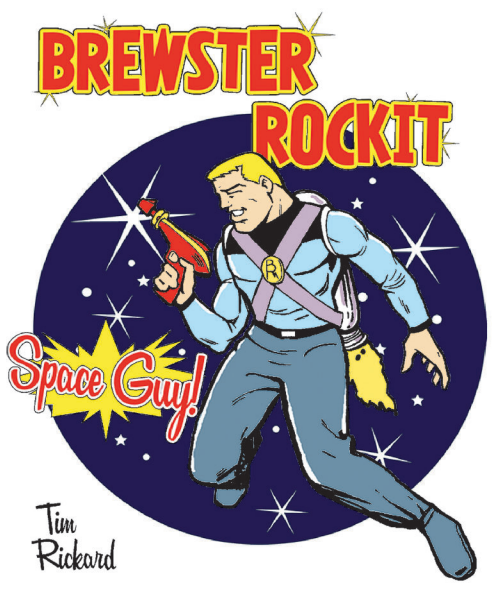
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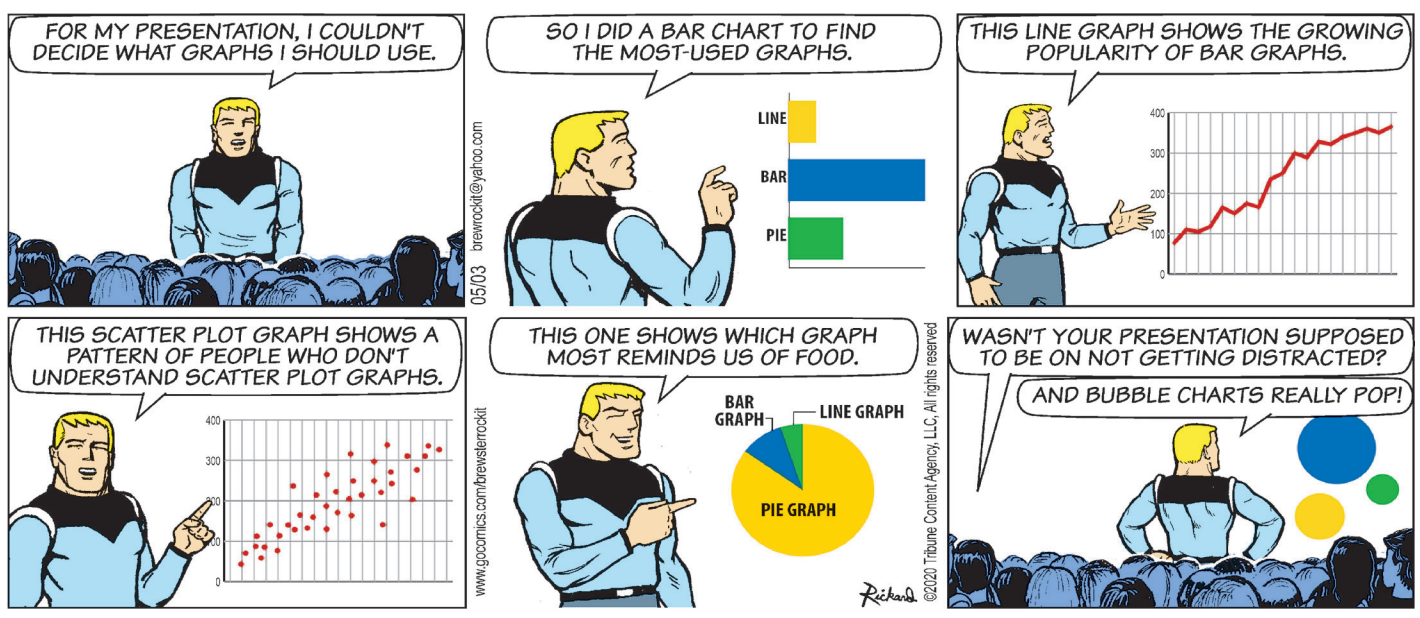
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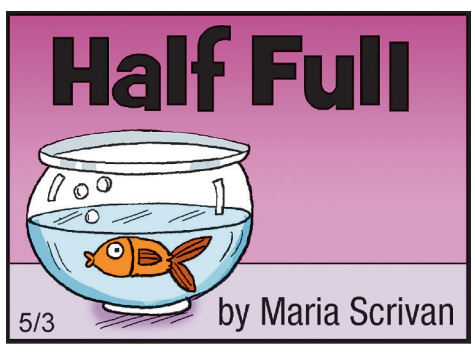
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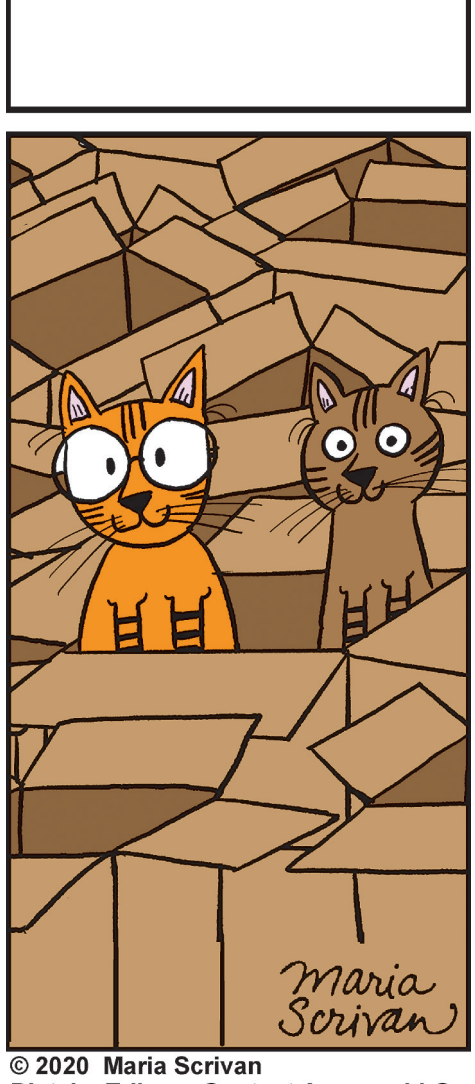


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by Maria Scrivan



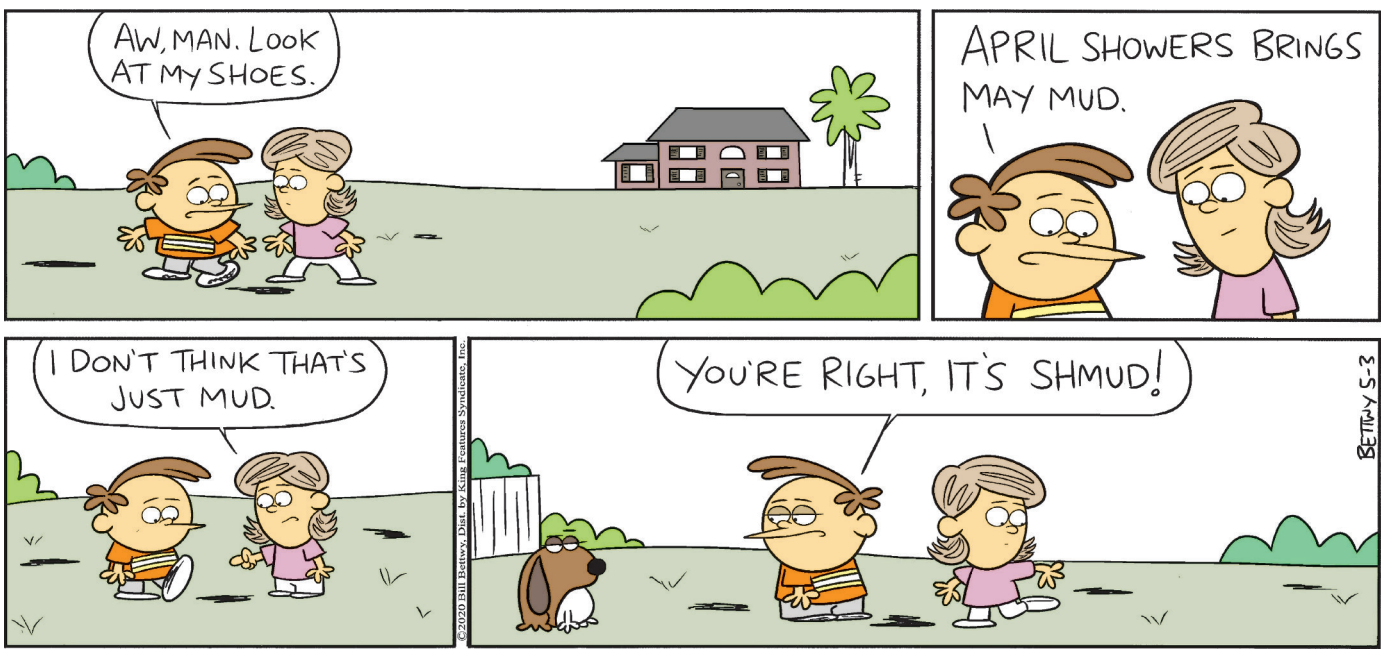




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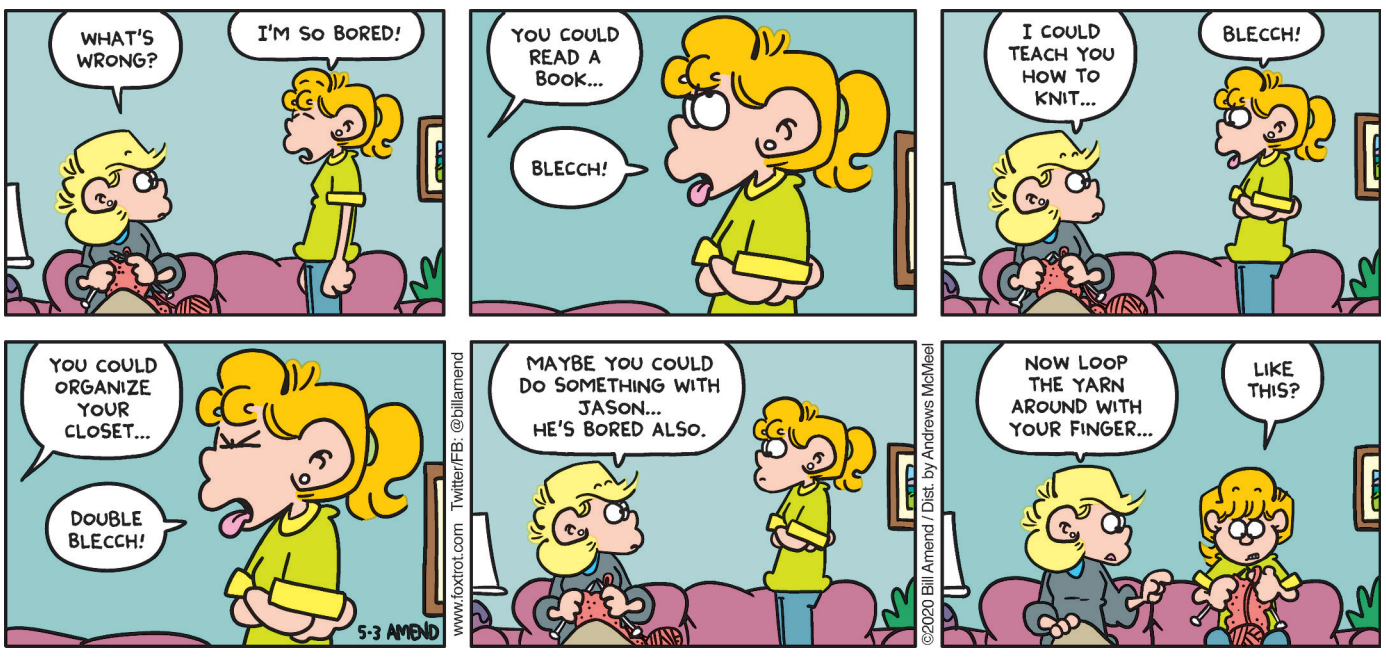
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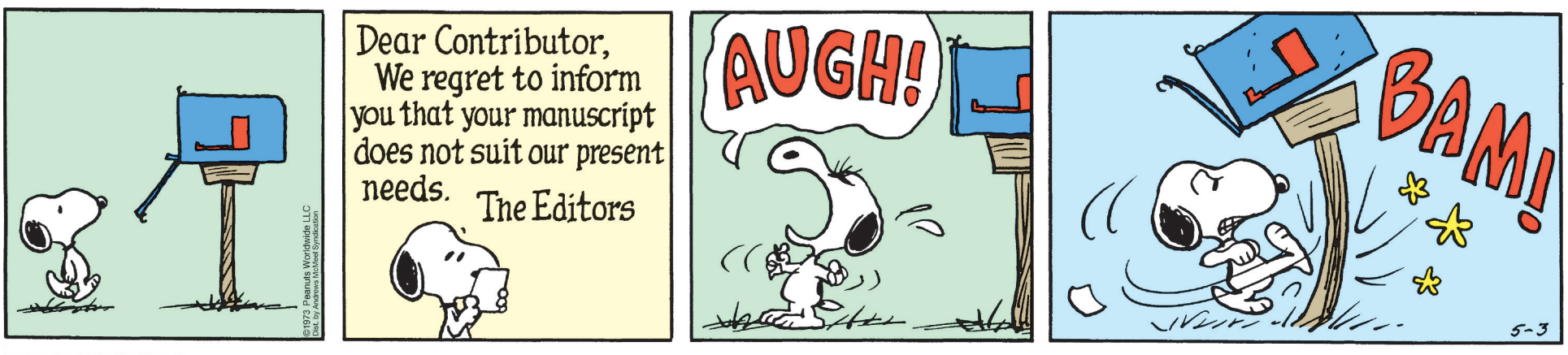


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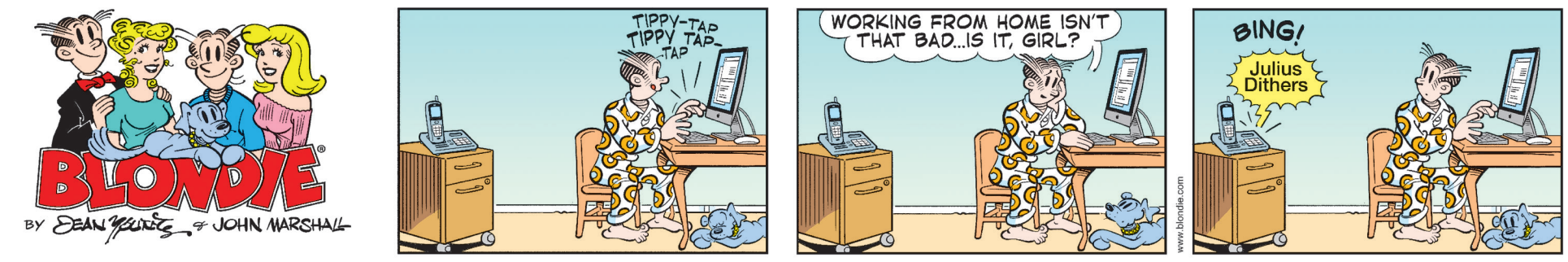
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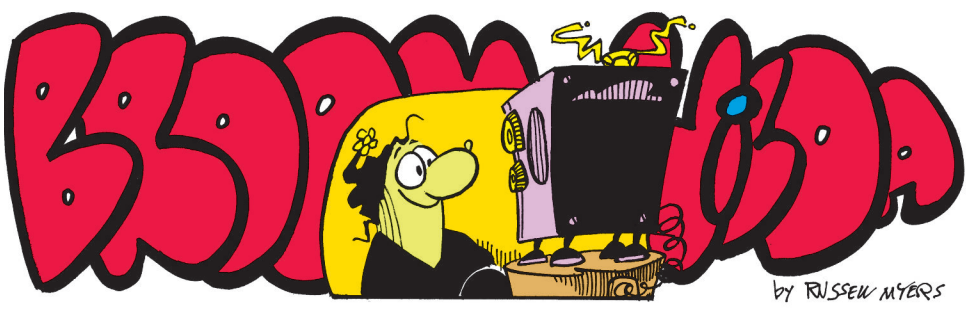
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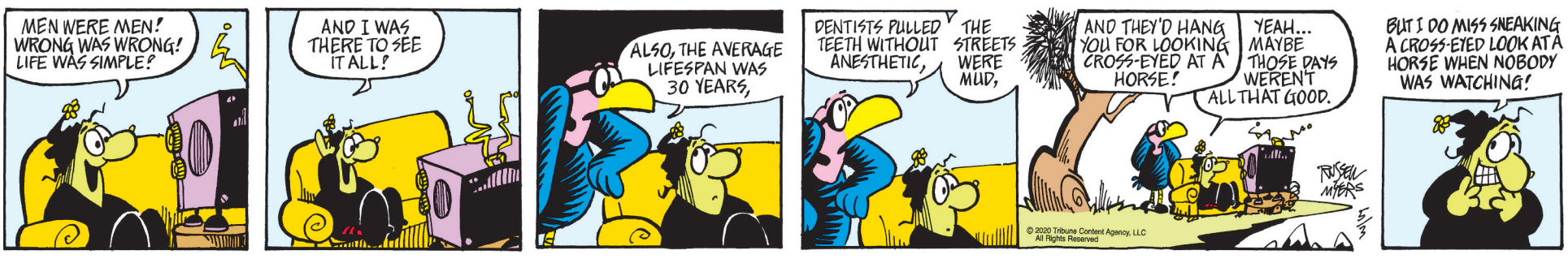


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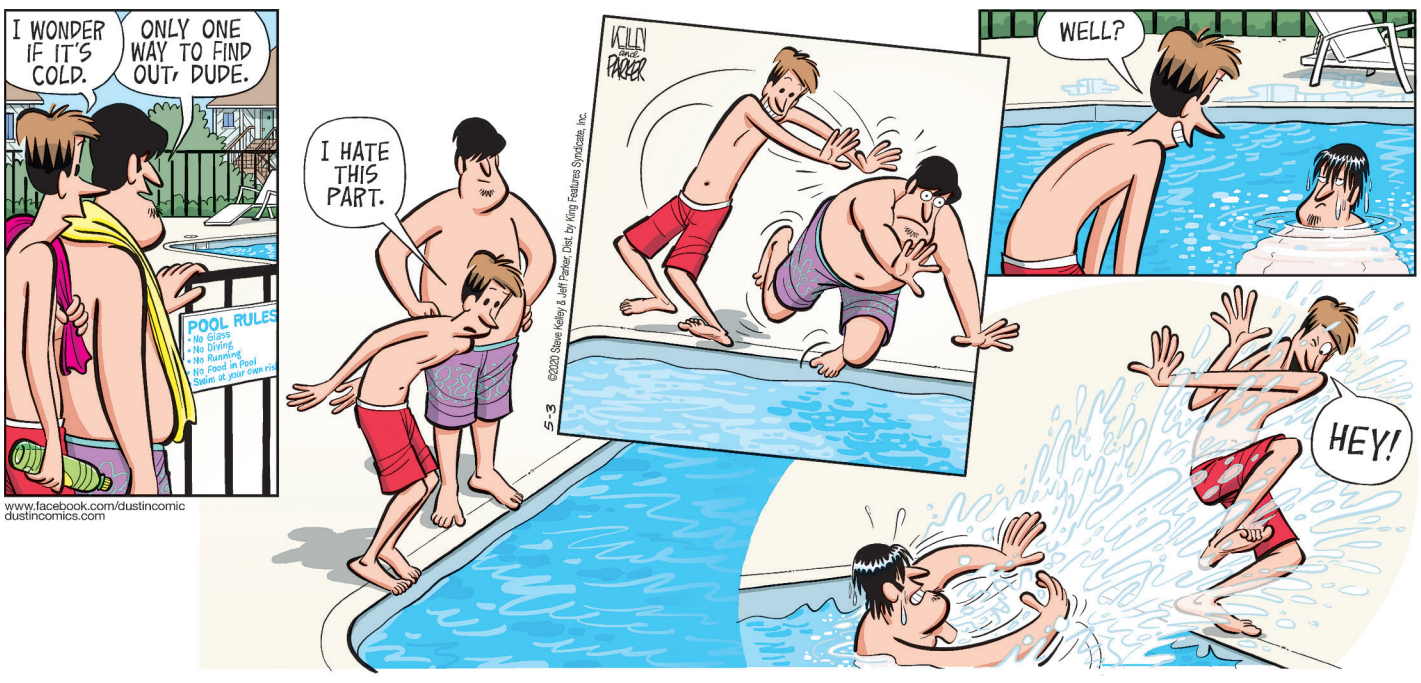


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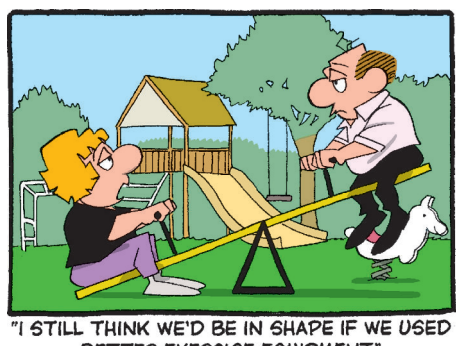




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The Lockhorns
By Bunny Hoest and John Reiner


"I STILL THINK WE'D BE IN SHAPE IF WE USED BETTER EXERCISE EQUIPMENT."



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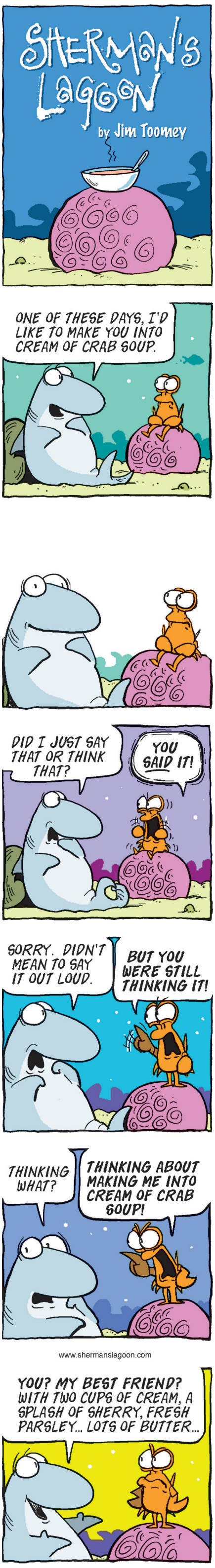
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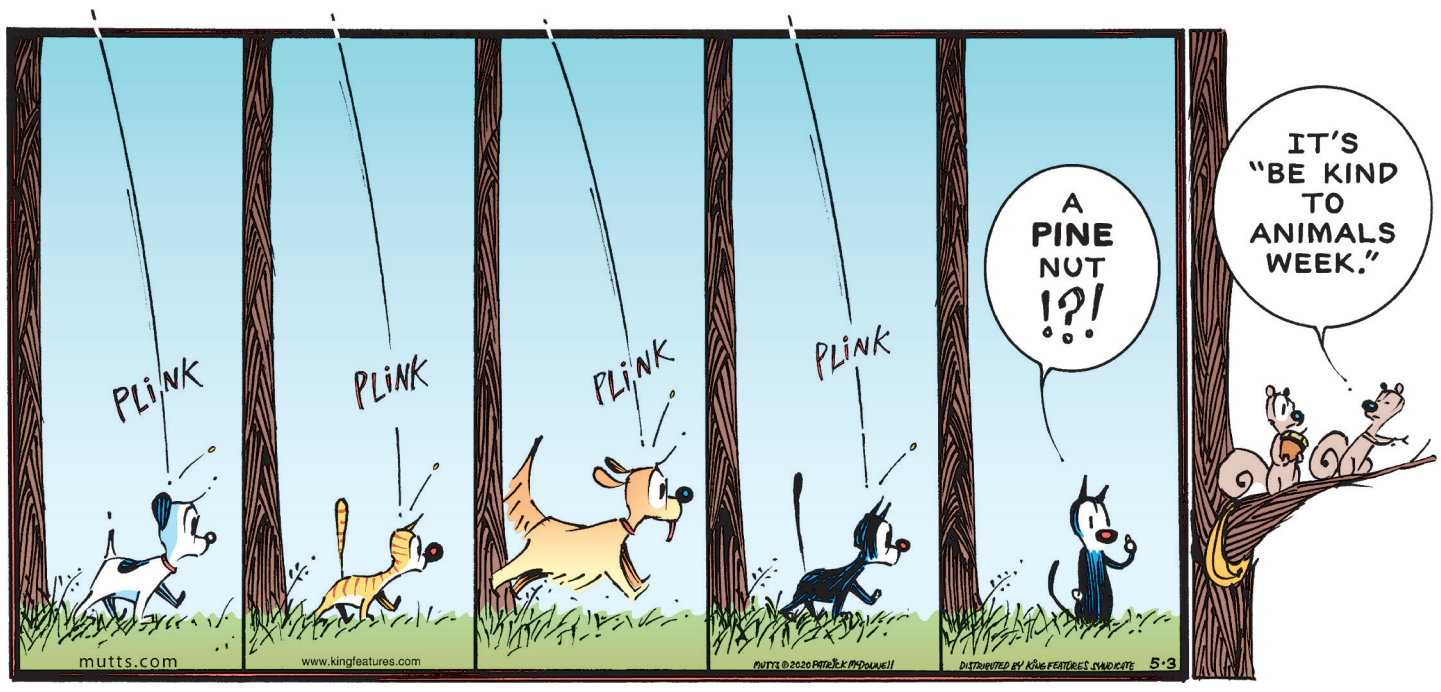




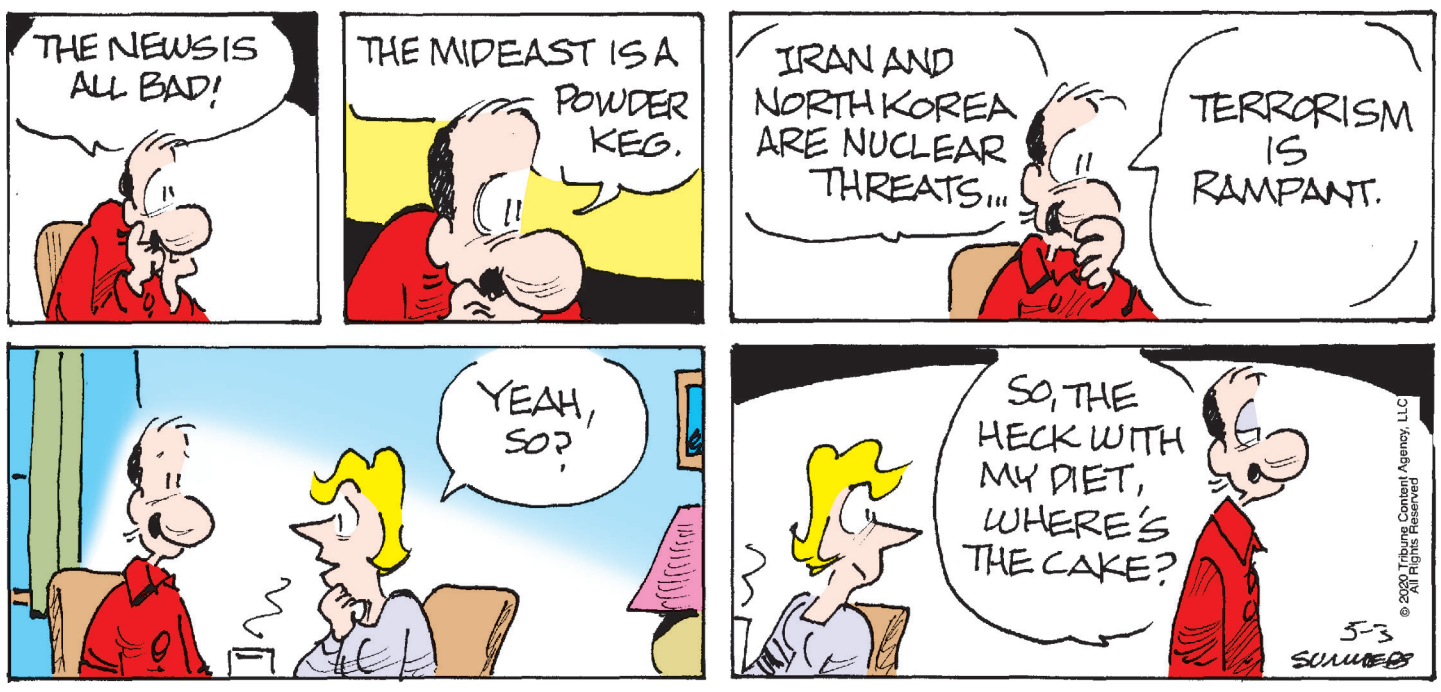
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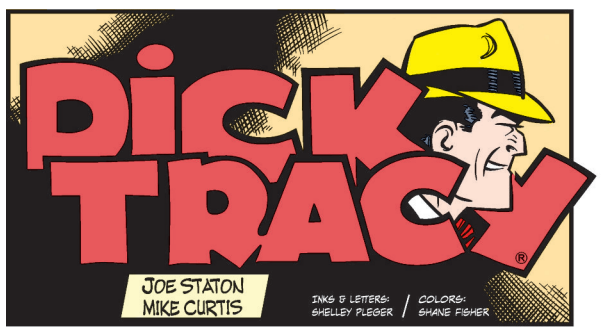
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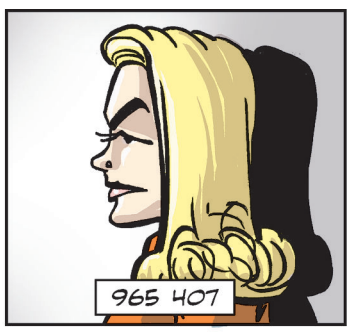
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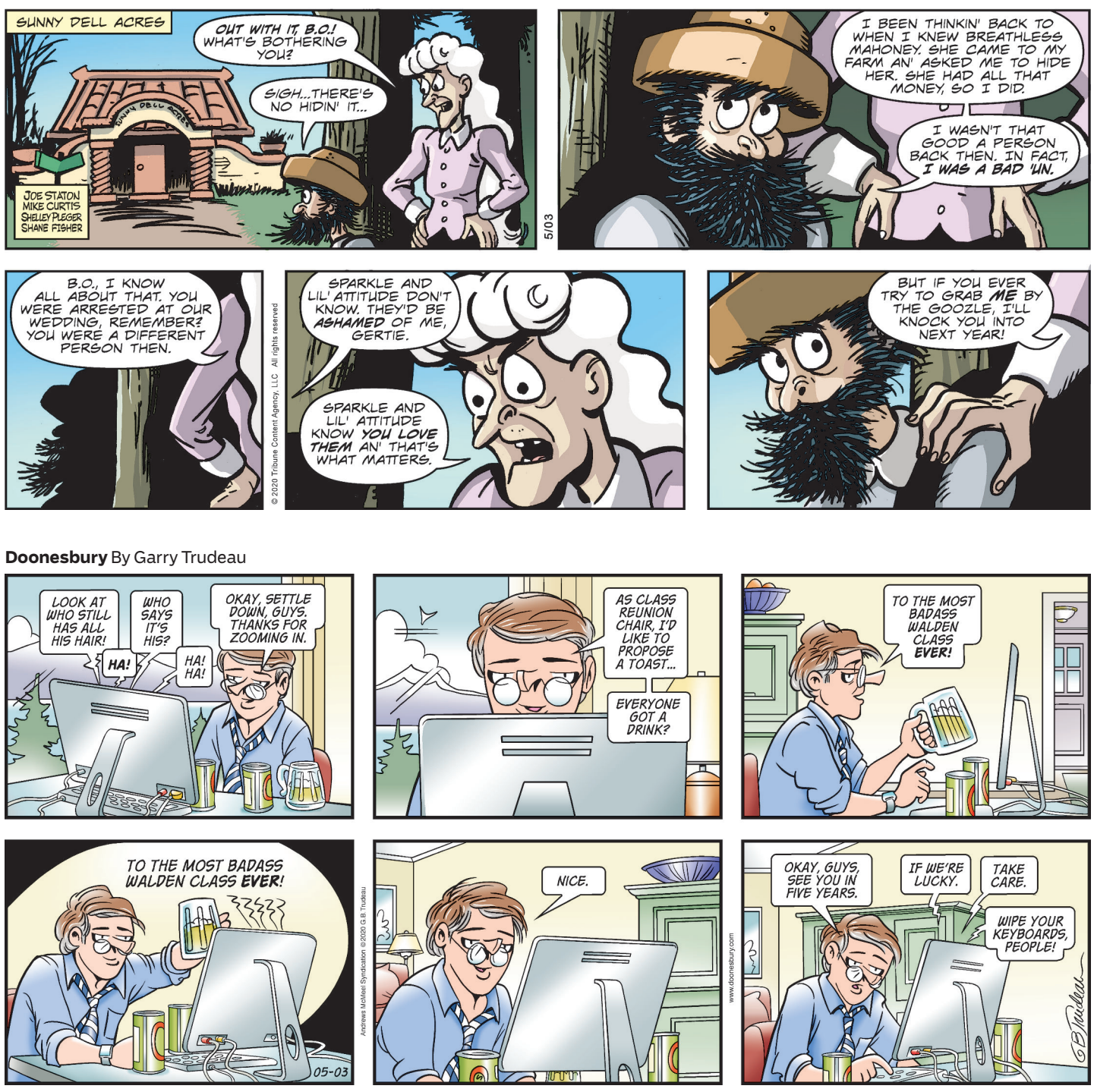


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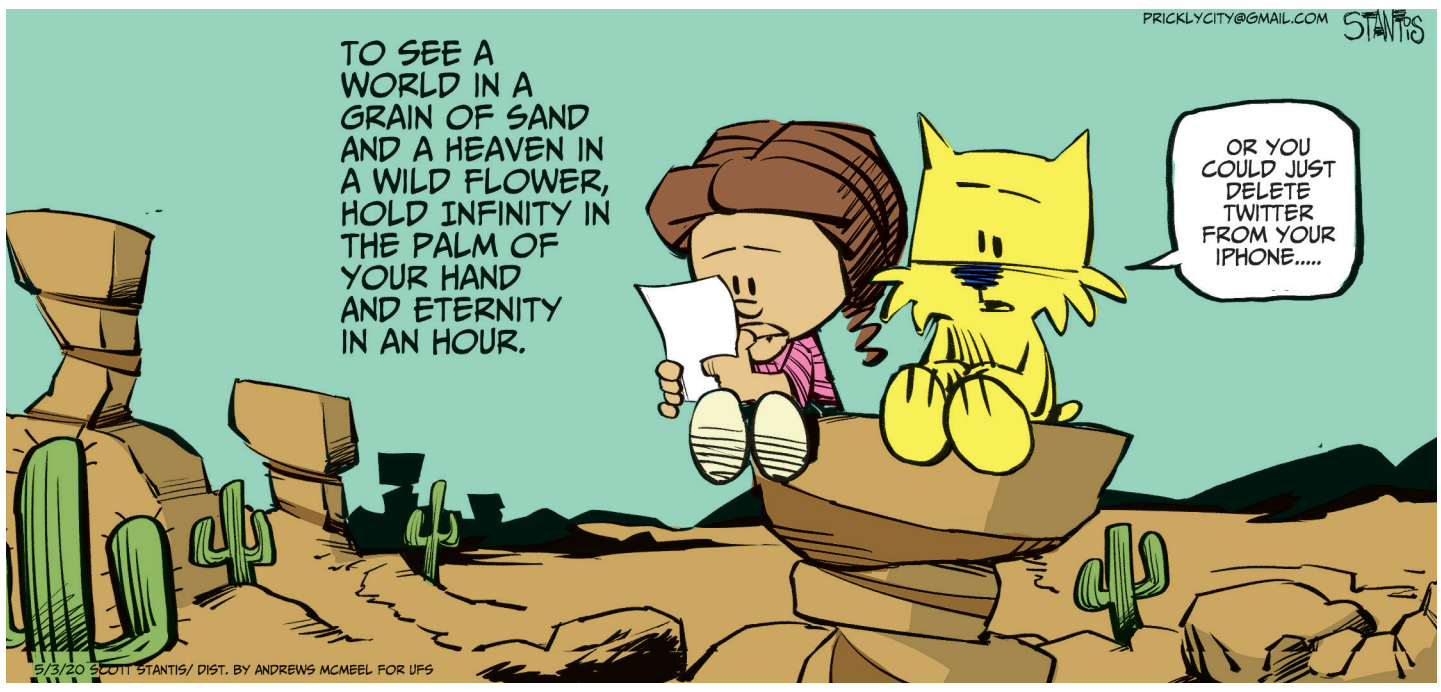
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HOME REMEDIES LIKE SALTWATER OR BLEACH, AND PRODUCTS LIKE SILVER SOLUTION AND MEDICINES FOR OTHER DISEASES CAN HURT MORE THAN YOUR WALLET IF YOU FALL PREY TO A SCAMMER.
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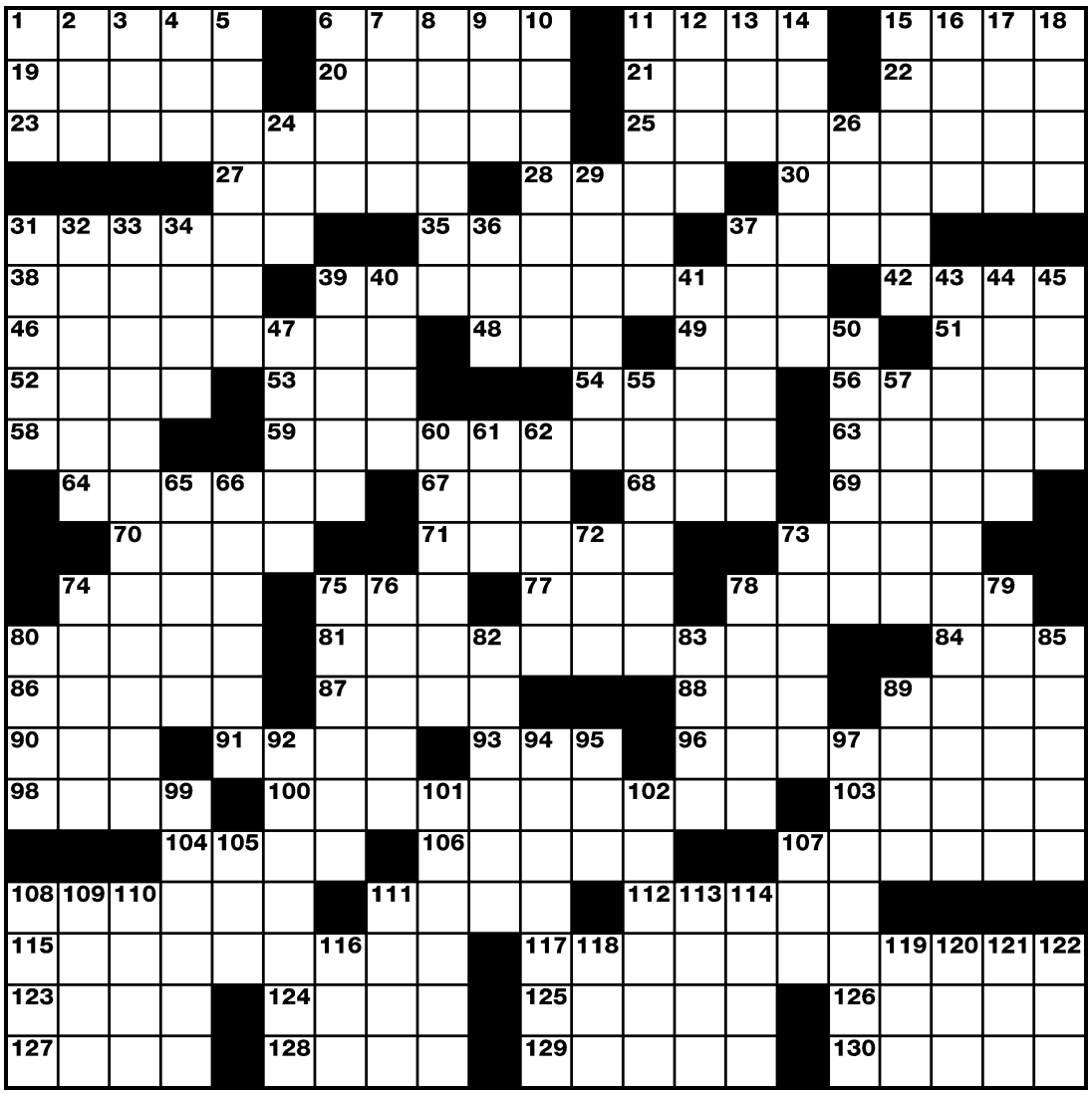
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MY BOY FRIEND'S BACK: At last!

By Gail Grabowski | Edited by Stanley Newman
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Across

1 Ancient Mongol marauder
6 Makeup mishap
11 Flu symptom
15 White lies
19 Prepare (oneself) for a jolt
20 Tyler of *Whose Line Is It Anyway?*
21 Weaver's apparatus
22 Laudatory verses
23 Kabul's country
25 Nourishment in a hive
27 River mouth formation
28 Arabian Peninsula port
30 Los Angeles hoopsters
31 Corsage flower
35 With 37 Across, alternative to fries
37 See 35 Across
38 Endangerment
39 Is off the mark
42 Rec ctr. for girls
46 Typical guy
48 Starz alternative
49 *Frozen* snow queen
51 A question of technique
52 Margarita garnish
53 Suffix for percent
54 Box sealer
56 Worth keeping
58 U-turn from NNW
59 Fulfill, as an obligation
63 Dads
64 Audible bouncebacks
67 Be off the mark
68 Summer clock setting: Abbr.
69 Tablet downloads
70 "__ Lang Syne"
71 Paper packages
73 Venetian's "So long!"
74 Engendered
75 Yale student
77 *Elementary* actress Lucy
78 Sculpted works
80 Copy machine inserts
81 Far from accord
84 USPS assignment
86 Insistent exclamation
87 Irish New Age singer
88 Kindled
89 Give-and-take transaction
90 Sistine Chapel depiction
91 Take a risk
93 Scoundrel
96 Car trip interrupter
98 Something to read for
100 Window sticker
103 Cut in two
104 Christmas season
106 Soothing thing
107 Sets aside for now
108 Daytona 500 org.
111 West Coast wine valley
112 Prepare to relocate a transplant
115 Green vegetable
117 Certain Jaguar or Genesis
123 Favoritism
124 Cash, so to speak
125 Justice Kagan
126 Vatican surrounder
127 Reasonable
128 Square-corner shapes
129 Smart-alecky
130 City south of Scottsdale

Down

1 Timetable letters
2 Canine comment
3 Facebook post's label
4 *"Mein Gott!"*
5 With no difficulty
6 Leave port
7 Niagara Falls by-product
8 Sprawling property
9 "Now I get it!"
10 Owed for drinks
11 Camus or Einstein
12 Filmmaker Joel or Ethan
13 Cultivating tool
14 Puts to work
15 Down-home
16 Sit at a light
17 Ballpark beverage
18 S&L IDs
24 Homer's neighbor
26 Granola grain
29 Mississippi River explorer
31 German cars
32 Prepare a new edition of
33 Custard dessert
34 Put to work
36 Shade of gray
37 Special knack
39 Lavish parties
40 Short race distance, for short
41 Some auctioned autos
43 Bird named for its song
44 Brown beverages
45 Leaves speechless
47 Acted without talking
50 Nanny from overseas
55 Makes sense
57 Cantina hors d'oeuvres
60 In a strange way
61 Exam for college srs.
62 Tests with talking
65 Military copters
66 One's native land
72 "Mamma __!"
73 Terra __ pot
74 Exclamation of approval
75 "Bam!" chef
76 Flax fabric
78 Warbler's sound
79 "... __ a fever"
80 Management level
82 Winter hat feature
83 __ Romeo (sports car)
85 Parrying weapons
89 Rough guess
92 Bowler's stat
94 Source of radio revenue
95 Fun run souvenir
97 "I've had enough!"
99 Crate up
101 Brewers' buys
102 Main points
105 Large rowing trophy
107 Trifle (with)
108 Runs in
109 About 6% of Egypt
110 Extend across
111 __ and void
113 Some Catholic school teachers
114 Ask earnestly
116 Insole material
118 "Small" suffix
119 Summer in Saint-Tropez
120 River blocker
121 Austrian peak
122 High-energy TV scientist

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Quote-Acrostic

1. Define clues, writing in Words column over numbered dashes.
2. Transfer letters to numbered squares in diagram.
3. When pattern is completed, quotation can be read left to right. The first letters of the filled-in words reading down form an acrostic yielding the speaker's name and the topic of the quotation.

Clues **Words**

A. Cyrano playwright — 30 107 21 67 144 62 88

B. Housework hazard?: 2 wds. — 146 57 131 47 115 158 130 / 80 164 106 22 1

C. Retaining wall — 118 8 52 170 94 17 148 74 34

D. '50s singer Nelson — 73 19 60 93

E. Larger than large — 68 24 42 117 145 86 162 98 55

F. Secret info: hyph. — 155 135 14 125 38 102 54 89

G. A blue: hyph. — 96 70 147 142 28 156 64 119 83

H. Wimp — 116 23 82 72 5 56 141 101 45 161

I. Dante, if phone-book-listed — 120 4 168 29 95 12 69 50 76

J. 'Grand' is WY's second highest peak — 26 129 63 97 13

K. Post website editor — 7 138 109 71 43 66 99 58 122 25

L. It's often left standing: 2 wds. — 157 53 143 32 10 85

M. Exclusion — 16 126 153 105 2 79 41 169 136

N. Jurassic flyer — 163 140 112 159 150 3 81 15 49 124 40

O. Connery's first Bond babe — 51 39 152 123 78 91 108

P. Former ruler of the seas: 2 wds. — 111 48 20 61 75 139 35 128 149

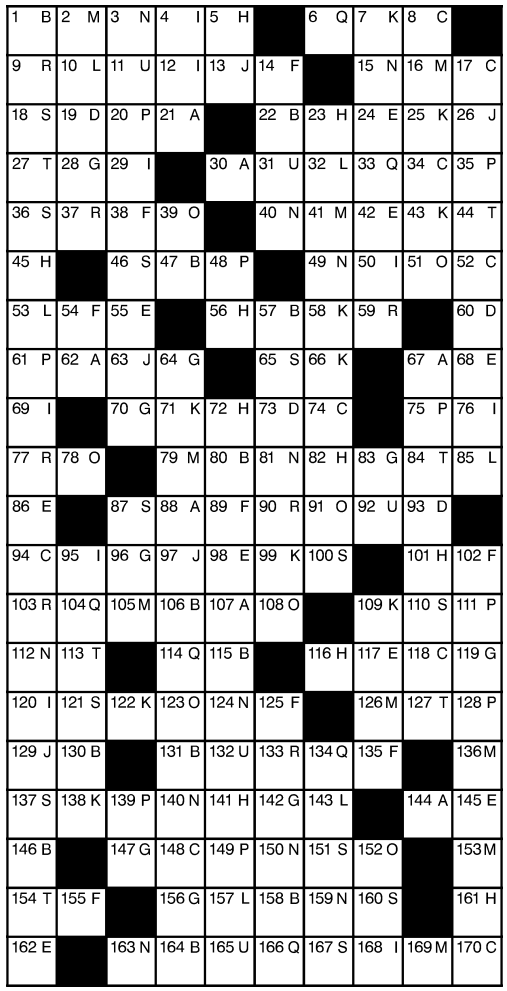
Q. Influential filmmaker — 166 33 6 104 114 134

R. Pass: 2 wds. — 9 37 90 59 133 103 77 / 46 87 65 167 160

S. Grimm tales musical: 3 wds. — 110 151 36 137 121 100 18

T. Muslim sect member — 113 154 27 84 44 127

U. Turn inside out — 31 11 92 165 132



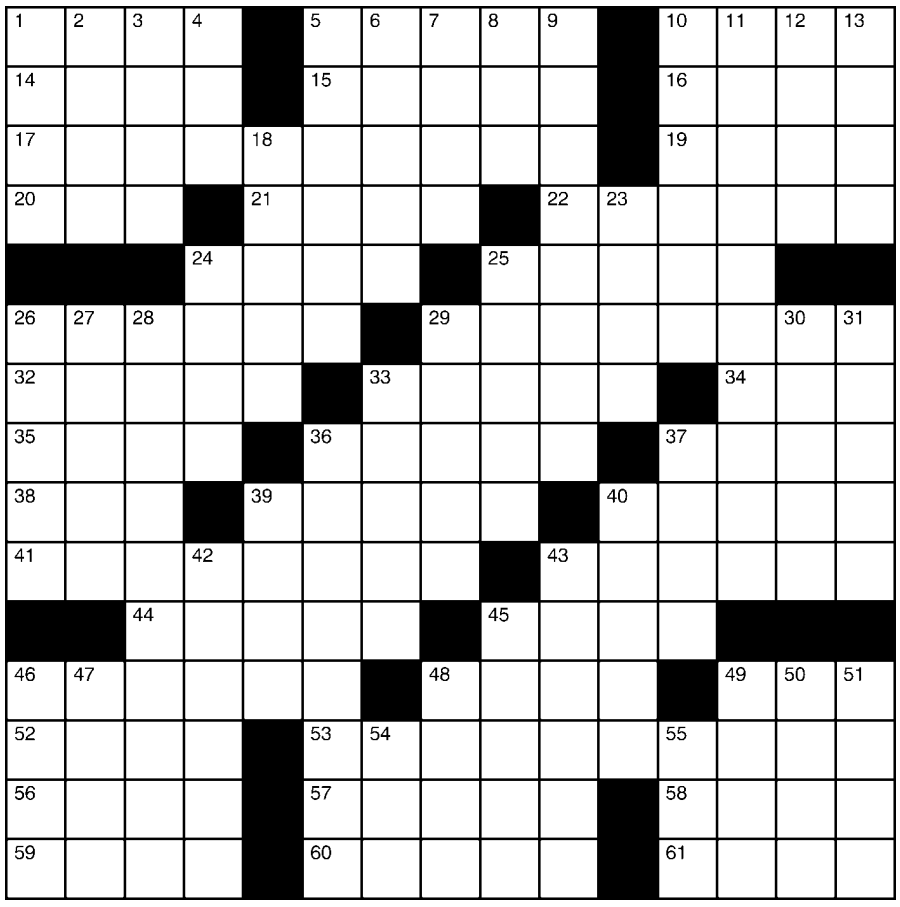
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After the Fact

By Charles Preston

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1 British peer
5 WWII French traitor
10 Church area
14 Slip sideways
15 FL city
16 Debatable
17 Analysis of an event
19 Scandinavian capital
20 Still
21 English author
22 Red Cross founder
24 Committed perjury
25 Abraham's wife
26 Tack on
29 Organist's finale
32 Glistened
33 Sings, a la Merman
34 Chess pieces
35 Price
36 Yearn for
37 Baptismal basin
38 LLB holder
39 Rough of surface
40 Motivation
41 Check action
43 Small rodent's nemesis
44 Sure thing
45 Intend
46 Temple of Amon site
48 Spacecraft compartments
49 Commercial come-ons
52 Goddess of discord
53 Following Hiroshima
56 Ready
57 Bay window
58 Vishnu incarnation
59 Of a country: abbr.
60 Examines
61 At that point

Down

1 Catch sight of
2 Medicinal herb
3 Become corroded
4 Allow
5 Impended
6 Bitter
7 Cisterns
8 Pub potion
9 Pitch into
10 Ethically indifferent
11 Like some publications
12 Unaccompanied
13 English college
18 Down East
23 Part of B.A.
24 Christian fasting period
25 Unravel the obscure
26 Assn. for 46 Down
27 Camera print
28 Epistolary afterthought
29 "___ porridge hot"
30 Thick
31 Stage direction
33 Soup stock
36 Eccentric
37 Greek country deity
39 Millay or Ferber
40 Slide
42 Glittery material
43 Commemorative awards
45 Vocal composition
46 American composer
47 Opera staple
48 Greek letters
49 Indian nurse
50 Store or novel, now history
51 Glance over
54 Metallic rock
55 Scrap

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Get Moving

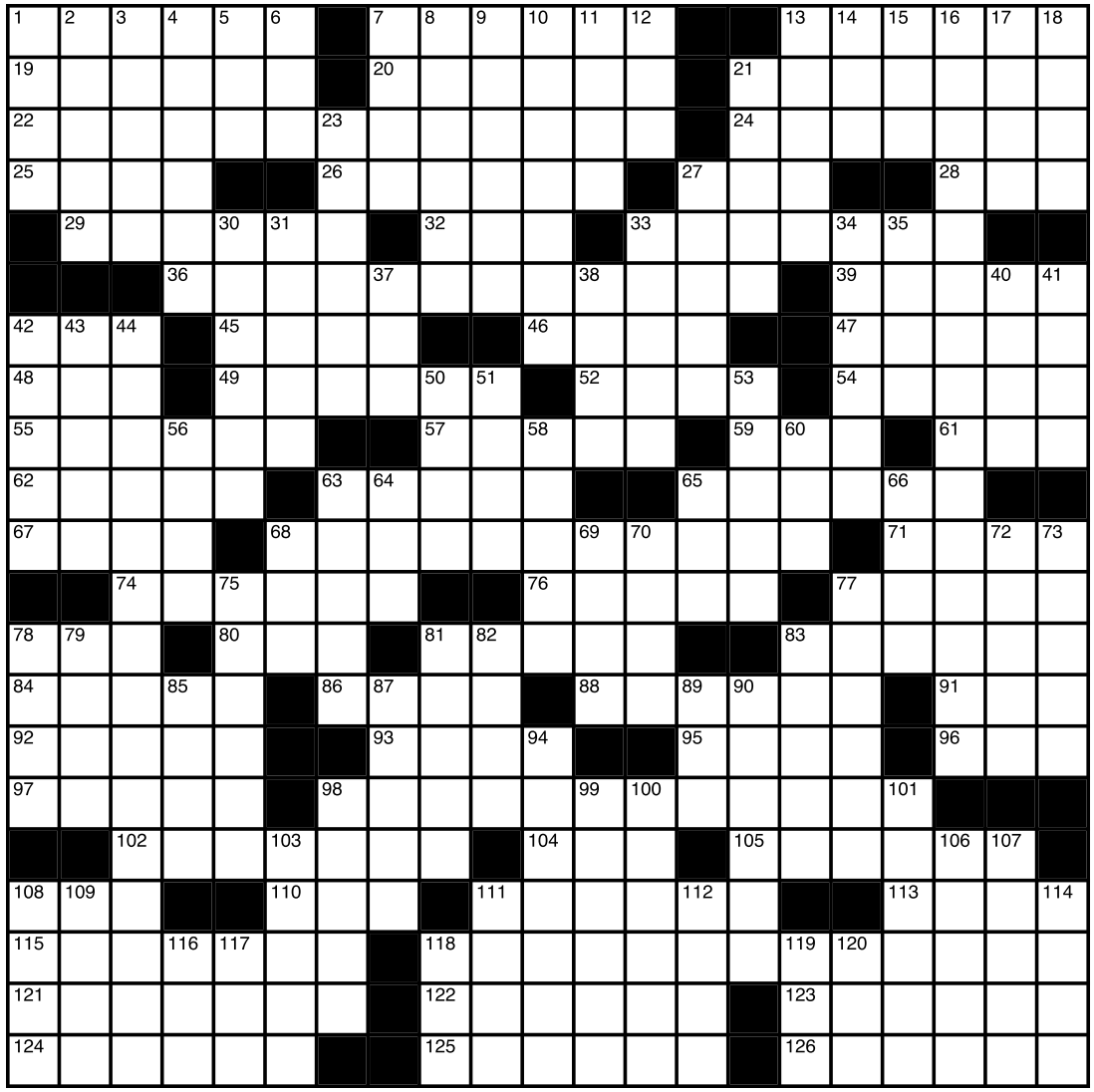
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Across

1 One on a stroll
7 Absolute
13 Some recyclables
19 Louisiana cuisine
20 Gets the old gang together
21 Tapas bar libation
22 LEAP
24 Acts as a self-appointed regulator of
25 Bit of a jam
26 Glitterati groups
27 Film studio VIP
28 Tint
29 Eccentric sort
32 God, in Genoa
33 Accept as true
36 DASH
39 Make anew, as a trench
42 Liquid from a trunk
45 Summoned, in a way
46 Portable Asian shelter
47 Elliott of hip-hop
48 Half a frozen potato brand
49 Keyboards with stops
52 Forensic analysts, briefly
54 Prefix with act or play
55 Readied for impact
57 Figure __
59 It may be fake
61 Speed Wagon make
62 Some saxes
63 Instrument in a piano trio
65 River craft for early French explorers
67 Husband-and-wife creators of Curious George
68 BOLT
71 PC virus check
74 They may precede bat flips
76 Bring joy to
77 Chips on the table
78 Love of Lennon's life
80 Copy
81 DKNY label creator
83 Wee
84 Layer of bricks
86 Sermon subjects
88 One carrying a torch
91 Turncoat
92 Billy Joel's songwriting daughter
93 Thesis: Abbr.
95 Ávila aunts
96 EMT destinations
97 Dorm diet staple
98 HOP
102 Queued up
104 Butte-to-Helena dir.
105 E-flat equivalent
108 More, in Mazatlán
110 URL ending
111 "Being and Nothingness" author
113 Drive-__
115 Reach
118 SKIP
121 Sir __, nickname for the NBA's Barkley
122 Safer on TV
123 Baum's good witch
124 Flower features
125 Golf course design features
126 "Gunsmoke" star

Down

1 Hail __
2 Head honcho
3 Suisse capital
4 Call from the back
5 '70s supergroup, initially
6 Like many AARP mems.
7 Depleted sea
8 Make a home (in)
9 Cosmonaut's home
10 Pre-med subject
11 Strips in a darkroom, briefly
12 "Cats" monogram
13 New Zealand settler
14 Blowup: Abbr.
15 Letters before Fridays
16 VAULT
17 Place
18 Postpaid encl.
21 Word in a "What's done is done" proverb
23 Kitchen prep job
27 Teeth: Pref.
30 2/3 of 100?
31 Online greeting
33 Like a ruined balloon
34 White fur
35 Marble characteristic
37 Gp. for good drivers
38 Cry from a sting
40 "Got it"
41 Greek sandwich
42 Bollywood soundtrack strings
43 Singer with numbered albums
44 RUN
50 Jodie Foster title role
51 Rural skyline feature
53 Orally report
56 Barely worth mentioning
58 Errand runner
60 Part of NCAA: Abbr.
63 Apple leftovers
64 37-Down's Ernie
65 Tweet creator, at times
66 A-apple link
68 Brief sign of status
69 __ hammer
70 Place with pins and balls
72 Rose extract
73 Russian rejections
75 Sábado, on viernes
77 Cherry-flavored brandy
78 "A Jug of Wine ... " poet
79 Animated queen
81 Word with bread or butter
82 Little helper?
83 Stands for
85 Yoked pair
87 Picking from a mug book
89 Part of LLC: Abbr.
90 Royal headwear
94 Rat Pack leader
98 Sacks
99 Sign up
100 Fixed rate
101 Uses HelloFresh, say
103 Can't get enough of
106 Cologne's river
107 Nudges along
108 "Big" fast-food orders
109 Tylenol target
111 Garbage hauler
112 Rob __: cocktails
114 Some, in San Juan
116 Nest egg acronym
117 Bracket shape
118 Early hrs.
119 Franchise-based supermarket chain
120 Photog's choice



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Jumble

Unscramble the six Jumbles, one letter per square, to form six words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.

WHREDS

INCCOI

SLRIHL

PEETXR

LRNMAO

UDFEES



PRINT YOUR ANSWER IN THE CIRCLES BELOW

"_____"

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Sudoku

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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.

Level: 1 2 3 4

6			2	9		5		1
				6				
						7		
	4	2	8			1	6	
	6	7			9	4	8	
		5						8
				5				
2		1		4	7	6		3

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Horoscopes

Today's birthday (May 3): Investigate new frontiers this year. Maintain persistent professional routines for growth. Shifting directions with family finances this summer leads to gains through strengthened communication. Stay light on your feet with unstable conditions. Discovering new income sources leads to a fat winter shared harvest.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 7. Harmony may require effort. Don't show loved ones unfinished work. Avoid controversy or sensitive issues. Focus on practical priorities like maintaining health and physical practices.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 7. Don't get intimated. Friction can generate sparks hot enough to burn. What gets revealed may not be pretty. Fantasies dissipate. Long-term benefits arise in communication.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 7. A home improvement project may require making a mess. Focus on the practical priorities. Research materials. Avoid controversial decisions. Keep your sense of humor.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 7. Clarify misunderstandings in the moment. Don't fund a fantasy. Heed recommendations and warnings. Things may not be as they seem.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Don't fall for an expensive trick. Avoid distractions and arguments. Adapt and adjust for budget shortfalls. Stay practical, or risk trouble. Avoid stepping on toes.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 9. The truth gets revealed. Personal dreams may seem distant, yet you can still advance. Clean a mess. Keep promises and bargains. Luck follows disciplined actions.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 6. Consider options and possibilities. Things may not go as planned. Favor substance over symbolism. Postpone shopping or travel. Lay low and take it easy.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 7. Schedule group connections carefully. Not everyone agrees with plans. It could take patience to resolve a disagreement on priorities.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 7. Professional restraint serves you well. Guard against overspending or overindulging. Words can seem deceptive and misinformation abounds.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Keep your tone gentle, especially when confronting an authority figure. Avoid risky business and wait for better travel conditions. Investigate and research your subject.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Manage shared finances without getting into an argument. Disagreements would slow the action. Stay patient, even if your partner loses their cool. Prioritize taking care of business.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. Collaborate for shared gain. Reality could clash with fantasies. Abandon assumptions and do what needs to be done. Clean up messes.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

Bridge

Q.1—Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ K 9 6 3 2 ♥ A Q 8 6 ♦ 3 2 ♣ 9 4

North	East	South	West
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	?	

What call would you make?

Q.2—North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ J 9 8 2 ♥ 8 ♦ J 9 5 4 ♣ A J 10 4
Partner opens 1S and right-hand opponent passes. What call would you make?

Q.3—East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ Q 8 5 3 ♥ A Q ♦ Q J 10 8 6 ♣ A 6

South	West	North	East
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
?			

What call would you make?

Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ Void ♥ 9 6 ♦ A K Q J 7 6 4 ♣ J 8 6 4

East	South	West	North
1♥	2♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	?		

What call would you make?

Answers in Monday's comics pages.

— Bob Jones
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Word Game

This game challenges you to find as many words as you can, as quickly as you can, in one master word.

NAPERY (NAP-uh-ree): Table linens.

Can you find 21 or more words in NAPERY?

Average mark: 16 words
Time limit: 30 minutes

Here are the rules:

1. Words must be four or more letters. 2. Words that acquire four letters by the addition of an "s," such as "bats" and "cats," are not used. 3. Use only one form of a verb — either "pose" or "posed," not both. 4. Proper nouns and slang terms are not used.

Answers to the word game:
nape; nary; neap; near; aery;
aper; pane; pare; payer;
pear; pray; prey; pyre; earn;
rape; reap; repay; yare; yarn;
year; yearn

— Kathleen Saxe, distributed by Andrews McMeel Syndication for UFS



puzzle island solutions

Last week's crosswords

"FAR-FLUNG"

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"Straight Forward"

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"Undercover Work"

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Last week's Quote-Acrostic

(Joan) ACOCELLA: TURNING THE PAGE: With the advent of the Industrial Revolution, access to power required reading and writing skills. ... Deprived of them, women were condemned to stay home with the livestock, or, if lucky, with the servants.

Last week's Sudoku

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9	2	3	6	1	4	8	7	5
4	7	1	2	8	5	3	9	6
8	5	6	7	9	3	4	2	1

This week's Jumble

SHREWD SHRILL NORMAL
ICONIC EXPERT DEFUSE

He lost 50 pounds by reducing calories and giving up junk food. He had —

LEARNED HIS "LESSEN"



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ANSWER ANGEL

TIPS FOR DYEING YOUR HAIR AT HOME



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TAKING THE LEAD

CHRIS PIZZELLO/AP

ROSARIO DAWSON RELISHING LEAD ROLE



URSULA COYOTE/USA NETWORK

By Gary Gerard Hamilton
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Rosario Dawson has graced both the big and small screens, in everything from dramas to comedies to Marvel superhero projects, yet she's rarely been cast as the lead in a project.

That has changed with her USA series "Briarpatch," where she plays fashionable political fixer Allegra Dill, who returns home to her Texas border town following the bombing death of her police officer sister. She's turning over all stones, attempting to solve the murder in the quirky gumshoe drama.

Dawson has consistently stayed busy both on Hollywood sets and political stages with former Democratic presidential candidate and current boyfriend U.S. Sen. Cory Booker. However, she calls this her toughest role to date, balancing the strenuous physical challenges of the role with her personal challenges as her father battles pancreatic cancer.

"It just was so interesting, vacillating between this incredibly raw emotional experience with my dad and then playing this character who is trying to figure out how to deal with her grief and even appreciating her grief because she just lived such a hard life," said Dawson. "I've just never had so many of all of my faculties and energies being pulled out at once."

The Associated Press spoke with Dawson. Questions and answers have been edited for brevity.

What's this role been like for you as the star of the series?

I got to see all these different things, not just the intensity of the work and the rigor that's demanded, but really also the opportunity to be there every single day. There's so much of so many films and projects that I've worked on that I missed because I wasn't on set.

You've always been vocal about representation, and even though streaming services have allowed for more diversity, it's doesn't seem to reflect that in awards shows like the Oscars.

The gatekeepers of culture have looked in a very particular way for a really long time, and the reality is they still do. They had a very particular strong hold on what that content would look like. But now with streaming services, there's demand, and they're starving for as much content as possible. So I think the financial aspect has definitely piqued people's interest to be more inclusive and more representative.

This is the 15th anniversary of Voto Latino, your voter mobilization organization, and you're in a relationship with a former presidential candidate. Do you know who you'll support now?

This year, and that's something Cory and I talk about actually quite a lot, is just how critical ... it is to have representation that's actually representative of this nation in Congress and in the Senate. And so for me, that's probably my biggest focus now that he's no longer the front-runner that I can support in the presidential race. But for me, more — not more than that — but I think, in equal terms, but in a sense more because it only happens every 10 years, is the census. That is something that is, I think, really, really critical. ... So that's something that I'm really pushing for.

Dye your hair without leaving home



ELLEN WARREN

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: I'll cut to the chase. How do I dye my gray roots myself?

Since I'm in quarantine, I can't go to the salon and every time I pass a mirror — like washing my hands in the bathroom — the gray stripe down my hair part and at my hairline seems to be more noticeable. Even though nobody but my husband and kids are looking at me, I'm looking at me and I don't like what I see. But since I've never colored my own hair before, any tips would be welcome. Please, please help.

— *Tricia T.*



DREAMSTIME

Dyeing your hair at home is messy, and if you're not careful, you might risk staining counters or walls.

Dear Tricia: It's messy. And if you're not careful you're going to stain something (in my case, a beautiful white shower curtain) and you'll be kicking yourself. To put these instructions together, I talked to two salon experts. I know they're good at their job because they've colored my hair: Mark Rudnick at Chicago's Nancy Angelair Salon (nancyangelairsalon.com) and Maritza Brigantti-Armstead at Hair by Maritza in Fort Myers, Florida. Mark says, if possible, call your stylist and ask what level number coloring they use.

You're probably going to buy a kit at the drugstore or online made by a familiar name such as Clairol, Garnier or L'Oreal. You can buy based on the number or color description ("medium brown") written on the box. It will have most of the stuff you need to do the job. Both stylists say to go one shade lighter than you think you need. It's easier to fix a mistake on too-light hair than too dark.

Your equipment: The coloring kit (make sure it comes with gloves, a brush, mixing tray and plastic cap), an old towel and ratty clothes you're willing to wreck. One option is to apply Vaseline on your skin at the hairline to prevent the dye from staining your skin. Hair dye is the devil to get off your face (and you will have this problem), so you'll find yourself madly rubbing with soap and water, alcohol or special liquid sold for this purpose, which doesn't work all that well.

Maritza suggests Windex to remove dye from your skin. Also try this Maritza tack: cut holes for your arms and neck in a big black garbage bag as extra protection and secure the old towel around your neck.

■ Follow directions on the box. I leave it on longer — five, 10, 15 minutes more — but don't do that if your scalp is sensitive.

■ Apply dye to your hair part and your hairline. Remember this stuff will wreck anything it touches, including counters and walls. "Nobody's going to see the back," says Mark, so forget dying your roots at the back of your head. It's nearly impossible without help as it's almost impossible to do a good job there.

And if you have to wear your glasses while doing this, be sure to cover the temples with saran wrap or foil. (My white prescription sunglasses have a brown sheen now.)

■ Rinse thoroughly over the sink or bathtub or in the shower. In the shower, the dye sometimes will briefly cascade down your body but it's no big deal. It doesn't stick. Shampoo and condition as normal.

Dyeing your own hair is much harder than the ads would lead you to believe. If it seems overwhelming, you can spray or powder grays at the hairline and hair part for a quick but very temporary fix.

My go-to for these temporary touch-ups is a powder that stays put and resembles eye shadow, Style Edit root touch-up (amazon.com, $33.99). Color Wow has a cover-up powder that's popular with stylists between appointments (amazon.com, $34.50). Amazon and some drugstores have cover-ups that spray on, but they're harder to control than the powder.

One more thing: To get rid of eyebrow grays, add a very small amount of dye on them, but use great care to not get it on your skin

Dear Answer Angel: When working at home I do a lot of video meetings. I look terrible on the screen. How do I improve that?

— *Candace O.*

Dear Candace: Good lighting, especially real daylight, can help. If your company is not super casual, wear office attire from the waist up. If you usually wear makeup, wear makeup. If possible, create a neutral backdrop. At least it should be tidy and not distracting.

Zoom has a "Touch Up My Appearance" option to "help smooth out the skin tone ... to present a more polished looking appearance." (support.zoom.us for instructions.)

Angelic Readers

From Margie B: I had my mom's wedding dress cut to tea length to wear. Had the same seamstress make a christening gown, bonnet and booties that 17 grandchildren have worn from the leftover satin fabric. Easy to hand wash and delighted my mom!

Reader Rant

Jan writes: When are fake eyelashes (big ones) gonna be gone!?! They are so fake!! Just like blunt haircut and beards!! When are they going away!?!

Now it's your turn

Send your questions, rants, tips, favorite finds — on style, shopping, makeup, fashion and beauty — to answerangelellen@gmail.com.

Work-from-home master class

By Debbie Carlson
Chicago Tribune

Working from home sounded great when you could do it occasionally, but now just about everyone is in full-blown WFH mode amid the spread of the coronavirus.

We know what's playing out at home. You, your spouse and kids are all calling dibs on the kitchen table to work, and with everyone using the Wi-Fi, it's slower than dial-up. If you're lucky enough to work from home all the time, you've got it down. But if you're a newbie, working from home can be fraught with challenges. There's no tech support down the hall, and there's no chatting up your colleague when you're bored. If you live alone, your place might be quieter than a meditation retreat, but if you and the fam are stuck inside, it might be louder than a rock concert.

Carrie Lannon, a communication and branding consultant has worked from home for six years. She said she's getting calls for tips from friends because many people are bewildered being out of their workday element.

Sure, there are plenty of perks to working from home — comfy slippers replace shoes, you don't worry too much about your wardrobe and the snacks are far better than the office vending machine. But this is not a license to go feral. Get out of your PJs. Shower. Put on clothes. Comfy is fine. "I'm on a lot of video conference calls, so I do make sure I look pretty good from the waist up," Lannon said.

To help the uninitiated, we spoke to four veteran WFH Chicagoans for their insights on how to adjust.

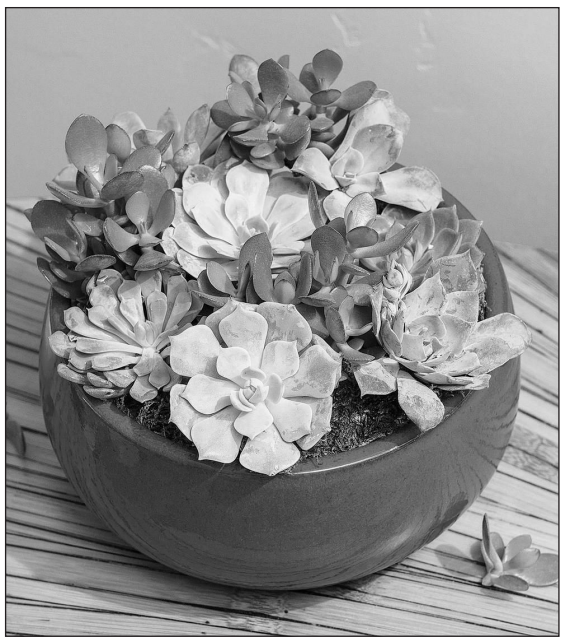
Make it comfortable

Even if working from home is temporary, consider an inexpensive mobile desk. The Edge Desk is only $399, and a vast improvement over the ergonomic nightmare of working at the kitchen table. If you don't want to splurge for an office chair, at least make your current seating comfortable. Analyst Kylee Magno, has worked from home for 18 years, tricked out her chair with back support so she sits up straight and uses a gel seat. Tempur-Pedic makes a highly rated one for $62.



THE EDGE DESK

The Edge Desk is an adjustable ergonomic kneeling desk encouraging upright sitting rather than hunching, $399, theedgedesk.com



OLIVE & COCOA

Succulents are hard-to-kill plants and will bring a breath of fresh air to your indoor office. $108, oliveandcocoa.com



EGGTRONIC

Eggtronic's minimalist Charging Stone charges by simply laying your phone on the marble disc. It's compatible with various phone types, including iPhone and Samsung. $69.90, eggtronic.com

Surround yourself with what makes you happy

Lannon has fresh flowers on her desk weekly, and when she has to do a lot of writing and creating, she lights incense to relax. Magno uses an essential oil diffuser and has a foot massager at her desk. "You can make it a nice environment," she said.

Splurge on nicer beverages or good lunches for yourself since office mates aren't going to steal your food. (Well, maybe the kids will.) Treat yourself to a pretty water bottle to stay hydrated.



ABT

Tempur-Pedic Seat Cushion's contoured surface cradles your backside to relieve pressure and evenly distribute weight. $62, abt.com



JLAB AUDIO

Working from home seems great until you're sidelined by all the distractions. Tune them out with wireless headphones from JLAB Audio and get some work done. $59, jlabaudio.com

Rise from Fressko has a fruit infuser, so, like you, it multitasks. And now that coffee shops are mostly closed, step up your coffee game and make barista-style coffee with Breville's Bambino Plus.

Get better tech

Sharon Angelus, a web analyst who has worked from home for about 10 years, said having bigger monitors and higher internet speeds are a must. She also uses an external hard drive for backing up data; Seagate has a version with 2 terabytes of space for about $90. Cloud-based data backups are another option, and many WFH vets use both.

Jason Patterson works in software and has had a home office for four years. He said better routers and Wi-Fi extenders are critical. "Home connectivity is extremely important because you're not going to be at your desk all day. You'll probably walk around the house to take a call and you might work on the internet in a different part of the house."

For noise, from the loud neighbor to the everyone's favorite, the sound of a jackhammer on the street, Patterson swears by noise-canceling headphones. Look into a wireless set that also has Bluetooth capabilities for phone calls, like the ones from JLab Audio.

Control your day

Part of working from an office is camaraderie, and working from home means no water cooler chitchat. While sometimes that break is good, other times it can be distracting. Lannon said she uses timers to stay on task. "If I'm feeling overwhelmed and can't get going, I tell myself, I'm just going to do this for 15 minutes and it helps," she said, adding that timers also keep track of how she's using her time. She also sets reminders to get up and stretch.

Enjoy multitasking

The No. 1 perk of being at home is the ability to do laundry, cook and perform other home tasks. Magno said sometimes she pops on a face mask in the middle of the day. "Not only does it lift my spirits, but it lifts my eyelids," she said, joking. "The only downside is if you get that unexpected package and the UPS man sees you."

Debbie Carlson is a freelance writer.



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Glam brand

How to bring the vision of an Instagram decor influencer into your home

By Ronda Kaysen
The New York Times

From Farah Merhi's vantage point, a home can be as shimmery as a crystal chandelier and as cozy as a velvet throw pillow. This glammy, decadent aesthetic has delivered Merhi an Instagram empire, with nearly 6 million followers to her Instagram account @Inspire Me Home Decor.

In the eight years since Merhi started Inspire Me! Home Decor on a whim — she was remodeling her four-bedroom house in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and turned to Instagram as a creative outlet — she has built a multimillion-dollar design and furniture business on the idea that with the right tufted bench and metallic mirrored coffee table, anyone can achieve her distinct brand of elegance.

"You can make a statement and you can go all out, but you can also have a home that is warm and cozy," Merhi said.

Despite having no formal training in design, she now has a team of 17 employees who help manage her brand, which includes an exclusive line on QVC, selling accessories, rugs, bedding and furniture that she designs.

Her other home furnishings sell on sites such as Wayfair and Overstock. She also sells merchandise on her Inspire Me! Home Decor website, shipped from her Grand Rapids warehouse. Last year, she published "Inspire Your Home: Easy, Affordable Ideas to Make Every Room Glamorous" (Tiller Press), a book that offers guidance on how to work with materials such asshag ottomans, gold trays and mirrored buffet tables.

Merhi, 36, credits a childhood spent in Kinshasa in the Democratic Republic of Congo for her sense of style. Her parents, both Lebanese, moved frequently because of political upheaval, and when they'd resettle in a new house, her mother would hire local craftsmen to build the furniture she designed for their home.

"I learned at a young age how to achieve a look by doing it yourself because there's no Home Goods there, there's no Wayfair," Merhi said.

Merhi moved to the United States in 2001 to study political science. In 2012, when she and her husband, William Merhi, a cardiologist, began remodeling their 5,000-square-foot home, she turned to Instagram for inspiration but couldn't find the look she wanted. No one had the right bling.

"It was all very modern or very traditional," she said. "At the time, anybody who would think of glam would think, 'Ooh, not for me. I've got kids, I've got pets. It's just not something I can achieve.' "

So Merhi, who now has three children, began posting images she liked — rooms that did not have the clean, white palettes that have come to define Instagram. Instead, she found spaces that shimmered, like a bedroom with a silver duvet, sequin throw pillows and a picture window strung with fairy lights. She quickly amassed a large following and brands took notice. She dropped out of college to focus her full attention on her fledgling social media business.

"Here I was coming in and telling people you can have a glamorous home, you can make a statement, and it can be very elegant and doesn't have to feel untouchable. It doesn't have to feel unlivable," she said. "Here's the pictures, here's the proof, here's what other people have done, here's the inspiration. It resonated."

Inspire Me! Home Decor is now the most popular home decorating and décor account on Instagram, according to Traackr, an influencer marketing platform. At a time when a large following does not necessarily mean an active one — influencers have been known to buy followers or have accounts full of people who no longer pay attention — Merhi's fan base is legitimate, with 80% of her following made up of real people and other influencers who interact with her posts.

"Farah has an excellent audience quality," said Evy Lyons, a vice president for marketing at Traackr. Lyons estimates that Merhi's account could charge around $2,290 per post for sponsored content. Her products target a modest to midrange market.

Her Yara pleated sofa, for example, was listed on Wayfair for less than $1,200, and her abstract charcoal area rug for less than $100. Since 2017, Inspire Me! Home Decor has generated $15 million in retail sales across its platforms, according to Merhi.

The secret sauce to Merhi's signature look lies in the balance between soft and dramatic materials. She looks for furniture pieces that make a statement — sofas with high backs and deep seating — but that are also comfortable. Choose furniture with neutral colors, and you can add drama with the smaller, less expensive items, swapping them out as your tastes change.

She softens the look with throw pillows and blankets, selecting materials such as velvet and faux fur and maybe some sequins for a little sparkle. Lighting fixtures such as crystal chandeliers and accessories such as gold vases, ornate candle holders and marble trays "bring in the glam," she says.

Often, Merhi hears from frustrated homeowners who impulsively buy an entire living room set at once without planning out the details or considering the textures.

"Most of the time, that's a mistake," she said. It's best to "think about it as a layering process."

Of course, it's possible to have too much of a glittery thing.

"You can go overboard with a glamorous look if you're not careful," Merhi said.

Overdo it and you risk ending up with a space that feels stuffy, cluttered and overwhelming. To avoid such a design fail, hold back and "sprinkle glam elements throughout the room," she said, selecting items that complement rather than compete with one another. You know you're done when the space feels like home.

"Trust your instincts and your vision," she said. "Home is a feeling."

And for Merhi, that feeling is glamorous.

It's official: Capes are in for fall 2020

By Adam Tschorn
Los Angeles Times

PARIS — The fashion message was clear: Capes aren't just for magicians anymore. If you don't think you can rock one with all the confidence of a runway model or Billy Porter or even Count von Count, you've got about six months to practice throwing one over your shoulders with calculated nonchalance.

That's because the trend, one of the major takeaways of New York Fashion Week last month, gained major traction on the catwalks here. Another mini-trend we noticed coming out of New York, novel knitwear, caught its stride here as well, making for some of the coziest clothes we've seen in a long time.

Here you'll find a look at those fall and winter 2020 trends — and a few others that caught our attention — that designers and labels hope you'll stock your wardrobe with in advance of next autumn.

Flapping of capes

Because we'll spend a lot of time with the cape this fall, let's start with the basics. A cape is a long, sleeveless outer garment that covers the back and fastens at the neck. (Sometimes a longer one is called a cloak, but here we'll use cape to refer to both versions.)

Its pop culture association with vaudeville magicians, superheroes and Count Dracula not withstanding, the cape, in the right hands, can telegraph power and afford a measure of protection from the elements at the same time.

Two of those right hands belong to Rick Owens, whose fall and winter women's runway collection repurposed duvets from a Moncler collaboration into immense puffer capes that fastened at the neck with a metal chain clasp connected to two grommets, quilted into a spiderweb-like pattern in the back and served up in black, smoke gray and sky blue.

If you're looking for an apres-ski cape, this is the one.

There's probably not a collective noun for a group of capes gathered together in one place, but if there were (might we suggest a "flapping" of capes?), it would have come in handy at Balmain where creative director Olivier Rousteing included many a cape in the collection.

Rousteing referenced the bourgeois codes of his Bordelaise childhood from beige, leather-trimmed, diamond-quilted capes that evoked horse blankets to navy blue capes heavy with metallic embroidery to billowing Champagne-colored silk.



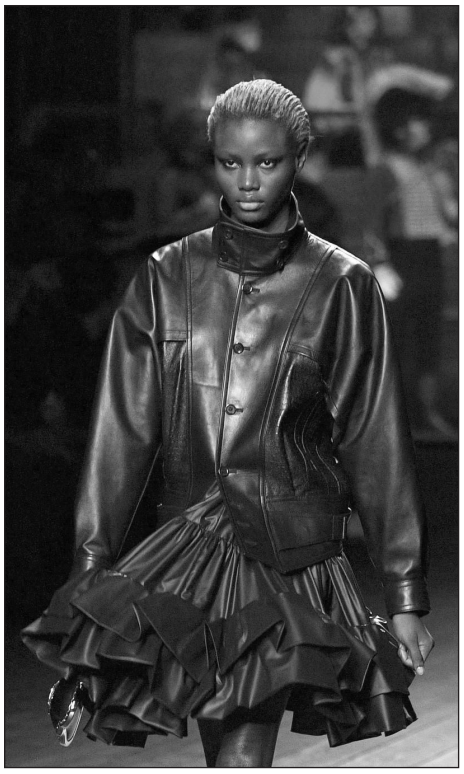
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A model wears a cape for a Paris Fashion Week show.

Clare Waight Keller's Givenchy collection took inspiration from the powerful heroines of French art-house cinema. There were both CEO-worthy pagoda-shoulder cape dresses and opera-worthy cherry red cape dresses that draped almost poncho-like across the front.

Purple reign

Compared to the vibrant sea of color coming out of New York, the Paris palette was muted, and some of the week's most memorable collections were grounded in black and white with only the barest pops of accent color. (Valentino and Chanel, we're looking at you.)



ANNE-CHRISTINE POUJOULAT/GETTY-AFP

Head-to-toe leather looks filled the Paris runways.

However, the hues designers couldn't seem to refuse came from the purple family and ranged from deep, near-maroon wines, cognacs and eggplants to bright lilacs and grapes. Examples could be seen at Elie Saab, Givenchy, Redemption and Altuzarra, to name several.

But, if you're considering adding a pop of purple to your fall and winter wardrobe, there are two collections that should be at the top of your list.

One is Celine, where Hedi Slimane sprinkled the hue liberally throughout his unisex collection.

In the collection, shades of deep purple could be found in rich velvet varsity jackets, shawl-collar tuxedos and blazers, blouses, skinny polka-dotted scarves and a shimmery, silver-flecked dress.

The other designer at the top of the purple pile was Dries Van Noten, whose Nocturnal Glamour collection included a purple shearling biker's jacket, billowy purple satin trousers, a dress and pants in an exploded purple iris floral print and sparkly jacket with purple flower-petal paillettes.

Leather and latex

There wasn't just a lot of leather on the Paris runways this season. There was a lot of head-to-toe leather. Oddly, the one label that seemed to dial back on the level of leather was Hermes, a brand that made its name in the leather goods space.

At Dior, the abundance of luxe leather came by way of a black zip-front jumpsuit worn with a dress shirt and necktie. And at Louis Vuitton, Nicolas Ghesquiere's lineup included motocross-inspired color-blocked leather skirts and dresses and a handful of pin-striped leather pieces perfect for the banker-by-day/biker-by-night crowd.

Balmain managed to tap into the second-skin trend twice over; once with molded leather bustiers and a second time with a couple of head-to-toe shiny latex looks.

Another designer keeping the latex factories working around the clock was Anthony Vaccarello at Saint Laurent, where models were clad in practically painted-on latex leggings.

Checks, please

Yes, autumn and plaids go together like Scotsmen and bagpipes, but you couldn't swing a lumberjack's ax in the City of Lights during fashion week without slicing into a collection chock-full of checks and plaids.

Some collections served up just a taste (Off-White's trippy take on the hounds-tooth check, for example), while others went all in, including Thom Browne (whose Noah's Ark-themed runway show enthusiastically embraced the Prince of Wales check), Stella McCartney (riffs on the black-and-red lumberjack plaid), Dries Van Noten, Ralph & Russo and Dior.

Novel knits

At Alexander McQueen, Sarah Burton's argyle intarsia rib-knit sweater dresses (made by dicing and splicing two different sweaters into one) put her squarely in step with another of the big trends of the week: novel knitwear.

Other designers whose envelope-pushing knits will have you longing for sweater weather included Rick Owens (clingy, curve-hugging cashmere dresses), Marine Serre (dresses, skirts and balaclavas patchworked together from odds and ends of Fair Isle sweaters), Joseph Altuzarra (rib-knit cardigan and skirt sets) and Elie Saab (an Andalusian bullfighter-inspired cable-knit cape).



DREAMSTIME

A trench coat is an ageless piece that can be worn year after year.

Coat check: 5 spring outerwear ideas

By Aramide Esubi
Tribune Content Agency

Spring has officially sprung. To celebrate, I pulled together a little guide for the season's outerwear. Take what you like from this list and make sure it makes sense for the climate you live in and your own personal style.

Raincoat. First things first, a good raincoat is essential for a spring wardrobe as we wait out the April showers that will bring plenty of May flowers to bloom. I got my raincoat from Zara on sale a few years back and still love it to this day. I wanted something classic and waterproof that had a hood. I also made sure that my raincoat was longer in length (to my knees), so I could get more coverage from rainy weather.

I would recommend getting a timeless and classic style for a raincoat like a trench (more on those below), duster or utility-style jacket so you can wear it year after year. I prefer a darker color just because it hides dirt and stains better, but do whatever color suits you and your style best. My favorite raincoat is olive-colored. I find it adds a nice pop of color.

Jean jacket. Next up is a good old jean jacket — one of my favorite staples for spring and summer. This is a great jacket to have for that extra optional layer when the weather is in those awkward, in-between stages. I find denim jackets to be a bit more casual, so they're perfect for a laid-back look.

Keep in mind your jean jacket doesn't need to be a classic blue denim. There's also darker denim, acid wash or blacks and grays. I personally have an oversize denim jacket that I absolutely love.

Transitional jacket. This one is for those of you who live in varied climates. I added this jacket to my outerwear guide a while back, but I think it's essential in spring if you have wacky weather.

This is a jacket that's thicker than a regular raincoat but lighter than a winter parka. My suggestion is to find something that can be dressed down or up.

Biker jacket. A biker jacket is another edgy piece that flows perfectly into spring weather. This is a piece that really spices up an outfit no matter the season or occasion.

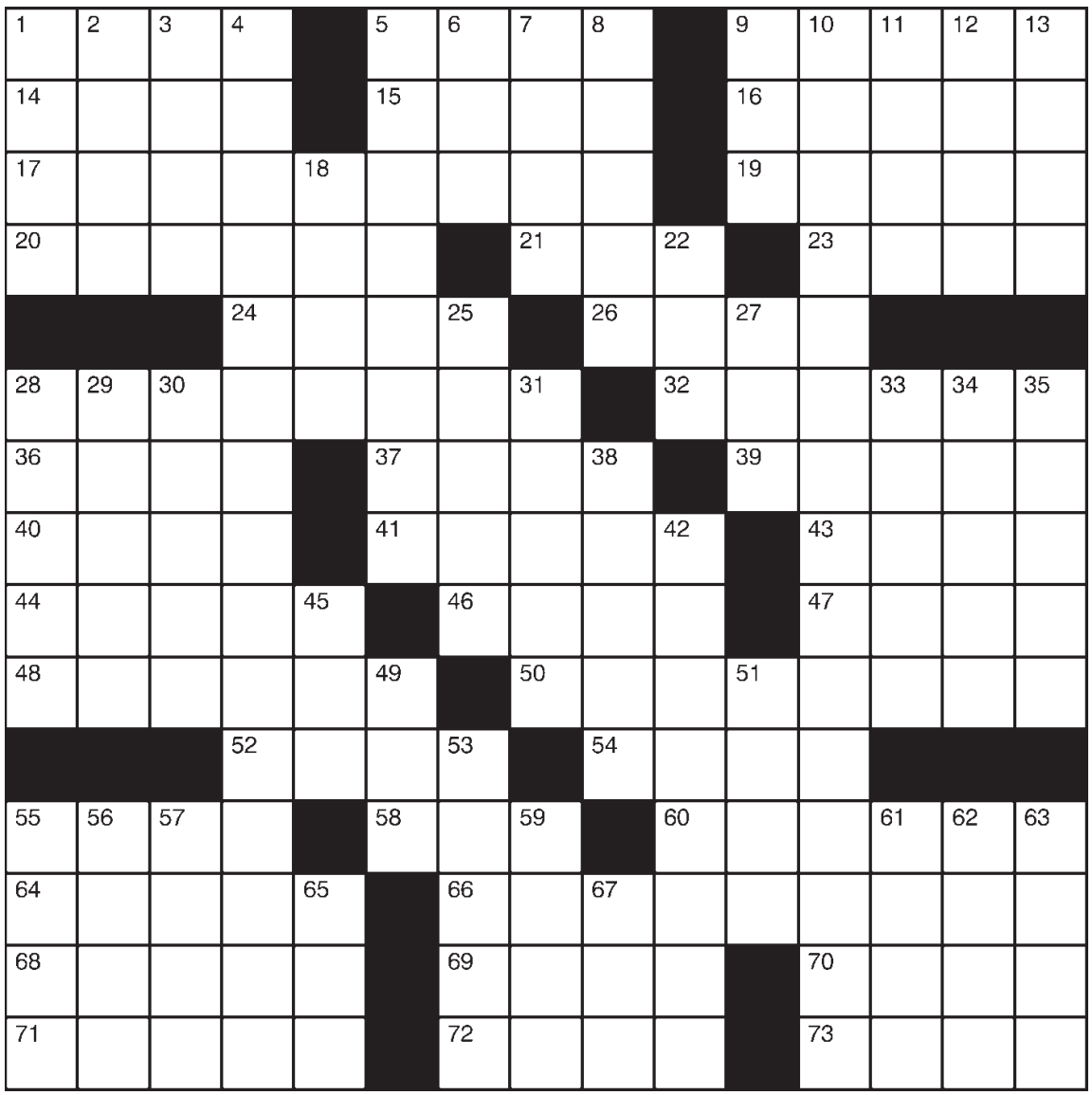
For spring, you could style your jacket with a cute summer dress and then pop on the biker jacket for a trendy vibe.

Trench coat. To me, a trench coat screams spring. This is an ageless piece that can be worn year after year.

I personally love the classic khaki beige color, but there are tons of other color options as well. Pair a trench coat with a pair of beige trousers, a cream sweater and some Chelsea-style rain boots, and you have the perfect spring look.

That wraps up my picks for spring outerwear. And of course, given our current situation, be sure to wear your spring outerwear while practicing social distancing if you venture outside for some fresh air. Or have some fun and wear your pieces inside if you need a boost in your day.

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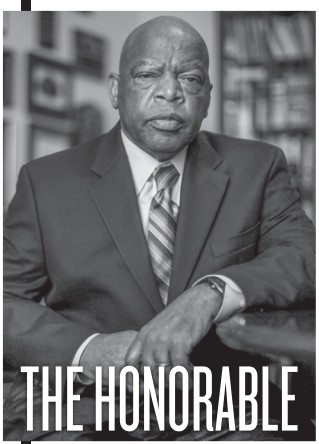
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THE HONORABLE JOHN LEWIS

The must-see documentary *John Lewis: Good Trouble* (in theaters and on CNN this summer) examines the life of the iconic Southern congressman, 80, with a look at his long career of social activism and working for civil rights. The title comes from something Lewis used to say to his mother when she asked him to stay out of trouble. "I told her that I got into a good trouble, necessary trouble," he told NPR. Here are five facts you might not know about Lewis.



▸ Lewis was one of the keynote speakers at the March on Washington in August 1963, where Martin Luther King Jr. gave his historic "I Have a Dream" speech.

▸ He was born the son of sharecroppers and attended segregated public schools in Pike County, Ala.

▸ Despite more than 40 arrests, physical attacks and serious injuries, Lewis remains a devoted advocate of the philosophy of nonviolent resistance.

▸ Lewis was elected to Congress in November 1986 and has served as U.S. Representative of Georgia's Fifth Congressional District since.

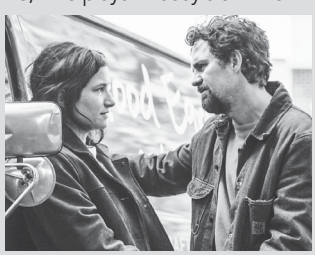


▸ His wife of 44 years, **Lillian Miles Lewis**, died in 2012; they have a son, **John-Miles**.



I KNOW THIS MUCH IS TRUE

Attention, fans of Wally Lamb's best-selling ***I Know This Much Is True***: HBO's limited series of the same name is coming soon (May 10). It stars **Mark Ruffalo**, 52, who plays both Dominik Birdsey and his schizophrenic twin brother whom he's trying to get released from an asylum. The cast also includes Melissa Leo, Rosie O'Donnell, Archie Panjabi and **Kathryn Hahn**. "I read both the beautiful novel and its perfect script adaptation in about a week, and I could not dislodge these characters from my brain," says Hahn, 46, who plays Birdsey's ex-wife.



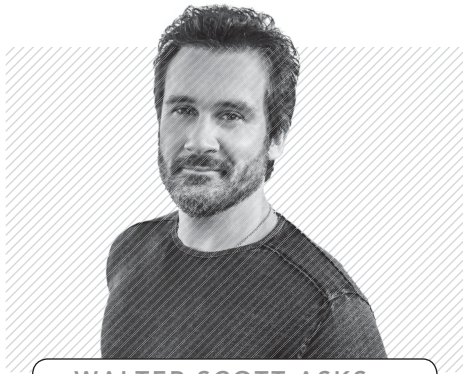


Hurray for *Hollywood*

Patti LuPone and **Jim Parsons** star in ***Hollywood*** (May 1 on Netflix), which follows a group of aspiring actors and filmmakers in post–World War II Hollywood as they try to make it in movieland—no matter the costs. LuPone, 71, plays Avis Amberg, a former actress who's now the no-nonsense wife of the head of a big studio, while Parsons, 47, plays Henry Wilson, a powerful and seedy agent who "invents" Rock Hudson. According to executive producer Ryan Murphy, the series is about "how absolutely everything has changed, and nothing has changed."



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CLIVE STANDEN

The *Vikings* and *Taken* action star, 38, segues to NBC's new family drama *Council of Dads* (returning April 30; pilot streaming now on nbc.com). He plays Anthony Lavelle, who is one of three trusted buddies asked by Scott Perry (Tom Everett Scott) to be a backup dad for his family when Perry gets news about his cancer diagnosis.

***Council of Dads* is a change from your usual action roles.** [Action is] great escapism for some people, but I think we don't need any more reminding of looming apocalyptic events in our world. *Council of Dads* is uplifting. It's full of joy. It's got humor and it [shows] a very inclusive family.

How would you describe Anthony? He's Scott's best friend. Unlike Scott, Anthony managed to carry out his dream, and his career is thriving. Anthony has always lived for himself. He's very passionate about what he does, but he doesn't really know what it's like to be part of a family. I think he needs Scott's wife, Robin [Sarah Wayne Callies], and the children just as much as they need him, and that will come out during the show.

Anthony is a chef. How are your knife skills? I took it very seriously. I like to immerse myself in the world of whatever I'm doing. For *Vikings*, I became this big history nut when it came to anything Scandinavian and Norse, and with this role I did several chefs' classes—Japanese and French cookery courses—before we started.

What was it like filming in Georgia, outside of Savannah? Anthony ends up working at Scott's restaurant, the Crab Shack, which is farm-to-table, so they buy the crabs in small batches. They took me out on one of the crabbing boats and they taught me how to do it. It's like Savannah culture on a plate.

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By Marilyn vos Savant

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—Leda Metro, Darien, Conn.

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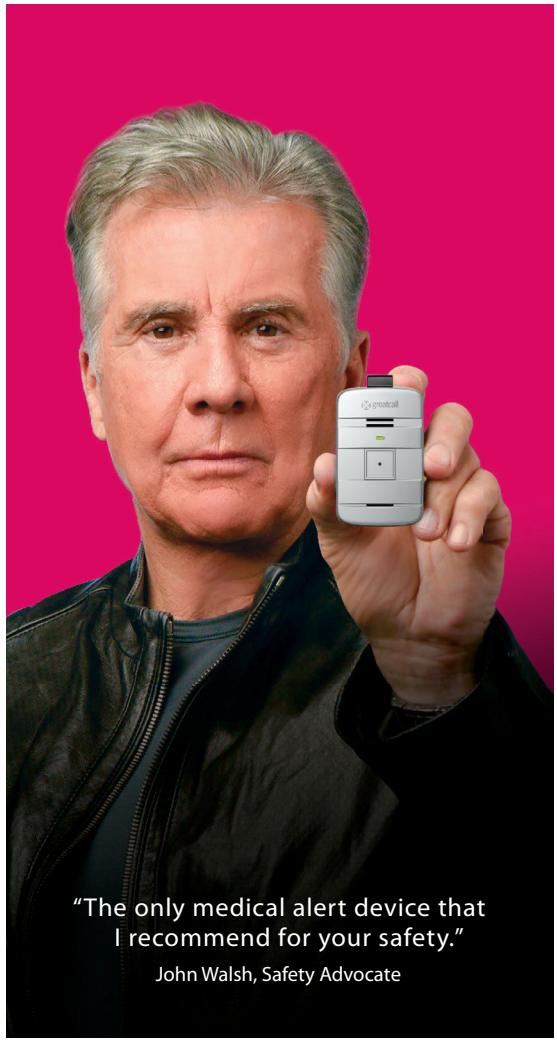
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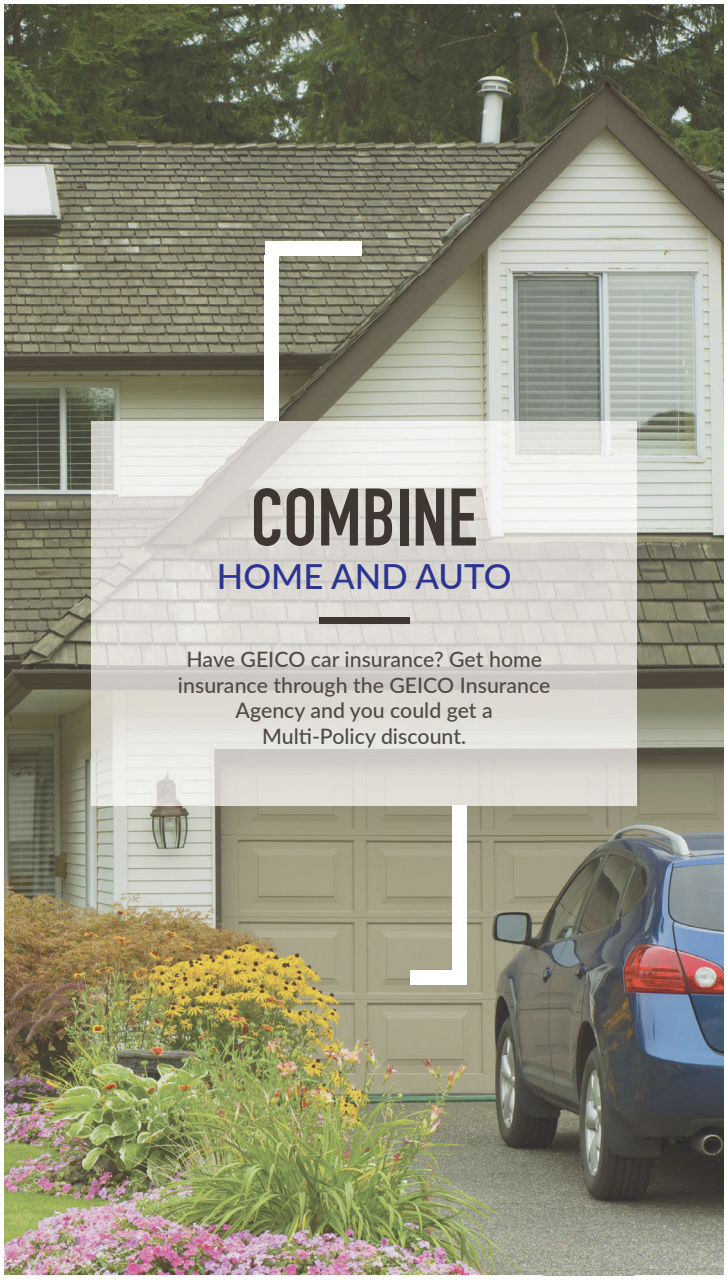
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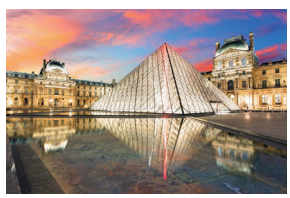
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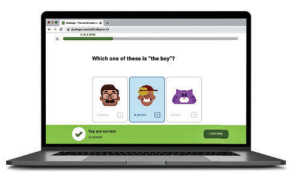
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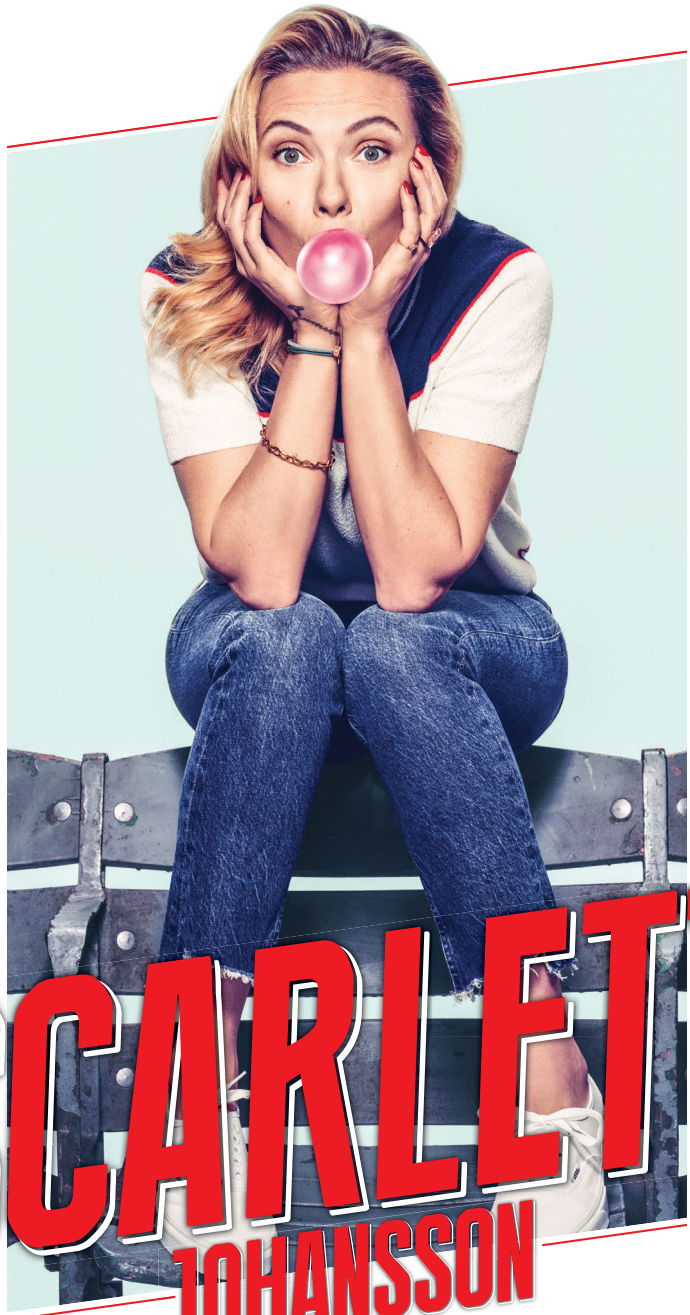
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THE *BLACK WIDOW* STAR ON HER CHILDHOOD CRUSHES, BEING A MOM, DATING COLIN JOST AND ALL THOSE PARTS SHE DIDN'T GET

BY MARA REINSTEIN
PHOTOS BY MARY ELLEN MATTHEWS

On a sunny early-March day, Scarlett Johansson pops in for her *Parade* photo shoot after dropping off her 5-year-old daughter, Rose, at school.* A little later, she'll pick up Rose and return to the uptown New York City apartment she also shares with her fiancé, *Saturday Night Live* co-head writer and "Weekend Update" co-anchor Colin Jost.

It's pretty much a typical weekday (when such days were possible just six weeks or so ago), though "typical" is a relative term when you're a world-renowned actress and your new movie, *Black Widow*, is shaping up to be a fall smash.

Indeed, with all due respect to one of her baseball heroes—Hall of Fame–bound superstar Derek Jeter of her beloved New York Yankees (see "Yankee Fever," page 11)—Johansson is the one delivering big hits these days. At age 35, the former child star is the top female box-office draw in the world, having brought in more than $14 billion in global ticket sales. She's proven herself a master at comedy (*Sing*), action (*Lucy*) and awards-bait drama (her Oscar-nominated 2019 twofer of *Marriage Story* and *Jojo Rabbit*). And she's done it while winning legions of fans as the Russian-KGB-assassin-turned-crime-fighting-Avenger Black Widow in seven Marvel movies. With *Black Widow*, she finally gets to star in her own.

A BORN NEW YORKER

Growing up in the bustling and bohemian Greenwich Village neighborhood of Manhattan with three siblings (including twin brother Hunter), Johansson was exposed to culture and activism at an early age from her mom, Melanie, a homemaker of Central European Jewish ancestry, and her dad, Karsten, a Denmark-born architect. "I was really aware of how important it was to be an active member of society and be politically active and socially conscious," she says.

Johansson's mom, dad and siblings long ago moved out of their former downtown apartment. "It's somebody else's childhood home now," she says. But she makes sure to point it out every time she and Rose pass it. "One of the great privileges of raising your kids where you grew up is that you get to do stuff and see things you did when you were a kid."

When there's not a quarantine, the two do everything together, from visiting the Bronx Zoo to hitting the playgrounds in Central Park and seeing the Rockettes at Radio City Music Hall. (Rose's dad is Johansson's ex-husband, French ad exec Romain Dauriac.)

THE ACTING BUG

As a child, Johansson loved watching vintage-Hollywood movies, including Judy Garland classics, Rodgers and Hammerstein musicals and

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Disney fare such as the 1961 romp *The Parent Trap* (which she just showed to her daughter for the first time). "I disappeared into those movies and took on those characters," she says. Her mother shuttled her to auditions for commercials that never panned out. Oh, sure, she was cast in *Home Alone 3* (1997) and in *The Horse Whisperer* (1998) with Robert Redford, but neither greatly enhanced her acting profile. "Since a very young age, I've been rejected constantly," she says. "When people starting out ask me for advice, I always say to stay open-minded, because you never know."

> WHEN PEOPLE STARTING OUT ASK ME FOR ADVICE, I ALWAYS SAY TO STAY OPEN-MINDED, BECAUSE YOU NEVER KNOW.

The determined teen nabbed roles in three 2001 films (including the well-regarded *Ghost World*), all while attending the Professional Children's School and diligently doing all her homework. "I had a social life and friends and made movies, and those two things never competed with each other," she says. Her mom, who accompanied her to sets, kept her grounded: "She was my mom first, and that makes a difference." (Johansson adds that daughter Rose hasn't yet expressed a desire for acting, but she'd get the green light if she did.)

She worked so hard for so long that she never experienced an *aha* moment of "I've made it!" That includes the Scarlett-fever breakout of 2003, when her performances in the ethereal *Lost in Translation* and the period drama *Girl With a Pearl Earring* led to dual Golden Globe nominations when she was all of 19. "I never imagined having another career, but there were definitely times when I felt like I should try something else in the industry," she says.

The actress freely admits that she wasn't even the first choice to play Black Widow. As she tells it, there was a "wonderful" meeting with *Iron Man 2* director Jon Favreau, but she was not hired. Then the actress who got the part (Emily Blunt) had to bow out for scheduling reasons, and Johansson snagged the role. "The best call you can receive is after you are rejected for something and then you get it," she says. "You appreciate it more. I've basically made a career out of being second choice."

BECOMING A HERO

Her Black Widow role turned out to be—in her words—life-changing. She knew she was part of something special during production of *The Avengers* (2012) as the original six Avengers—Black Widow, Iron Man, Thor, Captain America, Hawkeye and the Hulk—stand in a circle in New York

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Avengers: Endgame

ROLE CALL

We celebrate a few of Johansson's notable performances.

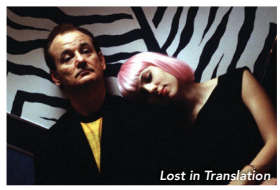
NORTH (1994) Her big-screen career began at age 9 in this Rob Reiner–directed comedy (that flopped at the box-office).

THE HORSE WHISPERER (1998) The 13-year-old shows off her impressive acting chops—opposite Robert Redford, no less—as a young equestrian who learns how to recover from a riding accident.



The Horse Whisperer

LOST IN TRANSLATION (2003) We'll never learn what Bill Murray whispers in her character's ear in Tokyo as the two Americans parted after spending a few days in the same hotel.



Lost in Translation

VICKY CRISTINA BARCELONA (2008) She and Penélope Cruz vie for the affection of a painter (Javier Bardem) in sun-kissed Spain in one of Johansson's three collaborations with writer-director Woody Allen.

IRON MAN 2 (2010) Audiences are introduced to a Russian femme-fatale-turned-martial-arts-expert named Black Widow, who'd soon become the first female member of the supergroup known as the Avengers.



Marriage Story

HER (2013) Another actress had originally voiced Samantha, the computer operating system that forms a human-like connection with a sad-sack writer (Joaquin Phoenix) in this quirky futuristic romance. Johansson took over the role and provided unparalleled warmth and empathy.



Jojo Rabbit

AVENGERS: ENDGAME (2019) It's not easy to evoke tears in an audience during a loud superhero extravaganza, but Johansson does midway through this epic.

MARRIAGE STORY (2019) Johansson received her first-ever Best Actress Oscar nomination for her heartbreaking role as an L.A.-based actress mired in a custody battle with her NYC-based director ex-husband (Adam Driver).

JOJO RABBIT (2019) This bold off-kilter comedy was aided by Johansson's Oscar-nominated supporting role as a resistance fighter in World War II–era Germany.

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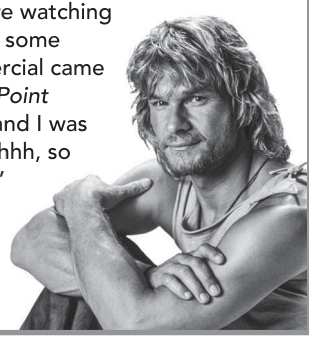
MOVIE I'M WATCHING "I finally just saw [Adam Sandler's] *Uncut Gems*. But I watched it before bed and had extreme anxiety. I loved *The Peanut Butter Falcon* too."

BOOK I'M READING "*Three Women* by Lisa Taddeo. [*Black Widow* director] Cate Shortland recommended it and it is fantastic."

TV SERIES I'M BINGEING *90 Day Fiancé*

FAVORITE CHILDHOOD TV SHOW "I love all those shows on Nick at Nite like *I Love Lucy*, *The Mary Tyler Moore Show* and *Taxi*."

TEEN CRUSH "Patrick Swayze was my everything. The other day we were watching TV and some commercial came on for *Point Break* and I was like, 'Ahhh, so good!'"



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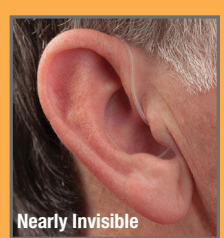


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City, ready for battle. "It's the iconic hero shot," she says. "We were all thinking, *This is crazy!* because these worlds were coming together. We're still processing how much of an impact these movies have had."

Set after the events of 2016's *Captain America: Civil War*, the new movie (scheduled for release Nov. 6) finds Black Widow (nee Natasha Romanoff) in Budapest revisiting her complicated past. The role serves as a curtain call for Johansson, who was introduced as the character back in *Iron Man 2* (2010) and yet had to wait a full decade for a stand-alone film of her own. She's also executive producer of the project.

The cast includes Marvel newbies Rachel Weisz, *Stranger Things*' David Harbour and *Little Women* Oscar nominee Florence Pugh as fellow spies. "They're not family, because [Natasha] has no family," Johansson says, but she notes that Pugh's character is like a sister. When asked about the rumors that Robert Downey Jr.'s Tony Stark/Iron Man returns in the film, which takes place before the character's death in *Endgame*, she only smiles. (Inquire nicely, and she might show you the "A" tattoo on her right bicep that she and her five co-stars received after *Endgame* last year.)

NEXT COMES…MARRIAGE?

After Rose goes to sleep on Saturday nights, Johansson tries to stay up to catch *Saturday Night Live*. She first met her future fiancé—Jost is himself a Staten Island native—on the *SNL* set in 2010 during one of her six hosting stints. "What you see is what

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YANKEE FEVER

The passion ignited at a tender age and never subsided. Was it a problem that her family didn't follow suit? Not at all. Young Scarlett Johansson was determined to live out the dream of… being a New York Yankees fan.

"They were killing it when I was in high school," the actress says of the 1998–2000 World Series champs. "They had this incredible all-star team."



So, while her grandparents, parents and siblings were all crazy about the cross-town rival New York Mets, Johansson and her then-boyfriend regularly attended Yankees games in the Bronx, where she rooted for her favorite player, shortstop Derek Jeter. "I loved him," she recalls. "I used to keep his rookie card in my wallet!"

Sadly, Johansson's fiancé, Colin Jost, has a hard-core obsession with, sigh, the New York Mets. "It's a sore subject," she says, shaking her head. "He just told me that he'd rather see the [Boston] Red Sox win than the Yankees win. Like, what?! I said I was just going to ignore that."

you get with him," she says. "He's very optimistic, easygoing, funny, nice, and those are the qualities that really drew me to him." They started off as friends and started dating in 2017. Jost popped the question in 2019, and the stunning 11-carat light brown diamond ring is proudly displayed on her left hand.

Is there a wedding date in the future? Ever the veteran actress, she replies "No comment" with a hearty laugh. But she does mention her *SNL* host monologue from December, when she threw her arms around her fiancé onstage and called him the love of her life. "His grandma asked him if he wrote that line for me!" she says. "He was like, '*No*, grandma.'"

Once they're done with their current work commitments, the pair will take some time off. Johansson is reportedly in talks to portray floozy Audrey in a new movie-musical adaptation of *Little Shop of Horrors*. Or, perhaps, she'll direct a project. Or take on another executive producing job.

Or maybe she'll just enjoy her life.

"I'm so used to going, going, going all the time," she says. "I don't take the time to take it in because I'm constantly moving on to what's next. As I've gotten older, I've tried to become much better at stopping and appreciating. I'm the one who tells my friends that a lot of wonderful things are going on. I should really do that more for myself."

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