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Nearly 300 new cases in state

Illinois officials call for volunteers to step up

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Officials called for volunteers to step up and serve their communities on Sunday as nearly 300 new cases of COVID-19 and three more deaths were announced in Illinois.

With 296 more cases than Saturday, there are now at least 1,049 people who have tested positive for the coronavirus in Illinois, including an infant, said Dr. Ngozi Ezike, director of the Illinois Department of Public Health.

One week ago, there were 93 cases.

"Unfortunately, the number of cases will continue to increase, as will the number of deaths," Ezike said. "But we ask that you listen to our guidance and take all preventative measures to avoid becoming sick and to avoid infecting others. We are all in this together. And doing our individual and collective parts, we will see our way through this."

The three latest deaths include a Cook County man in his 80s, a Chicago man in his 80s and a McLean County woman in her 70s, according to Illinois health officials. Statewide, there have been nine deaths total related to the virus.

Nearly half of the reported cases are in Chicago, but the cases span 30 Illinois counties, now including Jo Daviess, Livingston, Rock Island and Stephenson.

As the city settled into its first full day of staying at home, Gov. J.B. Pritzker appeared on CNN, where he said the lack of federal effort has forced Illinois to pay more for crucial supplies while competing with other states. He also criticized the White House for not issuing a nationwide stay-at-home order.

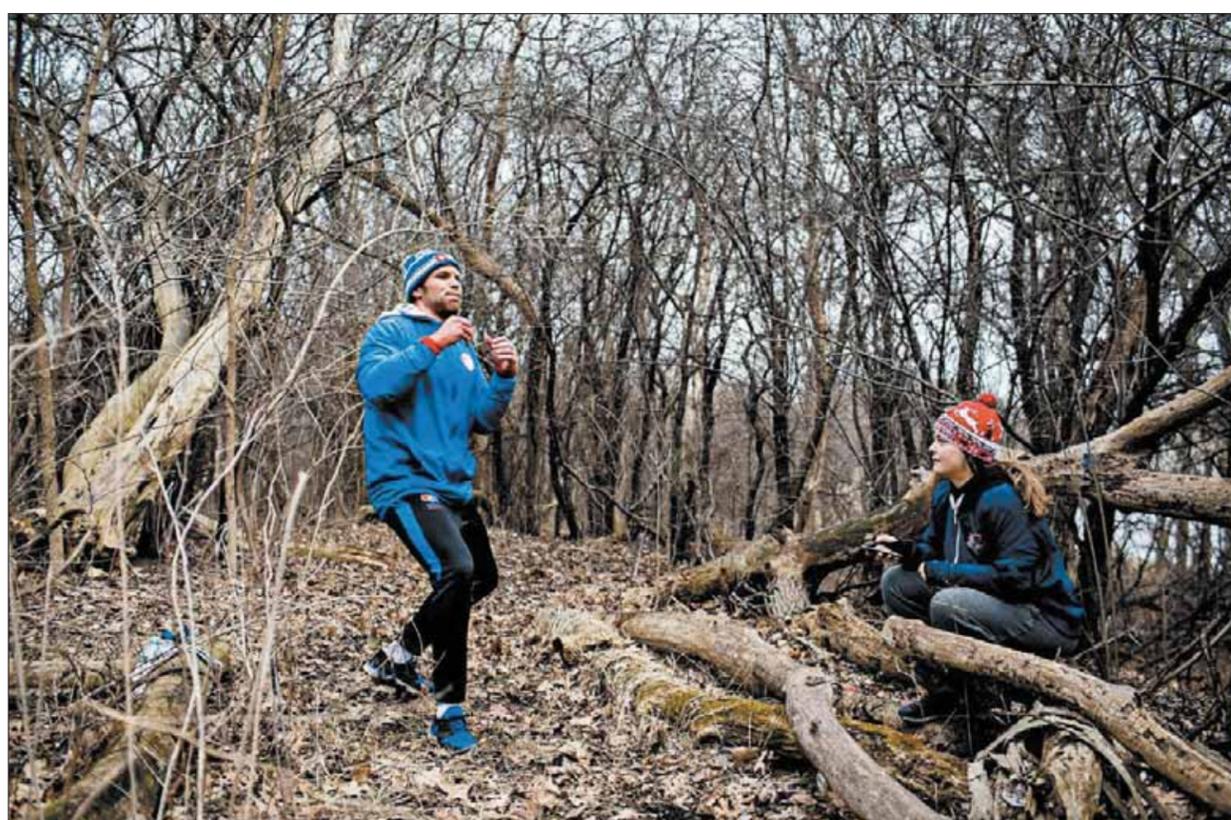
Later in the day, at the two-week mark of his daily briefings, Pritzker addressed a tweet from

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Gov. J.B. Pritzker gives his daily briefing about the coronavirus pandemic Sunday at the Thompson Center in Chicago.



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Fighting to keep their dream alive

Olympic hopeful Joe Rau practices his wrestling moves in the woods near his house in Des Plaines as his girlfriend, Astrid De Leeuw, times his increments Sunday. "Everything I've done with my life over the past four years has been with the Olympics in mind," said Rau, the United States' top Greco-Roman wrestler in the 87-kilogram weight class. "And all of a sudden, I have no idea what's going to happen." Chicago-area athletes are adjusting their training regimens because of the coronavirus pandemic. **Chicago Sports**

Public transit agencies seek government aid

Transit agencies, grappling with a sharp drop in riders because of the new coronavirus, face huge losses and are expected to ask federal and state governments for help. **Chicagoland**, Page 3

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Denae Wilkins sits at home with her dog Lincoln on Wednesday in Andersonville.

Anxiety, guilt and Trader Joe's

Day in the life of 4 Chicagoans and suburbanites during outbreak

BY CHRISTOPHER BORRELLI

About 350 years ago in London, someone named "H.F." started a journal that tracked how the bubonic plague was changing his life and the lives of everyone around him. The author — a self-described "citizen who continued all the while" — made saddles for horses. He fretted how the virus would affect business, especially since he worked for merchants who were trading with the new

colonies in America; and he worried about the future, "the preservation of my life in so dismal a calamity." But throughout he kept notes of everyday observations. The screams coming from inside quarantined homes, and the stillness. The scammers selling cures, the price of a loaf of bread and the long silences.

"Journal of the Plague Year," published 50 years after those notes were taken, is still unnerving. It remains a definitive

account of living through an epidemic, and often considered the first book-length work of journalism. It's also likely a forgery. The author, Daniel Defoe, a notorious and prolific liar, known for "Robinson Crusoe" (itself marketed initially as autobiography), would have been five during London's 1665 plague. But the substance, many scholars agree, was probably pulled directly from his uncle's

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NY fast turning into US hot spot

Passes Wash. state for most deaths as restrictions set in

BY JIM MUSTIAN
AND JEFFREY COLLINS
Associated Press

NEW YORK — An order requiring most New Yorkers to stay home from work and not gather in groups outside their families was set to go into effect Sunday in an attempt to slow a pandemic that has swept across the globe and threatened to make the state one of the world's biggest coronavirus hot spots. Officials worldwide warned of a critical shortage of medical supplies.

The order to close all nonessential businesses in the state and require nonessential workers to stay home was set to officially take effect 8 p.m. Sunday, but officials have been urging people to begin implementing it since Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced it on Friday.

He and New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio also called for getting everything from masks to gowns, as well as doctors and other medical workers to New York. De Blasio on Sunday asked President Donald Trump to have the U.S. military take over the logistics of making and distributing medical supplies. Cuomo warned that hard-hit states are outbidding one another for ever scarcer supplies, sometimes doubling or tripling prices.

"I can't be blunt enough. If the president doesn't act, people will die who could have lived otherwise," de Blasio told NBC's "Meet The Press."

The top infectious disease expert in the U.S. promised New York City and the other hardest-hit places that critical supplies will not run out.

The medical supplies are about to start pouring in and will be "clearly directed to those hot spots that need it most," Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious

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PATRICK SEMANSKY/AP

President Donald Trump speaks during a coronavirus task force briefing Saturday at the White House in Washington.

Trump's new campaign rally? His daily coronavirus news conference.



DAHLEEN GLANTON

It is obvious that Donald Trump thinks he can score political points with the coronavirus. There is no other reason for him to show up at a news conference every day and spew one lie after another.

He stands there with an approving look on his face, seemingly stalking speakers at the podium to make sure they give him sole credit for everything the many smart, brave and committed health professionals and government workers are doing on the front lines to combat the virus.

Though most people on the stage have much more useful — and accurate — information to offer than Trump, they are forced to cede the platform to him while he babbles on for an hour. The nation is held captive while he verbally attacks reporters, rewrites history and makes up stuff as if we are too dumb to know it.

Trump says he gives himself a "10" on how he has handled the pandemic. In a scene as autocratic as any tyrant would insist upon, members of his Cabinet shower him with praise and delicately attempt to correct his mistakes without making him seem wrong.

Most are perfectly willing to diminish their own role and give all glory to the almighty president. It's not unusual for subordinates to take a back seat, but it's both disturbing and annoying to watch them do it so blatantly for political reasons.

The government-recommended 15-day pause is now "the president's 15-day guidelines." On Friday, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo went so far as to substitute the coronavirus with Trump's bigoted preferred term, Chinese virus.

Chad Wolf, acting U.S. secretary of Homeland Security, began his remarks with this: "Let me start off by thanking the president and the vice president for protecting the American people."

Alex Azar, the secretary of Health and Human Services, described the decision to close Mexican and Canadian borders as "just the latest in a long line of bold, decisive actions the president has taken to protect Americans." He went on to repeat Trump's go-to talking point when his slow response to the virus is questioned — that restricting travel from China saved many American lives.

Azar ended with: "Thank you, Mr. President, for the work you have been doing throughout this crisis to slow the spread of the coronavirus and to keep our country safe."

It's hard to keep count of how many times Mike Pence credits Trump in his brief remarks. It's as though the vice president wants us to believe that the coronavirus would be unstoppable if anyone other than Trump was at the helm.

"At the president's direction," "following the president's decision," "thanks to the president's involvement," "now that the president has worked with Congress," "the president has challenged us" are among the overused phrases.

The only ones who weren't willing to use their brief time at the microphone to shower Trump with praise were the two health officials — the National Institutes of Health's Dr. Anthony Fauci, and global health expert and Dr. Deborah Birx.

Fauci, in particular, has diligently used his short time at the podium to talk about the things that are beneficial. Since the beginning, he has impressed us with his profound knowledge about the pandemic and is our go-to person for reassurance that we can conquer this crisis, regardless of how long it takes.

He has become our hero, with his

frank and honest talk. Trump, on the other hand, makes us more afraid.

After bungling every public speech for weeks, Trump suddenly attempted to appear presidential last week. The way he likely sees it, going in front of the American people every day is the best campaign ad he could make. He's betting that this free advertising will translate into votes in November.

But it has confirmed what many Americans already knew — he is decisively unqualified for the high job he holds.

Surgeon General Jerome Adams told reporters recently that there should be no more "criticism or finger-pointing" at Trump's response to pandemic.

In other words, if the media and Trump's critics would just shut up, the president could do anything he wants without being held accountable. Nothing would make Trump happier than for Americans to forget about every horrible deed he has done and every lie he has told over the past three years.

Trump wanted us to ignore his declaration three weeks ago that the virus would disappear "like a miracle." He didn't expect us to cringe when he said last week that he always knew this was a pandemic.

In a crisis, Americans need a president we can trust to move mountains in order to keep us safe. The last thing we need is someone who can't even get his facts straight.

We're not looking for false promises about testing being available for anyone who wants it. We don't care that he just has "a feeling" that two unproven drugs might be a cure for the virus.

The only thing Americans really want to know right now is the truth. Unfortunately, Trump is so out of practice that he doesn't know how to begin to give it to us.

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A total of three commuters boarded Metra's Union Pacific Northwest Line at 8 a.m. Thursday in Barrington.

Transit agencies to ask for state, federal help

Facing steep ridership drops because of virus

BY MARY WISNIEWSKI

Public transit agencies, which are grappling with a sharp drop in riders because of the new coronavirus, face enormous losses and are expected to ask federal and state governments for billions of dollars in financial aid.

With schools shuttered and residents being urged to stay home to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the disease caused by the coronavirus, transit agencies nationwide have been operating largely empty trains and buses. CTA, Metra and Pace say they have been focused on providing service during the pandemic and keeping their trains and buses clean and disinfected.

But Metra and the South Shore Line, which runs from northwest Indiana into downtown Chicago, plan to cut back on train runs. And representatives for both Metra and Pace, the suburban bus service, said they plan to ask for federal and state help, though they did not say exactly how much they'll ask for.

The Regional Transportation Authority, which oversees the finances for CTA, Metra and Pace, said in a statement that its leaders have already been in communication with the "Illinois federal delegation as we monitor movement on any potential federal stimulus package."

Amtrak has asked for \$1 billion in supplemental

funding through the rest of the year to make up for "unprecedented" ridership losses, with future bookings down 80% year-over-year and cancellations up more than 400%, said spokesman Marc Magliari.

Transit systems will be competing for funds against a host of other similarly affected transportation industries in the private sector, including airlines and automakers. "This is unprecedented," said Stephen Schlickman, a transportation consultant and former head of the RTA. "I've never seen anything like this in 40 years in the industry. It's the unknown."

Leading the effort for emergency funds is the American Public Transportation Association, which represents transit agencies around the country. On Thursday, APTA President and CEO Paul P. Skoutelas wrote a letter to U.S. congressional leaders asking for \$16 billion in emergency funding.

He predicted a 75% loss in fares and sales tax revenues — which help pay for transit — between March and September and another 40% loss October through December. The association also predicted \$2 billion in added costs from having to deep clean rail cars, buses and facilities to protect against the spread of the virus.

"Without these funds, the overwhelming majority of public transit agencies will be required to suspend or drastically curtail services," wrote Skoutelas. New York City's Metropolitan Transportation Authority alone has

requested \$4 billion, the letter noted.

On Tuesday, Metra's ridership was 15% of what it usually is on a weekday, said spokesman Michael Gillis.

The CTA saw a 68% loss in ridership Wednesday, compared with the same day in 2019. Train ridership was down 75% that day and bus service was down 59%, demonstrating that bus riders are often the most transit-dependent. Pace reported a 50% loss in ridership between March 16 and 19, compared with the same time last year, and anticipates bigger drops. Metra, the CTA and Pace all rely on both fare collections and sales tax revenues provided through the state.

DePaul University transportation expert Joseph Schwieterman said a case could be made that transit agencies should be at the "front of the line" when it comes to government bailouts, because by continuing to operate they allow thousands of essential workers to get to their jobs.

One issue in the Chicago area is the percentage of transit operating revenue that needs to come from fares. State law mandates a ratio of at least 50% for regional transit agencies, one of the highest in the nation. By contrast, in Philadelphia, the ratio is 37%, according to transportation expert Yonah Freemark, a doctoral candidate in urban studies and planning at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The Active Transportation Alliance, an advocacy group for transit, biking

and walking, called on state leaders to reassess the ratio and lower the 50% mandate, at least until ridership returns to normal levels, according to a blog post this week.

Pace spokeswoman Maggie Daly Skogsbakken said that while the agency will eventually seek federal and state assistance, "at this point we must focus on service and safety."

Freemark said the crisis will be worse than the fiscal problems faced by transit agencies after the recession of 2008, because of the "double whammy" of declines in both ridership and sales tax collections, which fund transit. In 2008, a decline in sales tax collections was the main concern.

"It's never been this bad, because of the ridership decline," Freemark said. He said stimulus money for transit in 2009 focused on construction, but what is needed now is operating money. Federal dollars have not gone toward transit operations since the 1990s.

"We should be incredibly nervous, since the transit agencies are playing an incredibly important role making sure people can get around who need to, like health care workers," Freemark said.

Schwieterman agreed coming back from this slump could be tough for transit.

"There is little chance of a swift recovery, or even a moderately fast one like we saw after the terrorist acts of 9/11," Schwieterman said.

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As outbreak evolves, so do the questions

A doctor addresses a few of the newest concerns

BY PATRICK M. O'CONNELL

Since the coronavirus outbreak began, we all have had many questions about the disease, how to go about daily life, and how to responsibly work to minimize the risk to ourselves and others. Each day — each hour — brings new questions. We took a few of the most recent concerns from Tribune readers and the newsroom, and posed this newest round to Dr. Todd Nega, an infectious disease physician with NorthShore University HealthSystem.

Since the virus can live on surfaces for some time, how do I make sure deliveries of mail, packages, groceries or newspapers are safe?

We believe that the virus can remain on surfaces for several hours and, in some cases, days, but there remain more questions than answers about exactly how long and on what type of surfaces. The chance of getting the virus after touching a surface that an infected person sneezed on, for example, is highest within the first 10 minutes, then diminishes with time. The chance of picking up the virus from mail or a package that was delivered or groceries is highly unlikely. The CDC recommends that people take steps to clean and disinfect surfaces — don't forget your phones — and continue to do this routinely. Wash your hands after you return from the grocery store — and throughout the day — and wash all fresh vegetables and fruits. Remember that the virus is primarily spread through direct person-to-person contact. As always, continue to wash your hands regularly.

How common are asymptomatic carriers? Is it possible that some people have the virus and never get sick but still pass it along to others who become ill?

It's currently unclear what percentage of the outbreak is being spread by asymptomatic carriers, but it's very plausible that they do play a role. Scientists from around the world are studying this aspect of the virus because it may contribute to why it is spreading so rapidly. This is why it's so important for everyone, no matter your age or health status, to practice

social distancing and good hygiene as recommended by the CDC.

I am still required to go to work, and I take public transit to get there. When I return home at night, should I wash my clothes? Should I be laundering every article of clothing, even jackets and hats, after wearing it once?

The viability of the virus on clothing depends on the type of fabric. For example, germs are easier to wipe clean off leather or vinyl because they aren't as porous as fabric. Practice routine washing of your clothes on the hot water setting because it will help kill the virus. Use the same process for the dryer. If you've been in a crowded area like public transit and could not practice social distancing, it's a good idea to wash your clothes when you get home or at least put them in a laundry basket until you can wash them.

Does the virus exacerbate conditions like asthma, bronchitis, emphysema and seasonal allergies, or does this mean I may have the virus?

It can, just like any other virus. Although many other factors this time of year can also cause an exacerbation of chronic lung diseases.

What factors will we use to determine when the serious health risk of COVID-19 has passed? I'm hearing estimates of normal life activities being on hold for weeks or months, so how will the medical community determine when it's OK to go back to school, work and eventually hold larger gatherings like concerts and sports events?

We will have to wait for CDC guidance on this. In other countries where this has been removed too early, the numbers have started to rise again.

What does "shelter in place" mean? Can I go for a walk or run if I'm not close to anyone else?

"Shelter in place" means to stay at home and only go out for essential activities or functions. In general, it is fine to go for walks or runs because it will help with your overall physical and emotional health during these unusual circumstances.

'You quickly realize what's important in life'

Chicago man suffers through 'hell' of coronavirus, but believes he's recovering

BY ROBERT MCCOPPIN

After returning home to Chicago from a ski trip to Austria on March 9, Todd Favakeh felt terrible.

What seemed like the worst cold of his life wiped him out: His head was so congested it felt like a bowling ball; his ears ached and his throat was killing him; he had to lie down every hour.

He asked for a coronavirus test at a NorthShore University HealthSystem urgent care center, but since he initially did not know he had been exposed to the virus, he was denied. Only after a Norwegian skiing companion sent an alert that he had tested positive for the virus

was Favakeh allowed to get the test.

Medical workers wearing protective suits stuck a swab into Favakeh's throat, and jammed other swabs uncomfortably far up both nostrils to take the samples. They told him to isolate himself at home while he waited for results, which came three days later: He had the virus.

So Favakeh joined the more than 200,000 people worldwide who've been diagnosed with the virus. The disease, COVID-19, has been blamed for nearly 9,000 deaths — but most people,

like Favakeh, get a sometimes nasty but manageable sickness.

"The last week and a half have been kind of hell," Favakeh said. "I was totally exhausted. I feel mentally and physically drained."

Doctors told Favakeh to stay home, stay away from others, use Tylenol, Mucinex and VapoRub, drink tea and gargle salt water. There was no cure, just some drug store and home remedies to treat the symptoms.

Favakeh was told he would only be admitted to a hospital if the disease severely restricted his ability to breathe. He was so congested that sometimes he woke up at night choking briefly, which frightened

him, though he admits he may have been a little paranoid from the worldwide pandemic and non-stop news reports.

"It's scary as hell while you're in it," he said. "There's nothing you can do but grind it out, unfortunately."

Family and friends dropped off food and supplies for him on the porch of his home in the Irving Park neighborhood. They were careful not to touch his door handle or go near him.

He finally started feeling better Thursday and Friday, so hoped he was turning the corner.

"You quickly realize what's important in life," he said. "It's very true, there's nothing more important than your family and loved ones, and it's taken this to help me realize that."



Favakeh



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A CTA rider wears a medical mask and latex gloves while waiting for a train at the Washington/Wabash station.

CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Groups scramble to change census plans

Timeline for big tally pushed back

BY ELVIA MALAGÓN

On a recent Thursday, outreach workers from Westside Health Authority hopped off a bright orange van and set out on an Austin block on Chicago's West Side, armed with a flyers promoting a cookout for Census Day.

"I know about ya'll," a young boy told the workers as he came out of his home to check the family's mail. The workers told the boy about the 2020 census and their programs as another worker played basketball with the boy's twin brother.

"They can come and take the census and we have a 3-on-3 tournament," Emily Ferry told the boy to tell his family about the then-planned April 1 event.

The outreach staff targeted neighborhoods where they already do much of their work, except now they were trying to stress to residents the importance of filling out the questionnaire. It's also one of the areas the government thinks 28.5% of households will not respond to the census.

But in less than a week, the organization's outreach efforts were upended as concerns about the spread of COVID-19 took over daily life. Health and elected officials urged people to practice social distancing as schools were closed and gatherings of more than 10 people were discouraged. Gov. J.B. Pritzker took the drastic measure of issuing a shelter-in-place order starting Saturday to try to contain the virus.

The organization canceled the cookout. For organizations on the front line of outreach work, the changes spurred by COVID-19 have meant they've had to quickly alter their efforts just as the U.S. Census Bureau started collecting data about the country's population.

Ferry sees the sudden changes as another barrier facing what are known as



Jordan Bester and Emily Ferry hand out information about the 2020 census to Frank Towns on March 12, in South Austin.



Mikala Barrett helps hand out information about the census to residents March 12.

"hard-to-count" communities on the West Side.

"I am concerned that this will affect people being counted," she said. "I think there might be added fear of people coming to the door as well as people leaving their home to access one of the online spaces."

The Census Bureau has already started sending mail to households across the country on how to respond to the 2020 census. As of Friday, 18.6 million

households across the country had responded to the questionnaire, according to the bureau. The data is used to divvy up federal funds for each state, and it's used to determine the number of representatives each state will have in Congress.

Illinois is already expected to lose one or two congressional seats after losing more residents since 2010 than any other state.

In 2019, Pritzker allocated \$29 million in state

money for census outreach efforts. In addition, the city of Chicago recently gave \$700,000 to organizations to promote the census in neighborhoods.

Because of concerns surrounding COVID-19, the Census Bureau is pushing back its deadline to complete the count from July 31 to Aug. 14, said Timothy Olson, associate director for field operations for the bureau, during a Friday news conference. The census has suspended its field

operations until April 1.

Census takers won't start checking on households who didn't fill out the census on their own until at least May 28, Olson said. The agency was monitoring the pandemic to see how it will adjust its efforts. Albert Fontenot, associate director for decennial programs for the bureau, credited agency workers for trying to get solutions to make sure a complete count happens.

"Of all of our worst nightmares, we did not anticipate this set of actions," Fontenot said Friday.

The change has local groups worried about the burden on organizations working with those experiencing homelessness that are already struggling to keep up with basic services, said Nicole Bahena, the vice president of community partnerships for All Chicago.

"We have the concern that they don't have the capacity," Bahena said.

As of Friday, Olson said the bureau was delaying its efforts to count the homeless population to April 29,

but still plan to work with local groups in the count. Bahena does think the groups will be able to help people living in supportive housing fill out the census, because many are assigned case workers who have started working virtually from home.

Regan Sonnabend, the Census 2020 project director for the YWCA Metropolitan Chicago, said his group is trying to figure out ways to reach people by giving census-related items to places where people are distributing items to families, as a way to reach people.

Other groups, such as Forefront and the Westside Health Authority, have shifted their focus to getting people to answer the census by phone, which allows people to respond in many different languages.

Maria Fitzsimmons, the 2020 census director for the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights, said she's been working with the organizations doing outreach in immigrant communities on a script for when they call people. They're also urging workers to dip into their own personal networks to spread the message.

"Last week when the state of Illinois and the county and the city of Chicago had their press conferences, there was a lot of shake-up in a short amount of time, there was a lot of anxiety," Fitzsimmons said. "But this week, a lot of organizations were able to turn that anxiety into focus and help them feel optimistic about making new plans and stay focused as much as we can."

Many of the organizations say the pandemic is also a talking point, because of how census data is tied to how much help states get in a crisis.

"This is exactly why we have to count our people," Fitzsimmons said. "In some ways, this crisis brings into magnification how important this is."

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Virus

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President Donald Trump that said a group including the governor "shouldn't be blaming the Federal Government for their own shortcomings."

"We are there to back you up should you fail, and always will be!" the president tweeted.

"When it comes to volunteerism and charity and stepping up in a crisis, Illinoisans of all political stripes are doing their part," Pritzker said at the Sunday briefing. "I'm a pretty even-keeled guy. But even I'm finding it hard to contain my anger with Donald Trump's response to this national crisis. I have doctors and nurses and first responders begging for masks, equipment and more tests."

Staff are working day and night to hunt down supplies, Pritzker said.

"We're doing that because Donald Trump promised to deliver for all the states weeks ago and so far has done very little," Pritzker said. "So apparently, the only way to get the president of the United States to pay attention is to go on national television and make noise about it. Which I won't stop doing until we get what we need."

"This is a time for serious people," Pritzker added. "All I can say is get to work or get out of the way." Mayor Lori Lightfoot echoed the sentiment in a Sunday tweet pleading with Trump to "step up and be a leader." Pritzker and others "have filled this country's leadership gap," Lightfoot tweeted. "Lead or get out of the way?"

The state is working to increase testing capacity, Ezike said, by working with hospitals to implement testing in their facilities. At least



Drive-thru testing for medical workers and first responders opens Sunday in Northlake.

8,374 people have been tested in Illinois, according to officials.

"We want to strengthen the testing capacity of Illinois by helping hospitals and laboratories develop their own testing ability, and we expect to have these tests up and running within the health care system in the next few weeks," Ezike said.

In west suburban Northlake, snow dusted dozens of cars lined up for a COVID-19 test on Sunday in the parking lot outside the Walmart, where a drive-thru site was set up for first responders and health care workers. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services also set up a testing site in Joliet.

Only those with a first responder or health care ID will be tested, according to a statement by the Joliet Police Department, and those workers do not have to be showing symptoms. Northlake police Chief Norm Nissen said any worker from those fields from any town can receive the test.

Each site can test up to 150 people a day, however

local police officials said the daily testing limit is probably closer to 70.

By late afternoon in Northlake, a mobile sign warned newly arriving cars that the testing site was closed. The testing station is expected to be open Monday, and volunteers will continue giving the free tests to first responders "until the supplies run out," Nissen said.

Among the new cases confirmed Sunday was the first at Jones College Prep and two more within the Chicago Police Department.

Chicago Public Schools officials said there has been a confirmed coronavirus case at Jones College Prep, but an emailed statement did not say whether the person was a staff member or a student.

The Chicago Police Department learned Sunday that two more of its officers tested positive for the virus, bringing the department's number of infected officers to three. The latest officers to test positive are a detective sergeant and another officer who work in differ-

ent facilities, according to chief police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi. Their diagnoses were not related to a third officer, a detective, who was reported last week to have tested positive.

In a department-wide memo on Sunday, interim police Superintendent Charlie Beck said one of those officers' last day at work was Wednesday and the other's was Friday. Both officers learned Sunday they tested positive.

"I have personally spoken to these members, and both are in good spirits," Beck said. "Both of these individuals will remain in isolation until medically cleared."

In south suburban Blue Island, police officers were pulled off the streets and out of the station early Sunday morning after the city learned one of their ranks had tested positive for the virus.

Mayor Domingo Vargas said he made the call to send officers home after consulting with the police chief, and state and county health officials. Vargas said Blue Island officers remained on

duty until Cook County sheriff's deputies were able to relieve them.

"My main thing has been and always will be the safety of my men and women, the employees and residents of Blue Island," he said.

State Rep. Bob Rita, D-Blue Island, released a statement criticizing Vargas' actions and his alleged failure to contact his office or City Council members before making his "rash decision" to suspend the police department's activities.

But, Vargas said, "This is a time that we don't have no time to play. Decisions have to be made, and I made the decision."

Looking ahead, Pritzker urged those who are able to get involved in volunteer efforts, including those through the Serve Illinois commission. "Please do not use this as a free pass to violate the stay-at-home order," he added.

Jenne Myers, CEO of Chicago Cares, said volunteers are needed throughout the state to help vulnerable neighbors. Myers offered some suggestions: checking on friends and neighbors, getting groceries and supplies for those unable to leave their homes, volunteering at food banks or homeless service organizations.

"These extraordinary times are helping all of us expand our definition of what it means to serve, to connect and to support one another," Myers said. "Let us use this time to build empathy."

Pritzker thanked the businesses and organizations that have donated personal protective equipment on Sunday, as health care workers worry about safeguarding themselves and others. He said donations of supplies like essential N95 masks and surgical masks have come from productions like "Chicago Med" and "Chicago Fire," as

well as trade unions across the state.

Officials again encouraged healthy individuals to donate blood and warned of the effects of a blood shortage compounded with the challenges already ahead.

Celena Roldán, CEO of the American Red Cross of Chicago and Northern Illinois, warned of "a severe blood shortage due to an unprecedented number of blood drive cancellations." She stressed that donating is a safe process and healthy people should not hesitate to donate.

More than 6,000 Red Cross blood drives have been canceled across the country, Roldán said, which means 200,000 fewer donations. In Illinois, more than 120 blood drives have been canceled, Roldán said.

"The severe need for blood will continue today, tomorrow and the weeks and the months to come, as we face this pandemic together," Roldán said.

Pritzker reminded Illinoisans on Sunday to hold onto hope as creative solutions are found across the state, like distilleries pivoting to hand-sanitizer production or residents volunteering to grocery shop for elderly neighbors.

"Even in moments when you're feeling anxiety about what's happening, hope is all around us and can still be found in every corner of this state," Pritzker said. "It can be found in the creativity and the generosity and the empathy from our people."

And in a moment of lightness, Pritzker offered an apology to the woman who angrily called his office this week about interrupting "The Bold and the Beautiful" — "I want her to know that I, too, look forward to the days when we can get back to our regularly scheduled programming."

Chicago Tribune's William Lee contributed.

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So What Is Causing My Knee Pain And How Do I Stop It?

It's pretty simple, really. You see, when you're young, you have a thick, fluid protein inside your knee joints to lubricate them as you move.

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However, as you age, this fluid dries out, leaving your bones to painfully rub and grind against each other with every step. And unfortunately, there's no way for the joint to make more.

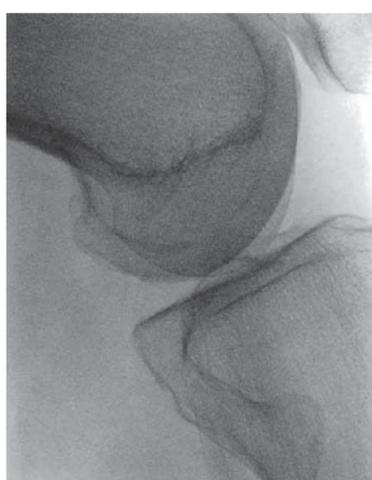
After years of trusted service in moving you everywhere you need to go, your knee starts to feel a subtle ache with certain activities like using stairs, kneeling down, or getting out of the car. With time, it becomes a constant ache. If left untreated, it can keep you awake at night, and hurt with every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

Why are many doctors with knee pain fleeing away from knee surgery to this treatment for themselves?

Research has proven that up to one-third of those who have knees replaced continue to experience chronic pain, while 2 in 5 are dissatisfied with the results.

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Sounds good but in general, I have been able to tough it out so far.

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

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

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

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

— Phil M.

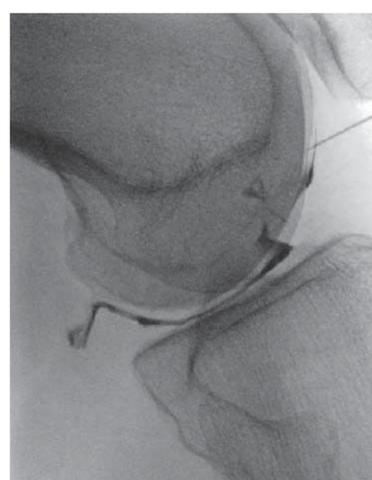
Seriously, you can get the knee pain relief you are looking for without wasting your precious time recovering or even spending a dime (more on that shortly).

One thing you should know:

As long as you haven't had knee surgery, you will feel relief from this treatment. Patients should be aware that surgery is a "done deal." That's why you cannot have this treatment after surgery if you still hurt.

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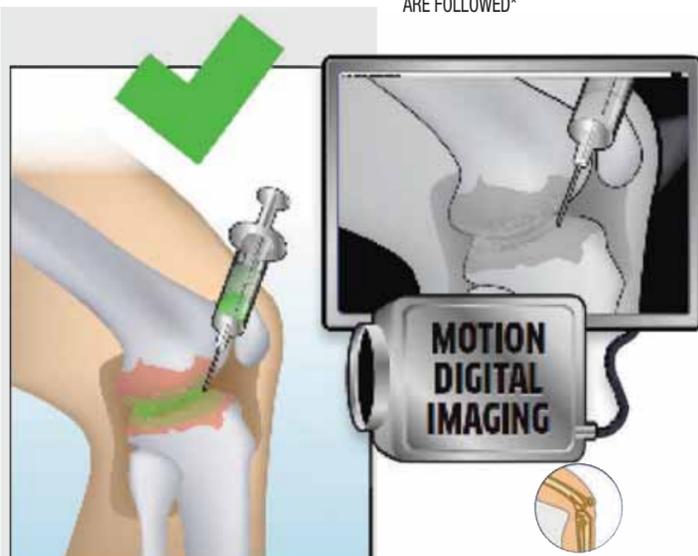
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CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Official: ICE won't accept bond money in Chicago

BY ELVIA MALAGÓN AND LAURA RODRÍGUEZ PRESA

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement is no longer accepting bond payments for detained people at the agency's Chicago office amid closures related to efforts to contain COVID-19, according to an official with ICE.

The federal agency had previously stopped taking payments at its offices in Milwaukee and Springfield, Missouri, but Chicago has now been added to the list. The Chicago office will

remain closed for the next 14 days, according to the ICE official, who asked not to be named because she wasn't authorized to release the information.

Anyone seeking to bond out someone from an area detention facility will have to travel to Indianapolis; Louisville; Wichita, Kansas; or Kansas City, Missouri, according to the official. The detained person will then be released from the facility where the person is being held. Around Chicago, ICE contracts with some local jails to

detain people in immigration custody.

The McHenry County Jail is one of the facilities ICE uses. That facility will not directly release anyone from immigration custody. If a person there posts bond, the person will be transferred to a different facility and released from there, if a bond payment is posted before 11 a.m. that day, according to the ICE official.

As of Thursday, there had been no confirmed cases of COVID-19 among federal employees working

out of the Chicago office, according to an ICE official.

In New Jersey, a medical staff member at the Elizabeth Detention Center, where people in ICE custody are kept, tested positive for COVID-19 this week, according to the Marshall Project, a non-profit news organization.

Earlier this week, ICE announced it was adjusting its enforcement efforts throughout the country, though not halting deportations. Immigration enforcement agents will focus

on "public safety risks and individuals subject to mandatory detention based on criminal grounds," the agency said in a statement.

Immigration advocates for weeks have called on ICE to completely halt deportations and arrests as the number of cases of COVID-19 grew and was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization.

Eréndira Rendón of Chicago's Resurrection Project, an organization that advocates for immigrants, said her group has heard

from families who have relatives detained and who are worried about the virus spreading to jails.

"ICE should cease all operations, not only because they are terrorizing our communities during this pandemic," Rendón said. "Worst-case scenario is that a person with COVID-19 is detained and spreads like wildfire inside a facility."

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Anxiety

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diary.

It's fiction, in other words, but largely true.

Less of a hard historical document than an intimate impression of a moment. So, with that in mind, we asked a handful of people across the Chicago area to keep diaries of their thoughts, hopes, fears and observations on the ways the coronavirus pandemic was impacting their lives. We asked them to take their notes across a single day. The following is an edited and condensed version of those entries, with added context.

Monday, March 16, 6:45 a.m.

Ben Lafontaine, 45, Glen Ellyn: *Wake-up. Look at e-learning for my kids. What do they need to do? How will we need to help them? Check Twitter to see what's developed in 8 hours. Looking for sign of hope to offset oppressive nature of it all.*

LaFontaine teaches civics and history at Lyons Township High School; his wife, Aimee, also teaches in Hinsdale. They have two sons, ages 13 and 8. By breakfast, both parents were trying to coordinate e-lessons for their students and their own sons simultaneously. Lafontaine decided not to head to the school for a staff meeting, concerned about the size of the gathering. He thought of lessons that might take his students' minds off the virus but wondered if they would feel they had to do the work anyway. He talked to his wife about "metaphorical fort building, trying to be ready." His sister texted: She heard grocery stores were closing. He replied that she was wrong, then he wondered if he was naive.

7 a.m.

Ann Marie Scheidler, 49, Lake Forest: *Woke later than normal, no yoga class ...*

Scheidler is a freelance writer and lifestyle blogger who grew up in Lake Forest and lives across the street from Middlefork Savanna forest preserve, now stark and cold and the color of hay. She made plans in her head to attend her yoga studio's online classes. She has five kids, two in high school, two in college and a sixth grader. A daughter, at University of Notre Dame, just returned from Spain and was self-quarantining in her room. By 8:30 a.m., everyone seemed to be looking at her, "thinking, 'What happens now?'"

8:29 a.m.

Denae Wilkins, 23, Andersonville: *I think I'm succumbing to the hype, grabbing my reusable bags and heading to Trader Joe's for the second time in two days.*

Wilkins is a host at Hamburger Mary's. The day before, uncertainly. More customers turned out for the restaurant's signature drag brunch than expected. Then police served notice — they had to close. By the end of her shift, servers sat down, drinking. She lives a stone's throw away. She walked past restaurant owners as they taped hastily-written notices about take-out in their windows. By the next morning, she had assessed: She works two days a week, she just



Mary Werner, the village president of south suburban Worth, works in her office at the Village Hall.

received a nice tax returns, she gets unemployment assistance already and her parents are chipping in. She figured that she should be OK.

8:30 a.m.

Mary Werner, 65, Village of Worth: *Visited Worth Restaurant, discussed take-out ...*

Werner has been village president of Worth in the southwest suburbs for seven years. The night before she barely slept. She knew she had to stop at businesses on the way into work, many of which are owned by people she has known for decades, since before she was village president. She stopped first at Worth Restaurant, which has anchored W. 111th Street for 70 years here. They didn't know what was next. She noticed that as customers left the restaurant, many told their servers: "We'll see you tomorrow." There was some crying.

9 a.m.

Lafontaine, Glen Ellyn: *Aimee is off to the grocery store. I'm worried about her ...*

He prepares breakfast and wonders if they should conserve the oatmeal and burn through the perishables first. He checks mortgage rates then wonders why he's doing this. His wife returns and leaves a care package of groceries on a neighbor's stoop.

10:30 a.m.

Scheidler, Lake Forest: *Made two blog posts about food planning and helping local restaurants who are delivering after they close tonight.*

She assumed her sixth grader's appointment for braces was canceled; it wasn't, they made it just before the office closed indefinitely. At home she realized he also needed a desk now and ordered one from Target. They thought about having lunch delivered from a nearby restaurant then she got nervous about asking drivers to leave their houses.

11:19 a.m.

Wilkins, Andersonville: *Boy I went on a date with last week invited me to come over and watch movies. Con-*

sulted group chat: Should I self-isolate or quarantine and chill?

The morning was eventful. She was disgusted by a pet-store worker's coughing. The woman didn't even try to hide the cough. Her Uber driver blamed someone else's bad driving on the virus. Then a friend's mother became insistent that Wilkins and others group-quarantine at the mother's home in Evanston; she promised to cook and hang out and have fun. Wilkins thought it would be fun, until the mother got tired of us being there, "which would be fair." She texted the potential date — she was going to stay home — then wondered how much longer we can use a pandemic to get out of stuff.

11:30 a.m.

Werner, Village of Worth: *Started calling restaurant and bar owners ...*

She makes her coffee in the microwave then makes call after call, assembling restaurant numbers and carry-out details to post on the Worth Facebook page. Except none of the restaurants have drive-ups, some are cash-only. They're confused about logistics: Can people come in? Or wait at the curb? Because the village doesn't have an online network, there's no work-from-home option for Werner or the rest of her staff.

12 Noon

Lafontaine, Glen Ellyn: *Wondering if we've got too much food. Are we hoarding? ...*

He wonders if he's part of the problem; he reminds himself he has a job and a salary coming in and he's in a place of privilege. He notes one of his son's beds is wobbly; he decides not to go to Home Depot and texts his younger brother and asks for lumber. He drives to his brother's house and finds the wood already waiting on the front steps. It doesn't occur to him until later that he never even rang their bell to give a quick thanks.

12:30 p.m.

Scheidler, Lake Forest: *My housekeepers came and I feel so guilty ...*

She called them, they didn't have to come, she would pay them anyway.

She was more worried about her family endangering the cleaners than she was about the cleaners endangering them. She thought about all the surfaces they might have to touch, but they had been with her 15 years and "more than half of their clients canceled on them."

1:15 p.m.

Werner, Village of Worth: *Village Trustee Kevin Ryan, chairman of the finance committee, came to see me so we could discuss financial impact.*

Specifically they talked about the loss of sales tax and revenue from video gaming — the latter of which adds about \$20,000 a month to the villages coffers. The village has an annual budget of around \$11 million, serving about 10,800 residents. Ryan, a dental tech, normally wouldn't have time for an afternoon meeting but appointments were canceled.

3:17 p.m.

Wilkins, Andersonville: *At home thinking about how inconvenient this virus is ...*

She cringes at "inconvenient," but it fits. She's worried about her father, who is 60, has respiratory issues and lives in New Jersey. She wishes she were there to force him to stay home. Plus, her money — the owner of a dog she was planning to watch all summer just canceled her trip to Vietnam, her future at Hamburger Mary's looks uncertain, now she is having trouble certifying her unemployment benefits because the website and phone lines to the unemployment office are overwhelmed. She gets a note from a friend offering her a plate of rice and beans and she wonders if that's all her friend is eating.

3:30 p.m.

Werner, Village of Worth: *Met with adjudication hearing officer ...*

The village hall in Worth resembles a VFW hall mashed with a construction trailer. It's small. Adjudication hearings — where everyday citations, from messy yards to building violations, are handled — are held in the same room where village board meetings are held, which is also the same space were voting

is conducted. The hearings officer wanted to make sure it wouldn't get crowded. Later, Werner took her second call that day from a worried senior — they wanted to vote but didn't love the idea of going out.

5 p.m.

Lafontaine, Glen Ellyn: *A friend drops by so her son can borrow a bike. He rings the bell then waits at the bottom of the steps. My friend waits on the sidewalk. Her son heads to the garage for the bike. My son Jack waves to his friend from the window.*

It's a weird day of quiet drop-offs. They live in a handsome two-story yellow brick home at the top of a rise. The bike aside, one of his son's teachers has left a book on their steps, and Lafontaine's 69-year old father, who lives nearby, left a frozen pizza. Lafontaine's first thought was not gratitude but rather, "Why is he leaving his house?"

5:10 p.m.

Werner, Village of Worth: *Went home.*

She lives two miles from the office and traffic on 111th Street seemed magically light at rush hour. The day was exhausting. But mostly, the day was marked by uncertainty. People told her, if it's two weeks, OK. But beyond two weeks? That night she and her husband of 45 years ate a rump roast she had placed in the slow cooker that morning.

6:03 p.m.

Wilkins, Andersonville: *Thinking about the bubonic plague.*

She just started thinking about it, a lot. About how Western medicine is more advanced now. But ... still? She downloaded a dating app out of boredom, "the opposite of social distancing, the CDC would not approve." She watched President Trump's press conference. She thought about how when you have a group project there's always one person who doesn't do the work and tries to fake their way through looking like they did.

6:30 p.m.

Scheidler, Lake Forest: *All home for dinner.*

Even her husband, a marketing executive at a phar-

maceutical corporation, who normally gets home later, was there. They had parmesan chicken, and though the mood was relaxed, she could tell the kids wanted to vent. By the end of day one, they were antsy. Four share rooms, so they needed to establish territory. And she had her own rules — replace the toilet paper, make your bed, don't blast music, this kitchen is not be open 24/7. One of her sons plays football at Notre Dame, "so the kid eats constantly."

7 p.m.

Lafontaine, Glen Ellyn: *Time to call it a day on work.*

He checks the news and sees Floridians in denial and thinks about "Jaws" and the mayor who wants to keep the beaches open. His kids are bored. Lafontaine hears his sister will be organizing a virtual talent show later that week for their children. They make dinner and watch "Black-ish." It's the episode where the whole family gets sick.

8 p.m.

Scheidler, Lake Forest: *Finally sitting down to client work that was due Friday.*

She does freelance corporate communications work she sidelined for days. She has two brothers who are doctors, one more alarmist than the other; she's hearing about inevitable lockdowns. For the time being, things seem OK: The kids like all being together again, FaceTime was providing friends and her yoga class just posted its online schedule.

8:10 p.m.

Wilkins, Andersonville: *I know social distancing is the way to slow the virus but what if I eat all my quarantine groceries the first day and have to go to the store again.*

She thinks about her Wednesday routine: Just before a group therapy session, she eats a basket of bread and drinks two glasses of wine at a neighborhood Italian restaurant. She thinks about the job interviews she has scheduled for corporate PR gigs and if they're happening. She decides it's irresponsible to be in big crowds right now, but "I don't think I should be looked down upon if I have to leave the house sometimes."

10:30 p.m.

Lafontaine, Glen Ellyn: *It was all weird. It was all new. The way I remember odd details from vacations. Every decision of the day weighed a fair bit more than average ...*

He reads through emails and texts he missed. He and Aimee talk about articles they've read, one about how kids mimic the way parents respond to stress. He hears a nephew has a fever; not normally noteworthy, but the family gets silent when they hear the news. An uncle posts on Facebook that the epidemic is overblown. Lafontaine wishes he could say that. He is naturally inclined to believe everything works out. But the more he thinks about this, the more he realizes that there's really no reason to think that at all.

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CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Rescue deal worth nearly \$2T teeters

Senate votes down advancing package, negotiating goes on

BY ANDREW TAYLOR, JONATHAN LEMIRE AND LISA MASCARO
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Top-level negotiations between Congress and the White House teetered Sunday over a now nearly \$2 trillion economic rescue package, as the coronavirus crisis deepened, the nation shut down and the first U.S. senator tested positive for the disease.

As President Donald Trump took to the podium in the White House briefing room and promised to help Americans who feel afraid and isolated as the pandemic spreads, the Senate voted against advancing the rescue package. But negotiations continued on Capitol Hill.

"I think you'll get there. To me it's not very complicated: We have to help the worker. We have to save the companies," Trump said. "We're enduring a great national trial, and we will prove that we can meet the moment. We're at war."

At the otherwise emptied out Capitol, the draft aid bill was declared insufficient by Democrats, who argued it was tilted toward corporations and did too little to help workers and health care providers. The setback sent Republicans back to the negotiating table.

With a population on edge and shellshocked financial markets poised for the new workweek, doubts emerged about the fate of an



PATRICK SEMANSKY/AP

President Donald Trump speaks during a coronavirus task force briefing Saturday at the White House in Washington, D.C.

agreement that would provide some relief against health and economic crises that are likely to stretch for several months.

"Americans don't need to see us haggling endlessly," warned Senate Majority Leader McConnell, R-Ky., his voice rising on the Senate floor. He sought passage of the package by Monday.

But Democrats say the largely GOP-led effort does not go far enough to provide health care and unemployment aid for Americans, and fails to put restraints on a proposed \$500 billion "slush fund" for corpora-

tions.

Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., said the draft package "significantly cut back our hospitals, our cities, our states, our medical workers and so many others needed in this crisis."

While the congressional leaders worked to send help, alarms were being sounded from coast to coast about the wave of coronavirus cases about to crash onto the nation's health system.

New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio had dire, urgent news from the pandemic's

U.S. epicenter: "April and May are going to be a lot worse," he said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

De Blasio all but begged Washington to help procure ventilators and other medical supplies. He accused the president of "not lifting a finger" to help.

Trump urged Congress to get a deal done and, during the Sunday briefing, responded to criticism that his administration was sluggish to act. He cited his cooperation with the three states hardest hit — New York, Washington and California — and invoked a

measure to give governors flexibility in calling up the National Guard under their control, while the federal government covers the bill.

But even as Trump stressed federal-local partnerships, some governors, including Republican Greg Abbott of Texas, expressed unhappiness with Washington's response. The president himself took a swipe hours earlier at Gov. J.B. Pritzker, D-Ill., saying that he and "a very small group of certain other Governors, together with Fake News," should not be "blaming the Federal Government for

their own shortcomings."

This came as the first senator, Republican Rand Paul, of Kentucky, announced he tested positive for the coronavirus. Paul, who is a doctor and close ally of the president, said in a tweet he was not showing symptoms and was in quarantine. Paul was seen at a GOP senators' lunch on Friday and swimming in the Senate gym pool on Sunday morning.

A growing list of lawmakers have cycled in and out of isolation after exposure, and two members of the House have said they tested positive. Five senators were in self-quarantine Sunday evening.

In recent days, Trump invoked the Defense Protection Act, a rarely used, decades-old authority that can be used to compel the private sector to manufacture needed medical supplies like masks and ventilators. Officials said Sunday that it would be used voluntarily and businesses would not be compelled to act.

The urgency to act is mounting, as jobless claims skyrocket, businesses shutter and the financial markets are set to reopen Monday eager for signs that Washington can soften the blow of the health care crisis and what experts say is a looming recession. Stock futures declined sharply as Trump spoke Sunday evening.

Officials late Sunday put the price tag of the ballooning rescue package at nearly \$2 trillion. That does not include additional measures being taken by the Federal Reserve to shore up the economy.



MIC SMITH/AP

Despite warnings from government officials to self distance due to the spreading coronavirus, beachgoers congregate on the sand Friday in Isle of Palms, South Carolina.

Officials worldwide struggle to rein in virus rebels' antics

BY ELAINE GANLEY
Associated Press

PARIS — Young German adults hold "corona parties" and cough toward older people. A Spanish man leashes a goat to go for a walk to skirt confinement orders. From France to Florida to Australia, kitesurfers, college students and others crowd the beaches.

Their defiance of lockdown mandates and scientific advice to fight the coronavirus pandemic has prompted crackdowns by authorities on people trying to escape cabin fever brought on by virus restrictions. In some cases, the virus rebels resist — threatening police as officials express outrage over public gatherings that could spread the virus.

On Sunday new nationwide measures to limit contact between people — barring groups of more than two people, except for families, to contain the spread of the coronavirus.

"Some consider they're little heroes when they break the rules," French Interior Minister Christophe Castaner said. "Well, no. You're an imbecile."

After days of noncompliance by people refusing to stay home and venture out only for essential tasks, France on Friday sent security forces into train sta-

tions to prevent people from traveling to their vacation homes, potentially carrying the virus to the countryside or beaches where medical facilities are less robust. The popular Paris walkway along the Seine River was closed, and a nightly curfew was imposed in the French Mediterranean city of Nice by Mayor Christian Estrosi, who is infected with the virus.

Florida officials closed some of the state's most popular beaches after images of rowdy spring break college crowds appeared on TV for days amid the rising global death toll, which surpassed 14,000 on Sunday.

Australia closed Sydney's famous Bondi Beach after police were outraged at pictures of the crowds. New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo said Saturday that people from 18 to 49 years old account for more than half of the state's coronavirus cases, warning them, "You're not Superman, and you're not Superwoman."

Many people were not complying with social distancing recommendations to stay away from each other in New York City's vast city park network ahead of a ban on congregating in groups that goes into effect Sunday night, Cuomo said.

As new coronavirus

cases in China dropped to zero several days in a row, the chief medical officer for the International Clinic of Wuhan was alarmed at those elsewhere refusing to follow rules to contain the virus. Dr. Philippe Klein said people should look to China's confinement of tens of millions as an example to emulate "with courage, with patience, with solidarity."

"I exhort you, the French, to apply the rules in our way," said Klein, who is French.

Worldwide, over 329,800 people have been infected. About 92,000 people have recovered, mostly in China, where the virus first struck late last year.

The virus rebels tend to range from restless teens to wealthy adults who can travel to their getaway homes.

Even in Italy, where the virus death toll soared beyond China's last week, authorities are still trying to rein in people from going outside for fresh air, sun and visits with friends to escape walled-in lives.

In Spain's northeastern region of Catalonia, police posted a picture of a man walking a goat on a leash, apparently trying to take advantage of the pet walking exception.

The New York Times contributed.

Stranded tourists 'filled with gratitude' to secure US flight

BY MITCH WEISS AND HOLBROOK MOHR
Associated Press

After being confined to a hotel room in Peru and watching "heavily armed guards" patrolling the streets, Linda Scruggs was awash with emotions Saturday when she glimpsed out the airplane window the Florida Everglades below.

Scruggs and her traveling companion, Mike Rustici, were among dozens of American citizens who caught a LATAM Airlines flight to Miami after being trapped for days in the Peruvian capital of Lima. Like thousands of U.S. tourists and Americans living abroad, the couple was caught in limbo as nations closed their borders to try to stop the spread of the deadly new coronavirus. For days, the couple didn't know how or when they would make it home — especially after the State Department essentially told them they were on their own.

"I never had this feeling before, even after 9/11," she said after the plane landed. "I was filled with gratitude, relief, concern and sadness that our country isn't doing more."

Scruggs and Rustici, both in their 40s and from Nashville, Tennessee, had flown to Peru with plans to hike Machu Picchu's complex of Inca ruins, but within days after they landed, Peruvian President Martin Vizcarra declared an emergency, ordering the country's borders closed.

They said they were only given about 24 hours' notice to leave Peru but couldn't find a flight. The virus has caused more than 12,000 deaths around the world, but the figure goes up every day as Americans in Morocco, Ecuador and other nations struggle to find a way home.

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said Friday



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Linda Scruggs, right, applies hand sanitizer after arriving in Miami with Mike Rustici on a flight from Peru Saturday.

that he is working to repatriate Americans. But Scruggs and Rustici said they got little help or information from the State Department, a sentiment expressed by Americans trapped in other countries. The State Department did not respond to messages seeking comment.

"I think we're still processing it," Rustici said. "A big mixture of relief and guilt, it's almost like survivor's guilt. We know that there are so many people still over there, and we've been doing so much the last four or five days to get ourselves and everybody else out, and we managed to do so because we're savvy travelers. We had the resources to keep moving and try a lot of things, but in the end, we just got really lucky."

Scruggs and Rustici were in the hotel room Saturday morning when they received an email from a local tour operator saying there might be seats on a flight from Lima to Miami. They paid \$800 each and took a bus to the airport with other Americans trying to catch the same plane.

There were about 200 people waiting outside the airport when they arrived and a security guard took them inside, where they faced what Scruggs described as a "tense and chaotic" scene with long

lines. Some Americans were accompanied by babies and children.

Shortly before noon, the couple boarded the plane.

Scruggs, a nurse, said some tourists in Peru are running low on life-sustaining medications like insulin and that some foreign college students trapped in the country were running out of money for food.

Desperate to get home, Scruggs and Rustici used social media to connect with hundreds of other tourists who were trapped in the country, trying to draw attention to their plight by reaching out to elected officials and reporters.

Dora Figueiredo, 37, an American from Newark, New Jersey, was trying Friday to determine whether her flight from Argentina to the U.S. would leave as scheduled on Sunday.

She had traveled to Buenos Aires to marry her now-Argentine husband who cannot yet move to the U.S. because he doesn't have U.S. residency, a process she said could take more than a year.

"I'm feeling a bit stressed out about how to get home now that the Argentinian president announced a lockdown as of midnight last night," she said.

As of Friday, her flight had not been canceled.



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A letter from Edward-Elmhurst Health

Edward-Elmhurst Health is prepared and has a coordinated, well-executed plan to address the coronavirus pandemic.

While the community at large does their best to maintain social distance, our healthcare professionals are coming in every day to take care of our patients. We're deeply grateful for and so proud of our staff, who are working hard and dedicating themselves to keeping our patients—and each other—safe.

We're also thankful for the support from our local, state and federal officials. From the federal coronavirus relief package signed into law March 18 to the Department of Health and Human Services allowing doctors to practice across state lines, these legislative measures help immensely.

Our elected officials are supporting our efforts, working to secure essential financial aid and promoting the message of social distancing to stop the spread of COVID-19.

Amid this crisis, Edward-Elmhurst Health, along with most of the healthcare organizations in the country, is facing a shortage of supplies: critical resources like masks, ventilators, hand sanitizer and personal protective equipment.

In order to keep everyone as healthy as possible and maximize our capacity to care for everyone who needs medical treatment, we rely on your help.

- ▶ **Stay home if possible.** This is of utmost importance. If you don't need to go out, don't. Work from home and keep your children active but maintain social distance. We appreciate the support of our mayors and the governor, who have taken action to ensure social distancing.

- ▶ **Don't use medical supplies unnecessarily or stockpile essential medical supplies.** Things like masks and hand sanitizer are important to healthcare professionals who are caring for COVID-19 patients. Instead, follow the recommendations the CDC offers on its website to protect yourself from coronavirus.
- ▶ **Donate blood.** Now that everyone is staying home, the number of blood donors has dropped. It may sound counterintuitive to go out to a blood drive, but we are encouraging healthy donors to give blood. Red Cross has put new safety measures in place to protect staff and donors, including checking the temperature of staff and donors before they enter a drive location, providing hand sanitizer throughout the donation process and spacing beds in accordance with social distancing guidelines. More attention is also being given to disinfecting surfaces and equipment. Versiti.org lists donation locations on its web page.
- ▶ **Wash your hands often with soap and water, don't touch your face, and avoid contact with sick people.**
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People fleeing virus for resorts not welcomed

BY WAYNE PARRY
Associated Press

OCEAN CITY, N.J. — Some city folk have been fleeing to their second homes in resort areas to ride out the coronavirus outbreak near the beach or the ski slopes. But neighbors in many of those places are yanking the welcome mat — fearing infection and the overwhelming of already stretched resources in sleepy shore and mountain communities.

In southern New Jersey, Cape May County Freeholder Director Gerald Thornton asked summer homeowners, who make up nearly half the property owners, to stay away for at least two weeks.

“Because the children are out of school, people are taking that as an opportunity to go to the shore,” he said Wednesday. “Instead of a national emergency, they’re taking it like an additional vacation.”

Thornton said a quarter of the county is aged 60 or older — and thus particularly vulnerable to the virus.

While, the coronavirus causes only mild or moderate symptoms for most people, such as fever and cough, it can cause more severe illness, including pneumo-

nia, for some, especially older adults and people with existing health problems. The vast majority of people recover from the new virus in a period of weeks.

“We don’t know where these people are coming from or who they’ve been exposed to,” he said. “We got reports today that someone from New York who was exposed to the virus came down here, and now we’re investigating whether he’s positive.”

An hour later, officials announced that the man, a 30-year-old New Yorker, had indeed tested positive, and was the first confirmed case of the virus in the county. That led the county’s director of nursing to issue another request for visitors to stay away.

Similar debates are raging in many shore and mountain towns.

One Maine island that is reachable only by boat or plane barred part-time residents from the island — before backtracking and simply “strongly” encouraging them to stay away, for their health and the health of North Haven’s full-time residents.

In Ocean City, New Jersey, which has a large percentage of summer resi-

dents, and draws vacationers from Philadelphia and New York, resident Melissa Wahl said there was not a single piece of meat available at a local supermarket Wednesday morning.

“The cashier who checked me out said she had been seeing a lot of out-of-towners,” she said. “People are afraid of them bringing in this virus and our hospital not having the ability to handle all of the influx.”

During the outbreak, business has more than doubled at the Winhall Market near Stratton Mountain Ski Resort in southern Vermont, as residents of New York and Boston pour in. Locals aren’t thrilled as they watch items selling out at the small market and fear that out-of-staters could be bringing the virus with them.

“They’re really hoarding everything,” market owner Lorraine Neuhaus said.

Valencia, Spain, has closed its beaches to prevent people fleeing the virus from coming there, and leading to a reverse migration away from the shore.

In the U.S., Point Pleasant Beach, which has one of New Jersey’s most popular boardwalks, is trying a similar tactic, urging people not



WAYNE PARRY/AP

People pass a sign on Friday on a boardwalk in Bradley Beach, New Jersey, urging people to employ social distancing during the coronavirus outbreak.

to walk on it for the foreseeable future.

“While fresh air and spending time outside is positive, the narrow boardwalk will force people to be in proximity to each other, thus negating all attempts to adhere to social distancing,” police chief Joseph Michigan said in a Facebook posting.

Some were fleeing to someone else’s home.

Josh Rodriguez, from Tempe, Arizona, had planned for months to attend a jiu jitsu tournament in Big Bear Lake, California.

When it got canceled due to concerns about the virus, he and his wife went to Cali-

fornia anyway.

“We decided to get out of the craziness of the city and lock ourselves in a cabin,” Rodriguez said.

Cailin Sandvig and her husband Justin Bracken left their Brooklyn apartment on Monday, packing their 10-month-old twins, Milo and Aurelia, into the family car along with baby supplies and a week’s worth of clothing for themselves. They were heading to Wheaton, Illinois, where Sandvig’s mother lives by herself in a four-bedroom house.

Practicing social distancing in Brooklyn would mean keeping the twins

inside their small apartment, and that would be untenable since they’re crawling and almost walking.

“To keep them in a room where they have at most 10 feet of distance is a nightmare,” she said.

Candice Cobb owns a home on Ocracoke Island, a strip of land on North Carolina’s Outer Banks. But she won’t be making the trip from her residence in Hillsborough, North Carolina.

“I would have the potential of contaminating the island as would anybody else who is not a full-time resident,” said Cobb, who retired a few years ago.

Warm weather may slow, but not halt coronavirus

BY KNVUL SHEIKH AND ERNESTO LONDOÑO
The New York Times

Communities living in warmer places appear to have a comparative advantage to slow the transmission of coronavirus infections, according to an early analysis by scientists at the Massachusetts Institute of

Technology.

The researchers found that most coronavirus transmissions had occurred in regions with low temperatures, between 37.4 and 62.6 degrees Fahrenheit.

While countries with equatorial climates and those in the Southern Hemisphere, currently in summer, have reported co-

ronavirus cases, regions with average temperatures above 64.4 degrees Fahrenheit account for fewer than 6% of global cases so far.

“Wherever the temperatures were colder, the number of the cases started increasing quickly,” said Qasim Bukhari, a computational scientist at MIT who is a co-author of the study.

Southern states, such as Arizona, Florida and Texas, have seen slower outbreak growth compared with states like Washington, New York and Colorado. Cases in California have grown at a rate that falls somewhere in between.

The seasonal pattern is similar to what epidemiologists have observed with

other viruses. Dr. Deborah Birx, a member of the Trump administration’s coronavirus task force, said during a recent briefing that the flu, in the Northern Hemisphere, generally follows a November to April trend. The four types of coronavirus that cause the common cold also wane in warmer weather.

Warmer temperatures might make it harder for the coronavirus to survive in the air or on surfaces for long periods of time, but it could still be contagious for hours, if not days, Bukhari said.

Because so much is unknown, no one can predict whether the virus will return with ferocity in the fall.

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A cyclist rides on an empty street Sunday in New York, a hot spot for the coronavirus.

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Diseases, said on CBS’ “Face The Nation.”

Hours later, Trump said he had ordered the Federal Emergency Management Agency to ship mobile hospital centers to Washington, California and New York. For New York, that would mean another 1,000 hospital beds.

“No American is alone as long as we are united,” Trump said.

Meanwhile, negotiators from Congress and the White House resumed top-level talks on a \$1.4 trillion economic rescue package, urged by Trump to strike a deal to steady a nation upended by the coronavirus pandemic. Trump appeared confident about the nation’s ability to defeat the pandemic soon even as health leaders acknowledged that the U.S. was nowhere near the peak of the outbreak.

Worldwide, more than 316,000 people have been infected and nearly 13,600 have died, according to Johns Hopkins University. About 150 countries now have confirmed cases.

There were more than 32,000 cases across the U.S. and 414 deaths. New York state accounted for 114 deaths, mostly in New York City, where there were

more than 4,400 infections, but officials warned the concentration may be more because of increased testing.

On Sunday, New York passed Washington state — the initial epicenter of the U.S. outbreak — in the number of fatal cases. Only China and Italy have reported more cases.

Cuomo spent Saturday scouting places to build makeshift hospitals and told existing hospitals to figure out ways to increase their current beds by at least 50% because predictions from health officials are that COVID-19 cases needing advanced medical care will top 100,000 in New York state in the next month or so. City hospitals have about 53,000 beds.

In the face of an invisible danger rather than billowing smoke or blowing snow, New Yorkers were still gathering in large groups in parks, playing basketball or having block parties. Similar scenes played out around the country.

Cuomo expressed exasperation Sunday that people were still ignoring orders to stay away from one another, saying he’s still seeing people clustering in groups acting like it was just another spring weekend.

“It’s insensitive. It’s arrogant. It’s self-destructive. It’s disrespectful to other people,” Cuomo said. “It

has to stop and it has to stop now.”

He asked local officials to figure out a plan that could include closing parks, closing playgrounds or opening streets, typically teeming with traffic but now quiet, only to pedestrians.

Along with the staggering numbers, there were individual reminders Sunday of the reach of the virus. Republican Rand Paul of Kentucky became the first U.S. senator to announce he was infected. Opera superstar Plácido Domingo announced he has COVID-19, and German Chancellor Angela Merkel put herself into quarantine after a doctor who gave her a vaccine tested positive.

Meanwhile, Italy and Iran reported soaring new death tolls.

Italian Premier Giuseppe Conte went on live TV to announce that he was tightening the country’s lockdown. Italy now has more than 59,000 cases and 5,476 deaths.

Iran’s supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, refused U.S. assistance Sunday to fight the virus, citing an unfounded conspiracy theory that the outbreak could be an American plot. Iran says it has 1,685 deaths and 21,638 confirmed cases of the virus — a toll that experts from the World Health Organization say is almost certainly underreported.

CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Elections forced into limbo as virus delays US primaries

BY CHRISTINA A. CASSIDY
Associated Press

ATLANTA — U.S. elections have been upended by the coronavirus pandemic. At least 13 states have postponed voting, and more delays are possible as health officials warn that social distancing and other measures to contain the virus might be in place for weeks, if not months.

The states that have yet to hold their primaries find themselves in a seemingly impossible situation as they look to balance public health concerns with the need to hold elections. While election officials routinely prepare for natural disasters such as hurricanes and wildfires, the virus outbreak poses a

unique challenge.

"Usually when we are dealing with a crisis in elections, it's something that happens and then it's done," said Chris Harvey, Georgia's director of elections. "The difference now is that it's a spreading threat, a fast-growing threat. We don't know where, when or how it is going to end."

Primaries scheduled for Georgia, Ohio, Maryland, Indiana, Louisiana, Connecticut and Kentucky have all been postponed to May or June. The Rhode Island Board of Elections has recommended the primary be delayed to June, while officials in Wisconsin are debating what to do.

Wisconsin Gov. Tony Evers has insisted the April 7 primary be held as sched-

uled, but a state elections commissioner said this past week that doing so would put people at risk. The state's chief elections official cited a host of problems Wisconsin could face if it moved forward with the election: a poll worker shortage, lack of polling places and potential disruption of absentee voting if mail service in the U.S. were to shut down.

All this comes at the worst possible time for election officials, in the middle of a major election year. The virus outbreak erupted halfway through the presidential primary season. Voters in 23 states have yet to cast their ballots.

While Arizona, Florida and Illinois held their elections as scheduled last Tuesday, Ohio halted vot-

ing over public health concerns after federal officials encouraged people older than 65 to stay home.

"We cannot tell people to stay inside, but also tell them to go out and vote," Gov. Mike DeWine, R-Ohio, said on Twitter, in announcing plans to delay.

The states that have opted to press ahead have found themselves dealing with what one Chicago elections official called a "tsunami" of cancellations by poll workers, who tend to be older, and a last-minute scramble to relocate polling places away from nursing homes and senior living communities. Severe illness and death associated with coronavirus has been most common in people 65 and older, especially those who

have heart disease or other chronic conditions.

In addition to the presidential race, dozens of congressional and local primaries are in limbo. Primaries play an important role in deciding which party candidates will appear on the ballot for the November general election.

Runoff elections in Alabama, Texas and Mississippi were also delayed, as were local elections in Oklahoma, Missouri and New Jersey.

There's no indication May or June will be any better to hold elections, but officials say postponing voting even for a few weeks gives them an opportunity to put plans in place to keep the public safe while voting. This includes moving polling places, recruiting

backup poll workers and acquiring enough cleaning supplies for voting sites.

Looming over the scramble with the primaries are worries about the general election in November, a date that is set by federal law. Federal legislation has been proposed that would have all voters receive mail-in ballots for the November election and provide federal funds to help states cover the costs.

The Brennan Center for Justice at NYU's School of Law is calling for task forces in every state to implement plans for executing an election amid a pandemic and urging Congress to provide money to help states. They estimate their proposals, including universal mail-in voting, could cost up to \$2 billion.

Experts share safety tips for workers unable to stay home

BY NICOLE SANTA CRUZ
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — As state and local officials have issued strict stay-at-home mandates to curb the spread of COVID-19, there are many workers who don't have the luxury of staying home. There's the neighbor working at a grocery store with an elderly parent at home, or the gas station clerk keeping the pumps running.

As the virus spreads and more people become infected, you may be wondering how to stay safe. Here's the best information available from Southern California public health experts.

Above all, wash your hands

First, experts say, hand-washing is unbeatable. Hot or cold water. Use soap. Sing a song while doing it so

you're washing for at least 20 seconds. Wash your hands before, during and after your shift and avoid touching your face. One expert suggested using a scented soap so you could use the scent as a reminder not to touch your face.

Think about what your hands are coming into contact with. If you're touching doorknobs, rails or elevator buttons, wash your hands again.

"There's nothing better than washing hands," said Steve Chen, associate dean for clinical studies at the University of Southern California.

What about gloves?

Gloves can serve as a layer of protection but can still transmit the novel coronavirus, which causes COVID-19, said David Bazzo, a clinical professor of family medicine at Uni-

versity of California, San Diego. In short: The gloves may be protecting you but also transmitting the virus.

"If you're touching surfaces, what else are you touching with those gloves?" Bazzo said. "Are you taking something from one person and giving it to another person?"

Before and after wearing the gloves, experts say to wash your hands. Think about how often you're changing gloves, and make sure that the pairs you're cycling through fit snugly.

Remember, Bazzo said, if you're washing your hands and practicing social distancing (as much as you can), that's probably as good as wearing gloves.

Experts said to use the same precautions you would if you weren't wearing gloves.

"Sometimes when people wear protective equip-



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A woman wears a mask and goggles as she walks Sunday in London. Health experts have seen misuse of masks.

ment, it gives them a false sense of security, and we should protect against that as well," Bazzo said.

Should you wear a mask?

Answers to this question are mixed. Masks are recommended for people who are sick to help keep them from spreading the virus, experts said.

If you're wearing the mask recommended by the Centers for Disease Control

and Prevention — the N95 respirator — it needs to fit right.

Experts said they'd seen widespread misuse of masks: People will touch the mask, fidget with it, drop it, then put it back on. Sometimes they're upside down or and worn for too long, said Bernadette Boden-Albala, the dean of public health at University of California, Irvine.

The CDC has not recommended that people wear

masks for everyday activities, and with a shortage of supplies, experts urged caution.

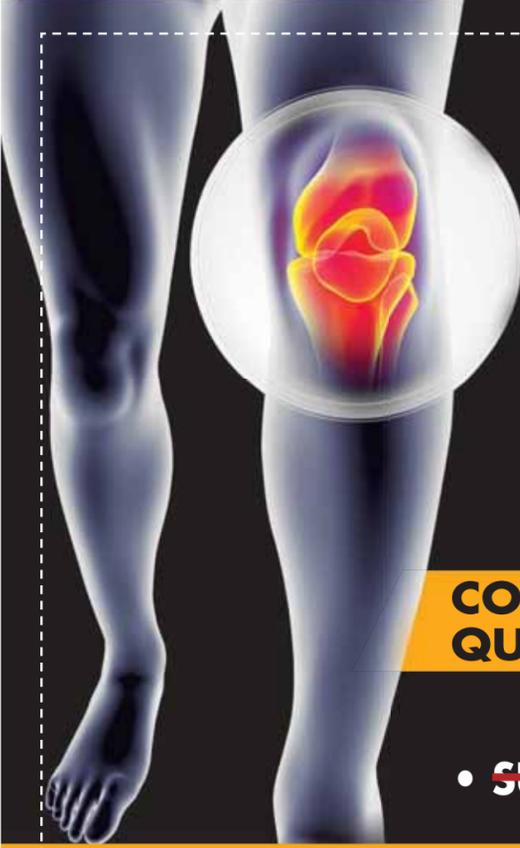
The evidence suggests there's no benefit to wearing a mask if you're not infected, USC's Chen said.

U.S. health officials, however, have recommended that medical workers treating suspected coronavirus patients wear the N95 mask.

If an infected person uses "the mask diligently, it should reduce transmission," Chen said. That means putting on the mask with your hands only after they've been washed.

Experts acknowledge that it's tough to know how to keep yourself safe. For people who have an elderly parent at home or who work in jobs that require interaction with others, there isn't an easy answer.

"I can say here's what we know," Bazzo said. "Here are best practices, and please try to stick to those as best you can because that's your best chance of preventing spread and trying to keep you and your family safe."



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Palestinian Health Ministry: Gaza confirms first virus cases

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — The Palestinian Health Ministry announced the first two cases of the coronavirus in the Gaza Strip early Sunday.

The ministry said the cases were two people who returned recently from Pakistan. It said they had been moved to isolation at a hospital in Rafah, a city in the southern Gaza Strip.

The development added to fears of a potential outbreak in the crowded

enclave, which has an overstretched health care system after years of an Israeli-Egyptian blockade and Palestinian political division.

The blockade has rendered Gaza off limits to foreign tourists, and Israel and Egypt have shut their borders with the territory as part of measures aimed at containing the virus.

Palestinians returning home can still enter Gaza, but are sent to quarantine centers.



ANIS BELGHOUL/AP

Algeria fights the virus: A worker disinfects the library of the Al-Djamaa el-Kabir mosque on Sunday in Algiers, Algeria. President Abdelmadjid Tebboune ordered security forces to enforce a ban on any public gathering as part of the coronavirus fight.

First federal jail inmate tests positive for virus

WASHINGTON — An inmate at a federal jail in New York City has tested positive for coronavirus, marking the first confirmed case in the federal prison system.

The inmate at the Metropolitan Detention Center in Brooklyn, complained of chest pains on Thursday, a few days after he arrived at the facility, the federal Bureau of Prisons told The Associated Press. He was taken to a local hospital and was tested for COVID-19, officials said.

The inmate was discharged from the hospital on Friday and returned to the jail, where he was immediately placed in isolation, the agency said. The Bureau of Prisons learned Saturday that he had tested positive for COVID-19.

There have been two positive cases among BOP staff members in Texas and Kansas.

Migrant workers in India defy 'people's curfew' order by Modi

NEW DELHI — Indian migrant workers attempted to reach their home villages from a crowded railway station in the northern state of Uttar Pradesh on Sunday, defying a 14-hour "people's curfew" that Prime Minister Narendra Modi called to stem a surge in coronavirus cases in the world's second-most populous country.

Modi asked India's 1.3 billion people to stay at

home on Sunday.

Late Sunday, the government of Delhi issued weeklong stay-at-home orders, canceling public transport, closing shops, offices, factories and houses of worship, and allowing people to leave their homes only for basic necessities. Police and health care were exempted from the rule.

There were at least 360 active cases of the new coronavirus in India.

NY area airport workers laid off; Marriott to start furloughs

More than 1,500 contracted workers have been laid off at La Guardia, Newark Liberty International and John F. Kennedy International Airport, according to Local 32BJ of the Services Employees International Union, which represents more than 10,000 airport service workers in New York and New Jersey.

The union and more than 50 elected New York and New Jersey officials are demanding paid sick days, health care and layoff protections for contracted workers in any federal bailout for the airline industry,

which requested more than \$50 billion in rescue aid last week. Contracted workers make up 30% of airport workers nationwide, according to the union.

Luerica Fiffie, a JFK passenger service representative and mother of seven children, said she was laid off Thursday. "I have poured my heart and soul into this job," Fiffie said. "We need people to take us seriously."

Marriott International Inc. said it will furlough thousands of corporate employees at its U.S. headquarters and globally. The decision was first reported

by The Wall Street Journal on Sunday, adds to massive recent payroll reductions.

The world's largest hotel company, like many of its peers, is trying to cope with a plunge in demand due to the coronavirus.

Marriott said it is furloughing about two-thirds of its 4,000 corporate employees at its headquarters in Bethesda, Maryland.

It is also furloughing about two-thirds of its corporate staff abroad.

The company, which has about 174,000 employees worldwide, said it plans to bring all the staff back when it can.

Strongest quake in 140 years strikes near Croatia's capital

ZAGREB, Croatia — A strong earthquake in Croatia on Sunday caused panic, the evacuation of hospitals and widespread damage including to the capital's iconic cathedral amid a partial coronavirus lockdown.

A 15-year-old was reported in critical condition and 16 others were injured, authorities said.

The European seismological agency, EMSC, said the earthquake measured

5.3 and struck a wide area with the epicenter four miles north of Zagreb followed by at least four weaker tremors.

Prime Minister Andrej Plenkovic said the quake was Zagreb's biggest in 140 years.

Zagreb's iconic cathedral was also damaged, with the top of one of its two spires collapsing. The cathedral was rebuilt after it toppled in the 1880 earthquake.

Conservationists warn of virus risk to gorillas

KAMPALA, Uganda — As the coronavirus infects more people around the world, conservationists are warning of the risk to another vulnerable species: Africa's endangered mountain gorilla.

Congo's Virunga National Park, home to about a third of the world's moun-

tain gorillas, is barring visitors until June 1, citing "advice from scientific experts indicating that primates, including mountain gorillas, are likely susceptible to complications arising from the COVID-19 virus."

Neighboring Rwanda also is temporarily shutting

down tourism and research activities in three national parks that are home to primates.

Mountain gorillas are prone to respiratory illnesses that afflict humans.

Around 1,000 mountain gorillas live in protected areas in Congo, Uganda and Rwanda.

Deadly crash in Bangladesh

A speeding truck rammed a passenger vehicle in southeastern Bangladesh, leaving at least 13 people dead and three others injured, a police official said Sunday.

The accident took place late Saturday, said police Superintendent S.M. Rashidul Haque.

He said 10 of the passengers died at the scene while three others succumbed to their injuries on the way to a hospital.

The area is 134 miles southeast of the capital, Dhaka.

Haque said the rescue operation was ongoing.

Accidents in the South Asian nation kill thousands every year because of lax enforcement of traffic law, bad road conditions and a poor signaling system.

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Coronavirus and Springfield: The urgent agenda should include property tax relief

While coronavirus developments unfold by the minute and consume the attention of elected officials, legislation is piling up in Springfield with no easy answer on how to address it. Gov. J.B. Pritzker ordered Illinois residents to shelter in place starting Saturday, and the legislature's spring session has been indefinitely sidetracked.

House and Senate leaders canceled a session for the last full week of March and are working to postpone deadlines for bills that normally would be moving through committees. It's possible lawmakers will work into the summer — eventually — if the pandemic is under control by then. But what about now?

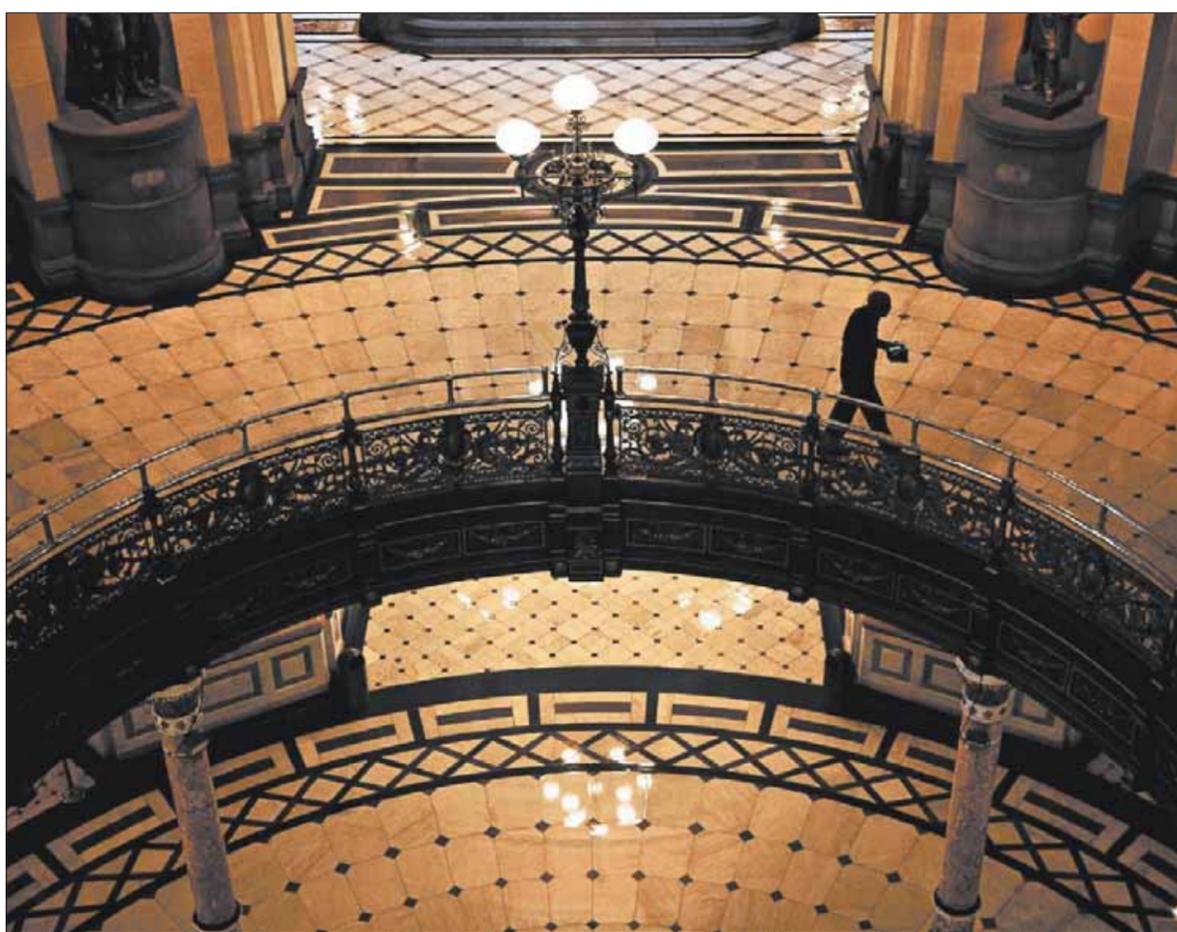
Still unresolved for taxpayers: property tax relief, which Pritzker and other Democrats promised as part of their push for a graduated income tax. One was not supposed to happen without the other. To get votes to put a constitutional amendment on the ballot and move the state from a flat income tax to a graduated one, supporters of a graduated tax promised property tax relief. And they set up a big task force to study the issue.

That task force, like dozens before it, has so far served as window dressing only. Its members could not even reach consensus to issue a final report, which originally was due in December. Meanwhile property owners, particularly in Cook County, are feeling a property tax hangover from tax bills that were due March 1.

In a micro attempt at relief, Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas recently called on lawmakers to pass legislation that would stretch to 13 months the amount of time given property owners to pay their overdue taxes. The county's tax sale, scheduled for May 8, sets into motion a process by which homeowners who are behind on their tax payments can lose their properties. The coronavirus pandemic should prompt elected officials to move swiftly on Pappas' bill — or to do what they can without legislation to give property owners more time to meet this obligation.

Currently, some 57,500 property owners in Cook County who owe a total of \$188 million in taxes stand to lose ground if the May tax sale proceeds. The Pappas legislation, which is awaiting action in the Senate, would ease the pain for next year's tax sale by giving homeowners a longer timetable. And more should be done now to postpone any proceeding that would give tax buyers an advantage over citizens who also have been consumed with coronavirus disruptions.

While some might view the Pappas legislation as protecting scofflaws, it's more complicated than that. The lack of true property tax reform at the state level has exacerbated tax rates and levies in some of Cook County's hardest hit communities. Lawmakers still have not moved to reform pensions or allow voters to have a say about that issue on the November ballot. Local property taxes that fund police and fire retiree pensions are squeezing government resources, driving up local tax bills and cutting into the delivery of local services. And a new assessor in place, Fritz Kaegi, is making commercial property owners nervous with more transparent, more accurate — but higher — assessments.



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Promised property tax relief is still an unresolved issue for elected officials at the Illinois State Capitol in Springfield.

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As Springfield dawdles, put tax bill on the fridge

"Together, we'll ensure our children receive the quality education they deserve even while we provide more property tax relief for our homeowners and make our system more fair for everyone."

— Gov. J.B. Pritzker, announcing formation of a legislative task force to help Illinois "reduce local reliance on property taxes," Aug. 2, 2019

Keep that snow shovel handy, Cook County residents. You're about to receive the first of this year's two property tax bills.

But as you scoop all that money to your local governments, post the bill on the refrigerator door.

It's testament to the decadeslong failure of state and local officials to control their spending — especially the

public employee pensions they've promised but not funded.

If Pritzker had all the money Illinois has wasted on property tax panels, property tax studies and property tax reform proposals that led nowhere, he could make a nice contribution to some pension fund that's flirting with insolvency. Thus far his task force's stab at taming property taxes has proven every bit as ineffectual as its many predecessors.

Pritzker needs some sort of action, or at least eyewash, on property taxes — even if the General Assembly merely passes something that sounds impressive but doesn't lower your tax bills. The governor formed his task force as a sop to some Democratic lawmakers who hesitated to support his graduat-

ed income tax proposal — aka the Pritzker Tax — unless they could tell property taxpayers that help is on the way.

So we'll be surprised if Democrats don't concoct an Illinois Property Taxpayers Relief Act or some such attention-getter.

The goal will be to persuade you that Democrats are working feverishly to lower your egregious local government taxes. ...

Ignore the rhetoric. Watch how much your property tax bills decline. Or don't decline. That's the only metric that matters. We hope it happens. But in its nearly six months of existence, the members of Pritzker's task force have done zip to, in his words, "reduce local reliance on property taxes."

The annual tax sale, by itself, is problematic. Thousands of property owners often are unaware their taxes are in arrears. Means to communicate with them can get complicated due to taxpayers' changing addresses and, in many cases, lack of technology. Pappas reports that

about half of the delinquencies owed to the county currently involve property owners who owe less than \$1,000, and about 2,400 are homes owned by senior citizens.

Springfield lawmakers face numerous issues with deadlines approaching and the

clock ticking. No one suggests they return to the Capitol until the pandemic has eased. And it's possible that emergency health-related matters will have to be addressed. But other policy issues, too, demand attention. Relief for property taxpayers is one of them.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

Xi Jinping's own legitimacy is not merely at stake. His government is ferociously fighting to divert blame and attention, fearing that the world rightfully may utterly reassess modern China, from its technocratic prowess to its safety. Decades of a carefully curated global image may crumble if nations around the globe start paying attention to China's lax public health care, incompetent and intrusive government, and generally less developed domestic conditions.

Xi's fears are well founded, as a global reconsideration of China is long overdue.

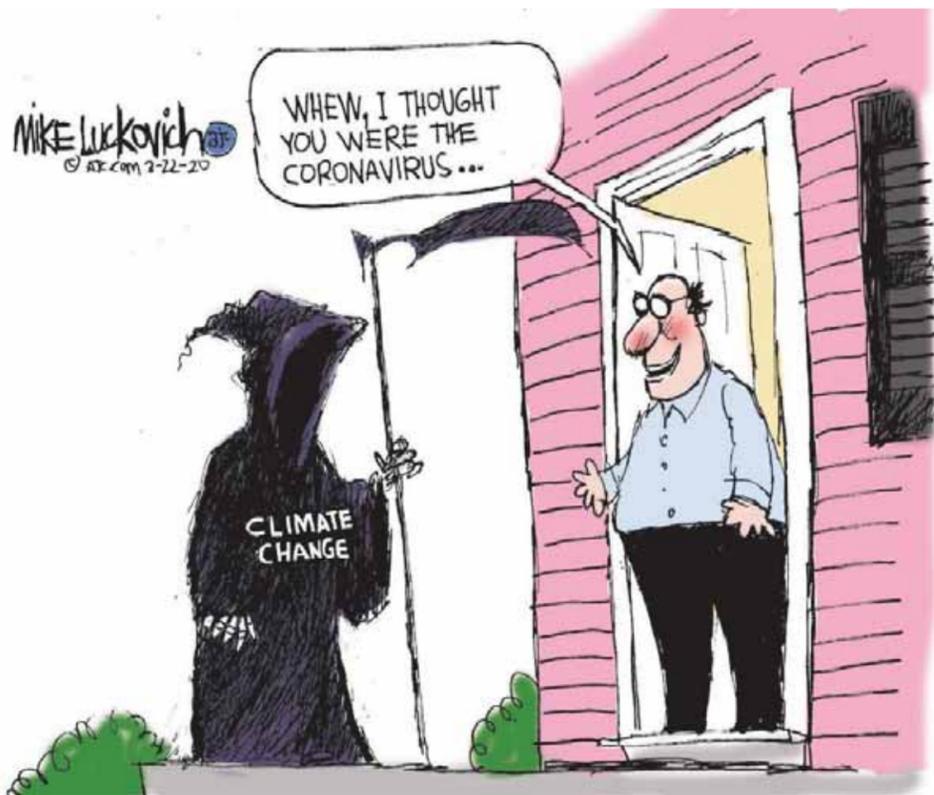
Legitimate criticisms and doubts about China's governance and growth model were long suppressed by Chinese pressure and the willingness of many to buy into the Communist Party's public line.

Public shaming of foreign corporations, global influence operations, and "elite capture" — all are policies Beijing has deployed to maintain China's public image.

That carefully tended image is now cracked. Those concerned with global health issues may wonder why it is that China is wracked regularly by viral epidemics in addition to coronavirus, such as SARS, African Swine Fever, and avian flu (another outbreak is happening right now). Others may begin to look more carefully at China's environmental devastation and the hundreds of thousands of premature deaths each year from air and water pollution. ...

The coronavirus pandemic is a turning point for China and the world.

Michael Austin, RealClearPolitics



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A runner enjoys sunny weather along the Chicago lakefront on March 8. Studies show that spending time outside can help reduce stress and strengthen our immune systems.

TAKE A HIKE

Getting outside will help soothe us

BY TERESA H. HORTON AND SUZANNE BARTLETT-HACKENMILLER

The uncertainty and stress of adjusting to life during the COVID-19 pandemic alone can negatively affect mental and physical health. As we adjust to a new rhythm of life, there is a need to reduce the effects of stress, find ways to support our immune systems and maintain social connections so we can bring our best selves to the fight. Engaging with nature can help.

Our immune systems, in addition to our nervous and endocrine (hormone) systems, serve as communication systems to coordinate the activities of the millions of cells in our body. Stress affects all three of these communication systems, disrupting the careful coordination of our cells that keeps us healthy. For similar reasons, social isolation, the absence of meaningful social, emotional and spiritual connections, can contribute to poor mental and physical health.

Research, including some from our own laboratories, has shown that spending time outdoors in nature helps reduce stress, strengthens our immune systems and can increase social connections.

Taking a walk in a park, forest or along a shoreline exposes us to fresh air and sunshine. Going into our yards to plant flowers, vegetables or pull a few weeds also provides a sense of caring for the future and tending to life. Viewing the complex patterns of trees and grasses and the expanse of nature engages parts of our brain in a sense of awe and fascination, which can restore our cognitive capacity. Plus, volatile organic compounds (think of that wonderful smell of cedar or pine) released from some plants,



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Flowers emerge in Chicago's Millennium Park on March 7.

especially coniferous trees, boost immunity by stimulating production of natural killer cells that attack viruses. You can do these activities, talk to other people and still maintain the physical distance from other people recommended by public health officials. And yes, taking walks is still allowed under the statewide shelter-in-place orders issued Friday by Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker.

Exposure to sunshine promotes vitamin D production, which enhances immune function. Years ago, tuberculosis patients were sent to sanatoria to heal, where unbeknownst to physicians at the time, the exposure to sun and the concomitant increase in vitamin D production was responsible for improving patients' immune system function and their health. Spending time outside also can help you sleep better, because you have been both physically active and your circadian (internal) clock has been exposed to bright, natural light. Sleeping well improves much of life.

Social distancing does

not need to lead to social isolation, but it will take extra effort to maintain enjoyable and healthy connections with others. We encourage everyone to follow the recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention regarding social distancing and personal hygiene. However, consider ways to stay active, get outdoors and spend time around plants and trees while doing so. Take a walk or a hike, work in your garden, enjoy some time watching a lake or a river, listen to the birds or plan a family picnic in the backyard. If you need to self-quarantine and stay inside, watch a nature video. Let's be a strong community with strong social connections, and let's do it outside.

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Digging into the new normal during this unprecedented coronavirus pandemic

BY STEPHEN J. LYONS

Mourning doves have returned, and today, for the first time this spring, I heard black-capped chickadees. The sounds of toads trilling for mates rose from the wet farm fields nearby. Taking advantage of a rare warm afternoon here in Monticello, in central Illinois, my wife and I ventured outside to uncover daffodils and crocuses in our front yard by raking out last autumn's leaves. The sun shone brightly and we reveled in the physical work. For the first time in a week we felt, well, something approaching normal.

But life is far from normal. In this bucolic village of 5,000 the daily rhythms of small-town life have been dramatically thrown off-kilter overnight.

On the square surrounding our stately courthouse, Dairy Queen is now a drive-thru-only business. Another cafe has a huge banner announcing "Now Open," but it is, in fact, shuttered, along with a pub and several other restaurants, including Hardee's and Subway. A brewery housed in a former Methodist church is doing curbside takeout of its most popular sandwiches.

Under orders from Gov. J.B. Pritzker, schools are closed, but the absence of children on their bikes around town or at the playgrounds and parks is unsettling. Where are they? Sheltered in place? The governor's orders for the state to shelter in place starting Saturday would only quiet things further.

We are no longer allowed to visit my wife's 96-year-old mother in her assisted living facility. When we bring her much-needed supplies we are met at the entrance by a gloved employee, who then disinfects whatever we have brought before passing it on. The residents are now taking their meals alone in their

rooms instead of in the dining hall.

In our tight-knit neighborhood, where we have lived for 20 years, we have witnessed children evolve from toddlers to college graduates to professionals. The culture here is to watch each other's houses, feed each other's pets while on vacation and spend countless hours visiting. But, now, with more than 400 confirmed cases of coronavirus in Illinois, including several in bordering counties, our street is deserted. The usual spring rituals of yard and garden have been put on hold; the sounds of mowers and rakes nowhere to be heard.

On St. Patrick's Day, I walked the empty streets down to my voting polls. Inside, two rows of tables were set up as a buffer to create a social distance between me and the woman running the check-in counter. She was one of three people working. Usually there would be twice that many. At that moment I was the only voter. In past years there would be a modest line.

In past years I would feel a sense of democratic pride after exercising my cherished right to vote. I always placed the "I Voted!" sticker on my jacket. But this year I felt a mix of loneliness and despair. Already I miss what I used to take for granted. I miss the cheerful sounds of children as they arrive in the mornings at the elementary school down the street. I miss watching the high school cross-country team running past our house in the afternoons. I miss practicing my broken Spanish with the proprietor of my favorite Mexican restaurant. I miss hanging out at the gym, shooting the breeze with other deteriorating middle-aged guys and secretly turning the television channel from Fox News to MSNBC when no one is looking.

During those first

frightful days and weeks following 9/11 I felt a unity in this country that I had never experienced. The combination of rage against the hijackers and compassion for the fallen innocents was bracing and inspiring.

And, as it turned out, fleeting. Nineteen years later, facing perhaps the single biggest crisis in our lifetimes, I do not have the feeling that Americans are united and that we are taking the CDC's precautions seriously enough. I saw with horror the recent videos of raucous pre-St. Patrick's Day celebrants in Chicago, New York City and elsewhere, defying recommendations against congregating in large groups. On Florida beaches young people foolishly frolicked and basked as if it was one extended spring break. They might be right.

The "trend is not our friend." The number of cases and deaths in the U.S. could rise to proportions seen first in China and then in Italy. The economic disruption will certainly be felt for years. At this crucial moment, we need to do something that goes against our rugged individualistic tendencies. Self-preservation is a powerful motive, but more than ever we must place the public good ahead of personal benefit. Keep your distance but don't lose your humanity. To use an economic model, "a rising tide lifts all boats."

Who knows what the next couple of months will bring? Big dreams and lofty ambitions can wait. My only wish is to be gifted another warm sunny afternoon; another day to spend poking around in the garden unearthing the beauty hidden beneath the dry leaves of last season.

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A medical worker, right, embraces a member of a medical assistance team from Jiangsu province at a Thursday ceremony marking their departure after helping with the COVID-19 recovery effort in Wuhan, in China's central Hubei province.

Yes, China slowed its crisis, but not before serious missteps

BY FAN WEI AND FEI WANG

The positive case numbers are mounting, the death toll is climbing, schools are closed and the stock market is reeling. Just a few weeks ago, who would have thought this would happen to the United States?

The past two months have been especially painful for Chinese citizens in America. A month ago, we were worried about our family and friends in China, and now they are worrying about us. There is a dark joke in the Chinese American community: the Chinese people played the first half of the game, the Western people are playing the second half and Chinese people living outside of China have been playing all along.

The political battles arising out of this pandemic add another layer of anxiety to overseas Chinese, especially Chinese Americans. On March 12, the newly appointed Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian published a series of tweets claiming the U.S. is the true origin of the COVID-19 virus. On March 16, President Donald Trump published an inciting tweet that called the COVID-19 virus "Chinese virus" and has been repeating the label in his news briefings. Such a despicable name throws all Chinese Americans under the danger of stigmatization, racism and hatred. Trump has aimed his ire at the wrong party — the Chinese people are victims, the Chinese government is the one accountable for the initial outbreak.

Since its spread beyond China, the

state-controlled media in China has been calling this crisis a "test" for different governments and has started comparing other nations' responses to the outbreak with that of China's, asking the foreign governments to "copy the homework" that the Chinese government has "beautifully turned in."

That "homework," however, is far from "beautiful."

The citizen reporters, Chen Qiushi, Fang Bin and Li Zehua, who were taken away by the Chinese authorities because of their independent reporting in Wuhan, are still missing. The team sent by the Chinese central government to investigate the death of whistleblower Dr. Li Wenliang finally issued its report, which blames the misstep solely on a local police station.

In the meantime, articles and posts asking for truth about this disaster are being deleted at lightning speed, including a magazine interview with Dr. Ai Fen, who is now called a "whistle deliverer" by Chinese netizens. The deaths that were not included in the official death toll still await acknowledgment.

We cannot bear to witness another tragedy be whitewashed into another "milestone achievement" by the Chinese government, as it has done numerous times in the past.

One cannot deny that since the outbreak, the Chinese government significantly slowed the spread of the coronavirus through quarantine and lockdown measures, but it has been the Chinese people who have sacrificed the most

with their endurance, kindness and courage. This, the state-sponsored Chinese media claims, proves the superiority of the Chinese socialist regime.

It is true that the Chinese government was able to impose top-down orders and control movement of residents almost overnight — something democratic societies can't accomplish with such speed.

This is a flawed argument, however, because without the initial missteps and censorship by the Chinese government, this pandemic might have been contained within that seafood market in Wuhan.

The fact that a totalitarian regime is able to fix problems caused by itself with great humanitarian cost is no proof of its supremacy. Of course, there is ample room for democratic societies to improve when facing such challenges. However, sliding toward a totalitarian regime will just cause more similar disasters in the future.

A growing number of upper- and middle-class Chinese are voting with their feet. They save up enough money to immigrate to democratic countries so that they can live in a society and raise their children where they have more personal freedom and security.

Yet the COVID-19 pandemic has reminded those of us living outside our home country of China that, after this disaster got out of control in China's totalitarian regime and spread beyond its borders, we still had nowhere to escape.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

During COVID-19 crisis, a big need for nurses

As we brace for what will surely be an extremely stressful situation in health care, we need to be reminded that planning for the unthinkable would have been the prudent thing to do. More health care workers will be required while, at the same time, more will most likely be infected and will need to quarantine. Who will replace and replenish them?

While the majority of other states have long ago converted to compact licensure for nurses, in which a license in a partnering state would allow that nurse to work in all other partnering states, Illinois has been working on legislation for 15 years to achieve this end without resolution. In this crisis, when temporary nurses with the necessary skill set will be needed to care for critically ill patients, and when telemedicine could be used to ease overcrowding in ERs and medical providers' offices, Illinois is unable to utilize either strategy since it is not a compact state. Nurses coming to work in Illinois must apply for a separate license, which takes time.

The last time legislation was considered two years ago, it passed unanimously in the Senate and then was promptly ignored in the House. Again. Insiders know that the Illinois Nurses' Union, in conjunction with Speaker Michael Madigan, have worked to halt its passage. Even if we could not recruit many nurses in this time of great need, we may have been able to recruit some. Perhaps the COVID-19 pandemic will finally convince legislators to act.

— Barbara Orze, registered nurse, Chicago

Halcyon days for Shedd's penguins

Dear Penguins:

Who are you to give us advice since you are not following the suggestions that you put forward? No. 1: You did not *shelter in place*. You have left your enclosure and are wandering around the aquarium. No. 2: You did not anticipate your dietary needs by getting in sufficient food supplies, but are requiring that the humans (whom you criticize) leave their enclosures to provide you with your daily diet of fish. While sliding on our bellies is fun, we do not envy you being flightless and molting. Enjoy your newfound freedom, but remember it has been given to you by humans.

We will come to see you again when this is over, but we will *not* bring you fish.

Wing-to-elbow bump.

— Mary Ann McGinley, Wilmette

The COVID-19 risk to grocery store workers

As more shelter-at-home and shutdown orders are issued, we are told we need to stay at home, isolate ourselves, and reduce our contacts with other people to slow the spread of the coronavirus. Which is true. But at the same time, the orders exclude grocery stores, drug stores, etc., and we are assured we don't need to hoard because those stores will be open.

But what I have not seen are statements of how important it is for workers in those stores to go to work. While the rest of us protect ourselves by reducing contacts, we need them to keep exposing themselves to all the contacts their jobs require.

I understand the logic, for society as a whole, to have some of us greatly reduce our contacts while others, in critical jobs, don't. But what I haven't seen is enough explanation of why grocery store workers shouldn't shelter at home and protect themselves like the rest of us are doing.

What we need, when political leaders ask people to stay home, is for them to also ask workers in essential industries to go to work. To explain to workers in essential industries that they are being protected by the rest of us staying at home and that we need them to do their jobs. And the request for these people to go to work needs to be emphasized as much, if not more, than the request, or order, for others to stay at home.

— Patrick J. Allen, River Forest

How education funding, property taxes and COVID-19 stimulus money are connected

BY FRITZ KAEGI

The Democratic presidential primaries are already sliding out of the spotlight, as the normal course of business shifts drastically to confront economic relief due to the COVID-19 pandemic. But one proposal from the Democratic candidates deserves our immediate attention: expanded federal funding for K-12 education.

Besides investing in our children and stimulating the economy, this could be a major boost to Illinois communities by lessening our heavy property tax burden.

Federal support for K-12 education dates back to the civil rights movement of the 1960s and was a central goal of the 1963 March on Washington, which prompted passage of the 1965 Education Act. Funds from Title I of the act go directly to 50% of our nation's school districts, with a special focus on districts with economically disadvantaged students.

Federal spending has been stuck at about \$15 billion for a decade. Both of the remaining Democratic candidates for president agree that Title I spending should be tripled to \$49 billion.

In Illinois, where two-thirds of property taxes go to fund our schools, we'd have much to gain from the change. The Chicago Public Schools get about \$300 million from Title I. By comparison, the Chicago Public Schools property tax levy is about \$3 billion. Merely doubling Title I funding could cut the CPS levy by 10%. The gains could be even larger in some west and south suburbs.

Due to Illinois' dead-last position in state funding for education, Illinois communities are basically on their own for funding schools. With little state and federal support, local property tax rates have to be commensurately higher to simply keep schools running. This state of affairs turbocharges racial and economic



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Students from Jones College Prep leave school March 13 as the Chicago Teachers Union pushed for the city to close schools during the coronavirus outbreak.

segregation and creates racial disparities in taxation and wealth.

Of the 135 municipalities in Cook County, the 15 communities with the highest tax rates are all majority black communities. They pay rates that are *three to five times* the average rate in the rest of the county. I am not aware of higher rates anywhere else in the nation.

This is incredibly destructive and unfair. Housing is the average American family's only meaningful asset, and can be a primary pathway to middle-class economic status. But someone just getting a foothold in middle-class status faces the disproportionate barrier of higher tax rates and depressed potential for home-price appreciation.

Is the \$49 billion proposed by the candidates affordable? Clearly, yes. We spend more each year on the fruitless wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, above and beyond our massive \$617 billion defense budget. And \$50 billion is now being banded about for bailing out the airline industry, whose top four companies gorged on about \$40 billion in share buybacks over

the last five years. With sums measuring well into the hundreds of billions being proffered for a COVID-19 stimulus (not to mention \$230 billion annually for the 2017 Trump tax bill), we can easily afford this. Our Illinois delegation should insist on it.

This support couldn't come soon enough, given the dire economic consequences of COVID-19. Local sales tax revenues will fall. The stock market collapse has shrunk pension plan assets, widening deficits. It's now harder for municipalities to borrow. These factors will push taxing districts' local property tax levies higher unless federal funding provides relief.

Illinois' elected leaders need to press Congress to make expanded Title I funding part of any COVID-19 stimulus, and to press the eventual Democratic nominee to stick to the Title I campaign promise. The current crisis requires we dedicate ourselves to more equitable school funding, boosting our suffering homeowners and communities in the process.

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Fed hustles to restore order to economy

The Fed made a rate cut of half a percentage point on March 3 and then on March 15 announced additional emergency actions to try to lessen the economic impact of the coronavirus outbreak.

The Fed slashed its benchmark interest rate to near zero; it will buy at least \$500 billion in Treasury securities and \$200 billion in mortgage-backed securities over the coming months to help unclog the global financial markets (known as Quantitative Easing) and it will work with other central banks (the Bank of Canada, the Bank of England, the Bank of Japan, the European Central Bank, and the Swiss National Bank) to help global funding markets in an attempt to encourage all the central banks to use dollars to help their own financial systems.

The Fed also announced a series of steps to boost bank lending by dropping the rate charged to banks for short-term emergency loans from its discount window (from 1.75% to 0.25%) and it wants banks to tap their reserves to lend to households and businesses affected by the coronavirus.

As Mohamed El-Erian, chief economic advisor at Allianz, explained, the problem that the Fed faces is that it can't address the supply shock (not enough stuff available to sell) that occurred because China (the world's manufacturer) was shut down for at least month. However, the central bank is worried about how consumers may react to the virus, which could create a demand shock (social distancing and quarantines will mean that people will pull back on spending).

Before the announcement, economists were downgrading their estimates for U.S. growth, with most predicting at least one or two quarters of negative growth, leading to a zero growth year for 2020, down from pre-virus estimates of 2 percent. Still, they emphasize that until more data emerge and until there is an indication of how long this lasts, it's hard to even guess.

The sharp tip of the economic impact from coronavirus has already been seen in the travel, tourism and hospitality industries, as companies enact travel bans and organizers all over the world are canceling conferences and trade shows; the energy sector, which is coping with oil prices that have plunged by more than a quarter; and tech and chip companies that are unable to fulfill orders without precious Chinese components.

All major U.S. stock indexes have entered a bear market, defined as a drop of at least 20% from all-time highs. In the span of five trading sessions, there were two 15-minute trading halts triggered and volatility spiked, as stock indexes whipped from heart-wrenching plunges to record-setting gains.

You are not crazy if you feel like the ride has been frightening. In the span of just one month, the S&P 500 went from a record high (Feb. 19) to a bear market, wiping out about a quarter of the index's value. And yet, when the five-day cycle was complete, it was amazing to feel like 8% to 10% losses were a win, a sure sign of bear market mentality taking over investors' psyches.

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WORK JERKS

Top 3 most annoying co-worker traits, and how to deal with them

By **STEPHANIE VOZZA** | Fast Company

Strong co-worker relationships have been tied to job satisfaction, but there's probably at least one person on your team you could live without. It could be a simple personality mismatch, but it could also be because of his or her annoying habits.

A new survey from the project management software provider Mavenlink identified the top three pet peeves we have about our co-workers:

Laziness: Nearly half (47%) of all respondents cited "lazy co-workers" as their biggest pet peeve. Who likes to carry his or her own weight and the weight of someone else on a project?

Bad attitudes: The second most popular answer from the survey was "bad attitudes," with 42% of respondents citing it as a source of annoyance. This can be the toxic co-worker who never has anything nice to say.

Poor communication skills: The third most popular answer was "poor communication skills," with 34% of respondents saying it frustrates them. No one wants to be told at the last minute about an urgent project nor do they want vague answers to questions.

"It's so very human to feel frustrated or annoyed by a co-worker's behavior," says Sarah Greenberg, a licensed psychotherapist with BetterUp, a global coaching community. "Our feelings are valid. However, when we let those feelings fester they can eat away at our own productivity and well-being. I like to think of strong feelings as helpful signals or calls to action."

Fortunately, employees have a variety of options for decreasing co-worker annoyances and the negative impact they can have.

Speak up

Rather than silently stewing or blowing up, Kevin Cruz, assistant professor of management at the University of Richmond's Robins School of Business, offers a simple solution: Politely and immediately let the other person know when and why they are being annoying.

"It can be a simple but powerful way to prevent annoyances from continuing and negatively impacting productivity."

Defining and comparing expectations to identify where there is agreement and disagreement can help, Cruz adds. For example, if an employee is frustrated with a co-worker who doesn't have the same sense of urgency about a

project, he or she may discover that the co-worker has other, more important project deadlines to meet.

"Once disagreements are identified, co-workers can work together to find a consensus in their expectations of each other," he says. "At the very least, it helps employees better understand where their co-workers are coming from."

Check your reaction

Stress from other areas of your life may be clouding your response. Greenberg advises you to dig deeper to determine the cause of your feelings.

"Without judgment, ask yourself, 'Is my reaction proportionate to the behavior I'm experiencing, or is there something more going on?'" she says. "The answer might be a resounding 'yes,' or you might discover a new perspective."

Sometimes the behaviors that frustrate you most can be more about you than they are about the other person, says Greenberg.

"One client I worked with saw red every time her co-worker walked in five minutes late," she says. "It turns out her own parents raised her to believe that showing up late was a sign of disrespect, so every time this happened she took it personally."

Dr. Greg Barnett, senior vice president of science of the talent optimization software The Predictive Index, calls this the "it's not you, it's me" approach.

"Before trying to tackle your co-workers' behavior, reflect on exactly what is so bothersome," he says. "Often, the issue isn't our co-workers, but our own personality and values that are driving the disdain. Fixing yourself is hard, but self-awareness allows the best leaders to pause and consider their own role in a frustrating work dynamic."

It can be important for co-workers to go below the surface to understand what fuels and drives their colleagues, says Barnett. "Most of these interpersonal issues boil down to the fact that

your co-worker isn't intentionally trying to annoy you; it's just the way they are."

Find good attributes

One tendency people can have when they are dealing with a troubling co-worker is focusing on the area they dislike and applying it to that person's entire persona. This is called the "halo effect," says Kyle Emich, associate professor of management at the University of Delaware.

"One thing that can help overcome this is to take a teamwork approach to dealing with them as opposed to an individual approach," he says. "Consider that they are part of the organization and, as long as they can do one thing well, they can still help."

Doing this requires you to break out of the halo mindset and understand your nemesis as a more complex individual made up of good and bad pieces, says Emich.

"It is particularly important to pay attention to anything that the person can do well to help the workplace, or anything they can do that you can't do," he says. "It is important to recognize that someone doesn't have to be good at everything. If they're good at one thing you're not good at, they can help you with a project."

Regain your focus

An annoying co-worker might be distracting, but it's important to focus on your own work.

"Put your individual tasks and projects first, and try not to get distracted, frustrated or stressed out by any negative noise on the sidelines," says Rhianon Staples, chief marketing officer of Hibob, a people management software provider.

Staples suggests trying different techniques. For example, try meditating. Or leaning on friends at work for support and advice.

Try "putting in your earbuds and listening to music that gets you in the zone," she says. "Move to a different work area in the office where you can focus more productively. If you don't have flexibility in where you sit, try taking a walk around the block or getting a cup of coffee or tea."

Knowing your work style and implementing techniques that get you prioritized and focused are the key to calming your frustrations.

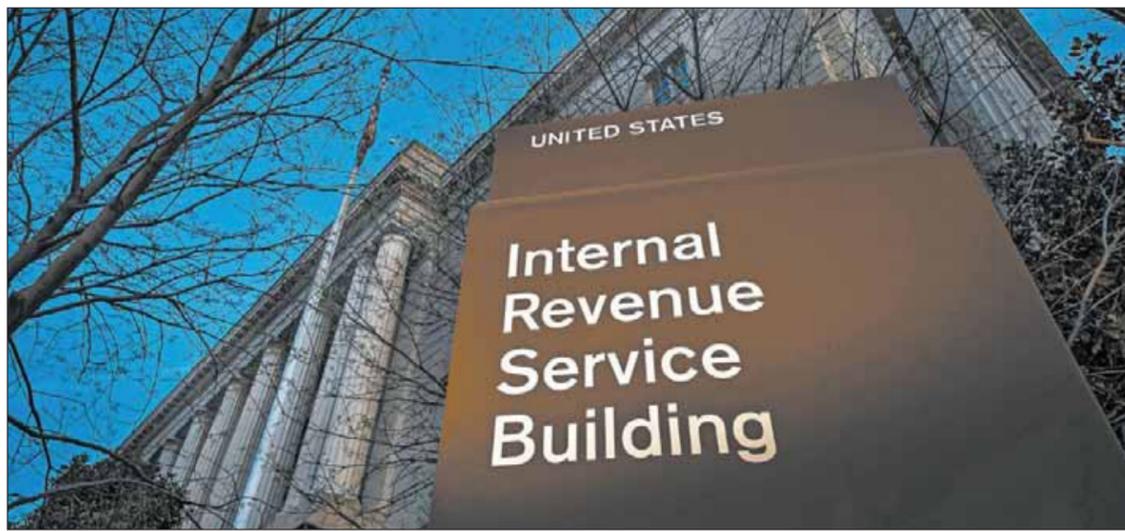


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Last-minute tax tips IRS payments can be deferred



BY ELLIOT RAPHAELSON
The Savings Game

The coronavirus crisis has brought some changes to tax season. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said Tuesday that individuals will be able to defer up to \$1 million in tax payments to the IRS for 90 days.

For those who haven't filed yet, here are some tips when doing your taxes:

Standard deductions: The basic standard deduction is now \$24,400 for married persons filing jointly and qualified surviving spouses (\$25,700 and \$27,000 respectively for married couples with one or two spouse aged 65 and over); \$18,350 for heads of households (\$20,000 for those 65 and over); and \$12,200 for single taxpayers or married persons filing separately (\$13,850 for those 65 and over).

State and local taxes: There is cap of \$10,000 of the itemized deduction for state and local taxes.

Self-employment tax: The tax rate has two components. The Social Security component is a tax of 12.4% of wages, tips and earnings up to \$132,900. The other component is a Medicare tax of 2.9% withheld from all wages, tips and earnings.

ings. However, half the self-employment tax may be claimed as an above-the-line deduction on Schedule 1 of Form 1040.

IRA and Roth IRA contributions: The contribution limit for traditional IRAs and Roth IRAs is increased to \$6,000; \$7,000 for those 50 and older.

The deduction limit for traditional IRA contributions is phased out for single persons or heads of household between modified adjusted gross income \$64,000 and \$74,000. For married persons filing jointly and qualified widow (er)s, the phaseout is between MAGI \$103,000 and \$123,000. The phaseout for a spouse who is not an active plan participant, but whose spouse is between a MAGI of \$293,000 and \$203,000.

The Roth IRA contribution limit is phased out for a single person or head of household with MAGI between \$122,000 and \$137,000; for married persons filing jointly and qualified widows and widowers, the phaseout is between \$193,000 and \$203,000.

Qualified business income deduction: If you are a sole proprietor, or have an interest in a partnership, limited liability company or S corporation, you may be eligible for a personal deduction. This deduction can be made whether you itemize or not. The taxable income amount used to figure the deduction has been increased for inflation.

IRS mileage allowance: The standard business mileage rate is 58 cents a mile. The rate for medical expense and moving expense for some military per-

sonnel is 20 cents a mile. The mileage rate for charitable volunteers is unchanged at 14 cents a mile.

Health savings accounts: For self-only coverage, the minimum deductible is \$1,350, and a maximum out-of-pocket cap on co-payments and other amounts of \$6,750. For family coverage the limits are double (\$2,700 and \$13,500).

The contribution limits are \$3,500 for self-only coverage and \$7,000 for family coverage. If you are 55 or older, you can add an additional \$1,000.

Earned income tax credit: The maximum credit is \$3,526 for one qualified child; \$5,828 for two qualified children; and \$6,557 for three or more qualified children; and \$529 for taxpayers with no qualified children.

Eligibility for saver's credit: The adjusted gross income brackets have been increased. No credit is allowed when AGI exceeds \$32,000 for single taxpayers, \$48,000 for heads of households and \$64,000 for married persons filing jointly.

Deduction limits for long-term care premiums: The maximum amount of premiums that can be included as deductible medical expenses is \$420 if you are 40 or younger at the end of 2019; \$790 for ages 41 through 50; \$1,580 for ages 51 through 60; \$4,220 for ages 61 through 70; and \$5,270 for those over 70.

Elliot Raphaelson welcomes your questions and comments at raphelliot@gmail.com.



TERRY SAVAGE
The Savage Truth

Lessons learned from bear markets

America, and the world, will get beyond this social and economic crisis eventually. It may seem cynical to be talking about the financial markets, but there are lessons to be learned from the past when it comes to them.

I've lived through several bear markets, and it's given me perspective.

My first bear market experience was on the trading floor of the Chicago Board Options Exchange, where I was a founding member and the first "girl trader." The Dow Jones Industrial Average was trading above the 1,000 level — an incredibly symbolic number those many years ago.

The first options to be traded on the CBOE were on a group of stocks called the Fabulous Fifty — the growth stocks of the future. Everyone assumed they could only rise in price. They were the tech stocks of the day like IBM and Digital Equipment, and the consumer stocks of the day like McDonalds and Avon Products.

Then along came the bear market, which took the Dow to an inter-day low of 570.01. All those Fab Fifty stocks came tumbling down, many from over \$100/share to the low 20s and teens.

It astounded me. I turned to an older trader standing there on the floor.

"Where did all the money go?" I asked.

Without hesitation he replied, "Well, my dear, it went to Money Heaven!"

No one questions the rise of the stock market or the wealth it creates on the way up. But when wealth disappears, it comes as a mystery — or even a conspiracy — to many people.

Once a company sells shares to the public, there is a fixed number of shares outstanding. So when the market price falls, all the shareholders lose money.

Yes, there are a limited number of short sellers in the market — those who sell shares they don't own, putting up margin money to do so, then planning to buy the shares back at a lower price to make a profit.

But short sellers are a tiny fraction of the investors at any one time, and their activities are strictly monitored. Other than that, no one wins when the market falls — except those who have cash and are able to buy stocks at lower prices.

Here's another lesson that comes from long experience in the markets. Those of you who are feeling smug about having allocated a good portion of your retirement assets to bond funds might want to think again. More than a month ago, I wrote a column on this subject.

In it I pointed out that in a recession, many of the bonds in your bond fund carried juicy yields because of the concern they wouldn't be able to pay the interest in a recession. Look inside your bond funds. Do you see bonds of airlines, retailers, energy companies?

Now the recession is upon us. If those bonds are downgraded or fail to pay the promised interest, the price of your bond fund could fall as sharply as your stock fund.

And that brings us to the concept of "chicken money" — money you cannot afford to lose. Those who must avoid risk should keep an appropriate portion of their money in bank CDs, money market funds or Treasury bills. You don't earn any interest these days on chicken money.

But you won't lose any money either. And that's The Savage Truth.

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Penalty-free way to tap IRA early

But process is complex, so tread carefully

BY MARK STEIN
Kiplinger

Mike D'Andrea knew something was wrong as soon as the client entered his office in Frederick, Maryland.

The client had been laid off and his severance wasn't enough to carry him until he was 59 1/2, the age at which he could tap his nest egg without paying the 10% penalty on early withdrawals from tax-deferred retirement savings plans.

To meet his living costs from the day he left his job until he turned 59 1/2, the client opted to transfer a portion of his retirement savings into a traditional IRA and agreed to withdraw all of the cash in substantially equal periodic payments, or SEPPs.

This strategy — also known as 72(t) — lets retirement account holders avoid the 10% early-withdrawal penalty by taking equal payments for at least five years or until the owner turns 59 1/2, whichever is longer.

While such payouts appear to be an easy way to access an IRA penalty free, some financial advisers vociferously steer their clients away from the 72(t) option. Amy Pastorino, a wealth management adviser in New York City, ad-



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vises clients to consider 72(t) as "your last possible resort" because "it is very, very rigid and a lot can go wrong."

To start, you must use one of three methods to calculate the size of the payments. The required minimum distribution method is the simplest option — divide the year-end value of assets in your IRA by a lifespan estimate provided by the IRS — but it also typically produces the lowest payment and must be recalculated each year.

The other two options — a fixed amortization approach and fixed annuitization method — also look at assets in hand and years to live but consider interest rate forecasts.

The best option for an investor depends on his or her circumstances, so it is prudent to have a professional help you decide.

After you start taking 72(t) withdrawals from an IRA, you cannot change the size or frequency of the payout. You cannot make additional withdrawals from the IRA you use for the 72(t) distributions, nor can you deposit money into

the account. If you withdraw too much or too little or take a distribution too early, the IRS will levy the 10% penalty tax on everything you have withdrawn up to that point.

To avoid mistakes, it's ideal to set up a separate IRA so you can isolate the money to meet the 72(t) payments from the rest of your retirement assets.

Once 72(t) payments begin, you must receive payouts for five years or until you turn 59 1/2, whichever is longer. For example, if you start taking 72(t) payments at age 50, you must continue to receive those payments until you are 59 1/2, a total of nine and a half years.

While all the payments will be free from the penalty, you will still owe ordinary income tax on the traditional IRA distributions.

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Try doing nothing

Digital well-being has been on many people's minds for a while now, but unplugging is a challenge for many. Try this: Do nothing.



Jenny Odell's book "How to Do Nothing: Resisting the Attention Economy" offers a field guide for mitigating the daily online grab for your attention while also creating more meaningful relationships.



And the trend will continue this year, with a Dutch twist. The Dutch concept of *niksen*, a take on mindfulness, is to be deliberate about doing activities that we might think of as inciting boredom: looking out the window or even just sitting still for a time.

SOURCE: Bloomberg



It seems many are hungry for ways to help us refocus our attention where it matters — or let it wander without guilt (a practice that has been shown to increase creativity, which can give people a boost at work).

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Magnolia magic

Why the Gaineses walked away from their hit TV show, and what they plan to conquer next

BY TOM FOSTER | Inc.

Chip Gaines talks with the bluster of a guy at a party who has a story, or a colorful analogy, for everything — which he does.

Joanna, his wife and co-founder of the couple's rapidly expanding media and retail brand, Magnolia, sits beside him with an occasionally bemused expression as she looks for opportunities to steer the conversation.

Two full years before they shocked their fans by announcing the end of their hit HGTV show, "Fixer Upper," they already knew they were going to have to leave it. The move would be risky. It was late 2015, and the Gaineses were in only the third season of the show that had transformed their lives almost overnight, taking them from local house flippers in Waco, Texas, to regulars on the covers of celebrity gossip magazines.

"Fixer Upper," which chronicled home renovations that they did around Waco, was an instant sensation when it launched in 2013. By 2015, the show was setting ratings records at HGTV and helping make the network one of the top 10 on cable.

Such high visibility allowed the couple to build other businesses around their growing celebrity. In the fall of 2015, the Gaineses supersized the small Magnolia Market store that they had opened in 2003 in Waco. They relocated it to a long-dormant cottonseed mill complex that covers two city blocks. They launched a Magnolia-branded furniture line with the company Standard Furniture and fielded many offers to do other licensing deals.

So why ditch the show so quickly? The answer, as with most things Chip and Joanna, involves a combination of country humbleness — the official reason for the 2017 announcement was their desire to focus on family —

and world-conquering ambition.

What Chip and Joanna are great at, it turns out, goes well beyond home-building and decorating. Self-made entrepreneurs, the Gaineses are naturals at forging powerful connections with their audience, in ways that others don't. And then building upon that foundation.

HGTV had intended "Fixer Upper," like so many other shows of its ilk, to present homes as physical assets — that is, houses. In this case, monochromatic "modern farmhouses" with ship-lap walls and farm sinks. But what really attracted people to "Fixer Upper," the couple surmised, was the idea of home, the place where you live with your loved ones. Chip and Joanna's family life and values were the real story, not their work.

The Gaineses had discovered the core of their brand's appeal. They were authentic folks juggling family and work and succeeding. They were happily married, but they bickered. People could relate. Joanna, whose mother is Korean, was a refreshing foil to the stereotype of the blond-haired Texas woman, while Chip seemed like a good-old-boy prankster. They were glamorous but real. And it wasn't a put-on.

By the third season of the show, the network people were coming around to a similar understanding, and they started asking Chip and Joanna to play up their relationship. Chip Gaines says the directions became more like "We need you to always be together. Chip, if you're hanging drywall, we need Joanna to be standing there making cupcakes." But to the Gaineses, that still missed the point. They won't admit to squabbling with the TV bosses, and they're even more resistant to claiming a grand strategic insight. But, in the two years that followed, Chip and Joanna aggressively reshaped their business



MARKETPLACE EVENTS

Waco's most famous residents, Joanna and Chip Gaines, are launching the Magnolia network this fall.

around their vision. And the more they did that, the less the show felt like the core of their operation.

"The show was limiting our involvement in what was taking place here in this office," Joanna Gaines says. "We were pouring so much time into doing this thing that had to fit in this format, and it was a conflict with our growing business." They have their own lines at Target and Anthropologie, among others, and Joanna Gaines also edits a magazine.

"As things started getting complicated," Chip Gaines says, "we made a bet on what Jo and I have always bet on. We bet on ourselves. We knew there was a real chance that everything else would go away without the show. But would it be a complete kick in the pants to end up operating a great construction company in Waco? No. I'd be honored. And, as soon as we accepted that, much greater opportunities started presenting themselves."

The center of the Gaines universe lies at Magnolia Market at the Silos, the shopping and dining destination Chip and Joanna built in downtown Waco around that old cottonseed mill. On a recent

Saturday, families picnicked on the lawn, and the line to get into the Silos Baking Co. stretched around the corner.

As soon as the Silos opened in October 2015, Chip Gaines says, it dwarfed anything that he and Joanna ever made in construction. When "Fixer Upper" started, the company's business was 100% construction. By 2016, it was 80% retail.

The Silos complex today includes a dozen food trucks, a vegetable garden, the bakery, a coffee shop and 12,000 square feet of retail space selling scented candles, baskets, signs quoting Scripture, and all manner of fan paraphernalia. This year, the Gaineses are expanding the Silos, adding what they call a retail village, as well as a furniture showroom, a ball field, more gardens and a relocated historic church.

Magnolia Market at the Silos is essentially a Chip and Joanna theme park. And people travel by the busload from Georgia, Iowa and beyond to experience it.

"Tourism to Waco doubled overnight when the Silos opened," says Carla Pendergraft of the Waco Convention and

Visitors Bureau. Several hotels have opened in Waco, and more are on the way, including one from the Gaineses.

According to Ray Perryman, who leads the economic analysis firm the Perryman Group, the Gaineses have transformed a city of 138,000 people into something of a boomtown.

Next up: their own network, a joint venture with Discovery.

When the Magnolia network launches this October, the venture will reach more than 52 million households, and it will eventually include an app and a streaming service. Like Joanna's magazine, Magnolia will carry fewer ads than its competitors. Programming will run the gamut from cooking shows to episodes of "Fixer Upper" to revivals of wholesome old series in the hopes that whole families will once again gather 'round the tube.

Once again, the Gaineses have traded up. Back when they were flipping houses in Waco, they would identify a cheap home, add their design vision to it and sell it for a profit, which they'd invest in the next project.

They did the same with their own fame.

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OBITUARIES

AIRICKCA GORDON-TAYLOR

Civil rights activist was relative of Emmett Till

BY SOPHIA TAREEN
Associated Press

Airickca Gordon-Taylor, a relative of Emmett Till who spent her life educating others about the black teenage lynching victim's legacy through her foundation, died at age 50, according to family members.

Gordon-Taylor, of suburban Chicago, died early Saturday, hours after a hospital stay. She had kidney problems for decades, including two transplants, according to her mother, Ollie Gordon, who was Till's cousin.

"She was a great advocate. She was a fighter for equal justice," Gordon said. "She was very serious about her commitment to keep the legacy of Emmett Till going."

Gordon-Taylor, of Olympia Fields, also called herself Till's cousin, but considered herself a surrogate daughter to his mother, whom she lived with for a time. In 2009, Gordon-Taylor named her foundation after Till's mother, calling it



KRISTEN CLARKE/AP

Airickca Gordon-Taylor, a relative of Emmett Till, spent her life educating others about the teenage lynching victim's legacy.

the Mamie Till Mobley Memorial Foundation. Its mission is to honor her and her only son.

Emmett Till was killed in 1955 while visiting relatives in Mississippi, his body found weighted down in the Tallahatchie River. His mother insisted on an open-casket funeral in Chicago, where they lived, so the

public could see the mutilated corpse. An all-white jury acquitted two white men in the killing.

Till's death helped energize the civil rights movement.

Gordon-Taylor's work included youth empowerment, such as teaching young people oratory skills, and civil rights issues. Most recently, she advocated in Washington, D.C., for an anti-lynching bill named after Till.

"Airickca dedicated her life's work to lifting up the legacy of her cousin, Emmett Till, and she stood in solidarity with other families who had lost loved ones to racial violence in our country," said Kristen Clarke, head of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, which works with the foundation. "She fought for truth and justice, and worked tirelessly to promote racial healing."

Family members said they hope to plan a public memorial event in the future.

Chicago Daily Tribune

ON MARCH 23 ...

In 1743, George Frideric Handel's oratorio "Messiah" had its London premiere. (During the "Hallelujah Chorus," King George II rose excitedly to his feet. The audience followed suit, and a tradition was born.)

In 1752 the first Canadian newspaper, the Halifax Gazette, was published.

In 1775 Patrick Henry made his famous call for American independence from Britain, telling the Virginia Provincial Convention, "Give me liberty, or give me death!"

In 1792 Joseph Haydn's Symphony No. 94 in G Major (the "Surprise" symphony) was performed publicly for the first time, in London.

In 1801 Russia's Tsar Paul I was assassinated and was succeeded by Alexander I.

In 1806 explorers Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, having reached the Pacific coast, began their journey back east.

In 1857 cooking expert Fannie Farmer was born in Boston.

In 1908 actress Joan Crawford was born in San Antonio.

In 1910 filmmaker Akira Kurosawa was born in Tokyo.

In 1919 Benito Mussolini founded his Fascist political movement in Milan, Italy.

In 1933 the German Reichstag adopted the Enabling Act, which effectively granted Adolf Hitler dictatorial legislative powers.

In 1938 Maynard Jackson, the first African-American mayor of Atlanta, was born in Dallas.

In 1942, during World War II, the U.S. government began evacuating Japanese-Americans from their West Coast homes to detention centers.



AP

In 1965, America's first two-person spaceflight began as Gemini 3 blasted off from Cape Kennedy, Fla., with astronauts Virgil Grissom and John Young aboard.

In 1956 Pakistan became an independent republic within the British Commonwealth.

In 1966 the Archbishop of Canterbury, Arthur Ramsey, met with Pope Paul VI at the Vatican in the first official meeting between the heads of the Anglican and Roman Catholic Churches in four centuries.

In 1973 an Israeli government report disclosed that millions of dollars in property that belonged to Egyptians in the Sinai had been looted by the Israelis in the months after the 1967 Six-Day War.

In 1981 the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that states can require, with some exception, the notification of parents when their teen daughters seek abortions. The court also ruled that statutory rape laws are valid, even if they only punish males.

In 1983 President Ronald Reagan first proposed developing technology to intercept enemy missiles — a proposal that came to be known as the Strategic Defense Initiative, as well as "Star Wars." **Also in 1983** Dr. Barney Clark, recipient of a permanent artificial heart, died at the University of Utah Medical Center after 112 days with the device.

In 1994 Luis Donaldo Colosio, Mexico's leading presidential candidate, was as-

sassinated in Tijuana; he was 44. **Also in 1994** Wayne Gretzky broke Gordie Howe's National Hockey League career record with his 802nd goal.

In 1996 Taiwan held its first direct presidential elections; incumbent Lee Teng-hui was the victor.

In 1998 the Supreme Court ruled that term limits for state lawmakers are constitutional.

In 2000, in a first, Speaker Dennis Hastert named a Catholic priest from Chicago, Rev. Daniel Coughlin, as the new House chaplain.

In 2001 Russia's orbiting Mir space station ended its 15-year odyssey with a fiery plunge into the South Pacific. **Also in 2001** newspaper columnist Rowland Evans died in Washington; he was 79.

In 2002 Irina Slutskaya captured her first world title, defeating four-time champion Michelle Kwan at the World Figure Skating Championships in Nagano, Japan.

In 2003 a U.S. Army maintenance convoy was ambushed in Iraq; 11 soldiers were killed, seven were captured, including Pfc. Jessica Lynch, who was rescued April 1.

In 2005 a federal appeals court refused to reinstate Terri Schiavo's feeding tube and the Florida Legislature decided not to intervene in the struggle over the brain-damaged woman; Schiavo's parents then filed a request with the Supreme Court.

In 2006 police took DNA samples from 46 members of the Duke University lacrosse team after a woman hired to dance for a party charged she'd been raped. (Three players were indicted on charges of attacking the woman, but the rape counts were later dropped.) **Also in 2006** conductor and opera company director Sarah Caldwell died in Portland, Maine; she was 82.

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Death Notices

Hurley, Robert 'Bob'
Robert "Bob" Hurley passed away on Wednesday, March 11 surrounded by his wife Susan and his two daughters Melissa and Amy. He is also survived by his daughter-in-law Sarah, and two grandchildren Benjamin Robert and Theodore Frederick. Bob was one tough son of a bitch. Visitation Friday, March 20 from 12pm until time of prayers, 1:30pm at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside. Funeral Mass 2pm at St. Cletus Church, LaGrange. In lieu of flowers memorial donation given to Toy-For-Tots or Rush University Medical Center are appreciated. Funeral Info: 708-352-6500 or hjfunerals.com



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Stacey, Anthony J.
1941-2020
Due to present day health concerns, all services are private. There will be a memorial service scheduled upon cancellation of state and local restrictions. For more information and a virtual tribute: ragobrothersfuneralhome.com

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Tomaszek, Ann I
Ann I. Tomaszek (nee Capiak), age 92 1/2, beloved wife of the late Raymond J. Tomaszek; loving mother of JoAnn (Ronald) Johnson and Barbara (the late Glenn) McDonnell; dear mother-in-law of the late Joseph Tisoncik. dearest grandmother of Lisa (Kevin) McKian, Theresa (Ed) Anderson, Jenna (Dan) Clifford, Andrew (Keri) McDonnell and Greg McDonnell; cherished great-grandmother of Sean and Grace McKian, Elise and Amber Anderson, Mason and Finley Clifford; dearest sister of the late Emily Sergey and the late Charles Capiak. Due to CDC regulations services will be private. Please remember Ann and her family in your prayers. Info: 708 429-3200



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Vanderplas, Frank J.
Frank J. Vanderplas, Jr., age 91, of Skokie. Beloved son of the late Frank and Dorothy, nee Neer. Private services were held. A Memorial Service at Carter-Westminster United Presbyterian Church, Skokie will be held on a future date. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Funeral info. 847-673-6111 or www.habenfuneral.com to sign guestbook.



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Zimbler, Albert
Albert Zimbler, beloved husband of Ruth Zimbler nee Fishman. Loving father of Phyllis (Mitchell) Miller, Jay (Idyth) Zimbler, Debra (Alan) Landay, and Edward (Lola) Zimbler. Cherished grandfather and great grandfather. Valued accountant to many for more than 70 years. Author and improv class leader. Burial was private. Shiva also private. In lieu of flowers, remembrances to Congregation Kneseth Israel (Elgin, IL), Jewish United Fund of Chicago or your preferred charity. Arrangements by Mitzvah Memorial Funerals, 630-Mitzvah (630-648-9824)



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LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

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

IN THE INTEREST OF **Adreina Calloway**

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Setina Robinson (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **16JA00293**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Deondre Calloway (Father) Any And All Unknown Fathers**, Any, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **November 13, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Peter Vilkelis** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **04/09/2020**, at **9:30 AM** in CALENDAR **13 COURTROOM M**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

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

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS February 28, 2020 6638216

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

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

IN THE INTEREST OF **Aliyah Stewart**

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Samantha Godinez (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **17JA00628**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS March 4, 2020 6638188

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

IN THE INTEREST OF **Amir Robinson AKA Andrew Robinson**

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Setina Robinson (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **17JA00143**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknown (Father) Any And All Unknown Fathers** Any, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **November 13, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Peter Vilkelis** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **04/09/2020**, at **9:30 AM** in CALENDAR **13 COURTROOM M**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS February 28, 2020 6638225

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

IN THE INTEREST OF **Andres Robinson**

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Setina Robinson (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **16JA00294**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Antonio Russell (Father) Any And All Unknown Fathers** Any, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **November 13, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Peter Vilkelis** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **04/09/2020**, at **9:30 AM** in CALENDAR **13 COURTROOM M**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS February 28, 2020 6638221

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT HOUSING AUTHORITY OF COOK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PROCUREMENT SERVICE

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Richard Monocchio,
Executive Director
3/16/2020 6632607

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

IN THE INTEREST OF **Ca'Miah Hayes**

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Carrionna Hayes (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **20JA00273**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Jose Oliver (Father), Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **February 11, 2020**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Kimberly Lewis** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **04/10/2020** at **10:00 AM** in CALENDAR **8 COURTROOM H**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS **February 20, 2020 6638264**

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

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

IN THE INTEREST OF **Daziya Cain Daniya Cain Zariah Miles**

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Laquenta Cain (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **20JA00278 20JA00279 20JA00280**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS **March 4, 2020 6638245**

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

IN THE INTEREST OF **Desire Myles**

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Erica Myles (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **16JA00978**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Erica Myles (Mother), "MMMM" (Father), Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **November 22, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Nicholas Geanopoulos** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **04/09/2020**, at **10:30 AM** in CALENDAR **17 COURTROOM K**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS February 20, 2020 6638191

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

IN THE INTEREST OF **La'Janay McClure**

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Tawanna McClure (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **19JA01455**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Steven McClure (Father), Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **December 09, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Nicholas Geanopoulos** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **04/09/2020**, at **10:30 AM** in CALENDAR **17 COURTROOM K**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS February 18, 2020 6638197

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Very truly yours,
/s/KAREN A. YARBROUGH, Cook County Clerk and Clerk of the Board of the Commissioners of Cook County, Illinois
3/19, 3/20, 3/21, 3/22, 3/23, 3/24, 3/25, 3/26 6635732

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

IN THE INTEREST OF **Ray Carter AKA Ray Carter I I I**

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Shenita Perry (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **19JA01419**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Ray Carter (Father), AKA Ray Carter Jr.**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **December 01, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Kimberly Lewis** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **04/10/2020**, at **10:00 AM** in CALENDAR **8 COURTROOM H**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS **February 21, 2020 6638259**

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

IN THE INTEREST OF **Vanessa King**

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Renisha King (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **17JA00398**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Renisha King (Mother), Unknown (Father) Any And All Unknown Fathers** Any, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **October 10, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Peter Vilkelis** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **04/10/2020**, at **10:00 AM** in CALENDAR **13 COURTROOM M**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS February 18, 2020 6638252

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COURTESY OF TYRONE SMITH

Olympic hopeful Elizaveta Pletneva, a rhythmic gymnast, works out alone Sunday near her Deerfield home. Wrestler Joe Rau (below, left) bakes a cake with his girlfriend, Astrid De Leeuw. Long jumper Tyrone Smith and Sandi Morris made ramen.

OLYMPICS

Baking to Zumba

How hopefuls are dealing with uncertainty and training interruptions

BY STACY ST. CLAIR AND BRIAN CASSELLA

U.S. wrestling champion Joe Rau is learning to bake. Three-time Olympic long jumper Tyrone Smith is binge-watching Netflix and building a Lego race car. Rhythmic gymnasts Yelyzaveta Merenzon and Elizaveta Pletneva — teammates in a sport in which synchronization is paramount — are taking online Zumba classes alone in their respective homes.

As the calls grow for the Summer Games to be postponed because of the coronavirus and the International Olympic Committee gives itself until mid-April to make a decision, local Olympic hopefuls have been forced to find creative ways to train and keep their minds off a potentially devastating blow to long-held dreams. It's a task undertaken amid great uncertainty, as the athletes no longer can access their training facilities, practice with their teams or compete in qualifying competitions.

"Everything I've done with my life over the past four years has been with

the Olympics in mind," said Rau, a Chicago native and the United States' top Greco-Roman wrestler in the 87-kg weight class. "And all of a sudden, I have no idea what's going to happen. I can't practice. I can't workout like I normally do. What am I supposed to do with all this free time?"

Just two weeks earlier, Rau won gold at the Pan American Games in Canada, a victory that ensured the U.S. could send a wrestler in his weight class to Tokyo, where the opening ceremony is scheduled for July 24. It was a crucial, emotional

win for Rau, who won the Olympic trials in 2016 but did not compete in Rio because the American team had not qualified in his weight class.

If he wins this year's trials, as he is favored to do, he finally will be an Olympian.

Rau, a 29-year-old graduate of Elmhurst College, kept his phone off for most of the Pan American competition to stay focused. When he turned it on after winning gold, he saw a world unlike the one he had left behind. People were wearing masks in the supermarket, parades were canceled, schools were closed.

"I was like, 'wait, stores are running out of toilet paper?' " he recalled. "Everything had gone crazy."

By the time he returned home, Rau's training site on Northwestern University's campus had been shut down. Gov. J.B. Pritzker ordered all gyms and workout facilities closed a

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WHEN SPORTS STOOD STILL

Keeping an eye on the impact of the coronavirus crisis:

It's Hamlin!

The stands were packed, Jimmie Johnson caused several wrecks, Denny Hamlin raced barefoot and damaged cars were repaired with the push of a button — a few virtual signs that



NASCAR was back with an unreal race. NASCAR eased off the brake in the real sports world and introduced the country to iRacing with some of the sport's biggest stars. Hamlin, above, the three-time Daytona 500 winner, beat Dale Earnhardt Jr. off of the final corner Sunday at virtual Homestead-Miami Speedway to win the bizarre spectacle.

"It was all free will," Hamlin said, "and that's what's exciting is you had full-time Cup guys out there willing to spend their time doing this."

Hamlin was heavily involved in putting together Sunday's pretend race, which was broadcast live on Fox Sports 1 and called by its regular team of Mike Joy and Jeff Gordon.

NASCAR has suspended racing until at least May 9, so series executives and iRacing put together the inaugural eNASCAR iRacing Pro Invitational Series in roughly one week. The first event was at Homestead, where NASCAR was supposed to be racing Sunday before COVID-19 brought sports to a halt.

Drivers showed immediate interest — even those with little to no simulator racing experience. Some rushed to purchase "rigs" to get into the 35-driver field.

Hamlin, racing barefoot on an elaborate rig in the living room of his North Carolina home, had said earlier this week he'd donate \$5,000 to Miami families affected by COVID-19 if he won the race and Kevin Harvick said he'd match Hamlin's pledge.

Hamlin estimated his rig cost \$40,000 — but defended the price because his simulator has motion features — and said better equipment makes no difference. He also said he raced barefoot because "I like to feel the pedals."

— Associated Press

THE QUOTE



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"The IOC will ... start detailed discussions to complete its assessment of the rapid development of the worldwide health situation and its impact on the Olympic Games, including the scenario of postponement."

— Statement from the International Olympic Committee, adding that a decision will be made in the next four weeks. The Games are scheduled to begin July 24 in Tokyo.

BIG NUMBER

43% Percentage of athlete places yet to be allocated for the Tokyo Olympics. Of the 11,000 spots available in 33 sports, about 4,700 still are not set.



NBA
Season suspended indefinitely



NHL
Season suspended indefinitely



MLB
Opening day delayed until at least mid-May



MLS
Season suspended until at least May 10



NFL
Draft set for April 23-25; OTAs canceled



NCAA
Spring sports schedule canceled

Others: PGA Tour suspended through the PGA Championship. NASCAR suspended until at least May 9. WTA, ATP suspended through at least June 7.

Pause 'n' effect: It's a real bummer

Traditions at end of spring training were all put on hold

A bottle of water is usually all that remains from a once-stocked refrigerator, perhaps a couple of prepared salads, a few condiments and the remnants of Girl Scout cookies.

The lockbox that resided on the kitchen counter for six weeks is returned to the front doorknob with a set of keys enclosed.

And the echoes of a now-empty apartment are rendered more convincingly



MARK GONZALES
On the Cubs

training on March 12 and delayed the start of the season indefinitely, following the Centers for Disease Control and Preven-

tion's guidelines regarding the coronavirus pandemic.

The end of spring training was going to be pleasantly different for the Cubs, who barnstormed to Fort Myers, Fla., for the final two exhibitions in 2018 and opened the 2019 season with nine road games before their home opener.

The final spring training game was scheduled to start at Sloan Park shortly after noon, giving the Cubs an earlier return to Chicago, a full day off to settle

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before the front door closes for the last time.

These were the typical sights and sounds of the final morning of spring training — which would have been today before Major League Baseball suspended the remainder of spring

training on March 12 and delayed the start of the season indefinitely, following the Centers for Disease Control and Preven-

SPORTS

Passing a sports talk radio test

It's tough with lockdown looming and no games



TEDDY GREENSTEIN

I packed up my laptop bag midday Friday and headed downtown.

It was stuffed with snacks, caffeinated drinks, germ-removing wet wipes and two U.S. Department of Homeland Security form letters stating that I'd be "providing emergency communications sustainment" in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Not sure that a Mitch Trubisky-Nick Foles debate qualifies. But ... OK.

I also packed my black all-weather golf gloves for knob turning and button pressing. Why did I choose those? I have no idea. Strange times.

Dan McNeil opened the "McNeil & Parkins show" on WSCR-AM 670 by thanking me for co-hosting from 2-6 p.m. while Danny Parkins is on paternity leave.

"Is it true that I'm the only one you could get to come down here?" I shot back.

"You were the first person I called," McNeil replied.

That actually might be true. He asked me March 9 to do the show from a downtown sports bar with wall-to-wall NCAA tournament games.

"No remote next Friday," McNeil texted last week. "Still want to co-pilot?"

I did.

Or did I? Score operations director Mitch Rosen said no pressure, it was up to me. He added he felt good about the precautions being taken at the Prudential Plaza

building in which a worker tested positive for the coronavirus one week earlier.

The building, which also houses the Tribune's newsroom, is practically empty except for security personnel. The ninth floor has no sales staff, just producers, an executive or two and on-air personnel. Transition, when Score hosts chit-chat during overlap time, has been spiked.

The studios are cleaned multiple times a day. Hand sanitizer and wipes are everywhere.

That said, at one point during the show, McNeil said: "You and I are sitting close enough to one another where we could probably (transmit) it. The buttons I touch were the same buttons touched by Lawrence (Holmes) before I got here, the same buttons (Dan) Bernstein touched before Lawrence got here."

Yeah, I hesitated before using a mouse to scroll through incoming texts to the station.

I asked McNeil: Is the handshake dead?

"I'd rather hug anyway," he replied.

We talked about real stuff, like how we're all coping at home with our families. Producers Nick Shepkowski, Chris Tannehill and I are girl dads. McNeil and wife Sheri are parents to three sons, one of whom is severely autistic and craves routine.

McNeil was touched to hear that when Elle, my 11-year-old, did a pros and cons coronavirus

list, she included in the pluses: We now sit down together, as a family, for dinner.

We did talk sports, with NFL free agency providing news.

I opined that Foles is a better-than-average No. 2 but not dynamic. Trubisky at least has the ability and athleticism, potentially, to be a top-15 quarterback.

Texters asked what drugs I'm on, and McNeil responded: "You really believe that about Trubisky? Oh, my God!"

We talked sports movies as part of the Score's "March Movie Madness" bracket and addressed the eternal question: Should "Rounders," the best two hours you'll ever watch about poker, be included in the discussion?

I said no and that I'd vote for 12th-seeded "Hoop Dreams," which happens to include a young David Kaplan with hair.

We debated when it's OK to go back on the golf course. We had so much to talk about, we didn't even get to Joe Maddon's view that MLB should tinker with its rules once baseball returns. I didn't get to ask the audience for a volunteer: Does anyone want to manage my fantasy baseball team?

Early in the program McNeil vowed to continue doing the show from the studio rather than at home in Dyer, Ind.

"If I'm on my laptop for four hours, I would lose my WiFi signal at least twice," he said. "As more and more people are eating up space on the internet, it will get worse. My worst nightmare is being on a remote location without a producer or call-screener in front of me. I won't sleep all weekend if I commit to this.

"So I'm going to come in Monday, even though I'm feeling like that's not the responsible thing to do. I have a lot of guilt over this, morally."

The station broke away to carry live the "stay at home" directive from Gov. J.B. Pritzker, who was joined at the news conference by Mayor Lori Lightfoot and Dr. Emily Landon, of the University of Chicago.

Landon called the virus "unforgiving," and Lightfoot said this is Chicago's "make-or-break moment."

As he walked out of the studio during a commercial break, McNeil said: "Wow, that just put some sobriety into this show."

When he returned, the 30-plus-year veteran of Chicago sports talk said this on air: "If the intent was to put the fear of God in those who were consuming that message, at least with this guy, they succeeded. I'm terrified."

He will work from home next week, sitting or standing right by his router.

The show won't sound quite as good. It might be a little glitchy.

Listeners will forgive. The important part is do the show — and to heed the warnings of the political leaders we can trust. It sounds cliché, but we really are all in this together.

Before leaving the studio I scrolled to this a text from a man in the 815 area code: "Danny and Teddy, guys I've finally broken down. At work (dairy industry) listening to this press conference with (a) 38 week pregnant wife and 2.5 year old at home. Thank you both for helping us get through this."



STEVE LUCIANO/AP

Jordan Lucas holds his son, Jayce Carter Lucas, after the Chiefs won the Super Bowl.

BEARS

Safety Lucas signs 1-year deal

BY COLLEEN KANE

The Bears signed safety Jordan Lucas to a one-year deal, NFL Network reported Sunday.

Lucas, 26, joins the Bears after playing two seasons each with the Dolphins and Chiefs. He has played in 49 career games but started just four, in 2018 in Kansas City, when he totaled 32 tackles, a sack, his lone career interception and two passes defended.

Lucas, a Dolphins sixth-round draft pick in 2016, was a key special teams player for the Chiefs last season, playing 63% of those plays. He provides more depth for a group of safeties that includes Deon Bush, who re-signed with the Bears on Friday and might compete for the starting spot alongside Eddie Jackson. Lucas' contract is for \$1 million.



SUE OGROCKI/AP

A gate at the Cubs practice facility at Sloan Park in Arizona is closed and locked. The rest of spring training, and its closing traditions, were canceled because of the coronavirus crisis.

Gonzales

Continued from Page 1

into their in-season homes and another morning to sleep in before a 90-minute bus ride to Milwaukee for a workout before Thursday's season opener.

But that scenario was wiped out by the ferocity of the coronavirus outbreak, something the world hasn't experienced in more than seven decades. Issues such as the center-field competition and who will fill the last few bullpen spots quickly became insignificant.

Shortly after the suspension of play, the

Cubs announced they ordered a deep cleanse of their spring training facility and gave players the option to return to their homes. Many staffers returned to Chicago nine days earlier, while some veteran players were expected to return as soon as their leases in Arizona expired, if not sooner.

The foyer of the Cubs spring training complex provided the only similarity to the final days of past spring trainings. Heavy suitcases, boxes and children's toys waited to be placed on the truck that takes equipment and belongings to Wrigley Field.

The final day of spring training typically provides its own farewell, and the abrupt ending prevented a few traditions.

One or two players nervously wait by

their lockers, waiting for a tap on the shoulder to walk to the manager's office and learn whether they've made the team and can put their vehicle on the truck to Wrigley — or whether to transfer their belongings to the minor-league side of the complex for another week of spring training before heading to Triple-A Iowa.

Usually a veteran or two is trying to prove to team executives he has overcome a tight hamstring or tender shoulder to be ready for opening day.

The final days traditionally allow time to buy gifts at stadium stores (sometimes at a late spring discount) for those who could only dream about watching live baseball while watching or listening from their

work stations or living rooms.

Unfortunately, no formal farewells this year to the receptionist or the security guards who weather the chilly morning temperatures and an occasional pushy fan. And not enough time to visit a preferred restaurant for the last time.

The location of Don & Charlie's, the famed Scottsdale baseball hangout that closed last April, currently is a massive hole that eventually will be occupied by a hotel and downsized restaurant.

Baseball officials and fans survived this spring without the restaurant's signature ribs.

Plenty more adjusting will be required, as the last two weeks have shown.

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CORONAVIRUS IMPACT ON SPORTS

Day 12

Since the sports world went mainly dark



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IOC open to discussion

Postponement options finally on table for Games; decision could take a month

Associated Press

LAUSANNE, Switzerland — The IOC will take up to four weeks to consider postponing the Tokyo Olympics amid mounting criticism of its handling of the coronavirus crisis that now includes a call for delay from the leader of track and field, the biggest sport at the games.

The IOC is planning meetings with Japanese public authorities, global sports officials, broadcasters and sponsors that will deal with scenario planning for the Olympics, which are scheduled to start July 24. Canceling the games is not under consideration.

IOC President Thomas Bach sent a letter to athletes explaining the decision and why it might take so long, while also acknowledging the extended timeline might not be popular.

"I know that this unprecedented situation leaves many of your questions open," he wrote. "I also know that this rational approach may not be in line with the emotions many of you have to go through."

But only hours after the announcement, World Athletics President Seb Coe sent a letter to Bach saying that holding the Olympics in July "is neither feasible nor desirable." He outlined a number of reasons, including competitive fairness, the likelihood athletes would overtrain if given a compressed schedule and the uncertainty caused by orders in many countries barring people from gyms and other workout venues.

"No one wants to see the Olympic Games postponed but we cannot hold the event at all costs, certainly not at the cost of athlete safety," he wrote. "A decision on the Olympic Games may become very obvious very quickly."

But probably not sooner than next month. The IOC said the scenarios under consideration "relate to modifying existing operational plans for the Games to go ahead



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IOC President Thomas Bach appears to be listening to the concerns of others.

on July 24, 2020, and also for changes to the start date of the Games."

The change in strategy followed Bach's conference call with executive board members.

Bach has consistently said organizers are fully committed to opening the games on July 24 — despite athlete training, qualifying events and games preparations being disrupted more and more by the virus outbreak causing the COVID-19 disease.

Criticism of the stance grew in recent days from Olympic gold medalists and by an IOC member last Tuesday, before Bach finally acknowledged an alternative plan was possible.

National Olympic committees in Brazil and Slovenia later called for a postponement to 2021. Norway's Olympic body said it did not want athletes going to Tokyo until the global health crisis is under control.

The United States governing bodies of swimming and track — two of the three top-tier Summer Games sports — have called on their national Olympic officials to push for a postponement.

"There is a dramatic increase in cases and new outbreaks of COVID-19 in different countries on different continents," the IOC said. "This led the (board) to the conclusion that the IOC needs to take the next step in

Canada out of Olympics if Games start in 2020

The Canadian Olympic Committee says it won't send athletes to the Tokyo Games unless they're postponed for a year, becoming the first country to threaten such a move in the face of the coronavirus pandemic.

The committee sent out a statement Sunday evening saying it was willing to help the IOC search for alternatives, but that it was not safe for athletes, "their families and the broader Canadian community for athletes to continue training for these Games."

"In fact, it runs counter to the public health advice which we urge all Canadians to follow."

Canada brought 314 athletes who combined to win 22 medals at the Rio Games in 2016.

Canada joins a number of countries — including Norway, Brazil and Slovenia — that have pressed the IOC on a possible postponement. But none had flat-out said they wouldn't go if the Games start on time.

— AP

its scenario-planning."

The IOC said last week that roughly 4,700 of 11,000 spots in the Olympics have yet to be allocated.

Bach acknowledged the problems that come with a compressed or radically altered qualifying schedule, but also laid out several reasons that the IOC could not rush to a decision.

It included the availability of venues that are scheduled for use this summer but might not be available at a later time and the disruption of future events in the individual sports.

"A decision about a postponement today could not determine a new date for the Olympic Games because of the uncertain developments in both directions: an improvement, as we are seeing in a number of countries thanks to the severe measures being taken, or a deteriorating situation in other countries," Bach said.

Jays president: MLB needs 4 weeks of spring training

By IAN HARRISON
Associated Press

TORONTO — With no sign of when training camps can resume, Blue Jays President Mark Shapiro says he thinks Major League Baseball would need at least a month of workouts and exhibition games before regular season play can begin.

Opening day has been postponed until at least mid-May because of the coronavirus pandemic.

"Knowing that so many players are not even having any access to throwing at all or hitting at all, but most importantly just throwing, and probably limited access to

just training and exercise, it's hard to imagine we could get ready in less than four weeks," Shapiro said in a teleconference with Toronto reporters.

Shapiro cautioned that training camps aren't likely to reopen for some time yet.

"I do think that we're, by and large, waiting for some sort of flattening of the curve and recognition that we have done our best to limit the strain on the healthcare system and the economic system," he said. "Until that time, the exact outcome and impact on our schedule, and all of the corresponding business that



Shapiro

cascades off that, really can't be determined."

Speaking from his Toronto home, Shapiro said he expects negotiations between Major League Baseball and the players' union on an industry-wide plan to compensate players for missed games to conclude "in the next 24 to 48 hours."

All but three of Toronto's major league players have left the team's spring training site in Dunedin, Florida. Those that remain are South Korean left-hander Hyun-Jin Ryu, Japanese right-hander Shun Yamaguchi and right-hander Rafael Dolis, who is

from the Dominican Republic.

Shapiro said the three players "did not have any place to go." They are the only players who maintain access to Toronto's Florida facilities.

Ryu is accompanied by his wife, who is seven months pregnant.

Shapiro said no Blue Jays players or staff have displayed any symptoms of the new coronavirus, and that no one has been tested.

Some 30 minor league players and four staffers who have been unable to go home are being housed in a Dunedin-area hotel, Shapiro said. Eighteen of those players are from Venezuela and cannot return home.

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:

The Great One, the greatest

(MARCH 23, 1994)

This story was published when the Kings' Wayne Gretzky scored his 802nd career NHL goal, passing Gordie Howe. It has been edited for length and clarity.

BY LISA DILLMAN
Los Angeles Times

There are so many numbers that make up the Kings' Wayne Gretzky — the number on his jersey, 99, his four Stanley Cup championship rings, his 92-goal season in 1981-82.

His world made room for a one new magical number on Wednesday night as the game's greatest playmaker became its greatest all-time goal scorer. Gretzky glided once more into the rarefied air of the sporting world's all-time greats, moving past legend Gordie Howe with his 802nd goal in the Kings' 6-3 loss to the Vancouver Canucks.

The anxious weeks of waiting gave way to sweet emotion at 14:47 of the second period on the power play when Gretzky took a cross-ice pass from defenseman Marty McSorley and put the puck into virtually an empty net with a shot from the base of the left circle.

Vancouver goaltender Kirk McLean had come out to play the angle on McSorley after Luc Robitaille started the play with a drop pass just inside the blue line to Gretzky. Gretzky found McSorley and headed for the net. McSorley was patient and perfectly timed the pass and waited until he skated past the middle of the right circle.

Gretzky put his own unique signature on the historic goal, jamming it into the net out of the air before the puck dropped to the ice. The sellout crowd of 16,005 at the Forum erupted, Gretzky threw his arms in the air and the first player to hug him was Robitaille.

Photographers mobbed Gretzky and there was a 15-minute on-ice ceremony with Gretzky's parents, Walter and Phyllis, his wife Janet as well as King owner Bruce McNall and NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman.

A jubilant Gretzky took the microphone, saying: "I've played here six years and I hope I play here another six."

He had said that he wanted to get No. 802 in front of King fans.

It turned out almost perfectly for Gretzky. His record 1,851st point — also surpassing Howe — came on Oct. 15, 1989, in Edmonton, where he started his NHL career and won four Stanley Cups before being traded to the Kings in 1988.

"As I've said many times, to me, this is

MORE MARCH 23 MOMENTS

1957: North Carolina defeats Wilt Chamberlain and Kansas in triple-overtime to win the NCAA men's championship. The Tar Heels win 54-53 to finish the season with a perfect 32-0 record.

1974: N.C. State ends UCLA's streak of seven national championships with an 80-77 victory in double overtime of the NCAA Tournament semifinals. David Thompson leads the Wolfpack with 28 points and 10 rebounds, while teammate Tom Burlison scores 20 and pulls down 14 rebounds.

2005: Indiana's Reggie Miller becomes the 13th NBA player to score 25,000 career points during the Pacers' 100-93 win over San Antonio.

2010: The NFL changes its overtime rules for playoff games to give both teams an opportunity to get the ball. Team owners vote 28-4 in favor of the proposal at the NFL meetings. Minnesota, Buffalo, Cincinnati and Baltimore oppose the change.

the greatest game in the world," Gretzky said. "Six years ago, they said California wasn't a great hockey area. In six years, we have a pretty strong franchise and we've shown the rest of North America they're wrong."

His other wish — that Jari Kurri be involved in the goal — did not come true. Kurri was on the ice, but the assists went to McSorley and Robitaille. McSorley played with Gretzky in Edmonton also and has assisted on 17 of the 802 and Robitaille has assisted on 42. Kurri has assisted on more of Gretzky's goals than anyone else.

McSorley was asked on Tuesday about the possibility of being involved in NHL history. "I just count my blessing that I've been able to play with him for eight-plus years."

Gretzky surpassed Howe in his 15th NHL season. It took Howe 26 seasons to score 801 goals. And actually it's more like 14½ seasons for Gretzky, who missed the first 39 games of last season and scored 16 goals. Gretzky either holds or shares 62 NHL scoring records.

For Gretzky, there was a certain symmetry since he scored his first NHL goal against the Canucks and goaltender Glen Hanlon in 1979.

Howe, who had followed Gretzky during the chase of his point record, declined to participate in this record pursuit and made some slightly bitter comments, saying his World Hockey Assn. goals should be counted and the goals from both leagues should be combined.



ERIC DRAPER/AP

The Kings' Wayne Gretzky and fans celebrate after he scored his NHL record-setting 802nd goal against the Canucks on March 23, 1994, at the Forum in Inglewood, Calif.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Toronto	46	18	.719	—
Boston	43	21	.672	3
Philadelphia	39	26	.600	7½
Brooklyn	30	34	.469	16
New York	21	45	.318	26
SOUTHEAST				
Miami	41	24	.631	—
Orlando	30	35	.462	11
Washington	24	40	.375	16½
Charlotte	23	42	.354	18
Atlanta	20	47	.299	22
CENTRAL				
Milwaukee	53	12	.815	—
Indiana	39	26	.600	14
Chicago	22	43	.338	31
Detroit	20	46	.303	33½
Cleveland	19	46	.292	34

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Houston	40	24	.625	—
Dallas	40	27	.597	1½
Memphis	32	33	.492	8½
New Orleans	28	36	.438	12
San Antonio	27	36	.429	12½
NORTHWEST				
Denver	43	22	.662	—
Utah	41	23	.641	1½
Oklahoma City	40	24	.625	2½
Portland	29	37	.439	14½
Minnesota	19	45	.297	23½
PACIFIC				
L.A. Lakers	49	14	.778	—
L.A. Clippers	44	20	.688	5½
Sacramento	28	36	.438	21½
Phoenix	26	39	.400	24
Golden State	15	50	.231	35

TERAM SCORING BY PERIOD

TEAM	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH
Atlanta	26.6	29.1	27.9	27.0
Boston	26.7	27.9	29.3	28.4
Brooklyn	28.5	27.6	28.1	25.4
Charlotte	26.6	25.9	24.7	24.6
Chicago	26.0	27.5	26.4	26.5
Cleveland	26.7	26.3	26.3	26.7
Dallas	30.0	29.3	29.3	27.1
Denver	27.7	27.3	27.3	27.0
Detroit	27.5	27.5	25.5	26.0
Golden State	25.5	27.3	26.2	26.4
Houston	29.5	30.4	29.5	28.3
Indiana	26.1	28.6	27.2	26.7
LA Clippers	23.1	30.1	29.2	27.4
LA Lakers	29.4	29.7	28.7	26.0
Memphis	28.7	27.0	28.8	27.9
Miami	29.7	28.5	26.3	26.0
Milwaukee	29.3	29.9	29.9	29.3
Minnesota	28.3	29.3	27.0	27.4
New Orleans	29.5	29.2	29.1	27.4
New York	26.5	26.5	25.8	26.0
Oklahoma City	26.7	28.1	28.0	27.2
Orlando	25.7	27.6	26.9	26.0
Philadelphia	28.8	27.2	26.8	26.4
Phoenix	28.6	26.9	28.4	28.1
Portland	29.3	27.9	27.9	28.1
Sacramento	26.5	27.6	26.9	27.3
San Antonio	27.3	28.0	29.4	27.3
Toronto	28.5	28.0	28.0	28.0
Utah	27.8	27.0	28.4	27.7
Washington	29.1	29.7	27.6	28.7

OVERTIME SCORING				
TEAM	W	L	PCT	PTS
Por	2	0	100	11.5
NY	3	1	15.3	3
LAC	1	1	14.5	3
OKC	4	0	14.3	Was
Mem	1	0	14.0	Bos
Chi	2	4	13.0	NO
Atl	2	3	12.6	Brk
Hou	1	1	12.5	Sac
LAL	2	0	12.5	Utah
Cle	4	1	12.4	Phi
Ind	8	1	12.2	Mil
Min	5	12.2	Det	1
Min	4	3	12.0	Chi
Phx	4	2	12.0	Tor
SA	4	2	11.8	Orl

source: nba.com



AMANDA HODGES WEIR/AP

PHOTO OF THE DAY

Derby day goes on in Bayou

Wells Bayou, left, completed a wire-to-wire victory in the \$1 million Louisiana Derby over the weekend, although there was hardly a cheer to be heard. The 107th running of the qualifying points race for the Kentucky Derby went on as scheduled Saturday at an eerily quiet Fair Grounds Race Course in New Orleans. There was no crowd noise to rival the echoing voice of track announcer John G. Dooley — just the sound of 56 hooves clapping down the track. The Louisiana Derby was run one day after New Orleans Mayor LaToya Cantrell had issued a "stay home" mandate. Shortly after the race, officials announced that the rest of the meet, which was scheduled to run until March 29, was canceled. Wells Bayou earned 100 points toward qualification for the Kentucky Derby, which has been delayed until early September from its usual running on the first Saturday in May. — Associated Press

SOCCER

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER

Eastern						
TEAM	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	2	2	3
New England	0	1	1	2	3	3
Orlando City	0	1	1	1	2	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						
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	2	2	1	1	1
LA Galaxy	0	1	1	1	1	2
San Jose	0	1	1	1	4	7
Houston	0	1	1	1	1	5
Nashville SC	0	2	0	0	1	3

3 points for victory, 1 point for tie

HORSE RACING

ROAD TO THE KENTUCKY DERBY POINTS STANDINGS

HORSE	TRAINER	PTS
Wells Bayou	Brad Cox	104
Modernist	Bill Mott	70
Authentic	cBob Baffert	60
Ete Indien	Patrick Biancone	54
Mr. Monomoy	Brad Cox	52
Nadal	Bob Baffert	50
Mischievous Alex	John Servis	50
Ny Traffic	Saffie Joseph Jr.	50
King Guillermo	Juan Carlos Avila	50
Enforceable	Mark Casse	33
Storm the Court	Peter Eurton	32
Sole Volante	Patrick Biancone	30
Major Fed	Greg Foley	30
Thousand Words	Bob Baffert	25
Tiz the Law	Barclay Tagg	22
Silver Prospector	Steve Asmussen	21
Field Pass	Mike Maker	20
Excession	Steve Asmussen	20
Honor A.P.	John Shirreffs	20
Candy Tycoon	Todd Pletcher	20
Untilyed	Mark Casse	20
Shotski	Jeremiah O'Dwyer	19
Independence Hall	Mike Trombetta	14
Silver State	Steve Asmussen	14
Azul Coast	Bob Baffert	14
Shoplifted	Steve Asmussen	13
Anneau d'Or	Blain Wright	12

source: drf.com

GOLF

PGA PUTTING STATISTICS

PUTTING AVG	AVG PUTTS HOLES
Steve Stricker	1.531 441 288
Patrick Reed	1.539 831 540
Peter Malnati	1.541 1,082 702
Ricky Barnes	1.548 780 504
J.B. Holmes	1.551 670 432
Brendon Todd	1.554 1,343 864
Webb Simpson	1.558 561 360
Vaughn Taylor	1.561 1,321 846
John Huh	1.562 731 468
Brandt Snedeker	1.563 816 522
Kevin Na	1.566 1,184 526
Bronson Burgoon	1.566 930 594
Brian Gay	1.567 1,269 810
Dominic Bozzelli	1.568 903 576
Zac Blair	1.568 1,355 864

PUTTS PER ROUND

RD	AVG PUTTS	TOTAL
Steve Stricker	16	27.56 441
Patrick Reed	30	27.70 831
Peter Malnati	39	27.74 1,082
Ricky Barnes	28	27.86 780
J.B. Holmes	24	27.92 670
Brendon Todd	48	27.98 1,343
Webb Simpson	20	28.05 561
Vaughn Taylor	47	28.11 1,321
John Huh	26	28.12 731
Brandt Snedeker	29	28.14 816
Bronson Burgoon	33	28.18 930
Kevin Na	42	28.19 1,184
Brian Gay	45	28.20 1,269
Dominic Bozzelli	32	28.22 903

source: pgatour.com

AUTO RACING

NASCAR CUP SERIES DRIVER POINTS

DRIVER	W	T5	T10	PTS
Kevin Harvick	0	2	4	164
Joey Logano	2	2	2	163
Chase Elliott	0	1	2	144
Alex Bowman	1	1	1	138
Jimmie Johnson	0	1	2	131
Ryan Blaney	0	1	1	123
Kyle Larson	0	1	3	121
Aric Almirola	0	0	2	121
Matt DiBenedetto	0	1	1	118
Brad Keselowski	0	2	2	118
Denny Hamlin	1	1	2	111
Kyle Busch	0	2	2	111
Clint Bowyer	0	2	2	105

SPORTS

ESPN library is juiced up

O.J. miniseries tops list in network's vast vault of sports-related movies

By PHIL ROSENTHAL
Chicago Tribune

Rather than go cold turkey on sports, you're probably looking for programming to stream.

We're here to help. We mined the ESPN Plus subscription service's library of documentaries, primarily consisting of its "30 for 30" series along with the "ESPN Films Presents" and "Nine for IX" brand extensions.

Some very good mini-documentaries are under the "30 for 30" aegis, such as quick histories of the high-five, the Arnold Palmer drink, scapegoat Richard Jewell and how Alex Rodriguez almost joined the Red Sox.

But the focus here is on the 25 best long-form documentaries in this group, which should keep ESPN Plus subscribers busy for a while.

And if you're not an ESPN Plus subscriber, ESPN announced Friday it is airing an encore presentation of the five-part "O.J.: Made in America" — No. 1 on our list and the 2016 Academy Award winner for Best Documentary Feature — in prime time next week.

Part 1 airs at 6 p.m. Monday, Part 2 at 8 p.m. Monday and 6 p.m. Tuesday, Part 3 at 8 p.m. Tuesday and 6 p.m. Wednesday, Part 4 at 8 p.m. Wednesday and 6 p.m. Thursday and Part 5 at 8 p.m. Thursday.

1. 'O.J.: Made in America'

There are two kinds of stories that distinguish the best ESPN documentaries. Some focus on people and events few know well. Others take on events everyone thinks they know and tell them powerfully. Ezra Edelman's epic 2016 Oscar-winning miniseries ostensibly is about the rise and fall of O.J. Simpson. But rather than simply retrace a familiar narrative, Edelman delivers a forceful meditation on race, class and celebrity in America that's both entertaining and eye-opening.

2. 'Hillsborough'

More than 90 fans were trampled to death and nearly 800 injured during a Liverpool-Nottingham Forest FA Cup semifinal match on April 15, 1989, at Hillsborough Stadium in Sheffield, England. Daniel Gordon's 2014 film pushes past the party line blaming the tragedy on hooliganism to expose how negligence, mismanaged crowd control and poor stadium design made the human toll virtually inevitable.

3. 'June 17, 1994'

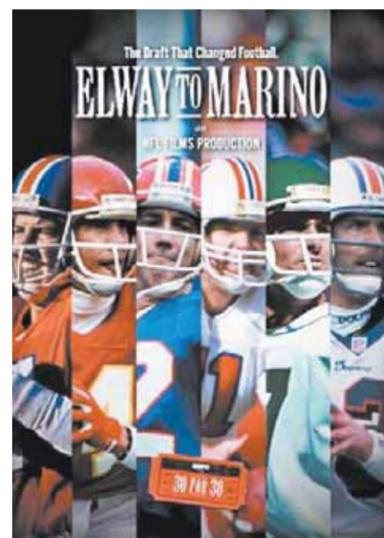
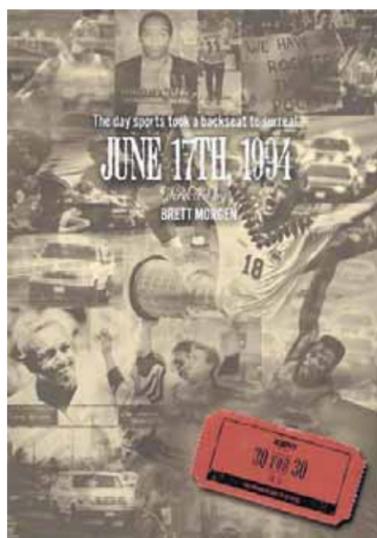
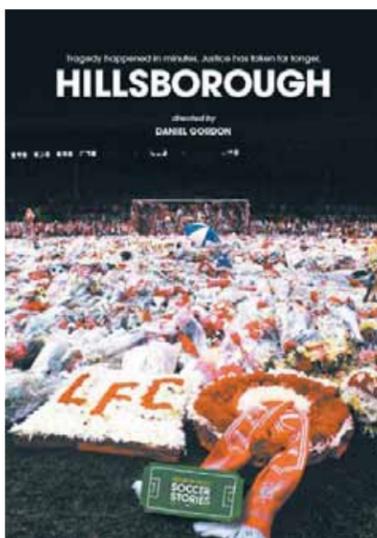
Using nothing but archival materials — some that aired at the time and some presented for the first time — Brett Morgen offers a *verite* look back at this seminal Friday almost 26 years ago. The day is remembered for the slow-speed police pursuit and eventual arrest of O.J. Simpson, who was riding in friend and former teammate Al Cowling's white Ford Bronco. But the surreal chase of the onetime athlete was just one of many sports threads that day. Morgen's 2010 documentary, by turns funny, sad and bizarre, toggles between the World Cup's opening ceremony in Chicago, the end of Arnold Palmer's U.S. Open career, a Stanley Cup parade in New York, the NBA Finals and more. Again, it's not just about all the things you saw and remember, it's all the things you didn't and don't.

4. 'Elway to Marino'

Six quarterbacks were selected in the first round of the 1983 NFL draft. Hall of Famer John Elway was first overall. The sixth, Hall of Famer Dan Marino, was selected with the 27th and penultimate pick. But it's all the drama in between Ken Rodgers seizes upon in his 2013 retelling. There's Elway's adamant refusal to play for the Colts, who drafted him. There's also the sad spectacle of watching Marino go unchosen. Some of those drafted earlier would prove their worth — as in Eric Dickerson, Jimbo Covert and Jim Kelly, who played in the USFL before finally joining the Bills — but plenty of teams would rue letting Marino slip past.

5. 'Once Brothers'

Vlade Divac and Drazen Petrovic — a Serb and Croat, respectively — were rival NBA players. They once had been great friends, teammates on the Yugoslavian national team. But war in their homeland drove a wedge between them. Petrovic's 1993 death in a car accident left Divac with grief and regret. Michael Tolajian's 2010 documentary captures all of it.



The best of ESPN's assortment of documentaries, according to one reporter's list.

6. 'No Crossover: The Trial of Allen Iverson'

Steve James, best known for "Hoop Dreams," lends a personal perspective to this 2010 story of how Allen Iverson's basketball future nearly was derailed by an assault charge while he was a high school student in Hampton, Va., where both Iverson and James grew up. It's an examination of racial perspectives, how difficult it is to shake a reputation once someone has been tagged and so much more.

7. 'Venus Vs.'

Before "Selma," "A Wrinkle in Time" and "How They See Us," Ava DuVernay delivered this 2013 piece on tennis star Venus Williams that was part of ESPN's "Nine for IX" series celebrating the 1972 enactment of Title IX equal opportunity in education legislation. Like "No Crossover," it pairs a filmmaker and athlete who grew up in the same community (Compton, Calif., in this case). "Venus Vs." isn't just about Williams' play but the rise of female athletes and her role in the fight for pay equity.

8. 'The U'

Billy Corben, who's from Miami, recalls the 1980s and '90s "Miami Vice"-era rogue heyday of the University of Miami football program in this 2009 film. Rules and laws are afterthoughts. You also might enjoy Corben's 2014 "The U Part 2" and Patrick Creadon's 2016 "Catholics vs. Convicts," which recalls Miami's 1988 game against Notre Dame.

9. 'Winning Time: Reggie Miller vs. the New York Knicks'

It's the Pacers' Reggie Miller versus the mid-1990s Knicks, but it's also Miller versus Knicks superfan Spike Lee in this 2010 documentary from Dan Klores about how a player can get under the skin of a franchise and everyone close to it.

10. 'Catching Hell'

A lot of people were upset upon hearing Alex Gibney was dredging up the story of the 2003 Cubs collapse and fan Steve Bartman. What they didn't know was Gibney's finished product, largely a discussion of societal scapegoating, would be both sympathetic and exonerating when it came to the guy who no doubt once thought himself lucky to have first-row seats for a playoff game at Wrigley Field.

11. 'Let Them Wear Towels'

Neanderthals such as Hall of Fame MLB Commissioner Bowie Kuhn and former Cubs slugger Dave Kingman are rightly hung out to dry for their opposition to allowing credentialed reporters to do their job, regardless of gender. Documentary makers Ricki Stern and Annie Sundberg leave no uncertainty about who's truly heroic. It's Claire Smith, Lesley Visser, Christine Brennan, Jane Gross, Melissa Ludtke, Michele Himmelberg, Robin Herman, Lisa Olson and other female sports writers who pushed doors open and stood their ground.

12. 'The Best That Never Was'

Marcus Dupree's trajectory from hotly pursued high school star to someone whose name might be vaguely familiar at best is a 2010 cautionary tale that Jonathan Hock tells with great empathy.

13. 'Pony Excess'

Thaddeus D. Matula looks back at the Southern Methodist University football scandal that introduced the term "death penalty" to NCAA rule enforcement vernacular.

14. 'The Two Escobars'

Jeff and Michael Zimbalist tie a pair of ill-fated Colombians named Escobar — soccer player Andres Escobar and drug lord Pablo Escobar — in a commentary on cultures going off the rails.

15. 'You Don't Know Bo'

If you have forgotten just how great former two-sport (and onetime White Sox) star Bo Jackson was and is, Michael Bonfiglio reminds you quite vividly.

16. 'Without Bias'

The shocking, sudden death of University of Maryland standout Len Bias from a cocaine-induced heart attack days after he was the second pick in the 1986 NBA draft is recalled along the shock waves it set off.

17. 'Jordan Rides the Bus'

Ron Shelton, who's responsible for beloved sports films such as "Bull Durham" and "Tin Cup," digs into Michael Jordan's minor-league quest to become a baseball player. He comes away suggesting Jordan eventually might have made it work under different circumstances. Bulls fans are happy he didn't.

18. 'Unmatched'

The rivalry and friendship of tennis greats Martina Navratilova and Chris Evert is the focus of this work from Lisa Lax and Nancy Stern Winters with Hannah Storm.

19. 'Of Miracles and Men'

There have been plenty of retellings of Team USA's improbable hockey gold medal at the 1980 Lake Placid Olympics. Jonathan Hock's version is from the perspective of the Soviets they upset.

20. 'Survive and Advance'

This Jonathan Hock effort recalls another improbable title run, the late Jimmy Valvano's North Carolina State Wolfpack winning the 1983 NCAA men's basketball championship.

21. 'Small Potatoes: Who Killed the USFL?'

Mike Tollin's 2009 search for why the USFL failed as an alternative to the NFL eventually zeroes in on an ill-considered attempt to move its season from spring to fall, as advocated by a team owner named Donald Trump. A fair criticism? Watch and decide.

22. 'The '99ers'

A high point in "Let Them Wear Towels" comes when female sports writers converge on the packed Rose Bowl to cover the 1999 Women's World Cup soccer championship. Erin Leyden looks back at the U.S. team that took the gold and what it represented in the ongoing fight to advance women's sports.

23. 'Celtics/Lakers: Best of Enemies'

The decades-long Boston-Los Angeles rivalry is an oft-told story, but Jim Podhoretz doesn't just make clear it's a major piece of NBA history. He ensures it's entertaining as well.

24. 'The Price of Gold'

Nanette Burstein recalls the 1994 Olympic figure skating shenanigans involving Nancy Kerrigan and Tonya Harding, an irresistible tale both then and now and probably forever.

25. 'Bad Boys'

The sharp-elbowed Pistons of the late 1980s and early '90s get their due from Zak Levitt.

Former NFL No. 1 picks now play waiting game

QBs Winston, Newton, DE Clowney need homes

By JOSH DUBOW
Associated Press

Jameis Winston, Cam Newton and Jadeveon Clowney didn't have to wait long to find homes in the NFL when they came out of college.

They were No. 1 overall draft picks. Now they are finding things moving much more slowly as they search for new homes or contracts this offseason.

Winston, the top pick in the 2015 draft, has been supplanted as starting quarterback in Tampa Bay by Tom Brady and is in

danger of being on the wrong end of the NFL's version of quarterback musical chairs.

Clowney, the No. 1 pick in 2014, hasn't been able to find the megacontract he hoped for in the opening days of free agency and might eventually have to settle for a more reasonable contract to remain in Seattle or elsewhere. He had only three sacks in his first season with the Seahawks. Newton, who went first in 2011, isn't quite on the open market yet but is having an acrimonious breakup in Carolina. The Panthers are signing a replacement in Teddy Bridgewater and giving Newton permission to pursue a trade even though he said he never wanted to leave.

With no trade partners yet to jump for a quarterback coming off a season-ending

foot injury, Newton might get released.

The free-agent process has been complicated this year with players unable to meet in person with teams or take physicals with team doctors because of restrictions put in place in response to coronavirus.

That could be especially problematic for Newton, the 2015 NFL MVP, who must prove he's recovered from foot surgery that forced him to miss the final 14 games in 2019.

With only a handful of teams still looking for a starting quarterback in free agency, there are few obvious options for either Newton or Winston.

Winston is the first player since the merger to lead the NFL in passing yards one season and change teams the next. He had 5,109 passing yards but 30 interceptions in 2019.

ON THE CLOCK

31 Days until the NFL draft, which is still scheduled for April 23-25. The 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	

OLYMPICS



“Everything I’ve done with my life over the past four years has been with the Olympics in mind. And all of a sudden, I have no idea what’s going to happen.”

— Olympic wrestling hopeful Joe Rau, running with girlfriend Astrid De Leeuw

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few days later, making it nearly impossible to find a wrestling mat on which to practice.

Rau continued to lift weights with his training partner, Robby Smith, though Pritzker’s stay-at-home order has halted that practice for at least two weeks. Wrestlers have been encouraged to stay off mats for the foreseeable future, so Rau spent Sunday morning jogging along empty streets in his Des Plaines neighborhood, running hills and practicing wrestling moves with his girlfriend, Astrid De Leeuw, who is a fraction of his size but not subject to rules on social distancing.

He refuses to disobey the governor’s stay-at-home order, which commands all Illinois residents to stay indoors unless they have a vital reason for leaving until at least April 7. Rau — who has had two severe knee injuries and a broken jaw in the last four years — does not want to risk illness before the Olympic trials, even though they have been postponed and not yet rescheduled.

“The safest thing for me is stay home and not put myself at risk,” he said. “Now I’m just trying to find ways to pass the time.”

And, it appears, he is occupying himself in the sweetest way possible. For the past week, De Leeuw has been teaching him how to bake.

So far they’ve made tiramisu, banana bread and a chocolate marble cake. All of it, Rau says proudly, made from scratch.

“It’s helping me keep my mind off everything that’s going on with the Olympics,” he said. “And that’s good because I’m pretty darned worried.”

There’s a legitimate reason for the athletes to be worried. As each day passes, demands to postpone the Tokyo Games mount. The two of the largest athletic governing bodies, USA Track & Field and USA Swimming, have requested that the Olympics be delayed, in addition to the Norwegian, Slovenian and Brazilian Olympic committees.

The Canadian Olympic Committee announced late Sunday it would not send athletes to Tokyo unless the Games are pushed back at least 12 months.

With the Games scheduled to open in late July, the International Olympic Committee on Sunday gave itself four weeks to decide whether to hold the event as planned or postpone it.

More than 300,000 people have contracted the novel coronavirus and at least 12,944 have died, according to a count by Johns Hopkins University, as countries around the world close their borders.

The U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee has urged patience, though it acknowledges the physical and emotional toll the wait is taking on athletes.

“The USOPC has complete and total empathy for the athlete community as they manage the terrible stress and anxiety caused by the current lack of certitude regarding the Tokyo Games,” USOPC CEO Sarah Hirshland and USOPC Chair Susanne Lyons said in a joint statement Friday. “We understand that the athletes have



Rhythmic gymnast Elizaveta Pletneva works out Sunday near her home in Deerfield. She wants the Olympics to happen “at some point.”

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concerns about training, qualification and anti-doping controls, and that they want transparency, communication and clarity to the full extent possible.

“The USOPC has made it clear that all athletes should put their health and wellness, and the health and wellness of the greater community, above all else at this unprecedented moment.”

U.S. Olympics officials said they have heard a variety of opinions from athletes, including those who want it delayed and those who do not want the Games prematurely canceled until scientists can clearly predict what the virus’ threat will be in four months.

The International Olympic Committee announced Sunday that it is working on alternative options, which would require the complete cooperation of the Tokyo organizing committee, each country’s governing bodies, corporate sponsors and the holders of broadcasting rights. A total cancellation will not be considered, IOC President Thomas Bach said in a statement.

“Human lives take precedence over everything, including the staging of the Games. The IOC wants to be part of the solution,” Bach wrote in a letter to athletes Sunday. “Therefore we have made it our leading principle to safeguard the health of everyone involved and to contribute to containing the virus. I wish, and we all are working for this, that the hope of so many athletes (and governing bodies) from all five continents have expressed will be fulfilled: that at the end of this dark tunnel we are all going through together, not knowing how long it is, the Olympic flame will be a light at the end of this tunnel.”

In response to Bach’s letter, the USOPC and Athletes’ Advisory Council released a statement calling the IOC’s actions an “important step” but noted its athletes still face “enormous ambiguity surrounding the 2020 Games.”

“Every day counts,” the statement read. “We remain steadfast in our recommendation that Team USA athletes continue to heed the advice of public health officials and prioritize their health and wellness over all else. At the same time we are eager to continue to explore alternatives to ensure all athletes have a robust and fulfilling Olympic and Paralympic experience, regardless of when that

can safely occur. Together we will find solutions that keep the spirit of the Games alive.”

The indecision weighs heavily on local athletes, many of whom have seen their sport’s Olympic trials or qualifying competitions postponed because of the pandemic. The IOC says 57% of eligible spots for the Olympics have been claimed. Athletes worldwide have questioned whether there is enough time to address the remaining 43% under healthy, fair and properly trained conditions.

“I definitely want the Olympics to happen at some point,” said rhythmic gymnast Elizaveta Pletneva of Deerfield, whose team’s main qualifying competition has not been rescheduled yet. “But when you look at what’s happening around the world and you look at the calendar, I’m not sure it will be able to happen this summer.”

A postponement likely would mean the end of Greco-Roman wrestler Robby Smith’s competitive career. The 33-year-old Evanston resident competed at the 2016 Games and put his life on hold for four more years for another shot. Accustomed to training three to six hours a day at Northwestern University and practicing with elite-level partners, the state’s stay-at-home order has left him working out by himself with resistance bands.

He keeps his phone off most of the time now, trying to avoid push alerts and text messages about the Olympics. But he knows powerful sports such as swimming and influential countries might push the scales toward postponement.

“And that would be it for me,” Smith said. “I’ve lived my entire adult life one quad at a time and I’m ready to start building my family. The hardest part, right now, is that I don’t have any answers. Whatever the decision is, I can take it. I just want some clarity.”

With the decision beyond the athletes’ control, they continue training under less-than-ideal circumstances. The U.S. rhythmic gymnastics team, based in Glenview, hasn’t practiced together for more than a week. They had considered moving workouts to the Olympic and Paralympic Training Center in Lake Placid, N.Y., but that facility also was closed because of the pandemic.

Left with no other options, team members are training together via Facebook Live and the



COURTESY OF TYRONE SMITH

The Lego car Tyrone Smith made while he waits for a decision about the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

video-conferencing app Zoom. They stretch and do ballet together for two hours each morning. In the afternoon, they spend an hour listening to their competition music and envisioning their performances, in addition to taking the same online dance class — salsa, hip-hop, Zumba — after lunch every day.

None of them has ceilings high enough to actually toss the balls and clubs used in routines. Instead, team members practice their hand-eye coordination by throwing tennis balls at walls in their homes.

“My parents love it,” the 18-year-old Pletneva said.

Gymnast Yelyzaveta Merenzon has gone outside a few times to practice with her club, but her hands can’t take the cold for more than a few minutes at a time.

“It very different than what we’re used to,” said Merenzon, 20, who took a leave of absence from the University of Chicago to train for the Games. “But we have been trying to focus on positivity. Green light could get turned on at any time and we will be ready to go.”

The pandemic has also demanded creative problem solving from long jumper Tyrone Smith, a 35-year-old North Chicago native who has represented Bermuda at three Olympics. Smith — who has sold cars for much of his career to pay for his training and international travel — intended to retire after the Rio Games, but a disappointing performance and an unexpected romance there kept him jumping for another four-year cycle.

While in Brazil, Smith fell in love with U.S. Olympian Sandi Morris, the Downers Grove native who won a silver medal in women’s pole vault in 2016. The couple, who married in October, dream of sharing another Olympics together.

The logistics of being an international athlete never have been easy for Smith, who is largely self-funded and working on his master’s degree in business administration at the University of Texas. He drove to Arkansas during his spring break to be with Morris, who trains at the University of Arkansas.

That facility is now closed, like most nationwide, amid the pandemic. Smith’s own training facility shut down, temporarily leaving the pair as a pole vaulter without a bar and long jumper without a runway.

Smith eventually found an unlocked high school track where the couple could workout. It’s not ideal — the long jumper’s sand pit,

for example, is completely covered, so Smith can’t actually jump — but they’ve made do with sprints and plyometric exercises.

At one point last week, Smith took to a local baseball field to do a series of jumping exercises. Morris has been running hills in her neighborhood for general conditioning, too, but she plans to leave Arkansas and head to a state where she can practice vaulting.

The situation has been made even more difficult, Smith says, by people attacking athletes on social media for expressing their frustrations over training disruptions. Smith understands the threat the coronavirus poses and knows aggressive measures must be taken to slow its spread.

That knowledge, however, doesn’t make it any easier to watch his hard-earned dream threatened.

“One of the hardest things about it is there are a lot of people trying to shame athletes for being upset,” he said. “They don’t understand how our lives work. They don’t understand everything we’ve given up.”

The couple tries not to bemoan their situation or worry too much about the future. They keep busy with Netflix and Lego kits, already having built a race car from the little plastic bricks and contemplating making a replica of Harry Potter’s Hogwarts School. They even tried their hand at making ramen one night.

But it’s hard to ignore the cruel reality: Smith has not yet secured a spot at the Games, and that task grows increasingly harder as qualifying competitions have been postponed or canceled. If the Olympics get delayed a year or two, Morris is expected to compete, but Smith’s career is likely over.

Though he has flirted with retirement before, Smith says he isn’t sure his legs have another year in them.

“To be honest, the Olympics come up at least once an hour,” Smith said. “We’re constantly talking about it and wondering what’s going to happen. I very well could have taken my last jump in competition and didn’t know it.”

In California, volleyball star Kelsey Robinson is trying to restore her equilibrium after arriving home Saturday night from Turkey, where she plays professionally. The Wheaton native scrambled to leave the country as its borders closed, returning to her offseason home in Manhattan Beach.

California is under a shelter-in-place order nearly identical to Illinois’ stay-at-home directive, meaning Robinson won’t be practicing with the national team for several weeks at least. In the meantime, she intends to workout at home, doing yoga and cardio training. She lives on the beach so she plans to inquire as to whether she can train on the sand without violating the statewide lockdown.

With a key Olympic warmup tournament postponed until after the Games, Robinson doesn’t know what the next four months will look like. Nobody really does.

“There are a lot of unknowns right now because of the coronavirus, and that’s really hard,” she said. “You hope there are answers soon — not just for the Olympics, but for the entire world.”

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Tyus Edney is carried by UCLA teammates J.R. Henderson, left, and Ike Nwankwo after sinking the winning basket in the NCAA West Regional on March 19, 1995, in Boise, Idaho.

A giant shot for the gold

25 years ago, 'Little Hoop' and Tyus Edney launched UCLA's run to its last title

BY BEN BOLCH
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Little Hoop was a pain. Tyus and Russell Edney would lug the thing out of their Long Beach home every time they wanted to play basketball in the driveway, the young brothers hooking the wood backboard and metal rim to the gutter above their garage.

Little Hoop could be dangerous. The basket occasionally fell, once plunking Tyus on the head and requiring several stitches. There was no telling how many busted lips and sprained ankles the boys sustained.

Little Hoop didn't seem to enhance their game.

The basket stood just a touch over 6 feet off the ground. The rim wasn't regulation size. The boys had to use a miniature ball.

Hank Edney used to come home from work and cringe whenever he saw his sons playing on the thing.

"You guys spend too much time on that Little Hoop," Hank would say, using the nickname they had all given it. "It's going to mess up your form and your shots and everything."

If nothing else, everybody agreed that it forced the boys to get creative, especially little Tyus. He would drive toward the basket, confronted by the flailing arms of a brother two years older and just as many inches taller. Pump-fakes, scoops and hooks all became part of the arsenal of the jitterbug point guard who would go on to star for Long Beach Poly High and UCLA.

He had no choice. "You had to come up with all these different little shots to get the shot off," Tyus said, "and kind of one of my things that I learned how to do was shooting it around arms."

It was here on this driveway basket, Tyus' torso twisting, his body suspended in midair, his hand releasing the ball just inches above hostile fingertips, that the most iconic shot in UCLA basketball history was born, nurtured and perfected.

"I think I've seen that shot on that Little Hoop," Russell Edney said of a basketball prayer that would be answered 25 years ago this weekend, "about 10 or 15 times."

Kids often mimic their heroes making last-second shots, the scene having played out countless times in backyards, driveways and parks across the country. This was Tyus making his own play, years before he knew what it might become.

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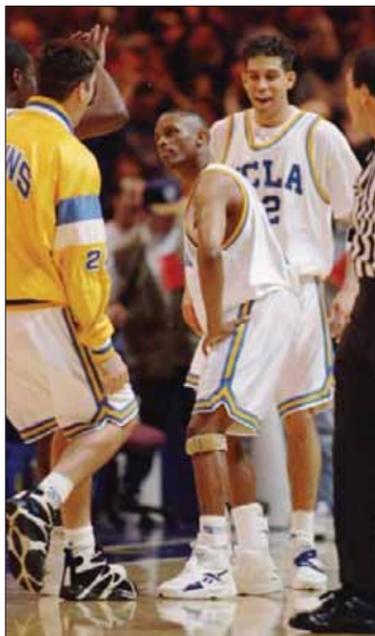
The game was over. The season was lost. The misery was enduring.

UCLA, winner of a record 10 national basketball championships, seemed cursed on that March 1995 day inside Boise State University Pavilion.

The top-seeded and heavily favored Bruins found themselves trailing by one point and down to their final, longshot chance during a second-round NCAA Tournament game after Missouri's Julian Winfield made a contested layup with 4.8 seconds left.

As the Tigers poured onto the court in celebration, a timeout halting play, the Bruins contemplated another premature finish amid a two-decade title drought that showed no sign of abating.

"The prominent thought in my mind was, I can't believe our season's going to end like this," said Bob Myers, then a Bruins



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UCLA's Tyus Edney reacts after a 3-pointer against UConn in the NCAA Tournament.

benchwarmer who would go on to become a part-time starter and much later general manager of the Golden State Warriors. "We were the No. 1 overall seed, we had a wonderful year, we had great character, we had great leadership and coaching and I just felt like it was one of those moments in life where I was thinking, this isn't right, this isn't fair, this isn't how it should be."

Jim Harrick was familiar with that feeling.

The UCLA coach had made it past the regional semifinal round of the NCAA Tournament only one time in 10 previous trips with the Bruins and Pepperdine. In 1983, when he coached the Waves, his team had lost a six-point lead with 57 seconds left in overtime during what became a gruesome double-overtime loss to eventual national champion North Carolina State.

Only a year before UCLA sought a miracle finish against Missouri, the Bruins, as a No. 5 seed, had fallen in the first round to No. 12 Tulsa.

All seemed lost again as Harrick's players fixed their gaze on the coach while walking toward the timeout huddle.

"When Missouri made that basket," remembered Harrick, now 81, "five guys called timeout and they all riveted 10 eyes right through me."

The coach had a plan. It would involve not his team's best player but its smallest and its speediest, a 5-foot-10 point guard specially equipped to make this sort of play.

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Edney had found himself in a similar spot just two years earlier, albeit completely unscripted.

He stole the ball at midcourt in the final seconds of a second-round West Regional game against Michigan, the score tied and UCLA needing a basket to win. Edney drove toward the rim, hoping for a layup, but found Juwan Howard, the Wolverines' towering 6-9 forward, in his way.

Edney passed to teammate Ed O'Bannon, who was not expecting the ball. The pass was stolen, the Bruins went on to lose in overtime and Harrick would lament that he had wanted Edney to shoot.

Over the years, Harrick made his players practice frantic end-of-game situations, running a drill in which each of them dribbled the length of the court against a defender in six seconds or less. It usually

didn't go well, players either losing the ball out of bounds in their hurry or missing the shot.

"None of them could do it," Harrick said, "except Edney."

The coach made a high-pitched noise, indicating why the hard-charging dynamo was specially equipped to pull it off.

"Zoop-zoop-zoop, like a roadrunner," Harrick said. "Zoop-zoop-zoop, zoop-zoop-zoop."

Edney, the fleetest player on the team, had been doing this sort of thing since taking his talents from the home driveway to youth league games at Victoria Park gym in Carson.

It didn't always result in heroic finishes. "At Victoria Park, he used to dribble through everybody, he'd come down and look spectacular and then miss the shot," said Hank Edney, who was his sons' first coach. "I said, 'Tyus, I don't care how good you look coming up the court and how many people you go around. If you don't make that basket, it doesn't mean anything.'"

The degree of difficulty rarely matched what Tyus faced in his own driveway, where the rules for playing on Little Hoop were strictly enforced. Goaltending was closely monitored because the rim was shorter than some of the neighborhood kids who came over for two-on-two battles. Dunking was not allowed except on break-away plays, for fear of the whole thing crashing down on a contested shot at the rim.

Said Tyus: "Every score was hard. You had to really get creative."

Said Russell: "You couldn't pretty much do a regular layup because the ball was small and there wasn't a lot of space. In order to get the shot off, you would have to do like little circus shots and if you didn't get it off correctly, you could get it blocked to your neighbor's house."

Some of the neighborhood kids preferred Little Hoop to the regulation basket on a court around the corner. Games stretched into the night, illuminated by a porch-light bulb. The Edney boys wouldn't even let a motor home parked in the driveway stop them, hoisting shots from either side of it.

Hank's cynicism toward his driveway basket softened during another game at the Victoria Park gym when he saw his son make an inventive move.

"I said, 'I've seen that move before,'" Hank said. "That's a move I saw on Little Hoop."

He would see it again.

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As he gave orders in the timeout huddle, seeking a savior in those final seconds against Missouri, Harrick had a job for each player.

"I sat them down, and I said, 'All right, you in the corner, you in the corner, you on the wing, you on the wing,'" Harrick recalled, ticking off the responsibilities of everyone except his point guard.

The onus would fall on Edney.

"I wanted one guy to take it down," Harrick said, "and I told Tyus I wanted him to take it the length of the floor, they're not going to foul you, take it to the rim and let's see what happens."

Coming out of the huddle, Harrick walked out onto the court, his arm draped around Edney. The coach repeated his request so that there would be no doubt.

"I kind of yelled at him," Harrick said. "I said, 'Tyus, do you have a crystal-clear understanding of what I said?'"

Replied Edney: "Yes, you want me to shoot the ball!"

It wasn't the last order Edney would hear as the Bruins drifted out of their coach's earshot.

"Give me the damn ball!" O'Bannon, the team's top scorer and emotional leader who would become the consensus national player of the year, yelled at Edney. "I want the ball!"

Edney nodded softly at the conflicting agendas, unsure how it would all play out.

Fate seemed to be smiling on the Bruins even before Cameron Dollar's inbounds pass from the baseline. Harrick scanned the court and noticed that Missouri counterpart Norm Stewart had not inserted either Sammy or Simeon Haley, the Tigers' 7-foot, shot-blocking twins.

Edney knew the most important thing was not getting slowed on his way to the basket from the backcourt. If he encountered a trap, he would have to dribble through it.

He gathered the pass from Dollar in stride and took three dribbles before reaching midcourt while facing token pressure because Missouri did not want to foul him and put him on the free-throw line. Edney made a behind-the-back move as he zipped into the frontcourt, changing directions to elude the initial defense.

Three more dribbles followed as Edney reached the paint and more defenders converged upon him. As he neared the basket, Edney was confronted by the long arms of Derek Grimm, Missouri's 6-9 forward. All those crazy shots on Little Hoop had prepared Edney for the biggest moment of his basketball career.

"By then it was almost a second-nature thing; it was like, 'Oh, well, his arms are up, I'll just shoot around him,'" Edney said with a chuckle. "Even though it was on a different scale, it was still an instinctual type of thing."

Edney pushed off with his left leg, twisted his body around Grimm and released his four-foot shot just above the defender's fingertips. The ball banked off the backboard, bouncing off the front of the rim before falling through the net as the buzzer sounded.

"YEEAAHHH!" the crowd exhaled as Edney's teammates poured onto the floor to engulf him after the 75-74 win. Myers was the first to arrive, wrapping his arms around Edney and lifting him from behind as Edney raised his arms in triumph.

"He's the hero," Myers said, "and I'm just the guy that was happy that he had got us through that game and we could keep playing."

UCLA would not face another challenge like this on the way to hanging its 11th national championship banner, winning its last four games by an average of 12 points and every game by at least six. The Bruins would beat Arkansas by 11 in the title game in Seattle with Edney limited to just 2½ minutes because of a sprained wrist he sustained two days earlier. His shot would live on for eternity, the defining moment of Harrick's coaching career and a memory that continues to resonate for its creator a quarter of a century later. Edney was stuck in a crush of shoppers at the grocery store recently amid the novel coronavirus pandemic when he detected the steady gaze of the middle-aged man behind him in line.

"Hey, what's your name, man?" the stranger finally asked.

"Tyus Edney."

"I thought so, I thought so."

It was a sequence that has played out numerous times over the years for Edney, now the director of engagement for UCLA's athletic department. What comes next is equally predictable.

"They're like, 'Oh!' Edney said, repeating the dialogue. "Four-point-eight! The shot!"

Yes, the shot. It seemed as if everybody had seen it before.



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"I never could have predicted that a global pandemic would hit my first week of business. But I think I'm unusually lucky with this particular property," Will Duncan says.

He realized his dream and bought FitzGerald's

Then coronavirus happened, and new owner had to close club's doors

BY STEVE JOHNSON

In the first days of March, Will Duncan signed the papers on a life-long dream, becoming the owner of his own music club, the venerated FitzGerald's in Berwyn.

He got to be the proprietor at some memorable shows at the 40-year-old roots music venue, including an Inter-

national Women's Day Festival headlined by the great local singer Cathy Richardson.

But then, in Duncan's first full week of ownership, the reality of the coronavirus pandemic in the United States became clear. After a last show headlined by veteran Chicago bluesman Toronzo Cannon, Duncan, a former Chicago restaurant and club

manager, closed the doors on his new business the night before a big, day-long musical celebration (and money-maker), the club's 39th Annual St. Patrick's Day Festival.

Like a lot of business owners who depend on people leaving home and coming through their doors, he was suddenly facing a different reality.

Duncan has pivoted quickly, selling

gift cards online so people can support the club and his efforts to keep paying staff, he said, plus new merchandise, including t-shirts that say "I stayed home from FitzGerald's ... (c. 2020)."

On Sunday from 6 to 9:30pm, the club planned to live stream the Shout Section Big Band via www.facebook.com/fitzgeralds.

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Goodman leads effort to donate safety gear

BY CHRIS JONES

On Saturday morning, Goodman Theatre production manager Scott Conn went to work. His mission? Find all of the personal protection equipment stored in boxes in the shuttered theater's scenic shops and get it to hospitals and emergency care workers, fast.

In an interview Saturday, Conn said that Goodman had long ago stocked as many as 200 of the rare N95 respirator masks, now much in demand to protect local healthcare workers responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The masks are routinely kept on hand in theatrical production shops where they protect technicians and artists from paint particulate matter and sawdust, among other hazards to the lungs.

Conn, a 20-year Goodman employee, said that it was time to get them where they most were needed.

"I started thinking more about it last night," he said. "This is something we can do, right now?"

The theater also had in stock medical gloves and goggles, all



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Goodman Theatre production manager Scott Conn, right, and facilities manager Frank Leyden move boxes of latex gloves Saturday.

items that could be repurposed to the healthcare front lines. By Saturday afternoon, they were all on a dolly and on the way out the building.

Conn also said that he started to reach out to other Chicago theaters that maintain similar supplies. By Saturday afternoon, rushing to beat the stay-at-home decree, Court Theatre director of production Jen Gadda was on a similar quest to find protection supplies in the theater's shops, and word also had gone out to Chicago Shakespeare Theater, Steppenwolf Theatre Company and others.

"I came down to Hyde Park,"

Gadda said Saturday, "and ransacked the theater."

Gadda also said that some costume-shop workers were planning to use fabric to sew masks, an inferior form of protection to the N95 masks, but widely acknowledged as better than nothing.

"We have masks," said Tim Evans, the executive director of Northlight Theatre in Skokie on Saturday. "It's a great idea."

Conn said he planned to be a one-man distribution company from theaters to hospitals in coming days.

"I am going to get it all where it needs to go," he said.

Meet 3 Chicago-area natives competing on 'The Voice' Season 18

BY TRACY SWARTZ

To convince Mount Prospect singer-songwriter Kevin Farris to join his team on "The Voice," coach Nick Jonas jumped on stage and sang the Jonas Brothers hit "Lovebug" with Farris. The stunt worked — Farris chose Jonas, the show's newest mentor, over John Legend.

"I'm such a huge fan of Nick and John, but I think the icing on the cake really was Nick coming up on stage. That kind of forced my hand. It was a tough choice, because I have so much respect for John as well, but being able to jam with Nick was kind of what turned the tide and made me go that route," Farris, 33, told the Trib-

une.

Farris, who grew up in Arlington Heights, is one of three Chicago-area men who successfully auditioned for the four celebrity mentors on "The Voice" Season 18. Next up is the pre-taped battle round, where two teammates face off in a duet to impress their coach. The battles are scheduled to begin airing at 7 p.m. Monday on WMAQ-Ch. 5.

A Chicago contestant has never won "The Voice," though Jefferson Park singer Katie Kadan came the closest with a third-place finish last season. Darius Lyles, a Season 18 contestant who grew up on the

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NBC

Chicago-area natives Jamal Corrie, from left, Darius Lyles and Kevin Farris are competing on the latest season of "The Voice."

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Michelle Obama, Oprah, other stars join epic (virtual) party

The hottest party in town Saturday night was on DJ D-Nice's Instagram, where more than 100,000 accounts tuned in during his epic 10-hour set, including Michelle Obama, Oprah, Rihanna and Will Smith.

Oprah tweeted that it was the "best party of 1 and 100K I've ever been to." Smith expressed a similar sentiment.

As the world practices social distancing to slow the spread of the coronavirus, many have been looking for ways to hang out virtually, and D-Nice's joyous dance party proved to be just the ticket.

D-Nice has been hosting Club Quarantine parties on his Instagram Live since Wednesday, but it hit a peak Saturday night, attracting entertainers, athletes and politicians to the account, like Missy Elliott, Ellen DeGeneres, Mark Zuckerberg and Magic Johnson.

Presidential hopefuls Joe Biden and Bernie Sanders also stopped by the virtual party, as did Sens. Elizabeth Warren and Kamala Harris.

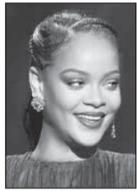
Domingo says he has coronavirus:

Plácido Domingo announced Sunday that he has tested positive for the coronavirus. The 79-year-old opera singer's illness comes after his own glittering career had recently been stained by sexual misconduct revelations. The Spaniard said in a post on his personal Facebook account that "I feel it is my moral duty to announce to you that I have tested positive." The tenor says he and his family are in self-



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Michelle Obama, left, and Oprah Winfrey, shown at a Feb. 8 event, tuned in to an Instagram party Saturday night.

isolation, and that he is feeling well despite having fever and a cough. "I beg everyone to be extremely careful, follow the basic guidelines by washing your hands frequently, keeping at least a 6 foot distance from others, doing everything you can to stop the virus from spreading and please above all stay home if you can!" he said.



Rihanna

Rihanna opens wallet: Rihanna's Clara Lionel Foundation is giving \$5 million to the response efforts against the coronavirus. The money will support "on-the-ground partners

working on the frontlines of disaster response, especially those focused on protecting and serving marginalized communities — helping the most vulnerable in the United States, the Caribbean and in Africa prepare for what is to

come," the foundation said in a statement.

'Voice' will go on: One program the coronavirus hasn't forced a screeching halt to is NBC's "The Voice." John Legend, one of the four coaches on the Emmy-winning music series, says he and the others have pre-taped the show until the end of April. "There were only three weeks of live shows planned, and those were for May. So who knows what we'll do? I don't know if we'll be able to do them without an audience. I haven't spoken to the producers about what the plans are," he said.

March 23 birthdays: Singer Chaka Khan is 67. Actress Catherine Keener is 61. Actor Richard Grieco is 55. Singer-keyboardist Damon Albarn is 52. Band-leader Reggie Watts is 48. Actress Keri Russell is 44. Country singer Brett Young is 39.



ASK AMY

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Pandemic raises behavioral questions

Dear Amy: Several years ago, I collaborated on a project with an outside contractor. Although there is a large age difference between us, we hit it off right away and enjoy a friendship and communicate frequently.

We always try to get together when we are within an hour's driving distance, so we can catch up in person. We will be in the same city next month and are making plans to get together for dinner.

In the past, greeting each other meant a big hug. In the age of COVID-19, what should we do now? A fist bump seems hardly adequate, but I would not want to spread (or catch) the virus.

We also all have the need for human touch, and what is this going to do to us emotionally? I want to be smart — not cavalier or hysterical.

I have to think other people have this question. What's a person to do?
— *Wondering*

Dear Wondering: "Social distancing" might be the most effective way of halting the spread of the coronavirus. You can greet someone by using the "praying hands" technique of pressing your own two hands together and giving a little bow. (I call this the "Namaste-hello." You can fold your hands across your chest as a way of signaling "no touch," or greet your friend, saying, "How about an air-hug?")

Because you are dining together, you could also practice other germ-avoiding techniques, such as not sharing food, drinks, or touching anything on the table that he has touched.

Dear Amy: Help! I live in an area with confirmed cases of the coronavirus. There have been deaths from the illness within miles of where I live.

My boyfriend is making jokes, saying it is being blown out of proportion. I know a lot of other people are joking about this, too.

Maybe I could be a little more tolerant of their comments if I didn't have cancer, in addition to two other autoimmune issues.

The boyfriend — and other friends who are fully aware of my situation — don't seem to be concerned with how their remarks make me feel more frightened than I already am.

I am already pretty much housebound. There must be other people who feel the way I do?
— *Nervous and Annoyed*

Dear Nervous: I'm sure there are many, many other people who feel as you do, certainly those with underlying illnesses or health conditions that render them more susceptible to serious illness — or death — from flu or the coronavirus.

Sometimes people joke about issues that are actually frightening, as a way to whistle past the graveyard.

Sometimes people joke about frightening issues because they are insensitive gits.

My sense is that you have some people in your life who present their own kind of viral toxicity. I wish there was a way to inoculate you against exposure to them. You should guard your health and work hard to keep your stress and panic in check.

Dear Amy: What do you

say to a 50-ish woman who doesn't wash her hands after using the restroom?

I work in a large office building that houses around 20 professional businesses. There are common-area restrooms in the main hallways of the building. With regular flu going around and the coronavirus ramping up, it seems like a no-brainer to wash one's hands.

Signs have been posted about covering your cough and proper washing techniques, and this woman still leaves her stall and heads straight back to her office. What's a tactful, polite way to say, "Wash your hands!?"
— *Grossed Out*

Dear Grossed Out: The management company running the building should post signs on each bathroom mirror and on the inside doors of stalls, reminding people to wash their hands thoroughly. If any individual within this building gets this virus, it could have a large and lingering impact on a great many people.

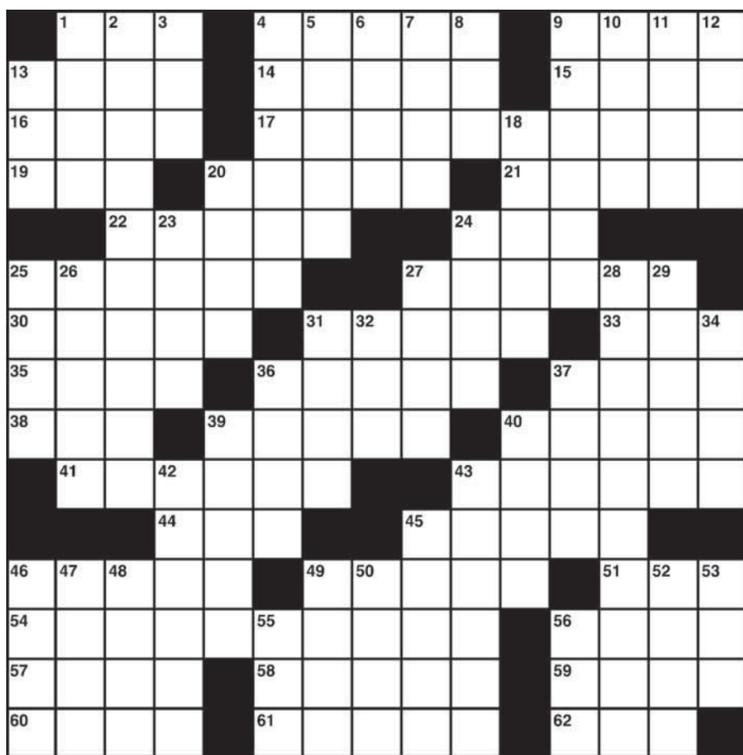
This worldwide viral outbreak has inspired excellent and entertaining videos on proper hand-washing technique. It also provides cover for you to ask, "Would you mind washing your hands before leaving the bathroom?"

In addition to washing your own hands thoroughly, you should also use a paper towel to turn the handle on the bathroom door before exiting.

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ACROSS

- 1 Young barker
- 4 Use one's nose
- 9 Die-hard
- 13 ___ moth; green insect
- 14 France's Pierre or Marie
- 15 Central part
- 16 Hugger's need
- 17 Unproven charge
- 19 Seventh letter
- 20 Inexperienced
- 21 "Why ___ I think of that?"
- 22 Dos and don'ts
- 24 Big commotion
- 25 Holy
- 27 ___ up; mentions
- 30 Straighten
- 31 Cuts off the edges of
- 33 Science class locale
- 35 "The ___ of Riley" of old TV
- 36 Ill-tempered
- 37 Long car
- 38 ___ de cologne
- 39 Pub game pieces
- 40 State of uncertainty
- 41 Coat part
- 43 Lunatic
- 44 Ethane or ethylene

DOWN

- 1 Untainted
- 2 Cruel
- 3 Family men
- 4 Panicky
- 5 Stubborn animals
- 6 Author ___ Stanley Gardner
- 7 Claim against property
- 8 Calf's location
- 9 "Lights, camera, ___!"
- 10 Empty space
- 11 Pump ___; lift weights
- 12 Fender-bender memento
- 13 Fail to keep up
- 18 ___ Ababa; capital in Africa

Solutions



- 20 Singer Campbell
- 23 Strong impulse
- 24 Fighting force
- 25 Shopper's delight
- 26 Assumed name
- 27 Auction offers
- 28 Sparkling
- 29 Brazilian dance
- 31 ___ up; shredded
- 32 Become decayed
- 34 Timely blessing
- 36 Dallas players
- 37 Box tops
- 39 Started a poker game
- 40 Word attached to sky or meadow
- 42 Know-it-all
- 43 Dissolved
- 45 Single bite
- 46 Crooked scheme
- 47 Haired car
- 48 Tournament for all
- 49 Sluggish
- 50 Firestone product
- 52 ___ along; crawl
- 53 Quilting party
- 55 Fore's partner, in phrase
- 56 Gehrig or Rawls

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FitzGerald's

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book.com/shoutsection and www.shoutsection.com, but late Thursday decided to cancel it to "adhere to the shelter-in-place order" of the Village of Oak Park, right across Roosevelt Road from the club, Duncan said.

Having to shift right away to a web-only operation was not mentioned in the paperwork he signed to take the keys. Is Duncan feeling gut-punched? Snake-bit? Worried to the point of inaction?

None of the above, it sounded like in a conversation conducted Wednesday morning at a safe social distance, by telephone, Duncan speaking from a nightclub whose interior (pictures show) now looks like Day One of a whole-house spring cleaning project. The interview has been edited for space and clarity.

Q: Wow, what are you thinking? Where is your head at right now?

A: I have been accused of being an optimist to a fault. I recognize maybe there's some naivete there. But part of being a small business owner and trying to be an entrepreneur, there's an odd joy in, you know, problem-solving and taking what comes your way and dealing with it. And so far, I'm still kind of in that space. I don't know how long it's going to last.

And there's a lot of creativity in managing something like this. Basically in the last two, three days, I have learned how to do eCommerce, and I started a web store, and I created designs unique to our situation. I've done probably as much revenue in the last two days as we would be open through gift cards and the merch store.

Q: What are you doing about staff?

A: I want to continue hiring full-time staff to do projects around the property. There's a lot of cleaning and organizing and light renovation work that I knew I would be doing over the course of the first few months. But now here we have an opportunity to just kind of tackle it all. And if I can have a tiny bit of revenue coming in that helps me to pay these staff to be working during this time when the bar is closed, that's a good thing.



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FitzGerald's owner Will Duncan, center, talks with bar manager Isaac Lyons, right, and door guard Dennis Powers as they take advantage of the downtime to do maintenance and cleaning at the music club.

Q: Give me an example of the projects that you have in mind.

A: Well, here's what we did yesterday. We took every single item that was behind the nightclub bar and removed it and spread it all out, all over the tables in the club. So then we deep-cleaned the bar area. We're trying to apply that same approach to all the nooks and crannies of the property. I mean, it's been 40 years of sticking things in corners.

You end up with redundancy — like, I found four tape measures. On the flip side, it has been kind of shocking how many of the things that are stored in the property are totally useful — decorations that get pulled out annually, et cetera, et cetera. But mostly just, you know, things that were unique to a certain event, then got stuck in a cabinet, like a box full of 100 2-foot straws.

Q: It almost sounds like what some of us stuck at home are going to be doing, digging into the back of our liquor cabinets and finding, like, old peach schnapps.

A: Yeah, a little bit of that, some spring cleaning. And I've got to be careful. There are some passion projects or vanity projects that may have to go on the

back burner while our revenue's a little uncertain. I really wanted to buy a really nice vintage house drum kit for the property 'cause that's a good thing for a venue. Also in my younger days I was a drummer. In the middle of the work day, to blow off steam, I could just go whale on the house drum kit for five minutes.

Q: Do you have a sense of how long this could be?

A: I think this is one of those, what you call, an evolving situation, and I'm kind of going day by day. And I also recognize that people will probably want to stop spending money sooner or later. But humans are social people, and we get energy out of being together. We want our business to stay relevant and to continue bringing people together. That's what we do, right? Even in some small kind of fractional online way, like with the live streaming concerts or a live streaming cocktail class. That feeling of togetherness, whether we make money doing it or not, it's a priority.

Q: So you got a handful of good clear nights as an owner, to feel like Bill FitzGerald must have. How was that?

A: Incredible. It just felt right. The International Women's Day event with Cathy Richardson —

she's really talented and her fans are feverish. So it's fun to watch. The last show we did was Toronzo Cannon, a contemporary blues guy, just an exceptional guitarist and really, really funny. That was part of a string of events where we started to see a little bit of a decline in turnout. And that was the last night we were comfortable doing a show. That was last Friday.

Q: Last thing, kind of biggest picture: You had this dream to own your own place. You get your own place, and it's a special place to people. And then, wham, a global pandemic hits.

A: (Laughs) When you put it like that, it's pretty gnarly. But I'm excited. I know how dumb that sounds, but this is what I'm born to do. I never could have predicted that a global pandemic would hit my first week of business. But I think I'm unusually lucky with this particular property. If it was my own independent startup club, nobody would care about helping me. But because of the magnetic allure, the pull of the place — they don't care about me; they don't know who I am — they just want to see FitzGerald's live on.

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'Voice'

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Southwest Side and now lives in the south suburbs, said this could be the year the recording contract prize goes to a Chicago-area native.

"Me winning 'The Voice,' that would mean so much for me and even for Chicago, where I come from, just having something where they know somebody is out there winning. That means the world," said the 30-year-old musician, who is on Legend's team. "While I'm on the show I'm going to be doing some big things, because this is 'The Voice.' But if things go the other way, or even after 'The Voice,' Darius Lyles is the kind of artist that you want to tune in to."

Jamal Corrie, who spent part of his childhood in Skokie and now lives in California, is on Blake Shelton's team. He said he's been a street performer for about five years. He woke up one morning and decided to audition for "The Voice." He said he can play piano, guitar, trumpet, saxophone, violin, ukulele, cello and drums.

"I finally got into singing about 18, 19, because I sold all my instruments," said Corrie, 27. "I don't know why. I guess out of rebellion or something and frustration. It took me, honestly, just a really long time to find my voice, and it's still something that I'm trying to find."

There are several rounds of competition before a "Voice" winner is crowned.

The contestants typically perform live in front of the coaches and a studio audience near the end of the season, but it's unclear if or when these performances would happen amid the worldwide coronavirus outbreak.

Some TV shows have suspended production. NBC hasn't announced a decision yet about the live component of "The Voice."

Corrie said he's more concerned for his music career than the TV show.

"I haven't been able to really make money with my gigs at all," he said. "I think the show is definitely going to keep going on, because most people are at home. We actually need 'The Voice' more than ever."

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WATCH THIS: MONDAY



Matt Long

“Manifest” (9:01 p.m., NBC): Zeke’s (Matt Long) condition deteriorates as his death date looms, so he decides to confront his past, but Saanvi (Parveen Kaur) is determined to secure a new future for him in the new episode “Unaccompanied Minors.” Elsewhere, Ben and T.J. (Josh Dallas, Garrett Wareing) are led to an unexpected loved one by a pair of linked callings, while Michaela (Melissa Roxburgh) faces a tough moral decision.

“9-1-1” (7 p.m., FOX): In a new episode called “Fools,” the team responds when a viral stunt goes off the rails and an epic first date fails, and also helps a couple whose fishing trip has turned into a disaster. Meanwhile, Athena (Angela Bassett) investigates a woman who doesn’t remember getting shot in the head, and Eddie (Ryan Guzman) has to have a difficult conversation with Christopher (Gavin McHugh). Bryan Safi, Shari Belafonte and Greg Evigan guest star.

“Street Outlaws: Memphis” (7 p.m., 11 p.m., Discovery): JJ Da Boss and the Memphis Street Outlaws find themselves tested as never before as they start a new season with a three-hour premiere that sees new drivers emerging into the spotlight, ready to take on the Memphis racers. Mallory “Molly” Gulley races her new car, The Ugly Duckling, against Kentucky in her first true street race with an out-of-town team.

“Betrayed” (8 p.m., 11 p.m., ID): Season 4 of this series, which presents fictionalized accounts of true crimes that culminated in murder at the hands of a trusted friend or loved one, opens with the punningly titled “A Bitter Pill,” which explores the suspicious death of newlywed pharmaceutical rep Debbie Ashley. After her lifeless body is found in the trunk of her car, police suspect gang involvement.

“The Good Doctor” (9 p.m., ABC): In “Hurt,” the first of a two-part season finale, a massive earthquake rocks the city of San Jose, sending the St. Bonaventure Hospital staff scrambling to assess structural and property damage, plus ensuring that colleagues and patients are safe. Freddie Highmore, Antonia Thomas and Hill Harper also star.

“Breeders” (9 p.m., 10:08 p.m., 1:12 a.m., FX): Paul and Ally (Martin Freeman, Daisy Haggard) can’t bring themselves to shed a tear when Sprout, the family gerbil, finally expires in the new episode “No Dad.” Later, though, they’re surprised to discover that explaining loss to kids Luke and Ava (George Wakeman, Jayda Eyles) is more difficult than they had anticipated, as grief manifests itself in mysterious ways, throwing the family off course.

TALK SHOWS

- “Conan”** (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actress Kristin Chenoweth.*
- “The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon”** (10:34 p.m., NBC): Former professional soccer player David Beckham; chef Guy Fieri; Doja Cat performs.*
- “The Late Show With Stephen Colbert”** (10:35 p.m., CBS): Democratic presidential hopeful Andrew Yang; actress Abby McEnany.*
- “Jimmy Kimmel Live!”** (10:35 p.m., ABC): Celebrity guests and comedy skits.*

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MONDAY EVENING, MAR. 23

	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00
BROADCAST	CBS 2	The Neighborhood	Bob Hearts Abishola	All Rise: “What the Bailiff Saw.”		Bull: “Into the Mystic.”		News (N) ♦
	NBC 5		The Voice: “The Battles Premiere.”			(9:01) Manifest: “Unaccompanied Minors.”		NBC 5 News (N) ♦
	ABC 7		American Idol: “308 (Hollywood Week -- Solos).”			The Good Doctor: “Hurt.”		News at 10pm (N) ♦
	WGN 9	black-ish	black-ish	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N)		WGN News at Ten (N)
	Antenna Court 9.2 9.3	It’s a Living	3’s Comp.	Family Ties	Growing	Designing	Murphy	Carson ♦
	PBS 11		Chicago Tonight (N)		Antiques Roadshow (N) (Part 1 of 3)		Antiques Roadshow: “Green Bay.”	POV (N) (N) ♦
	CW 26.1	Supernatural (N)		Roswell, New Mexico (N)		Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld
	The U 26.2	Dr. Phil		Tamron Hall		The Steve Wilkos Show		Cops
	MeTV 26.3	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle	Green Acres	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett
	H&I 26.4	Star Trek: “Friday’s Child.”		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek ♦
	Bounce 26.5	Fresh (R,94) ♦ ♦ ♦ Sean Nelson		Giancarlo Esposito. (N)				Changing Lanes (R) ♦ ♦ ♦
	FOX 32	9-1-1: “Fools.” (N) (N) (N)		(8:01) Prodigal Son: “Stranger Beside You.” (N)		FOX 32 News at Nine (N)		Modern Family
	Ion 38	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal ♦
	TeleM 44	Exatión EE. UU. (N)		La Doña (N)		Operación Pacífico (N)		Chicago (N)
	MNT 50	Chicago P.D.		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Chicago ♦
UniMas 60	Enamorádonos				Noticiero (N)	Vas con todo ♦		
WJYS 62	J. Savelle	K. Hagin	Joyce Meyer	Robison	Blakeman	Wonderen	Paid Prog.	
Univ 66	Ringo (N)		Amor eterno (N)		Sin miedo a la verdad		Noticias (N)	
CABLE	AE	Gotti: Godfather & Son: “Kid Christmas; A Made Man.”				(9:01) Gotti: Godfather & Son ♦		
	AMC	(5:30) Top Gun ‘86 ♦ ♦ ♦	Better Call Saul (N) (N)			Dispatches From (N)		Call Saul ♦
	ANIM	Alaska- Last Frontier		Alaska- Last Frontier (N)		Bush People (N)		Bu. People
	BBCA	Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Trek: DS9 ♦
	BET	Tyler Perry’s Temptation		Diary of a Mad Black Woman (PG-13,05) ♦ ♦		Kimberly Elise. (N)		
	BIGTEN	(6) To be announced				B1G Show	B1G Show	Journey ♦
	BRAVO	Below Deck Sailing Yacht		Below Deck (N)		Below Deck Sailing Yacht		Chrisley
	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N)		CNN Tonight (N)		Tonight (N) ♦
	COM	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	TBA ♦
	DISC	Street Outlaws: Memphis (Season Premiere) (N) (N)						Fastest (N) ♦
	DISN	Sydney (N)	Coop (N)	Fam Jam	Roll With It	Bunk’d	Raven	Sydney-Max
	E!	Room (N)	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Room
	ESPN	(6) O.J.: Made in America		O.J.: Made in America: “Part Two.” (Part 2 of 5)				SportsC. (N)
	ESPN2	SC Featured		Always (N)	E:60	ESPN Championship Pup		The Jump ♦
	FNC	Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N)		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News
	FOOD	Spring Baking		Spring Baking (N)		Chopped Sweets (N) (N)		Buddy vs. ♦
	FREE	(6) Ice Age (PG,02) ♦ ♦ ♦		Ice Age: Continental Drift (PG,12) ♦ ♦ (SAP)				700 Club ♦
	FX	(5:30) Transformers: Age of Extinction ‘14 ♦ ♦				Breeders (N)	Better	Breeders
	HALL	The Perfect Catch (NR,17)	Nikki DeLoach. (N)			Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls
	HGTV	Home Town (N) (N)		Home Town (N)		(9:01) Home Town		Home ♦
	HIST	American Pickers		American Pickers (N) (N)		(9:03) American Pickers		Pickers ♦
	HLN	Forensic	Forensic	Sex & Murder (N) (N)		Forensic	Forensic	Forensic
	IFC	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men
	LIFE	The First 48		(8:03) The First 48		(9:03) The First 48		First 48 ♦
	MSNBC	All In With (N)		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)
	MTV	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.
	NATGEO	Cosmos: Possible (N)		Cosmos: Possible (N)		Sunken Pirate City (N)		Drain ♦
	NBCSCH	To be announced				Postgame		TBA ♦
	NICK	Kids’ Choice		Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
	OVATION	(6) The Firm (R,93) ♦ ♦ ♦		Tom Cruise, Jeanne Tripplehorn.				Lethal Weapon 2 ♦ ♦ ♦
OWN	Dateline on OWN		The Real Story w/Salinas		Deadline: Crime		Dateline ♦	
OXY	NCIS: “Being Bad.”		NCIS		NCIS: “Love Boat.”		NCIS ♦	
PARMT	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	
SYFY	Star Trek Beyond (PG-13,16) ♦ ♦ ♦		Chris Pine, Zachary Quinto. (N)		(9:34) Looper ‘12 ♦ ♦ ♦			
TBS	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Conan	
TCM	Destination Tokyo (NR,43) ♦ ♦ ♦		Cary Grant, John Garfield. (N)		Torpedo Run ‘58) ♦ ♦ ♦			
TLC	90 Day: Other		90 Day: Other		90 Day: Other		90 Day ♦	
TLN	Supernatural	IMPACT	Faith Chi	Faithwire	Robison	Billy Graham	Paid Prog.	
TNT	The Accountant (R,16) ♦ ♦		Ben Affleck, Anna Kendrick. (N)		The Accountant ‘16) ♦ ♦ ♦			
TOON	Home Movie	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Rick, Morty	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	
TRAV	Beyond the Unknown (N) (N)				Beyond the Unknown (N)		Unknown ♦	
TVL	Raymond	Everybody Raymond		Raymond	Two Men	Two Men	King	
USA	WWE Monday Night RAW (N) (Live) (N)						Briarpatch	
VH1	Love, Hip Hop (N)		Love & Hip Hop Miami (N)		Love & Hip Hop: Atlanta		Hip Hop ♦	
WE	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal ♦	
WGN America	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	
PREMIUM	HBO	(6) Shaft (R,19) ♦ ♦		Plot Against America (N)		Friend (N Subtitled-English)		Plot-Amer. ♦
	HBO2	The Plot Against America		Punch-Drunk Love (R,02) ♦ ♦ ♦		Intolerable Cruelty ♦ ♦ ♦		
	MAX	Strike Back		(7:50) The Meg (PG-13,18) ♦ ♦		Cold Creek Manor (R) ♦ ♦		
	SHO	Black Mon	Black Mon	Homeland: “F... Shot Me.”		Black Mon		Desus (N)
	STARZ	Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance ♦		(8:42) Welcome Home Roscoe Jenkins ‘08) ♦ ♦ ♦				
STZNC	Garfield: The Movie ♦ ♦		Night at the Museum (PG,06) ♦ ♦		Ben Stiller.		America ♦	

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Horoscopes

Today's birthday (March 23): Reach new professional heights this year. Friends and allies prove essential. Grab a professional opportunity before a change with domestic renovations. Shifting summer travel plans lead to a delicious domestic phase. Turn a creative project around next winter, before adventure enchants.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 9. Others ask your advice. Provide support with imaginative solutions. You know what moves to make. Reinforce foundational structures for a personal project.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 7. Take a moment to collect your thoughts. Organize plans and schedules. Prepare the next steps. Lay solid foundations, and the implementation comes together easily.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 7. Listen to team feedback. Make sure you're building strong foundations. Collaborate with your community for fun, contribution and connection.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 9. Provide leadership at work. Someone important is paying attention. Cooperation requires some practice. Go the extra mile. Develop skills and techniques.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Expand your boundaries. Lay the foundations for your next educational adventure. Check routes and potential itineraries. Research destination options and study objectives. Explore.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 9. Grow your family financial pool, drop by silver drop. Carefully avoid errors. Include home improvements in the budget. Build your castle, stone by stone.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Express your affection and appreciation for your partner. Create a romantic and magical moment together. Connect on a deeper level.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Focus on your physical work, health and fitness. Get expert support when needed. Listen to coaches, doctors and respected elders.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Make romantic plans with someone sweet. Research options, choose, and handle the logistics. Get creative. Use your artistic talents.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. You can realize a domestic dream. Make an improvement you've been longing for. Decisions made now can have long-lasting impact.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 9. Take on an intellectual challenge or puzzle. Analyze the basic structure. Build your foundation first, with simple elements, before elaboration. Present the solutions you discover.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 9. Pursue a profitable opportunity. There's plenty of business; get support if necessary. Your ideas are attracting attention. Keep providing excellence.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater



Bliss



Bridge

Here are the answers to the weekly quiz:

Q.1—Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A7 ♥ K65 ♦ AKQJ ♣ 5432

South	West	North	East
INT	Pass	2♣	Pass

?

What call would you make?

A.1—You do have a maximum, but no one has asked you about that yet. Just bid 2D denying a four-card major.

Q.2—North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ 102 ♥ AQ2 ♦ AQ6 ♣ A9743

South	West	North	East
INT	Pass	2♦*	Pass

?

***Transfer to hearts**

What call would you make?

A.2—You have a maximum in support of hearts, but don't "break" the transfer unless you have four-card support. Bid 2H. Some will tell you to break the transfer with this hand. Don't listen to them.

Q.3—East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ 1065 ♥ 965 ♦ 764 ♣ AKJ5

Partner opens 1C and right-hand opponent passes. What call would you make?

A.3—The "right" bid is 2C, but many play inverted minors and can't make that bid. We like bidding 1D and then 2C next. It's better than bidding 1NT with no stopper in any side suit.

Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A10 ♥ Q42 ♦ KQ954 ♣ Q109

Partner opens 1NT, 15-17, and right-hand opponent passes. What call would you make?

A.4—Cut down! This isn't enough to go slamming. Bid 3NT and put down a good dummy for a change.

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Baby Blues



Zits



Mr. Boffo



Frazz



Classic Peanuts



Pickles



Dick Tracy



Animal Crackers

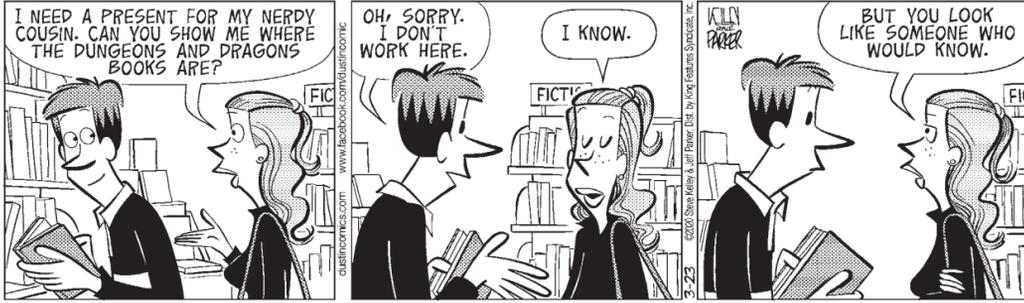


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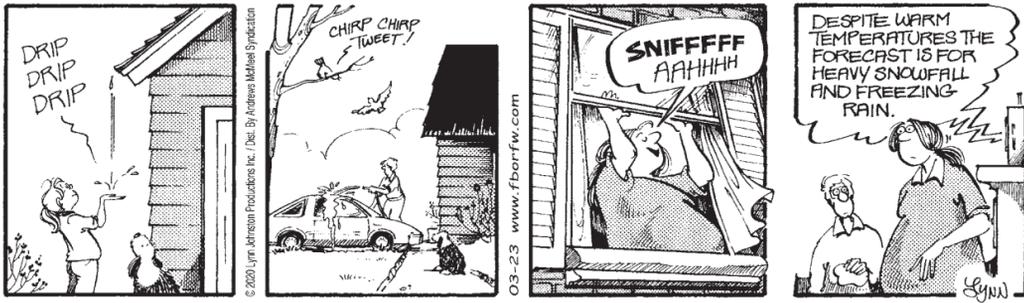


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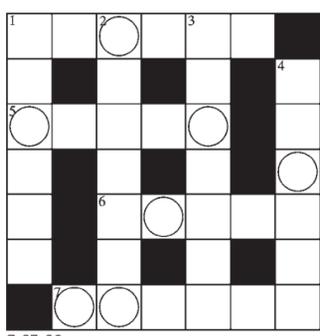
Trivia Bits

What is the top-level domain country code for Croatia?

A) .cr
B) .cz
C) .hr
D) .za

Saturday's answer: Albert Einstein played the violin.

Jumble Crossword



CLUE ACROSS

1. Not noticed
5. Idea, subject matter
6. Meager
7. Grab

CLUE DOWN

1. ___ system
2. Certain male relative
3. Tasteful
4. Exchange

ANSWER ACROSS

EMSDSI
EHMTE
SNTCA
CASNHT

ANSWER DOWN

IRTEPT
OETPNSS
AEEGNT
WHCIST

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

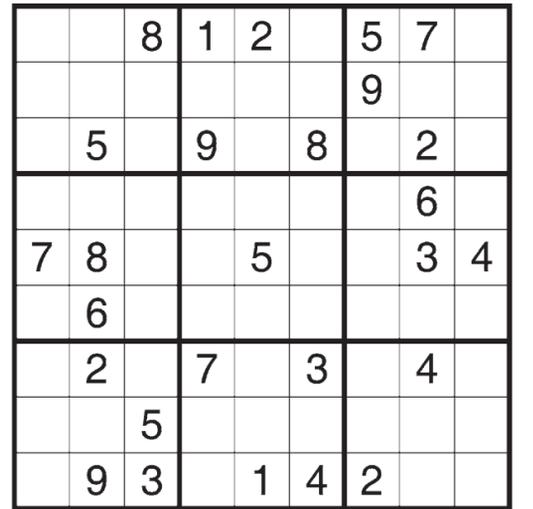
BONUS ○○○○○○○○

ANSWERS: 1-A-Mileed 5A-Theme 6A-Scant 7A-Search 1D-Merch 2D-Stepson 3D-Flagrant 4D-Switch B-Insects

By David L. Hoyt.

Sudoku 1 2 3 4

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9	1	8	6	4	7	5	2	3
6	7	2	8	3	5	1	9	4
3	4	5	9	1	2	6	8	7
4	2	3	1	5	9	8	7	6
5	9	7	4	8	6	3	1	2
1	8	6	2	7	3	9	4	5
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2	3	4	5	9	1	7	6	8

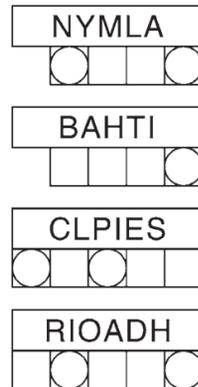
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Saturday's solutions

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Jumble

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.



Answer here



Saturday's answers

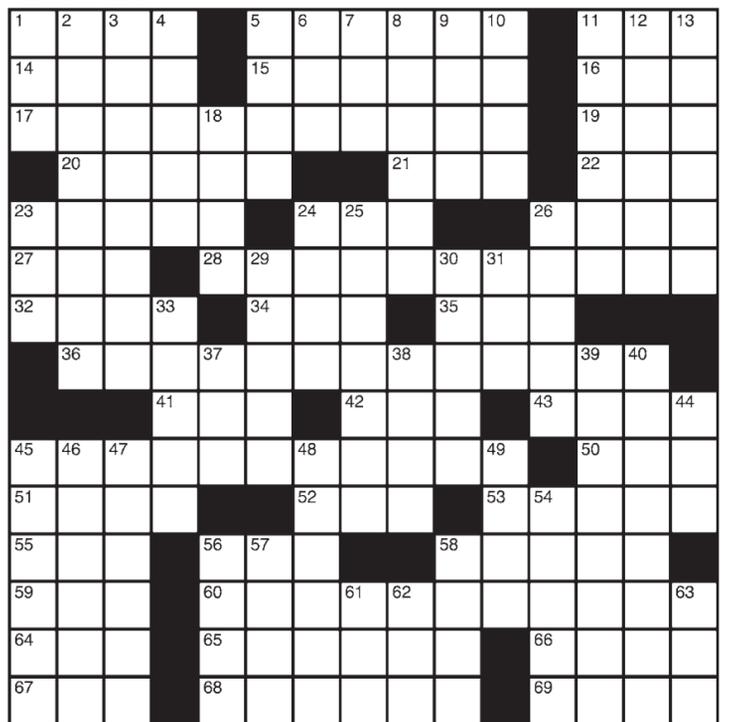
Jumbles: KNEEL SPICY THROWN SQUALL
Answer: The reporter wanted a photo of the picketers, who were happy to — STRIKE A POSE

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Crossword

3/23



Across

1 Bldg. units attended to by supers
5 "Queen of Soul" Franklin
11 Flow back, as the tide
14 Half a toy train?
15 "You cheated!"
16 Water tester
17 *Very limited consolation
19 Gasteyer of "Mean Girls"
20 Approaches
21 "___ show time!"
22 Illuminated
23 Left-hand page
24 Sun.-to-Sat. periods
26 Go for the hook
27 Greek vowel
28 *Tidy Lotto prize
32 Skin pics
34 Boston skyscraper, with "the"
35 Low grade

Down

10 Performing ___
11 Bibliography space-saver
12 Beautiful, in Barcelona
13 Scrambled, as eggs
18 Gator's kin
23 Chow Chow checker
24 ___-out: exhausted
25 Jack who played Quincy
26 Sanctified
29 Express a view
30 Twiddled one's thumbs
31 "Seinfeld" uncle
33 "Forever" post office purchase
37 Norse war god
38 Apple throwaway
39 Tea named for William IV's prime minister
40 Casino wheel
44 Snorters' quarters
45 Beads once used by Native Americans as currency
46 Opposite of "Atten-hut!"
47 Way past ripe
48 Pointed beard
49 Cashless deal
54 One-named "Hello" singer
56 Landlocked African land
57 Like old records
58 Dinghy or dory
61 Canadian VIPs
62 ___ Tin Tin
63 Since Jan. 1

Saturday's solution

EPSONSALTS TSAR
ROCKETCARS BAITO
NORELATION AFRO
SLED RIRI ERECT
TSE MTV SAX HOF
MAE OCTAVO
SAIDNOONEEVER
CELLARDWELLER
HUNTINGSEASON
OPIATE NAS
MOO IWO PDT CTA
EAFRON LARA BOHR
IMIN ADMITTEDIT
CUTE HEADWATERS
EDYS INJEOPARDY

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MONDAY, MARCH 23 NORMAL HIGH: 50° NORMAL LOW: 31° RECORD HIGH: 80° (1907) RECORD LOW: 9° (1940)

A dry Monday to start an otherwise wet week

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 45 **LOW** 34

- A dry start to what will be a wet week.
- Warmer with a high in the mid 40s, helping melt Sunday and Sunday night snow.
- Some sun with breaks in the clouds as the day progresses.
- Light north winds turn east by late afternoon.
- Partly cloudy evening skies turn mostly cloudy overnight.
- Light south nighttime winds.
- Seasonable low in the low to mid 30s.

NATIONAL FORECAST



A cool but otherwise pleasant Monday will be followed by a wet week. A slight precipitation deficit for March will likely be reduced or eliminated with the potential for rain most days this week. The long-term forecast for the next three months calls for above-normal precipitation. While the chance exists most days this week, the current forecast calls for the best chance of heavy rainfall to be Friday and Friday night. The only day with a high temperature forecast above normal this week is Wednesday, when the high should reach the mid- to upper 50s. The chance of rain Wednesday is not expected until the evening. The system that brought us snow Sunday and Sunday night has led to the issuance of a winter weather advisory for upstate New York and northeast Pennsylvania for Monday.

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

HIGH 48 **LOW** 37

Some morning sun but clouds quickly fill in. Light rain develops in the afternoon. ESE winds 8-15 mph. Evening rain ends as cloud cover begins to break. Winds turn N and diminish overnight.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

HIGH 57 **LOW** 40

Pleasant morning and afternoon with partly cloudy skies and a high in the mid to upper 50s. SW winds 6-14 mph. Clouds increase late afternoon. Chance of evening rain becomes more likely overnight.

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

HIGH 49 **LOW** 37

Slight chance of light morning rain. Afternoon rain showers. Breezy NNE winds 8-18 mph. Cooler with a high near 50. Scattered evening rain becomes more widespread overnight. Low in the mid to upper 30s.

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

HIGH 50 **LOW** 42

Light morning rain becoming steadier in the afternoon. High near 50. E winds 10-18 mph. Rain continues overnight with widely scattered t-storms possible. Nighttime winds turn south gusting to 20 mph.

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

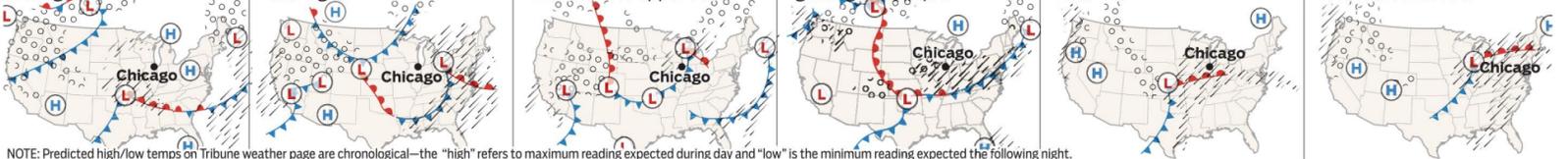
HIGH 51 **LOW** 37

Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain and scattered thunderstorms. Seasonable high near 50. East winds turn SW in the afternoon. Rain chances remain but diminish overnight. Lower near 40.

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

HIGH 48 **LOW** 36

Slight chance of rain early. Skies begin to clear by late morning. Slightly below normal high in the upper 40s. Cool with NW winds 10-15 mph. Partly cloudy and cold overnight with a low in the mid 30s.



NOTE: Predicted high/low temps on Tribune weather page are chronological—the "high" refers to maximum reading expected during day and "low" is the minimum reading expected the following night.

ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
 As a lifelong resident of northeastern Illinois, I've witnessed too many opening days at both ballparks snowed out. With baseball's opening day now delayed, what are the chances of a snow day?
 Thanks,
 Jim O'Connor
 Chicago

Dear Jim,
 With Opening Day on hold until mid-May at the very earliest, for a change we can say it is about zero. This year's initially scheduled opening days of March 26 for the White Sox and March 30 for the Cubs raised eyebrows because of the increased possibility of snow and cold. Dating to 1885, snow has fallen March 26 in more than 30% of the years, with measurable snow on 18 days and traces on 24 days. March 30 fared a bit better, with snow falling more than 20% of the time. Measurable snow fell in 17 years and trace amounts in 15 years.

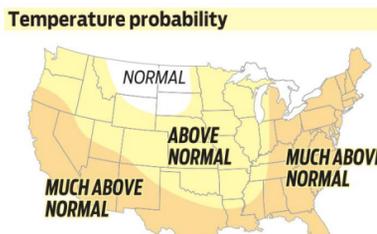
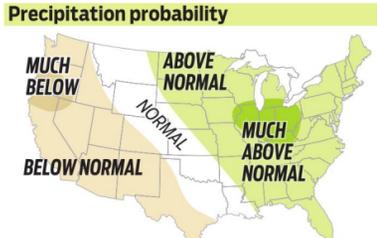
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Three month outlook. Chicago snow on/beyond March 22

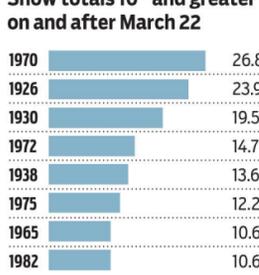
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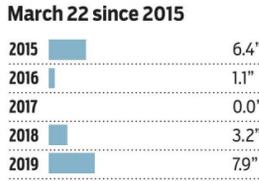
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HOW COMMON IS SNOW IN CHICAGO ON AND BEYOND MARCH 22?

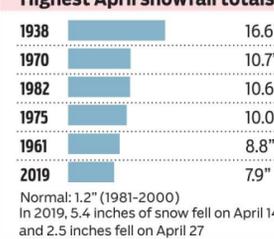
Snow totals 10" and greater on and after March 22



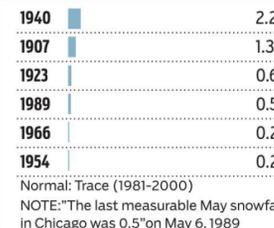
Snow totals on and after March 22 since 2015



Highest April snowfall totals



Highest May snowfall totals



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MIDWEST CITIES

MON./TUES.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	pc	57	44	ts	61	44
Carbondale	pc	45	34	ts	47	38
Champaign	pc	46	36	sh	47	39
Decatur	pc	46	36	sh	47	39
Moline	cl	46	35	sh	47	36
Peoria	cl	43	35	sh	46	37
Quincy	sh	50	40	sh	48	39
Rockford	cl	47	33	sh	48	39
Springfield	cl	47	33	sh	47	39
Sterling	cl	44	33	sh	46	34
Indiana	pc	53	37	sh	52	42
Bloomington	pc	57	42	ts	59	45
Evansville	pc	47	27	ts	59	45
Fort Wayne	pc	49	36	sh	49	38
Indianapolis	pc	49	36	sh	51	41
Lafayette	cl	46	35	sh	51	40
South Bend	sh	44	28	sh	48	35
Wisconsin	pc	46	33	cl	46	33
Green Bay	pc	46	33	cl	46	33
Kenosha	pc	45	31	cl	43	35
La Crosse	sh	48	37	cl	52	40
Madison	cl	48	34	sh	50	35
Milwaukee	cl	47	34	cl	43	35
Wausau	sh	44	32	sh	45	34
Michigan	sh	50	32	pc	47	37
Detroit	sh	50	32	pc	47	37
Grand Rapids	pc	47	27	pc	50	33
Marquette	cl	40	26	pc	44	34
St. Ste. Marie	cl	41	29	pc	42	30
Traverse City	pc	44	30	pc	43	30
Iowa	sh	49	37	sh	52	39
Ames	sh	49	37	sh	52	39
Cedar Rapids	sh	46	35	sh	47	36
Des Moines	sh	50	39	sh	50	39
Dubuque	sh	46	36	sh	47	37
El Paso	pc	80	52	su	76	50

OTHER U.S. CITIES

MON./TUES.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Albany	pc	68	40	su	61	33
Albuquerque	pc	68	40	su	67	42
Amarillo	pc	74	46	su	72	46
Anchorage	pc	35	24	sh	38	29
Asheville	sh	52	42	pc	45	31
Aspen	sh	62	56	ts	72	62
Atlanta	sh	53	41	pc	55	45
Atlantic City	sh	81	65	pc	88	58
Austin	sh	48	42	pc	60	48
Baltimore	pc	59	36	sh	47	27
Birmingham	ts	70	61	ts	79	64
Bismarck	pc	52	34	pc	56	26
Boise	cl	59	38	sh	50	34
Boston	rs	40	37	pc	54	38
Brownsville	pc	85	72	pc	89	70
Buffalo	cl	43	34	pc	46	37
Burlington	sh	61	53	ts	71	60
Charlotte	pc	59	49	sh	65	60
Charlottesville	cl	70	63	cl	72	66
Charlottesville	sh	56	41	pc	62	52
Chattanooga	rs	61	53	ts	71	60
Cheyanne	pc	50	32	pc	54	33
Cincinnati	sh	54	35	sh	53	45
Cleveland	rs	45	36	pc	47	43
Colo. Spgs	pc	56	34	pc	61	38
Columbia MO	pc	54	44	sh	50	40
Columbia SC	pc	63	59	ts	70	64
Columbus	rs	50	35	sh	52	43
Concord	sh	35	32	pc	52	32
Crps Christi	pc	63	70	pc	88	68
Dallas	ts	75	67	pc	82	54
Daytona Bch.	pc	86	63	pc	85	65
Denver	pc	54	36	pc	62	38
Duluth	cl	41	30	sh	43	37
El Paso	pc	80	52	su	76	50

WORLD CITIES

MON./TUES.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Fairbanks	sn	33	29	ss	35	29
Fargo	pc	40	32	sh	47	27
Flagstaff	rs	41	24	su	50	30
Fort Myers	pc	87	66	pc	87	68
Fort Smith	sh	66	57	ts	80	50
Fresno	sh	59	47	pc	60	47
Grand Junc.	sh	52	36	pc	58	39
Great Falls	cl	55	30	pc	40	24
Harrisburg	rs	45	38	pc	60	44
Hartford	rs	40	37	pc	58	40
Helena	cl	55	29	pc	45	24
Honolulu	pc	79	69	pc	79	69
Houston	sh	81	70	ts	86	67
Int'l Falls	pc	43	23	sh	44	27
Jackson	ts	77	63	pc	84	64
Jacksonville	pc	90	67	pc	89	69
Jameau	su	38	23	su	43	27
Kansas City	rs	45	38	pc	53	43
Las Vegas	pc	64	53	sh	64	50
Lexington	rs	55	40	sh	58	48
Lincoln	pc	59	43	sh	58	42
Little Rock	sh	58	47	sh	55	43
Los Angeles	pc	64	53	sh	64	50
Louisville	cl	58	42	ts	60	47
Macon	ts	73	61	ts	80	65
Memphis	sh	65	56	ts	74	52
Miami	pc	80	72	pc	82	72
Minneapolis	pc	49	38	sh	53	42
Mobile	cl	80	68	pc	80	70
Montgomery	ts	78	64	pc	83	66
Los Angeles	pc	64	53	sh	64	50
Las Vegas	pc	67	47	pc	70	48
Las Vegas	pc	84	70	pc	86	72
New Orleans	pc	84	70	pc	86	72
New York	rs	47	41	pc	59	45
Norfolk	rs	60	47	pc	58	45
Norfolk	rs	60	47	pc	58	45
Okla. City	sh	70	59	su	75	51
Okla. City	sh	55	42	pc	56	43
Orlando	pc	89	66	pc	89	67
Palm Beach	pc	84	69	pc	86	69
Palm Springs	pc	72	52	su	74	51
Philadelphia	rs	41	24	su	50	30
Phoenix	su	76	53	su	78	55
Phonix	su	76	53	su	78	55
Pittsburgh	rs	50	38	cl	55	47
Portland, ME	sh	38	34	sh	52	33
Portland, OR	rs	50	41	sh	49	36
Providence	rs	41	38	pc	56	37
Raleigh	sh	57	49	cl	65	55
Rapid City	su	59	34	pc	58	30
Reno	pc	52	36	pc	48	28
Richmond	rs	52	43	pc	63	47
Rochester	rs	41	35	sh	45	35
Sacramento	pc	65	44	sh	56	41
Salem, Ore.	sh	49	39	sh	49	38
Salt Lake City	sh	54	43	ts	56	38
San Antonio	pc	84	64	pc	87	58
San Diego	sh	65	55	pc	65	56
San Francisco	pc	54	47	sh	53	45
San Juan	rs	81	73	pc	82	71
Santa Fe	pc	58	33	su	58	35
Savannah	cl	82	64	ts	83	67
Seattle	sh	50	41	sh	49	38
Shreveport	sh	74	65	ts	80	57
Sioux Falls	cl	48	40	sh	48	35
Spokane	pc	53	34	sh	50	32
St. Louis	cl	53	43	ts	53	42
Tucson	pc	76	47	pc	78	50
Syracuse	rs	36	34	sh	45	34
Tallahassee	pc	84	63	pc	84	68
Tampa	pc	86	66	pc	85	68
Topeka	sh	59	48	ts	73	52
Tucson	pc	76	47	pc	78	50
Tulsa	sh	67	59	pc	76	49
Washington	rs	49	42	pc	61	47
Wichita	sh	61	52	pc	67	47
Wilkes Barre	rs	37	33	pc	50	36