



CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK



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A customer sits alone at Time Out Market on Sunday in the West Loop. Gov. J.B. Pritzker announced all bars and restaurants would close to dine-in customers by end of day Monday.

RESTAURANTS TO CLOSE

Pritzker order pushes city toward shutdown

BY ANGIE LEVENTIS LOURGOS, JAMIE MUNKS, GREGORY PRATT, JESSICA VILLAGOMEZ AND MORGAN GREENE

Chicago moved closer to a total shutdown Sunday as the number of cases of COVID-19 in Illinois grew to 93 and Gov. J.B. Pritzker ordered all bars and restaurants in the state closed to the public. Hours earlier, international travelers awaiting screenings were packed together at O'Hare International Airport, sparking an outcry from local officials for more staff.

"There are no easy decisions left to make as we address this unprecedented crisis," Pritzker said at a news conference Sunday afternoon. "Every choice now is hard, and it comes with real consequences for our residents. But as your governor I cannot let the gravity of these choices prevent us from taking the actions that the science and the experts say will keep people safe."

Effective end of business Monday, bars and restaurants will be closed to dine-in customers, with options of delivery, drive-thru and

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Trump tells public: No need to hoard supplies

BY HOPE YEN AND AAMER MADHANI
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump on Sunday called on Americans to cease hoarding groceries and other supplies, while one of the nation's most senior public health officials called on the nation to act with more urgency to safeguard their health as the coronavirus outbreak continued to spread across the United States.

Trump assured Americans, after speaking with leading grocery chain executives, that grocers would

remain open and that the supply chain remained healthy. Speaking at the same White House news conference, Vice President Mike Pence urged Americans to only buy the groceries they need for the week ahead.

"You don't have to buy so much," Trump said at a news conference. "Take it easy. Just relax."

The comments came after the government's top infectious disease expert, Dr. Anthony Fauci, said he would like to see aggressive measures such as a 14-day

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Campaigns to win Illinois change in race's final days

Biden, Sanders turn to digital platforms as gatherings nixed

BY BILL RUTHHART

Standing in front of an Illinois flag in Wilmington, Delaware, Joe Biden began the opening remarks during his virtual town hall ahead of Tuesday's Illinois primary, but stopped mid-sentence when informed no one signed into the livestreaming event could hear him.

Biden continued after the audio improved some, but an even wider audience that the campaign advertised the event to on Facebook Live couldn't watch most of the 38-minute botched event. The final four

minutes finally did air, with a partial answer from Biden on health care followed by another on endangered species, during which the former vice president walked off-screen as he talked into an iPhone.

"I'm sorry this has been such a disjointed effort here, because of the connections," Biden concluded with an "Illinois for Biden" logo showing on the screen instead of the candidate. "There's a lot to say, but I've already probably said too much to you."

Welcome to presidential campaigning in the era of the coronavirus, where Biden and Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders have had to cancel rallies, close campaign offices and eliminate door-to-door canvassing to do their

DEBATE: Biden and Sanders offer their plans to tackle the virus pandemic. **Nation & World**, Page 10

part in preventing the spread of a contagious disease that has threatened to overwhelm the nation's health care system.

With person-to-person contact now out of the question, the Biden and Sanders campaigns have scrambled to maximize their digital operations to attract and turn out supporters to the polls. Each has advantages and challenges amid the unforeseen and abrupt changes to how politics are practiced in Illinois and nationally.

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Former Vice President Joe Biden, left, and Sen. Bernie Sanders bump elbows in greeting before a Democratic presidential primary debate Sunday at CNN Studios in Washington.



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NANCY STONE

People take photos overlooking Malaga, Spain, in March. Spain's number of coronavirus cases has soared to nearly 8,000.

Airports offer clear view of Trump's inept handling of coronavirus crisis



DAHLEEN GLANTON

In Spain, the number of coronavirus cases soared to nearly 8,000 last week.

On Thursday, one of my friends boarded a plane in Madrid, and 10 hours later, she walked out of the airport in Chicago without being asked a single question.

No one tried to take her temperature. No one asked if she'd experienced any coronavirus symptoms. No one wanted to know if she'd had contact with someone who is sick.

If they had, she would have told them that she'd been in a hospital emergency room getting a checkup two days before she left Spain. In the waiting room, people were so sick that they were slumped over in chairs. A woman seated across from her was so ill that her eyes were rolling back in her head.

But no one asked. So she breezed through O'Hare International Airport, grabbed her luggage, hopped in a cab and went home to self-isolate for two weeks.

That was the day before President Donald Trump's confusing European travel rules went into effect Friday.

Only foreign nationals from Europe are banned from entering the United States, but Trump's announcement last week was so riddled with misinformation and outright lies that it sent American citizens and green card holders traveling abroad scrambling to get home.

By Saturday, thousands of travelers returning to the U.S. were forced to spend hours waiting in line to be medically screened and possibly quarantined, exposing them to greater health risks.

The experiences my friend Nancy Stone, a retired Chicago Tribune photographer, had in Spain and the U.S. are glaring examples of how the virus is making its way around the world. The poorly planned travel ban is yet another indication of how inept the Trump administration has been in addressing the crisis.

Prior to the travel ban, untrained Customs and Border Patrol agents

were told to look for symptoms of the virus in travelers arriving from high-risk countries. Obviously, that didn't happen Thursday. Travelers at airports across the country reported similar experiences. Even some who were visibly ill walked right through customs.

Then came the other extreme. By Saturday, the situation at O'Hare and 12 other major airports where Americans are being funneled from Europe was chaotic. The Department of Homeland Security inadequately staffed the checkpoints, forcing hordes of people into tight spaces, as public health officials called for "social distancing" to stem the spread of the virus.

Trump has mishandled the pandemic from the beginning, first by refusing to take the virus seriously and then by waiting weeks to put crucial testing measures into place to contain it. Many Americans are convinced that it could be just a matter of time before the U.S. becomes the next epicenter for this global crisis.

After a month in Madrid, Nancy planned to head to Jordan. She spent her birthday last week trying to get the required paperwork needed to enter the country. That meant spending the afternoon at a private hospital in Madrid, waiting to see a doctor who could examine her and provide a letter stating that she was virus-free.

"I'm in this waiting room with people who are looking awful, and I'm asking myself, 'Why am I here? Why am I in a waiting room with people who are obviously ill?'" she told me over the phone.

It was clear, she said, that the doctor had no idea why she was there either. But for 300 euros (\$334), he checked her temperature, blood pressure and listened to her lungs. Then he wrote a letter — in Spanish — for her to give to whomever needed it in Jordan.

That evening, the airline canceled her flight to Jordan. With the number of coronavirus cases doubled in Spain, she decided it was time to come home. So she booked a Thursday morning flight to Chicago.

Nancy considered herself lucky that she'd gotten her ticket before Trump announced the travel ban. Still, she was certain that she would run into problems at both the airport in Madrid and in Chicago.

By then, Spain had the second

highest number of cases in Europe behind Italy, the majority of them in Madrid. The death toll had doubled to 120 within a week. The prime minister warned that the number of infections could climb to 10,000 by this week. The country was going on lockdown.

Nancy feared that the plane might not get to leave Madrid. And if it did, the additional screening would cause a nightmare at both airports.

"But when I got to the airport in Madrid, no one said anything," she said. "I went through security without any problem. I went through passport control, and no one said anything to me at all. I got on the plane, and no one said anything."

"I'm thinking that I just have to resign myself to being at O'Hare for a long time, because surely they would be taking temperatures. On the plane, I'm giving myself this whole pep talk about being patient. I decided that whatever I had to go through would be worth it because I would be home and safe in my own condo."

She breezed through O'Hare, using her Global Entry pass. The only question she was asked is whether she had brought any food items with her.

When she got home, she called the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to find out how she could best quarantine herself. She was placed on hold for 45 minutes, and when someone finally answered, she was clueless. She placed Nancy on hold again, then came back and read the statement from the CDC's website.

On Friday, Nancy fired off emails to U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin and her congressman, Rep. Mike Quigley, detailing her experience. She had not heard back from them by Sunday.

The way Nancy sees it, she's on her own.

"There is zero guidance anywhere," she said. "I'm trying to do the right thing, and they make it so hard. There's no coordination."

"I just want someone to be the adult in the room and say, 'Here's the plan.'"

Sorry, my friend, our government has no sensible plan for this pandemic. To get through this crisis, people are going to have to rely on their own best judgment.

We can only hope that others are as conscientious as Nancy.

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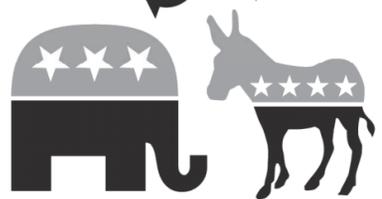



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State: Feds to add staff at O'Hare

Lightfoot blasts 'unacceptable conditions' that violate CDC recommendations, place travelers at risk

BY KATHERINE ROSENBERG-DOUGLAS, GREGORY PRATT, JAMIE MUNKS, ANGIE LEVENTIS LOURGOS, LAUREN ZUMBACH AND LISA DONOVAN

Efforts to break the logjam of international passengers arriving at O'Hare International Airport intensified Sunday, a day after crowds stood in lines for hours in close quarters, despite recommendations by top health officials to practice "social distancing" protocols to help stem the spread of the coronavirus.

The federal government will double staff at U.S. Customs and Border Patrol at O'Hare and will monitor the situation, Gov. J.B. Pritzker said in a Sunday afternoon news conference. Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot said the city reached an agreement with the Department of Homeland Security to allow members of the Chicago Fire Department to assist with screenings.

A dozen firefighters were at O'Hare's international terminal early Sunday evening to assist, Chicago Department of Aviation spokesman Matt McGrath said in an email.

Both Pritzker and Lightfoot sharply criticized how the federal government handled the COVID-19 health screenings that began Saturday and the long lines that developed at O'Hare and other airports, blaming lack of preparedness and understaffing.

"When I saw hundreds of people crammed together for many hours at O'Hare in exactly the conditions that I have been warning about for days, I was furious," Pritzker said at the news conference.

Lightfoot called the conditions "unacceptable" in an earlier news conference from O'Hare's Terminal 5, the international terminal of one of the busiest airports in the world. "Thousands of travelers were forced to wait in exceedingly long lines, congregating in concourses, and putting themselves and their loved ones at greater risk of exposure of COVID-19," she said.

Angry international travelers took to social media to express dismay at the handling of events. Photos posted Saturday night showed throngs of people standing shoulder-to-shoulder.

Katy Rogers said she spent four hours at O'Hare in a tightly packed space with students, a basketball team, musicians and older people in wheelchairs, The Associated Press reported.

"Everybody was nervous about it," she said. Even though she



Some passengers wear masks while checking in for international flights Sunday at O'Hare International Airport.

previously showed no signs of being sick, she planned to quarantine herself on the organic produce farm she runs in Noblesville, Indiana.

Many passengers were rushing home to the United States because of fears they would be stuck in Europe after Trump issued a temporary travel ban affecting 26 countries there.

Large crowds also were reported at the Dallas-Fort Worth airport, according to NBC in Dallas. O'Hare and Dallas-Fort Worth are two of the 13 airports that travelers returning from European countries are being funneled through for additional screenings, according to a Department of Homeland Security document.

The situation at O'Hare was "dangerous" for the passengers and people working at the airport, said Northwestern University infectious disease expert Dr. Robert Murphy.

"When someone gets off a plane, if they're coming from ... a high-risk country, you don't throw those people in with everybody else," Murphy said.

It's safer to flag potentially high-risk passengers as they leave the plane and take them to a separate area, away from other travelers, for additional screening, he said.

"This is exactly what you're not supposed to do when there's an



Mayor Lori Lightfoot speaks at O'Hare Sunday, a day after coronavirus screening caused major delays for passengers arriving at the airport.

epidemic going on," Murphy said. Pritzker, appearing on NBC's "Meet the Press" on Sunday morning, said the day's lines could be even worse.

About 5,300 passengers on 25 flights subject to additional screening were expected to arrive at O'Hare on Sunday, McGrath said in an email.

On Sunday afternoon, a woman posted a photo she said her daughter, returning from a study abroad program in Vienna, took of the line at O'Hare.

Her daughter told her screeners asked about her health and took her temperature. Lines re-

mained long but "they're doing a good job now and it's fast," she said her daughter wrote in a message.

In a statement, a U.S. Customs and Border Protection spokesman said the agency recognizes that wait times at some airports Saturday were "unacceptable."

"With this national emergency, there will unfortunately be times of disruption and increased processing times for travelers. CBP is working around the clock to minimize these inconveniences," the agency said.

Lightfoot attributed problems at O'Hare to several flights that

landed at the same time, overwhelming staffers available to process them. In addition to calling for more Customs and Border Protection staff, she said she asked the Federal Aviation Administration to keep people on planes rather than having them queue in the airport.

The FAA referred questions to the Department of Homeland Security. Delta Air Lines and American Airlines referred questions about the wait times at airports to U.S. Customs and Border Protection officials. United Airlines declined to comment.

Directing her comments to Vice President Mike Pence, who is leading a federal task force on the coronavirus, Lightfoot said officials need to coordinate with governors and mayors to ensure safety. When they don't listen to local officials, Lightfoot warned, "you risk causing serious illness and death."

Pritzker used strong language on social media and on "Meet the Press." He wrote, "The federal government needs to get its s@#t together. NOW." He also tweeted at President Donald Trump, suggesting Twitter was "the only communication medium you pay attention to."

The White House late Sunday afternoon pushed back on Pritzker's criticism of Trump and Pence, and denied Lightfoot's dig that poor communication from the federal government with state and local authorities led to the crowded conditions at the airport.

"From day one, the Trump Administration's interactions with state and local officials has been unprecedented, including in-person meetings, telephone calls, and briefings. Those communications have only increased since the first of the year as the federal government works in close partnership with governors and mayors across the country to protect the public health," White House spokesman Judd Deere said in a statement.

On Sunday morning, the governor said on "Meet The Press" that he received a call at 11 p.m. Saturday, responding to his criticisms on Twitter, "from a White House staffer who yelled at me about the tweet. That is what I got."

The White House denied that any voices were raised, though neither it nor the governor's office answered questions about who reached out to the governor Saturday night.

The Associated Press and Chicago Tribune's Paige Fry contributed.

CPS teachers prepare for remote learning

BY HANNAH LEONE

With one final day of classes before Illinois schools are closed in an effort to slow the spread of the coronavirus, educators throughout Chicago are cobbling together materials for students who may have limited access to technology or be expected to help care for younger siblings.

At Lane Tech High School in Lakeview, Charity Freeman's computer science classes already use online elements including Google Classroom, and she's expecting a relatively smooth transition. But at John Hancock College Prep in West Elsdon, Ray Salazar has never used the tool in his AP English or journalism classes. And at Dixon Elementary in Chatham, though Alese Affatato already has subscriptions to academic websites for reading and math, without a teacher guiding them, her young kindergartners require much more parent involvement.

"It can't be consistent across the district, from the standpoint of equity," Freeman said. "This puts us in a really interesting predicament, given the size of our district. Without certain things in place prior to the pandemic, there is no way we'd be able to ensure e-learning would be a feasible possibility for every student in every school."

Even before Gov. J.B. Pritzker's executive order Friday that all public and private K-12 schools close from Tuesday through the end of March, following the solo closure of Vaughn Occupational High School in Portage Park, CPS CEO Janice Jackson said leaders were working on a contingency learning plan for the entire school

system serving about 355,000 students.

To teachers who had been following the news nationally, the mass closures were expected, Salazar said.

Pritzker's order falls into the category of "act of God" days, and since those days aren't instructional, schoolwork completed during this time shouldn't be graded, said an Illinois State Board of Education spokesman. However, the board still recommends that all schools provide students with learning opportunities "through whatever means possible."

Along with free meals for students, enrichment activity packets will be available for pickup at schools, CPS officials said Sunday.

"I think it was a necessary step to close CPS," Affatato said. "I was concerned that they would delay further ... (but) if it's just going to be work the district has prepared, what's the quality? There is no good solution because the children are not in school with their highly qualified educators."

The Chicago Teachers Union has been calling on city and schools officials to ensure all students have access to internet and computers for remote learning. On Friday, Comcast announced it will make Xfinity Wi-Fi free and pause data plans, disconnects and late fee assessments for customers struggling to pay the bills as COVID-19 takes a toll on the economy. The provider will also give new low-income families 60 days of free internet and send free self-install kits with modems and routers. CTU President Jesse Sharkey on Friday said he appreciated Mayor Lori Light-

foot's work to secure free internet for students who don't have access at home but wasn't sure what had been done to identify those students, figuring more would be done Monday. CPS officials did not respond Sunday.

Guidance previously issued by the state education board encouraged "every school district to develop an approved e-learning plan in preparation for a potential school closure." Of more than 100 Illinois schools and districts that had closed of their own accord as of noon Friday, the majority were using e-learning, according to the education board, which now has a webpage with resources for continuing education during the closures.

Some teachers, including Freeman and Salazar, had already started preparing and talking to students in anticipation of closures, when they were unsure of the district's contingency plans.

Even before the announcement Friday, a Hancock teaching staff meeting was canceled so educators could devote more time to planning for remote learning, Salazar said. For many people, having a routine can help during times of crisis, he said.

"It's been a rough year academically," Salazar said. "After the (October teachers) strike I think a lot of teachers I talk to, we just kept saying to one another, 'It's hard to get back in the groove' ... and now for this to happen again, (will) be another challenge."

But Salazar said being a teacher during crises like this reminds him of the resilience of young people, who time and again persevere and move forward.

"I am going into this thinking,

'How can I create learning opportunities for students without creating a technological mess for myself and for them?'" Salazar said. "... What can they do on their phone?"

Salazar said he was designing his plan around smartphones, which his students all have and can be used for reading exercises, combined with print materials. But he was also wary of the ways phones can be distracting. Online learning is also more likely to work for students who have academic mindsets, he said.

"Students who have a history of academic struggles might find themselves struggling even more," Salazar said. "Just because they're at home doesn't mean they have the time or space to do their schoolwork. They may have child care responsibilities or no place to sit somewhere quietly."

Ideally, parents would be involved in the online learning experience, but some have trouble using the internet, don't speak English or lack the academic background needed to help their children, he said.

For Affatato's kindergartners, she's sending home what she can along with recommendations for time spent reading, journaling and doing online work, but not expecting them to complete everything.

Over the weekend, schools began communicating with families about what's to come, linking to resources and promising to excuse absences Monday.

An email Saturday to Lake View High School families states that every teacher is preparing 10 days' worth of lessons "so that learning can continue uninterrupted."

"Many of these lessons may be

online, but we will have alternative work available for families who do not have access to the internet at home," writes Principal Paul Karafiol. A Friday survey of 752 students revealed that most will have family responsibilities while at home, and teachers are keeping that in mind, he wrote.

Teachers at Bogan High School in Ashburn will keep providing materials and giving feedback on essays through their Google Classrooms, which can be accessed with any device connected to the internet, according to a hand-out for families and staff. The school is also encouraging students to use the time to study for the PSAT or SAT, and sophomores to keep working on "personal projects."

At Bateman Elementary in Albany Park, teachers will check emails within regular school hours and should respond within 48 hours, according to a letter from administrators.

"Many of them have families that they are caring for too," administrators note.

Brentano Math and Science Academy in Logan Square also included a reminder — in a Facebook post Sunday — that teachers don't all have the capacity to work remotely. "You may hear of other districts or schools attempting to conjure online learning systems," states the post. "That is not a realistic plan or something we can reasonably expect teachers to create on one work day's notice. Remember what this is: a moment where we're all paused for the sake of public health."

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Bar, restaurant owners scramble under order

By JOSH NOEL,
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Bar and restaurant owners across Illinois lurched into an unprecedented new reality Sunday with mandated closings to dine-in customers for at least two weeks, leaving thousands of small business owners to figure out how to keep their operations afloat and their workers employed during the dramatic effort to stem the spread of COVID-19.

The two-week hiatus, which begins end of business Monday, brings the wheels of a multi-billion-dollar industry to a near standstill.

"It's the responsible thing to do, and I wish (Gov. J.B. Pritzker) would have done it earlier, but better late than never," said Pete Ternes, co-founder of Bungalow restaurant in Logan Square. "My second reaction is what happens to my employees? Rent doesn't change and bills don't change and unemployment insurance probably doesn't get them to where they need to be."

Pat Doerr, managing director of the Hospitality Business Association of Chicago, which represents more than 200 Chicago bars, restaurants and music venues, said he expects layoffs as soon as Monday. He also said the closures "couldn't have come at a worst time for the industry" after the typically slow months of January and February.

The only salvation for some businesses will be government stimulus, he said.

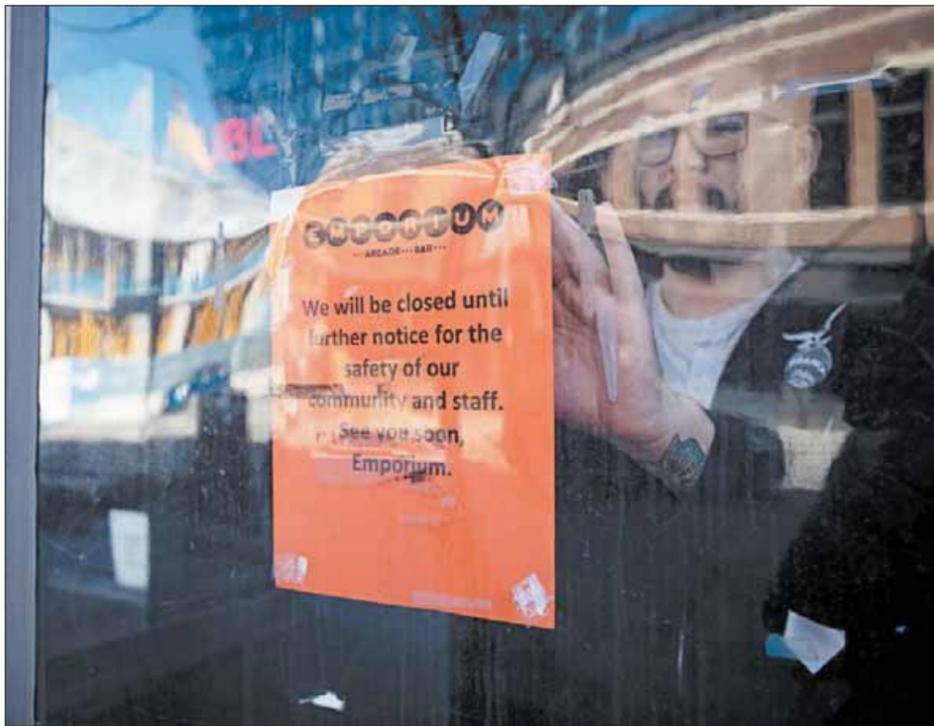
"A lot of people are going to flat out not have cash, and they'll need relief," Doerr said.

In a statement, Sam Toia, president and CEO of the Illinois Restaurant Association, said the organization is "working around the clock with local, state and federal officials to help employers and employees address the short and long term business concerns around this temporary closure."

"Our team remains vigilant in helping Illinois' hospitality industry navigate the immediate challenges that come with this rapidly-changing landscape, and we will be here to advocate on behalf of recovery and economic relief for our industry in the days and weeks ahead," Toia said.

Several Chicago chefs, in a united effort, posted videos on social media Sunday calling for "decisive action from the government" to support restaurant workers, including "emergency unemployment benefits," eliminating the payroll tax and rent and loan abatement for restaurant workers affected by the closure.

R.J. Melman, president of Lettuce Entertain You Enterprises, the city's largest restaurant group, said, "We are trying to create a



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Rey Guzman hangs a sign announcing the Emporium bar's closing in the West Loop on Sunday.

plan that's in the best interest of all our employees. We don't have full clarity of what that will look like yet. But everybody will be fully paid for the current schedule, and no one will have to worry about any insurance issues in the short term."

"There's no playbook for anything that's going on right now," said Melman. "No one has ever had to say, 'I need to close all my restaurants, across the country, at the same time.' It's never happened. And the hard part is that every two hours we get new information. So we're planning for the worst, but at the same time, I'm eternally hopeful."

Restaurants including Bungalow have scrambled to create new models and approaches in recent days. Bungalow, which also operates Middle Brow brewery, has adopted a pickup subscription service for pizzas, loaves of bread and beer, and has begun to transition away from using a third-party delivery service to deliver its own food.

Ternes said the subscription service has been popular since launching at the end of last week, but he fears it will be nowhere near enough to keep all 40 of his employees during the hiatus. Adopting an in-house delivery system is meant to give shifts to people who would otherwise have no other work to do.

"If service drops off big time, then it really depends on the government (to step in) or every small business in the neighborhood and the city will shut down,"

he said. "We live week to week in this industry. It's tight margins we sit on."

The shutdown comes as restaurants were already dealing with shrinking crowds. Boka Restaurant Group, one of the largest in Chicago with 21 restaurants, saw business dip 35% last week, co-owner Rob Katz said. The restaurant reservation website OpenTable has reported 25% declines across Chicago during the past week for online reservations, phone reservations and walk-ins.

"The reality is just starting to come into focus for us," Katz said. "I'm very proud of our team for all the safety precautions we took — I felt comfortable dining out with my family each and every night — but it's quite apparent that we're in the position where people are just really scared about what's going on."

"Right now, first and foremost we're in a fight for our survival," he said.

Perhaps the biggest looming threat to restaurants is the number of expenses that don't go away, even when the customers do, he said.

"Fixed expenses are incredibly high in our industry," Katz said. "And if cash flow ceases to exist, things get critical very, very quickly. We're working with landlords, trying to negotiate rent relief. We're talking with our purveyors. We have city and state taxes due, and we need to ask for extra time and terms."

Katz said he's resigned to the fact that furloughs — as opposed

to layoffs — will come next, and quickly.

"We're working to make sure that every single one of our 2,000 employees will have a job when we come out on the other side of this thing," Katz said. "We're paying 100% of everyone's health benefits; it's absolutely critical that everyone on our team feels secure at a time like this."

Some restaurants have already begun layoffs and moving staff into new roles.

Huan Wang, a Chinese restaurateur with businesses in Chinatown and Evanston, said he's allocated employees for different locations, including chefs and waitstaff, to keep costs down while still fulfilling takeout and delivery orders.

He's already laid off three waiters in recent weeks due to a downturn in business, a call that he said was difficult because "behind each employee is a family." But he said it was necessary to be sure his businesses stay afloat.

Cesar Gonzalez, who co-owns L'Patron in Logan Square, was about to open his second restaurant, Gabriela's Carnitas, this Wednesday.

He had a successful soft opening last week, but is closing the restaurant until the end of the month, when he can have a grand opening with dine-in customers. For his other restaurant, L'Patron, he said he plans to offer curbside pickup, but he has no choice but to cut hours of employees, a hard decision he knows will have a negative effect.

Few, if any, restaurateurs argued against the shutdown.

"Obviously from a business aspect I wish we could keep operating as is, but I definitely respect and understand the risk," said Dan Raskin, fourth-generation owner of legendary Manny's Deli, which has been open in the South Loop since 1942. "We've been in business for a really long time and we operate for the long term and the state is doing the same thing."

The Jewish cafeteria, famous for its corned beef, has 45 employees. "We've got a lot of people who've worked here for a very long time, but whether they've worked here for a week or 45 years, it's important to me to make sure that they have the basic necessities at home too."

In suburban Northbrook, Prairie Grass Cafe co-chef and co-owner Sarah Stegner has opened a hotline for home cooking questions. "I have people in my private circle, friends and family, asking me questions," said Stegner. "I thought, 'OK, this is something that they really need.' So for me to be able to help the community and do that, I just felt it was the right thing."

As a founding member of the Green City Market farmers market in Lincoln Park, she's experienced at fielding on-the-spot cooking questions at live demos. "If you're looking at people who aren't really comfortable cooking at home, or haven't done it in a long time, it can be pretty scary and daunting if you have to feed your family," said Stegner.

"Our goal is to continue curbside, because I know a lot of our customers don't do a lot of cooking or may not even have those skills, so I want to be able to provide that service for people too."

Chowbus, a food delivery company that focuses on Chinese restaurants, said operations have switched to no-contact delivery for customers, meaning patrons pick up food from a lobby or at their doorstep. Drivers are all equipped with hand sanitizer, masks and gloves.

He's seen an uptick in the number of restaurants reaching out to sign up with them and said the company is offering driver positions to people who were recently laid off from restaurants.

Chowbus has also ramped up its grocery operations, picking up orders from Chinatown grocery stores like Park 2 Shop that carry items seldom found in Western grocery stores. Sunday morning, Chow was packing five 15-pound bags of rice for a customer.

"We're figuring it out as we go along, but everyone's safety is our first priority," he said.

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pickup through March 30, the governor said. The state is working with bars and restaurants across the state to ensure they can keep kitchens safe enough to continue home food delivery.

Alongside Pritzker, Mayor Lori Lightfoot said officials were doing "everything we can to flatten the curve and mitigate the transmission of this virus."

"Obviously we know the decisions we are making are placing a burden on people," she said. "I want to ensure members of the hospitality industry that I personally, as well as members of my team, have been in constant conversation with your leadership. We want to mitigate the long-term effects these public health closures have on you and your workers."

The closure of bars and restaurants goes a step further than an earlier announcement by Chicago officials that the city would limit any establishments that serve liquor to 100 people, or half their regular capacity.

But decisions are being made for the long-term health and broader public good, Lightfoot said. "If we were to delay the inevitable, we would be putting more people's health in jeopardy."

Lightfoot also called out the St. Patrick's Day partygoers.

"I came to this great city for the first time on St. Patrick's Day as a college freshman. So I get it," Lightfoot said. "But this year, this time, is different. It must be different to save lives. I do not want to see hordes of people out in the streets. The bars will be shut, so please stay home and be safe."

Pritzker similarly said it's "unfortunate" many people didn't take seriously a plea to not congregate in crowds.

"The time for persuasion and public appeals is over," Pritzker said. "The time for action is here. This is not a joke. No one is immune to this. And you have an obligation to act in the best interests of all the people of this

state."

The 29 cases of coronavirus announced Sunday included five additional counties — Champaign, Clinton, Sangamon, Whiteside and Winnebago.

Cases have occurred across ages, and those without a connection to travel or known COVID-19 cases are increasing, according to the Illinois Department of Public Health.

Dr. Ngozi Ezike, the department's director, said there are now 93 confirmed cases in 13 counties statewide.

The number of positive test results we get each day is increasing exponentially and the number of counties across Illinois is also expanding," she said. "People should assume that this novel coronavirus is in their communities. And we all need to take steps to protect ourselves and reduce the spread."

Officials also responded Sunday to the screening chaos at O'Hare that left some 3,000 people stuck in crowds Saturday, violating recommended "social distancing" procedures from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Pritzker said Sunday the federal government would be doubling staff at U.S. Customs and Border Protection at O'Hare and will continue to monitor the situation.

"When I saw hundreds of people crammed together for many hours at O'Hare in exactly the conditions that I have been warning about for days, I was furious," he said. Lightfoot, who earlier criticized the "unacceptable conditions," said there's a new agreement with the Department of Homeland Security to "in effect deputize members of the Chicago Fire Department as screeners."

Chicago Fire Department EMS personnel have been sent to O'Hare and Midway airports to help out with screenings of travelers returning to the country, Larry Langford, a CFD spokesman, said in a statement. Firefighters and paramedics responding to emergency calls have also been given personal protective equipment designed specifically

for respiratory isolation, he said.

Even as officials urge people to avoid crowds, grocery stores have buzzed with shoppers swiping shelves clean of hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes, toilet paper and, at least at one Mariano's, frozen vegetables.

Jewel-Osco, Walmart and Trader Joe's are among the chains cutting hours at some stores to clean and restock.

Pritzker said state officials have been monitoring the food supply chain — from grocers to food availability in rural communities — in light of photos of barren store shelves circulating on social media. The food supply statewide remains strong, but Pritzker implored the public to not "hoard food."

Additionally, statewide, schoolchildren who qualify for free and reduced-price lunch will be provided two meals a day starting Tuesday, he said.

In Chicago, all school buildings will be available for "grab-and-go" pickup for breakfast and lunch for any child younger than 18 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., he said.

"You don't have to go to your own school," Pritzker said. "And you don't have to be qualified for free and reduced lunch. CPS is giving food to any child who needs it, no questions asked."

Along with schools shutting down, the city last week joined the state in mandating events of more than 1,000 people be canceled, and recommending events with more than 250 people be canceled or postponed.

New to the growing list of closures and cancellations was Navy Pier, which announced the popular tourist spot would shut down Monday through April 2. The 360 Chicago Observation Deck, at what was formerly known as the John Hancock Center, closed at 4 p.m. Sunday. A reopening date was not announced.

Meanwhile, weekend Cook County bond court continued Sunday, two days after the county announced the majority of its court operations would be postponed for nearly a month beginning Tuesday.

In Judge John F. Luke's courtroom, spectators packed the wooden benches. At least two wore blue surgical masks. At least one deputy wore gloves.

Most Cook County court operations, both criminal and civil, will be postponed as a precaution, the chief judge's office confirmed Friday. Courthouses across the county will remain open, "though there will be fewer cases," according to a statement from the office. Regular operations are expected to resume April 15 at the earliest.

Judges will not sign orders for eviction or foreclosure during the 30-day period, and Monday is the last day that judges will perform marriage ceremonies.

As the city continues its closure, some Chicagoans are still going to work and worried about their next paycheck.

On Sunday morning, instead of being filled with parade-goers, South Side streets were empty. Maddy King, a bartender at Dingers Sports Bar, hoped for more patrons.

"Tips are totally down, especially with sports off too," King said. "Yesterday was supposed to be March Madness. We had like 10 people all day."

Dingers, located central to the South Side Irish Parade route near Western Avenue and 106th Street, usually sees a bigger crowd, King said. She "was banking on today" and believes fears of coronavirus are exaggerated.

The incubation period for COVID-19 — the time between the acquisition of the virus and the time that you develop symptoms — can be from two to 14 days, according to Dr. Robert Citronberg, director of infectious diseases at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge.

Cases range from mild — including some who report no symptoms — to severe, including illness resulting in death, said Ezike, of the Illinois Department of Public Health. No deaths have been reported in Illinois.

Information so far suggests most COVID-19 cases are mild, Ezike said, but older individuals and those of all ages with chronic medical conditions like heart dis-

ease, lung disease and liver problems seem to be at higher risk of developing serious illness.

This is why there are visitor restrictions at long-term care facilities, as well as a 10-person limit on gatherings with seniors, Ezike said.

"However, even as a healthy person you can get the virus," she said. "This virus does not discriminate. It is an equal-opportunity virus that can affect anyone of any age, of any race, from any ZIP code. It is important that we reduce the amount of virus circulating in the community, and this happens by reducing the number of people who come in contact with the virus."

After a resident of a long-term care facility in Willowbrook tested positive for the coronavirus, DuPage County Board Chairman Dan Cronin said he will sign a disaster declaration. The woman, who is in her 60s, is a resident of the Chateau Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, officials announced Sunday.

Pritzker encouraged those who are healthy and eligible to donate blood or platelets, adding that the American Red Cross has a protocol to ensure social distancing measures are in place.

"A blood shortage could impact patients who need surgery, victims of car accidents and other emergencies, or patients suffering from cancer," he said. "One of the most important things you can do to ensure we don't have another health care crisis on top of the coronavirus is to give blood."

Despite the shutdown of bars, restaurants, schools, offices, theaters, churches and sports, one event for the week is still on: Tuesday's primary.

If the election was delayed, it's unclear when another could be held, Pritzker said.

"Democracy must continue," he said. "We have to elect leaders even in less than ideal circumstances."

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Navy Pier Flyover completion delayed again due to 1930s-era bridge repairs

By MARY WISNIEWSKI

The much-anticipated completion of the Navy Pier Flyover bike and pedestrian path has been delayed again, due to the need for more extensive repairs on the Depression-era Lake Shore Drive bridge over the Chicago River, city officials said.

The \$64 million flyover, started in 2014, is now expected to be complete by the end of this year. The city had originally planned to cut the ribbon on the flyover in 2018, then last year, then this spring.

To complete work on the Lake Shore Drive bridge, there also will be a new traffic configuration on lower Lake Shore Drive, starting Monday. Northbound vehicle traffic, currently moving on the east side of the bridge, will be moved to the center of the bridge. Northbound vehicles on lower Lake Shore Drive will be able to access upper Lake Shore Drive, but will no longer be able get to Illinois Street and Grand Avenue, according to city officials.

Bike and pedestrian traffic will be moved to the center lane, separated from vehicle traffic, starting on Tuesday.

Chicago Department of Transportation Chief Engineer Dan Burke said workers found "additional deterioration" on the Lake Shore Drive bridge, which meant more time and more repairs.

Specifically, Burke said the beams that hold up the roadway's metal grating were rusty and no longer usable. The supports were either from 1937, when the two-level steel bridge was originally built, or 1987, when it was last rehabilitated. The bridge repair work, originally expected to cost \$25 million, will cost an extra \$1.3 million, Burke said.

Burke said the city had anticipated replacing just a few of the supports, but must replace all of them.



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Work continues Wednesday on construction of the Navy Pier Flyover at Lake Shore Drive near Wacker Drive in Chicago.

The cost of the flyover itself will not increase.

The final phase of the flyover construction involves both repairing the 83-year-old Lake Shore Drive bridge and building the flyover on the bridge's eastern side. This will widen the pedestrian and bike portion from 9 to 16 feet.

On Wednesday, workers began cutting through the limestone bridge houses, which will create tunnels for northbound bike and pedestrian traffic.

The 1,750-foot-long, 16-foot-wide steel and concrete flyover will eventually go from Ohio Street Beach to the south side of the Chicago River. City officials have blamed prior delays both on issues with the Lake Shore Drive bridge and a delay in getting funding from the state during the budget crisis.

The city is also renovating the controls and interior equipment for the two-level bascule bridge, which must be able to open to allow boat traffic between the Chicago River and the lake. The flyover portion will be able to open separately from the main bridge, to avoid damage to the bridge houses, Burke said.

Transportation Department spokesman Michael Claffey noted that one of the main purposes of the flyover was to carry bike and pedestrian traffic on

the Lakefront Trail over Grand and Illinois, where there was frequent crowding and close encounters with motor vehicle traffic. That part of the flyover opened for use at the end of 2018.

A bascule is the most common type of movable bridge. There are 43 working movable bridges in Chicago, according to the Chicago Architecture Center.

Burke noted that the Lake Shore Drive bridge was dedicated by President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

"It's part of Chicago history, and the solution we've come up with is very innovative and respectful of that history," Burke said.

Even if the flyover were finished, its use this spring would be limited by the extensive damage to the Lakefront Trail. Due to flooding caused by high lake levels and the resulting damage to pavement, large sections of the trail are closed, including Fullerton to North Avenues, and Oak to Ohio streets.

The road reconfiguration is expected to impact about 4,700 cars daily, said CDOT spokesman Claffey. Drivers going to Navy Pier can use upper Lake Shore Drive, instead of lower Lake Shore Drive, or can take Columbus Drive to Illinois Street.

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Virus disruptions may strain city finances, pensions

BY GREGORY PRATT AND JOHN BYRNE

As the coronavirus pandemic continues to spread around the world and cause disruptions across the United States, it is also threatening to upend the city of Chicago's budget and further stretch its already tight finances.

Already, the rapidly spreading disease has cost the city potentially millions of dollars in tax revenue from canceled conventions and celebrations such as the St. Patrick's Day parades. With Gov. J.B. Pritzker and Mayor Lori Lightfoot banning public gatherings of more than 1,000 people and strongly discouraging events with more than 250, it's clear Chicago's finances are going to take a hit from COVID-19.

What's not yet known is just how bad the drop in revenue will be for city government. At a news conference with Pritzker on Thursday, Lightfoot said she thinks the city is well suited to weather the storm

due to its "very, very diverse economic system." Economically sensitive taxes, such as sales, are less than 25% of the budget, she said.

"The bottom line is, it's too early for us to measure the entirety of the impact," Lightfoot said. "But we feel very comfortable with where we are both as an economy writ large but also in terms of revenue sources for the city of Chicago."

A city spokeswoman on Thursday also released a statement noting the city has more than \$3 billion in cash on hand and secured \$100 million more from a bond refinancing than it anticipated, "providing us with additional cushion in the event of a possible economic slowdown."

Amanda Kass, associate director of the Government Finance Research Center at the University of Illinois at Chicago, said the city's budget could be affected by "decreased revenue tied to immediate losses from things like decreased tourism and decreased public

transportation ridership."

"The budgetary impact may go well beyond 2020 as there may be long-term economic consequences from COVID-19," Kass said. "How big an impact this has on the budget and how many years are impacted depends on how long the public health measures and warnings are in place — the longer it goes on, the greater financial impact."

Chicago's pension funds also could see strain, she said, as they rely heavily on investments as a source of assets.

"An economic downturn likely means a decrease in assets, causing an increase in the unfunded liabilities," Kass said. "The economic impact of COVID-19 may cause a sharp decline in the pension systems' finances (as happened with the 2008 financial crisis), which would in-turn cause a significant increase in the City's required pension systems for the police and fire funds immediately."

Still, aldermen on Thurs-

day also said it's too early to know how deep the virus-related tax hole will be, since it's impossible to say how long the pandemic will keep people out of revenue-generating hotels, restaurants and bars, sporting events and trade shows at McCormick Place, and hold down the number of airline passengers who bring in fees at Chicago's airports.

Ald. Gilbert Villegas, 36th, Lightfoot's floor leader, said aldermen may get more clarity on how dire things look at the end of the first quarter of 2020.

"After this first quarter we're going to meet with the budget director and kind of find out what the impact was in the first quarter and how — that's if it ends sometime soon with the coronavirus — find out what the fiscal impact's going to be," Villegas said.

Villegas said he will concentrate on trying to get state lawmakers to give Lightfoot the graduated real estate transfer tax and amended casino license she

wants to generate some cash for the city. And he pointed to video gambling in Chicago as a possible way to make up some of the gap without having to resort to a property tax hike.

"Depending on what the hole is will determine what we have to do," and possibilities could include new video gambling revenue, Villegas said.

Ald. Scott Waguespack, 32nd, who chairs the City Council Finance Committee, said city officials "are having discussions about how to plug gaps if any serious gaps come up, and what are our alternatives and other options to plug those gaps if any come up in October or November."

Waguespack said he's tracking occupancy rates posted by the Illinois Hotel Association to try to get an idea how low the hotel taxes will be, and urging the city to maintain its own databases to get a ballpark figure on shortfalls as the virus situation drags on.

Lightfoot's budget al-

ready faced questions and criticism from some aldermen who said it was precariously balanced and over-reliant on one-time fixes or long-shot revenue sources.

Lightfoot's budget, passed in November, closed what she said was an \$838 million shortfall with a mixture of cost reductions, debt refinancing and smaller tax increases.

The budget was controversial with aldermen due to its reliance on federal authorities to approve a higher Medicaid reimbursement rate for ambulance trips by the Chicago Fire Department, which she expects will bring in an additional \$163 million.

That hadn't been approved by the time aldermen passed the budget, leading some aldermen to complain the 2020 spending package is built on quicksand until the ambulance money is approved. So far, the city hasn't received it, though Lightfoot officials have claimed it's just a matter of time.

Interfaith friends step in to help children who need food as schools closed



HEIDI STEVENS
Balancing Act

Laura Frisch and her friends — an interfaith group of Jewish, Muslim and Christian women — started gathering in each other's suburban Cook County kitchens four years ago to drink tea and share stories and pray together.

They call themselves Morton Grove Women Who Drink Tea, and they use their get-togethers, also, to write postcards for political candidates and advocate for community causes and exchange book recommendations. They would have gathered Saturday, but

coronavirus has made such outings seem risky at best, irresponsible at worst.

So Frisch came up with a Plan B.

"We've all made sure our own homes are well stocked for the possible (actual) pandemic, but what about those who can't stock up, who struggle to feed their families in regular times?" she wrote on the group's Facebook page. "So let's all get up Saturday, sit with a cup of coffee or tea and go through our own well stocked pantries to find what those who are food insecure might need."

She encouraged the group to consider donating toilet paper, disinfectant wipes and other items that can't be purchased with Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits. She shared the hours and location of Niles

Township's food pantry and asked others to donate to the food banks or shelters of their choosing.

She invited people to post Saturday morning photos of themselves drinking tea or coffee, gathering food and supplies to donate.

"It's a combination of what do you do when you're sequestered and what do you do when you want to help?" Frisch told me Friday. "We want to support each other, and we also want to support the community."

Stockpiling in the face of a pandemic is, in some ways, a luxury. Not everyone has money to purchase extra food and supplies ahead of time; they go to the store when they get paid, not when news events suggest it may be prudent.

Add in closed schools, which many children rely

on for meals, and slowed or stopped business in a number of sectors, and you've got a recipe for tremendous need.

"We definitely foresee increased need," Greg Trotter, spokesman for the Greater Chicago Food Depository, told me Friday. "School closures and work stoppages disproportionately affect lower-income families."

On Tuesday, the Greater Chicago Food Depository assembled and delivered 500 boxes of food for families affected by the temporary closure of Vaughn Occupational High School. The organization, plans to assemble thousands more food boxes in the coming weeks to accommodate children and families affected by the closing of all Illinois schools.

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Schools will have free meals available for pick up outside of their buildings beginning Tuesday, according to Emily Bolton, CPS director of media communications and strategy. Families can go to the closest CPS building to pick up food, regardless of which CPS building they attend. Pickup will be available between 9 a.m and 1 p.m. Monday through Friday during the school closure, currently scheduled to last through March 30. (More information can be found at cps.edu/coronavirus.)

Frisch is encouraging friends to check the expiration dates on anything they donate. She said when she volunteers at food pantries, a tremendous amount of volunteer time is spent weeding out expired donations. She's also encouraging friends to consider donating

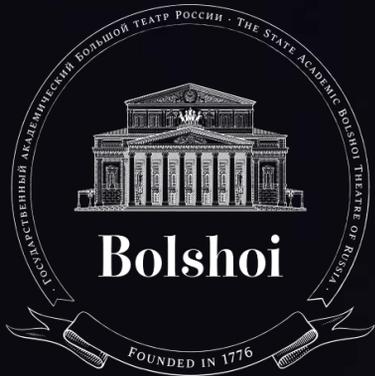
to Mothers Against Senseless Killings, which is collecting bottled water, paper products, canned goods and dried snack foods for families in and around Englewood affected by Chicago Public Schools closing.

The Greater Chicago Food Depository has set up a fundraising page specifically for coronavirus donations: chicagosfoodbank.org/covid.

"Really the most helpful thing people can do is donate money," Trotter said. "Any support is helpful, but money is especially helpful because we can buy food at cost."

This crisis is moving and changing quickly, and it's encouraging to watch human hearts and ingenuity spring into action to help how and where we can. Sometimes from our own kitchens.

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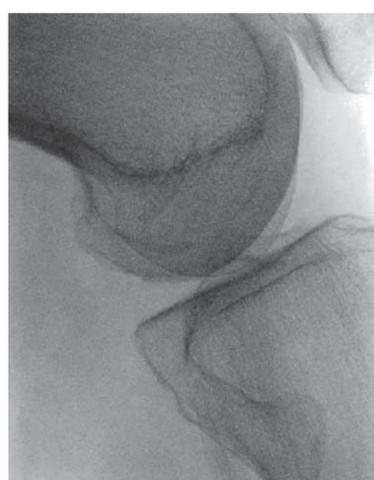
After years of trusted service in moving you everywhere you need to go, your knee starts to feel a subtle ache with certain activities like using stairs, kneeling down, or getting out of the car. With time, it becomes a constant ache. If left untreated, it can keep you awake at night, and hurt with every step.

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You see, once the fluid in your knees is gone, you're out of luck. You're facing a lifelong fight against knee pain. And while some pills and topical gels might disguise the pain - the damage is still happening.

That's the real issue here. Just because the pain can be reduced with a few anti-inflammatory pills and an ice pack, **doesn't mean it's ok**. You need to do something about it now before your knee is completely destroyed.

With less activity, comes weight gain, depression, more aches and pains, until finally you realize you can no longer do all of those fun & exciting activities you enjoy.

Sure, you can put up with this ache in your knee, but the cost of doing nothing about it is HUGE. You are not doing yourself a favor by "toughing it out."

"Every day was hard. I couldn't enjoy my favorite activities anymore. But thankfully, now I'm back in full form. I am doing yard work for the first time in years!"

— Phil M.

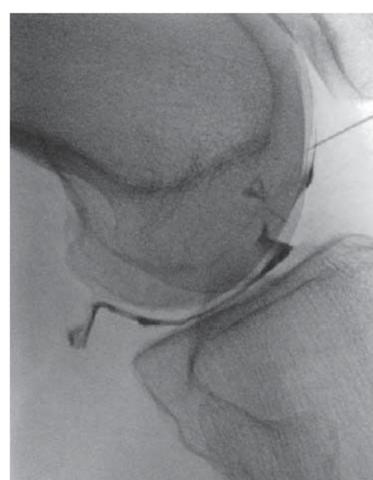
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Both the patients and their doctors think that the knee didn't respond. Turns out, in most cases, the medicine never got in the right space.

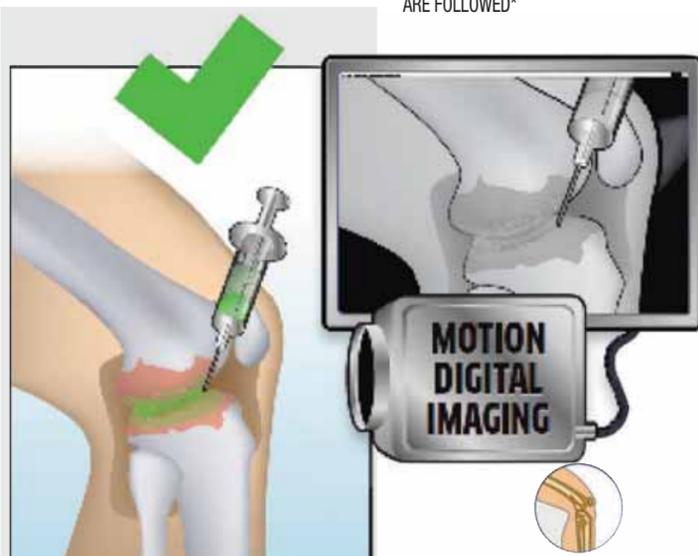
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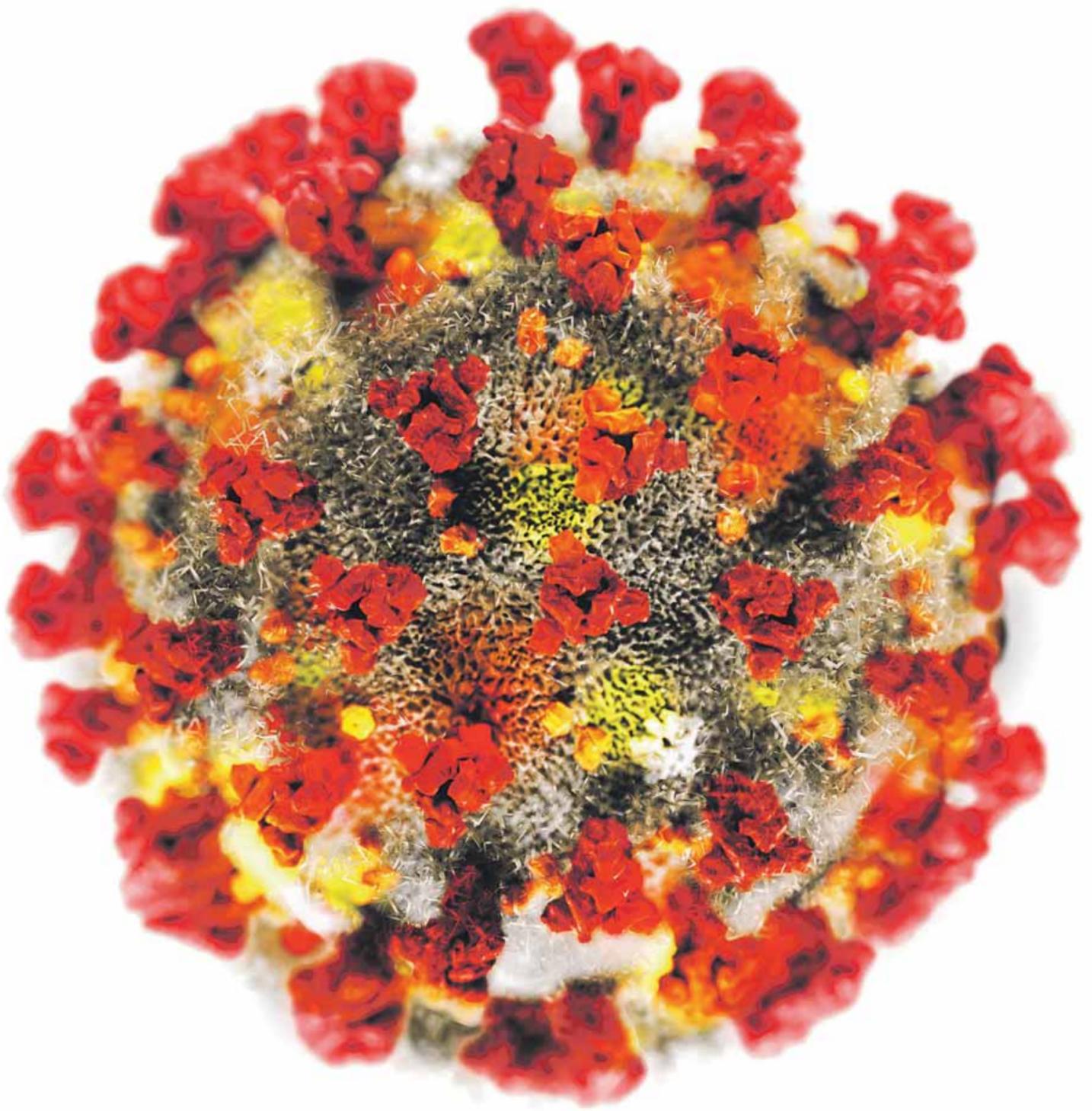
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The strength of Sanders' digital operation remains unmatched, and his legion of supporters that back him on social media platforms and regularly give small contributions to his campaign runs deep. Sanders already had been broadcasting all of his campaign appearances online and had developed the BERN app to help supporters reach out to their friends and family to encourage them to vote — an effort that has been supercharged in recent days.

However, more than any other campaign, Sanders also has relied on giant rallies that draw thousands of people to help drive enthusiasm for his campaign and to attract new voters into the political process — particularly on college campuses, many of which now have closed. The Vermont senator also repeatedly has touted the hundreds of thousands of doors his grassroots supporters have knocked on during the final weekend of any given state's campaign. Both in-person moments of persuasion are now sidelined.

For Biden, he enters Tuesday — when Ohio, Florida and Arizona also vote — with the clear electoral advantage after racking up a series of big wins on Super Tuesday and last week in Michigan, Missouri, Idaho and Mississippi. Biden, who holds an 890-to-736 delegate lead, also has a close lead in Washington state, while Sanders only won North Dakota last week.

With campaign events canceled and the COVID-19 outbreak dominating the news cycle, it is hard for Sanders to find the political oxygen to slow Biden's momentum. And while there has been no reliable polling in Illinois, Biden is widely perceived to have a solid lead and has received an overwhelming share of endorsements from the state's top political leaders.

In 2016, after Sanders'

stunning upset win in nearby Michigan, he narrowly lost Illinois by less than 2 points. Last week, he lost Michigan to Biden by 16 points.

While Biden may have the lead and momentum, his campaign footprint and on-the-ground volunteers are both much smaller than Sanders'. Biden's camp also does not have the digital infrastructure to easily transition to online organizing and, so far, has focused on increasing its social media ad buys instead.

Plus, as questions linger about how coronavirus disruptions will affect turnout, Biden's strongest and most consistent support is among senior citizens, the very people who are at heightened risk to contract the virus and have been urged to stay home.

All of the variables have created a greater degree of difficulty in the contest's final days.

"It's so bizarre," said Sheila Nix, chairwoman of Biden's Illinois campaign. "Everyone is working remote. All the moving around, the field organizing is curtailed. It's a real challenge, but in the interest of public safety, we all just have to figure it out."

Feeling the digital BERN

Sanders managed to hold the only Illinois rally in the race's final weeks, a massive gathering in Grant Park on March 7 that drew more than 10,000 people.

The Vermont senator also had an event planned for Springfield and a final get-out-the-vote rally scheduled for Monday night in Aurora, both of which were canceled last week as health experts began advocating for social distancing amid the declaration of the coronavirus as a pandemic by the World Health Organization. Pete D'Alessandro, the campaign's Illinois state director, said they chose Aurora because of its location within the Chicago media market, proximity to the vote-rich suburbs and for its 50% Latino population, a voting bloc



CHARLES REX ARBOGAST/AP

Lally Doerrer, left, and neighbors Douglas and Marlene Groll watch Joe Biden Friday during his Illinois virtual town hall while sitting in Doerrer's living room in Chicago.

with which the campaign is hoping to perform strongly on Tuesday.

After the events were canceled, the Sanders campaign still hoped to hold small gatherings of 50 volunteers or less to do training for door-to-door canvassing. By Friday, those were scrapped, too, along with planned marches to the polls. Instead, the campaign quickly moved to recruiting volunteers to do phone banking from home.

More than 1,100 volunteers signed up in a single day, D'Alessandro said, with the campaign reporting that its volunteers called more than 170,000 Illinois residents on Saturday alone. D'Alessandro said the campaign already had knocked on 100,000 doors in Illinois, with the goal of hitting 100,000 more over the final weekend.

"The final 10 days are get-out-the-vote mode, and when you're in GOTV mode, your whole world is connecting to your voters and then pushing them to the polls. That hasn't changed, just our tactics have," D'Alessandro said. "I'm an old-school field guy, so I want to hit the doors, but once you realize you can't do it, we're in a unique position because our parallel program to that was always very strong with our ability to do online organiz-

ing, virtual phone bank organizing."

Sanders also is scheduled to participate in a Monday night "digital rally" that will include Neil Young, Daryl Hannah as well as musicians Jim James — of the band My Morning Jacket — and the Free Nationals. U.S. Rep. Jesus "Chuy" Garcia, a Chicago Democrat who spoke at Sanders' Chicago rally earlier this month, also is scheduled to take part.

Another part of the Sanders campaign's digital effort is the BERN app, which prompts those who download it to "add friends to grow our movement."

While phone banking is an effort to reach voters who aren't known, the app is designed to help the campaign's supporters contact their friends and family and encourage them to vote. The BERN helps supporters map out their family and friends, determine the best way to reach them — a call, text, social media message — and then locate their specific voting information, including the location of their polling place or early voting center.

The campaign has been urging attendees at its rallies and supporters online to download the app for months. It also has been holding statewide "get-out-the-vote house parties" on video calls to train support-

ers on how to use the app, said Gabriel Gold Hodgkin, the campaign's Illinois field director.

"Everyone is looking for what can I do right now while I'm stuck at home, but I don't want to be isolated, I believe in the spirit of solidarity and I want to check in on people," Gold Hodgkin said. "This app provides a way to do that, and it's very easy to check in with all your friends and emphasize how Bernie's plans, especially 'Medicare For All' could be much more beneficial for a situation like this that we're all going through right now."

'He's in good shape'

For his part, Biden has stressed his plan to build on Obamacare, contending that unlike Sanders, his plan to add a public option could pass Congress.

"I can get it done quickly and everyone will be covered," Biden said in his virtual town hall.

The former vice president had planned to attend a pair of high-dollar fundraisers in Chicago on Friday, followed by a rally that tentatively had been planned for Malcolm X College on the West Side, said Nix, the campaign's state chairwoman. The campaign also was looking at

evening St. Patrick's Day events for the former vice president to attend, she said.

Nix said the campaign has focused on boosting its digital messaging to highlight Biden's widespread support, including a recent endorsement from the National Education Association, the largest labor union in the country. The campaign also planned a Sunday debate night video event with Dr. Jill Biden and held tele-town halls with other campaign surrogates in addition to the Friday night virtual town hall that was marred by technical glitches.

"Obviously, we have to practice that a little bit and move forward on that," Nix said. "I think it will be fine for the VP in Illinois. He's in good shape. We already had built up a pretty good group of people supporting him and he's pretty popular and well-known here, but it's definitely a different way of doing things."

At last count, Biden had the endorsement of much of the Democratic establishment in the state, more than 80 elected officials total, including Sens. Dick Durbin and Tammy Duckworth along with Mayor Lori Lightfoot. As former President Barack Obama's vice president, Biden also is expected to receive overwhelming support from the state's African American voters, particularly on Chicago's South Side and in its south suburbs.

U.S. Rep. Robin Kelly represents a portion of that area and noted how she has three of the top five voting precincts in the state in her district. While she acknowledged older African American voters are more likely to vote on Election Day, she hoped that the frequently discussed precautions voters could take to protect themselves would encourage them to still leave the house and vote.

"This is a very, very important election, and we need people to vote," said Kelly, D-Matteson, who has endorsed Biden. "I know it's scary, but I hope people don't let the coronavirus stop them from voting."

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Dems face off as virus crisis rages

Biden commits to woman as running mate if nominated

BY JULIE PACE AND ALEXANDRA JAFFE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Former Vice President Joe Biden and Sen. Bernie Sanders called for increased testing in the country for the rapidly spreading coronavirus and economic relief for Americans suffering as a result of the global pandemic, as they sought to position themselves in Sunday night's Democratic presidential debate as best prepared to lead a nation through a crisis.

"This is bigger than any one of us. This calls for a national rallying for one another," Biden said.

Sanders, a Vermont senator, panned President Donald Trump's uneven handling of the crisis, urging the president to stop hindering medical professionals by "blabbering with untruthful information that is confusing the American public."

Biden and Sanders skipped a handshake, greeting each other instead with an elbow bump, then took their positions at podiums spaced 6 feet apart in keeping with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for limiting the spread of the novel coronavirus. They addressed the nation, and each other, from a television studio in Washington without an in-person audience.

The debate was the first head-to-head faceoff between Biden and Sanders, who are vying to become the Democratic presidential nominee. After a sluggish start to the primary season, Biden



Democratic presidential hopefuls Joe Biden, left, and Sen. Bernie Sanders stand 6 feet apart as they debate Sunday night in Washington.

rapidly surged to the front of the field, consolidating support among moderates and moving within striking distance of the Democratic nomination.

Biden committed to naming a woman as his running mate if he's the nominee, making a definitive assertion clamored for by some voters who have watched a historically diverse candidate field dwindle to two white men.

Biden made that assertion during the debate in response to a video question from a voter about how he would handle women's health issues. Asked the same question, Sanders didn't definitively commit but said, "In all likelihood, I will."

Biden has previously said he would seriously consider naming a woman or a person of color as his running mate.

Also Sunday night, he repeated a previous pledge to nominate a black woman to the U.S. Supreme Court if given the chance to do so as president. During last month's debate in Charleston, South Carolina, ahead of that state's primary — where a victory gave Biden momentum that propelled him into Super Tuesday wins just days later — Biden said he was "looking forward" to making that a reality.

Throughout the campaign, Biden has often eschewed talk of a running mate as presumptuous, though he has at times posited several names. Asked by a voter at a campaign stop in Winterset, Iowa, in November, Biden described several prominent women he'd consider, were he to win the nomination.

"I could start naming people, but the press will

think that's who I picked," Biden said, noting it was premature.

Still, he went on to suggest Stacey Abrams, who ran for Georgia governor in 2018, calling her "the woman who should have been the governor of Georgia."

Likewise, he suggested, without giving their names, that he would consider former Deputy Attorney General Sally Yates and the two senators from New Hampshire — Maggie Hassan and Jeanne Shaheen.

The stakes in the race for the White House have shifted dramatically in recent weeks as coronavirus spread to the United States, prompting school closures, significantly curtailing travel and raising questions about the Trump administration's preparedness for a health and economic crisis that could stretch for weeks or months.

The pandemic has largely grounded the Democratic candidates, forcing them to cancel campaign rallies and limit their own travel even as Arizona, Florida, Illinois and Ohio prepare to vote Tuesday.

That's also frozen the trajectory of the Democratic race, with Biden now in a commanding position after a rapid resurgence and Sanders quickly running out of opportunities to regain momentum.

For both candidates, the debate was a moment to display their leadership skills in front of what could be one of the largest audiences of the primary.

"Moments like these don't come around often in campaigns, and this is a perfect opportunity to show millions that you have what it takes," said Robert Gibbs, former White House press secretary and campaign ad-

viser to President Barack Obama. "They must show voters they are the answer to what is missing right now by being calm, honest, ready to lead and empathetic."

Sanders said he has doubts about Biden's ability to energize enough voters to defeat Trump.

Sanders, who said he's committed to helping Biden win if the former vice president is the nominee, acknowledged that Biden has won more states but says to defeat Trump "you have to bring young people, who are not great voters."

Biden said he's the candidate who is exciting voters, noting a surge in voter turnout in some of the states he won. He said he pulled off big victories on Super Tuesday even though he had little campaign money.

"Let's get this straight — energy has been for me," Biden said.

US to compensate Guam over Japan's war atrocities

Over 3,000 islanders getting payments of \$10,000 to \$25,000

BY ANITA HOFSCHEIDER
Associated Press

HAGATNA, Guam — For Antonina Palomo Cross, Japan's occupation of Guam started with terror at church. The then-7-year-old was attending Catholic services with her family when the 1941 invasion began, setting off bomb blasts, sirens and screams.

It ended with her family surrendering their home and eventually carrying the dead body of her malnourished baby sister on a forced march to a concentration camp.

Now 85, Cross is among more than 3,000 native islanders on Guam who are expecting to get long-awaited compensation from the U.S. government for their suffering at the hands of imperial Japan during World War II.

Payments of \$10,000 to \$25,000 — federal tax money normally reserved for Guam's coffers — will be made to those who underwent forced labor or internment, suffered severe injury or rape, or lost loved ones

during the U.S. territory's nearly three-year occupation. A 1951 peace treaty forgave Japan of the responsibility to pay Guam reparations.

"I'm happy to get it," Cross said after a recent meeting at central Guam's newly opened war claims office, where she verified her payment was approved. The amount hasn't been determined yet, but "every little bit helps," she said.

Cross is retired from a local government job and relies on Social Security and her pension to get by. The great-grandmother said the war claims money will come in handy for manamko' — "elders" in the language of Guam's indigenous Chamorro people — like her.

The United States, which first captured Guam during the Spanish-American War, had a small contingent of troops on the island when Japan invaded on the same December day that it attacked Pearl Harbor. Many were taken prisoner or killed.

But most of those affected by the occupation were Chamorro people, who suffered internment, torture, rape and beheadings. More than 1,100 are estimated to have died dur-

ing the occupation.

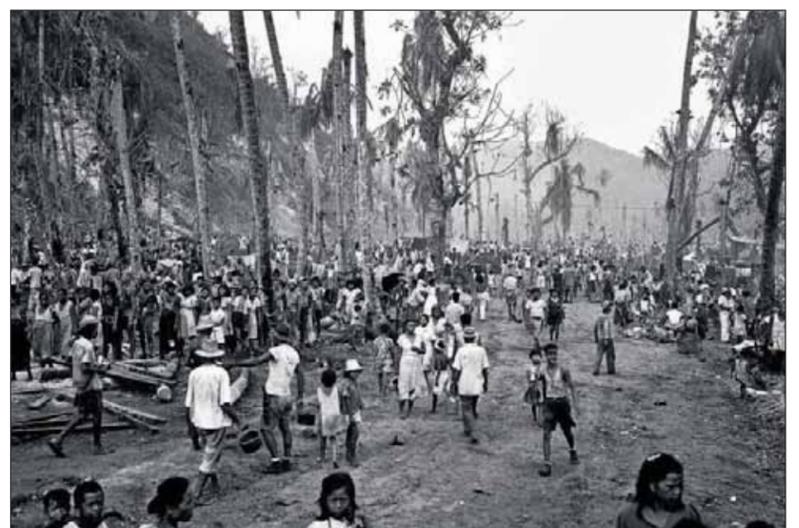
For Cross' family, it meant being forced from their house in Hagatna, the capital, to their rural farm about 5 miles away before being sent to a concentration camp in 1944. While living at the farm, Cross remembers hiding from foreign soldiers as she walked to her Japanese school, where she was forced to learn the Japanese language and bow in the direction of Japan with her classmates.

Her sister was among an unknown number of Chamorro children who died of malnutrition during the occupation, which ended when the U.S. returned and forced the Japanese to surrender in a bloody battle.

President Barack Obama signed the Guam war claims measure in 2016. It provides \$10,000 to those who underwent forced marches or internment, or had to escape internment; \$12,000 to those who experienced forced labor or personal injury; \$15,000 to people who were severely injured or raped; and \$25,000 to children, spouses and some parents of those killed during the occupation.

Survivors had one year to apply.

Many say they feel guilty receiving compensation



Guam residents pour into the Agana refugee camp in August 1944. The Japanese invasion of Guam in 1941 set off years of forced labor, internment, torture, rape and beheadings.

while their parents and siblings who have died did not.

Judith Perez, 76, was a baby during the war and said she was hesitant to apply for a claim. She teared up as she said the check should be going to her parents.

"It's great to have money, but the people who are more deserving of it are the ones who really suffered physically and mentally, but they're gone," she said.

A 1945 law gave Guam residents a brief window to apply for money for war damages, but the bulk of the \$8 million in payments were for property loss.

In 2004, a federal Guam

War Claims Review Commission found the U.S. had a moral obligation to compensate Guam for war damages in part because of its 1951 peace treaty with Japan.

Commission member Benjamin Cruz said the U.S. did not want to further burden Japan with reparations as it sought to recover from the war. But the treaty effectively prevented Guam from suing Japan for damages.

The claims are to be funded with so-called Section 30 money, federal taxes that are remitted to Guam and typically added to its general fund. The program

is a compromise after decades of failed attempts to get more expansive compensation supported by Congress and the people of Guam.

But Guam congressman Michael San Nicolas said the law that created the war claims program was missing language needed to allow the U.S. Treasury to release the funds. His bill to fix that error passed the Senate last month and is headed to the House.

Rather than wait and risk more survivors dying before receiving their checks, Guam decided to start issuing payments using local money meant for Medicaid.



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A mourner adjusts flowers Sunday at the entrance of the Al Noor mosque in Christchurch, New Zealand.

New Zealand honors victims of mass shooting

BY NICK PERRY
Associated Press

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand — People in the New Zealand city of Christchurch honored the 51 worshippers who were killed in a mass shooting a year ago in small but poignant ways Sunday, after a planned national memorial event was canceled due to fears it might spread the new coronavirus.

Outside the Al Noor mosque, dozens of leather-clad bikers from the Tu

Tangata club performed a traditional Maori haka. They were welcomed by mosque imam Gamal Fouda, who said people of all beliefs and cultures were stopping to pay their respects, and they were all united as New Zealanders.

One of those who survived the shooting at the Linwood mosque was Mazharuddin Syed Ahmed, who said that marking anniversaries was not typically a Muslim tradition but they were doing it so the wider community could grieve and

remember.

"Of course, we lost our loved friends, family, people and community," he said. "But we are also seeing so much good has come out of it. So looking at the positive part of that. Today, it is such a privilege to be in this country."

Temel Atacocugu, who survived after being shot nine times at the mosque, said the anniversary had provoked strong feelings.

"We are sad more than we are angry," he said. "It's very emotional. When I woke up

this morning, I'm speechless. I can't explain what I feel."

Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern said Saturday the decision to cancel the memorial event planned for Horncastle Arena was pragmatic and precautionary.

New Zealand has had eight confirmed cases of COVID-19. All of those cases have been connected to people returning from abroad and so far there haven't been signs of a local outbreak. Ardern has enacted strict border rules.



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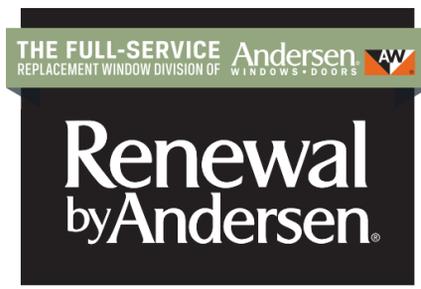


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Virus brings daily life around the world to a halt

Places of worship, cafes, bars closed in bid to slow spread

BY FRANCES D'EMILIO AND JOSEPH WILSON
Associated Press

ROME — Daily life came to a grinding halt around much of the world Sunday amid new travel restrictions, border shutdowns and sweeping closures of restaurants and bars aimed to slow the spread of the coronavirus pandemic.

The numbers of cases and deaths continued to rise, including in hard-hit Italy where 368 more deaths brought its overall toll to 1,809.

Public worship was curtailed in many places as pastors gave sermons to empty pews or moved to online services. Muslim authorities announced that the Al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem's Old City would be closed indefinitely, and the Vatican said next month's Holy Week services would not be open to the public.

In Spain, long lines for food and police patrols marked the first day of a nationwide quarantine.

In the Philippines, soldiers and police sealed off the densely populated capi-

tal of Manila from most domestic travelers.

Austrian Chancellor Sebastian Kurz announced plans to limit movement nationwide, and Lebanon's government ordered a lockdown in the country.

Ireland ordered all pubs and bars to close for two weeks — including on Tuesday, St. Patrick's Day — and urged people not even to hold house parties. Two pub industry groups had warned of the "real difficulty" in keeping people apart in the country's famous watering holes.

With new infections dwindling in Asia, Europe has become the main front line of the fight against COVID-19. The virus has infected 162,000 people and killed over 6,000, but nearly 75,000 people have already recovered.

China, Italy, Iran, South Korea and Spain have the most infections.

For most people, the coronavirus causes only mild or moderate symptoms, such as fever and cough. For some, especially older adults and people with existing health problems, it can cause more severe illness, including pneumonia.

Italy, the worst-hit European country, reported its biggest day-to-day increase in infections — 3,590 more

cases in a 24-hour period — for a total of almost 24,747.

"It's not a wave. It's a tsunami," said Dr. Roberto Rona, who's in charge of intensive care at the Monza hospital.

The Transport Ministry banned passengers from taking ferries to the island of Sardinia and halted overnight train trips, which many in the north had used to reach homes and families in the south.

Spain was under lockdown amid a two-week state of emergency.

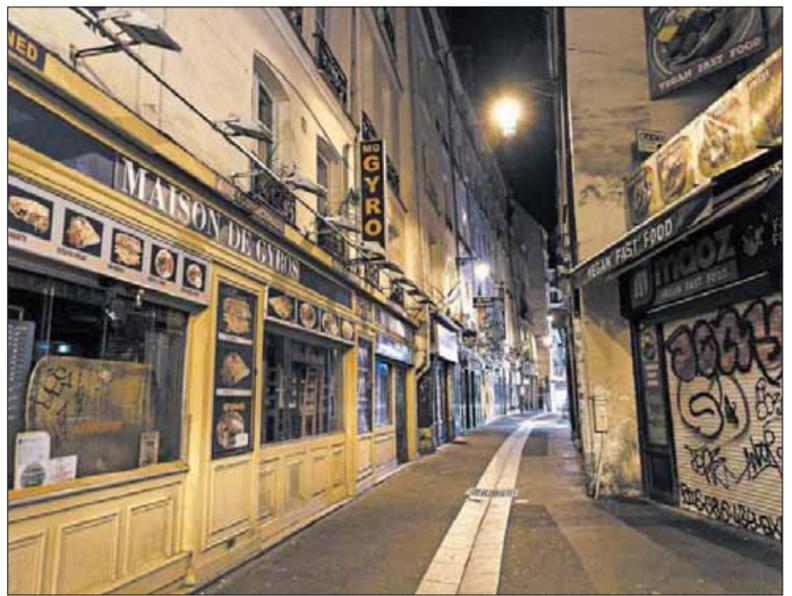
"From now, we enter into a new phase," said Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez, whose wife tested positive. "We won't hesitate in doing what we need must to beat the virus. We are putting health first."

In Barcelona, there were long lines to buy bread. Police patrolled parks and told people who were not walking their dogs to go home.

The state of emergency "is necessary to unify our efforts so we can all go in the same direction," Mayor Ada Colau said.

Spain's Health Ministry said the country has recorded 288 deaths, up from 136 Saturday. The number of infections rose to 7,753 from 5,700.

The Netherlands ordered



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An empty street Saturday night in Paris after restaurants and cafes were ordered closed to deal with the coronavirus. The virus has infected 162,000 people worldwide.

all schools, day care centers, restaurants and bars to close until April 6. The new restrictions cover the country's famed marijuana-selling "coffee shops" and sex clubs.

Morocco suspended all international flights, and Turkey set aside quarantine beds for more than 10,000 people returning from Islam's holy sites in Saudi Arabia.

In China, where the virus was first detected in December, those arriving on overseas flights were routed to an exhibition center for initial checks before being

shuttled to their homes or other quarantine locations.

Even as social life largely halted — the German capital of Berlin closed bars, cinemas and other facilities Saturday — some attempts at keeping up public life persisted.

In Germany, which had reported more than 4,800 cases and 12 deaths, the state of Bavaria held municipal elections, with poll workers wearing protective gloves.

Germany is preparing to partially close its borders with France, Switzerland, Austria, Luxembourg and Denmark on Monday.

Britain, which has not yet restricted everyday activities, said it plans to set out emergency powers this week, including potentially requiring people over 70 to self-isolate for up to four months and banning mass gatherings.

"We will do the right thing at the right time," Health Secretary Matt Hancock told the BBC.

Even Montenegro, with no confirmed cases, preemptively banned foreigners and ordered the closure of cafes, restaurants, shopping malls, fitness centers and playgrounds.

Amid 'exceptional year,' Saudi Aramco reports 20% drop in profits

BY JON GAMBRELL
Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Oil giant Saudi Aramco said Sunday that its profits dropped 20% in 2019 to \$88.2 billion, a sharp decline coming as the kingdom stands ready to flood an already-weakened global energy market amid the new coronavirus pandemic.

The announcement by the firm formally known as the Saudi Arabian Oil Co. did not address the kingdom's plans to crank up



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production to record levels after a meeting earlier this month between OPEC and

Russia failed to see nations agree to a production cut. That led to a 25% plunge in the price of crude, the

sharpest decline seen since the 1991 Gulf War.

International benchmark Brent crude traded over \$33 a barrel Sunday, with analysts worried the price could further drop. While that

makes gasoline cheaper for consumers and airlines, it also affects U.S.-based oil companies and others now struggling with lower economic growth amid the virus pandemic.

In its results, Aramco blamed lower crude oil prices and declining margins for its chemical sales for lowering profits.

It also noted chaos caused by a September attack on the heart of its oil production that temporarily halved production in the kingdom. Saudi Arabia and the West blame Iran for the attack, something Tehran denies.

Saudi Aramco reported a profit of \$88.2 in 2019, down from \$111.1 billion in 2018.

Capital expenditure was

down in 2019 to \$32.8 billion compared to \$35.1 billion the year before. Aramco expects to spend between \$25 billion to \$30 billion this year, down some \$10 billion than previous estimates.

It "was an exceptional year for Saudi Aramco," President and CEO Amin H. Nasser said in a statement. "Through a variety of circumstances — some planned and some not — the world was offered unprecedented insight into Saudi Aramco's agility and resilience."

Trump

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national shutdown that would require Americans to hunker down even more to help slow the spread of the coronavirus.

Still, Fauci said travel restrictions within the country, such as to and from hard-hit Washington state and California, probably would not be needed anytime soon.

As Americans struggled to come to terms with how to change their daily habits, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued a dramatic recommendation Sunday night: Because large events can fuel the spread of the disease, it said gatherings of 50 people or more should be canceled or postponed throughout the country.

But in a sign of the difficulty of striking the right balance, the statement from the CDC also said the recommendation does not apply to "the day to day operation of organizations such as schools, institutes of higher learning, or businesses."

Also Sunday, the Federal Reserve took emergency action to help the economy withstand the coronavirus by slashing its benchmark interest rate to near zero and saying it would buy \$700 billion in Treasury and mortgage bonds.

The Fed's announcement signaled its concern that the outbreak will depress economic growth in coming months and that it is prepared to do whatever it can counter the risks. It cut its key rate by a full percentage point — to a range of zero to 0.25%.

The central bank said it will keep its rate there until it is "confident that the economy has weathered recent events."

U.S. stock futures began falling after the Fed's announcement.

Earlier, Trump held a call with more than two dozen grocery store and supply chain executives to discuss their response to the coronavirus outbreak.



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President Donald Trump speaks to the media Sunday in the press briefing room at the White House.

Retailers have reported shoppers flocking to stores to stock up on food and other essentials. Consumers have expressed frustration that some items — such as hand sanitizer and toilet paper — were becoming more difficult to find.

During the call, Trump expressed appreciation for their work to ensure food stocks were "constantly available" so "Americans feel calm and safe when shelves are stocked with the items they need," according to White House spokesman Judd Deere.

The Trump administration said millions of new coronavirus tests would be made available in the coming weeks, including tests that speed processing of samples, but it was encouraging Americans to exercise restraint in seeking to get tested.

Dr. Deborah Birx, the White House coordinator for responding to the pandemic, said those most vulnerable to the respiratory disease and the health care providers treating them should go first.

"We ask you to prioritize them and prioritize them in the lines," she said.

Pence said he and the president would brief the nation's governors Monday "specifically about our expanding testing to the American people."

The death toll in the United States is more than 60, while infections neared 3,000.

Officials in Washington were preparing for what was expected to be a long-

haul effort to try to stem the virus that has upended life around the globe.

"The worst is yet ahead for us," Fauci said. "It is how we respond to that challenge that is going to determine what the ultimate endpoint is going to be."

Trump tried to offer a measure of reassurance, acknowledging that the virus was "very contagious" but asserting that his administration had "tremendous control" over the spread of the disease.

Meanwhile, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said Congress had started work on a new aid package after the one just approved by the House early Saturday, which provided direct relief to Americans suffering physically, financially and emotionally from the coronavirus pandemic.

The aid package included sick pay and other resources and was pending in Senate.

Trump also has pledged broadened U.S. testing for the virus as major employers such as Apple Inc. have sent workers home to telework and several states and big cities — Boston and Los Angeles — shuttered schools.

New York City will close the nation's largest public school system Monday, sending over 1.1 million children home in hopes of curbing the spread of coronavirus, Mayor Bill de Blasio announced Sunday, calling it a "very troubling moment."

Pope makes surprise visit to virus-stricken Rome churches

BY FRANCES D'EMILIO
Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Pope Francis left the Vatican to make a surprise visit Sunday to two churches in Rome to pray for the end of the coronavirus pandemic — a move that came as Italian health authorities insisted people stay home as much as possible to limit contagion in the heart of Europe's outbreak.

Francis who recently had a cold, headed first to St. Mary Major, where he often stops to give thanks after returning from trips abroad. There he prayed before an icon of the Virgin Mary dedicated to the "salvation of the Roman people."

"With his prayer, the Holy Father has invoked the end of the pandemic that is striking Italy and the world, implored for healing for the many sick, recalled the so many victims of these days and asked that their family members and friends find consolation and comfort," Vatican spokesman Matteo Bruni said in a statement.

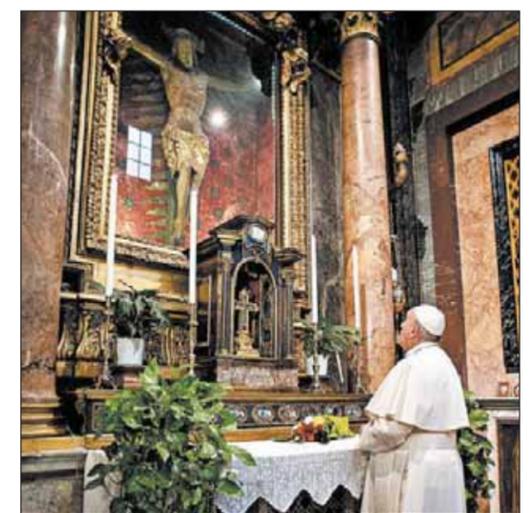
After that, the pope headed toward central Piazza Venezia, strolling along a brief stretch of Via del Corso, a noted shopping street for Romans. He then ducked into a church that most tourists pass by, St. Marcel on the Corso.

The church keeps a "miraculous crucifix that in 1522 was carried in procession through the neighborhoods of the city so that the Great Plague of Rome ended," Bruni said.

Some 90 minutes after he left Vatican City, Francis was back.

In ordinary times, the Via del Corso would be thronged with Sunday strollers and window-shoppers, but few Romans are on the streets these days. A national lockdown allows people to go to work, to purchase essentials like food or medicine or to take care of those in need.

A cyclist was pedaling



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Amid a national lockdown, Pope Francis prays Sunday at St. Marcel on the Corso in Rome.

down a street when Francis, in his white robes and with a security detail, approached the St. Marcel church.

The pope's prayerful foray across town came hours after the Holy See announced that the Vatican's Holy Week ceremonies will go ahead without the public as Italy tries to contain its coronavirus outbreak.

Bruni said "as far as Holy Week liturgical celebrations are concerned, I can specify that all are confirmed."

But Bruni added: "As things stand, understudy are the ways they would be carried out and who would participate while respecting the security measures put in place to avoid spread of the coronavirus." He added that in any case, faithful will be able to follow the ceremonies on TV, radio and through online media.

Vatican media added "until April 12 the General Audiences and the Angelus presided over by the Holy Father will be available only in live streaming on the official Vatican News website."

Easter Sunday is April 12 this year, when normally tens of thousands of faithful

would fill St. Peter's Square for an outdoor papal Mass, listen to the pope's speech and receive his blessing, delivered from the central balcony of St. Peter's Basilica.

Although Easter itself wasn't specified in the Vatican statements, it appeared likely restrictions on large gatherings might well continue in Italy. The Italian government has said it would decide whether measures, now in effect through April 3, would need extending or tightening.

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday on April 5, with tradition calling for an outdoor Mass in the square also on that day, when faithful clutch palm fronds and olive branches.

COVID-19 for most people causes only mild or moderate symptoms. For some, like the elderly and the fragile, it can cause more severe illness.

At 83 with one lung partially compromised, Francis is both.

Some churches in Italy are allowed to stay open for individual prayer, but all public Masses are forbidden during Italy's lockdown to discourage crowding.

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Officials in New York weigh delaying April primary election

NEW YORK — Officials are considering plans to postpone the state's presidential primary election from April 28 to June 23, the date of another scheduled statewide primary, in response to the coronavirus outbreak.

The discussions are underway as Louisiana and Georgia have already postponed their primaries and other states are weighing various delays or mail-in balloting measures to protect the public

from exposure to the illness.

Douglas Kellner, co-chair of the New York state Board of Elections, confirmed Sunday that discussions were underway about the possibility of delaying the primary in the interest of containing the virus' spread, but he added that no final decision had been reached.

The decision ultimately would rest with the governor and the state Legislature, he said.

France holds local elections despite fears over outbreak

PARIS — French voters went to the polls Sunday to choose mayors and other local leaders but the second round of the vote was put into question amid concerns over low turnout and the spread of the new coronavirus.

Interior Minister Christophe Castaner said the turnout for Sunday's vote will clearly be lower than usual as many people didn't go to polling stations over fears that would

fuel the spread of the virus that has upended travel plans, closed schools and rattled financial markets.

Several political leaders called for the March 22 second round to be postponed. Sunday's vote came just as a drastic new rules took effect shutting down all of France's restaurants, museums and most stores to stem the spreading coronavirus that emerged in China late last year.

General: Sudan will mediate Egypt-Ethiopia dam dispute

CAIRO — A top Sudanese general on Sunday said his country would mediate a deal on a dispute between Ethiopia and Egypt over Ethiopia's controversial dam on the Nile River.

The deputy head of Sudan's Sovereign Council, Mohamed Hamdan Dagalo, said his country would work to bridge the gap and "reach an agreement" in the dispute.

Tensions are rising in

east Africa because of the impasse between Ethiopia and Egypt over the \$4.6 billion Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam. It's 71% complete and promises to provide much-needed electricity to Ethiopia's 100 million people. Egypt fears the project — set to be Africa's largest hydraulic dam — could reduce its share of the Nile, the main source of freshwater for Egypt's population of more than 100 million.



GHAITH ALSAYED/AP

Syrian opposition activists climb on a Turkish tank Sunday in Idlib province as they protest joint Turkish and Russian patrols on the M4 highway in northwest Syria.

Turkey-Russia patrols start on Syrian highway amid protests

ANKARA, Turkey — Turkish and Russian troops began joint patrols Sunday on a key highway in northwestern Syria, Turkey's Defense Ministry said, while the Russian government and Syrian opposition activists said the patrols were shortened because of protests.

Patrols on the M4 highway, which runs east-west through Idlib province, are part of a cease-fire agreement between Turkey and Russia signed earlier this month. The cease-fire ended an escalation in fighting that saw the Turkish military in rare direct

conflict with Syrian government troops.

The highway, which runs through northern Syria from the Mediterranean to the Iraqi border, has been partially closed since 2012. Work has been underway in recent days to refurbish it for traffic. Some sections of the M4 remain under rebel control, unlike the north-south M5 highway, which Syrian forces recaptured in the latest offensive.

For the past three days, residents along rebel-held parts of the M4 have protested in rejection of Russian troops patrolling the

road because of Moscow's support to Syrian forces.

"The first Turkish-Russian united land patrol was carried out on the M4 highway in Idlib with the involvement of land and air elements," Turkey's Defense Ministry said.

Russia's Defense Ministry said Turkey and Russia carried out their first joint patrol mission along the M4 highway Sunday, adding that "the patrols' route was shortened" after militants used women and children to block the way.

Syrian opposition activists said residents blocked the road with burning tires.

Massive blast kills at least 15 in Nigeria, authorities say

LAGOS, Nigeria — An explosion hit Nigeria's commercial capital of Lagos early Sunday, killing at least 15 people and sparking efforts to save people still trapped in collapsed buildings, emergency officials said.

The explosion in the Amuwo Odofin area of Lagos destroyed more than 50 buildings, which either collapsed or caught fire, in three different neighborhoods, according to Ibrahim Farinloye, the spokesman for the National Emergency Management Agency.

Fires were spreading to nearby oil pipelines, so there were fears of more damage or explosions.

Officials were not able to identify the cause of the explosion. A naval base is nearby. It was the most serious explosion in Lagos since 2002, when bombs from a military armory exploded, killing more than 1,000 people.

In Spain: Spain's royal house said Sunday that King Felipe VI has renounced any future personal inheritance he could receive from his father, King Emerit Juan Carlos I, over the alleged financial irregularities involving the former monarch. Felipe is also stripping Juan Carlos of his annual stipend.

The decision comes amid an investigation by Swiss prosecutors into an offshore account allegedly operated for Juan Carlos. The account allegedly received \$100 million from Saudi Arabia's late King Abdullah in 2008, which prosecutors believe could be kickback payments.

Felipe was reportedly named as a beneficiary of a fund that controls the account. He has denied any knowledge of the fund.

Guyana leaders accept full recount of election

GEORGETOWN, Guyana — The government and opposition have agreed to a complete recount of votes in a presidential election marred by complaints of possible fraud in Guyana, a relatively poor nation heading into a new era of oil wealth.

A team from the 15-

nation Caribbean Community arrived in Guyana on Sunday to supervise the recount for the March 2 general election.

The country's electoral commission ruled late Friday that President David Granger had won a second five-year term. But international warnings that the

vote might not be seen as valid led Granger a day later to accept a recount.

Observer groups questioned the counting process and the U.S. and other western nations have hinted at possible sanctions and visa revocations if any president is sworn in without a valid recount.



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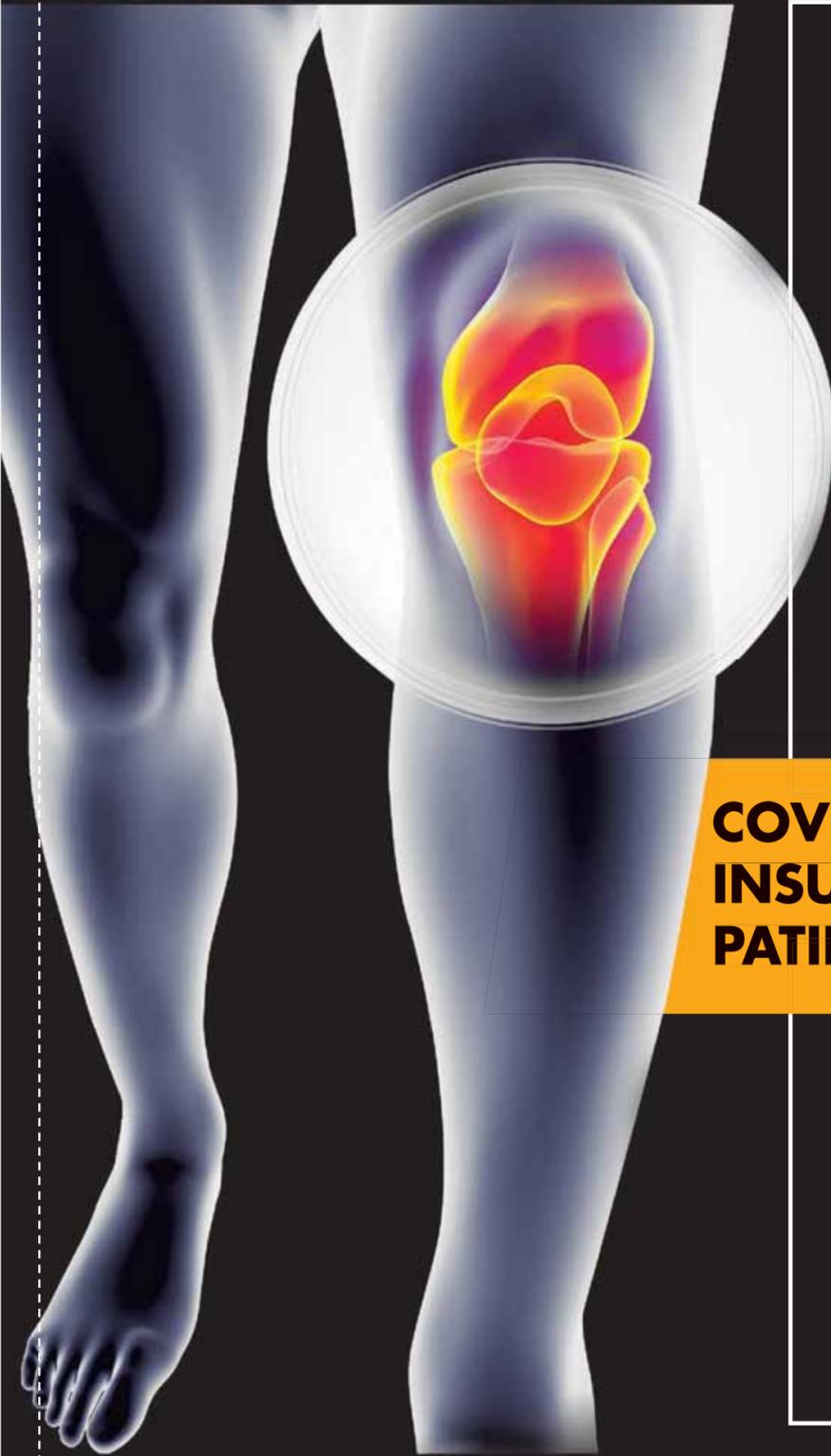
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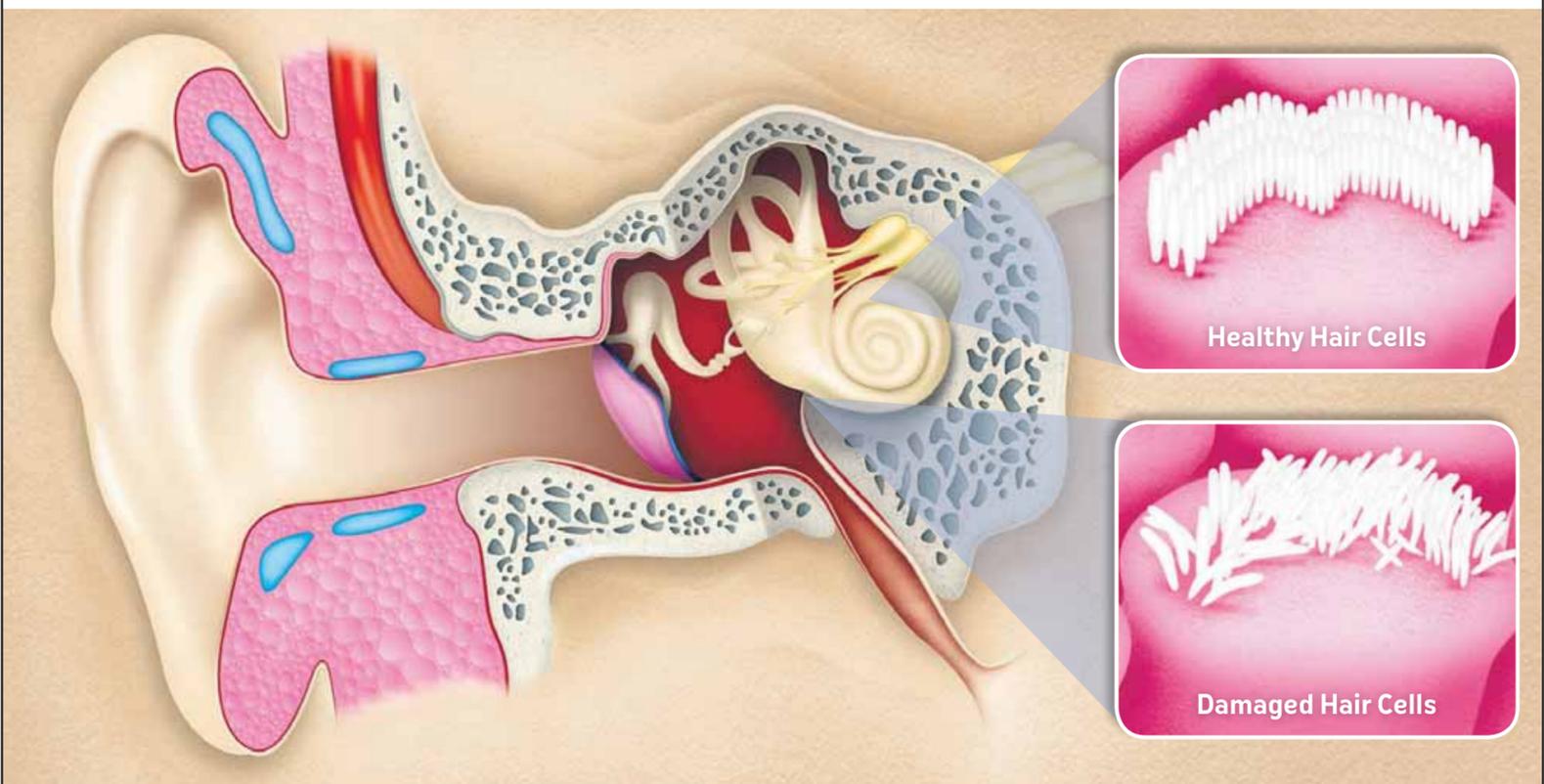
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EDITORIALS

For the people of Illinois, a call to arms against COVID-19

Even the City of the Big Shoulders — of steel-toed boots and squeaking trains, of chest-puffers and snow-shovelers — needs a reality check. We're not invincible. No one is immune to the coronavirus, or to the disease known as COVID-19.

With the pandemic intensifying, Gov. J.B. Pritzker on Sunday took the drastic but necessary step of announcing a closure of bars and restaurants statewide at close of business Monday and continuing through March 30. This is why those canned goods flew off grocery shelves. It's happening: The only way to beat coronavirus is to minimize public activities and interactions.

Early St. Patrick's Day celebrations across Chicagoland and elsewhere signaled to Pritzker the need to take stern measures.

Lines of patrons outside bars, pubs and restaurants, despite the well-known public health threat, prompted him to enforce discipline. You're grounded, Illinois.

The nature of the coronavirus as a public health threat differs from other events that have rocked the stability of Americans. This isn't a sudden explosive event like 9/11. It's a slow-spreading calamity, like rising floodwaters that imperceptibly overrun whole communities. That's made it more difficult, understandably, for people to grasp the threat and change their habits. But that's what this contagion requires.

City and state leaders had taken steps to remind us of the serious nature of coronavirus' spread. The Archdiocese of Chicago closed Catholic schools last week, canceled Masses and postponed extracur-

ricular activities. Pritzker, hours later, hit the pause button for all Illinois public schools starting Tuesday and implored people to stay home. Here and nationwide, sports events shut down.

Then in the hour-to-hour churn of virus news, Pritzker, with support from Mayor Lori Lightfoot, took more severe steps on Sunday afternoon to try to break the chain of viral transmission. They closed bars and restaurants beginning Monday night. They made exceptions for Chicago Public Schools to provide meals for kids during the shutdown, and they kept open the option of carryout dining for customers.

You can get your deep dish, Chicago, but stay near the curb. Many details have not been worked out. Thousands of food industry workers worry about their next

paychecks. Hundreds of small business owners fear for the sustainability of their lifetime investments. This isn't, though, a total shutdown: Patrons who want to help their local restaurants can order takeout.

Even the most durable establishments — hotels along the Magnificent Mile, fancy purse stores and chain grocers — are not protected from big impacts. A government-mandated slowdown of this magnitude inevitably will harm job creators, employers and vulnerable populations. It is causing disruptions for everyone.

But the threat of an unknown, unpredictable, untamed respiratory virus sweeping across the globe demands our attention, our patience and our temporary subservience. We will get through this. But we are not invincible.

With Tuesday's election under a coronavirus cloud: We hope you find a way to vote

The weather forecast is out for Tuesday, primary Election Day in Illinois. Spoiler alert: You'll find no stormy or frigid excuses in "mix of sun and clouds, highs above 50." The weather will be amenable for darting into polling places.

But with daily, and even hourly, updates from state and elections officials on coronavirus spread, contagion could give voters an unprecedented reason to stay home. Assuming the election moves forward, be careful, be sensible, be fast. Primary elections in Illinois, even in the era of President Donald Trump and sharp political divisions, tend not to draw huge crowds. Election authorities in Chicago report that the number of applications for mail-in ballots has broken the previous record, set in the World War II era.

So however you vote, we offer a few things to keep in mind beyond social distancing.

Illinois is an open primary state, so no matter your own politics, you can take whichever party's ballot most interests you.

During the last presidential primary four years ago, roughly 47% of registered Illinois voters cast ballots. Think about that. Fewer than half of eligible voters were actual voters in March 2016. Still, it was a good year comparatively. The presidential primary of 2012 drew only 23% of registered voters. Four years before that, with a local fellow named Barack Obama on the Democratic presidential ballot, only about 41% of registered voters cast ballots.

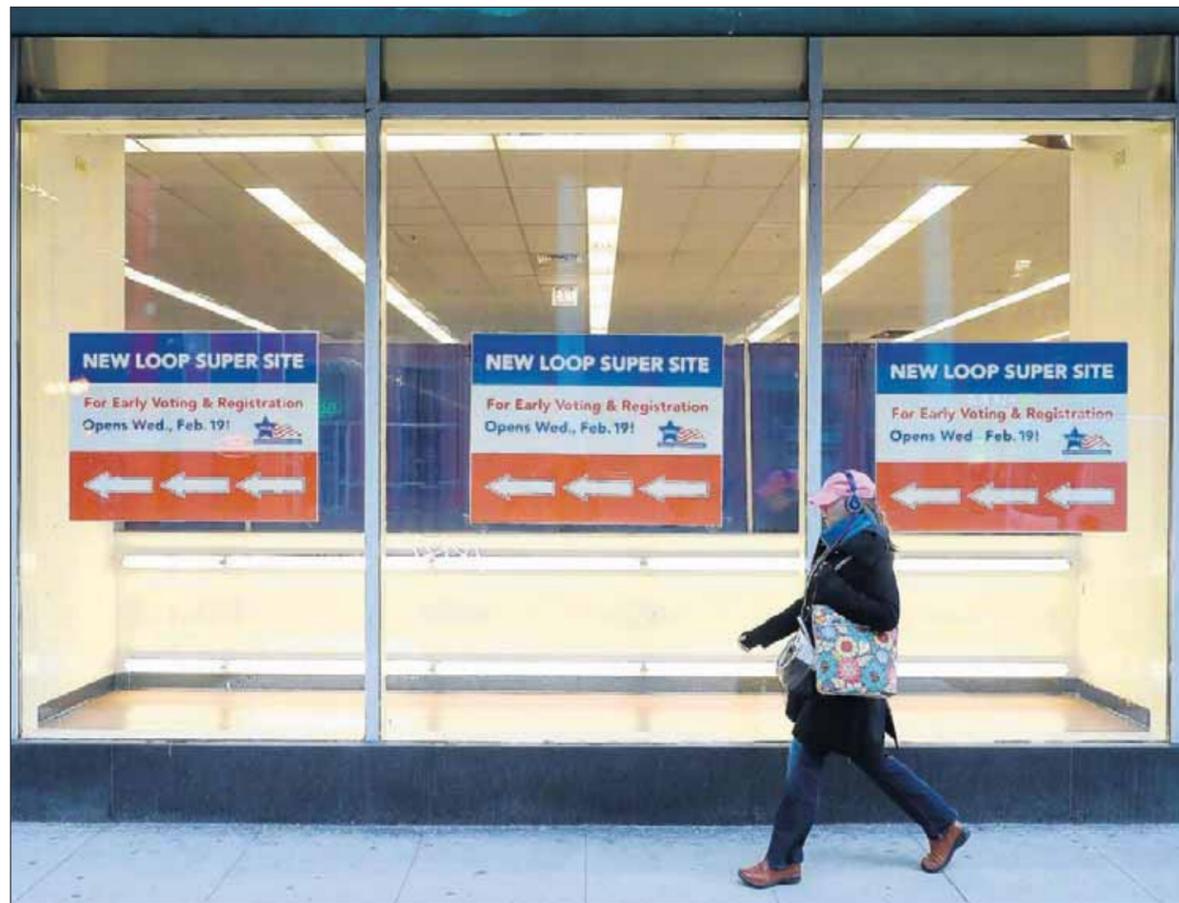
Gov. J.B. Pritzker in February said he would lobby the Democratic National Committee to move Illinois to the front of the voting calendar. A comparative lack of racial diversity among Democratic voters in Iowa and New Hampshire, he said, should prompt the party to find a more representative state to launch the primary season. Pritzker tweeted: "It's time for the most representative state in the country to be the first in the nation."

But if not even half of eligible voters cast ballots in a good year, that undercuts Pritzker's initiative.

Whatever motive works for you — honor for soldiers whose deaths preserved your right to vote or just your home-state pride — we hope you'll be counted. And while all of our endorsements are in a downloadable or printable format at chicagotribune.com/candidates, we hope you'll give these candidates in particular a nudge toward victory:

Put Lipinski on the November ballot

U.S. Rep. **Dan Lipinski**, of Western Springs, one of the few conservative, pro-life Democrats on Capitol Hill, has been a good fit for the 3rd Congressional District for a long time. He's seeking his ninth term, but to get there he needs to defeat three challengers, including progressive Marie Newman — again. Lipinski barely defeated her in the 2018 primary. Lipinski still has his workhorse energy, which benefits all of his constituents. He's a moderate on most issues with a bipartisan outlook that's a welcome balance to Washington's conservative-progressive divide. Newman, who leans far more left, supports massively expensive and unworkable government spending notions such as the Green New



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A woman walks past the Loop super site for early voting and registration on Feb. 21. Illinois holds its primary election on Tuesday.

Deal. Taxpayers, put Lipinski on the November ballot.

Pick Rezin over Oberweis

Seven candidates want the Republican nomination for the U.S. House seat in the west suburban 14th Congressional District. Many are newcomers. The most prominent is state Sen. Jim Oberweis, of Sugar Grove, who's run for Illinois governor. We much prefer state Sen. **Sue Rezin**, of Morris, a consistent advocate for financial stability in Illinois who also specializes in health care and energy issues. Her expertise about medical spending would improve the national debate on health issues. The winner of this race will take on freshman Democratic Rep. Lauren Underwood. The 14th has long been Republican-friendly. Vote for Rezin.

Choose Jimenez and Wilcox

On Chicago's Southwest Side, newcomer **Froylan "Froy" Jimenez** is trying to beat the Democratic machine in the 1st Illinois Senate District. He's working to oust longtime state Sen. Antonio "Tony" Munoz, who has gotten too comfortable in the seat. Jimenez says the district needs bilingual representation. We'll give it a try: Vote for Jimenez, un profesor de CPS, quien traerá energía y independencia a este distrito. (Vote for Jimenez, a CPS teacher, who would bring energy

and independence to this district).

In the south suburbs, don't skip the 40th District where Chicago Heights City Clerk **Lori Wilcox** is running in a crowded field against appointed incumbent Patrick Joyce. Joyce didn't do much to earn the seat. Wilcox, a military veteran, cancer survivor and independent voice, has.

Nominate Margaret Croke

Who wields more political power — Mayor Lori Lightfoot or Gov. J.B. Pritzker? One gauge of that is the Democratic race in the 12th Illinois House District. The candidate Lightfoot has aggressively backed, Jonathan "Yoni" Pizer, faces **Margaret Croke**, who works in Pritzker's administration and is heavily supported by the governor. This lakefront seat is open now that incumbent Democrat Sara Feigenholtz replaces John Cullerton in the Illinois Senate. We like Pizer's credentials — he's a onetime LGBT community liaison for U.S. Rep. Mike Quigley who preaches meaningful pension reform. But he also wants to find ways to conjure new sales taxes. Not the right approach. Croke also makes reining in Illinois' pension debt a top priority. And she correctly prioritizes stemming the exodus of people from Illinois; she says convincing young people to attend college in Illinois and stay here afterward is vital to the state's future. We give Croke the nod over Pizer.

Richard Boykin to succeed Dorothy Brown

Choosing a successor to Dorothy Brown, for 20 years the clerk of Cook County Circuit Court, is serious business: Someone has to clean up a mess. This huge and poorly managed arm of the justice system has been a haven for patronage excesses and embarrassing scandals. You'll make House Speaker Michael Madigan, Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle and other Democratic swells uncomfortable if you entrust this job to attorney **Richard Boykin**, an independent Democrat who helped kill the county's notorious soda tax. Give Boykin your support.

Davis, Neely Dubuclet and Sepulveda for MWRD

You say you care about climate issues? Prove it: Give the race for board seats at the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District the respect it deserves in this era of flooding and concerns about Lake Michigan. Three choices likely to advance the board's current climate and conservation caucus: **Cameron "Cam" Davis, Kimberly Neely Dubuclet and Eira Corral Sepulveda**. They happen to be the fifth, sixth and seventh candidates on the Democratic ballot.

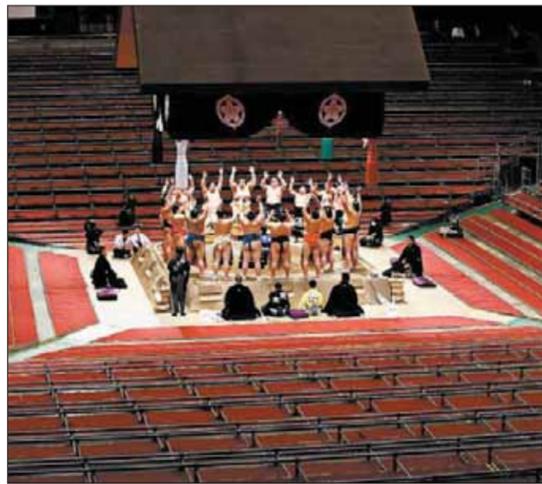
Remember, Illinois citizens, if you don't participate in choosing your public officials, don't complain about them. We hope you find a way to vote — a way to be heard.

Online: You'll find the Tribune Editorial Board's endorsements for the March 17 primary, and the candidates' questionnaire responses, at chicagotribune.com/candidates

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LEFT: Sumo wrestlers attend the spring grand sumo tournament without spectators on March 8, in Osaka, Japan.

FAR LEFT: A gallery at El Prado Museum in Madrid is empty of visitors on March 12. The museum is closed for the first time in eight decades.

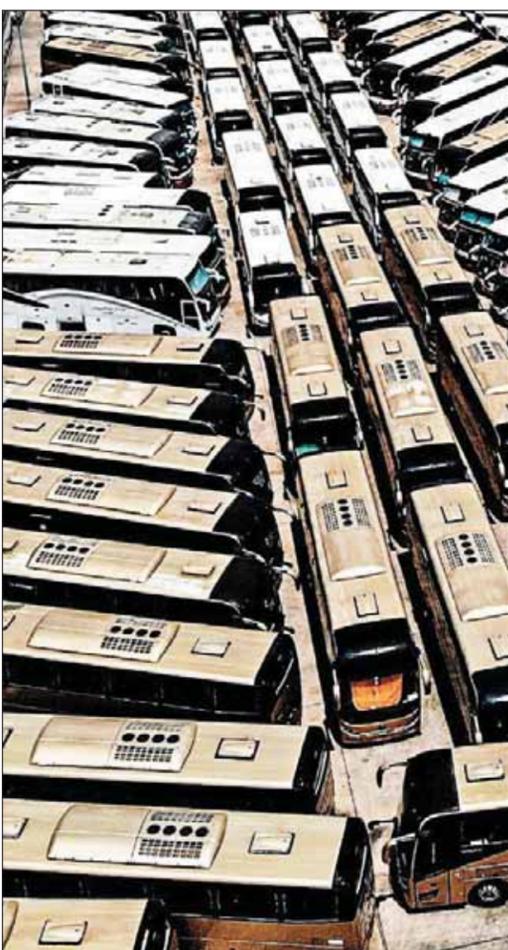


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Passengers wait in a quiet check-in area for international flights Sunday at Terminal 5 of O'Hare International Airport amid coronavirus concerns.

THE HUSH OF A PANDEMIC

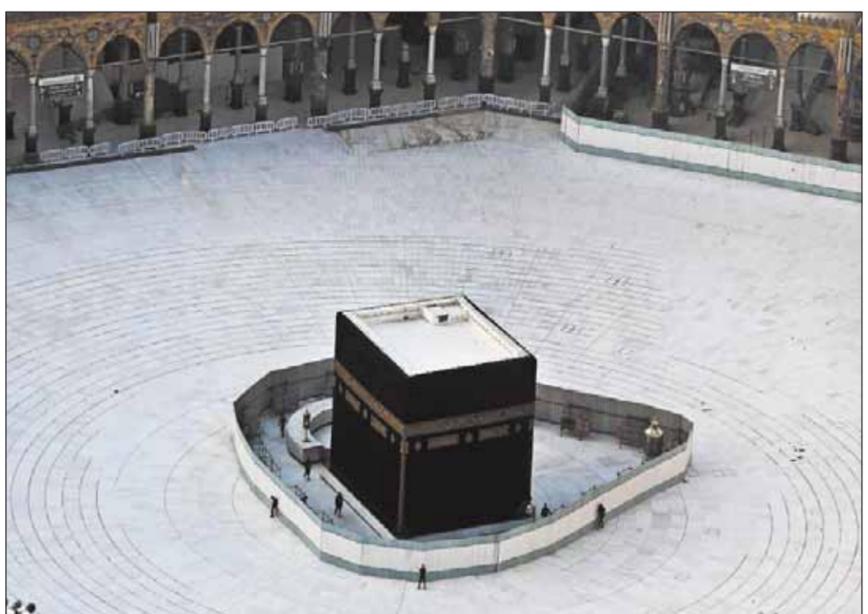
SORRY, EARTH IS CLOSED. It sure feels that way, as governments and institutions around the world close their doors, cancel events and ask the public to self-quarantine — or at least practice “social distancing” — as a way to slow the spread of the new coronavirus. The rapidly spreading virus, which was first detected in December in Wuhan, China, and was declared a pandemic March 11 by the World Health Organization, has now prompted massive closures and cancellations across the U.S. and in Chicago. Air travel is already seeing a steep decline, and O'Hare International Airport has become eerily quiet. In the coming weeks, our parks, museums and public transit may empty out, too, and start to resemble these scenes from around the world.



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ABOVE: Unused tourist buses are parked near Suvarnabhumi Airport in Bangkok on March 8. Fears of the new coronavirus have hurt tourism in Thailand.

RIGHT: Saudi policemen guard the the Kaaba, the cubic building at the Grand Mosque, in the Muslim holy city of Mecca, Saudi Arabia, on March 6. Saudi Arabia emptied Islam's holiest site for sterilization over the coronavirus.



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"I can remember when I did not have the right to vote," said Nancy Glenn Griesinger, second from right, when asked why she waited so long in line to vote on March 3 at Texas Southern University in Houston.

Black electorate needs more information on voter suppression

BY ABDUL DOSUNMU

As voters go to the polls Tuesday in Illinois, Florida, Ohio and Arizona, the pertinent question is not just who will win the most votes, but also which voters will have access to the polls.

We saw this question play out in real time on Super Tuesday. As Joe Biden and Bernie Sanders battled each other for the black vote, a split screen emerged of a contemporaneous fight taking place over these very same voters.

Many Americans watched in dismay as voters at a precinct located on the campus of Texas Southern University, a historically black college in Houston were forced by some combination of neglect and administrative incompetence to wait for hours to cast their ballots. And just this week, we heard the shocking story of Kansas City, Missouri, Mayor Quinton Lucas, who reported that he was initially turned away from his polling site during the Missouri primary Tuesday.

This other battle — over full and unfettered access to the ballot for black voters — has been underway for years and will set the table for the November election. As the political writer Ari Berman tweeted in reaction to the hours-long lines, "4 hour lines in Democratic & minority communities in Texas a preview of voter suppression GOP planning for November. Dems need to keep eyes on the prize and develop strategy for combating this no matter who the nominee is."

While both Biden and Sanders have offered a policy vision for how they would address the issue of voting rights as president, it is far less clear that they — or many other political candidates up and down the ballot — have thought critically and comprehensively about the work they must do to empower black voters in the

coming months against the onslaught of state and local voter suppression efforts. This will become increasingly untenable as we move toward November.

This is an issue that is close to my heart. Through a new grassroots network of young black legal professionals that I've formed called the Young Black Lawyers' Organizing Coalition, I recently led a voter protection initiative in South Carolina in the run-up to their primary last month.

In South Carolina, there are nearly 100,000 black voters on the "inactive" election rolls — many merely because they haven't voted in the last two general elections — putting them at risk of voter suppression when they go to the polls. Our goal was to engage as many of these voters as possible with one important message: check your voter registration status and know your rights.

What I learned in the process is that there are critical gaps in the voter engagement and voter protection ecosystem. Many groups are engaged in voter registration work — working to register new voters. Others are active in the litigation space — taking on unjust voter suppression laws through the courts. And still others are involved in day-of election protection work, ensuring that voters can access real-time help.

But there is another area that is largely overlooked: the voter information space — providing voters with timely information that can equip them to resist efforts to suppress their vote. Information such as:

- What is an "inactive" voter list and how does one check and protect one's voter registration status?
- In states with a photo ID law, what forms of ID are accepted at the polls?
- How does one re-access the franchise as a returning citizen?

This is the work our group is doing.

Communities are hungry for more information about their rights, but that information often comes too little and too late to really be useful.

The old strategy of waiting until the month or so before an election to engage these voters is woefully insufficient for combating the full harm of voter suppression.

It is also clear that some communities are disconnected altogether from voter protection work and get passed over by critical information, particularly those in southern or rural communities. And frequently, the very voters we want to see participate more are most at risk of being affected by the information gap, especially younger black voters.

The presidential campaigns play an important role. They have the platforms to shine a spotlight on this issue and create a drumbeat for mobilization. They have the convening power to engage local community leaders in a planning effort for the spring, summer and fall. And they have the resources to support a national push.

All campaigns, up and down the ballot, with a genuine commitment to safeguarding black voting rights should immediately organize national and local leaders to discuss the issues they are seeing on the ground and take their measure of what must be done to protect and empower voters.

There is plenty of talk about the black vote. But campaigns have a responsibility to do more than try to win black votes — they must join the fight on behalf of black voters.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Sad state of the Boy Scouts

It was with extreme sadness I read the commentary on the current state of the Boy Scouts ("The Boy Scouts of America, decades of sexual abuse and an inevitable bankruptcy," March 11). I was a Scout back in the mid-1960s to the early '70s. My troop had five or six patrols with eight to 10 Scouts in each. Our scoutmaster embodied the Scout Oath and was a mentor for every Scout in the troop.

We were required to camp outdoors overnight once a month along with going to summer camp for two weeks each summer. Learning Scout skills and participating in patrol competition were paramount to the program. Our scoutmaster was directly responsible by way of his leadership, personal integrity and deeds for the success of the Scout program in my neighborhood for more than two decades.

Even after all these years, I believe my Scouting experience during those formative years was critical in my personal development. I am very thankful to be an Eagle Scout and for having the opportunity to participate in the Scouting program. It is certainly very disheartening to learn that apparently there are many Scouts that have not had the same experiences I had.

— Don Kerstein, Chicago

Plan for 'New Illinois' flawed

The commentary by Richard Porter ("Let's scrap Illinois and build New Illinois," March 12) is based on a highly selective reading of Article IV of the United States Constitution. Even if his plan were to succeed, it would run headlong into Section 1, which guarantees "full faith and credit shall be given in each state to the public acts, records, and judicial proceedings of every other state."

"Old Illinois" would still have 202 years in good standing as an always-loyal state, and the so-called New Illinois would get blown away in any court of law on this count alone. Article IV also prohibits creating a new state out of any part of an old one — Why is there a West Virginia? — and finally, his example of debt restructuring in Puerto Rico is invalid since it is a commonwealth.

His ideas are based on "exodus" hysteria, which ignores the fact that much of the Illinois population is still here, in addition to his plan's obvious need to emulate the GM bailout by taking all the assets but only selected liabilities. Either buy the cow or don't.

As a lifelong resident of this state, I have no doubt that Illinois residents are well aware of the need to address our financial issues, and even less doubt that this idea of Porter's will not accomplish this at all.

— David L. Milligan, Chicago

We act on virus, not climate change

As I've seen how mankind has responded to the coronavirus epidemic, I couldn't help but contrast this to how mankind has responded to the epidemic of climate change.

While I don't want to minimize the impact of the virus, it will soon pass. Other viruses will appear in the future, we will respond accordingly, but the climate epidemic continues unabated.

Man's impact on the environment has been evident for quite a while. All you have to do is go back to Rachel Carlson's 1962 "Silent Spring" as one of the first books that documented the negative effects of mankind's action on the environment. Look at industries' response and efforts to discredit her findings.

In recent decades, scientists and others have studied, documented and offered actions to combat climate change. However, I see firsthand how people ignore these signs. People still live a lifestyle that is unaltered and totally ignorant of conventional scientific wisdom on how to combat this. At a local level, people still idle in their cars, mindlessly looking at their smartphones, ignorant of the fact of how much carbon dioxide they're needlessly emitting into the air. People still litter, use single-use plastic bottles, overconsume, etc. Ever been in a HomeGoods, dollar store or Costco?

Regardless of all the warnings, articles, studies, panels, the Paris climate accord and much more, people still have not, for the most part, changed their lifestyles.

Thousands, if not millions, of people die directly or indirectly by the negative effects of climate change every year. Yet as a species, man has not coalesced to combat it in any meaningful way.

As the coronavirus subsides and people go back to their everyday life, climate change marches along unabated.

— Fred Paul, Northbrook

I'm an American in Italy under coronavirus lockdown. It's horrific.

BY DAVID C. UNGER

CAMOGLI, Italy — Under other circumstances, being homebound here might not seem a bad thing. Not for nothing is this stretch of the Italian Riviera called the Golfo Paradiso, the Gulf of Paradise. From our apartment, my wife and I look out at the Mediterranean, the nearby city of Genoa and the snowcapped mountains beyond. Now, with no one supposed to leave home, there are no errands to run, and grace periods have been granted on mortgage, utility and tax bills. My shelves bulge with books that I now have more time to read.

But these circumstances are horrific. Italy is living through a national tragedy of incomprehensible proportions. More than 10,000 people here are ill with the coronavirus and more than 800 have died. Things could get worse, much worse, before they get better.

And no one knows when this will end. This region, known as Liguria, is not the worst hit, but it is just south of the areas that are. On Saturday, March 7, our streets and beaches teemed with tourists from the colder cities of the north. On Sunday morning, the government ordered the northern regions most affected by the virus sealed off. Two days later the whole country was locked down.

On Wednesday night, Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte announced the nationwide closure of all shops, except food stores and pharmacies. Now our streets and beaches are deserted, with most of the locals behind closed doors.

It has come to this even though Italy

moved early and aggressively against the coronavirus threat with what it thought were strict measures of containment. When two travelers, who arrived in Italy from Wuhan, China, tested positive, they were quarantined and further flights from China were banned. When a new cluster of cases emerged in northern Italy in late February, the government moved quickly to block all areas of known infection, sealing off some 50,000 people in 11 northern cities. But what seemed unusually strict soon turned out to be not strict enough.

The virus had moved beyond a limited number of locations with a limited number of people who had been in direct or indirect contact with China or other hot spots. It had turned into "community spread," infecting people who had not traveled anywhere but had picked up the virus at the end of a longer chain of transmission.

Now the Italian government asks everyone in Italy to stay home, keep a distance of at least 1 meter from others, to not shake hands or hug when greeting people. It also advises washing hands frequently because the virus can stay alive outside the body and is present in droplets from coughing or even exhaling. A main route of transmission is when people touch surfaces that have virus-laden droplets and then touch their eyes, noses or mouths.

To be extra cautious, I chat with my neighbors mainly by Facebook Messenger to avoid face-to-face contact. I am able to do full and frequent advisory sessions with graduate students at my university, hundreds of miles away, with Apple's FaceTime. In the age of the internet and social

media, isolation is not what it once would have been, at least for those with online connections.

There are huge economic and social consequences to shutting down a whole country of 60 million people, telling everyone to stay home and enforcing restrictions on even short-range travel.

But the most profound crisis, and the one that is driving the government toward all these restrictions, is the potential overwhelming of Italy's hospital system, particularly intensive care. If not soon checked, this epidemic could lead to triage decisions that would potentially require rationing emergency care to those with the best underlying health and with the longest remaining life expectancy.

There is special concern about the virus spreading to southern Italy, with its lower number of current coronavirus cases but much thinner medical infrastructure. But local officials report that areas of the north, like Lombardy, are already close to being overwhelmed. And with Italian hospitals stretched to capacity caring for coronavirus victims, other medical needs are going unattended.

Italy is now a test case for the rest of Europe and perhaps the U.S. as well. Learning the right lessons from Italy's current trials is now a matter of life and death.

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A plan of action amid market volatility

The end of February saw the worst week for stocks since the heart of the financial crisis. Just six days after the S&P 500 index reached a new all-time high on Feb. 19, it fell by more than 10%, its fastest correction ever, mostly due to the uncertainty arising from the spread of coronavirus.

Given the speed and depth of the sell-off, you are probably wondering what to do. Read on for a refreshed version of my investor panic protection plan.

Warning: This will not protect you against market downturns — those will happen from time to time. Rather, the process is intended to help protect you against yourself, and to prompt you to consider specific action items that will help you remain on track with your financial goals.

Remind yourself why you are investing:

Most of us are saving for a long-term goal, like retirement or college, which is likely years or decades in the future. Even if you are retiring in the next couple of years, your account needs to last 20 to 30 more years. That thought should help soothe some of your raw nerves. And as money comes out of your paycheck or savings and goes into investment accounts, you're purchasing shares at a discount to levels seen recently. Who doesn't like a bargain?

Be thankful for your diversified portfolio:

As stocks tanked, bond prices soared (the yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note fell to an all-time low), which should have shielded you from the worst of the stock selling. Maintaining a diversified portfolio of stocks, bonds, commodities, and cash is usually a winning strategy for most long-term investors. And if you haven't done so already, establish automatic rebalancing on investment accounts (one to four times a year) so that your allocation reflects the level of risk on which you originally decided.

Determine whether you need cash:

Do you need to make a house down payment, purchase a car or pay a tuition bill in the next 12 months? If so, that money should never have been at risk at all, so admit that you blew it and get whatever you need out of the stock or even the bond market and keep it in a safe savings, checking or money market.

Check your risk tolerance:

Sure, you felt bold when stock market indexes were making new highs, but how did you feel when the tide turned? Maybe you can't stomach as much risk as you thought you could. If that's the case, you may need to readjust your allocation. Here's your warning: If you do make changes, do not jump back into those riskier holdings after markets stabilize. You need to make a pinky swear with yourself that you will stick to your revised plan.

Reduce the cost of your home loan:

With benchmark interest rates plummeting, now is a great time to consider refinancing your mortgage, especially if you have an adjustable rate or a balloon loan. Run the numbers and factor in the costs of the refinancing (usually 2% to 5% of the loan amount) into your analysis.

Find free money:

If you want to help yourself feel better about market losses, figure out how much you are paying in investment fees and determine if you can scoop up free money. Can you replace an actively managed fund with a no-commission, low expense index fund? Could you replace a so-called adviser, who isn't doing much to improve your bottom line, with an automatic investment platform at a fraction of the price?

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Love and money

How to have a conversation about finances as relationship grows



DREAMSTIME

By JORIE GOINS | Tribune Content Agency

Spring brings thoughts of renewal and love, and, although it's not sexy, money talks should be part of growing relationships.

Fortunately, we are far removed from the days when discussing money was taboo. In fact, Bankrate found that 35% of millennials surveyed said they would feel comfortable discussing topics like credit scores and salary on a first date.

You don't want to appear too eager to learn all about your new boyfriend or girlfriend's finances right away, but there are questions you can ask to get an assessment of money intelligence and compatibility without overwhelming him or her. As you get deeper into the relationship, you can learn more and ask more probing questions.

Here are some questions to ask yourself and tips on how to map out your initial financial conversations with your significant other, according to money saving expert, Andrea Woroch, and therapist and author Shannon Thomas.

Does his or her spending match income?

Thomas says that early in the relationship, it's important to pay attention to your date's lifestyle and how he or she spends money, and on what.

"Does that fit the income level that you're kind of assuming they might be at?" Thomas said.

Thomas, the author of "Exposing Financial Abuse" and "Healing from Hidden Abuse," said the first three months of a relationship are about getting to know each other and also should include observing whether a person spends lavishly or constantly talks about his or her funds being scarce.

What's his or her financial history?

Woroch notes that discussing a person's financial history, including his or her family's approach to money, is necessary as the relationship deepens.

"Talk about short-term and long-term goals, financial knowledge and debt. Credit health will be another topic to tackle ... so you don't run into any hurdles and potential fights when trying to rent an apartment together," Woroch said.

If your approaches to finances differ, Woroch advises, "try to figure out, 'Will this partner be open to changing their financial habits?'"

And if not, is it a deal-breaker, or is it minor enough that you can accept it?

Thomas also recommends looking into a person's job history.

"Sure there are toxic work environments ... but do we see two or three or four different kinds of situations where this person didn't reach their full po-

tential supposedly or (was) targeted at work? Because a lot of times people that have employment instability really are the problem, and they don't see it at all," Thomas said.

If he or she is in debt, is there a plan to fix it?

While things like debt or living with parents may be red flags that a person's finances are in trouble, the experts say a person should try to get a full idea of the new partner's money profile.

"If this is somebody that you do care about and could see yourself with, open up about it and just be totally honest," Woroch said.

Thomas notes that there may be valid reasons for a person's financial distresses, and those reasons should be taken into account when deciding whether or not to pursue a serious relationship. The person may be diligent about paying down debt after going through a rough period.

But sometimes it's more worrisome.

"Do I want to consider dating somebody who is struggling at this time or would I rather date somebody who has walked through that struggle and is on the other side of it?" Thomas said. "We have to be very careful that we're not getting into a fixing or codependency ... mode."

How will each person handle spending?

As the relationship grows, couples should talk in more detail about their finances and financial beliefs and how bills and monetary obligations will be handled.

"This might be a time to talk more

openly about ... what you're planning, maybe talking about how ... your spending habits align with any future goals you have. 'What are your goals in the future? Do you want to get married? Do you want to have a family? Do you want to buy a house eventually?'" Woroch said.

Before marriage, Thomas said a couple should consider how they would handle a potential divorce, and this discussion should preferably happen when the relationship is in a good place.

"That's one of the best times to make the decisions about how we would care for one another if this didn't work out. Not when things are ... tense," Thomas said.

"There is a business to a marriage ... and you never know what is going to happen down the road," Woroch said.

Is the person's behavior a sign of more serious problems?

Thomas says certain financial behaviors can be red flags that a person may become financially controlling or abusive.

"It takes time to get somebody in a financially abusive relationship; it takes commingling of some debts of their life together. But there are red flags ... that happen in the dating process," Thomas said.

Financial abuse exists on a spectrum, she says, and can involve one partner wanting the other to bankroll his or her lifestyle or only giving someone a small allowance to live on. Financially abusive partners may also take out lines of credit in their partners' names.

A 2017 study by CentSai showed that nearly two-thirds of millennials are victims of financial abuse or infidelity (lies about money).

Thomas said that "there's a breeding ground there for exploitation where one partner is paying for certain things and the other partner is paying for maybe less because they're saying that they make less money."

On a happier note, financial discussions in a growing relationship can be a stepping stone to a fresh, healthier outlook.

"If they have those same goals but maybe ... their spending isn't aligning to those, then perhaps they would be open to changing it if they realize now 'I'm going to be falling short of reaching those goals and creating a life that I wanted,'" Woroch said.



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The Savings Game

Those with high-deductible health insurance plans can reap decent tax advantages by contributing funds to a health savings account. Funds in the HSA can be invested and withdrawn to pay qualified health care expenses.

In 2020, those who have a health insurance deductible of at least \$1,400 per year and families who have a deductible of at least \$2,800 per year are eligible to participate.

Individuals can contribute up to \$3,550 per year in the HSA. Families can contribute up to \$7,100 per year. Individuals over 55 can contribute an additional \$1,000 per year.

HSA contributors have several federal tax advantages. Contributions are tax deductible. Earnings on HSA investments are tax free if withdrawals from these accounts are used for IRS-qualified medical expenses. These include deductibles, co-insurance, prescription drug coverage, and vision and dental expenses.

It is not necessary to spend all the funds in these accounts in one calendar

year. Account holders carry over these funds from one year to the next and still maintain the tax advantages.

Even after you retire, you can still maintain these accounts and retain the tax advantages as long as the withdrawals are used for medical-related expenses.

You can continue to make contributions after age 65 if you haven't signed up for Medicare. You are no longer allowed to make contributions after you join Medicare. If you have made contributions after enrolling in Medicare, you are subject to IRS penalties. There is a 6% IRS penalty on excess contributions. (See Instructions for IRS Form 8889.)

After you die, your spouse can continue to use the funds in your account without any income tax liability for medical-related expenses. If you name non-spouse beneficiaries, the fair-market value of the funds will be taxable to the beneficiary in the year of inheritance.

Each year Morningstar evaluates the various HSA providers on two use cases: as a spending account to cover current medical costs and as an investment account to save for future medical expenses. In Morningstar's latest rankings from 2019, only one provider earns positive marks on all criteria for spending accounts, and none meets that standard on all criteria for investment accounts.

As spending accounts

Morningstar ranks each provider of spending accounts, assessing them on maintenance fees, interest rates and additional fees.

It found Fidelity was the best provider by a "landslide." Fidelity does not charge maintenance fees, offers much higher interest rates on deposits, and doesn't have additional fees.

Lively comes in second place; it does not charge maintenance fees or additional fees, and it offers reasonable interest rates. The HSA Authority came in third place; it does not charge maintenance fees, but it does have many additional fees.

As investment accounts

Morningstar evaluates each provider regarding investment accounts, assessing them on investment choices, quality of investment, price, past performance and investment threshold.

Fidelity again was the best choice, followed by HSA Authority and Bank of America. Fidelity provides many investment options, allows first-dollar investing and charges the lowest fees among providers. For example, Fidelity offers a 60/40 ratio of stocks to bonds at an all-in cost of 0.02%.

The second cheapest provider charged 0.29%, and the most expensive provider charged 0.69%. Bank of America requires investors to keep \$1,000 in their checking account before they can invest.

Morningstar argued that the industry seems to be progressing. Fees in general have decreased. The quality of investments overall remains strong and has improved for the second year in a row.

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TERRY SAVAGE
The Savage Truth

Consider benefits of refinancing mortgage

There must be a silver lining in the turmoil of the financial markets. The chance to refinance your mortgage could be that bright spot.

But so far, despite the drop in the 10-year Treasury to historic lows, 30-year fixed mortgage rates have remained stubbornly above 3%, although you can get a 15-year fixed mortgage for 2.65%.

Why are long-term mortgage rates so sticky about coming down? The answer lies in what's happening in the mortgage industry. The industry was prepared to handle about \$2 trillion of new and refinanced mortgages this year. But now that rates have dropped significantly in the bond market, something more like \$75 trillion of outstanding loans could be ripe for refinancing.

Two weeks ago, refinancing requests jumped 30% in one week, according to the Mortgage Bankers Association. There is simply not enough trained staff in the mortgage industry these days to accommodate the influx of refinancing requests. Since the last mortgage crisis, the industry has become far more computerized in its documentation and processing. But at the same time, the requirements about disclosure have become more stringent.

The second problem is looming behind the scenes, with the financing sources for these new mortgages. Lenders and servicers have been shocked to see their existing portfolios of loans, which they had thought were pretty well locked in, suddenly being paid off in refinancings. Lenders generally expect about 12-15% of mortgages to be paid off earlier than scheduled each year, either by refinancing or being paid off in full. But with today's lower rates, that number could double or triple this year.

Now, imagine how you'd feel if you thought you had a nice 4% return (or higher) coming from your investment portfolio. Suddenly those mortgages are paid off and you're left with a pile of cash to reinvest just when overall rates are lowest. These lenders are not excited about replacing their old loans with 30-year loans yielding less than 3%.

Even worse, the servicers (the firms that send your bills and collect the monthly payments, and pay your property taxes that are collected in the process) can't earn enough money on the "spread" between the funding rates and the lower mortgage rates. They're not eager to load up on servicing these new, lower-rate mortgages because they see their servicing profits shrinking to next to nothing.

All in all, the mortgage industry isn't very excited about handling your refinancing these days. And to discourage you, they are keeping 30-year mortgage rates higher than you might expect.

That doesn't mean you shouldn't try to get a refi on your existing mortgage or home equity loan. Leslie Struthers of GuaranteedRate.com says they are geared up to handle the onslaught of refi requests. But she cautions that borrowers are likely to get a rate lock for only 70 days.

Interest rates are unlikely to rise dramatically in the near future, but the time to start the process is now.

Think about the long-term impact of these lower rates:

■ For every \$100,000 on a 30-year loan at 3.375%, you'll pay \$442 per month in principal and interest, or \$59,155 in total interest over 30 years.

■ For every \$100,000 on a 15-year loan at 2.65%, the monthly payment is \$678 for principal and interest. But the total interest over the life of the 15-year loan is only \$22,152.

Your home is likely your biggest investment. And this is a unique opportunity to make it a better investment as well. That's The Savage Truth.

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Green bonds grow

Raising cash for environmentally beneficial projects increasingly popular

BY NELLIE S. HUANG
Kiplinger

Money is flooding into so-called green bonds, debt that raises cash exclusively to pay for environmentally friendly activities and projects.

It's a young market, just over 10 years old. But growth has accelerated in recent years partly because of a set of best-practice principles developed in 2014 by the International Capital Markets Association.

The green bond principles laid out what issuers need to do to issue a green bond, what kinds of projects are eligible and what, when and how results need to be reported (the bonds are supposed to have a measurable impact).

"It's about transparency, reporting and what the bond is financing," says William Sokol, a VanEck product manager. "Investors know they're financing green projects, but they're not taking on any extra risk compared with a non-green bond from the same issuer."

A record \$271 billion in green bonds was issued in 2019 by corporations, financial agencies and sovereign nations, pushing the outstanding market of debt that is labeled green to nearly \$1 trillion.

Citi offered its first green bond in 2019, a \$1.1 billion issue to finance environmental strategies such as wind energy projects, a solar company initial public offering and loans to build affordable housing that is LEED-certified — a globally recognized eco-friendly building certification system.

Fannie Mae has issued green bonds to pay for projects to make multifamily developments more energy efficient.

Adherence to the green bond principles is voluntary for bond issuers. But the market can act as a regulator. If a firm issues a green bond that investors decide isn't eco-friendly enough, fewer buyers will step up.

Because green bonds have a short history, many of the funds that focus on this niche are new, too. iShares Global Green Bond (symbol BGRN) opened in 2018. The exchange-traded fund invests in investment-grade sovereign and government-related debt, corporate bonds, and securitized IOUs denomi-

nated in local currencies in countries around the world.

The ETF's 0.78% yield is underwhelming, but it's no less than a traditional global bond fund would yield, as measured by the Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate hedged index.

VanEck Vectors Green Bond (GRNB), launched in 2017, yields a more robust 2.40%. One of the ETF's top holdings, a Boston Properties bond, financed the construction of Salesforce Tower in San Francisco, a platinum-certified LEED building that features geothermal cooling, wind power generated by four wind turbines, and a water-recycling system that saves more than 7.8 million gallons of water every year.

TIAA-CREF Green Bond (TGROX) launched in 2018. But lead manager Stephen Liberatore has been picking socially and environmentally oriented bonds for more than a decade. The ETF invests mostly in high-quality, dollar-denominated bonds that deliver a direct and measurable environmental impact.

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Ready for a new career? Consider a few things first

Before starting a new career, think about the likely challenges ahead.



Get your head on straight

Be confident and clear about what you want. "Know yourself, know your value added and be open to how that might translate," says Ariel Schur, chief executive officer of ABS Staffing Solutions.



Identify the required expertise

Do you need a doctorate, or would classes at online learning platform Udemy cover it? Would language immersion help? "People in their 30s or older typically go to school in the evening or do online programs," says Robin Ryan, a career counselor in Seattle and author of "60 Seconds & You're Hired!"



Accept that your pay and title may take a hit

Salary drops stall many career changes before they start. "A lot of people have a lifestyle they're not willing to change," says Ryan, who suggests looking at salaries at PayScale and making a budget plan. A few years of less money is a common cost of entry for a new career, she says.

Prepare to be busy

While you're transitioning, Schur suggests, devote at least five hours per weekend to your new field — networking and researching, or doing part-time work or consulting. "If you're going to do this, something will need to give," she says.



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Expatriate banking tips

Retiring overseas can bring financial complexities

BY LISA GERSTNER | Kiplinger

You're finally ready to realize your dream of retiring abroad, although the move will likely make your banking life more complex.

You may be able to get by without opening a bank account in your country of residence, but there are good reasons to do so. It's usually the most practical way to pay for rent, utilities and other local services. And if you use your U.S.-based debit card to make ATM withdrawals overseas, you'll likely be hit with foreign-transaction fees and charges for using out-of-network machines.

Maintaining an account in the United States is usually a good idea too. You can use it on visits stateside, and it may be the best way to pay taxes or deposit retirement-account distributions and Social Security benefits. (The Social Security Administration will deposit benefits to bank accounts held in most foreign countries.)

To avoid hefty transfer fees from your

U.S. bank account, consider a service such as TransferWise. TransferWise applies a market-based exchange rate to transfers (banks and other services often use less-favorable exchange rates) and charges you a percentage of the transaction. Sending \$1,000 to a foreign account that holds Mexican pesos, for example, recently incurred a fee of about \$11.

You may run into difficulties in both finding a bank account abroad and maintaining one in the United States. The Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act requires overseas banks to report foreign assets held by U.S. taxpayers to the IRS or face a stiff penalty. Some foreign banks refuse American customers because of the hassle, but "that's been alleviated somewhat" as banks have become more familiar with the law, says Marylouise Serrato, with the American Citizens Abroad.

Under FATCA, U.S. citizens residing abroad must also report their holdings in foreign accounts (including investment accounts) on Form 8938 if total funds exceed \$400,000 on the final day of the tax year for married people filing a joint tax return, or if balances are higher than \$600,000 at any point during the year.

For other taxpayers, the limits are

\$200,000 on the final day of the tax year or if funds exceed \$300,000 at any time. In addition, you must file a Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts with the U.S. Treasury Department if your total assets in foreign financial and investment accounts exceed \$10,000 anytime during the calendar year.

One other potential obstacle: Some U.S. banks give the boot to expats who have no permanent United States address. And changing your mailing address to that of a relative or friend in the United States may not help you get around this problem.

One solution is to open a checking account that the State Department Federal Credit Union (www.sdfcu.org) provides in partnership with American Citizens Abroad. The credit union offers the account to Americans living abroad who have no domestic address. You must be a member of ACA to use the account (annual fee: \$70, or \$55 if you're 65 or older).

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STEVE ROSEN
Kids & Money

The price of dealing with student loan debt

As my father used to say, time and again, be careful what you wish for.

So it goes with all the tantalizing talk on the campaign trail about student loan forgiveness, most boldly coming from Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Bernie Sanders. Former Vice President Joe Biden does not support canceling all student loan debt and charging federal taxpayers. He backs student loan forgiveness through the Public Service Loan Forgiveness programs and income-driven repayment plans. President Trump's focus is on simplifying income-driven repayment plans.

The candidates are taking on a whale of a problem; about 45 million Americans have accumulated about \$1.6 trillion in outstanding student loan debt.

Sanders' plan — part of his College For All educational platform — would cancel all federal student loan debt and place a cap on student loan interest rates going forward at 1.88%. His plan would cost taxpayers \$2.2 trillion over 10 years to be paid with a tax on stock, bond and derivatives trades. His plan would also cancel college debt from state lenders as well as banks and other private lenders.

But here's what you're not hearing much about — the price of the plans for struggling student loan borrowers can still be steep.

Look no further than the federal tax code. In short, anything forgiven is income, and with a few exceptions, you pay income tax on that income on the year the debt is canceled. It's an example of the economic law of unintended consequences.

The canceled loan amount could also bump the borrower into a higher tax bracket and trigger a bigger tax bill.

Under one example from MarketWatch, if you're in the 22% tax bracket and your \$40,000 student loan was forgiven, you'll owe \$8,800 in additional taxes.

Sanders has said he will work to ensure that debt cancellation doesn't result in large tax bills for borrowers.

Some borrowers also could see their credit scores drop, at least temporarily. That's because credit bureaus may have one less payment source to evaluate a borrower's creditworthiness.

Regardless of your politics, there are so many fairness issues raised by the forgiveness plans proposed by Sanders, and before she dropped out, Sen. Elizabeth Warren. For one, what's the message or life lesson behind the notion of completely wiping out debt that was a conscious choice to take on? And what about the vast majority of borrowers who are paying back their student loans, as painful as it may be?

A small, but growing number of companies have added student loan repayment assistance to their benefits plans.

In February, for example, IAT Insurance Group, a Raleigh, N.C.-based property and casualty insurer, said later this year it will match 50% of an employee's monthly college loan payment up to a \$300 monthly contribution by the company, with a lifetime cap per employee of \$30,000.

The company estimates 150 to 200 employees, or 15% to 20% of its workforce, will initially benefit.

Then there's the example set last spring by billionaire businessman Robert Smith, who announced at a graduation ceremony at Morehouse College that he was paying off the student loans of the entire 2019 graduating class. That amounted to about \$34 million to help students, their parents or guardians.

Generosity aside, there was no word from the school on whether he also covered the income tax on every borrower's canceled loan.

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Deducting medical expenses

How to determine adjusted gross income threshold

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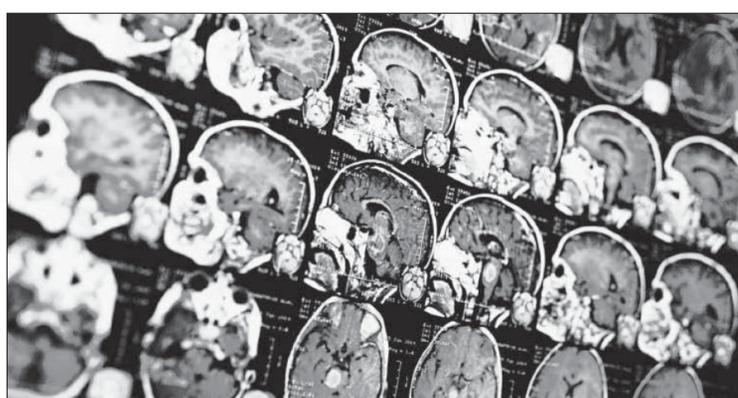
Q: What is the correct threshold for deducting medical expenses for 2019? I'm trying to do my taxes for 2019, and I've seen different figures used.

A: Tax law changes have lifted and lowered the threshold like a seesaw in recent years. The tax reform law signed at year-end 2017 reduced the threshold for deducting medical expenses that exceed adjusted gross income from 10% down to 7.5% for 2017 and 2018.

The AGI threshold had been scheduled to rise to 10% again for 2019. But at the end of 2019, tax legislation was signed into law that drops the threshold back down to 7.5% for 2019 and 2020. So for your 2019 and 2020 tax returns, you can deduct medical expenses that exceed 7.5% of your adjusted gross income if you itemize deductions. See IRS Publication 502, Medical and Dental Expenses, to learn more.

Q: I work in the public sector, as a teacher, and I've heard that I may receive reduced Social Security benefits. Is this true?

A: In certain states, government employees such as teachers, firefighters and



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police officers may be affected by what's known as the windfall elimination provision. Under the WEP, you would face a cut in benefits if you receive a government pension paid from an employer that did not withhold Social Security tax from wages and, at some point, you also worked in the private sector, paying Social Security tax on earnings.

The WEP won't eliminate your Social Security benefit, but it could shrink your monthly payout by hundreds of dollars. For a list of the 15 states in which public employees may not be covered by Social Security, go to www.nea.org/home/16819.htm. If you're affected by the WEP, use the calculator at www.ssa.gov/planners/calculators to estimate your benefit.

Before the WEP was enacted in 1983, Social Security considered workers who had no earnings covered by Social Security for a certain number of years to be low-wage workers, and for low-wage workers, Social Security adjusts benefits

so that they replace a greater percentage of average career earnings than for high-wage workers. The WEP is designed to remove this advantage for those who are also receiving a pension based on employment in a public-sector job. The WEP doesn't apply if you have at least 30 years of substantial earnings under Social Security.

Holding a public-sector job not covered by Social Security may result in a hit to your spousal or survivor benefits too. The government pension offset lowers such benefits by two-thirds of the amount of your government pension. If your monthly pension amount is \$900, for example, your spousal or survivor Social Security benefit will be reduced by \$600. The GPO may wipe out your entire spousal or survivor benefit.

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LINDSEY LAGESTEE 1994-2020

Pharmacist, lead singer of country band Dixie Crush

BY BOB GOLDSBOROUGH

A pharmacist by day, Lindsey R. Lagestee found ways to connect with audiences of all ages as the lead female singer since 2015 for the Chicago-area country band Dixie Crush.

"She had this presence about her that people were able to connect to her in just unbelievable ways without really knowing her. People felt like they knew her," said Mike Denning, Dixie Crush's guitarist. "And we did a large number of shows where there would be families there, and during breaks, Lindsey would always go down in front and kids would just come up to her. Kids loved her."

Lagestee, 25, died Feb. 17 at Advocate Christ Medical Center in Oak Lawn after being struck by a car three days earlier near the Firewater Saloon in the Southwest Side Mount Greenwood neighborhood, said her mother, Linda. Lagestee had lived in South Holland.

Born in Harvey, Lagestee grew up in South Holland and graduated from Illiana Christian High School.

As a young girl, she tried to assist nurses who cared for her disabled sister, her mother said. As a 15-year-old, she started working in the meat department at Walt's Food Center in Crete but quickly transitioned to being a pharmacy technician.

Lagestee took piano lessons for 12 years and also was in choir, her mother said.

"Lindsey loved choir. She just loved singing," Linda Lagestee said.

After high school, Lagestee studied for two years at Lewis University in Romeoville before entering a pharmacy program at Midwestern University in Downers Grove. She graduated with a doctor of pharmacy degree in 2018.

After graduating, Lagestee moved around the area



JEFF BERGER

A pharmacist by day, Lindsey R. Lagestee was the lead singer since 2015 for the Chicago-area band Dixie Crush.

as part of a one-year pharmacist's residency with Osco Drug. She briefly moved to Bloomington last year for an Osco job before returning to South Holland and making long daily commutes to central Illinois each day, her mother said. Just two weeks before her death, she had started a job at PharmScript in Burr Ridge.

After starting college, Lagestee began recording YouTube videos in which she would sing cover versions of songs by artists like the Wreckers, Taylor Swift and Ed Sheeran. That made her a natural for Dixie Crush, which was formed in 2015 and aimed at performing chart-topping country Top 40 hits in clubs, festivals and for corporate shows.

Lagestee wound up performing hundreds of shows with Dixie Crush.

"I never saw her make a mistake," Denning said. "And she was so accomplished at such a unique and young age to be a full doctor of pharmacy, achieving things in her professional life as well. I was always so proud of what she was able to do."

Denning said that from the stage and everywhere else, Lagestee's "message to people was kindness and happiness."

"She used music to communicate her kindness and her faith and her belief in people as good, kind people," he said. "My true joy was being able to stand next to her on stage for five years."

Lindsey's love of performing flowed through to how she sang cover songs, her mother said.

"She wouldn't just sing a song — she would put on a show," her mother said. "She acted out every one of her songs. She had a box full of funny hats that she would put on, and she even put on a choir robe. That's why Dixie Crush was so special — they made the crowd a part of the show."

Despite Lagestee's busy schedule, she sought to connect with every attendee seeing her band and every patient at her pharmacy window.

"If anybody needed anything, she was there for them," her mother said.

In addition to her mother, Lagestee is survived by her father, Vaughn; three sisters, Samantha Staley, Carrie Byrns and Lauren; her grandparents, Gladys Pratscher, Cherie and Paul Markiewicz and Nancy Lagestee.

Services were held.

Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.

Hawthorne's novel "The Scarlet Letter" was first published.

In 1912 Patricia Ryan, who would become the nation's first lady as the wife of President Richard Nixon, was born in Ely, Nev.

In 1915 the Federal Trade Commission was organized.

In 1933 Britain's disarmament plan for reducing armies failed when Hitler's Germany insisted that its storm troopers not be included.

In 1935 Adolf Hitler scrapped the Treaty of Versailles.

In 1945, during World War II, Iwo Jima was declared secured by the Allies.

In 1959 Public Enemy rapper Flavor Flav was born William Drayton in New York.

In 1966 the Gemini 8 spacecraft docked with an Agena rocket while in orbit. (The mission was marred when a maneuvering rocket on Gemini malfunctioned, forcing an emergency landing.)

In 1968, during the Vietnam War, the My Lai massacre

was carried out by U.S. troops under the command of Lt. William Calley Jr.

In 1969 a Venezuelan airliner crashed on takeoff from Maracaibo, killing 155 people.

In 1978 Italian politician Aldo Moro was kidnapped by left-wing urban guerrillas, who later murdered him.

In 1982 Claus Von Bulow was found guilty in Newport, R.I., of trying to kill his now-comatose wife, Martha "Sunny" Von Bulow, with insulin. (Von Bulow was acquitted in a retrial; his wife died in 2008 after nearly 30 years in a coma.)

In 1983 radio and television star Arthur Godfrey died in New York; he was 79.

In 1984 William Buckley, the CIA station chief in Beirut, was kidnapped by gunmen; he died in captivity.

In 1987 Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis announced his candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination.

In 1988 former National Security Adviser John Poindexter, former White House aide Oliver North, retired Air Force Maj. Gen. Richard Secord and Secord's business partner, Albert Hakim, were indicted on charges relating to the Iran-Contra affair. (Poindexter and North had their convictions thrown out; Secord and Hakim received probation after each pleaded guilty to a single count.)

In 1990 South African President F.W. de Klerk announced that exiled African National Congress leaders could return home for talks with the white-led government.

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Burke, Ruth E.

Ruth E. Burke, nee Wendt. Beloved wife of the late Thomas S. Burke. Loving mother of James W. Burke, John J. (Erin) Burke, Ret. C.P.D.-I.S.P., & and the late Thomas P. (Joan) Burke. Cherished grandmother of Keith (Adrienne), Peter, Kristin, John Joseph II, C.P.D. (Kirstie), Patrick (Anne), Elyse (Mike) & Austin. Fond great grandmother of 6. Dear sister of Suzanne (the late Dominic) Panarisi, the late Jeanne (Dee) Hayes, Fred (Eleanor) Wendt & Pat (Fred) Langston. Proud aunt of many. Resting at **Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home**, 5570 W. 95th St. in Oak Lawn, where Services will take place Wednesday at 10:00 am. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Visitation Tuesday from 3:00 pm until 9:00 pm. thompsonkuensterfuneralhome.com 708-425-0500

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Clifford, Daniel F.

Of Chicago (Edison Park) and native of County Kerry, Ireland (Ballard, Emlachmore, Cahirciveen). Beloved husband of the late Bridget "Bridie" (nee Lydon); loving father of John, Patrick, Daniel, and Eileen; proud and adored grandfather of Carolyn and Kathleen Clifford; dear brother of the late Patrick (the late Eileen), late Mamie, late Helen, late Josephine, late John Joe (the late Bridie), late Bob (Nonie), and the late Teresa (the late Mick) Duhig; fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Retired in 1994 from Peoples Gas Company. Visitation will be held Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. at **Cooney Funeral Home** located at 625 Busse Hwy. in Park Ridge. Funeral Wednesday, prayers at 11:00 a.m. to St. Juliana Church for Mass at 11:30 a.m. Interment All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care at <https://rainbowhospice.org/make-a-gift/donate-now/> are appreciated. For information please call 847-685-1002 or visit www.cooneyfuneralhome.com

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Fischer, Juliana

Juliana Fischer nee Reinhardt beloved wife of the late Valentin Fischer; loving mother of Val (the late Fay), Annemarie (Houston) Jones and Frank (Anne) Fischer; devoted grandmother of Lori (Nick) Ptak, Jason (Julie) Fischer, Adam (Lucy) Fischer, Christopher Jones, Kristina (Philip) Gurgone and Dana Jones; cherished great grandmother of Ethan, Lucas, Henry, Juliana, Luke, Valentina and Peter; dear sister of Elizabeth (the late Franz) Pirkbauer, Stefan (Maree) Reinhardt, Josef Reinhardt and the late Frank (Magdalena) and Jakob Reinhardt; proud aunt of many loving nieces and nephews. Visitation Wednesday 3-8 P.M. Funeral Service Thursday 10:00 A.M. at **Lawn Funeral Home** 17909 S 94th Ave Tinley Park IL 60487 Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery Funeral info (708) 532-3100.



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Graham, John J.

John J. Graham, age 89, of Wilmette, formerly of Skokie. Veteran, U.S. Navy Petty Officer. Retired Superintendent of Morton Grove School District No. 70. After retirement, Interim Superintendent in other communities, including Deerfield, Hinsdale and Mundelein. Beloved husband of Dr. Angela, nee Waters; loving father of John C. (Paula), Angela A. and Kevin W., President F.O.P. Chicago Lodge No. 7. (Patricia Graham, MD); cherished grandfather of Christopher and Victoria; dear brother of Mercedes Porst, the late William (the late Jean) and David (Dorothy). Visitation, Tuesday, March 17, 2020, from 3 to 9 p.m., at **HABEN Funeral Home & Crematory**, 8057 Niles Center Rd., Skokie. Family and friends to meet for Funeral Mass, Wednesday, March 18, 2020, at 10 a.m., at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, 524 9th St., Wilmette. Interment St. Peter Catholic Cemetery, Skokie. Memorial contributions may be made to Our Lady of the Mississippi Abbey, 8400 Abbey Hill Lane., Dubuque, IA 52003. Funeral info: 847.673.6111 or www.habenfuneral.com to sign guestbook.



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Kaghan, Ronald

Ronald Kaghan - February 15, 1930 - March 14, 2020. Beloved husband of the late Beverly; loving father of Linda Daitchman, Scott Kaghan and Marilyn Kaghan; proud grandfather of Alise, Ashley (Gabriel) and Mia; dearest great-grandfather of Ariana, Adrian, Ricardo, Audrey and Chaito; dear brother of the late Larry and Roberta (late Ronnie); proud uncle of Aaron (Kathy), Laurie (Greg), and Debra (Kevin); loving great-uncle of Jonathon, Christine, Rachel, Brett, Justine, Tamara, Ryan and Addyson. Fond father-in-law of Jack Daitchman. Graveside service Tuesday, 1:00 PM at Waldheim Jewish Cemetery, (gate 90) 1400 S. Des Plaines Ave., Forest Park, IL. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Buffalo Grove Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfinfo.com

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Kazevo, Bessie

Loving wife of the late Ted. Adoring mother of Anna (Bill) Leanhardt, Dino (Patty), Stephanie Voyls. Dear yayia of Danielle (Reese) O'Donnell, Will (Chloe) Leanhardt, Tedy, Alyssa (Kyle) Hildreth, Lindsey Kokins, Jimmy, Emily Voyls, and great grandmother of Benjamin and Zoe. Visitation on Tuesday, March 17th at Olson Burke Sullivan Funeral and Cremation Center 6467 N. Northwest Highway, Chicago, IL, 60631, from 10:00 am -11:30 am. Service to be held at the Transfiguration Church in Elmwood Cemetery directly following the visitation. Interment Elmwood Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Vergos Funeral Services, under the direction of Olson Burke Sullivan Funeral and Cremation Center.

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Lysecki, Theodore

Theodore "Ted" Lysecki 75 of Des Plaines. At Peace with Christ, Saturday, March 14, 2020. Beloved husband of Judy. Loving father of Ted (Beth) and Dawn (Ted) DiVito. Dear son of the late Theodore and Paulina. Fond grandfather of David and Lauren. Dear brother of the late Mary (the late Richard) Keshen. Fond uncle and great uncle to many. Visitation Monday from 3:00 to 8:00 P.M. at Cumberland Chapels (FRIEL FUNERAL DIRECTORS) 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge. Funeral Services will be held Monday 8:00 P.M. at the Funeral Home. Interment Private. Gym shoes and jeans are preferred for the visitation. Info: 708/456-8300 or www.cumberlandchapels.com



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Matek, Betsy

Betsy Matek, nee Stein, 95. Beloved wife of the late Ord; devoted mother of Beth (Paul) Weinstein, Deborah Matek (Lee) Schwartz, Joel (Linda Weiss) Matek, and Michael (Louise) Matek; cherished grandmother of Alan (Elissa) Weinstein, Lisa (Matt) Talbert, Todd (Stephanie) Weinstein, Elyse Schwartz, Caryn Schwartz, Joaquin (Xiaoyu), Diego, Benjamin, and Zachary Matek; proud great-grandmother of Arly, Emma, Oriana, Naomi, Morgan, and Hailey; caring sister of the late Robert and Allan Stein and Gloria (late Herbert) Thal; treasured relative and friend of many. Betsy earned a Masters of Social Work from Tulane University, and worked as a social worker. She touched many lives and will be missed by all. Graveside service Monday, March 16, 3:30 PM, at Memorial Park Cemetery, 9900 Gross Point Rd, Skokie. A memorial service will be held at a future date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to a Jewish charity of your choice. For info: 847-256-5700.



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Mulderig, Jeremy P.

Jeremy P. ("Jerry") Mulderig of Chicago died peacefully on March 7, 2020, at Amrita/Presence St. Joseph Hospital, from complications related to cancer. He was 69. Mulderig was born in Kingston, PA in 1950, the first child of Gerald A. and Mary F. Mulderig. He graduated second in his class of 1968 from Central Catholic High

School in Kingston. At the University of Scranton, he was Editor of The Aquinas, the University student newspaper. In 1972, shortly after his graduation with high honors from the University, he moved to Germany, as a Fulbright Fellow, for advanced study at the University of Cologne. In 1973, he entered the English doctoral program at The Ohio State University, from which he received his Ph.D. in 1978. What followed was a distinguished 40-year career of scholarship and teaching in the areas of rhetoric and writing, 19th century literature and biography, and LGBTQ studies.

Mulderig's college-level teaching career began at Graceland College in Lamoni, Iowa, in 1978. He taught at Oakland University in 1981-1982, then moved to the Newcomb College of Tulane University in 1982. In 1988, he accepted a position as Associate Professor in the English Department of DePaul University. From 1990 to 1997, he was Chair of DePaul's English Department. In 2004, in recognition of his excellence in teaching he was awarded membership in the prestigious Society of Vincent de Paul Professors, and upon his retirement in 2014, he received the Via Sapientiae, the University's highest honor.

A truly gifted writer, Mulderig was the author of many published academic research papers, and of multiple editions of The Heath Handbook. In the last five years of his life, he published two books with The University of Chicago Press, in each of which he edited and annotated the writings of Samuel Steward. The first of these, Philip Sparrow Tells All, was widely reviewed, including in the New York Times. The second, The Lost Autobiography of Samuel Steward, was launched in April 2018 to high acclaim from both popular and academic reviewers, including a review in the London Review of Books published weeks before his death.

In 2004, Mulderig purchased an apartment in Berlin, and subsequently enjoyed splitting his time nearly equally between his Chicago and Berlin homes. Family and friends are planning a memorial service to be held in Chicago at some point in the future. Mulderig is survived by a loving family: his brother Bob Mulderig and sister-in-law Karen Garman, and nephew and niece Patrick Mulderig and Emily Mulderig, all of Washington, DC; and sister Maureen Mulderig and brother-in-law Michael Johnson of State College, PA, and step-niece and -nephew Jennifer Johnson and Bryan Johnson. Equally important, he is survived by a community of hundreds of devoted former students, academic colleagues, and friends throughout the nation and around the world, many of whom have offered testimony to the significant role Jeremy Mulderig played in their lives. His impact on this world was profound, and he is, and will be, dearly missed.

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Mulholland, Mary Edith

All funeral services scheduled for Mary Edith Mulholland, of Hinsdale, HAVE BEEN CANCELLED due to coronavirus precautions. Services are postponed until a later date, which will be announced when finalized. Info: 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.

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Ryan, Dorothy A.

Dorothy A. Ryan nee Patrick, age 94, of Lombard. Beloved wife of the late Bernard "Tom" Ryan. Preceded by 11 brothers and sisters. Many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Visitation Wednesday, March 18th from 9 AM until time of service at 11 AM at **Brust Funeral Home**, 135 S. Main St., Lombard. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Memorials to Traditional Catholic Religious Life, West Suburban Human Society, or Pulmonary Hypertension Assoc., are appreciated. Info www.brustfuneralhome.com or call 888-629-0094.

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Wilks, Deborah Jo

Deborah Jo Wilks, age 55, beloved daughter and sister, died at her home in New York on Friday, March 6th, 2020. She is survived by her father, Michael Wilks and step-mother Lynn, her half-brother Joshua, her mother Evelyn and sister Jessica. She graduated from the Latin School of Chicago and Boston University. Her career led her from an early start at the best art galleries in Chicago, to senior positions in arts journalism at a wide range of publications and organizations and finally to Christies as Vice President and New York Manager of digital news. Deborah was dearly loved by her family and will be greatly missed.

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In 1802 Congress authorized the establishment of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y.

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In 1836 the Republic of Texas approved a constitution.

In 1850 Nathaniel

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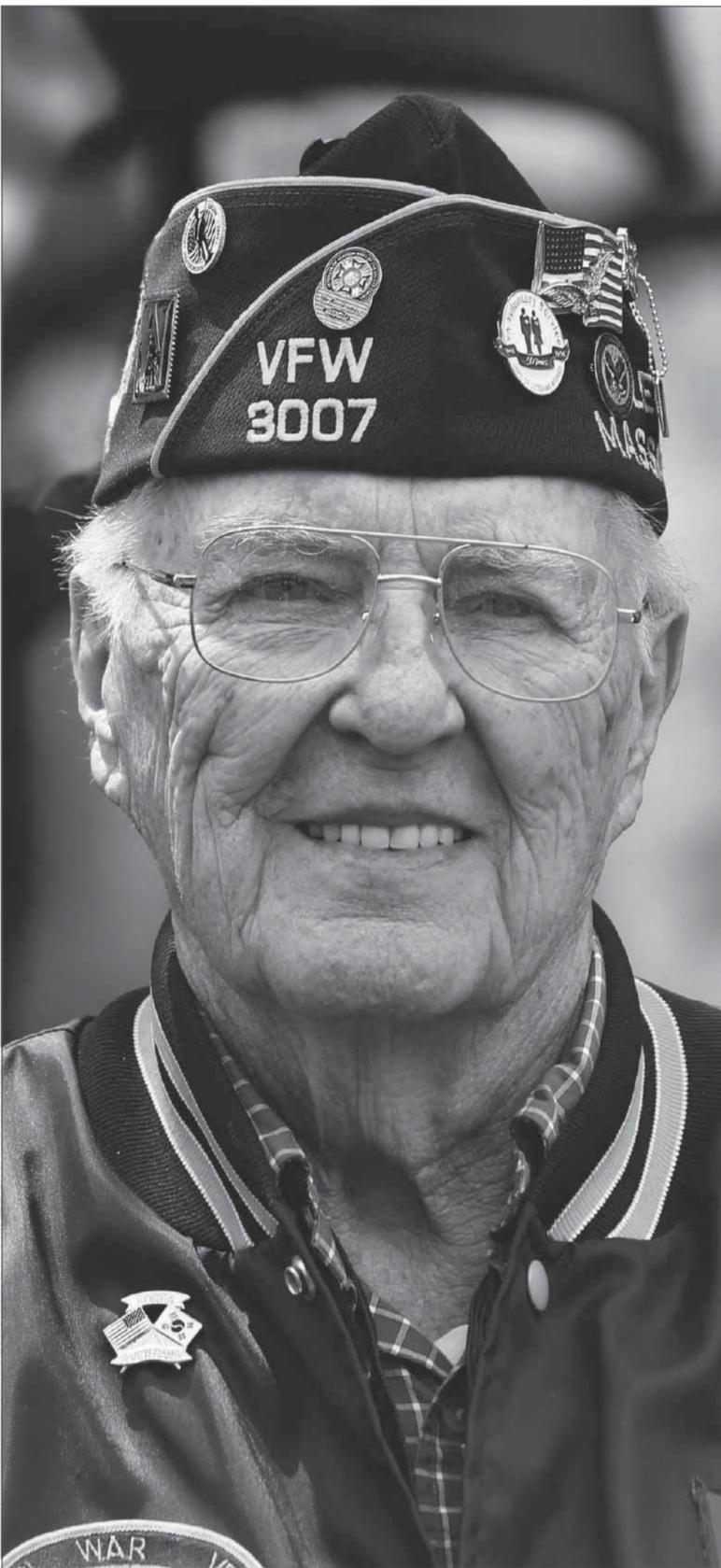
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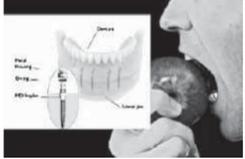
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All questions pertaining to construction documents should be sent to Arcon & Associates, Inc., attention Gaspare Pitrelo (630) 495-1900 Ext. 210 or email gpitrelo@arconassoc.com **3/16/2020 6627533**

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Proposals will be received by the Housing Authority of Cook County (HACC) on the date and time (Central Standard Time) stated for the specific Request for Proposal (RFP) listed below at 175 West Jackson Boulevard, Suite 350, Chicago, Illinois, 60604:

Project Name: Real Estate Brokerage Services

Specification Number: RFP No. 2020-100-015

Questions Deadline: March 16, 2020 Time: 2:00 P.M.

Proposal Due Date: April 1, 2020 Time: 2:00 P.M.

Contact Person: Deborah O'Donnell Telephone Number: (312) 542-4725 E-mail Address: dodonnell@thehacc.org

The RFP Package, specifications and architectural drawings may be downloaded by registering on our website which lists a complete list of all current bid opportunities with the HACC: www.thehacc.org/e-procurement-services

Proposals that are not properly submitted will be considered non-responsive and be disqualified from consideration. Proposals submitted late will not be accepted. The Authority reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals if deemed in the best interest of the Housing Authority of Cook County.

Richard Monocchio, Executive Director **3/9/2020, 3/16/2020 6625730**

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Project Name: Interior Painting Services As-Needed

Specification Number: 2020-100-016

Questions Deadline: March 27, 2020 Time: 2:00 P.M.

Proposal Due Date: April 13, 2020 Time: 2:00 P.M.

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Richard Monocchio, Executive Director **3/16/2020 6632607**

LEGAL NOTICE

Toni Preckwinkle, President of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, has directed me to cancel the Consent Calendar Meeting of the Cook County Board of Commissioners scheduled for March 25, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. in accordance with Executive Order 2020-1.

Very truly yours, **/s/KAREN A. YARBROUGH**, Cook County Clerk and Clerk of the Board of the Commissioners of Cook County, Illinois **3/16-3/25/2020 6634018**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Crystal Brown

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Tabitha Doyle (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: **18JA00232**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Christopher Brown (Father) Any and All Unknown Fathers Any, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **December 05, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Robert Balanoff** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **04/03/2020, at 11:00 AM** in CALENDAR **12 COURTROOM L**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS February 28, 2020 6633718

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Richard Monocchio, Executive Director **3/16/2020 6632607**

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LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Danielle Blake Janelle Blake

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Jillette Love (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: **19JA01354 19JA01352**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Daniel Blake (Father), Unknown (Father), respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **November 18, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Bernard Sarley** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **04/03/2020, at 11:00 AM** in CALENDAR **9 COURTROOM I**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS February 24, 2020 6633710

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Derrick Williams, Jr

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Candace Thomas (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: **19JA01104**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Derrick Williams, Sr. (Father), respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **October 01, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Robert Balanoff** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **04/03/2020, at 10:30 AM** in CALENDAR **12 COURTROOM L**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS February 20, 2020 6633732

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT - MARCH 16, 2020

CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS RFP FOR FIELD SUPPORT SERVICES FOR ITS DUE: April 13, 2020 AT 2:00 P.M. See: <http://cps.edu/procurement/pages/contractorsopportunities.aspx>

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Zymirr Hyles

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Mariah Hyles (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: **19JA01164**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Zymirr Davenport (Father), Unknown (Father), respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **October 15, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Demetrios Kottaras** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **04/03/2020, at 11:30 AM** in CALENDAR **7 COURTROOM G**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS January 10, 2020 6615664

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Lisa-Marie Ricca and/or Aruna S. Kumaran, please contact Atty. Jonique Hall at (504)383-5294. **3/15, 3/16, 3/17/2020 6633201**

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NFL COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

Players vote, OK a 17-game season

Here's what else to expect after new deal passes 1,019 to 959

By COLLEEN KANE

A 17-game season is coming to the NFL after players voted to pass the league's new collective bargaining agreement after months of negotiations between owners and the players association, the NFLPA announced Sunday morning.

The new agreement, which will run through the 2030 season, also ensures playoff expansion to 14 teams will happen in 2020. It increases players' revenue share to at least 48%. And it improves working conditions for players by increasing roster sizes, reducing padded training camp practices and putting caps on practice times.

The owners don't have the option to expand the season to 17 games until at least 2021.

The more immediate change for fans will be playoff expansion this season. Seven teams from each conference will qualify, but only the top seed from each will receive a first-round bye, according to ESPN. That means there will be six games on the first weekend of the playoffs.

The 2,000-some NFL players who received the ballot had from March 5-14 to decide which way to vote. The NFLPA said the vote passed by a total of 1,019 to 959.

"We are pleased that the players have voted to ratify the proposed new CBA, which will provide substantial benefits to all current and retired players, increase

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Party has to end

With common sense a sparse commodity, Wrigleyville needs a deep cleaning, for everyone's sake



PAUL SULLIVAN
In the Wake
of the News

Wrigley Field was virtually empty Sunday morning as neighborhood establishments opened for the early-lunch crowd.

No players were working out at the ballpark after being told they could return to their homes during baseball's hiatus because of the coronavirus outbreak. No work was being done on the press box remodeling that marks the final phase of the long-term renovation of the iconic park.

Cubs President The Epstein said Friday that there was no need for a deep cleaning of the ballpark, as the Red Sox had planned to do at Fenway Park in Boston.

"There aren't any players, and only a handful of people working there," he said. "I would imagine



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Young adults wait to enter Wrigleyville neighborhood bars Saturday while celebrating St. Patrick's Day.

that we would take appropriate steps to clean Wrigley before players potentially start showing up there, or we have more than a handful of employees back in the building.

"There is a chance that there could be a handful of players who choose to be in Chicago once our weight room is up and functioning. It's being renovated and won't be functioning for another week."

It figures to be at least two months before games start again after the CDC recommended Sunday postponing gatherings of 50 or more people for eight weeks.

Meanwhile, life goes on as usual in Wrigleyville, the neighborhood that took its name from the ballpark only after the Cubs began evolving from lovable losers to a cash cow thanks to Ryne Sandberg and the 1984 team.

If there were any place that could use a deep

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Ayo Dosunmu helped Illinois put together a resume to make the NCAA Tournament.

The unknown is what I'll miss the most

So many NCAA Tournament questions will go unanswered

The second Loyola's name was announced during Selection Sunday two years ago, forward Aundre Jackson called his mom.

A junior-college transfer with just one season of eligibility left, he had no way of knowing the magic lying ahead for Loyola, a stunning run from underdogs to the NCAA Tournament Final Four. But he knew hearing his team's name called was a special moment, an achievement in itself.



SHANNON RYAN
On college
basketball

of the NCAA Tournament — canceled Thursday amid concerns about the spread of the coronavirus — heartbreaking for fans. Who would have had a shot like Mario

That team won on buzzer-beaters, lucky bounces and team play — all while its team chaplain, Sister Jean Dolores Schmidt, looked on from her wheelchair.

The human-interest stories and special moments make the absence of the NCAA Tournament — canceled Thursday amid concerns about the spread of the coronavirus — heartbreaking for fans.

Chalmers in 2008?

Which coach would have become as beloved as Georgia State's chair-falling, broken-foot leader Ron Hunter in 2015?

Whose name would we have learned to pronounce, spell and hold dear like Ali Farokhmanesh, the Northern Iowa guard whose 3-pointer toppled No. 1 Kansas in 2010?

The unknown is what I'll miss most. Here's what I was looking forward to finding out during the 2020 NCAA Tournament:

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TOP OF THE SECOND

Milestone birthday for legend

Longtime Minneapolis scribe Sid Hartman working at 100

By Dave Campbell
Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Just like so many Sunday mornings before, Sid Hartman's column was printed in the sports section of the Minneapolis Star Tribune. Then he joined the sports talk show on WCCO-AM radio.

This time, he did so as a 100-year-old. During the coronavirus-triggered pause to the games Hartman has spent chronicling over an eight-decade career, Minnesota sports teams and figures found a reason amid the somberness of the pandemic to celebrate Hartman's 100th birthday.

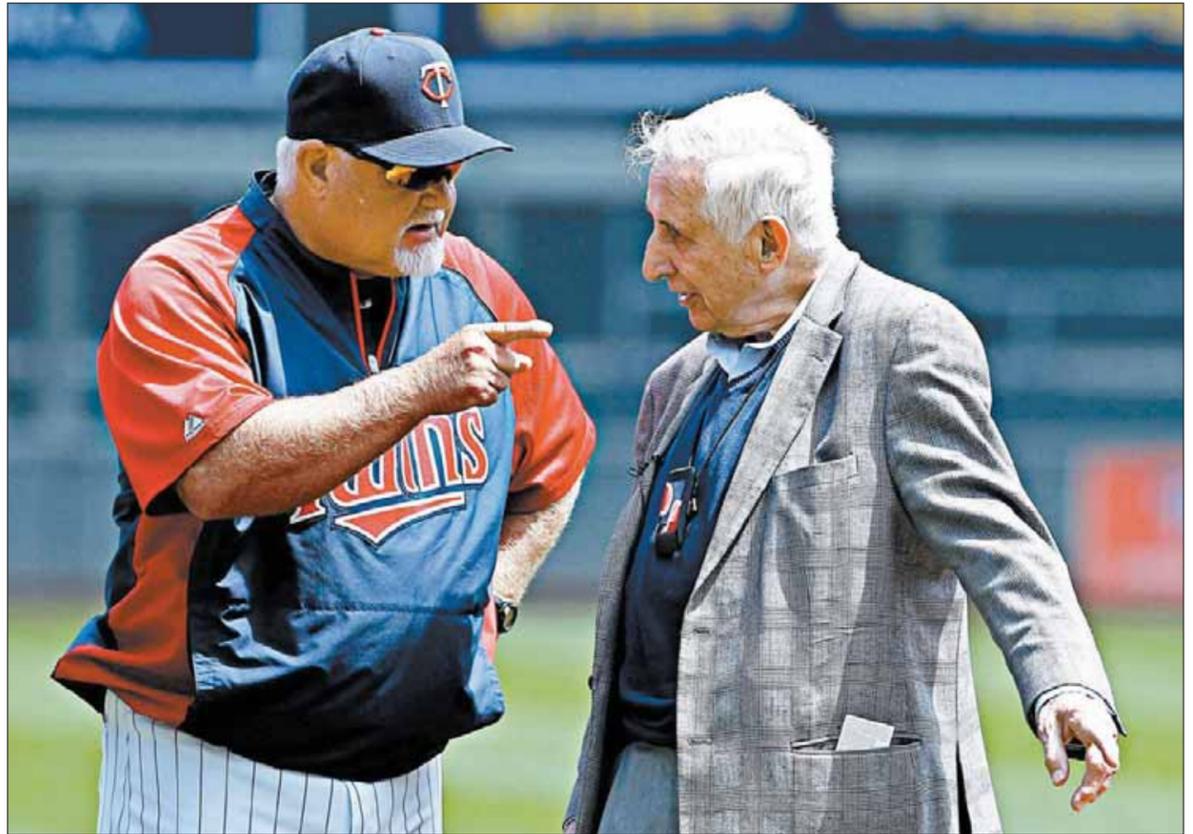
The Vikings produced a seven-minute video tribute, including greetings from former coaches Bud Grant, Jerry Burns, Brad Childress and Leslie Frazier, former quarterbacks Brett Favre, Archie Manning and Fran Tarkenton and broadcasters Al Michaels and Jim Nantz.

Hartman's weekly appearance on "The Sports Huddle" with co-hosts Dave Mona and Mike Max featured callers such as former Minnesota Gov. Arne Carlson and former college football coach Lou Holtz, a few of the many famous names Hartman frequently referenced in print as a "close personal friend." From George Steinbrenner to Bob Knight to Pete Carroll, Hartman's rolodex has long been a who's-who of the sports world.

"One of the reasons I started working for the newspaper at such a young age was because it helped my family have extra money at that time," Hartman wrote in his column published in Sunday editions of the newspaper he began selling on downtown Minneapolis street corners at age 9.

These days, personal nurses are by his side as he makes more limited appearances at games and events. He needs a walker or a wheelchair to get around. Hearing is difficult, and his speech is halting and slurred. An iPhone has replaced his oversized, old-fashioned tape recorder.

Nonetheless, Hartman conducts inter-



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Minneapolis Star Tribune sports columnist Sid Hartman, who turned 100 on Sunday, talks with Twins manager Ron Gardenhire in 2014.

views and composes commentary for three columns per week — four during football season — in addition to the radio airtime. Star Tribune copy editor Jeff Day tirelessly handles the transcription and dictation, but make no mistake — the perspective is clearly Hartman's. He remains acutely aware of the salary-cap challenge the Vikings are facing and the sinking attendance of the Timberwolves as well as the upward trajectory of the Gophers football program and the power-hitting potential of the Twins.

As the postponements and cancellations piled up this week, Hartman reflected in Friday's print editions on his first published column in the paper — on Sept. 11, 1945, a little more than a week after the end of World War II.

"And while there may not be a comparison in terms of the war and this health scare, the fact is during the war years sports proved to be a key factor in keeping people together and bringing the country back," Hartman wrote, later adding: "When games

are played again, it will bring a lot of comfort to teams and fans."

In an age in which the lines between the sporting press and local establishments were more blurred, Hartman helped broker a \$15,000 purchase in 1947 of the franchise that became the Minneapolis Lakers and eventually joined the NBA. Hartman became the de facto general manager. The Lakers moved to Los Angeles in 1960 after a dynastic run of five championships, mostly with a sports writer making personnel decisions and handling contract negotiations.

"In those days the sports editors allowed every staff member to do public relations for some kind of a sport, whether it be professional wrestling, basketball, boxing or anything like that," Hartman wrote. "You could never do that now at the Star Tribune or any other newspaper. Nobody would even think of it."

"But in those days it was allowed and even encouraged. Back then sportswriters didn't make a lot of money, so having a side

PR job was allowed for years. No doubt there was conflict of interest in all of these moves. But the paper encouraged it because they were so eager to make this a major-league city and felt that I could be a help because of my contacts."

So on went this most unusual career of the son of Russian and Latvian immigrants, who dropped out of Minneapolis North High School in 1936 to work in the circulation department at the Minneapolis Tribune and has stayed in the news business ever since.

He was inducted in 2003 into the media wing of the Basketball Hall of Fame, receiving the Curt Gowdy Award.

In 2010, a statue of him was unveiled outside Target Center, where the Timberwolves play. The Star Tribune counted 21,149 bylines of his.

"I have followed the advice that if you love what you do, you never work a day in your life," Hartman wrote in his column Sunday. "Even at 100 I can say I still love what I do."

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There will be no titanic upsets this March like when UMBC shocked top seed Virginia in the first round of the 2018 NCAA Tournament.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

March sadness

With no NCAA tourney, no brackets, no knowing what might've been

BY EDDIE PELLIS

Associated Press

For all those who dreamed the impossible — making it a whole month without getting a single game wrong in the bracket — this is your year.

Everything else about the NCAA Tournament that won't happen this season — from Selection Sunday, to the jaw-dropping bracket busters and buzzer beaters, to the Sweet 16 to the Final Four? Call it March Sadness.

Before fears about the coronavirus scrubbed sports for the foreseeable future, Sunday was supposed to be the day to imagine the possibilities: all the tantalizing matchups, the upsets-in-the-makings, the favorites, and, of course, the underdogs — so many underdogs — that would pop up on the 68 lines to set the table for America over the next three weeks.

It was supposed to be the day to kick off a rite of spring, and a rite of passage — a three-week college hoops spectacular that allows people to set aside their differences and replace them with other ones. It was an event designed every bit as much for the hard-core basketball fan as for the clueless neophyte who can't tell a pick-and-roll from a personal foul. It was for anyone with ten bucks to blow in an office pool, or who really liked picking teams that wear red, or was quite sure a Blue Devil would vanquish a Red Raider if the actual team mascots went to war.

It was ... something we're going to miss this year in our coronavirus-infected country — a year in which we could use an escape, but will be stuck watching reruns of "Blue Bloods" instead of games between blue bloods.

It was supposed to be a year for Kansas to walk in as the No. 1 overall seed and have two stories told at the same time. The Jayhawks could be staring at serious sanctions from the NCAA, which has targeted them with the dreaded "lack of institutional control" for a series of alleged recruiting violations. They were also being led by Udoka Azubuike, the big man who left Nigeria when he was a kid for a better opportunity to play basketball. He was hoping to be reunited with his mom at the Final Four in Atlanta.

Would the Jayhawks have made it to Atlanta? Who was ready to step in if they didn't?

A top candidate for Most Inspirational would've come from Dayton. The struggling Ohio city was shattered by a mass shooting last summer. Trey Landers, a senior guard at the 11,000-student Catholic school, was among those who escaped from a bar as a gunman approached with an assault-style weapon. "Our team is helping pull the city together a little bit. ... It's bigger than us," Landers said recently. The Flyers, at 29-2 and ranked third in The Associated Press poll, were headed for a No. 1 seed.

Rutgers also was on the verge of making history. One of the most downtrodden sports programs in America was projected to make the tournament for the first time since 1991. "We would have won some games, too," coach Steve Pikiell said. Now, all the Scarlet Knights can do is wait 'til next year.

Michigan State would've been in the mix, as always. Its star player, Cassius Winston, would've been the emotional center of any deep run by the Spartans. His brother, Zachary, stepped in front of a moving train and was killed instantly last November. "I lost a piece of my heart, but you guys you keep me going," Winston told Spartans fans shortly after his brother's death.

The Pac-12's best player, Payton Pritchard of Oregon, was trying to bookend his trip to the Final Four as a freshman with another as a senior. Speaking of the Ducks, was there any more dominating player in the country than Sabrina Ionescu? She had 26 career triple-doubles and finished her career with more than 2,000 points, 1,000 rebounds and 1,000

assists. But as is the case with the men, the party will end for the women before they get their chance to shine on the big stage.

This season's tournament, like all before them, would've been filled with dozens of legends in the making and diamonds in the rough — with teams that overcame adversity to get this far and superfans who inspired the country every bit as much as their team.

Might one have come from Belmont? The Ohio Valley Conference champions won a thriller of a conference title game with a last-second bucket off a backdoor cut on a play called "Liberty."

Or, how about Liberty? The Flames had punched their ticket by winning the Atlantic Sun tournament last Sunday, before the cancellations began en masse. They'll have to settle for a 30-4 record and the thoughts about what might have been in what would have been the program's first back-to-back trips to the show.

Ah, what might have been. New Mexico State was an inch away from the tying layup in the first round last year, but a selfless Aggie passed on the layup and kicked it out to a teammate for an open 3. That player got fouled and made only one free throw. Advancing instead was Auburn — and the momentum from that win pushed the Tigers all the way to the Final Four. Both teams were a good bet to make it back to the show this year.

But there will be no betting. And there will be no bulldogs, either. The Butler Bulldogs — remember them? — were a shoo-in for the bracket, but the availability of their mascot, Blue III, has been a source of controversy since the NCAA banned him from entering arenas a few years ago. Blue's handler, Michael Kaltenmark, was hanging up the leash either way after this season.

It's ending sooner than he — or anyone — expected.

"Extremely, extremely disappointed," said Mark Few, the coach of Gonzaga, which also was poised to be a No. 1 seed.

He's hardly the first coach to see his team's dreams crushed in March. But there wasn't a player, coach or fan who thought the season would end before the fun even began.

BASEBALL

Player in minors has virus

Yankees prospect didn't interact with big leaguers

BY BEN WALKER

Associated Press

A Yankees minor leaguer tested positive for the coronavirus, the Marlins shut their spring training complex and baseball began bracing for the possibility that opening day could be delayed into May or even later.

On Sunday night, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommended gatherings of 50 people or more be canceled or postponed across the country for the next eight weeks. Major League Baseball planned to update teams Monday on its health policy.

On Sunday, a Yankees prospect became the first known player affiliated with MLB to contract COVID-19. Yankees general manager Brian Cashman said a "younger player" was affected in Tampa, Florida, without identifying him. Cashman said the player "feels much better" and his symptoms had subsided, but he was still isolated.

"He did not have any interactions with our major league players," Cashman said on a conference call.

The Marlins, meanwhile, became the first organization to completely close their complex, sending players home from Jupiter, Florida. And Rangers general manager Jon Daniels said his team has "effectively" closed down its training camp in Surprise, Arizona.

The moves by the Marlins and Rangers were team decisions, rather than something mandated by MLB. But there were indications that other camps wouldn't stay open much longer in the wake of the virus, and more shutdowns could set off a chain reaction that would mean no real games for quite a while.

Asked what his biggest baseball concern was, Daniels responded, "I don't really have one to be honest with you, my head's not even there."

"It might have been a few days ago, but it's been pretty solely focused on making sure everyone's got what they need, and everyone's family is taken care of, and that we can get everybody home," he said. "We're going to have plenty of time to figure out the baseball piece."

MLB called off the rest of the spring schedule on Thursday and said opening day, which had been scheduled for March 26, was postponed for at least two weeks.

Teams and players agree that two to four weeks of additional spring training will be needed before the regular season begins. Given the time required to reopen camps, hold workouts and then get started, opening day appeared a long way off.

Cashman said the player was tested on Friday morning and the minor league complex was closed.

Sports may be off 8 more weeks

CDC guidance suggests timeline for big events

BY TIM REYNOLDS

Associated Press

The already-delayed professional sports seasons in North America could be on hiatus for significantly longer than first planned after federal officials said Sunday that they recommend all in-person events involving 50 people or more be called off for the next eight weeks.

That's twice as long as the 30-day shutdowns that the NBA, NHL and Major League Soccer decided to put into place last week in response to the global coronavirus pandemic that has already made a deep impact on the U.S. financial markets and has been blamed for at least 64 deaths in this country.

Major League Baseball also was going with what essentially was a 30-day shutdown after canceling the rest of spring training and pushing back the start of regular season play for two weeks; opening day was to have been March 26.

But new recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Sunday night seem to suggest that sports in this country could for all intents and purposes be gone until

May, if not later.

"CDC, in accordance with its guidance for large events and mass gatherings, recommends that for the next 8 weeks, organizers ... cancel or postpone in-person events that consist of 50 people or more throughout the U.S.," it said. "Events of any size should only be continued if they can be carried out with adherence to guidelines for protecting vulnerable populations, hand hygiene, and social distancing."

The eight-week window easily exceeds what would have been the remainder of the NBA and NHL regular seasons, plus would cover about the first 25% of the MLB season — or roughly 40 games per team. It would also cast serious doubt on the ability to hold other major U.S. sporting events as planned, such as the Kentucky Derby in early May.

The NBA was already bracing to play games without fans in arenas, something that would have started late last week had a player — Rudy Gobert of the Utah Jazz — not tested positive for the virus, COVID-19. Jazz teammate Donovan Mitchell and the Pistons' Christian Wood have tested positive since, but Gobert's diagnosis was enough for the league to say that it was suspending play.

"I've been feeling a little better every single day," Gobert said in a video posted Sunday. He added, "I

wish I would have took this thing more seriously."

Later Sunday, The AP reported that the NBA has sent teams a memo saying players can leave their home markets during the shutdown if they so choose — yet another clear sign that the game's hiatus is not ending anytime soon. The memo also told teams formal practices will remain off indefinitely, individual workouts at team facilities may continue and detailed other safeguards teams should be taking at this point.

The NBA has already been asking teams to share availability for their arenas through the end of July, a sign that the league is prepared to extend the season at least that long if necessary — and those moves came a couple of days before the CDC made its latest recommendation. The NBA regular season was to have ended April 15 and the NBA Finals were to have started June 4, with the season done on or before June 21.

It's not just the team sports that have been shut down: Pro tennis and golf have basically been called off for the next several weeks, with such marquee events as Indian Wells and the Miami Open in tennis and The Players Championship and Masters in golf either canceled or postponed. The NCAA men's Division I college basketball tournament — March Madness — was to release its



STEPHEN M. DOWELL/AP

The Amway Center in Orlando, Florida, home to the NBA's Magic, and other arenas may be empty into May or later due to the coronavirus.

bracket Sunday and start the now-canceled 68-team tournament Tuesday. The women's Division I tournament was to have started this week.

They've all been called off, as have all other winter- and spring-sport seasons at all levels of the NCAA. Most high school state associations have also had to cancel seasons and championships as well. Some minor-league hockey leagues have canceled seasons, and it seems increasingly unlikely that the G League — the NBA's minor league — will resume play this season.

Some NBA players were spend-

ing Sunday at home playing video games; the Heat's Goran Dragic posted a video of himself outside his house kicking a soccer ball around. Others, like the Warriors' Stephen Curry, were urging their fans to continue taking the pandemic seriously.

"We all have to take responsibility for ourselves and do whatever it takes to #stopthespread," Curry told his 14.1 million followers on Twitter. "There's a sense of urgency to flatten the curve and give ourselves and the healthcare system the best chance to get through this pandemic. Share this message and let's protect each other!"

SPORTS

NFL

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jobs, ensure continued progress on player safety, and give our fans more and better football," NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell said in a statement. "We appreciate the tireless efforts of the members of the Management Council Executive Committee and the NFLPA leadership, both of whom devoted nearly a year to detailed, good faith negotiations to reach this comprehensive, transformative agreement."

Players publicly backed both sides. Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers and Bears wide receiver Allen Robinson both said they voted no. Robinson said Friday that he believed a 50-50 revenue share should have been nonnegotiable on the players side if they were agreeing to a 17th game.

Robinson tweeted his displeasure with the news.

Dolphins quarterback Ryan Fitzpatrick laid out why he voted yes in a Twitter video, citing increased revenue share and minimum salaries, an adjusted drug-testing policy and improved working conditions.

Minimum salaries for players with less than one year of experience jump about 20% to \$610,000 this year and would top \$1 million by 2030, ESPN reported. Other minimum salaries see similar increases.

The new CBA increases game-day active rosters by two players to 48 and practice squads from 10 to 12 initially and 14 by 2022. It reduces preseason games from four to three once the 17-game season starts, reduces padded training-camp practices from 28 to 16 and caps training camp practices at 2½ hours.

The league's drug policy also significantly relaxes under the new deal. It eliminates suspensions for positive marijuana tests, reduces testing to the first two weeks of training camp and increases the threshold for a positive test.

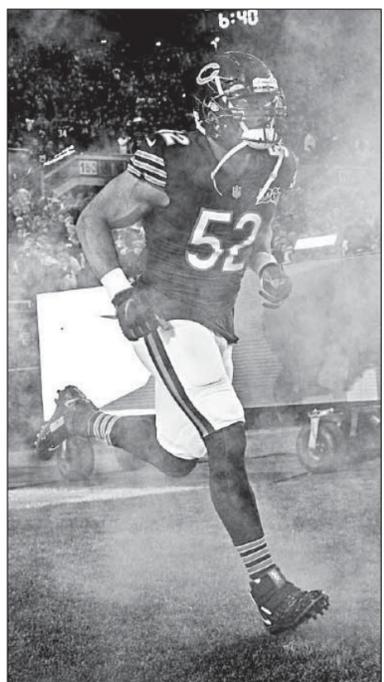
Patriots quarterback Tom Brady is among those apparently pleased with the result. He tweeted "Well done De" to NFLPA executive director DeMaurice Smith following the announcement.

Newly elected NFLPA president J.C. Tretter acknowledged the mixed feelings of players with a statement on Twitter from the players' executive committee.

"We understand and know that players have been split on the deal, including members of our EC," it said. "Going forward, it is our duty to lead, however we may feel as individuals, to bring our men together and to continue to represent the interests of our entire membership."

In an open letter posted to Twitter early Sunday, Smith said the organization had fulfilled its mission to "increase the democratic involvement of our members." And he tried to explain the process by which the agreement was made.

"The current proposal contains increases across almost every category of wages, hours, working conditions and benefits for current and former players," Smith wrote. "Like any contested negotiation, such as a player contract, or even legislation, the proposal also reflects trades with the counterparty which have to be carefully weighed and assessed across the entirety of the deal. Please be confident that I hear — loudly and clearly — those of you who have passionately expressed their perspective that these gains are not enough when weighed against, for example, adding another game."



Linebacker Khalil Mack and the Bears will have to adjust to a 17-game schedule.



Michigan State's Cassius Winston, left, celebrates with teammate Xavier Tillman Sr. on March 8. "I went out a winner," Winston said.

Ryan

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1. Would Cassius Winston and Michigan State have won it all?

If anyone deserved this tournament, it was Winston.

Basketball can't heal a broken heart. But after his younger brother Zachary died in November, Winston was enveloped in an embrace all season by teammates, fans and opponents. The competition was at least a distraction for him.

He returned for his senior season hoping to make a Final Four run and helping the Spartans to their first championship since 2000. The Spartans (22-9) were on a roll, winning a share of the Big Ten regular-season title with a string of five wins.

"I went out a champion," Winston said in a Friday interview with ESPN. "It's not the season that we expected. But at the end we fought though a lot, we battled and we got the chance to hoist up a trophy. My senior year, I feel like I ended with a championship."

If the NCAA announces an extra season of eligibility for winter athletes, Winston should be the first player offered.

2. Would Illinois, Rutgers and Penn State put a cherry on top?

Watching those teams announced on Selection Sunday would have been a reward for their long-suffering fans.

All three former Big Ten bottom-dwellers had the resumes to make the NCAA Tournament.

Illinois went from a 21-loss team last season to a 21-win team. They haven't been to the NCAA Tournament since 2013.

Rutgers (20-11) finished last in the Big Ten its first four seasons in the conference (2014-2018) and was 12th in 2018-19. The Scarlet Knights weren't a laughingstock; they were all but a tournament lock.

Lamar Stevens returned for his senior season to help Penn State (21-10) secure what would have been their first tournament appearance since 2011. He was just seven points shy of setting the school's scoring record.

These teams are a major reason why the Big Ten was considered such a bully conference. It would have been nice to see if any could have made a March run.

3. Was Sabrina Ionescu destined for a championship?

The Oregon player had established herself as a star, lauded by NBA and WNBA players. She was about to become a household name.

Ionescu became the only player — male or female — in college basketball history with 2,000 points, 1,000 rebounds and 1,000 assists.

The Pac-12 regular-season and tournament champions would have been a No. 1 seed — and likely No. 2 overall seed — with a solid shot at returning to the Final Four. Ionescu returned for her senior season to win a title.

She would have won over new fans along the way.



Oregon's Sabrina Ionescu was about to become a household name in the tournament.



Dunk you very much: Dayton's Obi Toppin slams it through against Davidson on Feb. 28.

4. How many Obi Toppin dunks would have gotten us out of our seats?

We'll have to rely on YouTube to watch the Dayton forward's dazzling dunking displays. One-handed jams. Alley-oops. Posterizing opponents.

He would have created a lot of content for the One Shining Moment video.

This was Dayton's best chance since 1967 to make a Final Four run. The Flyers (29-2) were a likely No. 1 seed. They Atlantic 10 champions had won 20 in a row. Their star player is likely NBA-bound.

Dayton fans are loyal and would have provided roaring crowds at any site. Now we're left to imagine.

5. Was this Gonzaga's year?

It seems as if Mark Few's teams have a real chance to cut down the nets most seasons.

This team ripped through the West Coast Conference and finished with a 31-2 record.

Like the 2016-17 Gonzaga squad that advanced to the national championship



Gonzaga's Mark Few cheers on his team. Would this have been the Bulldogs' year?

game, this team put up points. The Bulldogs led the nation in scoring at 874 points per game and in scoring margin at 19 points.

Tournament opponents would have had a tough time keeping up. Keeping up would have been a tough challenge for tournament foes.

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Workers clean up after a Blackhawks game Wednesday at the United Center. A day later, the season was suspended because of the coronavirus.

Virus also bugs fans

Coming to grips with its toll on sports:
'It sends shock waves through the system'

BY PHIL THOMPSON

As a sports fan and a college athlete, Taylor Mundt has had a rough week because of the coronavirus outbreak.

Within a 24-hour span, the Rockford University freshman found out that the NHL paused its season, so the Blackhawks game she attended Wednesday night at the United Center will be her last for a while; then she learned her local IceHogs, the Hawks' affiliate, was next when the AHL postponed its season; and her track and field coach notified her and teammates that their meet in Waukesha County, Wis., likely would be called off. Public health officials confirmed a case of COVID-19 in Waukesha on Wednesday.

Mundt, who competes in shot-put, discus and the 800 meters, also loves basketball, baseball and football — and all done for the foreseeable future. Worldwide, the

virus was responsible for more than 4,600 deaths through Wednesday, according to the World Health Organization.

"It just affects the whole sports community down to the fans," she said. "It sends shock waves through the system."

"Me and my boyfriend (Dayson Moore) were planning on going to a Bears game this next season. If it's going on through the summer months, how can they start the season on time? Baseball, how can the Cubs hold games if this goes on and it doesn't get better? Ultimately it affects all the teams I watch."

The Hawks notified fans through a statement that "if (postponed) games are not played or played in an empty arena, fans will have the option to receive a credit for a future game or a refund."

Mundt described her family as huge Hawks fans and she keeps up with the team's scores and social

media posts. Now she's wondering whether she and her family will be able to go to the annual Hawks fan convention, scheduled for July 24-26 at the Hilton Chicago.

"I was talking about that with my mom because we went last year and we had such a good time," said Mundt, who said her mom took to her first convention in 2019 as a high school graduation present. "So this year we were going to bring everybody to go. But if ... you can't really have big gatherings, then what do we do and what does that mean for it?"

"What does (coronavirus) mean long term for sports but also in general? Do we make plans for stuff in the next couple of months or just wait it out?"

As much as Chicago sports mean to Mundt, Carol Stream resident Frankie LaVere could talk your ear off about the subject.

"I grew up with my mom watching the '90s Bulls. ... I probably was having my formula watching (Michael) Jordan," said LaVere, 24, who works for Carol Stream's water department.

"Growing up watching the Cubbies, Bears, Blackhawks ... my whole life revolves around sports. My family's all about sports. I would say since I've been able to speak, every single day of my life I talked about sports."

So he remembers hearing each new report that some professional or college sport was putting a pause on its season.

"I said, 'Uh-oh,'" he said. "The dominoes started falling. Then spring training got canceled, hockey's done and it's like, 'Oh, my God, this is crazy.'"

LaVere couldn't think of a worse time for the pandemic's effect on sports.

College basketball would be in the midst of March Madness. The NBA and NHL would be gearing up for the playoffs. Spring training would be winding down and opening day — now pushed back at least two weeks — would've taken place later this month.

"This is a horrible situation," LaVere said. "It sucks it had to happen in arguably the most busy time in sports."

"As a fan it's kind of sad, you know? When I get home from an eight-hour day at work or a two-hour day at the gym, I'm exhausted. You want to kick back, you want to relax, have a nice meal and you want to watch the Bulls game or you want to watch the Blackhawks."

"The fact that now there's really no sports on, I've got to find a TV show to binge on, I guess. It's sad."

LaVere also sees the affect in his daily routine.

"Went to the gym, it was dead," he said. "Maybe five people in there. I was like, 'This is awesome, I have the whole gym to myself.' Then again, it is just sad because people aren't doing what they love and what they're passionate because they're afraid."

It's for that reason and others that he understands leagues such as the NBA and NHL taking the rare step of postponing games.

"Will it stink? Absolutely," he said. "(But) I'd rather have the players, fans (and) everybody be safe and healthy than be able to watch a sports game."

How sportsbooks will handle NBA win totals and future bets

BY MATT MOORE
The Action Network

The biggest question from NBA bettors after the league's suspension Wednesday night in the wake of COVID-19 has, of course, been, "What happens to my season win totals bets?"

Books are offering some clarity, while the NBA tries to get a handle on its future after Jazz center Rudy Gobert and subsequently teammate Donovan Mitchell tested positive for the virus. It's not yet known if or when the NBA season will resume or whether the NBA playoffs will take place.

For now, books are obviously holding on the bets until a decision is reached by the league. That decision could take months depending on the spread of the virus in the United States.

Should the season resume, all bets would of course still hold action, provided the rest of the games are played. The Westgate SuperBook's VP of Risk Management, Ed Salmons, shared with The Action Network that all 82 games must be played for the bets to have action.

In the event of the regular season being truncated and play resuming with the playoffs —

which is definitely on the table — books have different positions.

For Westgate, all 82 games must be played regardless of the bet. In the event that the regular season is called as of Wednesday night, all bets, including overs that had already been confirmed, would be ruled no action; all bets would be refunded.

PointsBet has taken a different position. Director of Communications Patrick Eichner told The Action Network on Thursday that win-total-over bets that already had been confirmed will be paid out, while all other bets will be refunded.



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cleaning, it was Wrigleyville on Sunday morning.

On Saturday, videos spread over social media of revelers crowding onto Clark Street outside bars and restaurants, celebrating the day before St. Patrick's Day in typical Chicago fashion.

Social distancing? Not on our watch. Sunday's early-afternoon crowd was lighter and much more subdued, with a significantly lesser risk of bumping into someone who might be infected while lined up outside the entrance.

At Sluggers World Class Sports Bar, some of the TVs were tuned in to a rerun of an old Cubs game on Marquee Sports Network as a small crowd at the bar ate lunch and drank cocktails. The Nisei Lounge was closed, though a chalkboard sign outside declared the new maximum capacity was 15, with "no exceptions, hugs or handshakes." Above the sign was a quote from the late TV personality Anthony Bourdain: "You don't talk about drinking. You do it, for God's sake."

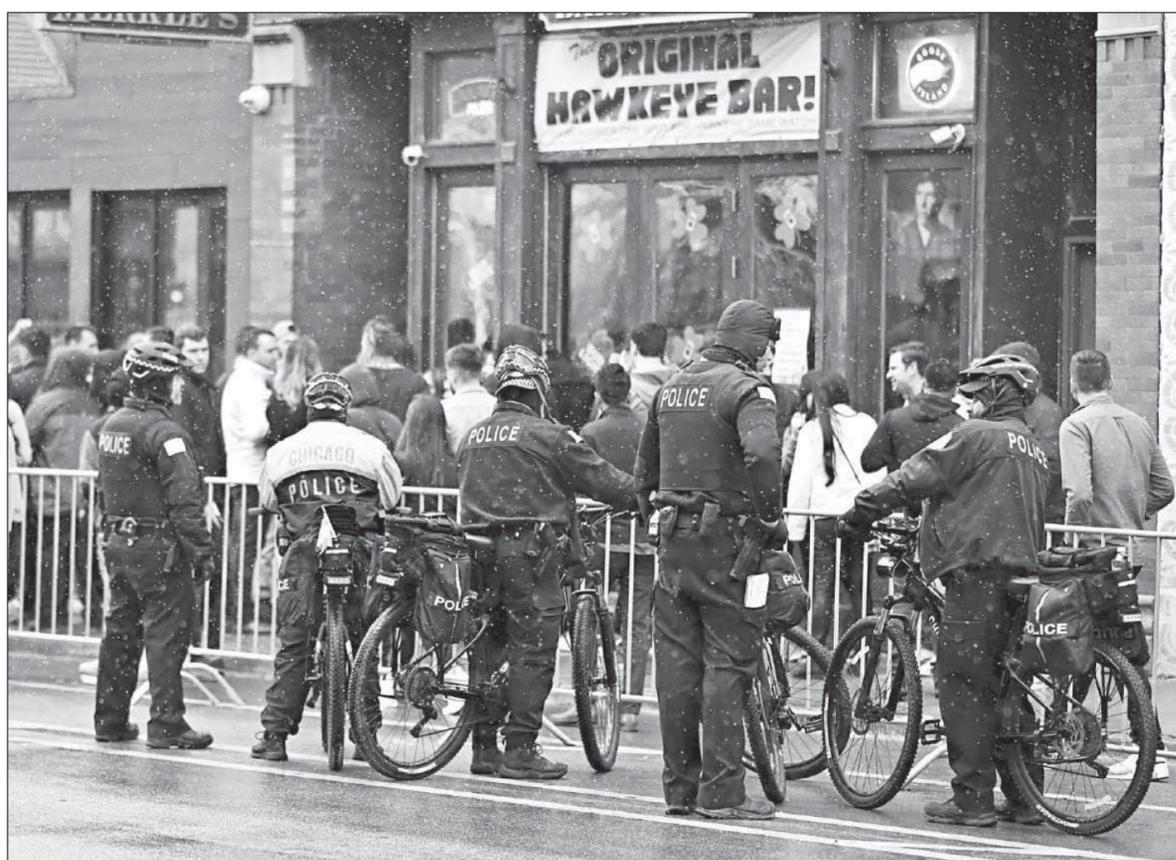
Partying in Wrigleyville is a tradition that dates several decades, and almost all of us who have lived in Chicago have been to one or two such gatherings, whether in the old, dirty Wrigleyville of our youth or the new, faux-River North version of the Ricketts era.

Walking north on Clark Street, I ran into a group of young men wearing robes and onesies on the way to a party. One wore a T-shirt that read: "Dead Inside, but Still Horny." Sometimes you have to laugh at the stupidity, knowing that 20-something idiot once was you.

The new Wrigleyville is undergoing changes, some of which are because of the novel coronavirus and some because there never is a shortage of businessmen and women who think they can cash in by opening a place near the beloved park.

Several establishments on Clark Street near Wrigley closed after the end of the 2019 season. The Cubs Store on Gallagher Way had a sign on the window Sunday that read: "Temporarily Closed." The Motorola Trophy Room next store also was closed, and no Cubs trophy was in sight while peering through the windows. Jeni's Splendid Ice Cream posted a sign offering "contactless service" and revealed that "cones, waffle bowls and sampling are currently unavailable" because of precautionary measures.

Maddon's Post, the shuttered restaurant on Waveland Avenue that had a half-year run under a group headed by former Cubs manager Joe Maddon, had its windows papered over. But some of the paper was falling down, revealing tables that still had dishes and glasses set up as though it was



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Chicago police officers monitor activity as young adults wait to enter bars on Clark Street in the Wrigleyville neighborhood Saturday.

business as usual.

Many Wrigleyville bars on Sunday received a directive from Department of Public Health Commissioner Allison Arwady, ordering them to limit occupancy to 50% of legal capacity because of the coronavirus outbreak, citing state and federal health data that indicated "large gatherings of people in close proximity to each other contribute significantly to the spread of COVID-19."

The directive covered any establishment within the city limits that sold or served alcohol and also prohibited "lines and other gatherings" outside such establishments. Bartenders wondered when they would be shut down altogether, and that moment arrived soon afterward when Gov. J.B. Pritzker ordered all restaurants across the state to close to dine-in customers beginning Monday night.

That seemed to be the only way to avoid the kind of scenes that took place Saturday, when everyone seemed to be acting in the opposite manner of what all the health experts had advised.

I dropped in on Bernie's, one of my old haunts at Clark Street and Waveland Ave-

nue, to see whether the coronavirus advisement was being heard. A 28-year-old man, who asked not to be named, told me it was no surprise to him that his peers were ignoring the health experts' advice on social distancing and crowding into bars like sardines as though nothing was new.

"Millennials feel like we'll get (the virus), and then we'll get over it," he said. "So it's no big deal. Millennials kind of feel invincible."

No big deal? Are millennials not paying attention?

"I just think there hasn't been enough education for something like this," he replied. "The last time something big happened was the Spanish Flu in (1918). How do you react to that in the modern age? We don't know."

Um, well, perhaps you can go on the internet and find out how to react?

"Don't believe everything you read on the internet," he said.

OK. So you just think you'll catch it, get better and there's nothing else to be concerned about?

"No, I understand the risk to others by me potentially getting it and having enough

sense to social distance myself from others," he said. "I'm not going to go and be a terror to the world. Just using common sense."

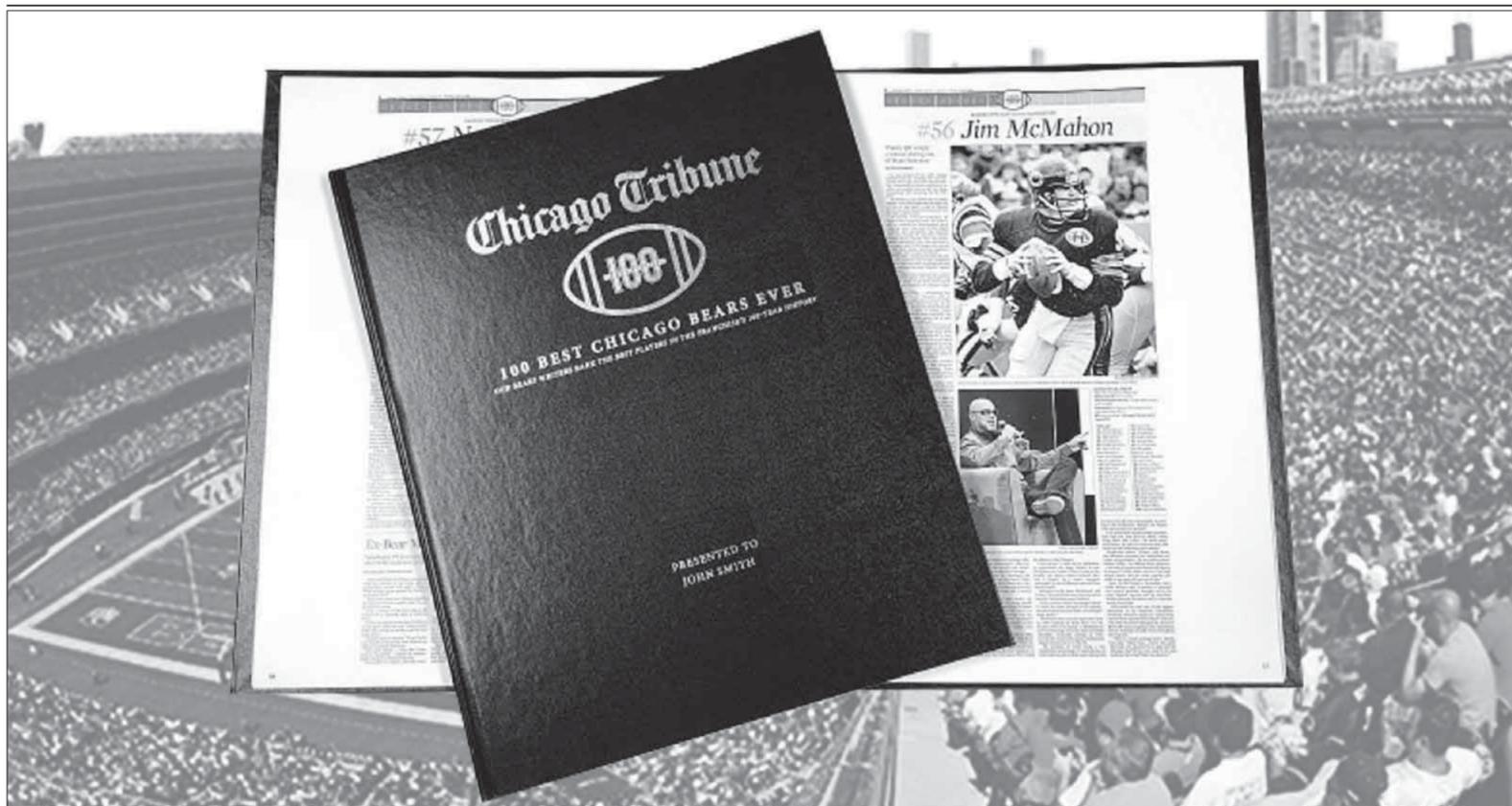
Common sense appears to be a sparse commodity, and not just with the Wrigleyville crowd. MLB waited until Sunday to order teams to end organized workouts at spring training camps, even as most teams informed their players Friday they could go home if they wanted.

Epstein said Friday that the Cubs were treating the revised baseball calendar like it was "similar to January," meaning the players are given offseason routines that "keeps them in shape but doesn't burn them out and puts them in good position for when it's time to return for a three- to four-week spring training at some point."

In other words, stay ready, but be with the people you love.

"Beyond that we've advised them to take care of their families, to make good decisions and to take care and be safe and be well," Epstein said.

That advice should be heeded by people of all ages and occupations, in Wrigleyville and beyond.



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	W	L	PCT	GB
x-Toronto	46	18	.719	—
x-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				
x-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				
x-L.A. Lakers	49	14	.778	—
L.A. Clippers	44	20	.688	5½
Sacramento	28	36	.438	21½
Phoenix	26	31	.452	24
Golden State	15	50	.231	35

x-clinched playoff spot

LEADERS

REBOUNDS				
	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG
Drummond, DET	226	549	775	15.82
Whiteside, POR	244	625	869	14.25
Antetokounmpo, MIL	130	653	783	13.74
Gobert, UTA	211	639	850	13.71
Sabonis, IND	189	582	771	12.44
Valanciunas, MEM	190	506	696	11.23
Vucevic, ORL	130	466	596	11.04
Adebayo, MIA	165	518	683	10.51
Jokic, DEN	155	508	663	10.2
Thompson, CLE	226	351	577	10.12
Jordan, BKN	141	420	561	10.02
Favors, NOP	147	298	445	9.89
Love, CLE	54	493	547	9.77
Randle, NYK	151	471	622	9.72
Porzingis, DAL	89	394	483	9.47
Allen, BKN	195	410	605	9.45
Davis, LAL	124	393	517	9.4
Adams, OKC	196	347	543	9.36
Doncic, DAL	69	433	502	9.3
Ibaka, TOR	104	310	414	8.28
Westbrook, HOU	94	332	426	8.04
ASSISTS				
	G	AST	AVG	
James, LAL	60	636	10.6	
Young, ATL	60	560	9.3	
Rubio, PHX	57	507	8.9	
Doncic, DAL	54	470	8.7	
Simmons, PHI	54	442	8.2	
Lillard, POR	58	453	7.8	
Lowry, TOR	52	399	7.7	
Graham, CHA	63	471	7.5	
Harden, HOU	61	450	7.4	
Brogdon, IND	48	343	7.1	
Ball, NOP	56	392	7.0	
Westbrook, HOU	53	370	7.0	
Holiday, NOP	55	378	6.9	
Jokic, DEN	65	446	6.9	
Morant, MEM	59	409	6.9	
Dinwiddie, BKN	64	432	6.8	
Fox, SAC	45	304	6.8	
Paul, OKC	63	426	6.8	
Booker, PHX	62	408	6.6	
VanVleet, TOR	48	317	6.6	
Beal, WAS	57	347	6.1	
Butler, MIA	54	331	6.1	
Antetokounmpo, MIL	57	329	5.8	

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	5	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

2 pts for win, 1 pt for shootout/OT loss

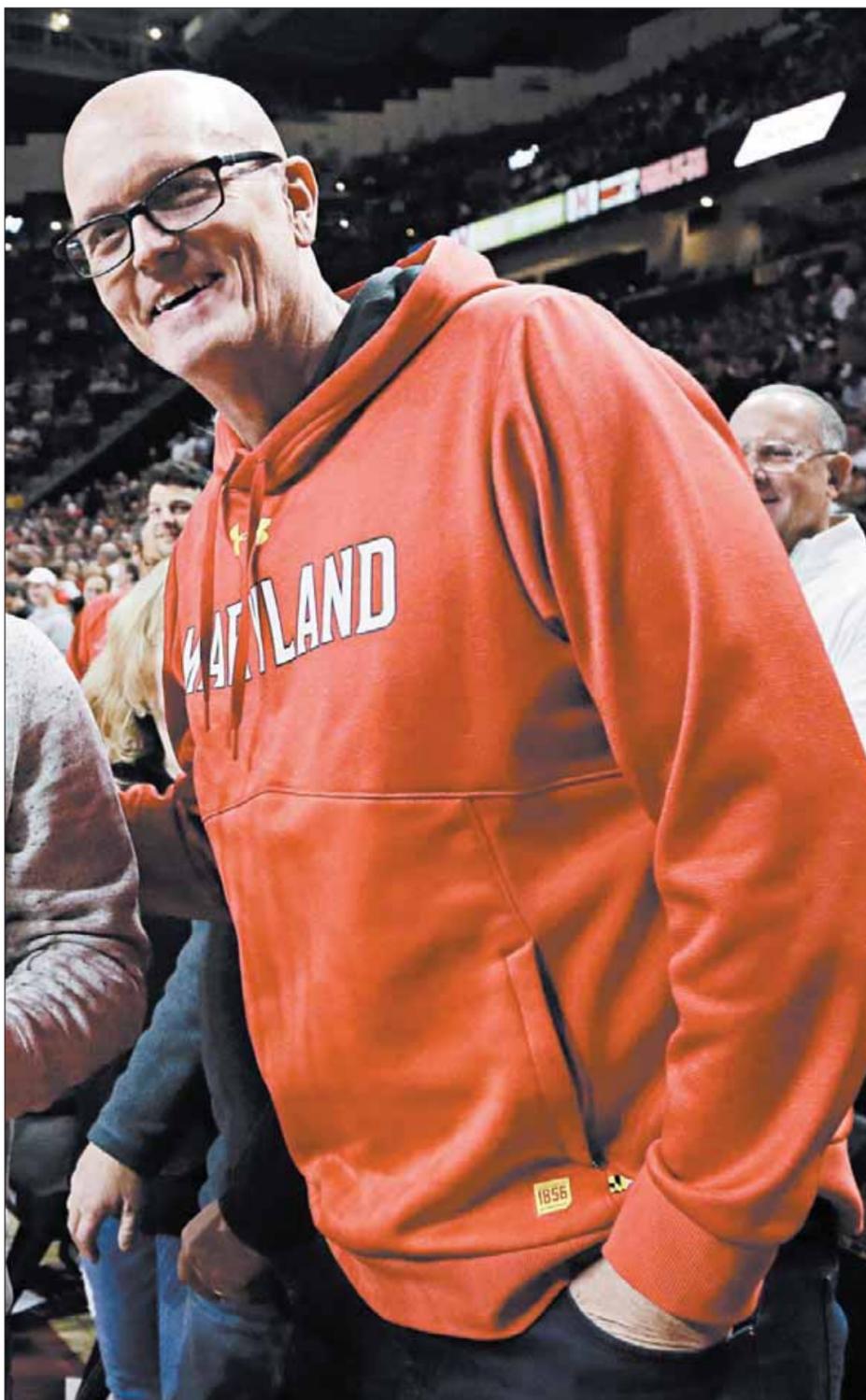
LEADERS

GOALS				
	TEAM	A	PT	G
Alex Ovechkin	WAS	19	67	48
David Pastrnak	BOS	47	95	48
Auston Matthews	TOR	33	80	47
Leon Draisaitl	EDM	67	110	43
Mika Zibanejad	NYR	34	75	41
Sebastian Aho	CAR	28	66	38
Kyle Connor	WPG	35	73	38
Jack Eichel	BUF	42	78	36
Nathan MacKinnon	COL	58	93	35
Connor McDavid	EDM	63	97	34
SHOTS				
	TEAM	G	P	S
Nathan MacKinnon	COL	35	93	318
Alex Ovechkin	WAS	48	67	311
Max Pacioretty	LV	32	66	307
Auston Matthews	TOR	47	80	290
David Pastrnak	BOS	48	95	279
Patrick Kane	CHI	33	84	275
Roman Josi	NSH	16	65	260
Brady Tkachuk	OTT	21	44	259
Tyler Seguin	DAL	17	50	245
Kyle Connor	WPG	38	73	239
Jon Marchessault	LV	22	47	235
GOALS AGAINST				
	G	Mins	GA	AVG
Rask, Bos	41	2401	85	2.12
Allen St. Louis	24	1339	48	2.15
Khudobin Dal	30	1677	62	2.22
Kuemper Arizona	29	1753	65	2.22
Merzlikins Clb	33	1815	71	2.35
Halak Bos	31	1833	73	2.39
Francouz Col	34	1914	77	2.41
Hart Phi	43	2355	95	2.42
Jarry Pitt	33	1926	78	2.43
Bishop Dal	44	2473	103	2.5
Samsonov Was	26	1411	60	2.55
Binnington StL	50	2947	126	2.56
Vasilevskiy Tam	52	3121	133	2.56

SOCCER

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER						
Eastern						
	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Atlanta	2	0	0	6	4	2
N.Y. Red Bulls	1	0	1	4	4	3
Montreal	1	0	1	4	4	3
Toronto FC	1	0	1	4	3	2
Columbus	1	0	1	4	2	1
D.C. United	1	1	0	3	3	3
Chicago	0	1	1	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	3	2
Seattle	1	0	1	4	3	3
Portland	1	1	0	3	2	3
Vancouver	1	1	0	3	2	3
Real Salt Lake	0	0	2	1	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.



JULIO CORTEZ/AP

ESPN broadcaster Scott Van Pelt and his peers are scrambling to fill their shows because of the virus.

For broadcasters, it's been quite a week

Networks get through the first weekend with taped programming

BY JOE REEDY

Associated Press

Scott Van Pelt was supposed to be breaking down the NCAA Tournament bracket on a busy Sunday night on ESPN's "SportsCenter."

Instead, Van Pelt was figuring out how to fill most of the hour with the sports world on hold because of the spread of the coronavirus.

"I have no idea. Right now having a rundown is a bit pointless," Van Pelt said. "It's like changing recipes on the fly. Are we making cookies? No, making something entirely different. I don't know what else can be canceled on our watch. It's been quite a week."

Van Pelt was supposed to be doing halftime segments during Wednesday's NBA games. What ended up happening was Van Pelt updating viewers about the NBA season as well as providing interviews and analysis once the Pelicans' game against the Kings in Sacramento, Calif. was postponed.

Van Pelt and ESPN weren't the only ones having to scramble to fill programming. CBS aired championship games from past

Big Ten and Atlantic 10 tournaments Saturday and Sunday. During the hour that CBS was supposed to be showing the tournament selections, viewers in New York saw the news while Los Angeles aired an infomercial.

NBC and Golf Channel showed the final two rounds of last year's Players Championship after the PGA Tour canceled the final three rounds Friday. Fox Sports left it up to its affiliates to program the gap left by the cancellation of Sunday's NASCAR race in Atlanta and NBCSN re-aired last year's IndyCar season opener.

ESPN at least had some live programming Saturday with a UFC card from Brazil. Sunday was mostly films from the "30 for 30" series, while ESPN2 re-aired some of the top college basketball games from the season. On Saturday they showed the entire "Love and Basketball" series. ABC also showed "30 for 30" films as well as episodes from the "College Football 150" series. FS1 and FS2 had a mix of college basketball and XFL re-airs.

Whether that remains the template for future weekends remains to be seen.

Van Pelt said the early plan for Sunday's "SportsCenter" included analyzing players approving the NFL's collective bargaining agreement as well as any signings that took place. He also

was planning to interview Penn State senior forward Lamar Stevens on seeing his season end abruptly when the Nittany Lions appeared to be headed to March Madness.

At first, Van Pelt wondered why the NCAA wouldn't release a bracket but then saw the reason, saying "it would be like what you would have gotten for Christmas and Christmas is canceled."

Van Pelt is trying not to look ahead because the situation can change on a dime and because it can be an unsettling feeling. He has received texts and calls from friends, family and athletes wondering the same thing as he is — what type of show are they going to do?

One thing Van Pelt is planning to do is showcasing those who have had their seasons cut short. He sent a tweet Friday asking people to nominate high school and college seniors to spotlight.

"In the absence of live content, we can do storytelling and acknowledge those who we know are out there that had their season end. There are quite a few people that we can shine a light on," he said. "Right now I'm just focusing on tonight's show. We have a lot of smart people who can figure out a lot of different things. I don't know how anyone can plan for eventualities not knowing what the end game is?"

NFL

Titans, Tannehill agree to extension

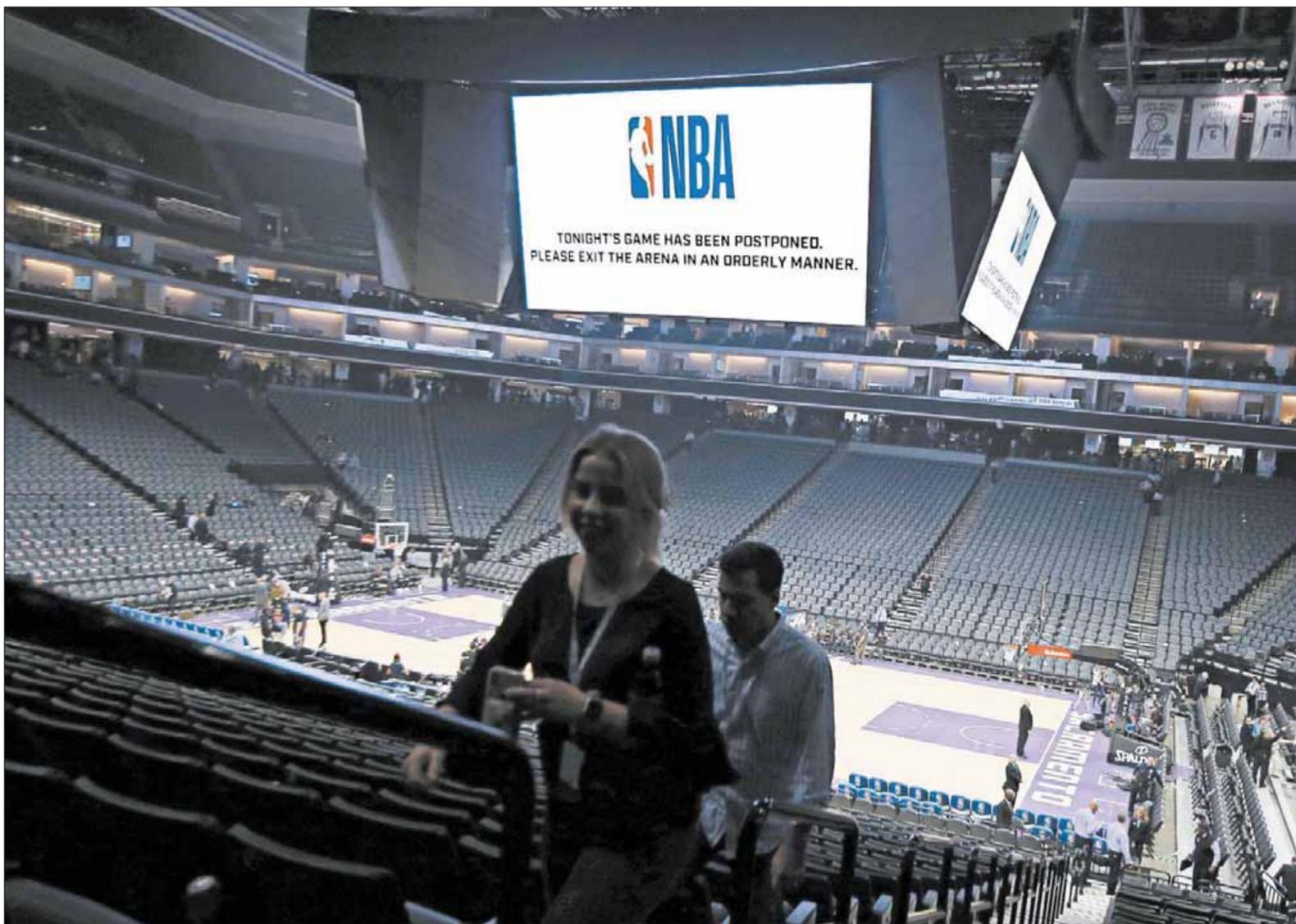
Quarterback will sign 4-year, \$118 million deal

BY TERESA M. WALKER

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Titans are keeping the quarterback that led them within a victory of the Super Bowl, agreeing to a four-year, \$118 million extension with Ryan Tannehill.

CORONAVIRUS IMPACT ON SPORTS



RICH PEDRONCELLI/AP

Fans leave the Golden 1 Center in Sacramento, Calif., after the game between the Pelicans and Kings was postponed at the last minute Wednesday out of an "abundance of caution."

A day no one will forget

In just 24 hours, the sports world went from fun 'n' games to no fun 'n' no games

By ANDREW KEH | New York Times

One by one, beginning Wednesday night and all through Thursday, the pillars of the American athletic landscape toppled, unceremoniously, to the ground, marking one of the most astonishing nights and days in United States sports history.

Professional basketball disappeared first, then the college game followed; hockey melted away; baseball went on indefinite hiatus; and soccer took leave as well.

Before Thursday, Americans could have held some hope that the country's traditional sports leagues would, in the coming weeks, supply moments of needed respite and emotional escape from the weighty concerns of the coronavirus pandemic.

Instead, within a matter of hours, a sudden, stunning void opened upon the sports scene, as it became clear that no subsection of society — even seemingly shatterproof, multibillion-dollar sports leagues populated by so many of the nation's larger-than-life public figures — would go untouched by the outbreak.

The disruptions and postponements and cancellations, which had started last week at a drip-drop pace, a game here and there, swelled Thursday into large, devastating waves that seemed poised to cause far-reaching competitive and financial repercussions for nearly everyone associated with these games and this business for years.

The NHL paused play in the final stretch of its regular season, vowing to resume "as soon as it is appropriate and prudent" to crown a champion for the 2019-2020 season.

Major League Baseball canceled its spring training schedule midswing and delayed its opening day, scheduled for the end of March, by at least two weeks.

Major League Soccer postponed all of its matches for 30 days, and the national soccer teams declared they would not step on a field at least through April.

And late in the afternoon, the NCAA's national basketball tournaments, among the most anticipated sporting events of the season, were canceled, planting a dramatic exclamation point onto a relentlessly depressing day.

Then at night, the PGA Tour announced that it was canceling the Players Championship, which was supposed to start its second round Friday, and all other competition before the Valero Texas Open, which begins April 2.

"I don't think in my lifetime I've seen a reaction anything like this," said Fay Vincent, who was born three years before World War II and served as commissioner of baseball from 1989 to 1992. "It's really a health and business crisis."

The leagues were following in the wake of the NBA, which had put its own season on hold late Wednesday night. Two of its players have tested positive for the virus.

It was almost unreal to see the sports leagues buckle under the pressure of an unseen, outside force. These institutions are more often seen throwing around their considerable financial might and cultural capital, and are frequently viewed as secure in their near-religious place in American society. And for a time, it even seemed they might resist the coronavirus too: various half-measures — like locker rooms closed to the news media, arenas closed to fans, games transferred to neutral sites in areas less affected by the virus — were pursued in recent days as solutions to keep athletes safe and sports afloat through the pandemic.

But little by little, over the course of the week, the decision to play on seemed to be clawed from their hands. The pressure came from all over.

Local and state governments increasingly took actions that left the leagues with little to no wiggle room. Gov. Mike DeWine of Ohio on Thursday announced a ban on public gatherings of more than 100 people. In New York, a similar restriction was placed on gatherings of 500, which effectively forced the closing not only of sports arenas in the city but also its theaters and museums.

A solemn address on Wednesday night from the Oval Office by President Donald Trump, who had previously played down the severity of the coronavirus, seemed to settle, once and for all, the severity of the moment, as if the roiling of the world's financial markets hadn't already.

And once one of the professional leagues decided to shut down operations, it appeared inevitable that others would follow like tumbling dominoes.

"There is an enormous concern in the sports world not to be left out there to be criticized," Vincent said. "One thing about a herd is if it



SARAH STIER/GETTY

Creighton players exit Madison Square Garden after the Big East tourney game vs. St. John's was suspended.



DUANE BURLESON/AP

Rudy Gobert (27) and Donovan Mitchell of the Jazz contracted the coronavirus. On Saturday, TV sets at an almost empty Buffalo Wild Wings showed reruns of auto racing and a bowling tournament.

all merges together, there's some safety in it. That's why it exists."

Such swift, dramatic actions produced a series of sometimes bizarre vignettes around the country's sports arenas, and even some overseas.

The Baltimore Orioles were aboard their team bus, headed to Fort Myers, Fla., for a spring training baseball game against the Minnesota Twins when it was halted and turned around.

St. John's and Creighton had played a half of basketball in the Big East tournament quarterfinals at Madison Square Garden before their game was called off and everyone was sent home.

The Utah Jazz's Rudy Gobert, the first athlete on a major American professional team to test positive for the virus, apologized on a social media account about a video that showed him jokingly touching microphones with his hands during a news conference earlier in the week, before his



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positive diagnosis.

In Joensuu, Finland, members of the U.S. biathlon team preparing for a tournament there this weekend were awakened in their hotel rooms by staff members at 3 a.m. — just after Trump announced a travel ban from Europe — and told to gather their belongings. Less than three hours later, they were on a series of flights arranged by the team's leadership — to Helsinki, then Munich, then to the United States — to bring them home.

"They packed their bags quick," said Max Cobb, president of the biathlon federation, who made the decision to recall the athletes. "We didn't ask them. There wasn't time. We felt like if we were going to get these guys out today we needed to make the decision and go for it. And we did."

"This is something way bigger than sport," Cobb said.

That notion — that sports should take a back seat to graver

concerns at a time like this — was commonly espoused on Thursday.

But it remained to be seen what effect the disappearance of sports from American stadiums and television sets would have on the nation.

Vincent noted that baseball continued to be played during other national crises, including World War II, filling an important role in asserting the identity of the country and steadying morale through periods of public anxiety.

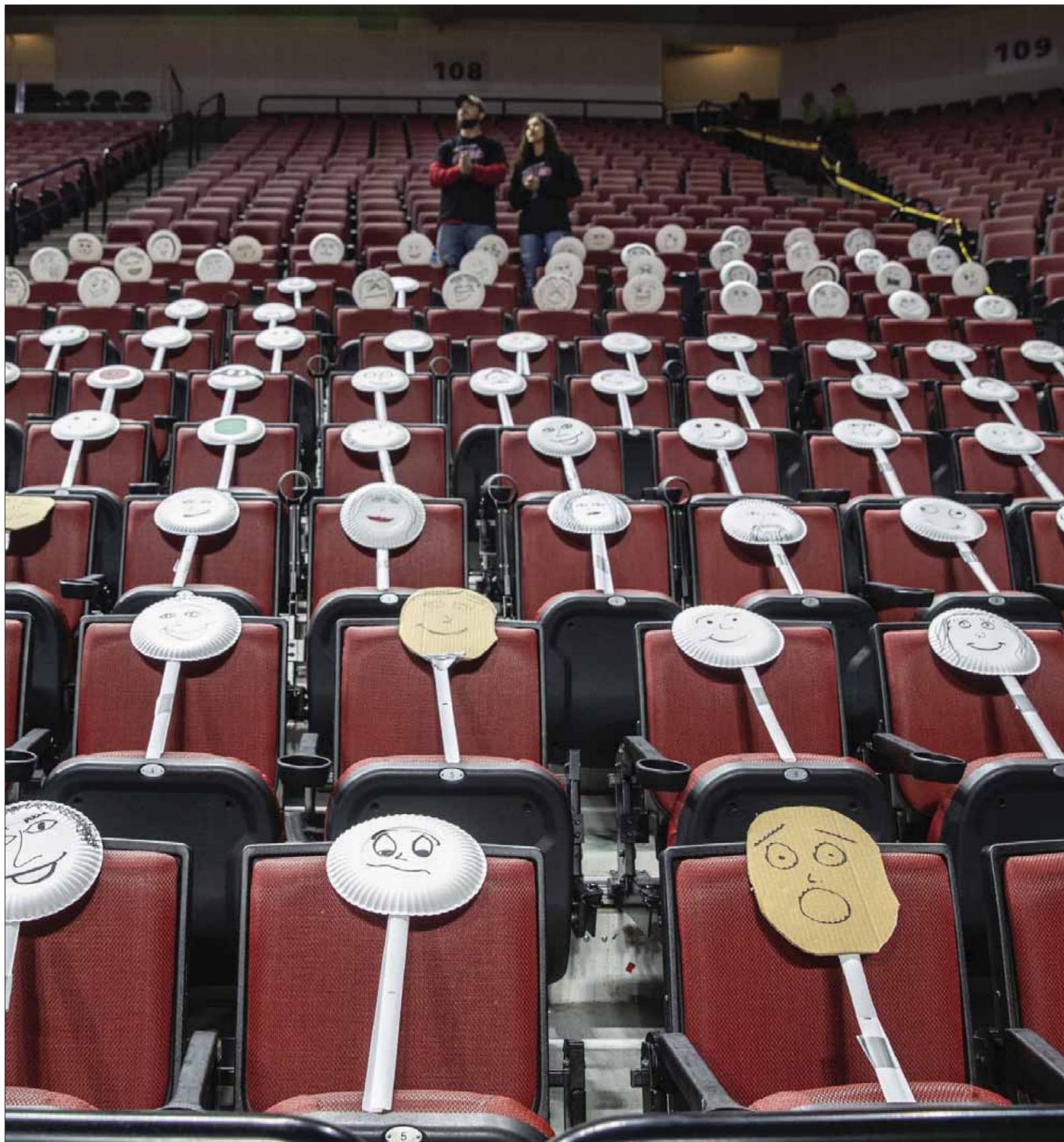
In recent days, as recommendations of "social distancing" put more strains on the connective fabric of American society, the collective act of watching sports seemed to have had the potential to help hold it together, if only through screens and social media feeds.

A deadly pandemic demanded a different sort of action. And the American sports landscape, in period of less than 24 hours, was left utterly denuded.

— eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE —

The story of us

Part of coronavirus crisis will be how we speak of this chapter in American history



CHRIS MACHIAN/AP

The Auburn fan section got creative by placing paper plate faces on the seats during the Class 1C boys basketball tournament championship game Saturday in Lincoln, Neb.

BY MITCH ALBOM
Detroit Free Press

I went to the hospital Friday. No. Not for that. My appointment had been made months earlier. The doctor offered to do it digitally, given the COVID-19 situation, but I prefer to be examined in person, rather than contort in front of a computer camera.

So I went to the hospital, University of Michigan Medical Center in Ann Arbor, which was not as busy as usual. Some folks wore masks. Some didn't. Most simply went about their business.

In the exam room, my doctor greeted me and smiled. Then she said, "Listen, I want to ask you a favor?"

I couldn't imagine what I had to offer a doctor. A book? An appearance at a kid's sports banquet?

"Can you tell everyone to stay calm?" she requested. "To be kind to each other, and not panic?"

She knew I wrote a column and had a radio program. She politely implored me to spread the message that we will get through this crisis, that there is no reason for hysteria, that the situation is being portrayed — at least in certain media outlets — as far worse than its reality.

"People in your position can make a difference," she said.

I thought about that after I left. And I realized she was right. During this crazy time, when the world feels like its hurtling forward and screeching to a halt at the same time, people who have columns, microphones or TV cameras should not be above the message of "we all need to pull together."

We should be part of it.

This means balancing the stories we tell. Checking the facts. Putting them in perspective. Recognizing that none of us are experts. And, yes, thinking about the emotional effect of what we do — not just slapping every incendiary story, theory or

As much as we need to control the spread of the virus, we need to control the spread of hopelessness. It is every bit as debilitating.

"expert" into a headline.

Because we must be concerned with more than just our bodies in the coming months.

We need to protect our minds.

Roll back the panic

As we pull up the covers on our lives, staying inside, eschewing gatherings, skipping work, schools, churches and parties, we will become more and more dependent on the media to reflect our outside world. Television hours will increase mightily. Internet time will zoom. People may actually read the newspaper front to back.

And if we only do stories about how bad it's getting, how many more new cases have been detected, how unprepared this institution or politician was, how this or that expert is predicting this many deaths and that much contagion — well, we will quickly become a very depressed nation. And a dark national mood is dangerous. For society. For the economy. For the future.

It will lead to more panic. More anger. More people grabbing every roll of toilet paper for themselves.

As much as we need to control the spread of the virus, we need to control the spread of hopelessness. It is every bit as debilitating. Two weeks ago, I did an interview with a coronavirus patient named Carl Goldman. He had been on a cruise ship in the Pacific

and was eventually quarantined in Nebraska. At 67, he said the illness wasn't harsh, a high fever at first, then some coughing, but now he felt pretty good and was waiting to be cleared. He is still waiting. He went public with his status, starting an internet blog because he thought "sharing information would be of value to people."

And while many people were indeed receptive, a small group was vicious. Goldman said he "started getting death threats, people saying we needed to stay (away) and not come back to the States. They wanted us to die."

Goldman's wife, Jeri, who did not have the virus, went home to Santa Clarita, California, where they have lived for decades. And even though she had not tested positive, she was shunned in certain places. A local nail parlor wouldn't allow her in. A young man who had been watching her house was fired from his job because he'd had contact with her. Currently, while her husband recovers in quarantine, she basically goes to work and goes home, unwelcome in parts of her hometown.

And this is someone who doesn't have the virus.

Balance the fear

I share that story to show how misinformation can lead to fear, and how fear can lead to cruelty. And I return to the idea that we in the media — particularly editors and producers who decide which stories go where — need to think as part of the American society, not a detached, unfeeling entity.

This means, for example, if we are going to blast headlines every day of how many new cases of COVID-19 have been discovered, we should put, in equal display, how many people have recovered from the virus and will be fine. That number globally is around 70,000. Did you know that? It's a

critical piece of information. But how many recovered people have you seen interviewed? Likewise, we read plenty of critical stories of how unprepared we were, or who fell down on the job. But there are people working on testing, distribution, vaccines, and emergency shelters. News about their progress would provide some optimism.

We need that kind of balance. We need perspective on numbers, not just numbers. People who have columns, host radio shows, or have opinion segments on TV news should think twice before blathering on about how awful this President is, or how magnificent this President is, or how unprepared we were, or how other countries are to blame, or how a new "expert" is now predicting this kind of death count or that kind of stock market collapse. We should consider what segments like that do to the national discourse and the national mood, not what they do for our ratings or internet clicks.

This isn't a time to be self-righteous, a false expert or a know-it-all alarmist. How we handle ourselves the next few months will determine what our nation looks like for the next few years. The dangers of the virus should never be ignored. But neither should the hopefulness of surviving it. I have learned, through decades writing about the subject, that most people can't really envision death. But they react mightily to the threat of it. Fear and depression quickly rise. Anger. Isolation. Doing and saying things they never did before.

We who shape this oncoming narrative will be largely responsible for that, like it or not. I guess this is why my doctor, in her wisdom, asked me to urge calm, compassion, reaching out instead of pulling in.

Finding the negative may be the media's inclination. But finding the positive is now our obligation. We are citizens and humans before we are reporters and commentators. And my doctor's "favor" should be granted by all of us, for all our sakes.

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Nate Reuvers (35) celebrates after Wisconsin clinched a share of the Big Ten regular-season title with a win over Indiana on March 7.

AJ MAST/AP

The power of patience

Badgers' basketball season proved that rough start doesn't always mean doom

BY TOM OATES | The Wisconsin State Journal

Not that it needs to be said, but it's a crying shame the University of Wisconsin men's basketball team wasn't able to finish what it started.

The same goes for the UW women's hockey team, elite Badgers individual-sport athletes such as Beata Nelson, Alicia Monson and Olli Hoard, and all the state high school basketball players — boys and girls — whose end-of-the-season dreams were dashed for reasons beyond their control. My heart especially goes out to the college and prep seniors in all sports who will never be able to make up for the opportunity that was lost.

But let's get two things out of the way: First, the high school, college and professional sports organizations that pulled the plug on their competitions had no choice given the growing threat of the new coronavirus and what should always be our No. 1 concern — the health of our citizens. Second, we will miss watching the games that entertain us, but we will get by without them.

Before we close the book on this UW basketball team, however, we should thank the Badgers for teaching us a valuable lesson.

Sadly, they weren't able to chase titles in the Big Ten Conference or NCAA tournaments, but by overcoming a string of adversities, winning their final eight games and coming out of nowhere to claim a share of the Big Ten's regular-season title, the Badgers not only ended the season as champions, they showed us the folly of jumping to conclusions, having knee-jerk overreactions to losses and writing off players and coaches simply because they're going through a rough stretch, all of which are commonplace in today's win-

now-or-else, social media-dominated world.

One of the biggest changes in sports fans over the last 10 years has been a rush to judgment when things go south. Maybe it's only the vocal minority who are being heard on social media or maybe it's younger fans who don't remember the bad old days at UW, but the Badgers got caught in the cross-hairs of criticism this season.

When UW opened with a 5-5 record, the sniping began. It didn't matter that transfer center Micah Potter wasn't eligible for the first 10 games because the NCAA is a clueless organization. Then, as Potter was working his way into the mix on the court, there was more upheaval when starter Kobe King abruptly quit the program and, about the same time, strength and conditioning coach Eric Helland was forced to resign over his use of a racial epithet (this particular knee-jerk overreaction was courtesy of the UW administration). At one point, UW was a disappointing 13-10 overall and 6-6 in the Big Ten.

The social-media voices were howling right about then. Among the most consistent themes: Greg Gard can't recruit, can't develop players and can't coach when the game is on the line, many of the players aren't good enough and should never have been recruited to UW and, of course, Gard is a poor leader who needs to be replaced immediately, if not sooner.

Over the final eight games, Gard and his players proved every one of those criticisms wrong. Dead wrong. The players expanded their offensive games, the team won every close game and, above all, everyone came together



Wisconsin's Greg Gard was under fire early in the season but ended it as the Big Ten coach of the year.

CHARLIE NEIBERGALL/AP

and restored UW's greatest asset — its envied locker-room culture.

Indeed, six players led UW in scoring during the eight-game winning streak, UW went 6-0 in games decided by eight points or less from Feb. 1 on, and any notion that King's departure would wreck the program was put to rest during that joyous locker room scene after the Badgers clinched a share of the regular-season title at Indiana. If anything, King's departure forced everyone to re-evaluate the situation and brought the coaches and players closer together.

By the end, UW looked like almost every other UW team under Gard or former coach Bo Ryan over the past 20 years. The Badgers played together, enjoyed playing together and were very hard to beat. Oh, and Gard was named coach of the year in the Big Ten.

Not only did UW go 16-5 after that 5-5 start, but it did so against

one of the nation's toughest schedules. In all, 22 of UW's 31 games came against teams that finished in the top 63 of the NET rankings. More telling, the Badgers were 7-2 against teams in the top 30.

To further illustrate the point about jumping to conclusions, early season losses to Saint Mary's and Richmond were regarded as unthinkable at the time. Well, Saint Mary's ended up 31st and Richmond 38th in the NET rankings. In retrospect, UW suffered only one bad loss all season and even that carried an asterisk because New Mexico was off to a strong start when it lost two starters to suspensions and went in the tank.

The sad fact is that realities such as roster uncertainty, tough opponents and the unpredictable bounce of the ball no longer seem to resonate with fans. All they seem to care about is if a team wins or loses.

Unfortunately, that's not the way sports works. The best team doesn't always win. Not all players develop as quickly as you might like. Games are won or lost when good shots rim out, 20-year-olds make poor decisions, referees blow calls and, yes, coaches don't call the right plays.

By all means, fans should be critical of the players and coaches they follow. Everyone has opinions and yours or mine might be just as valid as anyone else's. But not every game has to be a referendum on whether a player or a coach or a team is good enough to meet whatever standards you place on the program. It's usually best to wait and see what the finished product looks like.

That's a lesson we should carry into next season. If everyone returns, UW probably will be ranked in top 12 or 15 nationally. Expectations will be great, but as we found out this year, keeping them in perspective is even greater.



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Die-hard jazz listeners turned out Saturday to hear pianist Orrin Evans, bassist Luques Curtis and drummer Gene Jackson at the Green Mill.

At Chicago jazz clubs, music kept swinging

Despite smaller audiences, owners had hoped to stay open

BY HOWARD REICH

Symphony Center has gone silent.

Chicago's major theaters have gone dark.

And until Gov. Pritzker on Sunday ordered all bars and restaurants in the state to shut down at close of business on Monday night through March 30, the jazz clubs kept on swinging — albeit with smaller audiences and less energy than just a week ago.

Because all the top jazz rooms have a seating capacity of less than 200, they were unaffected by mandates banning gatherings of more than 1,000 and official requests to limit them to under 250 (due to coronavirus). And though several under-1,000 arts venues have been turning off the lights voluntarily, most of the city's jazz club owners said they're determined to stay open. Thus several dozen custom-



A person enters the Green Mill jazz club in Uptown, where several dozen customers listened to the Orrin Evans Trio Saturday night.

ers listened intently to the Orrin Evans Trio on Saturday night at the Green Mill Jazz Club, 4802 N. Broadway. That's significantly less than usual at a club that's typically packed seven nights a week, but enough to

generate the singular excitement that occurs when great jazz musicians improvise freely before an intensely engaged audience.

"This music is and always has been a social music," said pianist

Evans before his first set began. "So when you create something called 'social distancing,' if you're doing a concert on the Internet and no one's there to see it, it's not social.

"I understand it's social media. But we (musicians) feed off the social aspect of the music."

Jazz musicians indeed draw oxygen from audience response, which often inspires dramatic solos and high-wire risk-taking. Some of that occurred during Evans' first set, his characteristically hard-hitting, deep-into-the-keys pianism generating louder applause than one might think a crowd this size could produce.

Why did Chicagoans and tourists show up during a pandemic?

"People need food to survive — I need music to survive," said Umi Ogimi, a junior at North

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HEATHER BROCHU

Sophie Brochu of Fauvely has had both a Japanese tour and SXSW showcase canceled.

Local bands hit hard by cancellation of SXSW

BY BRITT JULIOUS

Sophie Brochu is heartbroken. Her rising indie dream pop project Fauvely was set to embark on its first Japanese tour this month. After years of setbacks and rejections, Brochu told the Chicago Tribune in 2017 that she had finally reconnected to her voice. A crop of releases soon followed, including 2018's "Tides" and 2019's breakthrough EP, "This Is What the Living Do."

Fauvely's Japanese tour would have been the culmination of years of hard work and dedication, but that dream quickly died due to the onset of coronavirus. Although Japan had confirmed 1,264 cases of coronavirus as of March 11, the CDC issued a Level 2 travel health notice for the country.

With the tour canceled, the group accepted a last-minute showcase for this year's South by Southwest music festival. But only days later, the city of Austin, Texas, canceled SXSW. "I keep telling myself that we will have another opportunity, but that's hard to say," Brochu said.

Fauvely's fate is familiar to hundreds of bands, musicians, DJs, event producers and cultural organizers across the city. With few testing kits, no nationwide or city-wide quarantine and few hard answers about how the novel COVID-19 spreads, many performers and those who work with them are beginning to embrace the certainty of uncertainty.

"It's difficult to execute any marketing strategies right now around projects (and) initiatives that require destination travel (or) are expected to be large gatherings without being under a huge shadow of 'what if,'" said Janice Bond, an art curator, cultural producer and experiential architect currently based in Houston. Bond previously pro-

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Critic's take: It's time to stay home from the movies



MICHAEL PHILLIPS
 Tribune movie critic

A week ago things weren't so different yet.

Monday, March 9, before the kids were awake, I wrote about an excellent new Kelly Reichardt film "First Cow," which you should see at some point. Reichardt hadn't yet canceled her travel plans to promote her film in Chicago. But like most travelers who weren't traveling anymore, she had coronavirus concerns. They are our national concerns now. Once it got to Tom Hanks and Rita Wilson, people took it seriously. Yet plenty of social distance deniers treated St. Patrick's Day weekend like any other St. Patrick's Day weekend.

I caught a 2:30 p.m. matinee of "West Side Story" at the Music Box Theatre, part of the theater's sixth 70 Millimeter Film Festival. The crowd was older. I shook hands with one of the employees, then immediately thought twice about the wisdom of the handshake. That same day Donald

Trump said of the coronavirus: "It's not our country's fault."

Tuesday night at the IMAX Navy Pier theater: Vin Diesel, "Bloodshot." Half-full. Later I wondered: Was going to a movie, with a crowd, with a virus loose, the best call? The middling attendance made social distancing easy. Still, I didn't wipe down my arm rests with anything.

The next day, after some deliberation, our family ate out at a packed restaurant a few blocks from the house. Everything I heard on the NPR program "1A" earlier that day, about how the Manhattan restaurant business was cratering, didn't match up. Was Chicago being stupid? Were we?

Thursday, the dominos fell. Seemingly half or more of America's diversionary activity postponed or canceled or put up a "Closed For Now" sign, from the NCAA tournaments to Ebertfest to Disney's "Mulan" to Disneyland to Disney World, to the whole of the Broadway theater economy.

By Friday, Broadway and film producer Scott Rudin's initial, mid-pandemic Broadway ticket-discounting plan sounded pretty craven. "My partners and I," he told the Hollywood Reporter Tuesday, "want the buildings full



JONNY COURNOYER/PARAMOUNT PICTURES

Emily Blunt, left, and Noah Jupe star in "A Quiet Place Part II," which was originally set to open March 20 in U.S. theaters. It's among several movies with release dates postponed because of coronavirus concerns.

— even, and especially, during this crisis."

As drama critic Charles McNulty wrote in the Los Angeles Times: "Apparently, the show must go on even if it kills us."

Whether the show should go

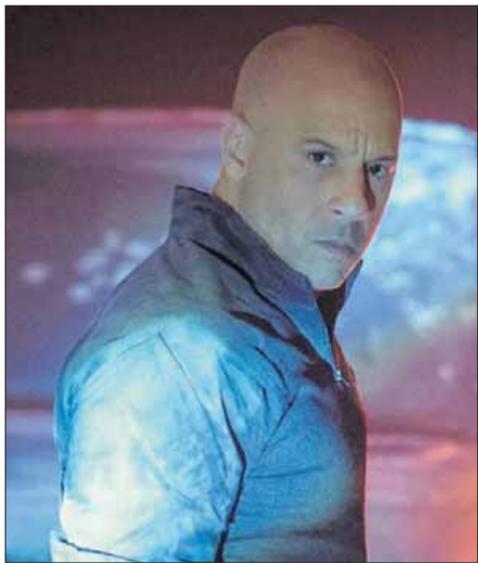
on — the plays, the concerts, the games, the movies, our lives as we've lived them — became the question Thursday. The movie component was merely one among countless sectors of the American entertainment industry

reeling from the coronavirus presence. Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker and Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot followed other states' and cities' lead Thursday and an-

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GRAHAM BARTHOLOMEW/SONY-COLUMBIA PICTURES
Vin Diesel in the comic-book adaptation "Bloodshot."

Box office turnout lowest in 20 years

Ticket sales plunged to their lowest levels in at least 20 years at North American movie theaters as the coronavirus pandemic led to one of Hollywood's worst weekends at the box office.

Receipts totaled about \$56 million in U.S. and Canada theaters, according to studio estimates Sunday. Not since September 2000 has weekend box office revenue been so low, according to data firm Comscore, when \$54.5 million in tickets were sold on a quiet weekend. More people went to the movies the weekend after Sept. 11, 2001.

Disney's latest release from Pixar, "Onward," remained the top film, earning \$10.5 million in its second weekend. The Christian romance "I Still Believe" from Lionsgate brought in \$9.5 million. Sony's comic-book adaptation "Bloodshot," with Vin Diesel, grossed an estimated \$9.3 million.

Most of Europe's cinemas have shuttered in recent days, along with closures in China, India, Lebanon and Kuwait. Those closures have already slashed international grosses.

But the wide majority of North American theaters remained open for business over the weekend. The continent's two largest chains, AMC Theaters and Regal Cinemas, said they wouldn't fill theaters to more than 50% capacity to promote social distancing.

Hollywood has postponed most of its upcoming releases. Next week's most anticipated movie, "A Quiet Place Part II," has been removed from the schedule. Other major releases, including Disney's "Mulan" and the James Bond film "No Time to Die," have been put off.

— Associated Press

Box office

1. "Onward," \$10.5 million
2. "I Still Believe," \$9.5 million
3. "Bloodshot," \$9.3 million
4. "The Invisible Man," \$6 million
5. "The Hunt," \$5.3 million
6. "Sonic the Hedgehog," \$2.6 million
7. "The Way Back," \$2.4 million
8. "The Call of the Wild," \$2.2 million
9. "Emma," \$1.4 million
10. "Bad Boys for Life," \$1.1 million

SOURCE: Box Office Mojo
Estimated sales,
Friday-Sunday



AP

Country music awards postponed: The show won't go on for the Academy of Country Music, after all. The academy said Sunday that it was postponing its annual awards show, set for April 5 in Las Vegas and televised on CBS, because of the coronavirus pandemic. The plan now is to hold the show in September, at a date and venue to be determined. The academy "went to great lengths to find a safe solution for the show to go on," said Damon Whiteside, academy CEO. Miranda Lambert, above, Keith Urban, Elle King and Ashley McBryde were among the artists scheduled to perform.

March 16 birthdays: Game-show host Chuck Woolery is 79. Actor Victor Garber is 71. Guitarist Nancy Wilson is 66. Rapper Flavor Flav is 61. Actress Lauren Graham is 53. Actor Alan Tudyk is 49. Actress Kimrie Lewis is 38.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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A boy and his bears belong together

Dear Readers: Every year, I step away from the Ask Amy column for two weeks in order to work on other writing projects.

Today's "Best of" column from 2010 contains one of my most memorable questions. I'm running the original question and answer, as well as a sample of the lovely and supportive responses I received from readers who were touched by the story of a child's connection to his stuffed animals.

I'll be back with fresh Q&A next week.

Dear Amy: I have a friend who is the father of a 12-year-old son. My friend's son's bedroom is filled with stuffed animals. These are not "guy" toys, but pink, yellow, orange, etc., stuffed animals.

We have tried to tell the dad that this is not appropriate for a young man, but he just scoffs at us. There are hundreds of these stuffed animals in this child's room.

What are your thoughts?

— *Wondering Friend*

Dear Wondering: My thoughts are that hundreds of any toy is too much for a child to possess, but it's not for you to judge the type of toys this child collects. It's also not for you to judge whether stuffed animals are sufficiently masculine for someone else's child to play with.

If this dad seeks out your counsel on the quantity and quality of his son's toys, then go for it. Otherwise, you should keep your views to yourself.

Dear Amy: We have a grandson who, when he

was 12, not only had lots of stuffed animals but also carried one around with him everywhere. This drove my husband crazy.

I taught elementary school students for 42 years. I told him to leave the boy alone.

The grandson is now a music teacher and a fine young man.

— *Barbara*

Dear Barbara: "Leave the boy alone" is sage advice for many parents and grandparents — in many different contexts. You are a wise woman. Thank you.

Dear Amy: When I was in high school, the boy I had begun dating handed me a closed paper lunch bag. Shyly, he said he knew I could sew and wondered if I could fix what was in the bag. It was a stuffed panda bear, badly worn.

I was touched by his sentimental attachment to the bear and thought, "This guy will make a great daddy some day."

Recently, we celebrated our 29th wedding anniversary. He's been a kind, loving and gentle husband and father to our two daughters, who are now grown and married.

And the stuffed panda bear? We still have it.

— *Shirley*

Dear Shirley: This is lovely. Thank you.

Dear Amy: I had to hop on the bandwagon and respond to the letter about the 12-year-old boy who had lots of stuffed animals.

I am a 24-year-old woman, and I've had a big teddy bear since I was an infant. I had a somewhat rough childhood, and the only

constant friend was my bear.

I semi-jokingly tell people that "he has the smell of my life on him."

A few years ago, I was on a second or third date with a man and somehow this topic came up. I told him about my bear, and I thought his eyes were going to pop out of his head!

He then explained that he has had a bear since he was an infant as well, and he kept it in the trunk of his car the whole time he was in college so people wouldn't make fun of him.

He is now my fiancé, and our bears don't have to be hidden.

It warms my heart to hear from other people who kept something that others might think is silly close to them through the years.

— *Teddy-Hugger*

Dear Hugger: I love these testimonials to the stuffed friends who hold the "smell" of our lives. A bear can be a child's most intimate friend.

Dear Amy: Your discussion about a boy who had a collection of stuffed animals made me smile. Mine was named Muffin. He was a duck that helped me get through law school.

— *Greg*

Dear Greg: Here's to Muffin, and all the other stuffed or inanimate friends who help their keepers to cope with life's challenges.

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Central College in Naperville.

"I can't let this stop me from coming out," said Winston Davis, a longtime Chicago jazz clubgoer. Mark Rude and Patricia Figueredo had driven into the city from Wisconsin for a couple nights on the town.

"I choose not to live with fear," Rude said.

"It's my first time at the Green Mill," Figueredo added. "This is real stuff."

As far as Green Mill owner Dave Jemilo is concerned, the music will continue so long as the law allows.

"I'm not canceling," Jemilo said. "There's no hockey, there's no basketball, there's no major concerts. Think of all the people with tickets in their hands, and all the things they want to do.

"They want to be out. They want to be social. They want to see something and not be ripped

off. I'm hoping if we're one of the only games in town — let's go!"

To date, Jemilo said, just two of his standing attractions have taken a leave of absence: singer-pianist Patricia Barber, whose Monday-night sessions will be replaced by an ever-changing roster of musicians; and Saturday afternoon's "The Paper Machete" "live magazine" show, which is canceled until further notice.

"If they don't want to work, I support them, whatever they decide," Jemilo said. "I could end up being the bartender here if no one else is working and make it a dive bar in Uptown."

That would be a colossal loss to the city's renowned jazz scene, even if temporary.

The mood was decidedly bittersweet on Friday night at Winter's Jazz Club, 465 N. McClurg Court, for owner Scott Stegman had decided to cancel the rest of the month's shows and doesn't yet know if he'll reopen in April.

"We're a destination club — we don't get much walk-by traffic,"

said Stegman of a room that's tucked away on a promenade facing the Ogden Slip.

"If we don't sell tickets in advance, that's it," added Stegman, who said ticket sales had dried up in recent days. "It's simple math. If I can't afford to pay the band or the staff, we're losing money."

Yet like all club owners, he still has to pay rent, utilities, insurance and other expenses.

So Stegman was stoic when he introduced the last band that would play this stage for a while, or perhaps forever.

"Hello everybody, and welcome to Winter's Jazz Club," he told about three dozen listeners.

"We thank you for being with us under such unusual circumstances. As probably most of you know, tonight is the last night we'll be open until further notice because of the situation around the world.

"We hope to see you on the flip side and hope it won't be too long. Who knows what this will mean for all of us? The people in hospitality and the hourly workers are

going to be affected immediately. So if you have the means and are so inclined tonight, I hope you would show some appreciation to our staff, not only with a round of applause but when it comes time to tip."

With that, Stegman introduced the evening's aptly named band: Petra's Recession Seven. Fronted by Chicago singer Petra van Nuis, the ensemble launched into upbeat, high-spirited music, as if in defiance of our perilous times.

At the Jazz Showcase, 806 S. Plymouth Court, Cuban pianist Omar Sosa led a trio in his signature incantatory fashion, chanting vocal lines while accompanying himself on piano and electronic keyboard before a few dozen listeners Friday night.

"We're going to keep going until the authorities tell us that we need to shut down, if things seem to get worse," said Jazz Showcase owner Wayne Segal.

"But the music certainly takes some of the worry off the brain."

Andy's Jazz Club, 11 E. Hubbard St., was about half full on

Friday night, where BMR4 was laying down gritty, soulful sounds as listeners drank and dined.

"We have no intention of closing — we're going to stay open through this whole thing," said manager Brandon Chisholm, son of owner Scott Chisholm.

Still, the Chisholms had spent the past few days calling musicians to tell them the club was reverting to narrower winter hours, meaning one band a night instead of two.

"We're feeling the hammer blow of the last couple weeks," Chisholm said.

Yet the club looked better than ever, having recently been spruced up with black leather banquettes and gleaming bar accoutrements.

The music of BMR4 filled every corner of the room, reminding everyone lucky enough to be here that in Chicago, jazz rarely stops.

Until now.

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Cordoba was set to attend SXSW for the first time.

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duced events and experiences in Chicago for places like the Kimpton Hotel. "In this business, timelines are extremely important."

Beyond timelines, many artists are also taking major financial hits from the cancellation of numerous events. Airbnb is a popular and often cheaper alternative to hotels for many travelers, but in a recent statement the company said it is up to the Airbnb host, and not the company itself, to provide a refund. That means many artists have lost both a significant portion of their potential income as well as the financial investments (plane tickets, lodging) they made to get to the now canceled or postponed events.

"Along with the band we were planning to tour Japan with, we received an invoice for \$3,176. This includes cancellation fees from venues and fees for visas that were supposed to be covered," Brochu said. "We can't pay this, but if we don't pay this, are we losing out on important connections? Not a fun position to be in."

Yet despite these setbacks, many performers are choosing to forge ahead, if not overseas or across the country, at least in their hometowns. The Hideout, which hosts a SXSW send-off every year, rebranded the traditional show, which happened Saturday, as "Exiled from Austin." The event featured the same lineup as the original showcase, including Ohmme, VV Lightbody, Wyatt Waddell and Fran, among many others.

Still others are choosing to take



KIRSTEN MICCOLI

Post-punk band Ganser, which had three SXSW performance dates scheduled, still plans to tour soon.

an optimistic, if not cautious approach to the pandemic. Post-punk band Ganser, which had three SXSW performance dates scheduled, still plans to tour soon with Control Top and Algiers, said band member Nadia Garofalo. The group also has a new album and music videos scheduled for the year.

"We talked about it at practice, how we should all do what we can to protect ourselves and each other, especially on the road," Garofalo said. Her plans include

being more reserved with audience interaction during live shows and abstaining from drinking to boost her immune system.

"It's hard because I also feel like it's important to try not to get too fanatical about it. That causes panic, stress and misinformation, which isn't good for anyone," she added. "We are trying to be pragmatic about it."

Cam Cunningham of Cordoba agreed. Scheduled to attend SXSW for the first time, Cordoba remains hopeful while acknowl-

edging these recent cancellations may just be par for the course now.

"Something else could cancel future dates, especially in an age of climate change where we are seeing more extreme weather events," he said. "But I think we just have to accept that all of that is out of our power and do our best to keep finding good opportunities and staying optimistic."

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nounced a ban on events drawing 1,000 or more people.

With screenings, concerts and performances in venues accommodating between 250 and 999 patrons, those should be off the table, too, Lightfoot said, though it wasn't an outright ban, merely something she would "strongly encourage."

'It's the paranoia everyone's feeling right now'

Meantime, movie theaters across the nation, including Chicago's, reassured customers that heavy-duty cleaning and disinfecting measures were in place.

"Our janitor is using this super-intense bathroom cleaner, wiping everything down. Everything," said Music Box general manager Ryan Oestreich Thursday. Between every screening, he said, theater staff will be cleaning the auditorium. No more glassware in the bar in the adjoining Music Box lounge, he said; for now, they've switched to disposable plastic cups and glasses.

On Saturday the largest North American multiplex chain, AMC Theaters, reduced capacity in its auditoriums by 50 percent or more, through April 30. This came a day after the regional chain Kerasotes ShowPlace Theatres announced similar social distancing measures and increased cleaning and sanitizing precautions.

"I hear your paranoia," Music Box general manager Oestreich told me. "It's the paranoia everyone's feeling right now."

By Sunday, "everyone" meant a lot of moviegoers. The weekend's North American ticket sales for new releases "The Hunt" "Bloodshot" and other unlucky titles led to the lowest levels in over two decades, according to Variety. Disney-Pixar's "Onward" alone made more than \$10 million over the weekend."

All in all, this has been a fine few days to get to know the pod-

cast "This Week in Virology," hosted by Vincent Racaniello, Columbia University Higgins Professor of Microbiology & Immunology. Racaniello has no use for entertainment as usual.

"I think they should cancel everything," he said Thursday. "I would not go to anything for the next month, probably. I'm not even taking the subway now. The virus is here. I'd stay out of bars, restaurants. It's going to hurt business, but it's needed to cut down on the spread."

I told Racaniello that in a Tribune question-and-answer column with a suburban Park Ridge infectious diseases specialist, the doctor said: "There's no real medical reason not to travel domestically."

Racaniello's response: "He is wrong."

This also has been a sobering week to read up on the 1918-1919 influenza pandemic, which claimed somewhere between 500,000 and 700,000 lives in the U.S. alone. Theaters of all kinds, for varying durations, closed their doors, then reopened, then (some of them) closed again when the pandemic's second wave hit.

"I've just been out to see a movie with one of my daughters," historian and author Catharine Arnold told me, on the phone from Nottingham, England. Her 2018 book "Pandemic 1918" carries the subtitle "Eyewitness Accounts from the Greatest Medical Holocaust in Modern History." She is 60 and has a chronic bronchial condition that makes breathing difficult. She recently canceled a speaking engagement in Texas.

At the movies in Nottingham Thursday, she said, she couldn't help but be impressed by the crowd's "resilience and stoicism" in the face of the coronavirus concerns regarding public gathering and social distancing. COVID-19, she cautioned, has some parallels to the so-called "Spanish flu" pandemic. The other day Trump referred to COVID-19 as a "foreign virus." We love Othering these things.

"This one basically targets the older population, and the infirm," she said. "I'm not saying that's good. But we know what we're



MLADEN ANTONOV/GETTY-AFP

A woman wearing a facemask amid fears of the coronavirus walks by a poster for the new James Bond movie, "No Time to Die," last month.

dealing with at the moment."

Still, Arnold said: "I'm not the kind of person who scares easily and I think this is frightening. This will change the way we live our lives publicly for several months to come at the minimum. I don't think we'll be going to films, or seeing friends, or going out to eat the same way." She said she was already entertaining second thoughts about having gone to the cinema Thursday.

'Theatrical exhibition is fragile'

The vast majority of films scheduled to open in March and early April are no longer opening in March or early April. This will be tough on exhibitors who are having a tough enough time as is, reassuring customers that it's safe to sit in a crowd of presumptively healthy but largely coronavirus-untested patrons. "A Quiet Place Part II," the new James Bond film "No Time to Die," "Mulan" and many others have been postponed until later this year or, in the case of Universal's "Fast and Furious 9," April 2021.

We are now living in our own sequel to "A Quiet Place," with a viral antagonist.

"There is a connection to be made to 1918," argued author and University of Central Florida associate film professor Gary D.

Rhodes. He wrote "The Perils of Moviegoing in America: 1896-1950," a compelling account of fires, stickups, anarchist bombings, poor ventilation and communicable diseases coloring the darker chapters of film exhibition.

"In 1918 nobody knew how to respond to the influenza (pandemic) or how long it would last," Rhodes said. No two cities or states implemented regulations regarding the opening or closing of theaters the same way, or at the same time. In New York City, bucking most trends, city officials allowed theaters of all kinds to stay open through the worst of the 1918-early 1919 pandemic.

Yet the death toll in New York "wasn't any worse than any other city's death toll," Rhodes told me. "Though that may have been pure coincidence." Later than most cities, Chicago closed its theaters that same month. The movie industry lost an estimated \$40 million in revenue nationally by February 1919. That's nearly \$623 million in 2020 dollars.

World War I-weary audiences wondered if the movies, then silent, were dead and gone. Some are wondering the same now, at least in the traditional brick-and-mortar multiplex world. Will our collective moviegoing experience convert to moviestaying only? How soon?

Recently postponed film festivals range far and widely, from the massive Austin, Texas, mainstay South by Southwest to the regional boutique favorite Ebertfest, held (though not this year) at the Virginia Theatre in Champaign, Illinois. The local Chicago Critics Film Festival, held annually at the Music Box, announced its postponement Friday. The Chicago Latino Film Festival postponed its April 16-30 festival, slated for the AMC River East multiplex.

On March 9 longtime critic and festival programmer Robert Koehler tweeted: "Film festivals must now stop being public events. They must shift to online access and viewing. This requires some infrastructure work, but it can be done. Tell me that I'm wrong."

"Perils of Moviegoing" author Rhodes, for one, won't go that far, and doesn't see the coronavirus as the end of traditional moviegoing. "Theatrical exhibition is fragile," he said, "and has been for a long time. This thing is going to be tough on so many industries. But people are not going to stop congregating. I mean, they will for a limited time — that's what happened in 1918 and early 1919 — but that's temporary. I find it difficult to believe that theaters will ever disappear entirely."

I share that hope. I also think it's time to close the theaters.

A century ago, author Rhodes said, "the loss of life was horrific, and fear was everywhere. And yet the film industry rebounded, along with the rest of the country." Optimism's valuable at times like these. Meantime, our family is staying home for a while.

Movie theaters remain open, for the most part, in the Chicago area and nationwide. At limited seating capacity, the Music Box Theatre's 70MM Film Festival continues through March 19; the Gene Siskel Film Center's annual European Union Film Festival continues through April 2. The commercial multiplexes remain open for business, also at limited seating capacity.

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Virus puts 'Chicago Fire,' other TV shows on pause

BY NINA METZ

NBC is wrapping production on "Chicago Fire," "Chicago P.D." and "Chicago Med" in the next day or so, in light of concerns about the spread of COVID-19.

The news comes on the heels of both the city and state banning gatherings of more than 1,000 people for the next 30 days. Organizers of public and private events expected to draw more than 250 people have also been encouraged to postpone until May 1.

The number of crew employed on each of the NBC shows can be anywhere from 200-250.

Based out of the Cinespace soundstage complex on the West Side, each show films several weeks ahead of when each episode airs. It appears likely the seasons for all three shows will end with Episode 20 out of a planned 22.

"Chicago Fire," "Chicago P.D." and "Chicago Med" were recently picked up for an additional three seasons,

and, for now, plans for next season have not changed, with production expected to start up as usual in mid-summer.

The upcoming fourth season of " Fargo " for FX has been filming in Chicago for several months as well, and Alex Pissios, who heads up Cinespace, confirmed that the series has halted filming for the next two weeks. Set in 1950 Kansas City, the season stars Chris Rock, Glynn Turman, Jason Schwartzman and Timothy Olyphant, among others. The show is scheduled to premiere April 19.

Earlier this week, it was reported that a crew member who worked on the forthcoming Fox show "neXt" tested positive for the coronavirus. The sci-fi crime drama starring John Slattery was based at Cinespace and wrapped at the end of February.

On Friday, the Chicago Film Office announced it would be implementing the following permit restrictions effective immediately



MATT DINERSTEIN/NBC

Production on "Chicago Fire," starring Eamonn Walker, from left, Annie Ilonze and Kara Killmer, will wrap early.

and until further notice, based on the guidance of public health officials.

Chicago City Hall is temporarily closed to all filming and scouting requests.

On-location filming involving city-owned property is temporarily restricted to productions with a combined cast and crew of 50 people or less. This includes the Chicago Park District and public libraries.

Permits for on-location filming at all locations are temporarily restricted to productions with a combined cast and crew of 250 people or less.

How does the halting of filming on the NBC shows and " Fargo " affect local crews? Bradley Matthys, president of IATSE Studio Mechanics Local 476 union, said crew members are paid by the day, so their wages will be directly affected.

"We're going to have a lot of people not working for, at minimum, two weeks. We've been on a very good run in Chicago for several years with a lot of projects shooting here, and that's given people a lot of financial stability," he said. "I know for some of our members, this will just be an early hiatus for them. People get it. The great majority understand."

Matthys said union members who don't have a financial cushion can file for unemployment.

"Not that this isn't going to be a hardship, but this shouldn't break the bank," he said. "In this business, things can change quickly. In the short term, I think this will be a blip for us. There will be some hardship for people and we'll all try to get together and help, but the bigger picture is what's important — everyone's health — and this is a worldwide issue."

Matthew D. Loeb, the union's international president, said in a statement that the "COVID-19 crisis

requires decisive action from our federal government to support displaced entertainment workers," noting that "this isn't just about us. Economic studies demonstrate that entertainment spending reverberates throughout our communities worldwide." He called on the federal government to "pass a relief package that prioritizes workers whose incomes have been lost as a result of this crisis ... and enact a special emergency paid-leave benefit geared to include our members."

In Illinois, an estimated \$560 million was spent last year on cast and crew wages as well as other expenses. It's too early to know how or if shutting down filming will affect those numbers for 2020, but the budget for each episode of the One Chicago shows on NBC is several million — money that likely won't be spent on a total of six episodes across the three series.

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"I'm very proud of pulling it together and pulling it off," says Geoffrey Mac of winning Season 18 of "Project Runway."

Former SAIC instructor wins 'Project Runway'

BY TRACY SWARTZ

Avant-garde fashion designer Geoffrey Mac was named the winner of "Project Runway" Season 18 on Thursday's episode, two decades after graduating from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago.

He beat three other finalists with a 10-look collection inspired by his father's military service that featured over-sized puffy coats and futuristic evening wear. His prize includes \$250,000 from Blueprint; \$50,000 from Pilot; a feature in Elle magazine; and a mentorship with the Council of Fashion Designers of America.

Mac told the Tribune he is trying to figure out what's next, but he is leaning toward creating a unisex collection that can be worn in any season. He said he is slated to launch a fragrance called "G" around April 1. ("The coronavirus can't stop that.")

Mac took painting and drawing classes at SAIC before joining the fashion program. He said he has trouble "putting things up on the wall or calling them done. I'm very obsessive. I never seem to find the end



ANTHONY ROBERT LA PENNA/FOR THE TRIBUNE

Mac won the Marshall Field's Distinction in Design contest in 2002 and had his line sold at the flagship store.

of the painting, and it makes me kind of crazy. With fashion, it's this beautiful moment where you're taught to draw it. You have a map for what you're making, and then you make it in the best way possible, with all of your skills, and it turns out great, and it's just (expletive) finished. It's a really satisfying art form for me."

In his decade in Chicago, Mac said he worked as a host at the now-closed Shelter night club; started a latex company ("we tried to do high-fashion with it

and steer clear of the fetish market, but, of course, when we were at trade shows selling it, all the fetish boutiques were still buying it"); won the Marshall Field's Distinction in Design contest in September 2002 and had his line sold at the flagship State Street store; and returned to his alma mater after graduating in 1999 to teach construction and design.

Mac, 42, said he moved from Chicago to New York around 2005 with no plan after a life-changing surfing trip to Costa Rica, where a man saved him

from drowning. "I decided I wanted to move because my life kind of flashed before my eyes. I was kind of really miserable working so much, doing all-nighters and trying to pull off lines, and doing everything kind of single-handedly was exhausting."

He said he auditioned for "Project Runway" a few years after the show premiered in 2004, but didn't get cast. Mac said the show's team later tried to get him to sign on, and he finally agreed — despite his social anxiety and fear of cameras — because he wanted to jump-start his career.

"I wish I had stayed calmer (during the competition), but that's sort of not in my nature under those circumstances and the pressure," Mac said. "This was everything for me to kind of showcase who I am as a designer. I'm really obsessive. I'm really into my work. I get really emotional and emotionally attached to it and hard on myself."

"It was a lot for me, and I'm very proud of pulling it together and pulling it off because it's all of my fears all wrapped up in one."

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Lyric boss calls 'Ring' cancellation 'heartbreaking'

BY HOWARD REICH

Lyric Opera of Chicago's decision to cancel all performances of its long-planned "Ring" cycle distressed Wagner lovers around the world.

Tickets to Lyric's new production, which had been scheduled to begin April 13, had been sold in 30 countries and every state in the U.S.

But nowhere was the pain felt more acutely than in the Lyric Opera House, 20 N. Wacker Drive. That's where Anthony Freud, the company's general director, president and CEO, delivered the news in the midst of rehearsals Friday.

"I went to announce the decision to the 'Ring' company onstage, and it was a large crowd of people: singers, orchestra, production team, design team," Freud said Friday in an interview.

"There were a lot of tears. At the same time, I do think everybody understands that these are extraordinary, surreal times, and that ultimately we had no choice but to reach the conclusion we reached."

The timing was unfortunate, with Gov. J.B. Pritzker and Mayor Lori Lightfoot announcing on March 12 a ban on gatherings of more than 1,000 people for the next 30 days and urging the postponement of events attracting more than 250 until May 1. Lyric Opera House seats more than 3,000; and the first rendition of the "Ring" cycle — a sequence of four operas by Wagner — was to start April 13.

For Freud and Lyric Opera, the coronavirus pandemic shattered a long-held dream.

"Andrew Davis and David Pountney and I have been developing this new 'Ring' for, I suppose, six to seven years," said Freud, referring to Lyric music director Davis and "Ring" director Pountney.

"When I was being interviewed for this job," added Freud, "one of the meetings I had was with Sir Andrew. And literally at that first meeting, which is now 10 years ago, we spoke about our mutual dream of the company to do a new 'Ring'."

"Then he and I, from my office, where I'm sitting now, (asked) David Pountney to direct our new 'Ring'."

"And David paused for a breath and said: 'You know, only recently I was thinking I would get to the end of my career without ever directing the 'Ring.'"

Wagner's epic — its full title "Der Ring des Nibelungen" — towers as an Everest that opera professionals dream of scaling. To date, Lyric had staged the first three operas in the

new production: "Das Rheingold" (2016), "Die Walkure" (2017) and "Siegfried" (2018). The last, "Götterdämmerung," was to have been performed April 4 and 11, both also canceled. The entire cycle was to have been presented in sequence three times, beginning April 13, April 20 and April 27.

What will be the financial costs of these cancellations?

"It's much too early to speak about the financial impact," Freud said. "I think it's even premature, because who knows how long the implications of the virus will last? And who

knows how the impact of it may be long-term rather than short-term?"

As for the artistic toll, that was immediately clear.

"It's really heartbreaking," Freud said. "But I don't think we had

any choice, frankly, given the governor's and the mayor's announcement. I think in all the circumstances, it was the only step we could have taken.

"Honestly, it's a huge emotional and sad day for us all."

Patrons may use the value of their "Ring" tickets for a future performance this season or next; donate all or partial value of the tickets as a tax-deductible contribution; or request a full refund.

Can this "Ring" be rescheduled?

"It's certainly something we will think about and look at," Freud said. "It's not something we're focusing on for the time being. The 'Ring' is one of the great masterpieces of the operatic repertoire, and a great opera company like Lyric needs to perform it. But certainly in the short term, it's not going to be rescheduled. But who knows?"

The challenges would be considerable, with opera singers and others booked years in advance for performances around the world, making it difficult to reassemble casts.

Despite the current setback, Freud tried to put matters in perspective.

"At the end of the day, this afternoon is not the afternoon for me to be fatalistic," he said.

"We'll all get through this. Lyric will get through this. Art will get through this. And we will look back on it as an extreme crisis."

"The fact that we're in the eye of the storm at the moment makes it particularly challenging."

"But this will end."

For more information, visit www.lyricopera.org.

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WATCH THIS: MONDAY



Misha Collins

"Supernatural" (7 p.m., CW): The long-running supernatural thriller returns from hiatus to finish out the last episodes of its 15th and final season in this new Monday time period, starting with "Galaxy Brain." The hour sees Kim Rhodes returning in her recurring guest role as Sheriff Jody Mills, who joins the Winchester brothers (Jared Padalecki, Jensen Ackles), Jack (Alexander Calvert) and Castiel (Misha Collins) on a heartbreaking rescue mission.

"9-1-1" (7 p.m., FOX): The hit action drama returns with its spring premiere, "Seize the Day," which finds the 118 team rushing to the scene of a skydiving trip that has gone wrong quite badly. Other crises involve a bank representative who has been injured while trying to repossess a home, and a smitten assistant who suffers a serious mishap while making a lunch run. John Harlan Kim guest stars.

"Bob Hearts Abishola" (7:30 p.m., CBS): Small world, isn't it? Bob (Billy Gardell) sees his past and present colliding when Lorraine (guest star Nicole Sullivan), his ex-wife, is admitted to the hospital where Abishola (Folake Olowofoyeku) works in the new episode "Sock Wife!" Elsewhere, Christina (Maribeth Monroe) recruits Kofo (Anthony Okungbowa) to help her with an ambitious project to rename all the company's sock colors. Matt Jones and Vernee Watson also star.

"Roswell, New Mexico" (8 p.m., CW): This re-imagining of a 1999-2002 cult classic teen sci-fi series returns for its sophomore season that will include a very personal journey for one of its characters: Executive producer Carina Adly MacKenzie reveals that one character, who identifies as straight at the season's start, doesn't feel that way by the Season 2 finale.

"This Is Personal" (8 p.m., Starz): Two years removed from the event it chronicles — the 2017 Women's March protesting policies of the Donald Trump administration — Amy Berg's ambitious 2019 social-justice documentary almost inevitably felt a mite dated even when it first hit theaters, largely because the political landscape has only grown more polarizing and confrontational.

"Breeders" (9 p.m., 10:10 p.m., 12:45 a.m., FX): The kids adore Michael (Michael McKean) as he thrives in his new role as both father and grandfather after such a long estrangement in the new episode "No Lies." Unfortunately, Paul and Ally (Martin Freeman, Daisy Haggard) are having a harder time adjusting to the new domestic arrangement.

TALK SHOWS

"Conan" (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actor/comic Zach Woods.*

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actor Armie Hammer; actress Evan Rachel Wood; Conan Gray performs.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actress Reese Witherspoon; actor Tracy Letts; comic Ali Sultan.*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live!" (10:35 p.m., ABC): Celebrity guests and comedy skits.*

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MONDAY EVENING, MAR. 16

MOVIES

	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00
BROADCAST	CBS 2	The Neighborhood (N)	Bob Hearts Abishola (N)	All Rise: "The Tale of Three Arraignments." (N)	Bull: "The Invisible Woman." (N) ©			News (N) ♦
	NBC 5	The Voice: "The Blind Auditions, Part 5." (N) ©				(9:01) Manifest: "Course Deviation." (N) ©		NBC 5 News (N) ♦
	ABC 7	American Idol: "306 (Hollywood Week -- Genre Challenge)." (N) ©				The Good Doctor: "Fractured." (N) ©		News at 10pm (N) ♦
	WGN 9	black-ish ©	black-ish ©	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	WGN News at Nine (N)		WGN News at Ten (N)
	Antenna 9.2	It's a Living	3's Comp.	Family Ties	Growing	Designing	Murphy	Carson ♦
	Court 9.3	♦ Closing Arguments (N)		Closing Arguments with Vinnie Politan ©				
	PBS 11	Chicago Tonight (N)		Daryl Hall & John Oates: Live in Dublin ©			Tim Janis: Celtic Heart ©	
	CW 26.1	Supernatural (N) ©		Roswell, New Mexico (Season Premiere) (N)		Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©
	The U 26.2	Dr. Phil ©		Tamron Hall (N) ©		The Steve Wilkos Show		Cops ©
	MeTV 26.3	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle	Green Acres	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett
H&I 26.4	Star Trek: "The Apple."		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek ♦	
Bounce 26.5	Death at a Funeral (R,'10) ♦♦	Keith David. ©			Today You Die (R,'05) ♦♦♦			
FOX 32	9-1-1: "Seize the Day." (N) ©		(8:01) Prodigal Son: "The Job." (N) ©		Fox 32 News at Nine (N)		Modern Family ©	
Ion 38	Criminal Minds ©		Criminal Minds ©		Criminal Minds ©		Criminal ♦	
TeleM 44	♦ Exatlón EE. UU. (N)		La Doña (N) ©		Operación Pacífico (N) ©		Chicago (N)	
MNT 50	Chicago P.D.: "Hit Me."		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Chicago ♦	
UniMas 60	Enamorádonos				Noticiero (N)	Vas con todo ♦		
WJYS 62	J. Savelle	K. Hagin	Joyce Meyer	Robison	Blakeman	Wonderen	Paid Prog.	
Univ 66	Ringo (N)		Amor eterno (N)		Sin miedo a la verdad		Noticias (N)	
CABLE	AE	Live PD (N)	Live PD (N)	Live Rescue: "Live Rescue -- 03.16.20." (N) ©				Live PD
	AMC	♦ Gone in 60 Seconds ♦		Better Call Saul (N) ©		Dispatches From (N)		Call Saul ♦
	ANIM	Alaska- Last Frontier		Alaska- Last Frontier (N)		Bush People (N)		Bu. People
	BBCA	Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Trek: DS9 ♦
	BET	♦ (5:30) Sleepless ('17) ♦♦		Tyler Perry's Good Deeds (PG-13,'12) ♦♦		Tyler Perry. ©		
	BIGTEN	BTN Basketball in 60 ©		BIG Show	BTN Basketball in 60 ©	BIG Show		Wrestling ♦
	BRAVO	Below Deck Sailing Yacht		Below Deck (N)		Below Deck Sailing Yacht		Watch (N)
	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N)		CNN Tonight (N)		Tonight (N) ♦
	COM	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Daily (N) ♦
	DISC	Street Outlaws: "The Aftermath." (N) ©						Fastest (N) ♦
	DISN	Fam Jam	Gabby	Sydney-Max	Roll With It	Coop	Sydney-Max	Bunk'd ©
	E!	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Jojo Siwa (N)
	ESPN	NBA Basketball: Miami Heat at Milwaukee Bucks. (N) (Live) ©				NBA Basketball (N) ♦		
	ESPN2	Tournament Challenge Marathon (N) (Live) ©						SportCtr (N)
	FNC	Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News
	FOOD	Spring Baking		Spring Baking (N)		Chopped Sweets (N) ©		Chopped ♦
	FREE	♦ (5) The Blind Side ♦♦♦		High Fidelity (N) ©		High Fid. (N) High Fid. (N)		700 Club (N)
	FX	Grown Ups 2 (PG-13,'13) ♦	Adam Sandler. ©			Breeders (N) Better		Breeders
	HALL	Moonlight in Vermont (NR,'17)	Lacey Chabert. ©			Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls
	HGTV	Home Town (N) ©		Home Town (N) ©		(9:04) Home Town ©		Home ♦
	HIST	American Pickers		American Pickers (N)		(9:03) Pawn Stars (N)		Pawn ♦
	HLN	Forensic	Forensic	Sex & Murder (Series Premiere) (N) ©		Forensic	Forensic	Forensic
	IFC	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men
	LIFE	Just Wright (PG,'10) ♦♦	Queen Latifah, Common. ©			(9:03) The Ugly Truth (R,'09) ♦♦		♦ ©
	MSNBC	All In With (N)		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)
	MTV	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.
	NATGEO	Cosmos: Possible (N)		Cosmos: Possible (N)		Drain-Ancient Empires (N)		Cosmos ♦
	NBCSCH	Gymnastics: Nastia Liukin Cup. From Milwaukee.				World Poker Tour: Alpha8		UFA (N) ♦
	NICK	Henry	Substitute	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ♦
	OVATION	♦ (6) The Gift (R,'00) ♦♦	Cate Blanchett.	Flatliners (R,'90) ♦♦♦		Kiefer Sutherland. ♦		
OWN	Dateline on OWN ©		The Real Story w/Salinas		Deadline: Crime		Dateline ♦	
OXY	NCIS: "Scope." ©		NCIS ©		NCIS: "Charade." ©		NCIS ♦	
PARMT	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops (N) ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	
SYFY	♦ The Hitman's Bodyguard		Zombieland (R,'09) ♦♦♦		Woody Harrelson. ©		Zombielnd ♦	
TBS	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Conan ©	
TCM	Captain Blood (NR,'35) ♦♦♦	Errol Flynn. ©			(9:15) The Sea Hawk (NR,'40) ♦♦♦♦			
TLC	90 Day Fiancé: Before the 90 Days				90 Day Fiancé		sMothered ♦	
TLN	Supernatural	IMPACT	Faith Chi	Faithwire	Robison	Billy Graham	Paid Prog.	
TNT	♦ (6:30) Black Panther (PG-13,'18) ♦♦♦	Chadwick Boseman.					The Legend of Tarzan ♦	
TOON	Home Movie Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Rick, Morty		Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	
TRAV	Beyond the Unknown (N) ©				Beyond the Unknown (N)		Mummy	
TVL	Raymond	Everybody Raymond	Raymond		Two Men	Two Men	King	
USA	WWE Monday Night RAW (N) (Live) ©						Briarpatch	
VH1	Love, Hip Hop (Season Premiere) (N)	Love & Hip Hop Miami (N)			Love & Hip Hop: Atlanta		Hip Hop ♦	
WE	Criminal Minds: "Lucky."		Criminal Minds ©		Criminal Minds ©		Criminal ♦	
WGN America	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	
PREMIUM	HBO	♦ Godzilla: King		Plot Against America (Series Premiere) (N)	Friend (Season Premiere) (N) Subtitled-English		Plot-Amer. ♦	
	HBO2	♦ (6:45) Westworld ©		Red Eye (PG-13,'05) ♦♦♦			Cold Pursuit (R,'19) ♦♦♦	
	MAX	Strike Back ©		(7:50) War Dogs (R,'16) ♦♦	Jonah Hill.		(9:45) Incarnate ('16) ♦♦	
	SHO	Black Mon	Black Mon	Homeland: "Two Minutes."	The Circus		Black Mon	
	STARZ	(7:04) Wrong Man ©		This Is Personal (R,'19) ©			(9:41) Outlander ©	
STZENC	♦ (6:24) Slender Man ♦ ©		Superfly (R,'18) ♦♦	Trevor Jackson. ©			Country ♦	



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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (March 16): Benefits flow through social participation this year. Results from disciplined actions satisfy. Win a prize together before supporting a loved one through changes. Find hidden professional opportunities next summer before Cupid darts your heart. Change your place next winter, as your career stature expands. Strengthen connections.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Grow professionally by strengthening foundations. Clean up, file and organize over the next three weeks, with Mercury in Pisces.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 9. Make long-distance connections. Social life booms over three weeks, with Mercury in Pisces. Friends share valuable information, solutions and great advice. Team projects thrive.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 9. Contribute to generate shared profits. Career opportunities arise, with Mercury in Pisces. There may be a test involved. Study, edit and refine.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. Connect with your partner. Travel and discovery beckon. Investigate and explore your curiosities over about three weeks, with Mercury in Pisces.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 9. Maintain fitness practices for strength. With Mercury in Pisces for three weeks, it's easier to track and grow investments. Sort wins and losses.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Have fun with people you love. Grow collaboration through communication over three weeks, with Mercury in Pisces. Sign agreements. Work together to get farther.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 7. Enjoy comforting domestic rituals. Balance work, play and health, with Mercury in Pisces. Express excellence through your efforts. Communication benefits your physical performance.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 9. Connect with heart. Your creative and artistic expression flourishes, with Mercury in Pisces. Write, record and film. You're exceptionally persuasive.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 9. Profitable opportunities arise. Fix up your place, with Mercury in Pisces for three weeks. Discuss what you want with family. Feather your nest together.

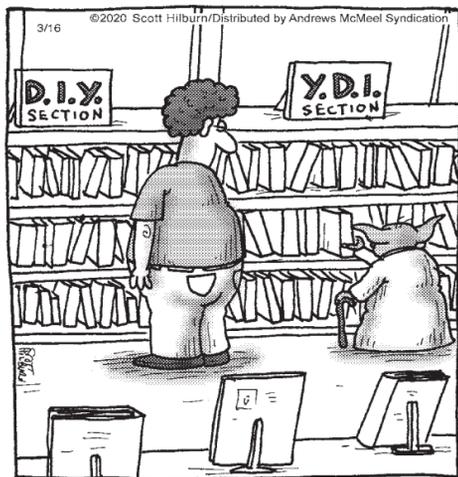
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 9. Take charge for what you want. Reach out and engage. The next three weeks, with Mercury in Pisces, favor creativity, communication and connection.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 7. Review and reconsider plans. Make financially savvy connections over this phase, with Mercury in Pisces. Profitable ideas abound.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 9. Friends support you. You're exceptionally brilliant over the next three weeks, with Mercury in your sign. Write, record and share your personal view.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn



Bliss By Harry Bliss



Bridge

Here are the answers to the weekly quiz:

Q.1—North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ KJ62 ♥ Q6 ♦ KQJ3 ♣ 653

Partner opens 1C and right-hand opponent passes. What call would you make?

A.1—1D is the traditional up-the-line response, but many modern players will bypass a diamond suit to bid their major. Neither is wrong, but we would bid 1S.

Q.2—East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ J954 ♥ 4 ♦ KQ9754 ♣ A9

As dealer, what call would you make?

A.2—In days gone by, a side four-card major would prevent you from opening with a pre-empt. Those days are gone. Bid 2D, or 1D if that's your style.

Q.3—Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ AJ74 ♥ A94 ♦ 43 ♣ Q1063

North **East** **South** **West**

1♣ Pass 1♠ Pass

2♠ Pass ?

What call would you make?

A.3—This hand is only worth an invitation. 3S would promise a five-card suit and 3C would be forcing for one round — you might get too high. Bid 2NT.

Q.4—Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

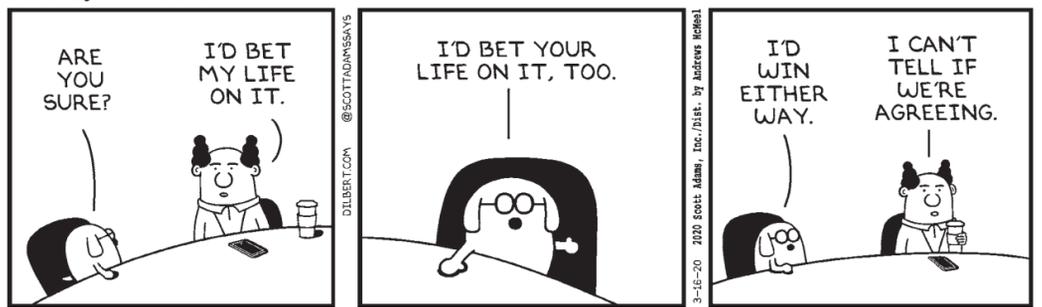
♠ A74 ♥ 732 ♦ AK2 ♣ 10543

Partner opens 1S and right-hand opponent doubles. What call would you make?

A.4—Some say that a redouble denies a fit. It doesn't. Redouble now and raise spades next, showing a balanced 10-11 points with exactly three-card support.

— Bob Jones
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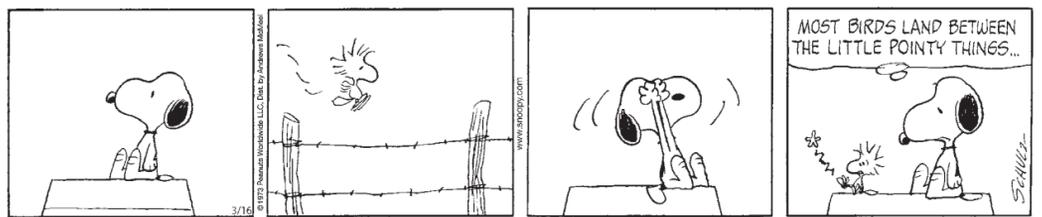
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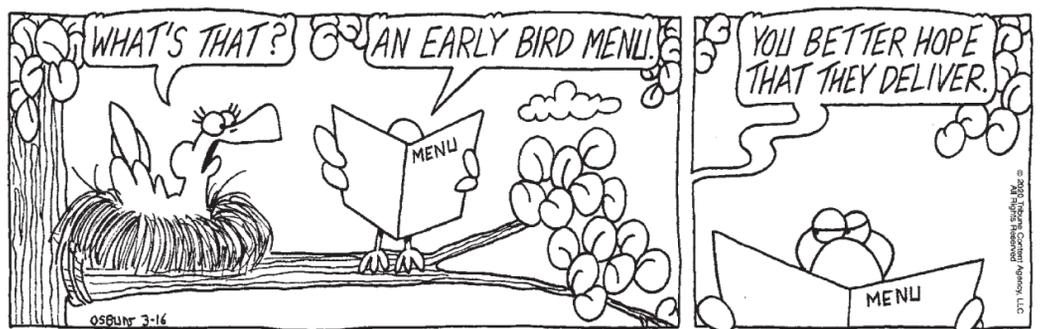
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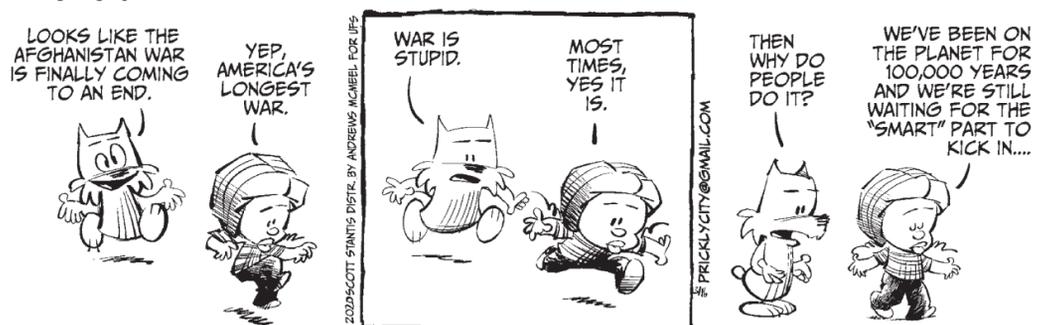
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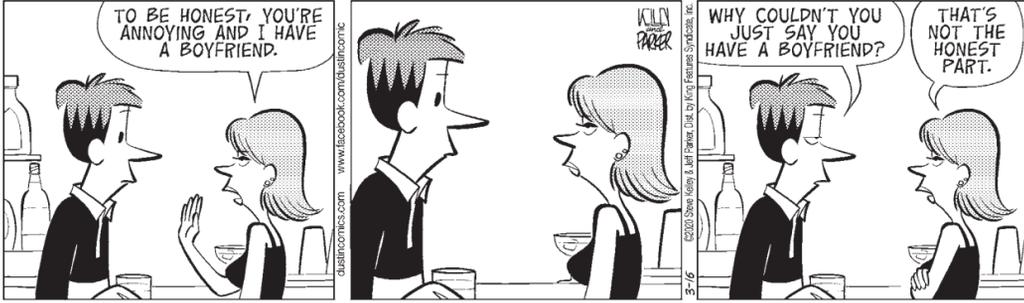


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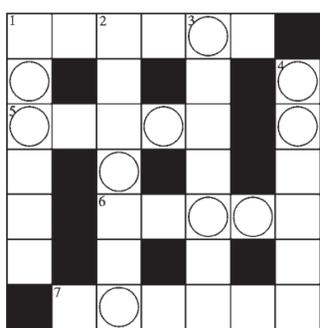
Broom-Hilda By Russell Myers



Trivia Bits

Who made his feature film debut in 1988's "Mystic Pizza"?
 A) George Clooney
 B) Matt Damon
 C) Ethan Hawke
 D) Brad Pitt
 Saturday's answer: Mount Everest spans the border between Tibet and Nepal.

Jumble Crossword



CLUE ACROSS
 1. Pointer
 5. Stop by to see
 6. Very mad
 7. Sign of a cold

CLUE DOWN
 1. Reason for a filling
 2. ___ dressing
 3. Anger
 4. Stick

ANSWER ACROSS
 OSRCRU
 ITIVS
 AERTI
 EZNESE

ANSWER DOWN
 TYAVCI
 USANIRS
 UGETORA
 REEHCO

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

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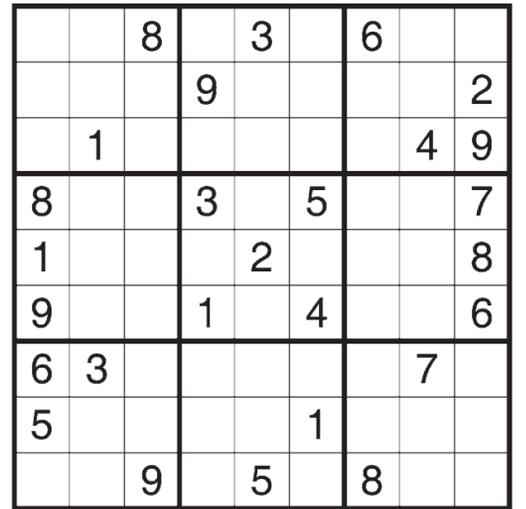
CLUE: _____ is located in the Atlantic Time Zone.

BONUS ○○○○○ ○○○○○

ANSWERS: 1A-Cursor 5A-Right 6A-Visit 7A-Stop 8A-Visit 9A-Right 10A-Visit 11A-Visit 12A-Visit 13A-Visit 14A-Visit 15A-Visit 16A-Visit 17A-Visit 18A-Visit 19A-Visit 20A-Visit 21A-Visit 22A-Visit 23A-Visit 24A-Visit 25A-Visit 26A-Visit 27A-Visit 28A-Visit 29A-Visit 30A-Visit 31A-Visit 32A-Visit 33A-Visit 34A-Visit 35A-Visit 36A-Visit 37A-Visit 38A-Visit 39A-Visit 40A-Visit 41A-Visit 42A-Visit 43A-Visit 44A-Visit 45A-Visit 46A-Visit 47A-Visit 48A-Visit 49A-Visit 50A-Visit 51A-Visit 52A-Visit 53A-Visit 54A-Visit 55A-Visit 56A-Visit 57A-Visit 58A-Visit 59A-Visit 60A-Visit 61A-Visit 62A-Visit 63A-Visit 64A-Visit 65A-Visit 66A-Visit 67A-Visit 68A-Visit 69A-Visit 70A-Visit 71A-Visit 72A-Visit 73A-Visit

Sudoku 1 2 3 4

3/16



9	4	2	5	6	1	3	8	7
1	6	5	8	3	7	4	9	2
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2	5	9	4	1	8	7	6	3
4	8	6	3	7	2	9	5	1
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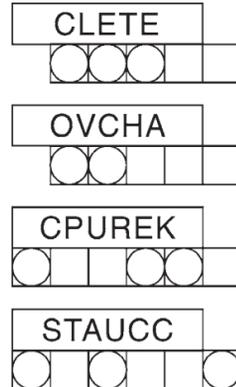
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Saturday's solutions

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Jumble

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.



Answer here



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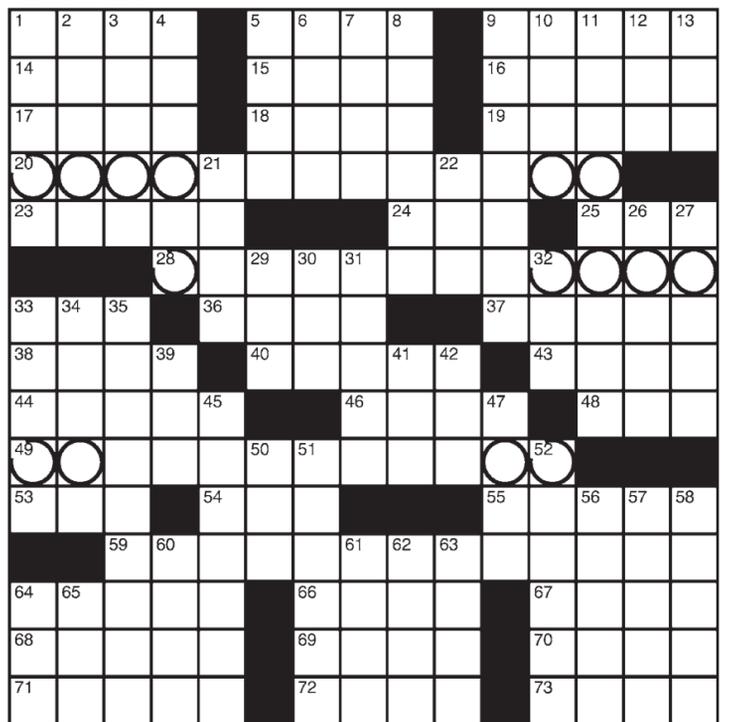
Jumbles: FENCE HOUND COPPER DABBLE
 Answer: The cards dealt to the bridge players were shuffled — BEFOREHAND

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Crossword

3/16



Across
 1 Potentially insensitive, briefly
 5 Police
 9 ABBA's "___ Mia!"
 14 Vidal's Breckinridge
 15 Pequod captain
 16 Native Nebraskans
 17 Plenty
 18 Islamic branch
 28 Not kid around
 33 IV amounts
 36 List-shortening abbr.
 37 Italics feature
 38 Walter White shaved his off
 40 In contention (for)
 43 On the house

Down
 14 Aimée of "La Dolce Vita"
 46 Dmitri's dissent
 48 In low spirits
 49 Traitorous spies
 53 Driver's license info
 54 Wayside stop
 55 One-up
 59 Halloween discards, and what the three sets of circles represent?
 64 "Dallas" surname
 66 Solid precipitation
 67 Backside in a fall?
 68 Long-shot rags-to-riches enabler
 69 Ices, mob-style
 70 Girl in a Salinger story
 71 Enter on a laptop
 72 Italian eight
 73 Sweetheart

Saturday's solution
 BIGASK BUMPSOFF
 APOLLO ISITTEVER
 SALVOS ZENSTATE
 EDDIE LAD DATES
 MEN YURTS TESH
 KIN MICROHM
 ONELITRE JAMSAM
 FIRENZE PHSCALE
 ISAJIAH HITASNAG
 JACUZZI MRS
 DATA KUDZU HAM
 ODILE RDA CARBS
 ROBOCALL SHRIEK
 IBEFOREE KEENLY
 SIETTLERS TINSOLE

Down
 1 Savory taste first identified in Tokyo
 2 Carpet synthetic
 3 ___ as a peacock
 4 Tabby stimulant
 5 José's house
 6 "Fancy meeting you here!"
 7 "No __, no gain"
 8 Mall pizza chain
 9 Goth hairstyles
 10 Opposite of 17-Across
 11 Headpiece for kids in Mickey's TV club
 12 Filmmaker Brooks
 13 Biblical beast of burden
 21 Yarn
 22 Boating blade

26 Sleep concern
 27 "¿Cómo está ___?"
 29 Dune buggy, briefly
 30 "We did it!"
 31 Throw wildly
 32 North Pole toymaker
 33 "Hanging" problems in the 2000 election
 34 Algonquin transport
 35 Iowa port on the Lewis and Clark Trail
 39 Coax (out), as a genie
 41 "Science Guy" Bill
 42 Title for DDE
 45 Fictional language spoken by Sheldon and Leonard on "The Big Bang Theory"
 47 Sporty car roof
 50 Wind up
 51 Slangy "Movin' right along..."
 52 Had a late meal
 56 Not long-winded
 57 Daytime soap, e.g.
 58 Big name in blenders
 60 Opposed to
 61 Float like a feather in the breeze
 62 Breakup
 63 "Let me add..."
 64 Yellowstone grazers
 65 Misery

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New week to usher in active weather pattern

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 46 **LOW** 39

■ Clouds dominate the day, but temps reach seasonal levels.
 ■ Partly sunny early, then clouds thicken. A few sprinkles possible by midday.
 ■ Temps at, or just below freezing at sunrise slowly climb to afternoon highs in the mid 40s most locations.
 ■ Light winds become SW at 10-15 mph.
 ■ Mostly cloudy overnight. Chance of light showers or sprinkles late, especially north of the city.
 ■ Lows stay above freezing.

NATIONAL FORECAST



Climatologically, March is the fastest warming month of the year. Average high temperatures rise 13 degrees over the course of 31 days. This rapid transition from winter to spring is often accompanied by a strong clash of air masses. This battle of the seasons is expected to evolve across our area mid- to late week. Sunshine and diminishing winds will make Tuesday the most pleasant of the next seven days. By Wednesday, an initial surge of mild air is expected to bring widespread clouds and rain to the Midwest. A more dynamic system is then forecast to develop over the Plains and move northeast toward Chicago Thursday into Friday. Rain and thunderstorms will likely bring the area its second soaking in 10 days. Consensus forecasts suggest 1 to 2 inches of rain will fall across the area from Wednesday to Friday.

TUESDAY, MARCH 17

HIGH 53 **LOW** 35

Clouds linger early, then turning sunny as drier air arrives and high pressure builds in. Sunshine boosts temps to the low 50s. NW winds 10-15 mph become light and variable late. Clouds return at night.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

HIGH 44 **LOW** 38

Damp and raw. Patchy rain at daybreak becomes widespread and continues much of the day. E winds build to 15-25 mph. Highs upper 40s S to around 40 near the lake. Cloudy, occasional drizzle overnight.

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

HIGH 58 **LOW** 50

Chilly, damp start to the day. Rain, embedded t-storms overspread the area midday as warm air surges north. Daytime temps peak near 50 N-low 60s S toward evening. Rain ends, turning partly cloudy at night.

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

HIGH 55 **LOW** 27

Peeks of morning sun quickly fade as clouds thicken. Sporadic showers turn to flurries toward evening as temps in the 50s midday drop to the mid-upper 30s by dark. Blustery SW winds turn N late.

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

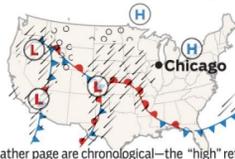
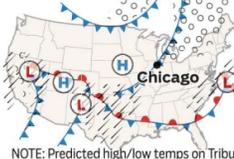
HIGH 37 **LOW** 23

Large polar high pressure builds across the upper Midwest bringing abundant sun and diminishing NE winds. Cold. High temps only manage to reach the mid-upper 30s, a level about 10 degrees below normal.

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

HIGH 44 **LOW** 30

Sprawling high pressure continues to dominate weather across the Great Lakes. Temps moderate a bit, but stay on the chilly side of normal, peaking in the low-mid 40s. E winds 15-20 mph.



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,
 As we head into spring, when can we typically expect our first 80-degree day?
 Thanks.

Marjory V. Crest Hill

Dear Marjory,
 Chicago's official temperature records date from 1871 and the long-term average date of the season's first 80 is April 26. The city's earliest 80 occurred March 3, 1974, with a high of 80 degrees and the second-earliest was 81 degrees on March 12, 1990. When Chicago has experienced chilly springs, the first 80-degree temperature has been delayed. The most delayed occurrence was in 1884 when the first reading of 80 degrees was a high of 83 degrees, registered on June 18, in an era when official readings were taken downtown near chilly Lake Michigan.

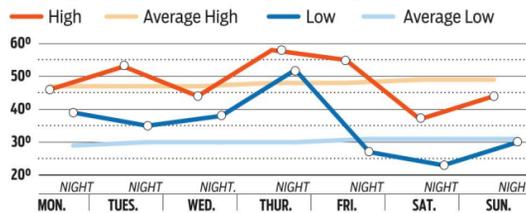
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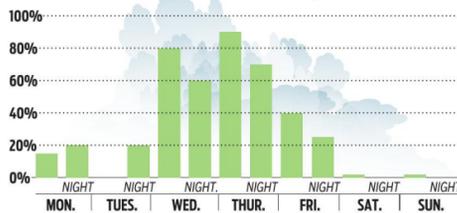
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 Ivory's weather updates week-days 3 to 6 p.m. on WGN-AM 720 Chicago.

Major weather changes on the docket during this week

TEMPERATURES TO VARY BETWEEN WINTER AND SPRING
 Forecast high/low temps compared to normal
 Readings to spike late Thursday-Thurs. night



PROBABILITY OF CHICAGO PRECIPITATION
 Push of mild air to raise rain chances mid-late week
 Weather to turn unsettled as storm system brews



CLASH OF AIR MASSES TO PLAY OUT OVER MIDWEST MID-LATE WEEK

Heavy snow north; severe weather potential south

HEAVY SNOW
 COLD
 RAIN/T-STORMS
 WARM

FORECASTER'S DILEMMA
 What will temps be in your area Thurs. evening?

FORECAST FRONTAL POSITIONS 7 P.M. THURS.

GFS Model lifts warm front into southern Wisconsin sweeping 60° air across metro area

European Model favors a scenario with a stationary front farther south keeping north suburbs in chilly air

RAINFALL OUTLOOK
 Soaking rains focus on Midwest/Ohio Valley this week

FORECAST CUMULATIVE RAINFALL FROM A.M. MONDAY TO 7 P.M. FRIDAY

Chicago: 0.50", 3", 3", 2", 1"

SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

MIDWEST CITIES					OTHER U.S. CITIES					WORLD CITIES														
MON./TUES.	FC	HI	LO	FC HI LO	MON./TUES.	FC	HI	LO	FC HI LO	MONDAY	FC	HI	LO	MONDAY	FC	HI	LO							
Illinois	sh	50	42	sh	58	45	Albany	pc	47	36	rs	52	32	Palm Beach	su	82	72	pc	83	71	Kyiv	pc	45	34
Carbondale	sh	44	38	sh	58	45	Albuquerque	su	68	44	cl	66	43	Palm Springs	pc	72	52	pc	66	47	Algiers	pc	74	53
Champaign	sh	44	38	sh	58	45	Flagstaff	pc	53	33	pc	49	29	Philadelphia	pc	51	39	sh	58	38	Amsterdam	pc	53	39
Decatur	sh	45	39	pc	50	38	Amarillo	sh	70	48	sh	56	47	Phoenix	pc	79	56	pc	73	55	Ankara	rs	41	23
Moline	sh	45	39	pc	50	38	Anchorage	sh	28	16	ss	30	25	Pittsburgh	sh	51	44	sh	51	34	Athens	pc	52	43
Peoria	sh	43	36	pc	49	37	Ashville	sh	54	46	rs	63	50	Portland, ME	pc	35	29	rs	44	32	Auckland	sh	69	53
Quincy	sh	47	39	pc	54	44	Aspen	pc	52	31	cl	52	30	Portland, OR	su	59	31	pc	59	38	Baghdad	pc	75	57
Rockford	cl	43	34	pc	52	44	Atlanta	sh	57	51	sh	70	56	Providence	pc	42	32	sh	51	34	Bangkok	pc	90	82
Springfield	sh	45	39	pc	52	41	Atlanta	pc	42	31	cl	60	37	Raleigh	cl	59	49	sh	64	51	Barbados	pc	84	76
Sterling	sh	44	34	pc	48	36	Atlantic City	pc	48	42	cl	55	41	Rapid City	sh	36	20	pc	53	32	Barcelona	su	58	56
Indiana							Austin	sh	79	67	rs	80	74	Reno	rs	44	31	cl	42	23	Beijing	pc	71	38
Bloomington	sh	50	42	cl	54	40	Baltimore	pc	54	43	sh	62	41	Richmond	pc	58	43	sh	67	45	Beirut	pc	68	58
Evansville	sh	50	44	cl	57	45	Billings	pc	33	16	pc	47	25	Rochester	pc	49	41	sh	44	28	Berlin	pc	61	38
Fort Wayne	cl	48	38	pc	49	30	Birmingham	sh	71	60	sh	76	60	Sacramento	sh	52	40	cl	58	40	Bermuda	cl	65	60
Indianapolis	cl	49	41	cl	51	37	Bismarck	pc	32	17	pc	41	28	St. Louis	sh	48	42	cl	57	46	Bogota	pc	60	35
Lafayette	cl	46	39	pc	50	35	Burlington	pc	60	42	sh	59	38	St. Paul	pc	59	30	pc	54	44	Brussels	cl	56	39
Louisville	cl	46	39	pc	50	35	Boston	pc	36	32	sh	49	35	Salt Lake City	pc	64	43	pc	64	42	Buenos Aires	sh	69	53
Madison	cl	46	39	pc	50	35	Brownsville	sh	82	69	sh	84	70	San Antonio	sh	78	66	pc	81	66	Bucharest	su	49	28
Memphis	sh	45	39	pc	50	38	Buffalo	pc	49	39	sh	43	29	San Diego	cl	63	56	pc	61	53	Budapest	pc	54	27
Minneapolis	sh	44	38	pc	50	35	Butte	pc	41	32	sh	46	29	San Francisco	pc	53	43	pc	54	44	Buenos Aires	sh	75	63
Milwaukee	cl	44	33	pc	46	34	Chattanooga	sh	60	54	sh	70	54	San Jose	pc	80	74	pc	82	74	Cairo	su	79	58
Wausau	sh	37	21	su	38	27	Charlotte	sh	55	48	sh	66	53	Santa Fe	su	61	37	sh	59	36	Cancun	pc	84	74
Michigan							Charlottesville	sh	60	56	sh	68	56	Savannah	sh	65	57	sh	74	60	Caracas	pc	81	62
Detroit	pc	47	38	pc	49	29	Chicago	sh	58	48	sh	55	46	Seattle	sh	49	38	sh	54	48	Casablanca	sh	61	50
Grand Rapids	pc	46	36	pc	43	28	Cincinnati	cl	54	43	cl	55	36	Shreveport	sh	67	58	sh	77	65	Copenhagen	cl	49	38
Marquette	sh	38	25	pc	32	21	Cleveland	cl	51	41	cl	46	33	Sioux Falls	sh	43	24	pc	44	36	Dublin	cl	52	46
St. Joseph	sh	43	35	pc	46	34	Columbia	sh	57	52	sh	68	56	Spokane	su	48	22	pc	50	28	Edmonton	su	32	16
Traverse City	cl	44	34	pc	39	28	Columbia MO	sh	47	40	sh	56	47	Tallahassee	pc	83	63	pc	85	65	Frankfurt	pc	67	59
Iowa							Columbus	sh	52	43	sh	52	33	Tampa	pc	88	66	pc	85	65	Geneva	pc	63	41
Ames	sh	45	29	pc	48	37	Dallas	sh	66	61	cl	69	53	Tucson	pc	50	40	pc	76	68	Havana	su	87	64
Cedar Rapids	sh	44	29	pc	47	36	Daytona Bch.	pc	80	64	pc	82	64	Tulsa	sh	56	50	pc	76	68	Hong Kong	sh	76	69
Des Moines	sh	47	31	pc	49	40	Denver	pc	61	38	pc	60	40	Washington	sh	57	45	cl	64	42	Istanbul	pc	47	39
Dubuque	sh	42	29	pc	46	35	El Paso	su	78	51	cl	69	53	Wichita	sh	54	44	cl	55	33	Jerusalem	pc	67	48
							El Paso	su	78	51	cl	69	53	Wilmington	sh	44	32	cl	47	29	Johannesburg	pc	78	54
							El Paso	su	78	51	cl	69	53	Yuma	pc	74	52	pc	71	53	Kabul	sh	60	41
							El Paso	su	78	51	cl	69	53								Kingston	pc	86	75

CHICAGO DIGEST

SUNDAY TEMPERATURES

LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
Aurora	44	31	Midway	39	34
Gary	39	33	O'Hare	42	34
Kankakee	44	30	Romeoville	44	33
Lakefront	39	33	Valparaiso	45	25
Lansing	43	30	Waukegan	39	31

CHICAGO PRECIPITATION

PERIOD	2020	NORMAL
Sun. (through 4 p.m.)	0.00"	0.08"
March to date	0.85"	1.14"
Year to date	4.42"	4.66"

CHICAGO SNOWFALL

PERIOD	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Sun. (through 4 p.m.)	0.0"	0.0"
Season to date	26.9"	26.6"
Normal to date	32.9"	34.1"

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS

	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Wind	SW 10-15 kts.	NW 10-15 kts.
Waves	1-3 feet	1-3 feet
Thu. shore/creeper water temps	na/na	na/na

U.S. SNOW COVER

MARCH 15	2020	2019
Area covered by snow	32.9%	38.5%
Average snow depth	3.5"	7.5"

TRACKING THE COLD

SINCE OCT. 15	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Sub-32° highs	23 days	21 days
Subzero lows	1 days	1 days

CHICAGO AIR QUALITY

Sunday's reading	Good
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