



## CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

# State records first virus death as problems mar primary vote

Pritzker: Fate of 61-year-old S. Side woman 'dreaded' news

Cluster tied to Willowbrook nursing home draws scrutiny

Polls open with many places closed under shadow of outbreak

BY ELYSSA CHERNEY, DAN PETRELLA, MADELINE BUCKLEY, ROBERT MCCOPPIN AND MORGAN GREENE

A Chicago woman in her 60s was the first Illinois resident to die from the new coronavirus, and the state's largest outbreak at a single location has taken hold at a

west suburban long-term care facility where 22 people are now infected, state officials said Tuesday.

Patricia Frieson, 61, of the Gresham neighborhood on the South Side, was diagnosed with COVID-19 and died Monday night at the University of Chicago Medical Center, according to the Cook County medical ex-

aminer's office and one of her siblings.

At his daily news briefing, Gov. J.B. Pritzker said he was "deeply saddened to share news that I've dreaded since the earliest days of this outbreak."

"I want to extend my deepest condolences to her family members," Pritzker said. "I want them to know

that the entire state mourns with them."

Frieson, a retired nurse, began experiencing difficulty breathing last week and went to the emergency room, said her younger brother Richard Frieson, who lives in Minneapolis.

Frieson, who had a history of health problems including respiratory issues

and pneumonia, wasn't too concerned when she first checked into the hospital, her brother said. But her family became nervous as they learned more about the coronavirus and her condition deteriorated.

The family doesn't know how she came into contact with COVID-19, Frieson's brother said.

"She doesn't have high mobility, so however she got it, it was brought to her," said Richard Frieson. "The only thing she gets out for is funerals. She got out for a funeral a couple weeks ago. She doesn't really get out of the house much other than to go to church."

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Voter Vickie Jones, 61, left, and Latisha Hollis, 42, center, sign in to vote at a polling place at the Thurgood Marshall branch of the Chicago Public Library on the South Side on Tuesday.

# Pandemic casts pall over elections

But Cook County and Chicago avoid record-low turnout

BY ELYSSA CHERNEY, JAVONTE ANDERSON AND HAL DARDICK

Chicago and suburban Cook County were headed to relatively low election turnouts Tuesday as a city elections spokesman and aides to Gov. J.B. Pritzker publicly voiced their differences over whether the primary should have proceeded amid the global coronavirus pandemic.

Although the city was expected to exceed the record-low presidential primary turnout of 24.5% in

2012 — and the county was on track to top its record low of 23.1% in 2000 — the percentage of voters going to the polls paled in comparison with 2016. That year, 53.5% turned out in the city and 48.6% in the Cook suburbs.

As of 7 p.m., with five Chicago polling places staying open an extra hour, Chicago election officials were reporting that 282,333 voters had gone to the polls during the day. Combined with a record high 171,709 early voters, that meant turnout was hovering around 30%, before adding in mail-in ballots and provisional ballots cast Tuesday.

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Unofficial totals show Marie Newman defeated U.S. Rep. Dan Lipinski in the 3rd Congressional District primary.

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As President Trump looks on as Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin speaks Tuesday during a briefing.

# President moves to blunt economic impact of virus

Trump proposes \$850B stimulus for affected industries

BY JONATHAN LEMIRE AND KEVIN FREKING  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Ahead of an expected surge in coronavirus cases, President Donald Trump on Tuesday moved to blunt the

impact of the pandemic on the U.S. economy, fundamentally altered by a push for a nation to stay home.

As the global markets fluctuated amid fears of a recession, the president conferred with tourism executives as well as restaurant leaders, retailers and suppliers. His administration is expected to propose a roughly \$850 billion emergency economic stimulus to

address the free-fall while considering checks to American workers trying to make their way in an economy deeply unsettled by the outbreak.

The death toll in the U.S. from the new coronavirus passed the 100 mark on Tuesday after Washington state reported six new fatalities, bringing the country's total to 103.

U.S. businesses large and

small are reeling from shutdowns, cancellations and public fear about the virus as the number of cases rises nationwide. Stocks moved higher on Wall Street on Tuesday, a day after plunging to their worst loss in more than three decades.

And the president again urged Americans to follow sweeping guidelines that

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Our teams have been amassing a tremendous amount of coronavirus information — tips from sources, questions from readers like you, story ideas, interviews, research documents, etc.

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Election judge Sharon Ryan sanitizes markers at a polling place for voters at Byrne School in the 23rd Ward on Tuesday.



## JOHN KASS

# Pritzker plays judge and jury for election politics

On Election Day — the day that Illinois recorded its first death from the coronavirus pandemic — Gov. J.B. Pritzker was in full outrage mode, defending his decision to put Illinois voters and election judges at risk of contracting the virus by not postponing Tuesday's primary elections.

Pritzker was angry that the Chicago Board of Elections would dare state the obvious, that Pritzker should have delayed the election. That's exactly what Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine did. But Pritzker was driven to please his fellow Democrats, like state House Speaker Michael Madigan, and took refuge in his lawyers' reading of state law.

The law, the law, the law. Illinois politicians have a history of telling us how much they respect the law, before they bend it and spit on it.

By insisting the election would go on as planned Tuesday, Pritzker subjected voters and judges to crowding in polling places. People using the same pens, touching the screens, often without cleanser, coughing, violating the social distancing Pritzker has insisted would help stem the spread of COVID-19.

"Let me tell you this," Pritzker said Tuesday. "It is exactly in times like these when the constitutional boundaries of our democracy should be respected above all else. And if people want to criticize me for that, if people want to criticize me for that, well go ahead. I'll wear it like a badge of honor."

That's Gov. Braveheart with the big speech.

But just 24 hours earlier, Pritzker made a different big speech. He said bar and restaurant owners — who hosted large "farewell" parties before their establishments were closed by his order — should be held responsible for any coronavirus deaths.

"I would say to them that weeks from now, months from now, when one of those partygoers, one of those people that they kind of defied the order to have into their establishment — becomes sick, perhaps dire, somebody perhaps that might die, they

should know that they are responsible for that," Pritzker said.

If anyone at an Illinois polling place on Tuesday contracts COVID-19 and dies, will Pritzker bear the same responsibility?

Get real. He's a billionaire governor. He has lawyers and spinners, and pushing this election in the face of coronavirus made Boss Madigan happy. Because this is politics.

In Illinois, politics is power. And power is everything.

Clearly, the coronavirus depressed turnout. And primaries are precinct captain elections. But by not postponing Tuesday's vote, Pritzker served former Vice President Joe Biden's Democratic presidential campaign. He served Boss Madigan, who'll use his statewide Democratic organization to maintain control over Illinois.

But what of those who may become ill?

Christopher Robling, a former Chicago Board of Elections commissioner, addressed the inconsistencies in Pritzker's positions.

"If he argues that restaurant and bar owners are responsible for deaths from closing parties, then he must accept his liability for all injuries, and God forbid, deaths, arising from his pursuit of chits in the presidential race," Robling said.

Gov. DeWine faced opposition in Ohio. But he decided that the public's health was more important than politics.

"For poll workers to be sitting there 12-13 hours we felt, the health department felt, that it was not safe," the Ohio Governor said Tuesday.

Pritzker's feelings hit the fan when Chicago Board of Elections spokesman Jim Allen said what political reporters had known for some time, that seven days ago — the same day the World Health Organization declared the coronavirus to be a worldwide pandemic — the board asked Pritzker's staff to postpone Tuesday's vote.

"Quite honestly, we were on the phone with the governor's staff about a week ago, within hours of this being

declared a global pandemic, urging the postponement of the election," Allen said.

Allen is right. It took guts for Allen to say it out loud. Pritzker will squeeze him.

On Sunday, I wrote a column about this issue and received dozens of emails and messages from voters and election judges, many of whom are elderly.

One that came in Tuesday was from Chicago voter Paul Sill, a young, semiretired entrepreneur from the North Side and self-described moderate Republican/conservative Democrat and sometimes critic of President Donald Trump. He voted at the Holstein Park field house.

"What I won't soon forget is the hypocrisy of this governor in refusing to postpone the elections like so many other states, in the face of what he himself has described as a true health emergency and unfolding crisis for our population," Sills told me.

Sills described a hot, crammed polling place, where he stood with dozens of others.

"I had to grope pens, clipboards, and ballot holders all just to obtain my ballot. Then, I had to squeeze past four other voters to cram into the voting booth, which were no more than 2 feet apart from each other, to cast my vote using the same Sharpie others ahead of me just used.

"Most ridiculous of all, not a single hand sanitizer to be found anywhere. I did spy a giant tub high up on top of a locker in the corner, far away from any virus-ridden hands it might help. Only in Illinois," Sills said.

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# Restrictions add to grief for befuddled daughter



MARY SCHMICH

How quickly it happened. How quickly we lost the chance to touch certain people we love, to hold a hand, to give a hug, to wipe away a tear.

Suddenly this new virus named COVID-19 marauds across the land, and, just like that, everything is changed. Trips to see friends and family are canceled. Weddings are postponed. Funeral gatherings are called off. Jobs vanish.

This too shall pass, we tell ourselves, and it will.

But before it does, many people will face losses that had never crossed their minds and that may never be repaired. Sue Markgraf is among them.

On Saturday, Markgraf went to visit her 81-year-old mother, who is a memory care patient in hospice in Joliet, south of Chicago. For the past 2½ months, Markgraf has driven from her home in Mundelein almost every evening to sit by her mother's side. She helps her mother do the crossword puzzle, tucks the afghan around her mother's shoulders when it slips off, chats with her mom about kids, grandkids, ancestors.

The facility — Sunny Hill Nursing Home of Will County — is excellent, Markgraf says. "It's clean, it's fun. The care my mother gets there is good."

But a few days ago, Markgraf learned what she had feared: With the coronavirus spreading, visits would be restricted. Saturday's would be her last one for a while and maybe, given her mother's condition, forever.

Befuddled. That's one word she uses to describe her response to the decree. Another word is mad.

"It would be so much easier for me if there was somebody to be mad at," she says. "There's nobody to be mad at. No one is responsible for this. It's a virus. I'm mad at a virus that's dark and scary."

Markgraf knows she's not alone. Many facilities for the elderly — the population most at risk of dying from the virus — have enforced similar restrictions in the past few days, and while those restrictions have good reasons, they've left Markgraf and many others afraid that they'll never see their elderly parents again, and fearful that their parents will feel abandoned.

"I understand the restrictions," Markgraf says. "But it's heartbreaking. I don't know what the right answer is. I just know that she's my mom. In our hearts, we're all children. We suffer anyway when a parent is ill. But add this restriction..."

Her voice trailed off.

"I have never felt pain like this in my life.



SUE MARKGRAF

**"It would be so much easier for me if there was somebody to be mad at. There's nobody to be mad at. No one is responsible for this. It's a virus. I'm mad at a virus that's dark and scary."**

— Sue Markgraf, right, in a selfie with her mother, Wanda Johnson, 81, a memory care patient in hospice in Joliet

This is a grief?"

Markgraf's mother, Wanda Johnson, is a vivacious woman who married her husband, Jerry, 60 years ago and raised four children, all of whom visit her regularly. In the 1950s, she worked as a private secretary at Argonne National Laboratory. Later she managed the books for her husband's grocery stores. It wasn't so long ago that she liked to sit on her seated walker in her own apartment folding laundry.

But a stroke, followed by complications, changed her life. Now her legs don't work and she spends her time in the nursing home either in a big wheeled chair or in bed. She has trouble remembering things, such as her daughter Sue's phone number, which she'd known for years.

"My mother was a wizard at accounting," Markgraf says. "But now if you were to give her a mobile phone, she wouldn't know what to do with it."

On Saturday, Markgraf, along with one

of her sisters, sat with her mother in the nursing home. Her dad was there. They told Wanda they wouldn't be able to visit for a while.

"She wanted to know why," Markgraf says. "She's a memory care patient so she's not understanding the true why. We told her it was a virus worse than the flu. She just looked stunned. She said, 'So I'm not going to see my family at all?' We told her we'd be in touch with her. She said, 'Do I have a say in this?' And we said, 'No, none of us do.'"

In the time since, Markgraf keeps thinking of her dad saying, "I just want to hold my wife's hand again." She keeps wondering if there's a better way for nursing homes to handle this impossible situation. She doesn't know what it is. (I left a couple of messages at Sunny Hill, hoping to discuss the challenges they're facing, but didn't get a call back.)

Markgraf runs a strategic communications firm and believes that communica-

tion is vital to managing this crisis. At the very least, she believes, care facilities need to focus on communicating, thoroughly and often, with the families of the people they care for. They have to find ways to ensure that patients stay in contact with their families.

In her mother's home, she says, landlines are in short supply, but many people, like her mother, can't handle a cellphone, much less figure out a FaceTime call.

Markgraf wants to make it clear that she knows her loss and frustration in this crisis aren't unique. She knows there are no easy answers but she's convinced that, in every realm, institutions need to find better ways to communicate.

"What we are going through with my mom is grief," she says. "What we're going through as a nation is grief. Help us find a way."

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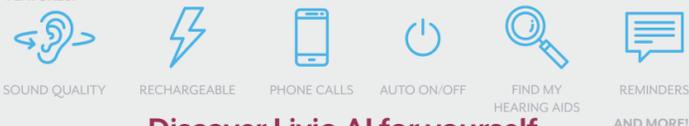
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## CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

### Pritzker failed us by failing to postpone polls



**DAHLEEN GLANTON**

The people of Illinois were cheated out of their vote on Tuesday. State officials should have known that it would be impossible to hold a fair election in the midst of a national health pandemic.

Gov. J.B. Pritzker never should have allowed this to happen.

On one hand, state officials are telling people to stay at home from restaurants and bars, and at the same time, they're saying it's OK to go to the polls. This kind of mixed messaging is the last thing people need at a time when so much confusion exists over the coronavirus that people aren't sure exactly what to believe.

Some states, including Georgia, Louisiana, Kentucky, Maryland and Ohio, had the common sense to postpone their primaries to later in the spring. Illinois, however, decided that there was nothing wrong with allowing voters to go in and out a voting booth, and touch a screen with their fingers or a germ-magnet stylus.

Many voters may have stayed away from the polls, deciding instead to forfeit an opportunity to perform their civic duty in one of the most contentious local and national primaries we've had in a long time.

Illinoisans should never have been forced to make that choice.

It was obvious from the moment the polls opened that a huge mistake had been made. Normal Election Day problems seen every year, such as equipment shortages, late poll openings and computer glitches, were exacerbated by the pandemic.

Some polling places didn't even have hand sanitizer or cleaning wipes.

The problems were mounting even before Election Day. New federal guidelines were issued Monday urging Americans to avoid gathering in groups of more than 10 for the next two weeks, yet candidates and election officials were still telling people to get out and vote. That was irresponsible, not knowing whether Illinois would experience the long lines that occurred in other states during previous primaries.

Last week, Chicago Board of Elections officials changed the location of some 200 polling places because of coronavirus concerns, adding to the confusion on Tuesday. In some cases, people were crammed into consolidated locations, allowing the virus to potentially spread.

Poll workers refused to even show up at some locations. State and local officials had scrambled days before to recruit new people for the job, including young adults who might want to earn extra money, but few took the bait.

Shortly after the polls opened and it became clear that a huge mistake had been made, the finger pointing began. Chicago election officials were blaming Pritzker, the governor was blaming the city and, meanwhile, the people of Illinois were falling through the cracks.

In a dispute that carried over to Twitter, Chicago Board of Elections officials accused the governor of ignoring their request to call off in-person voting because of a shortage of election judges and other virus-related issues. Elections officials said they had pushed for strictly voting by mail.

The governor's chief of staff tweeted that it was a lie. Pritzker's office shot back with its own charges.

In a statement, Pritzker's spokeswoman said the governor's office had offered to enlist the National Guard to help with the election, but the city turned it down. He also accused election officials of failing to cut through red tape so that 2,000 young people from the Mikva Challenge jobs program could work as judges.

In his defense, the statement argued that the governor could not unilaterally cancel or delay an election.

"Elections are the cornerstone of our democracy and we could not risk confusion and disenfranchisement in the courts," the statement said. "No one is saying this is a perfect solution. We have no perfect solutions at the moment. We only have least bad solutions."

The governor insists that the criticism by election officials is politically motivated. Maybe it is. Maybe it isn't. But it does matter.

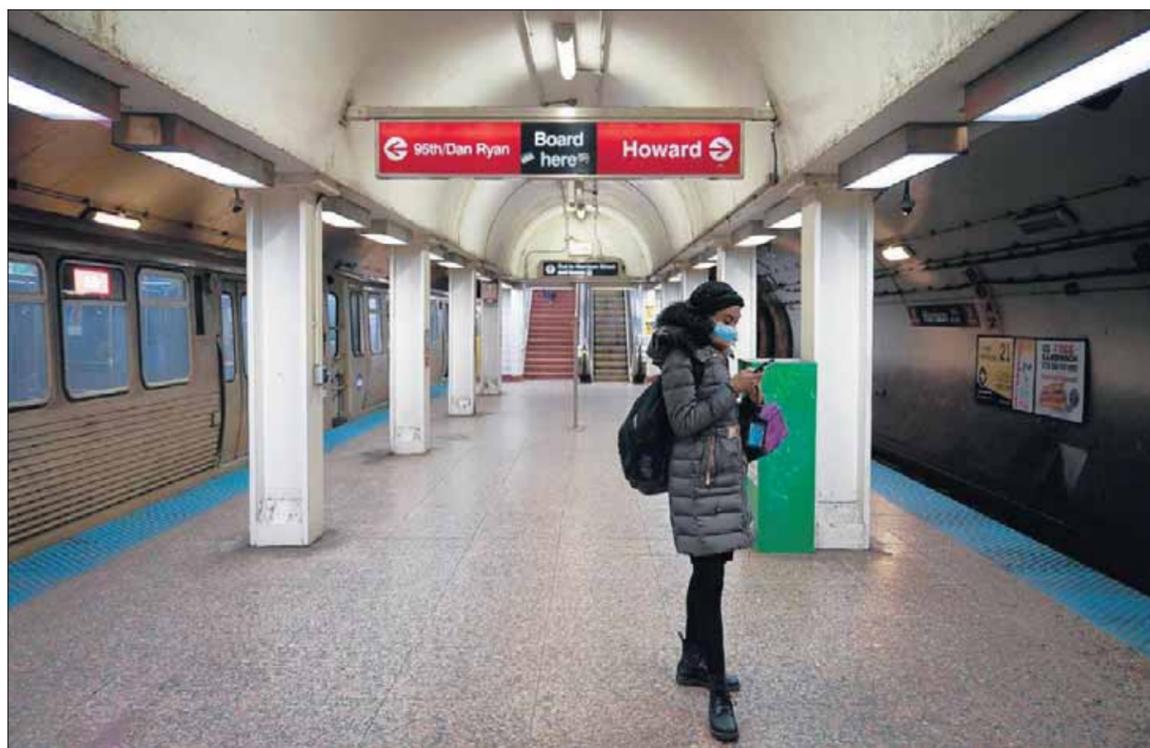
It is commendable that the governor understands the importance of giving each and every citizen the right to cast their ballot in a timely manner with as few obstacles as possible. But there must also be room for sensible adjustments.

Those 118,000 absentee ballots weren't going anywhere. The more than 145,000 ballots that were cast early would still be around. And a vote cast a month from now would be just as valid as a vote cast on Tuesday. There likely would be more of them as well.

The bottom line is that the Illinois primary didn't work in the best interest of the people. Yes, city, state and county election officials had a hand in the failure too.

But the same rule applies to Pritzker as it does to Donald Trump. The buck stops with the person at the top.

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A mask-wearing commuter waits at the CTA Red Line Harrison subway station during the morning rush period on Monday.

## Coronavirus concerns are thinning crowds on CTA

For those who must ride, there are ways to cut risk

By MARY WISNIEWSKI

With growing numbers of commuters working from home because of concerns over the new coronavirus, crowds are thinning on public transit.

Metra said that on Friday it carried only half the number of passengers it normally has on a typical Friday.

On the CTA, ridership between Wednesday and Friday of last week was down 12% from comparable periods before the outbreak, with a drop of 19% on the "L" and 6% on buses, said spokesman Brian Steele. CTA ridership numbers were expected to drop more on Tuesday, with the shutdown of Chicago Public Schools.

While health experts advise people to avoid crowded places like public transit during the COVID-19 pandemic, some riders don't have the option of staying home, or driving. If you need to travel by bus or train, here are some ways to help stay safe, according to experts.

**Take a seat.** Sit down. It's better to sit than to stand because people with respiratory ailments cough or sneeze at the level of their faces, which is up by handrails and straps, so that's where the bugs are.

"Seats tend to accumulate skin microbes, not respiratory microbes," said Curtis Huttenhower, a professor of biostatistics, immunology and infectious disease at the Harvard University T. H. Chan School of Public Health and an author of a 2016 study on microbes on the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority.

**Try not to touch anything.** Try to avoid touching handrails, straps, and seat backs. If you must touch them, clean your hands. Wash your hands when you get to your destination, and carry hand sanitizer.

**Protect yourself.** If you can get them, wear disposable gloves and a mask, though be sure to change them frequently, said Dr. Howard Markel, a professor of communicable diseases and the director of the University of Michigan's Center for the History of Medicine.

In a pinch, you can also wear your own winter gloves and a scarf over your face, though make sure you wash them, Markel said. "If you're really paranoid about breathing in particles, it might help," Markel said, emphasizing "might."

**Sit by yourself.** Try not to sit next to anybody on the train or bus, and steer clear of those who are coughing, sneezing or otherwise appear to be sick. Dr. Robert Murphy, an infectious disease expert at Northwestern University who rides the north branch of the CTA Red Line, noted that this advice is easier to follow than it was a week ago.

**Don't ride.** If a train is really crowded, or if you are in a high-risk group, don't ride. "If you can find an alternative way to get somewhere, do that," Murphy said.

He notes that taxis and ride-share vehicles also may be carrying the virus, if the driver or a previous passenger is sick. A personal car is a better choice, if you have one available, or a personal or Divvy bike, as long as you wipe down the handlebars before getting on, Murphy said.

The Chicago Department of Trans-

portation reported that Divvy bike use had doubled in the first 11 days of March, to 82,112 users this year compared with 40,078 in the same period last year. Some of the increase may be due to warmer weather — the average Chicago temperature in March last year was below normal, but it has been warmer than normal so far this month, according to the National Weather Service.

Health experts emphasize that you should think about whether it's essential to be on public transit. If you really don't have to use it, leave it for someone who does.

Both the CTA and Metra have reassured customers that workers are regularly cleaning and disinfecting trains and buses, especially high-touch areas like rails and seat backs. CTA spokesman Steele said that besides daily cleanings, areas like turnstiles and handrails are wiped down with disinfectants multiple times a day.

Murphy said cleanings every hour or after every train run would be preferable.

Both Metra and CTA continue to run on normal service schedules. Mayor Lori Lightfoot told reporters Monday that it was not time yet to close the CTA or shrink its schedule, since people need it.

By contrast, Amtrak last week announced that it would "significantly" reduce service as bookings on the national railroad had dropped by half.

For those traveling by car, traffic was lighter in terms of passenger vehicles on the Illinois Tollway on Monday, though commercial traffic remained the same, according to spokesman Dan Rozek.

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## How hospitals answer life, death questions in crisis

By RICK KOGAN

As every hospital on this planet is or soon will be in the troubling and agonizing process of being stretched to its physical limits under the shadow of the coronavirus pandemic, questions abound: Have we enough beds? How many ventilators do we have and how many will we need? How many will die?

Important questions to be sure, essential questions even if precise answers at this point are elusive. But there is also an emotional and ethical component to this ongoing crisis, and it goes to the core of who we are as human beings.

The pandemic has yet to exercise its full force on the United States, yet to hit Chicago hard. But just as we study the charts and numbers embellishing stories about this illness, we should heed a couple of disconcerting facts (consider them harbingers if you must) from across the globe:

In the Chinese city of Wuhan, the need last month was for more than 1,000 ventilators and respirators to help people breathe. Only about half that number were available. How many died as a result?

In Italy, ventilators were being rationed, with the young and others deemed to have a good chance of survival moving to the top of the list. Dr. Daniele Macchini posted on Facebook a lengthy and unsettling description of what he is observing, writing, "Every ventilator becomes like gold." An ICU doctor at a hospital in Bergamo, near Milan, he further wrote, "The staff is exhausted. ... Doctors move beds and transfer patients, administer therapies instead of nurses. Nurses and doctors with tears in their eyes because we can't save everyone, and the vital parameters of

several patients at the same time reveal an already marked destiny."

Father John Cusick, longtime priest at Old St. Pat's Church on the Near West Side, hesitated not a second when asked, "How should hospitals prioritize the sick?"

He said, "It's simple. The sickest person goes on top of the pile."

He elaborated: "Every individual hospital has its own pecking order. I see it all the time in emergency rooms. Someone who comes in with strep throat is going to wait behind a gunshot victim. This will be something we have never seen before."

Cusick, who is 74, knows death. He has officiated at hundreds, perhaps thousands, of funerals for people of all ages. "I feel for any of those who will have to be making these decisions. If the decision comes down to getting a ventilator to a 20-year-old with the virus or an 80-year-old who also has it, as well as some underlying illness, I would personally if reluctantly choose the 20-year-old, because one hopes he will have a full life and make important contributions in all the years he likely has left to live. But I hope we never get in that situation. It is at once simple and complex and terrifying."

There is, at this stage, no way to know where we are heading.

"There are going to be some very hard choices made, from doctors and patients," he says. "The doctors are like God, holding lives in their hands. I know that many of them must confront this every day but this is going to be much different."

Dr. Cory Franklin worked for nearly four decades at Cook County (now John Stroger) Hospital. He often contributes stories to the Tribune and is the author of a fine and surprisingly lively 2015 book "Cook County ICU: 30 Years of Unforget-

table Patients and Odd Cases" (Chicago Review Press).

He was at the hospital when the heat wave of 1995 packed it with bodies. And he was there for what he calls "the last major epidemic, the AIDS epidemic of the 1980s. We took in a lot more patients than some other hospitals when things were looking rather hopeless. But we demonstrated that the intensive care unit could save lives and by 1991 came the arrival of effective AIDS drugs."

He is an optimistic man at 65 years and though he knows hospitals will be severely tested in the coming days, weeks and months, he says, "One has to always keep one eye hopefully on the future. I want us to avoid at all costs a rationing situation and I think that can be done with Chicago's hospitals approaching this in a cooperative manner, if one of them starts to feel strain. We must do everything we can to avoid making a choice between patients."

He and so many others cling to that hope. But this is a crisis that moves with lightning speed. Italy recently announced, via the civil protection department of the Piedmont region and a crisis management unit in Turin (as well as in subsequent stories coming out of Europe as Chicago greeted Tuesday morning), that with intensive care unit beds in danger of soon being fully filled, that patients over 80 or in poor health could be denied ICU treatment.

It hasn't happened yet but many doctors fear that some patients will, in essence, be left to die. As one Italian doctor chillingly put it, who lives and who dies "is decided by age and by the (patient's) health conditions. This is how it is in a war."

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## CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

## Many don't qualify for expanded testing

New state guides still aimed at only most serious cases

BY PETER NICKEAS AND ERIN HEGARTY

Lily Stephens and her boyfriend were sick on and off for a month before they decided to drive home from Iowa to visit her family doctor in Naperville. By late last week, the couple were coughing and had a hard time breathing, and neither was responding to antibiotics.

Stephens thought they might be infected with the new coronavirus. But despite their symptoms, they have been unable to be tested, she said. They were young and otherwise healthy, and hadn't been in contact with a known patient. Instead, they were advised to quarantine themselves at home unless their symptoms became extreme.

As commercial- and hospital-based testing for the new coronavirus becomes more available, state guidance for doctors treating suspected patients has widely expanded the pool of



Lily Stephens, 20, and her boyfriend are quarantined at their parents' Naperville home after being unable to get a test.

people who can be tested. On Friday, the Illinois Department of Public Health issued new guidelines that allow testing for people who live in nursing homes or other "congregate living" facilities, patients deemed to be "public health concerns" after being evaluated by medical professionals, hospitalized patients with unexplained respiratory problems, and people at higher risk of complications for whom a rapid diagnosis would benefit their treatment.

But because guidelines

are still aimed at testing only the most serious cases, many people who are displaying symptoms do not yet qualify.

On Tuesday, as Stephens and her boyfriend remained sequestered in the south Naperville home of Stephens' parents, Stephens passed out. Her mother called their doctor, who told them to continue to sit tight.

"It still hasn't changed anything, unfortunately," said Stephens, 20. "My mom spoke to my doctor, who said if it gets worse I can always go to the emergency

room."

Early on, an Illinois health care provider could seek a state laboratory test if the person was symptomatic, had contact with a known patient and other illnesses had been ruled out. The state's guidelines have become less restrictive as the situation has become more dire and more labs have been approved to conduct testing.

NorthShore University HealthSystem's hospital in Evanston is the only hospital that has been approved to offer the test so far. But any hospital that contracts with the four approved commercial labs can have the test done, according to IDPH. The health department also said the state lab has no backlog and is able to meet daily demands for testing.

The state has confirmed 160 cases and tested a total of 1,500. Most of the confirmed cases are in Cook County, though officials on Tuesday announced a cluster of more than 20 cases in a suburban nursing home, and public health officials have cautioned that more cases will likely appear as

testing expands.

For people who are sick and confined at home with their loved ones, the uncertainty has been difficult to endure.

Five days after showing up at urgent care with a burning sore throat, 42-year-old Christine Palmieri had developed a host of other symptoms: fever, dry cough, her "lungs, airway and sinuses absolutely on fire."

"I've had the flu before," she said. "This has been insane; I've never been this sick in my life. My throat was closing, and I had a massive headache, worse than ever."

Palmieri, who lives in Chicago's Lakeview neighborhood, said she went to a hospital emergency room over the weekend and again on Monday when her symptoms worsened.

"The nurse I spoke to was kind of saying, those symptoms sound familiar but don't worry, you haven't come into contact with anyone or traveled," she said. "I've been calling around all day to see if anywhere is testing people who have symptoms ... (but) nobody is

testing unless you meet the criteria."

Palmieri said she has a plan in place if she has to separate herself from her son but feels frustrated at her lack of options.

"I'm really nervous, watching the news, knowing what's going on," she said. "I feel pretty strongly that my symptoms align, and there's no way to get tested."

In Naperville, Stephens said she remains holed up in a bedroom with her boyfriend. They get food delivered to their door on a tray, and they try to use a separate bathroom from everyone else. Stephens said she's using a bandana as a mask, worrying that her parents and younger brother might be exposed.

"We're going day by day. Hopefully testing is more open at some point this week; from what we heard it's a day-by-day basis," Stephens said. "I think people need to know whether or not they have this."

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## Virus

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Patricia, one of nine children, loved to sing solos at church, where she didn't shy away from the spotlight, her brother said. She loved dotting on her nieces and nephews, and was "one of the sweetest people you ever want to meet."

Though some family members wanted to get tested for COVID-19 after Patricia's diagnosis, they've had trouble, Richard Frieson said. Two sisters, one of whom has been hospitalized with respiratory problems, have not been able to get tested, he said. Another brother was tested and is in self-quarantine as he awaits the results.

"We just need testing. The biggest issue is that there is just no testing going on," Richard Frieson said. "No one knows for sure what's going on, and people are walking around with a cough and ... it's just ridiculous. It's ridiculous that you can't get a test."

Fifty-five new cases of COVID-19 brought the total in the state to 160, across 15 counties. The patients, at least four of whom have recovered and are no longer in isolation, have ranged in age from 9 to 91.

The somber announcements of the state's first coronavirus death and the uptick in infections came a day after Pritzker announced the cancellation of all gatherings of 50 people or more, and followed the opening of the polls Tuesday morning to paltry turnout.

Among the new cases were 17 patients and four staff members at Chateau Nursing & Rehab Center in Willowbrook. This is the same facility where a woman in her 60s was identified Saturday as having the virus, and was hospitalized in stable condition, in a case believed to have been transmitted through the community.

Officials previously said they were trying to contact all people who had contact with the woman, including staff and visitors, which is standard procedure for tracing people exposed to the disease.

Residents at the facility are being screened aggressively, and those who've been diagnosed have been isolated at the home or in the hospital, said Dr. Ngozi Ezike, director of the Illinois Department of Public Health. Staff who've tested positive are furloughed at home.

Illinois officials are trying to learn from the experiences of Washington state, which as of Tuesday afternoon had 29 deaths associated with a single nursing home.

On Tuesday, DuPage County board Chairman Dan Cronin, who declared a disaster in the county, is-



An ambulance arrives to transport a patient at the Chateau Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Willowbrook.

sued a statement calling news of the cluster "deeply upsetting."

"Of course, we are deeply troubled by the news of the increase in cases in DuPage County," Cronin stated. "We are praying for all of those who are ill. But there's more we can do. We must intensify our efforts to adhere to the public health guidelines

and ask every person to take every individual action they can: social distancing, hand washing, covering sneezes and coughs to protect others."

As is not unusual in the nursing home industry, Chateau Nursing was cited previously for health violations. In 2018, the Illinois Department of Public Health fined the nursing home \$2,200 for safety violations after two residents were left unattended, and fell and hurt themselves, despite being known to be in danger of falling.

Officials from the nursing home did not immediately return calls for comment.

Officials from DuPage County, the state Department of Public Health and U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention were working to identify anyone who may have come in contact with the newly infected patients, county health spokesman Don Bolger said.

The average person may have had 50 to 90 contacts, resulting in up to nearly 2,000 potential exposures, Bolger said. Nursing home patients may have far fewer contacts, Bolger said, but the only way to know is by tracking them down.

Ezike, director of the Illinois Department of Public Health, said measures to limit the spread are crucial to protecting those most at risk from the virus — people

over 60 and those with underlying health conditions — and the health care workers who care for residents in nursing homes and patients in hospitals.

"This reinforces the need for all of us to do our part to reduce possible exposure in the community to those who go in and out of these facilities as they provide care to these residents," Ezike said.

She added: "It will take all of us making intense sacrifices to reduce the spread of the virus and free up our health care system to care for those who need it most."

As the number of COVID-19 cases across Illinois continues to spike, Dr. Allison Arwady, commissioner of the Chicago Department of Public Health, said it's important to remember that some of the increase can be attributed to the increasing availability of testing.

"The aggressive containment measures that we've been talking about and that all of you have been taking will not show up in the numbers today or tomorrow or in the very short term," Arwady said. "These measures that we've taken are about bending the curve over the long term."

On Tuesday, cases started to surface with ties to local universities, fire departments and Midway Airport. Northwestern University reported three confirmed cases at the Evanston campus. At the University of Illinois at Chicago's College of Medicine, university officials said a graduate medical trainee tested positive.

City officials said a Chicago Fire Department paramedic tested positive for COVID-19. A source told the Tribune the firefighter was assigned to Ambulance 38, located in the Hyde Park

neighborhood. He did not contract the virus through employment, but continued to work after exposure and stopped working upon testing positive, according to a source.

In Highland Park, three paramedics are under quarantine after caring for a person who may have been exposed to the virus, city officials said.

And at Midway, three workers at the air traffic control tower tested positive for the virus. The air traffic control tower temporarily closed Tuesday, slowing operations, according to the Federal Aviation Ad-

and sanitation, the airports and water departments.

Lightfoot also said the city is working on a local package to support hourly workers that will be released in the next couple of days.

At a crucial time for a department that has fallen under a federally mandated consent decree to improve training and other policies for its 13,000-plus officers, the Chicago Police Department canceled all training at its police academy, according to a police memo obtained by the Tribune.

With fewer places open to the public and growing

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— Dr. Allison Arwady, commissioner of the Chicago Department of Public Health

ministration.

In other parts of the city, daily life further unhinged from normalcy, as students paged through packets or transitioned to e-learning on the first day of the Illinois schools shutdown. Added to the ever-growing list of cancellations were public meetings, police training and commencement.

Wednesday's City Council meeting was canceled. Additionally, Mayor Lori Lightfoot announced non-essential city workers will be allowed to work from home. Those excluded include Chicago Police, Fire, and Office of Emergency Management and Communications personnel, as well as people working in streets

numbers of commuters working from home, crowds dipped on public transit. But on a day normally filled with festive pops of green and pubs filled to the brim, Chicagoans still went out for Irish whiskey.

Binny's Beverage Depot, a 72-year-old, family-owned Chicago liquor retailer with 42 Illinois locations, is well-stocked and moving a lot of Jameson and Bushmills in the wake of Pritzker's order closing all bars through March 30.

"In terms of business, it's not like a grocery store where we're running out of toilet paper," said Binny's spokesman Greg Versch. "But we are seeing all the St. Patrick's Day classics selling

well."

Metra said that on Friday it carried only half the number of passengers it normally has on a typical Friday. On Tuesday, the commuter railroad said that it would continue to operate its regular weekday schedule at least until Friday. But it is prepared to switch to a modified schedule, and any change would be announced "well in advance."

On the CTA, ridership between Wednesday and Friday of last week was down 12% from comparable periods before the outbreak, with a drop of 19% on rail and 6% on buses, said spokesman Brian Steele. CTA ridership numbers were expected to further drop Tuesday, with the shutdown of Chicago Public Schools.

New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio on Tuesday told residents to prepare for the possibility of an order to "shelter in place" within days, and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is recommending gatherings be capped at 10. Pritzker said he's "continuing to consult with medical doctors and scientists" about further measures in Illinois.

"We're going to continue to evaluate that every day and consider what options we may need to take going forward," he said.

In what has become a daily refrain during the outbreak, Pritzker kept up his criticism of the federal government for the pace of getting testing materials and other equipment to the states to combat the virus.

"This is an incredible failure by the federal government, and every day that they continue to abdicate their responsibilities is another day that we fall behind," he said. "I've requested and now I'm demanding that the White House, the (Food and Drug Administration) and the CDC produce a rapid increase in test deployment nationwide, or get out of the way and allow us to obtain them elsewhere ourselves."

At the same time, Pritzker is looking to Washington to provide aid to businesses that are being hurt by closures and other fallout from concerns over the new coronavirus.

The coronavirus pandemic has sickened more than 185,000 people around the world, according to the Associated Press. More than 7,300 have died, about half of them outside mainland China.

In the U.S., at least 4,500 people have been infected with the virus, and at least 88 have died. As of Tuesday, according to Johns Hopkins data, the number of reported cases was up about 900 over the past 24 hours.

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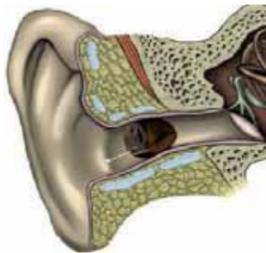
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ELECTION 2020

# Biden wins Illinois presidential primary

Victory increases pressure on Bernie Sanders to bow out

BY BILL RUTHHART AND RICK PEARSON

Former Vice President Joe Biden rolled to a convincing victory in the Illinois Democratic presidential primary Tuesday night in a contest that unfolded amid the outbreak of a dangerous disease and questions over whether the election should have been held at all.

With 89% of precincts reporting, Biden had 59% of the unofficial vote to 36% for Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, a win that widened the former vice president's commanding lead in the nominating contest and will increase pressure on Sanders to bow out of the race. With worry over the coronavirus pandemic hanging over the primary, the former vice president dominated from South Beloit to Cairo and Rock Island to Danville, winning virtually all of the state's 102 counties.

"It's important for us to get through this crisis, protecting both the public health and our democracy," Biden said in an online address from his home in Wilmington, Delaware. "Our campaign has had a very good night, and we're close to securing the Democratic Party's nomination for president — and we're doing it by building a broad coalition we need to win in November."

Biden's Illinois victory came on a night when he also easily prevailed in Florida, winning 62% percent of the unofficial vote to 23% for Sanders with 98% of precincts reporting. In Arizona, Biden also was on his way to a victory with a early results showing a double digit advantage.

Sanders did not address the public after the election results Tuesday night, but Biden made an appeal to the Vermont senator's young progressive supporters in an effort to start unifying the party ahead of a general election battle with Republican President Donald Trump. The former vice president credited Sanders and his movement for having "shifted the fundamental conversation in this country" on healthcare, income inequality and climate change.

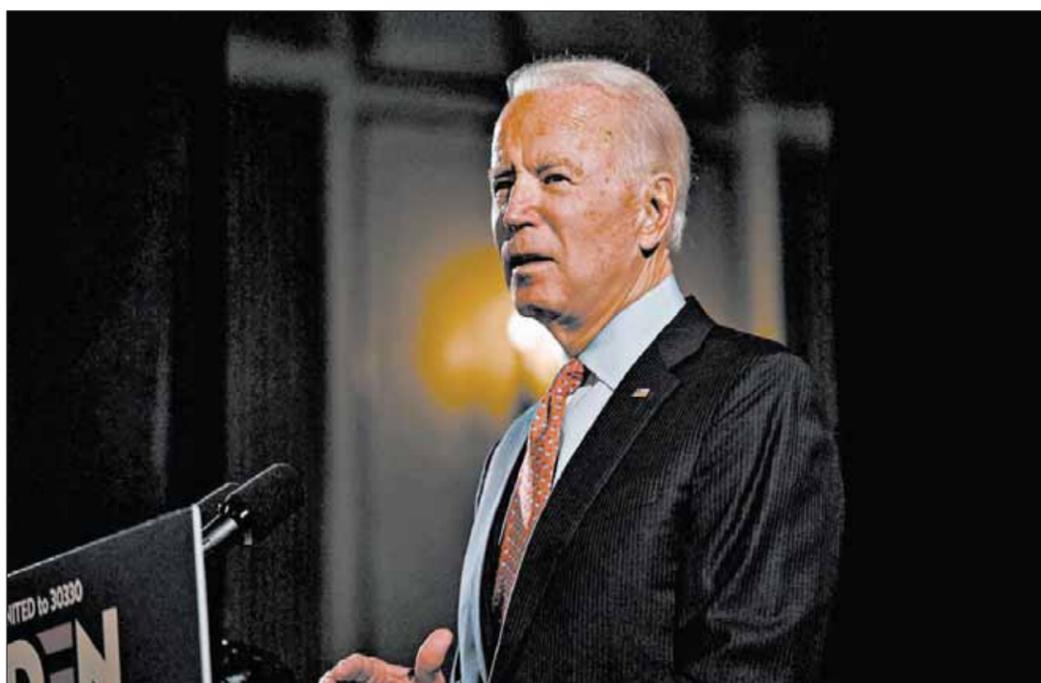
"Sen. Sanders and his supporters have brought a remarkable passion and tenacity to all of these issues," Biden said. "So, let me say especially to the young voters who have been inspired by Sen. Sanders: I hear you. I know what's at stake. I know what we have to do."

The voting came as the coronavirus pandemic has led to a national emergency and changed virtually every aspect of American life in recent days, leaving Chicago's Loop largely vacated, grocery store shelves emptied and health officials bracing for a surge in cases across the country. Gov. J.B. Pritzker on Tuesday announced the first COVID-19 death in Illinois, where there are now 160 reported cases of the disease.

By the time the polls opened, Pritzker already had ordered Illinois schools closed as millions in the state continued to isolate themselves at home at the guidance of the nation's health experts and top elected officials. The governor also had required the state's bars to close and restricted restaurants to carryout and delivery service.

Fear of the virus spreading, particularly to the elderly and those with underlying health conditions, led to very low voter turnout in Chicago despite early voting and mail-in ballots breaking previous marks before Election Day.

The emphasis on social distancing to avoid spreading the highly contagious COVID-19 led scores of election judges to call off the job, leading to a last-minute scramble to replace the vital workers at polling locations in Chicago and across the suburbs. In Chicago alone, 200 precincts had to be relocated from places such



Former Vice President Joe Biden won convincingly in Illinois as well as the Florida Democratic presidential primary.



Before polls closed Tuesday, Bernie Sanders sketched out his plan to deal with the coronavirus outbreak.

as senior citizen centers during the race's final days, and there were several locations that lacked voting materials.

"There's never been an election before where we had to move around 200 precincts," Chicago Board of Elections executive director Jim Allen said. "And I hope to God there never is again."

Turnout was down significantly compared to the primary four years ago. Turnout in Chicago hovered around 30% compared to 53% in 2016 while about 26% of voters in suburban Cook voted.

The breadth of Biden's victory represented a coalescing of the Democratic party behind his candidacy statewide. The former vice president led in Chicago, suburban Cook and the five suburban collar counties.

Statewide, Biden led in 99 of the state's 102 counties. Sanders unofficially won one county, Champaign, the home of the flagship University of Illinois, but only by about 800 votes. Two other small Downstate counties had not reported any totals late Tuesday night.

In the Democratic primary four years ago, Hillary Clinton edged Sanders by about 2 percentage points out of 2 million votes cast, winning on the strength of her near 100,000 vote advantage out of Chicago and Cook County. But Sanders won 89 of the state's 102 counties, including all of the suburban collar counties except Lake.

In Illinois, 155 pledged delegates to the Democratic National Convention in Milwaukee were at stake Tuesday night. Of that total, 101 are apportioned based on how the candidates perform in each of the state's 18 congressional districts and another 54 doled out based on how the contenders did statewide.

Late Tuesday night, at least 139 Illinois delegates had unofficially been awarded so far — 93 to Biden and 46 for Sanders, according to an Associated Press tally.

Biden entered the St. Patrick's Day primary with a healthy lead of roughly 150 delegates nationally before voters in Illinois, Florida and Arizona cast their ballots. By the end of the night, that advantage had expanded to 1,147 to 861 with more delegates to still be awarded and 1,991 needed to clinch the nomination.

Voters in Ohio also were scheduled to vote Tuesday, but Republican Gov. Mike DeWine ignored a court ruling and ordered the state's polls closed, citing

behind desks, registering people and all that, does that make a lot of sense? I'm not sure that it does."

Biden, however, struck a more strident tone, insisting the elections move forward. On Monday, Biden's campaign facilitated a call with Mayor Lori Lightfoot and Democratic U.S. Sen. Tammy Duckworth of Hoffman Estates, both of whom urged voters to cast their ballots, assuring them polling places were being sanitized and would be safe.

"A lot of you are likely concerned about voting and whether or not it's safe. You know, voting is a very part of who we are as a democracy, and there's no more important duty for us as Americans," Biden said during a telephone town hall Monday night. "We're following the guidelines offered by state public health officials and how to best ensure populations are looked after

while encouraging participation in our democracy?"

The Illinois primary took place two weeks after Biden tallied up big wins in several states on Super Tuesday, taking a commanding lead in the race. But 14 days later, Biden and Sanders found their campaigns upended by the coronavirus crisis, which has dominated the news for days, led to a market crash on Wall Street and urgent calls for a massive stimulus spending package from Washington.

On Tuesday, the former vice president continued to perform strongly within his core base — African Americans, women, older voters and self-described moderates and conservatives.

In Illinois, Biden also improved his performance among liberal voters, virtually splitting that vote with Sanders, according to the AP VoteCast survey, conducted among 2,739 Illinois

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— Former Vice President Joe Biden

voters by NORC at the University of Chicago.

Even as they cast their ballots, coronavirus was a preeminent concern of the state's Democratic electorate.

When asked if they were concerned about they or their family being infected with the coronavirus, 35% said they were very concerned and 44% said they were somewhat concerned. An additional 21% said they were not too concerned or not concerned at all.

"Tackling this pandemic is a national emergency akin to fighting a war. It's going to require leadership and cooperation from every level of government," Biden said. "I know we, as a people, are up to this challenge. We always have been. I know we'll answer this moment of crisis with the best we find in all of us, because that's what American always have done."

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ELECTION 2020

# In fraught fight, Foxx wins Round 1

Cook County state's attorney beats out well-funded rival

BY DAN HINKEL

Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx survived a well-financed challenge from newcomer Bill Conway in the Democratic primary Tuesday.

Foxx was surrounded by her husband and four daughters as she took the stage to the sounds of their cheers in a downtown hotel conference room. The space was kept largely empty as a precaution due to concerns over the coronavirus pandemic.

"I want to help make Cook County a more inclusive and thriving community, where everyone is welcome," she said. "I pledge to keep pushing for that change, that is fair, that is just, that is equitable, that will keep our communities safe," she said.

With about 85% of precincts reporting at 10:30 p.m., Foxx had 48% of the vote and Conway had 33%. Two other challengers were polling a distant third and fourth.

Standing next to his wife at his downtown campaign headquarters, Conway said, "Obviously things didn't go our way today."

"This race was heated, but at the end of the day as Democrats we both care deeply about our justice system, and I hope Ms. Foxx is able to enact so many of the reforms it desperately needs," Conway said.

Foxx emphasized her credentials as a reformer as she sought her party's nomination for a second term, but she sustained repeated attacks from Democratic challengers including Conway, a former assistant state's attorney whose father is a private equity billionaire who poured \$10.5 million into his son's



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Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx appears at an Illinois primary election night party deliberately limited to a few.



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Bill Conway and his wife, Brittany, are seen before his virtual election night speech to address his primary loss.

campaign.

While that money bought waves of television ads Conway used to build name recognition and attack Foxx, it also attracted allegations that he was a fake prog-

ressive whose father was trying to purchase him a political post. Foxx campaigned on her record of contributing to a dip in the jail population by pulling back on prosecuting lesser

crimes and focusing on more violent offenders.

But her challengers dogged her throughout the campaign for dropping charges against Jussie Smollett, the actor accused of staging a hate crime against himself last year.

In her speech Tuesday night, Foxx didn't mention Smollett by name. Instead, she thanked the voters, saying they "rejected the notion that we would talk about one singular case and not what mattered to the people of Cook County."

"There was an effort to make this election about one case," she said. "The voters have overwhelmingly put that fallacy to rest."

Foxx faced two other opponents: former federal prosecutor Donna More and former Chicago Ald. Bob Fioretti. Both trailed distantly as of late Tuesday night.

Foxx is set to face the winner of a Republican primary between former prosecutors Christopher Pfannkuche and Pat O'Brien. O'Brien had a substantial lead as of late Tuesday, winning 73% of the vote with 85% of precincts reporting.

Foxx handily beat Pfannkuche in 2016.

Foxx — the first African American woman to hold the state's attorney post — rode a scandal into the office herself that year when she beat former State's Attorney Anita Alvarez. Foxx had heavily criticized Alvarez for waiting more than a year to file murder charges against a white police officer for killing black 17-year-old Laquan McDonald.

That win made her a prominent name among lo-

cal progressives, but Foxx found her momentum slowed by the Smollett case. She faced an uphill battle to retain her position, despite being considered a darling of the Democratic Party and collecting endorsements from Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot, Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, and many of the Democratic presidential candidates including Bernie Sanders.

On the campaign trail, Foxx reminded voters of her origins — rising from public housing to holding one of the county's key offices. But a combination of political wild cards had seemingly made her vulnerable, including the nationally scrutinized Smollett case.

Foxx dropped 16 counts against Smollett — a move that caused a public uproar and drew criticism from then-Mayor Rahm Emanuel and the city's police leaders. Recently, a special grand jury re-indicted the actor on six counts of disorderly conduct, giving Foxx's competitors even more fuel to attack her.

Each campaign was buffeted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The emergence of the virus forced residents to self-quarantine and stay indoors, undoubtedly lowering voter turnout.

In the days leading up to Election Day, the candidates found themselves partly immobilized by the international crisis and unable to shake hands at restaurants, offer hugs at religious services and meetings, or even host their usual rallies and gatherings.

Foxx's strongest competitor, Conway, had a huge

campaign war chest, giving him the ability to blanket the market with TV commercials, postcard mailers and digital advertisements. Conway used the messaging to highlight his Navy service in Afghanistan, call for locking up gun offenders, and pledge to distance the office from politics.

The candidates spent public forums hammering at each other, with Conway noting the Smollett case, as well as Foxx's affiliation with indicted Ald. Edward Burke. Foxx, meanwhile, bashed Conway as a phony progressive fueled by cash built up in ways that might turn off Democratic primary voters.

Conway's detractors noted that his father, William Conway Jr., co-founded the Washington, D.C., private equity firm the Carlyle Group. Foxx and her supporters pointed to the politically connected firm's investments in the "military-industrial complex." And he attracted further criticism after a Tribune story reported that Carlyle had owned the for-profit nursing home chain HCR ManorCare as it racked up allegations that it neglected elderly patients, committed Medicare fraud and ultimately drove the company into bankruptcy.

In response to those attacks, Conway sought to reframe the issue, arguing that his father's money granted him political independence.

He vowed that if elected, he would make fighting political corruption a hallmark of his work.

"I was in that office for six years and just had a wonderful experience," he said at a news conference where he explained why he wanted the post. "It was really the best job I had and I've seen that I think we can do a heck of a lot better in the state's attorney's office."

He also assailed Foxx as a hypocrite, noting that her campaign was bolstered by a political action committee that took in \$2 million from a group tied to liberal hedge fund billionaire George Soros.

Separate from the PAC, Foxx raised about \$3.6 million. That fell far short of the \$11.9 million Conway took in, with all but \$1.4 million of it coming from his father.

The combined total of more than \$16 million raised made this state's attorney's race one of the most expensive in recent history.

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## Martinez leads pack in race to succeed Brown as circuit clerk

BY JOHN BYRNE

A veteran state senator from the Northwest Side of Chicago was up Tuesday in the race to carry the Democratic Party banner to succeed Dorothy Brown in taking over the Cook County clerk of the Circuit Court's big workforce and sizable budget to administer the county's court records.

With about 85% of precincts reporting county-wide, state Sen. Iris Martinez, the only woman and only Hispanic in the four-candidate field, had about 35% of the vote.

She wouldn't declare victory Tuesday, though, noting that the coronavirus situation compelled lots of voters to request mail-in ballots that hadn't yet been counted. "I feel good, I feel confident," Martinez said.

County Board of Review Chairman Michael Cabonargi had 27%, former Cook County Commissioner Richard Boykin had 25% and attorney Jacob Meister was at 13%, according to unofficial results.

Brown is stepping down after two polarizing decades running the office many residents don't fully understand.

Cabonargi had the



Boykin Cabonargi Martinez Meister

Democratic Party endorsement. Boykin and Martinez boasted their own profiles thanks to their backgrounds in politics, while Meister ran for clerk of the court once before, losing to Brown in 2016.

The winner in Tuesday's Democratic primary will face Republican Barbara Bellar in the November general election.

Brown's five-term run has been marked by criticism that she was too slow to update the office's technology to allow more efficient handling of court cases, as well as by federal investigations that resulted in two former employees being convicted, but no charges against Brown.

The four Democrats vowed to expedite the long-delayed move to digital record keeping, and to improve transparency so county residents are more confident in the honesty of the office.

Martinez wants to open

up the office by making it subject to the state Freedom of Information Act. And she said she would make all the top employees who aren't protected by government hiring rules reapply for their jobs. "There's been a cloud hanging over this office for years. Why hasn't anything improved?" Martinez said recently.

The clerk's office barely registers with many voters, though it oversees a massive, costly piece of the county's bureaucracy that's incredibly important to the many residents who interact with the Cook County court system.

There are over 1,400 employees in the office, which has long been seen as a bastion of patronage work for loyal Democratic Party functionaries. The 2020 budget is about \$124 million.

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ELECTION 2020

# Newman tops Lipinski in marquee rematch

GOP's Oberweis earns bid to face Underwood

By **TODD LIGHTY, ROBERT MCCOPPIN, STACY ST. CLAIR AND CHRISTY GUTOWSKI**

Challenger Marie Newman defeated Rep. Dan Lipinski on Tuesday night in a rematch of their nationally watched Democratic congressional primary that was a battle between the party's progressive and moderate wings, with the Associated Press calling the race.

Newman had about 47.6% of the vote to Lipinski's 43.7% with nearly 90% of precincts counted, according to unofficial returns.

Newman held a lead in suburban Cook and Will counties that outpaced Lipinski's advantage in the city, where his campaign was hoping early and mail-in ballots would put him over the top.

Newman did not claim victory Tuesday night, and Lipinski didn't concede defeat, however.

In an interview with the Tribune, Newman expressed cautious optimism.

"We know early voting was really strong," she said. "Last time, I took the suburbs so, I think, logic dictates that will be favorable for me. But we don't know. We're early."

Lipinski canceled a scheduled media appearance Tuesday night and he was "bunkered down watching returns," campaign spokeswoman Sally Daly said.

"As we close this evening, there are still votes to be counted in this race. It is very close," Lipinski said in a statement. "We may have to wait overnight or into the morning for the final vote count."

Two years ago, Lipinski led on election night and Newman refused to concede. She kept him waiting, saying she wished for "Mr. Lipinski to have a very painful evening." She conceded the contest the following day.

At stake is the Democratic nomination in the 3rd Congressional District, which includes parts of the Southwest Side, southwest suburban Cook County and northeastern Will County. The widely watched race was a repeat of 2018, when Lipinski had narrowly defeated Newman by 2.2%, or by 2,145 votes out of 95,205 cast.

This time, the two candidates were joined by businessman Rush Darwish and Charles Hughes, a former Lipinski precinct captain. Darwish had about 7% of the vote and Hughes had about 2%.

The coronavirus pandemic disrupted campaigning in the final days. Lipinski spokesman Phil Davidson said Monday that the congressman felt good about early voting returns but that the campaign lost a chance for a final push when Sunday's South Side Irish Parade was canceled.

"Irish Catholics? The 19th Ward? That's our base," Davidson said. "The opportunity just vaporized."

Indeed, it was the Southwest Side wards that helped carry Lipinski to his narrow victory over Newman in 2018. Lipinski won his eighth term since succeeding his father, Bill, who held the seat for more than three decades starting in 1983.

Whichever Democrat



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Unofficial totals show Marie Newman defeating U.S. Rep. Dan Lipinski in the 3rd Congressional District primary.



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U.S. Rep. Dan Lipinski campaigns and bumps elbows with Brandon Platkiewicz in front of Byrne School on Tuesday.



E. JASON WAMBSGANS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

State Sen. Jim Oberweis earned the Republican bid to face freshman Democratic Rep. Lauren Underwood.

emerges will be heavily favored to win the November general election.

On the Republican side of the 3rd District, the Illinois GOP prevented Nazi sympathizer and Holocaust denier Arthur Jones from winning. The party was embarrassed when it left Jones unopposed in the 2018 primary. Jones went on to be trounced by Lipinski.

This time, party officials backed Michael Fricilone, the leader of Republican minority on the Will County Board who campaigned as a fiscally conservative candidate opposed to abortion rights. Jones was a distant third, behind Fricilone and Catherine O'Shea, a real estate broker from Oak Lawn.

In the 14th Congressional District, state Sen. Jim Oberweis of Sugar Grove claimed victory over six other candidates and is set to face freshman Democratic Rep. Lauren Underwood in the fall. The Re-

publican-leaning district that covers the far west and northwest suburbs.

Oberweis collected 36.3% in the GOP primary, while state Sen. Sue Rezin of Morris had 33.6% with nearly 80% of precincts counted. In third with 30.1% was Catalina Lauf, a 26-year-old first-time candidate, daughter of a Guatemalan immigrant, and strong Trump supporter, was at times referred to as the Republican Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, or AOC.

"I have been disappointed in the negative tone that the campaign has taken, but all of that is behind us," Oberweis said in a statement. "Now is the time for us as Republicans to come together and finish the mission which is to defeat Lauren Underwood in November."

Another contested Republican race saw former state Rep. Jeanne Ives of Wheaton cruise to victory against Gordon Kinzler in the west suburban 6th Con-

gressional District.

With about two-thirds of precincts reporting, Ives had 70.2% of the vote to Kinzler's 29.3%. Ives nearly upset then-Gov. Bruce Rauner in the 2018 GOP primary for governor. The winner takes on first-term Democratic Rep. Sean Casten of Downers Grove in November.

Elsewhere, two longtime Democratic Chicago congressmen were on their way to easily fending off challengers.

Rep. Bobby Rush, 73, has been the 1st District congressman since 1993. He was challenged by Sarah Gad, a University of Chicago law student; Robert Emmons, a former consultant to nonprofit groups; and Ameena Matthews, an anti-violence activist.

Rep. Danny Davis, 78, has been the 7th District congressman since 1997. He faced Anthony Clark, a public school teacher who ran against Davis two years ago; Kina Collins, whose work organizing medical professionals led to her seeking office; and lawyer Kristine Schanbacher.

But it was the Lipinski-Newman rematch that was the marquee congressional race of the night in Illinois.

As the Democratic Party has searched for its identity in the age of the Trump presidency, the Lipinski-Newman battle drew national attention, in part because it pitted the party's social conservatives against its progressives.

Newman received the backing of presidential candidate and Vermont Sen.

Bernie Sanders, Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren, New York Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot.

Lipinski enjoyed the support of numerous local officials, including more than two dozen suburban mayors, and the muscle of Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan's political organization.

Madigan was a central point of contention during the campaign as Newman and Lipinski disagreed widely over the powerful speaker.

The Lipinskis are key players in Madigan's political operation, and Madigan's 13th Ward is part of the congressional district.

Lipinski and Newman disagreed over whether it was time for Madigan to step down as state party chairman. Newman said Madigan — whose political and governmental operation has been connected to ongoing federal corruption investigations — should leave that post, while Lipinski said it was up to party members to make the decision. Newman was blunt, saying, "I think it's time for him to go."

At candidate forums, Lipinski portrayed Newman as extreme and out of touch with residents on the issues of health care and abortion rights. At the same time, Lipinski downplayed that he had signed a letter that contained the signatures of conservative Republicans that called on the U.S. Supreme Court to hear a case that could lead to a reversal of a woman's right

to an abortion.

Lipinski, of Western Springs, said his opposition to abortion had little practical effect.

"I'm in the U.S. House of Representatives. I'm not on the Supreme Court, so I don't have any impact whatsoever on Roe v. Wade," he said during the campaign.

Lipinski said the letter in support of the nation's highest court involved a Louisiana law that requires abortion clinics to have the same equipment as ambulatory treatment centers to cater to a baby born alive during an attempted abortion.

"If a baby is born during an attempted abortion, that baby needs to be given the same care as any baby born of that term needs to be given. I support that," he said. "Groups that have supported Marie Newman do not support that. That is a radical position."

Lipinski also was against a 2017 Illinois law approved by then-Gov. Rauner that provides taxpayer-funded abortions for poor women.

Newman, who is from LaGrange, told voters that Lipinski's position on abortion was out of touch with the views of the district's residents.

Newman and Lipinski also differed on health care.

Lipinski, who voted against the Affordable Care Act, known as Obamacare, said he has since worked to make the law better and said any changes must continue to pay for individuals' preexisting medical conditions.

For her part, Newman supported phasing in Medicare for All over an undetermined period and allowing for people who have private insurance to keep it if they want.

In the 14th District, Republicans were picking a challenger to take on Underwood. Two years ago, riding midterm backlash against President Donald Trump, she shocked incumbent Republican Randy Hultgren to win the seat.

The district runs through seven traditionally conservative counties on the western edge of the Chicago area, from the Wisconsin border almost to Joliet, covering suburbs along the Fox River and outlying rural areas.

Oberweis, of Oberweis Dairy fame, had perhaps the greatest name recognition, and argued that he had the best chance to defeat Underwood. An outside group called the Illinois Conservatives spent \$910,000 against Oberweis, according to the Center for Responsive Politics.

His campaign mailings also accused Rezin, the other officeholder in the race of being a "carpet-bagger" for living outside the district in Morris. For her part, Rezin noted that Oberweis had run for office and lost repeatedly, making him "unelectable."

Newcomers included Ted Gradel, who described himself as a businessman and a political outsider, was perhaps best known for his television ads showing him attempting field goals as a former kicker for the University of Notre Dame, and promising to "kick tails" in Congress.

Army veteran and former priest Anthony Catella, music school owner Jerry Evans, and software consultant James Marter also sought the nomination.

Chicago Tribune's Patrick O'Connell contributed.

## Ex-Lake County sheriff to take on Durbin

After winning GOP contest, he'll face Senate No. 2 Dem

Associated Press

A former Lake County sheriff emerged from a crowded Republican field Tuesday in the Illinois primary, advancing to mount a long-shot challenge against Democratic U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin.

Mark Curran, who had perhaps the most name recognition of all the candidates, said he ran because

he believes the political climate has changed and Durbin is vulnerable.

"He has neglected Illinois and nobody has been able to land a punch," Curran told The Associated Press. "But having been a career prosecutor and the longest-serving sheriff in Lake County, I know how to throw a punch. I'm credible."

Durbin, the No. 2 Democrat in the Senate, was first elected in 1996 and has handily won each election since then. He also has \$4.5 million cash on hand. All

the other Republican candidates combined made up only a fraction of that.

Curran, who led in endorsements, was previously a Democrat but switched parties in 2008.

Two other candidates had also switched parties. Perennial candidate Robert Marshall, a Burr Ridge doctor, previously ran as a Democrat, including for governor.

Peggy Hubbard of Belleville, a former police officer, said she became a Republican after the fatal shooting of Michael Brown in Fergus-

son, Missouri, in part because of how former President Barack Obama handled it.

Hubbard sparked a police investigation when she claimed during a candidate forum at a school that she brought a gun to illustrate safety lapses. Hubbard later said she misspoke.

The two other Republicans were Tom Tarter, a retired cancer surgeon from Springfield, and Casey Chlebek, a Glenview man originally from Poland who works in real estate.



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Republican Mark Curran calls himself a "credible" opponent for Sen. Dick Durbin, who was first elected in 1996.

# ELECTION 2020 BY THE NUMBERS

The following results from Tuesday's primary elections are unofficial. Results in only contested races are provided. These tables are based on early results and are incomplete for some races. Information provided by Associated Press and Tribune staff reports.

## US PRESIDENT-DEMOCRATIC

COUNTY	TP	PR	Joe Biden	Bernie Sanders	Michael Bloomberg	Elizabeth Warren	Tulsi Gabbard	Pete Buttigieg	Andrew Yang	Cory Booker	Tom Steyer	Deval Patrick	Michael Bennet	John Delaney	Amy Klobuchar
Illinois	10114	8667	744473	455768	17459	16708	7470	7334	2996	2072	1296	1159	1005	871	613
Cook	3668	2995	339234	221146	7405	6779	4131	1995	1388	1043	741	561	492	465	0
DuPage	930	321	48576	25475	1272	999	462	274	148	55	28	27	26	25	0
Kane	291	271	28075	17636	760	647	393	231	182	94	63	28	21	21	11
Kendall	87	75	7117	4611	159	143	67	46	21	8	8	6	3	2	0
Lake	415	412	29557	16300	332	247	179	128	96	35	16	12	8	6	0
McHenry	212	211	10611	7370	176	132	74	66	34	11	9	6	4	4	0
Will	304	304	46601	27714	1188	874	509	416	378	185	123	60	51	51	43

## US SENATE-REPUBLICAN

COUNTY	TP	PR	Mark Curran	Peggy Hubbard	Robert Marshall	Tom Tarter	Casey Chlebek
Illinois	10114	8120	171330	93400	63592	61628	23088
Cook	3668	3132	29144	9660	7094	6028	5693
DeKalb	65	65	2050	872	807	755	213
Kane	291	279	9029	4560	3488	2684	1165
Kendall	87	80	3033	1697	1253	1163	495
Lake	415	45	8979	1506	998	967	461
McHenry	212	211	8586	2284	1730	1573	601
Will	304	159	8047	3506	2967	2174	1266

## US HOUSE - DEMOCRATIC

<b>District 1</b>	Bobby Rush	55008	67.77%	<b>District 8</b>	Raja Krishnamoorthi	47524	79.81%
	Sarah Gad	10492	12.93%		William Olson	7860	13.2%
	Robert Emmons	8682	10.7%		Inam Hussain	4160	6.99%
	Ameena Matthews	6985	8.61%		331 of 468 precincts reporting		
	514 of 609 precincts reporting			<b>District 11</b>	Bill Foster	42587	58.64%
<b>District 2</b>	Robin Kelly	75314	84.81%		Rachel Ventura	30042	41.36%
	Marcus Lewis	13485	15.19%		329 of 468 precincts reporting		
	477 of 523 precincts reporting			<b>District 12</b>	Raymond Lenzi	21048	59.88%
<b>District 3</b>	Marie Newman	39436	47.74%		Joel Funk	14103	40.12%
	Dan Lipinski	36013	43.6%		468 of 649 precincts reporting		
	Rush Darwish	5279	6.39%	<b>District 13</b>	Betsy Dirksen Londri-	39930	77.25%
	Charles Hughes	1873	2.27%		gan		
	452 of 500 precincts reporting				Stefanie Smith	11758	22.75%
<b>District 5</b>	Mike Quigley	47369	74.42%		487 of 602 precincts reporting		
	Brian Burns	16284	25.58%	<b>District 15</b>	Erika Weaver	14874	52.01%
	460 of 585 precincts reporting				Kevin Gaither	6490	22.69%
<b>District 7</b>	Danny Davis	43925	58.79%		Craig Morton	5368	18.77%
	Kina Collins	11296	15.12%		John Hursley	1868	6.53%
	Anthony Clark	10263	13.74%		669 of 682 precincts reporting		
	Kristine Schanbacher	9236	12.36%				
	450 of 597 precincts reporting						

## US HOUSE - REPUBLICAN

<b>District 3</b>	Mike Frlicone	8629	58.84%	<b>District 14</b>	Jim Oberweis	10844	25.0%
	Catherine O'Shea	4562	31.11%		Sue Rezin	10013	23.09
	Arthur Jones	1475	10.06%		Catalina Lauf	8801	20.29%
	452 of 500 precincts reporting				Ted Gradel	5702	13.15%
<b>District 5</b>	Tommy Hanson	6844	83.65%		James Marter	4852	11.19%
	Kimball Ladien	1338	16.35%		Jerry Evans	2261	5.21%
	460 of 585 precincts reporting				Anthony Catella	898	2.07%
<b>District 6</b>	Jeanne Ives	25049	70.81%		398 of 462 precincts reporting		
	Jay Kinzler	10324	29.19%	<b>District 15</b>	Mary Miller	41673	57.98%
	444 of 640 precincts reporting				Darren Duncan	15490	21.55%
<b>District 11</b>	Rick Laib	11609	54.27%		Kerry Wolff	9061	12.61%
	Krishna Bansal	9784	45.73%		Chuck Ellington	5647	7.86%
	329 of 468 precincts reporting			<b>District 17</b>	Esther Joy King	19307	65.19%
					William Fawell	10311	34.81%
					661 of 682 precincts reporting		

## STATE SENATE-DEMOCRATIC

<b>District 1</b>	Antonio Munoz	9779	63.75%
	Froylan Jimenez	5560	36.25%
	114 of 137 precincts reporting		
<b>District 10</b>	Robert Martwick	9297	54.79%
	Daniel O'Toole	7670	45.21%
	142 of 166 precincts reporting		
<b>District 13</b>	Robert Peters	9549	52.37%
	Ken Thomas	8683	47.63%
	141 of 179 precincts reporting		
<b>District 22</b>	Cristina Castro	12816	81.45%
	Rae Yawer	2919	18.55%
	112 of 119 precincts reporting		
<b>District 40</b>	Patrick Joyce	10964	47.11%
	Lori Wilcox	6204	26.66%
	Monica Gordon	4523	19.43%
	Marta Perales	1583	6.8%
	134 of 135 precincts reporting		
<b>District 49</b>	Meg Loughran Cappel	14496	59.45%
	Larry Hug	5006	20.53%
	Michael Crowner	4883	20.02%
	109 of 110 precincts reporting		

## STATE SENATE-REPUBLICAN

<b>District 25</b>	Jeanette Ward	7876	59.63%
	Beth Goncher	5332	40.37%
	140 of 153 precincts reporting		
<b>District 55</b>	Darren Bailey	19414	78.5%
	Jeffrey Fleming	5318	21.5%
	225 of 271 precincts reporting		

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## REFERENDUMS

	YES	NO
<b>Chicago:</b> Build senior center in Bronzeville	1112	46
<b>Blue Island:</b> Reduce number of aldermen	2328	596
<b>Blue Island:</b> Establish road maintenance fund	2656	265
<b>Blue Island:</b> Money for road maintenance fund	2604	319
<b>Calumet Park:</b> Term limits	1484	219
<b>Calumet Park:</b> Motor vehicle wheel tax veterans exemption	1547	172
<b>Calumet Park:</b> Dissolve public library	1145	552
<b>Cicero:</b> Allow sale of recreational cannabis	3626	2064
<b>Des Plaines:</b> Appoint city clerk	5513	2737
<b>Elk Grove Village:</b> Have neighborhood community events	4918	659
<b>Evanston:</b> Nonpartisan elections	16202	2539
<b>Hoffman Estates:</b> Full interchange at Beverly Road and I-90	3080	2015
<b>Hoffman Estates:</b> Encourage developmet of entertainment venues	4251	929
<b>Hoffman Estates:</b> Encourage appointing judges on merit	4212	897
<b>Lemont:</b> Recreational cannabis dispensary	1950	1500
<b>Lynwood:</b> Term limits	1845	419
<b>Lynwood:</b> ZIP Code	1982	282
<b>Lynwood:</b> Home rule	1349	882
<b>Northlake:</b> Allow cannabis businesses	722	584
<b>Riverside:</b> Term limits	2218	399
<b>Riverside:</b> Issue library bonds	1921	715
<b>Rolling Meadows:</b> Term limits	2082	646
<b>Rosemont:</b> Allow cannabis dispensaries	450	303
<b>Rosemont:</b> Video gaming	553	218
<b>Stone Park:</b> Dissolve Fire Department	182	143
<b>Westchester:</b> Prohibit cannabis dispensaries	2058	1821
<b>Westchester:</b> Home rule	2935	823
<b>Wheeling:</b> Appoint village clerk	1914	1162
<b>Morton Grove Park District:</b> Increase limiting rate	2614	1569
<b>South Barrington Park District:</b> Sell property	551	439
<b>Glenview School District 34:</b> Issue bonds	6039	3218
<b>Rosemont School District 78:</b> Issue bonds	191	31
<b>Schiller Park School District 81:</b> Issue bonds	622	106
<b>Berkeley School District 87:</b> Issue bonds	1858	944
<b>Komarek School District 94:</b> Issue bonds	848	621
<b>Barrington Unit School District 220:</b> Issue building bonds	4103	2541
<b>Elmwood Park Unit School District 401:</b> Issue building bonds	2103	1295
<b>Burr Ridge:</b> Become home rule town	1654	710
<b>Naperville:</b> Allow sale of recreational cannabis	14728	13097
<b>Unincorporated Bloomingdale Township:</b> Tax levy for added police protection	713	586
<b>Winfield Fire Protection District:</b> Increase tax limiting rate	2443	1732

## STATE HOUSE - DEMOCRATIC

<b>District 1</b>	Aaron Ortiz	3634	55.47%	<b>District 31</b>	Mary Flowers	7695	69.52%
	Alicia Martinez	2917	44.53%		Samantha Simpson	3373	30.48%
	58 of 72 precincts reporting				94 of 112 precincts reporting		
<b>District 2</b>	Theresa Mah	4330	52.78%	<b>District 32</b>	Andre Thapedi	3874	47.22%
	Bobby Martinez Olson	2154	28.42%		Ricky Gandhi	82 of 98 precincts reporting	
	Kenneth Kozlar	336	4.43%	<b>District 40</b>	Jaime Andrade	6123	66.06%
	50 of 66 precincts reporting				Syamala Krishnam-	3146	33.94%
<b>District 3</b>	Eva Dina Delgado	3174	51.31%		setty	66 of 72 precincts reporting	
	Nidia Carranza	3012	48.69%	<b>District 41</b>	Janet Yang Rohr	9233	70.13%
	62 of 84 precincts reporting				Denika McMillen	3933	29.87%
<b>District 9</b>	Lakesia Collins	4283	46.52%	<b>District 54</b>	Maggie Trevor	9859	80.76%
	Aaron Turner	1291	14.02%		Ryan Huffman	2349	19.24%
	Trina Mangrum	1049	11.39%	<b>District 60</b>	Rita Mayfield	3759	83.07%
	Nicole Harvey	824	8.95%		Diana Burdette	766	16.93%
	Tyjuan Cratic	703	7.64%	<b>District 63</b>	Brian Sager	3337	64.05%
	Sandra Schneller	634	6.89%		Peter Janko	1873	35.95%
	Maurice Edwards	423	4.59%	<b>District 65</b>	Martha Paschke	7638	65.57%
<b>District 10</b>	Jawaharial Williams	3473	45.14%		Mohammad Iqbal	4011	34.43%
	Gerard Moorer	2423	31.5%	<b>District 66</b>	Suzanne Ness	5125	76.12%
	Gina Zuccaro	1797	23.36%		Jim Malone	1608	23.88%
	85 of 118 precincts reporting			<b>District 79</b>	Charlene Eads	4337	56.14%
<b>District 12</b>	Margaret Croke	5153	47.65%		Robert Ellington-	3388	43.86%
	James Pizer	4358	40.3%		Snipes	64 of 64 precincts reporting	
	James Garfield	638	5.9%	<b>District 83</b>	Barbara Hernandez	5045	72.17%
	Ryan Podges	336	3.11%		Juan Thomas	1945	27.83%
	Marty Malone	330	3.05%	<b>District 85</b>	Charles Eads	53 of 57 precincts reporting	
	65 of 90 precincts reporting			<b>District 93</b>	Emiliano Vera	2199	34.56%
<b>District 16</b>	Denyse Wang	5060	44.14%	<b>District 29</b>	Thaddeus Jones	8916	54.07%
	Stoneback	3342	29.15%		DeAndre Tillman	7574	45.93%
	Yehiel Kalish	3061	26.7%		78 of 87 precincts reporting		
	Kevin Olickal	3061	26.7%	<b>District 45</b>	Michael Camerer	2300	47.94%
	67 of 76 precincts reporting				Randy Ramey	1965	40.95%
<b>District 19</b>	Lindsey LaPointe	3442	40.78%	<b>District 109</b>	Adam Niemerg	8540	64.3%
	Patricia Bonnin	3192	37.82%		Andrew Hires	4741	35.7%
	Alfred Duplechin	1806	21.4%		115 of 157 precincts reporting		
	70 of 86 precincts reporting			<b>District 115</b>	Paul Jacobs	2947	31.75%
<b>District 20</b>	Michelle Darbo	5338	64.78%		John Howard	2764	29.78%
	Cary Capparelli	2902	35.22%		Clifford Lindemann	1531	16.5%
	72 of 84 precincts reporting				Zachary Meyer	1079	11.63%
<b>District 29</b>	Thaddeus Jones	8916	54.07%		Johnnie Smith	960	10.34%
	DeAndre Tillman	7574	45.93%		117 of 121 precincts reporting		
	78 of 87 precincts reporting			<b>District 116</b>	David Friess	252	

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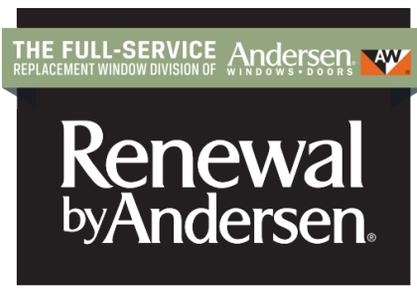


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ELECTION 2020

# Trans judge hopeful declares victory

Poised to be state's first transgender elected official

BY GREGORY PRATT

For years, Chicago attorney Jill Rose Quinn has wanted to be a judge.

But for the longest time, Quinn said, she didn't think she could land a seat on the bench.

"I didn't think the people would accept a transgender judge," Quinn told the Tribune.

But on Tuesday night, with most precincts reporting, Quinn declared victory after taking a large lead in her bid to become the Democratic nominee for a Cook County judicial vacancy.

If she holds on, that likely would make her the fourth openly transgender judge across the country and the first transgender candidate in Illinois voted into public office.

With 74% of precincts reporting, Quinn had 66% of the vote compared with opponents James Samuel Worley with 18.5% and Wendelin DeLoach with nearly 16%.

"It's not just a victory for me, it's a victory for everybody out there who's marginalized, everybody who's different, everybody who's trans," Quinn said.

If she does win the primary, Quinn will again face the voters in November, though there is no Republican candidate currently vying for the position.

In an earlier interview, Quinn reflected on her historic candidacy.

"There are kids in this country killing themselves because they're trans and they don't see a light at the end of the tunnel. They don't see respect. They don't see themselves portrayed as being people, not ordinary people, of course, because nobody's ordinary, but they don't see how great they can be," Quinn said. "So I think it's important for them to see that you can survive, you can prosper, you can go to school, you can study hard. You can make your way, and you can be a judge."

From a political standpoint, Quinn had several things going for her candidacy: She's been rated qualified or recommended by 13 different local bar agencies, drew top position on the ballot and has a strong electoral name.

She was also endorsed by the Cook County Democratic Party, which is often pivotal in down-ballot judicial races. Lori Lightfoot, Chicago's first African American woman and gay mayor, also threw her support to Quinn.

"Jill Rose Quinn has fought for fairness, equality and justice her entire life and her perspective and experience will be invaluable for our courts and our community," Lightfoot said in her endorsement.



ERIN HOOLEY/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Chicago attorney Jill Rose Quinn would be the first transgender candidate in Illinois voted into public office.

**"It has really been a remarkable transformation culturally. There are very few issues where the public perception changes so rapidly over the course of a decade or two."**

— Illinois Senate President Don Harmon, who chairs the Cook County Democratic Party's judicial slating committee

## 'Look at everything'

A native New Yorker, Quinn grew up in Queens and attended State University of New York at Binghamton for college. Quinn, 65, was the youngest of four siblings.

For a time after college, she worked as a community organizer in Texas then moved to Des Moines, Iowa. In 1979, Quinn moved to Chicago and worked as a food program specialist for the Department of Agriculture. She applied to John Marshall Law School in 1980.

Growing up during the civil rights era, Quinn said she idolized Martin Luther King Jr. and former United States Attorney General Bobby Kennedy.

"My concept was, I want to stand up to the establishment, and my father said, 'You'll go broke,'" Quinn said. "But I still wanted to do it, and that's what inspired me."

She also was inspired to pursue a career in law by the Marvel comic book character Daredevil, a ninja who was blinded as a child but who also practices law. In her office, Quinn keeps a Daredevil portrait on the wall.

In 1983, Quinn graduated and passed the bar, then took a job in Bloomington, Illinois. Because of the

town's mid-size, Quinn said she got a good opportunity to work in a lot of different areas of the law.

There, Quinn said she did her first and only jury trial, a felony possession of stolen goods case where her client was accused of selling a stolen radio.

The client was convicted, Quinn said, but between the finding and sentencing, Quinn filed a post-trial motion arguing that prosecutors hadn't proven that the value of the goods met the bar for a felony. The judge agreed, knocking it down to a misdemeanor, Quinn said.

"It taught me you have to look at everything," Quinn said. "You have to make sure you examine every element of the state's case. You have to hold them to that standard. You have to make them prove everything."

Her legal practice has been "in helping people solve problems," Quinn said.

"What I've really liked is working with an entire family because you do a good job in a real estate closing for a family, then they come back to you when they need their wills done," Quinn said. "They come back to you when their child has a traffic ticket or when their grandfather has to go into a nursing home and needs a power of attorney. That's what I've really liked about

my practice.

"I've gotten to know a lot of people," Quinn added. "I've gotten to be part of people's lives."

## 'To thine own self be true'

From the age of 4, Quinn said, she knew she was a girl but suppressed it.

"Trans people spend a lot of time, especially in my generation, just trying to please everybody else and suppress who they are," Quinn said.

Quinn transitioned in 2002, she said.

"I realized that people who loved me would still love me," Quinn added. "People who weren't gonna love me were never going to love me."

But life after the transition hasn't always been easy, Quinn said. It caused some rifts with loved ones. And in federal court one day, Quinn recalled, a judge continually called her "sir."

"I was unmistakably dressed as a woman, you know — makeup and heels and a nice tan suit like President Obama wore," Quinn said. "And he just kept on calling me 'sir,' and I just kept on biting my lip harder and harder 'cause I didn't want him to do anything bad to my client because I mouthed off at him."

Quinn worked up a speech she was going to give the next time someone bothered her for her gender, she said, but it wound up being unnecessary as people treated her well. Even the offending judge, who Quinn declined to name, has been better.

Another judge told her, "Counsel, you've gotta be happy inside your own skin."

"Everybody can learn," Quinn said. "Everybody can

be educated. ... I'm optimistic about human nature."

Still, it wasn't until 2010 that the United States had its first transgender judge.

In 2010, Houston's then-Mayor Annise Parker, who is openly gay, appointed Phyllis Frye to be the first transgender judge in the United States. Parker recalled there were some protests from the "far right," but for the most part, it wasn't controversial.

There are currently three openly trans judges in the United States, and two of them were appointed. Across the United States, there are only 25 elected trans officials, according to a database kept by the LGBTQ Victory Fund.

But still, experts and advocates said the trans community has made great progress in the years since. There's been "a sea change in the visibility of the trans community," Parker said.

"If people are going to have faith in our system, they need to see themselves on the bench," she added. "It changes hearts and

minds."

Locally, Quinn said she's been treated with respect by Chicago-area politicians as she sought their support.

Illinois Senate President Don Harmon, who chairs the Cook County Democratic Party's judicial slating committee, noted that social attitudes on LGBTQ issues have changed dramatically since he first took office in 2003.

"It has really been a remarkable transformation culturally," Harmon said. "There are very few issues where the public perception changes so rapidly over the course of a decade or two."

As part of the endorsement process, Quinn said she met dozens of Democratic committeemen. With tears in his eyes, south suburban power broker Frank Zuccarelli thanked her for running and said she was courageous.

"Maybe when they met me and they realized that, you know, I wasn't coming in with a feather boa and a lot of lipstick and high heels and sequins, and talking to them as a very real person, maybe that helped them to realize that diversity ain't bad," Quinn said.

Invoking Shakespeare's line "to thine own self be true," Quinn said, "People need to break out of all the junk that's in their head and find out who the person inside of them is and express that."

"That's what I wish for everybody in the world, to quiet all those nagging voices in their heads from their moms and their dads and their teachers and their bosses, and I want them to find inside them their own voice and be that."

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## Race is tight to fill seat on Illinois high court

Winner to replace sole person of color elected to position

BY ANTONIA AYRES-BROWN

A crowded Democratic primary in Cook County for a seat on the Illinois Supreme Court that high-diversity remained tightly contested Tuesday evening.

With about 85% of precincts reporting, Justice P. Scott Neville Jr., who was appointed to the high court seat in 2018 to complete the term of Justice Charles E. Freeman, had less than a 3% edge over appellate Judge

Jesse Reyes, according to unofficial results. Five other challengers trailed in the race.

Freeman, who died earlier this month, was the only person of color ever elected to the state's highest court. His legacy was ubiquitous going into the election, which had the potential to create an all-white state Supreme Court in Illinois for the first time in 30 years.

Neville, a former appellate judge who is African American, had the backing of the Cook County Democratic Party. He emphasized the importance of electing judges who reflect the racial diversity of Illinois residents and argued an all-

white Supreme Court would lack legitimacy.

Unofficial results suggested that Neville prevailed in Cook County suburbs while also holding his own with Reyes in Chicago. Reyes would be the first Latino elected to the court.

Trailing those two in early results were Sheldon "Shelly" Harris, a former Chicago public school teacher who self-funded his campaign with over \$1.7 million; appellate Judge Margaret Stanton McBride, who has the lengthiest appellate experience of the entire field; appellate Judge Cynthia Cobbs, who previously was director of the entire Illinois courts sys-

tem; Chicago attorney Daniel Epstein, the only candidate never to have served as a judge; and appellate Judge Nathaniel Roosevelt Howse, who was backed by Secretary of State Jesse White and Democratic U.S. Rep. Jan Schakowsky.

Justices on the seven-person Illinois Supreme Court are elected for 10-year terms and represent different regions of the state. Three of the seven seats are chosen by voters in Cook County. No candidates sought the Republican nomination for Freeman's spot on the court.

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In suburban Cook, with 95% of precincts reporting unofficial results, and early votes added in, the ballot count was nearly 420,000, which was about 26.7% of registered voters. That did not include mail-in ballots yet to be received and provisional ballots. Statewide totals were not immediately available late Tuesday.

The day started off particularly slowly in Chicago, which didn't have the usual morning rush because so many people did not have to hustle off to work amid the pandemic. That led to a volley of tit-for-tat accusations between Jim Allen, spokesman for the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners, and Pritzker's staff. The governor later weighed in himself.

"I would call conducting an election in the midst of a global pandemic ... a curse," Allen said in a morning conference call with reporters, noting that other states have delayed their elections. "We have a requirement to have no gatherings of 50 or more people. Can you please reconcile that with holding an election?"

Allen said his agency had requested the election be postponed and conducted entirely by mail, but Pritzker's legal team had refused.

After those comments were tweeted, Anne Caprara, Pritzker's chief of staff, tweeted in response: "This is a lie. And frankly, given what we are dealing with in this moment, I'm disgusted that Jim Allen would (act) like this. We offered them the national guard, young volunteers and assistance with keeping polling places clean."

Later, at Pritzker's daily coronavirus briefing, the governor accused city election officials of attempting "to shift the blame for their failings." He said doing what the Chicago agency asked was "unquestionably not within my legal author-



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Election judge Ben Wychochi, right, tells voters that voting equipment wasn't delivered to their polling place. Such problems arose in part because many polling places changed.

ity. ... I will not use this moment ... to supersede my constitutional authority. I will not."

"It is not a time for political posturing," Pritzker added.

Those exchanges came after just 24,900 voters went to Chicago polls in the first two hours of voting, which is usually a high-traffic period. But when the polls got busier later, Allen said the typical voting patterns were thrown out the window because so many people were off work or working from home.

Allen expressed regret for his earlier comments, saying he was caught up in the emotion of trying to help run an election amid the pandemic, which raised concerns not just about participation but also the health of voters and election judges — hundreds of whom canceled in the days before the election.

His agency also was forced to move hundreds of polling places, including those in nursing homes, many senior centers, many residential buildings and businesses that wanted no part

in community spread of the new virus that causes potentially deadly COVID-19. Some of those polling places were shifted to early voting sites, with their ability to handle ballots from any of the city's 2,069 precincts.

The last-minute changes made for some challenging logistics, with some polling places not opening on time because of late supply deliveries and some not opening at all, with voters being directed to other locations. At the Humboldt Park library branch, where a record 10 precincts were being accommodated, the line stretched out for a full city block, from Troy Street to Albany Avenue, during the last hour of voting.

At a polling place in the East Hyde Park neighborhood on the city's South Side, voters waited six hours for the site to open because the correct ballots did not arrive on time. And in the Uptown neighborhood on the city's North Side, a polling location didn't receive any voting materials for at least four hours, prompting a worker to turn away about 40 people.

Elsewhere in Cook County, two polling places in suburban Barrington — one in a church and the other at Village Hall — opened late because election judges didn't show up. Polling locations in Schaumburg and Arlington Heights also didn't open on time because election judges failed to come, said James Scalcitti, spokesman for Cook County Clerk Karen Yarbrough.

Some voters didn't let the mishaps — or fear of the coronavirus — keep them from participating.

Artricia Cole, 67, went to a polling location in Jackson Park with hand sanitizer in her pocket. Though her original site was closed, she found a ride so she could cast her ballot at an early voting center, which was equipped to handle voters from any area.

"I came out to vote," Cole said. "Too many folks died for this and you're giving it up because you're afraid of getting sick? No."

Meanwhile, early voting was something of a highlight, with 172,000 early Chicago votes — a record high for a primary — and 167,000 in the Cook County suburbs, which also set a primary record. There were also record numbers of mail-in ballots requested in each jurisdiction, but officials won't know how many were returned for weeks, which could yet push turnout higher.

And statewide, early voting and mail-in ballot requests were up significantly from 2016. Four years ago, there were 423,000 early votes, and 162,000 requests for mail-in ballots, although only 85,000 were returned, said Matt Dietrich of the Illinois State Board of Elections. This year, there were 600,000 early votes and 296,000 mail-in requests, with 130,000 returned so far, he said.

The record-low Chicago turnout in a presidential primary since World War II was 25.5% in 2012, when then-President Barack Obama faced no serious opposition on the Democratic side and Mitt Romney was well on his way to winning the Republican nomination. The high was 58.5% in 1984, when Walter Mondale, Gary Hart and the Rev. Jesse Jackson were vying for the Democratic nomination and President Ronald Reagan faced only token opposition.

In suburban Cook County, where turnout records date to 1990, the record low was in 2000, when 23.1% of registered voters went to the polls. In that year, Al Gore was battling Bill Bradley for the Democratic nomination, while George W. Bush and John McCain fought for the GOP nod.

The record high in the county's suburbs was four years ago. It was 48.6%, when Bernie Sanders and Hillary Clinton were in a tight race for the nomination and President Donald Trump faced several other politicians seeking the nomination.

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## Pritzker-backed hopeful leads in state House race

Bid to represent lakefront district 1 of 29 contested

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One of the marquee battles of Tuesday's Democratic primary elections for Illinois General Assembly seats saw a challenger backed by Gov. J.B. Pritzker leading an incumbent state representative backed by Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot in a House district along the city's lakefront, according to unofficial vote totals.

With 74% of precincts reporting late Tuesday evening, unofficial results showed Margaret Croke — Pritzker's candidate — leading with 48% of the vote to 40% for the mayor's choice, Rep. Jonathan "Yoni" Pizer, who was appointed in February. Three other candidates are also in the race for the seat formerly held by state Sen. Sara Feigenholtz.

As of late Tuesday night, neither Croke nor Pizer was ready to call the race. "We're very encouraged by everything we've seen, but we're going to wait for the final results," Croke said.

The race was one of 29 House seats that had contested primaries. Eight state Senate seats had contested primaries.

In many districts in and around Chicago, winning the Democratic primary is tantamount to victory in the fall general election.

One major responsibility for the class of lawmakers taking office next January will be redrawing legislative district boundaries, a partisan exercise that Democrats have used to create supermajorities in the House and Senate.

House Democrats, led by state party chairman Michael Madigan, the nation's longest-serving speaker, hold a record 74-44 seat edge over House Republican leader Jim Durkin's caucus, which hopes to make inroads this fall. In the Senate, Democrats hold a 40-19 majority.

The 12th House District race with Pizer and Croke is one of several competitive primary contests created by the midterm departures of more than a dozen legislators since January 2019.

Pizer, 55, a former liaison to the LGBT community for U.S. Rep. Mike Quigley, had the support Feigenholtz, who moved to the Senate this year following the surprise departure of Democratic Senate President John Cullerton.

Pritzker gave the maximum \$57,800 from his political fund to help Croke, 28, his former campaign staffer who now holds a \$90,000-a-year job as deputy chief of staff at the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

In a closely watched race on the Northwest Side, Democratic Rep. Luis Arroyo gave up his 3rd District seat in November following a federal bribery charge.

With 76% of precincts reporting, Democratic Rep. Eva-Dina Delgado, an attorney backed by Lightfoot, had 51% of votes with challenger Nidia Carranza at 49%, unofficial results show. Carranza is a teacher supported by the Chicago Teachers Union, one of Lightfoot's chief antagonists.

Democratic Party leaders in the district appointed Delgado, former Peoples Gas chief of staff, to the seat, but Durkin and Naperville Democratic Rep. Anne Stava-Murray filed formal challenges to the appointment. Arroyo, who has pleaded not guilty, remains 36th Ward Democratic committeeman, and while he didn't formally participate in Delgado's selection, his

share of the weighted vote was used to give her the job.

Madigan has convened a special committee to investigate the legitimacy of the appointment. The committee is unlikely to come up with a decision for weeks, but the timing of events set up the unusual possibility that the House could boot her from her seat for the rest of the current term while she remained on the November ballot.

Another appointed incumbent, Democratic Rep. Yehiel "Mark" Kalish of Chicago, was trailing in his bid to keep the seat he assumed in early 2019 following the abrupt retirement of longtime Skokie Rep. Lou Lang.

With 88% of precincts reporting, gun-safety activist Denyse Wnaga Stoneback was leading with 44% of the vote to 29% each for Kalish and 27% for political operative Kevin Olickal, according to unofficial results.

Kalish, 44, an ordained rabbi and former business owner, set off a barrage of criticism last spring when he voted "present" on the Reproductive Health Act, a major piece of abortion rights legislation that had the backing of many Illinois Democrats.

Stoneback declared victory about 10:15 p.m. "It was a very competitive race, and I think it brought a lot of civic engagement to the 16th District, which I think is fabulous because we haven't had a competitive race in a long time," she said.

Kalish did not concede late Tuesday night.

Going into the night, the biggest question in the 9th House District was whether the territory that stretches from North Lawndale to the Near North Side will no longer be represented by a member of the Turner family.

That question appeared to be answered fairly quickly, with Lakesia Collins, a nursing home organizer for the politically potent Service Employees International Union Healthcare Illinois, declaring victory over Aaron Turner — the brother of the current officeholder, Rep. Art Turner, and son of Art Turner's predecessor. Five other candidates also vied for the seat. Collins said she was "humbled to be decisively selected by residents of the 9th House District."

Aaron Turner conceded, saying the "people have spoken" and he respected the voice of the voters.

With 87% of precincts reporting, Collins led with 46% of the vote, according to unofficial results. Turner had 16%.

On the Far Northwest Side, Democratic Rep. Lindsey LaPointe of Chicago has been representing the 19th House District since July, when she was appointed to the seat that Sen. Robert Martwick left to join the Senate.

Backed by Pritzker and Lightfoot, LaPointe was up against Chicago Democrats Joe Duplechin, a Chicago police officer, and Patti Vasquez, a popular former WGN Radio host and comedian.

With 83% of precincts reporting, LaPointe led with 41% of the vote, Vasquez had 38% and Duplechin trailed with 21%.

With 83% precincts reporting in the city's 1st state Senate District, longtime Sen. Antonio "Tony" Munoz was leading with 64% of the vote over Froylan "Froy" Jimenez, a Chicago Public Schools teacher backed by U.S. Rep. Jesus "Chuy" Garcia, who lost his seat in 1998 to Munoz.

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## CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

# Nations try to slow virus, help economies

Governments implementing urgent measures

BY DAVID RISING AND TIM SULLIVAN  
Associated Press

BERLIN — Mass disruptions cascaded around the world Tuesday as governments struggled to slow the spread of the coronavirus while also trying to keep their economies afloat.

Increasingly worried about the economic fallout of the global shutdown, the U.S., Britain and the Netherlands also announced rescue packages totaling hundreds of billions of dollars while Venezuela — long a fierce critic of the International Monetary Fund — asked the institution for a \$5 billion loan.

In Brussels, Ursula von der Leyen, the European Commission president, said there had been “a unanimous and united approach,” to the bloc’s decision Tuesday to prohibit most foreigners from entering the EU for 30 days. She said it’s now up to individual countries to implement the blockade.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel said European leaders had agreed in a conference call to the Commission’s proposal for an entry ban to the bloc — along with Norway, Switzerland, Iceland and Britain — with “very, very limited exceptions.” Germany will implement the decision immediately.

But the countries also agreed on the need to ensure continued cross-border travel for commuters, she said.



Trucks are stuck Tuesday in 40-mile traffic jam on the Lithuania-Poland border at the Kalvarija-Budzisko check point, 144 miles west of Vilnius, Lithuania.

There will be “grave, very grave consequences” for European economies as a result of the outbreak, she said, and that was one reason to safeguard the flow of goods.

On Monday, the EU issued guidelines aimed at facilitating the flow of critical goods like food and medicine, while helping individual nations restrict nonessential travel.

But on Tuesday it was chaos on many borders with traffic backed up for dozens of miles.

“We are all desperate, cold and sleepless here for a

third day,” said Janina Stukiene, who was stuck in Lithuania on the border with Poland with her husband and son. “We just want to go home.”

The line of cars and trucks in Lithuania was nearly 40 miles long after Poland closed its border, while similar traffic jams could be seen on the borders with Germany and the Czech Republic.

French President Emmanuel Macron, meanwhile, tightened internal guidelines, allowing people to leave home only to buy food, go to work or do

essential tasks, saying that people hadn’t complied with earlier guidelines and “we are at war.”

Spain, now the fourth-most infected country, saw the number of people with the virus rise by more than 2,000 in one day to 11,748 and virus-related deaths jump to 533. Only China, Italy and Iran had more infections.

With the number of cases worldwide topping 197,000, a surge of patients in Madrid’s hospitals has fueled worries in Europe and elsewhere of what lies ahead.

Iran issued its most dire

warning yet Tuesday, suggesting “millions” could die in the Islamic Republic if people keep traveling and ignore health guidance.

A state TV journalist who also is a medical doctor gave the warning only hours after hard-line Shiite faithful on Monday night pushed their way into the courtyards of two major shrines that were finally closed due to the virus. Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei issued a religious ruling prohibiting “unnecessary” travel.

The death toll in Iran saw another 13% increase Tues-

day. Health Ministry spokesman Kianoush Jahanpour said the virus had killed 135 more people to raise the total to 988 amid more than 16,000 cases.

In Italy, reported infections jumped to 31,506. With 2,503 deaths, Italy now accounts for a third of the global death toll.

Some bright spots emerged.

Wuhan, the central Chinese city where the virus was first detected late last year and which has been under lockdown for weeks, reported just one new case Tuesday.

In Britain, the government unveiled a massive economic support package worth \$405 billion that included government-backed loans and guarantees for small and large businesses. Prime Minister Boris Johnson also announced a series of measures to support pubs, restaurants and other companies set to suffer.

The Dutch government also announced a multi-billion-dollar series of measures to prop up businesses and workers.

Infections have continued to slow in South Korea’s worst-hit city of Daegu.

But there’s concern over a steady rise of infections around Seoul, where new clusters have emerged.

Some countries that had resisted more stringent measures snapped into action on Tuesday.

In Britain, Johnson told people to eliminate unnecessary contact with others, work from home where possible and avoid bars, restaurants, theaters and other venues. Schools remained open for now.



Lovely Suanino, a respiratory therapist at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center in Newark, New Jersey, demonstrates setting up a ventilator in the hospital intensive care unit.

## Hospitals fear shortage of ventilators for patients

BY LINDSEY TANNER AND LINDA A. JOHNSON  
Associated Press

U.S. hospitals bracing for a possible onslaught of coronavirus patients with pneumonia and other breathing difficulties could face a critical shortage of mechanical ventilators and health care workers to operate them.

The Society of Critical Care Medicine has projected that 960,000 coronavirus patients in the U.S. may need to be put on ventilators at one point or another during the outbreak.

But the nation has only about 200,000 of the machines, by the organization’s estimate, and around half are older models that may not be ideal for the most critically ill patients. Also, many ventilators are already being used by other patients with severe, non-coronavirus ailments.

Hospitals are rushing to rent more ventilators from medical-equipment suppliers. And manufacturers are

ramping up production. But whether they can turn out enough of the machines at a time when countries around the world are clamoring for them, too, is unclear.

“The real issue is how to rapidly increase ventilator production when your need exceeds the supply,” Dr. Lewis Kaplan, president of the critical care society, said Tuesday. “For that I don’t have a very good answer.”

In the most severe cases, the coronavirus damages healthy tissue in the lungs, making it hard for them to deliver oxygen to the blood. Pneumonia can develop, along with a more severe and potentially deadly condition called acute respiratory distress syndrome, which can damage other organs.

Ventilators feed oxygen into the lungs of patients with severe respiratory problems through a tube inserted down the throat. The machines are also used routinely to help other hospital patients breathe,

namely those undergoing surgery while under general anesthesia.

“If everyone in the country wants to order some, that will get rapidly depleted in a heartbeat,” Kaplan said.

The other problem is that there are only enough respiratory therapists, specialist nurses and doctors with the ideal type of critical care training in the U.S. for about 135,000 patients to be put on ventilators at any one time, the critical care organization said.

Postponing non-emergency surgeries in the event of a big surge in coronavirus cases could help free up some ventilators to deal with the crisis, Kaplan said.

On Tuesday, Defense Secretary Mark Esper said the Pentagon will provide 2,000 specialized ventilators to federal health authorities to help handle the outbreak. He said the machines are designed for use by troops, and the military will need to train civilians how to use them.

## Medicare expands telemedicine to keep seniors safe at home

BY RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Medicare said Tuesday it will immediately expand coverage for telemedicine nationwide to help seniors with health problems stay home to avoid the coronavirus.

The new option will allow millions of older people to take care of ongoing medical problems as well as new concerns, while heeding public health advice to stay home during the outbreak.

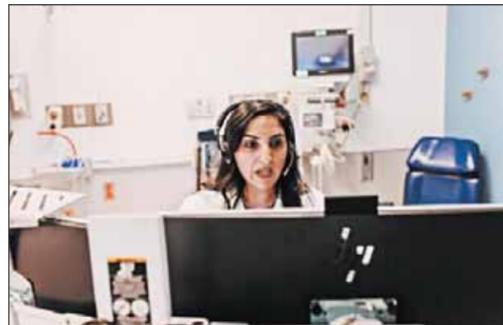
For example, a patient with diabetes wouldn’t have to postpone a regular follow-up visit with the doctor to keep safe — he or she could do it via Skype. And people concerned they may have the virus could “see” their doctor or nurse practitioner virtually to find out how to get tested in person.

“It helps us prevent the spread of the virus,” said Medicare administrator Seema Verma.

For seniors who don’t navigate technology, relatives or friends can assist. “If it’s your mom, you may need to go over to her house to help her do this,” said Verma. Bring your smartphone — but remember, don’t visit if you’re feeling sick.

Risk of serious illness from the coronavirus is greater for older people and those with underlying health problems such as lung conditions, diabetes or heart problems. Many Medicare beneficiaries are managing chronic health issues that put them at heightened risk.

Current telehealth coverage under traditional Medicare is limited. It’s available in rural areas, and patients need to go to specially-designated sites for their visits. Since last year Medicare has also been paying for brief “virtual check-ins.” Tuesday’s an-



Dr. Meeta Shah, an emergency room doctor, takes video calls at Rush University Medical Center.

nouncement goes beyond that, allowing clinicians and hospitals to bill Medicare for visits via telemedicine that previously had to take place in person, at a medical office or facility.

The policy change carries out a waiver of Medicare rules recently authorized by Congress, and set in motion under emergency declarations from the Trump administration. Expanded telemedicine coverage will remain in effect during the outbreak.

At Tuesday’s White House briefing, Verma said the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services is also encouraging states to expand the use of telehealth in their Medicaid programs for low-income people. Separately, Medicare Advantage plans offered by private insurers have been allowed to offer telemedicine as a supplemental benefit, like dental coverage or a gym membership, for several years now.

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. Worldwide, more than 196,000 cases have been reported, and while most people recover in weeks, more than 7,800 have died.

Doctors’ groups and hospitals had been urging Medicare to make the move. Under Tuesday’s announcement:

■ Patients and clinicians will need a two-way visual and voice connection that allows real-time interaction. Laptops, tablets and smartphones should work. Penalties for potential violations of federal health care privacy laws will be waived for good-faith efforts to serve patients.

■ Hospitals and a range of clinicians, including doctors, nurse practitioners, clinical psychologists, nutrition professionals, and licensed social workers will be able to offer telehealth. Nursing home residents will also be able to consult doctors via telehealth.

■ Standard Medicare copays and deductibles still apply to telemedicine visits. But there’s flexibility. Normally, health care providers waive such copays for telehealth visits. During the emergency, health providers will be allowed to waive or reduce cost-sharing for telehealth visits.

■ Legislation authorizing the waiver required medical offices to have an established relationship with a patient to bill for telehealth services. But Medicare said it will refrain from enforcing that requirement via audits during the coronavirus public health emergency.

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for the next 14 days will temporarily rewrite the norms of society, including for older residents to stay home while all people should avoid gatherings of more than 10 and their local restaurants and bars.

"By making shared sacrifices, we can protect the health of our people and our economy, and I think our economy will come back very rapidly," Trump said. "If we do this right, our country and the world frankly, but our country can be rolling again very quickly. We can protect the health of our people and we can protect our economy."

Trump, maintaining his newly somber tone about the crisis enveloping the globe, urged Americans to work from home and urged the nation's cities and states to issue restrictions to promote distancing in line with new federal guidelines. He promised a dramatic increase in access to coronavirus tests, ventilators, hospital beds and access to telehealth services.

His administration said it would coordinate responses with the states, would push for construction workers to give masks to health care workers and, if needed, use the Army Corps of Engineers to build more hospital space.

Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin, the administration's lead negotiator with Congress, said tax filings could be delayed and vowed that the stock markets would remain open, but their hours could be shortened.

The president's declaration of resolve came a day after, for the first time, he acknowledged that the pandemic may send the economy into a recession and suggested the nation may be dealing with the virus until "July or August." The president and his team on Tuesday cautioned Americans to prepare for a lengthy



A woman loads supplies into her car after shopping at a Costco store Tuesday in Lenexa, Kansas. CHARLIE RIEDEL/AP

change to their daily routines as it could be more than a month before the effect of his 15-day guidelines outlined Monday can even be measured.

Trump said his coronavirus task force had considered, but was not ready to implement, any sort of domestic travel ban, but he urged Americans to forgo trips even to places not heavily affected by the virus.

The Trump administration has also announced it is slashing regulations governing test development in a bid to ramp up screening for the virus amid nationwide frustration with the slow pace of the effort.

The unprecedented steps by the Food and Drug Administration could boost testing capacity at some U.S. labs, but also complicate efforts to assure the accuracy of tests and track who receives them.

Regulators also said major test manufacturers could roll out new tests without FDA pre-authorization and instead submit their applications up to 15 days after launch.

Officials acknowledged the implicit trade-off of the approach, which potentially sacrifices the accuracy of unregulated tests to speed up access.

For weeks, administra-

tion officials have talked about shipping millions of tests to U.S. labs. But it's become clear those numbers have little bearing on the actual number of patients tested since most U.S. labs can process fewer than 100 samples per day. In the last week, the FDA approved the first coronavirus tests for "high-volume" laboratory systems, which are capable of processing thousands of results per day.

On Tuesday, members of Trump's coronavirus task force gave the most comprehensive figures on testing yet. They estimated that 59,000 people in the U.S. have been screened for the virus since January, split roughly between government and industry labs. But they acknowledged that those figures don't yet reflect numbers from hospitals, which should become available later this week, officials said.

In New York, Mayor Bill de Blasio said residents should be prepared for the possibility of a shelter-in-place order within days similar to the order placed on a six-county area near San Francisco.

Detroit canceled bus service shortly after 8 a.m. EDT because of the shortage of drivers, surprising riders waiting at stops across the city.

## ANALYSIS

## Trump changes his tone, gets real on virus threat

By JILL COLVIN, ZEKE MILLER AND JONATHAN LEMIRE  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — He called on the country to come together. He warned of pain to come. And he deferred to the nation's public health experts while at least momentarily putting aside petty squabbling.

After weeks of trying to play down the risk posed by the coronavirus pandemic, President Donald Trump struck a more urgent tone Monday as he delivered a sobering message to Americans grappling with a new reality that will dramatically alter their lives for months to come.

The change in tone lasted a day. But it signaled an urgent new White House response to a crisis that's upending American society.

Trump's more somber tone came as he addressed the public at a White House briefing and made a direct appeal to all Americans to do their part to halt the pandemic's spread.

Gone were Trump's "do as I say, not as I do" handshakes that had continued even after health experts admonished people to avoid contact and practice social distancing. Also gone was the rosy talk aimed at propping up reeling financial markets.

The shift was informed in part by a growing realization within the West Wing that the coronavirus crisis is an existential threat to Trump's presidency, endangering his reelection and his legacy. Trump has told advisers that he now believes the virus will be a significant general election issue and

he took note of the clear-eyed, somber tone used by his likely general election foe, Joe Biden, in Sunday's Democratic debate.

But by Tuesday, the Republican president had returned to lashing out on Twitter at his Democratic critics.

He went after New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, with whom he has feuded for days, incongruously chiding him to "keep politics out of" the nation's response to the virus. He then went after Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer after she criticized him for saying governors should work through their own supply chains to get ventilators and other needed medical equipment instead of relying on the federal government to get it for them.

"Failing Michigan Governor must work harder and be much more proactive," Trump tweeted Tuesday. "We are pushing her to get the job done. I stand with Michigan!"

But despite the attacks, mere minutes later Trump followed up with: "Federal Government is working very well with the Governors and State officials. Good things will happen! #KILLTHEVIRUS."

Twitter outbursts aside, the president has been shaken by the worsening crisis. With reports from Italy growing grimmer, U.S. cases surging and America's economy in shock, Trump has also received a series of alarming briefings in recent days that have included dire projections about how many Americans could be infected if drastic action isn't taken.

He also has watched the dramatic escalation of precautions within the White

House complex, where officials are now screening everyone who enters the building after Trump unknowingly interacted with at least three people who have since tested positive for the virus. Already, both his press secretary, Stephanie Grisham, and his outgoing acting chief of staff, Mick Mulvaney, are isolating themselves at home after coming into direct or indirect contact with those who have COVID-19.

Trump for weeks had taken his upbeat cues from a network of outside advisers who told him the media and Democrats were hyping the threat. But he has also heard from allies who have urged him to bolster his response and change his tone, including some Republicans on Capitol Hill who feared they had been personally exposed to the virus.

Jared Kushner, the president's influential son-in-law and senior adviser, who has recently taken a more active role in the administration's response, has privately compared the virus to a "war" that could imperil the nation's economy and population, according to two White House officials and Republicans close to the West Wing who spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss private conversations.

The pandemic's impact could rival that of World War II, he has said, requiring a national effort.

Trump has also expressed frustration in recent weeks that Vice President Mike Pence, whom he appointed to lead the White House Task Force, has been too robotic when he speaks at White House briefings.

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# When giving birth delivers horror

Mothers' false positive drug tests led to abuse probes

BY CLAUDIA LAUER  
Associated Press

A woman has sued a Pittsburgh hospital, saying it collected and tested her urine for drugs without her consent while she was in labor and reported a false positive result to protective services that resulted in a child abuse investigation.

It is the second such lawsuit filed against the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center since 2014 and one of a few legal actions or ethical complaints filed around the country over false positives on quick-screening urine drug tests that triggered child abuse investigations and turned the joy of giving birth into a nightmare of custody concerns.

Cherell Harrington, the lead plaintiff in the lawsuit filed this month in Allegheny County Common Pleas Court, gave birth to her third child at UPMC's Magee-Women's Hospital in November 2017. She says medical staff collected her urine without her consent and tested her for drugs.

An unconfirmed positive result came back for components of marijuana. Hospital staff then tested her newborn son — results were negative — but they still reported the unconfirmed test results to Allegheny County's Office of Children, Youth and Families.

That office required a home visit that included a caseworker photographing Harrington's children and asking her then 11-year-old daughter about her mother's "use of addictive substances." Even after a recommendation was made not to require treatment, the caseworker also obtained medical records and called her dentist, pediatrician and her daughter's school.

Harrington said she was threatened with longer-term mandatory drug testing if she did not submit to



Cherell Harrington, center, the lead plaintiff, talks with her attorney, Margaret Coleman, left, last week in Pittsburgh.

the program and the contacts. She argues in the lawsuit that the hospital and the county violated her constitutional rights and her medical privacy.

Harrington said in an interview Wednesday that she was reluctant to go back to UPMC to seek care after her cesarean section. The hospital system made her feel violated and traumatized, she said.

"I would like for them to acknowledge that they have hurt many women and children and ruined experiences when they shouldn't have the power to do that. We were there to deliver our children," Harrington said. "And what they did was so traumatizing and so hurtful. I can't get that birth, I can't get those days back. I can't. I want them to change what they are doing and just stop it."

Lawyers are seeking class action for the lawsuit and damages for all plaintiffs.

UPMC spokeswoman Amy Charley emailed a statement from the hospital system saying it follows state laws when reporting test results.

"UPMC clinicians make informed decisions regarding screening and drug testing for new mothers and newborns. UPMC follows Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Law, which mandates health care professionals to report these findings to the Pennsylvania Office of Children, Youth and Family Services," she wrote.

Officials with Allegheny County, which is also named in the lawsuit, said they could not comment on open litigation.

But Jacki Hoover, the deputy director at the county's Department of Human Services overseeing the division of Children, Youth and Families, said when the agency receives reports from a health care facility or

any mandated reported, they have a process they must follow including an interview and an initial assessment of the home and the child's safety.

Laws on testing new mothers and infants for drugs vary across the country, with a few states criminalizing positive results and more than a dozen others classifying positive results as a form of child abuse.

Lawsuits or ethical complaints have been filed in New York, California, Alabama, Maryland and a handful of other states over the past decade after mothers say they received unconfirmed or false positive results from eating poppy seed bagels or salad dressing, taking doctor-approved Valium, and using prescribed asthma inhalers.

Quick panel urine drug tests are very sensitive, and false or unconfirmed positives do happen, said Marta Concheiro-Guisan, a pro-

fessor of toxicology at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York.

"I can understand using those kinds of quick screenings for medical purposes, to know if there needs to be an intervention on a baby suffering from withdrawal," she said. "But using these quick screenings to challenge the custody of a child is a big issue. If the test comes back negative, they're very sensitive in general, so that's the end of the road. But if it's positive, you always have to run a confirmatory test with more sophisticated technology."

"You would never testify in court based on that screening," she added.

The number of false positives returned by the urine tests is high enough that several experts have recommended against universal testing and instead advise using a questionnaire for screening pregnant women for drug use. But sometimes

those can also be problematic if a woman isn't truthful or if her answers are interpreted incorrectly.

A second mother named in the lawsuit, Deserae Cook, said she told a UPMC Mercy campus nurse during an intake questionnaire that she had smoked marijuana in the past but had not done so since becoming pregnant. Cook's urine was collected and tested without her consent, and her newborn daughter was drug tested.

Both tests came back negative, but the hospital still reported Cook's answers to the Department of Children, Youth and Families, triggering a child abuse investigation.

"It was like a kick in the stomach. What's the reasoning? It felt embarrassing and humiliating. It felt like they were trying to find something, trying to take our child away," Cook said.

Attorney Maggie Coleman filed the Allegheny County lawsuit in conjunction with the American Civil Liberties Union of Pennsylvania, saying there are likely dozens of women who have had similar experiences with child services because of what she said were the hospital's unconstitutional practices.

Coleman was the attorney for another Allegheny County woman, Rachael Devore, who resolved a lawsuit against UPMC in 2014. Devore similarly alleged that the hospital collected and tested her urine without her consent and reported "unconfirmed positive" test results to Children, Youth and Families.

UPMC had argued in that case that it is a mandatory reporter and immune from the lawsuit because it made the report in good faith.

In court documents, Coleman argued that the report was not in good faith because in Devore's case, like both Cook and Harrington, her baby did not show symptoms of withdrawal and tested negative for any drugs.

## In role reversal, Asia seeks to halt virus from returning

Border controls expanded as number of new cases drops

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BEIJING — From quarantining travelers from overseas to nabbing those sneaking in with fevers, China and other parts of Asia are scrambling to prevent the new coronavirus from coming back to where it first broke out.

Just as the spread of the disease is stabilizing in much of Asia, following a major outbreak in China and sizable ones in South Korea and Japan, it is popping up in new hot spots around the world.

Those three countries announced expanded border controls last week that mimic many of the bans and restrictions placed on China in the early days of the outbreak. China, which didn't have enough protective equipment for its medical workers a few weeks ago, is now donating supplies to Italy, Iran, South Korea and other affected places.

The outbreak is far from over in Asia and could well explode again when restric-

tions put in place to stymie it are lifted. But the panic that seized the region has shifted to the Mideast, Europe and the Americas as those areas deal with the rapid spread of the virus for the first time.

China reported Saturday just 11 new cases of the virus in the previous 24 hours, and three were imported from Italy, the United States and the United Kingdom. The number has dropped sharply from a month ago, when the daily figure was in the thousands. Nearly 90 imported cases have been identified in recent weeks.

National Health Commission spokesman Mi Feng said that the peak of outbreak has passed in China, but that "the fast development of the epidemic overseas has introduced uncertainties."

Just recently, South Korea was complaining about a global scurry to block or restrict visitors coming from the country. Foreign Minister Kang Kyung-wha, in a rare moment of bluntness, called the moves an unsophisticated reaction by nations with inept quarantine abilities.

Now, as new infections have eased at home, South Korea is stepping up border

controls to prevent the virus from being reintroduced by travelers from overseas.

On Sunday, the country extended special screening measures to passengers from Britain, France, Germany, the Netherlands and Spain, as well as those who have stopped in Dubai and Moscow in the previous two weeks.

Besides having their temperature checked and filling out health questionnaires, they will download a smartphone app to report their health status daily to authorities. The screening already applied to visitors from mainland China, Hong Kong, Japan, Iran, Italy and Macao. South Korea also bans people coming from Hubei, the province in China with by far the most infections and deaths.

Beijing, which has identified 18 imported cases in the past week, announced it would require anyone arriving from overseas to quarantine for 14 days. Previously, only those from places with serious outbreaks had to do so. Shanghai, with eight imported cases confirmed so far, said late Thursday that people coming from France, Germany, Iran, Italy, Japan, Spain, South Korea and the



Health workers screen travelers last week entering the Capital International Airport in Beijing. China now requires a 14-day quarantine for anyone coming in from Beijing.

United States would have to do the same.

Police in Beijing say they are investigating a family of eight that returned home from Italy, four of whom had contracted the virus. They allegedly took cold medicine to lower their fevers and falsified their health declaration forms, police said.

The case is one of at least three in China under investigation. South of Shanghai in Zhejiang province, six people who worked in a restaurant in Italy and developed coughs, headaches and fevers before returning are under investigation for failing to report their health

condition when entering China, according to Chinese media reports.

In the north, the Epidemic Prevention and Control Center in Zhengzhou city said a 30-year-old construction worker who had traveled to Milan via Abu Dhabi falsely reported his foreign travels. It didn't specify how he did so. He has been put in isolation with a fever and police are investigating.

China has begun evacuating its citizens from one virus-hit country, Iran, echoing earlier flights organized by other nations to bring back their nationals from Wuhan, the capital of Hubei province, after China

cut off commercial air and rail service in a lockdown of the region to restrict the spread of the virus.

China has dispatched medical teams to Iran, Iraq and Italy and said it would contribute \$20 million to the World Health Organization in support of its efforts to combat the virus. A nine-person medical team with nine cargo pallets of equipment including lung ventilators arrived Thursday night in Rome.

China, which bristled at a blanket U.S. ban imposed on noncitizens arriving from China, has chosen to quarantine people rather than ban anyone.



A marquee outside a movie theater Tuesday in Lake Oswego, Oregon. Most theaters nationwide are now closing.

## Reeling movie theaters closing nationwide

BY JAKE COYLE  
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NEW YORK — Movie theaters have closed nationwide due to the coronavirus pandemic, turning dark nearly all of the country's 40,000-plus screens in an unprecedented shutdown.

With most of Hollywood's March and April releases already postponed, The Walt Disney Co. on Tuesday also cleared out its May releases as well, including Marvel's "Black Widow."

The largest chains had tried to remain open even as Hollywood postponed its upcoming release plans and guidelines for social distancing steadily diminished the recommended size of crowds. But after President Donald Trump on Monday urged against gatherings of more than 10 people, AMC Theaters, the nation's largest chain, said Tuesday that its theaters would close altogether.

AMC said the latest guidelines made movie theater operations "essentially

impossible."

It said it would close all locations in the country for at least six to 12 weeks. Regal, the second-largest chain, said Monday that its theaters would close until further notice.

The Walt Disney Co. indefinitely postponed "Black Widow," which had been set to open May 1. Marvel movies have for years been the regular kickoff to the summer movie going season.

Most of Europe's cinemas have already shut

down, as have those in China, India and elsewhere. North America's shutdown came gradually. On Sunday, the mayors of New York and Los Angeles ordered their cities' theaters closed.

Cinemark, the nation's third-largest chain, hasn't yet announced closures. But chains like the Alamo Draft House, Landmark Theatres, Showcase Cinemas and Bow Tie Cinemas have closed. Most of those that haven't yet declared themselves closed are expected to do so this week.

# Staying focused when always on call

Paratroopers' exercise keys on prep — and jump

By SARAH BLAKE MORGAN  
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TOLEMAIDA AIR BASE, Colombia — Under a covered pavilion near a steaming runway, dozens of American paratroopers lie sweating on a concrete slab. Green and brown camouflage paint drips from their brows.

The soldiers of the 82nd Airborne Division can't move much — they're loaded down with rifles and nearly 100 pounds of gear. In less than an hour, it will all drop out of a C-130 aircraft moving 150 mph.

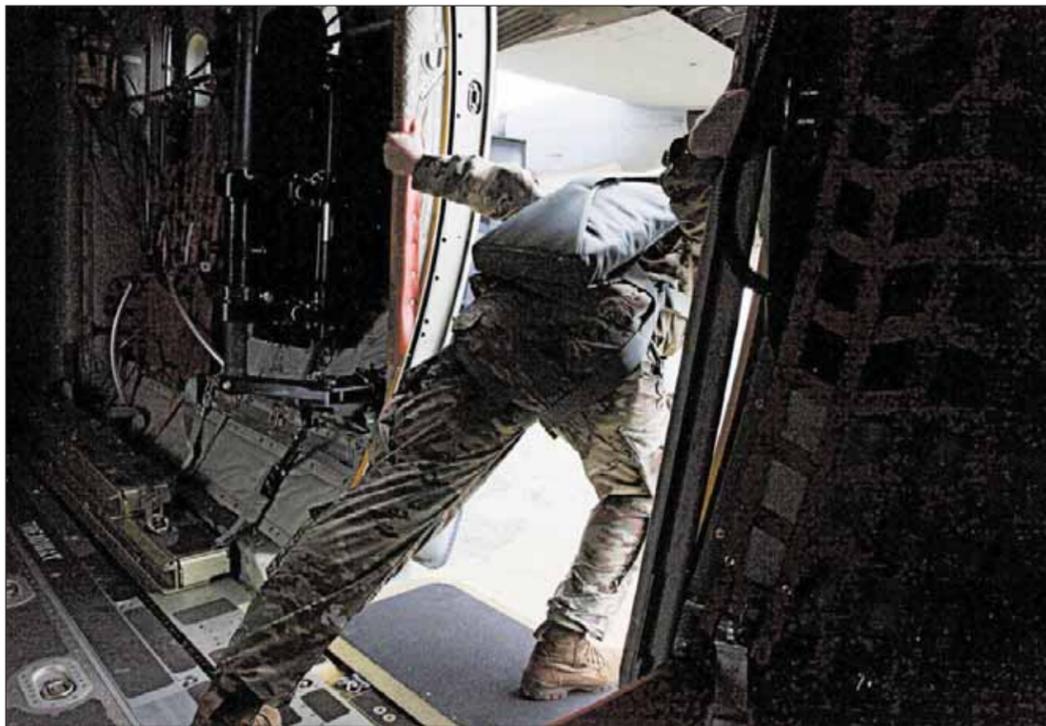
The group's banter quiets to make way for directions from jumpmasters moving from one soldier to the next, making sure buckles and straps are in place.

Spc. Parker Firth is quieter than usual. After 22 jumps, he's still scared

"When the doors open, it's not in your hands anymore," the 22-year-old said. "You just got to believe in the parachute to open. Whatever happens happens."

For these 75 American paratroopers from Fort Bragg, North Carolina, this weeklong training exercise with the Colombian Army is not a deployment — a word reserved for occasions like the New Year's Eve mobilization that sent members of the division's Immediate Response Force to the Middle East, amid rising tensions with Iran. For now, 2,500 division paratroopers remain in the Middle East on standby.

It's intense training like the exercise in Colombia that allows the soldiers to deploy with lightning speed. Their readiness inspired the old saying around Fort Bragg: "When the president dials 911, the 82nd answers the phone." The division, with nearly 18,000 paratroopers, operates



An American soldier leans out of a plane on Jan. 26 over Colombia, to make sure all jumpers exited their parachutes.



Sgt. Micah Jurekovic waits with other 82nd Airborne Division paratroopers alongside their Colombian counterparts.

under a constant state of readiness, rotating soldiers on and off standby.

The Associated Press was given rare access to accompany the group on its January joint training mission with Colombia, amid a humanitarian crisis in neighboring Venezuela that has sent hundreds of thousands of migrants and ref-

ugees fleeing over the border. U.S. diplomatic and political efforts to replace Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro with opposition leader Juan Guaidó have been unsuccessful.

There have been no signs pointing to potential military intervention by the U.S. or Colombia. But as the United States has spent

billions restoring peace and building a partnership in a region that's heavily influenced by Russia and Iran, cementing relationships like the one with Colombia is key to U.S. strategy.

U.S. and Colombian forces spend several days mapping out the exercise, which simulates the securing of an air base. They spend hours jumping off elevated wooden platforms and practicing their landings in what resemble oversized sandboxes.

"It's an honor to jump with the 82nd Airborne Division," Colombian Maj. Gen. Pablo Alfonso Bonilla Vasquez tells the Americans, adding that their cooperation will send a message to the region.

The night before the jump, Sgt. Juan Dominguez sits on the floor and pulls at a maze of straps on his rucksack. The 33-year-old joined the U.S. Army at 27 — later than many of his comrades. It was always a

dream, but his wife and five children needed to be taken care of before he enlisted. He said he wants "to show my kids that even though I'm afraid of heights, you can overcome pretty much anything."

At 4 a.m. on jump day, Sgt. 1st Class Nathan Fair and the soldiers of Bravo Company 325th Infantry Regiment rise and begin loading their gear onto buses bound for the airfield.

This is Fair's second stint in the military. The 37-year-old left in 2006 but realized civilian life wasn't his speed. "You miss the little things, like how easy it is to fall asleep on a gravel road on the range, with rocks digging into your back and you're so ridiculously exhausted that you can just fall asleep anywhere," he said.

Fair calls himself a "superpatriot" and is fiercely proud of the soldiers he leads: "They're motivated, they're in shape, they're

funny, they're quick-witted, they're aggressive. They're alpha males and that's the kind of men you want on the front lines defending you."

On this mission, only one paratrooper from Fort Bragg is a woman. Senior medic Sgt. Sara Sanders grew up hearing about the 82nd's legacy from her father and grandfather, both paratroopers. "Everyone grew up wanting to be professional ballerinas," she said. "And I was like, 'No, I want to be in the Army.'"

On jump day, all the members' preparation is put to a test. The soldiers are nervous but calm. (And if any say they aren't, "they're either lying to you or have something wrong upstairs," Staff Sgt. Wesley Lee says.)

Packed into the C-130, waiting for the flashing green light that tells them it's time to jump, they are no longer Americans or Colombians. They are just soldiers, focused on their task.

Maj. Gen. Daniel Walrath is first out the door. The jump — his first in 10 years — is a sign of leadership to his soldiers and a symbol of friendship to the Colombian general leading the way through the door on the other side of the airplane.

One by one, Colombian and American paratroopers follow, stepping off the ledge and spiraling downward. As each jumps, a white canopy unfolds above, slowing their fall but not the pace of their breath.

The division declares the exercise a success, with only one minor injury: a broken bone on the Colombian side.

The next day, the troops from both nations gather on Tolemaida Air Base. They have earned the right to wear one another's jump wings.

For Fair, this is not just an alliance on paper; it's a bond among soldiers.

"And if it comes to it, and we have to fight together," he said, "they know we've got each other's backs."

## McConnell wants veteran GOP judges to quit now

Replacements mean strong hold on bench is kept

By CARL HULSE  
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WASHINGTON — Running out of federal court vacancies to fill, Senate Republicans have been quietly making overtures to sitting Republican-nominated judges who are eligible to retire to urge them to step aside so they can be replaced while the party still holds the Senate and the White House.

Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., who has used his position as majority leader to build a judicial confirmation juggernaut for President Donald Trump over the past three years, has been personally reaching out to judges to sound them out on their plans and assure them that they would have a worthy successor if they gave up their seats soon, according to multiple people with knowledge of his actions.

It was not known how many judges were contacted or which of them McConnell had spoken to directly. One of his Republican colleagues said others had

also initiated outreach in an effort to heighten awareness among judges nominated by Presidents Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush that making the change now would be advantageous.

The overt effort by Republicans to create vacancies reflects a realization that Trump could lose the presidency, or that Republicans could lose the Senate majority and deprive Trump of his partner on judicial confirmations even if he gained a second term.

Mike Davis, a former nomination counsel for Senate Republicans who created the Article III Project, a conservative judicial advocacy group, said that he still expected Trump to win, but that "we have to hope for the best and plan for the worst."

Republicans are reminding the judges that it could be 2029 before they could leave under a Republican president.

Davis estimated that judges would need to decide by late summer or early fall to provide sufficient time for a nomination and confirmation.

According to a tally by the Article III Project, more than 90 judges nominated by the three previous Re-

publican presidents are either now eligible or will become eligible this year to take what is known as senior status, a form of semiretirement that enables their slots to be filled even though they can still hear cases, hire clerks and receive full pay.

Twenty-eight of them are judges on the influential appeals courts, which have been a particular focus of the alliance between the Trump White House and Senate Republicans.

Trump has already placed more than 50 appeals court judges on the bench — more than a quarter of the overall appellate bench. The aggressive Republican push has been so efficient that only one appellate seat is currently open. Conservatives are eager to see some of the longer-tenured judges make room for younger candidates who could continue deciding cases for decades.

David Popp, a spokesman for McConnell, said it should come as no surprise that he would be interested in the tenure plans of current judges.

"I'd point you back to his long-running mantra of 'leave no vacancy behind,'" Popp said of McConnell, who has for months made it clear that he intended to fill



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Senate Majority leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., has made it clear that he intends to fill as many judicial slots as possible before the end of this year.

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McConnell has long been intently focused on the federal courts and considers his record on installing conservative judges the hallmark of his career, along with his decision to block the 2016 Supreme Court nomination of Judge Merrick Garland.

Democrats have made it clear that they intend to try to counter the successful Republican effort to place conservatives on the courts if they get the chance. Progressive advocates have also publicly encouraged sitting

judges nominated by Presidents Bill Clinton and Barack Obama to delay their retirements until after the election to deny Republicans more vacancies, but they did not appear to be going so far as to call judges personally to encourage them to consider doing so.

Critics said the tactic by McConnell and other conservatives is inappropriate.

"Senator McConnell knows he can't achieve any of his extreme goals legislatively, so he continues to attempt to pull America to the far right by packing the courts," Sen. Chuck

Schumer, D-N.Y., the minority leader, said in a statement.

While acknowledging the effort, other Republicans were uncertain how effective it could be given the traditional independence of federal judges holding lifetime appointments.

"Federal judges have very strong independent streaks, and you can't make them do it," said Sen. John Cornyn of Texas, a senior Republican member of the Judiciary Committee. "Unless they see some benefit to themselves, I don't expect people to do it."

## Feds drop case against 2 companies in Russia probe

By MICHAEL BALSAMO AND ERIC TUCKER  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department is moving to drop charges against two Russian companies that were accused of funding a social media campaign to sway American public opinion during the 2016 U.S. presidential election.

Prosecutors said they concluded that a trial, against a corporate defendant with no presence in the United States and no

prospect of meaningful punishment even if convicted, would likely expose sensitive law enforcement tools and techniques, "potentially undermining their effectiveness."

Concord Management and Consulting LLC and Concord Catering were among three companies and 13 individuals charged in 2018 by special counsel Robert Mueller in a conspiracy to spread disinformation on social media during the 2016 presidential race. The effort was aimed at

dividing American public opinion and sowing discord in the electorate, officials said.

The case was one of the signature indictments from Mueller's two-year Russia investigation. Together with a separate case against Russian government hackers accused of breaking into Democratic email accounts, it revealed a sweeping Russian effort to influence, or



Prigozhin

interfere in, the race between Republican Donald Trump and Democrat Hillary Clinton.

Concord was the sole defendant in the case to enter an appearance in Washington's federal court and contest the allegations. The case had been set for trial next month, making the government's filing all the more abrupt.

Concord is controlled by

Yevgeny Prigozhin, a wealthy businessman known as "Putin's chef" for his ties to Russian President Vladimir Putin. He has been hit with U.S. sanctions over Russian interference in the 2016 election and is charged alongside his company in the indictment brought by Mueller.

The company, with the help of a high-powered law firm, filed a series of motions over the last two years, including to dismiss charges and to exclude certain evidence from the case.

In January 2019, prosecutors alleged that confidential material from the Russia investigation, which had been handed over to defense attorneys for Concord, was altered and disseminated as part of a disinformation campaign aimed at discrediting the special counsel's Russia investigation. The files surfaced online in a link posted by a pro-Russia Twitter account. But the Justice Department stopped short of accusing Concord of leaking the material.

# White House pushes to find hostages

US contends with adversaries, allies to assist in recovery

By ADAM GOLDMAN AND JULIAN E. BARNES  
The New York Times

WASHINGTON — Last year, administration officials briefed President Donald Trump on a hostage whose case he has taken an interest in: Austin Tice, a former Marine missing in Syria. The CIA pledged to ramp up efforts to learn where he is being held and why Syria refuses to negotiate his release.

The CIA's renewed focus on Tice, who was working as a journalist when he was captured in 2012, reflects a broader push by the Trump administration to focus more intently on Americans being held hostage abroad.

The administration has helped free Americans held in Egypt, Iran, Turkey and Afghanistan and is trying to win Tice's freedom as well as working to find Mark Frerichs, a former Navy diver kidnapped last month in Afghanistan. The White House wants him freed before American troops leave the country in a peace deal with the Taliban, an urgent deadline for the Pentagon and intelligence agencies to locate Frerichs.

Returning American hostages is Trump's "top priority." Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said last week in a statement marking the 13th anniversary of the disappearance inside Iran of Robert Levinson, a former FBI agent and CIA contractor.

For the U.S. military, the CIA and other intelligence agencies, focusing more on hostages is a way to show an often mercurial commander in chief that the government is responding to the priorities he has set. The appointment of the former top envoy for hostage negotiations, Robert C. O'Brien, as national security adviser has also elevated the issue, and the National Counterterrorism Center is leading a review of hostage recovery efforts.

Trump's interest in seeing American hostages brought home is a reflection of his us-versus-them worldview that often puts foreign policy issues in stark terms, a senior administration official said, adding that the president takes it personally when adver-



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Debra Tice holds a portrait of her son, U.S. journalist Austin Tice, who was kidnapped in Syria in 2012.

saries illegally detain Americans.

Trump invited to the State of the Union the parents of Kayla Mueller, who was taken captive in August 2013 before being killed by the Islamic State group in early 2015. The military mission last year to kill the group's leader, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, was named after Mueller's birthday.

"America's warriors never forgot Kayla — and neither will we," Trump said during the address last month.

Before the speech, Mueller's parents were given a tour of the White House and met briefly with Trump and Vice President Mike Pence. They also spoke with both O'Brien and Kashyap Patel, then a senior counterterrorism official who was handling hostage issues.

The killings of Mueller and of journalist James Foley in 2014, another American in Syria, helped prompt then-President Barack Obama to make wholesale changes in how the government dealt with hostages and their families. The Obama administration established a Hostage Recov-

ery Fusion Cell and created a special presidential envoy for hostage affairs, the post O'Brien held. The Trump administration's look at hostage operations is part of a five-year review of the Obama directive.

While he was the hostage czar, O'Brien pushed hard to figure out a way to free Tice. He cited the case to Mueller's parents when they visited the White House as one of several the administration was trying to resolve.

Based on a mosaic of intelligence, officials believe Tice, now 38, remains alive and is being held by the Syrian government, according to former and current officials. Questions remain about why the Syrian government has neither admitted to holding him in the nearly eight years since he was abducted nor negotiated his release, and why it has released other Americans who were captured after him.

The Trump administration has pushed unsuccessfully to win Tice's release. Early in his 15-month tenure as CIA director, Mike Pompeo tried to set up back-

channel talks with Ali Mamlouk, Syria's powerful intelligence chief who is close with President Bashar Assad. The effort fizzled but also prompted concerns among some administration officials that the CIA's outreach might have left the mistaken impression with the Syrians that Tice was a spy.

In August 2018, the CIA dispatched another top senior agency official with expertise in the Middle East to meet with Mamlouk in Damascus, former American officials said. During the meeting, the CIA official brought up Tice, the former officials said. What came of the meeting is not clear.

The administration has also tried without success to engage both the United Arab Emirates and the Vatican to assist with the Tice case. The Emiratis, who played a key role in 2019 in freeing Danny Burch, an American oil worker who had been held hostage in Yemen, reopened its embassy in Damascus in 2018.

As the hostage czar, O'Brien embraced the idea of traveling to Damascus to

negotiate with the Syrian government. Pompeo, now the secretary of state, nixed the proposal for security reasons, though some administration officials were skeptical that O'Brien's life would have been in danger. Other administration officials viewed such a trip as a mistake because a visit by a high-ranking American official could bolster the Assad government while probably doing little to prompt it to release Tice.

Tice's family has sought to keep public attention on his case to pressure the government to continue working for his release. Debra Tice, Austin Tice's mother, has held news conferences and granted interviews in which she praised Trump's focus on the case of her son and other hostages.

Critics have accused the Trump administration of missing opportunities to win Austin Tice's release. It has made concessions to the Assad government without demanding Tice's release or anything else in return, including when administration officials announced in 2017 that they would no

longer pursue Assad's ouster and again last year when Trump abruptly pulled back American forces fighting the Islamic State group, essentially giving up much of the land in Syria that the military had seized from the group back to Assad's government.

Frerichs' case is similarly caught up in delicate geopolitical negotiations. As the military begins to withdraw its personnel from Afghanistan as part of a deal with the Taliban, the White House has stepped up its pressure on the Defense Department to get home hostages still held there, according to a senior official.

Frerichs, the former Navy diver who was working as a contractor in Afghanistan, was captured in February, and officials believe he is being held by the Haqqani militant network in Afghanistan. Some officials expressed concern that if Frerichs is not found quickly, he could be smuggled into Pakistan, making a rescue more difficult because of the political sensitivities and potentially treacherous terrain.

## US surgeon treats children lacking care in Libya's war

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TRIPOLI, Libya — Yazan, a 1-year-old Libyan boy, was born with congenital heart disease. With just one chamber, the organ pumped so little blood that when Yazan cried, his skin turned black. Without surgery, he would not survive.

But Yazan's country, Libya, has only one heart surgeon who can't possibly perform surgeries on 1,200 or so infants born every year with heart defects. Of those, typically some 150 are in dire need of surgery and die in their first year, said William Novick, an American pediatric cardiac surgeon.

His international team of experts, part of the Novick Cardiac Alliance, regularly flies into Libya to perform

surgery on patients like Yazan.

"To me this is simply an unacceptable situation that needs our attention," said Novick, who lives in Memphis, Tennessee.

The medical trips help prop up Libya's fragile health care system, which the World Health Organization has described as overburdened, inefficient and short of medicine and equipment.

Libya has been plunged into chaos since 2011, when a civil war toppled longtime dictator Moammar Gadhafi, who was later killed. Eastern-based opposition forces attacked Tripoli last spring to wrest it from control of the weak U.N.-backed government.

The fierce round of fighting has killed hundreds of civilians, including at least 13 children since mid-Janu-

ary.

Novick's team was the best, and perhaps last, hope for Yazan. But that meant his family had to travel to the most dangerous place in the war-ravaged country — the capital, Tripoli, where Tajoura National Heart Center is located.

Yazan's odyssey from his small desert hometown barely skirted the war's front lines. With key highways blocked because of fighting, his family took a 930-mile detour.

"You can't come to Tripoli like before," said Yazan's father, Im Saleh Mohamed Abudulfetah.

On Feb. 26, Yazan's perilous trek culminated in a five-hour surgery. Yazan is one of 1,000 children treated by Novick's group since it first came to Libya after the 2011 uprising.

In the operating room,



FELIPE DANA/AP

Yazan, 1, cries before surgery at Tajoura National Heart Center in Tripoli. An international team of experts regularly flies into Libya to perform surgery on patients like Yazan.

Novick and his team chatted calmly as they cut open Yazan's chest. They sewed together two large veins carrying blood from Yazan's head and connected them to his pulmonary artery. That sent oxygenated blood

straight to his lungs.

Eventually, exhausted nurses wheeled Yazan out of the operating theater to tell his parents the news. They expected Yazan to recover well, and with a follow-up operation, live a

normal life.

Novick's group also trains Libyan doctors and nurses to build up the country's critical health care system. "We're not going to be here forever and we shouldn't be here forever," he said.



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The national flags of Benin and Togo, the West African homes of Clotilda survivors, are displayed in Alabama.

## Ala. to exhibit artifacts from last US slave ship

By JAY REEVES  
Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — The state of Alabama will provide artifacts from the last slave ship to dock in the United States for a special public exhibition later this year, officials have announced.

The Alabama Historical Commission said an exhibit named for the slave ship Clotilda is set to open this fall in Mobile, where the schooner arrived with African captives in 1860.

The artifacts include pieces of wood and metal taken from a muddy river bottom where the ship was discovered, said Jim Delgado, a maritime archaeologist who helped identify the wreck.

The History Museum of Mobile will add pieces from its own collection to help tell the story of the port's maritime history, the commission said.

"Through this exhibit and collaborative effort, everyone will have the opportunity to experience the

moving story of the Clotilda and its survivors," said Lisa Demetropoulos Jones, executive director of the state agency.

To settle a bet between wealthy white men on whether slaves could be imported into the South in defiance of a federal ban, the wooden ship illegally transported 110 people from West Africa to Alabama, where they became slaves.

The freed people later settled in a community called Africatown, which still exists and will be the

site of the exhibition.

The U.S. banned the importation of slaves in 1808, but smugglers kept traveling the Atlantic with wooden ships full of people in chains. Southern plantation owners demanded workers for their cotton fields.

Remains of the Clotilda were discovered in late 2018 near an island where the ship was believed to have been scuttled and burned north of downtown Mobile shortly after unloading the captives.

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### Former California Rep. Hunter receives 11 months behind bars

SAN DIEGO — Former California Republican Rep. Duncan Hunter was sentenced Tuesday to 11 months in prison after pleading guilty to stealing campaign funds and spending the money on everything from outings with friends to his daughter's birthday party.

The ex-Marine's attorneys had asked for most or part of his sentence be spent in home confinement, citing his military service fighting in Iraq

and Afghanistan, and his nearly six terms in Congress. Hunter, 43, resigned from Congress in January after representing one of Southern California's last solidly Republican districts.

Hunter and his wife, Margaret, who was his campaign manager, were accused in a 60-count indictment of stealing more than \$250,000 in campaign funds and trying to hide it on financial disclosure records.

### North Macedonia clears last obstacle to NATO membership

BRUSSELS — North Macedonia on Tuesday cleared the final hurdle to becoming the 30th member of the NATO military alliance after the Spanish Senate ratified its accession.

Spain's office at NATO said that 259 of the 264 senators endorsed the move. The bill was signed by King Felipe and will be submitted to the U.S. State Department for official confirmation within the

next 72 hours.

It marks the end of a long quest for the former Yugoslav republic. Joining NATO and the European Union has been a priority for its leaders, but a dispute with neighboring Greece over the country's name stalled progress for more than two decades.

North Macedonia previously was known as Macedonia, a name it shared with a Greek province.

### Ex-Scottish leader denounces sex-crime charges against him

LONDON — Former Scottish First Minister Alex Salmond denounced some of the sex-crimes charges against him as "deliberate fabrications for a political purpose" as he began giving evidence at his trial Tuesday.

Salmond told the High Court in Edinburgh on Tuesday that he had a "consensual sexual liaison" with a woman who alleges he tried to rape her. Salmond, 65, denies 13

sex-crime allegations against nine women. One charge by another woman was dropped Monday.

A former Scottish government official, who is being referred to as Woman H, previously told the court she felt "hunted" by Salmond moments before an alleged attempted rape in the first minister's official residence in June 2014. She also said she had been sexually assaulted by him the previous month.



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**Coronavirus art:** S.F., a 16-year-old Greek graffiti artist, spray paints a design of a woman wearing a protective mask amid the global pandemic Tuesday in Athens. Greece has imposed a wide range of public safety measures to try and contain the outbreak.

### China to expel US reporters after curbs put on its media

BEIJING — China announced that it will revoke the media credentials of all American journalists at three major U.S. news organizations, in effect expelling them from the country, in response to new U.S. restrictions on Chinese state-controlled media.

The foreign ministry said early Wednesday that American citizens working for The New York Times, Wall Street Journal and Washington Post with credentials expiring before the end of the year must surrender their press cards within 10 days.

It is the latest in a series

of tit-for-tat actions by the two governments as the Trump administration takes a more confrontational stance in dealing with China than its predecessors. The two countries remained enmeshed in a trade war despite a recent truce and have traded angry words over the coronavirus pandemic that emerged in China and has spread worldwide.

The move comes after the Trump administration designated five Chinese media outlets as foreign missions and restricted the number of Chinese who could work for them in a de

facto expulsion of about one-third of their Chinese staff.

China described its steps as "necessary and reciprocal countermeasures that China is compelled to take in response to the unreasonable oppression the Chinese media organizations experience in the U.S."

In its announcement, China said five U.S. outlets — the three newspapers, Voice of America and Time — would be required to declare information in writing about their staff, finance, operation and real estate in China.

### Rockets strike Baghdad's Green Zone, officials say

BAGHDAD — At least three rockets struck Baghdad's fortified Green Zone near the American Embassy late Tuesday, a day after an attack on a training base south of Baghdad where U.S.-led coalition troops and NATO trainers were present, Iraqi security officials said. It was the

fourth such attack in the span of a week.

At least three rockets struck the Green Zone, the seat of Iraq's government and home to several foreign embassies, two Iraqi security officials said.

Myles Caggins, spokesman for the coalition, said the rockets fell at least 1.2

miles from the embassy.

There were no immediate reports of casualties.

On Monday, rockets hit the Basmaya base near the Iraqi capital, an Iraqi army statement said. The projectiles landed in an area that includes agricultural land and a factory, according to the statement.

### Jury convicts brother of Manchester bomber

LONDON — The younger brother of the suicide bomber who killed 22 people at an Ariana Grande concert in Manchester, England, was convicted Tuesday of murder for helping to plan the attack.

A jury at London's Central Criminal Court found Hashem Abedi, 22, guilty of 22 counts of murder, one count of attempted murder for those injured and one count of conspiring to cause explosions. Relatives of some victims sobbed as the jury foreman announced the unanimous guilty verdicts.

Abedi's elder brother Salman Abedi died when he detonated a knapsack bomb in the foyer of Manchester Arena on May 22, 2017. In addition to those killed, the attack injured more than 260 people.

Hashem Abedi had traveled to Libya before the attack. He denied all the charges.

**In Moscow:** Russian President Vladimir Putin on Tuesday ordered a vote on changes to the constitution that could allow him to extend his rule to be held next month as planned, but warned it could be delayed if the coronavirus situation worsens.

The 67-year-old Russian leader issued a decree on holding the vote April 22, a move that came a day after Russia's Constitutional Court approved a law on constitutional amendments that could allow him to remain in power for another 12 years after his current term ends in 2024.

Russia has reported more than 114 infections and Putin said at a government meeting Tuesday that the situation has remained under control.



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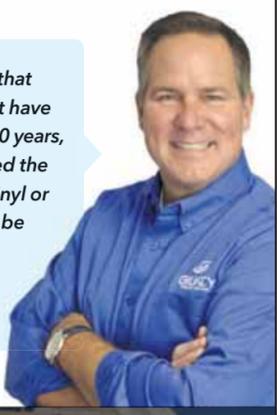
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## EDITORIALS

# Despite the pandemic, Illinois had its election. Was that the right call?

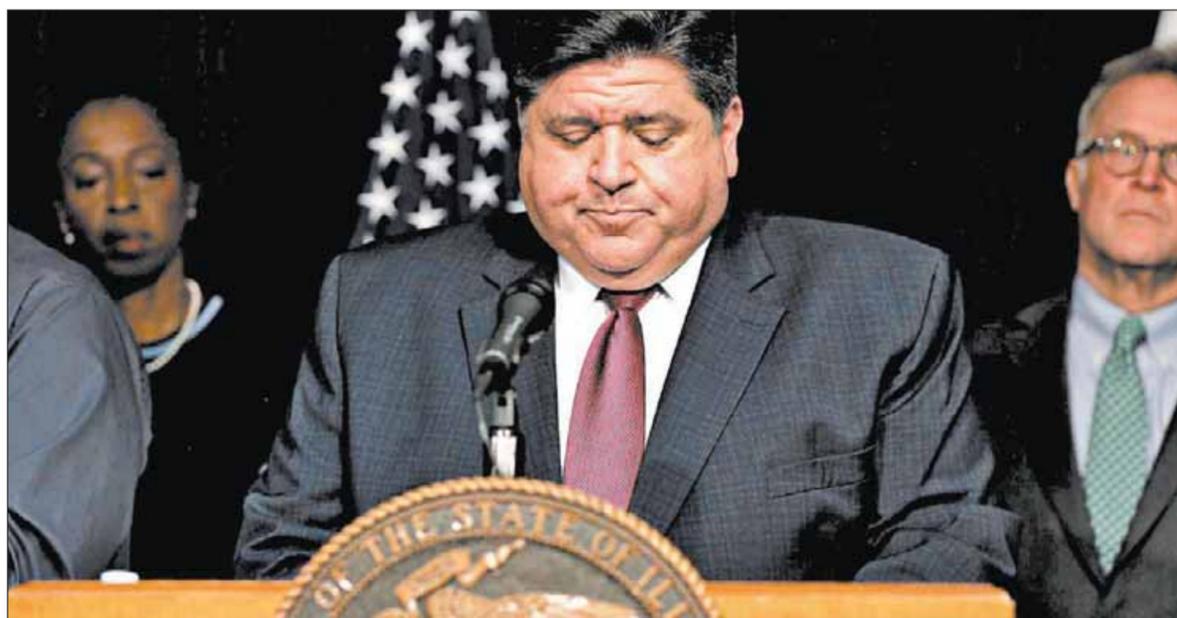
Illinois and Chicago election leaders locked horns Tuesday afternoon as primary election voters cast ballots statewide. Longtime Chicago Board of Election Commissioners spokesman Jim Allen acknowledged to reporters during a phone call that the board, about a week earlier, had urged Gov. J.B. Pritzker to postpone the primary. The coronavirus was too big a threat to poll workers and voters, and too many polling places would be unmanned, forcing closures, the board had warned.

Pritzker's aides, sensing that his decision could hurt him in the court of public opinion, pushed back. They said the governor had offered to have Illinois National Guard members help at polling places, along with a crew of students involved in a civics course, who could fan out across the city.

Both ideas, frankly, strike us as peculiar. National Guardsmen stationed at polling places? Not exactly a message of calm. Besides, the board's point was to keep people at home to avoid contagion, not to add guardsmen or students to the mix at polling places.

**But Pritzker and Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot** had promised the public, in repeated news conferences and phone calls leading up to Election Day, that voting would be safe. Lightfoot, who voted early, said her polling place was clean and equipment got wiped down regularly. Both Pritzker and Lightfoot urged voters to allow democracy to continue under the extreme circumstances — and with extra safety measures. So it did. And the public wasn't aware of the election board's concerns until Tuesday afternoon.

Reports from the ground were mixed. Some anecdotal evidence suggested polling



Gov. J.B. Pritzker urged voters to allow democracy to continue under the extreme circumstances — and with extra safety measures. — **TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

places in Chicago were crowded, lacking in cleaning materials, and that older poll workers and even voters were unnecessarily putting themselves at risk. Other voters reported all-but-empty polling stations that probably didn't pose inordinate threats.

Pritzker's critics suggested he could have implemented a paper, mail-in ballot system on Election Day. Voters would have avoided waiting in lines at polling places.

But it's unclear that idea, logistically, could have worked.

What is clear is that Chicago elections officials, in charge of "one of the largest election operations in the United States with approximately 1.5 million registered voters in 2,069 precincts, more precincts than the State of Iowa," according to their website, wanted to be on the record raising concerns about coronavirus. And the governor, who also announced on Tuesday the

state's first coronavirus death, didn't like being put on the spot. At all.

Pritzker's detractors note that holding the election likely served his Democratic Party well: A small turnout usually helps those in power keep power. All true.

But voters hire governors to make decisions, and can hold them accountable in subsequent elections. Based on what we know as we write Tuesday night, we aren't going to second-guess him.

# Springfield postelection: Don't let coronavirus sidetrack remap and ethics reforms

The Illinois primary election may have put some new names on the November ballot. But the results don't change the balance of power in Springfield, where lawmakers are scheduled to return next week.

Speaker Michael Madigan, D-Chicago, remains solidly in charge of the House with a supermajority of 74 Democrats to Republicans' 44 members. Newly elected Senate President Don Harmon, D-Oak Park, leads the upper chamber with a supermajority of 40 Democrats to Republicans' 19. The general election could shift those numbers for the legislature that convenes in January. For 2020, though, the two parties' rosters don't change.

While the agenda in Springfield is likely to shift due to the coronavirus pandemic — it's possible next Tuesday's session date will get postponed again as lawmakers respect social distancing — the checklist of necessary items is long and politically perilous. Once legislators reconvene, they are expected to return their attention to two key realms, taxes and ethics:

■ Gov. J.B. Pritzker is pushing voters to ratify a constitutional amendment that would permit a graduated income tax. Part of that push is his pledge of property tax reform. As of now, that legislative effort is in full failure mode.

■ And with federal authorities pursuing corruption at multiple levels of Illinois politics and governance, lawmakers feel pressure to adopt ethics reforms. We're hoping for a Senate led by Harmon to insist on meaningful changes to business as usual. Not window dressing. True reform, with lawmakers demonstrating personal integrity. Harmon set a tone by setting aside his law practice upon taking over as president. It was a start. Keep going, Senator.

Also on the agenda: a push to ban red-light cameras statewide, an elected school board for Chicago Public Schools, a revised tax formula for a Chicago casino (location yet to be determined) and ongoing budget pressures that a sinking economy in a state with no rainy day fund will exacerbate. The spread of coronavirus has tanked the mar-

kets for now, and that means local and state pension funds are in even worse shape than before. The steady rise of spending to keep public pension systems afloat is likely to intensify in a state where the state's five funds were in precarious shape even during a boom economy. The state's unpaid bills on primary Election Day sat at \$749 billion.

**Translation: Look out, taxpayers.** The pressure to further raise taxes will be intense.

An agenda item that won't be on most lawmakers' checklists but should be on yours — a May 3 deadline to get constitutional amendments on the ballot for redistricting and pension reforms. Every Illinois voter should be outraged at the purposeful manipulation of drawing legislative districts that disenfranchises voters and protects one-party rule. Not only have lawmakers ignored public pressure to put fair maps on the ballot, the party in charge — Democrats — undercut repeated citizen-led efforts at reform via citizen initiative. If

lawmakers blow off the May 3 deadline again, and keep in place the rigged map-making process that protects incumbents, it will be voters who lose, again. Rebel in November, won't you?

**And while Illinois desperately needs a constitutional amendment** that would allow for pension reforms, the ruling Democrats and their union cronies want none of that.

Coronavirus is sure to gobble up time and attention in Springfield this spring. Pritzker on Tuesday announced a loan program to help small business owners, for starters. That's important. But lawmakers shouldn't let other priorities, including remap, get swept aside. Even Pritzker promised as a candidate to support an independent map. Hold him to it.

And remember: The candidates nominated Tuesday have to face you again in November. If they don't deliver for you in this year of health, finance and ethical crises, oust them in the general election. You can do better.

### WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

While some amount of information about coronavirus cases is required for us to be prepared, does too much information distort our judgment and cause us to needlessly worry? The psychologist Par Bjalkbring and I recently conducted research that suggests it does.

About two weeks ago, we asked 1,279 Americans if they had spent time each day over the past week reading statistical information and looking at graphs about the coronavirus. About half (47.5%) said they did — we'll call them the statistics stalkers — and about half (52.5%) did not. Men were more likely to stalk (55%) than women (43%).

We found that the statistics stalkers were more anxious. ... We also found that the statistics stalkers believed they were more likely to get the coronavirus. ...

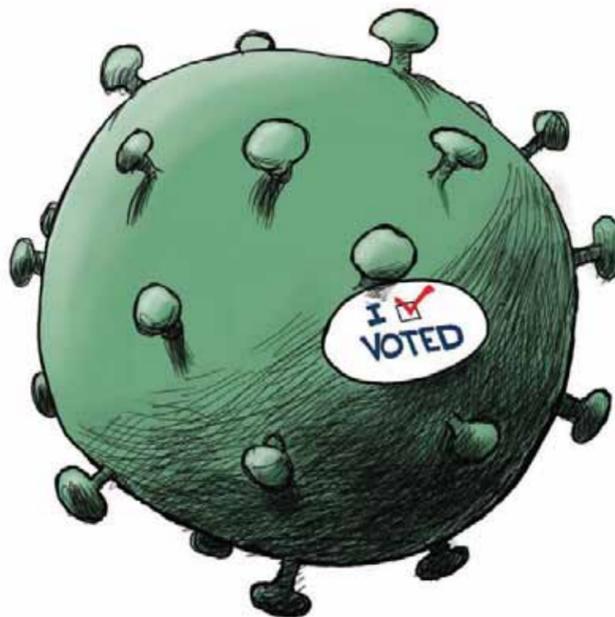
Of course, we don't know whether the stalkers were "wrong" to think that they were so likely to get infected, given the small amount of available data about infections in the U.S. at the time of our survey. However, according to data from Johns Hopkins University, Hubei, the Chinese province where the virus emerged, has reported 67,760 infected people out of a population of about 59 million, an incidence rate of 0.11 percent. This means that 99.89 percent were not infected, suggesting that the American stalkers are probably overestimating their level of risk. ...

We do not know for sure that looking more at the statistics caused increased fear. It may be that fearful people were driven to look more at the statistics.

**Ellen Peters, The New York Times**

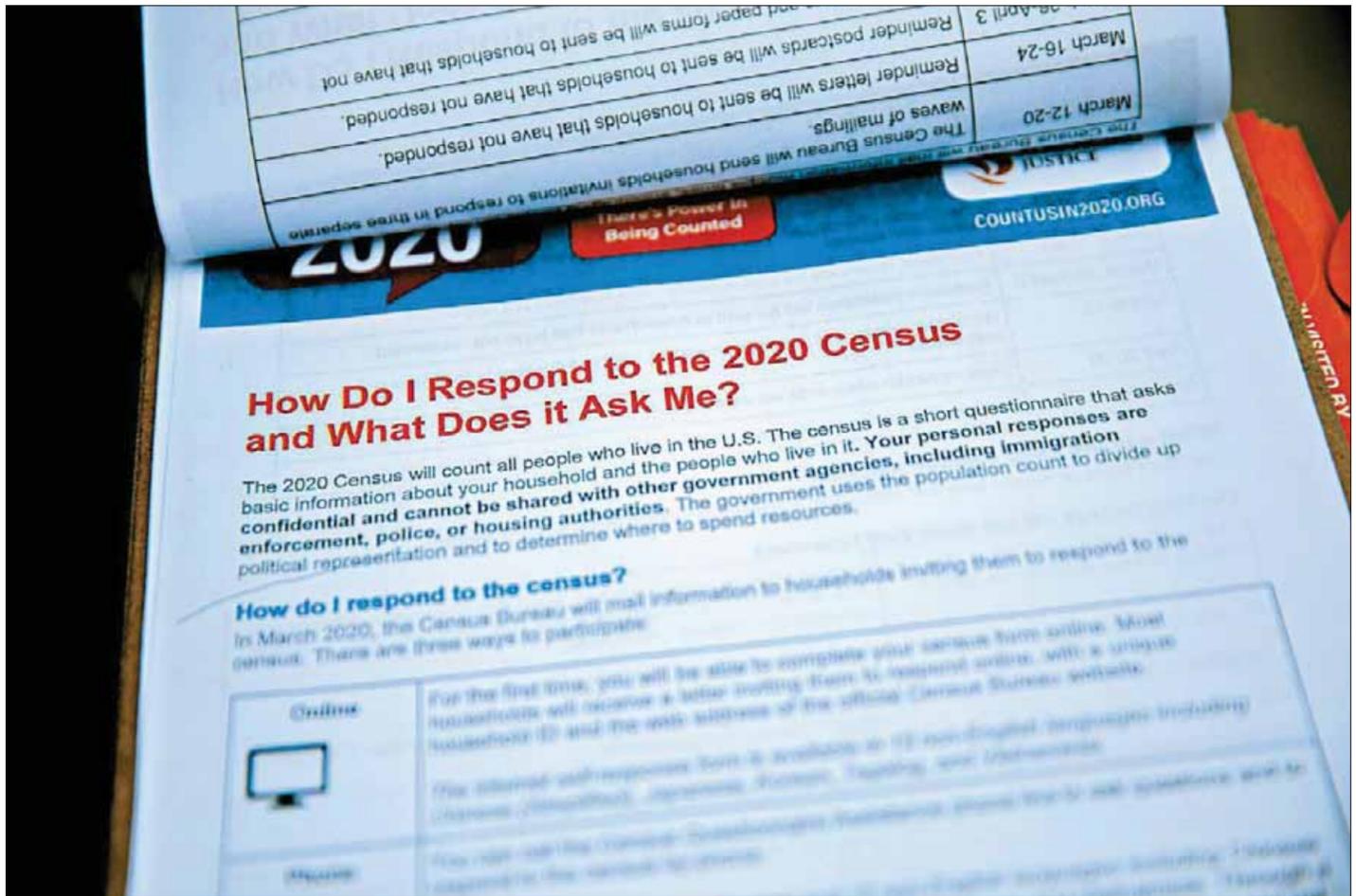
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Census information was distributed by Westside Health Authority outreach workers in the South Austin neighborhood of Chicago last week.

## It's census time — and time to rehash the definitions of race



CLARENCE PAGE

I was more delighted than usual to see that my 2020 census form arrived in the mail the other day. It gives me something else to do at home while waiting for the novel coronavirus storm to pass.

Not much to do, fortunately. It only took about 10 minutes to fill out, not including the extra time I have spent pondering what I call the most thought-provoking question on the form, the one that asks, "What is your race?"

The race question looks simple, at first glance, but a look at how it has evolved over the years reveals it to be as complicated and changeable as our national and historical attitudes on the subject of race. In other words, it has changed in every U.S. census since the first in 1790.

If the government still can't seem to get it right, that's because so many people at so many different times have had so many different ideas of what "right" is.

Starting in 2000, for example, peo-

ple of mixed-race ancestry have been allowed to check more than one racial box on the U.S. census form.

In the 2010 form, Hispanics were mentioned in a separate question, partly in response to the confusion in 2000 that resulted in about 43% of Hispanics failing to specify a race. Some even wrote in, "I am Hispanic."

Yet, that new form omitted mention of Arab, Persian, Middle Eastern or North African descent, among other significant regions, an omission protested by the Arab American Institute, which has been working with the U.S. Census Bureau for decades to be included as something more than an "other race."

Instead, the big change this year is the addition of a deeper dive into ethnicity. The form asks white and black people to provide their national "origins." Suggested examples of origins include "German," "Irish," "English," "Italian," "Lebanese" and "Egyptian."

As NPR census beat reporter Hansi Lo Wang put it, the census is now asking us, "Where are you really from?"

Although census officials were not available to explain their reasons for this particular change, it appears to be following the path of previous efforts to keep up with changing times.

Back in the first census, for example, U.S. Census Bureau records show that

the heads of households were asked to identify the number of "free white males" under and over 16 years old, the number of "free white females," the number of "other free persons" and the number of slaves.

In 1870, the first post-Civil War census reflected the nation's growing recognition of its own diversity. The "enumerators" who interviewed the heads of households and filled out the forms, could mark "W" for White, "B" for Black, "M" for "Mulatto" (or mixed race), "I" for American Indian and "C" for "Chinese," a category that included all East Asians, whether they or their ancestors actually came from China.

In 1890 enumerators were instructed to get even more personal with the categories "White," "Black," "Mulatto," "Chinese," "Japanese" and "Indian," joined by "Quadroon" and "Octoroon," for one-fourth and one-eighth black.

All of this was to be done without such modern-day innovations as 23andMe, Ancestry.com or other DNA researchers.

Changing times have led dedicated experts such as former Census Director Kenneth Prewitt, author of "What Is Your Race?: The Census and Our Flawed Efforts to Classify Americans," to push not for fewer labels in these tribalizing times but for better ones. "We shouldn't be governing in the 21st

century by a race classification given us by a German doctor in 1776," he told me in 2013.

He was referring to the German scientist Johann Blumenbach, whose 1776 book, "On the Natural Varieties of Mankind," established the woefully inadequate five-race model we know so well today: "Caucasian, Mongolian (Asian), Malay (Pacific Islanders), American Indian and Negro."

On the flip side, there are those who want to bail out of the issue by taking race out of our census as France and some other countries have done. Having talked with French journalists and others of color who struggle for recognition when the French motto of "liberty, equality and fraternity" falls short for them, I don't think a so-called colorblind approach would work for us.

We already have enough arguments over whether the enumeration of our citizens, called for in the Constitution, serves its intended purpose. The census doesn't solve all of the conflicts in our racial and ethnic gumbo, but it helps us to understand the ingredients.

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## Our resilience and empathy will carry us through this coronavirus crisis

BY MORTON SCHAPIRO

Aristotle said that with experience comes wisdom. I am in my 20th year as a college president, and I sure hope he is right.

I thought I had seen it all, but then came the coronavirus. Those of us in academia have been scrambling to keep our communities safe, while still protecting our educational values.

Our response here at Northwestern University has a good deal in common with other colleges and universities, but each of us has our particular circumstances.

We are on the quarter system, so while semester schools are midway through their spring terms, our spring quarter was supposed to begin around April 1 and run into mid-June. Instead of canceling it immediately and entirely, we informed the community that while we will run our classes online through at least most of April, by the middle of that month we will determine if we could reopen in person. By "we," I am talking about me, since even though I rely on the sage advice of many members of my staff, I sent that and similar messages to students, parents, faculty and staff from my email account. I did that on purpose to make it



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Shoppers, including a woman wearing a face mask, outside the Trader Joe's store on Roosevelt Road in Chicago this week.

easy to press reply and let me know what they thought of the plan. And press reply they most certainly did!

I have received more than 400 messages, and have tried to respond to each and every one.

I teach economics, not psychology, but it seems that some who wrote back transferred their anger with the situation to me and the rest of our administration. Several were along the lines of "I could run this place better than you" and "We need

real leadership, not waffling." I received lots of advice, with a number of parents joining the chorus: "Why haven't you sent my child home immediately?" Others took the opposite side: "Don't abdicate your responsibilities by closing the dorms and sending my kid home!" And a few sent a version of this one: "I want to know by tomorrow at the latest when I am going to receive my room and board rebate." Some Evanston residents, who weren't even sent those mes-

sages, chimed in: "Send your students home at once, before they infect the entire city" or, alternatively, "Quarantine your students in the dorms without delay, and don't let them out till the epidemic is over."

But here is the good thing: Most of the replies were heartening. Students in particular expressed their fears, and some disagreed with our actions, but the vast majority were respectful, thoughtful and even kind.

It was their kindness that surprised me. Dozens and dozens wished me and my family well; many said that they loved the school and appreciated the hard work we were all doing to keep everyone safe; a number praised the work of our deans, and mentioned the names of staff and faculty who have made a special effort to care for students at a time of greatest vulnerability. Reading these, I was literally brought to tears by our students' sensitivity, honesty and generosity.

Are there lessons to be learned? I think so. When you are in a crisis, you need to model resilience and empathy. We will all be remembered for how we handled adversity, and sought to protect others.

Along the way, take advantage

of whatever expert advice you can find. But in the end someone has to make the tough calls, and if you are in charge, you are ultimately accountable. Don't hide behind the bureaucracy. I have seen the administration, and it is you.

Be transparent, be definitive, try not to be defensive and remember that when you receive the occasional nasty email, it is likely their fear talking, not them. When you make a mistake, and you likely will when the facts are changing hourly, own it and don't compound your errors by doubling down. These general principles, by the way, may be just as useful during normal times as they are during the extraordinary ones.

We live in an age of polarization. Hate thine enemy seems to be the catchphrase of the day. Righteous indignation abounds. It is a world where people speak over each other, screaming louder and louder, but it isn't clear that anybody is listening. And in higher education, outrage all too often dominates civility.

Sometimes it takes a crisis to remind you of the basic goodness of humanity.

Morton Schapiro is president of Northwestern University.

# PERSPECTIVE



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An empty Roti restaurant in Chicago's Loop on Monday during the coronavirus pandemic.

## Cash is what Americans need now to make it through this coronavirus crisis

BY EBONY SCOTT AND AMEYA PAWAR

The coronavirus pandemic is shining a spotlight on what most already knew: There are giant gaps in our economic system and disasters aren't status levelers. This pandemic is being exacerbated by deeply embedded economic inequities.

We know that only 4 in 10 people have \$400 for an emergency and a large percentage of Americans live check to check. With new social distancing measures in place, millions of people will be out of work for extended periods. For these reasons we are demanding bold solutions from our city, state and federal government to stabilize communities. We must act fast — today — and give our friends and neighbors what they really need now: cash.

Cash transfers — a measure the Trump administration indicated Tuesday it would pursue — aren't a new idea. Each year, over 22 million American families and individuals receive the earned income tax credit, a cash rebate tied to employment. In 2008, President George W. Bush's Economic Stimulus Act cut \$152 billion in checks to everyday Americans to stimulate consumer spending.

Over the years academics have conducted nearly 200 research studies on these efforts, and all draw the same con-

clusion: Cash transfers are cost-effective and have the strongest track record to reduce vulnerability. A local unconditional cash transfer program — one that is not tied to work — is an important solution for many of our neighbors who are stretching food, baby formula and other necessities or those experiencing housing insecurity.

A recent report by The New York Times shows the serious implications of the coronavirus on industry. Illinoisans who work in food service, entertainment and hourly wage positions have experienced a sudden and unexpected loss of income, and the potential loss of their jobs in the long term. We've seen a few employers step up and say they will pay their hourly workers, as the owners of the Chicago Blackhawks and Bulls are doing for workers at the United Center. This is a welcome start and more businesses should step up in similar ways. However, the government needs to do the same. Simply calling for the private sector to do more will not cut it this time.

According to recent estimates from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the number of COVID-19 cases will grow dramatically in the coming days. Based on what we've seen in Spain and Italy, the world is going to be a different place within two weeks. This means we

not only need to get cash to people, we need to do it safely.

Food banks, social service providers and churches will continue to deliver services and serve as our front line. But placing the bulk of responsibility on service providers increases the risks for their staff and volunteers. A technology-backed cash transfer program can get cash safely to those who have access and serve as a triage function for service providers.

Every family situation is unique, and now is not the time to fall back on a funding orthodoxy that prioritizes programs over individual agency. A family that is staring into a bare pantry, an overdrawn bank account or the prospect of taking care of a loved one knows exactly what they need to do now to be safe two weeks from now. Through cash transfers we can provide people the agency and dignity they deserve, while saving lives.

Let's not look back and realize we could have done more to support one another.

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### VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

#### During crisis, listen to healers

It's hard to refrain from armchair quarterbacking during a crisis like the COVID-19 pandemic. Analysis on this global crisis will certainly be presented in the months and years ahead. But right now, some things about how we communicate with each other have become quite clear.

People are resistant to change and disruption of their daily routines, especially at the scale demanded during a pandemic. As Dr. Anthony Fauci, who has emerged as the country's COVID-19 communicator in chief, recently said: If it feels like overreacting, we're probably doing just enough. At the same time, sometimes you need to nudge people. Over a few days, the direction from leaders became more aggressive, guiding us toward behavior changes such as better hygiene, limits on public gatherings, social distancing and staying at home.

Many people think they are the exception to broadly relevant advice. Thousands of people assembling over the weekend at bars and in the streets for St. Patrick's Day observances, even though parades and official celebrations were canceled around the country, is just one example. The list goes on and on.

People love to shoot the messenger. Politicians may put their spin on the situation, and media may sensationalize the story at times, but I like to think of them as the chorus. Along with relaying information, they set a mood or tone, put what is happening into context and provide perspective. Some are doing a better job at it than others. But the main cast members, the protagonists in this unfolding drama, are health care experts and members of the scientific community.

The actions and words of those on the front lines of this global health crisis will tell the COVID-19 pandemic story. Mr. Rogers' sage advice during 9/11 was to "look for the helpers." Now, let's listen to the healers.

— *Maryanne Giustino O'Dowd, Lake Barrington*

#### Inequities glaring during outbreak

As coronavirus testing increases and the case count continues to rise, the response of Mayor Lori Lightfoot, the Chicago Department of Public Health and other city agencies is consistently impressive. As a retired longtime employee of the health department, I have never been prouder. Under the mayor's leadership, the department is a shining example of emergency preparedness and response.

Yet I am left wondering how we still live in a society where conditions persist that force thousands of families to rely upon our schools to feed their children. The inequities across Chicago were never more apparent than during the 1995 heat wave that took over 700 lives, most of them in low-income communities of color. A quarter of a century later, I am struck by how little progress has been made.

When this current crisis passes — which it certainly will — I hope any post-event debriefings will take a serious look at how we can do better as a city for all of our residents every day, so that they don't continue to be as disproportionately disadvantaged during times of crisis.

— *Erica Salem, Chicago*

#### Stressed but still neighborly

On Saturday at noon, I reluctantly decided that grocery shopping was necessary and went off to an Orland Park Jewel store. The parking lot was full, the only carts available were in the lot corrals and the store was filled with more shoppers than I've ever seen there. There was a bit of grumbling about the length of the checkout lines.

However, every person I encountered was polite and accommodating to other shoppers and their carts. Strangers were exchanging brief cheering remarks along with "Excuse me please!" "Oops, pardon me!" "Can I help you?" As I began to notice this behavior, I paid closer attention, and I've never seen anything like it. Kindness, difficulties shared and innate goodness filled the store. It turned my day from troublesome to heartened and optimistic. Thank you, neighbors!

— *Nancy Crowther, Orland Park*

#### U.S. should lift its sanctions

In this time of global pandemic with no end in sight, I propose that the American government lift sanctions everywhere as a humanitarian gesture. We are indeed in this period of crisis together.

— *Mary F. Warren, Wheaton*

## I have asthma. My brush with the coronavirus scares me about what's coming.

BY ANNE KLINGEBERGER

I'm an asthmatic, and I want to share my recent brush with COVID-19.

I've had breathing problems for as long as I can remember. Generally, I manage just fine. Asthma affects my life, but it doesn't endanger it. Many people have it much, much worse than I do.

My asthma is activated by my allergies. Mold spores and pollen are particularly bad for me, and I tend to get bronchitis when the seasons change. If an aggressive automatic room freshener sprays in my face, I'll often need my rescue inhaler and some oral steroids.

After a lifetime of asthma, I know how to keep my symptoms under control: albuterol inhaler, Prednisone pills, urgent care breathing treatments when I need extra help, a trip to the doctor to get a quick fix of antibiotics when I inevitably contract a respiratory infection.

But the feeling of not being able to breathe never fails to be terrifying.

Two weeks ago, I had shortness of breath, a slight fever, a sore throat and a cough. Oh, and I had just returned from a vacation in Scotland. My rescue inhaler wasn't doing it for me, and I felt increasingly panicked about my wheezing.

I assumed I was developing my usual change-of-season bronchitis. Knowing what I know now, I would have called ahead. But two weeks ago was a simpler time. So I went to urgent care, like I always do when this happens.

Once the receptionist heard "cough, fever, international travel," I was whisked away to a separate room. Everyone who saw me wore a full mask and visor and a plastic gown they threw away each time they left. They treated me like I had COVID-19 until proven otherwise.

Off the bat, I got an albuterol nebulizer treatment to get my wheezing under control.

It's an incredible rush of relief when your breathing treatment starts to work.

***If our medical system is strained as it tries to help too many sick people at once, the standard treatments and access to care that I rely on will no longer be standard.***

Your chest is tight, you feel like you're sipping air through a straw, you cough and cough, panic builds throughout your body — and then you get a mask with a cloud of mist. You can feel your airways open up, your heart stops pounding and your breaths start going in instead of getting coughed right back out. God, I love a good nebulizer.

Urgent care also gave me a strep test, which came back positive. No coronavirus! Just the usual seasonal bronchitis with a twist. The nebulizer got my breathing under control. I left with my spring cocktail of antibiotics and oral steroids.

I am lucky that things played out the way they did. I'm privileged to have employer-provided health insurance. I have a reasonable assumption that there is a medical system waiting to help me when I can't breathe. I walked into a medical facility feeling sick and scared, and I walked out with treatments.

If the United States goes the way of Italy — and our president's slow response to this crisis indicates that we will — that assumption goes away. If our medical system is strained as it tries to help too many sick people at once, the standard treatments and access to care that I rely on will no longer be standard.

Care and supplies will get rationed. The disposable masks, single-use gowns and visors that the urgent care staff threw

away each time they treated me will become rare commodities. Doctors, nurses and support staff will be in shorter supply.

People who don't have underlying issues are wondering what all the fuss is about. Why can't they just go to work, hang out at a bar, see a movie? And they're right. If they contract coronavirus, it probably won't be a big deal for them.

But it will be for me. It will be for other people they know — and for many, many they don't. It will be a very big deal for those who have underlying conditions such as diabetes, lung disease, HIV, chemo-suppressed immune systems and other issues that they can generally manage under normal circumstances.

It will be even worse for people who don't have paid sick leave, don't have health insurance or don't have the citizenship status that allows them to go to an emergency room without fear.

I am incredibly privileged to be relatively young, in relatively decent health and with a reasonable expectation of access to medical care under normal circumstances. And I am scared.

Other countries have given us the terrible gift of knowing what can happen if we don't take containment seriously. Right now, we have the chance to slow the spread and protect our most vulnerable. It's a chance that diminishes by the day.

So please, please think beyond yourself and your own individual comfort and take coronavirus seriously. Say no to that meeting, dinner invitation, drink with a friend. And if you're in a position of power, think about how you can help the servers, custodians and other workers who will be impacted when people stay home.

In these critical days, I beg you to take a risk. Please take the risk of boredom. Please take the risk of appearing to overreact. Because the risks for too many of us are far greater.

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# Chicago Tribune BUSINESS

## Judge halts food stamp work requirements



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A judge has halted a rule change that would have subjected more than a million food stamp recipients to work requirements starting April 1.

Ruling will not help Cook SNAP recipients subject to job rule

BY ALEXIA ELEJALDE-RUIZ

A judge has halted a federal rule change that would have subjected more than a million food stamp recipients to work requirements starting April 1, easing concerns that hundreds of thousands of people would lose food assistance at a particularly vulnerable time.

The preliminary injunction, issued Friday, was in response to a challenge that 19 states, plus New York City, the District of Columbia and some private groups, brought against the U.S. Department of Agriculture's rule change long before COVID-19 started to spread

through the United States.

While her reasoning was unrelated to the current crisis, the judge in her opinion referenced the importance of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, commonly known as SNAP and formerly known as food stamps, as the coronavirus threatens people's livelihoods and the general economic health of the nation.

"Especially now, as a global pandemic poses widespread health risks, guaranteeing that government officials at both the federal and state levels have flexibility to address the nutritional needs of residents and ensure their well-being through programs like SNAP, is essential," wrote Chief Judge Beryl Howell of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

The USDA's rule, finalized in December, sought to make it harder for states to get exemptions from work requirements for food stamp recipients who are aged 18 to 49, able-bodied and childless. In Illinois, which was among the plaintiffs challenging the rule, some 140,000 people fit that description. Most of the state's 1.8 million food stamp recipients are children, elderly or have disabilities.

Howell halted the rule's implementation until the court makes a final decision on its legality, saying it will likely be deemed "arbitrary and capricious" because it didn't appear to consider the hundreds of thousands of submitted comments that raised concerns. The USDA

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## McDonald's looking into rent deferrals

Company considering option for franchisees amid store shutdowns

BY ALEXIA ELEJALDE-RUIZ

McDonald's is considering deferring rent for franchisees as restaurants around the world close to in-store dining as part of efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19.

In a regulatory filing Tuesday, the Chicago-based fast-food giant said it is "working with franchisees around the world in order to evaluate operational feasibility and support financial liquidity (e.g. rent deferrals) during this period of uncertainty." The company also said it is working with suppliers to ensure continuous supply.

McDonald's on Monday night announced all company-owned stores in the U.S. would be available only for drive-thru, takeout and delivery, and it urged franchisees to adopt similar measures. More than 90% of its 14,000 U.S. restaurants are franchisees.

The day before, Illinois' governor mandated all bars and restaurants close to in-person dining until the end of March, as numerous states and cities have done to discourage people from congregating.

In most of the company's international markets, restaurants are closed to in-store dining and in some, such as Italy and Spain, they are closed outright. Nearly all restaurants in Japan are open and 95% of those in China, the first country to be hit with the new coronavirus, are now operating normally.

McDonald's, which has nearly 38,000 restaurants globally, said the financial impact of the coronavirus on its business cannot be predicted. It expects to provide an update at its first quarter earnings call April 22.

Activists have called on the world's largest burger giant to provide paid sick leave and layoff protections to its hourly workers during the emergency. McDonald's has said its corporate-owned restaurants will offer up to 14 days of paid leave for employees who are diagnosed with COVID-19 or forced to quarantine.



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Susan Schmidt and her husband Phillip Snelling buy wine, beer and food at Schaefer's Wines, Foods & Spirits on Tuesday in Skokie.

## Closures seen as no chasers

Liquor stores look to sell more in wake of all bars closing

BY ROBERT CHANNICK

On Tuesday, Chicago experienced its first St. Patrick's Day without bars since Prohibition a century ago, but at least one liquor store chain said the Irish whiskey is nonetheless flowing.

Binny's Beverage Depot, a 72-year-old, family-owned Chicago liquor retailer with 42 Illinois locations, is well-stocked and moving a lot of Jameson and Bushmills in the wake of Gov. J.B. Pritzker's order closing all bars through March 30.

"In terms of business, it's not like a grocery store where we're running out of toilet paper," Binny's spokesman Greg Versch said Monday. "But we are seeing all the St. Patrick's Day classics selling well."

Stay-at-home drinking — even alone — may be the new pub crawl in the age of co-

ronavirus.

Revelers packed Chicago bars Saturday in celebration of St. Patrick's Day, ignoring warnings from health officials to steer clear of large gatherings to minimize the spread of the growing outbreak.

On Sunday, Pritzker announced that effective end of business Monday, bars and restaurants would be closed to dine-in customers through March 30.

While closing the bars will no doubt affect liquor sales, some of that on-premise business will shift to at-home celebrations over the next two weeks and perhaps beyond, Versch said.

"I would anticipate increased business," Versch said. "We are working with statewide distributors to continue to remain stocked up."

Versch said the state's largest liquor chain has enough product on hand to meet a short-term surge in demand, and believes the supply chain will remain unbroken despite the coronavirus outbreak.

The Illinois Liquor Control Act of 1934, which became law after Prohibition was repealed, created a three-tier system of producers, distributors and retailers. It requires that any alcohol shipped to the state must go through a distributor and be sold by a retailer with a physical location in the state.

Those retailers include grocery stores, package liquor stores, restaurants and bars.

Vin Chicago, a family-owned Chicago wine store since 1934, has seen a boost in business in recent weeks as families stock up on supplies for what may be a long stretch of relative isolation.

The temporary closing of bars and restaurants will "definitely" increase sales in the weeks ahead, third-generation owner Peter Schwarzbach said Monday.

"I think as the restaurants and bars are closed for a few weeks, we'll see increased demand as people are enjoying their wine at home," said Schwarzbach, 50.

Vin Chicago has three locations, including Chicago, High-

land Park and Barrington. The stores have implemented a 7-foot social distancing policy, heightened sanitation practices and a modified checkout procedure to minimize physical contact.

"The customers are staying away from each other," Schwarzbach said. "I think each day, everyone is getting a little more accustomed to the new way to interact."

But increasingly, customers are opting for online or phone orders and curbside pickup, where a Vin associate will put the wine directly in their vehicle's trunk.

"We're trying to accommodate whatever comfort zone people have," Schwarzbach said.

Binny's has canceled all wine tasting and events while boosting store cleaning procedures to prevent the spread of the coronavirus and put customers at ease. That includes putting hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes at the service counter, wiping

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## Insurance software provider plans move to Fulton Market

CCC Information Services to leave Merchandise Mart



RYAN ORI  
On Real Estate

The Merchandise Mart, which in recent years has emerged as one of Chicago's top office buildings for technology tenants, is losing a tech tenant to the city's fast-growing Fulton Market district.

CCC Information Services, which provides software for auto insurance claims, is negotiating a lease to move its headquarters

into about 180,000 square feet in a 17-story office building under construction at 167 N. Green St., according to people familiar with the deal.

If the deal is finalized as expected, CCC's headquarters would join the list of big tenants moving to the former meatpacking district west of the Kennedy Expressway, joining the likes of McDonald's headquarters and Google's Midwest headquarters.

Deerfield-based snack company Mondelez International and East Syracuse, N.Y.-based dental clinic company Aspen Dental also have signed leases to move their headquarters to Fulton Market, but have not moved in yet.

Just a few years after having virtually no high-end offices, Fulton Market has just over 2.5 million square feet of top-tier office space, with another 2.8

million square feet on pace to be completed by the end of 2022, according to Chicago-based real estate brokerage Cushman & Wakefield.

CCC leases about 125,000 square feet in the sprawling Merchandise Mart along the north edge of the Chicago River, joined by other tech tenants including Yelp, Braintree, Motorola Mobility, tech startup hub 1871 and health care incubator Matter. CCC's lease at the 4 million-square-foot Merchandise Mart expires in 2022.

CCC declined to comment on its plans to move through its brokers, Chris Wood and Steve Schneider of Cushman & Wakefield, who also declined to comment.

Construction of the 750,000-square-foot building at 167 N. Green is underway by Chicago-based firms Shapack Partners,

Focus and Walton Street Capital.

Shapack Partners CEO Jeff Shapack did not return calls requesting comment, and Focus CEO Tim Anderson declined to comment.

The developers already have signed co-working company WeWork to a 138,000-square-foot lease and financial advisory firm Duff & Phelps to a 47,000-square-foot deal. The developers are represented in the leasing by Bess Colnon and Paige Hennessy of Shapack Partners.

The Green Street building's top floor will serve as a flexible amenities space that can be used for everything from basketball courts to formal events.

Designed by Gensler, the building includes "the mews," a 50-foot-wide public space running through the ground floor of the building between Green and Halsted streets on the eastern

edge of Fulton Market.

CCC was founded in 1980 by Howard Tullman, the longtime Chicago entrepreneur whose recent positions included serving as CEO of the 1871 tech startup hub based in the Merchandise Mart.

Tullman invested \$300,000 in CCC, took it public in 1983 and eventually sold it for \$100 million in 1989.

Since 2017, CCC has been owned by Boston-based private-equity firm Advent International, which bought it from previous owners TPG and Leonard Green & Partners. The sale price was not disclosed, but the company was believed to be valued at about \$3 billion when it went up for sale, Bloomberg reported before the sale in 2017.

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# Demand

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down surfaces regularly and monitoring the restrooms, Versch said.

At the same time, Binny's is encouraging customers to order online for in-store pickup or one-hour delivery through Instacart.

At Schaefer's, an 84-year-old, family-owned wine, food and liquor store near the Old Orchard Shopping Center in Skokie, it's been mostly business as usual. The temporary closing of bars, however, is not expected to provide a significant boost.

"The North Shore of Chi-

cago isn't going to be hugely affected by bars closing down — even for St. Patrick's Day," said Anje Cluxton, 44, president of Schaefer's and granddaughter of its namesake founder, George Schaefer.

Schaefer's has put product sampling on hiatus and increased cleaning efforts, like its competitors. The store also has encouraged delivery to make customers "feel safe," Cluxton said, but many regulars are seemingly undeterred from their normal shopping routine.

"People are still coming in the store," Cluxton said. "Every customer that's coming in here is like, 'I'll see you next week.' This is

maybe their one exception of where they're going to go shopping."

While closing bars may not funnel more customers to Schaefer's, the liquor store is maintaining its business amid cancellations of parties, charity events and fundraisers, a sign that it too serves a basic human need during the temporary end of social drinking.

"We expect there will be no gatherings," Cluxton said. "However, day-to-day consumption and relaxation during these difficult times may require a bottle of wine or a glass of beer at some point."

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Susan Schmidt shops for wine at Schaefer's Wines, Foods & Spirits on Tuesday in Skokie.

# Stamps

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had estimated 1.1 million people would be newly subject to the work rules and nearly 700,000 people

nationwide were likely to lose food assistance as a result of the change. Some 36 million Americans are enrolled in SNAP.

A USDA spokesperson said the agency disagrees with the court and will appeal the decision. The

Trump administration had said the rule change, which sought to tighten the criteria that states could use to show job scarcity and therefore qualify for a waiver from work requirements, would prod people to enter the workforce at a time of his-

torically low unemployment.

The injunction doesn't help Cook County, where federal work requirements for able-bodied, childless food stamp recipients went into effect in January, affecting some 50,000 people. That's because Cook's unemployment rate fell too low to qualify for a waiver under existing law. DuPage County has been in the same position for the past two years.

The work rules limit able-bodied adults without dependents to three months of food assistance over three years unless they can prove they are working, in job training or volunteering at least 80 hours a month. For Cook County residents newly subject to the requirements starting Jan. 1, that three-month time limit will be up at the end of March if they didn't find work.

The Illinois Department of Human Services said it has asked the USDA for a six-month waiver from the work requirements, invoking the ability of the federal government to do so during economic downturns.

"Waiver approval will allow vulnerable populations across the state to continue to receive access to food," said Meghan Powers, spokeswoman for the state agency. "We strongly urge the Federal government to approve SNAP waivers dur-

ing this time so that people can stay safe."

The emergency Families First Coronavirus Act, passed by the House in the wee hours Saturday morning and now awaiting action by the Senate, would provide relief to Cook and DuPage counties by suspending food stamp work requirements nationwide during the period of the national emergency President Donald Trump issued last week. The nation took similar measures when the economy took a dive in 2008.

The emergency legislation, which guarantees paid sick leave for many workers and tax credits for businesses to help pay for it, includes several other protections for SNAP recipients as well. It calls for giving states flexibility to increase benefit amounts, a help for families that aren't accessing school meals while schools are closed, plus other regulatory authority to make it easier for people to apply for SNAP.

For example, states could extend deadlines for people to reauthorize their benefits or make it easier to apply by phone, which could prove particularly important if aid offices close to protect state employees with coronavirus concerns. Applying online is an option but many people who need SNAP don't have Internet access or comput-

ers and the places they usually go for such access, like public libraries, may also close.

"What we need here is federal and state partnership to get benefits into people's hands as quickly as possible," said Jeremy Rosen, director of economic justice at the Chicago-based Shriver Center on Poverty Law. "That's what we think is most important. So it's critical for the federal government to pass its emergency bill so that the Pritzker administration has the full ability to make the process as easy as possible for people."

As bars and restaurants abide by mandatory closures and other businesses suffer huge drops in sales, Rosen said he anticipates more people seeking food aid, many for the first time. But it isn't clear what the state's plan is for its aid offices as they face a potential rise in demand.

Fran Tobin, coordinator for the Alliance for Community Services, which advocates for poor people as well as state case managers, said the aid office in the south suburbs has closed.

"There are signs posted for consumers to go to other offices, but, of course, plenty of people will show up, unaware," Tobin said. "Other offices, for now, are operating, accepting walk-ins."

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# Stocks rebound on news of White House proposal

## Trump promises to be 'going big' on \$1T virus aid package

By STAN CHOE  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stocks rallied Tuesday as President Donald Trump promised he's "going big" with plans to prop up the staggering economy through the coronavirus outbreak.

Besides the White House's proposal, which could approach \$1 trillion, the Federal Reserve also announced its latest emergency move to get markets running more smoothly. The S&P 500 climbed 6% to claw back a little less than half of its historic loss from the day before.

Even a 5% move used to be extremely rare, but it's become the norm this month as investors see a recession as increasingly likely, if not already here. Many professional investors expect the market's big swings in both directions to continue until health experts get the new coronavirus in check.

"Government tends to show up late to the party with a bazooka," said Barry Bannister, head of institutional equity strategy at Stifel. "It's a bit of an overreac-

tion, but that's to be understood as normal for policymakers."

Trump wants the government to send checks to Americans in the next two weeks to help support them while chunks of the economy come closer to shutting down, Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said Tuesday.

Mnuchin briefed Senate Republicans on the proposal, which could also include \$50 billion for the airline industry and \$250 billion for small businesses. The travel industry has been among the industries hardest hit by the outbreak. Planes sit grounded and hotels and casinos shut their doors.

Investors have been waiting for Washington to offer more aid for the economy.

Ultimately, investors say they need to see the number of infections slow before markets can find a bottom. Worldwide cases now exceed 190,000.

Uncertainty about how badly the economy will be hit by the coronavirus has put the market on a roller coaster with steep losses giving way to sharp gains, only to get wiped out again, sometimes all in the same

day. "I don't think we're going to be able to trust movements in the market for some time," said Tom Martin, senior portfolio manager with Global Investments.

Trading was unsettled around the world. European stocks swung from gains to losses and back to gains. South Korean stocks fell to their fifth straight loss of 2.5%, but Japanese stocks shook off an early loss to edge higher.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average seesawed through the day. It went from up 600 points to down 300 to up 1,190 and then pulled back again. It ended the day up 1,048.86 points, or 5.2%, at 21,237.38. A day earlier, it lost nearly 3,000 after Trump said a recession may be on the way.

The S&P 500, which dictates the movements of workers' 401(k) accounts much more than the Dow, is still 25.3% below its record set last month. It's close to where it was at the start of 2019, before one of the best years for stocks in decades.

"The global recession is here and now," S&P Global economists wrote in a report Tuesday.

# Fed tries to ease flow of credit with loan option

By CHRISTOPHER RUGABER  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In its latest emergency action, the Federal Reserve is establishing a lending facility to try to ease the flow of short-term credit to banks and businesses as the economy grinds to a halt from the viral outbreak.

The Fed announced Tuesday that it's reviving a program it first used during the 2008 financial crisis to unclog a short-term lending market for what is known as "commercial paper." Large businesses issue commercial paper to raise cash to meet payrolls and cover other short-term costs.

"An improved commercial paper market will enhance the ability of businesses to maintain employment and investment as the nation deals with the coronavirus outbreak," the Fed said in a statement.

Borrowing rates in the commercial paper market have been spiking as more companies have sought to raise cash in the expectation that their revenue will plunge.

At the same time, money market funds, among the largest buyers of the short-term loans, are seeking to sell commercial paper themselves. They need to raise money because they expect large institutional investors to withdraw funds, and they need cash to cover those withdrawals.

All that activity has made it harder for banks and other companies to raise the cash they need.

Companies that borrow through the lending program will pay a small fee and interest.

The lending program was created with the approval of Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin, whose authorization is required for the creation of emergency programs by the Fed.

"The economic disruption and uncertainty created by COVID-19 has created challenges for the commercial paper market, constraining access to short-term credit for American businesses," Mnuchin said.



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Jon Borgese and his daughter, Lily, in his New York apartment. Borgese reported issues with the popular Baby Brezza formula machine.

# Formula maker fails to thrive

## Baby Brezza, a popular \$200 automated device, may put infants at risk

By NATASHA SINGER  
The New York Times

Like many first-time parents, Jon Borgese, a tech executive in Manhattan, had heard the buzz around the Baby Brezza formula maker, a countertop device that automatically dispenses warm bottles of formula at the touch of a button.

The \$200 machine, widely available at retailers markets itself as the "most advanced way" to mix powdered baby formula and water "to perfect consistency."

But after Borgese and his wife, Nicole, started giving the machine-mixed formula bottles last year to their 2-month-old daughter, Lily, she became fussy and began to look thin, he said. The couple rushed her to the pediatrician, who confirmed that Lily was losing weight and sent her for medical tests to determine the cause.

The problem was the gadget, which had dispensed watery formula with insufficient nutrients, said Dr. Julie Capiola, Lily's pediatrician. Borgese said he had since filed two class-action lawsuits

against the machine's maker, claiming the device was defective.

"You don't want any baby or any parent to go through this," he said, adding that Lily gained weight once the family stopped using the formula maker.

Borgese was one of many parents who have reported issues with the Baby Brezza formula machine, which was the top-selling baby feeding accessory in the United States over the last two years, according to the NPD Group, a market research company. On Amazon, Facebook, Better Business Bureau and parenting forums, people have posted more than 100 complaints saying the machines dispensed incorrect or inconsistent amounts of water or baby formula.

Separately, five pediatricians described to The New York Times how they had recently treated babies — whose parents had fed them Brezza-dispensed bottles — for failure to thrive, a condition caused by lack of nutrients. The doctors said the health risks could be even more severe because infants' digestive systems aren't developed enough to process formula that is too watery or too concentrated.

David Contract, marketing team lead for the Betesh Group, a private company in Newark, New Jersey, that makes the Baby Brezza devices, said the company had carefully calibrated the machines to work

with more than 2,000 types of baby formulas and regularly tested the devices for precision. He said people must clean the machines frequently to prevent powder buildup, which could cause the systems to dispense watery formula. — requirements he compared to installing infant car seats correctly.

"We are confident our machine works properly and accurately when it's used right," he said. He later added, "I do think there are people who don't use it properly, who get a bad outcome, who get a watery bottle because they're not cleaning; they're not using the right settings."

While the Food and Drug Administration regulates infant formula as a food and the Consumer Product Safety Commission oversees the safety of "durable" baby products like cribs, each agency initially said the other was responsible for vetting possible inaccuracies with automated baby formula-dispensing machines.

Last year, the CPSC received two reports from health care professionals about how babies who had been fed formula mixed by the Brezza devices had "lost significant weight" or "had to be evaluated after drinking the formula." Last month, the commission clarified that it was responsible for overseeing the devices and urged consumers to report any problems to saferproducts.gov.

## BUSINESS BRIEFING

# Amazon to limit warehouse goods

NEW YORK — Amazon, in an attempt to fill its warehouses with toilet paper, hand sanitizer and other items in high demand, said Tuesday that it will limit what suppliers can send to its warehouses for the next three weeks.

Among the items that suppliers can ship also include canned beans, diapers, dog food, disinfecting wipes, medical supplies and household goods. Other items like jeans, phone cases and other nonessentials will not be allowed.

The announcement Tuesday is another sign of how much pressure Amazon's delivery network is facing as more people stay home and shop online as the coronavirus spreads in the country.

The restrictions will last until April 5.

# Pre-viral industrial production up 0.6%

WASHINGTON — U.S. industrial production rose last month for the first time since November as chillier weather kept utilities busy and an uptick in auto production pushed manufacturing output higher.

The economic impact of the coronavirus outbreak was not apparent in the February numbers.

The Federal Reserve said Tuesday that industrial production — including factories, utilities and mines — rose 0.6% in February, reversing drops in December and January. Industrial production has been flat over the past year.

American industry is bracing for the impact of COVID-19, which is bringing ordinary economic life to a near halt as people isolate themselves.

# Feb. retail sales post biggest drop since 2018

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Retail sales fell 0.5% in February, the largest drop in more than a year, indicating that the consumer sector was slowing even before the coronavirus struck with force in the United States. Economists said they were looking for even weaker numbers in coming months.

The Commerce Department reported Tuesday that the February drop in sales was the biggest since a 2% decline in December 2018. Sales had been up 0.6% in January.

The February decline came from weakness in a number of areas including a 0.9% fall in auto sales and a 2.8% drop at gasoline stations, a decline that reflected falling gas prices.

Excluding motor vehicles and parts, retail sales were still down 0.4%.

In a likely sign of things to come, online sales showed a solid gain of 0.7% in February. Economists are forecasting even bigger demand in this area as Americans heed warnings to limit activities outside the home to try to halt the spread of the virus.

"With virus fears escalating drastically, containment measures being stepped up and high-frequency data showing that consumers are already avoiding public places like restaurants and cinemas nationwide, it looks likely that retail sales will fall sharply in March," said Andrew Hunter, senior U.S. economist at Capital Economics.

The retail sales report doesn't cover the

past week when the U.S. economy shuddered to a near-halt, the Dow Jones plummeted and iconic chains like Nordstrom and Abercrombie & Fitch announced that they are temporarily closing to curb the spread of coronavirus.

While discounters and grocers like Walmart, Target and Costco have seen long lines of customers wanting to stockpile groceries, many mall-based clothing stores, which were already struggling, are facing a drop-off in customer traffic. Discounters' biggest problem now is trying to keep up with the demand from shoppers' panic buying.

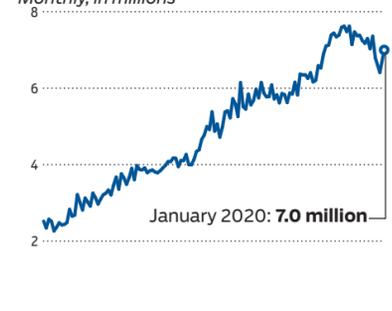
Economists believe that the hit to consumer spending, which accounts for 70% of economic activity, will be enough to push the country into a recession.

## Job openings

There were 7.0 million job openings on the last business day in January.

### JOB OPENINGS

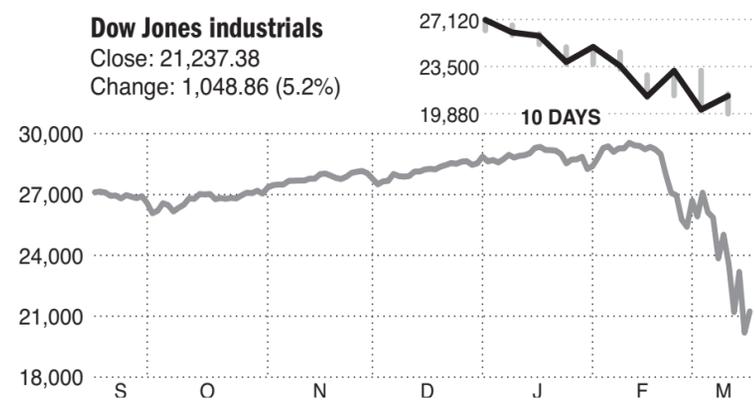
Monthly, in millions



SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics  
TNS

MARKET ROUNDUP

**Dow** High: 21,379.35 Low: 19,882.26 Previous: 20,188.52



**Nasdaq**  
+430.19 (+6.23%)

Close: 7,334.78  
High: 7,406.23  
Low: 6,828.91  
Previous: 6,904.59

**S&P 500**  
+143.06 (+6.00%)

Close: 2,529.19  
High: 2,553.93  
Low: 2,367.04  
Previous: 2,386.13

**Russell 2000**  
+69.26 (+6.68%)

Close: 1,106.68  
High: 1,106.66  
Low: 1,011.96  
Previous: 1,037.42

**10-yr T-note**  
+27 to .99%

**Gold futures**  
+39.00 to \$1,524.90

**Yen**  
+1.72 to 107.85/\$1

**Euro**  
+.0137 to .9091/\$1

**Crude Oil**  
-1.75 to \$26.95

Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P
-15.11	-12.10	-12.25	-27.35	-24.64	-24.96	-17.96	-5.04	-10.71

FUTURES							
COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 20	496.25	506.50	494.50	499.25	+1.25
		Jul 20	498.25	507	496	500	+5.0
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 20	355.25	356.75	342.75	344	-10.75
		Jul 20	358.75	360.50	348.75	350	-8.50
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 20	824.75	832.50	822	824.25	+2.50
		Jul 20	833	840.75	830.25	831	+5.0
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	May 20	25.01	25.90	24.97	25.24	+2.5
		Jul 20	25.36	26.22	25.32	25.59	+2.5
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	May 20	296.50	299.50	295.60	298.30	+2.00
		Jul 20	297.70	299.60	296.20	296.50	-1.00
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Apr 20	28.69	30.30	26.63	26.95	-1.75
		May 20	28.99	30.61	27.06	27.33	-1.67
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Apr 20	1.797	1.820	1.711	1.729	-0.86
		May 20	1.831	1.860	1.752	1.769	-0.84
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Apr 20	.7102	.7818	.6878	.7114	+0.215
		May 20	.7214	.7906	.6996	.7190	+0.173

Source: The Associated Press

LOCAL STOCKS

Stocks listed may change due to daily fluctuations in market capitalization. Exchange key: N=NYSE, O=NASDAQ

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	79.49	+5.83	Envestnet Inc	N	61.32	+9.02	Littelfuse Inc	O	130.62	+13.55
AbbVie Inc	N	73.02	-1.25	Equity Commonwealth	N	30.76	+2.2	McDonalds Corp	N	147.62	-1.39
Allstate Corp	N	87.94	+2.96	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	56.14	+2.97	Middleby Corp	O	63.44	+0.1
Anixter Intl	N	83.39	+8.0	Equity Residential	N	66.46	+5.30	Mondelez Intl	O	48.82	+3.72
Aptargroup Inc	N	96.45	+8.57	Exelon Corp	O	36.00	+5.49	Morningstar Inc	O	113.87	+5.59
Arch Dan Mid	N	35.26	+2.58	First Indl RT	N	30.71	+2.37	Motorola Solutions	N	149.33	+4.09
Baxter Intl	N	80.51	+8.94	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	41.70	+8.0	NiSource Inc	N	24.57	+3.63
Boeing Co	N	124.14	-5.47	Gallagher AJ	N	85.46	+5.61	Nthn Trust Cp	O	68.55	+6.33
CBOE Global Markets	N	88.54	+5.84	Grainger WW	N	246.43	+16.90	Old Republic	N	16.74	+5.7
CDK Global Inc	O	36.41	+1.40	GrubHub Inc	N	40.78	+4.43	Packaging Corp Am	N	93.74	+12.77
CDW Corp	O	87.28	+3.1	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	89.38	+7.78	Paylocity Hldg	O	92.64	+2.13
CF Industries	N	24.15	+1.5	IAA Inc	N	28.94	-4.5	RLI Corp	N	79.62	+10.82
CME Group	O	166.02	+17.48	IDEX Corp	N	125.96	+10.26	Stericycle Inc	O	55.80	+9.41
CNA Financial	N	31.95	+1.68	ITW	N	159.50	+10.28	TransUnion	N	68.20	+2.41
Cabot Microelect	O	103.75	+10.54	Ingredion Inc	N	70.73	+6.92	US Foods Holding	N	12.33	-2.37
Caterpillar Inc	N	100.20	+6.79	John Bean Technol	N	78.69	+10.88	Ultra Salon Cosmetics	O	154.60	-6.94
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	29.80	+2.59	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	105.60	-6.87	United Airlines Hldg	O	30.67	-4.80
Deere Co	N	126.71	+6.66	Kemper Corp	N	73.55	+1.71	Ventas Inc	N	21.02	-2.78
Discover Fin Svcs	N	36.87	-1.00	Kraft Heinz Co	O	23.83	+1.81	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	49.60	+4.52
Dover Corp	N	81.13	+5.18	LKQ Corporation	O	19.69	-6.7	Zebra Tech	O	180.66	+14.58

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Chesapck Engy	.21	+0.01
Gen Electric	7.08	+4.2
Bank of America	21.98	+1.54
Ford Motor	5.01	...
Arbev S.A.	2.30	+1.9
Uber Technologies	18.91	-1.38
AT&T Inc	33.74	+1.93
Energy Transfer LP.	5.25	-5.0
Wells Fargo & Co	29.63	+3.13
Sthwstn Energy	2.12	+1.6
Boeing Co	124.14	-5.47
Petrobras	5.40	+1.5
Pfizer Inc	32.16	+1.98
Citigroup	40.25	-.94
Marathon Oil	3.62	-.38
Carnival Corp	12.71	-1.86
Exxon Mobil Corp	36.81	+2.32
Snap Inc A	8.91	-1.5
Itau Unibanco Hldg	4.90	+1.7
Annaly Capital Mgmt	6.66	+0.4
Halliburton	6.14	+2.0
JPMorgan Chase	93.76	+5.40
Occid Petl	11.34	-.68
Verizon Comm	54.31	+3.32

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
AT&T Inc	33.74	+1.93
Alibaba Group Hldg	184.81	+5.96
Alphabet Inc C	1119.80	+35.47
Alphabet Inc A	1118.06	+45.06
Amazon.com Inc	1807.84	+118.69
Apple Inc	252.86	+10.65
Berkshire Hath B	187.60	+9.83
Facebook Inc	149.42	+3.41
HSBC Holdings prA	24.34	+3.4
JPMorgan Chase	93.76	+5.40
Johnson & Johnson	136.59	+9.46
MasterCard Inc	237.88	+2.23
Microsoft Corp	146.57	+11.15
Procter & Gamble	118.24	+9.74
Taiwan Semicon	48.54	+3.64
Unitedhealth Group	244.22	+19.18
Verizon Comm	54.31	+3.32
Visa Inc	157.89	+5.88
Walmart Strs	119.26	+12.50

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AmrcnBalA m	24.33	+5.2	-4.8
American Funds CptWldGrInca m	39.31	+1.52	-15.0
American Funds CptlncBldra m	51.24	+1.45	-10.9
American Funds FdmtlInvSA m	46.85	+2.02	-13.9
American Funds GrfAmrCA m	40.91	+1.70	-9.3
American Funds IncAmrCA m	18.85	+5.9	-9.5
American Funds InvCAMrCA m	30.55	+1.35	-12.9
American Funds NwPrspctvA m	36.27	+1.37	-12.0
American Funds WAMtInvSA m	36.64	+2.03	-13.1
Dodge & Cox Inc	13.73	-1.7	+4.6
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	28.60	+1.05	-27.8
Dodge & Cox Stk	132.38	+5.71	-24.0
DoubleLine TlRetBdl	10.83	...	+7.1
Fidelity 500dxlnsPrm	88.05	+4.93	-8.1
Fidelity Contrafund	11.27	+5.9	-5.9
Fidelity InvMGrdAdm	11.36	-2.2	+5.9
Fidelity TlMktldxlnsPrm	69.68	+3.83	-11.4
Fidelity USBlddxlnsPrm	12.01	-2.2	+8.2
Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	1.86	...	-15.2
Metropolitan West TlRetBdl	10.97	-1.6	+9.4
PIMCO Inc2	11.11	-1.3	-8
PIMCO Inc1stl	11.11	-1.3	-7
PIMCO TlRetlns	10.26	-2.1	+6.1
Schwab SP500dx	36.64	...	-13.8
T. Rowe Price BCGR	101.82	+4.77	-12.1
T. Rowe Price GrStk	59.18	+2.98	-12.9
Vanguard 500dxAdmrl	233.28	+13.16	-8.6
Vanguard BalldxAdmrl	33.86	+9.0	-3.4
Vanguard DivGrInv	24.77	+1.35	-5.5
Vanguard GrldxAdmrl	77.22	+4.03	-2.2
Vanguard HCAadmrl	73.50	+3.49	-6.7
Vanguard InTrnGdAdm	9.87	-1.8	+6.1
Vanguard InTrTEAdmrl	14.14	-0.8	+3.1
Vanguard Inslldxlns	228.18	+12.87	-8.6
Vanguard InslldxlnsPlus	228.18	+12.87	-8.6
Vanguard InstSldlnsPls	52.86	+2.89	-11.4
Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl	80.99	+3.52	-9.7
Vanguard MdCpldxAdmrl	160.11	+8.62	-17.4
Vanguard PrmCpldxAdmrl	111.37	+6.06	-12.2
Vanguard SmtCpldxAdmrl	53.21	+2.53	-26.4
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	28.26	+5.1	-4.7
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	16.77	+3.9	-6.6
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	30.13	+8.4	-8.3
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	18.20	+5.9	-9.9
Vanguard TlBlddxAdmrl	11.14	-1.9	+8.4
Vanguard TlBlddxlns	11.14	-1.9	+8.4
Vanguard TltnBldxAdmrl	22.50	-1.3	+5.3
Vanguard TltnBlddxlns	33.77	-1.9	+5.3
Vanguard TltnBldxlnv	11.26	-0.6	+5.2
Vanguard TltnSldxAdmrl	21.44	+7.8	-21.1
Vanguard TltnSldxlns	85.76	+3.15	-21.1
Vanguard TltnSldxlnsPlus	85.78	+3.15	-21.1
Vanguard TltnSldxlnv	12.82	+4.7	-11.4
Vanguard TlSMldxAdmrl	61.36	+3.35	-11.2
Vanguard TlSMldxlns	61.37	+3.35	-11.4
Vanguard TlSMldxlnv	61.33	+3.35	-11.5
Vanguard WlghtnAdmrl	62.81	+1.83	-5.0
Vanguard WlslyncAdmrl	60.19	+5.7	...
Vanguard WndsrllAdmrl	47.21	+2.21	-16.1

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## OBITUARIES

MICHAEL WOLFE 1959-2020

## County prosecutor handled a string of high-profile cases

BY BOB GOLDSBOROUGH

Michael Wolfe was a longtime DuPage County prosecutor who worked a number of high-profile homicide cases including the one that ultimately resolved the 1983 slaying of 10-year-old Jeanine Nicarico of Naperville.

"He was a compassionate and very talented trial lawyer and a strong advocate for victims but also somebody who was exponentially fair," said former DuPage County State's Attorney and current Illinois Appellate Judge Joe Birkett.

Wolfe, 60, who later became a DuPage County judge, died of atherosclerotic coronary artery disease on Feb. 18 at his Warrenville home, said his brother David.

Born in Bellwood, Wolfe grew up in Oak Park and graduated from Fenwick High School. He received a bachelor's degree from Marquette University, where he played rugby, and then obtained his law degree from John Marshall Law School.

In Oak Park, Wolfe's family lived six houses away from the home of attorney William J. Martin, who prosecuted Richard Speck for the rape and murder of eight student nurses in Chicago in 1966. As a law student, Wolfe had worked for Martin and in 1996 Wolfe told the Tribune he considered Martin to be a mentor.

Out of law school, Wolfe was hired by the DuPage County's state's attorney's office as a prosecutor. He rose within the criminal division and became the deputy chief before Birkett appointed him in 1996 to be chief of the criminal division, overseeing more than 70 attorneys in the county's felony, misdemeanor, juvenile and field traffic courts.

Wolfe helped prosecute Randy Visor, who was convicted in 1998 of reckless homicide and sentenced to 13 years in prison for driving while intoxicated and causing a crash that killed four people, including three Waubonsie Valley High School students.

One of the students killed in that crash, Jenni Anderson, was the niece of DuPage Circuit Judge Robert Anderson, who retired last year.

"Mike was enormously empathetic to the families of crimes, and I know that personally because of how



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Prosecutor Michael Wolfe appears at a news conference in 2003 in Wheaton.

gracious he was to my brother and my sister-in-law as they went through what was clearly the worst experience of their life in losing a child," Anderson said. "Mike really was kind to them and considerate of them throughout the whole process."

Wolfe's prosecution of Visor sparked a change in the law that increased the maximum penalty for a driver convicted of reckless homicide of more than one person while under the influence of drugs or alcohol from 14 years in prison to 28 years behind bars.

Wolfe also prosecuted the 1995 slayings of Debra Evans and her two children. DuPage juries convicted the defendants of the murders and of cutting the Addison woman's full-term baby from her womb.

"We're glad this chapter is now closed," Wolfe told the Tribune in 1999, referring to the Addison slayings. "It's been a long road."

Wolfe prosecuted serial killer Paul Runge, whose victims included two Bosnian sisters living in Hanover Park who had come to America to escape ethnic cleansing in Sarajevo.

And, Wolfe prosecuted Eric Hanson of Naperville, who in 2005 bludgeoned to death his sister and brother-in-law and shot his parents as they slept. Hanson ultimately received the death penalty for the murders, although as in Runge's case, that punishment was commuted to life in prison when Illinois abolished the death penalty.

Wolfe's final prosecution was the one that resolved the murder of Jeanine Nicarico, who was abducted from her Naperville home and raped and murdered in 1983. After the convictions of two men who spent years on death row were overturned, Wolfe and Birkett

prosecuted serial killer Brian Dugan, who pleaded guilty to the slaying in 2009. Dugan's death sentence also was commuted to life in prison.

"Through the years, Mike was always very sensitive to our family's current situation while also devoting himself to his professional obligations," said Jeanine Nicarico's father, Tom. "He worked very diligently to see justice done and was personally hurt when the system seemed to fall short. He tried to keep us informed without interfering with the process. We know he was similarly present to innumerable others suffering from crimes."

In 2008, the Chicago Crime Commission honored Wolfe with its inaugural Mitchell Mars Prosecutor Excellence Award.

In March 2010, Wolfe was appointed to be an associate judge in DuPage County. He served first in the traffic division, then in one of the misdemeanor courts and finally in juvenile court.

Terry Ekl, a longtime DuPage lawyer and close friend, called Wolfe "a fantastic prosecutor (who) brought common sense and a caring personality to the bench."

"The criminal justice system and society in general need more people like Mike Wolfe," Ekl said.

Colleagues remembered Wolfe — or "Wolfe," as friends called him — as a dependable co-worker who would play on office softball and basketball teams and bring his dog, Eva, with him to social functions.

"Wolfe had a great sense of humor," Birkett said. "And he was generous to a fault. He contributed to a lot of causes." Wolfe volunteered for the Big Brothers/Big Sisters of America and also frequently ran in an annual 5K run that raised money for literacy, in Jeanine Nicarico's honor. Wolfe also enjoyed working out and riding his motorcycle.

Wolfe retired as a judge in 2018.

A brief marriage ended in divorce. He is survived by his mother, Mary; five other brothers, Gregory, Stephen, Mark, Christopher and Matthew; and two sisters, Ellen Von Schrott and Anne Kish.

Services were held.

Chicago Tribune's *Christy Gutowski* contributed. *Bob Goldsborough* is a freelance reporter.

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## Death Notices

## Baker, Shirley J.

Shirley J. Baker, nee Clark; Cherished wife of the late John O. Baker (Ret. Capt. CPD), passed away on March 15, 2020 at age 96. Shirley was the daughter of Francis and Lillian (Deatrick) Clark of Pleasant Bend, Ohio. She moved to Chicago as a young woman where she met her husband. Together they raised a large family in the St. Kilian Parish on the Southside. She is survived by her brother Vernon Clark, and preceded in death by her sister Beverly and parents, Lillian and Frank. Loving mother to Michael Ret. Det. CPD (late Janet) Baker, Patrick Baker (partner Jose Irigoyen), Dennis Baker, Daniel (Karen) Baker, Suzanne Ret. CPD (Gerald) Przybyski, John Baker, Joanne (Robert) Osborne and dear friend of John Honan. She is survived by six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; Shirley had a great love of both cats and dogs so, in lieu of flowers, the family is asking for donations to PAWS or animal shelter of your choice. Visitation Thursday 3:00 to 9:00 p.m.; Funeral Friday 10:00 a.m. Chapel Service at **Curley Funeral Home**, 6116 W. 111th Street, Chicago Ridge; Interment Private; For Funeral info 708-422-2700, or www.curleyfuneralhome.com.

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## Beshoar, Wilma Frew

On Thursday, March 12, 2020, Wilma Frew Beshoar, loving mother of three, passed away at the age of 93. Wilma was born in Joliet on April 7, 1926 to William and Bernice Frew. She married her high school sweetheart, John Richard "Jack" Beshoar on October 5, 1945 and became a fulltime homemaker. She will be forever missed by her children, Debbie (Ken), David (Shawna) and Perry (Rose Winter), and grandchildren, Jack (Lisa), Daniel, Andrew (Emily), Caitlin (Matt Schillo), Jack, many nieces and nephews and her cat, Pepper. The burial will take place at Woodlawn Memorial Cemetery at 23060 W. Jefferson in Joliet on Saturday, March 21. Family & friends will meet at the cemetery office at 11:30 a.m. A memorial service will take place at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Hinsdale Humane Society at [hinsdalehumanesociety.org](http://hinsdalehumanesociety.org) as Wilma was a cat lover extraordinaire! Please visit [www.hjfunerals.com](http://www.hjfunerals.com) to read her full obituary.

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## Conroy, Loretta

Loretta M. Conroy, an 88 year old resident of Lake Bluff, passed away on March 11, 2020. Her daughter and son, Patty and Dale, were present at the time of her peaceful passing. She leaves behind her daughter Patty (George) Loukas, son Dale (Tricia) Conroy; her cherished grandchildren Stacey (Simeon) Spirison, Nick (Stephanie) Loukas, Christina (Matt) Branch, Kosta Loukas, and Vanessa (Andy) Liebovich; and she was blessed with five great-grandchildren Marianna, Thalia, Despina, Christ and Lukas. Loretta's beloved husband Nick, her parents John and Anna, and brother John and sisters Jayne and Marge preceded her in death. She will be missed by many nieces, nephews, and friends in California, Illinois, Arizona and Ohio. Loretta attended Youngstown State University with a focus on Business. She worked many jobs through the years, with the majority of the time (13 years) at California State University of Northridge. She was a secretary in the English Department typing manuscripts and exams. Loretta and Nick moved to Illinois in 2001 to be closer to her children and grandchildren. At 69 years old, she worked at US Bank in Illinois, working in the Safety Deposit Department. In semi-retirement, she worked 10 years part-time at the family-owned Cubby Bear Lincolnshire. She spent her last 3 years living at The Sheridan at Green Oaks in Lake Bluff, which gave her such joy, always complimenting her new friends and staff at this senior living facility. All services are private at this time, a public memorial service will be held at a later date to be determined. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the American Heart Association or Lynn Sage Cancer Research Foundation. For information **Wenban Funeral Home** 847-234-0022 or visit [www.wenbanfh.com](http://www.wenbanfh.com).

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## Cortez, Charlene K.

Charlene K. Cortez, age 29. Beloved daughter of Ralda and the late Ronald. Loving step daughter of Dana Cortez. Dear niece, cousin and friend to many. Memorial service to be held at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to **Beverly Ridge Funeral Home**; [www.beverlyridgefuneralhome.com](http://www.beverlyridgefuneralhome.com) or 773-779-4411.

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## Costis, DDS, Christopher H.

Dr. Christopher H. Costis, 92, of Lincolnwood, died March 16, 2020 at Seasons Hospice at Swedish Covenant Hospital, Chicago. Arrangements by Glueckert Funeral Home, Ltd. Funeral information, obituary and condolences please visit [www.GlueckertFuneralHome.com](http://www.GlueckertFuneralHome.com) or (847) 253-0168.

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## Deyo, Floyd J.

Floyd J. Deyo, age 80, of Worth, IL, passed away on March 13, 2020. Floyd is the husband to Heather (nee Coyle) Deyo; father to Kimberlee (Kurt) Ruckersfeldt, Kelly Deyo, Tracey (Chris) Haack, Jennifer Deyo, Stephanie (Mike) Fronczak; grandfather to 11; great-grandfather to three; brother to the late Charmaine Steves, the late Charles (Paula) Deyo, the late Joyce Linscott, the late Joni Wilcox, and Jimmy Nicholson; brother-in-law to the late Sharon (late Ray) Hamrin, Harry (Mary) Coyle, and the late Joseph Coyle; and uncle to many.

Mr. Deyo was a Math teacher at Argo High School for 37 years, he also coached football, wrestling, and track & field.

Private family services will be conducted.

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## Dini, Raymond J.

Raymond J. Dini, 94, of Addison, died on March 16, 2020. Beloved husband of the late Marie nee Edenhofer. Loving father of Debra (Russell) Speciale, Ray (Heidi), David (Karen), Gary (Ellen), John and the late Joni Dini. Cherished grandfather of Damon, Dena, Dana, Danielle, Alanna, Nick, Ryan, Michelle, Valerie, Marissa, Garrett and Brett. Great-grandfather of 16. Dear brother of Adeline (Joe) Eberle, Ronnie (Mike) Woodall and the late Beverly (the late Robert) and the late Bennie. Fond brother-in-law of William (Nancy) Edenhofer, Jean (Pierre) Onnezi, Paul Edenhofer, the late Josie (the late Jim), the late John (Audrey), the late Art (Carol), the late Ray and the late Dolly (the late Mike).

Ray was born on Nov 17, 1925. He was married for 57 years to Mitzi (Edenhofer) and was the father of two daughters and four sons. He was the patriarch of 12 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. After serving in WWII, he settled in Addison, IL, where he and his wife built their own house, lived and raised their children and hosted family breakfast every Sunday morning for 30 years. Ray worked for 44 years as a carpenter/construction superintendent for Klefstad Engineering Company. He proudly served in the United States Marine Corps and fought in two battles in the Pacific, Peleliu and Cape Gloucester. He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting and fishing with his sons and grandchildren.

Funeral Service Friday, 9:15 AM from **Humes Funeral Home**, 320 W. Lake St., Addison (2 Mi. W. of Rt. 83, 2 Mi. E. of Rt. 53) to St. Joseph Church for Mass at 10 AM. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Visitation Thursday 3-9 PM. For info, [www.HumesFH.com](http://www.HumesFH.com) or 630.628.8808.

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## Gerdes, Egon Walter

Egon Walter Gerdes, 88, of Lisle/Romeoville, Illinois, passed away on March 4. Egon Gerdes was born on January 8, 1932, in Kiel, Germany, the son of Adolf Gerdes and of Erna Gerdes, née Thomas, raised Joseph, who have preceded him in death, as has his beloved sister Edith. After the Abitur (graduation certificate from the gymnasium) at the Johann Heinrich Voss School in Eutin (1952), Egon studied at the universities of Mainz (1952-1953), of Kiel (1953-1958), of Durham, England (1955), at Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia (1958-1960), and of Geneva, Switzerland (1960-1961). He holds the Dr. theol. degree from the University of Kiel (1958) and the Ph.D. degree from Emory University (1960), as well as an honorary L.H.D. degree from Morningside College, Sioux City, Iowa (1975). Egon was a missionary of the (United) Methodist Church, teaching in Mulungwishi, Katanga, Congo (1961), before being evacuated to South Africa, where he taught at Rhodes University in Grahamstown, Eastern Cape (1962). After a brief interlude as an academic assistant at his home university Kiel (1963), Egon emigrated to the USA (1963). Egon taught at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee (1963-1976) and at Garrett-Evangelical Seminary and Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois (1967-1979). During that time he spent two years as a theological consultant to the General Conference of the United Methodist Church (1974-1976). Egon then served for a year full time as a spiritual director (1979-1980). The pastoral career of Egon embraced positions in McGregor, Iowa (1980-1982), Des Moines, Iowa (1982-1984), and Dubuque, Iowa (1984-1992). In Dubuque, Iowa, he returned to academic teaching (1968-1992). He then continued to fulfill pastoral positions in Flossmoor, Illinois (1992-1994), Hamburg, Germany (1994-1996), and, in retirement, a German congregation in Naperville, Illinois (2013 until his untimely death). Egon was very proud that he became a United States citizen on April 3, 2019. Egon is survived by his wife Jean, daughter Ute, son Eckhard, three grandsons, four great-grandchildren, and other family and friends. A memorial service for Egon will be determined at a later date.

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## Jones, Gregory C.

Gregory C. Jones, husband, father, grandfather (Grampy), brother, uncle, friend, accomplished lawyer, business owner and passionate historic restoration advocate, died in Bluffton, South Carolina on March 3rd from the ravages of Alzheimer's disease at the age of 77. Born to Frederick and Virginia Jones in Chicago, Illinois,

Greg received his BA degree in Economics from Cornell University in 1964, then went on to the University of Michigan Law School where he graduated Magna Cum Laude in 1967. To complete his legal education, Greg received an LL.M, Masters in Law, from Harvard University in 1968.

In 1968, he joined the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice in Washington, DC where he tried criminal cases and advised U.S. Attorney's offices throughout the country on various legal and policy matters. In a desire to return to Chicago, he served as an Assistant United States Attorney, Northern District of Illinois. He was appointed First Assistant US Attorney by Tomas P Sullivan in 1977 and continued as in that position under succeeding United States attorneys, Samuel Skinner, Dan Webb and Anton Valukas. Additionally, he had the distinction of serving as interim court-appointed US Attorney in 1981 and again in 1985.

In 1985, Greg entered private practice with Grippo & Elden, where he worked both criminal and civil cases. In 1993, Greg was elected to membership in The American College of Trial Lawyers. In 1999, he was appointed, and assumed the chairmanship of the Illinois Gaming Board for several years. He retired from the practice of law in 2006.

In the early 1990's, Greg and his wife, Harriet, bought an 1890's iconic, 6-storefront building in Ludington Michigan, near their lake home. It was on the city's demolition list and Greg was determined to restore it. By 1994, it became the home of a large antique shop, Sunset Bay Antiques, and in 2000, Jamsport Brewing Company, a brew pub restaurant of which Greg was one of the founders.

Greg set wonderful examples for his family by being diligent, honest and always kind. For 10 years, as Alzheimer's took over his mind and body, Greg remained friendly and tried, as before, to be helpful to the very end.

Greg is survived by his wife of 45 years, Harriet; his son's family, Scott and Deborah Jones and grandsons, James and David; his daughter's family, Courtney Jones and Ben Macht; his sister's family, Valerie and Henry Vaughan; his nephew's family Greg, Elise, Evan and Isabel Johnson, and his niece's family, Cynthia, Joe, Charlotte and Alex Walden.

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In 1766, Britain repealed the Stamp Act.

In 1909, Einar Dessau of Denmark used a shortwave transmitter to converse with a government radio post about 6 miles away in what is believed to have been the first broadcast by a ham radio operator.

In 1922, Mohandas Gandhi was sentenced in India to 6 years' imprisonment for civil disobedience.

In 1937, more than 400 people, mostly children, were killed in a gas explosion at a school in New London, Texas.

In 1940, Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini met at the Brenner Pass, where the Italian dictator agreed to join Germany's war against France and Britain.

In 1965, the first spacewalk took place as Soviet cosmonaut Aleksei Leonov left his Voskhod 2 capsule, secured by a tether.

In 1988, the government of Panama, controlled by Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega, declared a "state of urgency" in a move apparently aimed at forcing the reopening of banks and other businesses that closed during Panama's economic and political crisis.

In 2000, Taiwan ended more than a half century of Nationalist Party rule, electing an opposition leader, Chen Shui-bian, whose party favored Taiwan's formal independence from the rest of China.

In 2002, a jury in Corpus Christi, Texas, cleared Bayer Corp. of liability in a \$560 million lawsuit that accused the pharmaceutical giant of ignoring research linking the cholesterol-lowering drug Baycol to dozens of deaths.

In 2004, addressing thousands of soldiers at Fort Campbell, Ky., President George W. Bush warned that terrorists could never be appeased and said there was no safety for any nation that "lives at the mercy of gangsters and mass murderers."

In 2005, doctors in Florida, acting on orders of a state judge, removed Terri Schiavo's feeding tube. (Despite the efforts of congressional Republicans to intervene and repeated court appeals by Schiavo's parents, the brain-damaged woman died March 31, 2005, at age 41.)

In 2014, President Barack Obama awarded 24 Army veterans the Medal of Honor at a White House ceremony. Only three, all from the Vietnam War, were still alive.

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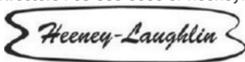
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Pick 3 evening	340 / 4
Pick 4 evening	8372 / 7
Lucky Day Lotto evening	19 20 22 32 38
March 18 Powerball: \$130M	March 19 Lotto: \$5.75M
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**Lusk, Grace M.**

Grace M. Lusk (nee Shea), Age 84, Born into Eternal Life on March 14, 2020. Beloved wife of the late Richard J. Lusk, Sr. Loving mother of Richard Jr. (Belinda), Mary Ann, Thomas (Nancy), John (Darcy), William (Kelli), Lawrence (Geraldine), Michael (Cindy) Lusk and Margaret (Jorge) Alvarez. Proud grandmother of Jenny, Grace, Maria, Tom (Hannah), Elizabeth (Fiancée Tim), Lisa, Laura, Veronica, Patrick, Caroline, and Maggie Lusk, Charlie and Jack Alvarez. Beloved daughter of the late Richard T. (Grace Pieper) Shea and Gertrude Shea. Grace was also dearly loved by her brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, cousins, and countless friends. Alumna of St. Bride Grammar School, Loretto H.S., and Mundelein College. Former Teacher with Chicago Board of Education, and longtime active member of St. Cajetan Church in Chicago and St. Raphael's Parish in Englewood, FL. Dedicated volunteer for Illinois Right to Life, Pregnancy Solutions and hospice care in Florida. Grace was a faith-filled woman who dedicated her life to her family and shared her love and faith with all whose lives she touched. A family funeral mass and interment were private. A Celebration of Life at St. Cajetan Church will be scheduled at a later date. Memorials to VHL Alliance, 1208 VFW Parkway, Suite 303, Boston, MA 02132-4344 or online at [www.vhl.org/donate](http://www.vhl.org/donate) are most appreciated. Funeral Info: **Heeney-Laughlin Funeral Directors** 708-636-5500 or [heeneyfh.com](http://heeneyfh.com)



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**Lyman, William**

William D. Lyman, 79, of Fripp Island, SC and formerly of Chicago, died Friday, March 13, 2020 in Beaufort Memorial Hospital. Anderson Funeral Home ([www.andersonfuneral-homebeaufortsc.com](http://www.andersonfuneral-homebeaufortsc.com))

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**Minnear, Theresa M. 'Terry'**

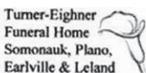
Theresa "Terry" Minnear, 91, of St. Charles, IL, formerly of Somonauk, passed away on Saturday, March 14, 2020 at River Glen of St. Charles. She was born on September 1, 1928 in Chicago, IL, the daughter of John and Mary (Mierzwa) Pasciak. She married Robert G. Minnear on October 1, 1950 in Chicago, IL. Terry was a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Somonauk. She enjoyed crafts, such as knitting, painting, and hook rug. Most of all, she loved spending time with her family.

She is survived by her husband: Bob of St. Charles, IL; three sons: William (Cyndi) Minnear of Batavia, IL, Larry Minnear of Conroe, TX, and Donald (Jiuwu) Minnear of New Waverly, TX; four grandchildren: Rebecca (Andrew) Brand, Elizabeth (Reyson) Licoan, Brian (Geneva) Minnear, and Collette (Carson) Bankord; nine great grandchildren; many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters: Adaline and Bernadine; and five brothers: Bruno, Edward, Casimir, Florian, and Mitchell.

Funeral Service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 21, 2020 at **Turner-Eighner Funeral Home** in Somonauk, with Father Mark Pasciak officiating. Visitation will be from 9:00 a.m. until the time of service at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 21, 2020 at the funeral home in Somonauk. For more information or to sign the online guest book, go to [www.EighnerFuneralHomes.com](http://www.EighnerFuneralHomes.com)

**Turner-Eighner Funeral Homes** at 13160 Rt. 34 W ~ P O Box 404 in Somonauk, Illinois 60552 (815) 498-2363



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**Modlinski, Cheryl A.**

Cheryl A. Modlinski, age 61. Beloved wife of the late Daniel J. Modlinski; loving mother of Candice Modlinski and Matt Modlinski; beloved daughter of the late Jerry and Joyce Thoele nee Mowell; dear sister of Jerry (Nancy) Thoele, Janice (the late Robert) Becker, and Donna Chambers. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Memorial Visitation, Saturday March, 21 2020 at **Cumberland Chapels** at 8300 W. Lawrence Ave. Norridge, IL 60706 from 12:30 p.m. until time of Memorial Service at 3:30 p.m. For more info [www.cumberlandchapels.com](http://www.cumberlandchapels.com) or 708-456-8300.



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**O'Brien, Jr., The Hon. Donald J.**

The Hon. Donald J. O'Brien, Jr.; age 81; of Indian Head Park. Loving father of Donald J. (Linda) O'Brien, III; Sean (Lisa) O'Brien; and the Hon. Brendan (Jessica) O'Brien. Devoted grandfather of Aubrey, Zachary, Samantha, Judy, and Vanessa. Dear brother of Nancy (Rodger) Brown, Terrence (Judy) O'Brien, Dennis (Pat) O'Brien, and Richard (Doreen) O'Brien. Beloved partner of the Hon. Denise O'Malley. Fond uncle and friend of many. Donald was a devoted lawyer and judge for over 50 years. A memorial visitation will be rescheduled at a later date. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Heart Association. Arrangements entrusted to **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside at 708-352-6500.



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**Pirman, Margaret 'Margie'**

Margaret "Margie" Pirman, 70, of Western Springs, at rest March 09, 2020 after being diagnosed with neuroendocrine carcinoma. Cherished daughter of the late Francis and Lea Pirman. Loving sister of the late Francis (Gerrie), late Elizabeth, late Robert (Mary), William (Patricia), and Mary. Beloved Aunt and Great-Aunt of many nieces and nephews - Fran (Sara), Leah, Michael, Brian, Patrick (Donna), Max (Shelly), Lexi, Wayne (Pam), Elly, Milena, Peter, Colleen, Stephen, Joel, Drew (Deb), & Caleb Pirman, and Tracy (Steve), Mac, Lauren, and Ana Dudkiewicz. Margie graduated from Purdue University (BS) and Dominican University (MSA). A longtime employee of Loyola University and volunteer at Loyola Medical Center. Margie enjoyed gardening, traveling, baking (especially Potica), sports and spending time with family and friends. She will always be remembered for her gentle giving spirit, her kind and compassionate heart and her beautiful glowing smile. She will be missed dearly. Visitation will be held Friday, March 20 from 3 until 9pm at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside. Funeral Saturday, March 21 with prayer beginning promptly at 9am from the funeral home and proceeding to St. Cletus Church in LaGrange for a Mass of Christian Burial at 9:30am. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Cardinal Bernardin Cancer Center at Loyola Medical Center, Maywood, IL. Additional Funeral Information at [HJFunerals.com](http://HJFunerals.com) or 708-352-6500.



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**Ross, Ann S.**

Ann S. Ross (nee McGovern), Age 96, beloved wife of the late Francis J. Ross; loving mother of Maureen (Adrian "Sonny") Bernardi, Thomas (Nancy), Robert (Debra), Kathryn, and John (Lisa) Ross; cherished grandmother of 8 and great grandmother of 6; loving sister, aunt, and friend of many.

Due to the current pandemic, funeral Mass and burial will be private. Memorial donations may be made to St. Giles Catholic Church in Oak Park, IL, Catholic Charities, or the organization of your choice. Arrangements by **Sciaraffa Funeral Directors**. (773) 619-7725.

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**Scully, Daniel**

Passed away on Sunday, March 16, 2020 in Las Vegas. He was the beloved son of Ida Scully and the late Sherwin Scully. Dearest brother of Michael (Cindy) and Cissy Greenspan (Bill) Adored uncle of Liz and James Scully, Ross (Emma) Brett (Emily) Eli (Annelise) and Keri (Robbie Appelbaum) Greenspan, great uncle to Shayla and Isaac Greenspan. Truly nice guy, extremely loyal Cubs fan. Lifelong friend of Joe Regenstein, honorary uncle to John, Joe and Robert Regenstein and dear friend to cousin Robert Scully. Contributions in his memory made to PAWS Chicago would be most appreciated. Pawschicago.org

A memorial will be held for Danny at a future date **Sign Guestbook at [chicagotribune.com/obituaries](http://chicagotribune.com/obituaries)**

**Seyfried, Nancy F.**

Nancy F. Seyfried, age 77, of Chicago. Loving sister of Robert (Barbara) Seyfried; adored aunt of Jonathan (Brendan Kelley) Seyfried and Brian (Sheila) Seyfried; dear great-aunt of Mackenzie, Adelyn, and Genevieve Seyfried; devoted daughter of the late Kurt and Florence (nee Krimmel) Seyfried. Interment at Rosehill Cemetery will be private. Arrangements entrusted to **Drake & Son Funeral Home** 773-561-6874.

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**Tepper, Michael Steven**

Michael Steven Tepper, age 67, of Glencoe, lived his life with enthusiasm and generosity. A dedicated lawyer, adviser, investor, and philanthropist, Michael gave himself fully to everything he worked on and everyone he worked with. He extended that passion and selflessness to his love for his family & friends, as well as always finding time to help others in their careers. He is the beloved husband of Laura Colton Tepper; loving father of Stephen (Jenna) Tepper and Jordan (Lauren) Tepper; adored grandfather of Sophia, Madiyn, and Landon; devoted son of the late Lawrence and the late Shirlee Tepper; dear son-in-law of Adele and the late Frank Colton; brother of Susi (Yossi) Levy and Robert (Saren) Tepper. Michael would never want to put anyone's health at risk during this global health crisis. For this reason, the family made the difficult decision to have a private graveside on Tuesday, March 17th and will not be holding Shiva. At a time in the near future, once it's safe to do so, we look forward to holding a Celebration of Life in Michael's honor where we can toast him and honor his legacy with you in-person. Contributions may be made in Michael's memory to the Lymphoma Research Foundation, Wall Street Plaza, 88 Pine Street, Suite 2400, New York, NY 10005. A video of the graveside service can be viewed at **The Goldman Funeral Group** website, [www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com](http://www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com) (847) 478-1600.



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**Xinos, Marika P.**

Marika P. Xinos, 103 years of age, passed away peacefully on Monday, March 16, surrounded by her family. She was the devoted wife of the late Peter K. Xinos, daughter of the late John and Katina Trapshanis, loving sister of the late George Shanis and the late Evangeline Manz. Marika was the most caring, generous and supportive mother of Constantine (Suzanne) Xinos and Catherine (Nicholas) Magas. She was especially proud of her devoted grandchildren, Alyssa (Frank) Petropoulos, Evan (Alicia) and Peter (Katie) Magas. She beamed with excitement and pride when she saw her precious, doting great-grandchildren, Nicholas, Jenna, Ellyn, Andrew, & Ava Magas & Christopher Petropoulos. She was also a dear aunt of many. Marika was born in Madison, Illinois spending her early years in St. Louis, Missouri. Her family relocated to Chicago when she was a teen and she enjoyed a beautiful life beginning with her graduation as valedictorian of Lucy Flower High School. She shared her musical talents from a young age by giving piano lessons to her younger classmates. She was devoted to her faith from a young age and played the organ at St. Basil and Annunciation Greek Orthodox Churches in the 1930's. She later served as President of the Woman's Club at the Assumption Greek Orthodox where she served for many years, organizing many social and philanthropic events and sang in the choir. Marika was loved as the gracious matriarch of the family, hosting clergy, family and friends with her many delicious specialties and a home constantly filled with singing and Greek dancing. Together with her late husband, Peter, they generously sponsored many young immigrants from Greece teaching them the American way of life. In her later years, Marika was a tireless caregiver to her ailing husband and mother at the same time, always placing their needs above her own. Marika's legacy of love and philanthropy will live on in her family who will miss her deeply and will remember, with fond memories, the many celebrations at her home. Her love for music will always ring in the hearts of her loved ones as they recall the hymns and songs she sang even until her last days of life. Funeral Services at Holy Apostles Church Greek Orthodox Church on Wednesday, March 18th, will be private due to the limitations associated with COVID-19. Memorial Services and Tribute will be held at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to Hursen Funeral Home & Crematory. Info 800-562-0082 or [www.hursen.com](http://www.hursen.com)



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**Zack, Pamela E.**

Pamela E. Zack, (nee Lulinski), age 71, late of South Chicago "Bush", passed away peacefully on March 15, 2020. Beloved wife of the late Richard S. Zack for 52 years. Loving mother of Cathryn (Phillip) Wojtonik and Cristie Peralta. Cherished grandmother of Michael (Mishell), Richard, Dominic and Christian. Dear daughter of the late Ernest and late Caroline Lulinski. Dearest sister of Gregory (Carolyn) Lulinski, Joann (Paul) Marcinko, late Philip (Linda) Lulinski, Thomas (Marianne) Lulinski, Stanley Lulinski, Mary Ramirez and the late John Lulinski. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Thursday 3-9pm. Funeral Services Friday, March 20, 2020 9:45am prayers from **Elmwood Chapel**, 11200 S. Ewing Ave., Chicago to St. Michael Church. Mass 10:30am. Interment Holy Cross Cemetery. 773-731-2749 [www.elmwoodchapel.com](http://www.elmwoodchapel.com)

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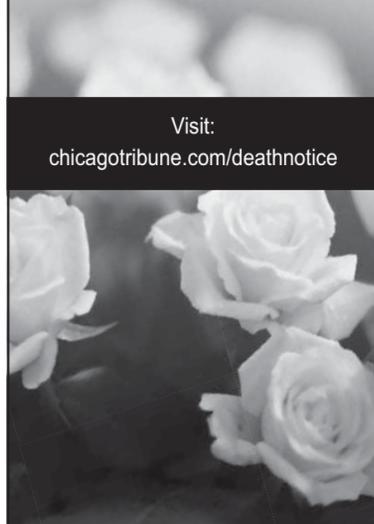
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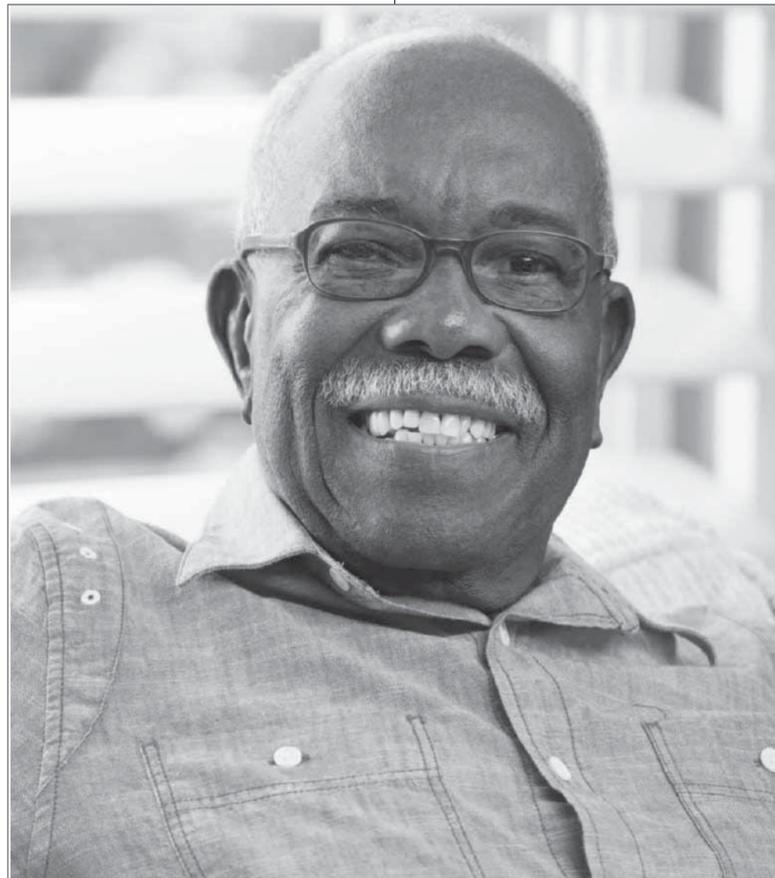
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TO: SOCA, LLC; SOCA, LLC, c/o Jesse White, IL Secretary of State; SOCA, LLC, C/O JORGE DUENAS, REG. AGT.; MAY HUEL MEXICAN RESTAURANT; OCCUPANT, 4820 S. CICERO AVE., CHICAGO, IL 60638; KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COUNTY CLERK; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property, TAX DEED NO. 2020COTD000062 FILED: 1/8/2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 5/8/2018 Certificate No.: 16-0006606 Sold for General Taxes of (year): 2016 Sold for Special Assessments of (Municipality): N/A Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 4820 S. CICERO AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60638 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 19-09-215-028-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 7/6/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 7/6/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois, on 7/15/2020 in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 7/6/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 5 HOLE ACQUISITIONS, INC. Purchaser or Assignee Dated: March 5, 2020 Ballin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 3/17, 3/18, 3/19/2020 6627570

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TO: THE MOST WORSHIPFUL HIRAM GRAND LODGE ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS; THE MOST WORSHIPFUL HIRAM GRAND LODGE ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS, C/O EUGENE LIEBERMAN; OCCUPANT, 5445 S. ASHLAND AVE., CHICAGO, IL 60638; THE MOST WORSHIPFUL HIRAM GRAND LODGE QUEEN OF SHEEBA - GRAND CHAPTER; KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COUNTY CLERK; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property, TAX DEED NO. 2020COTD000064 FILED: 1/10/2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 5/8/2018 Certificate No.: 16-0007109 Sold for General Taxes of (year): 2016 Sold for Special Assessments of (Municipality): N/A Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 5445 S. ASHLAND AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60639 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 20-08-316-013-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 7/6/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 7/6/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois, on 7/15/2020 in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 7/6/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 5 HOLE ACQUISITIONS, INC. Purchaser or Assignee Dated: March 5, 2020 Ballin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 3/17, 3/18, 3/19/2020 6627582

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TO: Drs. Dudley, Robinson and James, Ltd.; Drs. Dudley, Robinson and James, Ltd., c/o Mark A. Robinson, Reg. Agt.; Drs. Dudley, Robinson and James, Ltd., c/o Jesse White, IL Secretary of State; Dorothy James; Hubert E. Dudley a/k/a Hubert E. Dudley, D.D.S.; Mark A. Robinson, D.D.S.; Occupant, 15100 E. 87th St., Chicago, IL 60619; Occupant, 1502 E. 87th St., Chicago, IL 60619; Dr. H.W. James; Dr. E.J. Greenfield; KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COUNTY CLERK; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property, TAX DEED NO. 2020COTD000124 FILED: 1/10/2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 5/8/2018 Certificate No.: 16-0005243 Sold for General Taxes of (year): 2016 Sold for Special Assessments of (Municipality): N/A Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 1500-1502 E. 87TH STREET, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60619 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 20-35-416-014-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 7/6/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 7/6/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois, on 7/15/2020 in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 7/6/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 MIDWESTERN INVESTORS LLC Purchaser or Assignee Dated: March 5, 2020 Ballin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 3/17, 3/18, 3/19/2020 6628884

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TO: Chicago Title Land Trust Company u/a/a dated September 19, 2013 u/r/n 8002362929 c/o CT Corporation System R.A., Chicago Title Land Trust Company u/a/a dated September 19, 2013 u/r/n 8002362929, Occupant, U-Store It a/r/k/a U-Store It Mini Storage, U-Haul Rentals, Cubesmart TRS, Inc. f/d/b U-Store It Mini Warehouse Co. C/O CT Corporation R.A., Sam Shuman, U-Store It, Inc. c/o Illinois Secretary of State, Pack It, LLC c/o Gary R. Edmonds, Karen A. Yarbrough, Cook County Clerk; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property, TAX DEED NO. 2020COTD000079 FILED: 3/11/2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 7/17/2019 Certificate No.: 195-0003485, 195-0003486 and 195-0003487 Sold for General Taxes of: 2009-2017 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality): N/A and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 7030 W. 103rd Street, Chicago Ridge, Illinois Legal Description or Property Index No. 24-07-307-005-0000 Vol. 240 24-07-307-006-0000 Vol. 240 24-07-307-007-0000 Vol. 240 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on July 24, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6-month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before July 24, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, Illinois 60602 on July 29, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before July 24, 2020, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Room 434, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk: Address: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL Telephone: 312-603-5645 Village of Chicago Ridge Purchaser or Assignee Dated: 3/10/2020 3/17, 3/18, 3/19/2020 6633333

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TO: Glenn Schultz; Daniel Kotlajch; First Midwest Bank, f/k/a First Midwest Bank, N.A.; Wrench Auto Repair, Inc.; Wrench Auto Repair, Inc., c/o Angela Kocenis Gibson, Reg. Agt.; Occupant, 12833 Western Ave., Blue Island, IL 60406; KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COUNTY CLERK; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property, TAX DEED NO. 2020COTD000055 FILED: 1/8/2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 5/4/2018 Certificate No.: 16-0009990 Sold for General Taxes of (year): 2016 Sold for Special Assessments of (Municipality): N/A Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 12833 WESTERN AVENUE, BLUE ISLAND, ILLINOIS 60406 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 25-31-104-018-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 7/6/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 7/6/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois, on 7/15/2020 in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 7/6/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 5 HOLE ACQUISITIONS, INC. Purchaser or Assignee Dated: March 5, 2020 Ballin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 3/17, 3/18, 3/19/2020 6627541

TO: PHILIP AVELAR; MAY LOFTOMINIUM, LLC, C/O ANTHONY R. DIBENEDDETTO, REG. AGT.; MAY LOFTOMINIUM, LLC, C/O JESSE WHITE, IL SECRETARY OF STATE; MAY LOFTOMINIUM, LLC, C/O A P LOFTOMINIUM CONSULTANTS INC.; MANAGER; INTERNAL NOTICE OF SERVICE FILED: 1/10/2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 5/9/2018 Certificate No.: 16-010085 Sold for General Taxes of (year): 2016 Sold for Special Assessments of (Municipality): N/A Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 351 N. MAY STREET, UNIT P61, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No.: 17-08-041-008-1042 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 7/6/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 7/6/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois, on 7/15/2020 in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 7/6/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 5 HOLE ACQUISITIONS, INC. Purchaser or Assignee Dated: March 5, 2020 Ballin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 3/17, 3/18, 3/19/2020 6627588

TO: CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST CO. A/T/ U/T/A/D 1/24/18 A/K/A/T/N 8002376986; 5 HOLE ACQUISITIONS, INC. Purchaser or Assignee Dated: March 5, 2020 Ballin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 3/17, 3/18, 3/19/2020 6627570

TO: Cherie A. Travis; City of Chicago, c/o Anna M. Valencia, City Clerk; Ruben A. Naal; Occupant; KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COUNTY CLERK; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property, TAX DEED NO. 2020COTD000124 FILED: 1/10/2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 5/8/2018 Certificate No.: 16-0007627 Sold for General Taxes of (year): 2016 Sold for Special Assessments of (Municipality): N/A Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 935-945 W. MARQUETTE ROAD, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60621 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 20-20-404-021-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 7/6/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 7/6/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois, on 7/15/2020 in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 7/6/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 5 HOLE ACQUISITIONS, INC. Purchaser or Assignee Dated: March 6, 2020 Ballin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 3/17, 3/18, 3/19/2020 6628901

TO: BHF CHICAGO HOUSING GROUP B LLC; BHF CHICAGO HOUSING GROUP B LLC, C/O CHAD M. POZNANSKY, REG. AGT.; CITY OF CHICAGO, C/O ANNA M. VALENCIA, CITY CLERK; BHF CHICAGO HOUSING GROUP B LLC, c/o Jesse White, IL Secretary of State; WILMINEA TRUST, N/A; 2020 Ballin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 3/17, 3/18, 3/19/2020 6628884

TO: Michael Skroboun; Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.; Guaranteed Rate Inc.; Guarantors of Cook County, Illinois Corp. Service C., Reg. Agt.; Fifth Third Bank, Occupant; KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COUNTY CLERK; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property, TAX DEED NO. 2020COTD000126 FILED: 1/10/2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 5/8/2018 Certificate No.: 16-0008324 Sold for General Taxes of (year): 2016 Sold for Special Assessments of (Municipality): N/A Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 10448 S. PROSPECT AVE., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60643 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 25-07-411-054-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 7/6/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 7/6/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois, on 7/15/2020 in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 7/6/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 MIDWESTERN INVESTORS LLC Purchaser or Assignee Dated: March 6, 2020 Ballin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 3/17, 3/18, 3/19/2020 6628906

TO: SERGIO GARCIA; MIGUEL GARCIA; Fifth Third Bank S/V/I MB Financial Bank, N.A. S/V/I Cole Taylor Bank as Successor Trustee U/T/ A/T/ 01/31/97, A/T/U/T/A/D 1934; Occupant; KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COUNTY CLERK; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property, TAX DEED NO. 2020COTD000061 FILED: 1/8/2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 5/8/2018 Certificate No.: 16-0005998 Sold for General Taxes of (year): 2016 Sold for Special Assessments of (Municipality): N/A Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 16040 S. PROSPECT AVE., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60643 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 26-06-223-020-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 7/6/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 7/6/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois, on 7/15/2020 in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 7/6/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 5 HOLE ACQUISITIONS, INC. Purchaser or Assignee Dated: March 6, 2020 Ballin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 3/17, 3/18, 3/19/2020 6628850

TO: Davis Chapel Development, Inc.; Davis Chapel Development, Inc., c/o Thomas W. Lynch, Reg. Agt. Davis Chapel Development, Inc., c/o Jesse White, IL Secretary of State; Davis Chapel Development, Inc.; First Midwest Bank S/V/I Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., Receiver for Park National Bank, 2020 Ballin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 3/17, 3/18, 3/19/2020 6627588

TO: Juan Ramirez; Cynthia Ramirez; Occupant, 4605 S. Honore St., Chicago, IL 60623; Occupant, 4613 S. Honore St., Chicago, IL 60623; KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COUNTY CLERK; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property, TAX DEED NO. 2020COTD000123 FILED: 1/10/2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 5/8/2018 Certificate No.: 16-0007002 Sold for General Taxes of (year): 2016 Sold for Special Assessments of (Municipality): N/A Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 4611 S. HONORE ST., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60609 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 20-06-421-005-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 7/6/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 7/6/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois, on 7/15/2020 in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 7/6/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 MIDWESTERN INVESTORS LLC Purchaser or Assignee Dated: March 6, 2020 Ballin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 3/17, 3/18, 3/19/2020 6628897

TO: Restoration Tabernacle Bible Church of Chicago; Restoration Tabernacle Bible Church of Chicago, c/o Christopher L. Johnson, Reg. Agt.; Restoration Tabernacle Bible Church of Chicago, c/o Jesse White, IL Secretary of State; BMO Harris Bank, N.A.; Occupant, 8001 S. Ashland Ave., Chicago, IL 60620; KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COUNTY CLERK; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property, TAX DEED NO. 2020COTD000125 FILED: 1/10/2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 5/8/2018 Certificate No.: 16-0008016 Sold for General Taxes of (year): 2016 Sold for Special Assessments of (Municipality): N/A Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 8001 S. ASHLAND AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60620 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 20-32-103-022-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 7/6/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 7/6/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois, on 7/15/2020 in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 7/6/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 MIDWESTERN INVESTORS LLC Purchaser or Assignee Dated: March 6, 2020 Ballin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 3/17, 3/18, 3/19/2020 6628903

TO: Athen Knolls, LLC; Athen Knolls, LLC, c/o Michael R. Lipper, Reg. Agt.; Michael Lipper; Occupant; KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COUNTY CLERK; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property, TAX DEED NO. 2020COTD000114 FILED: 1/10/2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 5/4/2018 Certificate No.: 16-0001385 Sold for General Taxes of (year): 2016 Sold for Special Assessments of (Municipality): N/A Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 12721 JANE AVE. & 407 JANE AVE., LEMONT, ILLINOIS 60439 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 25-21-202-037-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 7/6/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 7/6/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois, on 7/15/2020 in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 7/6/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 MIDWESTERN INVESTORS LLC Purchaser or Assignee Dated: March 6, 2020 Ballin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 3/17, 3/18, 3/19/2020 6628854

TO: Black Pearl Corporation, c/o Dorothy Tillman, Reg. Agent; Internal Revenue Service; U.S. Attorney General for Northern District of IL; U.S. Attorney General; U.S. Bank, N.A. S/V/I to Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., Receiver for Park National Bank, 2020 Ballin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 3/17, 3/18, 3/19/2020 6627563

TO: BROWN LEAF, LLC; BROWN LEAF, LLC, C/O NERUIS MALKSELIS, REG. AGT.; BROWN LEAF, LLC, C/O ZUKAS, TADAS; PNPAP PROPERTIES, LLC, C/O HELENA A. WIKAR, REG. AGENT; PNPAP PROPERTIES, LLC; THUAMER REAL ESTATE, LLC, CITY OF OAK FOREST; JOHN F. JANOKZIK, CITY CLERK; THUAMER REAL ESTATE, LLC, C/O SAMIR THUAMER, REG. AGENT; OCCUPANT, 16040 S. CICERO AVE., OAK FOREST, IL 60452; KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COUNTY CLERK; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property, TAX DEED NO. 2020COTD000054 FILED: 1/8/2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 5/4/2018 Certificate No.: 16-0000748 Sold for General Taxes of (year): 2016 Sold for Special Assessments of (Municipality): N/A Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 16040 S. CICERO AVENUE, OAK FOREST, ILLINOIS 60452 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 28-21-211-016-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 7/6/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 7/6/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois, on 7/15/2020 in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 7/6/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 5 HOLE ACQUISITIONS, INC. Purchaser or Assignee Dated: March 5, 2020 Ballin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 3/17, 3/18, 3/19/2020 6627534

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TO: CAPINVEST, LLC, CAPINVEST, LLC, C/O JESSE WHITE, IL SECRETARY OF STATE, CAPINVEST, LLC, C/O CT CORP. SYSTEM, CITY OF CHICAGO, C/O ANNA M. VALENCIA, CITY CLERK; AIRGROUP INVESTMENTS, INC.; AIRGROUP INVESTMENTS, INC., C/O DOUGLAS A HANSON, REG. AGT., OCCUPANT, 14028 S. ATLANTIC ST., RIVERDALE, IL 60827; PROPERTY MANAGER: SRC LAW, KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COUNTY CLERK; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2020COTD000141 FILED: 1/13/2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 5/7/2018 Certificate No.: 16-0002976 Sold for General Taxes of (year): 2016 Sold for Special Assessments of (Municipality): N/A Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 14028 S. ATLANTIC AVENUE, RIVERDALE, ILLINOIS 60827 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 29-04-111-015-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 7/6/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 7/6/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois, on 7/15/2020 in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 7/6/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 MIDWESTERN INVESTORS LLC Purchaser or Assignee Dated: March 7, 2020 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 3/17, 3/18, 3/19/2020 6630134

TO: South Park Real Estate, LLC, c/o Todd M. Van Baren, Reg. Agt.; Cornelius W.H. Nymeyer; South Park Real Estate, LLC, c/o Anna Mae Nymeyer, Manager; Davita Dialysis; Occupant, 16136 South Park Ave., South Holland, IL 60473; KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COUNTY CLERK; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2020COTD000117 FILED: 1/10/2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 5/7/2018 Certificate No.: 16-0004473 Sold for General Taxes of (year): 2016 Sold for Special Assessments of (Municipality): N/A Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 16136 S. PARK AVE., SOUTH HOLLAND, ILLINOIS 60473 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 29-15-307-024-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 7/6/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 7/6/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois, on 7/15/2020 in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 7/6/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 MIDWESTERN INVESTORS LLC Purchaser or Assignee Dated: March 6, 2020 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 3/17, 3/18, 3/19/2020 6628872

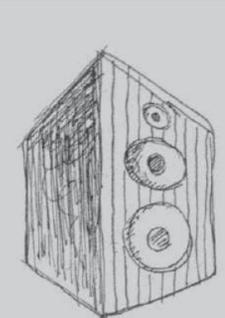
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TO: VF Properties, LLC; VF Properties, LLC, c/o Richard L. Treichel, Reg. Agt.; Occupant, 3204 Keeney Ave., Steger, IL 60475; KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COUNTY CLERK; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2020COTD000092 FILED: 1/9/2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 5/4/2018 Certificate No.: 16-0000505 & 16-0000506 Sold for General Taxes of (year): 2016 Sold for Special Assessments of (Municipality): N/A Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 3204-3206 KEENEY AVE., STEGER, ILLINOIS 60475 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 32-33-410-026-0000 & 32-33-410-027-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 7/6/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 7/6/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois, on 7/15/2020 in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 7/6/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 SMM-TAX, INC. Purchaser or Assignee Dated: March 7, 2020 Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 3/17, 3/18, 3/19/2020 6630122

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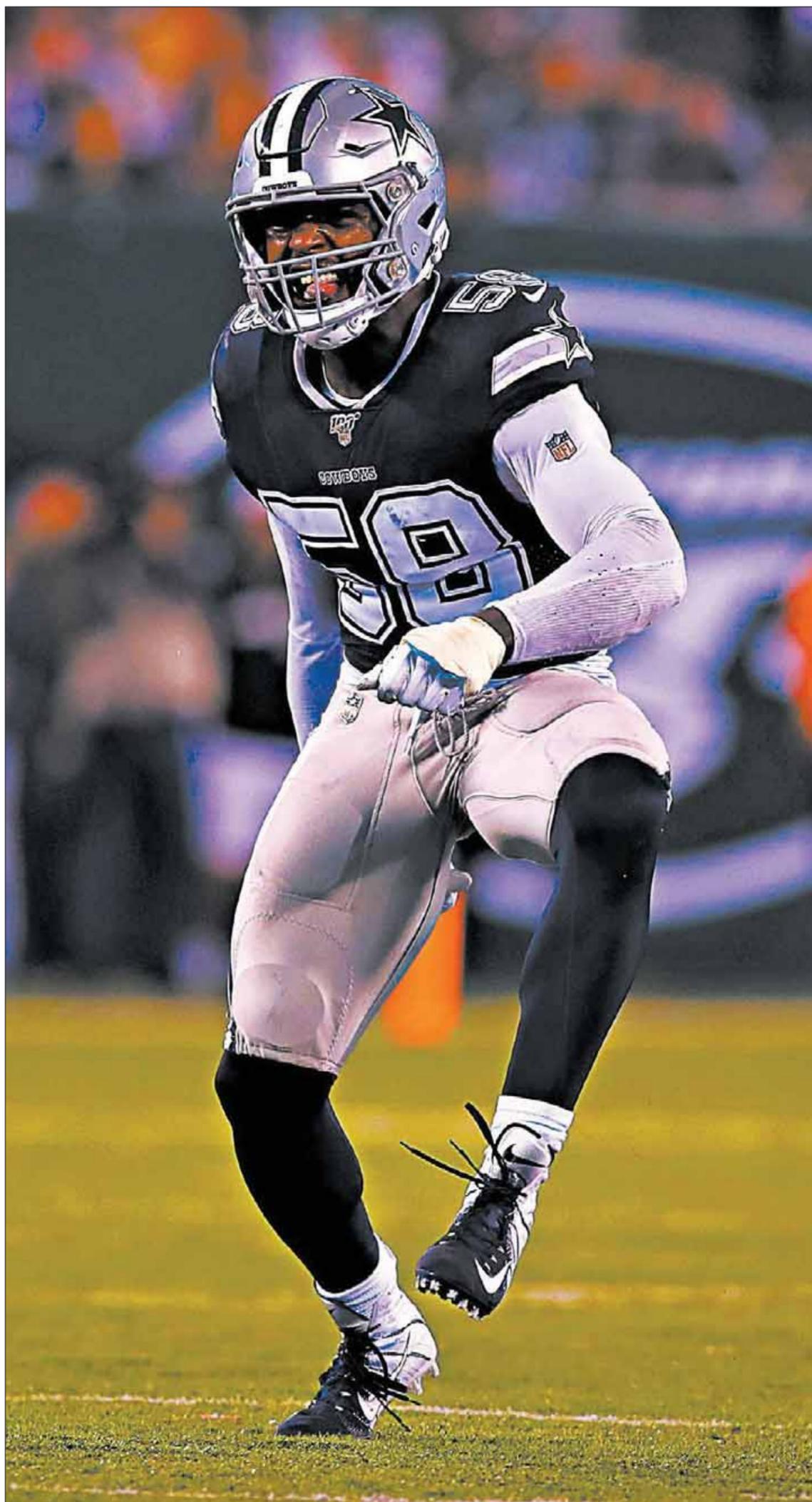
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# Pop stars

Bears take stage, agree with Cowboys DE Quinn to 5-year, \$70M deal

**Inside:** Brady bursts bubble in New England, starts new era in Tampa Bay

Quinn deal will seal it: Floyd another Round 1 bust for Pace



**BRAD BIGGS**  
On the Bears

If the Bears traded for Khalil Mack because Leonard Floyd didn't turn into the player they envisioned when they drafted him with the No. 9 pick in 2016, their impending signing of Robert Quinn will happen because they know their best chance of winning this year is playing lights-out defense.

In other words, the Bears need to reload on that side of the ball for the inevitability their quarterback lets them down again.

The Bears got a better pass rusher than Floyd when they agreed to terms Tuesday with Quinn, who turns 30 in May, on a five-year, \$70 million contract that reportedly includes \$30 million in guarantees.



ADAM GLANZMAN/GETTY

Robert Quinn levels Tom Brady during the Patriots' 13-9 victory over the Cowboys in 2019.

## WHEN SPORTS STOOD STILL

Keeping an eye on the impact of the coronavirus crisis:

### Durant 1 of 4 Nets to test positive

Four Nets players, including Kevin Durant, right, have tested positive for the new coronavirus, bringing the total to seven known players in the NBA.



The Nets didn't name the players Tuesday, but Durant confirmed he was one of them to The Athletic, saying: "Everyone be careful, take care of yourself and quarantine. We're going to get through this."

The Nets announced that one player is exhibiting symptoms, while the other three are asymptomatic. All four players have been isolated and are under the care of team physicians.

"The health of our players and staff is of the highest priority to the organization and the team is doing everything within its power to ensure that those affected receive the best care possible," the Nets said in a statement.

The Nets added that all players and members of their travel party are being asked to remain isolated and closely monitor their health, but the team's ability to get testing that has been unavailable to so many others drew criticism from New York Mayor Bill de Blasio.

"We wish them a speedy recovery. But, with all due respect, an entire NBA team should NOT get tested for COVID-19 while there are critically ill patients waiting to be tested," de Blasio wrote on Twitter.

"Tests should not be for the wealthy, but for the sick."

The Nets last played on March 10 in Los Angeles before the season was suspended after the Jazz's Rudy Gobert tested positive for the COVID-19 virus.

Jazz teammate Donovan Mitchell and the Pistons' Christian Wood are the other players who have tested positive.

— Associated Press

## THE QUOTE



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**"If they did postpone it, it would take a lot of pressure off this situation right now. People are scrambling. Most people are not training. If we had a little more time to get ready, that would probably be a good thing."**

— Swimming coach Bob Bowman on potentially moving the Olympics to 2021

## THE NUMBER

# \$30M

Money pledged by Major League Baseball teams for ballpark workers who will lose income because of the delay to the season caused by coronavirus, Commissioner Rob Manfred announced Tuesday.



<b>NBA</b> Season suspended indefinitely	<b>NHL</b> Season suspended indefinitely	<b>MLB</b> Opening day delayed until at least mid-May
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<b>MLS</b> Season suspended until at least mid-April	<b>NFL</b> Free agency set to begin Wednesday	<b>NCAA</b> Spring sports schedule canceled
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Others: PGA Tour suspended through the PGA Championship. WTA, ATP suspended until at least May. NASCAR suspended until at least May 9.

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**BASKETBALL**



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

DePaul AD Jean Lenti Ponsetto introduced coach Dave Leitao in 2015. After finishing last in the Big East, he may get a contract extension.

# A lesson for DePaul: It's time to start over



**TEDDY GREENSTEIN**  
On college basketball

DePaul men's basketball is where time stands still. It's the program that has the same people in charge year after year, and school officials are OK with being fooled once (shame on you), twice (shame on me) and into eternity (shame on the season ticket holders).

Really, we should not have been stunned to see the tweet from Stadium's Jeff Goodman last week that athletic director Jean Lenti Ponsetto "has been telling people in recent days that head coach Dave Leitao will be offered a contract extension."

And yet we were. And based on reactions to the tweet, so was America.

One person posted a GIF of a standing ovation with the comment: "The rest of the Big East."

An account with the handle @demonblues posted: "Unbelievable. Fan for 15 years. I'm done. The acceptance of consistent failure is mind numbing as a fan. What's the point in watching if the administration themselves don't care about winning?"

It is fascinating and yet on brand for a program that exists in an alternate reality, as I described before the season. It's where losing is tolerated, where being put on NCAA probation is shrugged off, where Lenti Ponsetto said of Leitao: "We think he has done a really good job of rebuilding the program."

She said that in October. As DePaul built a 12-1 start, going 3-0 against the mighty

Big Ten, I began preparing a mea culpa column.

And then during a stretch of 13 games from Dec. 30 to Feb. 9, the Blue Demons won a single time.

The industry was not surprised by the avalanche of losing.

Even during the winning streak, people with firsthand knowledge of DePaul's players said stuff like this: Watch out what happens if things start going south. The players are talented, but they're not winners. They have their own agendas.

Even when the Blue Demons were 9-0, they said, players were getting kicked out of practice, not showing up for class and giving off a general sense of not caring.

An inability to score was the biggest problem all season; DePaul's effective field-goal percentage of 47.9% ranked 254th nationally according to KenPom.com. The Blue Demons' turnover percentage ranking of 272nd was shocking when you consider all the defenses red-shirt junior point guard Charlie Moore has seen in his time.

DePaul's defense caved in during the final stretch, with the Blue Demons surrendering 90-plus points three times in the last eight games. That speaks to a crummy culture.

DePaul did beat seventh-seeded Xavier in the first round of the Big East Tournament and would have faced Villanova if the event had not been scrapped because of the coronavirus outbreak.

So what's next?

March Madness now exists only in our minds, and "One Shining Moment" is what we sing while washing our hands.

But the college basketball carousel doesn't stop.

Grand Canyon University got slammed for firing local legend Dan Majerle. UIC dismissed Steve McClain after the Flames came up one victory short of an NCAA Tournament bid.

The transfer portal is open, and coaches can communicate with players electronically.

Talk among college basketball insiders is that Lenti Ponsetto's contract expires June 1. So far she has been afforded unsailable job security. Will it continue? Even if she does not remain as athletic director for a 19th year, it's expected she would continue at the university in some capacity.

What the school should be doing is starting over, hiring a sharp AD and court-jumping Loyola's Porter Moser. Former Valparaiso star and coach Bryce Drew also would have been a strong candidate, but Grand Canyon snapped him up Tuesday. John Beilein also is out there.

After going 3-15 in Big East play (16-16 overall) and finishing last or tied for last for a fourth straight season with mainly veteran players, the program needs a total overhaul.

Lenti Ponsetto declined to comment, deferring to a statement that her energies are entirely focused on supporting DePaul's student-athletes through the COVID-19 crisis.

"It would be inappropriate (to) comment outside of the fact that we are in negotiations with Coach Leitao as was stated prior to the start of this past season," the school said.

Indeed, DePaul already took the unusual step of announcing it intended to extend Leitao's deal.

That was in September, six months ago. As always, nothing changes at DePaul.

# ESPN says 'The Last Dance' isn't finished yet



**PHIL ROSENTHAL**  
On media

There's a very simple reason ESPN hasn't moved up the scheduled debut of its long-awaited "The Last Dance" despite obvious demand amid the vacuum of fresh sports programming.

The 10-part documentary on Michael Jordan and the 1997-98 Bulls isn't finished.

"Overall, any original content project that we can conceivably move up, we are obviously considering that, including films," Burke Magnus, ESPN's executive vice president of programming, acquisitions and scheduling, said in a Q&A the network issued Tuesday.

"I know some have asked about 'The Last Dance,' and the reality is that the production of that film has not yet been completed, so we are limited there at the moment. Obviously, you can't air it until it's done."

Some fans got excited over the weekend when a promo for "The Last Dance" was amended, changing a promised June debut with a tag that said, "Coming Soon."

Magnus' remark leaves open the possibility "The Last Dance" indeed could be expedited.

But it also might be read as an acknowledgement the docuseries — a collaboration of four production partners originally scheduled to launch in conjunction with the NBA Finals — might run even later.

ESPN has been scrambling since the sports world began shutting down last week in response to the coronavirus pandemic.

In addition to covering the disruption through extra editions of "SportsCenter" and ongoing shows such as "Get Up!" and "First Take," ESPN has been scouring its libraries and assessing its live production capabilities.

With scheduling and programming personnel working remotely since Friday, the multichannel operation also has been looking into repeating "classic" games. That requires securing the proper licensing, however.

"Re-airing full-game presentations is not a right that we or other media companies typically have at our disposal at all times," Magnus said. "Each one of these circumstances requires individual conversations with the specific league or property to determine what's possible."

Because this week coincides with the beginning of NFL free agency, ESPN has made that a central focus of shows that continue to operate.

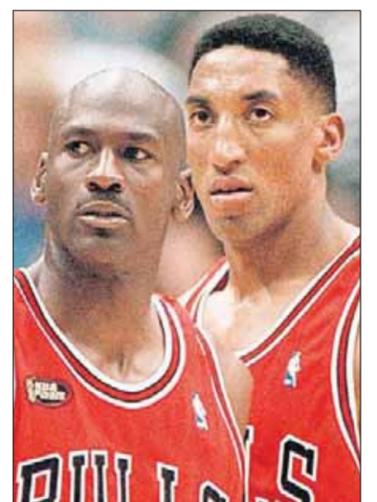
Magnus said ESPN is open to other types of programming, including unconventional content along the lines of what it has "done in the past for special event anniversaries, 'The Ocho' day and more."

"The Ocho" has been an August stunt in recent years. It echoes an ESPN parody from the 2004 Vince Vaughn-Ben Stiller comedy "DodgeBall: A True Underdog Story," showcasing competitions that rarely get TV exposure, such as cornhole, disc golf, trampoline dodgeball, cherry-pit spitting and arm wrestling.

Movies and documentaries also will be part of the ESPN mix, Magnus said, with many empty slots to fill on the schedule.

"The challenge is that now we need to replicate that dynamic 24 hours a day, seven days a week across multiple networks," Magnus said. "That's what is in front of us in terms of long-range planning."

■ NBC Sports Chicago, meanwhile, announced Tuesday that it will re-air postseason games at 7 every night from the Bulls' 1996 NBA championship run and the Blackhawks' 2010 Stanley Cup title run. The lineup was to begin Tuesday night with Game 2 of the Hawks-Predators Western Conference quarterfinals, and it wraps up with the Bulls' NBA Finals clincher against the SuperSonics on April 15 and the Hawks' Cup clincher against the Flyers on April 16.



PHIL VELASQUEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Fans must wait to see Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen in "The Last Dance."

# Recalling NU's 'glory,' 3 years later

Cats reflect on a sea of purple, gift-wrapped intentional foul

BY TEDDY GREENSTEIN

Three years later, what they remember most is the color purple.

Jogging out of the tunnel in Salt Lake City and onto the floor where Michael Jordan iced his final NBA title, guard Bryce Drew and coach Chris Collins noticed a flood of purple in the seats.

"One of the coolest things," McIntosh said.

"I got chills," Collins recalled.

Kind of like what they feel when they think about Northwestern's NCAA Tournament run, which peaked March 16, 2017, with a wild 68-66 first-round win over Vanderbilt.

There were three major dates that season, not including the dread NU fans felt when they learned Scottie Lindsey would be sidelined because of mono.

**March 1:** The players dogpile on the Welsh-Ryan Arena floor after beating Michigan thanks to Nate Taphorn's baseball pass to Dererk Pardon. The Wildcats had lost five of seven heading into the game and were in danger of spilling all their pixie dust.

**March 12:** Selection Sunday. At 5:32 p.m., CBS host Greg Gumbel finally ended the suspense: "The No. 8 seed, out of the West. There they are ... the Northwestern Wildcats ... 78 years in the making."

**March 16:** Northwestern advances to the round of 32.

"Selection Sunday is the pinnacle," McIntosh said. "The Michigan win is second and Vandy third, which sounds crazy."

Especially because of the game he had: McIntosh scored 25 points, hitting 10 of 16 shots, and had four rebounds, three assists and two steals. He made both of his free throws, coming with less than 15 seconds to play.

Do you remember the circumstances?

Northwestern frittered away a 15-point second-half lead, with Matthew Fisher-Davis and the Bulls' Luke Kornet doing damage from 3-point range.

Vandy's Riley LaChance hit a layup to put the Commodores and first-year coach Bryce Drew ahead 66-65 with 17 seconds left.

But then Fisher-Davis had a brain cramp. He intentionally fouled McIntosh, thinking he was following Drew's orders.

"I heard Bryce Drew say, 'You take him!'" McIntosh recalled. "He was trying to get Riley LaChance off me because I had just scored on him. I think (Fisher-Davis) just misheard him. I can't imagine how he feels, as well as he played."

The CBS broadcasters picked up on the gaffe immediately.

After Selection Sunday, NU alumnus and late-night host Seth Meyers tweeted: "That's the least Northwestern thing ever."

But for a fan base that thought it was cursed because of transfers (Rex Walters), devastating injuries (John Shurna) and a

retirement out of the blue (Kevin Coble), the Fisher-Davis moment topped it.

With 14.6 seconds to play, McIntosh strolled to the line.

"I felt really confident," he said. "The situation was so big, I couldn't help but notice everyone staring. I said to myself: This is what you do. You cannot miss these."

Both McIntosh and Collins were quick to praise Pardon, who entered the game 31-for-60 from the line.

"They were hack-a-Shaq'ing Pardon in the last couple of minutes," Collins said. "But Dererk is one of those guys who would rise to the occasion when you needed him the most. (Assistant coach) Brian James did daily free-throw games with our bigs, but free-throw shooting is like putting (in golf): The more you talk about it, the more they get wigged out."

Pardon went 6-for-6 in the final four-plus minutes.

Northwestern got a stop after McIntosh's free throws. Fisher-Davis got off a three-quarter-court fling in the final second that clanked off the backboard.

The Wildcats had survived and advanced to play Gonzaga, the No. 1 seed in the West. In the locker room Collins warned his players to be ready because the team they were about to face was one of the best programs in the country.

"So are we!" screamed an NU hoops superfan who made the trip from Evanston.

And then football coach Pat Fitzgerald stepped into the middle of the locker room for an impromptu mosh pit.

## NFL FREE AGENCY

TOM BRADY TO TAMPA BAY

## One era ends, another begins

After 20 years with Pats, Brady exits New England to take over as Bucs QB

BY RICK STROUD  
Tampa Bay Times

TAMPA, Fla. — The Bucs' four-decade search for a franchise quarterback has led them to Tom Brady, the greatest of all-time.

The six-time Super Bowl-winning quarterback not only was convinced to leave the Patriots after 20 seasons, he chose to continue his career with the Bucs. He chose to attempt to resurrect a franchise that hasn't reached the postseason in 12 years and that hasn't been relevant since winning the Super Bowl in January of 2003.

Brady, 42, has reached the playoffs 11 years in a row and hoisted six Lombardi Trophies in his career.

The Bucs are in for a culture change. Brady is the culture change. Believe it. It's true.

Multiple reports indicated that Brady has decided to play for the Bucs.

"Barring anything unforeseen, Tom Brady is expected to be a Tampa Bay Buccaneer," ESPN's Adam Schefter said Tuesday. "There is no signing planned. No press conference planned. And it looks like that decision will come down sometime this week. Look, right now, it's looking like Tom Brady is going to wind up a Tampa Bay Buccaneer."

Brady chose to play for Bruce Arians over Bill Belichick, and pass to Mike Evans and Chris Godwin over Julian Edelman.

And, yes, he chose the Glazer family over Bob Kraft, who is like a father to him. Brady agreed to a two-year contract worth \$60 million.

It's a seismic event in the NFL. Tom Brady, Tom Brady, going to the Bucs?!

This has been a team that kicks good quarterbacks like Doug Williams, Steve Young, Vinny Testaverde and Trent Dilfer overboard.

Arians made it clear after the season that he was ready to move on from Jameis Winston, who led the NFL in passing yards with but also threw 30 interceptions.

He said he wanted to see who was behind Door No. 2.

And at the NFL scouting combine in Indianapolis last month, when asked which quarterback he would pick the phone up for if he were available as a free agent, he broke some NFL tampering rules by immediately saying, "Tom Brady."

When the negotiating period began Monday, Arians made "an aggressive pitch," to Brady and his agent, Donald Yee.

Brady met with Kraft at the Patriots owner's house and discussed his decision to leave.

The Chargers also made a big run at Brady. But geography played a role as Brady's oldest son lives in New York.

On Tuesday, he posted a letter to Patriots fans on social media announcing his decision to resume his 20-year career elsewhere. At the time he was sure where that would be.

Both the Chargers and Bucs made compelling and competitive offers.

Brady recently opened a production



AL BELLO/GETTY

Tom Brady's announcement Tuesday that he would not be returning to the Patriots ended a 20-year dynasty that included six Super Bowl victories in nine appearances.

company in Los Angeles, he's from Northern California and the Chargers are one year removed from a 12-4 record.

"Although my football journey will take place elsewhere, I appreciate everything that we have achieved and am grateful for our INCREDIBLE team accomplishments," Brady said.

"I don't know what the future holds, but it's time to open a new stage for my life and my career."

His life and his career will resume in Tampa Bay.

The same city that will host the next Super Bowl.

Can you believe it?

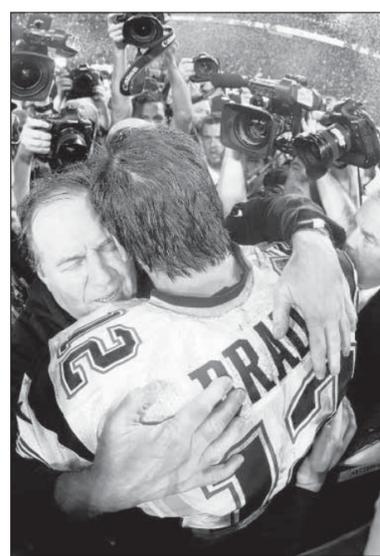
## Moving on

It has happened plenty of times before in sports — a legendary star switching teams toward the end of his career. Here are a few of the most prominent examples in the NFL:

**MONTANA AND RICE:** Joe Montana was in some ways a previous generation's version of Brady — an iconic quarterback who was calm under pressure and always seemed to have his team in contention for a championship. He won four Super Bowl titles with the 49ers, but after elbow problems limited him for a couple seasons, the 49ers — who had the excellent Steve Young as a replacement — traded Montana to the Chiefs. The Chiefs had Montana for two seasons and reached the AFC title game with him once. The 49ers released Jerry Rice in 2001. He went on to play four more seasons, surpassing 1,000 yards receiving twice with the Raiders.

**MANNING:** There were some similarities between Peyton Manning's departure from Indianapolis and Montana's move to Kansas City. Manning missed the whole 2011 season for the Colts because of neck issues, and the Colts had a chance to take Andrew Luck with the top pick in the next draft. Manning was cut, and he then joined the Broncos, winning a Super Bowl.

— The Associated Press



CHRISTIAN PETERSEN/GETTY

Brady and coach Bill Belichick embrace after winning Super Bowl XLIX in 2015.



KEITH SRAKOCIC/AP

Bruce Arians, who's entering his second year as Bucs coach, is a big fan of Brady.

## Unlike Brady, Saints' Brees staying put

BY BARRY WILNER  
Associated Press

The unimaginable has happened to Patriots fans: Tom Brady is moving on.

The predictable has occurred for Saints fans: Drew Brees is staying put.

No matter what else happened in NFL free agency Tuesday, decisions by those two iconic quarterbacks deserved headlines.

Brees, 41, agreed to a two-year, \$50 million contract, The AP reported.

The 19-year veteran with one NFL title in New Orleans basically gave a hometown discount to the Saints. His deal will not put him in the top 10 quarterbacks for annual salary. But the career leader in completions with 6,867, yards passing with 77,416, and touchdowns with 547 believes the Saints offer the best place for him to win another championship.

Cam Newton will be departing Carolina. Panthers general manager Marty Hurney said on Twitter that "every year difficult decisions are made and they are never easy."

Newton, the 2015 NFL MVP, said on social media he didn't ask for the trade, telling the Panthers: "You forced me into this."

The Panthers are finalizing a three-year deal with Brees backup Teddy Bridgewater, according to reports. The exact terms have not yet been agreed upon.

Bridgewater, 27, spent the last two seasons as the No. 2 QB for the Saints. During the 2018 season, he worked closely with current Panthers offensive coordinator Joe Brady, who was an offensive assistant with the Saints at the time.

Also Tuesday:

■ Bryan Bulaga agreed to a contract with the Chargers. He spent the last 10 seasons with the Packers and turns 31 on Saturday.

## ON THE CLOCK

36 Days until the NFL draft, which is still scheduled for April 23-25.

## Top 5 picks



## Complete first-round order

1. Bengals	12. Raiders	23. Patriots
2. Redskins	13. 49ers	24. Saints
3. Lions	14. Bucs	25. Vikings
4. Giants	15. Broncos	26. Dolphins
5. Dolphins	16. Falcons	27. Seahawks
6. Chargers	17. Cowboys	28. Ravens
7. Panthers	18. Dolphins	29. Titans
8. Cardinals	19. Raiders	30. Packers
9. Jaguars	20. Jaguars	31. 49ers
10. Browns	21. Eagles	32. Chiefs
11. Jets	22. Vikings	

■ Linebacker Thomas Davis said he's reuniting with former coach Ron Rivera and signing with the Redskins. Davis, 36, played under Rivera with the Panthers for eight seasons.

■ Jason Witten is headed to Las Vegas, where Jon Gruden is the coach of the Raiders. Coincidentally, Witten replaced Gruden as the analyst on ESPN's "Monday Night Football" in 2018, then went back to play again with the Cowboys.

■ The Eagles won't be keeping star safety Malcolm Jenkins, who led the team's defense when it won the 2017 league title.

■ The Bears released outside linebacker Leonard Floyd, chosen ninth in the 2016 draft.

■ The Titans added edge rusher Vic Beasley Jr. on a one-year deal. ... The Rams declined their contract option on cornerback Nickell Robey-Coleman, who has been the team's nickel cornerback and their top defender on slot receivers since 2017. ... Defensive tackle Jordan Phillips agreed to sign with the Cardinals. ... The Jaguars agreed to terms with free agent linebacker Joe Schobert, who spent the last four years with the Browns.

Schobert led the Browns in tackles twice and made a Pro Bowl. The deal is for \$53.75 million over five years, and includes \$22.5 million guaranteed.

## Longtime Colts nemesis Rivers gets 1-year deal to be their QB

BY MICHAEL MAROT  
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Philip Rivers spent more than a decade picking apart the Colts and irritating their fans.

On Wednesday, he'll become their new quarterback.

The longtime Chargers star agreed to a one-year contract with the Colts on Tuesday, The AP reported.

General manager Chris Ballard has now filled two major offseason needs in two days — adding an eight-time Pro Bowl quarterback to the roster less than 24 hours after acquiring Pro Bowl defensive tackle DeForest Buckner in a trade with the 49ers.

"Any time we have a chance to acquire a player that makes us better at any position, we're going to," Ballard said at his end of the season news conference in January. "So I wouldn't just focus on the QB position."

It's hard not to when making this kind of investment in a 38-year-old, 16-year veteran who produced his fewest touchdown passes, 23, since 2007 and his most interceptions, 20, since 2016. It was one reason the Chargers decided not to bring back the franchise's career passing leader.

With the Colts, though, Rivers will be reunited with coach Frank Reich and offensive coordinator Nick Sirianni. Reich was the Chargers quarterbacks coach in 2013 and the offensive coordinator in 2014 and 2015. Sirianni spent five seasons in San Diego, two as quarterbacks coach.

The move also completes a strange cycle.

The Giants selected Rivers with the fourth overall draft pick in the 2004 draft then made a draft-day swap with the Chargers for Eli Manning, whose older brother, Peyton, was still starring with the Colts. Twice during Rivers' tenure, he played on teams that eliminated the Colts from the playoffs.

And it will almost certainly rekindle

memories for Colts owner Jim Irsay, who was a teenager when his father's team dealt then-39-year-old quarterback John Unitas from Baltimore to San Diego in 1973. That turned out to be the final season for Unitas, a Hall of Famer who died in 2002.

The Colts believe Rivers can last at least that long.

Rather than using the No. 13 pick in April's draft to bring in a new young gun, they dealt it to the 49ers for Buckner and then continued negotiating with Rivers.

Now, presumably, Rivers will replace Jacoby Brissett as the Colts starter.

Brissett started 15 of 16 games last season after replacing the retired Andrew Luck in August. The Colts went 7-9 and missed the playoffs for the fourth time in five years.

But from the moment of Luck's sudden departure through last month's NFL annual scouting combine, Ballard continued insisting the Colts were all-in with Brissett.

"From my understanding, nothing's really done (with Rivers) till the league year starts tomorrow," longtime left tackle Anthony Castonzo told reporters on a conference call, two days after re-signing with the Colts. "But regardless of who's playing quarterback out there, as the left tackle it doesn't change your job at all. I would imagine Chris and Frank have a fantastic plan."

It now appears Brissett will be the odd man out in Indy and could even be on the move. He was acquired in a deal with the Patriots just before the 2017 season.

And with Tom Brady leaving New England, there is speculation the Patriots could be in the market for an experienced arm who has played in the system. Moving on without Brissett could save the Colts roughly \$9 million in salary cap charges. The Chargers, meanwhile, are expected to join the Brady sweepstakes.

But with the quarterback carousel spinning wildly Tuesday, Rivers found a place to settle down and continue to pursue that elusive Super Bowl ring.

# SCOREBOARD

NBA				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
ATLANTIC				
Toronto	46	18	.719	—
Boston	43	21	.672	3
Philadelphia	39	26	.600	7½
Brooklyn	30	34	.469	16
New York	21	45	.318	26
SOUTHEAST				
Miami	41	24	.631	—
Orlando	30	35	.462	11
Washington	24	40	.375	16½
Charlotte	23	42	.354	18
Atlanta	20	47	.299	22
CENTRAL				
Milwaukee	53	12	.815	—
Indiana	39	26	.600	14
Chicago	22	43	.338	31
Detroit	20	46	.303	33½
Cleveland	19	46	.292	34
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
SOUTHWEST				
Houston	40	24	.625	—
Dallas	40	27	.597	1½
Memphis	32	33	.492	8½
New Orleans	28	38	.438	12
San Antonio	27	36	.429	12½
NORTHWEST				
Denver	43	22	.662	—
Utah	41	23	.641	1½
Oklahoma City	40	24	.625	2½
Portland	29	37	.439	14½
Minnesota	19	45	.297	23½
PACIFIC				
L.A. Lakers	49	14	.778	—
L.A. Clippers	44	20	.688	5½
Sacramento	28	36	.438	21½
Phoenix	26	39	.400	24
Golden State	15	50	.231	35

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS						
FIELD GOAL PCT.	TM	FGM	FGA	FG%	REB	AST
Mitchell Robinson	NY	253	341	74.2		
Rudy Gobert	UTA	353	506	69.8		
Jarrett Allen	BKN	267	413	64.6		
Brandon Clarke	MEM	254	408	62.3		
Hassan Whiteside	POR	418	676	61.8		
Steven Adams	OKC	262	443	59.1		
Jonas Valanciunas	MEM	385	657	58.6		
Ben Simmons	PHI	361	617	58.5		
John Collins	ATL	353	605	58.3		
Montrezl Harrell	LAC	471	812	58.0		
Bam Adebayo	MIA	408	719	56.7		
Christian Wood	DET	288	508	56.7		
Deandre Ayton	PHO	255	465	54.8		

2-POINT PCT.	TM	PCT. 2PM	2PA
Mitchell Robinson	NYK	.742	253/341
Rudy Gobert	UTA	.698	353/506
Brandon Clarke	MEM	.654	254/408
Jarrett Allen	BRK	.654	267/413
John Collins	ATL	.642	353/605
Christian Wood	DET	.636	288/508
Clint Capela	HOU	.629	244/388
G Antetokounmpo	MIL	.622	623/1139
Hassan Whiteside	POR	.619	418/676
Jonas Valanciunas	MEM	.616	385/657
Duncan Robinson	MIA	.614	286/613
Nikola Jokic	DEN	.594	512/969
Steven Adams	OKC	.593	262/443
Montrezl Harrell	LAC	.593	471/812
OG Anunoby	TOR	.593	267/527

3-POINT PCT.	TM	3PM	3PA	3P%
George Hill	MIL	73	152	48.0
Seth Curry	UTA	136	300	45.3
JJ Redick	NO	156	345	45.2
Duncan Robinson	MIA	243	543	44.8
Doug McDermott	IND	118	265	44.5
Kelly Olynyk	MIA	80	185	43.2
Davis Bertans	WAS	200	472	42.4
Nemanja Bjelica	SAC	125	295	42.4
Justin Holiday	IND	122	288	42.4
Khris Middleton	MIL	133	318	41.8

FREE THROW PCT.	TM	FTM	FTA	FT%
Brad Wanamaker	BOS	108	116	93.1
Devin Booker	PHO	405	442	91.6
Khris Middleton	MIL	178	196	90.8
Bojan Bogdanovic	UTA	250	277	90.3
JJ Redick	NO	147	163	90.2
Chris Paul	OKC	225	250	90.0
Alec Burks	PHI	225	251	89.6
Malcolm Brogdon	IND	145	162	89.5
Jamal Murray	DEN	158	177	89.3
Kawhi Leonard	LAC	311	350	88.9
Damian Lillard	POR	389	438	88.8



CHARLES KRUPA/AP

## PHOTO OF THE DAY

# And the hits just keep on comin' ...

A woman wearing a protective mask walks past a sign Tuesday in Boston thanking former Patriots quarterback Tom Brady. As if Bostonians didn't have enough to be worried and depressed about, the signal caller, who had been the starter for two decades, announced on social media early Tuesday that the rest of his career would be played elsewhere. It later was reported that Brady will sign with the Buccaneers. "I had hoped this day would never come, but rather that Tom would end his remarkable career in a Patriots uniform after yet another Super Bowl championship. Unfortunately, the two sides were unable to reach an agreement to allow that dream to become a reality. While sad today, the overwhelming feeling I have is appreciation for his countless contributions to our team and community," Patriots owner Robert Kraft said in a statement.

## 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	4	3
Seattle	1	0	1	4	3	2
Portland	1	1	0	3	2	3
Vancouver	1	1	0	3	2	3
Real Salt Lake	0	0	2	2	1	1
LA Galaxy	0	1	1	1	1	2
San Jose	0	1	1	1	4	7
Houston	0	1	1	1	1	5
Nashville SC	0	2	0	0	1	3

3 points for victory, 1 point for tie.

## GOLF

LPGA STATISTICS		SCORE
1. Nasa Hataoka	67.875	
2. Danielle Kang	68.875	
3. Sei Young Kim	69.125	
4. Brooke M. Henderson	69.375	
5. Moriya Jutanugarn	69.375	
6. Lexi Thompson	69.667	
7. Mi Jung Hur	69.750	
8. Jessica Korda	69.750	
9. Celine Boutier	69.857	
10. Charley Hull	70.000	

DRIVING DISTANCE		SCORE
1. Maria Fassi	292.688	
2. Maia Schechter	290.500	
3. Anne van Dam	287.625	
4. Alana Urieel	278.071	
5. Carlota Ciganda	275.875	
6. Jennifer Kupcho	275.875	
7. Nicole Broch Larsen	274.500	
8. Nelly Korda	272.625	
9. Katherine Perry	272.000	
10. Nanna Koerstz Madsen	271.417	

GREENS IN REGULATION		PERCENTAGE
1. Carlota Ciganda	86.10%	
2. Maia Schechter	83.30%	
3. Cheilla Choi	81.90%	
3. Brooke M. Henderson	81.90%	

## NFL

TOM BRADY'S CAREER PASSING STATISTICS							
Year	TM	Att	Cp	Yds	TD	Int	Rate
2019	NE	613	373	4,057	24	8	88.0
2018	NE	570	375	4,355	29	11	97.7
2017	NE	581	385	4,577	32	8	102.8
2016	NE	432	291	3,554	28	2	112.2
2015	NE	624	402	4,770	36	7	102.2
2014	NE	582	373	4,109	33	9	97.4
2013	NE	628	380	4,343	25	11	87.3
2012	NE	637	401	4,827	34	8	98.7
2011	NE	611	401	5,235	39	12	105.6
2010	NE	492	324	3,900	36	4	111.0
2009	NE	565	371	4,398	28	13	96.2
2008	NE	11	7	76	0	0	83.9
2007	NE	578	398	4,806	50	8	117.2
2006	NE	516	319	3,529	24	12	87.9
2005	NE	530	334	4,110	26	14	92.3
2004	NE	474	288	3,692	28	14	92.6
2003	NE	527	317	3,620	23	12	85.9
2002	NE	601	373	3,764	28	14	85.7
2001	NE	413	264	2,843	18	12	86.5
2000	NE	3	1	6	0	0	42.4
TOT		9,988	6,377	74,571	541	179	97.0

SAND SAVE PERCENTAGE		PERCENTAGE
1. Lydia Ko	100.00%	
2. Na Yeon Choi	90.00%	
3. Jennifer Kupcho	90.00%	
4. Dottie Ardina	88.24%	
5. Celine Boutier	86.67%	
6. So Yeon Ryu	84.62%	
7. Haley Moore	83.33%	
8. Jeongeun Lee6	80.00%	
8. Jeong Yan	80.00%	
10. 8 tied	75.00%	

## NFL

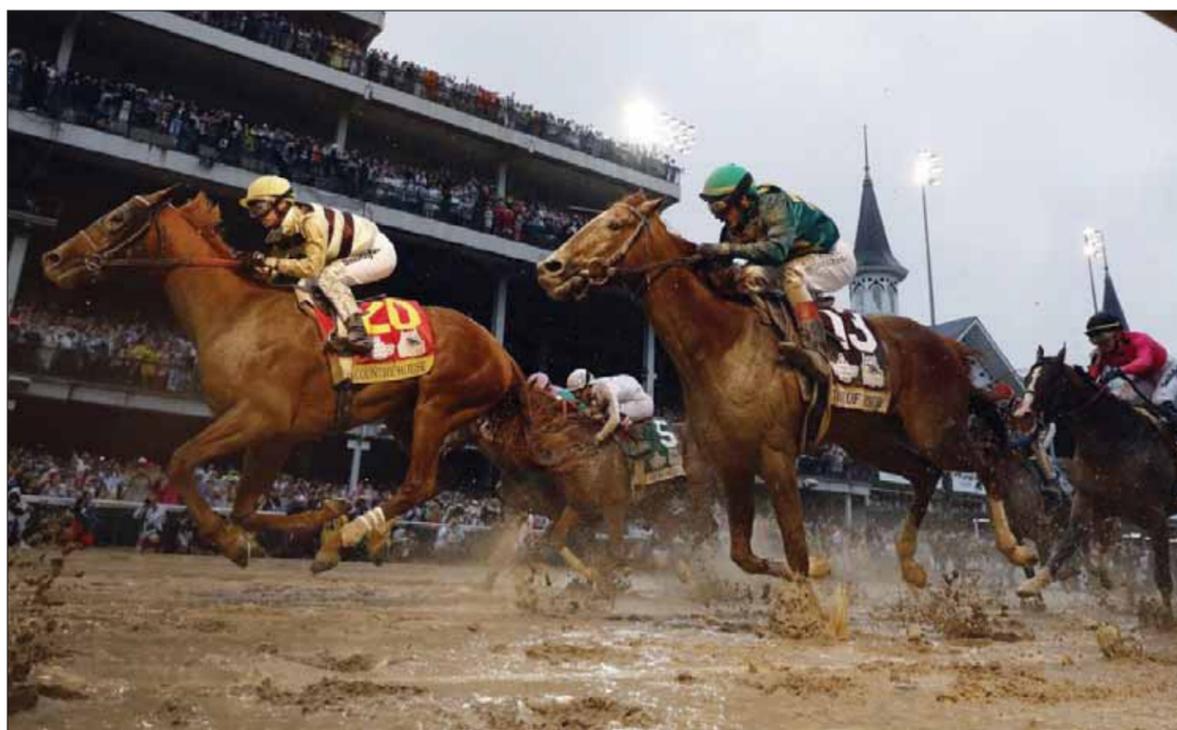
GOALIE VICTORIES		W	L	T
Vasilevskiy Tam	35	14	3	
Hellebuyck Wpg	31	21	5	
Binnington St. Louis	30	13	7	
Andersen Tor	29	13	7	
Fluey Vegas	27	16	5	
Price Mon	27	25	6	
Rask Bos	26	8	6	
Holtby Was	25	14	6	
Hart Phi	24	13	3	
Rittich Cal	23	17	6	
Bobrovsky Fla	23	19	6	
Markstrom Wj	23	16	4	
Blackwood NJ	22	14	8	
Bishop Dal	21	16	4	
Francoeur Col	21	7	4	
Mrazek Car	21	16	2	

SAVE PERCENTAGE		GA	Sv	Pct.	W	L	T
Hellebuyck Wpg	140	1656	922	31	21	5	
Price Mon	160	1595	909	27	25	6	
Vasilevskiy Tam	133	1472	917	35	14	3	
Andersen Tor	143	1434	909	29	13	7	
Gibson Ana	149	1403	904	20	26	5	
Bobrovsky Fla	151	1354	900	23	19	6	
Rittich Cal	138	1340	907	24	17	6	
Blackwood NJ	124	1328	915	22	14	8	
Binnington StL	126	1304	912	30	13	7	
Markstrom Wj	117	1303	918	23	16	4	
Fluey Vegas	133	1266	907	27	16	5	
Holtby Was	142	1243	895	25	14	6	
Bernier Det	126	1227	907	15	22	3	
Crawford Chi	40	1186	917	16	20	3	
Bishop Dal	103	1183	920	21	16	4	

## CORONAVIRUS IMPACT ON SPORTS

# Day 7

Since the sports world went mainly dark



MATT SLOCUM/AP

Flavien Prat rides Country House to victory during the 145th Kentucky Derby on May 4, 2019. This year's race will run September 5.

## KENTUCKY DERBY

## No Run for Roses in May

First leg of Triple Crown moved to Labor Day weekend

BY BETH HARRIS  
Associated Press

Change does not come easily to the Kentucky Derby.

Fans sip mint juleps, don fancy hats and sing to the melancholy strains of "My Old Kentucky Home" as the thoroughbreds step onto the track on the first Saturday in May. It has always made the Derby as much a piece of Americana as a horse race.

The country's longest continuously held sports event thrives on this tradition, especially its date on the calendar.

That changed Tuesday.

Churchill Downs postponed the Derby until September, the latest rite of spring in sports to be struck by the new coronavirus along with the Masters, March Madness and baseball season. Instead of May 2, the race will be run Sept. 5, kicking off Labor Day weekend.

"It's good that they didn't cancel it," said Hall of Fame trainer Bob Baffert, who has several top contenders that could earn him a record-tying sixth Derby victory.

However, Baffert added, "Until they get their arms around this virus, we're all day to day."

It's the first time the Derby won't be held on the first Saturday in May since 1945, when it was run June 9. The federal government suspended horse racing nationwide for most of the first half of the year before World War II ended in early May, but not in time to hold the opening leg of the Triple Crown that month.

"We'll roll with the punches," Bill Carstanjen, CEO of Churchill Downs Inc. said during a conference call, "and feel very, very good that September is the right date."

The date change still must be approved by the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission at its meeting Thursday. The date belonged to smaller Ellis Park, which struck a deal with Churchill Downs. Skip Sayre, spokesman for Ellis Entertainment, said both sides agreed to keep the amount of money

involved confidential.

"We were more than willing to accommodate," Sayre said. "Our agreement with Churchill keeps us whole from a financial perspective."

Still to be decided are the dates of the next two legs of horse racing's showcase series — the Preakness and Belmont.

Carstanjen said the September date was chosen after talks with NBC Sports, which televises the Triple Crown races, based on the limited number of sports events that weekend and hotel availability in Louisville.

Churchill Downs clearly wasn't interested in running the 146th Derby without fans in the stands, which is what other tracks have been doing, including Santa Anita in California, Oaklawn in Arkansas and the Fair Grounds in Louisiana.

"We feel confident we are going to run the Kentucky Derby and run it with a crowd," Carstanjen said. "It's a participatory event."

The race itself lasts just two minutes, but the partying and socializing goes on throughout Derby week, with celebrity-stuffed charity galas and private house parties. Last year's race drew 150,729 fans. People who pay little attention to horse racing the rest of the year typically watch the Derby and wager on it either formally or in pools set up at parties.

The Derby was first run in 1875 and has gone uninterrupted, even through the Great Depression and World Wars I and II.

In 1943, there were travel restrictions imposed by World War II and no out-of-town tickets were sold. Still, the Derby went on.

The Kentucky Oaks, the race for fillies held on Derby eve, is also hugely popular, especially among Louisville locals. It first began in 1875. It will be run Sept. 4.

Horses have been training and racing to earn points that translate into berths in the 20-horse Derby field even as the rest of the sports world has mostly shut down because of the virus pandemic. Horses have only one chance in their lives to compete in the Derby, Preakness and Belmont stakes for 3-year-olds.

"From a trainer's standpoint, holding those 3-year-olds throughout the summer is

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— Bill Carstanjen, CBO,  
Churchill Downs Inc.

not a real big problem. I don't think it affects our training schedule that much," four-time Derby-winning trainer D. Wayne Lukas said. "I'm more interested in what would be the prep races leading up to it because you do need those."

Carstanjen said points already earned by horses would be maintained, while existing races at tracks across the country would be added to the Road to the Kentucky Derby qualifying process.

Baffert must reconsider the training and racing schedules for his contenders.

"I'm going to have to back off some of them that are ready to go right now," he said. "The thing is to keep them healthy."

The Derby draws strong TV ratings. By moving it to Sept. 5, the race wouldn't conflict with Notre Dame football, satisfying NBC Sports, which televises both. The University of Louisville has an away football game that day.

The Preakness is scheduled for May 16 at Pimlico in Baltimore, and no decision has yet been made on its status.

"While we are mindful of the challenges these times present we also know that events like the Preakness Stakes can help restore our sense of place and economic well-being to our communities and state," the Maryland Jockey Club said in a statement.

The Belmont is June 6. The New York Racing Association said "decisions about large-scale public events must prioritize public health and safety above all else." NYRA added that it will update the status of the Belmont "only when that process has concluded to the satisfaction of state and local health departments."

## NCAA TOURNAMENT

## Financial brackets get busted

How will NCAA recoup millions from lost tourney?

BY RALPH D. RUSSO  
Associated Press

The NCAA made more than \$1 billion last year, almost \$867 million from the men's Division I basketball tournament, and most of that from a massive television rights deal with CBS and Turner that runs through the 2032 tournament.

The coronavirus not only wiped out the games, but it will create some unexpected red ink on the NCAA's balance sheet this year. Exactly how much is to be determined.

"Well, I can't give you any specific numbers because we don't know yet," NCAA President Mark Emmert said. "We know that the financial implications are all negative and we're going to have to deal with those."

The NCAA canceled the tournament Thursday because of concerns over spreading the virus. At first, the NCAA announced the games would go on, but the general public would be kept out of the buildings. A day later, the whole thing was scrapped.

The NCAA's contract with CBS and Turner pays about \$800 million per year.

It is standard for media rights contracts to have language that relieves rights holders from financial obligations if games are canceled due to events outside the control of the property, said Chris Bevilacqua, co-founder of Bevilacqua Helfant Ventures.

"Typically, those right fees are paid in installments. Let's presume a couple of those installments were probably already paid and the bigger installments haven't been because the tournament hasn't happened," said Bevilacqua, who has advised leagues and college conferences in TV contract negotiations but was not involved in the NCAA's deals.

"I'm sure they have a way to deal with a complete cancellation," he said.

Emmert has said the NCAA has business disruption insurance to cover some of its losses.

Bevilacqua said the long-running partnership between the NCAA and CBS, which has aired the tournament every year since 1982, and Turner could help the two sides find a resolution to any outstanding money matters.

"Maybe that allows for CBS and Turner to extend the deal by a year at some favorable rate whenever it ends," Bevilacqua said.

Sponsorship deals that companies have with CBS and Turner to run advertisements during games are typically structured similarly to the rights fees. If the spots don't run, the sponsors don't have to pay.

Typically, the money flows from sponsors to the networks to the NCAA to the schools.

The NCAA distributes 60% of its annual revenue to schools in various ways, including shares called units distributed to conferences and determined by how many teams from a league reached the tournament and how many games those teams won.

Last year the D-I Basketball Performance Fund doled out \$168.8 million.

## ROUNDUP

## French Open to fall; PGA Championship won't be played in May

Associated Press

The French Open was postponed for about four months because of the coronavirus pandemic, shifting from May to September and juggling the tennis calendar.

The French tennis federation said Tuesday it will hold its 15-day clay-court event at Roland Garros in Paris from Sept. 20 to Oct. 4, instead of May 24 to June 7, "to ensure the health and safety of everyone involved in organizing the tournament."

In the press release announcing the decision, federation President Bernard Giudicelli described it as "a difficult yet brave decision in this unprecedented situation." Later, in a conference call with reporters, Giudicelli acknowledged the other Grand Slam tournaments and the men's and women's professional tours were informed of the change — but not consulted.

"It's unthinkable for us to remove Roland Garros from the calendar. The only thing we had in mind is the interests of the tournament, of the players," Giudicelli said. "We looked at the fortnight that was least damaging for the other (tournaments)."

The French Open's new dates place it

right after the hard-court U.S. Open is currently scheduled to be held in New York, from Aug. 31 to Sept. 13. Having just one week between two major championships, played on different surfaces, would be unusually short.

This is the first instance of a Grand Slam tournament being affected by the virus that has spread around the world. The next major tennis championship on the calendar is Wimbledon, which is to start in late June in England.

After the French Open's postponement was announced, Richard Lewis, the chief executive of the All England Club, which runs Wimbledon, said his group was continuing to plan for that tournament "at this time."

He added: "It remains a continuously evolving situation and we will act responsibly, in the best interests of wider society."

**PGA Championship pushed back:** First the Masters, now the PGA Championship.

The PGA Championship is being postponed.

It was scheduled for May 14-17 at Harding Park in San Francisco.



PAVEL GOLOVKIN/AP

The French Open, which Rafael Nadal has won 12 times, will shift from May to September due to coronavirus concerns.

It follows the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's recommendation that events of 50 people or more not be held for eight weeks. That would last until the Sunday before the PGA Championship.

San Francisco now is among six counties in the Bay Area where residents are ordered to venture outside only when necessary for the next three weeks.

There was no indication when the PGA Championship would be played, or if it would remain in San Francisco.

Augusta National announced Friday that the Masters would be postponed. The club typically closes in mid-May for the summer.

The USGA announced that it canceled the first two amateur championships on its 2020 schedule.

The U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball was scheduled for April 25-29 at Quail Creek in Naples, Florida.

The U.S. Amateur Four-Ball was scheduled for May 23-27 at the Philadelphia Cricket Club. Neither will be played this year.

**Now, it's Euro 2021:** The governing body of European soccer postponed its marquee championship for one year.

Euro 2020 became Euro 2021 in a major shift for an international soccer calendar that is on lockdown because of the coronavirus outbreak.

The tournament that was due to open on June 12 in Rome is now scheduled for next year from June 11 to July 11, in the same 12 host nations.

## SPORTS

## A GOOD TIME TO LOOK BACK

We're all missing sports these days. So with the games on hold, we're offering a daily dose of memorable moments as chronicled through sports history:

# This one's for you, Hank

(MARCH 18, 1990)

This story was published when 11th-seeded Loyola Marymount, a team that was still mourning the tragic loss of star Hank Gathers earlier in the month, stunned defending national champion Michigan in a record-setting NCAA Tournament blowout. It has been edited for space.

BY ANDREW BAGNATO  
Chicago Tribune

**M**essage to Alabama: Get out of Loyola Marymount's way. Don't try to run with them. Don't try to shoot with them. Just clear out and hope they keep it under 200 points.

The inspired Lions sent the word by flaying the hides off the defending national champion Michigan Wolverines 149-115 Sunday in a second straight West Regional triumph in memory of deceased teammate Hank Gathers. It was an NCAA tournament record for points by a team, a staggering total built on the unthinkable 11-of-15 three-point shooting by guard Jeff Fryer.

"There's no doubt in my mind," said a stunned Terry Mills, the Michigan center. "They're on a mission. They're not going to go down. We tried a lot of things on them, but they just answered."

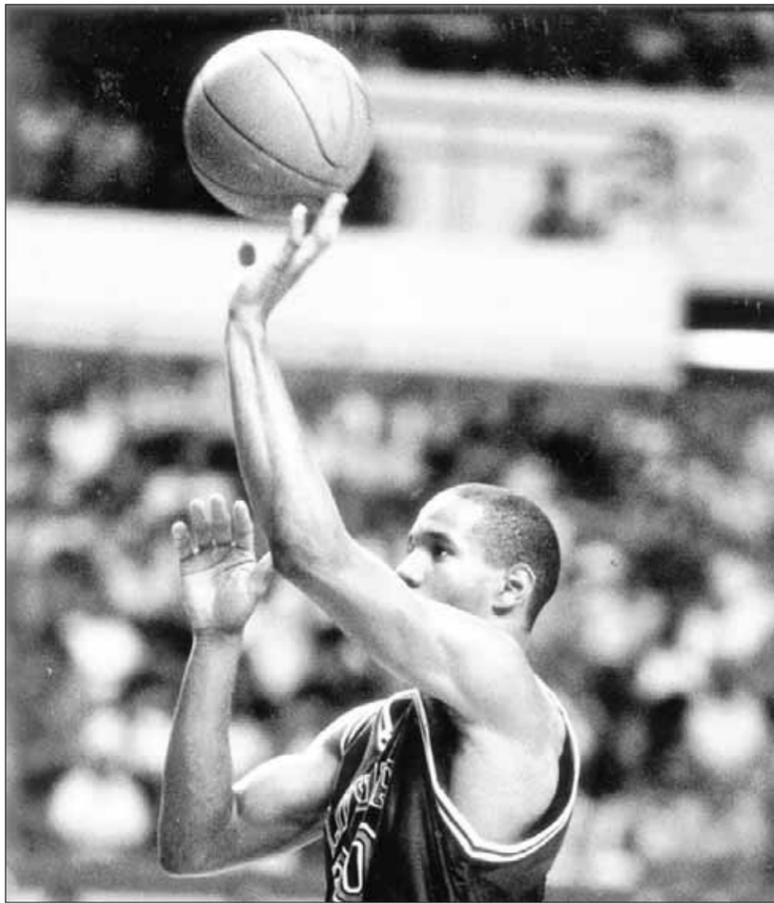
The third-seeded Wolverines (23-8) watched helplessly as No. 11 seed Marymount (25-5) advanced farther than it ever has in the NCAA tournament. Next stop is Oakland on Friday against Alabama, which defeated Arizona 77-55 in Sunday's other game.

"Loyola is on a crusade, and they played that way today," said Michigan coach Steve Fisher, whose 7-0 postseason run ended. "It's going to take an awfully, awfully good team to beat them if they keep shooting the way they did."

Michigan is awfully good, but nobody's good enough to defend 52.5 percent shooting from three-point land. Even little-used Marcellus Lee heaved in a trey from the corner as time expired.

The Lions led the nation in scoring this season, averaging 124.8 points a game. They passed that Sunday with six minutes to go.

It was the sort of blitz that Gathers, who led the nation in scoring and rebounding last



GARY FRIEDMAN/BALTIMORE SUN

Loyola Marymount's Bo Kimble shoots his first free throw left-handed in memory of the late Hank Gathers against Michigan. Kimble scored 37 points in the Lions' 149-115 win.

season, would have appreciated. And his teammates had him in mind every frenzied moment as they ran the Wolverines out of Long Beach Arena. "We just wanted to go out and win because we're doing it for Hank," said Fryer, who hit 15 of 20 from the floor and led all scorers with 41 points. "We're an emotional hurricane. We don't get discouraged

by a team like Michigan or anybody. We don't think anybody's going to stand in our way."

Michigan stood and jumped in Loyola's way all afternoon, though it did little good.

The Lions used much the same script they followed in Friday night's defeat of New Mexico State, their first game since Gathers collapsed and died on the court

## OTHER MARCH 18 MOMENTS

**1993:** Santa Clara beats Arizona 64-61 to become the second 15th-seeded team to win a first-round game in the NCAA Tournament.

**2001:** The Pacers' Reggie Miller becomes the first NBA player with 2,000 3-pointers after hitting four in a 101-95 win over the Kings.

**2008:** The Rockets' 22-game winning streak ends. Kevin Garnett scores 22 points and Paul Pierce adds 20 in the Celtics' 94-74 victory. The Rockets hadn't lost since a 97-89 defeat to the Jazz on Jan. 27.

**2009:** The Devils' Martin Brodeur breaks Patrick Roy's NHL record for career wins by a goaltender. Brodeur records his 552nd win in a 3-2 decision over the Blackhawks.

during the West Coast Conference tournament two weeks ago.

Unable to contain Kimble or Fryer, the Wolverines found themselves in a desperate race on a track far too fast for anyone used to the push-and-shove pace of the Big 10.

"They didn't seem like they understood what was going on," Kimble said. "It was going too fast. They were confused. They didn't know how to play against us."

That was confirmed by Michigan's Loy Vaught, who scored 19 and pulled down a game-high 17 rebounds. "I expected it to be a fact-paced team, but to be truthful, I've never run across a Big Ten team that moves the ball that way," he said. "They're in excellent condition!"

Michigan still was nursing its dream to repeat as champion when it pulled to within 77-70 with 15:19 left. But then the roof caved in.

Fryer made two three-pointers and Terrell Lowery and Per Stumer made one each to put Loyola ahead 89-76. That when the clearly exhausted Wolverines folded. Twice Michigan failed to advance the ball out of its own end, and Loyola answered with a Kimble slam and free throw and a Stumer three-pointer. That ran the lead to 95-76 and ended it for everyone but the scorekeeper.

In the final 15 minutes, the Lions outscored the Wolverines 72-45.

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# eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE

## The succession of Butler's bulldog mascot

Blue IV is finds learning to be a mascot can be a little ruff

BY ALAN BLINDER  
The New York Times

INDIANAPOLIS — The star-in-waiting could not exactly hustle to class at the strip mall.

"Is he asleep?" Evan Krauss, a mascot handler, asked his wife just before he answered his own question. "Of course he is."

And so someone carried Butler's next ambassador inside for his lessons under the bright lights of the Bark Tutor School for Dogs. It takes practice to perfect sitting and staying.

There are many displays of such skills to come for Blue IV, the English bulldog primed to spend much of this decade as the plodding, slobbering symbol of Butler University after a winter in school himself, learning the basics of puppyhood so he can meet the rigors of mascot life. He will take over in May after a process — of planning for his predecessor's retirement, of evaluating, of selecting, of training — that will have lasted more than a year.

Now, the final stages of the transition are unfolding with Butler, like other universities confronting the coronavirus pandemic, in flux. The university has closed its dorms until at least April 4, athletics facilities have been shuttered and competitions canceled. Commencement, which was expected to be the last major public appearance for Blue's predecessor, Trip, is "expected to proceed as planned as of now," though that could change.

Once students and sports return, Blue will be waiting, Butler having spent more time choosing a mascot than the College of Cardinals does electing a pope. But there are plenty of reasons for being deliberate: In the age of social media and internet memes, picking the right animal — independent-minded, photogenic and hopefully not prone to biting — to be

a university's most public embodiment could be the difference between encouraging applications or inviting the kinds of encounters that would embarrass any pet owner.

"You want to try to find a dog who is fit for the role, and who would thrive in the role," said Michael Kaltenmark, Trip's handler. "They really bring our institutional brand to life quite physically: You can touch them and you can feel them and you can get a vibe from them — it's usually very happy and fun and loving and warm — and that perception translates to the institution itself."

At least that is the ambition. And so prompts Butler's long transition from one dog to another, and the growth of a puppy into a TV-ready star.

### Planning for retirement

Butler first unveiled a live mascot about 20 years ago, but it was Blue II, who was born in 2004, who became what the university described as its "most decorated and beloved bulldog."

You might remember him: He was the mascot for Butler when it reached the national championship game in two consecutive seasons. He became mascot emeritus in 2013 and made way for Trip, short for Triple, who came to like the bananas and popcorn at Hinkle Fieldhouse. The expected life span of English bulldogs, though, led Butler to begin deliberating over his replacement last year, looking past the sporadic complaints of animal rights groups that have sometimes condemned live mascot programs across the country.

"We wanted to retire the dog prior to him showing any massive changes in his age or his ability," said Kurt Phillips, a Butler alumnus who is the

veterinarian for the university's mascot program. "We knew probably last summer that this would be Trip's last basketball season."

The word went out that Butler was seeking a new bulldog, and the calls and emails began. Phillips began to vet — no pun intended, he claimed — breeders and their dogs, conducting examinations and scouring medical records. He said he turned away more than a half-dozen hopefuls before settling on a dog who, he would soon learn, would have a litter of three. He had expected four to six.

"When we counted a small litter size, we all looked at each other and said, 'Oh geez, let's hope there's a good one in here,'" he recalled recently.

The dogs arrived in late October with the new handler, Krauss, a canine-allergic Butler alumnus who had never had a dog himself, present for the delivery. The scrutiny was only beginning.

Krauss visited the puppies twice a week, testing their temperaments. Were they willing to be held? Were they open to spending time with people? And could they pose for cameras?

"We held many photo shoots with all three dogs before Blue was chosen," Krauss said while the dog he favored early on in the process snored a few yards away. "Blue would sit for 20, 30 frames."

The others, Krauss said, would pause for a picture or two and resume "puppy stuff."

In December, the university settled on Blue because one of the other dogs had a respiratory condition and another one was "really kind of obnoxious," as the veterinarian put it.

"He was proportional in his looks," Phillips said as he rattled through Blue's attributes. He added, "This is a dog that's

going to have millions of hands on him by the time he retires, and he's got to be a dog who will allow that."

There was also something about him having a great tail.

### Learning the job

It is not clear whether Blue knew what he was getting into. At Butler, the live mascot gig involves more than basketball games; it is also a regular cycle of off-campus appearances — for \$100, the bulldog will show up at your wedding — and for university acceptance letter deliveries, like the ones Trip handled for more than 300 students in at least 21 states.

And so once he was officially deemed the "mascot-in-training," Blue began to learn the job. Around the Krauss house and in the car headed to and from campus, the new handler would blast a playlist of music used at basketball games. He'd bang pots and pans, invite surprise visitors, ring the doorbell and let Blue be around children (as well as a St. Bernard).

"We brought this dog into many new situations and brought many new situations to the dog in the first days that we had him," Krauss said. "We had people come to our house who we trusted wouldn't leak that we had the dog. We brought people who had babies, and they brought their baby and Blue met the baby and we'd reward him when he was nice to the baby."

Krauss added: "We had him in a very controlled environment where we knew we'd be setting him up for success."

Butler announced Blue's succession in January, thrusting the dog into the limelight. The training went on. Every weekday, and sometimes in the evenings, he'd visit Bark Tutor, just another dog enrolled in puppy school.

The priority, Krauss said, was having a dog who would not jump on humans. The second was teaching sitting and staying, "the bread and butter of a mascot."

"From there, it's the weird stuff: running on a basketball court to a rawhide bone," Krauss said. He had already begun watching Trip during games; over the summer, though, Krauss and Blue will work together in a noiseless, empty arena. Then they'll start trying to simulate games by pumping in music and adjusting the lights.

"He needs to have a much stronger ability to disengage from distractions since he's going to be at places with a lot of noise, a lot of people, a lot of smells," said Nick May, a Bark Tutor trainer. "Any dog can do a sit in a sterile environment with nothing going on; it's difficult to have a reliable dog when there's everything going on."

Indeed, he is still a puppy for now. One evening over the winter, Blue meandered around the training floor at Bark Tutor. He sat. He stayed. He peered at his reflection in the window, and he peed on the floor. He posed for a picture before he was carried back into the night.

Trip was elsewhere, going through the waning months of his tenure and preparing for retirement. There were plans for another adventure to New York, another stop at Madison Square Garden for the Big East tournament, another opportunity for Trip to teach Blue.

Then the pandemic swept across the country. The trip was canceled.

"It was our chance to make one last splash this season," Kaltenmark wrote in an email Friday morning. "Instead, we watched from our desk chairs and couches as the season fell apart."



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The Butler Bulldogs mascot sits on the edge of the court before the start of the NCAA championship game between Butler and Duke in 2010.

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San Diego State's Yann Wetzell celebrates with net cutting after the Aztecs defeated New Mexico to clinch the Mountain West Conference regular season title. After a 30-2 season, San Diego State's seniors will miss out on their chance to compete for a national title after the NCAA Tournament was canceled because of coronavirus fears.

# Moving on

## San Diego State seniors endure 'dagger' of tournament cancellation

BY MARK ZEIGLER  
The San Diego Union-Tribune

Yanni Wetzell and Nolan Narian had just finished shopping Thursday afternoon at Costco. They went across the street to a Mediterranean restaurant to grab lunch.

A day earlier, the NCAA had announced the men's and women's basketball tournaments would be played without fans. A few hours later, the NBA suspended all games after Utah Jazz center Rudy Gobert tested positive for COVID-19. Dominoes were tumbling. Deep down, the senior forwards from San Diego State knew the NCAA was probably next.

But they're athletes, they're college basketball players, they're wired differently. No game is over until the final buzzer. No season is over until you lose in the conference or NCAA tournament. You keep fighting. You keep believing. You hoist the desperation shot from midcourt fully thinking it is going in.

"I knew it was coming, but you hold that little bit of hope that it still goes through," Wetzell said in his first interview since the NCAA canceled March Madness with a two-sentence statement at 1:16 p.m. Thursday. "We kept refreshing our phones. As soon as I saw the news, I realized it was over. Tears came to my eyes right away."

"We didn't really talk to each other on the ride home."

Fellow fifth-year senior KJ Feagin didn't see the news in a tweet or news story. He was lounging on his bed at home Thursday. His best friend video-called him.

"I saw it on his face," Feagin said. "He didn't have to say anything. I knew."

Narain, at least, was part of an NCAA Tournament team as a sophomore at SDSU. He didn't play in the 67-65 loss against Houston in Wichita, Kan., in 2018, but he got to experience Selection Sunday, felt the excitement at Intrust Bank Arena, felt the agony of Rob Gray's last-second shot.

Feagin and Wetzell never had. This was their last chance, transferring to SDSU with the primary goal of experiencing March Madness. So did Malachi Flynn, the Washington State transfer who has a year of eligibility remaining but is expected to test the NBA Draft waters and may be gone as well.

A 30-2 record. No. 6 in both major polls. A probable 2 seed with a geographically favorable road to the Final Four — a university and city on their shoulders — their last chance.

"The three of us, we all came from losing programs," Wetzell said. "There's a reason why we left, just because we loved to win so much. If KJ and Mal were happy averaging 20 points a game and getting minutes, that would be a sense of selfishness. They wanted to play for a greater cause, and that's to win games. That's why the three of us transferred."

"Our biggest goal was to go to the NCAA Tournament and make a deep run. For that not to be an option any more is a dagger. It's devastating. It's going to take us a while to get over. It's a year we're going to look back on for the rest of our lives and think: What if? . I don't know what else



ISAAC BREKKEN/AP

San Diego State's Malachi Flynn is expected to declare himself eligible for the NBA draft.

to say."

Wetzell and Feagin didn't have to. Their voices were deeper and slower and quieter than usual, a mix of melancholy and exasperation, stripped of anticipation and hope. The tone and texture of their words articulated what their sentences couldn't.

"It's just been a weird few days," Feagin said softly. "It comes at me in waves. For a couple hours, I'm OK. Then the next few it's kind of disbelief and a big slap in the face. It's a constant reality check. Some days I've been good, some days I've been really bad."

"It's just tough, it's just really tough right now. I don't know who to blame, you know? I don't have anyone to blame or put this on. It's just like, hey, move on. You've got to take the good for what it was and try to salvage the most of what's to come. It's a realization that this is just how life is sometimes."

That was Saturday evening. A few hours later, Feagin tweeted: "Tonight is one of those nights where I really can't believe it's over, man."

Both said they wished the NCAA had postponed instead of canceled the tournament and reassessed in a week or three. Both also said they understood the crisis gripping the planet, understood basketball's place in the larger picture of life and death.

"It's a public health issue," Feagin said. "It's bigger than all of us. It's bigger than the sports world. But you get frustrated that maybe things could have been under control earlier."

Feagin spent what would have been Selection Sunday in Sacramento, of all places. It's where his aunt and other relatives live. It's also where the Aztecs would have played this week. When the tournament was canceled, Feagin decided to visit them anyway.

He's laying low, though, refusing to drive by Golden 1 Center downtown. Too painful.

He'll return to San Diego later this week and reassemble the pieces of his basketball future. He

admits it. He's temporarily lost the spark, the passion.

He refused to watch March Madness the last two years because his Santa Clara team didn't make it and he didn't want to be teased by a mirage on the horizon. He wanted to play in it, not watch it.

"For the next few weeks," Feagin said, "I'm just going to try to get some rest, kind of hit reset a little bit and get my hunger back for the game. Right now, I'm not really feeling it."

What happens after that, who knows. The Portsmouth Invitational Tournament, the top postseason scouting event for college seniors in late April, has already been canceled. The NBA Draft combine is scheduled for late May in Chicago but that, like everything else in life, remains in limbo. The NBA Summer League isn't until July, but the NBA might be not be finished with its season by then.

There have been sentimental suggestions of granting an extra year of eligibility to seniors robbed of an opportunity to play in the NCAA Tournament, something already approved for seniors in spring sports. Feagin, for one, is in favor.

"The way it ended, if Coach Dutch (Brian Dutcher) would have me back I would gladly come back and play another year," said Feagin, who overcame a slow start after missing all but two games of the previous season at Santa Clara with hand and foot injuries.

"I'm only 22. I don't feel like I'm too old. I played against 23-year-olds all during college, so I don't think that's too old for the college game. I think I was just hitting my stride toward the end of the season."

The NCAA hasn't completely closed the door, but its announcement Sunday that it will not release the 68-team bracket makes it less likely. Letting all seniors return, especially those whose seasons ended and weren't going to the NCAA Tournament, doesn't seem equitable. And now there's no bracket to know who would have made it.

"I don't think it's going to happen," said Wetzell, who turns 24 in July. "We played 95% of the season. We played 32 games. Some teams had already finished their seasons. If it were to happen I'd definitely consider it, but I'd also consider that I've been in college for five years and I might be ready to move on and start making some money on my own."

Wetzell's mother and sister were planning to fly in for the tournament from Auckland. He considered going home, but New Zealand, which has minimal known cases of the virus, just imposed a two-week quarantine on passengers on flights from the U.S. mainland.

There's also the risk that international air travel is shut down completely and he can't get back.

So he'll stay here, continue to interview pro agents and start working out for whatever, whenever, comes next.

"It's strange, it's a weird deal," Wetzell said. "It's not like you lost a game and you went into the locker room, crying, knowing that you're done."



Richard E. Grant is currently starring in the AMC series "Dispatches from Elsewhere."

JESSICA KOURKOUNIS/AMC

MY WORST MOMENT

# Surviving the unbearable

Grant was forced to deal with death of his newborn child

BY NINA METZ

Few actors have been as memorably and joyously giddy during Oscar season as Richard E. Grant when he was nominated last year for his role in "Can You Ever Forgive Me?" opposite Melissa McCarthy.

He didn't win, but as the U.K. paper the Telegraph put it, his "belle-at-the-ball rapture won the season long before this anticlimax. The next best thing to actually clutching an Oscar — maybe even better, in the long run — is being the guy everyone thinks should have won instead."

He currently stars on the AMC series "Dispatches from Elsewhere," created by and co-starring Jason Segel. The series is fictional, Grant said, but the idea for it was based on "a documentary called 'The Institute,' which is about a cult that existed in San Francisco about a decade ago that was run by a guy

named Octavio — which is the character that I play — who basically recruits people who are susceptible and vulnerable and feeling lost in their lives. Octavio and his jejune institute, as he calls it, they use virtual reality headsets enabling people to go into their past and reenact it or relive it.

"So it's about identity loss and self discovery."

Grant's resume is more varied than most, with credits spanning "Dr. Who," "Girls," "Downton Abbey," "Game of Thrones" and "Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker." But the role that kick-started his career was the cult hit comedy from 1987 "Withnail and I," playing one half of a pair of hilariously grandiose failed actors perpetually drunk and slumming it in the countryside in the 1960s. It was a story from that time in his life that Grant shared when asked about a worst moment in his career.

Sometimes the stories featured in this column are amusing for their embarrassing awfulness; other times they have a more serious dimension. And in Grant's case, it's the latter. At a time when we're all shouldering considerable stress and anxiety due to the

coronavirus pandemic, his story is a reminder of human resilience and the ability to survive the unbearable.

My worst moment ...

"In the spring of 1986, I had been unemployed as an actor for nine months and thought I would never work again. I was very depressed and working as a waiter. My wife (Joan Washington, a dialect coach for actors) was pregnant at the time and she was working, but I was not. So as the other half of our relationship I was worried that I wasn't going to be able to support our child financially, let alone emotionally. I then got an audition for 'Withnail,' and the moment I read the first page of the script I felt, bone deep, whoever gets to play this part, it will change their career.

"Cut a long story short, I got the part even though I was a complete unknown. And then, as I've experienced before, at the very moment of great joy and triumph, real life happens in between your plans. Just before we started

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## At home? Try these 12 great 'streamers'

Some old, some new and lots of screen gems from our film critic



MICHAEL PHILLIPS  
Talking Pictures

1. 'The Black Stallion'

One of the great feature debuts in modern film, documentary-trained maverick Carroll Ballard's 1979 adaptation of the Walter Farley kid-lit staple sat on a shelf for a year, deemed un-releasable by United Artists, even with Francis Ford Coppola's executive producer imprimatur. I saw it as a cynical college freshman, more or less guilted into going to a G-rated offering by the reviews. I've seen it a dozen or so times since, and now, even the relatively conventional second half enchants me nearly as much as the unparalleled, uncompromisingly powerful first half. A lot of people — a lot of families — haven't seen it yet. I envy your first-time encounter, whenever that may be. \$2.99 and up on YouTube, Amazon Prime, Google Play, iTunes and Vudu.

2. 'Safe'

Let's take our minds off this coronavirus pandemic for a while, shall we? For an eerily suggestive drama about a different sort of viral panic, it's an apt time to revisit director Todd Haynes' 1995 drama about a Los Angeles woman, played with a peculiar element of brainwashed calm by Julianne Moore, who believes herself to be the victim of an environmental disease. In its initial release Haynes' film provoked various interpretations: AIDS metaphor, a suffocating marriage story where the suffering is made manifest, a minimalist evocation of psychological unraveling. Is it all in her head, or something in her everyday physical surroundings? At least with COVID-19 we know it is actually there, and on the move! Streaming on sundancenow.com; seven-day free trial; memberships start at \$4.99/month.

3. 'I Know Where I'm Going!'

The recent and very popular Gene Siskel Film Center screen-

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## COVID-19 pandemic playing out in real time on TV news

Networks are adapting broadcasts to rapidly changing environment

BY STEPHEN BATTAGLIO  
Los Angeles Times

Television news is facing the challenge of covering the coronavirus pandemic while grappling with the guidelines imposed to contain the crisis.

Broadcast and cable networks are putting on programs with reduced staffs and producers are working from home as New York, the center of the TV news business, is on the verge of a complete shutdown. Viewers can even see the impact on screen as anchors, correspondents and guests are practicing social distancing.

Most guests and contributors are appearing from remote locations outside of studios, some via Skype from their homes.

Audiences are gone too. CNN presented its Sunday debate between 2020 Democratic presidential contenders Joe Biden and Bernie Sanders in a Washington studio with no cheering crowds and candidate lecterns at a safe distance.

Unlike scripted TV programs and entertainment talk shows, which have halted production in response to the crisis, news operations need to stay on the air to disseminate information while also enforcing the measures necessary to keep the COVID-19 outbreak from spreading.

"We are committed to continuing our broadcasts and serving the public without compromising the safety of our employees," CBS News President Susan Zirinsky wrote in a memo sent to employees Sunday. "We have continued to solicit specific guidance for CBS News from the New York Department of Health and the CDC and other medical,



EVAN VUCCI/AP

Sunday's debate between Democratic presidential candidates Joe Biden, left, and Sen. Bernie Sanders was held at CNN Studios without an audience and featured the two men standing 6 feet apart.

health and safety experts."

CBS News has six staffers who have tested positive for the virus — all of whom worked closely together on a recent story — including Seth Doane, who is the network's Rome correspondent.

Doane was well enough to file a first-person account on having the coronavirus, which aired Monday for "CBS This Morning."

The staff of the CBS newsmagazine "60 Minutes" has been instructed by executive producer

Bill Owens to work from home and stay out of the program's headquarters on West 57th Street in Manhattan. Personnel that does need to enter the building

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# CELEBRITIES

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## Hanks, Wilson reportedly discharged

CANBERRA, Australia — Tom Hanks and his wife, Rita Wilson, were released from an Australian hospital on Tuesday, five days after they were diagnosed with the new coronavirus, media reported.

Queensland state's health department would not comment on media reports that the 63-year-old celebrities had been discharged from the Gold Coast University Hospital to self-isolate in a rented house.

Hanks' management did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The couple arrived in Australia in late January on the Gold Coast, where an Elvis Presley biopic directed by Baz Luhrmann was to be shot. Hanks plays Presley's manager, Colonel Tom Parker. The film, slated for release in October 2021, has suspended production, Warner Bros. said.

Wilson, a singer-songwriter, has performed in Brisbane and Sydney during the couple's stay in Australia.

Australian television journalist Richard Wilkins has revealed that he tested positive to the virus Sunday. He had met Wilson at the Sydney Opera House on March 7 and again at Nine Network's Sydney studio two days later.

**Elba says he has coronavirus:** Idris Elba said he has tested positive for the coronavirus. The actor tweeted Monday that he has no symptoms so far and has been isolated since Friday, when he found out about his possible exposure. He says he sought out the test after discovering he had come into contact with someone who had been diagnosed with the new coronavirus.

Elba in a video message said that his wife has not been tested yet but is feeling OK. "This is serious.



Actor Tom Hanks and wife actress/singer Rita Wilson have been released from an Australian hospital.



English actor Idris Elba said he has tested positive for the coronavirus.

Now's really the time to think about social distancing, washing your hands," Elba said.

"We live in a divided world right now. We can all feel it," he added. "But now's the time for solidarity, for thinking about each other."

**Rolling Stones postpone tour:** The Rolling Stones are postponing its 15-city North American tour because of the growing coronavirus outbreak. The band announced Tuesday that its No Filter Tour, originally expected to kick off in San Diego on May 8, is postponed. The band's tour was also planned to visit some North American cities they haven't played in years,

including Cleveland; St. Louis; Austin, Texas; Louisville, Kentucky; Charlotte, North Carolina; and Tampa, Florida.

**'SNL' on hold indefinitely:** "Saturday Night Live" is one of the latest TV shows to be delayed by the coronavirus pandemic, NBC confirmed Monday. The hit sketch comedy program, previously slated to return with new episodes March 28, has halted production indefinitely out of concern for the safety of its cast and crew. No new start date has been set.

**Met Gala postponed:** One of fashion's biggest nights, the Met Gala, has been postponed due to the coronavirus outbreak, host Anna Wintour said Monday on Vogue's website. The gala will not be held on its usual date, the first Monday in May.

**March 18 birthdays:** Country singer Charley Pride is 86. Singer Irene Cara is 61. Actor Geoffrey Owens is 59. Singer-actress Vanessa Williams is 57. Rapper-actress Queen Latifah is 50. Comedian Dane Cook is 48. Singer Adam Levine is 41. Actor Cornelius Smith Jr. is 38. Actress Lily Collins is 31.



## ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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### Readers wonder how to meet or repel

**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 revolves around meeting and matching.

I'll be back with fresh Q&A next week.

**Dear Amy:** I'm a kind, attractive man, but I'm shy around women. So, tell me: If I'm at the market and an attractive woman comes up next to me and silently looks at vegetables, does she want me to introduce myself?

— Shy in Boston

**Dear Shy:** Fellow shoppers actually could be shopping for food, but your instinct is correct; supermarkets can be great places to meet people. Practice your technique to see what works best for you.

Unfortunately, the produce section can lead a nervous (or nery?) person to be inappropriate. Stay away from melons, tangelos and cucumbers.

Introducing yourself can seem abrupt, but opening with a question can be a great way to start a conversation with someone.

You say something like, "What do you think, do these peppers look fresh to you? I can never tell." A woman interested in meeting you will respond in a way that leaves room for a follow-up from you.

**Dear Amy:** I am a retired man in my early 80s. My wife passed away last year, and I moved into a senior living residence so I would have some company.

Although I am an "older

adult," I still play tennis and keep myself in good shape.

Many women in my new home seem to be single and are aggressive about finding a man. Several have invited me for drinks and dinner, and later suggested I spend the night.

Now, I have nothing against women, and I enjoy their company, but I just don't want to get into a relationship.

How do I let them know I'm not interested in a serious relationship without hurting their feelings?

Gosh, some men I know might think they had died and gone to heaven.

— Not Looking

**Dear Not Looking:** Based on your story and other tales I'm hearing from the world of senior housing, I've come to the conclusion that the older generation really puts the "living" into "assisted living."

You may be misinterpreting the motives of the women at your complex.

Just because they come on to you and invite you to spend the night, it doesn't necessarily mean that they are looking for a serious relationship. You will learn this as you go.

If this sort of arrangement isn't to your liking, you should respond with a version of, "Dottie, you're a dear, and the casserole was wonderful, but I'm only looking for tennis partners."

**Dear Amy:** I am 60 years old and have been single for 20 years.

My best friend tells me I'm "man crazy" because I keep trying to connect emotionally with men at church, my favorite venue

for meeting nice men.

My friend says that I fall in love with every man who talks to me. She told me recently that she thinks men generally avoid me because I'm too aggressive. I just like to talk to them and get to know them.

Yes, there are times when I have been infatuated with men. But when I let a man know, he pretty much runs for the hills.

I think I have a lot to offer a man, but, evidently, I drive them away. I don't know how to proceed. Should I keep trying or mind my own business at church?

— Need to Know

**Dear Need:** You seem to think you attend the Church of the Heavenly Hookups. So let's start with your description of your house of worship as "my favorite venue for meeting nice men."

Church is a great place to connect with people, but the primary connection should be spiritual or communal.

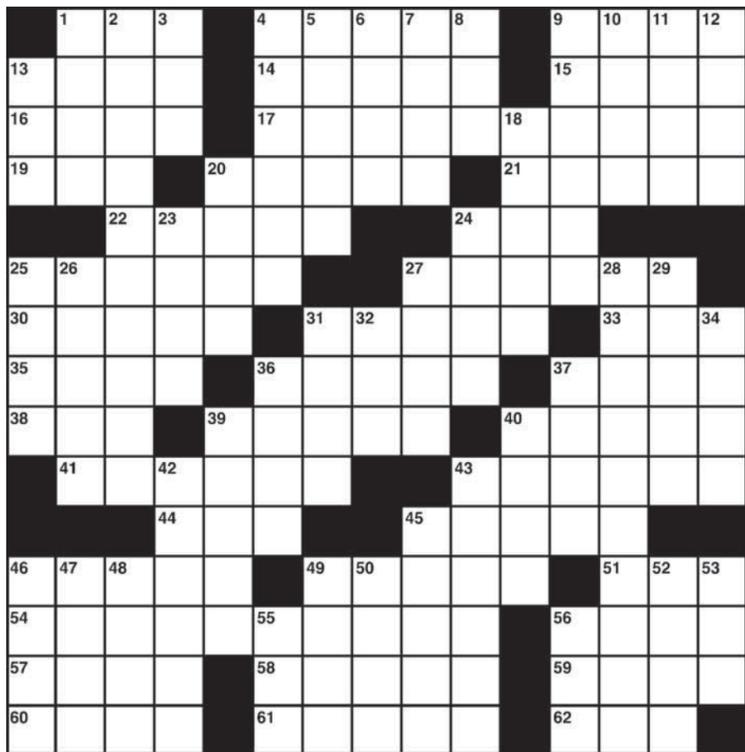
You sound like a stalker, and from your description, you make people uncomfortable. You could work on understanding your emotions by seeing a professional therapist.

Church is not the appropriate venue for you to practice flirting skills. Listen carefully to your friend's description of your behavior, and then ask her to help you behave differently. She might make a good wingman for you — but not at church.

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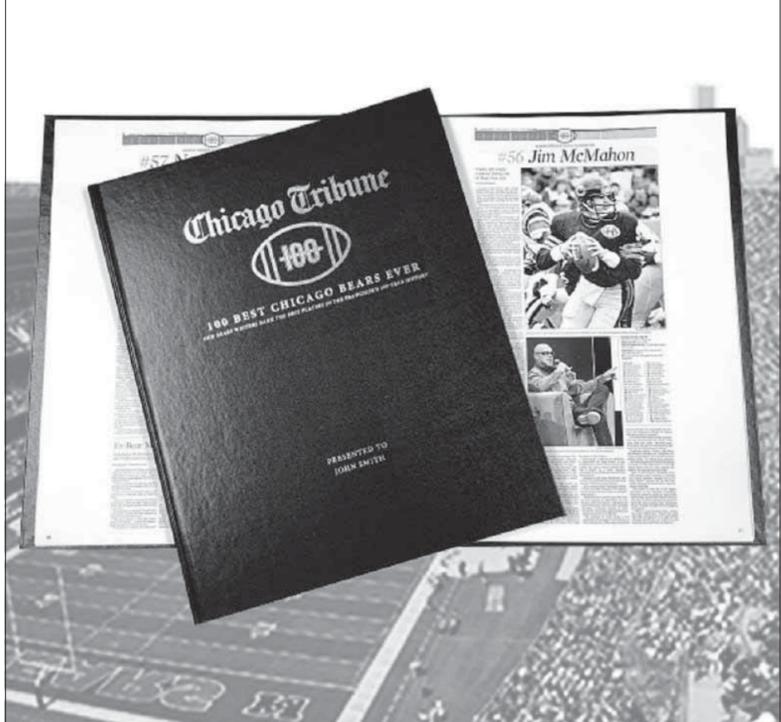
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  - 4 Puccini opera
  - 9 Qualified
  - 13 Pout
  - 14 UFO pilot
  - 15 \_\_\_ for; bought
  - 16 Firefly emanation
  - 17 Abducting
  - 19 Pam Tillis' dad
  - 20 Headed metal bolt
  - 21 Actress Kirstie
  - 22 Put one's two cents in
  - 24 Part of a royal flush
  - 25 Furious
  - 27 Gala event
  - 30 Change to make right
  - 31 Sharp weapon
  - 33 Hip-\_\_\_; Kanye West's music
  - 35 Spouse
  - 36 Footwear
  - 37 Frau's hubby
  - 38 Letter after chi
  - 39 Gushes forth
  - 40 Thing at which you excel
  - 41 Cleaned fish
  - 43 Sudden disappointment
  - 44 Mr. Caesar
  - 45 Slogan
  - 46 Frequently

- 49 Loses traction on the road
  - 51 Maple tree secretion
  - 54 Misdeed
  - 56 \_\_\_ up; incite
  - 57 All \_\_\_; listening
  - 58 Small weight
  - 59 Curly cabbage
  - 60 "Auld Lang \_\_\_"
  - 61 Not as youthful
  - 62 "\_\_\_ a Wonderful Life"
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- 1 Singer Natalie
  - 2 Remorseful
  - 3 Word in 4 U.S. state names
  - 4 Accepting
  - 5 Tiny fruit
  - 6 "The Far \_\_\_"; Gary Larson comic strip
  - 7 Penny
  - 8 Santa \_\_, CA
  - 9 Gifts for the teacher
  - 10 Bondsman's offering
  - 11 On the \_\_\_; being risked
  - 12 Jittery
  - 13 "The Wizard of Oz" production co.
  - 18 \_\_\_ oneself; worked steadily
  - 20 Melon shell
  - 23 Forest tree
  - 24 Melodies

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# Phillips

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ings of this beguiling 1945 wartime romance reasserted the appeal of this Michael Powell/Emeric Pressburger gem. A bright young office worker, played by Wendy Hiller, travels to the Scottish Hebrides; she's to marry her wealthy suitor on the fictional island of Kiloran. Rough weather and the presence of a British Naval officer on leave, played by Roger Livesey, conspire against her best-laid plans. It's a singular blend of travelogue, Celtic mysticism and one of the screen's great love matches. Streaming on Amazon Prime, \$3.99.

## 4. 'The Seventh Seal'

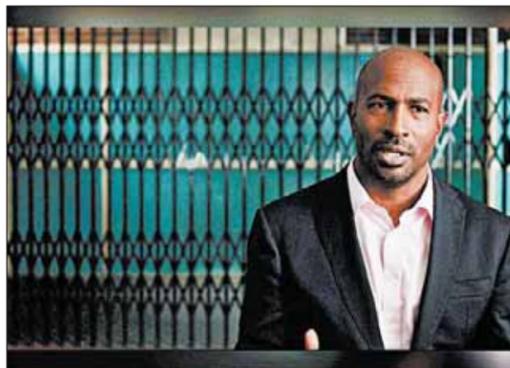
We're recommending this one in honor of the late Max von Sydow, and in deference to the Black Plague setting the unsettling backdrop for Ingmar Bergman's 1957 dance with Death. A medieval knight (von Sydow) returns to Sweden, a hollowed-out cynic after the Crusades. There he finds Death (Bengt Ekerot), and proposes a chess match for his soul. There was a time when "The Seventh Seal," based on Bergman's play, was required viewing in the education — self- or otherwise — of every young cinephile. Now we need to nudge folks a little to see it again, or to discover its allegorical riches for the first time. So, I'm nudging. Streaming on YouTube, Google Play, Vudu, iTunes and other platforms starting at \$2.99.

## 5. 'Clemency'

A great actress in a demanding leading role has a way of taking you away from real-world crises and into the crises of the story at hand. Alfre Woodard's performance as a death row prison war-



Frank Sheeran (Robert De Niro) is both defender and confidante to Jimmy Hoffa (Al Pacino) in "The Irishman."



The documentary "13th" focuses on U.S. racial inequality.

den, pushed to the edges of her self-control, was among the previous year's most heralded turns. The film received little traction in the end-of-2019 awards season. Many never took the time to catch up with it. I am one of those people, so I will be seeing "Clemency," because Woodard really is one of our best and it's about time I caught her latest. Streaming on various platforms March 24.

## 6. 'Winter Sleep'

Ever try MUBI.com? It's a monthly membership streaming service for those who venture occasionally outside the Marvel Cin-

ematic Universe. Try it for a week, free; check out the goods, from all over this coronavirus-ridden world of ours. Here's one of hundreds of available titles. The Turkish writer-director Nuri Bilge Ceylan's Palme d'Or-winning Cannes triumph "Winter Sleep" (2014), set in a remote corner of Anatolia, adapts several Chekhov short stories into a wholly organic new entity, full of love, missed connections, class resentments, and three hours and 17 minutes of visual beauty. Also streaming from \$2.99 on YouTube, Vudu, iTunes and Google Play.



Alfre Woodard plays a death row warden in "Clemency."

## 7. 'The Band Wagon'

Decades after his design and staging work for Chicago's Balaban & Katz theaters, ace director Vincente Minnelli made one of his greatest MGM projects: a tender, hermetically sealed studio evocation of the creation of a Broadway hit, and the resurrection of a Hollywood has-been. Fred Astaire. Cyd Charisse. Jack Buchanan. Nanette Fabray. Oscar Levant ("I can stand anything but pain!"). "I Guess I'll Have to Change My Plan." "Dancing in the Dark." "A Shine on Your Shoes." Minnelli's intuitive, prowling, soaring

camera. Oh, well, I'll watch it again myself, just to refresh my memory. Streaming \$2.99 and up on iTunes, YouTube, Google Play, Amazon Prime and Vudu.

## 8. 'Marriage Story'

Noah Baumbach's alert, astute portrait of what happens after the end, but before a beginning. The film starring Adam Driver and Scarlett Johansson, as well as Laura Dern and Julie Hagerty and Alan Alda and Ray Liotta, had the misfortune to go up against "Parasite," the only 2019 film I admired more. This was at the Oscars.

Remember the Oscars?

## 9. '13th'

Ava DuVernay's 2016 documentary deals with more than America's prison-industrial complex. With a fluid, intuitive sense of breadth and context, the director of "Selma" and "When They See Us" draws connections in our racial history too often left disconnected.

## 10. 'Always Be My Maybe'

The seriously charming Ali Wong/Randall Park rom-com generated most of its initial buzz off a droll Keanu Reeves cameo. But that wasn't the chief reason many have seen the thing twice or more; that's more of a Wong/Park triumph.

## 11. 'The Irishman'

Yes, it's longish. Yes, it's not the first gangster film made by Martin Scorsese. Yes, the digital age-erasure can get in the way, especially in the early scenes. Yes, yes, yes, blah, blah, blah. It is Scorsese's most gratifying picture in decades, "Silence" included.

## 12. 'Zodiac'

Since we're living amid a virus with an uncertain timeline, and some of us are self-isolating to various degrees, there's no better time to revisit director David Fincher's death-haunted, open-ended 2007 masterwork. At the time, Fincher said he hoped the film would be the last serial killer saga anybody needed to see. The film's box office indifference around the world, perversely, proved what Fincher likely knew all along: Audiences will put up with anything except a lack of closure. Even when it's the only possible ending.

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# News

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will need to be cleared by management, human resources and security, according to a memo sent to the program's staff members.

The practice of social distancing to prevent the spread of the virus is being demonstrated on news program sets.

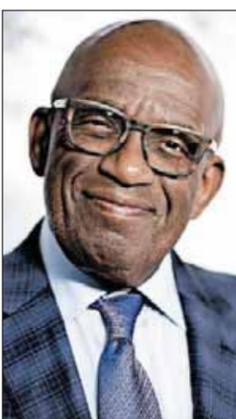
"We are about to connect with you, all of you, in a way that respects what we're experiencing," said Fox News "Outnumbered" co-host Harris Faulkner at the opening of her daily panel program.

The camera pulled back to show Faulkner sitting 6 feet away from co-host Melissa Francis on a large circular couch that usually seats five. The other three guests appeared remotely.

The anchor desk at NBC's "Today" was sparse as well. On Sunday night, NBC News learned that an employee who works on the third hour of the program tested positive for the virus. Two of the hour's co-hosts, Al Roker and Craig Melvin, took the day off as a precaution.

"We are fully supporting our colleague, who is experiencing mild symptoms and receiving medical care, and I know you join me in sending our very best for a quick recovery," NBC News President Noah Oppenheim told employees in a memo distributed Sunday night. "We have been preparing for this possibility and are taking all necessary steps to ensure the health and safety of our teams, which includes multiple deep cleanings of our offices, control room and (the 'Today' studio). Additionally, we are identifying employees who had been in close proximity to the affected employee and... are in the process of asking those who had close contact to self-isolate."

"Today" co-anchors Savannah Guthrie and Hoda Kotb, who were seated at a distance from



Al Roker, the longtime "Today" show host.

each other, noted early on Monday's program that their on-air colleagues Roker and Melvin are feeling well and attributed their absence to an abundance of caution.

"We're just trying to play exactly by the rules, and we hope and wish that they come back soon," Kotb said.

The impact of the pandemic on the morning programs will only become more apparent in the coming days and weeks. Cancellations by celebrity guests began last week and will likely accelerate going forward, according to people at the programs who were not authorized to discuss the matter publicly.

News divisions have options if an outbreak occurs within their operations. If a New York studio has to be closed to be cleaned and sanitized, all of the networks have control rooms and facilities in Washington, D.C., and Los Angeles they can turn to as an alternative.

CBS aired its morning program out of Washington last week after the first cases among personnel were identified at its broadcast center in New York. The news division's streaming service CBSN has been using facilities at the network-owned TV stations in San Francisco and Boston.

NBC News also has the ability to originate

programs from London and Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey, where financial news service CNBC is based.

Networks are stepping up their coverage of well. ABC and NBC added prime-time specials on the coronavirus that aired Monday. Fox News Channel went live 24 hours a day starting Monday, expanding its 11 p.m. Eastern newscast with Shannon Bream and adding an overnight newscast with Trace Gallagher out of the channel's Los Angeles bureau.

Fox News has also had its opinion programs dial down the rhetoric from guests and hosts who have played down the pandemic and portrayed media coverage of it as an attack on President Trump. "Fox and Friends" now has a medical expert appearing on the program every day after being a forum where the crisis was once met with skepticism.

On Friday, Fox Business Network host Trish Regan had her nightly show pulled from the air so that staff could be used for covering the volatile stock market during the day. The pro-Trump Regan said last Monday that she believed concerns over the coronavirus were "another attempt to impeach the president."

Fox News was criticized Sunday after anchor Maria Bartiromo did not challenge Rep. Devin Nunes of California when he told her families should go out to their favorite restaurant or pub for dinner — a statement in direct conflict with directions from the administration's health officials.

Fox News had an expert on its air Monday — Dr. Nicole Sapphires — who hit back at Nunes' comments.

"We want people to stay in their homes for the betterment of (not) just themselves (and) their families but the community," she said. "We need to get a handle on the spread or else we will be in the same situation as Italy."

# Moment

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shooting the film, my wife went into labor prematurely and our baby lived for only half an hour.

"So at this very moment of professional breakthrough and joy was this unbelievable personal tragedy. That break that I got in my career has always been a double-edged thing, where it marked a change in my professional circumstances irrevocably — it has led subsequently to almost every single job I've had since then — but at the same time it also reminds me that I don't have that daughter who was born in the summer of 1986.

"The good part is that we do have a 31-year-old daughter who came along in 1989."

## Did he consider dropping out of the movie for understandable personal reasons?

"My wife was very determined that I carry on, I think, because both of us were in such a state of complete shock. She started work on a movie with (the actor) Christopher Lambert called 'The Sicilian' that Michael Cimino was directing in Sicily.

"So she went away on location to that, and I went to the north of England to be in 'Withnail.' I suppose we did a geographical on our mutual grief — that by plunging into work it would be a way of trying to deal with it. And that's what we both did, and it proved to be a salve. We spoke all the time on the phone and wrote each other letters every day.

"I suppose in retrospect, what we did was delay our grieving until we were able to be back together again a couple months later. When you go through that — as anybody who has knows — everybody around you always says, 'You'll have another chance,' as though somehow the child that lived for only a half an hour is something you could brush aside. But I under-



Richard E. Grant was nominated for an Oscar last year for his role in "Can You Ever Forgive Me?"

stand. It's the survival instinct in people, and they don't want to see you fall apart in public or deal with you when you're a blubbing mess. So work salved both of us in that way."

## "Withnail and I" is a comedy, but did his grief inform any of his performance?

"You know, I have no idea of gauging it. Certainly the bitterness and rage of this Withnail character being unemployed for so long — and unseen in the way that he felt his talent needed to be seen — and having been unemployed myself for nine months, ironically that was the best life preparation for playing an unemployable actor.

"I ironically have a line in the movie in a bar scene, trying to extricate myself from being beaten up by a giant of an Irishman, by saying, 'My wife is having a baby,' and of course in the film it's (a) very comedic moment (because it's not true). But for me that required no acting at all because we had just had a baby two weeks before."

## How did he deliver that line without breaking down?

"Compartmentalizing, I suppose. Growing up, my father had been such a violent alcoholic .... I think I got injured or used to the idea you have a public face to deal with something upsetting. You deal with grief — and I think we all do this — in a private way,

because it is private. You can't go around burdening people with your own tragic circumstances.

"I watched the film on its 30th anniversary a few years ago, and because it has accrued this cult status and following, certainly among audiences in England, they were mouthing the lines like it was like a 'Rocky Horror' convention.

"My own involvement in it seemed — I felt like an outsider looking in. I was able, for probably the first and only time, to see it from their point of view. So it was this celebratory thing and felt joyous rather than being a tragic reminder.

"And I suppose that was also ameliorated by the fact that our daughter was there, proving that time does pass and you don't get over a tragedy, but you get around it. I think I would have had a different answer if we hadn't had a child that survived."

## The takeaway ...

"The friendships that I had with (co-stars) Richard Griffiths, Paul McGann, Ralph Brown and most specifically (writer-director) Bruce Robinson — those have so enriched my life in such an ongoing delight, even though Richard is now gone.

"It was really a first film break for all of us. We were all virgins to it, in a sense.

"And (in terms of getting through period of profound grief), I think it has something to do with the fact that the English have been through so many wars; there is a spirit of the Blitz, if you want to put it that way. People absolutely acknowledge that you've been through a terrible tragedy or loss, but they do everything to make you feel supported and balmied by the gift of humor.

"The English sense of humor, I can't tell you how important that is to just get through it because (laughs) you survived Dunkirk, you survived the Blitz, you survived the IRA. You'll get through this, kid."

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# Movies are well-versed in pandemics

Everything you wanted to know is already on film

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Back in 1939, RKO released the movie “Pacific Liner,” about the chaos that ensues when a cholera-infected man stows away on a cruise ship bound for San Francisco. As the disease spreads among the working men in the boiler room, the paying passengers party on as usual on the decks above, kept intentionally unaware of the bacterial time bomb ticking down below.

Sound familiar? In times like these — with the world reeling from the COVID-19 pandemic — we’ve all found ourselves flinching every time our phone buzzes or our smart watch dings. Each news alert drags us deeper into the unprecedented, be it the cancellation of major sporting events or the dizzying drops in the stock market.

But as anyone who watches a lot of old movies can tell you, the looming specter of a devastating plague isn’t as novel as some may think. If anything, Hollywood has been preparing us for this moment for over a century.

Again, just look at “Pacific Liner.” The film’s central conflict is between two very different men: a doctor (Chester Morris), who wants to implement drastic quarantining and sanitation measures as soon as the outbreak begins; and a burly tough guy (Victor McLaglen), who refuses to believe that anything he can’t see can hurt him. By the time the doc is proved right, it’s almost too late.

In other words: The debates we’re having right now over the best ways to safeguard the public health aren’t really all that new.

Clearly, pandemics and



Clive Owen and Claire-Hope Ashitey star in the 2006 thriller “Children of Men.”

their aftermath are subjects a lot of us are interested in at the moment. Over the past month, the 2011 thriller “Contagion” has been near the top of the digital streaming bestseller lists, ever since news of the current novel coronavirus strain became impossible for Americans to ignore.

Yet even during the best of times, we’ve had a fascination with stories about the superbugs bent on depopulating our planet. In 1971, audiences turned out for “The Andromeda Strain,” an adaptation of Michael Crichton’s entertainingly wonky science-fiction novel about the efforts of some brilliant doctors to defend against a microscopic threat from outer space. In 1995, “Outbreak” became a surprise smash with its heavily fictionalized take on the Ebola-themed Richard Preston nonfiction best-seller “The Hot Zone.” We’ve long been fascinated by the big-screen spectacle of sick people spreading their infection.

Movies about pandemics

tend to fall into three categories: the kind that, like “Pacific Liner” and “Contagion,” deliver a blow-by-blow description of how a real outbreak might spread; the kind that are more fantastical, and use the spread of disease more as a metaphor — think zombies and aliens; and, finally, the kind that take place in the wake of the catastrophe, and suggest how we might start over.

More than 60 years before “Contagion,” Elia Kazan directed an early example of the first kind of epidemic movie, 1950’s chillingly realistic “Panic in the Streets.” Richard Widmark stars as a New Orleans-based public health official who’s trying to piece together the identity and the history of a disease-ridden corpse. Before long, he finds himself at odds with the gangsters who killed his John Doe. He also riles up the press, the local government and several working-class ethnic communities.

Kazan borrows stylistic elements from neorealism

and film noir to put viewers in Widmark’s shoes, letting us experience what it might be like to be the voice of reason in a society that sees no upside to confronting or even acknowledging the threat that could decimate it — be it crime, poverty, political subversion or, yes, plague.

For an even more nightmarish version of this scenario, watch George Romero’s 1973 horror film “The Crazies,” which imagines a medical crisis devolving into a standoff between an irrationally panicked citizenry and the armed government officials who stand ready to use extreme measures to terminate an outbreak at its source. Romero is best known for his zombie classics “Night of the Living Dead” and “Dawn of the Dead” (which, in a way, are pandemic movies too). “The Crazies,” though, may be his most primal howl of despair over humanity’s tendency to self-destruct. It’s a dark but instructive vision of how bad an epidemic can get.

If you prefer your microbial monsters to be more way-out and weird, there are options aplenty beyond Romero’s fanatics and ghouls. For example, American cinema has produced multiple adaptations of novelist Jack Finney’s pulp classic “The Body Snatchers,” which considers what might happen if the world were stealthily invaded by alien seed pods that absorb human personae. It’s also been hard lately not to think about John Carpenter’s 1982 version of “The Thing,” about an extraterrestrial parasite that tricks humans into becoming a host, and is thus all but unstoppable unless people go into complete isolation — radical “social distancing,” as it were.

One of the most unusual of the science-fiction/horror plague stories is 2008’s “Pontypool,” starring Stephen McHattie as an Ontario talk radio host who can’t stop himself from stirring up trouble with his words — even after he discovers that the people in his quarantined small town are being driven mad by language itself. The sickness spreads through conversation. How unsettling is that?

None of these films are about real-world concerns — at least not overtly. They’re more about distrust and paranoia. They’re not meant to show us the nuts and bolts of how we might behave during an actual epidemic; they’re cautionary tales, warning us to be aware of how our deeper flaws could make an awful situation worse.

And where does this all lead? For answers to that, turn to movies like “28 Days Later” and “28 Weeks Later,” which show people racing to reconstruct some kind of functioning society in the midst of a viral contagion. Or watch “The Omega Man” (or any of the other big-screen versions

of Richard Matheson’s novel “I Am Legend”), where one of the only survivors of a pandemic struggles to keep himself entertained — mostly by killing the mutated humanoids who’ve overrun the Earth.

Better yet, watch 2006’s “Children of Men,” set 18 years after a plague of infertility reduces humankind to a dwindling species, mired in despair and riven by economic disparity due to a lack of human resources. The movie’s plot is about the world’s frenzied and potentially dangerous reaction to the first new pregnancy in nearly two decades. But what really lingers about “Children of Men” — and “The Omega Man” and the “28 Days” movies as well — is the portrait of how we might spend our days in the possible world to come. If we’re alive, we should do something productive to occupy our time. But what?

The point is that the people who make motion pictures have been thinking about the potential for some kind of global viral disaster — be it natural or supernatural — for a long time. We have lots of movies to consult about this subject, with lots of possibly helpful do’s and don’ts.

Not all of them end in a hopeless place, either. “Pacific Liner” has a happy ending. So — in a way — does “Children of Men.”

Then there’s perhaps the cheeriest disease movie of them all: the 1938 Oscar-winning short “That Mother’s Might Live,” about the groundbreaking work of the 19th-century doctor Ignaz Semmelweis. The film explains how this Hungarian man of science saved countless millions of lives, through the simple suggestion he shared with his colleagues that anyone can follow.

He told people to wash their hands.

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## WATCH THIS: WEDNESDAY



Oliver Platt

**"Chicago Med"** (7 p.m., NBC): The hit medical drama hits its 100th-episode milestone with the new "The Ghosts of the Past," which sees Drs. Charles and Manning (Oliver Platt, Torrey DeVitto) assisting with the complicated case of a 4-year-old patient. Moreover, they quickly learn that this little boy is no stranger to their hospital's emergency department. S. Epatha Merkerson and Yaya DaCosta also star.

**"Motherland: Fort Salem"** (8 p.m., 9 p.m., FREE): Will Ferrell and Adam McKay are among the executive producers of this offbeat new fantasy series, set in an alternate version of contemporary America where witches successfully ended their persecution by cutting a deal with the U.S. government to use their supernatural powers for their country's good. Taylor Hickson ("Deadly Class"), Jessica Sutton, Ashley Nicole Williams and Amalia Holm star.

**"American Housewife"** (8:31 p.m., ABC): Over husband Greg's (Diedrich Bader) strenuous objections, Katie (Katy Mixon) decides to play matchmaker for his half brother, aka "British Greg" (guest star Ed Weeks), as this hit sitcom returns from hiatus on a new night with "A Very English Scandal." Meanwhile, Oliver (Daniel DiMaggio) declines to discourage a school rumor about his sexual orientation, hoping to help a closeted gay classmate feel better about himself.

**"S.W.A.T."** (9 p.m., CBS): As the team searches for an abducted teenager, their trail leads them to someone who is in the Witness Protection Program as well as a long-established group of political extremists in the new episode "Gunpowder Treason." Elsewhere, Hondo (Shemar Moore) clashes with his girlfriend (recurring guest star Rochelle Aytes) over a guest speaker at her community center.

**"Dave"** (9 p.m., 9:35 p.m., FXX): Seeking relief from his relentlessly soul-sucking job, Mike (Andrew Santino) takes a special interest in Dave's (Dave Burd) creative process in the new episode "Somebody ... ." Later, feeling he pretty much has nothing to lose, Dave decides to take a more extreme approach to attaining celebrity and success. Meanwhile, GaTa introduces Elz (Travis Bennett) to Tripple Redd.

**"Brockmire"** (9 p.m., 2:45 a.m., IFC): Hank Azaria returns for his fourth and final season playing Jim Brockmire, the famous yet brilliant major league baseball announcer who hit a career slump after a notorious public breakdown years ago. His story resumes 15 years into a dystopian future where he is back on top as, incredibly enough, the commissioner of baseball.

## TALK SHOWS

**"Conan"** (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actor Fred Armisen.\*

**"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon"** (10:34 p.m., NBC): Professional football player JJ Watt; Louis Tomlinson talks and performs.\*

**"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert"** (10:35 p.m., CBS): Former Gov. Chris Christie; Nathaniel Rateliff performs.\*

**"Jimmy Kimmel Live!"** (10:35 p.m., ABC): Actress Amy Poehler; author David Sedaris; SuperM performs.\*

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BROADCAST	<b>CBS</b> 2	Survivor: "Quick on the Draw." (N) ©		(8:01) SEAL Team: "Rules of Engagement." (N)		S.W.A.T.: "Gunpowder Treason." (N) ©		News (N) ♦
	<b>NBC</b> 5	Chicago Med: "The Ghosts of the Past." (N) ©		Chicago Fire: "Protect a Child." (N) ©		Chicago P.D.: "Before the Fall." (N) ©		NBC 5 News (N) ♦
	<b>ABC</b> 7	The Goldbergs (N)	Schooled (N) ©	Modern Family (N)	Am Housewife (N)	Stumptown: "The Dex Files." (N) ©		News at 10pm (N) ♦
	<b>WGN</b> 9	black-ish (N)	black-ish (N) ©	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	WGN News at Nine (N)		WGN News at Ten (N)
	<b>Antenna</b> 9.2	It's a Living	3's Comp.	Family Ties	Growing	Designing	Murphy	Carson ♦
	<b>Court</b> 9.3	♦ Closing Arguments (N)		Closing Arguments with Vinnie Politan ©				
	<b>PBS</b> 11	Chicago Tonight (N)		Nature: "The Whale Detective." (N) ©				Expedition With Steve Backshall ♦
	<b>CW</b> 26.1	Penn & Teller: Fool Us		Whose Line	Whose Line	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©
	<b>The U</b> 26.2	Dr. Phil ©		Tamron Hall (N) ©		The Steve Wilkos Show		Cops ©
	<b>MeTV</b> 26.3	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle	Green Acres	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett
	<b>H&amp;I</b> 26.4	Star Trek: "Catspaw." ©		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek ♦
	<b>Bounce</b> 26.5	The Contract (R,'06) ***	Morgan Freeman. ©			The Brave One (R,'07) **		♦
	<b>FOX</b> 32	The Masked Singer (N)		(8:01) LEGO Masters: "Storybook." (N) ©		Fox 32 News at Nine (N)		Modern Family ©
	<b>Ion</b> 38	Blue Bloods ©		Blue Bloods ©		Blue Bloods ©		Blue Blood ♦
	<b>TeleM</b> 44	♦ Exatión EE. UU. (N)		La Doña (N) ©		Operación Pacífico (N) ©		Chicago (N)
	<b>MNT</b> 50	Chicago P.D. ©		Dateline				Chicago ♦
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CABLE	<b>AE</b>	PD Cam (N)	PD Cam (N)	America's Top Dog (Season Finale) (N) ©		PD Cam		PD Cam ♦
	<b>AMC</b>	Batman (PG-13,'89) ***	Jack Nicholson, Michael Keaton. © (SAP)					Batman Rt ♦
	<b>ANIM</b>	I Was Prey ©				I Was Prey ©		I Was Prey ♦
	<b>BBCA</b>	Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG,'10) **				Percy Jackson: Sea		♦
	<b>BET</b>	♦ (5:30) Meet the Browns		Tyler Perry's Sistas (N)		Twenties (N)		Boomeran. Sistas ♦
	<b>BIGTEN</b>	To be announced						
	<b>BRAVO</b>	Housewives of NJ (N)		Summer House (N) ©		Housewives of NJ		Watch (N)
	<b>CNN</b>	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N)		CNN Tonight (N)		Tonight (N) ♦
	<b>COM</b>	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	Nora (N)	Daily (N) ♦
	<b>DISC</b>	Expedition Unknown: "The Warrior Queen's Treasure." (N) ©						Expedition ♦
	<b>DISN</b>	Bunk'd ©	Gabby	Sydney-Max	Roll With It	Coop	Sydney-Max	Bunk'd ©
	<b>E!</b>	♦ (6:30) Couples Retreat (PG-13,'09) **	Vince Vaughn.			The Soup (N)		Funny Dance (N)
	<b>ESPN</b>	♦ NBA Basketball: San Antonio Spurs at New Orleans Pelicans. (N)				NBA Basketball (N) ♦		
	<b>ESPN2</b>	♦ NIT Tourn. (N)		2020 NIT Basketball Tournament (N)				SportCtr (N)
	<b>FNC</b>	Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News
	<b>FOOD</b>	Guy's Grocery Games		Guy's Grocery Games		Tournament (N)		Grocery ♦
	<b>FREE</b>	♦ Twilight Saga: Breaking 2	Motherland (Series Premiere) (N)			Motherland: Fort Salem		700 Club ♦
	<b>FX</b>	♦ (6) Despicable Me 3 **		Despicable Me 3 (PG,'17) **		Voices of Steve Carell.		Minions *** ♦
	<b>HALL</b>	Campfire Kiss (NR,'17)	Danica McKellar. ©			Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls
	<b>HGTV</b>	Property Brothers (N)		Property Brothers (N)		100 Day Dream Home (N)		Hunt Intl (N)
	<b>HIST</b>	Forged in Fire (N)		Forged in Fire (N)		(9:03) Forged in Fire		Forged ♦
	<b>HLN</b>	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Sex & Murder ©		Forensic
	<b>IFC</b>	♦ (6:45) I Am Legend (PG-13,'07) ***	Will Smith. ©			Brockmire	Year (N)	I Legend ♦
	<b>LIFE</b>	Married at First Sight: "Move In or Move On." (N) ©				Bride & Prejudice (N)		Married ♦
	<b>MSNBC</b>	All In With (N)		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)
	<b>MTV</b>	Catfish: The TV Show ©		Catfish: The TV Show ©		Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.
	<b>NATGEO</b>	Locked Up Abroad ©		Locked Up Abroad (N) ©		Borderforce USA (N) ©		Border. ♦
	<b>NBCSCH</b>	NBA Basketball: Miami Heat at Chicago Bulls. (N) (Live)				Postgame		Bulls (N)
	<b>NICK</b>	Henry Danger ©		Substitute	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©
	<b>OVATION</b>	♦ (6) La Bamba (PG-13,'87) ***			The Doors (R,'91) ***	Val Kilmer, Meg Ryan. ©		♦
	<b>OWN</b>	20/20 on OWN		20/20 on OWN		20/20 on OWN		20/20 ♦
	<b>OXY</b>	Snapped: "Amber Trudell."		Snapped ©		Snapped: "Sarah Kolb."		Snapped ♦
<b>PARMT</b>	♦ (6:30) Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade ***				68 Whiskey (N) ©		Indiana ♦	
<b>SYFY</b>	Lara Croft: Tomb Raider (PG-13,'01) **				The Magicians (N) ©		Need Spd ♦	
<b>TBS</b>	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Full (N)	Conan ©	
<b>TCM</b>	Shut My Big Mouth (NR,'42) **				Earthworm Tractors (NR,'36) **		Daring ♦	
<b>TLC</b>	My 600-Lb. Life: "Colies'a's Story." (N)				Dr. Pimple Popper		Save-Skin ♦	
<b>TLN</b>	Baptist	King	Focus on	The Three	Life Today	Exalted	Paid Prog.	
<b>TNT</b>	All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite (N) (Live) ©				The Lost World: Jurassic Park ***			
<b>TOON</b>	Home Movie	Burgers	Burgers	Rick, Morty	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Family Guy	
<b>TRAV</b>	Paranormal Ca. (N)		Paranormal Ca. (N)		True Terror (Series Premiere) (N)		Paranorm. ♦	
<b>TVL</b>	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Two Men	Two Men	King	
<b>USA</b>	WWE NXT (N) (Live) ©				(9:05) Friday (R,'95) ***	Ice Cube. ♦		
<b>VH1</b>	Black Ink Crew (N) ©		Love & Hip Hop: Atlanta		Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	
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### Horoscopes



**Today's birthday** (March 18): Teamwork pays off this year. Steadily strategize and coordinate together. Share sweet victory before undergoing a romantic transition. New career directions next summer lead you to discover new love. Resolve a winter domestic challenge before your professional status blossoms.

**Aries** (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Share what you're learning with friends. You're building something worthwhile together. Enjoy excellent company and flavors. Interesting ideas percolate like popcorn. Solutions come easily.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20): 8. Forge ahead with a professional assignment. Reinforce support structures. The completion of a complex project opens time for something more fun.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20): 8. Explore the view from another cultural perspective, whether in your own neighborhood or across the world. Don't rely on unstable sources.

**Cancer** (June 21-July 22): 8. Brainstorm with your partner for profitable ideas. Set juicy financial goals together. Manage insurance, taxes, invoices and payments.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Your discipline is paying off. You're gaining points with someone you admire. Your collaboration flowers and grows stronger. Support each other to greater heights.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 9. Practice your moves. Refine your technique. Adjust improve style and form. Take special care of your body and equipment. Serve yourself nourishing goodness.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 9. Someone beautiful has caught your eye. Have fun together. Entertain and be entertained. Pack a picnic and get out in nature. Share laughter and sweetness.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Children share incredible wisdom. Listen and learn. Family and domestic matters take priority. Follow the pace of the youngest. Make beautiful and functional improvements.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 9. Creative expression flowers. Apply artistry to your work. Edit and craft your story or message. You're especially brilliant.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 9. Engage in lucrative ventures. Provide your part of a larger puzzle. Bring your strength and unique talents. Make your targets and deadlines.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 9. Pamper yourself with a new style or outfit, candles and a bubble bath. Try delicious lotions and balms. Allow yourself time to deeply relax.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): 7. Peaceful settings soothe your sensibilities. Postpone public appearances or travel. Savor tranquility and music. Meditate on where you've been and where you're going.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

### The Argyle Sweater



### Bliss



### Bridge

East-West vulnerable, North deals

<b>North</b>		<b>East</b>	
♠ 10 6 5 2	♥ A J 5	♠ 9 4	♥ Q 10 6 4 3
♦ A 7 4	♣ A 6 3	♦ 2	♣ 10 8 7 5 4
<b>South</b>		<b>West</b>	
♠ AK Q 7 3	♥ K 8 2	♠ J 8	♥ 9 7
♦ K J 8 6	♣ 2	♦ Q 10 9 5 3	♣ K Q J 9

South's three-diamond bid was ostensibly a game try, which North accepted based on his three aces. North's enthusiasm pushed South into bidding this reasonable slam. Assuming trumps split no worse than 3-1, South could plan on ruffing two clubs in his hand and would then have to develop another winner from one of the red suits.

**The bidding:**

North	East	South	West
1♠	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♠	Pass	6♣	All pass

**Opening lead: King of ♣**

trick in the diamond suit. The safety play for this combination is well known: Cash the king, lead to the ace, and lead back toward the jack. This would provide an extra trick whenever East had the queen or when West had no more than three diamonds, with or without the queen. East's discard on the ace of diamonds was a rude blow, but all was not lost.

South ruffed dummy's last club and then had to decide who had the queen of hearts. A simple finesse would do if West had it, but West was known to have started with two spades, five diamonds, and at least three clubs. West could have no more than three hearts and might have less. East was therefore more likely to have the queen. South cashed the king of hearts, led a heart to dummy's ace, and continued with the jack. East won with the queen but had to yield a ruff-suff. South ruffed in hand and discarded dummy's remaining diamond. Making six. Well played!

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### Dilbert



### Baby Blues



### Zits



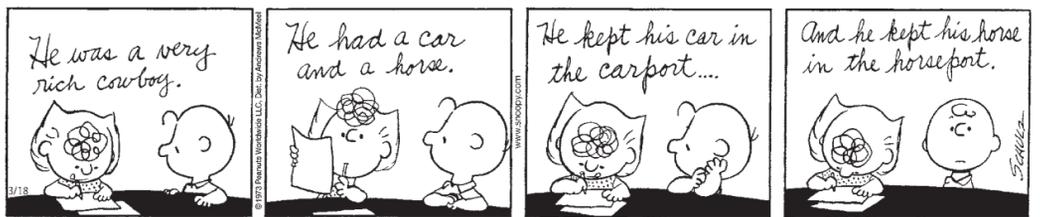
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### Frazz



### Classic Peanuts



### Pickles



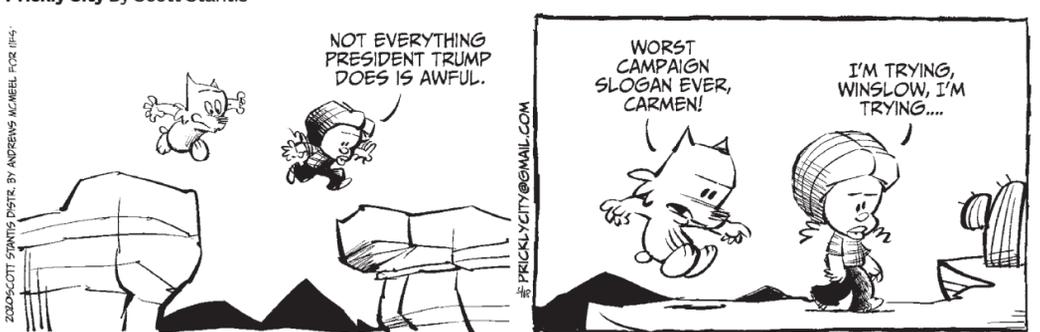
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### Animal Crackers



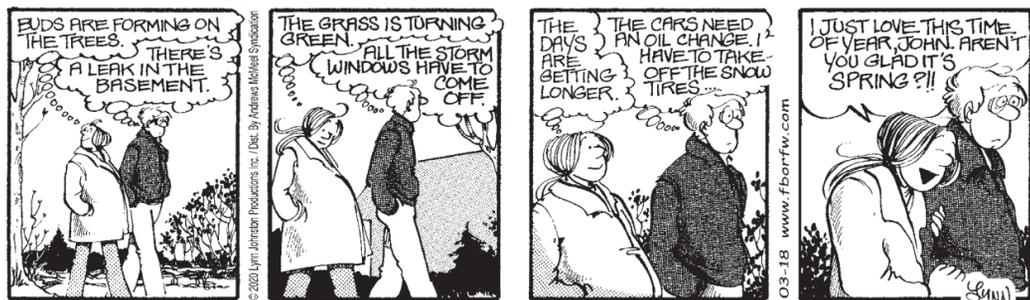
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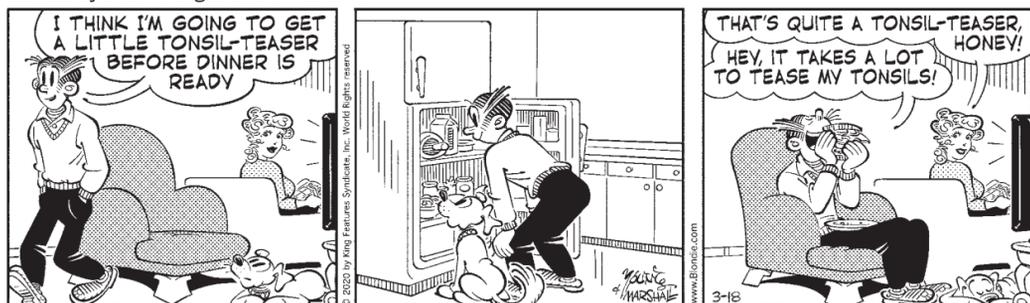
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**For Better or for Worse** By Lynn Johnston



**Blondie** By Dean Young and John Marshall



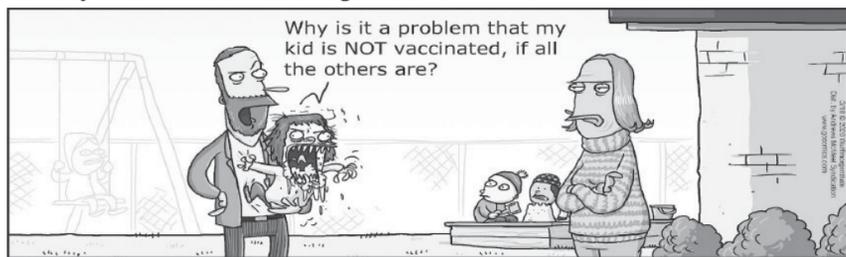
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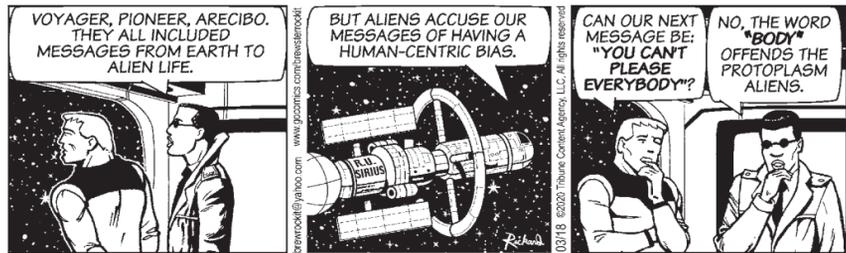
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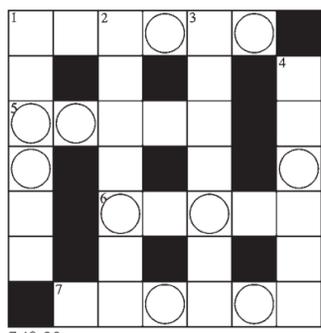
**Which of these was the first character balloon in the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade?**

A) Bugs Bunny  
B) Felix the Cat  
C) Snoopy  
D) Underdog

**Tuesday's answer:** A research team led by Louis and Mary Leakey discovered Homo habilis remains at Olduvai Gorge in Tanzania in the 1960s.

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**Jumble Crossword**



**CLUE ACROSS**

1. Comment  
5. Dull, tasteless  
6. Fewest  
7. Self-\_\_\_

**CLUE DOWN**

1. Blue \_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_ vaccine  
3. Give off, emanate  
4. Habit

**ANSWER**

ACROSS  
1. RERMKA  
5. ANBDL  
6. STELA  
7. MSETEE

DOWN  
1. BRIONB  
2. ASMSLEE  
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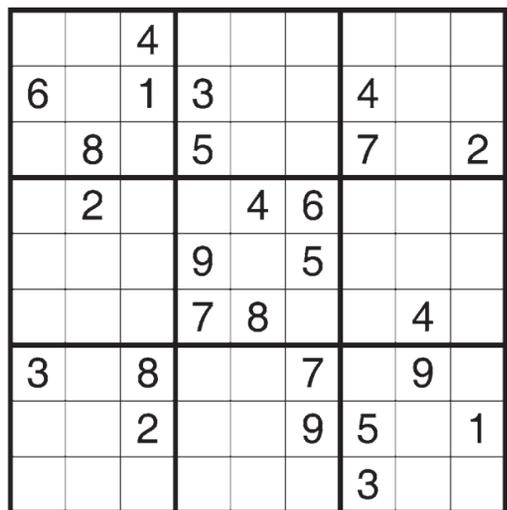
**BONUS** ○○○○○○○○○○○

**CLUE:** This is the most popular sport in Lithuania.

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ANSWERS: 1-Kermka 5-Anbdl 6-Stela 7-Msetee  
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**Sudoku** 1 2 3 4

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7	3	2	5	4	9	1	8	6
5	9	1	6	7	8	2	4	3
4	6	8	3	2	1	7	9	5
2	7	4	9	1	3	6	5	8
1	5	3	8	6	4	9	7	2
6	8	9	7	5	2	3	1	4
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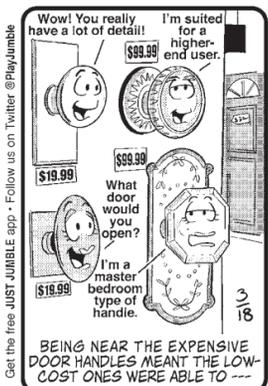
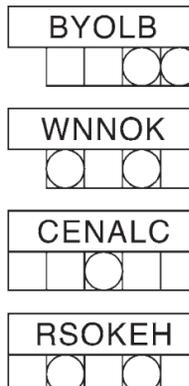
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

**Tuesday'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



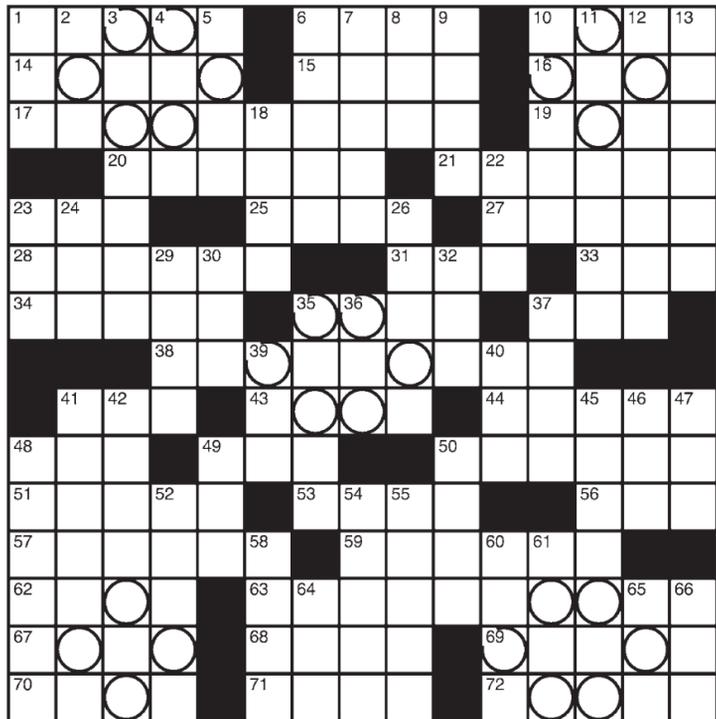
**Tuesday's answers**

Jumbles: KIOSK SPURN COUNTY LARGER  
Answer: You shouldn't iron a four-leaf clover unless you want to — PRESS YOUR LUCK

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**Crossword**

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**Across**

1 \_\_\_ d'art  
6 It's sold in bars  
10 Ax-like tool  
14 Move furtively  
15 "In memoriam" bio  
16 Cow conversation  
17 Rite of Christian ordination  
19 Hip '60s Brits  
20 Rodeo ropes  
21 Honeybunch  
23 Montréal mate  
25 Fights (for)  
27 "Cold Mountain" hero played by Jude Law  
28 Bolster  
31 Enhance, as an expense report  
33 Whiz  
34 Sticking points  
35 Carries out  
37 ER personnel  
38 Fabric ponytail holder  
41 Chinese menu surname

43 Foldable beds  
44 Pet store enclosures  
48 Dismissive syllable  
49 Hasty escape  
50 Computer key  
51 Bounded  
53 Quite  
56 Leaves in the afternoon?  
57 Irritate by rubbing  
59 Supermarket walkways  
62 Mall directories  
63 1850s Eurasian conflict  
67 "Ick!"  
68 Spanish cat  
69 Salty expanse  
70 Director Kazan  
71 With the circled word in the grid's center, what each circled word is?  
72 Celestial red giant

22 \_\_\_ al-Fitr: end-of-Ramadan feast  
23 Fitting  
24 Hosp. scan  
26 MS format details  
29 Mexican money  
30 L.A. school  
32 Tray filler  
35 Milano cathedral  
36 Prov. bordering four Great Lakes  
37 Authentic  
39 Early TV maker  
40 Freezer cubes  
41 Game for little hitters  
42 Wrinkly dog  
45 Jumps in the lake  
46 Summer in la ville  
47 Vast quantity  
48 Served like cherries jubilee  
49 British co. letters  
50 A teaspoon, say  
52 Ottoman title  
54 French-speaking Caribbean country  
55 Colorful memory game  
58 Heart tests, briefly  
60 Golden Triangle country  
61 SASEs, e.g.  
64 Missy Elliott music genre  
65 Battery for small electronics  
66 GI's furlough

**Tuesday's solution**



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## HEALTH &amp; FAMILY

## 'They wouldn't help me'

For minorities,  
a postpartum  
pain disparity

BY DARCEL ROCKETT

Patrice Bell, 29, of Beaumont, Texas remembers delivering her son Justin six years ago in a Virginia hospital. She recalls being in a lot of pain during labor and a subsequent cesarean, which she felt she was forced into. When she was in recovery and air compression leg wraps were placed on her legs to prevent blood clots, she said she screamed aloud each time they would inflate.

"Every time they would inflate to get the circulation pumping, it would move my torso, so it felt like I was being ripped open," Bell said. "I'm a small person, so every time they would inflate, I would feel pain in my lower body. And they wouldn't help me. I was screaming, and they wouldn't give me pain meds at all.

"I'm allergic to hydrocodone, and they knew that coming in. All they said to me was: 'You're allergic. I can't give you anything.' But I was like: 'You knew about this. You should have had the meds available. That way I would be comfortable after I had the baby.'"

Bell said she didn't know how long she was in pain. She said it felt like hours. When Bell, now a Winthrop Harbor resident, remembers that moment, she doesn't know why the nurses weren't listening to her.

"I just remember not feeling heard. They gave me attitude like this was normal — deal with it. (The nurse) ... it was like she had been through deliveries so many times and seen so many people scream that mine fell on deaf ears," Bell said.

Bell is not alone in such postpartum scenarios. A recent Northwestern Medicine study found that black and Latina women report more pain postpartum than white women, yet they receive less opioid medication in the hospital and are less likely to receive a prescription for an opioid at postpartum discharge. Following delivery, women commonly use pain medication to manage cramping, vaginal lacerations, and surgical and musculoskeletal pain. Previous studies have found that minority patients with migraines and long bone fractures receive less pain medication than white patients. Northwestern's study shows that postpartum women experience similar disparities.

The study looked at a cohort of 9,900 deliveries at Northwestern Medicine



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Prentice Women's Hospital from December 2015 through November 2016, said lead researcher Dr. Nevert Badreldin, assistant professor of obstetrics and gynecology at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine and a Northwestern Medicine physician.

She said the reasons for the disparities in pain management are complex. According to the study, cultural differences and

language barriers may factor into the inequity of pain management. It remains unclear if the findings in the study are the result of different prescribing by obstetricians, different management of pain by bedside nurses, or different patient requests for or acceptance of opioid analgesia.

"We assess pain routinely on a level of zero to 10, and that scale can mean something very different

from one person to the other and even culturally from one culture to the other," Badreldin said.

When health care professionals assessing pain and function postpartum pay more attention to their own expertise than to what their patients are saying, that's when situations like Bell's occurs, according to Badreldin.

"So the patient might say that I'm in pain, but the provider will assess that the

patient is up and mobilized and meeting milestones and therefore will treat them as though their pain is less," she said. "People rely very heavily on what they perceive is their clinical expertise. And that's part of the impetus for us getting this qualitative data from patients and understanding what their experience is."

Columbus, Georgia, native Shekeia Boyd, 38, delivered her son Khorie 19

weeks ago. Since then, she said, she's been diagnosed with sciatica so excruciating that she has difficulty walking with her son in her arms or picking him up. She's told medical professionals about the ongoing pain, but their response is that she should take Motrin. She said she has had to go back repeatedly to ask for a better solution and eventually was given naproxen.

"You have to be forceful about your own health care," Boyd said. "I am a single mother. I conceived my son through IVF (in vitro fertilization). Sometimes there's an argument to get the care that you want because they don't want to give it to you. I had to tell all my doctors: Do not dismiss what I'm thinking, what I'm telling you or how I feel. If so, I will ring every bell, every alarm, every whistle. You will hear me because this is my body. I need this body to deal with my son, to help him grow."

Badreldin's research (with co-authors Dr. Lynn Yee and Dr. William Grobman, also of Northwestern) points to the need for standardizing opioid-prescribing protocols to decrease discrepancies in postpartum pain management.

"The first step to try to tease out those contributing factors, and we're doing, is by performing a qualitative study where we're doing more in-depth interviews with a smaller cohort of patients to kind of understand what their postpartum pain experience was and their perception of their providers, views on opiate prescribing and opiate use in the postpartum period," Badreldin said. "Acknowledging the presence of racial and ethnic disparities in postpartum pain management is the first step toward addressing why it exists and how we can stop it."

Bell is now training to become a doula to help prevent other women of color from experiencing what she did. She plans to open her own doula practice called Sunny's Organic Services.

"After my own birth, I ran across an article about how there is a need for more black advocates for minorities," she said. "During birth, you can't really speak for yourself. So much is going on, a lot of people just go with the flow instead of realizing that they can say, 'No, I want this.' You have to get past this idea of being problematic in delivery. If you're uncomfortable, you have to speak up and out about it. Not only is the voice for you, but your child as well." [drockett@chicago.tribune.com](mailto:drockett@chicago.tribune.com)

Doctors differ on play  
dates during outbreak

HEIDI STEVENS  
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Time's about to get reeeeeeal heavy on our hands, especially with restless, bored kids — from infants on up to college students — suddenly home from day care, school and pretty much every extracurricular activity, in an unprecedented attempt to curb the spread of a global coronavirus pandemic.

Are play dates OK to pass the time?

It depends who you ask.

Asaf Bitton, a Boston-based primary care physician, wrote a widely shared Medium piece calling on parents to commit to "no kid play

dates, parties, sleepovers or families/friends visiting each other's houses and apartments" during school and other closures related to coronavirus.

"This sounds extreme because it is," Bitton wrote. "We are trying to create distance between family units and between individuals. It may be particularly uncomfortable for families with small children, kids with differential abilities or challenges, and for kids who simply love to play with their friends. But even if you choose only one

friend to have over, you are creating new links and possibilities for the type of transmission that all of our school/work/public event closures are trying to prevent. The symptoms of coronavirus take four to five days to manifest themselves. Someone who comes over looking well can transmit the virus."

On the other hand, infectious disease physician and epidemiologist Eli Perencevich told the New York Times that play dates are fine, with proper precautions, and trying to isolate yourselves and your kids from everyone else over the coming weeks "would be impossible."

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Day cares, schools and colleges are closed because of a global coronavirus pandemic. Are play dates OK?

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# More patients choosing to repeat obesity surgery

An estimated 15% came after having previous procedure

BY CANDICE CHOI  
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As more Americans turn to surgery to lose weight, more of them are also returning for a second operation because the first isn't working.

Last year, an estimated 15% of the 252,000 obesity surgeries in the U.S. came after a previous surgery. That compares with 6% of the 158,000 surgeries in 2011, according to a surgeons' group.

Weight-loss surgery has proved to be an effective way to treat obesity and related conditions like diabetes. Methods vary, but the operations generally shrink the stomach to limit how much people can eat without feeling sick.

Many people achieve significant weight loss, but results aren't assured: It's still possible to overeat, restrictive devices can slip and stomachs can stretch back out and patients can regain weight over time.

That was the case for Kerrie Dutton, who had her first surgery four years ago.

At first, Dutton said she couldn't eat much without feeling sick, as expected. She quickly dropped about 100 of her 320 pounds. Then gradually, her stomach started stretching, and she was able to eat more again.

"Going into the second year, I noticed that my weight was creeping up pretty quick," said the 29-year-old Dutton, who lives on New York's Long Island.

Dutton's first operation was a newer procedure that cuts away part of the stomach and leaves a narrow sleeve-like pouch. In October, she ended up converting to a more established surgery that reduces the stomach substantially more.



KATHY YOUNG/AP

Dr. Neil Floch, second from left, performs gastric bypass surgery, using monitors to guide him, at Nuvance Health's hospital in Norwalk, Connecticut.

In the U.S., guidelines generally reserve weight-loss surgery for the severely obese — people with a body mass index of 40 or higher — or those with a BMI of 35 and over who have a related health problem like diabetes or high blood pressure.

And the obesity problem in the U.S. isn't getting better. About 4 in 10 American adults are obese and nearly 1 in 10 are severely obese, according to the latest survey by government researchers.

The American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery doesn't provide a breakdown on which procedures are leading to subsequent operations. Dr. John Morton, a past president of the group and surgeon at the Yale School of Medicine, said it's primarily

patients who got an adjustable and removable band that restricts the size of the stomach. The band's popularity in the U.S. has waned significantly over the years.

ReShape Lifesciences, a medical device company that bought the Lap-Band system in 2018, said it doesn't believe removal of its bands has been fueling second surgeries. Dr. Mark Watson, who does banding at UT Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, said another surgery could be avoided with proper care of the band, which may need adjustment to work.

Contributing to the growing number of returning patients is the sleeve, which now accounts for 61% of U.S. procedures. Surgeons say many patients opt for the sleeve because it seems less complicated and

less drastic than the bypass, which staples the stomach into a small pouch and shortens the intestinal tract.

Some surgeons are beginning to acknowledge the sleeve may not be the best option for some, such as those who are severely obese.

"It's been too broadly applied," said Dr. Stacy Brethauer, a Columbus, Ohio, surgeon and former president of the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery, which tracks trends in procedures.

Since the sleeve is relatively new, there isn't strong data on how patients might fare over the long term, but Brethauer said surgeons have seen sleeve patients starting to return for a revision.

Prospective patients

need to understand the options, surgeons say, since additional surgeries can increase the risk of complications.

Dr. Neil Floch, a surgeon in Norwalk, Connecticut, said the right procedure will depend on the person's situation: "It's an individualized decision as to which surgery a particular person should have to get the best result."

After the sleeve, the most common procedure is the traditional gastric bypass. It's considered more effective partly because it also limits how much food is digested. Generally, both are considered safe and performed laparoscopically, or through small incisions.

The need for another surgery doesn't necessarily mean patients regret their

decisions. Some say they got what they believed was the best option for them at the time.

Others like Anita Saah, a 45-year-old Rockville, Maryland, resident, may have taken a different route in hindsight.

In 2018, Saah opted for the sleeve because it seemed less risky than the bypass. She lost weight immediately but suffered severe dehydration afterward and was vomiting bile, likely because of her previous acid reflux issues.

In September, she had another surgery, this time a bypass. She hasn't had further complications and only wishes she understood how serious the acid reflux could become.

"I wouldn't have had to go through two surgeries," Saah said.

## Stevens

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"Dr. Perencevich recommended organizing play dates around an isolated outdoor activity," the New York Times reported. "Invite another child to come along on a family hike. Or have the kids run around in a big, uncrowded park, which will be less germ than a popular local playground."

(Bitton also weighed in on playgrounds: "If you have kids, try not to use public facilities like playground structures, as coronavirus can live on plastic and metal for up to nine days, and these structures aren't getting regularly cleaned.")

But temperatures are scheduled to hover around the high 30s/low 40s in Chicago for the next week or so. What about kids hanging out together indoors?

I called Scott Goldstein, a pediatrician at Northwestern Children's Practice and instructor of clinical pediatrics at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine, to get his input.

"There's no one right way of handling this," Goldstein said. "The American Academy of Pediatrics hasn't put out a specific recommendation saying, 'Stay at home and don't do play dates.' And you go online, and everybody has their viewpoints and I'm seeing a lot of parent-shaming, which isn't helpful."

If play dates are optional — you don't need to host a child whose parents have to go to work or attend to something mandatory; you don't need to drop your child at a friend's house for similar reasons — "it's probably best to avoid them," Goldstein said.

But he didn't want to go as far as Bitton and outright ban small, social get-togethers.

"If nobody in your house is sick and nobody in the other house is sick and you want to get a couple of kids

who are not sick together to do something creative," he said. "I think that's something a reasonable person could feel comfortable with."

He emphasized that the risk of contracting coronavirus remains low for children and that the vast majority of people who do contract the illness don't experience severe symptoms.

But there is wisdom, he said, in trying to "flatten the curve," meaning we each do our part to limit how fast and far the virus spreads by taking social distancing measures where we can.

"Before this blew up, a lot of people, even me, were saying, 'This is something that just has to run its course like the flu does every year, and people are going to get it, and some people are going to get sick like they do with any virus and then it's going to go away,'" Goldstein said.

"But then it became more clear that people are getting more sick from this than they do with your typical flu season," he continued, "and the body doesn't have any natural immunity to it, and we have no treatment for it except to put people in the hospital and support them with whatever they need — whether it's oxygen or IV fluid. And if you just let it go unchecked, you're going to have this exponential growth of people getting infected, and it's just going to overwhelm the health care system because you can't provide people the support they need because there's just no space to do it — not enough doctors, not enough equipment, not enough nurses. So the idea with flattening the curve is that if you limit the exposure to people, it's going to build up at a much slower level, which makes the peak much lower, which less the health care system accommodate the sick people, which also then prevents them from spreading it."

I like that approach. I'm going to do everything in my power to adopt that

approach, I told Goldstein, including not letting my kids have friends over or go to friends' houses while their schools are closed through March 30.

"Everybody is going to have their own comfort level," he said. "There's no one right approach."

And no two families' lives or schedules or sets of needs look the same, I realize.

But for me? With the privilege of a job that allows me to work from home, and a budget that allows me to buy groceries and supplies ahead of time, and a (thus far) generally healthy family that doesn't have to venture out to address a chronic medical condition? I'm going to hunker down and try to flatten that dang curve.

"The big burden of flattening the curve has already been put on families by canceling school and all activities," Goldstein said. "That's a huge way of flattening the curve, and that's going to go a long way toward helping, way more than one person not having one play date."

Fair enough. These are scary times, and the recommendations and statistics are changing rapidly. I certainly don't want to judge anyone's approach to this pandemic. (Except the guy who bought up 17,700 bottles of hand sanitizer. I definitely judge him.)

But I also love this quote from Mari Armstrong-Hough, an epidemiologist and assistant professor of global public health at New York University, who tweeted, "You won't ever know if what you did personally helped. That's the nature of public health. When the best way to save lives is to prevent a disease rather than treat it, success often looks like an over-reaction."

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## Q&A

### Adults up to 45 and at risk for HPV infection can get vaccine

Mayo Clinic

**Q: Why is the HPV vaccine now offered to adults and adolescents? I was surprised to hear that it's recommended up to age 45. Will the vaccine do any good for adults who already have HPV?**

**A:** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention now recommend that some adults aged 27 to 45 talk with their health care provider about the human papillomavirus, or HPV, vaccine. The vaccine isn't necessary for everyone in that age group. The focus is on people who weren't vaccinated when they were younger and are at risk for infection.

If you are older than 26 and not sure whether you need the vaccine, ask your health care provider. Although the HPV vaccine can prevent a new HPV infection, it cannot treat one you already have.

HPV is the most common sexually transmitted infection in the U.S. Almost all sexually active people get an HPV infection at some point.

In many cases, HPV may not cause symptoms or lead to health concerns, and the body clears the infection without any problems. But certain strains of HPV are dangerous viruses that can lead to cancer and genital warts.

Two strains of HPV cause 70% of all cervical cancer and cervical precancerous lesions. Once cervical cancer develops, it is difficult to treat and can be life-threatening.

HPV infections also can lead to other genital and anal cancers in females, as well as penile cancer and anal cancer in males. In addition, HPV causes most oral and throat cancers, as well as genital warts in men and women.

The HPV vaccine has



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The CDC now recommends some adults aged 27 to 45 talk with their health care provider about HPV vaccine.

proved to be a safe and effective way to prevent HPV infection, but it can't cure an existing infection. So the best time to get the vaccine is before you are exposed to the virus.

That means it's ideal to be fully vaccinated before becoming sexually active. The vaccine is most effective and has been most extensively studied in children between the ages of 9 and 14.

People in this age group require only two doses. For people who receive their first shot of the vaccine after age 14, a three-dose series is recommended.

Until recently, the vaccine wasn't recommended for people older than 26. That's because most people older than 26 already have been exposed to the virus. However, the CDC now recommends that people between the ages of 27 and 45 talk to their health care provider about the benefit the vaccine may have for them.

It may be worthwhile to get the HPV vaccine if you are in that age group and are sexually active outside a long-term monogamous relationship. At any age, having a new sexual

partner significantly increases your risk of a new HPV infection. And due to the seriousness of the diseases HPV can cause, it is important to ensure that you are adequately vaccinated against the virus any time you change partners.

In general, if you are 27 to 45 and are in a long-term relationship with only one sex partner, or if you are not sexually active, you do not need the HPV vaccine. The HPV vaccine offers protection against the medical concerns caused by the HPV virus, some of which can be deadly.

If you're older than 26 and you think you may need the HPV vaccine, talk with your health care provider. It is worth considering because the HPV vaccine has proved to be a safe and effective anti-cancer vaccine.

— Dr. Gregory Poland, Vaccine Research Group, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota

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# Look at 'active surveillance'

BY JANE E. BRODY  
The New York Times

Howard Wolinsky is a medical journalist in Flossmoor, Illinois, who knows better than to go forward with potentially life-changing surgery without first seeking a second opinion.

Nine years ago, at age 63, when a PSA blood test followed by a biopsy revealed cancer in Wolinsky's prostate gland, the diagnosing urologist said he could operate to remove the offending organ the following week.

Not so fast, Wolinsky thought, knowing this was not a minor operation and one that often left men temporarily or permanently impotent, incontinent or both. So before having surgery Wolinsky consulted Dr. Scott Eggener, a University of Chicago urologist, who reviewed the test results and proposed an alternative strategy called "active surveillance."

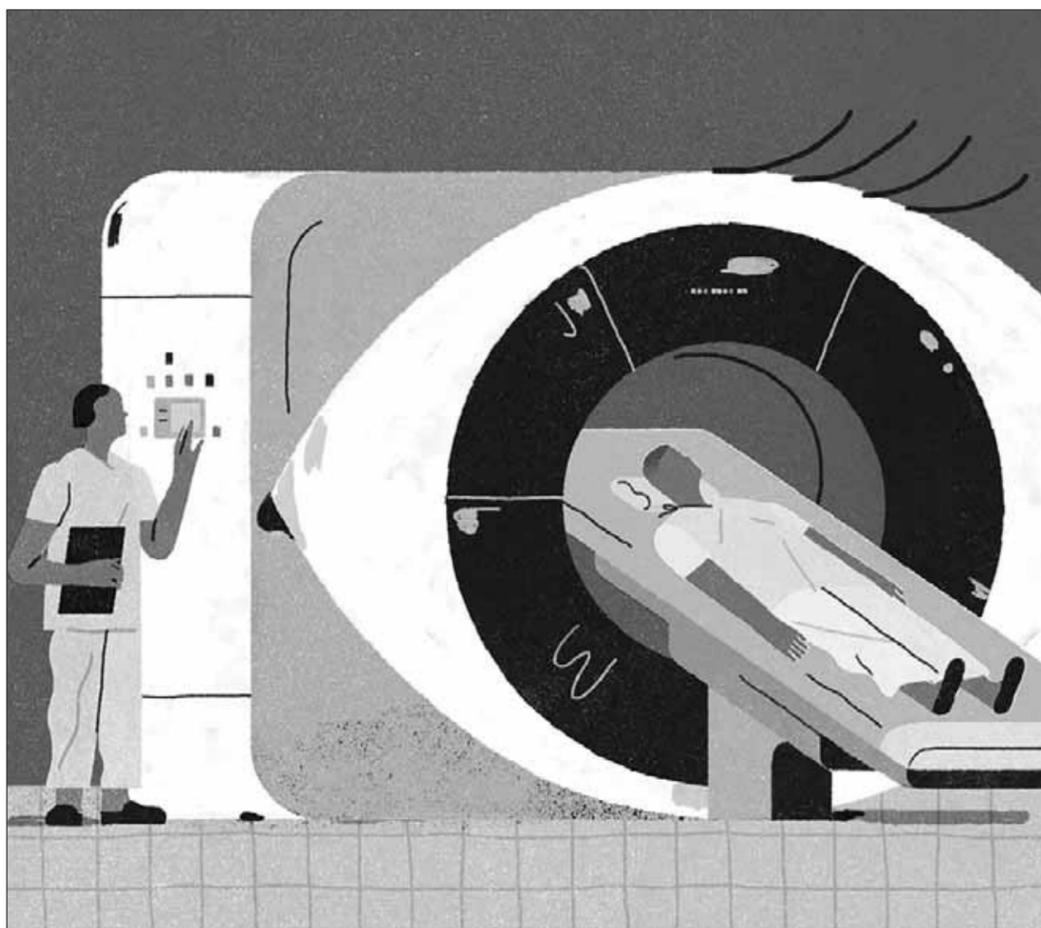
Not to be confused with "watchful waiting," active surveillance is not a do-nothing approach. Rather, patients are routinely monitored and referred for surgery or radiation therapy only if their cancer begins to grow or show molecular signs of aggression.

Current estimates are that about half of men found to have prostate cancer could avoid radical treatment and its potential side effects if they were willing to live with having a cancer, albeit a seemingly benign one, in their bodies.

These are men whose cancer is deemed, based on its biological characteristics, to be low risk in terms of progressing to a potentially life-threatening state.

Only if periodic exams reveal that a man's cancer is shown to be progressing to a more aggressive state would more radical treatment be considered. For men who choose active surveillance, Eggener said,

Not to be confused with 'watchful waiting,' this routine-monitoring approach could reduce need for radical treatment of prostate cancer



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this generally affects about 5% annually for the first five to 10 years.

Other reasons for abandoning active surveillance and undergoing radical treatment include the patients' growing anxiety about living with cancer and pressure from family members, and sometimes even from their doctors to "get it out," clinicians report.

Watchful waiting, which involves little or no monitoring, is still sometimes suggested but mainly reserved for men with a limited life expectancy for

other reasons or those whose health status makes surgery inadvisable.

Based on his PSA of less than 4 and a Gleason score of 6, Wolinsky said, "Dr. Eggener told me, 'You're the perfect candidate — the poster child for active surveillance.'"

The Gleason score is a measure of the cancer's aggressiveness, and a composite score of less than 7 is generally deemed low-risk disease.

So starting in 2010, Wolinsky had a PSA test and digital rectal exam every six months and an

annual biopsy of the prostate, which was eventually lengthened to every three years. It's now been four years since the last biopsy, and chances are, unless a worrisome rise in the PSA occurs and other tests indicate an aggressive cancer, he may never need another.

Given the now rapidly changing methods of monitoring and diagnosing the lethality of prostate cancer, it behooves every man told he has cancer in this gland to explore the most currently available management options be-

fore deciding on treatment. There are now even support groups to help reassure men with a low-risk cancer who choose active surveillance.

"The field is on fire," said Dr. Laurence Klotz, a leading expert on urological cancer and pioneer of active surveillance.

"Within a few years, we'll have urine and blood tests that are so reliable we'll know which men don't even need a biopsy. Instead of a biopsy, there are now at least five biomarkers and more being developed that can be

used as an initial test."

Even the process of biopsy has changed.

For decades, when a possible cancer was suspected based on the PSA test or digital rectal exam, doctors blindly took 12 core samples from the prostate to search for a malignancy. Now an MRI can be done first and a biopsy performed only if and when a potentially serious lesion is revealed. High-resolution ultrasound may even become a simpler and less expensive alternative to an MRI, Klotz said.

To avoid the need for a biopsy, Klotz is leading a large Canadian clinical trial, called Precise, to determine if an MRI is sufficiently accurate in detecting dangerous cancers and distinguishing them from harmless ones. He estimates, based on early data, that as many as 250,000 men a year in Canada and the United States could avoid unnecessary biopsies without compromising the ability to identify clinically significant cancers.

This approach results in the diagnosis of many fewer indolent cancers that would most likely never threaten a man's life, said Klotz, a professor of surgery at the University of Toronto.

"With an MRI, we find fewer of these low-grade cancers, and fewer men will be overtreated," he said.

If Eggener had his way, he would not even call it cancer for men with a Gleason score of 6 or lower because "it fails to meet the clinical definition of cancer: the ability to cause symptoms, metastasize or lead to death," he wrote in an email. "Removing the cancer label has been done in other cancers, most notably a subtype of thyroid and bladder cancers. I predict this will eventually happen for Gleason 6 prostate cancer and be reason for celebration."

## 6 secrets of people who bring their lunch to work every day

With a little flexibility, you'll pay less and eat fewer calories

BY JESSICA MIGALA  
Health.com

You probably have at least one co-worker who, day after day, whips out a colorful Mason-jar salad or veggie-packed wrap. She's on to something: If you're hitting up a restaurant for your midday meal Monday through Friday, it's almost certain you're paying too much money and eating too many calories.

Plus, researchers at Tufts University found that even "healthier" fast-food options still pack more salt and calories than you think.

Instead, stock up on the best to-go containers for packing a lunch and learn how to become the type of person who actually uses them.

### 1. Plan out your lunch prep.

You have three choices: Prep and package your midday meals over the weekend so you can just grab-and-go every weekday morning; make your lunch every evening; or get up a little earlier and do it all in the morning. Experiment to find the approach that's right for you. One tip: If you're packing the night before, do it while you're making dinner. It'll help solidify the habit — and will save you from double cleanup.

### 2. Lunch-makers give leftovers a little extra love.

Eating the same thing for lunch that you had for dinner last night can get really old, really fast. That's why people who bring their lunches to work know how to dress up their leftovers. Some ideas: Tortilla wraps can turn a casserole into a burrito. Cooked pasta can be the base of a vegetarian pasta salad by adding roasted veggies, beans and a sauce, like pesto. Most meals can be chopped and thrown on your choice of



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While all your co-workers are bored with their packed sandwiches, you can feast on eggs for lunch.

lettuce with dressing for an instant tossed salad. Reinventing your leftovers tricks your taste buds into believing you're having a totally new meal, minus all the extra prep.

### 3. They have basic recipes that go beyond sandwiches.

Try this take on a big salad bowl by tossing together greens, 90-second plain brown rice, canned beans for protein, whatever veggies are lingering in your fridge and a fat like avocado or cheese. Put homemade vinaigrette or salsa in a little container, and toss the salad at

lunchtime.

### 4. They eat away from their desks.

Perhaps the chance to leave your workspace for a break is part of the reason why you're grabbing take-out for lunch every day. You need that break to de-stress and give yourself a

breather. Take a break in the office kitchenette or, on nice days, go outside.

### 5. They set up lunch clubs.

Divide and conquer workday lunch with a co-worker who also brown-bags it. On Monday, bring two servings of lunch to share; then it's her turn on Tuesday. It's half the work, but twice the variety. Just make sure your colleague is reliable and motivated — you'll be stuck grabbing takeout if your friend forgets your food.

### 6. Lunch pros plan for a freebie day (or two).

It's a mistake to assume you'll eat a packed lunch 100% of the time. Inevitably, your friend will ask you to meet for sushi, or you'll have to take a client out for food. And that's OK! Aim to bring lunch two to four times per week, depending on what your circumstances are at work. Just like everything else in life, your lunch break requires a little flexibility.

## Cannabis use up 75% among older Americans

Legalization among the factors

BY SARAH GANTZ  
Philadelphia Inquirer

Cannabis use is on the rise among older adults as more states move toward legalization for medical or recreational use, according to new analysis published online in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

The number of adults over 65 who used cannabis

in the last year increased 75% between 2015 and 2018, according to the study by researchers at New York University School of Medicine.

The portion of seniors using cannabis is still small. The analysis estimated that about 4.2% of seniors used cannabis in 2018, compared with 2.4% in 2015. But that's a dramatic increase from a decade ago — less than half of 1% of seniors reported cannabis use in 2006.

The report was based on a survey of nearly 15,000

adults over age 65 asked about their use of cannabis, marijuana, hashish, pot, grass and hash oil — either smoked or ingested.

Though not backed up by clinical research, cannabis is believed to have medicinal benefits, specifically in reducing pain. But researchers found that the increase in cannabis use among seniors was driven by individuals who do not have chronic health conditions.

Researchers found the greatest increases in canna-

bis use among women, racial and ethnic minorities, individuals with higher incomes, and individuals with a mental health condition.

The study also found an increase in the number of older adults who used cannabis and alcohol, a combination that is more dangerous than using either substance alone.

The study's authors said the findings point to the need for more research about how cannabis affects older adults.



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States have been moving toward legalization of marijuana.

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**PEOPLE'S PHARMACY** PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

## Be careful when trying out ginseng for blood pressure

BY JOE GRAEDON AND TERESA GRAEDON  
King Features Syndicate



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**Q:** I read once that long-term use of ginseng might lead to high blood pressure. I feel that happened to me.

I am now on a “mild” blood pressure medicine called valsartan. I never had hypertension until I started taking ginseng.

**A:** The effect of ginseng on blood pressure is controversial. A systematic review analyzed data from nine randomized controlled trials. Some studies actually showed that Korean red ginseng might lower blood pressure (Current Vascular Pharmacology, Issue 6, 2017). Other research did not confirm this, and some data suggest that ginseng may contribute to high blood pressure (Acta Cardiologia, Jan. 1, 2018). We would encourage caution.

**Q:** I could not walk up or down the three steps to enter my home without assistance because of severe knee pain. My sports medicine doctor gave me three weekly PRP (platelet-rich plasma) injections to the knee under guided ultrasound.

The results were astounding. Pain is gone. Creptations (crinkling sounds) are almost gone. I can climb a flight of wood stairs with very minimal discomfort.

It's been about two years since the injections and during this time I have walked and climbed all over Egypt, Turkey and France. PRP also cured my agonizing planar fasciitis after I had tried all sorts of treatments without success. Be sure the doctor uses ultrasound during the injections.

Some studies show that ginseng lowers blood pressure; others say it actually contributes to high blood pressure.

**A:** Platelet-rich plasma is prepared from the patient's own blood and reinjected into the knee joint. A systematic review of 12 studies compared PRP injections and hyaluronic acid injections (European Journal of Orthopaedic Surgery & Traumatology, online, Feb. 14, 2020). HA is a natural anti-inflammatory substance the body makes. In this meta-analysis, PRP injections were better for knee joint pain compared with the HA injections. The benefits were detectable after six months and after one year. This research appears to confirm your experience that PRP injections can help ease knee pain.

**Q:** I have been getting testosterone shots for years based on my wife's complaint about my low libido. Yes, they do help. They help a lot!

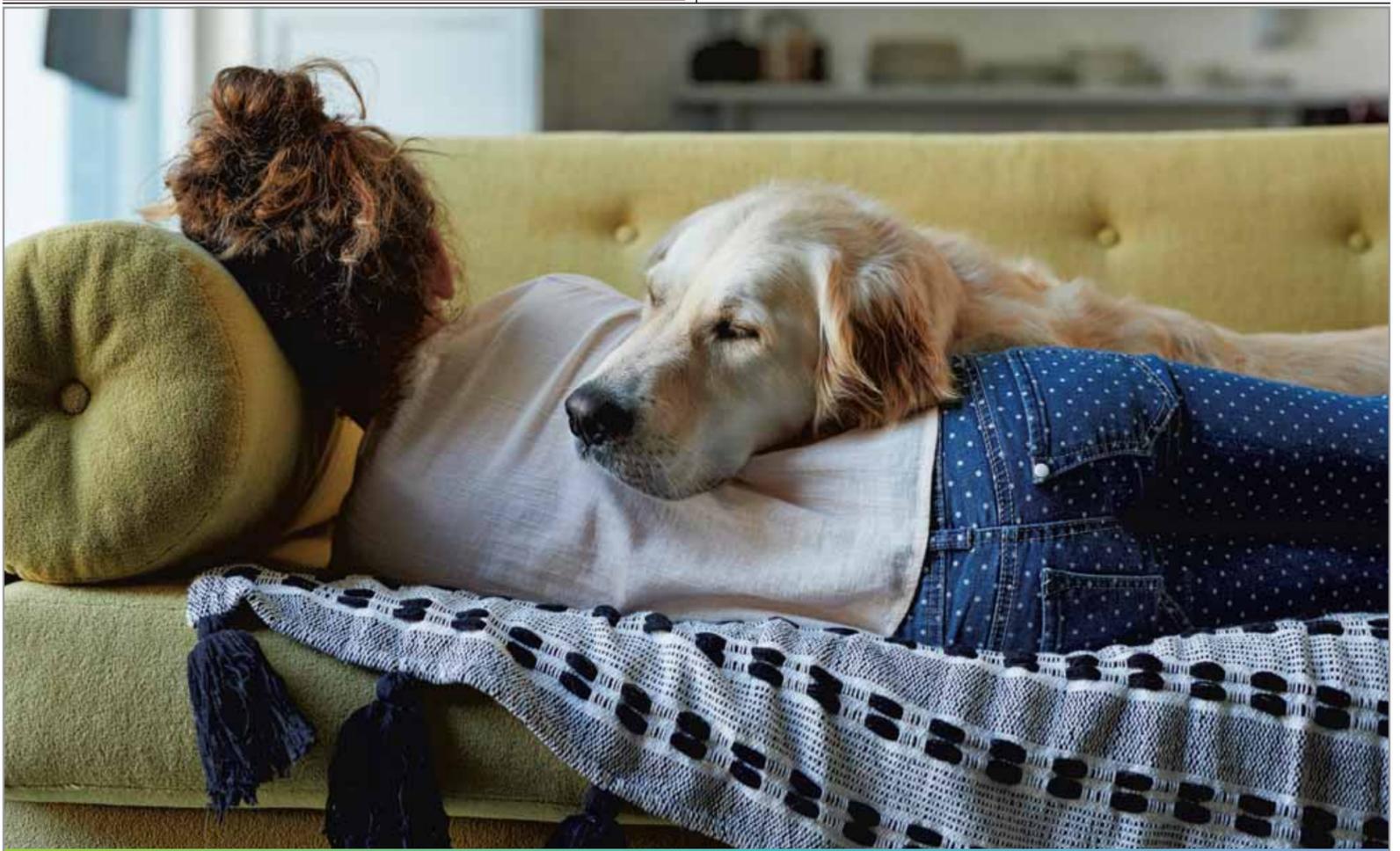
My doctor didn't think I needed them; he thought I was depressed. I objected loudly to that diagnosis, and I demanded a blood test before he cooked my noodle. Sure enough, I had low testosterone, like preteen levels of low. The shots have not

only helped with libido but also have gone a long way toward leveling my moods. My wife believes I'm calmer, more patient and much more focused.

**A word of caution about getting the shots. It takes a while to figure out the dosage for each guy to get to a therapeutic level. Some men respond to low doses. I worked with the doctor as we determined my body simply needed to exist at the higher end of the normal range in order to get the benefits. Monitor your levels with blood tests.**

**A:** The Food and Drug Administration does not approve of using testosterone shots for low libido linked to aging. That said, the American College of Physicians has issued guidelines recommending testosterone shots “to improve sexual function in men with age-related low testosterone” (Annals of Internal Medicine, Jan. 21, 2020).

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The lentil stew is studded with carrots, potatoes and smoked sausage.

# SOUP'S ON!

Stock your pantry with simple ingredients for budget-friendly, fast soups — virus fears or no

BY ROBIN MATHER

Whatever the reason, many's the night you won't feel like stopping at the store on the way home from work. Maybe you're fleeing the flu, or self-quarantining with someone who's under the weather. Maybe it's miserably cold, or your cold is making you miserable; maybe you had to work late, or you had appointments to keep after work.

Still, you have to eat, whatever time you arrive home. With just a few staples on hand, you can choose any of these three budget-friendly soups, customize with other additions, and still have supper on the table in 40 minutes or less.

Choose from a hearty lentil stew, cream of tomato or potato soup. They're not high-end cooking, but they are fast and nourishing and soothing.

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This classic take on potato soup gains flavor and joy from a can of clams and a handful of crisped, chopped bacon.

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# Flamin' hot snacks

Do they all bring the fire? From Takis to Cheetos, we taste 11 to find out

BY GRACE WONG  
Chicago Tribune

While Cheetos staked their claim on the Flamin' Hot flavoring way back in 1992, the mouthwatering moniker has spread to a number of snack foods, and other brands have rushed to capitalize on the mass of spicy snack devotees.

Signaling adoration for all things spicy has never been easier, with apparel, makeup, bags and home goods all devoted to honoring spicy snacks like Flamin' Hot Cheetos and Takis. But do all spicy snacks measure up?

Because there are so many spicy snacks out there, we picked up 11 varieties to see what a small part of the spicy snack landscape looks like. Instead of ranking them, we wanted to provide some insight on the ones we bought, so you can make your own decision on which ones should spice up your life (and palate).

This was not a blind tasting. Participants knew exactly which snack they were eating. Prices reflect what we paid at retail.

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## Takis Fuego

The unanimous winner for all tasters, this snack was described as the definitive hot flavor designed to hit all the nerve centers. With a more muted lime flavor than Turbos Flamas, this snack was praised for its buttery flavor, medium spice that grows with each bite, and great crunch. One taster even said he imagined pairing it with a red wine at a party. Said another taster: "I have nothing bad to say about Takis ever. Even if there were a gun to my head, I would not talk down to these chips. Takis 2020." \$2.50, 9.9 ounces



## Jays Hot Stuff Potato Chips

These chips smelled like childhood memories, but some tasters found them more plain than they would like, complaining that the chip wasn't as spicy as it smelled. Still, these were a good everyday pick and had a pleasant, light sweetness. \$3.79, 10 ounces



## Turbos Flamas

These tight twists had a spike of lime with a targeted heat and a distinct corn flavor. Tasters enjoyed this one for its crunch and said it would be a nice post-work snack. \$2.99, 9.25 ounces



## Ruffles Flamin' Hot Potato Chips

With a sweaty smell and an unnaturally red coating, these were deemed bland compared to the other snacks we tried, and they were not spicy at all. "It's trying too hard to be something it's not," one taster wrote. \$2.49, 8.5 ounces



## Flamin' Hot Nacho Doritos

Whether or not they liked the corn flavor of Doritos, tasters complimented this chip for its nice heat and bright red color. However, it had a grainy texture and was a bit dry. \$3.49, 9.75 ounces



## Flamin' Hot Crunchy Cheetos

Despite its nostalgia-inducing quality, this snack did surprisingly poorly among our tasters, who complimented it for its crunch, but said it lacked the salty and spicy hit they were looking for. \$2.99, 8.5 ounces



## Kettle Brand Jalapeno Potato Chips

Of all the brands we tried, this one received the most complaints, with some participants saying the chips were joyless and bland. Despite its jalapeno designation, participants said this chip had a smoky flavor at best, never reaching an actually spicy level. However, it did receive some compliments as a good, salty kettle chip. \$2.99, 8.5 ounces



## Xtra Flamin' Hot Lay's Stax

Many dubbed this a Pringles wannabe, with a coating that looked like "red sawdust and sadness" on one side and a bare bottom on the other. "If I could tell the CEO to burn these chips, I would," wrote one taster. The only redeeming quality was the delayed heat, which a few people enjoyed. \$1.25, 5.5 ounces



## Smartfood Flamin' Hot White Cheddar Popcorn

This was another brand that failed to provide any real heat with the snack. Participants said the cheese-and-chile combination was gross and had an odd, bitter aftertaste. "I would not buy it and I would not serve it," one taster wrote. \$3.69, 7 ounces



## Flamin' Hot Chester's Fries

If you served these snacks with lime and hot sauce, they may be tasty. However, they were too reminiscent of the forgotten, dried fry at the bottom of the bag. One taster said they were gross with an odd corn flavor, lacked heat and had a sour aftertaste. Multiple people said they kept eating the fries in hopes that the flavor would improve with volume, but were let down in the end. \$2.29, 5.25 ounces



## Munchies Flamin' Hot Snack Mix

While a few tasters enjoyed the variety this snack bag provided, others complained that it was inconsistent in flavor and spice levels. One participant said it tasted like canned salsa, and another said there were too many nonspicy pretzels to really consider this a spicy snack. \$3.29, 8 ounces

# Just the facts: Lemony salmon dish is so satisfying

BY ALISON ROMAN  
The New York Times

Every so often, someone writes an article or blog post or tweet about how they wish people who wrote recipes would just "shut up and publish the recipe." They don't want to hear about how chickpeas were your childhood dog's favorite food, or how a particular pasta dish in a small town outside Rome led to a brief but fiery love affair. They want the facts. They want the ingredients and the amounts and the instructions, and that's it!

I am not going to write a counterpoint, though maybe, one day, I will. (I'm sure you can guess my feelings on the subject.) Today, I will be giving those people what they want. A salmon recipe! A very good salmon recipe, at that. No story, no romantic segue into how this dish came to be — just salmon that you can make for dinner, tonight.

Sure, I could tell a story about how this Very Good Salmon, smothered in a tangy dressing made from whole lemons, diced shallot and just the correct amount of fresh oregano, reminds me of a trip to Greece I once took. But I am an honest woman and I have never been to Greece, so consider yourself spared.



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After being dressed, the salmon is roasted low and slow, lower and slower than you have patience for, but I strongly believe it's the best way to cook salmon. The low temperature allows the stripes of fat to melt without overcooking, resulting in an evenly textured, extremely silky piece of fish. The extra time in the oven at a gentle temperature also

allows the flavors of the dressing to get to know one another, which is like a metaphor for a story I absolutely will not be telling you here, because who has time for a story when there is dinner to make?

Once out of the oven, the salmon is broken up at your discretion (no need to be fussy about this step, just break it up as you like — I

use a fish spatula, but any large spoon or fork will also do the trick) and served however you like. I like to serve this salmon on top of crunchy lettuces. I wouldn't call it a salad, as this dish is still decidedly more salmon than lettuce. But you didn't come here for my personal essay on what makes a salad a salad, so let's get to the point!

## Salmon with whole lemon dressing

Makes: 4 servings Total time: 30 minutes

2 lemons, seeds removed, peel, pith and fruit finely chopped

1 small shallot or garlic clove, finely chopped

3 oregano, marjoram or thyme sprigs, leaves stripped, chopped

2 tablespoons white wine vinegar

Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper

¼ cup olive oil, plus more for drizzling

1½ pounds skin-on salmon fillet (skinless is fine in a pinch)

1 head butter or Little Gem lettuce, torn into large pieces

2 Persian cucumbers or radishes, or both, sliced, for serving

1. **Heat oven** to 325 degrees. In a small bowl, combine finely chopped lemon, shallot, oregano and vinegar for the dressing. Season with salt and pepper, and add ¼ cup olive oil. Set aside.

2. **Season salmon** on both sides with salt and pepper. Place skin-side down in a 9-by-13-inch baking dish (or other 2-quart equivalent). Spoon half the lemon dressing over the salmon, and place in the oven until salmon is just cooked through but still a nice orange-pink in the thickest parts for more of a medium-rare salmon, 15 to 20 minutes, depending on the thickness of the fillet.

3. **Meanwhile, scatter** lettuces onto a large serving platter. Once salmon is out of the oven, use a spoon or spatula to transfer it to the serving platter with the lettuces, leaving behind the skin. Spoon remaining lemon dressing over the salmon and lettuces. Serve alongside cucumbers or radishes, or both, for crunch.

# A grand soiree for a most coveted wine

BY ERIC ASIMOV  
The New York Times

NEW YORK — The party was well underway and, for a gathering of hundreds of people March 7, it was not proceeding according to recent public health recommendations.

The wine was flowing, the music was thumping, and the crowd, between courses of a gala dinner prepared by all-star chefs, was milling about the cavernous room on Pier 60 of Chelsea Piers, threading its way through the narrow passages between the myriad long tables.

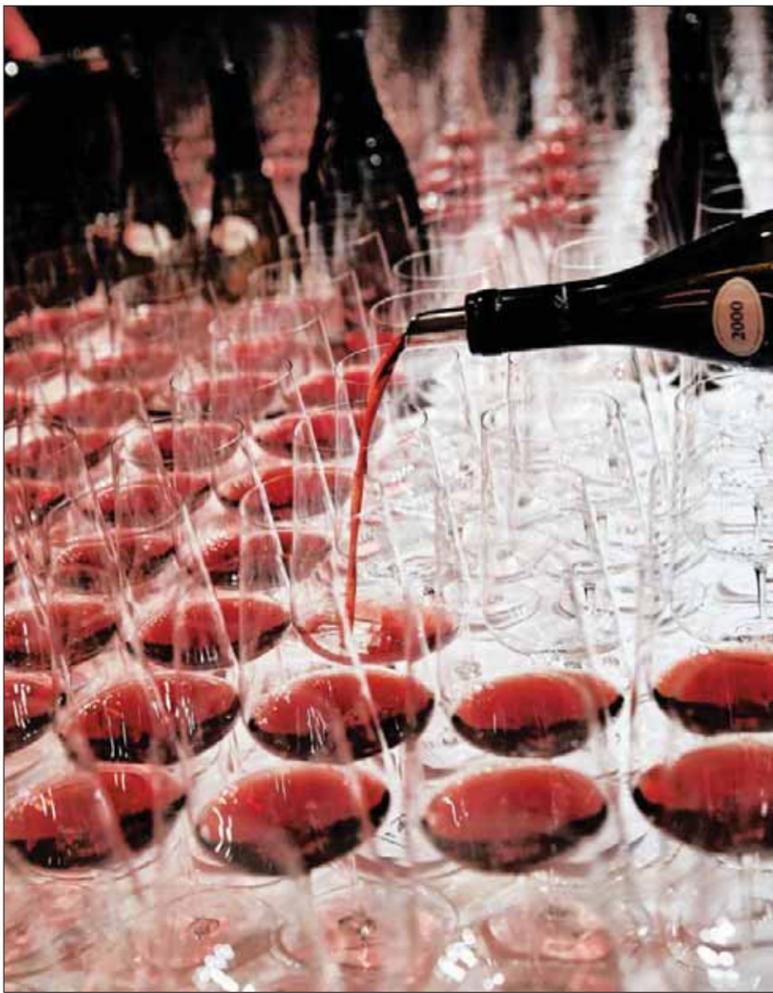
This was the finale of La Paulée de New York, a gathering of 400 or so wine lovers, including groups from as far as Mexico, Brazil and Scandinavia, who had paid \$1,500 apiece for the seven-course meal and a chance to mingle with more than 40 of Burgundy's finest vignerons, the people who grow the grapes and make the wine.

The dinner culminated La Paulée's 20th anniversary, a four-day celebration of all things Burgundian that included small dinners with top producers and rare wines, tastings over many vintages, a seminar on geology and a grand vintage tasting.

The New York festival, which began as a small gathering of Burgundy lovers, has become one of the most influential wine events in the world.

Its 20-year history has been paralleled by the rise of Burgundy itself. At the turn of the 21st century, it was still overshadowed by Bordeaux among the world's historic wine regions.

Now, Burgundy produces the most coveted wines in the world and has become the most influential region as well, defining how winemakers and consumers globally now think of fine wine and its abilities to express the character



ELLEN SILVERMAN/THE NEW YORK TIMES

For 20 years, La Paulée de New York, modeled after a French harvest party, has paralleled Burgundy's rise as the world's most influential wine region.

and culture of the place that produced it.

Burgundy was not nearly all that in 2000, when Daniel Johnnes, then the sommelier at Montrachet, Drew Nieporent's Burgundy-focused restaurant in Tribeca, organized the first La Paulée de New York.

Since then, the demand for Burgundy has accelerated around the world, prices have skyrocketed and La Paulée has grown and spawned dozens of imitations. Johnnes, now the corporate wine director

of Daniel Boulud's Dinex restaurant group, has become arguably the foremost ambassador of Burgundy anywhere.

La Paulée de New York — Johnnes has also taken the event to San Francisco and Hong Kong — has had a lot to do with that growth, bringing groups of Burgundy lovers together and introducing them to like-minded wine fans, to the vignerons themselves and, perhaps most important of all, enveloping them in the spirit of sharing that is legendarily Burgundian.

Conversely, La Paulée has also been instrumental in exposing the vignerons to Burgundy lovers from around the world and, in the process, has transformed a number of respected but little-known winemakers into global superstars.

"In our current world of selfishness and intolerance of those who are different, here we share and celebrate Burgundy," said Aubert de Villaine, co-director of Domaine de la Romanée-Conti, perhaps the most renowned Burgundy pro-

ducer, who offered remarks before the dinner.

La Paulée originated in an ancient Burgundian tradition of proclaiming the grape harvest with a community party. Its modern incarnation was shepherded into existence by Jules Lafon, a Meursault vigneron who invited his neighbors to celebrate with a banquet lunch at his estate in 1923.

The party caught on, and soon it had become an annual event held by Meursault's vignerons and their invited friends, an afternoon-long bacchanal of food, music and songs, fueled by wines provided by the vignerons themselves.

La Paulée de Meursault continued annually through the decades into the 1980s and '90s, when Johnnes and Nieporent initiated a series of wine dinners at Montrachet.

Johnnes focused on a group of young Burgundy producers who, in some cases, had recently taken over family estates and were instrumental in improving the viticulture and winemaking, transforming a somewhat stagnant region into a vibrant source of exquisite, exciting wines.

As Johnnes remembers it, after one of the Montrachet dinners, Lafon invited him to attend the Meursault Paulée. There, he saw firsthand the Burgundian spirit of community and camaraderie — the vignerons walking amid the tables, pouring their wines from bottles new and old, the local singers bursting into traditional drinking songs, punctuated by rhythmic hand claps.

"I was so inspired by the culture of Burgundy, the community, I wanted to try something similar," he said. "I was seduced by the generosity and the power of bringing people together that wine created. Emulating the Paulée was something I wanted to do."

Johnnes and Nieporent invited a handful of winemakers to re-create the event in New York, along with a group of folk singers, Les Chanteurs de Bourgogne, and an interloper, Alain Graillot of Crozes-Hermitage in the Rhône Valley.

"He was friends with them, and he fit in with the spirit," Johnnes said. "In my mind, that's what it was all about."

The success of La Paulée has certainly contributed to the worldwide obsession with Burgundy, and the escalating prices. The arrival of big money in Burgundy has raised what de Villaine called "the risk of the destruction of the tissue of family domains, which is Burgundy."

"There are people who say it's our fault," Johnnes said. "I suppose La Paulée has contributed to exposing Burgundy to the world, so I would say we have played a role for better or worse. It's made it more challenging to keep the commercial element at arm's length and to try to redirect the focus onto the simplicity of the wine: It's just chardonnay and pinot noir."

While the most exalted estates receive the most attention, Johnnes has taken pains to highlight the less expensive side of Burgundy, with events focusing on lesser known, more accessible appellations.

Certainly, the vignerons have no complaints about La Paulée de New York. Lafon remembered that Burgundy had been through hard times in the 20th century, when prices were low and demand minuscule. Below the top level, he said, Burgundy still offers many wines that are good values.

"The gala evening very well represents the spirit of Burgundy with its friendly atmosphere, the desire to share and the slightly surreal side of such events," he said. "Customers come to party, and it shows."



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# A hearty root vegetable hash for breakfast

BY BEN MIMS | Los Angeles Times

My years of being raised in the South left an indelible taste for bacon fat-coated vegetables, a rich treatment I indulge in only once a year. And while you can use butter or olive oil in its place, the distinctive taste of bacon fat works particularly well with that of the root vegetables I use in the hash: creamy, robust rutabaga and sharp, fresh celery root. I toss in mushrooms because I love them, but you can leave them out if they're not your favorite.

The genius of this hash, though, is that it is fully cooked in the oven.

There's no finicky turning and flipping in a skillet, trying in vain to contain the mass of veggies as they surely go spilling over the edge, causing you to curse having to clean your stove top again.

The veggies get steamed on a baking sheet to get them tender before getting blanketed with thick-cut bacon, which bastes the root vegetables in their fat as they render and cook. A final blast of high heat gets the edges crisp and sizzling.

I stir in baby greens in the end to atone for my choice of fat, and serve the whole melange piping hot with a fried egg on top and sharp pickled onions I threw together while the hash baked. It's a hearty breakfast.

## Bacon-basted root vegetable hash

**Time:** 2 1/2 hours, largely unattended **Makes:** 6 to 8 servings

If you want to make this hash vegetarian-friendly, omit the bacon and toss the vegetables with 1/2 cup olive oil or melted butter in Step 3. Then cook the vegetables for 1 hour at 425 degrees or until they're as crispy at the edges as you like.

**3 pounds rutabaga** (about 3 medium), trimmed, peeled and cut into 1/2-inch wedges (2 1/4 pounds)  
**1 1/2 pounds celery root** (about 2 medium), trimmed, peeled and cut into 1/2-inch wedges (10 ounces)  
**1 pound mixed mushrooms**, halved or torn into bite-size pieces  
**4 sprigs rosemary** or 8 sprigs thyme or a mix of both  
**1/2 medium red onion**, thinly sliced lengthwise  
**1/2 cup sherry vinegar**  
**1 teaspoon kosher salt**, plus more  
**14 to 16 slices thick-cut bacon**  
**4 cups mixed hearty salad greens**  
 Freshly ground black pepper  
**6 to 8 fried eggs**

**1. Heat** the oven to 350 degrees. On a large rimmed baking sheet, combine the rutabaga, celery root and mushrooms and toss to mix. Spread the vegetables into an even layer, then place the herb sprigs evenly over the top. Cover the pan with foil, crimping the edges shut, and bake for 1 hour.

**2. While** the vegetables bake, make the pickled onions: Combine the onions, vinegar and 1 teaspoon salt in a medium bowl and refrigerate, stirring every 10 minutes or so, until softened, at least 1 hour. The onions can be made up to 5 days in advance and refrigerated in an airtight container until ready to use.

**3. Uncover** the pan and discard the foil; increase the heat to 425 degrees. Arrange the bacon slices evenly over the vegetables in a single layer, then cook until the bacon is cooked through, about 30 minutes (it will not be crisp). Using tongs, transfer the bacon to paper towels to drain and keep warm; increase the oven temperature to 450 degrees. Use a flat metal spatula to gently flip and redistribute the veggies and herb sprigs, ensuring they're coated in the bacon fat. Return the pan to the oven and cook the vegetables, flipping once halfway through, until brown and crusty, 35 to 40 minutes longer. (Add the bacon back on top of the vegetables for the last 10 minutes of cooking if you want more well-done bacon.)

**4. Remove** the pan from the oven, remove the herb sprigs and stir the greens into the veggies while they're hot so they wilt slightly. Season the hash with salt and pepper and serve while hot, topped with an egg and some pickled onions.



MARIAH TAUGER/TNS

# Sweet potatoes make this the best breakfast bread

BY GENEVIEVE KO  
Los Angeles Times

## Sweet potato bread

**Cook time:** 1 1/2 hours **Makes:** one 9-by-5-inch loaf

You can use any leftover sweet potato you have on hand, whether roasted or steamed, or you can microwave a whole one that's been pricked with a fork until tender, about 5 minutes on high. Canned sweet potato works, though the bread will be a touch less flavorful.

**1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour**  
**1 1/2 teaspoons pumpkin or apple pie spice**  
**1 teaspoon baking soda**  
**1/2 teaspoon kosher salt**  
**1/2 cup granulated sugar**  
**1/2 cup packed dark brown sugar**  
**1 large egg**, room temperature  
**1/2 cup grape seed or other neutral oil**  
**3/4 cup mashed or puréed sweet potato**  
**1/2 cup plain whole-milk yogurt**

**1. Heat** the oven to 350 degrees. Lightly coat a 9-by-5-inch loaf pan with nonstick cooking spray, line the bottom with parchment paper and spray the parchment.

**2. Whisk** the flour, spice, baking soda and salt in a medium bowl. Whisk both sugars, the egg and oil in a large bowl until smooth. Add the sweet potato and yogurt and whisk just until incorporated. Add the dry ingredients and fold until no traces of flour remain. Pour the batter into the pan.

**3. Bake** until a skewer inserted in the center comes out clean, 55 to 60 minutes.

**4. Cool** completely in the pan on a wire rack, then turn out and discard the parchment.

Every Sunday, I bake a slew of breakfast goods for my kids to eat all week. They need to be delicious from day one and still taste good by Friday, be at least a little nutritious and not make a mess in the car. This sweet potato bread — imagine a pumpkin bread but way better — has emerged as a clear winner.

Sweet potatoes bring more natural sweetness and tenderness to this loaf than pumpkin, and a combination of oil and yogurt keeps the slices from drying out while adding a complex richness. The stir-by-hand batter results in a quick bread that's hearty but not heavy. It's a great way to start the day or for an afternoon break with tea, but it can play the role of cake for dessert too, especially if you top slices with ice cream. The loaf will keep for up to one week.

## SERIOUSLY SIMPLE

# Spring is the perfect time to learn how to cook artichokes

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Artichokes are both delicious and fun to eat. And March is the start of artichoke season, so consider cooking up a few whole ones to serve chilled, warm or even grilled.

Make sure to select globe artichokes that have tight, compact heads and tiny thorns. Don't worry if they are a little brown. You will usually find that these are the tastiest and have large hearts.

While thornless artichokes are available, I find them to be less flavorful, with little meat on the leaves and a small heart.

Cooked whole arti-



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chokes, with their delicate, mild flavor, are the perfect vehicle for a variety of sauces. This aioli is a garlic mayonnaise flavored with lemon zest and Parmesan cheese. Try this tested favorite and then branch out with some different flavors.

If you want to grill artichokes for an unusual

smoky-sweet flavor, cook them 10 minutes less than directed, cool and cut in half, scooping out the hairy inner choke and the thorny inner leaves. Brushed with olive oil, place the artichoke halves on a medium-high heat grill and grill for about 4 minutes on a side or until there are grill marks on the artichokes.

## Artichokes with lemon Parmesan aioli

**Prep time:** 20 minutes (plus 4 hours cooling time) **Cook time:** 40 minutes  
**Makes:** 4 or 8 (whole or halves) servings

### For the artichokes:

**4 large artichokes**  
**1 lemon**, sliced  
**1 tablespoon olive oil**  
**Favorite seasoning salt**

### For the aioli:

**3 garlic cloves**  
**1 cup mayonnaise**  
**2 teaspoons lemon zest**  
**1 1/2 teaspoons anchovy paste**  
**3 tablespoons freshly grated Parmesan cheese**  
**Pinch of white pepper**

**1. Working with 1 artichoke at a time** and using a serrated knife, cut about 1/2 inch off the top of an artichoke to remove the main cluster of thorns. Pull the small leaves off the bottom near the stem and discard. Trim the stem flush with the bottom.

**2. Using scissors**, trim 1/2 inch off the top of each of the outer leaves, thus removing the thorny tips. Drop into a large bowl of cold water to which you have added the

lemon juice to prevent discoloration while you trim the remaining artichokes.

**3. Fill** a large pot half full of water, add the lemon slices, olive oil and seasoning salt; bring to a boil over high heat. Add the artichokes, cover, and simmer until the bottoms are easily pierced with the tip of a knife, 40 to 50 minutes. (Smaller artichokes will cook faster.)

**4. Using tongs**, transfer the artichokes, stem sides up, to a rack to drain as they cool. Invert the flat bottoms onto a platter, cover, and refrigerate until chilled, at least 4 hours. (You can either serve them whole, which will serve 4, or cut each in half and this will serve 8.)

**5. To make the aioli:** With the motor running, add the garlic cloves to a food processor and process until pureed. Add remaining ingredients and process. Taste for seasoning. Refrigerate the sauce in a tightly covered container until serving time.

**6. To serve**, place the artichokes on a platter or individual plates and spoon some of the aioli in the center of each artichoke or artichoke half. Serve the remaining aioli alongside.

# Soups

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## Pantry staples

The first step is to pick up the staples on a regular shopping trip soon. These items aren't expensive:

- 1-quart box of chicken broth, if you don't routinely have homemade chicken stock on hand
- 1-pound bag of lentils
- 28-ounce can of tomatoes, diced or whole, in juice
- 12-ounce can of evaporated milk (not sweetened condensed milk!)
- Instant potato flakes
- Canned clams and/or shrimp
- A box or bag of frozen, chopped spinach

When you get home, stash these supplies away for future use.

If you use up one of the items — chicken stock and tomatoes disappear quickly in my kitchen — replace it as soon as you can.

## Some helpful tips

If you don't have a fresh onion handy, dehydrated onion works fine in soups and stews and saves precious minutes.

When you have a bit of time, dice a couple of carrots and pop them into the freezer.

Ditto onions and celery. Or buy these prechopped, tip them onto a rimmed baking sheet to freeze individually, then tumble into a zip-close plastic bag for longer freezer storage.

These frozen vegetables won't saute very well, so sweat them in a little wine or broth before proceeding with the recipe.

In a pinch, evaporated milk can stand in for cream or half-and-half. Add a tablespoon or two of butter to more fully mimic the missing ingredients.

Look around your kitchen to see what else you might have on hand to elevate these quick soups. Start with these ideas:

- Croutons and grated cheese are perennial garnishes for soups.
- Chopped hard-cooked eggs are less common but equally good.
- Leftover proteins, such as cooked fish, chicken,

## Spanish-style lentil stew

**Prep:** 10 minutes **Cook:** 30 minutes **Makes:** 8 servings

Lentils don't require soaking and cook in just 20 minutes on your stovetop. Look for Spanish Pardina lentils for this stew, if you can find them. They keep their shape in cooking, and have a robust flavor perfectly suited to this stew. Smoked paprika, whether hot or mild, is an excellent addition, if you have it; add it with the optional smoked sausage and garlic.

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 medium onion, finely diced
- 1 carrot, finely diced
- 1 rib celery, diced
- 1 package (14 ounces) smoked sausage, sliced, optional
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon smoked paprika, optional
- 1 pound lentils, picked over, rinsed
- 2 quarts chicken broth or stock
- 1 medium potato, cut into ½-inch dice
- 2 sprigs fresh thyme or 2 teaspoons dried thyme
- Salt and pepper, to taste

**1. In a large, heavy pot** with a lid, heat the olive oil over medium-high heat. When it is fragrant, add the onion, carrot and celery; cook, stirring frequently, until the vegetables soften. Add the optional smoked sausage and garlic; cook a minute longer.

**2. Add the lentils,** chicken broth, potatoes and thyme. Bring to a boil, cover and reduce the heat to simmer. Cook, stirring occasionally, until lentils are tender, about 20 minutes. Season to taste with salt and pepper; serve immediately.

**Nutrition information per serving:** 249 calories, 2 g fat, 0 g saturated fat, 5 mg cholesterol, 41 g carbohydrates, 5 g sugar, 17 g protein, 618 mg sodium, 14 g fiber

## Potato soup

**Prep:** 5 minutes **Cook:** 30 minutes **Makes:** 6 servings

This is the soup that I make when I'm under the weather or feeling exhausted. The key to this soup is to cut the potatoes in small dice so they will cook quickly. But if you don't have potatoes handy, potato flakes (instant mashed potatoes) can stand in. Use dehydrated onion and skip the first step if you don't feel like chopping an onion. Stir in canned clams if you want an easy chowder, or chopped, cooked chicken and a little corn for corn chowder.

- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 medium onion, finely chopped
- 2 medium baking potatoes, cut into ½-inch dice
- 1 quart chicken broth or stock
- 1 ½ cups half-and-half or evaporated milk
- Salt and pepper, to taste

**Optional additions:** Canned clams or shrimp; 1 cup chopped, cooked chicken and 1 cup corn; 1 cup diced ham or 4 strips bacon, cooked and crumbled

**1. In a large, heavy pot,** heat the butter over medium high heat. Add the onion; cook, stirring, until soft, about 5 minutes.

**2. Add** the potatoes and chicken broth; cook until potatoes are tender, about 15 minutes. (If you're using potato flakes, you will need 1 ½ cups; just heat the broth until hot and stir them in.) Stir in the half-and-half or evaporated milk and any optional add-ins. Reduce heat to simmer; cook, 10 minutes longer. Season to taste with salt and pepper and serve immediately.

**Nutrition information per serving:** 162 calories, 8 g fat, 5 g saturated fat, 26 mg cholesterol, 17 g carbohydrates, 4 g sugar, 5 g protein, 90 mg sodium, 2 g fiber

beef or pork.

- Smoked sausage or tofu.
- Canned shrimp or clams will enhance any of these soups.
- Cooked or raw greens, such as kale, spinach, shredded cabbage or cole-

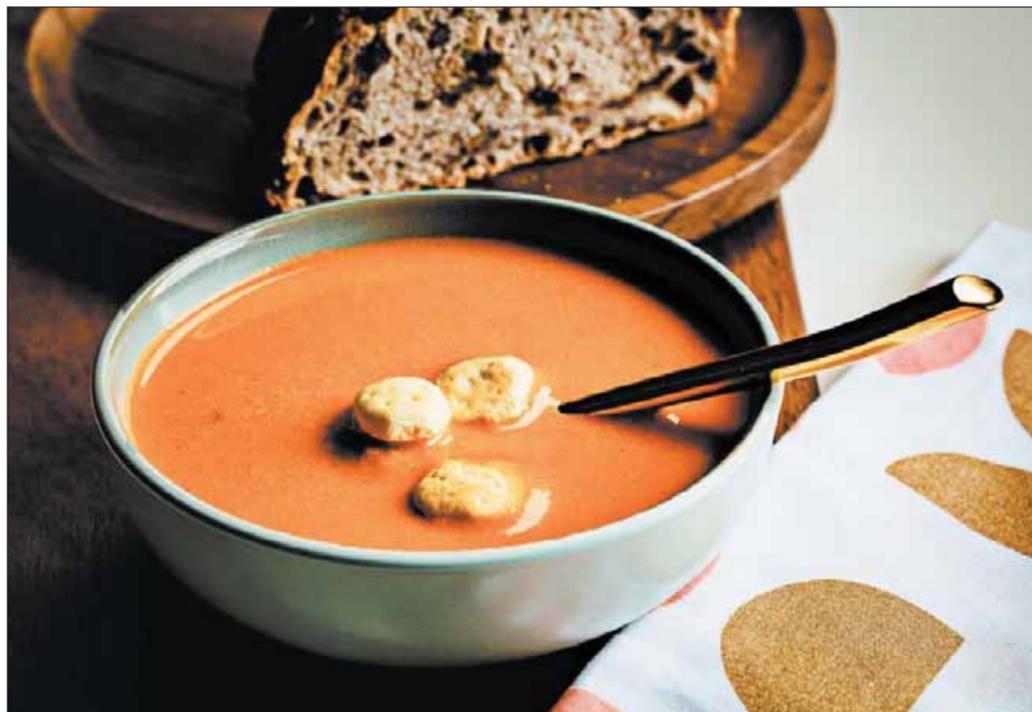
slaw mix, will add extra nutrition.

- A dollop of sour cream or plain yogurt will add richness.

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, as the old saying goes. In

this case, an ounce of effort provides a pound of pleasure later.

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## Cream of tomato soup

**Prep:** 10 minutes **Cook:** 25 minutes **Makes:** 6 servings

Puree this soup if you want it silky or leave the tomatoes chunky and add more vegetables to make a sturdier soup. Good additions include leftover cooked meats, tofu or shrimp. Use evaporated milk if you don't have half-and-half or cream handy.

- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 medium onion, diced
- 1 carrot, diced
- 1 rib celery, diced
- 1 can (28 ounces) diced tomatoes, with juice
- 1 quart chicken broth or stock
- ½ teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 ½ cups half-and-half, heavy cream or evaporated milk
- Salt and pepper, to taste

**1. In a large heavy pot,** heat the butter over medium heat. When it has melted, add the onion, carrot and celery. Cook, stirring, until the vegetables soften, about 5 minutes.

**2. Add** the tomatoes and their juice, the chicken broth and the nutmeg. Bring to a boil, cover and reduce heat to simmer. Continue to cook, stirring occasionally, until tomatoes begin to melt, about 15 minutes.

**3. For a smooth cream soup,** puree soup at this point with a stick blender, in a regular blender or in a food processor, being careful of the hot liquid and working in batches if necessary. Stir in cream, half-and-half or evaporated milk, season to taste with salt and pepper. Serve immediately.

**4. For a heartier soup,** add up to 2 cups of any additional vegetables: frozen spinach, kale, diced potatoes, butternut squash or others. Shaped pasta such as elbow macaroni, pastina, orzo or others can also be added now.

**5. When** additional vegetables and/or pasta are cooked, stir in the half-and-half, cream or evaporated milk. Season to taste with salt and pepper and serve immediately.

**Nutrition information per serving:** 157 calories, 9 g fat, 5 g saturated fat, 26 mg cholesterol, 16 g carbohydrates, 10 g sugar, 6 g protein, 347 mg sodium, 3 g fiber

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# DON'T SKIP THE SALT

For a better cocktail, reach for a different shaker

BY REBEKAH PEPLER  
The New York Times

Often, the goal when making drinks at home is to, well, drink at home. It's not to try a new technique, buy an obscure bottle you'll use only a quarter ounce of, or wait 20-plus minutes for a cocktail — that's what bars are for.

There is, however, one major lesson to be learned from the bar: You should be salting your cocktails.

Bartenders often add dashes of salt to cocktails for the same reason a pastry chef would never skip it in a chocolate cake batter. It just bolsters flavor.

The add is not meant to be enough to actually make a drink taste salty. Rather, "salt is a key ingredient when you're trying to create something with depth," said Dorothy Elizabeth, a bar manager at Mr. Lyan, a bar group with locations in London, Amsterdam and Washington. "Sodium ions block bitter flavors, emphasize sweetness, and create really nice depth and dimension."

Most drinks benefit from a hit of salinity, but if you're new to seasoning your cocktails, start by adding a pinch to a drink that leans bitter, such as a Negroni.

"It mellows out the taste of the Campari," Elizabeth said. "You're able to round out and create richer, fuller flavors without necessarily modifying anything — just through the addition of salt."

Another drink that greatly benefits from a grain or two is one

that contains fresh citrus, like the margarita. Just as salt dampens the bitterness in a Negroni, it intensifies the palate's ability to sense sweet and sour notes. Add it to heighten the flavors in your next sidecar, caipirinha or gimlet.

As for salt type, raid your kitchen. Kosher salt, fleur de sel and flaky sea salts like Maldon or Jacobsen all work well to balance and brighten without overwhelming. Since the meaning of a pinch differs from one person — and salt — to the next, most bartenders use a low-concentration saline solution to ensure consistency. But Elizabeth leaves the dropper at work.

"If I'm making drinks at home, you better believe I'm just pinching it and putting it directly in my drink," she said.

For Elizabeth, a pinch means a few small flakes of sea salt, no more. Keep your additions to a minimum and remember that — just as when seasoning a savory dish or offering to drive someone to the airport — once it's out there, you can't take it back. A small pinch is enough to shift and enhance the flavor profiles of your cocktail. Begin with restraint, and add a few flakes later if needed.

Next time you're mixing a favorite cocktail, grab your salt dish or shaker from the kitchen and experiment with it. Divide the drink between two glasses, and add a tiny pinch of salt to one of them. Soon enough, that other shaker may find a permanent home on your bar.



## Negroni bianco

Makes: 1 drink

Ice, as needed

1 ounce dry gin

1 ounce red bitter liqueur, such as Campari, Cappelletti or Contratto Bitter

1 ounce blanc vermouth

Pinch of flaky sea salt

Peel from 1 orange, for serving

Fill a mixing glass with ice, and add the gin, red bitter, vermouth and salt. Stir for 30 seconds, then strain into an ice-filled lowball glass. Garnish with the orange peel.



## Sherry margarita

Makes: 1 drink

1 ounce manzanilla sherry

1 ounce blanco tequila

¾ ounce orange liqueur

¾ ounce fresh lime juice

¼ ounce agave or simple syrup

Pinch of flaky sea salt

Ice

Lime wedge or wheel, for serving

In a shaker, combine the sherry, tequila, orange liqueur, lime juice, agave and salt. Add ice and shake until well chilled. Fill a rocks glass with ice. Strain the cocktail into the glass and garnish with lime.

## DRINK

# Japanese Bitters: Umami-packed way to shake up cocktail game

BY LISA FUTTERMAN  
Chicago Tribune

Bitters are like salt and pepper to bartenders: A good drink-maker will season cocktails with a shake of bitters to bring balance and lift flavor.

You're likely familiar with some of the most common types — angostura and Peychaud's — but eclectic and artisanal varieties have been flooding the market for years, as cocktail recipes becoming increasingly complex.

The latest addition to a very crowded field still finds a way to stand out. The Japanese Bitters, a company in Ichikawa City in western Japan, offers an exciting array of bitters that takes a drop or a dash of prevalent tastes found in Japanese cuisine and brings it into the bar.

Creator Yuki Yamazaki, a bartender who has worked internationally, said he has been wondering for a decade, "why Japanese-flavored bitters don't exist across the

globe."

He spent seven years developing his first three bitters: umami, yuzu and shiso.

Influenced by visits to the Mars Shinsu whisky distillery in the Japanese Alps and the Herman Jansen distillery in the Netherlands, Yamazaki decided to use sous vide in his production after maceration, inspired by the long, low-pressure distillation methods he observed.

His umami bitters, for example, are made by extracting flavor from kelp, shiitake mushrooms and bonito — just as a chef might make stock or dashi broth, but with alcohol. Each apothecary-style dropper bottle comes adorned with a label based on Japanese scrolls, designed and beautifully painted by calligrapher Tetsuya Sagara.

The unique flavors of these new bitters add incredible depth to a global drinks vocabulary. The umami version made my mouth water at first sniff. It

tasted brothy, sweet and rich, much like miso paste (although not really bitter at all).

Its savoriness made me reach for dry sherry. I wanted to drink a bloody mary riff — a "bloody sherry," if you will — with tomato, sherry, Tabasco, lemon juice, umami bitters and a cucumber garnish.

The yuzu (a tart, aromatic citrus fruit) has the delicate aroma of zest, with punchy grapefruit notes on the palate. A generous squirt in a gin and tonic brings that classic drink to a very citrusy place.

The shiso (a refreshing, minty leaf) reminded me of a Japanese amaro, so herbal and bitter, without a hint of sweetness. I stirred up a very tasty shiso bijou with Monkey 47 gin (chosen for its herbal complexity), chartreuse, vermouth and two big dashes of shiso bitters.

Justin Park, partner and head bartender at Bar Leather Apron in Honolulu, discovered The Japanese Bitters when he "saw



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The Japanese Bitters offers umami, yuzu and shiso bitters.

them on the back bar of one of my all-time favorite bars, Ishinohana, in Shibuya, (Tokyo)," he said.

Park loves to make an Old-Fashioned with the bitters: "Swap any of the line in for the classic angostura, and you have something fun and interesting," he said. "Especially the umami bitters — it brings to the cocktail something I've never tasted in cock-

tails before."

Next restaurant in Chicago — the concept-shifting spot from The Alinea Group — is using all three flavors in highballs on its current Tokyo menu, including a dash of umami in a whisky soda. Try adding them to almost any cocktail for a Japanese twist, like yuzu bitters in a Champagne-based drink, or shiso bitters in a Stone Fence

(whiskey, rum or cognac with cider).

Yamazaki is hard at work on two more aromatic flavors to be released soon in the States: Hinoki, made from cypress, and sakura, from the beloved Japanese cherry blossom, will be bringing more lovely Japanese botanicals to the bar.

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