



CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Trump looks to reopen US

Dem, GOP leaders dismiss Easter timeline to relax guidelines



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President Donald Trump participates in a Fox News virtual town hall Tuesday at the White House.

BY ZEKE MILLER AND DARLENE SUPERVILLE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With lives and the economy hanging in the balance, President Donald Trump said Tuesday that he is hoping the United States will be reopened by Easter as he weighs how to relax nationwide social-distanc-

ing guidelines to put some workers back on the job during the coronavirus outbreak.

As many public health officials call for stricter — not looser — restrictions on public interactions, Trump said he was already looking toward easing the advisories that have sidelined workers, shuttered schools and led to a widespread

economic slowdown.

“I would love to have the country opened up and just raring to go by Easter,” he said during a Fox News virtual town hall. Easter is April 12.

“Wouldn’t it be great to have all of the churches full,” Trump said in a subsequent interview. “You’ll have packed churches all over our country.”

Trump’s comments came as White House officials urged people who have left New York City amid the outbreak to self-quarantine for 14 days after their departure, owing to the widespread rate of infection in the metro area. It also follows on the president encouraging lawmakers on Capitol Hill to pass a roughly \$2 trillion stimulus

package — estimated at roughly \$6 trillion once the Federal Reserve’s actions are included — to ease the financial pain for Americans and hard-hit industries.

Health experts have made clear that unless Americans continue to limit social interaction, the num-

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Officer Frank Johnson works with Sister Jaime Mitchell and others to pack food Tuesday at Mission of Our Lady of the Angels in Humboldt Park.

Police answer a different call

Cops assist food pantry fighting to serve amid coronavirus threat

BY JEREMY GORNER

When the COVID-19 pandemic forced the Mission of Our Lady of the Angels to close its regular food pantry to needy families, the Rev. Bob Lombardo and his staff were determined to somehow keep it going.

So while practicing social distancing, the historic Roman Catholic church on the West Side still held its weekly food giveaway on its grounds Tuesday morning, but just took it outside. “You never know when something is going to prop up of this nature,” said Lombardo, clad in a Uni-

versity of Notre Dame stocking cap, clasping a bullhorn in yellow rubber gloves. “But when it does, you just spring into action and you adapt as you need to adapt.”

But there was another obstacle. There are many in the church’s Humboldt Park area, including seniors and those with physical disabilities, who couldn’t come to the pantry safely because they

are especially vulnerable to the coronavirus.

So, with the help of Chicago police officers, part of the pantry went to them.

Several officers from the Harrison patrol district, with the support of their commander, Darrell Spencer, packed one of the police vehicles known as squadrols with more than 100 bags packed with food, much of which was dis-

tributed at a home for seniors in the neighborhood.

“The city and the (police) department as a whole is going through a difficult period and this neighborhood, which is one of the more challenged communities within the city as we see it, needs all the help they can get,” said Harrison district

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Congress close to deal on economy

McConnell says final details are being ironed out

BY LISA MASCARO, ANDREW TAYLOR AND JONATHAN LEMIRE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Congressional and White House officials said Tuesday they were closing out final details of unprecedented legislation to rush sweeping aid to businesses and workers facing ruin from the coronavirus pandemic.

After days of pressure, unusual partisanship in a crisis and intense haggling over the fine print, negotiators appeared almost done with a nearly \$2 trillion bill to respond to what Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell’s health in over a century and quite likely the greatest risk to America’s jobs and prosperity that we’ve seen since the Great Depression.

Yet even as the public health crisis deepened, President Donald Trump expressed eagerness to nudge many people back to work in coming weeks and held out a prospect, based more on hope than science, that the country could be returning to normal in less than a month.

“We have to go back to work, much sooner than people thought,” he told a

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Stay-at-home order freed hospital beds

State would have run out otherwise, says Gov. Pritzker

BY LISA SCHENCKER AND JAMIE MUNKS

The coronavirus outbreak could have caused Illinois hospitals to run out of beds about a week from now if the current stay-at-home order were not in place, Gov. J.B. Pritzker said Tuesday, citing state projections.

Had the state not taken protective measures, Illinois hospitals would have needed, in the worst-case scenario, 837 more intensive care beds and 2,511 more beds of other types than they currently have, according to the governor’s office. In about two weeks, Illinois would have needed

9,407 additional intensive care beds plus 28,222 more. “That’s untenable,” Pritzker said.

He said he was offering the numbers at his daily news briefing to help Illinois residents understand the gravity of the situation and why he’s ordered most people to stay home as a way of reducing the spread of the highly contagious new coronavirus.

His comments came the same day President Donald Trump said on Fox News that he’d like to see the country get back to normal by Easter, which is less than three weeks from now. “We have to get our country back to work,” Trump said. “This cure is worse than the problem. In my opinion, more people are going to die

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Sen. Richard Burr and others dumped stock before the market collapsed, but they may just be more equal than some.



JOHN KASS

From the animal farm in D.C.: A \$2 trillion sausage

When governments frantically throw more money than they can afford at a crisis — and we're throwing trillions (yes, trillions) at the desperate war against the coronavirus with that federal relief package out of Washington — two truths are self-evident.

One was famously expressed by Rahm Emanuel, the discredited former mayor of Chicago who dropped his reelection bid rather than get wiped out over his clumsy suppression of a police video of a black teenager being killed by a white cop. Now he dispenses wisdom as a talking head on ABC.

And the other was proclaimed by Comrade Napoleon, the talking pig from George Orwell's "Animal Farm," the malevolent social justice warrior with the curly tail who clearly understood the use of government force.

"You never let a serious crisis go to waste," said Emanuel. "And what I mean by that it's an opportunity to do things you could not do before."

He perfectly described House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's cynical leveraging of human misery and fear as she used the coronavirus in a push for more political power. If the American media didn't lean to the left, what she did wouldn't be forgotten. But as a deal is struck, they'll champion Nancy.

And Napoleon the pig offered that other self-evident truth, proclaiming that "All animals are equal, but some animals are more equal than others."

Napoleon must have been talking about Republicans who are just as human, and therefore just as cynical, as their Democratic counterparts. They must believe a badly mismanaged airline manufacturer like Boeing is more equal than my friend Karen the Waitress, who lives on tips and who is out of work now that government has closed her diner.

I can't say if Napoleon predicted that Republican Sen. Richard Burr, N.C., and other senators — three Republicans and at least one Democrat, there may be others — are more equal than other Americans. Perhaps it was just coincidence, but they miracu-

lously dumped their personal stock holdings just before the stock market collapsed, wiping out the retirement savings of millions of Americans.

If you're blinded by partisan lights, you're free to insist that Burr and company are the beneficiaries of an innocent, yet amazing coincidence. But then again, you're also free to believe in pixie dust and fairies. Burr saved his retirement bacon. How's your own 401(k) doing right about now?

What's the difference between a scandal over possible insider trading by a Republican, and a scandal involving the Illinois governor, a Democrat, who purchased a mansion next to his own, had the toilets of the new place ripped out, and had the new place declared "uninhabitable," giving him a nice property tax break of more than \$300,000 before he was elected?

Nothing. Toilets dumped. Stock dumped. It's all a matter of degree. Some animals are more equal than others.

And Pelosi, true to Emanuel's Rule of power politics, didn't waste the coronavirus crisis. Instead she grabbed it by both horns and rode it, stalling a Senate bipartisan coronavirus relief package, one that her counterpart in the Senate, Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, had been hopefully optimistic about passing days earlier.

Instead, Pelosi caused the delay, dumping the Democratic Party platform that she never could have passed on her own into the relief package. It contained leftist Green New Deal ridiculousness on climate change provisions for airlines, race- and gender-based regulations on business, even federal cash for more wind and solar energy.

What did all this have to do with stopping the virus from spreading and keeping businesses and the jobs they provide alive? Nothing.

Pelosi's majority whip, Jim Clyburn, the South Carolina Democrat and savior of Joe Biden's presidential campaign, explained it all by saying coronavirus politics offered his fellow Democrats "a tremendous

opportunity to restructure things to fit our vision."

Mercy. Did they ever. See what politicians can do with a crisis once they set their minds on it?

Taxpayers and talking pigs have long been advised to avoid the legislative sausage-making process. A \$2 trillion compromise deal was reported Tuesday. It would include direct cash payments to American families, business loans and an expansion of social programs that will cost the middle class more in taxes. How much more? Who can say?

When you're no longer dealing in billions but in trillions, you're beginning to talk real money.

One feature of the compromise Democrats wanted was congressional oversight of a \$500 billion fund managed by the U.S. Treasury Department to help struggling businesses with loans and loan guarantees. Such oversight sounds reasonable. What wasn't reasonable was the hideous partisan rhetoric from the hard left about corporate bailouts and slush funds. That was irresponsible.

The American economy wasn't hamstrung by bad management. The economy was booming. The mass unemployment and business losses are a direct result of government shutting down commerce to stop the spread of infection.

Which brings us to the third truth of coronavirus political frenzy:

With trillions being thrown around, and human nature being what it is, it is inevitable that some who'll pass out the government cash, those at the receiving end or perhaps those in the middle will act like greedy piggies and oink their way into deals.

But if you're an American taxpayer, you've long known that truth to be self-evident.

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COVID-19 as 'Boomer Remover'? Let's talk about that.



MARY SCHMICH

Until the past week or so, I've rarely thought of myself as old, at least not in the diminishing way the word is often used.

I work a full-time job, walk 5 miles a day, go to the gym, teach yoga to young theater students and climb three flights of stairs to my condo several times a day. I never kid myself that age is only in the mind — the mirror won't allow that delusion — but I don't feel old in the way my younger self construed the word.

I'm guessing a lot of people my age — I'm 66 — would say the same. We joke about getting old. We know we have more years behind us than we have ahead. Still, we're energetic and engaged and hoping to stay that way a while.

But every day since COVID-19 began its sneak attack across the land, people in their 60s and older are summoned to think about how old we really are.

To begin with, we confront the fact that our age puts us in a high-risk category. The warnings come at us daily: People over 60! Caution! Caution! Caution!

Sure, there are perks. We're now eligible for senior hour at the grocery store and "elderly and vulnerable" hour at Binny's Beverage Depot. But these small advantages (which I haven't yet used) further remind us that, well, 60 may not be the new 40 after all.

"For all of us 60-somethings who exercise daily and have eaten healthy our entire lives, this feels like an unimaginable affront to our entire self image," says my friend Nancy. "It is as if we don't know who we are anymore. We don't have our identities as the generation that rebelled against their own parents' lifestyle and became a new type of 60 or 70 or 80."

To be clear: Older people with an underlying health condition seem to be at more risk than those without. People over 70 seem to be at higher risk than people in



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An elderly man sporting a safety mask crosses a street Tuesday in Madrid during the coronavirus outbreak.

their 60s. And, yes, it gets clearer by the day that young people aren't immune.

But no matter how you parse the numbers, being 60 and beyond makes you more vulnerable in this crisis. And the vulnerability isn't only to the virus. It's to dangerous ageist attitudes.

Not long ago, as the virus began its invasion, the mocking meme "Boomer Remover" started going around on social media. I laughed the first time I saw it because, really, by the time you're old, you gotta laugh at stuff.

But as the number of infections and deaths rises, the virus has stirred a disregard for older people that isn't funny.

President Donald Trump (age 73) has started talking of reopening businesses soon to save the economy, despite the health toll it would almost certainly take. The

lieutenant governor of Texas (age 69) echoed Trump's view on Fox News, talking of his willingness to sacrifice his survival so his children and grandchildren can inherit the America he loves.

Frankly, a lot of us old folks probably would sacrifice our survival for the younger people if that would save them and the country from apocalypse. But that's a phony conceit.

On Tuesday, as the hashtag #notdyingforwallstreet was trending on Twitter, Walter Shaub (age 49), former director of the U.S. Office of Government Ethics, put it this way: "Those arguing for us to sacrifice the old, the fragile and the random youth for their profits are convinced their health insurance and conveniences of wealth will save them. If profits really were more important than lives, they'd offer their own lives.

Instead, they offer yours."

Yet ageism in the age of coronavirus runs deep. A couple of days ago, I passed one of my neighbors, younger than I am, on the sidewalk. As we stood 6 feet apart and talked, he said we might just have to accept that a lot of old people are going to die, and so be it, if that's what it takes to keep the economy strong.

Maybe he noticed my raised eyebrow because he added that maybe he feels that way because both of his parents have died and he doesn't feel a personal stake in the survival of older people.

But he does have a personal stake. Every generation has a stake in the others.

That's why the older folks among us, especially the healthy ones, need to do right in this crisis. If we can, we need to make a financial contribution to a charity,

a struggling business, a needy individual. We need to heed the stay-at-home orders. We need to listen to the concerns of younger people and consider how else we might help.

Young people, meanwhile, have a personal stake in the handling of this crisis that goes beyond next week or next month. The decisions made now will shape the future of our country and the world, not only economically but morally. These decisions will send a signal about our decency and our humanity.

Young people, take it from your elders: Most of you will be our age one day too, sooner than you can imagine, and you'll be glad for a world where it's understood that the problem is not young vs. old.

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No, we aren't willing to sacrifice the elderly



DAHLEEN GLANTON

Something about a pandemic brings out the best in people and the worst. It shows us who we really are, whether we choose to see it or not.

There is no better contrast than Chicago epidemiologist Dr. Emily Landon and Texas Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick. They are on opposite ends of the spectrum when it comes to the value of life. Both believe that sacrifices must be made during the coronavirus pandemic, but they disagree on who should be making them.

Landon thinks that every life — regardless of age — is worth saving. Patrick suggests that the elderly are expendable.

The notion that some Americans are disposable during a health crisis is one of the most chilling realities to come out of America's response. Patrick took it to a new low on Monday.

Appearing on Fox News' "Tucker Carlson Tonight," the nearly 70-year-old Republican suggested that the elderly might be willing to sacrifice their lives to preserve the economy for their children and grandchildren.

"No one reached out to me and said, 'As a senior citizen, are you willing to take a chance on your survival in exchange for keeping the America that all America loves for your children and grandchildren?'" he said. "And if that is the exchange, I am all in."

In other words, anyone who has lived beyond their usefulness should consider getting out of the way so that everyone else can go back to work, and return to living the fun and exciting lives they are accustomed to.

Then there are people like Landon, the chief infectious disease epidemiologist at the University of Chicago Medicine, who sees firsthand what the rest of us can only imagine regarding the toll this virus is taking on our health care system.

She reminded us that life is precious. And she challenged those of us who believe that to make a sacrifice by simply staying at home to stop the spread of the virus.

"I know we will get through this together and find a way back to the life that we used to live," she said at a news conference Friday held by Gov. J.B. Pritzker.

"Public health and hospitals have been working hard for a long time, and now it's your turn to do your part. This is a huge sacrifice to make but a sacrifice that can make thousands of differences, maybe even a difference in your family too."

That struck a chord with a lot of people. Her brief remarks were shared over and over across the country.

Perhaps it was the absence of judgment in her voice when she asked the healthy and optimistic not to doom the vulnerable.

Maybe it was the mild tone in which she warned that America's hospitals are not equipped to handle an influx of people requiring beds, oxygen and ventilators.

Maybe it was the kind way in which she asked us to be considerate of the many doctors, nurses and other health professionals who are putting their lives on the line in order to save ours, even with inadequate protective gear.

Or maybe it was her brutal honesty in telling us that while this brutal pandemic indeed will end, many of the most vulnerable Americans — the elderly and chronically ill — could die.

It is likely that Landon struck a chord because most Americans are more like her than Patrick. We aren't willing to sacrifice our elderly in exchange for the convenience of going out to Easter brunch.

But we cannot ignore the growing chorus of those at this moment who are sacrificing the health of the elderly and others by roaming the city at will. Nor can we underestimate the power of corporate America to demand that politicians get things moving again.

Just two weeks after recommending isolation and social distancing, Donald Trump seems on the cusp of claiming, "Mission accomplished." The impatient president has grown tired of health officials whispering doom in his ear.

He appears ready to take the emphasis away from saving lives and put it back where he and many others believe it belongs — on the economy, the stock market and big business.

At his news conference on Monday, Trump said we could not allow the "cure to be worse than the disease," signaling his desire to get people moving about again quickly, despite warnings from pandemic specialists that it is way too soon.

That position likely will set well with some healthy Americans who are out of work and worried about the future. According to recent polls, fewer people now believe the pandemic is a real threat than they did a month ago. Increasingly, people are beginning to think that the coronavirus is being blown out of proportion, polls show. Less than half of them are voluntarily changing their behaviors.

It is unlikely that many people agree with Patrick's position — not outright, at least. But the failure by some to take the simple steps to bring this pandemic under control indicates that they have little regard for anyone other than themselves.

Those who continue to frivolously go out in public, even in cities such as Chicago, where a statewide stay-at-home order is in place, are sending a message that they don't care whom they might infect. They prefer to bury their heads in the sand rather than be inconvenienced.

Patrick's idea of killing off the elderly is appalling. But it is also misleading, because everyone is vulnerable.

Health care workers are at risk. First responders are at risk. The people who check us out at the grocery store, deliver our meals and drive our buses are at risk. Whenever we walk out the door, we put them in harm's way.

Landon reminded us that the virus is our enemy, and to defeat it, we must treat it as a mighty foe.

"This virus is unforgiving," she said. "If we allow every person with this infection to infect three more people, and then each of them infect two or three people, there won't be a hospital bed when my mother can't breathe very well or when yours is coughing too much."

Patrick suggests that we shouldn't worry about that. Under his idea for saving America, those over the age of 60 should pay the highest price.

Soon, Americans could be at a crossroads. Trump has indicated that he'd like to see things start returning to normal by Easter.

In less than three weeks, we might have to decide what's more important — saving lives or getting the stock market going again. For most people, the choice is easy.

The lives of their parents or grandparents are far more valuable than a thriving 401(k).

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Relatively small numbers of people walk the lakefront on the day Illinois was told to stay at home.

Well-spaced lakefront jaunts a new front in bid for normalcy

With much closed down in city, 'it's like a sanctuary'

BY MORGAN GREENE

In these uncertain and cloistered times, there's still a thoroughfare open to the public to walk or run or bike along steadfast Lake Michigan.

Outdoor spaces like the Lakefront Trail are reminders of sunshine and normalcy as cases of COVID-19 multiply. But now life along the lakefront looks a little different.

Some runners are participating in virtual events that encourage social distancing. Birders are clocking species from their yards instead of stopping by Montrose Point. After Gov. J.B. Pritzker issued a stay-at-home order for the entire state, Chicagoans are turning to the city trail for much-needed moments of respite.

"It's like a sanctuary," said Patrick Rooney, a regular user of the trail. "Everything else is closed down, so you can't really go to a bar or restaurant. So where can you go? You can go back to nature."

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources has closed all state parks, recreational areas, wildlife areas and historic sites, while national parks like the Indiana Dunes are still open. With the exception of playgrounds, outdoor park spaces in Chicago are open, but the Chicago Park District has urged visitors to practice social distancing.

But if Chicagoans follow New Yorkers when warmer weather hits and head outside in droves, or refuse to adhere to staying away from each other, that could change. On Sunday, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo called for an immediate plan to reduce density in the city's parks. New restrictions were announced Monday in Los Angeles to shut down some beach parking lots, parks and trails.

For now, those who regularly use the Lakefront Trail are looking for ways to adapt.

Greg Hipp, executive director of the Chicago Area Runners Association, said programming has paused and events have been postponed, which has been hard on runners who thrive in packs.

"CARA is all about group and group culture," Hipp said. "So while it's still safe at this time to go out and run alone or run with just a partner while maintaining the appropriate separation, losing that community, I think, has been really challenging."

To make up for the loss, the organization created the virtual Social Distance Run. Its tagline: "You're still winning even when you're six feet behind!"

"We're just trying to get people to know that it's OK to keep running, but don't do it unless you're going to do it safely," Hipp said.

After the organization canceled programming, some people tried to form groups on their own, Hipp

said, which was "concerning."

A walk on a mild day along any city trail is bound to show some runners zipping by a bit too close or groups walking with far less than 6 feet between their shoulders.

"I think people in the last couple of days have started to heed the advice much more seriously," Hipp said. "And that's what we really want people to do because we're not going to get back to normal life unless everybody buys in."

Birders who otherwise would be flocking to the lakefront for spring migration are also finding ways to stay connected.

During a normal March, the Chicago Ornithological Society would hold bird walks throughout parks and along the lakefront. This month, it birded virtually with the "Socially Distant Big Day."

"The inside joke is that birding is naturally social distancing," said Carl Giometti, the society's president.

The group asked birders to look from their yards, windows and balconies and see what flew in. People from more than 40 cities and municipalities across the country clocked 97 species on a shared map.

"Nature doesn't know that the coronavirus is going on," said Giometti, who noted he recently opened his garage to find an American woodcock in the alley. "Birds are migrating, just like they always do."

And, Giometti said, birding is already a respite from

the hassles of life.

Kyle Whitehead, of the Active Transportation Alliance, said thinking of the trail can lead to images of joggers or family bike rides. But there's also people commuting on the trail — "who need to get to stores and medical appointments and essential services during this crisis period."

"So I think in that respect it helps remind people how vital the trail is as part of our transportation network and why maintaining it and making it safe for people to use during periods like this is really critical," Whitehead said.

For now, some Chicagoans say outdoor spaces like the trail have taken on increased importance.

On Sunday, Dorothy Strang walked to Promontory Point, as she often does. She nodded at those outside and said it seemed like everyone's better natures were on display.

Strang, a longtime Hyde Park resident, said the trail is a safety valve — "for people who need to blow off a little steam."

"During this pandemic it's still serving that function, and I hope it gets to remain that way," Strang said.

On the North Side, Rooney said he noticed an increased police presence along the trail on Sunday but said most users seemed to be following guidelines. He's still using the trail to clear his head "from all the bad news."

"Wild horses will not keep me away from being outside," he said.

Nurse alleges firing for face mask warning

Says Northwestern told staff to wear less-safe device

BY SOPHIE SHERRY

A nurse is suing Northwestern Memorial Hospital, saying she was fired after warning fellow employees the masks provided by the hospital would not properly protect them against the coronavirus.

Lauri Mazurkiewicz alleges that Northwestern required staff to wear a type of mask "less safe and less effective" than the N95 model. In fact, she says, staff were specifically not allowed to wear the N95 mask on hospital grounds.

Mazurkiewicz said she raised concerns when the hospital began treating patients for the coronavirus this month and she was exposed to people diagnosed with the highly contagious and sometimes fatal disease.

Mazurkiewicz said she sent an email to about 50 fellow employees last



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The "Particulate Respirator N95," as it's formally called, can filter out at least 95% of particles in the air.

Wednesday, warning them that the N95 face masks were "safer and more effective" than masks provided by the hospital. The next day, Mazurkiewicz said she wore an N95 mask to the hospital and was fired.

"I just wanted to be a good nurse," Mazurkiewicz said at a news conference Tuesday held with reporters on Skype.

The hospital said it would have no comment on the lawsuit except to say

"we take these matters seriously and we are currently reviewing the complaint."

The "Particulate Respirator N95," as it's formally called, can filter out at least 95% of particles in the air, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. N95 masks adhere tightly to the face and require annual fittings to ensure the mask is properly sealed.

Surgical masks, on the other hand, are loosefitting

and only protect against large droplets, according to the CDC. Worldwide, doctors have reported a shortage of personal protective equipment, including N95 masks. In the Chicago area, a number of stores have sold out of N95 masks and are struggling to restock.

Mazurkiewicz said she had her own box of N95 masks at home but did not see any available in her unit at the hospital. "Hospitals should have been better prepared," she said. "They should have been able to protect the front line."

Mazurkiewicz said she began experiencing coronaviruslike symptoms last week and went to the hospital Sunday because of difficulty breathing. She did not test positive for coronavirus but said she is still concerned about her health.

Mazurkiewicz's lawyers filed the lawsuit against the hospital and a number of employees Monday in Cook County Circuit Court. The lawsuit asks for at least \$50,000 in damages.

CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Family of victim has message: 'This is real and very serious'

Will County man, 54, dies 3 days after being diagnosed

BY LAURA RODRÍGUEZ PRESA

When Luis Juarez went to the hospital, his family thought he had pneumonia and, like before, he would be fine. He wouldn't be.

On March 15, the family was told the 54-year-old Juarez had been infected with the novel coronavirus, according to his son. He died three days later. A death certificate from the funeral home, provided by the family, said he died of respiratory failure caused by COVID-19, the coronavirus.

"I feel a sense of guilt because we often try to undermine what is happening by ignoring it and thinking that it won't happen to us," said Juarez's son, 29. "But it did. I still can't believe it."

Adding to the family's grief, some relatives say they have been harassed and threatened as word of the death spread here and in Juarez's hometown in Mexico where he had recently visited, according to the son, who asked that his name not be used.

"No one knows where this is coming from," he said.

Juarez lived in Romeoville and had three sons, all of whom have tested negative for the virus, the son said. Other relatives are awaiting test results, and the entire family is in quarantine but doing well.

A niece, Annie Sanchez, said Juarez "was a happy and hardworking man. Our heart is broken. We are a very close family."

A few weeks ago, on Feb. 29, Juarez had attended a quinceanera, a coming of age family celebration for an extended cousin that

drew nearly 200 family and friends. He had returned from a trip to Mexico the day before the celebration and had no symptoms, his son said.

But by the first week of March, Juarez's health began deteriorating from what at first appeared to be a simple cold, his relatives said. Although news of the coronavirus pandemic was rapidly developing, his family did not suspect Juarez had been infected and largely disregarded the information at first.

"Most times, we tend to stay quiet and go along with the jokes and the memes. That ignorance and silence is killing many — my dad was one of them," his son said.

It wasn't until March 12 that Juarez was taken to the hospital as his symptoms worsened, even as he took antibiotics prescribed by his doctor. He was told he had pneumonia and needed to be hospitalized, his son said, adding that his father was diabetic and had pneumonia once before.

Juarez's family was not allowed to visit him but they spoke to him on the phone every day until March 15, when they called and a nurse answered and told them Juarez was in critical condition. "Up until then, we didn't know that they considered that he had the virus. We didn't know he had been tested," Juarez's son said.

Sunday evening, a Will County representative called the family to say Juarez had tested positive for the coronavirus and instructed them to drive to the hospital to get tested themselves. When they arrived, police officers were waiting to escort them. Then a few nurses, covered head to toe with protective gear, approached them.

"That's when it really hit me. I realized how ex-

tremely serious things were," Juarez's son said. The family was instructed to only call the hospital for help if they felt sick.

On Wednesday, after much pleading, his sons were allowed to see their father. It would be the last time. His voice cracking, Juarez's son said his father was unable to breathe on his own and was connected to ventilators. He died later that night.

"It was very sudden," the son said.

The family felt they couldn't hug and comfort each other for fear of spreading the virus. He pleaded with people to "realize this is real and very serious."

Juarez's son said the family wants to make sure Juarez is buried in his native Mexico. "Like any immigrant, that was his dream," his son said.

Juarez traveled the country and Mexico because of his business, a transportation company. He often went to Mexico to deliver packages, his son said.

The General Consulate of Mexico in Chicago said it is working with the family. But travel bans and other emergency measures being taken during the outbreak may interfere with the family's burial plans.

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CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Manager says no shortages at nursing home

Willowbrook site has 46 cases, 1st death in DuPage

BY JOHN KEILMAN, ROBERT MCCOPPIN AND JOE MAHR

The top official at a Willowbrook nursing home with 46 cases of coronavirus — and one death — denied a claim of shortages of staff and supplies, saying efforts have been successful so far to prevent further spread of the pandemic disease.

The first COVID-19 death in DuPage County was reported Tuesday — a woman in her 90s who had been a resident of Chateau Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, health officials said. Sixteen new cases were reported countywide, for a total of 95, but the nursing home did not report any more cases of

the virus since last week.

The 33 patients and 13 staff members at Chateau who had tested positive for the virus were kept in isolation, and six residents had been taken to hospitals.

The claim of shortages at the home was raised by a nurse who worked there.

Tonya Davis, a certified nursing assistant who had worked at the home through an agency for about a year, told the Tribune that she quit recently because of the lack of protective gear and appropriate cleaning supplies.

She was tested March 15 and found to be negative, she said, but wasn't given sufficient protective gear.

"They didn't (give) me anything, really," she said. "Just gloves. My face mask, I got at another facility."

Ron Nunziato, CEO of Extended Care Living LLC, which manages the home,

said residents who test positive are kept in a separate wing of the facility.

He was "kind of shocked" to hear claims of shortages, he said, because the home has worked to maintain adequate levels of supplies and personnel.

"I took pictures of our supply of gloves and masks and gowns and goggles and face shields and hand sanitizers, and there is no shortage," he said. "We continue to work with staff from agencies in different support facilities that have offered to help us. We're providing care to the residents and trying to make sure everyone is safe and healthy and symptom-free."

Family members of residents raised other concerns.

Two sisters whose father lives in the Chateau spoke to the Tribune about their concerns about communication

and visitor procedures. They said no visitor screening took place until March 11, when the home started taking the temperatures of visitors and asking if they had been overseas.

On March 13, the facility announced that visitors would no longer be allowed, as is now common at nursing homes.

On March 14, Gov. J.B. Pritzker announced that the first case had been found there. The sisters' father, who is in his 80s and in very poor health, was tested the next day and found to be negative.

The home, one of at least 18 managed by Extended Care in Illinois and Indiana, received multiple citations in 2017 and 2018 for infection control violations. Federal regulators gave it a below average rating overall.

A man whose Alzheimer's disease-stricken father lives in the center said he considered taking his dad out of the facility, only to conclude that moving him could be riskier than keeping him there.

"Our options are limited," said the man, who asked not to be named to protect his family's privacy. "I was even thinking about living with him in a hotel room, but what (the family) decided to do is to keep pushing the staff to give us updates. We know they're overwhelmed."

He said that after a few days of poor communication — he learned about the outbreak via the news, not from Chateau officials — his family is now getting regular updates. His father has not tested positive for the virus.

Residents who test negative have essentially been

confined to their rooms, he said. Since outside visitors are no longer allowed, he said his family has asked the Chateau to set up a video-chat system, and he spoke to his father via FaceTime on Monday.

He said the home appears to have many patients who, like his father, suffer from neurodegenerative diseases. That struck him as almost a blessing, though not entirely.

"It's positive and negative," he said. "They don't know what's going on. That's good in a sense. They're not panicking. But at the same time, they're also not aware of the care they need."

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Illinois National Guard readies test site

Illinois National Guard personnel set up facilities Tuesday near a COVID-19 drive-up testing facility in Chicago's Dunning neighborhood.

Chicago-area medical students sidelined from seeing patients

BY ARIEL CHEUNG

In a time when the need in their chosen career field is dire and the state is asking for help from retired medical professionals, Chicago-area medical students have been pulled from their clinical rotations due to the coronavirus pandemic.

"To be so close to being licensed professionals and being able to help, but instead now we're at home, that can be really disappointing," said Lindsay Fitzpatrick, who is studying to be a physician assistant at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine. "We go into it for stuff like this."

Fitzpatrick and other students in her two-year program received word last week that they were to suspend their clinical work, during which medical students train with doctors in multiple sectors of health care.

The students said they were told all Northwestern clinical rotations were being suspended. The university declined to comment.

Students or faculty have confirmed that medical rotations were also suspended at Loyola University Chicago, the University of Chicago and the University of Illinois.

At U. of I.'s College of Medicine, the decision evolved "very rapidly" over the course of a week before clinical rotations were suspended last week, said Dr. Raymond Curry, the college's senior associate dean for education affairs.

While hospitals were limiting medical students'

exposure to coronavirus patients, the potential of added risk from undiagnosed patients was the deciding factor for U. of I., Curry said.

"The nationwide limitations of testing capacity for COVID-19 have created a situation where we cannot ensure that students would not be unnecessarily exposed to the virus," Curry said in an email.

The suspension is expected to last a few weeks, Curry said. If protective equipment becomes more readily available and patients with COVID-19 are more easily identified, students could be called back in, he said.

And, if called upon, they'll be ready.

"Their eagerness to serve in any way that gives me great optimism for the future of the medical profession," Curry said.

Medical students at Loyola received word about a little over a week ago that faculty would assess the situation. So third-year student Kyle Lynch said he wasn't shocked when, while working at suburban Hines Veterans Affairs Hospital last week, his phone began to buzz.

"I checked my email after a procedure clinic, and it said, 'Go home immediately,'" Lynch said. "Now we're kind of up in the air about what this means for us."

The move is in line with a recent recommendation from the Association of American Medical Colleges to suspend all medical students' activities that involve contact with patients for at least two weeks.

It also comes as graduating students received acceptance from medical residency programs Friday. The national Match Day is a major moment for medical students, but this year the event was moved online. Students received word via email, instead of the normal method of opening acceptance letters together.

The American Medical Association helped students celebrate with an online video chat, during which students opened their emails and read their offers aloud.

For Fitzpatrick, who is set to graduate in the spring, the suspension means no longer going to work at the Shirley Ryan AbilityLab in the Gold Coast neighborhood, where she assisted with rehabilitation for patients recovering from severe injuries or illnesses.

But she called the move necessary because working in close quarters with medical staff can put patients at risk for exposure to COVID-19.

"Students can do a lot of good when we're out on rotation. We do a lot of the footwork, like the initial exam," Fitzpatrick said. "But a student never replaces anybody on the medical team — we're an extra (doctor). So in a situation like this, a student is just an additional person, going into a patient's room, potentially exposing that patient to more."

In the interim, the students are keeping busy with online lectures and test prep for upcoming board exams. On Thursday,



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Lindsay Fitzpatrick is among medical students who have been removed from clinical rotations.

Fitzpatrick watched a clinician perform a procedure through videoconferencing. Others have worked on mock scenarios they might encounter in the field.

U. of I. faculty had hoped to utilize clinical simulation centers, where students interact with actors portraying patients, simulator mannequins and virtual reality tools, but social distancing measures in place have limited those options, Curry said.

The on-the-job training is considered a vital part of their education, said Jonathan Li, a classmate of Fitzpatrick also studying to be a physician assistant. Like other students, Li has wrestled with wanting to help but being limited because he is still in school.

"We're at the precipice and so close to the finish line," he said.

"And suddenly, we're at this kind of jolting halt. There's a lot of uncertainty, but that's ubiquitous right now."

Li and Fitzpatrick said they were awaiting word about their ability to graduate in the spring but commended Northwestern for keeping them updated on

fast-happening developments.

Graduation timelines should not be affected at U. of I., Curry said. Students expecting to graduate in the spring will have mostly completed the requirements, while younger students will have online coursework and adjusted schedules to keep progress uninterrupted.

Lynch, who still has a fourth year of school to complete, said the long-term situation is concerning.

"There's all the anxiety of what it means and if we'll have to make this up somehow," he said. "A lot of our fourth year is (dedicated to) looking at residencies, but we don't know if those are going to be canceled."

So dire is the need for additional health care workers right now that Gov. J.B. Pritzker has called on recently retired doctors, nurses and physician assistants to "come back and join the fight."

And should they get the chance, the students are ready to do just that.

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3rd party hopefuls face fresh obstacles

BY RICK PEARSON

Tuesday marked the first day for independent and third-party contenders to start seeking voter petition signatures to make the November ballot, but their already difficult task has been made even tougher due to restrictions brought on by the coronavirus pandemic.

Even without any public health concerns, independent and third-party candidates had a tougher job to get on the ballot since they are required to get several times the signatures Republicans and Democrats need to qualify for their primary ballots.

For the statewide ballot, including president and U.S. Senate, the established parties needed a minimum of 5,000 signatures, which usually translates to getting double that number to avoid a petition challenge. Independent and third-party candidates need a minimum of 25,000 signatures, and generally double that to ensure their petitions withstand scrutiny.

Third-party and independent candidates trying for lower-ballot offices, such as for Congress and the state legislature, also have higher signature requirements than Republicans and Democrats. The number of signatures varies, based on previous voter turnout, but can range from double to five times the signatures needed by established party candidates.

The signature-gathering period ends June 22.

The Illinois Green Party said that due to Illinois' stay-at-home requirements, social distancing and restrictions on public gatherings, "normal petitioning has been rendered impossible."

"Even where public encounters still occur, we cannot ask petitioners to risk their health by approaching strangers to get their signature, nor can we ask people to come within close physical proximity of our petitioners," said Rich Whitney, state Green Party co-chair.

"We strongly support emergency public health measures. Defeating the pandemic is priority No. 1," he said. "But these measures also make the petitioning requirements of the election code even more patently unfair than they already were."

Whitney twice previously ran for governor, making the Greens an established party briefly, when he got more than 10% of the vote in the 2006 general election.

Whitney said the Green Party will follow best practices and adhere to governmental restrictions due to the health crisis.

The Green Party has asked Gov. J.B. Pritzker, legislative leaders and state elected officials to "waive or suspend" the current petition signature requirements.

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CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Colleges charter flight to get stranded students back home

By ELYSSA CHERNEY

Kasia Enriquez left the airport in Quito, Ecuador, feeling defeated and with no solid leads about how she would find a way home.

The college student from suburban Park Ridge, along with another classmate on her study abroad program, had spent hours pleading with agents from every major airline, but they couldn't secure a seat on any of the last flights leaving the country. And at midnight March 17, Ecuador was banning the bulk of air travel due to the coronavirus outbreak.

"We were pretty devastated that we weren't getting any help from the airlines, and we didn't know what was going to happen to us," said Enriquez, 21, who attends Lewis & Clark College in Portland. "We had no idea when they were going to open the borders again."

In the uncertain days that followed, Enriquez, her classmate and a faculty member who stayed behind with them scrambled to come up with a plan. They contacted the U.S. Embassy in Ecuador, reached out to their elected officials back home and launched a social media campaign, posting videos and photos, to draw attention to their plight.

Yet in the end, Lewis & Clark helped retrieve the students, not the federal government. The school organized a chartered flight with other universities that needed to pick up students from Ecuador, according to spokesman Roy Kaufmann. On March 20, Enriquez and the others boarded the private jet with students from Boston University and University of Miami who were also stranded.

The saga underscores the challenges that Americans stuck abroad are facing as they try to navigate a patchwork of travel restrictions

that are often confusing and issued with little time to adjust plans. Though Enriquez and her classmate Channing Stirrat were able to receive assistance getting home, they said not all Americans traveling internationally are as fortunate. Enriquez and Stirrat say they are in touch with a handful of Americans, mostly young adults traveling independently, who weren't able to leave Ecuador and must ride out the pandemic there.

"We were so incredibly privileged to be traveling with a tie to an institution that was able to make something like that happen for us," said Stirrat, 20, who lives in Tucson, Arizona. "There was no way we could have predicted what was going on, and it was really scary. I would ask people to have a lot of sympathy, a lot of empathy and try to understand that being stuck in a foreign country during a pandemic, it's not a time to assign blame."

The U.S. Department of State has issued a "Do Not Travel" advisory — its most severe warning — to dissuade citizens from flying internationally because of the spread of COVID-19, the illness caused by the coronavirus. It has instructed citizens currently abroad to make immediate plans to return, or, for Americans living overseas, to prepare to remain there for an "indefinite period" as countries close borders, airlines cut flights and governments restrict entry for visitors.

By some estimates, thousands of Americans are stuck abroad and need help returning, according to news reports. At least 10 senators have written to Secretary of State Mike Pompeo in recent days, urging his department to lay out of a plan for how it will deal with the crisis and

clarify if commercial or chartered flights will be utilized to assist Americans who want to evacuate affected countries. The department has not responded to a request for information Tuesday.

Study abroad students such as Enriquez comprise a large portion of Americans who travel internationally ever year. As many colleges ended their programs early and required students to leave, Enriquez said Lewis & Clark did not formally cancel hers, even when concerns from parents and students began to mount in early March.

Kaufmann said more than 60% of students participate in study abroad experiences, so the decision to pull the plug on any program is significant, Kaufmann said.

"We don't take lightly the cancellation of a single program, much less the truly unprecedented move to cancel all programs worldwide," he said. "We moved as quickly and prudently as possible, following the federal, state, and partner guidance we were receiving in real time."

Enriquez said she loved immersing herself in the Latin American culture and living with a host family. She and 10 others from Lewis & Clark were studying at a Spanish-language school in Cuenca since January, she said. After the coronavirus was declared a pandemic, the students decided it was time to leave and began making arrangements on their own.

Of those 11 students, all but Enriquez and Stirrat were able to get on U.S. bound flights last week from Quito, the capital, on March 16, with some departing just an hour before the borders tightened.

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No cases of COVID-19 have been reported inside the Cook County Juvenile Temporary Detention Center.

Hearings to release some detained juveniles begin

Cook County officials fear virus spread could put several at risk

BY ANNIE SWEENEY AND MEGAN CREPEAU

With efforts to release inmates from Cook County Jail during the coronavirus threat underway, county officials this week have ramped up their efforts to address a younger at-risk population: detained juveniles.

Peter Parry, a deputy Cook County public defender, confirmed to the Tribune that hearings started this week for 100 of the roughly 150 youth who have been named in juvenile petitions and are currently being detained at the Juvenile Temporary Detention Center.

As of late Tuesday afternoon, more than 20 young people had been ordered released from the facility, with more hearings to continue Wednesday. It's up to a judge to make the determination if a minor's release from custody is appropriate, including a consideration about whether the child poses an urgent risk to themselves or others.

Electronic monitoring was being sought as an alternative for some detained youths, and private

attorneys were bringing requests on behalf of individual clients.

Parry said there is concern not only about the spread of the virus in the center, but the increased isolation for youths housed there as schooling and visits have been canceled as a precaution against the virus.

All youth have instructional packets from the Chicago Public Schools. Medical and mental health services continue to be provided and staff was trying to provide programming to the youth via video.

Time for phone calls had been increased, and cleaning and sanitation supplies have been made available, officials said. Recreational time also is still being allowed, officials said.

Parry said the smaller caseload in juvenile court, compared to adult court, is such that the judges are aware of each minor's background, which makes the assessment on safety and flight risk somewhat easier to manage.

"Every judge knows every one of these kids," Parry said. "These are cases that have been under review."

Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx said in a statement Tuesday that her office was reviewing the cases as well.

"As part of our ongoing efforts

to reduce the in-custody population and protect public health and safety during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Cook County state's attorney's office is urgently reviewing juvenile detention cases brought to us by the public defender and private attorneys," the statement read.

No cases of COVID-19 have been reported inside the juvenile center. Two detainees at Cook County Jail as well as a jail guard have tested positive, officials said.

The pandemic has touched off great concern from advocates and officials alike about the potential of a widespread outbreak inside prisons and jails, which are confined spaces that make social distancing a challenge, if not impossible. Concerns over access to soap and sanitizers have also been raised.

So far Cook County officials have identified more than 100 adult inmates at the jail for potential early release, with a focus on those who do not pose a threat to public safety but have health issues, those who are older or those being held on bonds that they can't afford. Hearings for those detainees were continuing this week.

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Chicago Board of Education to vote on \$75M response

Meeting will be first conducted remotely for members, public

BY HANNAH LEONE

The Chicago Board of Education is due to vote Wednesday to set aside \$75 million toward its coronavirus response.

The school district expects to spend the money in areas like extra pay for emergency personnel, meals programs, remote learning, and additional products and maintenance for facilities.

The meeting will be held for the first time with board members and the public attending remotely. The session, which starts at 4 p.m., will be streamed live on the board's website and YouTube page.

"The health and safety of our students and families remains our top priority during this uncertain time," board President Miguel del Valle said in a statement Saturday announcing the remote meeting. "While our March Board meeting will be taking place to ensure we are able to complete essential business for operating the district, it will proceed in a way that complies with necessary social distancing measures."

The \$75 million amounts to a "not-to-exceed spending authority to allow for flexibility to continue to fund and expand critical services," said Chicago Public Schools spokeswoman Emily Bolton.

Along with incentive pay for critical workers who remain on the job during the coronavirus-prompted shutdown, the district also anticipates that some of the money would go toward what Bolton called "a larger device equity strategy" for e-learning.

CPS schools are shut down at least through April 20 to try to stem spread of COVID-19 — two weeks longer than the statewide shutdown, which is due to continue through April 7.

The coronavirus spending proposal, if approved, would give authority to CEO Janice Jackson and other CPS leaders to develop and implement emergency plans and response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes authorizing contracts to obtain products, services and staff, and approving purchase orders that exceed \$75,000, as long as the total expenditures don't surpass \$75 million.

The measure also allows for the "modification, suspension or waiver" of board policies and rules "when necessary to respond to the COVID-19."

"The Board wishes to empower the leadership of CPS to act quickly and effectively to obtain the necessary products, supplies, services and staff, expend funds and take all necessary measures and actions to respond to the COVID-19 outbreak," states the resolution, which would be effective through June 30, the end of the fiscal year, and retroactive to March 5, to account for coronavirus response already underway.

The resolution also stipulates that CPS leaders will collaborate with the state and city health departments on plans for environmental cleaning, communication with the CPS community, continuity of education, meal provisions and other student services.

The resolution states the board "believes it is in the best interest of the CPS community to allow for the modification, suspension or waiver of Board Policies and Rules when necessary to respond to COVID-19."

A separate agenda item would adopt a new rule allowing the board to continue essential business with more flexibility during public emergencies including but not limited to COVID-19. This would include suspending the board rules and adopting emergency guidelines related to business such as public participation at board meetings.

Proposed emergency guidelines, also on the agenda, would be in effect for the duration of the state disaster proclamation or executive order closing schools and would allow the board to "promote expeditious public hearings" to "maximize time spent directly addressing the needs of the students and families during the public health emergency."

During this time, regular board meetings may continue to take place electronically and won't require members to be present physically in order to have a quorum, though meetings must still be simulcast for the public to see.

Starting Wednesday, the number of public participation slots is 15, about one-quarter of the usual number.

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'Abuse doesn't stop in times of pandemic'

Domestic violence advocates trying to keep serving survivors

BY KATE THAYER

As the world shuts itself in at home in an effort to quell the spread of the new coronavirus, what if your greatest danger lives there with you?

That's the precarious scenario many domestic violence survivors are facing in this time of social distancing and quarantine, advocates say. While being shut in at home may be best from a public health standpoint as COVID-19 spreads, it worries those tasked with keeping survivors safe.

"When the place that you're being asked to shelter in is also the same place as the person who is harming you, then that creates a whole other level of fear and anxiety and danger," said Stephanie Love-Patterson, executive director of Connections for Abused Women and their Children, which runs one of Chicago's domestic violence shelters. "Abuse doesn't stop in times of pandemic."

Experts say added stress and isolation can exacerbate violence in homes where it's already a problem. Closing public places like schools and businesses keeps survivors together with their abusers more, with few places to escape, said Amanda Pyron, executive director of the Chicago Metropolitan Battered Women's Network, which runs the Illinois Domestic Violence Hotline and other services.

"We know from the survivors that we work with that things can get really, really dangerous really quickly," she said.

She said the hotline has fielded more calls as the pandemic has escalated. Typically, calls average



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Victim information referral advocate Claudia Gutierrez takes a call from a victim of abuse seeking information in January 2019.

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about 60 a day toward the beginning of the month and trend upward to about 90 a day in the final days of a month. But calls have already spiked to 90 a day, Pyron said.

Daily activities like going to work, taking kids to school and other normal outings often are used in safety planning — methods used to keep survivors safe and away from abusers, she said.

Recognizing that, Pyron said, social service providers are working with their clients to come up with alternatives for keeping safe when they have to stay home with the person who poses the greatest risk. Love-Patterson said that can mean a signal to a neighbor, like a porch light, or a code word on the phone.

The offices of the state's hotline remain open, as do other 24/7 domestic violence hotlines, but there are plans in the works to keep the state's line running even if those who answer the calls must do so from home, Pyron said. And, where in-person services have had to close due to the pandemic, alternatives are available online or by phone, even if that is not ideal. Emer-

gency orders of protection also remain a resource in Illinois — considered an essential service in a time when courthouses are limiting their function, she said, adding that existing orders are automatically extended.

But there are still times when people need to leave to stay safe, and so far, domestic violence shelters across the city and state remain open, Pyron said, and there are plans in the works should that change due to the coronavirus outbreak.

This also affects domestic violence services available at hospitals, as visitors and services in hospitals across the country are limited due to the pandemic, Pyron said.

"This is very concerning and disheartening," said Neha Gill, executive director of Apna Ghar Inc., which primarily serves immigrant refugees, including services offered at NorthShore Swedish Hospital.

She said not being able to offer walk-in or in-person services is a blow, but they're trying to be proactive, offering virtual services. But like most advocates, Gill said, they're trying to make the best of an unprecedented situation.

"We're just trying to figure out how to manage in these times," she said. "We've really kind of prided ourselves in being available in that way (in-person). So now, we're not available in that way."

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For now, school days lost in state don't have to be made up

BY HANNAH LEONE

When Illinois schools shut down last week to slow the spread of coronavirus, the mandated days without classroom instruction were deemed "act of God" days, meaning they won't have to be made up.

Now that the statewide school closure has been extended at least through April 7 — and some local districts, including Chicago Public Schools, are staying shut even longer — education officials are faced with the question of how long that scenario can continue.

Through March 30 — when the statewide shutdown initially was supposed to end — schools will be able to count their days off as "act of God" days and they will still count toward the state's minimum instructional requirements.

But after that? The Illinois State Board of Education said it would provide guidance to schools on the question this week. However, in a letter Sunday to school administrators, State Superintendent Carmen Ayala said the agency "contemplates that districts will eventually transition to Remote Instructional Days."

In other words, schools would have to find ways to deliver lessons remotely that are effective but also equitable, meaning students who lack an internet connection or other access won't be left behind. Many Chicago-area schools are already doing that, but to widely varying degrees.

To help, the state has created an advisory group of teachers, administrators and others who will make recommendations "about what Remote Instructional Days would look like," according to Ayala's letter, and to "ensure all students have access to remote instruction through whatever means possible."

"This advisory group will explore what is possible and what is reasonable under these unprecedented circumstances, always rec-

ognizing the incredible diversity and varying capacity of our 852 school districts," Ayala wrote. "We are in uncharted territory."

She vowed that as the details are worked out, "two pillars absolutely will remain the same: all state funding will continue uninterrupted and no schools will experience negative consequences to the extent possible."

The equity issue could be most acute in CPS, the state's largest district, which not only has a majority of students from low-income families but also extended its shutdown through at least April 20. CPS officials have said a proposed \$75 million spending allowance for COVID-19 response could include "implementation of a larger device equity strategy."

For high school seniors, there's also uncertainty about whether they will still have to meet all graduation requirements. ISBE has said it is "investigating opportunities to provide flexibility" for requirements such as coursework.

As ISBE and local school administrators seek to sort all this out, the state education agency has informed districts they don't need to revise their school calendars yet, though they should keep records for when calendars are evaluated in June.

"We imagine each district will have unique occurrences that will require special attention," states guidance from the state education agency and the Illinois Association of Regional School Superintendents. In June, a workshop will be held to help districts submit calendars "to accurately reflect the decisions made to keep students and staff safe during the COVID-19 crisis."

In the meantime, districts are free to keep their spring breaks as planned, though the state board previously suggested they consider moving the break to coincide with the closures.

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Lightfoot warns of falling for fake cures

Mayor cites misinformation during pandemic

BY GREGORY PRATT

Mayor Lori Lightfoot and the city's public health department are warning against supposed miracle cures for coronavirus, including one touted by President Donald Trump.

Lightfoot appeared on public health Commissioner Dr. Allison Arwady's daily "Ask the Doc" internet show Tuesday, where they fielded a citizen's question asking whether inhaling steam can kill COVID-19.

"Inhaling steam does nothing to protect you from coronavirus," Arwady said. "It does nothing to treat, in case you had inhaled coronavirus, and it has major potential to damage your mucus membranes, your lungs."

Lightfoot added: "Folks, be careful. There's no cure for coronavirus."

Trump has publicly



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"Inhaling steam does nothing to protect you from coronavirus," Dr. Allison Arwady said Tuesday.

touted the anti-malaria drug chloroquine as a potential treatment for coronavirus, though public health experts have noted there is no known cure. An Arizona man died after ingesting chloroquine phosphate, thinking the drug was for humans when it actually is a treatment for sick fish.

"I know there's been conversation at the federal level about, well, there's this drug for malaria. We don't know that, so please do not go out there and just because you heard something on television or social media, do not do that. You will end up hurting yourself," Lightfoot said. "We will let you know, as soon as we are aware, that's there's a sanctioned,

federally approved drug that can actually help with coronavirus, but for now just make sure you do what we've been advising for many weeks. If you're sick, stay home."

Arwady noted that, so far, there are 598 lab-confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Chicago, with four deaths.

The rest of the show largely focused on Lightfoot reiterating her administration's recent moves to prepare for the disease's spread, including renting hotel rooms for quarantine patients and partnering with the YMCA on beds for the homeless.

"People are really stepping up in a tremendous way," Lightfoot said.

The mayor also talked about how her family is handling the crisis and time at home. Lightfoot's daughter initially thought it was like a vacation, she said, but her school has given students specific lesson plans every day.

Otherwise, Lightfoot said, her daughter goes outside for a walk with first lady Amy Eshleman, while practicing social distancing. They've also been playing dominoes, watching Netflix and talking about their daily experiences, Lightfoot said.

Lightfoot also said she tries to call her 91-year old mother in Ohio every day to make sure she's OK and doesn't feel isolated.

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Activists call for housing, health care, wage reforms

Aims to address inequality virus crisis worsened

BY JOHN BYRNE

In another move from progressive groups in Chicago to draw attention to how they say the coronavirus pandemic shows city policies continue to harm people who are already struggling, housing advocates are demanding the Chicago Housing Authority allow homeless people to self-isolate in thousands of vacant units.

While applauding Mayor Lori Lightfoot for making a thousand hotel rooms available to people who have the virus or think they've been exposed to it, the Chicago Housing Initiative said the empty CHA units should be used as well.

"This supply of affordable housing is available right now and already paid for via federal housing funds and contracts," the group said in a statement. "This is an opportunity for the mayor to provide permanent, affordable housing to the most vulnerable at no cost to the city. The Chicago Housing Initiative calls upon Mayor Lightfoot to immediately lease these vacant CHA units to individuals and families experiencing homelessness to safeguard their health, and the health of all Chicagoans alongside them."

The CHA's decision to pay down debt and increase its reserves while families languish on long waiting lists to get housing has been controversial for years. With increased attention on the situation because of the crisis, housing advocates have a chance to try to press for changes.

"CHA's practice of leav-

ing thousands of quality public housing units vacant persistently — already an indefensible practice before the COVID crisis — must end immediately," the group's statement reads. "The 2,000 vacant CHA apartments must be one of our city's first lines of emergency response to the dire circumstances facing shelter guests, shelter workers and shelter administrators."

The housing group's statement comes a day after Chicago community activists and progressive elected officials pressed for wide-ranging legislation to protect residents who've struggled for years due to what they said was an inadequate government safety net.

The group pointed out they've long fought for stricter affordable housing rules and other protections for working class families they argued will be needed more than ever as unemployment is expected to spike during the pandemic.

Though Lightfoot has taken steps such as easing up on debt collection and cutting back on issuing parking tickets in an effort to ease the strain during the crisis, the officials said more should be done. The issue is broader than the best way to respond to the virus, said Cook County Commissioner Brandon Johnson, D-Chicago.

"For many families that we represent in this broad coalition, our families have been living through crisis for generations," Johnson said. "And that's why it's apparent and it's very much necessary that we have a progressive response to not just the crisis that's at hand, but making sure we are putting forth

policy to transform the lives of families who have been at the margins for generations beyond this pandemic."

Northwest Side Ald. Carlos Ramirez-Rosa, 35th, said progressive groups already have introduced some legislation at the city, county or state level, calling for things such as housing rules to protect low-income residents, a corporate head tax to raise more revenue from Chicago companies and a graduated real estate transfer tax to raise more money from expensive

property sales that the mayor has so far not been able to get state legislators to adopt.

On Monday, the group called for those measures to be passed. They also said they will introduce mea-

sures to end all utility shut-offs, guarantee free health care for coronavirus testing and treatment, and to make weekly payments to families of up to \$750 to cover child care costs and lost wages.

"We are putting forward a set of demands, demands that are not radical, demands that address the basic needs of all of us, particularly the most vulnerable, in a moment of an unprecedented public health crisis," said Ald. Rossana Rodriguez Sanchez, 33rd.

Many of the measures the aldermen have previously brought forward have languished in City Council committees due to a lack of support from colleagues and the mayor. But they said they hope the pandemic will give the proposals wider backing.

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The Illinois State Board of Education has denied the Chicago Virtual Charter School's appeal to stay open.

City school that pioneered e-learning loses its charter

Chicago site got its start in 2006, will close June 30

BY HANNAH LEONE

In the midst of the coronavirus-prompted statewide school shutdown that has brought distance learning to the forefront, Illinois' first and only primarily online public school has lost its appeal to stay open.

Chicago Virtual Charter School will close June 30 after the state's education authority voted this week to reject the school's appeal to keep its charter, which was revoked by the Chicago Board of Education in December.

The decision by the Illinois State Board of Education followed what a hearing officer called "an undeniable pattern of underperformance."

"It's very ironic," said Vikki Stokes, the school's interim CEO. "I would like to note that our learning model is going to be a leader for the district during this time. ... Our teachers have not stopped. Even in the interim of us not knowing if the work could be counted, our teachers continued teaching in webinar platforms."

Students at Chicago Virtual, which opened in 2006, usually attend classes once a week at the brick-and-mortar campus, but other days they learn remotely through online classes on school-issued computers. Parents, or sometimes older siblings or tutors, serve as "learning coaches," making sure students have access to instruction and spend five hours per day attending to their studies.

The school moved to a full-time online model after Gov. J.B. Pritzker ordered all schools to close through March 30 and then extended that through April 7.

"Our families are very concerned about having to now, in our current climate with coronavirus specifically, having to transfer," Stokes said. "We under-

stand (Chicago Public Schools) is looking into e-learning, but there are no hard plans we have been informed of." Families have attended meetings about their options next year, but have been made no promises about seats at specific schools, she said.

"Our families are very disappointed and riddled with anxiety right now," Stokes said.

In a recommendation earlier this month, ISBE hearing officer Beatriz Diaz-Pollack wrote that evidence suggests many families have found the school's hybrid education model

charter was supposed to run through 2021.

During the previous school year, Chicago Virtual "experienced significant changes, including new curriculum, new administrators, a new organizational structure, as well as the resignation of many staff members and transfer of a significant number of students," according to documents reviewed by the board. In late 2018, the school was placed on the district's academic warning list. During the summer of 2019, Stokes was appointed, and more restructuring took place.

to learn at their own pace, and flexibility in where and when they study.

Proponents argued the school already is turning a corner and simply needed more time.

The scarcity of similar alternatives also "begs the question of whether such massive disruption as school closing and forced transfers are worthwhile," school leaders wrote.

But after a hearing on their appeal, the hearing officer and ISBE's superintendent of education recommended the board deny it.

Though the vote Wednesday was unanimous, it came after lengthy discussions about the right thing to do.

"I am struggling with this one," said board member Cynthia Latimer, who appreciated the flexibility CPS is offering affected students but wondered if there were options for them "beyond full-day brick and mortar."

Board member Cristina Pacione-Zayas, who expressed sympathy with the new administrators trying to help the school, said the decision pained her. "That is something that will weigh heavy on me," she said. "Our schools have bull's-eyes on them for issues they have no control over."

Pacione-Zayas added she had reservations about charter schools to begin with, but did not want to continue making decisions like this "and be in the business of disrupting the lives of children and further harming them."

Stokes said school officials are now exploring their legal options.

In the meantime, the state is now requiring the Chicago Board of Education to show by Aug. 31 that each Chicago Virtual student has been offered enrollment in a higher-performing school.

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— Beatriz Diaz-Pollack, ISBE hearing officer

"works for them, for a variety of reasons."

"Transfer to a traditional brick and mortar setting will, undoubtedly and lamentably, pose challenges for these students and they will experience the loss of this favored educational model," Diaz-Pollack wrote.

"However," she added, "the deficits in CVCS' academic progress and school quality data ... taken together with additional compliance questions raised regarding services to diverse learners and grave concerns relating to the charter school's operations and finances, strongly support the conclusion that CVCS cannot meet either element of the standard for reversal of a local school board charter revocation."

She noted an ongoing investigation into the school by the CPS Office of Inspector General, with participation from the U.S. Department of Education.

The school's current

In November, CPS again placed the school on its academic warning list after it failed to meet most goals and priorities laid out in an academic remediation plan.

In December, citing low academic performance, the Board of Education voted to rescind Chicago Virtual's charter, along with that of Frazier Preparatory Academy.

Both schools appealed the revocation to the state board of education, in the hopes the state would be willing to authorize their schools even if CPS no longer would.

Despite its struggles, Chicago Virtual's case emphasized its unique structure in a state where online public schools have not proliferated, as they have in some parts of the country. Families said they have chosen the school for reasons related to safety, special education plans, a comfortable learning environment, the ability for stu-

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if we allow this to continue. We have to go back to work."

Pritzker criticized Trump's message, saying he also worries about lost jobs and damage to the economy, but he doesn't believe Trump is listening to the science. The Chicago-based American Medical Association, American Hospital Association and American Nurses Association issued an open letter to the public Tuesday urging everyone to stay home to help ensure health care workers have the resources they need to fight the spreading illness, known as COVID-19.

"I think he's looking at the stock market, which I know he essentially judges himself by, and making decisions in that way," Pritzker said of Trump. "I think the president is not taking into account the true damage that this will do to our country if we see, truly, millions of people die."

Pritzker said he isn't ruling out an extension of the statewide stay-at-home order that took effect Saturday and currently runs through April 7.

"I'm trying to follow the science here, and I am concerned that we may have to extend that deadline," he said. "You know, we have to start to see some movement in the numbers in the right direction, or at least a shaping of the curve that looks like we're hitting a good spot in that curve. (But) it's early, and I just can't tell you anything quite yet."

In addition to the stay-at-home order, the state has been taking a "multifaceted approach" to increasing hospital bed capacity, setting up triage units and centers, Pritzker said.

"In a worst-case-scenario surge, the state would turn existing hospitals into almost entirely COVID-19 response hospitals," Pritzker said, and many other patients would be moved to different locations, including closed hospitals that could temporarily reopen.

As of Tuesday, Illinois had 965 open adult intensive care unit beds, out of a total of 2,589, according to the Illinois Department of Public Health. And it had 1,537 available ventilators out of 2,250.

That's about 141 fewer intensive care beds available than a day earlier and 58 fewer available ventilators.

Without protective measures in place, the state would have needed 419 more ventilators than it has by March 30 and 4,704 more ventilators by April 6, according to the governor's office.

The state has been using models to predict how cases might increase in the near future and discussing that information with hospitals, said Dr. Ngozi Ezike, director of the Illinois Department of Public Health. But Ezike did not offer a prediction Tuesday of when cases in Illinois might peak, saying that it's important to focus on the near term and that the illness's trajectory is constantly changing as protective measures are taken.

"I think it's not wise for



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Gov. J.B. Pritzker said Illinois' coronavirus testing capacity is now nearly 2,000 tests per day.

us to try to put timelines together," Ezike said.

Officials announced 250 new cases of the novel coronavirus in Illinois on Tuesday, and four additional deaths. The additional cases bring the state's total to 1,535 since the outbreak began.

About 16% of those Illinois cases have resulted in hospitalizations, and about 4% have had to be admitted to intensive care units, Ezike said. About 92% of the people who have died were older than 60.

Pritzker also said Illinois' coronavirus testing capacity is now nearly 2,000 tests per day, and he expects that number to grow to about 4,300 within two weeks as hospitals continue to build out capacity. Three state labs, four commercial labs and 15 hospital labs are operating across the state.

Recently opened drive-thru testing sites include one on the Northwest Side of Chicago run by the Illinois National Guard that is designed to serve health care workers and first responders. The federal government has opened three sites at Walmarts in Northlake and Joliet, and a Walgreens in Bolingbrook.

But even with the "rapid expansion" of testing, Pritzker said Illinois needs tens of thousands more tests to provide a full picture of how many coronavirus cases exist within the state.

"Testing helps demonstrate the actual reach of COVID-19 and informs us how we can potentially isolate the outbreak," Pritzker said.

Pritzker has repeatedly blasted Trump for the federal coronavirus response, taking issue with a lack of testing kits and long customs lines at O'Hare, and the two sparred on Twitter over the weekend. But the two spoke by phone on Monday, and Pritzker said he was later notified that Illinois will be receiving 300 more ventilators and 300,000 more medical masks from the federal government "in the coming days."

To free up more beds and resources, hospitals across the Chicago area have been canceling elective surgeries. The city is also renting thousands of hotel rooms to isolate people who are mildly ill with COVID-19 as well as those who fear they have been exposed and those who are awaiting test results. Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot has also said additional rooms will be provided at the recently closed MetroSouth Medical Center in Blue Island.

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Pantry

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Lt. Jason Brown, one of the officers who helped pack things up.

"We're kind of in uncharted waters," Brown said. "I think given that, we have to take a different approach to how we police and what policing really means."

Back at the pantry, Lombardo said the church provided food for about 300 families. At one point a line stretched around the church building, with people keeping a safe distance from each other. The church's mission outreach center was built over the site of the former Our Lady of the Angels school, where a devastating fire killed 92 children and three nuns on Dec. 1, 1958.

Like Lombardo, some pa-

trons at the pantry on Tuesday sported rubber gloves. Some also wore masks to cover their mouths. They grabbed shopping carts and picked out an assortment of vegetables, meats, breads, canned goods and other foods packed in plastic bags sitting on tables.

A young woman wearing a mask walked across the street carrying packaged food with a young man.

"Thank you so much!" she called to one of the pantry helpers.

Dwayne Thomas briefly waited in line outside with a cart to pick up some packaged food from one of the tables. He said he understood the risks of keeping his space in a crowd.

"Too many people and you don't want to be bunched up," he said. "You never know who has what."

Sister Stephanie Baliga said the food pantry not

only serves Humboldt Park, but also people from the Austin community to the west and other neighborhoods. She said the area around the church has residents who are unemployed or clinging to their jobs.

"So their income is crashed," Baliga said. "And then all their kids are at home, obviously because they're not at (the school). So they lost a lot of food sources."

"We know that the food gap is growing every day, that people aren't able to get the food that they need, especially for their kids, and then the elderly who can't leave their house," she said. "So we're just trying to do the best we can because we already know that's happening to fill whatever gaps we possibly can."

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Chicago police Officer Jeffrey Dohnal helps Sister Stephanie Baliga move bags of food.

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CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Urgency needed to fight virus in US

Researchers: Mass infections may happen otherwise

BY JAMES GLANZ, LAUREN LEATHERBY, MATTHEW BLOCH AND MITCH SMITH
The New York Times

The coronavirus has infected far more people in the United States than testing has shown so far, and stringent measures to limit social contact in parts of the country not yet seeing many cases are needed to significantly stem the tide of illness and death in the coming months.

Those are the conclusions of Columbia University researchers who used a New York Times database of known cases and Census Bureau transportation data to model how the outbreak could evolve based on what is known about the virus. The estimates are inherently uncertain, and they could change as the U.S. adopts unprecedented measures to control the outbreak.

But they offer a stark warning: Even if the country managed to cut its rate of transmission in half — a tall order — about 650,000 people might become infected in the next two months.

The growth is driven by Americans with mild symptoms who are carrying and spreading the virus without being aware that they have it, the researchers say. The number of undetected cases — 11 times the total that has been officially reported, they estimate — reflects how far behind the U.S. has fallen in testing for the virus.

New York City, Seattle, Boston and parts of California already have such large outbreaks that they will probably see significant growth even after taking extraordinary measures over the past week, the researchers say. New York City's outbreak, the nation's largest, grew to more than 25,000 known cases Tuesday and is likely to increase many times over even in a



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People walk along a path Sunday in Boston, one U.S. city already fighting a large outbreak of coronavirus.

favorable scenario.

On the other hand, parts of the country without large clusters of cases could still avoid the worst of the outbreak — if they impose measures like closing schools, banning mass gatherings and testing and quarantining sick people and their contacts. The epidemic would then spread inland at a much slower pace and strike with less severity, the estimates say.

But controls would need to be put in place immediately and everywhere.

"We're looking at something that's catastrophic on a level that we have not seen for an infectious disease since 1918," said Jeffrey Shaman, a professor of environmental health sciences at Columbia and the leader of the research team, referring to the Spanish flu. "And it's requiring sacrifices we haven't seen since World War II. There are going to be enormous disruptions. There's no easy way out."

Controls in many places have already changed the fabric of American life. Restaurants and schools have closed, people are working from home, and travelers have put off trips — all changes that should reduce the rate of infection.

In California, New York and Illinois, officials have announced more stringent directives aimed at stopping the spread. That means that at least 1 in 5 Americans will be under orders to stay home in the coming days, and more states are expected to follow suit.

But other places have resisted. Bars and restaurants remain open in Wichita, Kansas, in a county that reported its first case Thursday, and in Knoxville, Tennessee, where reports of the virus have been scarce. Some malls' recreational marijuana shops in Oregon and some retail chains nationwide remained open. Many businesses are still requiring workers to come

into the office.

The scenarios do not estimate what effect individual local actions will have on the outbreak. But if the country as a whole does not take collective action, they suggest that Sedgwick County in Kansas, could see a significant proportion of its population — hundreds of thousands of people — infected with the virus in the next two months. If the country, as a whole, can reduce rates of transmission by 50%, Sedgwick County could instead see fewer than 1,000 cases in that time.

Several researchers not involved in the Columbia University analysis who reviewed the findings said they made sense and broadly agreed with their own thinking. Even in places that now appear to have few cases, they said, officials should act sooner rather than later.

"You have to think of this as an insurance for the future: The earlier you do it,

the greater effect you have on the virus," said Alessandro Vespignani, director of the Network Science Institute at Northeastern University, who said the estimates were in line with his own projections. "It's better to take excessive precautions than not."

The Columbia researchers' model works by observing the behavior of the outbreak in the U.S. up until March 13, based on case records compiled by The New York Times, commuting patterns and other data.

The researchers use those observations to infer key features of the outbreak. One is how many people each infected person has tended to infect so far, about 2.2.

Another is how many people may pass on the virus without knowing that they have it. The disease is spreading far too fast to be explained by known cases alone, and only about 1 in 11 infections have been re-

ported, they found.

Those factors allow the researchers to simulate the spread of a virus in the future. They adjust those simulations under different scenarios in which the nation imposes a range of control measures to stop the spread.

The estimates are imperfect, but they are consistent with available data. It is impossible to know the exact number of cases a week ago or to predict the future. It is also impossible to model the precise effect of unprecedented measures that the U.S. has already put in place to control the outbreak.

But the research estimates that if measures to slow the disease are not effective, the virus could sicken millions of people or more, losing steam on the coasts in May before spreading to the rest of the country over the summer.

A model estimates how many people could get the virus in each county in the United States by two months from now. Two scenarios envision what might happen if overall transmission is cut by 50% and by 25% from what it has been so far. A third scenario — which is unlikely — simulates what could happen without any intervention.

New York City, the model indicates, could count tens of thousands of new cases every day by late spring or early summer. But if the city remains vigilant about maintaining the stringent measures recently put in place, the peak could be delayed by weeks or longer and be significantly lower, the model suggests. Shaman cautioned that the model is designed to capture national trends, and local projections should be viewed as broad estimates.

"This is serious, and this is real. We have to act now and act aggressive," Vespignani said. "We have to mobilize all the resources that we have. None of us has a single solution. But we have to try all of them."

Doctors hoarding possible virus treatments, states say

BY ELLEN GABLER
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Doctors are hoarding medications touted as possible coronavirus treatments by writing prescriptions for themselves and family members, according to pharmacy boards in states across the country.

The stockpiling has become so worrisome in Idaho, Kentucky, Nevada, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Ohio and Texas that the boards in those states have issued emergency restrictions or guidelines on how the drugs can be dispensed at pharmacies.

More states are expected to follow suit.

"This is a real issue, and it is not some product of a few isolated bad apples," said Jay Campbell, executive director of the North Carolina Board of Pharmacy.

The medications being

prescribed differ slightly from state to state, but include those lauded by President Donald Trump at televised briefings as potential breakthrough treatments for the virus.

None of the drugs has been found to be effective in treating the coronavirus or been approved by the Food and Drug Administration for such uses. Some of them — including chloroquine, hydroxychloroquine, and remdesivir — are commonly used to treat malaria, lupus, rheumatoid arthritis, HIV and other conditions.

Pharmacists have been swapping stories on social media about the spike in prescriptions written by doctors for themselves or their families.

"I have multiple prescribers calling in prescriptions for Plaquenil for themselves and their family members as a precaution. Is

this ethical?" one person wrote in a Facebook group for pharmacists, referring to a brand name of hydroxychloroquine. Others weighed in — some noting similar experiences.

Carmen Catizone, executive director of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy, said state boards were "trying to stop the hoarding and inappropriate prescribing, but balancing what patients need."

Campbell, of the North Carolina board, said medical boards and associations had to get involved as well to curb the behavior of prescribers.

The American Medical Association denounced the practice in a statement from its president, Dr. Patrice Harris.

"The AMA is calling for a stop to any inappropriate prescribing and ordering of medications, including

chloroquine or hydroxychloroquine, and appealing to physicians and all health care professionals to follow the highest standards of professionalism and ethics," she said.

Harris also noted that the country's health care professionals "continue to demonstrate remarkable leadership every day," and can look to the organization's code of medical ethics for guidance.

The first restrictions were imposed last week in Idaho. The board there imposed a temporary rule that bars pharmacies from dispensing two drugs — chloroquine and hydroxychloroquine — unless the prescription includes a written diagnosis of a condition that the drugs have been proved to treat. The rule also limits prescriptions to a 14-day supply unless a patient has previ-



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None of the drugs has been found to be effective against the virus. Above, a pharmacy in Rohnert Park, California.

ously taken the medication.

"We wanted to try to get out in front of that as early as we could," said Nicki Chopski, executive director of the board in Idaho, where pharmacists began reporting a significant uptick in prescriptions for the medications last week.

The prescriptions, she said, were being written by doctors for themselves and their family members, often in large quantities with refills.

Texas adopted a similar rule Friday that included another malaria drug — mefloquine — as well as the antibiotic azithromycin, commonly known by its brand name, Zithromax Z-Pak. That drug has been mentioned by Trump as another potential treatment for the coronavirus when taken in conjunction with anti-malarial hydroxychloroquine. The effectiveness of the treatment remains unproven.



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Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey said the state does not yet need a stay-at-home order.

Ariz. man's death spurs warning against self-medication

BY ASTRID GALVAN AND JONATHAN J. COOPER
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PHOENIX — A Phoenix-area man has died and his wife was in critical condition after the couple took chloroquine phosphate, an additive used to clean fish tanks that is also found in an anti-malaria medication that's been touted by President Donald Trump as a treatment for COVID-19.

Banner Health said Monday that the Maricopa County couple in their 60s

got sick within 30 minutes of ingesting the additive. The man couldn't be resuscitated when he arrived at a hospital, but the woman was able to throw up much of the chemical, Banner said.

"Trump kept saying it was basically pretty much a cure," the woman told NBC.

It marked the third COVID-19 death in Arizona. Two men, one in his 70s and one in his 50s, died previously from the disease.

"Given the uncertainty around COVID-19, we

understand that people are trying to find new ways to prevent or treat this virus, but self-medication is not the way to do so," said Dr. Daniel Brooks, Banner Poison and Drug Information Center medical director.

At a news conference last week, Trump falsely said the Food and Drug Administration had approved the use of an anti-malaria medication called chloroquine to treat patients infected with coronavirus. Even after the FDA chief clarified that the drug still needs to be tested

for that use, Trump overstated the drug's potential upside in containing the virus.

Chloroquine is obtained by prescription, and Banner Health is urging medical providers against prescribing it to people who aren't hospitalized. The difference between the fish tank cleaning additive that the couple took and the drug used to treat malaria is the way they are formulated.

Meanwhile, Gov. Doug Ducey issued an executive order outlining "essential

services" that can continue to operate if the state or any local government issues an order for people to stay home. The essential services include health care, food suppliers, gas stations, banks, hardware stores, laundromats, home repair and infrastructure.

Ducey said there's no need currently for a stay-at-home order like those issued in several cities and states.

"Arizona is not there yet," he said. "We're not at the same stage as other states."

CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

1918 election lessons are vital in 2020

Past flu pandemic recalled as people head to the polls

By Dionne Searcey
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NEW YORK — Across the country, citizens were ordered to hunker in their homes to avoid catching a deadly virus even as some people thought it was nothing worse than a cold. In the midst of fear and sickness, politicians had to decide how to hold elections, and the global pandemic was subject to political spin.

The year was 1918 when a deadly flu outbreak gripped the nation, infecting about a third of the world's population and killing 675,000 people in the United States.

That crisis, which was known as the Spanish flu, took place in a different time technologically and politically. But the reaction, where local governments took charge and made decisions on how to proceed with voting, offer guidance for the situation today as the pandemic arrives in a federal election year.

In the 1918 election — midterm contests, where President Woodrow Wilson's Democratic Party was fighting to keep control of Congress — keeping polling places open was a patchwork of decisions by local officials.

"Everything became this kind of wheeler-dealer hustle," said Kristin Watkins, an expert in pandemics and director of grants at Pikes Peak Community College in Colorado Springs, Colorado, whose studies involved re-viewing 1918 elections.

Throughout the nation's history, wars, natural disasters and even terrorist attacks have disrupted campaigns. This crisis seems different. The enemy is invisible and comes as the country is politically divided, with splits that are starting to seep into government's — and individuals' — responses.



In this 1918 photo, members of the Red Cross were on duty to receive people affected by the Spanish flu pandemic.

Scholars and pollsters are talking about whether Democrats are washing their hands more than Republicans, reflecting perhaps a partisan response to whether extra hygiene is necessary or overkill. And right now in the United States, actions as simple and potentially poignant as staying home sometimes are being viewed as a partisan.

"We're in a little bit of an unprecedented place," said Nancy Martorano Miller, associate professor of political science at the University of Dayton in Ohio, where the Democratic primary was postponed March 17. "The situation is also moving very fast."

Several 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.

There's also the matter of political conventions, the events that bring together thousands of party members for days of unity, rallying and carousing to be

capped off with iconic images of balloons dropping on giddy delegates. Party officials are scrambling to come up with backup plans in case the nominating conventions can't go on as normal.

In recent days, dozens of political scientists from universities across the nation signed a letter imploring government officials to use the next eight months to ensure that polling in November goes smoothly by doing things like expanding early voting and offering a universal vote-by-mail option.

"We must make sure that the election takes place this coming November, and that it is a free, fair, and democratic election in which all citizens have the chance to participate," read the group's statement.

Americans have faced major challenges during elections in the past. Voting has taken place during wartime and in the aftermath of hurricanes. This year a tornado struck parts of Tennessee on the morning of its primary. Polls were

allowed to stay open longer than normal. Sept. 11, 2001, the day of the World Trade Center and Pentagon attacks, was also Primary Day in New York. Voting was postponed two weeks.

Candidates also have made major changes to their campaigns in response to unfolding events that affect the masses.

Former President Barack Obama and former Sen. John McCain suspended their campaigns and returned to Washington for bailout talks during the 2008 financial crisis. Last year, former Rep. Beto O'Rourke of Texas briefly suspended his campaign to return to El Paso after a deadly shooting at Walmart there.

In 1918, midterm elections were playing out during a flu pandemic — and World War I, adding extra heft to decisions that voters would make at the polls. Some incumbents were criticized for leaving Washington to campaign when important decisions were being made, so they communicated with voters remotely, by writing letters and issuing news re-

leases.

Watkins said she is struck by similarities between the 1918 outbreak and the current one. The shutdowns of businesses and gatherings. And the way some government officials have warned people not to underestimate the power of the virus. In 1918, they produced ads that featured Uncle Sam, saying, "Coughs and sneezes spread diseases, as dangerous as poison gas shells."

In her research, Watkins pored over old newspaper stories to study how various communities dealt with the pandemic during 1918 midterms in Nebraska, where she worked at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, which received some of the first coronavirus cases from a cruise ship and also treated Ebola patients after a West African outbreak.

In Wayne, Nebraska, a small community with an opera house and a teachers college back then, local newspapers were filled with obituaries. A sick ward was set up at the school to handle 63 flu patients and

students and kitchen staff pitched in to help. Unfounded cures involving repeated deep breathing circulated. Doctors and nurses reported being overworked.

In early November 1918, a statewide ban on public gatherings was lifted and politicians were allowed to campaign for five days before polls were opened. Men — women did not yet have the right to vote until 1920 — filed in to cast ballots for a Senate seat, which the incumbent Republican senator was able to hold on to.

Afterward, infections and deaths climbed, said Watkins.

"The disease appeared to be reaching a significant amount of the population, greater than ever before; and the timing coincides with the lifting of the quarantine," Watkins wrote in her dissertation, noting that "the political machine disregarded the health and safety of its citizens."

That year, turnout across the nation was low for the midterms, said Julian E. Zelizer, a presidential historian at Princeton University.

That result — low turnout, voters getting fatally ill — is the worst outcome for any election. To avoid such an outcome this year, many political scientists and researchers are calling for more early and absentee voting as well as the loosening of restrictions on showing identification in person.

"Our main concern needs to be doing everything possible to increase voting participation and eliminating barriers, especially given the health situation," said Zelizer.

But when he thinks about 1918, the fact that elections were held, he said, should offer optimism for the future.

"There have been moments like this but overall it's not as if the system is suspended," he said. "We have a pretty strong commitment to moving through."



INDRANIL MUKHERJEE/GETTY-AFP

People gather Monday at a Mumbai pharmacy to buy supplies following the Indian prime minister's announcement of a nationwide 21-day lockdown to combat the coronavirus.

India to undergo 21-day lockdown to curb virus

By Emily Schmall
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NEW DELHI — India will begin the world's largest lockdown Wednesday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced in a TV address, warning citizens to stay inside or risk inviting the pandemic into their homes, and pledging \$2 billion to bolster the country's beleaguered health care system.

"To save India and every Indian, there will be a total ban on venturing out," Modi said Tuesday night, acknowledging that the 21-day lockdown would be a major blow to the economy, but insisting that the alternative could set the country back 21 years.

The move puts nearly one-fifth of the world's population under lockdown.

The announcement set off panic in many neighborhoods as people rushed to markets to stock up on supplies. At many places, police tried to disperse crowds outside stores.

Indian health officials

have reported 469 active cases of COVID-19, the disease caused by the virus, and 10 deaths.

Officials have repeatedly insisted there is no evidence yet of localized spread but have conducted relatively scant testing for the disease. In a country where tens of millions live in dense urban areas with irregular access to clean water, experts have said local spreading is inevitable.

For weeks, while the coronavirus wracked neighboring China and other parts of Asia, India's official infection toll stood at just three, all students in the Chinese epicenter, Wuhan, who were treated in their home state of Kerala and recovered from the disease.

But since the World Health Organization declared the coronavirus a global pandemic, triggering India's government to invoke a British Raj-era epidemic act giving it sweeping powers to contain the disease, the cases have been growing rapidly and, according to Modi, have the

potential to "spread like wildfire."

In recent days, India had gradually expanded stay-at-home orders, banned international and domestic flights and suspended passenger service on its extensive rail system until March 31.

Modi called Tuesday's order a "total lockdown" and did not address whether any service providers would be exempt, but said that "all steps have been taken by central and state government to ensure supply of essential items."

The ministry of home affairs said essential services including grocery stores, banks, ATMs and gas stations will remain open. It said no more than 20 people will be permitted to attend funerals.

It was not clear what the lockdown would mean for about 300 million Indians who according to official data live below the poverty line.

Indian Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said a comprehensive relief package would be announced soon.



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Lab technicians analyze potential coronavirus samples in a retrofitted facility Monday in Herat, Afghanistan. Previously, samples had to be taken to Kabul for analysis.

US shames Afghan leaders' obstinance amid pandemic

By Kathy Gannon
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Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Washington's unprecedented threat to cut \$1 billion in Afghanistan funding — a response to the refusal of rivals in Kabul to work together to advance peace — comes at a time when the impoverished nation risks being overwhelmed by the coronavirus pandemic.

On Tuesday both President Ashraf Ghani and his rival, former Chief Executive Abdullah Abdullah, blamed one another for failing to resolve the feuding, which prompted U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo to threaten the massive funding cut.

Pompeo called out the two leaders as he ended a rushed visit to Afghanistan on Monday, defying a near-global travel ban because of the virus. He left Kabul without being able to secure a power-sharing deal.

Ghani told the nation in a televised address that Abdullah's power-sharing demands were unconstitu-

tional. For his part, Abdullah said Pompeo's visit was a missed opportunity.

Pompeo said the Trump administration would slash \$1 billion in assistance to Afghanistan and reduce all cooperation unless Ghani and Abdullah agree on forming a new government. Speaking to reporters aboard his plane on the flight home, Pompeo said he was hopeful the two rivals "will get their act together and we won't have to" cut the assistance. "But we're prepared to do that," he said.

Earlier, he said Ghani and Abdullah's "leadership failure poses a direct threat to U.S. national interests." Apart from reducing assistance by \$1 billion this year, another \$1 billion will be cut in 2021 if the bickering continued, Pompeo said.

Ghani seemed unphased, though his government covers barely 25% of its budget, according to John Sopko, the U.S. Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction. More than 75% of all expenses is covered by the international community.

Sopko's regular reports have also criticized the Afghan government for widespread corruption, and Transparency International has ranked Afghanistan among the most corrupt at 173 out of 180 countries. The United States alone pays \$4 billion annually toward Afghanistan's security forces.

"I can assure you that the reduction of the U.S. assistance would not have a direct impact on the system," Ghani said in his speech.

Ghani and Abdullah, his main rival in last September's disputed presidential polls, have been waging a bitter power struggle that has seen both men declare themselves president in competing inauguration ceremonies earlier this month.

From Kabul, Pompeo flew to the Persian Gulf to meet with a leader of the Taliban, the Afghan insurgent group that last month signed a peace deal with the U.S. as a first step toward withdrawing American troops from Afghanistan by mid-2021.

CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Virus means rough return for soldiers

Troops are denied water, bathrooms under quarantine

BY LOLITA C. BALDOR
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WASHINGTON — It wasn't the welcome home that U.S. soldiers expected when they returned from war zones in the Middle East this month.

When their planes landed at Fort Bliss, Texas, they were herded into buses, denied water and the use of bathrooms, then quarantined in packed barracks, with little food or access to the outdoors.

"This is no way to treat Soldiers returning from war," one soldier told The Associated Press in an email.

The soldiers posted notes on social media about the poor conditions. Their complaints got quick attention from senior Army and Pentagon leaders. Soon changes were underway at Fort Bliss and at Fort Bragg in North Carolina, where the first soldiers placed under quarantine also complained of poor, cramped conditions.

Quarantining troops on military bases is becoming a greater challenge for military officials. While continuing missions and training, they also have to try to prevent the spread of the highly contagious coronavirus by enforcing two-week quarantines of soldiers who have spent months overseas.

In one of Bragg's remote training areas, large white tents have popped up over the past few days to house hundreds of 82nd Airborne Division troops returning to the base from Afghanistan and Middle East deployments. The tent city, being called Forward Operating Base Patriot (FOB Patriot), materialized almost overnight, after commanders realized the limits of the barracks when troops began arriving March 14.

Army Secretary Ryan McCarthy said senior leaders were looking into soldiers' complaints and seek-



U.S. ARMY SGT. 1ST CLASS ZACH VANDYKE VIA AP

In a photo provided by the U.S. Army, a tent being used to house soldiers under quarantine at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

"We can't walk down the hall, go outside, or exercise. We finally received drinking water at 0900 this morning. The Army was not prepared, nor equipped to deal with this quarantine instruction and it has been implemented very poorly."

— U.S. soldier at Fort Bliss, Texas, in an email to The Associated Press

ing answers from Fort Bliss. Pentagon chief spokesman Jonathan Hoffman told reporters that Defense Secretary Mark Esper had heard about the problems and "his response is, we can do better and we need to do better."

Hoffman said the commander at Fort Bliss has met with all of the quarantined soldiers and "talked through some of their concerns. The spokesman added, "We are going to do better. This is something unusual for all these bases to be handling, and they are doing the best they can."

In the early days of the quarantine, soldiers at Fort Bliss posted photos on social media showing foam food trays dotted with small piles of peas and rice. On Thursday, in an email statement, Fort Bliss described changes that have been made.

"The dining facility we initially used could not keep pace with demand," said the statement. "The portions were inadequate, and led to our number one complaint. Fort Bliss leaders saw photos and immediately took action."

One soldier, in an email to

the AP, said when soldiers got off the plane from Afghanistan, they were loaded onto buses and did not get water or permission to use the bathroom for hours.

"We can't walk down the hall, go outside, or exercise. We finally received drinking water at 0900 this morning," said the soldier, describing Day Two. "The Army was not prepared, nor equipped to deal with this quarantine instruction and it has been implemented very poorly."

The AP is not identifying soldiers who described the conditions, in order to pro-

tect their identity so they could speak freely and not worry about potential reprisals.

Fort Bliss said that the food service plan has already increased to give troops three hot meals a day and that soldiers are now getting donated snacks and are allowed to order food and have it delivered to a central location. The troops are also allowed to go outside more and will get more access to gym equipment.

Another soldier at Bliss, who had been deployed to Kuwait, said in a message that the food has gotten better and troops are now allowed to go outside more. But as they began Day Six, packages have been held up and there has been no access to laundry facilities.

At Fort Bragg, some of the first soldiers to return were sent to rooms in barracks that had been quickly emptied. Soldiers previously living in those rooms

were moved to make room. According to officials, soldiers are being separated into groups that returned from overseas together for the two-week quarantine. But realizing the need for more space, the 82nd Airborne decided on Saturday to build a new facility, and on Monday morning the first tent stakes were being pounded into the ground.

Because the area has been used for training in the past, workers were able to quickly bring in and hook up shower and toilet trailers and set up food tents and other facilities. By Thursday, several hundred troops had already moved in.

The 82nd Airborne's 3rd Brigade has been deployed to Afghanistan, and is steadily returning home. Members of the 1st Brigade had gone to Kuwait and Iraq to help bolster security due to threats from Iranian-backed militias. Some members of that group have also come home.

According to Army Lt. Col. Mike Burns, a spokesman for the 82nd Airborne, FOB Patriot will be able to hold as many as 600 soldiers, but numbers have been changing as adjustments are made. He said Maj. Gen. James Mings wanted to ensure that the returning troops knew "we were proud of what they accomplished and were doing everything we can to take care of them and stop the spread of the virus."

Of the 1,700 82nd Airborne troops that have returned so far to Bragg, a bit less than half are housed in barracks and at FOB Patriot, and the rest are in quarantine in their homes. As of Friday about 200 were at FOB Patriot.

Anyone who exhibits symptoms of the virus will go into isolation and medical treatment. For most people, the new coronavirus causes only mild or moderate symptoms, such as fever and cough. For some, especially older adults and people with existing health problems, it can cause more severe illness, including pneumonia.

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Fox News town hall. He said he'd like to have the country "opened up and just raring to go" by Easter, April 12. Medical professionals say social distancing needs to be stepped up, not relaxed, to slow the spread of infections.

Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and congressional leaders engaged in final negotiations after a tumultuous but productive day on Monday. While the two sides have resolved many issues in the sweeping package, some sticking points remained. A Senate vote appeared likely on Wednesday, with a House vote to follow.

"We're trying to finalize all the documents, going through a lot of complicated issues, and we're making a lot of progress," Mnuchin said.

Ravaged in recent days, stocks rocketed as negotiators signaled a resolution was in sight.

At issue is an unprecedented economic rescue package that would give

direct payments to most Americans, expanded unemployment benefits and a \$367 billion program for small businesses to keep making payroll while workers are forced to stay home. One of the last issues to close concerned \$500 billion for guaranteed, subsidized loans to larger industries.

A one-time payment of \$1,200 per person, or \$3,000 for a family of four, would go directly to the public.

A huge cash infusion for hospitals expecting a flood of COVID-19 patients grew during the talks at the insistence of Sen. Chuck Schumer, the Democratic leader, while Republicans pressed for tens of billions of dollars for additional relief to be delivered through the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the lead federal disaster agency.

Democrats said the package would help replace the salary of furloughed workers for four months, rather than the three months first proposed. Furloughed workers would get whatever amount a state usually provides for unemployment, plus a one-time \$600

add-on.

Opening the Senate on Tuesday, McConnell combined optimism about the chances for a deal with frustration at the delays — and a sober view of the crisis at hand.

"The urgency and the gravity of this moment cannot be lost on anyone," he said. On the negotiations, he said: "It's taken a lot of noise and a lot of rhetoric to get us here." Still, "we are very close."

Earlier Tuesday, Trump urged swift action. "Congress must approve the deal, without all of the nonsense, today," he tweeted.

Democrats pointed to gains for hospitals, additional oversight of the huge industry stabilization fund and money for cash-strapped states. A companion appropriations package ballooned as well, growing from a \$46 billion White House proposal to more than \$300 billion, which dwarfs earlier disasters like Hurricane Katrina and superstorm Sandy combined.

To provide transparency, the package is expected to create a new inspector general and oversight board for the corporate dollars, much



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Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, center, leaves the Senate floor Tuesday after speaking about the stimulus package, which is "very close" to approval, he said.

as was done during the TARP bank rescue, officials said.

The sense of optimism extended to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., who told CNBC: "I think there is real optimism that we could get something done in the

next few hours." Only Monday, Pelosi introduced a massive Democratic measure with liberal priorities, drawing scorn from Republicans.

On Tuesday, top defense and military leaders warned that the crisis could even extend into July.

the virus problems could extend for eight to 10 weeks, or longer. Army Gen. Mark Milley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said during a Defense Department town hall meeting that the crisis could even extend into July.

Trump

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ber of infections will overwhelm the health care system and lead to more deaths. While the worst outbreaks are concentrated in certain parts of the country, such as New York, experts warn that the disease is certain to spread.

The U.S. is now more than a week into a 15-day effort to encourage all Americans to drastically scale back their public activities. The guidelines, issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, are voluntary, but many state and local leaders have issued mandatory re-

strictions in line with, or even tighter than, those issued by the CDC.

Trump's comments come after dire warnings by officials in hard-hit areas.

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo said his state's hospital system will soon hit a breaking point — resulting in avoidable deaths — even with the restrictions already in place.

Governors across the nation, however, rejected Trump's new accelerated timeline for reopening the U.S. economy, as they continued to impose more restrictions on travel and public life in an attempt to curb the spread of the coronavirus.

The dismissal of Trump's mid-April time frame for a

national reopening came from Republicans and Democrats, from leaders struggling to manage hot spots of the outbreak and those still bracing for the worst.

In Maryland, Republican Gov. Larry Hogan, head of the National Governors Association, expressed bewilderment at the White House, calling the messaging confusing and running on a schedule made of some "imaginary clock."

More than 53,000 coronavirus cases have been confirmed in the country, including at least 705 deaths, according to a running tally by Johns Hopkins University. More than 370 people have recovered.

During the town hall,

Trump said, "I gave it two weeks," arguing that tens of thousands of Americans die each year from the seasonal flu and in automobile accidents and "we don't turn the country off."

When the 15-day period ends Monday, he said, "We'll assess at that time and we'll give it some more time if we need a little more time, but we need to open this country up."

Trump's Easter target was not immediately embraced by Dr. Deborah Birx, the coordinator for the White House Task Force, who indicated any move would have to be guided by data still being collected. She suggested that public health professionals could recommend a general eas-

ing, while pushing for local restrictions to remain in the hardest-hit areas.

Trump acknowledged that some want the guidance to continue, but claimed without providing evidence that keeping the guidance in place would lead to deaths from suicide and depression.

"I'm sure that we have doctors that would say, 'Let's keep it closed for two years,'" Trump said. "No, we got to get it open."

He added, "This cure is worse than the problem."

Dr. Anthony Fauci, the nation's leading expert on infectious diseases and a member of the White House's coronavirus task force, did not appear at the virtual town hall, but

Trump denied there were any tensions between the two men.

Lawmakers have suggested they'll look to Fauci for guidance on when the restrictions should be lifted.

"I'm going to take my lead from Anthony Fauci," Sen. Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., said on CNN. "That's the person I trust, that's the person Americans trust."

Appearing later at the press briefing, Fauci said, "No one is going to want to tone down anything when you see what is going on in a place like New York City."

Top defense and military leaders warned department personnel that the virus problems could extend for eight to 10 weeks, or even into the summer.

CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Tribes band together during pandemic

Native Americans press for federal funding, resources

BY FELICIA FONSECA
Associated Press

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. — Sharon Bahe has made her home on the Navajo Nation a refuge, placing cedar branches and burning sage to help purify the space and praying for protection for herself and her children home from boarding school and a toddler with severe asthma.

Her community of about 500 in northern Arizona has become a hot spot for the new coronavirus, with several cases confirmed. While other kids play outside, she tells hers they can't "until the virus goes away."

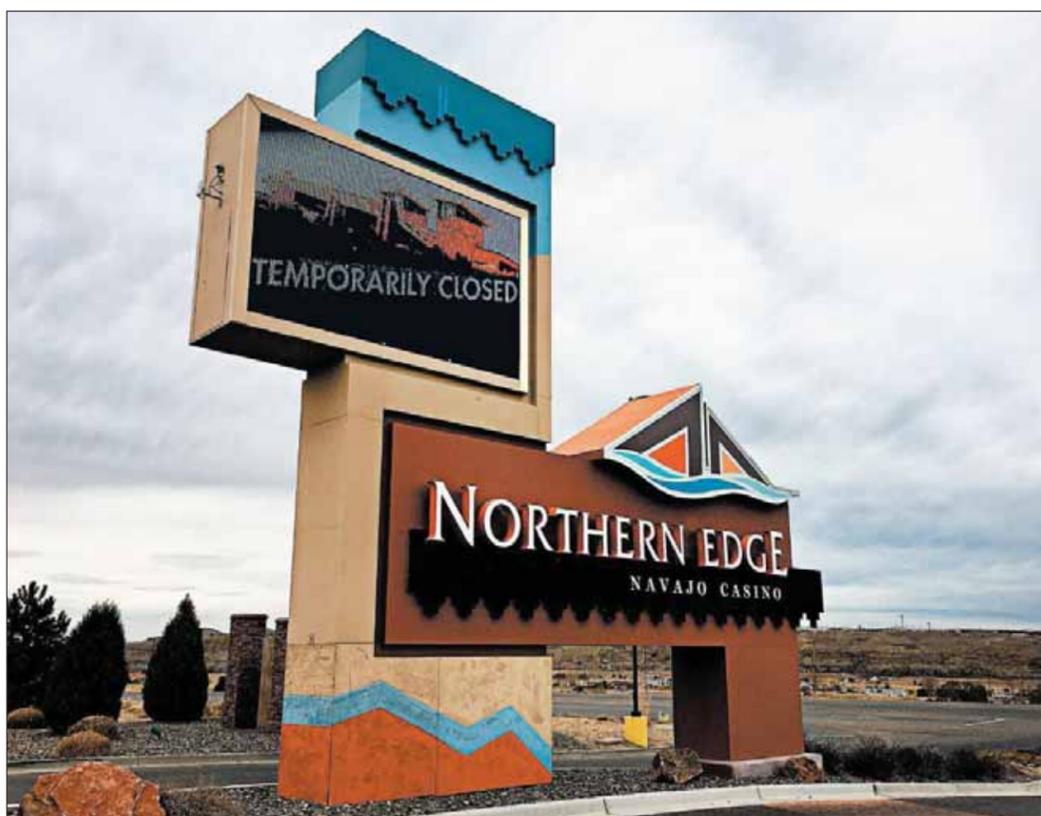
Officials on the Navajo Nation, the largest Native American reservation, on Friday broadened a stay-at-home order to the entire reservation: No visitors in, and residents can't leave their homes except for essential tasks, including to get food and medical supplies.

The order is among the strictest yet in Indian Country, though tribes for weeks have been preparing amid worries that the outbreak could quickly overwhelm a chronically underfunded health care system and affect a population that suffers disproportionately from cancer, diabetes and some respiratory diseases.

They've shut down casinos, hotels and tourist destinations — often their primary revenue sources — and reminded citizens of the resiliency of their ancestors.

"Tribes are really just big families in a lot of ways," said Matthew Fletcher, a law professor at Michigan State University. "The threats to your family are something you're going to take seriously."

Tribal elders, revered for their knowledge and cultural guidance, are the biggest concern, and outreach and



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Northern Edge Casino on the Navajo Nation in New Mexico was one of many casinos closed to help slow the coronavirus.

other efforts are underway on the Navajo Nation, which spans three states in the Southwest. Many families there live miles apart in homes that hold multiple generations but can lack electricity, running water and reliable internet.

A federal funding package in response to the virus included \$40 million for tribes for epidemiology, public health preparedness, infection control, education and other things.

But the money hasn't reached tribes because there's no mechanism for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to get it to the Indian Health Service, the agency responsible for providing primary medical care to Native Americans. Tribes and tribal organizations run some hospitals and clinics under

federal contract.

"Everyone is on high alert right now. They're waiting, they're asking us," said Stacy Bohlen, executive director of the National Indian Health Board who is from the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

In the meantime, tribes are taking action to slow the spread of the virus.

In South Dakota, Oglala Sioux Tribe President Julian Bear Runner prohibited church groups from bringing volunteers to help repair homes on tribal land. The Rosebud Sioux Tribe canceled about 300 spring turkey and prairie dog hunting permits for non-tribal members.

In Montana, the Northern Cheyenne and the Crow tribes enacted a 10 p.m. curfew, partly to ensure law enforcement isn't

bogged down, and restricted movement on and off their land. They also asked residents who attended hugely popular basketball tournaments off the reservation to self-quarantine.

The Bay Mills Indian Community has special hours for the elderly at a grocery store on the densely populated reservation in northern Michigan and a gas station with full service to limit exposure to the pumps, said tribal Chairman Bryan Newland.

The National Indian Gaming Association has asked Congress for at least \$18 billion in federal aid over six months to address shortfalls from closing casinos, which tribes depend on because they don't have a property tax base.

For others, it's tourism,

but those operations, too, are shutting down. They include Monument Valley on the Navajo Nation and the famed blue-green waterfalls of the Havasupai reservation in northern Arizona.

Tribal leaders say all tribes are at risk but some face unique situations.

Of the country's 574 federally recognized tribes, 229 are in Alaska where supplies must be flown in or shipped on barges. Kevin Allis, chief executive of the National Congress of American Indians, said that could expose isolated Alaska Native villages and create a disaster.

The villages have clinics, but residents must travel to regional hubs or farther for serious medical issues.

"This is a very scary situation for them," Allis said.

Some health care clinics and hospitals that serve Native Americans have closed or scaled back services to focus on the coronavirus. Community health representatives on the Navajo Nation have been driving long distances to people's homes to teach them about the virus and what to do if they exhibit symptoms.

They're using a new Navajo phrase that translates to "a step above the big illness," said Mae-Gilene Begay, who oversees the program.

Bills in Congress seek to create parity for tribes, giving them direct access to a federal drug repository and gear if they exhaust their supplies, and the ability to apply directly to the CDC for a health emergency preparedness program. A federal funding package signed Wednesday gives \$64 million to IHS.

But Democratic U.S. Sen. Tom Udall of New Mexico said that "can't be the end of the work."

Bahe was busy Friday getting supplies to stay home for the long term. Her children kept themselves occupied on electronic devices while she stressed frequent hand-washing and general cleanliness. She said she already had enough oxygen and medication for her toddler.

"I was telling my kids we have to keep doing what we're doing because we're not sick yet," she said.

Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez wore a mask and gloves recently while addressing tribal lawmakers. He said the tribe was preparing food packages for elders and will take over all billboards on the 27,000-square-mile reservation to enforce CDC guidelines. It's also considering roadblocks.

"I love you, Navajo Nation, but please listen to authorities, leadership when they say, 'Stay home,'" he said. "That's the best way to fight this virus."

Virus rekindles 2010 oil spill memories along Gulf Coast

BY JAY REEVES
Associated Press

The spring of the coronavirus feels a lot like the summer of oil to residents along the Gulf Coast.

Bars and restaurants are empty in Florida because of an invisible threat nearly a decade after the BP oil spill ravaged the region from the ocean floor up, and condominium reservations have taken a nosedive in Alabama. There's no crude on the sand, just fear and uncertainty over COVID-19, the disease caused by the new threat. Some beaches are closed to limit crowds.

No one is playing in Mississippi's casinos, which are closed to slow the viral spread, and other businesses are seeing a slowdown. The party has all but stopped in New Orleans, where Bourbon Street is eerily quiet, its bars and nightclubs shuttered for who knows how long.

"The parallels with 2010 are ... I don't even know if I have the words," said Tony Kennon, mayor of the tourist-dependent town of Orange Beach, Alabama.

Visitors fled the coast and the seafood industry all but

closed temporarily after a BP well blew out and began spewing oil in April 2010, killing 11 rig workers. The sight of oily pelicans, tar-covered beaches and the stench of petroleum in the water gave the coast an apocalyptic feel.

Days of uncertainty turned into months of worry and red ink for businesses and residents.

It was only late last year that Bobby Williams, who runs a charter fishing boat in Gulfport, Mississippi, received his final payment from a BP oil spill claim. He was hoping for a good 2020 until the coronavirus upended everything.

"You know, we went through Katrina, we went through BP. Now this. We don't know what it's going to do," said Williams. "Our business has gone to zero."

In the French Quarter, New Orleans streets that were full of people for Mardi Gras late last month are mostly empty. Some hotels are closed and tourist favorites like Preservation Hall are closed, their employees sent home for the duration. Cafe du Monde is still open around the clock, but only for takeout orders.

Just like a decade ago, Bill Brett is concerned about paying hundreds of employees after reservations for the spring plummeted starting last week at his real estate company Brett/Robinson, which manages 3,500 coastal condominiums in Alabama.

"The oil spill was just the Gulf Coast, right? This is the whole country. It will be a long time before this shakes out," Brett said.

Adrian Holland, who owns a formal wear and bridal shop in Mississippi, said she experienced a downturn in business during the oil spill because of canceled coastal weddings, and she's already seeing less business after high schools called off their spring proms because of the coronavirus.

Still, Holland is hoping for the best.

"Of course, we're seeing impact revenue-wise," said Holland, who operates House of Tux in Gulfport. "But I'm optimistic that it's going to not be too bad because I am seeing postponements rather than cancellations."

Some places have faced another problem: Larger-than-normal spring break



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A pelican covered in oil tries to raise its wings at East Grand Terre Island along the Louisiana coast.

crowds on beaches despite guidelines to limit gatherings due to the virus. As many as 1,000 young people gathered on a small beach in recent days in Orange Beach, dancing, hoisting drinks and slamming into each other in videos posted to social media.

Shut downs of bars and nightclubs in Florida helped drive large numbers

of young people to Alabama, where only some places closed. Gulf Shores Mayor Robert Craft closed all the city's public beaches until April 6 to ward off the throngs; the state followed through by shutting down all beaches, public and private.

Many of Gulf Shores' roughly 12,500 residents are older and more susceptible

to illness, Craft said, and they are worried about encountering students who've not been practicing social distancing in stores and gas stations. Also, he said, city workers shouldn't have to deal with the parties and risk infection.

"This will be a threat to our livelihood, but it's also a threat to lives," Craft said.



GETTY

An employee works Tuesday on the assembly line at a plant that has resumed production in Wuhan, China.

China eases lockdown in show of confidence

BY VIVIAN WANG
AND SUI-LEE WEE
The New York Times

HONG KONG — The Chinese province of Hubei, where the coronavirus pandemic began, will on Wednesday begin allowing most of its 60 million residents to leave, ending nearly two months of lockdown and sending a strong signal of the government's confidence that its tough measures have worked to control the outbreak.

Wuhan, the provincial

capital and the city hardest hit by the virus, will remain sealed off until April 8, though public transportation there will start running again, the government said.

The easing of the lockdown is the latest sign that China appears to have tamed the epidemic by placing sweeping restrictions on hundreds of millions of people, while governments elsewhere flounder. Across Europe and the United States, cases continue to surge, medical supplies are running low and many hos-

pitals are overwhelmed. Government officials worldwide are ordering their citizens to stay at home, as China did to Hubei at the start of the outbreak.

The ruling Communist Party drew heavy criticism at first for its approach, which many saw as heavy-handed, even draconian. But in recent weeks, the party has aggressively promoted its strategy as a model for other countries.

The loosening also reflects the urgency with which the party wants to

restart the economy, which recorded double-digit drops in certain sectors in the first quarter this year. Consistent economic growth is the backbone of the party's hold on power.

"We need to worry about a second wave of the outbreak once restrictions are limited," Malik Peiris, chief of virology at the University of Hong Kong, said. "It is important to be aware of it and monitor it — and be prepared to reimpose these measures if they become necessary in the future."

NEWS BRIEFING

Staff and news services

Census mails out more notices; judge tosses lawsuit in '20 count

ORLANDO, Fla. — The U.S. Census Bureau has mailed out a second round of notices reminding people to participate in the 2020 census, officials said Tuesday.

The bureau also said it has more than 37,000 temporary workers and hopes to hire as many as 500,000 temporary workers to help with its once-a-decade head count.

Bureau officials said last week they may hire even more to make up for lost

time due to the spread of the novel coronavirus. The Census Bureau pushed back the deadline for finishing the count by two weeks to mid-August.

Meanwhile, a federal judge in New York has tossed out a lawsuit from the Center for Popular Democracy Action, an advocacy group, and the city of Newburgh, New York, that argued the Census Bureau wasn't devoting enough resources to the 2020 count.

Likud members urge speaker to defy Israeli high court order

JERUSALEM — Israel appeared on the verge of a constitutional crisis Tuesday as top members of Benjamin Netanyahu's Likud urged their party colleague and parliament speaker to defy a Supreme Court order to let lawmakers hold a vote for his successor.

After suspending parliamentary activities last week, Yuli Edelstein on Monday dismissed the court's call to explain his

delay in convening the Israeli Knesset, or parliament.

It sparked an unprecedented judicial rebuttal, with Supreme Court Chief Justice Esther Hayut ordering him to hold a vote by Wednesday and ruling that "the continued refusal to allow the vote in the Knesset plenum on the election of a permanent speaker is undermining the foundations of the democratic process."

Egypt, Syria announce night curfews to help slow outbreak

CAIRO — The Middle East's most populous country, Egypt, as well as Syria, a country ravaged by nine years of war, will impose nightly curfews starting this week in an effort to stop the spread of the new coronavirus, their governments announced Tuesday.

Egyptian Prime Minister Moustafa Madbouly told a news conference that the 11-hour nationwide curfew from 7 p.m.

until 6 a.m. would go into effect Wednesday, during which transportation will also come to a halt.

In Syria, where the health care system has been decimated by nearly a decade of civil war, the government said a 12-hour curfew beginning at 6 p.m. will go into effect Wednesday. State news agency SANA did not say how long the curfew would continue, but it appeared to be open-ended.



MANU FERNANDEZ/AP

A nurse peers out a window Tuesday inside a care facility where bodies were found over the weekend in Madrid. The sign in Spanish reads: "Everything is going to be all right."

Spanish troops find bodies of virus victims in nursing homes

MADRID — Spanish army troops disinfecting nursing homes have found, to their horror, some residents living in squalor among the infectious bodies of people suspected of dying from the new coronavirus, authorities said Tuesday.

Defense Minister Margarita Robles said the elderly residents were "completely left to fend for themselves, or even dead, in their beds."

She said the discovery over the weekend included several nursing homes but did not name them or say how many bodies were found.

A judicial probe into the horrific discovery was

opened Tuesday as Spain announced nearly 6,600 new coronavirus infections, bringing the overall total to more than 39,600. The number of deaths also leapt to almost 2,700, second only to Italy and China.

As bodies piled up, Madrid took over a public skating rink as a makeshift morgue after the city facility overflowed. To date, 1,535 people have died in the hard-hit Spanish capital, more than half of the national total.

"This is a tough week," Dr. Fernando Simon, head of Spain's health emergency center, told a daily news briefing.

Relatives of elderly people and retirement homes'

workers expressed growing concern about the situation at the centers.

"With everything that is happening with the coronavirus, this was a ticking bomb," said Esther Navarro, whose 97-year-old Alzheimer's-stricken mother lives at the Usera Seniors' Center in Madrid, where soldiers found some of the bodies. "Now we are bracing ourselves for the worst possible outcome," she said.

Spain announced last week that it would take over control of senior care facilities from private companies and set aside \$323 million for adding additional social workers and caretakers.

UK in a state of confusion amid virus clampdown

LONDON — Confusion rippled through Britain on Tuesday, a day after Prime Minister Boris Johnson ordered a three-week halt to all nonessential activity to fight the spread of the new coronavirus.

Streets were empty but some subways were full.

The government has ordered most stores to close, banned gatherings of more than two people who don't live together and told everyone apart from essential workers to leave home only to buy food and medicines or to exercise.

"You must stay at home," Johnson said in a somber address to the nation Monday.

But even as the U.K. recorded its biggest single-day increase in COVID-19 deaths, commuters crowded onto London subway trains Tuesday, amid confusion about who was still allowed to go to work.

In Libya: The national oil company said economic fallout from a protracted blockade of its vital oil facilities has resulted in losses surpassing \$3.5 billion at a time when the war-torn country is struggling to prevent COVID-19.

The National Oil Corp., which dominates Libya's critical oil industry, reported that production had been reduced to 95,837 barrels per day as of Sunday. Powerful tribes loyal to Libya's eastern-based forces seized large export terminals and choked off major pipelines in January, aiming to starve the Tripoli-based government of crucial revenue.

The \$3.5 billion in losses date to Jan. 17, with daily losses at more than \$1.1 million.

Ex-Trump lawyer loses bid for early prison release

NEW YORK — A former personal lawyer for President Donald Trump was denied early release from a three-year prison sentence Tuesday.

U.S. District Judge William Pauley III said it seemed Michael Cohen's request for release to home

confinement after serving 10 months in prison "appears to be just another effort to inject himself into the news cycle."

The judge noted that Cohen raised the danger of getting the coronavirus in prison as the latest reason why he believed he was entitled to a reduced sentence. Cohen pleaded

guilty to numerous charges, including campaign finance fraud and lying to Congress.

He also rejected the request on other grounds, including that the defense lawyers were making a request that only prosecutors were entitled to make.



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EDITORIALS

The coronavirus aid package out of Washington: Trillions and counting

Did you notice how quickly Washington's \$1 trillion coronavirus spending package swelled to \$1.6 trillion, and then \$2 trillion? As we write, Senate negotiators sounded close to a deal to deliver \$1,200 checks to many Americans, increase unemployment benefits, lend to small businesses, bail out airlines. ... Did we miss anything? You bet — and don't forget, taxpayers, you will pay.

The global pandemic is a public health crisis demanding urgent government responses: to lead the fight to save lives by containing COVID-19, and to manage the potentially cataclysmic fallout by taking steps to protect the financial system, the greater economy and temporarily displaced workers. But *manage the fallout* shouldn't mean *abandon self-control*.

Expectations of a deal were strong enough Tuesday to give Wall Street a huge boost. Investors were endorsing action by Senate leaders and the juicy price tag, not anyone's judicious spending decisions. Political self-control seems to have disappeared along with handshakes, rush hours and baseball spring training.

You could see temptation and instinct clash with restraint and common sense in Washington while the rest of the nation responsibly coped, worried and waited for the emergency bill to materialize in Congress.

President Donald Trump sounded like he's already had enough of being the self-described wartime president who will defeat COVID-19. With an eye on Election Day, Trump said he hopes to reopen the country for business in two weeks, well ahead of health experts' prognosis. Senate Republicans had their own case of the hurry-ups: In one version of their package they were willing to provide \$500 billion in aid to distressed businesses with few requirements attached.

Democrats also were eager to view the coronavirus bill as a chalice to be filled to overflowing. A House version offered by Speaker Nancy Pelosi included progressive agenda items wholly unrelated to healing the COVID-19 pandemic, including relaxed



PATRICK SEMANSKY/AP

Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin, left, and Rep. Mark Meadows, R-N.C., step out of a Capitol Hill meeting on the COVID-19 bill Tuesday.

rules on voter registration and expanded collective bargaining rights for unions. USA Today columnist James S. Robbins perused the bill and found \$100 million for juvenile justice programs, a U.S. Postal Service bailout and the suspension of some aspects of immigration law enforcement. And those gifts help temporarily unemployed restaurant workers ... how? By the way, Pelosi's bill would have upped the ante to \$2.5 trillion.

The economic goal of the bill should be to protect vulnerable Americans directly and support healthy small businesses with limited loans so they don't succumb to this

unexpected crisis — and therefore throw even more people out of work.

The scattershot distribution of checks to most adults and children is expensive and inefficient. Expanding unemployment benefits, including to participants in the gig economy, makes better sense.

We don't like the idea of providing bailouts to favored industries and companies that have been living on the edge.

Yes, that includes Chicago-based United Airlines and Boeing. They can seek to raise money from private-sector sources. Government aid to distressed companies distorts competition and allows weaker players to survive and continue their reckless

ways.

Few pieces of legislation are perfect, especially big bills enacted in a hurry. By the time this one reaches Trump's desk, we hope the bucket list items have disappeared and both sides have challenged each other to produce a focused, effective package. For example, as The Washington Post reported, it's good that negotiators added independent oversight components to the corporate stabilization fund. And the sooner the House version vanishes, the better.

Hopes for reason are tempered by the latest price estimate for the Senate version: \$2 trillion and climbing.

Stuck at home? A furry friend would love to join you

During the current period of enforced isolation and social distancing, you may be craving warmth, companionship and plain old physical closeness. You may yearn to snuggle on the couch, feel valued and talk honestly about your practical problems and deep anxieties.

Did you know dogs are attentive listeners?

Animal shelters are among the many industries adapting to coronavirus regulations and stay-at-home orders. If you're considering adopting or fostering a pet, you can do most of the groundwork online. Has the prospect occurred to you? Why not get a pet?

If you think YouTube cat videos are a treat, imagine a live performance all day, every day. Granted, a lot of the spectacle

will involve sleeping. But as TV personality Jane Pauley once noted, "You can't look at a sleeping cat and be tense." An important note: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says, "We do not have evidence that companion animals, including pets, can spread COVID-19."

If you aren't ready for a permanent arrangement, you can take a pet on a temporary basis, known as fostering. That frees shelter space and allows the animal to get used to life in a real home. If you're new to pet ownership, or not quite sure, you can think of this arrangement as a trial run to learn whether it's right for you. At worst, you'll serve as a bridge between the dog or cat and its permanent placement. At best, you'll fall hopelessly in love.

PAWS Chicago founder Paula Fasseas

says that organization has established a virtual adoption process, which allows interested adopters to browse animals online and talk to an adoption counselor without leaving their homes. If you take a pet home and change your mind, you can get a refund on fees, which range from \$25 to \$400.

With all due respect to Garfield, cats are cheaper to adopt.

Other rescue facilities have shifted from regular visiting hours to meet-and-greet appointments.

Not only might this be a perfect time for people to adopt or foster, it may be a time when saviors are especially needed. Brian Krajewski, chairman of the Animal Services Committee for DuPage County, says that in periods of economic trouble,

it's not unusual to see an increase in the number of animals being handed over by owners or simply dumped by the side of the road.

"It happens when people lose their jobs, or they can't afford to keep their pet, or they have to move and can't take their pet with them," he says. Owners who are quarantined or hospitalized by COVID-19 may be unable to care for their pets or to find someone else to do it. His agency and its rescue shelter partners can use help in accommodating these animals.

If you decide to take on this humane task, you'll have the satisfaction of knowing you made a worthwhile contribution during a time of national crisis. And, from the animal you take in, you'll get an endless supply of gratitude.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

When the Bubonic plague devastated Europe, as the historian William McNeill noted, the cosmopolitan centers of Renaissance Italy fared far worse than the reaches of Poland or other parts of Central Europe. Those grandees who could, like some contemporary wealthy New Yorkers, fled to their country homes, where the chance of infection was slighter.

Even before COVID-19 hit, large urban centers like New York, Los Angeles and Chicago were losing population; more than 90% of all population growth since 2010 has taken place in the suburbs or exurbs.

Millennials, as a new study from Heartland Forward demonstrates, based on an analysis of census numbers, increasingly head to cities and towns in the middle of the country and away from the supposed "magnets" of New York, Los Angeles and Chicago.

The current pestilence is likely to accelerate those shifts, which bear major ramifications for how Americans get to work. Transit ridership was doing poorly before the crisis, declining throughout the country, while telecommuting and driving alone continue to grow. With the specter of contagion, city dwellers are told to avoid crowded subways, removing a critical element that makes ultradense cities work. ...

Just as progressives and environmentalists hoped the era of automotive dominance and suburban sprawl was coming to end, a globalized world that spreads pandemics quickly will push workers back into their cars and out to the hinterlands.

Joel Kotkin, *The Washington Post*

SCOTT STANTIS



Chicago Tribune PERSPECTIVE

Laughter is no vaccine, but in tough times it can be the best medicine

"Who else is self quarantining alone? I'm this close to naming a volleyball!" — @rmayemsinger

"This quarantine is affecting everyone in the workforce, but it especially sucks for men. We're losing a dollar for every 79 cents women are losing." — @RyanKirk



ERIC ZORN

The COVID-19 pandemic and the brutal economic effects of widespread directives to stay at home if you possibly can are no laughing matter, except that, of course, they must be. Dark humor has always helped us through dark times.

"Your grandparents were called to war. You're being called to sit on your couch. You can do this." — @SaraJefry
"I have all of my neighbors listed in the order I will eat them." — @krisv_723

Too soon? Not for the wits on social media, whose often wry coronavirus-related output has been prodigious lately, an understandable and, to many of us, welcome response to a crisis that has no end in sight. Here, lightly edited in places, are more of my recent favorites from Twitter, starting with the early quips about hand-washing and face-touching, back when that seemed like our biggest worry.

"Dance like nobody's watching. Wash your hands like everyone is." — @OhNoSheTwitnt

"Can't wait for this coronavirus thing to blow over so I can stop washing my hands again." — @DanMentos

"My habit of shooting finger guns as a greeting doesn't seem so dorky now, does it?" — @JohnLyonTweets

"Shaking hands is just nature's way of spreading germs

and killing off the friendly people."

— @CulturedRuffian

"For me to stop touching my face, I'm gonna need one of those dog cones."

— various sources

"If you truly believe God loved you, you would touch your face." — @wildethingy

Then came the one-liners about the international frenzy to hoard toilet paper:

"Breaking news: Charmin bears pass Jeff Bezos as wealthiest beings on Earth." — @Home_Halfway

"If you're having a problem locating toilet paper, here's a life hack. When you return a book to the library, they almost never count the pages." — @Piecezilla

"At the grocery store yesterday I saw at least 20 people buy massive amounts of toilet paper, pay with debit cards, use the PIN pads and then touch their faces. All I'm saying is at least the dinosaurs had an excuse." — @portmanteauface

"If you're upset about regular folk hoarding toilet paper, wait till you hear about how a tiny percentage of rich people have hoarded most of the world's wealth." — @JasonReidUK

Yes, some of the jokes have had a political edge.

"A capitalist is just a socialist who hasn't been through a pandemic yet." — @aceplym

"Shout out to every person who responded to desperate calls for basic humanity after each new atrocity from (President Donald) Trump with a smug reference to their 401(k). Today is your day, heroes." — @JuliusGoat

"Maybe Trump could just pay David Pecker to put a

story in the National Enquirer about how he conquered the coronavirus." — @AmishPornStar1

But most have been nonpartisan efforts at simply lightening the otherwise heavy mood.

"I've found the best way to enforce social distancing is to ask people if they want to see a magic trick."

— @BuckyIsotope

"Well, at least fear of missing out isn't a thing anymore."

— @coremillionaire

"We all owe 2019 an apology for what we said about it."

— @mommajessiec

"And I was just about to start going to the gym this week." — @mom_ontherocks

"I just want to let you know that if you start choking I will not do the Heimlich maneuver, but I will throw shoes at your back from six feet away." — @elle91

"In an unsettling reversal of my teenage years, I am now yelling at my parents for going out." — @BrigidWD

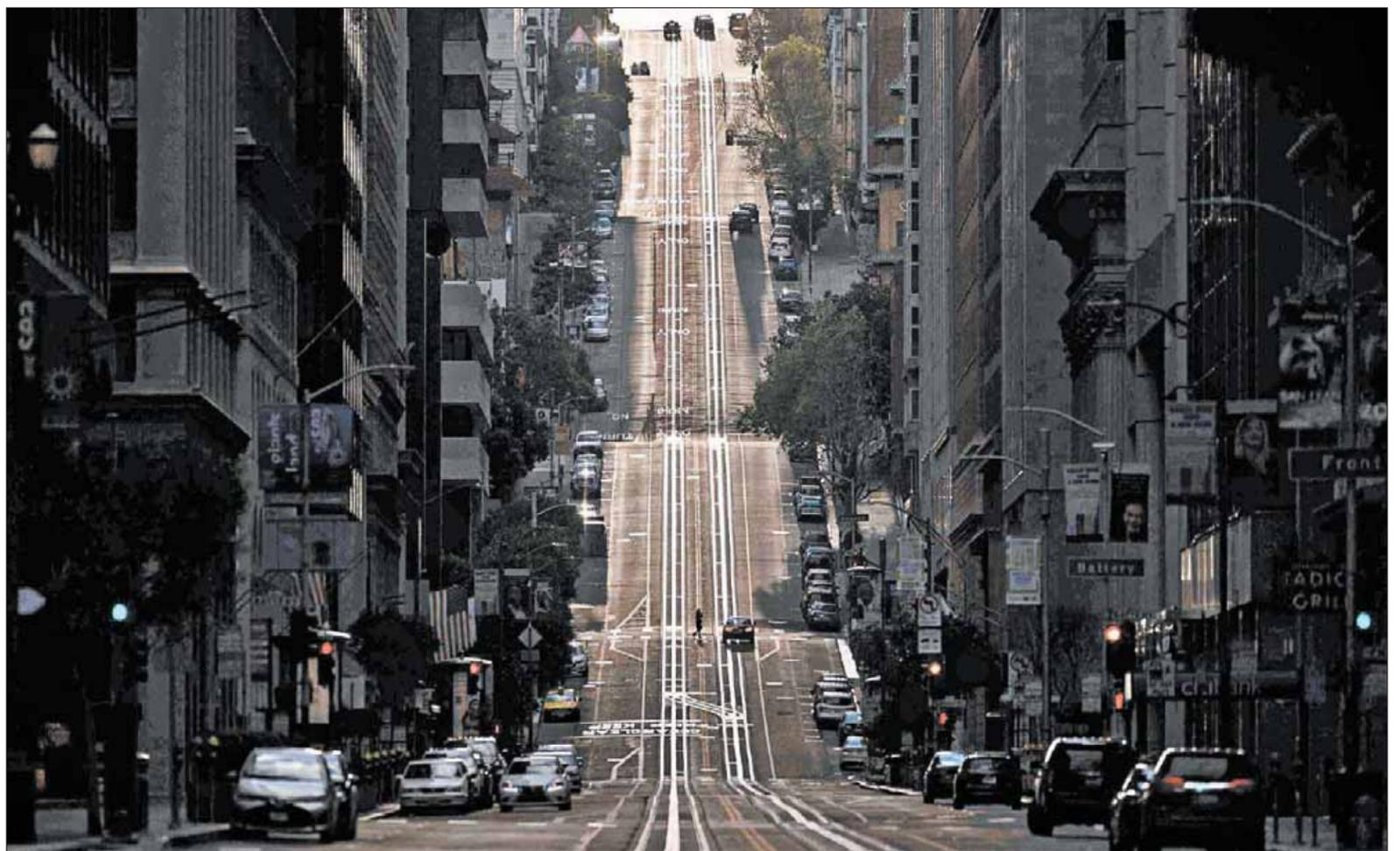
"I know this time of self-isolation is hard and scary for people. But however bad you are feeling, please, please don't consider starting your own podcast."

— @nicolacoughlan

Yes, this is a serious matter and these are serious times. But laughing at fate, at ourselves and, gently, at each other every so often is one way to keep sane until and unless that day comes when we start eating our neighbors.

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San Francisco's California Street, which is usually filled with cable cars and other traffic, is mostly empty last week.

A region-specific strategy could slow coronavirus, protect economy

BY CORY FRANKLIN AND ROBERT A. WEINSTEIN

Sometime within the next few weeks, the federal government will have to make arguably the most far-reaching policy decision since World War II. The strategy of social isolation to mitigate transmission of the novel coronavirus has been in place for less than a month, and President Donald Trump is now suggesting most restrictions should be lifted by Easter, April 12, although no official decision has been made.

Based on data gathered in the next few weeks, scientists and policymakers will have three options:

■ Continue current social isolation measures if they seem to be working.

■ "Double-down" and intensify this approach.

■ Begin gradual relaxation of self-quarantining.

Nothing less than the health of the American public and the well-being of the American economy ride on this difficult decision.

So far, the results of social isolation have been less promising than hoped. In early March, the United States had about 1,000 cases (three per 1 million in population) of COVID-19, the disease caused by the coronavirus. That number now is now around 54,000. In early March, the U.S. had fewer than 25 COVID-19 deaths. Today, that number is nearly 800.

Depending on the extent of unrecognized community spread of COVID-19, it could be plausibly argued that social isolation needs more time to show results; with-

out it, things might be much worse.

Unfortunately, an unintended, although perhaps expected, consequence of social isolation has been virtual paralysis of the American economy. A month before measures were instituted, the Dow Jones Industrial Average flirted with 30,000. Now it has been hovering around 20,000. Comparisons to the Great Depression are no longer unthinkable.

Consider the quandary our decision-makers face: If social isolation were unarguably effective, or even if not, we could continue, perhaps even ramp up measures, so long as doing so did not result in a vise-grip on the economy. But unless the number of cases levels quickly, an economic recession is likely. If we intensify measures, a depression — something few Americans remember — becomes possible, creating a far more complex public health equation.

To date, epidemiologists have relied on graphs of new COVID-19 cases and deaths. But in a depression, other more difficult-to-count metrics in terms of physical health and mental health come into play. Things become

more complicated. Health care is less affordable, and uncountable deaths may result. Just as important, people feel powerless and experience hopelessness. The resulting number of deaths from suicide, homicide, drug use and alcoholism may rise and must be measured against future COVID-19 deaths.

What to do? Models and graphs, while essential to understanding the future, do not predict the future. Policymakers will require all the information that they can amass in the next month to help them decide. But the debate and planning should start right now.

There is no obvious right answer, and we may only know the right answer in retrospect. Could there be an acceptable middle ground that balances control of the virus and preservation of the economy?

Two key trends are emerging in the COVID-19 pattern in the U.S.

First, while much higher than the common flu, the mortality of COVID-19 is relatively low, currently 1.25% and probably lower if all "walking well" patients could be counted. The U.S. death rate from COVID-19 remains among

the lowest of all Western industrialized countries. Those at risk are the elderly, especially those older than 80, and anyone who is immunocompromised or who has a serious chronic disease. Healthy young people have died of COVID-19, but it is extremely unusual.

The second trend is that this epidemic is actually two epidemics — one in a handful of states and the other in the rest of the country. New York and New Jersey comprise more than half of all American COVID-19 cases; the case rate per million population in these two states is more than 10 times that of the rest of the country. (Add California, Washington, Michigan and Illinois, and you have two-thirds of all American cases.) These high-incidence states may require a different federal approach and more local control than some of the Midwestern and south-central states. What's right for New York City may not be right for Des Moines.

So perhaps a regionally directed policy should be considered. We could pull back mitigation in the least hard-hit areas, and observe the health and economic metrics. To provide an economic stimulus

to areas where tighter measures remain in place, pull-back priority should be given to low-risk areas with critical industries and responsibility for delivering goods to the entire country. Include small businesses in the local pull-back as well. Even low-risk areas must prevent large groups gathering at the same time. So implicit in any approach is that we must implement special policies to protect our high-risk citizens.

This strategy would mean travel restrictions to and from heavily hit areas to avoid importation of cases and carriers. Unpleasant but essential. This regional approach could be re-evaluated at three- to four-week intervals for its effect on disease mitigation and the economy. If this approach worked, other areas could be "opened up" gradually with similar caveats. If the approach is failing, the need to continue stringent social isolation would be unassailable.

Desperate times call for desperate measures. To succeed, our planners will require the fundamentals needed in any disaster: a command of the facts, good judgment, a healthy respect for uncertainty, strict devotion to infection control and public health details and flexibility.

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PERSPECTIVE



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Eric Drake holds a sign for passengers as the coronavirus-stricken Grand Princess cruise ship docks this month in Oakland, California.

Mr. President, don't pit 'the numbers' against our lives



CLARENCE PAGE

When I heard that President Donald Trump was getting antsy to reopen the economy barely more than a week into national restrictions to contain the spread of the new coronavirus, my mind raced back to early March and a cruise ship called the Grand Princess.

Remember that story? While the cruise ship sat off the coast of San Francisco earlier in March after 21 passengers and crew tested positive for the virus, President Trump said he would just as soon leave everybody on the ship. Why? "I like the numbers being where they are," he said in a Fox News interview. "I don't need to have the numbers double because of one ship that wasn't our fault."

Fortunately he also said that he would leave the decision to the experts who wanted to bring the passengers to dry land, even though he disagreed with them. More than two weeks after the passengers left, a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention study still found traces of the virus in the ship's cabins.

Also lingering is the unsettling memory of Trump sounding like he cared more about his approval rating, his own "numbers," than he did about the plight of his fellow Americans as their big boat turned into a giant petri dish of deadly viruses. If Trump thought he was joking, the

stranded passengers were not amused. "He can come on board if he wants," one told a reporter, "and serve us our food and bring me my towel."

Thus I am reminded of my great frustration with Trump's erratic leadership style. I look for positive things to say about it — I really do — especially when the lives and health of my family, my friends and myself are at stake. He makes it hard.

But that's me. As Trump's MAGA ("Make America Great Again") and KAG ("Keep America Great") supporters often say, that's just "Trump being Trump." When his supporters praise how he "tells the truth," they aren't talking about his reporting skills. They're talking about how, compared with politicians who weigh their words like lead bricks, he sounds refreshingly unfiltered. He loves to talk to any available microphone and release his inner Trump as if he has forgotten that the rest of us can hear him.

Such candor often provides content catnip for us media workers. But it became unsettling this week as he began to sound antsy about social distancing and other anti-coronavirus precautions that have brought the economy to a near standstill.

"WE CANNOT LET THE CURE BE WORSE THAN THE PROBLEM ITSELF," Trump tweeted in all caps just before midnight Monday. "AT THE END OF THE 15 DAY PERIOD, WE WILL MAKE A DECISION AS TO WHICH WAY WE WANT TO GO!" (He was referring to the national guidelines issued March 16.)

Well, we know which way the president's impulses are nudging him now: his

"numbers." Until the current crisis, the president has always had the robust economy and "your 401(k)" to boast about. Now suddenly he can rely on neither.

Yet, significantly, as perilous as Trump's overall approval ratings may be, early polls show widespread approval of his handling of the coronavirus crisis. In a Monmouth University poll, 51% of voters say Trump is doing a good job dealing with the outbreak. An Ipsos poll the previous week showed 55% approved.

But how long will that hold up if Trump's eagerness to get people back out into the world of shopping and working outside of home destroys the progress that has been made in "flattening the curve" of the virus's rapid and deadly spread?

I suspect that a lot of the support Americans have shown for Trump in polls is an expression of a reliable old American reflex: We rally around our leaders, regardless of politics, in times of war and other national disasters. Or, at least, we try to.

Unfortunately, our national politics have been more polarized in recent years than at any time since the Vietnam War or, possibly, the Civil War. President Trump, who unabashedly divided voters during his winning 2016 campaign, now needs to show he can put personal considerations aside long enough to at least look and sound like he cares about the rest of us.

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Social distancing is testing us. For those with mental illness, it can be dangerous without help.

BY JELENA KECMANOVIC

The first time I heard the term "social distancing," I froze. As a psychologist who spends a lot of time helping depressed and anxious patients (re)join the world and participate in it more actively, my thoughts immediately went to the mental health effect this approach will have on many vulnerable people.

But there are ways we can mobilize to mitigate the effect on the people with psychological problems even while engaging in social distancing.

Epidemiological studies show that social distancing works to "flatten the curve" of the spread of a virus. That's the good news, and a growing number of states — including Illinois — are issuing stay-at-home orders to slow transmission. But psychological studies show that social isolation can trigger or intensify depression. Avoidance of anxiety-provoking situations exacerbates anxiety and related disorders. And lack of structure and everyday human interactions can significantly set back patients who are battling addictions or psychoses.

Most of the current discourse defines the vulnerable population as immunocompromised and older people — those more likely to be adversely affected by coronavirus. But we must also consider that the people most affected by isolation, quarantine and social distancing are those already suffering from mental health problems.

People who are clinically depressed don't enjoy things they once did, such as hanging out with friends, going to a concert or playing on a recreational sports team. For them it's hard to get going, and sometimes it's a victory just taking a shower and dragging themselves to work.



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One of the major ways depressed people can get better is "behavioral activation" — scheduling activities that get them out into the world, moving their bodies and interacting with other people. That is now restricted.

Those who suffer from an anxiety or a related disorder, such as social anxiety, panic disorder, OCD or PTSD, might find it difficult to go to parties, movies, malls or take public transportation. As they avoid more and more events and opportunities, their worlds gradually shrink. A remedy for anxiety is to learn skills to face their fears and gradually push beyond their comfort zones. Again, opportunities for this approach are now strictly limited.

Finally, people with substance abuse disorders or psychoses often depend on structured work settings and interactions, and support groups such as Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous. These resources are thwarted during a stay-at-home order.

How can we help people with psychological problems? Mental health professionals and organizations should make

sure that they can transition to teletherapy if needed. We should offer extra support to our patients through additional appointments, facilitating appropriate mobilization of their network of family and friends and instituting frequent check-ins.

Work managers should attempt to stay in frequent virtual touch with their employees who are known to suffer from psychological problems. Relatives and friends can use any electronic means, preferably video and not just audio, to get in touch regularly with their psychologically vulnerable dear ones. Video platforms that can be placed on the table or the floor while engaging in various activities of daily living (such as eating dinner, playing with kids, etc.) are particularly beneficial because they more readily mimic real life.

Faith-based and other community organizations can continue to meet virtually, establish a buddy system to check on and stay in regular contact with vulnerable individuals and flag people at risk for self-harm.

And if you are experiencing psychological problems yourself, prioritize staying in contact with people. Participate in Facebook support groups and online communities, and intentionally use social media — while avoiding excessive time reading news about the health crisis. Do not hesitate to express your concerns, negative emotions or dark thoughts. More than anything, please ask for help — it is the bravest thing you can do.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Truckers keep working

Never has the American way of life been more challenged than the events of the last few weeks. Schools, restaurants, houses of worship and stores have been closed except for the most necessary of services. And in the meantime, we all have come to depend on the supply chain that brings food, medicine, fuel and other supplies to us on a timely basis.

To say it has been a challenge is an understatement. But more important, this effort shines a light on the role of the often-overlooked and maligned trucking industry and the millions of people who make sure you get the products and services needed in a time of crisis.

Groceries don't magically appear on the shelves. Truckers and warehouse employees are working long hours to make that happen. With the cooperation of state and federal agencies, emergency regulations have improved the efficiency of those movements. Additional equipment is being used, and in many cases more people are being hired.

There have been shortages — not because of hoarding. There's plenty of most everything to go around, so only buy what you need. The next truck will deliver more.

As you check out at the store, remember how your purchase got there. Truckers will continue to work throughout this crisis, as they always have, to keep America great.

— Don Schaefer, Mid-West Truckers Association, Springfield

Health care system lacking

The coronavirus crisis exposes major flaws in our health care delivery. Simply put, the U.S. is unique among civilized nations: We do not have a health care system. We have a health care industry.

Guidance provided from overwhelmed and underfunded federal agencies helps drive local response, but we truly lack organizing principles that could have already dampened COVID-19's spread and impact.

During the last Democratic presidential debate, Joe Biden said we should provide no-cost care to all during this time of national crisis. Now, more than ever, isn't it clear we should adopt an actual health care system? Why must we care for one another only in times of crisis? As bleak and surreal as these days appear, adoption of a single-payer option or a national health service could be the unintended result of the coronavirus in America. I certainly hope we learn each person's health greatly depends on the health of the community.

— Dr. Michael Martin, Plainfield

Bored indoors? Here are solutions

Listen to the quiet of our current world. The words of childhood memories of my mom echo in my head. If we children dared to use the "b" word in front of her, "b" for "bored," Mom always had an answer for that. Go outside. Go run. Go walk. Go play. Read a book. Clean a room. Write a letter. Make a phone call. Play a game. Bake a treat. Organize a drawer. Daydream. Pray. Help someone with a chore.

All of these suggestions are just as relevant today as they were in the innocent times of my childhood.

— Carol Hausmann, Tinley Park

More restrictions needed

In ordering residents to stay at home, Gov. J.B. Pritzker stated, "I am choosing between saving people's lives and saving people's livelihoods." What a joke. The list of exempted business is so large you could literally drive a Mack truck through it, as Pritzker put his union friends before saving lives by exempting all construction. Law firms are also an essential business. Can't live without a lawyer for 2 1/2 weeks! The list of exempted businesses is so long that the order has no meaningful effect. To stop the virus, we need to get real and shut down everything that is truly not essential.

— Rob Klein, Deerfield

Pritzker's briefings reassuring

Watching Donald Trump try to lead the country in this crisis is beyond painful, so I am grateful that Gov. J.B. Pritzker has been briefing us every day. He is clear and concise and has brought comfort and leadership during this difficult time.

Thank you, Governor.
— Sharon Jones, Naperville

This is no time for fighting

Gov. J.B. Pritzker's job is to do whatever possible to help the people of the state. The state has huge problems, including now the coronavirus. We need help from whatever legitimate sources are available.

So what does Pritzker do? He picks a fight with Donald Trump, the president of the United States, who is in a position and wants to help Illinois and every other state in the union.

— W. Ralph Choutka, Plainfield

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-Maurice Smith, President, HCSC

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Ford will delay reopening shuttered plants



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Workers on the assembly line at the Ford Chicago Assembly Plant where sport utility vehicles are worked on.

Automaker indefinitely suspends plans to start production at the end of March

Associated Press

Ford Motor Co. has indefinitely suspended the planned reopenings of its North American factories, even as the Trump administration pushes for a broad normalization of business activity.

Last week Ford, General Motors and Fiat Chrysler, under pressure from the United Auto Workers union, agreed to stop production until the end of March due to the threat of the coronavirus.

That, Ford said Tuesday, is no longer the plan. The automaker is assessing options and working with U.S. and Canadian union leaders.

In a news release, the automaker said it was “assessing various options and working with union leaders” in the U.S. and Canada “on the optimal timing for resuming vehicle production, keeping the well-being of our workforce top of mind.”

Ford’s Chicago Assembly Plant and its nearby stamping plant together employ about 6,000 workers.

In a separate news release, Ford also said it has suspended vehicle and engine production at its International Market Group sites. The suspensions in India, Vietnam, Thailand and South Africa, Ford said, “will continue for several

weeks depending on the pandemic situation, national restrictions, supplier constraints and dealer stock requirements.”

A message was left seeking comment from Fiat Chrysler.

GM has closed its factories in North America and elsewhere to deal with the virus.

Ford teaming up to build coronavirus gear

Ford also announced it has partnered with 3M and GE Healthcare to create more medical equipment and supplies for health care workers, first responders and patients fighting the coronavirus.

Ford is working with 3M to make powered air-purifying respi-

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Control tower at Midway reopens

Airport had closed area after employees tested positive for coronavirus

BY LAUREN ZUMBACH

Midway Airport’s air traffic control tower, which had been closed for cleaning when three employees tested positive for the new coronavirus last week, has reopened.

The employees tested positive on March 17, according to a Federal Aviation Administration website.

The airport remained open while the tower was shut down for cleaning, but with limited operations. Flights, which can be controlled from an alternate air traffic control facility, initially were being allowed to take off one at a time.

On a normal day, about 220 Southwest Airlines flights would have departed Midway on Tuesday, but only 80 were expected to take off, the airline said. Some cancellations were due to the tower’s closure, while others were because of the decline in travel demand during the coronavirus pandemic.

Southwest said it expects to cancel about 1,000 of its 4,000 daily flights across all U.S. airports through March 27, after which it will cancel 1,500 flights a day through mid-April.

Operations at the nation’s airports have virtually ground to a halt amid a steep decline in air travel. On Monday, the Transportation Security Administration said it screened 331,000 people at airport checkpoints, down 86% from the 24 million screened on the corresponding Monday a year ago.

At O’Hare International Airport, 390 people working for Prospect Airport Services and 57 people working for Scrub were laid off, according to the Service Employees International Union, which represents contracted airport workers like cabin cleaners, wheelchair attendants and baggage handlers.

In a statement, Prospect Airport Services said layoffs have begun in several airports and that it hoped they would be temporary, but did not respond to questions about the number of Chicago-area workers that could be affected. Scrub could not immediately be reached for comment.

Beatriz Coss, 24, a wheelchair assistant and dispatcher at Midway, said her hours were cut significantly after she was sent home early and told not to report for another shift due to flight cancellations. She said she wants to see airport workers included in any federal financial assistance for the airline industry.

“I feel like everyone at the airport should be included in the bailout because we’re all putting our lives at risk with this virus,” she said.

Meanwhile, sales at airport restaurants and shops nationwide have fallen roughly 90%, according to Pat Murray, chairman of the Airport Restaurant and Retail Association.

Restaurants at O’Hare and Midway are exempt from an Illinois order closing bars and restaurants, according to the airport website, but some have closed anyway.

Associated Press contributed.



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Koval distillery co-founder Sonat Birnecker Hart has raised \$35,000 in four days to manufacture hand sanitizer for donations.

Distilleries going all in

Producers of spirits hoping to find a new revenue stream in hand sanitizer

BY JOSH NOEL

When its first bottles of hand sanitizer left Koval distillery Monday afternoon, a pivot unimaginable even a month ago became complete: from high-end spirits producer to global health crisis warrior.

Whiskey-filled oak barrels continue to age in Koval’s 46,000-square-foot Ravenswood facility, but the 12-year-old distillery has transformed itself in a matter of days into, of all things, a hand sanitizer manufacturer.

As the COVID-19 pandemic accelerates, Koval is one of at least five distilleries in the Chicago area, and dozens nationally, to begin hand sanitizer production in a bid not only to be an upright corporate citizen, but perhaps to carve a new revenue stream that keeps a struggling business afloat.

Since announcing its plans to donate production to first responders, nursing

homes and food pantries among other destinations, Koval has raked in nearly \$40,000 in donations to underwrite production.

“We’ve turned our business upside down,” Koval co-founder Sonat Birnecker Hart said. “For us this is a kind of war effort. We’re luckily in a position to have a distillery that can manufacture something really needed for those fighting on the front line.”

The key ingredient is something distilleries make routinely: neutral grain spirit, which is essentially vodka (though in this case, it’s an unusually high-proof vodka). Combined with glycerin and hydrogen peroxide, it becomes hand sanitizer.

Koval is among dozens of alcohol businesses both large and small to embrace hand sanitizer production amid the pandemic. In the Chicago area, distilleries including Maplewood Brewery & Distillery, CH Dis-

tillery (Malort hand sanitizer!) 28 Mile Vodka & Distillery of Highwood and Copper Fiddle Distillery of Lake Zurich also have begun production.

So have several major players. Tito’s Handmade Vodka announced plans to produce 24 tons of sanitizer; Diageo, the maker of Johnnie Walker and Smirnoff, said it would donate more than 500,000 gallons of neutral grain spirit to be used in the production of 8 million bottles of hand sanitizer; and Chicago-based Beam Suntory said it is “currently fast-tracking a project to produce hand sanitizer.”

The nation’s largest beer company, Anheuser-Busch, has said it would make hand sanitizer at its breweries in Baldwinville, New York, and Van Nuys, California, to be distributed by the American Red Cross and

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Producing the inevitable: Malort hand sanitizer

CH Distillery plans to donate cleaning product to hospitals and clinics in glass bottles

BY JOSH NOEL

Malort, as any good Chicagoan knows, already tastes a bit like hand sanitizer.

And now the coronavirus pandemic has willed it into existence.

Yes — Malort hand sanitizer is here.

Amid the many Chicago distilleries making hand sanitizer to fight the spread of COVID-19, CH Distillery announced Tuesday it will donate a Malort brand hand sanitizer to local hospitals and clinics beginning next week in 1-liter glass bottles.

The future collector’s item sadly won’t be available to the public, but if demand stays high, the pandemic persists and there’s surplus product, it may be donated more broadly, even to individuals, CH owner Tremaine Atkinson said.

The distillery began making the sanitizer last week, Atkinson said, and didn’t deliberate long before choosing to brand it with Chicago’s best worst spirit.

“It’s serious in the sense that it’s real hand sanitizer that will help people,” Atkinson



CH DISTILLERY

CH Distillery announced it will donate Malort brand hand sanitizer to hospitals and clinics.

said. “But everyone needs a little bit of a laugh and something to make them smile. We know how people feel about Malort, so we figured why not throw the name on.”

Atkinson said he plans to make at least 250

bottles of Malort hand sanitizers, but hopes to make as many as 500 and maybe even more, depending on the availability of ingredients.

He wanted to bottle it in smaller bottles to distribute to the public, but there was too much legalese to fit on the label. So they’re sticking with the big bottles.

Atkinson launched CH in 2013 and bought the Malort brand in 2018 from a woman who had been manufacturing the spirit under contract in Florida.

Atkinson moved production to his Pilsen distillery in 2019.

With a history believed to reach back to Prohibition, Malort is a legendary Chicago spirit made with the herb wormwood. It’s bitter enough to have popularized the term “Malort face” — the disgusted scowl that can accompany drinking it, especially for first-timers.

“It’s such an iconic Chicago brand,” Atkinson said. “Chicagoans should help Chicagoans.”

Besides, he said, Malort has the perfect reputation to become a hand sanitizer brand: “The lore of Malort is that it already is hand sanitizer to begin with, so why not?”

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Ill. consumers file 700 price gouging complaints

BY ABDEL JIMENEZ

Illinois consumers have filed more than 700 price gouging complaints accusing stores of raising prices on household goods during the rush to stock up because of the new coronavirus.

The city of Chicago received 175 price gouging complaints between March 1 and Monday. The state received 526 complaints during the same period.

Most of the complaints filed with the city involved toilet paper and hand sanitizer, but a few also cited price increases on food and beverage products, said Isaac Reichman, a spokesman for the city's Business Affairs and Consumer Protection Department.

"While a reasonable price escalation due to increased demand or decreased supply may be ac-



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A nearly empty Michigan Avenue bridge during the 5 p.m. evening rush hour March 17 in downtown Chicago.

ceptable, egregious price gouging, particularly for essential items, will not be tolerated and BACP is encouraging consumers to call 311 to report cases. We will investigate all complaints

and take action where necessary, which can lead to fines of up to \$10,000 per offense," Reichman said in an emailed statement. Reichman also said the agency is warning consum-

ers to be aware of false advertising related to COVID-19, such as claims that a product can cure the disease.

State investigators who are working from home because of the coronavirus are conducting phone interviews with consumers who file price gouging complaints with the Illinois attorney general's office, said Tori Joseph, a spokeswoman for that agency.

"We are handling these using our authority under the Illinois Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act. We are contacting businesses directly — some businesses say they have only increased prices in response to suppliers increasing prices. We ask for information on suppliers so that we can follow up with those entities. We have not taken any enforce-

ment actions to date," Joseph said in an emailed statement.

Reichman said price gouging complaints are normally low in the city.

"Last year, the city received two complaints. It's not common," Reichman said.

In Illinois, the price gouging law only applies to petroleum and fuel products. But Gov. J.B. Pritzker issued an executive order March 16 that extends the state's authority to police price hikes on household products and medical supplies.

Attorney General Kwame Raoul's office announced last week it will look into complaints regarding the price of essential medical supplies, including protective gear, and other products like toilet paper and food.

State investigators also are monitoring products on websites like Amazon, eBay and Facebook, and the department is contacting companies regarding ads or offers that may be misleading.

On Monday, Amazon announced it pulled more than a half-million offers on its website and suspended more than 3,900 selling accounts in the U.S. for violating the online retailer's fair pricing policies.

Amazon said it would monitor its stores around the clock and remove seller accounts found to be price gouging during the COVID-19 pandemic. The company is also working with federal, state and local law enforcement agencies as they investigate cases.

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Sanitizer

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other organizations. Also, Joe Gregor, a chemical engineer by trade and the founder of Church Street Brewing in Itasca, made a batch of hand sanitizer that the brewery has donated to west suburban first responders and given to customers as incentive to buy its beer.

Birnecker Hart said Koval began exploring hand sanitizer production even before the Food and Drug Administration and Alcohol Tobacco and Tax Trade Bureau relaxed rules last week to allow production. Koval's European business ground to a halt weeks ago, which got Birnecker Hart and her husband, Robert, who is Koval's co-founder and master distiller, thinking about the implications of a major health crisis in the United States.

"We were hoping and anticipating it would become legal and the minute it did, we began shifting," Birnecker Hart said.

Several tons of grain bought with the intention of making whiskey are being repurposed for hand sanitizer while an online fundraiser has raised nearly \$25,000 in five days. Chicago law firm Edelson PC kicked in another \$15,000, Birnecker Hart said.

Koval has converted a long-since-outgrown, six-head bottling line to fill bottles of various sizes, from 6 ounces to one gallon. Though the early production will be donated, Birnecker Hart said the business may eventually sell hand sanitizer to the public. Through Monday, Koval had made 94 gallons, all of which will be donated.

It isn't branded heavily as a Koval product — that's in the fine print on the side of the bottle — but it does include a prominent quote from Mr. Rogers: "Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping."

"It's possible we'll sell it — and need to sell it," Birnecker Hart said. "We have to keep the lights on and if it means we're focused on only selling hand

sanitizer for the next few months, maybe that what it means."

Some alcohol producers, especially breweries, have seen bumps in sales as sheltering customers stock up and stay home. But Koval's product is too niche — \$40 to \$50 premium bottles of whiskey and gin — to see such a boost.

Crossed with the fact that 30% of its sales are in Europe and Asia, Koval is left searching for new revenue streams. It has furloughed its European staff and its part-time workers in Chicago. It hopes not to have to furlough its full-time employees in Chicago, and hand sanitizer production could keep that from happening, Birnecker Hart said.

Chicago breweries are pitching in by donating beer that can be fermented into high-proof neutral grain spirit, including 16 kegs of older and slower-selling beers from Evanston's Temperance Brewing and out-of-code kegs from Metropolitan Brewing.

In Chicago, Maplewood Brewery & Distillery has



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Bottles of hand sanitizer have been made at the Koval distillery facility in Ravenswood.

made "a small amount" of sanitizer, said co-founder Ari Megalis, which will be distributed next week to first responders, nursing homes, delivery drivers and customers, among others.

In the north suburbs, Copper Fiddle Distillery in Lake Zurich was pressed into hand sanitizer production by its State Senator, Dan McConchie. When Lake County first responders were unable to get sanitizer, he called the distillery to step up, said Copper Fiddle co-founder Andrew Macker.

The 7-year-old distillery turned 45 cases of rum it had planned to sell to make 20 gallons of neutral grain spirit that the first responders turned into 100 bottles of sanitizer.

It was a significant amount of product to do-

nate, but Macker said, "It was so fast and there was such urgency, it was a no brainer."

Copper Fiddle is making another batch, also to donate, but Macker doesn't see a long-term future in sanitizer.

"We're a small little distillery so if we can supply our first responders, that'll probably as much as we can do," he said.

28 Mile Vodka & Distillery, however, sees a potential future in its new business. The Highwood distillery, which opened in June, temporarily closed and furloughed its 10 employees after Gov. J.B. Pritzker's March 15 shutdown order for bars and restaurants to dine-in business. Days later, 28 Mile began making sanitizer.

"We completely changed

our entire operation," 28 Mile co-founder Eric Falberg said.

28 Mile has produced nearly 1,000 gallons of sanitizer, all of which has been donated to more than a dozen north suburban law enforcement agencies, Falberg said. 28 Mile plans to start distilling around the clock to boost production, and eventually wants to sell its sanitizer at grocery and drug stores.

"If we come out on the other side and can produce this right and well, we might have a new part to our business," he said.

Falberg is even hoping to bring back his furloughed staff, albeit with one significant change: "They'll be workers now instead of bartenders."

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Ford

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rators. It is teaming with Chicago-based GE Healthcare to expand production of a simplified version of GE Healthcare's existing ventilator design to support patients with respiratory failure or difficulty breathing.

Executive Chairman Bill Ford likened the effort to the World War II Arsenal of Democracy when the company shifted a factory to build thousands of bombers.

Ford said his company has drawn credit lines to

prepare for a downturn, but still is dedicating resources to fight the virus although it might not generate any revenue.

"Frankly we haven't spent any time talking about that because the country needs us," he said. "It's the right thing to do. We'll sort all that out later as we go through this."

Ford will also assemble more than 100,000 plastic face shields per week at one of its manufacturing sites and will also use its in-house 3-D printing capability to make components for use in personal protective equipment.

The company already is producing masks and will test them at Detroit-area hospitals. It may build the simplified ventilators at a Ford factory but nothing is solid yet.

Ford and GE Healthcare said they didn't have a time frame for when the ventilators might be produced.

Ford also is looking at repurposing vehicle parts for use in respirators for health care workers and first responders, such as the small fans used to cool seats in the F-150 pickup truck.

Chicago Tribune staff contributed.

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Congress nears aid deal; Dow roars to record day

Industrials gain 11.4%, S&P 9.4%, joining global rally

BY STAN CHOE, DAMIAN J. TROISE AND ALEX VEIGA
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Dow Jones Industrial Average surged to its best day since 1933 as Congress and the White House neared a deal on Tuesday to inject nearly \$2 trillion of aid into an economy ravaged by the coronavirus.

The Dow burst 11.4% higher, while the more closely followed S&P 500 index leaped 9.4% as a wave of buying around the world interrupted what has been a brutal month of nearly nonstop selling. Despite the gains, investors were far from saying markets have hit bottom. Rallies nearly as big as this have punctuated the last few weeks, and none lasted more than a day.

Both Democrats and Republicans said earlier Tuesday that they're close to agreeing on a massive economic rescue package, which will include payments to U.S. households and aid for small businesses and the travel industry, among other things. A vote in the Senate could come late Tuesday or Wednesday.

Investors have been waiting in frustration for such aid, particularly as the Federal Reserve has done nearly all it can, including its latest round of extraordinary aid launched Monday.

"I don't think there's any more confidence in the fundamental outlook, but the fact that we're making progress is good news," said Katie Nixon, chief investment officer at Northern Trust Wealth Management. "It's sort of like, keep the patient alive in the emergency room so you can provide some treatment options."

The Dow rose 2,112.98 points, its biggest point gain in history, to 20,704.91. The S&P 500, which is much more important to most 401(k) accounts, rose 209.93, or 9.4%, to 2,447.33 for its third-biggest percentage gain since World War II. The Nasdaq composite jumped 557.18 points, or 8.1%, to 7,417.86.

The buying circled the world. South Korean stocks surged 8.6%, Germany's market jumped 11% and Treasury yields rose in a sign that investors are feeling less fearful.

The market has seen rebounds like this

before, only for them to wash out immediately. Since stocks began selling off on Feb. 20, the S&P 500 has had six days where it's risen, and all but one of them were big gains of more than 4%. After them, stocks fell an average of 5% the next day.

"One of the things to be careful about is thinking this will be the panacea or that this fiscal response will be sufficient," said Eric Freedman, chief investment officer at U.S. Bank Wealth Management.

Ultimately, investors say they need to see the number of new infections peak before markets can find a floor. The increasing spread is forcing companies to park airplanes, shut hotels and close restaurants to dine-in customers.

Economists are topping each other's dire forecasts for how much the economy will shrink this spring due to the closures of businesses, and a growing number say a recession seems inevitable.

Governments and central banks in other countries around the world are unveiling unprecedented levels of support for their economies in an attempt to limit the scale of the upcoming virus-related slump.

Airlines cut thousands of US flights amid virus

BY DAVID KOENIG
Associated Press

Airline service in the United States is teetering on the brink of collapse, with near-empty planes and coronavirus outbreaks that have left some air traffic control towers empty.

Even with sharply reduced schedules, airlines are consolidating some of the remaining flights because passengers aren't showing up.

An official of one major U.S. airline, who asked that they and their airline not be identified, ticked off more than a dozen flights that departed Tuesday morning with fewer than 10 passengers on board. In a few cases, the passengers were outnumbered by pilots and flight attendants.

"There are no passengers," said the official.

On Monday, the Transportation Security Administration said it screened 331,000 people at airport checkpoints. On the corresponding Monday a year ago, officers screened more than 2.4 million people — an 86% drop.

Major airlines are drafting plans in case they must shut down domestic flights because of a lack of air traffic controllers or airport screeners.

"We have plans in place in case that happens," the airline official said. "It's a dire situation."

Trump administration officials, including Dr. Anthony Fauci, a member of the White House coronavirus task force, have repeatedly declined to rule out the possibility of halting domestic airline travel while saying no such shutdown was imminent.

More than 8,300 U.S. flights were canceled Tuesday, according to tracking service FlightAware.

United Airlines canceled 51% of its flights, American dropped 46% of its schedule and Delta scrapped 39%, according to FlightAware. Southwest canceled 15%.



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President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago club in Palm Beach, Florida, is closed as a result of the coronavirus outbreak.

Virus affects Trump properties

Staff cut from hotels; Mar-a-Lago, golf courses, restaurants close doors

BY BEN PROTESS, STEVE EDER AND ERIC LIPTON
The New York Times

Reeling from the global fallout of the coronavirus pandemic, President Donald Trump's family business has cut back hotel operations, closed some golf courses and restaurants and shed dozens of workers — all while pushing to keep other properties open and promote them on social media.

The Trump Organization has cut staff from hotels in New York and Washington, halted new reservations at a hotel overlooking the Las Vegas Strip and closed golf courses in Los Angeles and the Miami area, according to people with knowledge of the matter. It also closed the Mar-a-Lago club in Florida, which normally would be at a peak right now, with regular seasonal visits by Trump himself.

The cutbacks were a last resort, a company executive said, as the priority had been keeping thousands of employees and contract workers on the job. The company has a portfolio of more than a dozen golf clubs and at least partially owns or operates

five-star hotels in Chicago; Hawaii; Las Vegas; New York; Vancouver, British Columbia; and Washington, as well as Ireland and Scotland.

For properties that remain open, the company has continued promotional campaigns on social media and through direct email.

On Friday morning, Trump Golf Links at Ferry Point, a public course in New York City, invited guests on Twitter to play a round: "Looking to get some #freshair? The golf course is a great place to relieve stress and exercise social distancing #openingday."

The president's Mar-a-Lago club was the site of events earlier that included several people who have since been confirmed to have coronavirus, including two Brazilian officials who accompanied President Jair Bolsonaro of Brazil to a dinner with Donald Trump at the resort on March 7.

Not far away, at the golf resort in Doral, another of Trump's highest-profile properties, the company was still accepting new reservations Friday, though it had shut down its courses and restaurants. Still, according to a hotel employee, the family pool remained open.

The Trump Organization will take a major hit from the coronavirus crisis, though it is relatively well-positioned, in

part because it has a small overall share of debt compared with other major real estate companies, and because it has increasingly relied on rental revenue from office buildings in New York and San Francisco.

So far, the company has avoided the widespread shutdowns some larger hotel chains have taken on, such as the Hilton Worldwide Holdings, which is closing the bulk of its properties in major cities.

Chip Rogers, president and chief executive of the American Hotel & Lodging Association, a trade group, said this was the more common approach right now in the industry.

"The vast majority of hotels that are dependent on business or leisure travel don't have the occupancy to stay open right now," he said.

Also recently, the Trump Organization shuttered most amenities inside its Washington hotel — the restaurant, bar and spa — to comply with a local order. Ordinarily a magnet for Republican officials and lobbyists, the property was turning away anyone without a room key or a reservation.

The hotel has roughly 5% occupancy, and 95% of the staff is not working at the moment, according to John Boardman, the executive secretary-treasurer of Unite Here Local 25, a union with 174 workers at the hotel.

"The industry is devastated," he said.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

New home sales slide 4.4% in Feb.

WASHINGTON — U.S. new home sales fell 4.4% in February with bigger declines expected in coming months as the coronavirus puts a major crimp on home sales.

The Commerce Department said Tuesday that February sales dropped to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 765,000 homes, down from a rate of 800,000 homes in January.

The January figure was revised up from an initial estimate of 764,000.

The report showed that the median price for a home sold in February was \$345,900, up 6.3% from January.

By region, home sales in February surged 38.9% in the Northeast; rose 1% in the South; fell 7.2% in the West; and dropped 7.3% in the Midwest.

NM to help fund business recovery

SANTA FE, N.M. — New Mexico's State Investment Council on Tuesday approved the creation of a \$100 million business recovery fund to help medium-sized businesses meet payroll obligations and avoid layoffs amid the economic turmoil of the coronavirus pandemic.

The council overseen by New Mexico Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham controls a \$23 billion portfolio of endowments that support public education.

It voted unanimously to channel assets from the state's Severance Tax Permanent Fund toward economic recovery loans.

The governor and state health officials have shut down nonessential businesses unless employees can work from home. Gatherings of more than five are prohibited.

Feds: Scammers prey on Medicare recipients

BY RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Scam artists are preying on older people's fears by peddling fake tests for the coronavirus to Medicare recipients, a federal law enforcement agency has warned this week.

Alerting seniors to fraud, the Health and Human Services inspector general's office said it has seen marketing schemes rapidly pivot to offering tests for COVID-19 and "Senior Care Packages" with hand sanitizer or even tout a vaccine, which doesn't exist.

It's all a trick to get personal information that can be used to bill federal and state health programs, said Christian Schrank, assistant inspector general for investiga-

tions. "It's a straight-up ruse to get your Medicare number or your Social Security number under the guise of having a test kit or a sanitary kit sent to you," Schrank said.

The sales pitches are coming via telemarketing calls, robocalls, social media posts, emails and door-to-door visits, Schrank explained.

As legitimate businesses close their doors and send workers home to comply with social distancing measures, fraud operators have ramped up recruiting for their call centers, Schrank said.

For seniors, the consequences can be long term. Health care fraud is one of the most prevalent forms of identity theft.

Once a person's Medicare information is in the hands of fraudsters, it can be used

repeatedly to bill for unwanted goods and services. That can create problems if a Medicare enrollee ever does need them.

Among the schemes reported:

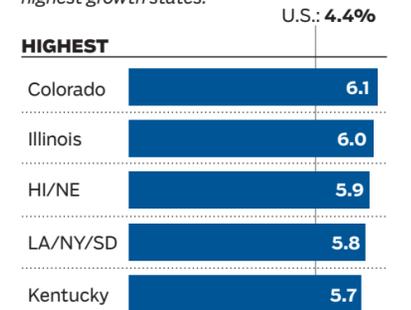
■ In Florida, seniors have been contacted by fraudsters claiming that President Donald Trump and Vice President Mike Pence have mandated they get tested and that their Medicare number is required.

■ A scheme in the Midwest offers a "Senior Care Package" that includes hand sanitizer.

■ Several online operations are offering coronavirus vaccines, when none has been developed and approved. At the White House news conference Monday, Trump said federal authorities had already shut down a website selling "a totally fake vaccine."

Personal income by state

Percentage change in income between 2018 and 2019, top five highest growth states.



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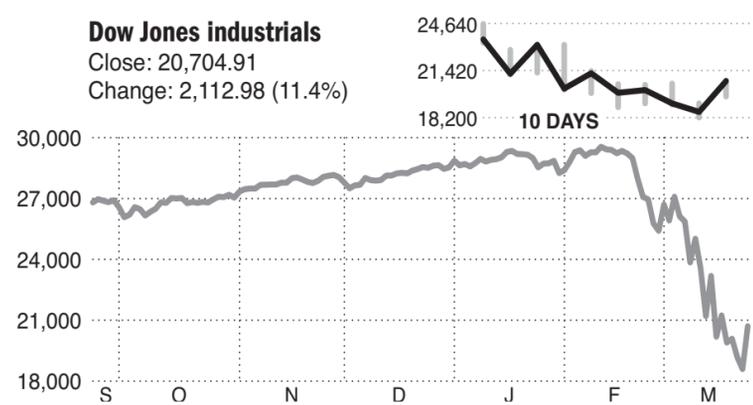
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Nasdaq	S&P 500	Russell 2000
+557.18 (+8.12%)	+209.93 (+9.38%)	+94.12 (+9.39%)
Close: 7,417.86	Close: 2,447.33	Close: 1,096.54
High: 7,417.86	High: 2,449.71	High: 1,096.55
Low: 7,169.86	Low: 2,344.44	Low: 1,041.07
Previous: 6,860.68	Previous: 2,237.40	Previous: 1,002.42

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
+05 to .81%	+93.20 to \$1,660.20	-03 to 111.48/\$1	-0023 to .9295/\$1	+65 to \$24.01

Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P
-2.51	+1.13	-3.24	-23.55	-17.26	-21.77	-19.30	-3.56	-13.17

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 20	560.50	562.50	549.75	561.50	-1
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 20	343.50	350.50	338	347.25	+3.75
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 20	884	887.75	872.50	886.75	+2.75
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	May 20	26.07	26.63	25.95	26.55	+41
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	May 20	335.90	336.30	326.60	332.10	-1.50
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	May 20	23.87	25.16	23.09	24.01	+65
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Apr 20	1.590	1.687	1.583	1.653	+051
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Apr 20	.4273	.5395	.4143	.4437	+0319

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STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	69.69	+6.87	Dover Corp	N	74.74	+9.37	Littelfuse Inc	O	129.65	+16.93
AbbVie Inc	N	67.49	+2.99	Envestnet Inc	N	53.53	+4.67	McDonalds Corp	N	161.95	+24.85
Allstate Corp	N	77.92	+4.69	Equity Commonwlth	N	30.23	+1.14	Middleby Corp	O	48.99	+5.13
Anixter Intl	N	87.50	+12.25	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	49.10	+3.53	Mondelez Intl	O	46.66	+4.73
Aptargroup Inc	N	88.06	+4.13	Equity Residential	N	52.15	+7.6	Morningstar Inc	O	114.41	+6.35
Arch Dan Mid	N	32.32	+3.01	Exelon Corp	O	34.51	+4.53	Motorola Solutions	N	130.81	+6.25
Baxter Intl	N	73.91	+2.10	First Indl RT	N	28.70	+1.61	NiSource Inc	N	21.94	+1.08
Boeing Co	N	127.68	+22.06	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	40.37	+5.54	Nthn Trust Cp	O	69.86	+6.75
Brunswick Corp	N	31.14	+4.19	Gallagher AJ	N	77.27	+9.03	Old Republic	N	13.94	+1.61
CBOE Global Markets	N	78.15	+1.61	Grainger WW	N	238.69	+29.20	Packaging Corp Am	N	79.58	+3.36
CDK Global Inc	O	33.55	+2.94	GrubHub Inc	N	34.65	+4.52	Paylocity Hldg	O	87.37	+7.97
CDW Corp	O	93.83	+8.23	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	86.28	+11.40	RLI Corp	N	81.87	+6.72
CF Industries	N	25.62	+3.58	IAA Inc	N	28.14	+2.84	Stericycle Inc	O	41.20	+5.20
CME Group	O	152.26	+12.72	IDEX Corp	N	119.99	+5.34	TransUnion	N	61.69	+5.51
CNA Financial	N	30.25	+3.06	ITW	N	137.70	+19.61	US Foods Holding	N	15.29	+2.00
Cabot Microelect	O	103.08	+11.90	Ingredion Inc	N	69.74	+2.26	Ultra Salon Cosmetics	O	177.59	+34.35
Caterpillar Inc	N	101.34	+9.49	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	87.24	+5.76	United Airlines Hldg	O	33.00	+6.75
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	26.53	+7.7	Kemper Corp	N	66.11	+10.07	Ventas Inc	N	25.70	+2.70
Deere Co	N	126.00	+14.85	Kraft Heinz Co	O	22.99	+2.22	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	45.25	+1.64
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AT&T Inc	28.09	+1.32
Delta Air Lines	26.89	+4.67
Carnival Corp	13.68	+1.68
Exxon Mobil Corp	35.44	+3.99
Uber Technologies	26.39	+3.99
Macy's Inc	5.66	+8.85
MFA Financial	.36	-2.34
MGM Resorts Intl	12.18	+3.03
CocaCola Co	39.45	+1.89
Halliburton	6.63	+1.39
Wells Fargo & Co	28.92	+3.67
Freeport McMoRan	6.99	+1.60
Nokia Corp	2.94	+2.9
Norwegian Cruise Ln	13.75	+4.08
Marathon Oil	3.61	+2.6
Boeing Co	127.68	+22.06
Pfizer Inc	29.70	+1.21
Occid Petl	10.72	+1.03
Petrobras	5.43	+9.7
Verizon Comm	49.99	-3.2

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alibaba Group Hldg	185.75	+9.41
Alphabet Inc C	1134.46	+77.84
Alphabet Inc A	1130.01	+75.88
Amazon.com Inc	1940.10	+37.27
Apple Inc	246.88	+22.51
Berkshire Hath B	178.20	+16.07
Facebook Inc	160.98	+12.88
HSBC Holdings prA	23.30	+1.50
Intel Corp	52.40	+2.82
JPMorgan Chase	88.43	+9.40
Johnson & Johnson	119.18	+8.04
MasterCard Inc	237.07	+33.77
Microsoft Corp	148.34	+12.36
Procter & Gamble	103.27	+5.57
Taiwan Semicon	48.87	+3.61
Unitedhealth Group	219.80	+24.94
Verizon Comm	49.99	-3.2
Visa Inc	154.53	+18.79
WalMart Strs	115.03	+7.5

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AmrcnBalA m	23.87	+1.12	-6.4
American Funds CptWldGrInca m	38.91	+2.72	-15.4
American Funds CptlncBldra m	49.87	+2.39	-13.2
American Funds FdmtlInvSA m	46.17	+3.56	-13.9
American Funds GrfAmrCA m	41.45	+2.89	-7.6
American Funds IncAmrCA m	18.15	+8.6	-12.5
American Funds InvCAMrCA m	30.19	+2.12	-13.2
American Funds NwPrspctVA m	36.64	+2.71	-10.3
American Funds WAMtlInvSA m	35.07	+2.80	-15.6
Dodge & Cox Inc	13.40	+0.9	+1.4
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	28.53	+2.24	-26.4
Dodge & Cox Stk	131.04	+12.66	-23.0
DoubleLine TlRetBdl	10.32	...	+1.4
Fidelity 500IdxPrm	85.26	+7.33	-10.9
Fidelity Contrafund	11.36	+8.6	-4.7
Fidelity InvMGradeBd	11.21	+0.6	+3.5
Fidelity TlMktIdxPrm	67.72	+5.86	-13.0
Fidelity USBdlxPrm	12.00	+0.4	+7.1
Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	1.74	-0.4	-0.9
Metropolitan West TlRetBdl	10.86	+0.8	+5.9
PIMCO Incl2	10.44	...	-7.9
PIMCO InclStl	10.44	...	-7.8
PIMCO TlRetlns	10.27	+0.2	+5.3
Schwab SP500Idx	34.36	...	-18.5
T. Rowe Price BCGr	94.72	...	-13.8
T. Rowe Price GrStk	54.76	...	-14.9
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	225.82	+19.40	-10.9
Vanguard BalIdxAdmrl	33.25	+1.75	-4.9
Vanguard DivGrInv	23.41	+2.03	-10.1
Vanguard GrIdxAdmrl	77.36	+6.50	-1.9
Vanguard HCAAdmrl	70.84	+4.12	-7.7
Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl	9.51	-0.2	+1.5
Vanguard InTrTEAdmrl	13.52	+1.4	-1.9
Vanguard InslIdxlns	220.90	+18.99	-10.9
Vanguard InslIdxlnsPlus	220.92	+18.99	-10.9
Vanguard InstTSMlInPls	51.38	+4.4	-13.0
Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl	83.57	+5.95	-5.8
Vanguard MdCpldxAdmrl	154.53	+15.20	-19.7
Vanguard PrmCpldxAdmrl	109.89	+8.59	-10.8
Vanguard STInvMGrAdmrl	10.25	-0.2	-3
Vanguard SmCpldxAdmrl	52.07	+4.71	-26.3
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	28.02	+1.17	-5.4
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	16.59	+8.2	-7.3
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	29.77	+1.66	-9.0
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	17.96	+1.11	-10.6
Vanguard TlBIdxAdmrl	11.11	...	+7.2
Vanguard TlBIdxlns	11.11	...	+7.2
Vanguard TlnBIdxAdmrl	22.51	-0.9	+4.4
Vanguard TlnBIdxlns	33.78	-1.3	+4.5
Vanguard TtnBIdxlnv	11.26	-0.4	+4.5
Vanguard TtnSldxAdmrl	21.35	+1.58	-20.5
Vanguard TtnSldxlns	85.39	+6.32	-20.4
Vanguard TtnSldxlnsPlus	85.41	+6.33	-20.4
Vanguard TtnSldxlnv	12.77	+9.5	-2.0
Vanguard TtSMlIdxAdmrl	59.64	+5.15	-13.0
Vanguard TtSMlIdxlns	59.65	+5.15	-13.0
Vanguard TtSMlIdxlnv	59.61	+5.15	-13.1
Vanguard WlghtnAdmrl	60.37	+3.29	-7.6
Vanguard WlslyncAdmrl	57.41	+1.79	-4.0
Vanguard WndrslAdmrl	46.10	+4.34	-16.9

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Adv Micro Dev	46.22	+4.58
American Airlines Gp	13.92	+3.67
Microsoft Corp	148.34	+12.36
Aytu BioScience Inc	1.99	+1.12
Apple Inc	246.88	+22.51
Sirius XM Hldgs Inc	4.98	+4.46
Intel Corp	52.40	+2.82
Cisco Syst	38.60	+4.00
Comcast Corp A	34.64	+4.47
Micron Tech	43.27	+5.02
NY Mortgage Trust	1.02	-8.7
IMAC Holdings Inc	4.95	+4.51
United Airlines Hldg	33.00	+6.75
Facebook Inc	160.98	+12.88
Groupon Inc	.79	+1.7
Starbucks Cp	64.88	+8.33
Nvidia Corporation	249.18	+36.49
Caesars Entertain	6.18	+1.5
Penn Natl Gaming	13.21	+3.41
JD.com Inc	41.01	+2.40
CBS Corp B	14.75	+3.47
AGNC Investment Cp	11.11	+6.7
eBay Inc	27.67	+1.33
Ritter Pharmaceutical	.32	-1.13

FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	2722.44	+62.3/+2.3
Stoxx600	304.00	+23.6/+8.4
Nikkei	18092.35	+1204.6/+7.1
MSCI-EAFE	1354.30	+5/+0.4
Bovespa	69729.30	+6159.7/+9.7
FTSE 100	5446.01	+452.1/+9.1
CAC-40	4242.70	+328.4/+8.4

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	0.01	0.00
6-month disc	0.09	0.08
2-year	0.37	0.28
10-year	0.81	0.76
30-year	1.37	1.35

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1660.20	\$1561.10
Silver	\$12.850	\$13.225
Platinum	\$701.70	\$627.50

INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	3.25
Discount Rate Primary	0.75
Fed Funds Target	0.00-0.25
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.35

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

A U.S. Dollar buys...

Argentina (Peso)	63.6943
Australia (Dollar)	1.6908
Brazil (Real)	5.0862
Britain (Pound)	.8510
Canada (Dollar)	1.4494
China (Yuan)	7.0631
Euro	.9295
India (Rupee)	76.040
Israel (Shekel)	3.6030
Japan (Yen)	

OBITUARIES

TERRENCE McNALLY 1938-2020

Playwright explored gay themes, winning 4 Tonys

BY CHRIS JONES

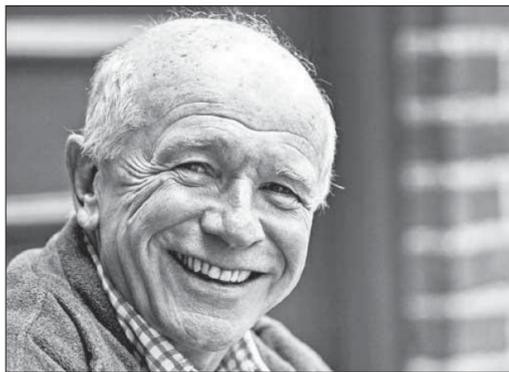
Terrence McNally, a giant of the American theater and the creator or co-creator of such exquisitely crafted plays and musicals as "Ragtime," "Master Class," "Frankie and Johnny in the Clair de Lune," "The Full Monty," "Love! Valour! Compassion!" and "Kiss of the Spider Woman," died Tuesday in a Sarasota, Florida, hospital due to complications from the coronavirus. McNally had been living with chronic lung disease.

McNally's death, at the age of 81, was announced Tuesday afternoon by his publicist; the news was met with grief and horror by the Broadway community. McNally, also a renowned librettist and screenwriter, is the first high-profile figure in arts and entertainment known to succumb to a virus that already has devastated the industry he leaves behind.

"Love wins," wrote McNally's husband, Tom Kir-dahy, a Broadway producer, paying tribute to his spouse.

McNally was responsible for 25 Broadway shows since 1965, received four Tony Awards for his work and was a recipient of the 2019 Tony Award for Lifetime Achievement in the Theatre. He was also a member of the American Theater Hall of Fame.

A famous opera buff as well as a writer of extraordinary lucidity, generosity and range, McNally's work ranged from the librettos of major musicals of the 20th century, such as the prismatic "Ragtime," directed by the longtime Chicago director Frank Galati, to chronicles of gay life. While his work varied in tone and style (the brooding "Kiss of the Spider Woman" is a long way from the puckish comedy "The Full Monty"), McNally's overarching value system could readily be summed up by the title of



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Multiple Tony Award-winning playwright Terrence McNally died Tuesday of complications from COVID-19.

one of his most important plays, "Love! Valour! Compassion!"

He was at his best when writing about the mysteries of love: its challenges, its necessity and its ability to transform. And he was similarly adept at writing about intense, brilliantly talented people unable to control their own impulses, as in his unforgettable portrait of the opera diva Maria Callas in "Master Class," a Broadway hit that became a staple of the repertoire.

Among McNally's more recent work was the underappreciated Broadway drama "Mothers and Sons," a coda to McNally's longtime interest in the emotional fallout from the AIDS crisis, a previous plague that afflicted Americans. The play was a work of reconciliation, an attempt to forgive parents who were not there for their dying gay sons. McNally was arguing that American needed to move forward in such a way that lessons learned were fused with mercy for the traumatized. On all sides.

McNally's unforgettable 2019 Tony speech, delivered while McNally was struggling to breathe on his own, was a stunning reminder of his kindness, insight and gentility as an artist. McNally,

a lung cancer survivor, was, it seemed, offering up his own mortality, speaking of his early failures as he referenced how John Steinbeck taught him to get back on his horse. Personally, being as Steinbeck had hired the post-collegiate McNally to accompany him and family on a cruise around the world.

"If you ain't been thrown, you ain't rode," McNally said that day, before talking about his own father's economic traumas and his own indebtedness to a previous generation of theater artists.

"The world needs artists more than ever," McNally said in that speech, among his last major public appearances but not broadcast live by the Tony Awards, "to remind us what truth and beauty and kindness really are."

And, with eyes flashing and determination in his soul, he finished with a quotation from the last act of "The Tempest," Shakespeare's great vaudeville play: "O brave new world that has such people in it!"

It was designed to express his gratitude for so rich a life. But he could have been speaking of himself.

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ON MARCH 25 ...

In 1634, Maryland was founded by English colonists sent by the second Lord Baltimore.

In 1821, Greek patriots began an uprising against the domination of the Ottoman Empire — an uprising that led to establishment of an independent kingdom.

In 1865, during the Civil War, Confederate forces captured Fort Stedman in Virginia.

In 1911, in a tragedy that galvanized the U.S. labor movement, 146 immigrant workers died in a fire at the Triangle Shirtwaist Co. in New York.

In 1920, television sports commentator Howard Cosell was born Howard William Cohen in Winston-Salem, N.C.

In 1947, a coal mine explosion in Centralia, Ill., claimed 111 lives.

In 1954, RCA announced it had begun producing color television sets at its plant in Bloomington, Ind. (The sets, with 12 1/2-inch picture tubes, cost \$1,000 each.)

In 1958, Sugar Ray Rob-

inson became middleweight boxing's first five-time world champion as he defeated Carmen Basilio in Chicago.

In 1964, Britain set aside an acre of land at Runnymede, where the Magna Carta was signed in 1215, as a memorial for the late U.S. President John F. Kennedy.

In 1965, Martin Luther King Jr. led 25,000 marchers to the state Capitol in Montgomery, Ala., to protest the denial of voting rights to blacks.

In 1975, King Faisal of Saudi Arabia was shot to death by a nephew with a history of mental illness. (The nephew was beheaded the following June.)

In 1976, the United States vetoed a U.N. Security Council resolution deploring Israeli policies in Jerusalem and occupied areas on the West Bank of the Jordan River.

In 1987, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled employers may sometimes favor women and members of minority groups over men and whites in hiring and promoting in order to achieve better balance in the work force.

In 1990, 87 people, most of them Honduran and Dominican immigrants, were killed when fire raged through an illegal social club in New York.

In 1992, Soviet cosmonaut Sergei Krikalev, who had spent 10 months aboard the orbiting Mir space station, thereby missing the upheaval in his homeland, finally returned to Earth.

In 1994, American troops completed their withdrawal from Somalia.

In 1995, Mike Tyson was released from the Indiana Youth Center after serving 3 years for the 1992 rape of Desiree Washington, a beauty pageant contestant.

In 1996, a standoff between authorities and the antigovernment Freemen begins at a ranch near Jordan, Mont. (The standoff would last 81 days.)

In 1997, former President George H.W. Bush, at age 73, parachuted from a plane over the Arizona desert.

In 2001, at the 73rd Academy Awards, "Gladiator" won best picture; its star, Russell Crowe, won best actor; Julia Roberts won best actress for "Erin Brockovich"; Steven Soderbergh won best director for "Traffic."

In 2002, a powerful earthquake rocked Afghanistan and northwestern Pakistan, killing up to 1,000 people.

In 2004, Congress passed the Unborn Victims of Violence Act, making it a separate offense to harm a fetus during violent federal crime.

In 2008, the Defense Department said it had mistakenly shipped electrical fuses for an intercontinental ballistic missile to Taiwan. (Once the error was discovered, the military quickly recovered the four fuses.)

WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

ILLINOIS	
March 24	
Mega Millions	02 08 16 18 31 / 14
Mega Millions jackpot:	\$101M
Pick 3 midday	769 / 2
Pick 4 midday	7637 / 0
Lucky Day Lotto midday	01 29 30 44 45
Pick 3 evening	956 / 7
Pick 4 evening	3436 / 0
Lucky Day Lotto evening	13 20 21 32 40
March 25 Powerball:	\$150M
March 26 Lotto:	\$6.5M
WISCONSIN	
March 24	
Pick 3	094
Pick 4	6169
Badger 5	04 06 12 22 25
SuperCash	02 04 05 06 17 31

INDIANA	
March 24	
Daily 3 midday	282 / 9
Daily 4 midday	2256 / 9
Daily 3 evening	500 / 7
Daily 4 evening	9336 / 7
Cash 5	15 29 34 39 43
MICHIGAN	
March 24	
Daily 3 midday	529
Daily 4 midday	4367
Daily 3 evening	218
Daily 4 evening	6783
Fantasy 5	05 12 26 30 33
Keno	07 09 12 14 21 22
	23 24 26 28 32 33 41 42
	53 54 55 61 71 72 75 79

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Death Notices

Blanc, Curtis E.

Curtis E. Blanc, 69, retired CPD, loving and devoted husband for almost 18 years to Karen, nee Belluomini (retired CPD). Dear son of Marianne and the late Robert Blanc. Dear brother to Wally (Ginanne), Brett (Debbie) and the late Phil Blanc. Loving father of Stacy, Brent and Jessica Blanc. Son-in-law of Milly Belluomini, brother-in-law of Michael Belluomini (CPD) (Deanna) and Anne Belluomini (CPD). Loving nephew of Jim Montgomery (Barbara), Helen Schell, Anne and the late Joseph Vuich. Uncle to nieces and nephews. Curtis was a great guy and a wonderful friend to many people. Curtis served on the Chicago Police Department for 33 years with an incredible record. During his career with CPD, he worked 18th District Tact, Intelligence Division, Federal Terrorist Task Force, the Detective Homicide Division in Areas 3, 5 and 6 and Unit 050, O'Hare Airport. He retired in 2004 at the rank of Homicide Sergeant in the Detective Division. After he retired, he worked part time with the US Marshals. After he and Karen retired, they moved to Cadiz, KY where they enjoyed their simple and happy life on their farm.

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Chernoff, Marvin

Marvin Chernoff, age 92. Beloved husband and best friend of Rita, nee Kischner. Loving father of Bari (Allen) Graber, Denise (Barry) Itzkowitz, Arlene Berger (partner Bill MacWilliams) and Jay (Jean) Chernoff. Poppa to Adam, Rachel, Matt, Sara, Lisa, Michael, Ben, Jessica, Hannah and Jake. Great-grandpa of 5. Lifelong Cubs fan and good friend to all. Marvin would never want to put anyone's health at risk during this global health crisis. For this reason, the family made the difficult decision to ask for a private Memorial Service and will not be holding Shiva. Contributions in Marvin's name may be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (donate.lla.org) and the JUF (juf.org). Info **Mitzvah Memorial Funerals**, 630-MITZVAH (630-648-9824), or www.mitzvahfunerals.com



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Garvey, John

John J. Garvey, age 60, of Lombard. Fond brother of James (Ramona) Garvey, Thomas (Kristie) Garvey, Michael (Janice) Garvey, Therese Piper, Edward (Susan) Garvey, and the late Mary Catherine; dear son of the late Thomas and Catherine Garvey; uncle of many nieces and nephews. Memorials to Clearbrook Center, 3201 Campbell St, Rolling Meadows, IL 60008, and National Association for Downs Syndrome are appreciated. We encourage relatives and friends to share a memory on the Tribute Wall in lieu of personal attendance. All visitations and funerals are limited to members of the immediate family of the deceased in response to the growing COVID-19 Pandemic. **Knollcrest** Funeral Home will be livestreaming the Funeral Service for John on Thursday, March 26th, at 11 AM. You can find that directly below the obituary on our website at www.knollcrest.net.

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Goldblatt, Herbert P.

Herbert P. Goldblatt, passed away March 23, 2020 at age 93 with family at bedside in his family's home in Northbrook, IL. Beloved husband for 60 years of Karen Goldblatt (Markus). Herbert was the last surviving son of Lillian and Albert Goldblatt born in Chicago on November 5, 1926. He grew up in Chicago and was a veteran of the armed services. Devoted father of Mitchell Goldblatt a businessman and Jill (Dr. Maxim) Chasanov (Goldblatt) a registered nurse. Cherished Papa Herb to Chanel, an attorney in Maryland, Dior, a medical administrator in Chicago, David, a television news reporter in Springfield, MO and Michael, a junior at Glenbrook North High School. He and family were appreciative for the help of his devoted caregiver, Aristotle Manimbo. He was preceded in death by his parents, and his brothers, Maxwell, Tommy and Irwin. A private service was held at Westlawn Cemetery Mausoleum. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Temple Beth-El, 3610 Dundee Road, Northbrook, IL 60062, www.templebeth-el.org or Hadassah Chicago Chapter, 60 Revere Drive, Suite 800, Northbrook, IL 60062, www.hadassah.org. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com

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Gorski, Joseph

Joseph Gorski, age 93, of Ogden Dunes, IN, entered God's eternal rest on March 15, 2020. He was born on March 15, 1927.



Joseph was the beloved husband of Lorraine Gorski, nee Kabat, for more than 67 years. He is survived by Lorraine and children: Peggy, Brenda, and Philip (Catherine); grandchildren, Ellen, Joseph, Leander, and Jaclyn; brother, Stanley (Sally) Gorski, many great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and cousins, who carry on his legacy for passion of life and education.

Joseph is pre-deceased by his parents, Mary, nee Jasica, and Martin, his brothers, Tadeusz (Ted) (late Wilma), Edward (late Mary), his precious granddaughter Maria and great-grandson Joseph.

Joseph and Lorraine previously lived in Dolton where they raised their three children. Joe was a Naval Veteran and served in WWII in the Pacific. After serving in the war, Joseph became a high school teacher in the Chicago Public School System. He taught primarily at Lane Tech. as a Mechanical and Architectural drawing instructor.

Joseph was a devout Catholic and a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church of Chesterton.

Arrangements for a Mass of Christian Burial and Interment at Abraham Lincoln Cemetery, IL are forthcoming.

Online condolences may be made www.ee-fh.com, Edmonds & Evans Funeral Home.

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Haack, Laura

Laura Greco Haack of Naples, FL passed away peacefully on March 24, 2020 at the age of 79. She was born in Norristown, Pennsylvania and raised by her parents, Anthony and Josephine Greco who along with her brother, Anthony "Chubs" Greco Jr., predeceased her. Laura was married to her beloved husband, Joseph Haack for 31 years and is survived by her husband, Joe, her brother, Bob Greco and his wife, Jackie, her two daughters, Becky Gennett (Nate) and Deborah Stefani (Steve), four grandchildren, Taylor Jo, Payton, Hannah and Anthony and her sister-in-law, Sandi Greco (Chubs).

Laura graduated from Holy Savior Elementary School and Bishop Kendrick High School in Norristown, Pennsylvania. She did her undergraduate studies at St Francis University in Loretto, Pennsylvania and received her Law Degree from Loyola University in Chicago. She taught World Cultures at Methacton High School in Eagleville, PA. She practiced law in Chicago and its suburbs, concluding her legal career as Senior Corporate Counsel with Motorola. After retiring, she studied painting with oils and acrylic, became an artist and signed her works as L Greco Haack. She served on the Board of Friends of Art at Artis-Naples, was juried into Art Shows at the vonLiebig Art Center in Naples and was a graduate of the Greater Naples Leadership Masters Program.

Burial will be private. A memorial service will be held at Holy Savior Church in Norristown, Pennsylvania when conditions for travel improve. In lieu of flowers, please contribute to Avow Hospice of Naples in memory of Laura. Avow provided much comfort to her as she dealt with the last stages of ALS. For online condolences, please visit www.fullnaples.com.

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Kidney, Jr., Michael Joseph

Michael Joseph Kidney, Jr., 90, of Glen Ellyn, passed away at home on Monday, March 23, 2020. Mike was the beloved husband of Gabrielle; loving father of Michael James (Jane) Kidney and Kathleen (John) Bode; cherished grandfather of Dana (Jim) Hall, Dr. Colleen Kidney, Alison Kidney (Andrew Pohlman), Patrick (Lindsey) Bode, Jonathan Bode and Isabelle Mages, Becca (Kyle) Penning; great-grandfather of Keller and Brady Hall, Aiden Kidney and Willow Pohlman and Baila Marie Penning. Michael was a lifelong Illinois resident, born June 28, 1929 to Mary & Michael Kidney Sr., now deceased. He was a graduate of Mt. Carmel High School and Loyola University. He served in the US Army in Korea, in the 158th Field Artillery Battalion, part of the 45th Infantry Division. He found this a rewarding experience and formed the basis for a life-long love of country and military. Mike worked for the Oldsmobile Division of General Motors, and had a successful sales career in wholesale and retail automobiles. Mike enjoyed a love of history, geography, swimming, and travel and had many friends. He was loving and kind, devoted to his wife and family, and a joy to everyone who knew him. In consideration of health concerns and restrictions due to the COVID-19 virus, funeral service will be private. A "Celebration of Life" will be held at a later date.



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Levoff, Doralee Caroline

Doralee Caroline Levoff passed away on March 21, 2020. She is survived by her daughter Jamie Spungin (Marc), her son Jeff (Andrea), five grandchildren (Jason, Jarrett, Charlie, Anna and Max) and her brother Barry Pearlman. Doralee spent the last twenty years in the warmth of South Florida after growing up and raising a family in the Chicago area. Doralee loved her family and friends, speaking often and fondly of them. She was an avid bridge player (finding great joy in making slam) and achieved Life Master status. She enjoyed playing and watching sports and had a great memory of having gone the 1945 World Series at Wrigley Field (Cubs v. Tigers) with her father. She also enjoyed collecting art and was quite proud of her collection. Memorial donations in memory of Doralee can be made to a charity of your choice or the Parkinson's Foundation (www.parkinson.org). A private family service is being planned.

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Murphy, Arlene Helen

Arlene Helen Murphy, age 91, of Peachtree Corners, GA, peacefully passed away Thursday, March 19, 2020. A family Funeral service for Arlene will be held on Friday, March 27, 2020 at 11:00am, at Mary Our Queen Catholic Church in Peachtree Corners, Ga. Arlene was born on May 3, 1928 in Chicago, Illinois to the late William August Overhage and late Olive Dewes Overhage. She is also preceded in death by her late husband of 55 years, Edward H. Murphy. Arlene attended St. Sabina Elementary School and Longwood Academy. She retired from the Harris Bank and later moved to Beverly Hills, FL and later to Georgia. Arlene is survived by her children, Edward William Murphy, Kenneth John Murphy, Regina Marie Murphy, and Aurore Ann Murphy; grandchildren, Cameron Murphy, Rory Norville, and Peyton Norville. Online condolences may be expressed at www.crowellbrothers.com. Arrangements entrusted to Crowell Brothers Funeral Homes & Crematory, 5051 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, Peachtree Corners, GA, 30092. 770.448.5757.

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Murphy, David J.

David J. Murphy was born on November 19, 1926, in Jackson, MI. He died Thursday, March 19, 2020.

David is survived by his beloved wife, Lois Murphy (née Chambers); his cherished sister, Ruth MacPhee (née Murphy); sister-in-law, Nancy Murphy; his loving children, Meg (Fred) Fedorowicz, Elizabeth Murphy, Janis (Michael) Siegel, Mary Lou (Gerry) Feick, James (Elaine) Murphy, and John Murphy; his grandchildren, Anya Fedorowicz, Elizabeth (Steve) Layman, Rosemary Fedorowicz, Justin, Brian and Carla Gruby, Rachel (Jordan) Friedman, Robert and Zachary (Logan) Siegel, Hannah (Derrick) Hermann, and Zoe, Aidan and Brendan Murphy; his great-grandchildren, Sophie and Ruby Friedman and Ksenia Hermann; and his many dear nieces and nephews.

David grew up in a suburb of Detroit called Royal Oak, MI. He supported his family during the Great Depression by working at Buttons Floor Sanding Co. after his father, James, died at a young age. After graduating from high school, he was drafted into the US Army during World War II, and served in the 82nd Airborne Division. After the war, he attended Wayne State University in Detroit on the GI Bill, which is where he met his wife Lois. David graduated with a degree in civil engineering and went on to become vice president of RE Dailey Construction Co.

David and Lois would move to Libertyville, IL. There, he continued his role as vice president at Inland Robbins Construction Co. and Power Construction Co., until he retired to Sturgeon Bay, WI, where he helped design his dream home on the shores of Lake Michigan. He spent his retirement with Lois always at his side, sailing, playing bridge, being in nature, and playing the drums and percussion in community bands. He remained active in his church and volunteered in his community. He was especially proud of his volunteer of the year award for tutoring Sturgeon Bay children in math. Hosting his sons, daughters, and grandchildren at the lakehouse brought him tremendous joy. David and Lois later moved to Pleasant Prairie, WI, to be closer with his family. In his final years, he was cared for by the loving and devoted staff at The Addison.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Helen and James Murphy; his brother, Tom Murphy; and brother-in-law, William MacPhee. In consideration of the current situation, a memorial will be held at a safe and later date in his beloved Sturgeon Bay. In honor of his memory, please consider donating to the Miller Art Museum (millerartmuseum.org) or the Peninsula Symphonic Band (peninsulasymphonicband.org/support). Condolences may be given at www.prokofuneralhome.com

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Novak, Marjorie Ann

Marjorie Ann Novak, nee Licar, 85, cherished for compassionate, caring ways, and devotion to family, at eternal rest March 21, 2020.

Born June 5, 1934; loving wife of the late Dr. Robert Novak. Survived by brother Tom (Kathy) Licar, children, Mary (Tom) Piette, Cathi (Dave) Kirchner, Liz (Jeff) Palmer, John Novak, Rob Novak, and grandchildren Olivia Novak, Mackenzie Kirchner, Chase Kirchner, Alana Novak, Carson Kirchner. Dear cousin and aunt of many. Preceded in death by parents Helen and John Licar, brother and sister-in-law Ron and Phyllis Licar, sister Connie (Jim) Blazek, brother Jack (Mary) Licar.

Longtime Riverside resident, raised in Cicero, Nazareth Academy and Rosary College graduate, LaVergne School teacher. Wed June 7, 1958, Marjorie embraced marriage, motherhood, traveling, music, entertainment, and her beloved Club of lifelong college girlfriends. Steered by Catholic faith, she served the Altar & Rosary Society, Girl Scout Marion Award, MacNeal Hospital Women's Auxiliary, and assisted Dr. Bob's medical practice. Fond memories of her exceptional school lunches, vacation activity bags, great Easter baskets, precision ironing, family slide shows, humorous observations, and love for life.

Wake Thursday, July 9, 2020, 3 to 8 p.m., Adolph Funeral Home, Berwyn. Life celebration Mass Friday, July 10, 2020, 10 a.m., St. Mary Church, Riverside; interment Queen of Heaven, Hillside.

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Paszkiel, Brother Richard

Brother Richard Paszkiel, 77, died on March 23, 2020, in Willowbrook, IL. A De La Salle Christian Brother for 60 years, he was born in Chicago, son of Casimir V. and Mary (nee Fuss) Paszkiel. He graduated from St. Patrick HS in Chicago and earned a BA from St. Mary's College in Winona, MN, and a MA from Stanford University. In 1960 he joined Brothers novitiate in Glencoe, MO, pronounced his first vows the following year and his final vows in 1967. Brother Richard taught in schools in Chicago, Addison, and Lombard, IL, and in Muskegon and Harper Woods, MI. He retired in 2009 to the Brother Community in Westmont and recently lived at Chateau Nursing Center. Survivors include his cousins Janice Ovist, Frances Murray, and Jerry Paszkiel and the De La Salle Christian Brothers. A memorial mass will be announced later. Interment will be at St. Adalbert Cemetery, Niles, IL, in the family plot. Memorials may be made to the Christian Brothers Retirement Fund, 7605 S. County Line Rd., Burr Ridge, IL 60527.

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Scalzitti, Tommie Lou

Tommie Lou Scalzitti was born on February 21, 1929 in Sylacauga, Alabama to Thomas Newton and Mary Laurena (nee Pruitt) Williams. She died Thursday, March 19, 2020 while in the care of JourneyCare Hospice at Northwest Community Hospital, Arlington Heights. Tommie Lou was a genuine "southern belle" and raised in rural Alabama. Tommie met the love of her life, the late Guy Scalzitti of Chicago on a blind date while Guy, a decorated World War II veteran, was enrolled in Officers' Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia during the Korean War. Married in 1951, the newlyweds moved to the Chicago area eventually settling in Arlington Heights. A graduate of Birmingham Business College, Tommie enjoyed a long career with the Daily Herald suburban newspaper where she held a variety of positions from selling subscriptions over the phone to office manager and eventually displaying her writing skills authoring the daily obituaries. Her Daily Herald colleagues also relied on Tommie to organize and administer a wide variety of office sports pools. Tommie Lou also supported Guy in his home-based income tax preparation firm helping expand the business to serve over 600 clients. An avid volunteer in the Arlington Heights community, Tommie Lou was active in the Disabled American Veterans, the Ladies Auxiliary and St. James Catholic School where her children were enrolled. Tommie Lou was a fantastic cook "famous" for her preparation of Southern delicacies and family style Italian feasts. Attended by loving care-givers Tommie was able to reside in her own home until her passing. Tommie is survived by her children Larry (Judy) Scalzitti, Gary (Sofia) Scalzitti, and Mary (Jim) Barrett; her grandchildren, Patrick (Heather) Scalzitti, Thomas (Katie) Scalzitti, Daniella Scalzitti and Christina (John) Sanecki, Rachel (Conor) Kennedy, Jimmy Barrett; her great grandchildren, Abbey, Maevae and John, Jr.; and her brother, Donald (Mary) Williams. She was preceded in death by her husband, Guy J. Scalzitti; her parents; and her brothers, John Robert and Larry Gene Williams. In consideration of the health concerns and gathering restrictions due to COVID-19, funeral service is private. A "Celebration of Life" will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St Jude Place, Memphis, TN, 38105. Further information and condolences can be given at www.GlueckertFuneralHome.com or (847) 253-0168.

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Tomaszak, Raymond F.

Raymond F. Tomaszak, 69; beloved son of the late Raymond Sr. and Noreen nee Conoboy; loving brother of Johnny; cherished uncle of Rhianna Ellery; fond nephew of Ann Lawdenski; dear cousin to many. Service and Interment Private. Arrangements entrusted to **Gibbons Family Funeral Home**. For info 773-777-3944 or www.GFFH.com

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

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

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
Dennis Windham

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Melissa Rogers (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: 20JA00009

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **January 06, 2020**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Bernard Sarley** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **04/14/2020, at 10:00 AM IN CALENDAR 9 COURTROOM I**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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

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

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

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
February 18, 2020 6640511

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
Hector Lopez-Trevino

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Susana Lopez (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: 20JA00214

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Hilario Trevino Melendez (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **February 03, 2020**, 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 **04/14/2020, at 11:30 AM IN CALENDAR 17 COURTROOM K**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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

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

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

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
February 18, 2020 6640514

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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
Israel Hemphill

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Erika Chambliss (Mother) AKA Erika Chambliss**

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA00370

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **February 24, 2020**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Sarley** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **04/14/2020, at 10:00 AM IN CALENDAR 9 COURTROOM I**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

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

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

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

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
February 27, 2020 6640524

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
Jason I Eady

A MINOR
NO. 2019JD01896

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, **Daniel Aguirre (Father)**, **Elizabeth Estrada (Mother)**, respondents, and to **ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**, that on **November 29, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX**, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Terrence Sharkey** in the 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois on **04/08/2020 at 9:00 AM IN CALENDAR 63 COURTROOM 13**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act. The court has authority in this case to take from you the custody and guardianship of the minor.

Unless you appear at the hearing and show cause to the contrary, an order of judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief asked in the petition.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT
March 3, 2020

ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY:
S. Auyeung, P. Sloan

ATTORNEY FOR:
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS
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CITY/STATE: Chicago, Illinois 60612
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ATTORNEY NO.: 33182

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT,
COOK COUNTY OF ILLINOIS
March 3, 2020 6624609

LEGAL NOTICE

Toni Preckwinkle, President of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, has directed me to cancel the Meeting of the Cook County Board of Commissioners scheduled for March 26, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in accordance with Executive Order 2020-3.

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
Shaniyah Foots

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Sharica Foots (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: 20JA00171

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **January 28, 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 **04/14/2020, at 9:30 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.

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

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

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

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
February 27, 2020 6640532

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
Torianna Hermon

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Leareaner Austin (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA01361

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Austin, Leareaner (Mother)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **November 19, 2020**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Patrick Murphy** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **04/14/2020, at 10:00 AM IN CALENDAR 1 COURTROOM A**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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

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

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

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
February 27, 2020 6640542

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3/25/2020 6640417

FORECLOSURES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DIRECT ACCESS CAPITAL, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. VELOCITY HOUSING SOLUTIONS, LLC, RODNEY FUNDERBURK, JR., UNKNOWN OWNERS, UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS, AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants, Case No. 2020CH03379 Subject Property Address: 9218 S. Green Street Chicago, Illinois 60620 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY PUBLICATION The requisite Affidavit for Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS and ALL NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, defendants in the above-entitled cause, that the above mortgage foreclosure claim was filed on or about March 19, 2020, and is now pending. Plaintiff, Direct Access Capital, LLC, is the party foreclosing. The legal description of the real estate is as follows: SOUTH 1/6 OF THE NORTH 6/18THS OF THE EAST 1/2 OF BLOCK 7 IN CENTRAL ADDITION TO SOUTH ENGLEWOOD BEING A RESUBDIVISION OF BLOCKS 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, AND 8 OF HALTED STREET ADDITION TO WASHINGTON HEIGHTS IN THE SOUTH EAST 1/4 OF SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 37 NORTH, RANGE 14 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 9218 S. Green Street, Chicago, IL 60620 TAX ID# 25-05-411-026-0000. Identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed: a. Mortgage: Velocity Housing Solutions, LLC b. Mortgagee: Direct Access Capital, LLC, as ultimate assignee of CK Capital, LLC. c. Date of Mortgage: August 23, 2018 d. Date and place of recording: October 24, 2018 at the Office of the Recorder of the Deeds of Cook County Illinois e. Document number: 1829719254 Know therefore, unless you UNKNOWN OWNERS, UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS, AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, defendants, file your answer to the complaint for foreclosure in this cause or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington, Chicago, IL 60602 on or before April 24, 2020 default may be entered against you and each of you at any time after that day and a judgment of foreclosure entered in accordance with the prayer of the Complaint for foreclosure. Circuit Clerk Vincent Tessitore, Attorney for Plaintiff Lindell & Tessitore, P.C. 1755 Park Street, Suite 200 Naperville, IL 60563 Phone: 630-225-8255 Fax: 630-701-1169 Attorney Code 49408

3/25, 4/1, 4/18/2020 6639743

MANLEY, DEAS, KOCHALSKI LLC One East Wacker - Suite 1250 Chicago, IL 60601 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, MIDFIRST BANK, Plaintiff, v. DOHARMOONEY, CO, INC., A UTAH CORPORATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; CHRISTIE HOWARD-WILLIAMS; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF EARL WILLIAMS II; DECEASED; GERALD NORDGREN, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR EARL WILLIAMS II, DECEASED, Defendants, Case No. 2019CH077 The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Christie Howard-Williams, Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Earl Williams II, deceased, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois by the said plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit: The South 30 feet of the North 59 feet of the Northeast 1/2 of Block 21 of Jones Subdivision of the West 1/2 of the Southwest Quarter of Section 29, Township 38 North, Range 14 East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Cook County Illinois, 7400 South Bishop Street, Chicago, IL 60620 20-29-305-016-0000 NW, therefore, unless you, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Christie Howard-Williams, Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Earl Williams II, deceased, and the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Clerk of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois, on or before April 17, 2020, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint. E-f

TAKE NOTICES

TO: Odis L. Harris, Vinika L. Harvest, Nakia Harvost, and Occupant; ; County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, spouses, heirs at law, 17-00017-0000. ...

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TO: Byline Bank, as Successor to Metropolitan Bank and Trust Company as Trustee under Trust No. 2406, dated October 17, 2003. ...

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TO: George Sirack; John Leja, Highland Condominium Inc., Highland Condominium Inc., and Azran Foreclosure, LLC, Occupant. ...

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TO: Chicago Title Land Trust Company as Trustee under Trust No. 129485, dated September 12, 2002. ...

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TO: First Midwest Bank as Successor to Standard Bank and Trust Company as Trustee under Trust No. 19781 dated January 26, 2002. ...

TAKE NOTICES

TO: MG Plus Construction Oscar M. Gonzalez, as co-trustee of the Zimny Real Estate Trust dated 3/29/2013. ...

TO: Enrique Ruiz; City of Chicago - Corporation Counsel, City of Chicago - City Clerk, IL Dept. of Revenue, Illinois Department of Revenue, and Illinois Attorney General. ...

TO: Vincent Gavin; Occupant of Rear Garage; Rendeder Services, Inc., c/o Leahrae Richert; 6137 S. Kimbark Condominium Association, c/o Ron Fisher; 6137 S. Kimbark Condominium Association. ...

TO: United States Receivers Caretakers Association; United States Receivers Caretakers Association, Inc. c/o Anthony Allen Registered Agent; Matthew Y. Brooks; Bankers Insurance Company. ...

TO: Hortense Herron; Lynn Washington and Ardian Lawson; Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Ameriquest Mortgage Services, Inc. ...

TO: Marsha Suggs; Arlynette Hamm and Lara Salvant; HSBC Bank USA, N.A. as Trustee Under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement. ...

TO: First Midwest Bank, as Successor to Standard Bank and Trust Company, as Trustee under Trust Under Trust Agreement. ...

TO: Nest Egg Enterprises, Inc.; Frederick Moore; City of Chicago; Barbara Gray; Occupant, 514 E. Oakwood Blvd., Chicago, IL; Cook County Clerk. ...

TO: Falco Construction Group, Inc.; Falco Construction Group, Inc., c/o Slawomir Falyng; Falco Construction Group, Inc., c/o Secretary of State - Business Services. ...

TO: Byline Bank, as Successor to Metropolitan Bank and Trust Company as Trustee under Trust Agreement 2289; Benito Rodriguez; Olga T. Rodriguez; Maria Cordero. ...

TO: TLTC CS00 2204 Chicago Title Land Trust Company, as successor Trustee to the County Clerk of Cook County, IL. ...

TO: Wallace Muhammad; Khalid Morocco; Aqeel Muhammad, Earl Muhammad; W.D.M. Ministry, Inc., Stonebridge Condominium Association #2, Unifund CCR, LLC. ...

TO: Capital Income and Growth Fund, LLC; Marie Williamson, Freddie J. Williamson, Wynica Harper, and Addie Williamson. ...

TO: Darrell Raymond Montona; Rikkisha Candler; Occupant of P-6, 4345 S. Indiana Ave., Chicago, IL; Westward 360; 4345 S. Indiana Condominium Association, c/o Randy Sotelo; Judgment Creditors. ...

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People wearing face masks pose for photographs next to Olympic Rings on Tuesday in Tokyo. The Games have been postponed to 2021.

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BY STACY ST. CLAIR

When his phone started buzzing with text messages and news alerts before 7 a.m., three-time Olympian Tyrone Smith immediately knew the reason.

He looked quickly at the screen to confirm, then tossed the iPhone on his bed and walked away.

The Tokyo Games had been postponed a year because of the coronavirus pandemic, marking the first time since World War II that a global crisis prevented the event from opening.

The decision concludes weeks of uncertainty for local Olympic hopefuls, many of whom have seen their training centers closed and key qualifying competitions canceled in recent weeks. It also threatens to bring an abrupt end to countless athletes' careers, as they can no longer afford the physical, personal or financial cost of being a world-class competitor.

"I'm not alone," said Smith, the North Chicago-raised long jumper who competes on behalf of Bermuda and had intended to retire after Tokyo. "There are a lot of athletes facing tough decisions right now. That's the hard truth."

Japan Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and the International Olympic Committee reached an agreement Tuesday to delay



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Rhythmic gymnasts Izzy Connor, left, and Elizaveta Pletneva, who train in Glenview, hope to stick it out for a year now that the Tokyo Olympics have been postponed until 2021.

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Former Bears assistant coach Olivo gets quarantined in Italy

'Surreal' experience is 'as close to apocalyptic' as he's ever seen

BY BRAD BIGGS

"I'm alive."

That's how Brock Olivo, the Bears assistant special teams coach the last two seasons, answered the phone Tuesday afternoon from Rome, where he has been quarantined for two weeks.

Olivo, who was fired the day after the 2019 season ended, traveled to Rome in early January for a few weeks before returning to Chicago. He headed back to Rome on Feb. 14 — four days before a 38-year-old man tested positive for the

coronavirus in Lodi, a town in the northern province of Lombardy. Northern Italy was hit particularly hard, then the virus spread across the rest of the country, making it the second-most infected in the world.

Olivo, 43, is healthy and has not required testing as the country has come to a near-standstill. According to Johns Hopkins University, 6,820 people have died from COVID-19 in Italy — more than any other nation — and the number of confirmed cases have topped 69,000, with some fearing the number of those carrying the virus could be exponentially higher.

Olivo repeatedly called it a "surreal" experience.

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BROCK OLIVO PHOTO

Brock Olivo, a former Bears assistant, plays the guitar on his balcony while quarantined in Italy during the coronavirus outbreak.

WHEN SPORTS STOOD STILL

Keeping an eye on the impact of the coronavirus crisis:



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Tokyo: 2021

The IOC announced a first-of-its-kind postponement of the Summer Olympics on Tuesday, bowing to the realities of a coronavirus pandemic that is shutting down daily life around the globe and making planning for a massive worldwide gathering in July a virtual impossibility.

The International Olympic Committee said the Tokyo Games "must be rescheduled to a date beyond 2020, but not later than summer 2021, to safeguard the health of the athletes, everybody involved in the Olympic Games and the international community."

It was an announcement seen as all but a certainty as pressure mounted from nervous athletes, sports organizations and national Olympic committees — all forced to deal with training and qualifying schedules, to say nothing of international anti-doping protocols, that have been ruptured beyond repair.

Four-time Olympic hockey champion Hayley Wickenheiser, the first IOC member to criticize the body's reluctance to postpone, called it the "message athletes deserved to hear."

"To all the athletes: take a breath, regroup, take care of yourself and your families. Your time will come," she wrote on Twitter.

IOC President Thomas Bach, above, and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe spoke via phone Tuesday morning, and they, along with a handful of executives from the IOC and Japan's organizing committee, agreed to make the call to delay games that have been reported to cost upward of \$28 billion to stage.

Other Olympics — 1916, 1940 and 1944 — have been canceled because of war, but none have ever been postponed for any reason, let alone a renegade virus that has accounted for more than 375,000 cases worldwide, with numbers growing exponentially. The Tokyo Games would still be called the 2020 Olympics, even though they will be held in 2021 — the first time the games will be held in an odd-numbered year since the modern era began in 1896.

"The leaders agreed that the Olympic Games in Tokyo could stand as a beacon of hope," the IOC said in a statement.

— Associated Press

THE QUOTE

"Many have both a sense of relief and of grief. Tons of unknowns. We will of course reset, re-engage and figure out things one day at a time. What other choice do we have?"

— U.S. women's volleyball coach Karch Kiraly

THE NUMBER

65% Percentage of U.S. Olympic hopefuls who said continuing to train for the Tokyo Games during the coronavirus crisis would put their health at risk. In a survey conducted by the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee over the weekend, 68% of the athletes also said they didn't think the Olympics would be fair if they weren't postponed.



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.

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:

Low seeds, high drama

(MARCH 25, 2011)

This story was published when Virginia Commonwealth, an 11 seed, continued its 2011 NCAA Tournament run with a 72-71 overtime win over Florida State to advance to the Southwest Regional semifinal. It has been edited for length and clarity.

Associated Press

Throughout its surprising run in the NCAA Tournament, Virginia Commonwealth kept winning by wide margins, never having to worry about staring down the big boys in pressure situations.

Well, it turns out VCU can do that, too. Bradford Burgess made a layup off an inbound pass with 71 seconds left in overtime, and Rob Brandenburg blocked a shot at the buzzer, giving VCU a 72-71 victory over Florida State in a Southwest Region semifinal Friday night.

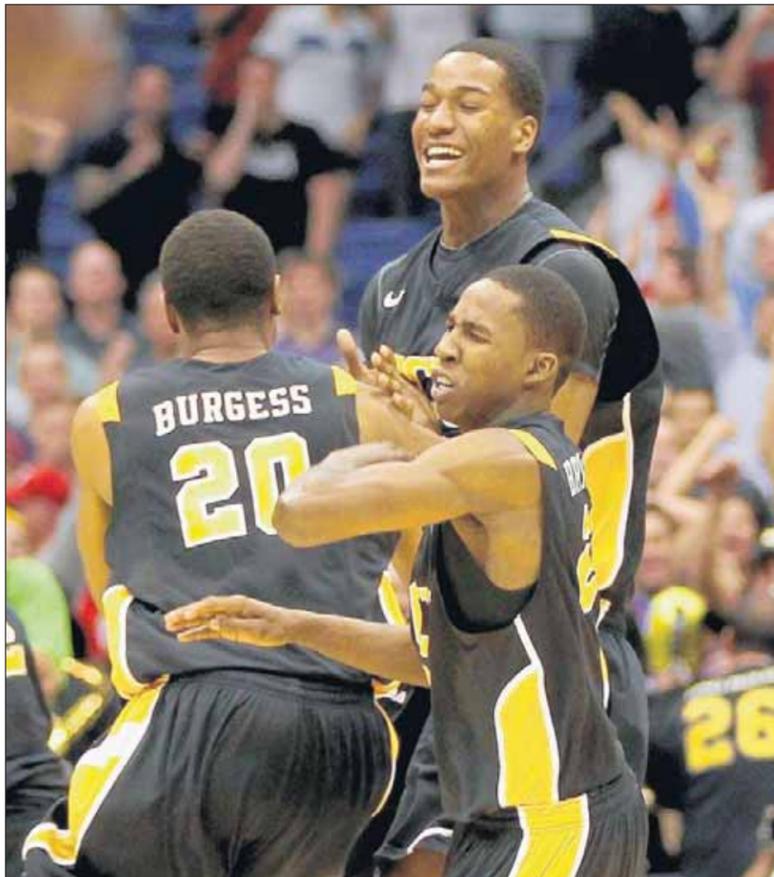
"Guts — just guts and want-to," second-year coach Shaka Smart said.

After winning only three of their last eight games, the Rams got into the 68-team field over the loud objections of many critics and had to win in the First Four just to secure an 11th seed. They proved they belonged by beating Southern California by 13, then continued their rise by knocking out Georgetown and Purdue by 18 points each. They seemed headed to another runaway victory, up by nine points with 7:37 left, then nearly blew it.

As the only team that has already won three games, fatigue might have been a factor as VCU made just one of seven shots and went 0-for-4 from the foul line. VCU's final attempt of the second half was blocked by Bernard James, giving the Seminoles one last shot, a long jumper that didn't get over the front rim.

Florida State was up by one in the final seconds of the extra period when VCU guard Joey Rodriguez stood underneath the basket, ready to throw in the ball. The Rams were going to run their favorite inbound play, but the Seminoles recognized the setup and called a timeout to switch their defense. Smart realized it, too, so he switched to another play.

Burgess weaved through several screens,



JAMIE SQUIRE/GETTY

VCU's Bradford Burgess celebrates after making the game-winning shot against Florida State during the Southwest Regional semifinal on March 25, 2011, in San Antonio.

and Rodriguez made a ball fake. The eventual pass skipped between two defenders and went right to Burgess. He bobbled the pass a bit, then banked it in before the defense could recover.

"I had been messing up — my layups were getting blocked," said Burgess, who scored 26 points, making six of seven 3-pointers. "I wasn't going to the hole

strong enough, and I said if I got the chance I wanted to win the game for the team."

On Florida State's final possession, Derwin Kitchen drove the baseline and passed it outside. The shot might have been too late, but Brandenburg avoided any controversy by swatting it, sending the Rams (27-11) into the final eight for the first time.

"We're going to have to play much better

OTHER MARCH 25 MOMENTS

1934: Horton Smith wins the first Masters, beating Craig Wood by one stroke.

1958: Sugar Ray Robinson regains the middleweight title for a record fifth time with a 15-round decision over Carmen Basilio.

1961: Cincinnati ends Ohio State's 32-game winning streak with a 70-65 win in the NCAA basketball championship. In the third-place game, St. Joseph's beats Utah 127-120 in quadruple-overtime.

1972: Bill Walton scores 24 points to carry UCLA to an 81-76 victory over Florida State and the NCAA title. The Bruins finish with a 30-0 record and increase their winning streak to 45 straight.

1995: Mike Tyson is released from a Plainfield, Ind., prison after serving three years for rape.

2007: Cullen Jones becomes the rare black swimmer to claim a world championship, teaming with Michael Phelps, Neil Walker and Jason Lezak on a U.S. squad that wins the 400-meter freestyle relay at the world championships in Melbourne, Australia.

2008: Tennessee gives coach Pat Summitt her 100th NCAA Tournament win, a 78-52 rout of host Purdue. The win sends the Lady Vols to the NCAA regional semifinals.

than we did tonight," Smart said. "Our guys know that, and I think we have it in us."

They're certainly from the right conference — the Colonial Athletic Association, the league that sent another No. 11 seed, George Mason, to the Final Four in 2006.

Florida State (23-11) hadn't been this far since 1993 and thought it had the team to keep going. The Seminoles certainly had the defense (allowing the lowest field goal percentage in the country) and had star Chris Singleton back in as close to full gear as he's been since breaking his right foot in mid-February.

The first NCAA Tournament matchup between teams seeded 10 and 11 was tight throughout. VCU's biggest lead was nine; FSU's biggest was four.

The Seminoles outrebounded the Rams 47-32. Florida State had 21 on the offensive end, leading to 18 more shots than VCU. Yet it wasn't enough.

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the Summer Games, which were slated to begin in July. The move came amid mounting calls to delay the event because of the virus, which has caused more than 18,000 deaths worldwide since it emerged late last year.

The U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee, which had supported giving the IOC more time to make a decision, finally joined the chorus of dissenters late Monday. The committee said it made its decision at the urging of its athletes, many of whom have struggled to train at a world-class level in recent weeks because of government-ordered closures to training sites, swimming pools and other critical facilities.

Even if the pandemic tapers to the point where it would be safe to hold the Games, athletes questioned whether Olympic trials and other qualifying events — many of which have been scrapped — could be held under healthy, fair and properly trained conditions.

The uncertainty had put Olympic hopefuls on edge, forcing them to find creative ways to train and keep their minds off a potentially devastating blow to long-held dreams. Many of them woke up to text messages from coaches and relatives Tuesday morning informing them of the delay.

For some, the announcement was welcomed news after weeks of disrupted training schedules and public health concerns. For others, it meant difficult decisions about the future.

But for nearly everyone, it brought much-desired clarity to the IOC's wait-and-see approach.

"I was expecting this to happen. You could see it coming," said Greco-Roman wrestler Joe Rau, of Chicago, who had been favored to make the U.S. Olympic team this year. "I'm just relieved there is a decision and I can start figuring out what my next steps are going to be."

Rau won the Pan American Championships a few weeks ago, securing the United States a spot in 87-kg weight class in Tokyo and earning himself an automatic berth in the best-of-three finals at the U.S. Olympic trials. At this point, both qualifications are expected to be honored in 2021.

But for Rau, and thousands of other athletes who plan their lives one quadrennial at a time, this was supposed the year.

Since barely missing the Olympic team in 2016, every decision Rau has made over the last four years has been with the Tokyo Games in mind. He's in the best form of his life, wrestling at level he now must maintain for a year instead of four months.

He planned to distract himself from the disappointment Tuesday by baking an apple pie with his girlfriend and working out at home.

"I've been thrown around by life and wrestling," the 29-year-old Elmhurst College graduate said. "I know how fragile everything is. Nothing is given easily and nothing is guaranteed."



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Greco-Roman wrestler Joe Rau goes for a run with his girlfriend, Astrid De Leeuw, on Sunday in Des Plaines. Rau was favored to make the U.S. team for the Tokyo Olympics.

His training partner, Robby Smith, a 2016 Olympian, faces an even more uncertain future. At 33 and with his funding set to run out at the end of this year, he is unsure whether he can wait until 2021. He would like to start a family and begin building a career, both of which he had put off for another shot at the Games.

A four-time world team member and Pan American champion, the Evanston resident took a long walk along Lake Michigan with his wife, Kelly, after learning about the postponement. They both shed tears as they talked about the future and all the happy memories his career has given him, but the couple made no final decisions.

"This is all I've known since I was 4 years old," Robby Smith said. "How do you say goodbye to that? What's the best way to end an era? I knew this day would come some day, but I was hoping to go out on my own terms."

In Arkansas, Tyrone Smith and his wife, Olympic silver medalist Sandi Morris, also discussed the future. The couple, who fell in love at the Rio Games, had hoped to compete together as a married couple in Tokyo before Smith's retirement.

On a professional level, Morris — a pole vaulter and Downers Grove native — supported the IOC's decision to postpone the

Games, given both the public health concerns and the obstacles athletes faced around the world. She also hopes the extra time allows her ankle to better heal from a nagging injury.

At 27, a year's delay will not hurt her chances of winning another medal. Her contract with Nike runs out this year, and she might not have a chance to earn all her usual bonuses, but she expects the shoe company will remain supportive of its athletes given the unprecedented circumstances.

Her pole sponsor, UCS Spirit, is sending a used vaulting pit to her parents' home in South Carolina so she can still practice amid all training facility closures nationwide. Her father plans to set it up on a community soccer field in his subdivision and build a runway for her so she'll be ready to compete when life returns to normal.

"I'm hoping in the next two or three months the world will get a handle on this, and I'll still have a track season," she said. "We have to make a paycheck; we have to make a living. Just like every industry, we're hoping we can get back to work soon. Just knowing the most important competition of our lives is not going to be during this insane year is comforting."

The delay stings personally, though, as Morris watches Smith struggle with his

"It's going to be tough. We would all be putting our lives on hold for this dream."

—Izzy Connor, rhythmic gymnast

decision. If the Games had taken place in July, the 35-year-old Smith would have become the first Bermudian male athlete to compete in four Olympics. It seemed a fitting way to retire, and he already had begun making plans for his post-competition life, including finishing his master's degree next spring.

"We are having a very hard time making the decision as to whether he wants to go on trying to train through next year because we both want to so very badly to do an Olympics together as a married couple," Morris said. "He has got to make the decision himself. I'm just trying to be a supportive wife, no matter what he decides to do."

The pair did not reach any conclusions Tuesday. Instead, they put on a documentary about the history of dogs and tried to take their minds off everything.

"At this point, we've pretty much watched everything there is on Netflix," Tyrone Smith said.

The U.S. rhythmic gymnastics team, which has trained together in Glenview since 2017, also faces some difficult choices in the coming weeks. The seven-member squad had a heart-to-heart conversation Tuesday morning via video conference during which the coach asked who would be willing to stay another year.

They all said they wanted stick it out — though some needed to sort out personal issues first.

The lease on Elizaveta Pletneva's apartment, for example, was running out, and she hadn't re-signed. Yelyzaveta Merenzon, who had come out retirement to help the team, was due back at the University of Chicago in the fall after a leave of absence.

Izzy Connor — whose parents have lived halfway across the country from each other for years in order to support her dream — also needs to check on a college deferral.

The team, which pays for its own training, also must commit to another year of the financial burdens athletes in less-prominent Olympic sports often endure.

"There's no sugarcoating it," the 19-year-old Connor said of the postponement's impact. "It's going to be tough. We would all be putting our lives on hold for this dream."

And it appears they are willing to do exactly that. Within two hours of the International Olympic Committee's announcement, the U.S. rhythmic gymnastics team was back training, running through ballet exercises and completing leg workouts.

In their own homes.
Via video conference.
Alone.
Of course.

SPORTS

Day 14

Since the sports world went mainly dark

Postponed Games send some sports scrambling



USA Basketball's next move hinges on new Olympic schedule

BY TIM REYNOLDS
Associated Press

USA Basketball is hoping that the rescheduled Tokyo Olympics will be held around the same time next year as they would have been this year.

Otherwise, an already-complicated situation could get even tougher for coaches and players.

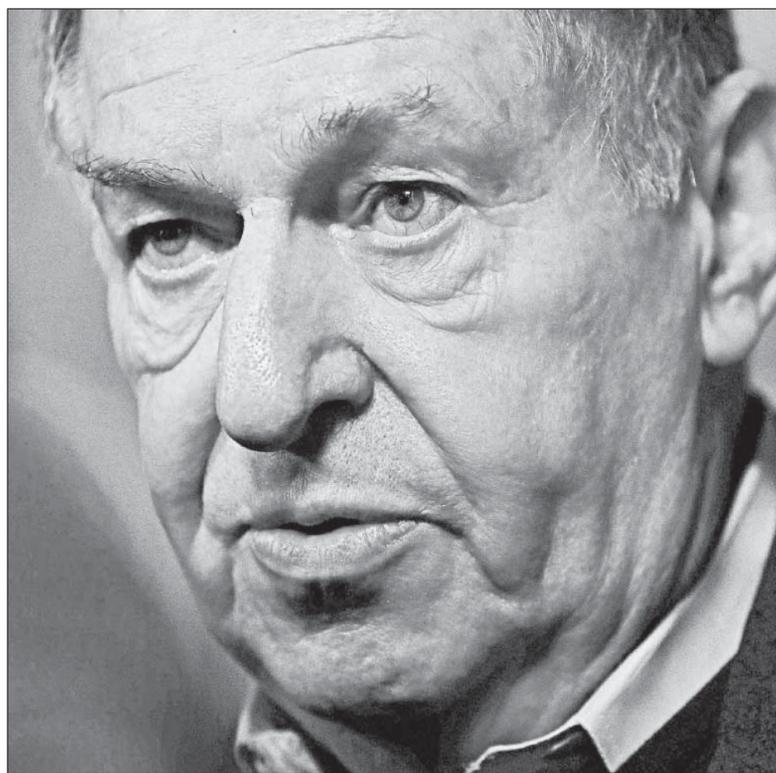
USA Basketball managing director Jerry Colangelo said Tuesday that he has "hit the pause button" on planning for the next Olympics. Colangelo noted that there's nothing now to do besides waiting to see exactly when the games in Tokyo will be held in 2021 — and if the new schedule will conflict with the NBA schedule.

"It's pretty simple, isn't it? We either have NBA players or we don't," Colangelo told The Associated Press. "And if we don't, we'll look at the other options."

For now, Colangelo is committed to remain in his role through 2021. So is the coaching staff; U.S. coach Gregg Popovich of the San Antonio Spurs is the head coach, with assistants Steve Kerr of the Golden State Warriors, Lloyd Pierce of the Atlanta Hawks and Jay Wright of Villanova.

But again, that's all schedule permitting. This summer's Olympics were to begin July 24, which typically is part of the NBA offseason. When the International Olympic Committee announced the postponement of this summer's games on Tuesday, a decision made because of the global coronavirus pandemic, it said the delay would last "no more than one year."

That wording seems to suggest the possibility of an earlier-than-usual Olympics. And if the Tokyo Games are held in April, May or June that could mean the U.S. plans change considerably.



EMMANUEL DUNAND/GETTY-AFP (TEAM USA 2016), JONATHAN DANIEL/GETTY-AFP (COLANGELO)

Depending on when the Olympics are rescheduled in 2021, Jerry Colangelo says USA Basketball may need to go forward without NBA players. Team USA won gold in 2016.

"We're hopeful that this is going to take place in the same timeframe next summer as it was scheduled for this summer," Colangelo said. "There are a lot of things that have to be done totally out of our control. We're a follower in this situation. We're dealing with the NBA, FIBA, the USOC, the International Olympic Committee, etc., etc. Here's what we have to wait for now: What are the dates? Once they set the dates, then we will go into action."

USA Basketball was planning to pick the 12-man roster for the Tokyo Olympics in June. There were 44 players under consideration, and assuming the schedule means NBA players can take part in 2021 most if not all of those names will likely be on the list next year.

"These are unusual times," Colangelo said.

"And when they ring the bell, we'll get ourselves ready."

Olympic delay will upend swimming, track championships

BY PAUL NEWBERRY
Associated Press

The expected yet stunning decision Tuesday to postpone the 2020 Summer Olympics because of the coronavirus could have a ripple effect on other major events, most notably the world championships for track and swimming.

While the International Olympic Committee has yet to set a new date for the Tokyo Games other than "not later than summer 2021," the revised calendar undoubtedly will heavily impact two of the event's biggest sports.

The 2021 world athletics championships are scheduled for next summer in Eugene, Oregon, which is constructing a new stadium that will seat 30,000 on the site of historic Hayward Field. The next world aquatics championships are set for roughly the same time in Fukuoka, Japan.

Paul Doyle, one of track and field's most influential agents, believes the track worlds should be postponed until the summer of 2022, in the midst of what is essentially an off year for the sport.

"That makes the most sense," he said. "No global championships in 2022, so if we move it to 2022 that solves a lot of problems. If you put them in the same year, it's not just having Olympics and worlds the same year. How do you select the teams?"

This will be the first time the every-two-years event has been held in the United States.

Now, it's all about the timing. The track worlds are scheduled for Aug. 6-15, which obviously won't work if the Tokyo Olympics are pushed back a full year to roughly the same spot on the calendar as this year's games — July 24-Aug. 9.

If the Olympics are held in April or May, an idea that seems to be under serious consideration, the track worlds could press forward with their plans.

Even so, Doyle said it would be better to delay the world championships to 2022.

"I don't think putting them in the same year makes a lot of sense, especially when really 2022, it should be relatively easy," he said. "I would imagine that having a little more time might be good."

Swimming also holds its biggest event outside the Olympics in odd-numbered years.

The 2021 aquatics championships — which in addition to swimming also include diving, water polo, artistic swimming, open water swimming and the non-Olympic sport of high diving — are set for July 16-Aug. 1 in Fukuoka, which is about 675 miles southwest of Tokyo on the island of Kyushu.

Again, that timing won't work if the Olympics are shifted to the summer of 2021.

But Cornel Marculescu, the executive director of world governing body FINA, said there is no chance of the next worlds being bumped back to 2022.

Marculescu said the IOC is considering two options for the Summer Games, which will have a direct impact on FINA's next move.

"If they do it in summer, then we (will have to change) the dates (of the world championships)," he said. "If they do it at the beginning of the year, maybe we don't need to touch the dates. The only thing we do, we wait to see what is the IOC decision."

AP Sports Writers Andrew Dampf in Rome and Pat Graham in Denver contributed to this report.

IN BRIEF

Panthers release Newton after not finding trade

News services

The Cam Newton era is over in Carolina, as the Panthers released the 30-year-old quarterback after nine seasons.

The move became a mere formality after the Panthers made it clear last week they were moving on from Newton by giving him permission to seek a trade and then agreeing to a three-year, \$63 million contract with free agent quarterback Teddy Bridgewater after 90 minutes later.

On Monday night, Newton posted on his Instagram account that he was "hungrier" now because he is "unemployed."

■ Former Jets WR Robby Anderson has agreed to terms on a two-year contract

worth \$20 million with the Panthers. ... The Jets signed WR Breshad Perriman to a one-year, \$6 million deal. ... Cowboys C Travis Frederick announced his retirement at 29. ... The Jaguars agreed to a two-year deal with TE Tyler Eifert.

Baseball: Mets RHP Noah Syndergaard has a torn elbow ligament and needs Tommy John surgery that will keep him out of action this year. Mets medical director Dr. David Altchek will operate Thursday.

Boxing: The third fight between heavyweight champion Tyson Fury and Deontay Wilder, scheduled for July 18 in Las Vegas, was postponed to the fall, ESPN reported.

College basketball: Dayton's Obi Toppin and Anthony Grant were named the AP's player of the year and coach of the year, respectively, after the Flyers (29-2) finished No. 3 in the final Top 25 poll.

NBA: Clippers owner Steve Ballmer is buying the Forum for \$400 million, clearing the way for the billionaire to build a new arena down the street in Inglewood, Calif.

NHL: Deputy commissioner Bill Daly confirmed the league has asked that players and staff extend their self-quarantine 10 days beyond the original March 27 timeline to April 6 — further pushing back the earliest team facilities can reopen.

ON THE CLOCK

29 Days until the NFL draft, which is still scheduled for April 23-25.

The top 5



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	

NFL DRAFT

"My focus is on what I can control and just put my best foot forward and everything will take care of itself in time."

— David Dowell



HANNAH FOSLIEN/GETTY

Safety in numbers

BY MATT WENZEL
mlive.com

After five years at Michigan State, David Dowell began preparing to take the first steps toward a professional career.

The safety played in the East-West Shrine Bowl in January, then spent more than two months training for the Spartans' pro day and another chance to impress NFL personnel.

Dowell is now back at his parents' home in North Ridgeville, Ohio, and has company. His twin brother Andrew, a former linebacker for the Spartans and current member of the Saints, is also there. So is their younger brother Michael, a safety coming off his redshirt freshman season at Michigan State.

It isn't the scenario Dowell anticipated a few weeks ago but is the result of the coronavirus pandemic. Michigan State's pro day, scheduled for March 18, was canceled and the Spartans' spring practice is suspended indefinitely. So, Dowell is continuing to train and waiting for whatever opportunities arise.

"There's so many things that are out of your control," he said. "I can continue to focus on working out, staying in shape and when they're updates that come and things like that, I'll be ready for them. My focus is on what I can control and just put my best foot forward and everything will take care of itself in time."

Dowell, 6-foot-1 and 209 pounds, was a three-year starter at free safety for Michigan State and finished with 176 career tackles, eight interceptions and eight pass break-ups. His best season, statistically, came in 2017 when he posted five interceptions — the most for a Spartan since Broderick Nelson had five in 2001 — as he was named a first team All-Big Ten selection by the media. He was a third team pick by the coaches in 2018 and an honorable mention by the media as a senior.

After closing his college career in Michigan State's Pinstripe Bowl win against Wake Forest, Dowell began training at Michael Johnson Performance in McKinney, Texas. That was interrupted by a week spent in Florida for the East-West Shrine Bowl, along with a pair of former Michigan State teammates — defensive tackle Raequan Williams and offensive lineman Tyler Higby.

"You get to show how you practice," Dowell said. "Obviously scouts and things like that get to come to the games but they're only allowed to come to the beginning of practices throughout my career at Michigan State. For them to really

Michigan State's David Dowell embracing uncertain future while hoping to join twin brother in NFL



CARLOS OSORIO/AP

Michigan State safety David Dowell tackles Ohio State wide receiver K.J. Hill in a 2018 game. Dowell is hoping to land in the NFL despite not being invited to the combine.

see how I approach practice, how I hustle and then also just making plays and things like that. To get to be in front of scouts for an entire week, it really goes a long way."

Although Dowell wasn't one of the seven Spartans invited to the NFL Scouting Combine, he found out early he wasn't going to the event and continued to focus on training in Texas and preparing for pro day drills. He returned to his parents' house on March 12 and intended to head to East Lansing for pro day before the event was canceled the following day.

With Michigan State eliminating in-person classes through the end of the semester and spring practice on hold, Michael is back at home as well. Andrew is there too after initially planning on training in Texas during the offseason. So, it's like old times for the three brothers, who are now under the same roof again for an extended period for the first time in about five years.

"It's really nice to be at home with my entire family just enjoying each other's company," Dowell said. "It's been a blessing, for sure. We're definitely trying to look at the positives of the situation, be around family, enjoy family and stay safe and healthy."

While that means playing board and card games with their parents, Will and Anita, all three boys are also still focused on football — two years after all being on the same team together at Michigan State. They can work out in the basement and have used a friend's gym a few times already.

"You've kind of got to reconfigure mentally and physically and understand I can still stay in the best physical shape and I can still execute whenever the time comes to execute, if the time comes to execute, and just kind of go from there," Dowell said. "You just kind of shift your focus, shift your mindset and just continue to move forward."

Because Andrew didn't redshirt as a true freshman at Michigan State like his twin brother, he left the program a year earlier. After going undrafted, he signed with the Dallas Cowboys, was waived by the team and signed with the Saints' practice squad. He then signed a reserve/future contract with the Saints in January. Dowell has leaned on his older brother — Andrew was born 21 minutes earlier — for advice in attempting to make the leap to the NFL.

"It was definitely comforting for me to see him go through a similar process," Dowell said. "He's with the Saints right now, so can still see success at the next level, he's going to have an opportunity to make the team. I think that's one thing we've always been able to do, throughout Michigan State and high school and just growing up in general, being able to learn from each other, bounce things off each other and just having somebody there that's going through a situation as you or have gone through a similar situation, it definitely helps me out throughout the process."

In addition to Michigan State's pro day being canceled, the NFL issued an indefinite ban on team personnel traveling to see draft-eligible prospects working out and from prospects visiting club facilities. So, Dowell is thinking of taking video of himself going through the same drills he would have done on pro day and having his agent send it out to those interested.

"Just get some stuff on film to show teams kind of how I'm moving, I'm still moving well, I'm in shape, my speed still looks good and all those other things they would have seen at pro day," he said.

The NFL draft is still scheduled for April 23-25. Dowell isn't sure if his name will be called or if he will potentially follow a similar path as his twin brother by signing as an undrafted free agent. What is certain is his life will soon change. From high school football and working to land scholarship offers to five years at Michigan State while earning a bachelor's degree in advertising management and a master's degree in kinesiology, there's a new life ahead of him.

"There's so much uncertainty, so you really don't know, but at the same time you can look at it another way, that's an exciting thing," Dowell said. "No matter what, my life is going to change. I could be in a different city, different experiences, meeting new people, so I'm excited for the future. I don't know what the future holds exactly where I'll go or when I'll go and things like that, but I have faith that everything's going to work out for the greater good. I'm just looking forward to it."

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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	W	L	PCT	GB
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	W	L	PCT	GB
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	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	W	L	PCT	GB
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	W	L	PCT	GB
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

SECOND-PERIOD STATS

TEAM	PPG	FG%	3P%	RPG	APG
Houston	30.4	46.5	34.8	10.8	5.4
Clippers	30.1	48.1	36.7	12.0	6.2
Milwaukee	29.9	48.6	37.7	12.7	6.6
L.A. Lakers	29.7	50.5	38.2	11.4	6.7
Wash.	29.7	46.8	35.9	9.9	6.4
Dallas	29.3	46.3	36.7	11.8	6.1
Minnesota	29.3	45.2	35.6	11.3	6.5
New Or.	29.2	45.1	39.4	11.5	6.8
Atlanta	29.1	46.5	35.6	11.1	6.0
Indiana	28.6	49.0	37.7	10.8	7.1
Miami	28.5	47.0	38.6	11.1	6.6
Ok. City	28.1	46.9	37.3	10.8	5.8
Toronto	28.0	44.4	33.5	11.4	6.4
San Ant.	28.0	47.0	38.5	11.2	6.4
Boston	27.9	44.1	32.5	12.0	5.3
Portland	27.9	44.6	35.8	11.6	4.8
Sacra.	27.6	46.7	37.7	10.7	5.8
Orlando	27.6	44.2	33.8	11.4	6.1
Brooklyn	27.6	45.3	33.8	12.5	5.9
Detroit	27.5	46.7	38.3	10.4	6.0
Chicago	27.5	45.3	35.1	10.5	6.2
Denver	27.3	47.8	33.1	11.4	6.7
Golden St	27.3	45.5	32.3	10.9	6.7
Phila.	27.2	45.9	36.1	11.1	6.7
Memphis	27.0	44.6	31.9	11.6	6.6
Utah	27.0	44.6	37.7	11.8	5.4
Phoenix	26.9	45.6	33.8	10.7	6.7
New York	26.5	45.0	35.5	10.9	5.6
Cleveland	26.3	45.4	36.2	10.8	5.8
Charlotte	25.9	43.9	34.6	10.7	6.2

PLAYER	TM	PTS	REB	AST
James Harden	HOU	9.6	1.4	1.5
Trae Young	ATL	8.5	1.3	2.3
Bradley Beal	WAS	7.5	0.9	1.2
Kawhi Leonard	LAC	7.3	1.9	1.3
LeBron James	LAL	7.2	2.1	2.5
G. Antetokmpo	MIL	7.2	3.4	1.6
Russ Westbrook	HOU	7.0	1.9	2.1
Jayson Tatum	BOS	6.2	1.9	0.6
D'Angelo Russell	MIN	6.1	0.9	1.9
Karl-An. Towns	MIN	6.1	2.2	1.0
CJ McCollum	POR	6.0	1.1	1.1
Zach LaVine	CHI	5.9	1.0	1.1
Dennis Schroder	OKC	5.9	1.0	1.4
Luka Doncic	DAL	5.8	1.6	1.7
Damian Lillard	POR	5.7	0.9	1.3
Lou Williams	LAC	5.6	0.8	1.7
Donovan Mitchell	UTA	5.5	1.0	1.0
John Collins	ATL	5.5	2.2	0.4
Kelly Oubre Jr.	PHX	5.5	1.7	0.5
Joel Embiid	PHI	5.4	3.0	0.9
Montrezl Harrell	LAC	5.4	2.0	0.5
Kemba Walker	BOS	5.3	0.9	1.2

source: nba.com



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PHOTO OF THE DAY

Universal body language

Tokyo 2020 President Yoshiro Mori, left, and CEO Toshiro Muto address reporters on Tuesday in Japan. The Summer Olympics have been postponed until 2021.

SOCCER

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER

Eastern	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Atlanta	2	0	0	6	4	2
N.Y. Red Bulls	1	0	1	4	4	3
Montreal	1	0	1	4	4	3
Toronto FC	1	0	1	4	3	2
Columbus	1	0	1	4	2	1
D.C. United	1	1	0	3	3	3
Chicago	0	1	1	2	2	3
New England	0	1	1	2	3	3
Orlando City	0	1	1	1	2	2
Philadelphia	0	1	1	3	5	5
Cincinnati	0	2	0	0	3	5
Inter Miami CF	0	2	0	0	1	3
N.Y. City FC	0	2	0	0	0	2

Western	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Sporting KC	2	0	0	6	7	1
Minnesota	2	0	0	6	8	3
Colorado	2	0	0	6	4	2
FC Dallas	1	0	1	4	4	2
Los Angeles FC	1	0	1	4	4	3
Seattle	1	0	1	4	3	2
Portland	1	1	0	3	2	3
Vancouver	1	1	0	3	2	3
Real Salt Lake	0	0	2	2	1	1
LA Galaxy	0	1	1	1	1	2
San Jose	0	1	1	1	4	7
Houston	0	1	1	1	1	5
Nashville SC	0	2	0	0	1	3

3 points for victory, 1 point for tie

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

AP PLAYER OF THE YEAR

(Selected by the 65-member national media panel that selects the Top 25)

VOTING	PTS
Obi Toppin, Dayton	34
Luke Garza, Iowa	24
Markus Howard, Marquette	3
Udoka Azubuike, Kansas	2
Payton Pritchard, Oregon	2

RECENT PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

- 2019: Zion Williamson, Duke
- 2018: Jalen Brunson, Villanova
- 2017: Frank Mason III, Kansas
- 2016: Denzel Valentine, Michigan St.
- 2015: Frank Kaminsky, Wisconsin
- 2014: Doug McDermott, Creighton
- 2013: Trey Burke, Michigan
- 2012: Anthony Davis, Kentucky
- 2011: Jimmer Fredette, BYU
- 2010: Evan Turner, Ohio State
- 2009: Blake Griffin, Oklahoma
- 2008: Tyler Hansbrough, N. Carolina
- 2007: Kevin Durant, Texas
- 2006: J.J. Redick, Duke
- 2005: Andrew Bogut, Utah
- 2004: Jameer Nelson, Saint Joseph's
- 2003: David West, Xavier
- 2002: Jason Williams, Duke
- 2001: Shane Battier, Duke
- 2000: Kenyon Martin, Cincinnati
- 1999: Elton Brand, Duke
- 1998: Antawn Jamison, North Carolina
- 1997: Tim Duncan, Wake Forest

AP COACH OF THE YEAR

VOTING	PTS
Anthony Grant, Dayton	30
Scott Drew, Baylor	13
Brian Dutcher, San Diego State	12
Leonard Hamilton, Florida State	6
Mark Few, Gonzaga	2
Steve Pikiell, Rutgers	1
Bill Self, Kansas	1

RECENT COACHES OF THE YEAR

- 2019: Chris Beard, Texas Tech
- 2018: Tony Bennett, Virginia
- 2017: Mark Few, Gonzaga
- 2016: John Calipari, Kentucky
- 2015: Gregg Marshall, Wichita State
- 2014: Jim Larranaga, Miami
- 2013: Frank Haith, Missouri
- 2012: Mike Brey, Notre Dame
- 2011: Jim Boeheim, Syracuse
- 2010: Bill Self, Kansas
- 2009: Bill Self, Kansas
- 2008: Keno Davis, Drake
- 2007: Tony Bennett, Washington State
- 2006: Roy Williams, North Carolina
- 2005: Bruce Weber, Illinois
- 2004: Phil Martelli, Saint Joseph's
- 2003: Tubby Smith, Kentucky
- 2002: Ben Howland, Pittsburgh
- 2001: Matt Doherty, North Carolina
- 2000: Larry Eustachy, Iowa State
- 1999: Cliff Ellis, Auburn
- 1998: Tom Izzo, Michigan State
- 1997: Clem Haskins, Minnesota

OLYMPICS

ALL-TIME SUMMER GAMES MEDALS

COUNTRY	G	S	B	M
United States	1,022	794	704	2,520
Soviet Union	440	357	325	1,122
Germany	275	313	349	937
Great Britain	263	295	289	847
France	212	241	260	713
Italy	206	178	193	577
China	227	165	151	543
Australia	147	163	187	497
Sweden	147	170	179	494
Hungary	175	147	169	491
Russia	149	136	161	446
Japan	142	136	161	439
Romania	89	95	122	306
Finland	101	85	117	303
Canada	64	102	136	302
Netherlands	85	92	108	285
Poland	58	84	132	284
South Korea	90	87	90	267
Cuba	78	58	80	226
Bulgaria	51	87	80	218
Czech Republic	61	72	64	197
Denmark	45	74	75	194
Switzerland	50	75	67	192
Norway	56	49	47	152
Spain	45	64	41	150
Belgium	40	53	55	148
Brazil	30	36	63	129
New Zealand	46	27	44	117
Greece	33	43	40	116
Kenya	31	38	34	101

source: statistica; topendsports

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	44	14	12	100	227	174
Tampa Bay	43	21	6	92	245	195
Toronto	36	25	9	81	238	227
Florida	35	26	8	78	231	228
Montreal	31	31	9	71	212	221
Buffalo	30	31	8	68	195	217
Ottawa	25	34	12	62	191	243
Detroit	17	49	5	39	145	267

METRO.	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	41	20	8	90	240	215
Philadelphia	41	21	7	89	232	196
Pittsburgh	40	23	6	86	224	196
Carolina	38	25	5	81	222	193
Columbus	33	22	15	81	180	187
N.Y. Islanders	35	23	10	80	192	193
N.Y. Rangers	37	28	5	79	234	222
New Jersey	28	29	12	68	189	230

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	42	19	10	94	225	193
Colorado	42	20	8	92	237	191
Dallas	37	24	8	82	180	177
Winnipeg	37	28	6	80	216	203
Nashville	35	26	8	78	215	217
Minnesota	35	27	7	77	220	220
Chicago	32	30	8	72	212	218

PACIFIC	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vegas	39	24	8	86	227	211
Edmonton	37	25	9	83	225	217
Calgary	36	27	7	79	210	215
Vancouver	36	27	6	78	228	217
Arizona	33	29	8	74	195	187
Anaheim	29	33	9	67	187	226
Los Angeles	29	35	6	64	178	212
San Jose	29	36	5	63	182	226

2 points for win, 1 for shootout/OT loss

FACEOFFS WON

TEAM	FO	FWO	FOL	PCT.
Vancouver	4,008	2,166	1,842	54.0
Philadelphia	3,954	2,159	1,795	54.6
Montreal	4,249	2,143	2,106	50.4
Nashville	4,085	2,135	1,950	52.3
Ottawa	4,242	2,132	2,110	50.3
Vegas	4,205	2,103	2,102	50

SPORTS



NICK HEATH SELFIE

Rugby commentator Nick Heath says fans need "to scratch the itch of not having any actual sport."

Sports — of sorts

Announcers getting in their reps on Twitter during the shutdown

By STEVE DOUGLAS
Associated Press

Mark Church was sitting on the end of his bed, coming to terms with the devastating effect the coronavirus outbreak would have on his job as a cricket announcer, when he picked up his phone and did what he does best.

"To cheer myself up," Church recalls, "I just did a bit of commentary to myself."

After posting the short video recording on Twitter — of a wicket taken during the 1985 Ashes series — he got his 70-year-old mother to take part in some clips too. What really sent his notifications "through the roof" was when his 10-year-old daughter, Isabelle, became involved in what he has now labeled "#commentaryathome."

"We had a 20-minute window before school and I just gave her a few pointers," said Church, a freelancer who works for the BBC among others. "I was thinking to myself, 'She will never get this right, bless her.' But she nailed it in one take."

Now, their daily musings — dad as the main announcer, daughter as the analytical sidekick who begins her comments with "well, Mark ..." — are getting more than 100,000 views, and are being enjoyed and shared by cricket stars such as Australia captain Aaron Finch and former England captain Nasser Hussain. Perhaps most important, they are providing some light relief for those craving a bit of sport in their life.

The global lockdown of sports means it is a strange time not just for athletes but also those who describe the action to the watching public. For announcers like Church, no sport equals no pay. No distractions, either.

So it's time to get creative. "I completely understand that what people want at the moment is information. Information, information, information," said Church, who likely won't be back at work until June at the earliest, with the start of the cricket season delayed. "But then I think at some point, there'll have to become a distraction on top of the information."

That's exactly what Nick Heath is delivering. A freelance rugby announcer in the UK who calls matches for Sky Sports and Channel Four among other broadcasters, Heath is helping to fill the void in his working life by providing parody commentary on mundane and everyday things, like dogs running around in a park and people crossing the road, or buying groceries at a market.

They are proving a revelation, garnering a combined total of more than 2 million views and more than tripling Heath's Twitter following in a matter of days.

"It turns out that in these slightly curious times, the world desperately needed some levity," Heath said in a phone interview, "and also needed to scratch the itch of not having any actual sport."

Heath, who has received some "tempting" inquiries from people in the entertainment world on the back of his videos, has been left humbled by the reaction from those working on

the front line during the pandemic.

"They are saying, 'I've got home from work and it's the first time I've managed to laugh all day, so thank you so much,'" Heath said. "For this to be the positive collateral effect is phenomenal."

Then there's Clive Tyldesley, one of the best-known soccer commentators in Britain. With much of the country now working from home or in isolation, he has been doing regular "household commentaries" of chores such as cooking and unclogging the shower tray, and posting them on social media.

These amusing videos are doing more than brightening the days of frustrated sports fans. They are a form of practice for the announcers themselves, who need to keep their voices in shape like athletes need to exercise.

"It's keeping my hand in," Church said. "I can think to myself, 'At least I've done something constructive today.' I'm treating it like a net before we get back out there in the middle."

Joe Buck feels the same. One of the top NFL commentators, Buck is doing commentary on videos his large Twitter following send in, describing them as "practice reps" during quarantine. He takes it up a notch by including slow-motion replays.

In the meantime, Church and Heath will continue to entertain their growing number of followers with their wit and creativity.

"I just hope that by the time sport does reappear," Heath said, "any of my former employers still take me seriously as a commentator."

"I will stay here where I am close to loved ones and wait it out and see what happens."

— Former Bears assistant coach Brock Olivo



Olivo

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"It's as close to apocalyptic as we have ever seen," said Olivo, who is living with his Italian girlfriend in an apartment.

Thoughtful with his words and pausing at times to deliver the right message in a 30-minute conversation, he is thankful that his family, including a 10-year-old daughter that lives permanently in Italy about 90 minutes from Rome, is healthy.

"I got back here right about the time this thing was starting to take off," he said. "I've basically been here since the onset. Shortly thereafter, it started exploding up in the northern part of the country and from there on it's been ... unreal."

"Little by little the Italian government has been putting restrictions on social movement and now they are to the point where the entire country is under quarantine. The only retail that is open are pharmacies and grocery stores, but they are open with only limited hours. You can leave the house only for an emergency or to go grocery shopping, and only one person per household can go grocery shopping and it's limited to once a week. You can walk your dog, but you have to have a written permit on you at all times, even if you're just walking your dog."

"They are debating today, as we speak, the government is considering passing a bill that will allow authorities to slap you a ticket for 4,000 Euros if you don't have a legitimate written permit on you. Because they have been way too lenient and there hasn't been enough enforcement and people just take advantage of it. The Italians, this is a very social, gregarious society. They want to be outdoors and socializing, and it's really difficult to contain a society like this. They've had to really ... put the clamps on it and they are talking about keeping these restrictions in place until the 31st of July."

Olivo, who was born in St. Louis and raised in Hermann, Mo., last left his residence Sunday to go shopping for essentials.

"I am usually the sacrificial lamb that goes out," he said. "I put on a mask, gloves and then get disinfected when I get back — I get sprayed down with disinfectant when I return. It's crazy."

Olivo previously was the special teams coordinator with the Broncos and worked as an assistant for Chiefs special teams coordinator Dave Toub.

He had hoped to land another job in the NFL in January. He considered pro and college opportunities but nothing materialized and he returned to Rome to coach for the Lazio Ducks, who play in Division I, Italy's top league for American football that features U.S. coaches and players. Former Baylor coach Art Briles coached Guelfi Firenze in Florence last season. Olivo was hired as the special teams coach and secondary coach.

"They have pitched the idea of me playing running back a few times," said Olivo, who was Missouri's all-time leading rusher before joining the NFL in 1997 as an undrafted free agent, spending time with the 49ers before four seasons with the Lions as a special teams standout.

"We had football practice up until two weeks ago when the full quarantine was enforced, and now everything is just on hold."

None of the Ducks players or staff is ill, but Olivo knows some in Italy's American football community have died. He has been involved in football there since 2007, when he coached the Bologna Warriors. He also coached Marines Lazio and the country's national team and has led multiple groups of NFL coaches to Italy to conduct clinics, including one last summer with many current Bears assistants.

It's natural to wonder if Olivo, who is fluent in Italian, regrets not returning to the U.S. shortly after the virus spread in mid- to late February.

"I am going to be honest," he said. "No. My daughter is here, my girlfriend is here and I want to coach football and stay active in the game. My only chance this year was here. I had exhausted all my opportunities in the States and I was going to kill two birds with one stone, be closer to my daughter and stay in the game of football that I love."

"I really do not have any regrets at all. Being over here where it exploded so quickly, you understood the path of the thing. ... I will stay here where I am close to loved ones and wait it out and see what happens."

He stays in close contact with those he worked with in the NFL, frequently texting with Bears special teams coordinator Chris Tabor and his agent, Colorado-based Paul Sheehy.

"None of the conversations in-

volve talking shop at all," he said. "It's, 'Hey, man, how are you doing? Is everything OK? Hope you are well.' People are reaching out with concern, and it's nice because you realize the relationship goes beyond the white lines. Now I have reason to be concerned about their well-being."

Italy did show slight signs of progress since Saturday, with both the number of newly documented cases and deaths decreasing on consecutive days, though Reuters reported another spike in deaths Tuesday, reversing the two-day decline.

"It's an auspicious sign, but the fear is that people will see that progress, get lenient, go back outside and start socializing again," Olivo said. "That's why they don't want to risk what they're terming a second wave with this. After the numbers subside and after it gets to the point where there are no more new cases, at that point they are saying we can't allow this mass exodus. So we need to quarantine for another 15 days after there are no more news cases."

In the meantime, Olivo is doing his best to maintain a daily routine.

"I'm the type of guy, I can't sit still," he said. "I've always been on the move and I'm used to a certain rhythm. So I am working out. ... Luckily I am in an apartment building that is seven stories so I am able to work out on the stairs. That is great."

"I am registered here with an Italian sommelier association, so I am following a sommelier course which I am studying at home. I am learning Spanish and working out. Cooking a lot and playing a lot of guitar because now people sing from the balconies back and forth. We're doing the same thing, so I get out the guitar and play some songs. You become really creative when you are quarantined. All of your most creative sides need to blossom here otherwise you will go stir crazy."

Olivo's repertoire includes songs from both countries.

"It runs the gamut from country to rock to Italian classics," he said. "Been playing and singing a lot of 'Take Me Home, Country Roads' lately."

After his workout Tuesday afternoon, Olivo took to the balcony, where he's also enjoying cigars, something he stocked up on before the quarantine, to make some music. Spring has arrived, and temperatures have climbed into the 70s, so it makes for beautiful evenings even in the grip of the health scare.

For those just beginning to work from home and practice strict social distancing in the U.S., Olivo offers a few suggestions.

"You can lose all concept of time," he warned. "By keeping myself on a structure during the day, the day does go by quickly. But I learned in the beginning, if you are not on a structure, the days will linger and you will lose track of time and you'll go nuts. That's why I am on a strict schedule — I am starting sommelier (class) now. Football is now. I'm doing Spanish now. My workout is now."

"What you really realize in this is health is absolutely the No. 1 most important thing. The Italian government, and I am referring to it because I am here right now, what they're saying is, 'Look, people who have temporarily lost their jobs, those things can be recouped later on down the line. Your health cannot.'"

"A lot of people have perished here and a lot more will, and you can't say goodbye to them. You can't go to their funeral. It is a very cold, cold way to go out and to have to let go of someone you love. So the government is saying, 'Please respect the restrictions. Make these sacrifices right now because down the road if we have our health, we're going to get through it.' That has been the message."

Olivo urges those in the United States to take the threat of the coronavirus seriously and not wait for positive tests and the death toll to climb.

"As we speak, people are carriers of the virus, they are infected, and they have no idea," he said. "There is a little skepticism in everybody at the beginning of this thing. It's natural and it's normal because it's so surreal and you can't get your arms around it until this hits home, until it hits really close to home, which it has for me. I have been here in Italy and my, God, it's happening around me."

"Yes, people need to take this seriously now. They need to hunker down and they need to accept it for what it is now and then take care of the other things when the storm passes. Take this seriously or it is going to prolong the agony. Heartbreak, disappointment, anger, whatever it may be, you have to accept that right now. It's a life-and-death situation."

ILLINOIS

Griffin in transfer portal

By SHANNON RYAN

Illinois sophomore guard Alan Griffin is entering the transfer portal, he announced Tuesday on Twitter.

His departure leaves a big void for coach Brad Underwood. Griffin led the Illini in 3-point shooting at 41.6% and ranked fifth scoring at 8.9 points per game.

He came off the bench in all but one of 28 games he played this season, but his playing time increased from 8.1 minutes per game as a freshman to 18.1 minutes.

"Illini nation, I first want to start off by saying thank you and welcoming me with open arms and supporting me through the years," a post on Griffin's Twitter account read. "I also want to thank the university, my teammates, the coaching staff, and all of the staff. After careful thought and consideration, I have decided to enter my name in the transfer portal."

"I wish all of the upcoming and current players and the coaching staff best of luck next season. Please respect my decision."

Griffin was expected to be a key player for the 2020-21 Illini after the loss of guard Andres Feliz to graduation. Sophomore guard Ayo Dosunmu, the team's leading scorer, may enter the NBA draft.

WOLVES

Video game tourney all set

By PHIL THOMPSON

The Wolves' season will go on — in video game form.

The coronavirus pandemic forced the American Hockey League to postpone operations, but Chicago's AHL franchise is hosting a fan tournament using EA Sports' "NHL 20" title. The team has been signing up fans online at a brisk pace, and the tournament tentatively is scheduled to begin Wednesday.

"It's a different way to approach hockey," Wolves center Gage Quinney said. "It's better than having no hockey, so the tournament was a great idea."

Meanwhile, the Wolves are running simulations through PlayStation 4 of each of the remaining 10 games on their schedule — starting tonight against a virtual Cleveland Monsters team — and fans can follow the action on Twitch.

The Wolves started their computer-simulated schedule with a 3-2 overtime win and a 5-1 blowout victory in a pair of weekend "games" against the Texas Stars.

The Wolves are still working out some details for the video game tournament, and developments in the real-life AHL could affect play, but here are the basics:

■ When fans sign up, they have the option to choose

between Xbox and PlayStation 4, and those formats will run as separate tournaments. Because of high interest, the team is considering organizing more tournaments in the near future.

■ Each tournament will follow with an NCAA Tournament-style bracket, with 64 entries.

■ Pairs of the 64 gamers will face off head-to-head, but each will use the Wolves' roster in the game. First-round losers will get a second chance in the double-elimination tournament. Fans will report the results to the team.

■ Gamers will advance round by round until each format has two fans playing for a championship.

■ The Wolves also are considering having the PS4 and Xbox champions compete through one of the formats to crown a "super-winner," but that hasn't been settled. They also haven't decided what prizes, if any, will be awarded. On possible prize could be a one-on-one matchup against Quinney: "I think I get to play the champion of the tournament. I think that will be pretty fun. I play video games quite a bit so I'm a big gamer."

The AHL originally was scheduled to conclude April 11, but the league left open the possibility of resuming play in May.

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Adam Schreck, Sarah Dell'Amico, Andrew Knox, Mary Catherine Curran, Asia Martin and Jordan Savusa in the Second City 108th Mainstage revue "Do You Believe in Madness?"

New take on improv

Second City hoping online content can soften financial blow

BY CHRIS JONES

With its shows canceled until further notice and its revenue stream obliterated, Chicago's most illustrious comedy theater, a crucial feeder for American late-night comedy and one of the city's signature visitor attractions, is trying to improvise its way out of a major crisis.

According to Andrew Alexander, the co-owner of the privately held company, about two-thirds of Second City's staff has been laid off, including all casts, front-of-house workers, and food and beverage workers. Second City maintains three separate comedy theaters in Chicago's Old Town neighborhood, along with a bar and restaurant.

In normal times, it employs an army of part-time servers, hosts, cooks and bartenders as well as performers, both resident and touring. Across its many performance and educational divisions, it had about 750 people on its payroll.

That is now down to 250. "It's been very difficult," Alexander said. "We know people have families.



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Photos of Second City alumni are part of the Harold Ramis Film School at Second City in Piper's Alley in Chicago. The comedy theater is shifting to more online classes during the coronavirus pandemic.

We are trying to figure out how to do shows online and get our alums involved in the video content online and compensated in the right way. We also want to raise funds for our community."

"I think people are just saddened," said John Denney, a longtime host and trainer. "There is an environment

at Second City of being celebrated when you leave. This is just not the way we wanted this to go down."

Alexander also said that none of the executive owners of the company is taking any compensation for the foreseeable future. Employees who were let go, he said, received pay for two additional weeks and will in many

cases be eligible for unemployment. "I just hope the government will step in," he said.

After initially canceling all shows through March 31, Second City now is saying that it has no idea when live performances will return.

"This is like the devastation of a war," Alexander said. "But we are going to come through this. We can go for quite a while and survive."

As with many entertainment and restaurant businesses, the big ongoing expense, once the bulk of the employees are off the payroll, is rent.

Second City has a large footprint inside the entertainment-focused building known as Piper's Alley, but it is not the owner of its home. It now faces weeks, perhaps months, of a large rent bill without any revenue.

"We've asked for a concession," Alexander said. "We have not yet heard back."

And thus Second City now is forced to turn to other ways of raising revenue so it does not burn through cash too quickly.

One near-term plan, Alexander said, is to try to figure out how to provide sketch comedy and improvisation for audiences online.

"We've always taped all our shows," Alexander said. "Hopefully, we can

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'Wait, Wait ... Don't Tell Me!' ventures back to its beginnings

Coronavirus has forced NPR show to return to phone-interview roots

BY STEVE JOHNSON

When "Wait, Wait... Don't Tell Me!" began, the NPR comedy news quiz show was recorded via the host and panelists sitting in different studios, talking over phone lines.

Now, amid the novel coronavirus pandemic, the show produced by NPR and Chicago's WBEZ-FM is having its back-to-the-future moment.

Long used to taking comfort and cues about what's funny from recording in a theater, in front of an audience, "Wait Wait" for the foreseeable future is once again being made the old-fashioned way, a method that didn't work so well for giving the show energy but was dynamite for preventing infection.

"As it turns out, we were just into social distancing before it was cool," host Peter Sagal said at the outset of Saturday's show, the first made during the stay-at-home order in place in Illinois and other states.

"Here is your host, from a Jacuzzi filled with hand sanitizer somewhere in Chicago," announcer Bill Kurtis said in introducing Sagal just a moment earlier.

Actually, Kurtis and Sagal were in a studio at WBEZ, and they had a tube of disinfecting wipes between them. Panelist Luke Burbank was in a home studio in Seattle while panelists Paula Poundstone and Maz Jobrani were in a Los Angeles radio studio, maintaining safe social distance even from each other.

The call-in guest was Stephen Colbert, who talked about his own stay-at-home experience with his family while his CBS late-night show is on medically

prudent hiatus.

"It's anxious," he said, and "I'm eating a lot of old meat."

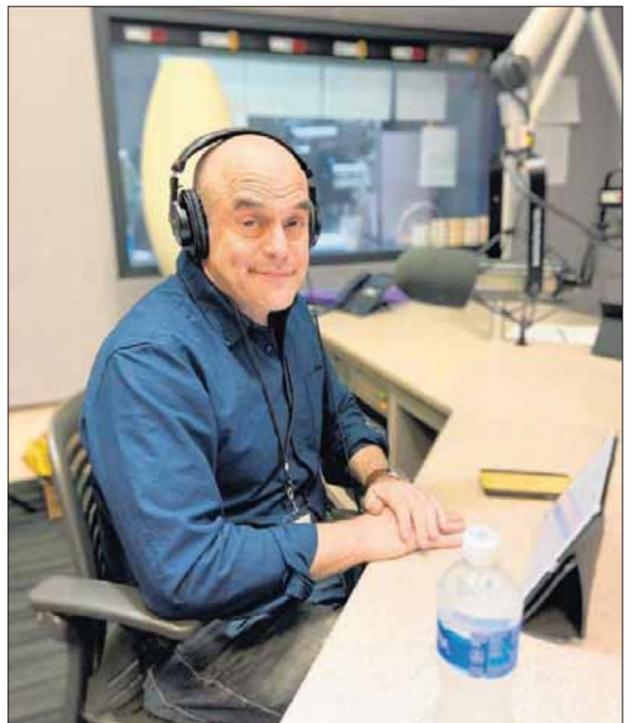
But however challenging the new logistics, the show, one of the most popular national programs produced in Chicago, is going on.

The new reality was disorienting at first, Sagal said.

He could sense people, himself included, pressing. But then everybody settled down and began talking to each other, and it started to feel right. Also, the editing that takes place Friday, after the Thursday-night tapings, helps a lot.

"For many years I've been telling people what we're doing on our show was (we) throw this big party of great people and we invite everybody to come," he said. "Well, parties are no longer allowed, but we can have a conversation and we can still invite

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"Wait, Wait" host Peter Sagal is again interviewing guests on the phone.

CELEBRITIES

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Stiller, De Niro have a message for New Yorkers: Stay home!

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo has gone straight to the people to spread his stay-at-home message — the famous people, that is. “This is not life as usual. There is a density level in NYC that is destructive. It has to stop and it has to stop now. NYC must develop an immediate plan to reduce density. #StayAt-Home,” Cuomo tweeted Sunday morning.

Video messages from Robert De Niro, Danny DeVito, Ben Stiller and La La Anthony followed, all tagged with New York state’s new slogan: “Stay home. Stop the spread. Save lives.”

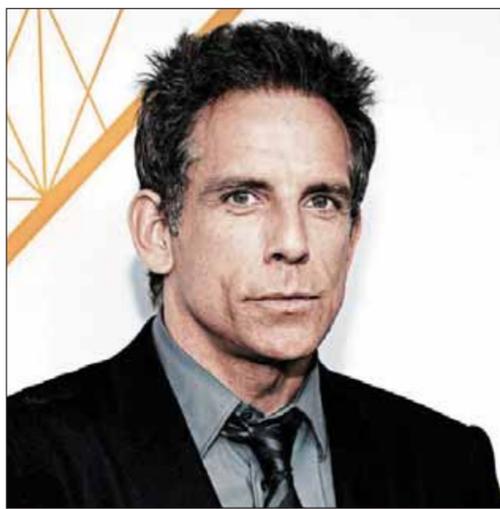
The messages, aimed at stopping the spread of the coronavirus, were a reaction to situations in New York that were similar to the scenes at California’s beaches and parks over the weekend. Those gatherings, many of which failed to adhere to social distancing guidelines, resulted in the closure of trails, parks and beach parking lots.

In New York, Stiller addressed his fellow city dwellers on Cuomo’s behalf, saying, “We really have to all stay at home. It’s the only way we can stop the spread of this virus. And it’s only going to work if we all do it together.” He urged people to chill out, maybe watch movies or explore a new hobby.

Then he went back to practicing his new chainsaw-sculpting skills, which he finally had the time to learn.

De Niro, DeVito and Anthony all had similar messages, which included a plea to think about protecting other people from the coronavirus.

“Please. I’m watching you,” De Niro said, pointing two fingers at his own eyes and then at the camera lens.



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“We really have to all stay at home,” Ben Stiller, pictured in September, says in a new video for the state of New York.



CHRISTOPHE ENA/AP

Saxophonist Manu Dibango, pictured in 2018 in Paris, died from COVID-19.

Dibango dies in France: Manu Dibango, 86, who fused African rhythms with funk to become one of the most influential musicians in world dance music, died Tuesday with the coronavirus, according to his music publisher.

The Cameroon-born saxophonist, who gained international fame with his 1972 song “Soul Makossa,” died in a hospital in the Paris region, Thierry Durepaire said. Dibango was hospitalized with an illness “linked to COVID-19,” his official Facebook page said last week.

Funeral services were to

be “held in strict privacy” followed by a tribute “when possible,” Tuesday’s announcement said.

O’Donnell’s show raises cash: Rosie O’Donnell’s streaming Broadway charity show raised over \$600,000 for virus victims. Sunday’s show featured Kristin Chenoweth singing “Taylor the Latte Boy,” Gavin Creel singing “You Matter to Me,” Darren Criss singing “Being Alive” and Gloria Estefan singing “There’s Always Tomorrow.” The special was streamed live on Broadway.com and its YouTube channel. The money went to the Actors Fund to help those suffering with the coronavirus.

March 25 birthdays: Film critic Gene Shalit is 94. Singer Anita Bryant is 80. Musician Elton John is 73. Actress Marcia Cross is 58. Actress Sarah Jessica Parker is 55. Singer Katharine McPhee is 36. Comedian Chris Redd is 35. Rapper Big Sean is 32.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Ph.D. student loses self in relationship

Dear Amy: My boyfriend and I are in our early 20s. We have been in a long-distance relationship for 18 months.

He is my first major love and relationship. Now, our current (yet tentative) plan is to move in together after my Ph.D. is done and his business settles. He is very supportive, and I’m happy being with him. However, I’m not sure if I’m ready.

I’ve lost myself as I put so much energy, time and effort to our relationship, instead of investing in myself. I became emotional, and I’m not as productive or disciplined as I was. I don’t know how to balance myself, as this is my first relationship. I’m not sure if a relationship is good for me or if I’m ready to be in one. I want to focus and invest in myself without his influence because I’m scared of losing myself even more.

My boyfriend wants to be supportive, but we are both so clueless. Should we break up or find a balance?

Is there a way to be in a relationship and still be your most productive/career-driven self in your 20s?

— *Unsure*

Dear Unsure: Regardless of the plans you two have made, you should dial in to that feeling in your gut. Your early 20s is a time of emotional development and exploration, and in that sense, your concern about this demonstrates that you are right on track.

The ideal — for you, your guy and everyone — is to find a healthy balance, in your life and relationships. It is not unusual to feel like you’ve “lost” yourself when you first fall in love.

It’s called “falling” for a reason. That sensation of tumbling through space is thrilling, but it is frightening, too. And yes, obsessively feeding one relationship will curtail your own personal and career progress. Remember, the primary relationship in your life will always be the one you have with yourself.

You should choose to live wherever your Ph.D. takes you, in order to build a career in your field, and no, given how you are feeling, you should not cohabit until you are absolutely certain.

If you move to his city, renting a room in a group house (instead of cohabiting) might be a good idea.

Dear Amy: Why is there a stigma about living with your parents?

In many cultures, multi-generational households are considered the norm. No stigma exists.

My home is in a high-rent area where people pay as much as two-thirds of their income for housing.

I decided to rent out two bedrooms. My renters each have their own area in the house, as do I. My tenants are my adult children. All expenses are split equally, as are household duties as defined in our tenant contract. We respect each other’s privacy.

The advantages of this arrangement allow for each of us to pay far less than we would living on our own. We all get to live in a well-maintained, nice home in a part of the country we love.

We take care of each other’s pets when someone is away. We live with people we know and trust. So far, this is working

well for us.
— *Lea, in Santa Cruz, CA*

Dear Lea: This arrangement sounds ideal. I agree with you that the North American concept of rugged individualism may have created a stigma about adults living with their folks, but this same concept also allows you to ignore the stigma and live as you please.

Dear Amy: Your advice to “Hair Today, Gone Tomorrow” was off base. This girls’ volleyball coach had insisted that she shave her arm pits and legs. She wears a “uniform,” as in, the coach wants his team to look “uniform.”

If this young woman wants to play volleyball that badly, then she should follow the coach’s rules.

Sure, there is gender discrimination in the world, but this smacks of too much micro-feedback, and to call it discrimination goes way too far.

Instead of supporting the coach and his idea of how to be proud of his team, you rule in favor of a teenager who now learns that she can go over his head to the school administrator for stupid stuff.

— *Margie*

Dear Margie: In my mind, demanding that this young athlete shave her body is the essence of “micro-feedback.” As I said in my response, unless male volleyball players are also asked to shave, I think this girl should be left alone.

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‘The Twilight Zone’ episode feels eerily familiar to today

Pandemic parallel: ‘Time Enough at Last’ plot rings bell

By NINA METZ

Our lives are usually full of so many obligations, who hasn’t found themselves craving enough downtime to just quietly curl up with a book, uninterrupted?

That hazy fantasy has now become a daunting reality — one full of fears about physical health, money and our collective mental well-being. It’s a sour irony that it took a worldwide catastrophe to create all this free time. To an extent, a similar circumstance plays out in an early episode of “The Twilight Zone.”

Watching it now amid our strange new coronavirus-dictated circumstances, it has an eerie resonance. Damn you, Rod Serling. Available on Netflix and CBS All Access, “Time Enough at Last” originally aired in 1959. It is the eighth episode of the show’s first season and one of the series’ most well-known, starring Burgess Meredith — before he was the Penguin on the 1960s “Batman” TV series, before he was the craggy boxing trainer Mickey in

the “Rocky” films. Here he plays Henry Bemis, a bookish bank teller who would prefer spending his days reading. If only! It’s not just that he’s busy — but that no one around him really seems to appreciate the joys of reading. Even his wife goes to bizarre lengths to prevent him from doing so.

As Serling’s voiceover explains, Henry is “conspired against by a bank president and a wife and a world full of tongue-cluckers and the unrelenting hands of a clock. But in just a moment Mr. Bemis will enter a world without any presidents or wives or clocks or anything else. He’ll have a world all to himself. Without anyone.” Gulp.

One day during lunch, he sneaks down to the bank vault where he can sit on the floor, unbothered and alone with his newspaper and books. And then suddenly there’s a massive explosion outside, leaving only rubble behind. There are no survivors. The emptiness is chilling and you can’t help but think of our current circumstances, of streets barren of life and anything resembling normality.

“This is solitude,” Henry observes curiously. “I’ve never had much solitude.”

And then comes the sobering realization: “If it weren’t for the loneliness. If it just weren’t for the same-ness. If there was just something to do.” Gulp.

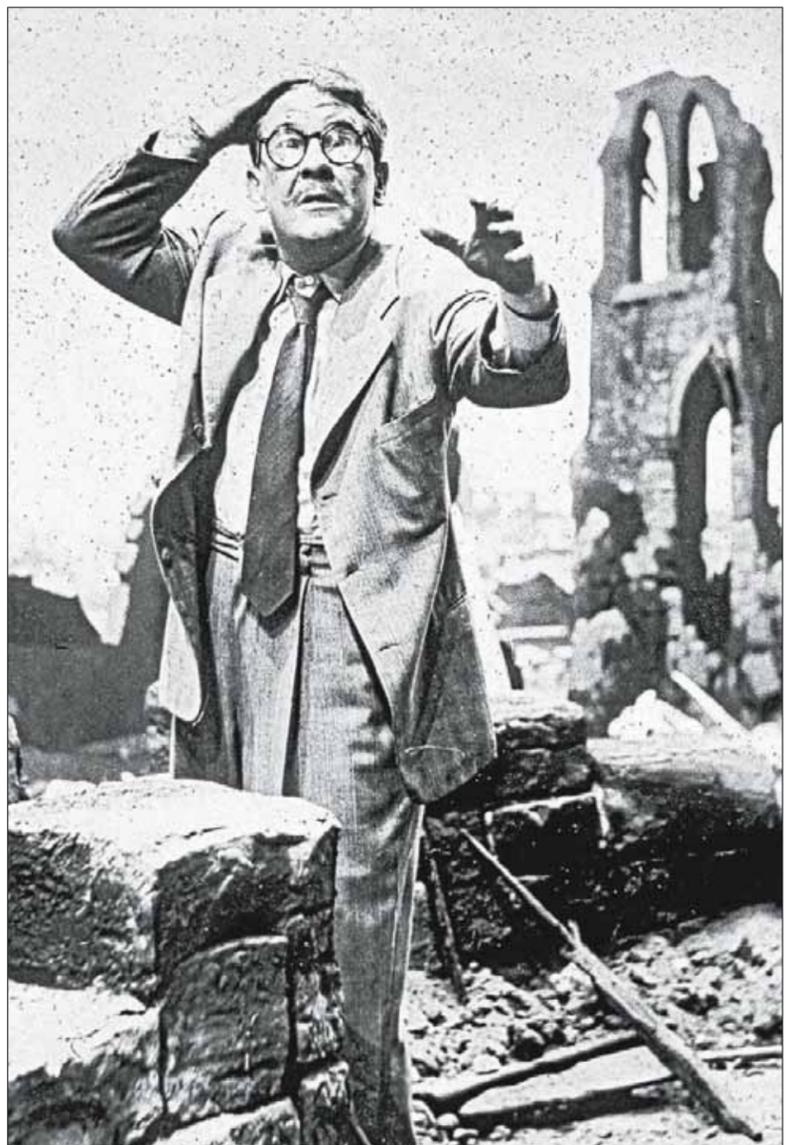
The genius of so many “Twilight Zone” episodes is the way they patiently work with your expectations. When Henry spots the public library, his depression is momentarily lifted and he starts making piles of books and plans for the future: “January, February, March, April, May ... This year, the next year and the year after and the year after that and the year after that.”

“And the best thing, the very best thing, is there’s time now.”

And then his thick coke bottle glasses fall to the ground and shatter, leaving him unable to read anything at all. Or as the always tangy Serling puts it: “The best laid plans of mice and men — and Henry Bemis, the small man in glasses who wanted nothing but time.”

Today, unlike Henry, we’re not utterly alone. Read a good book. Watch some good TV. Whatever helps you get through it. You’re allowed small pleasures. Hang in there friends.

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Burgess Meredith plays a bookish bank teller in “Time Enough at Last,” which originally aired in 1959 in the first season of “The Twilight Zone.”

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put that content online and then offer live improvisation online afterwards.”

Can you really improvise online?

“What choice do you have?” asked Kelly Leonard, executive director of

Learning and Applied Improvisation at Second City works, the corporate division. “We have always taught that you must play the scene you are living.”

At its Training Center, Second City, like other area educational institutions, is pivoting rapidly to online instruction. Beginning Monday, the theater is offering new online “from

your couch” classes in a variety of disciplines, from “Creating and Pitching Your TV Series” to “Writing the Sitcom Spec Script” and “Teen Stand Up” to “Voiceover 101.” Vice president of Second City Training Centers Abby Wagner said that more than 100 existing students had “beta tested” the online classes over the past week.

The new classes — pitched in part at people with some time on their hands to work on their showbiz dreams — will be available as part of either a four-week or an eight-week session, and some classes will be available on an ad-hoc, “drop-in” basis.

The corporate division, which long has specialized in customized workshops

for businesses, also has switched to webinars, adding crisis management to the curriculum, and it is trying to teach corporate leaders how to work better in virtual spaces.

“People are going to be communicating online for a long time,” Leonard said. “We’re telling leaders to give themselves permission to be vulnerable and

transparent, to be willing to share even the bad information. This is a chance for people to be more personal.”

And, in so doing, to survive.

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Why aren't Lollapalooza tickets on sale?

Summerfest has been postponed until September

Tribune staff with news services

Usually, Lollapalooza tickets are on sale right now, in an annual rite of passage, but the novel coronavirus has changed that. Not only are tickets not on sale, but the festival issued a statement Tuesday that it is, like the rest of us, hunkered down and watching developments.

Chicago's summer festival season begins with the House Music Festival, scheduled for May 21-23, and ends with Riot Fest, Sept. 11-13. But as uncertainty comes from public health officials advising against large gatherings, the status of music festivals locally is uncertain. Lollapalooza, the biggest Chicago-area event, draws 100,000 people a day to Grant Park in August. The four-day event usually begins ramping up ticket sales in mid-March. Four-day passes, the first round



Fans take in the grounds and the Milwaukee skyline on the Summerfest Skyglider.

of sales, opened to the public on March 19 in 2019.

Meanwhile Summerfest, the sprawling lakefront music festival that has attracted hundreds of thousands of concertgoers to Milwaukee, has been postponed from late June to September, according to a

statement posted on Twitter Monday night. As with many of the music festivals postponed or canceled in 2020, the reason is the coronavirus outbreak.

Originally scheduled for June 24-28 and June 30-July 5, it is now scheduled for Sept. 3 to 5, 10 to 12 and

17 to 19. There was no indication if any of the more than 30 acts would still perform, and the statement said more information would be coming. Khalid, Sam Hunt, Justin Bieber, Guns N' Roses, Chris Stapleton, Luke Bryan, Dave Matthews Band and Halsey

had been announced for the festival that bills itself as "the world's largest."

"In the interest of safety and cooperation with artists, Summerfest 2020 will move ... The new dates provide the best possible option to deliver the Summerfest experience our fans and sponsors have grown to love," the statement on Summerfest's official Twitter account reads. Tickets purchased for Summerfest's original dates can be used for the rescheduled dates.

Summerfest joins a growing list of spring and summer festivals postponed or canceled. First the South By Southwest music festival in Austin, Texas, was canceled. Following on the heels of that came the announcement that Coachella, scheduled for four days in mid-April in California, has been postponed to October, along with its smaller related event, Stagecoach.

The U.K.'s Glastonbury 2020 festival was canceled and the 2020 Bonnaroo Music and Arts Festival, in

Manchester, Tennessee, was postponed.

The other major Chicago outdoor music event, Pitchfork Music Festival, scheduled for July 17-19, has issued a statement: "We are following the developments closely, along with everyone else, and are hopeful that any public health risks will have subsided by this summer. We will continue to monitor as the industry, city, and health officials update procedures, and communicate any changes to ticket holders. In the event that the festival is canceled before its commencement, all tickets will be refunded in full."

The other Chicago festivals scheduled for 2020 are Chicago Blues Festival, June 5-7, Spring Awakening, June 12-14 and Windy City Smokeout, July 10-12. Other big concert events include the BTS "Map of the Soul" tour, coming to Soldier Field June 5 and 6.

Currently, there are no plans to postpone or cancel any of those events.

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people to listen."

Said executive producer Mike Danforth, "We really missed even the 10-12 people who were in the audience last week."

On March 12 the show recorded on stage in a near-empty Fox Theater in Atlanta, deciding on that day that it was a bad idea to bring in the planned live audience of several thousand.

Comedian Helen Hong was a panelist on that show who had flown in from Los Angeles. She is also something of a germophobe.

"The broadcast part was actually pretty fun," Hong said. "We were still crack-

ing our jokes, and we were still laughing at each other's jokes."

But she only reluctantly took her face mask off to record the show, she said, and she sat on the end of an especially long panelists' table, where normally she would sit in the middle.

Hong wore kitchen gloves, mostly as a reminder to not touch her face.

She was surprised, she said, that one of her coronavirus jokes, about the run on toilet paper, didn't make the final cut: "In all my imaginings of how the apocalypse would shake down, I never knew that butt wiping was going to be such a high priority."

That show came out well, though, its unusualness something of a treat

for longtime listeners. Ditto for this past weekend's show, the one that was recorded from remote locations.

The plan is to do it again more or less the same way this coming week, with "Project Runway's" Tim Gunn as the phone-in guest, and to keep going for as long as circumstances allow.

"I feel incredibly lucky that not only, first of all, do I get to keep my job because I know a lot of restaurant people, actors, who can't do that," Sagal said.

"But I'm also extraordinarily grateful that what we do seems to provide some service."

A challenge has been to address the main topic, coronavirus, enough but

not too much.

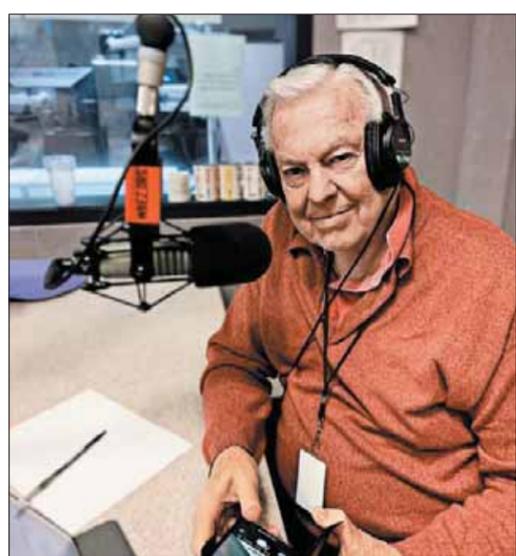
It's become hard, for instance, to even find other news stories these days to talk about, the showmakers said.

"Our goal is not to bring you the latest coronavirus news but with jokes," Danforth said. "We would like to find other stories happening and feature that material."

And while it is a relief to have a task to focus on beyond the national health crisis, it's not always easy, said Sagal.

"We used to sit around and stare at our screens procrastinating," the host said. "Now it's our lifestyle."

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"Wait, Wait" announcer Bill Kurtis in a WBEZ-FM studio.

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- 39 Neighbor of Ecuador
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- 42 Ivory ___; African nation
- 43 Cancel out; invalidate
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- 55 Act as a team
- 58 Orange Muppet
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- 62 Religious doctrine
- 63 Cash register compartment
- 64 TV's "___ of Our Lives"
- 65 Moccasin adornment

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- 4 Singer Tormé
- 5 Expels, as lava
- 6 Bagel topper, for some
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- 8 Tommy Dorsey's instrument
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- 36 Off ___; not on the clock
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- 39 ___ over; examine carefully
- 41 Ragu or Prego
- 42 Used foul language
- 44 Vineyard fruits
- 45 Meg, to Jo, Beth & Amy
- 47 Film holders
- 48 Resound
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- 50 Opera house section
- 53 South American capital city
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- 56 Battery size
- 57 Attempt
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WORD SEARCH

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Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, even diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.

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| BARN | EAVES | LOFT | STABLE |
| BURROW | EYRIE | MOUSE HOLE | STALL |
| BUSH | GRASS | NEST | STY |
| BYRE | HEN HOUSE | OASIS | SWAMP |
| CAGE | HIVE | PEN | TREE |
| CATTERY | HOLT | POND | TUNNEL |
| CAVE | HUTCH | RIVER | WARREN |

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BOGGLE

Boggle BrainBusters!
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

W	E	H	P
D	Y	C	E
A	O	N	I
D	U	S	T

INSTRUCTIONS: Find as many words as you can by linking letters up, down, side-to-side and diagonally, writing words on a blank sheet of paper. You may only use each letter box once within a single word. Play with a friend and compare word finds, crossing out common words.

BOGGLE POINT SCALE
3 letters = 1 point
4 letters = 2 points
5 letters = 3 points
6 letters = 4 points
7 letters = 6 points
8 letters = 10 points
9+ letters = 15 points

YOUR BOGGLE RATING
151+ = Champ
101-150 = Expert
61-100 = Pro
31-60 = Gamer
21-30 = Rookie
11-20 = Amateur
0-10 = Try again

Boggle BrainBusters Bonus
We put special brain-busting words into the grid of letters. Can you find them?
Find AT LEAST SIX RELATIVES in the grid of letters.

DAD SON AUNT NIECE COUSIN NEPHEW

WordWheel

S	E	D
I	N	?
L	U	

Insert the missing letter to complete an eight-letter word reading clockwise or counterclockwise.

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TV CROSSWORD

1	2	3	4	5	6	7			
	8								
12					13				
14								16	17
18								20	
	21	22						23	
		24						25	
26	27							28	
29					30	31			32
35									37
	38		39						40
		41							42
									44

Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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ACROSS

- Tim Daly's sister
- Ortiz of "Ugly Betty"
- "Unhappily ___ After"
- "American ___ Warrior"
- Actor Christopher ___
- Hal of "Barney Miller"
- ___ up; put chips in the pot
- Mulgrew or Winslet
- Los Angeles football player
- Suffix for long or strong
- Talk show host Kelly ___
- Actress Moore
- Jack ___ of old westerns
- Brolin of "Life in Pieces"
- Negative votes
- "McHale's ___"
- Close and Stonestreet
- Pitcher
- "The Amazing ___"
- Garden implements
- "The ___ Couple"
- "Blame It on ___"; movie for Michael Caine
- Jack ___ of the original "Hawaii Five-O"

DOWN

- Adolescents
- ___ Brown; actress on "The Mayor"
- Actress Campbell
- Before, to a poet
- Ekberg or Gillette
- Number of seasons for "The King of Queens"
- "Parks ___ Recreation"
- One of the twins on "Little People, Big World"
- "I Got ___"; Jim Croce song
- Charlotte ___ of "The Facts of Life"
- Drink like Fido
- Novak and Kardashian
- Prefix for place or pronunciation
- Walston and Liotta
- Actor ___ Annable
- "Arsenic and Old ___"; Cary Grant movie
- Highest-grossing film of 1975
- "___ for Speed"; Aaron Paul movie
- Make a mistake
- Employee's delight
- Lange and others
- Suffix for access or direct
- Does a household chore
- ___ Moines, Iowa
- Princess ___; Carrie Fisher's "Star Wars" role
- Treble ___; musical symbol
- Historical period
- Role on "Alice"

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

GDUNE

BEAAT

CPRITS

LETYAL

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

ARROW WORDS

Fill in the grid using the clues provided in the direction of the arrows. When complete, unscramble the letters in the circles to reveal a mystery word.

Julio's love	Chutzpa	Service branch	Tyrant	Southern dish	Small fight	Malice	Burden
		Space specks					
Like drive-thru orders	Holiday season		Man-horse hybrid	Health resort			
Memento	Round handles	Truism		Kind of shooter	Not new		
			Shows approval				Kind of bag
Thongs	Mouth part	Shed tears	Faction	Outcome	Source Advantage		
			Casual top			Unwell	Capture
Weighty			Totaling				
		Puff				Chair part	
Garden flower	Peach center		Lots of land				

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Find 10 differences

WORD SEARCH PUZZLE TRANSPORT

w	b	b	i	c	y	c	l	e	i	e	l	e	a	o	r	f	v		
v	s	a	c	r	a	n	e	m	i	n	i	b	u	s	f	i	a		
w	n	l	o	j	e	e	p	u	t	a	x	i	v	x	z	o	n		
r	o	i	d	p	j	v	g	t	a	n	k	s	c	w	x	l	o		
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| bicycle | jeep | tank |
| bulldozer | minibus | taxi |
| bus | motorcycle | tractor |
| car | scooter | truck |
| crane | snowplow | wrecker |



WATCH THIS: WEDNESDAY



David Boreanaz

“SEAL Team” (8:01 p.m., CBS): Tempers start to flare on the homefront as Sonny (A.J. Buckley) considers a new career path in the new episode “Last Known Location.” Elsewhere, a frustrated Clay (Max Thieriot) ponders taking a new career path, while Jason (David Boreanaz) is put under more pressure by Captain Lindell (Jamie McShane). All this drama plays out while Bravo team prepares for a three-month deployment to Afghanistan.

“The Goldbergs” (7 p.m., ABC): Beverly and Adam (Wendi McLendon-Covey, Sean Giambrone) have a mother-son bonding experience after she gives him a bicycle just like the one featured in a Pee-wee Herman movie comedy in the new episode “Schmoopie’s Big Adventure.” Elsewhere, Barry and Erica (Troy Gentile, Hayley Orrantia) turn Murray’s (Jeff Garlin) furniture store into an after-hours lounge for college students. Mindy Sterling and Dot-Marie Jones guest star.

“Motherland: Fort Salem” (8 p.m., 9 p.m., 12 a.m., FREE): In the new episode “My Witches,” the group travels to Salem Town for an annual witch celebration, which subsequently is thrown into chaos by an unexpected disturbance. When Tally (Jessica Sutton) finds herself confronted by her own mother’s objections, as well as widespread hostility toward witches, she begins to doubt whether her decision to pursue a military career was a good one.

“CMT Crossroads” (9 p.m., CMT): The latest edition in this series of music specials — which highlight the far-reaching roots of country music by pairing country artists with musicians best known for their work in other genres — puts the spotlight on country superstar Kelsea Ballerini and the Grammy-nominated Halsey, whose hits include “Now or Never” and “Bad at Love.”

“Dave” (9 p.m., 9:34 p.m., FX): When Dave (Dave Burd) unexpectedly gets invited to open for a major rap star, he develops a crippling case of nerves that triggers a full-blown identity crisis in the new episode “Hype Man.” He asks GaTa to act as his hype man, forcing the latter to confront memories from his own performance past and reveal his biggest secret to his new friends.

“Year of the Rabbit” (9:31 p.m., 4:02 a.m., IFC): This period Britcom set in 1887 London closes out Season 1 with the finale “Framed Rabbit,” which finds Detective Inspector Rabbit (Matt Berry) set up on murder charges. Desperate to avoid arrest, Rabbit goes underground to seek the help of shady character Murky John (guest star Peter-Hugo Daly).

TALK SHOWS

“The Tonight Show” (10 p.m., Antenna): Guests include Richard Benjamin, Garry Shandling and Jan Stephenson.*

“Conan” (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Kristen Schaal; comics the Sklar Brothers.*

“The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon” (10:34 p.m., NBC): Singer Janet Jackson; actress Jane Levy; actress Jo Firestone.*

“The Late Show With Stephen Colbert” (10:35 p.m., CBS): Pete Buttigieg; actor Patton Oswalt.*

“Jimmy Kimmel Live!” (11:05 p.m., ABC): Eric Andre; Tim Robbins; Phantogram.*

* Subject to change

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WEDNESDAY EVENING, MAR. 25

	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	MOVIES
BROADCAST	CBS 2	Survivor: “We’re in the Majors.” (N) ©		(8:01) SEAL Team: “Last Known Location.” (N)		S.W.A.T.: “Hotel L.A.” (N) ©		News (N) ♣	
	NBC 5	Chicago Med: “In the Name of Love.” (N) ©		Chicago Fire: “I’ll Cover You.” (N) ©		Chicago P.D.: “Lines.” (N) ©		NBC 5 News (N) ♣	
	ABC 7	The Goldbergs (N)	Schooled (N) ©	Modern Family	Am Housewife (N)	Stumptown: “All Hands on Deck.” (Season Finale) (N) ©		News at 10pm (N) ♣	
	WGN 9	black-ish: “THE Word.”	black-ish ©	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	WGN News at Nine (N) ©		WGN News at Ten (N)	
	Antenna 9.2	It’s a Living	3’s Comp.	Family Ties	Growing	Designing	Murphy	Tonight ♣	
	Court 9.3	♣ Closing Arguments (N)		Closing Arguments with Vinnie Politan ©					
	PBS 11	Chicago Tonight (N)		Nature: “The World’s Most Wanted Animal.” ©		NOVA: “Transplanting Hope.” ©		Sacred Wonder (N) ♣	
	CW 26.1	Penn & Teller: Fool Us		Whose Line	Whose Line	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: “Obsession.”		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek ♣		
Bounce 26.5	Armed Response (R,17)		Wesley Snipes. ©		The Losers (PG-13,10) ♣				
FOX 32	The Masked Singer (N) ©		(8:01) LEGO Masters: “Good Vs. Evil.” (N) ©		Fox 32 News at Nine (N)		Modern Family ©		
Ion 38	Blue Bloods: “Baggage.”		Blue Bloods ©		Blue Bloods ©		Blue Blood ♣		
Telem 44	♣ Exatión EE. UU. (N)		La Doña (N) ©		Operación Pacífico (N) ©		Chicago (N)		
MNT 50	Chicago P.D. ©		Dateline ©				Chicago ♣		
UniMas 60	Enamorádonos				Noticiero (N)	Vas con todo ♣			
WJYS 66	Salem Baptist Church		Joyce Meyer	Robison	Coach’s Cor.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.		
Univ 62	Ringo (N)		Amor eterno (N)		Sin miedo a la verdad		Noticias (N)		
CABLE	AE	PD Cam	PD Cam	PD Cam	PD Cam	PD Cam	PD Cam	PD Cam ♣	
	AMC	Road House (R,89) ♣	♣ Patrick Swayze, Kelly Lynch. ©					(9:35) First Blood ♣	
	ANIM	Lone Star Law: Uncuffed: “All Hands on Deck.” (N)				Lone Star Law		Lone Star ♣	
	BBCA	Mortal Kombat (PG-13,95) ♣	♣ Robin Shou. ©					(9:15) 300 (R,06) ♣	Gerard Butler. ♣
	BET	♣ Why Did I Get Married?		Tyler Perry’s Sistars (N)		Twenties (N)		Boomeran.	Sistas ♣
	BIGTEN	♣ (4:30) To be announced							BIG Show
	BRAVO	Summer House (N) ©		Summer House (N) ©		NYC (N)		Housewives-Atlanta	
	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N)		CNN Tonight (N)		Tonight (N) ♣	
	COM	South Park	South Park	South Park				Nora (N)	TBA ♣
	DISC	Expedition Unknown: “Bermuda Triangle Revealed.” (N)				Coronavirus (N)			Expedition ♣
	DISN	Sydney (N)	Coop (N)	Gabby (N)	Roll With It	Bunk’d ©		Raven	Sydney-Max
	E!	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley		Funny Dance (N)	
	ESPN	♣ (6) O.J.: Made in America		O.J.: Made in America: “Part Four.” (Part 4 of 5)					SportsC. (N)
	ESPN2	UFC Reloaded (N)							The Jump ♣
	FNC	Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)			Fox News
	FOOD	Guy’s Grocery Games		Guy’s Grocery Games (N)		Tournament (N)			Grocery ♣
	FREE	♣ Guardians of the Galaxy		Motherland (N)		Motherland: Fort Salem			700 Club ♣
	FX	♣ (6) The Fate of the Furious (PG-13,17) ♣				The Martian (PG-13,15) ♣			♣
	HALL	Love by Chance (NR,16) Ben Ayers. ©				Golden Girls	Golden Girls		Golden Girls
	HGTV	Property Brothers (N)		Property Brothers (N)		Hunters (N)	Hunt Intl (N)		Nate and
HIST	Forged in Fire (N)		Forged in Fire (N)		Eating	Eating (N)		Forged ♣	
HLN	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Sex & Murder ©			Forensic	
IFC	Transporter 2 (PG-13,05) ♣	♣ Jason Statham. ©			Brockmire	Year (Season		Anaconda ♣	
LIFE	Married at First Sight: “Secrets and Lies.” (N) ©				Bride & Prejudice (N)			Married ♣	
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	Locked Up Abroad ©		Locked Up Abroad (N) ©		Borderforce USA (N) ©			Borderfor ♣	
NBCSCH	To be announced				Sox Preview	Blackhawks Postgame (N)		The Jump ♣	
NICK	Young Dylan	SpongeBob	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©		Friends ©	
OVATION	♣ (6) Stepmom (PG-13,98) ♣	♣ Julia Roberts.			Steel Magnolias (PG,89) ♣			♣	
OWN	20/20 on OWN		20/20 on OWN		20/20 on OWN			20/20 ♣	
OXY	Snapped: “Sahara Fakhir.”		Snapped ©		Snapped: “Jaclyn Martin.”			Snapped ♣	
PARMT	Movie ©								
SYFY	♣ (6:35) The Fast and the Furious (PG-13,01) ♣				The Magicians (N) ©			Magicians ♣	
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Full (N)		Conan ©	
TCM	Some Like It Hot (NR,59) ♣	♣ Tony Curtis. ©			(9:15) A Midsummer Night’s Dream			♣	
TLC	My 600-Lb. Life: “Dominic’s Story.” (N)				Dr. Pimple Popper			Save-Skin ♣	
TLN	Baptist	King	Focus on	The Three	Life Today	Exalted		Paid Prog.	
TNT	All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite (N) (Live) ©				Jack Reacher (PG-13,12) ♣			♣	
TOON	Home Movie	Burgers	Burgers	Rick, Morty	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad		Family Guy	
TRAV	Paranormal Ca.		Paranormal Ca. (N)		True Terror (N)			Paranorm. ♣	
TVL	Raymond	Everybody Raymond		Raymond	Two Men	Two Men		King	
USA	WWE NXT (N) (Live) ©				(9:05) The Hangover (R,09) ♣			♣	
VH1	Black Ink Crew (N) ©		Wild ‘n Out	Wild ‘n Out	Wild ‘n Out	Wild ‘n Out		Wild/Out ♣	
WE	Law & Order: “Venom.”		Law & Order: “Punk.” ©		Law & Order ©			Law ♣	
WGN America	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met		How I Met	
PREMIUM	HBO	Westworld ©		X-Men: Dark Phoenix (PG-13,19) ♣	♣ James McAvoy.			Friend (Subti	
	HBO2	♣ Prisoners (R) The Shop		Westworld ©		Axios ©		Blinded by the Light ♣	
	MAX	Unstoppable (PG-13,10) ♣	♣		(8:43) Skyscraper (PG-13,18) ♣	♣ Dwayne Johnson.			
	SHO	The Holiday (PG-13,06) ♣	♣ Cameron Diaz. ©			(9:15) Good Will Hunting (97) ♣		♣	
	STARZ	♣ Battle: Los Angeles ♣		The Intruder (PG-13,19) ♣	♣ Michael Ealy.		(9:45) American Heist ♣		
STZNC	♣ (6:01) Superfly (18) ♣		48 HRS. (R,82) ♣	♣ Nick Nolte.		(9:39) Another 48 HRS. ♣			

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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (March 25): Your career leaps forward this year. Strengthen your team for foundational structure. Take a professional leap before resolving a family puzzle. Reroute your summer travel plans to focus on domestic pleasures. Change your message next winter before your exploration widens. Raise the level of your game.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 9. Begin a self-confident phase. Use your power responsibly. You're growing and developing like a weed. Strengthen your home base.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 7. Get philosophical about big picture questions. Savor insight and epiphanies from last night's Aries new moon. Invent and strategize for harmony and ease. Consider spiritual growth.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. Community efforts can win a fabulous prize. Adopt a more analytical view with help from a technical friend. Powerful negotiations convince others.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 7. Complete old projects and begin a new professional phase. Invent and articulate the work you want to develop and the direction you want to grow.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Explore and investigate a subject of your fascination. Get the facts. Take a creative tack. Discover unexpected possibilities in a new direction. Follow clues.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Work together to grow your family financial savings. Simplify plans and monitor the budget. Shop carefully for best value. Tricking coins add up.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Collaboration flowers between you and your partner. Support each other and share chores and responsibilities. Stay in communication to avoid mistakes.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 9. Exercise and good food energizes. Demand for your work may seem high. Carve out time for yourself to recharge batteries. Balance work and play.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 9. Prioritize love over the next two weeks. A romantic relationship transforms. Enjoy sweet moments with family and friends. Expand your level of passion.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 7. Settle into your cozy nest. Beautify your surroundings to encourage creativity. Enjoy cooking, crafting and organization. Savor home-baked treats with family. Relax together.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Learning comes easily. Soak in new information like a sponge. Illuminate the important threads of the story. Write and share your unique view.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 9. Research upcoming purchases meticulously for the best performance. Go for long-lasting quality. Good equipment is worth the extra investment.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn



Bliss By Harry Bliss



Bridge

Both vulnerable, East deals

North
 ♠ AQ97
 ♥ AQ98
 ♦ A32
 ♣ 75

West
 ♠ K6432
 ♥ J104
 ♦ 5
 ♣ KQ92

East
 ♠ 108
 ♥ 75
 ♦ KQJ1064
 ♣ J106

South
 ♠ J5
 ♥ K632
 ♦ 987
 ♣ A843

Today's deal is from a tournament in Madeira earlier this year. West was Italian Maurizio Di Sacco, who is most often seen as a director at European tournaments, but he is also a fine player. The auction was tournament aggressive, with bold actions taken by both East and North.

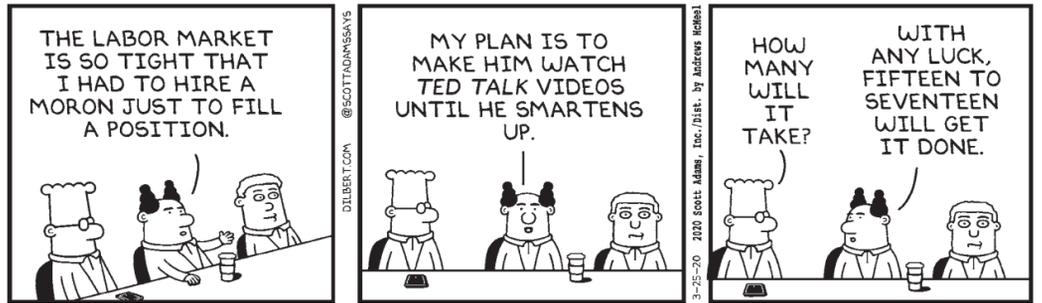
The opening diamond lead was an obvious singleton. Declarer rose with dummy's ace and led a low spade to his jack. This was not clearly the correct play, but it was effective on this deal, as the fall of the 10 from East would eventually give South nine top tricks and a late club ruff would be a tenth. Di Sacco knew that declarer would never play this way holding the 10 of spades so South had to have a doubleton spade. Di Sacco saw what would happen if he won with his king, so he tried the effect of ducking and letting the jack hold the trick. He did this in good tempo and declarer was misled about the location of the king.

South crossed to dummy with the ace of hearts and cashed the ace of spades. He led the seven of spades, expecting East to produce the king, and was rudely surprised when East ruffed with the seven of hearts. South over-ruffed with the king, but now had to end up a trick short.

South could have made his contract several different ways, but that doesn't detract from Di Sacco's imaginative play. Well done!

— Bob Jones
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Dilbert By Scott Adams



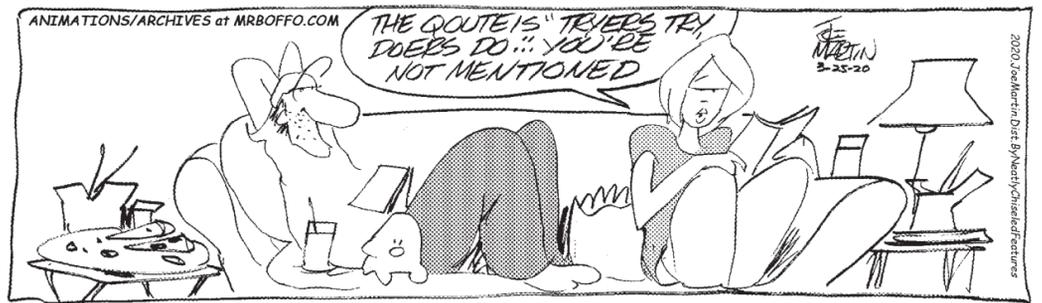
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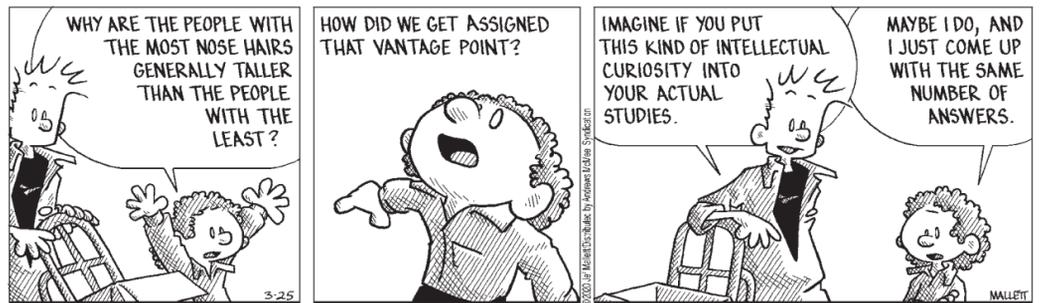
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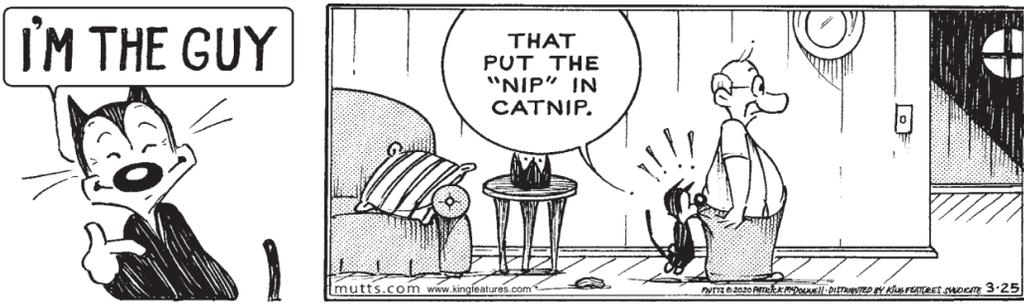
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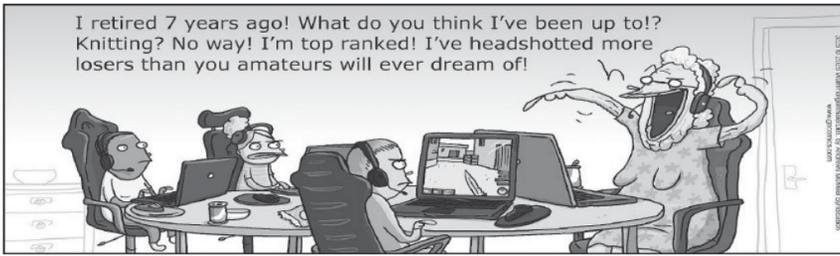
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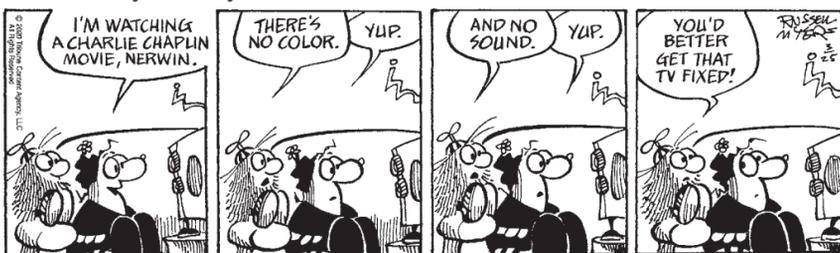
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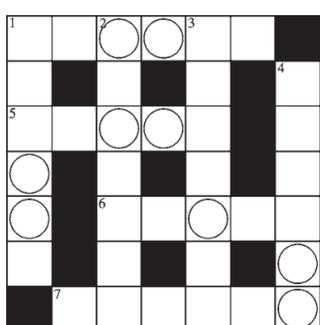
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Trivia Bits

Which folk tale begins with the main character attempting to sell the family cow?
 A) "Aladdin"
 B) "Jack and the Beanstalk"
 C) "Peter and the Wolf"
 D) "Rumpelstiltskin"
 Tuesday's answer: John Steinbeck took the title for "The Grapes of Wrath" from "Battle Hymn of the Republic."
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Jumble Crossword



CLUE: ___'s state flower is the blue violet.

BONUS: _____

ACROSS
 1. Save
 5. Complain
 6. ___ passage
 7. Holler

ANSWER
 SEUREC
 IWEHN
 ASLAN
 BWOLEL

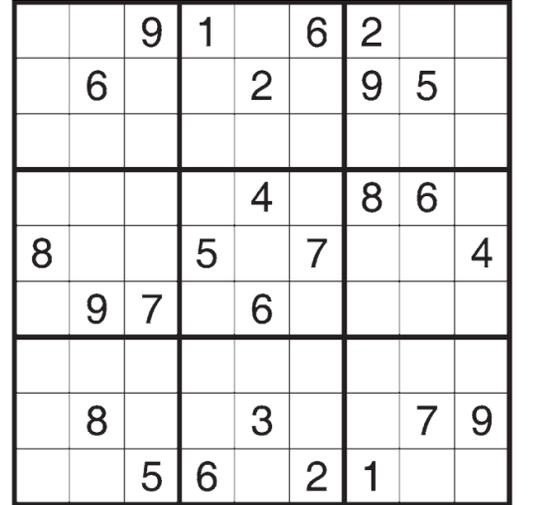
DOWN
 1. ___ machine
 2. ___ class
 3. Fork or spoon
 4. Sofa ___

ANSWER
 WRIGNO
 EENISSC
 LTUNSEI
 WILOPL

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.

Sudoku 1 2 3 4

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7	6	4	2	8	9	5	3	1
5	3	9	4	1	6	2	7	8
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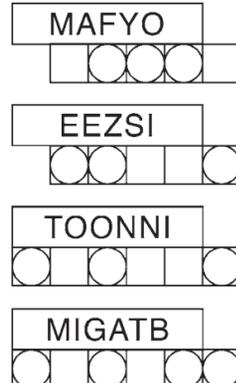
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Tuesday's solutions

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Jumble

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.



Answer here



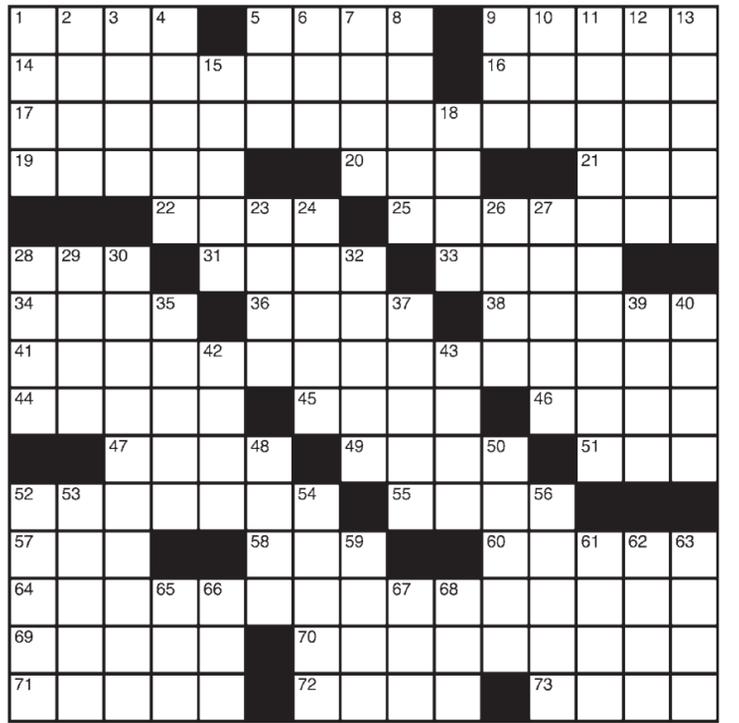
Tuesday's answers

Jumbles: RIGOR ROBOT STEREO MASCOT
 Answer: They bought the run-down corner market and planned to — RESTORE IT

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Crossword

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Across

- 1 Furniture chain that also sells lingonberry jam
- 5 Highlander
- 9 Irritable
- 14 December temp
- 16 Overseas coppers
- 17 March commander
- 19 Count who has a cameo in "Blazing Saddles"
- 20 Thus far
- 21 Airport with many connecting flights
- 22 Rathskeller rejection
- 25 Tenants
- 28 SFO overseer
- 31 Not just assume
- 33 Merit badge spot
- 34 Gaga over
- 36 Shellfish serving
- 38 Smug look
- 41 March composer
- 44 Fritters away time
- 45 French 101 verb
- 46 Old Russian ruler

- 47 Not demanding
- 49 Citrus peel
- 51 Greener Living org.
- 52 English blue cheese
- 55 Whiskey cocktail
- 57 Form 1099 org.
- 58 "Wonder Woman" actress Gadot
- 60 Run out
- 64 March creator
- 69 Hides in the shadows
- 70 "Shape of You" Grammy winner
- 71 Direct
- 72 "Gone Girl" actress Ward
- 73 "Queen of Country," familiarly

- 23 Go very slowly
- 24 "I'm not kidding!"
- 26 Torments with reminders
- 27 Letter-shaped opening
- 28 "Natural artesian water" brand
- 29 Give ___ to: okay
- 30 Fashionable sportswear portmanteau
- 32 Ballroom dance
- 35 Tatum who plays Amanda in "The Bad News Bears"
- 37 Tangle around a surge protector
- 39 Pronto
- 40 "Teen Titans" and "Teen Titans Go!" voice actress Strong
- 42 Hissed summons
- 43 100 centavos
- 48 Tranquil discipline
- 50 Veil material
- 52 Opera great Beverly
- 53 Brook fish
- 54 Identifies
- 56 Regatta entrant
- 59 Put on cargo
- 61 Peruse, with "over"
- 62 Wild guess
- 63 Italian peak
- 65 '50s prez
- 66 Pre-1991 atlas initials
- 67 Couture monogram
- 68 "I've got it!"

Down

- 1 Website for looking up "that actor on that show"
- 2 ___ Zor-El: Supergirl's name on Krypton
- 3 Yale students
- 4 Totally wiped
- 5 Moo goo ___ pan
- 6 "Commonwealth" novelist Patchett
- 7 "Unique everything" online shop
- 8 "Gotta run!"
- 9 PC core
- 10 Copying button
- 11 Music to a bar customer's ears
- 12 Really clean
- 13 Some Slavs
- 15 Stylishly smooth
- 18 GPS displays

Tuesday's solution



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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25 NORMAL HIGH: 50° NORMAL LOW: 32° RECORD HIGH: 79° (2007) RECORD LOW: 12° (1974)

Enjoy today before a wet end to the week

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 60 **LOW** 45

■ A much warmer, dry, pleasant day with a high near 60, 10 degrees above normal. A little cooler near the lake.

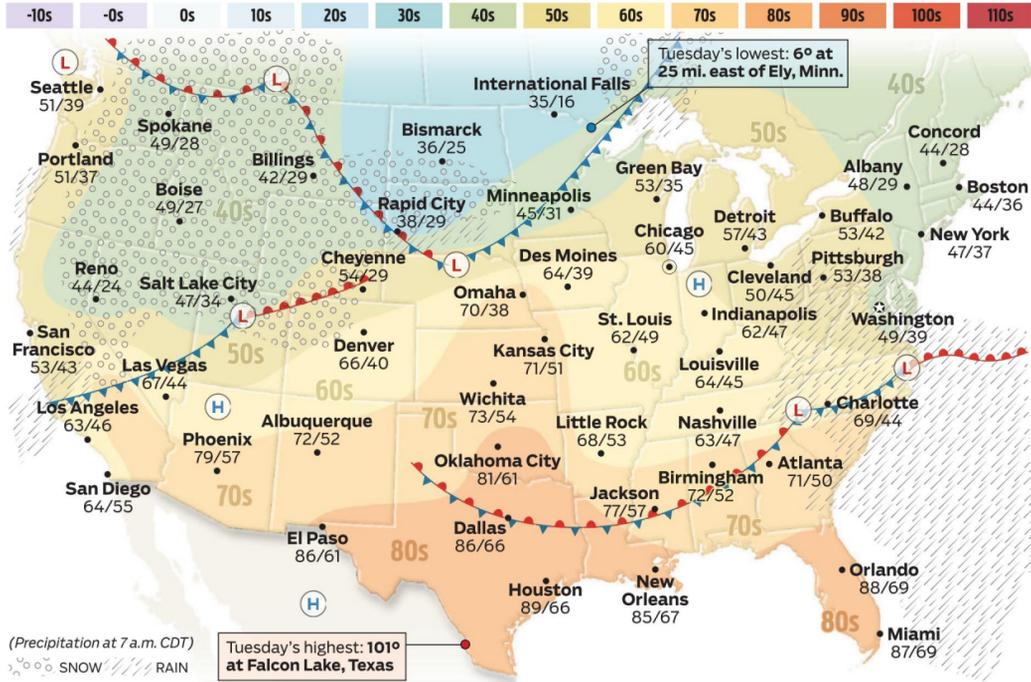
■ Some morning clouds diminish giving way to a mostly sunny afternoon. Clouds begin to increase in the evening.

■ Daytime SSW winds 7-10 mph increase overnight gusting to 20 mph.

■ Mostly cloudy overnight. Chance for light rain or a brief shower.

■ An overnight low in the mid 40s, 10 degrees above normal.

NATIONAL FORECAST



A much needed day with sun and warm temperatures today will unfortunately be followed by an extended period of rain chances from Wednesday night through Sunday morning. While there will be breaks in the rain, rainfall totals of an inch or more from Thursday through early Sunday can be expected throughout the area. Areas south and southeast of the city may receive the greatest rainfall totals. Consecutive low pressure systems will pass through the Great Lakes helping bring Gulf moisture to produce what can be heavy rainfall at times as well as a chance of thunderstorms Friday night and Saturday.

Sunday afternoon should be pleasant after the extended precipitation period with high pressure centered over Illinois on Monday, bringing a pleasant start to next week.

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

HIGH 49 **LOW** 42

Cloudy with rain chances increasing by afternoon starting an extended wet period. Cooler with a high near 50. North winds 10-15 mph. Cloudy overnight with scattered light rain. Night-time NNE winds 15-20 mph.

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

HIGH 51 **LOW** 46

Light morning rain with increasing rain chances as the day progresses. Chance for scattered thunderstorms after sunset. High near 50. NNE winds 10-18 mph. Heavy rain and possibly a thunderstorm overnight.

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

HIGH 65 **LOW** 42

Cloudy skies, rain and a chance of thunderstorms continues. Heavy morning rain becomes more scattered in the afternoon. High in the mid 60s. Breezy SSW winds gusting to 30 mph. Scattered showers overnight.

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

HIGH 51 **LOW** 38

Light rain or morning showers end by noon. A mostly cloudy start to the day but clouds diminish in the afternoon. WNW winds 20-30 mph. High near 50. Scattered clouds overnight. Winds diminish.

MONDAY, MARCH 30

HIGH 57 **LOW** 36

A dry day. High pressure brings mostly sunny skies and warmer temperatures with a high in the mid to upper 50s. Light north winds. Partly cloudy overnight with a seasonable low in the mid 30s.

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

HIGH 53 **LOW** 38

A little cooler but still a little above normal for the last day of March. Mostly sunny with a high in the lower 50s. N winds increase to 8-12 mph. Clouds increase late afternoon. Chance for an evening shower.



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,
Why are you called a meteorologist? Meteors are astronomical, not meteorological. How did the meaning originate?
Fred Attender

Dear Fred,
The derivations of many words in the English language can be traced to the languages and literature of ancient cultures, and such is the case with "meteorology." The word dates to early Greece, when anything that was suspended in air or fell from the sky (clouds, rain, rainbows, meteorites, etc.) was called a "meteor." Aristotle (384 B.C.) presented a series of treatises on natural phenomena in 340 B.C. Entitled "Meteorologica," they covered that era's knowledge of weather, astronomy and related subjects. Because much of "Meteorologica" dealt with weather, the term "meteorology" became linked with weather and atmospheric studies.

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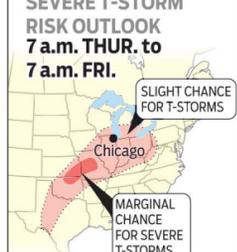
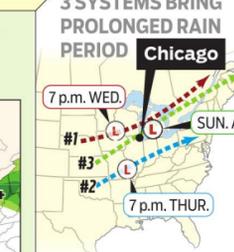
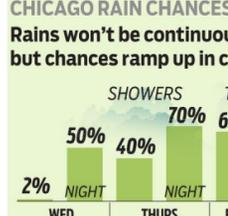
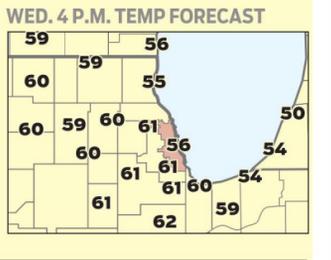
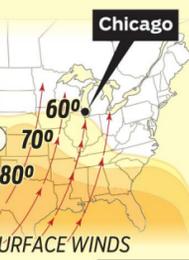
Hear Demetrius
Ivory's weather updates weekdays 3 to 6 p.m. on WGN-AM 720 Chicago.

A mild Wednesday ahead; wet pattern to follow

2020 PICKING UP WHERE 2019 LEFT OFF: CLOUDY!
March poised to become the 3rd consecutive cloudier than normal month here
Chicago's percent of possible sunshine vs "normal"



WEDNESDAY'S FORECAST
Mild temps here; near summer-level warmth across Deep South
Projected high temps



SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

MIDWEST CITIES

City	WED.	THURS.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	pc	61	49	pc	73	61		
Carbondale	pc	61	49	pc	73	61		
Champaign	pc	61	46	ts	61	46		
Decatur	pc	60	47	sh	62	47		
Moline	pc	60	44	sh	56	40		
Peoria	pc	59	40	sh	59	43		
Quincy	pc	62	47	sh	65	46		
Rockford	pc	59	47	sh	63	47		
Springfield	pc	59	47	sh	63	47		
Sterling	pc	57	43	sh	54	38		
Indiana								
Bloomington	su	62	47	cl	65	58		
Evansville	su	62	47	pc	72	61		
Fort Wayne	su	59	46	sh	60	44		
Indianapolis	su	62	47	cl	64	53		
Lafayette	su	62	49	sh	62	48		
South Bend	pc	59	46	sh	55	41		
Wisconsin								
Green Bay	rn	53	35	cl	44	30		
Kenosha	pc	56	44	sh	46	37		
La Crosse	pc	52	36	sh	46	37		
Madison	cl	56	40	sh	34	26		
Milwaukee	pc	58	42	sh	45	36		
Wausau	rn	47	31	cl	45	28		
Michigan								
Detroit	su	57	43	sh	59	39		
Grand Rapids	pc	56	46	sh	53	37		
Marquette	sh	46	30	pc	34	26		
St. Ste. Marie	rs	42	33	pc	40	26		
Traverse City	cl	53	39	sh	43	32		
Iowa								
Ames	sh	62	37	sh	52	39		
Cedar Rapids	cl	57	39	sh	53	39		
Des Moines	pc	64	39	sh	52	41		
Dubuque	cl	55	40	sh	52	38		

OTHER U.S. CITIES

City	WED.	THURS.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Albany	su	90	66	pc	91	67		
Albuquerque	sh	48	29	pc	56	41		
Amarillo	pc	72	52	pc	70	46		
Anchorage	sh	82	56	pc	87	55		
Anchorage	sh	38	30	pc	40	23		
Asheville	sh	54	31	pc	66	48		
Aspen	cl	47	32	pc	45	24		
Atlanta	pc	71	50	pc	73	58		
Atlanta	rn	48	37	su	50	45		
Austin	su	91	65	pc	89	67		
Baltimore	rn	48	39	pc	61	49		
Billings	sh	42	29	pc	47	26		
Birmingham	pc	72	52	su	82	64		
Bismarck	sh	36	25	cl	48	30		
Boise	pc	49	27	su	50	30		
Boston	sh	44	36	pc	45	37		
Brownsville	pc	89	72	pc	90	73		
Buffalo	cl	53	42	cl	57	38		
Burlington	cl	48	31	cl	52	37		
Charlotte	pc	69	44	pc	67	55		
Charlottesville	ts	78	53	pc	67	60		
Charlottesville	rn	58	41	pc	73	60		
Chattanooga	pc	70	48	pc	75	59		
Cheyanne	pc	54	29	pc	52	31		
Cincinnati	pc	64	44	pc	67	59		
Cleveland	su	60	45	cl	58	43		
Colo. Spgs	pc	66	42	pc	66	36		
Columbia MO	pc	66	51	pc	74	53		
Columbia SC	pc	76	48	sh	73	56		
Columbus	pc	60	42	cl	65	53		
Concord	pc	84	69	pc	85	72		
Corpus Christi	su	86	66	pc	87	68		
Dallas	su	86	66	pc	87	68		
Daytona Bch.	pc	86	66	pc	81	65		
Denver	pc	66	40	su	65	38		
Duluth	sh	60	29	cl	36	27		
El Paso	pc	86	61	pc	85	60		
Fairbanks	sn	35	15	cl	22	-3		
Fargo	sh	30	19	pc	39	25		
Flagstaff	pc	50	32	pc	43	21		
Fort Myers	pc	85	69	pc	88	67		
Fort Smith	rn	76	56	pc	86	66		
Fresno	sh	57	42	pc	59	39		
Great Falls	pc	63	41	pc	60	36		
Grand Falls	pc	44	26	pc	49	30		
Harrisburg	rn	49	35	pc	65	46		
Hartford	sh	47	33	pc	55	40		
Helena	cl	45	27	cl	47	29		
Honolulu	pc	79	69	pc	79	69		
Houston	pc	89	66	pc	89	66		
Int'l Falls	cl	35	16	pc	42	19		
Jackson	pc	77	57	su	89	64		
Jacksonville	pc	90	67	pc	83	68		
Jameau	rs	39	32	sh	42	33		
Kansas City	pc	71	51	sh	73	52		
Las Vegas	pc	67	44	pc	59	44		
Lexington	pc	62	43	pc	69	61		
Lincoln	pc	71	37	sh	49	39		
Little Rock	pc	68	53	su	84	65		
Los Angeles	pc	63	46	pc	62	44		
Los Angeles	pc	63	46	pc	62	44		
Louisville	pc	64	45	pc	71	61		
Macon	pc	80	51	su	80	67		
Memphis	pc	67	53	su	82	66		
Miami	pc	87	69	pc	84	71		
Minneapolis	pc	45	31	sh	47	33		
Mobile	pc	84	65	pc	83	67		
Montgomery	pc	78	55	su	86	63		
Nashville	pc	63	47	pc	78	64		
New Orleans	pc	85	67	pc	88	71		
New York	pc	47	37	sh	54	45		
Norfolk	rn	55	43	pc	61	45		
Oklahoma City	su	81	61	pc	92	67		
Omaha	pc	70	38	sh	50	39		
Orlando	pc	88	69	pc	88	67		
Palm Beach	pc	90	70	pc	86	72		
Palm Springs	pc	71	49	su	67	45		
Philadelphia	rn	47	36	pc	60	45		
Phoenix	pc	79	57	pc	70	50		
Pittsburgh	rn	53	38	pc	66	51		
Portland, ME	cl	44	32	pc	47	34		
Portland, OR	sh	51	37	cl	53	41		
Portland	sh	47	36	pc	49	37		
Raleigh	sh	5						

HEALTH & FAMILY



CALVIN JACKSON PHOTO

Vanessa Jackson, 38, of Maywood, and her daughters Maricin, 9, and Cataleya, 7, study portraits at home in Maywood during the coronavirus pandemic.

Work from home hacks

By Dawn Reiss

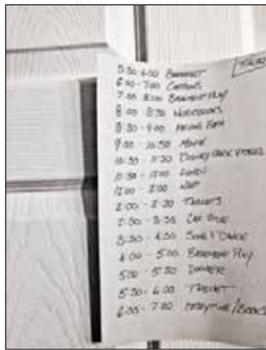
Split shifting and other options for parents juggling jobs and children

Laura Ott, 36, and her husband Greg Ott, 35, have three kids under age 4, including an 11-month-old, and a bulldog named Kevin.

With the coronavirus spreading and their day care closed, the Mundelein family began self-isolating, working remotely from home by split-shifting hours to juggle Laura's job as a senior talent acquisition partner for Zebra Technologies, Greg's position as a senior sales executive at United Healthcare and child care.

"Our kids are too young to be left alone, so someone always has to be with them or they will destroy the house or themselves," Laura Ott says. "We take shifts throughout the day to get by. ... I am living by the Wilson Phillips song 'Hold On for One More Day.'"

Each day they compare their work schedules and build their kids' schedules, with TV and tablet time set up around conference calls to keep their little heads from bopping around in the background of Skype calls. With her husband working from their home office, Laura has "hunkered down" on the kitchen island. Like many other parents who are split-



LAURA OTT PHOTO

Greg Ott wrote this schedule for his children.

shifting, they've become multitasking machines.

Even though her husband created a daily schedule for their kids with dedicated activities ranging from singing and dancing to tablet time, it proved harder than either expected. "My laptop has seen parts of my house it's never seen before," Laura says. "I worked out of my daughter's playpen the other day. Today I took a Skype call from my

walk-in closet. I reviewed emails from my laundry room since quiet parts of the house are not easy to come by."

In the hope of setting expectations for her work calls, while getting people to laugh she added a line to her email signature. "Please note I am working remotely. Due to this if we connect via phone anticipate hearing a dog barking and/or children {crying, fighting, talking, laugh} in the background."

The Ott's are far from alone. It's the new reality for many parents whose schools and companies have been shuttered and shifted to telecommuting arrangements since the COVID-19 pandemic.

"You've got stress, layered with stress with more stress on top of it," says Colleen Curtis, 37, head of community for The Mom Project and mother of an 18-month-old and a 6-year-old; she is working from home in Logan Square with her husband, Nick Fallon, 42, the general manager for Michigan for

Cresco Labs. "This is not anything anyone is an expert at because working from home with your kids, parenting through a pandemic is not something anybody is prepared for."

Curtis suggests focusing on the "three C's," communication, collaboration and culture that create a more positive remote work experience. Look at how you're communicating with your family, your team, your boss and yourself, Curtis says, while finding new ways to collaborate, including with your kids, and how culturally the coronavirus is a big shared experience that will shape the future of working and living together.

Map out the variables you know, including dishes, laundry and mealtime. "How are we going to make this the most positive experience, knowing what we know about how everyone lives in this house?"

Some parents use whiteboards, others have Google Docs or print daily schedules for themselves and their kids

to see where there are gaps. Especially for parents of young children, a car can be a secondary office space because driving around the block can put the kids to sleep.

Calvin, 40, and Vanessa Jackson, 38, who live in Maywood with their daughters Maricin, 9, and Cataleya, 7, are used to taking work calls with their children in the background for The Lemon Ad Stand, a creative agency they run from their home office and a co-working space in Wicker Park.

To juggle work schedules, they've opted to not have client calls on Mondays and have extended conference calls into the evening to make business more manageable.

"We have one rule, 'Don't embarrass us,'" Calvin says. "And everyone knows that rule."

Now that they are all working from home, Vanessa says she's starting each day with a family meeting to go over the daily schedule and for a five-minute guided meditation she found on YouTube.

"I want everyone to mentally be in a place where we're trying to do our best," she says. "My kids did a terrible job with it, but I'm hoping,

Turn to **Home**, Page 2

For 4 special minutes, Chicagoans joined in song



HEIDI STEVENS
Balancing Act

Well, that was amazing. Last Wednesday, Chicago couple Jenni Spinner and Rebecca Kell created an event on Facebook inviting folks to throw open their windows, stand on their balconies, venture onto their front stoops, wander into their front

yards and launch a massive group singalong to Bon Jovi's "Livin' on A Prayer." It would begin at 7 p.m. Saturday. It would last roughly 4 minutes and 8 seconds. It would, one could assume, sustain us for some time afterward. By 6 p.m. Saturday, an

hour into the state mandated stay-at-home order, more than 18,000 people replied that they were joining or interested in joining. A few minutes before 7, none other than Jon Bon Jovi himself hopped on Instagram and shared a

video. "Hey, Chicago!" the lead singer of the 100-million-record-selling New Jersey band said. "I heard you guys are about to open up your windows and scream and shout to 'Livin' On A Prayer.' Want you to know that I'm just warming up,

getting ready to sing along with you. In these trying times I'm with you with all of my heart and my soul." At 7 p.m. on the dot, Spinner and Kell launched a Facebook Live from their Rogers Park apartment.

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Sandy Falkner of Young Living Essential Oils leads an essential oils demonstration last fall.

Getting to the essence

Essential oils can be beneficial, but use with caution

BY TREVA LIND
The Spokesman-Review

Essential oils show up seemingly everywhere. They're in lotions, hair care products, aromatherapy, cleaning supplies and more.

As gifts, they might arrive in little jars with a diffuser device. Essential oils are steam-distilled or cold-pressed extracts of almost any part of a plant such as seeds, flowers, fruit, leaves, stems and roots — so they retain natural smells and flavors. Think lavender or jasmine.

Depending on which oil, the products are touted as helping with sleep, alertness, relaxation and other benefits, but are they always safe? While they're benign for many users if properly used, some people report allergic reactions or breathing problems — potentially an asthma concern.

"There is no evidence that essential oils can help asthma," said Melanie Carver with the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America. "In fact, breathing in the particles released by the oils may actually trigger airway inflammation and asthma symptoms."

"It is best to talk with

your health care provider before trying anything new."

Consumers also should be mindful that bottled essential oils are highly potent and "50 to 100 times" more concentrated than the oils in the plant itself, a 2019 Washington Post article cited.

Research offers promising results, along with mixed evidence of health benefits for essential oils, said the article, which included comments from Harpreet Gujral, director of integrative medicine at Sibley Memorial Hospital in Washington, D.C.

"The research is quite promising," Gujral said. She also cited continuing clinical studies striving to measure the degree to which oils can alleviate symptoms of anxiety and nausea, as well as how they affect mood. "The results are mixed, but the research is there," she said. "We just need more."

About 10 of 100 most common essential oils have been researched "in great depth" in recent decades, the article cited, with evidence such as "the cooling sensation of peppermint oil, the bacteria-killing power of tea tree oil or the

calming effect of lavender," but the results aren't guaranteed for everyone.

As products distilled from plants, essential oils — like vitamins — aren't regulated by the Food and Drug Administration.

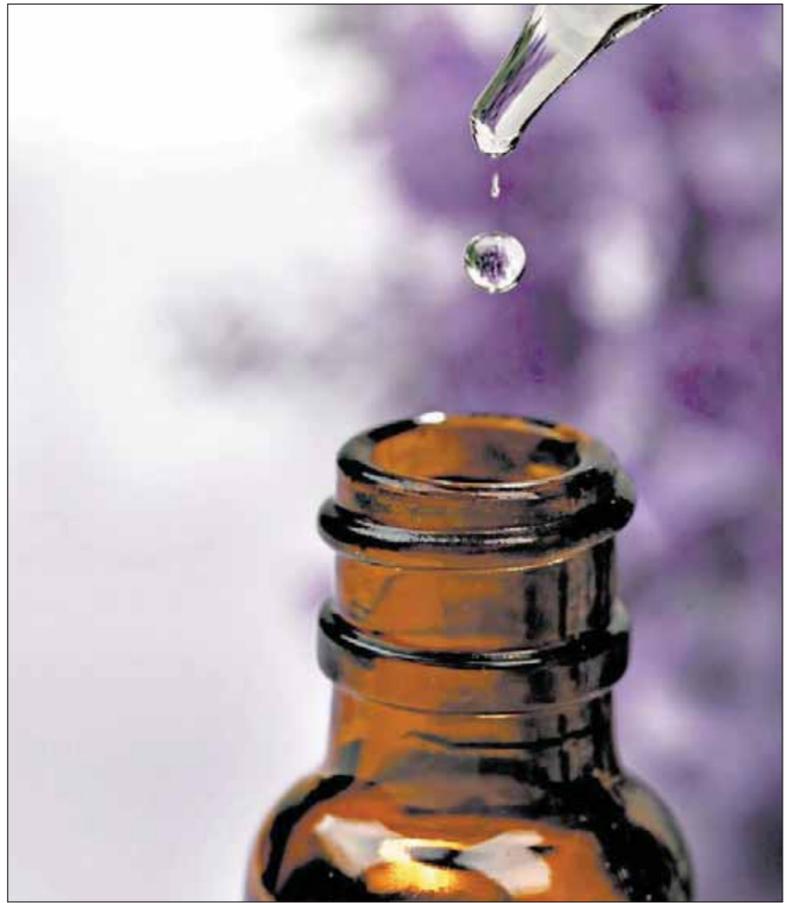
Sandy Falkner and Peggy Ward of Spokane, Washington, tell people that if you're new to essential oils, it's best to start with a small amount applied cautiously. The sisters use essential oils and sell them as distributors for Young Living Essential Oils.

"We always say start low and go slow, meaning you want to start by applying a small amount to the bottom of feet to see if you'll have a reaction," Ward said.

If using an essential oil in a diffuser, Ward also suggests that people try a shorter period of time at first to test for any reactions. Ward said she has allergies, including to citrus, along with an almond sensitivity.

"I haven't found any challenges with using any of the essential oils, although I have a ton of allergies. I can't eat citrus, but I can consume and use citrus oils without an effect."

"The reason for that is with steam distillation or



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Consumers should be mindful that bottled essential oils are highly potent.

cold-press distillation that is done in the citrus oil, it removes the protein that most people would have an allergic reaction to."

She said another consideration is the quality and purity of oils used. Research a company to make sure there aren't additives.

"If you're using a lower-grade oil, perfume oil or a floral water, you're not going to get the effects," Ward said. "And there's a good chance they're going to contain synthetics, pesticides, fertilizers or chemical extenders."

Pure coconut, grapeseed or virgin olive oil can be used to dilute an essential oil for topical use, she said. These carrier oils have larger molecules than essential oils, Ward added, so a mixture will penetrate skin at a slower rate.

Ward added that pepper-

mint oil is an example of an essential oil that should be used cautiously and diluted with a carrier oil. Young Living says on its website that peppermint's cooling sensation can be too intense. Also, children and the elderly often have more sensitive skin, Ward said.

Falkner said customers largely report benefits from use of essential oils such as for facials and skin care. She turned to essential oils in a search of a chemical-free lifestyle.

Most essential oils are distilled, but consumers should check on labels and research companies to make certain that solvents or chemicals weren't used in the oil extraction process, Falkner said.

"Learn the company, learn how the oil is distilled, learn how it's extracted," Falkner said.

"There are many ways you can do it, but the ways that are steam and cold-pressed keep out the chemicals and all the other stuff that can cause breathing problems."

Dr. Phil Werschler of Spokane Dermatology Clinic agrees that people are using essential oils more often in a number of ways.

In an email, he also listed a caution that because essential oils are naturally occurring substances, they are not regulated.

As another caution, the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences says its studies have shown that lavender and tea tree oil may act as endocrine disrupting chemicals. These are natural or man-made compounds that mimic or oppose the actions of hormones produced in the human body.



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Rita Jackson and Mike Jackson sing along to Bon Jovi's "Livin' On a Prayer" as people respond to social media posts for Chicagoans to participate in the singalong from their balconies on Saturday.

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And in rolled the comments:

"I'm singing with ya from Harrisburg, PA."

"Singing with you from Wisconsin!"

"Singing in Mt Greenwood!"

"Singing in St Louis!"

"Plainfield!!!"

"Singing in North Aurora!"

"Singing in Naperville!"

"Singing in Hyde Park!"

"Singing from Edgebrook!"

"Singing in Uptown!"

"Singing in Hickory Hills."

"Singing in Villa Park."

"Singing in Wyoming!!!"

And in rolled the videos.

Solo acts. Families gathered on porches. Neighbors singing from high-rises. Toddlers and grown-ups and teenagers and guitar-strumming couples. All singing Bon Jovi together.

Woah, we're halfway there

Woah, livin' on a prayer

Take my hand, we'll make it I swear

Woah, livin' on a prayer

"We picked that because

we've seen it at karaoke and done it ourselves," Spinner told me afterward. "It's pretty singable. Also, it's pretty uplifting, about people making it through tough times and sticking it out together."

The couple also saw art-punk singer Amanda Palmer perform the song about 10 years ago at Metro, the indie music venue in Wrigleyville.

"The place went wild — all the punks and goths and hipsters sang along, so loud you couldn't hear HER," Spinner wrote on Facebook. "Even the goth-gal Metro employee that had been scowling near us the whole night smiled and bopped her head in time."

It's that kind of song.

We've got to hold on to what we've got

It doesn't make a difference if we make it or not

We've got each other and that's a lot for love

We'll give it a shot

Earlier Saturday, Bon Jovi keyboardist David Bryan announced on Instagram that he'd tested positive for coronavirus.

"Please help out each other," he wrote. "This will be over soon ... with the help of every American!!!"

Spinner and Kell were

inspired to launch Saturday's singalong, in part, by videos of Italians singing in solidarity on their balconies while their country practices social and physical distancing in an effort to curb the spread of coronavirus.

An hour after the singing ended, Spinner and Kell already had an invite posted for next Saturday. Same time. Same place (obviously). New song: "ABC" by the Jackson 5.

"Rebecca picked that because it's fun and wholesome," Spinner told me.

We're going to need these flashes of goodness and light to get us through the darkness, which looms ominously and indefinitely.

As Spinner and Kell wrote on the invite for the next singalong:

"Social distancing can't keep us from getting together in song. Let's all hang out and sing as one." Yes. Let's.

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over the next couple of days, we'll get into the habit of meditation, and maybe it will be more routine."

While some parents are trying to clear their schedules, Martine Nilsen, senior manager of community operations and growth at The Mom Project and a separated mother of twin 5-year-old boys who lives in Lakeview, says she's trying to do the opposite since she's parenting alone.

"Instead of hacking my way around my kids, I just completely folded them into my workday," she says. "I'm calling it work-from-home with mom."

During breakfast, they'll discuss what's on their daily schedules. Nilsen allows her sons to choose between two different tasks to give them ownership. "So when mommy's working, they are working," she says.

When Nilsen had to prepare for a work presentation, she asked her sons to pretend they were prepping for a conference call. She had them pick three books, paint their covers and then prepare to present the best one they liked on a conference call. "He ended up chatting with my boss and told her he was working from home too," Nilsen says.

When Nilsen realized it was in the middle of the afternoon and she still hadn't showered, she created an Oreo taste challenge by pulling out various versions of the cookie and having her sons arrange them by the versions they liked the most.

"It gave me 12 minutes to shower and get dressed," Nilsen says.

Split-shifting on her own hasn't been easy. Nilsen asked her boss if she could change her schedule to get two blocks of time in the morning and evening instead of haphazardly trying to fit in an hour here and there. It required moving two meetings to



NEDAA ALWAWI PHOTO

Mariam Panawala, 8, is studying at home while her parents, Nedaa Alwawi and Mansoor Panawala, work from their Old Irving Park home. Mariam turned her reading nook into a study space.

different days, but Nilsen says it's made it more productive for everyone.

"I would rather do a bigger stretch in the morning after the boys just had good night's sleep," says Nilsen, who has her kids help with meal prep to keep them engaged. "For most parents, afternoons are terror until dinner is done."

Another hack that's helped Nilsen from previous experience in the restaurant industry: Regardless of where you are going, always take something with you; it's why you'll never see a waiter or waitress with empty hands.

Nedaa Alwawi, 37, the founder and principal of Prairie Academy, an elementary school in Lakeview, says it's the first time she's ever tried to work from home with her husband, Mansoor Panawala, 40, the head of measurement and analytics for home and consumer services at Google, and home-school her daughter, Mariam, 8, a second-grader.

"Both my husband and I have very stressful jobs," says Alwawi who lives in Old Irving. "We're both pretty loud and in con-

stant communication for work."

To make their home-and-work-life more effective, Alwawi and Panawala had a conversation about expectations. They discussed daily responsibilities and created a schedule to divided up ownership, coming together for a 20-minute lunch break. While Alwawi is managing their daughter's home schooling, Panawala is responsible for household and grocery shopping. They are sharing the cleaning chores and alternating days each person cooks.

During their first 24 hours, Alwawi says, it felt as if everyone was moving in together. To create dedicated workspaces, her husband set up a home office in the basement, Mariam turned her reading nook into a study space and Alwawi felt like a floor trader on the stock exchange, roving around her home and porch, carrying her phone and laptop.

"Find your new norm," Alwawi says, based on the assumption this will be a long-term situation.

Dawn Reiss is a freelance writer.

PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

Blood pressure varies with activity, time of day, mood

BY JOE GRAEDON AND TERESA GRAEDON
King Features Syndicate

Q: Everyone talks about blood pressure as if it were a fixed number. I take mine every morning after breakfast and keep a running daily, 30-day and 90-day average.

A: If I don't take it at about the same time every day, the reading will be higher. My running average is 113/65. My heart rate is 55. But during the day I might get up to 130/70 or maybe a little bit higher.

Q: So the question is what is my BP? Is it the one early in the day or the one that fluctuates throughout an average day? Arguments or exciting sports push it up even more.

A: When I was first diagnosed with high blood pressure a year ago, the reading was 220/110. The doctor put me on amlodipine and olmesartan. I have gradually gotten my pressure down to the current levels with medication, diet and exercise.

Q: Thank you for pointing out how activity, emotional state and time of day can change blood pressure readings. The technique used to make the measurement can also affect the reading.

A: You have set a good example for everyone on addressing blood pressure through attention to exercise, diet and blood pressure medications.

Q: Months ago, my doctor prescribed clindamycin for an ear and sinus infection. Three days later, I got really sick with stomach cramps, dizziness, a splitting headache and diarrhea. My doctor told me to stop the drug immedi-



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ately. I still have loose stools and stomach cramps nearly every day.

Q: Two of my neighbors had a similar reaction and wound up in the emergency room. One of them thought he was having a heart attack, while the other had the same reaction I did. What is going on?

A: You should be tested for a Clostridioides difficile (C. diff) infection. Clindamycin is notorious for killing off beneficial gut bacteria. This can allow C. diff to dominate. You may need special treatment to control this challenging microbe.

The FDA warns: "Because clindamycin therapy has been associated with severe colitis which may end fatally. It should be reserved for serious infections where less toxic antimicrobial agents are inappropriate."

Q: I heard through the grapevine (but I know that's unreliable) that taking my vitamins with coffee means I won't get the benefit. Is there any truth to this? How can I be smarter about vitamins?

A: In searching the medical literature, we found no evidence that coffee poses problems for vitamin absorption. In fact, Dr.

Tieraona Low Dog suggests that taking vitamin and mineral supplements with breakfast is sensible.

Coffee can interfere with the absorption of thyroid supplements (levothyroxine). Tea reduces the absorption of iron.

Q: I read about tart cherries in a recent column. I began taking Montmorency tart cherry in 1,200 mg potency gummies. The results were amazing in that my muscle and bone soreness subsided within a few days. I hope this will also help my blood sugar levels.

A: Thanks for sharing your experience. Montmorency tart cherries have been studied for exercise performance and recovery (Scandinavian Journal of Medicine & Science in Sports, July 2018). These cherry supplements lower blood pressure modestly as well as improving end-sprint performance in elite athletes. Research indicates that they also may be helpful for managing Type 2 diabetes (Food Chemistry, June 30, 2018).

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ADHD diagnoses increasing in black children, report suggests

BY MIKE STOBBE
Associated Press

For the first time, a U.S. survey found that black children appear to be more likely than white kids to be diagnosed with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder and other learning disabilities.

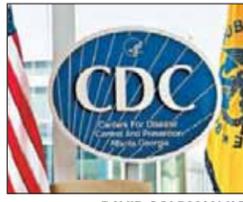
Previous studies had found the diagnosis was far more likely in white kids.

It's not known what might have driven the change described in the recent report, said lead

author Benjamin Zablotsky of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

In past studies that found higher rates of ADHD diagnoses in white kids, researchers hypothesized there were racial differences in access to health professionals or perhaps racial differences in attitudes that make white parents more likely to seek an ADHD diagnosis than black parents.

The new study is based on three years of data — 2016 through 2018 — from



DAVID GOLDMAN/AP

a national in-person survey, and represents about 23,000 children ages 3 to 17. About 17% of black children had ever been diagnosed, compared with about 15% of white kids and

about 12% of Hispanic kids, the report found.

The survey question asked about ADHD and "other learning disabilities" but didn't define what they might be. Some examples might include dyslexia or reading comprehension problems. It's not clear to what extent the bottom-line statistics are influenced by conditions other than ADHD, Zablotsky said.

Paul Morgan, a Penn State University researcher, noted the CDC report is based only on what parents

said. The researchers didn't look at medical records to confirm the rates.

But there are reasons why ADHD may be more common in black kids, he said. Experts have long believed black kids were under-diagnosed, and that they are at higher risk of conditions that can lead to ADHD, such as lead poisoning or low birthweight.

ADHD has been called the most commonly diagnosed mental health disorder in U.S. children, with more than 6 million kids

diagnosed. The condition makes it hard for children to pay attention and control impulsive behaviors. It's often treated with drugs, behavioral therapy or both.

Children living in poor families were more likely to be diagnosed with ADHD or other learning disabilities than kids in affluent households, the new CDC report found.

The children of parents with less than a high school education were similarly more likely to have a diagnosis, the report said.

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Stop touching your face!

‘Eyes, nose, mouth — all those mucous membranes are the portal into the body for a virus’

BY TARA PARKER-POPE
The New York Times

Want to improve your chance of staying healthy? Stop touching your face! One of the more difficult challenges in public health has been to teach people to wash their hands frequently and to stop touching the facial mucous membranes — the eyes, nose and mouth, all entry portals for the new coronavirus and many other germs.

“Scratching the nose, rubbing your eyes, leaning on your chin and your fingers go next to your mouth — there’s multiple ways we do it,” said Dr. Nancy C. Elder, a professor of family medicine at Oregon Health and Science University in Portland, who has studied face touching among doctors and clinic staff members. “Everybody touches their face, and it’s a difficult habit to break.”

As the coronavirus spreads around the globe, the primary advice from health officials is for people to wash their hands. But a number of health researchers say the public health message also should include a more forceful warning about face touching.

“The CDC and WHO still say something like ‘avoid’ touching your eyes, nose and mouth,” said Dr. William P. Sawyer, a family physician in Sharonville, Ohio, and creator of *HenryTheHand.com*, which promotes hand and face hygiene. “The advice should be ‘absolutely do not touch them!’ If you never touch your facial mucous membranes, you’re less likely to be sick again from any viral respiratory infection.”

To understand why hand hygiene and face touching can make a meaningful difference during a pandemic, consider how a virus can spread. An in-



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fectured person rides in an elevator, touching buttons both outside and inside the elevator or maybe sneezing during the ride. When that person leaves, microscopic droplets containing the virus stay behind. The next people who press the same buttons or touch a surface pick up the virus on their hands, then scratch their noses or rub their eyes.

“Eyes, nose, mouth — all those mucous membranes are the portal into the body for a virus like COVID-19 or SARS,” said Mary-Louise McLaws, professor of epidemiology, health care infection and infectious diseases control at the University of New South Wales in Sydney, Australia.

“I was in a conference yesterday watching people, and in just about two minutes I counted a dozen times that I saw someone touching mucous membranes,” McLaws said.

McLaws was the senior author of a 2015 study on

face touching that documented the alarming number of times we do it. While medical students attended a lecture, the researchers filmed them and counted the number of times they touched any part of their faces. Over the course of an hour, students touched their faces, on average, 23 times. Nearly half of the touches were to the eyes, nose or mouth — what infectious disease researchers call “the T-zone.”

Other studies of primary care doctors, people doing office work, and students riding a simulated rail car have all found similar rates of touching the T-zone.

“I was really surprised,” McLaws said. “By touching your mucous membranes, you’re giving a virus 11 opportunities every hour if you’ve touched something infectious.”

The risk of picking up a virus by hand-to-face contact depends on a number of factors, including the

type of virus, whether the surface was nonporous, how long ago the virus was left behind, how much time the infected person spent in the area and the temperature and humidity levels.

The World Health Organization notes that while we don’t know how long the new coronavirus survives on surfaces, it seems to behave like other coronaviruses — which is unsettling news. A recent study from the *Journal of Hospital Infection* found that similar coronaviruses have been shown to survive on surfaces for as long as nine days under ideal conditions. That’s far longer than the flu virus, which typically can survive under ideal conditions only up to 24 hours on hard surfaces. Public Health England says that, based on studies of other coronaviruses like SARS and MERS, “the risk of picking up a live virus from a contaminated surface” under real-life condi-

tions “is likely to be reduced significantly after 72 hours.”

In general, a virus will survive the longest on nonporous surfaces made of metal and plastics — including doorknobs, counters and railings. A virus will die sooner on fabrics or tissues. Once on your hand, a virus begins to lose potency, but it will probably live long enough for you to touch your face. Although more study is needed of coronavirus, in one study of rhinovirus, which causes the common cold, a small dose of virus was placed on a participant’s finger. An hour later, about 40% of the virus was still viable. After three hours, 16% could still be detected.

The good news is that frequent hand washing can make a meaningful difference in lowering your risk. During the SARS epidemic, hand-washing reduced the risk of transmission by 30%

to 50%. But after washing your hands, you must still be mindful about face touching, Sawyer said.

“Your hands are only clean until the next surface you touch,” he said. “When you reach for the doorknob or hand railing, you’ve recontaminated your hand with something. If you touch your mucous membranes, then you could inoculate yourself inadvertently with that organism. If there is one behavior change that could prevent infection, it’s do not touch your T-zone.”

But it’s not easy to stop face touching. In fact, many people say that the more they think about it, the more their eyes twitch and their nose itches. A number of memes have emerged on social media from people who say that ever since the warnings about coronavirus, they can’t stop touching their own faces.

To break the face-touching habit, try using a tissue if you need to scratch your nose or rub your eyes. Wearing makeup may reduce face touching, since it may make you more mindful of not smudging it. One study found that women touched their faces far less when they wore makeup. Another solution: Try to identify triggers for face touching, like dry skin or itchy eyes, and use moisturizers or eye drops to treat those conditions so you are less likely to rub or scratch your face.

It also may help to wear glasses to create a barrier to touching your eyes. Gloves or mittens can also make you more mindful of not touching your face (and can make it more difficult to put your finger in your nose or your eye.). Although gloves, too, can become contaminated, viruses don’t live as long on fabric or leather.



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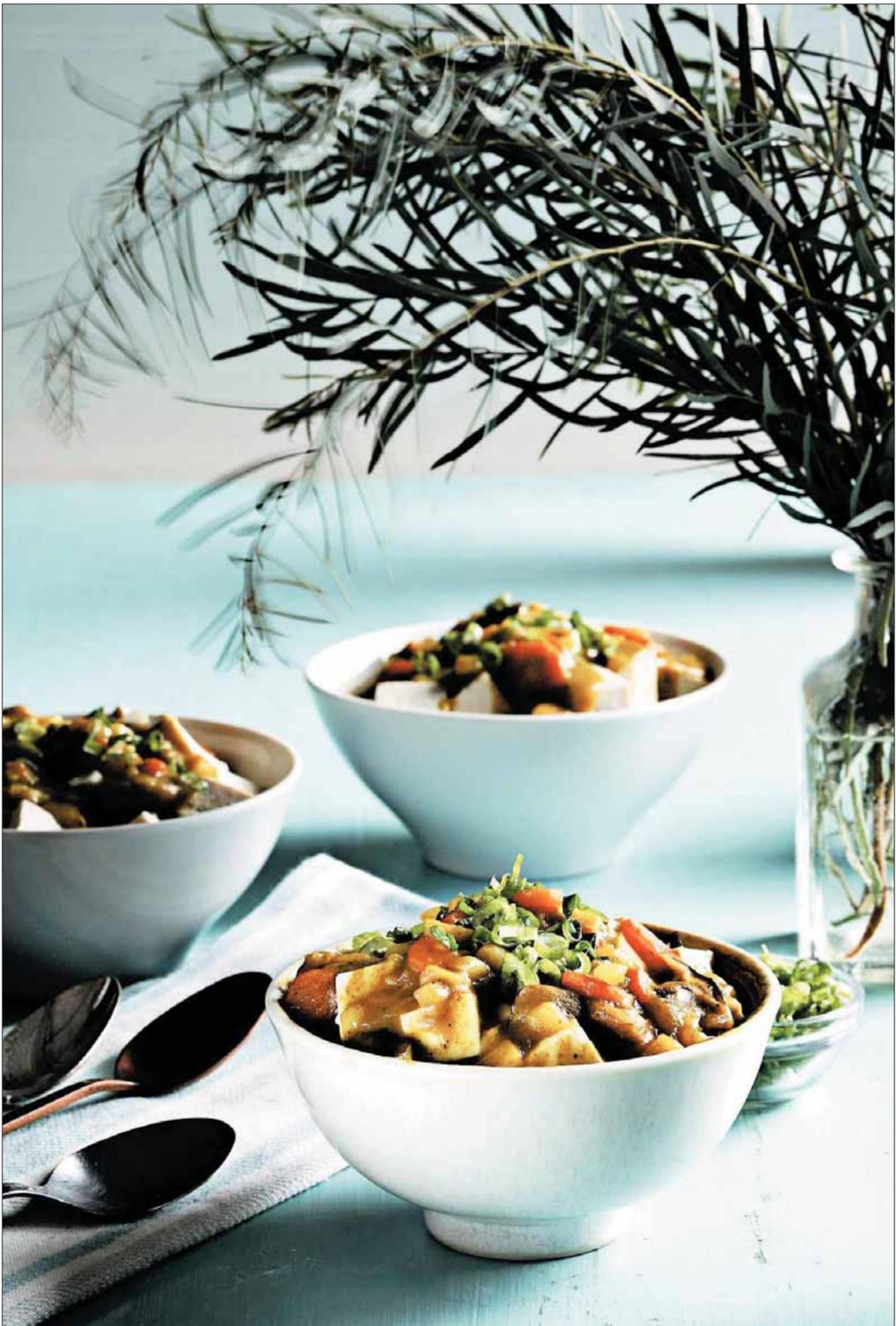
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Dinner at Home

While packing up our house of nearly 20 years, I found the bin with all my travel journals. For every vacation, I record our journeys in a small notebook. Actually, they mostly contain detailed notes on every food market we visit and the meal and snacks sampled there.

Wow. The documents prove incriminating. We eat a lot. I star all the

dishes I want to re-create at home. I hope I live that long.

Tonkatsu, crispy fried pork cutlets, first enjoyed on a family trip to Japan, regularly graces our table. All of us now embrace the three-step breading process that yields the perfect results.

I encountered a variation, known as katsu curry, on my second trip to Osaka with my sister. Our brother Ken

took us to the Umeda Sky Building to see the floating garden on the 39th floor, the world's highest escalator and fantastic city views.

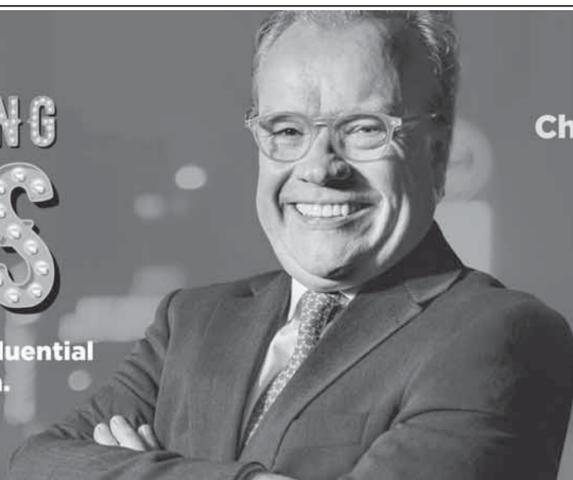
Truthfully, I went for the food. The building's lower level boasts a restaurant floor designed as a replica of a typical Japanese town during the early Showa Period.

The charming and inviting restaurant choices specialized in traditional

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Caramelized shallot pasta

- Makes:** 4 servings
Total time: 40 minutes
- ¼ cup olive oil
 - 6 large shallots, very thinly sliced
 - 5 garlic cloves: 4 thinly sliced, 1 finely chopped
 - Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
 - 1 teaspoon red-pepper flakes, plus more to taste
 - 1 (2-ounce) can anchovy fillets (about 12), drained
 - 1 (4.5-ounce) tube or (6-ounce) can of tomato paste (about ½ to ¾ cup)
 - 10 ounces pasta
 - 1 cup parsley, leaves and tender stems, finely chopped
 - Flaky sea salt
1. **Heat** olive oil in a large heavy-bottomed Dutch oven over medium high. Add shallots and thinly sliced garlic, and season with salt and pepper. Cook, stirring occasionally, until the shallots have become totally softened and caramelized with golden-brown fried edges, 15 to 20 minutes.
 2. **Add** red-pepper flakes and anchovies. (No need to chop the anchovies; they will dissolve on their own.) Stir to melt the anchovies into the shallots, about 2 minutes.
 3. **Add** tomato paste and season with salt and pepper. Cook, stirring constantly to prevent any scorching, until the tomato paste has started to cook in the oil a bit, caramelizing at the edges and going from bright red to a deeper brick-red color, about 2 minutes. Remove from heat and transfer about half the mixture to a resealable container, leaving the rest behind. (These are your leftovers to be used elsewhere: in another batch of pasta or smeared onto roasted vegetables, spooned over fried eggs or spread underneath crispy chicken thighs.)
 4. **To serve**, cook pasta according to package instructions in a large pot of salted boiling water until very al dente (perhaps more al dente than usual). Transfer to Dutch oven with remaining shallot mixture (or a skillet if you are using the leftover portion) and 1 cup pasta water. Cook over medium-high heat, swirling the skillet to coat each piece of pasta, using a wooden spoon or spatula to scrape up any bits on the bottom, until pasta is thick and sauce has reduced and is sticky, but not saucy, 3 to 5 minutes.
 5. **In a small bowl**, combine parsley and finely chopped garlic clove, and season with flaky salt and pepper. Divide pasta among bowls, or transfer to one large serving bowl, and top with parsley mixture and a bit more red-pepper flakes, if you like.

The pasta dish you didn't know you wanted

BY ALISON ROMAN
The New York Times

As a general rule, I don't take requests for recipes. Sure, the temptation to give people exactly what they want is always there, but ultimately I'm not certain that does anyone any favors. If I just wrote recipes by request, this would be a column of strictly chickpea stews and sheet-pan chicken (not that there's anything wrong with that!). I'm sorry if that sounds harsh.

But there are exceptions, and this is a story about an exception. Every Christmas Eve, my friends and I gather for a bacchanalian celebration, including anyone who sticks around for the holidays. Last year, the theme was Feast of the Seven Fishes, but we were a bit ambitious and ended up with closer to 12 fishes (doesn't quite have the same ring, does it?). Each dish on the table was a bold, extremely fish-forward approach to the theme, so I wanted to have something that was more of a humble, mildly flavored, comforting, carby back-



Spoon the leftover sauce over fried eggs or smear it on toast.

ground dancer to the real stars of the show (fishes). I threw together a giant pot of caramelized shallot pasta, enhanced, of course, with plenty of anchovies — I am nothing if not loyal to a theme and my own personal brand. It was shockingly good for the modest and limited ingredients involved, better than it should be, honestly. The sauce itself was made with an obscene amount of shallots, fried in a generous pool of olive

And to drink ...

The color of a cooked dish can sometimes suggest the color of the wine that will go best. But the brick color of this pasta dish is not a clue. Despite the presence of the cooked tomato paste, the sweetness of the shallots and the sharp anchovy flavor call for an incisive white that is fresh and lively but not oaky. That's the sort of white wine that Italy does well, north to south. Take your pick, whether Soave, vermentino, fiano or a carricante from Sicily. Beyond Italy, a Corsican white would be great. So would a cava sparkler from Spain. If you want to blow people's minds, serve them a good retsina from Greece. If you prefer a red, the same thoughts apply: good acidity, low tannins, no oak. Sounds like an inexpensive barbera to me. — Eric Asimov

oil until caramelized and delightfully golden brown, melted into a jammy pile. I also added a few slivers of garlic to be toasted with the shallots; a whole tin of anchovies for meatiness, saltiness and thematic consistency; a bit of red pepper for spiciness and an entire tube of tomato paste that caramelized in the oil for sweetness and tanginess. The end result was a deeply savory, very sticky, fiery neon-orange paste that I quickly realized I wanted in my life all the time, pasta or not. I did want to coat pasta in it, but I also wanted to smear it onto thick, oily toast,

spoon it over my fried eggs, or drag roasted chicken through it. I wanted it in a jar kept in my fridge forever. Reader, everyone requested this recipe, which, no, doesn't happen each time I cook, thank you very much. There were emails and texts from those who had eaten it, direct messages and comments on the internet from those who had seen it. I felt shy about revealing how simple it was, as if I had tricked everyone into thinking I was more creative than I was. But I ultimately felt that the shallot mixture itself was delicious and useful enough to

warrant a real-life recipe. I wrote it down and fell even more in love with its simplicity. So for those who wanted it, here you go. For those who didn't know they wanted it: I promise, you do, and in this instance, I am happy to oblige.

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Home alone? Don't forgo good wine

By ERIC ASIMOV
The New York Times

In short order, the world has changed, and so has the thinking about public gatherings. Parties have been postponed. Restaurants have been closed, and we have had to reconsider such commonplace activities as gathering with our friends.

Under orders to socially distance ourselves, isolate and even self-quarantine, communal activities cannot be taken for granted. And what's more communal than drinking wine?

In our new cautionary, stay-at-home environment, drinking wine may seem as much of a balm as making soup or bingeing on Netflix. Sharing a bottle with roommates or a spouse raises no issues or eyebrows.

But what if social distancing means you are actually by yourself? Is it all right to open that bottle?

Obviously, the question of whether to drink when alone doesn't, in the words of that wise nightclub owner, amount to a hill of beans in this crazy world. But it is a question that people who love wine may ask themselves if they find themselves temporarily isolated.

Too often, the answer is a finger wag. From the moment we start to learn about wine, we are taught that drinking responsibly is a social activity. Wine is for sharing, for drinking with friends or family over a meal.

Enjoying a good wine, we are often told, requires companionship. The joy, the sense of discovery, occurs when it is collective. I don't know how Garbo felt about wine, but when opening a bottle, you do not want to be alone.

Drinking alone is often considered a sign of a serious problem, evidence of depression or even an indication of possible alcoholism. Psychological treatises delve into the potential underlying problems revealed by solo drinking, while country songs lock on to the inevitable tears.

But coronavirus has put us in a different situation now. The concern is not drowning sorrows at the hotel bar or the isolation felt even in the middle of a crowded party. The question is about drinking when literally alone, at home, when doing one's best to



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At a time of public health challenges, self-imposed isolation does not require you to forgo good wine.

comply with the new protocols of a public health crisis.

It would be easy to think oneself strange for wanting to enjoy a glass or two of wine with a dinner alone. Popular culture has had a field day with the issue of solo drinking, finding it a fertile field for random bits of advice.

"Do not, repeat, do not attempt to pluck your eyebrows while drinking alone," warns one recent article titled "8 Ways to Drink Alone Without It Being Depressing." Another takes us through "12 Stages of Deciding to Open a Bottle of Wine Alone and Drinking the Entire Thing," including "resistance," "denial," "opening" and inevitably, "shame."

The notion that drinking alone makes it more likely that you'll consume an entire bottle in one sitting only reinforces the potential ramifications of the decision to pull the cork in the first place.

These articles, and the underlying social attitudes they indicate, all underscore the Puritanical notion that drinking alcohol, regardless of the reason, is wrong. They suggest that the whole point of drinking is self-medication in one form or another, whether for heartache or ambient anxiety. And if you do it by yourself, you face a Pandora's box full of consequences.

But what about all the other reasons that wine-lovers open bottles — for starters, because wine goes really well with food and because it tastes good?

We know it encourages conviviality, which is not so useful under socially isolated circumstances, perhaps, but wine inspires contemplation as well, which is almost always welcome, especially if the conversation is with yourself.

Without a doubt, one must

always keep in mind the power and potential dangers of alcoholic beverages. If you do have a problem with alcohol or issues with depression, drinking alone is not the responsible choice.

But otherwise, why shouldn't we enjoy the beauty of wine, especially if it is augmenting a meal? If we are going to take the loving step of cooking for ourselves, I believe we should absolutely make the experience even better by enjoying a glass or two of wine as well.

I don't personally seek out isolation. But I have had some wonderful meals, with several glasses of wine, by myself, whether traveling on business or at home when other members of my family made other plans. It may not be ideal, but solitude and a little wine can send the mind in unexpectedly delightful directions. I prize the memories of

these little interior journeys.

Once the decision has been made to pour a glass, it raises a practical issue. The standard 750-milliliter bottle reinforces the idea that drinking is not a solo activity. It is designed for two people or more to finish in the course of a meal.

That means moderate drinkers will have leftover wine. That's hardly a problem, though a lot of people think it could be. In fact, entire wine-gadget companies are built on the notion that wine is fragile and begins to decay immediately upon opening.

That is true of bad wine, processed products that are constructed from added tannins, acids and other ingredients aimed at creating something from very little. These have little staying power.

Good wine, however, regardless of price, is generally far stronger than we imagine. If you have opened a bottle and consumed half of it, recork it and store it in a cool place, whether by the window, depending on the weather and if it's out of the sunlight, or in the fridge. It can last for several days at least, with no need for special sealing devices or the sort of tools that promise to suck the air out of a half-empty bottle.

If you have a half-bottle of something, then you are all set. Or good wine in a box — yes, there are such things. The bag-in-a-box technology is an excellent guard against oxidation, the primary fear after a partly consumed bottle.

But if it's just you and a regular bottle, just plan on drinking it over two or three days, no worries.

The bottom line is: We are all doing what's necessary in an unexpected predicament to protect the health of family, friends and ourselves. We are sacrificing, whether missing out on travel, sports, theater and other public gatherings. For some of us, that may mean spending time in physical isolation.

That does not mean that all pleasures must be lost to us. So let's make the best of it and toast, even from afar, the day when we can all gather again, hug, kiss, shake hands and touch our faces with impunity.

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With so many types of Japanese noodles, it's important to know the difference for the best, most delicious results.

CRAVING Japanese food

Ultimate guide to noodles

Know your soba from your somen

Mentsuyu (Japanese dipping sauce and soup base)

Prep: 5 minutes **Cook:** 10 minutes **Makes:** about 1¾ cups



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Don't freak out, but are you having trouble remembering things? Sweet crapes on toast, how many times a day do I lose my cellphone?

And names — don't get me started. My awesome daughter has a friend I call "not-Helen" because I can't remember her actual name, only that it isn't Helen — a fact I learned only after the billionth conversation that went like this:

Me: Why don't you call Helen?

Awesome Daughter: Who?
All this brings me to Japanese noodles. For the life of me, I can't keep all their names straight in my head. I mean, not to sound like a coot, but, when I was a kid (Here we go!) what would I have known from udon? We had noodles. That's it. Plain, flat, buttered egg noodles. And on Italian night, spaghetti.

Today, though, I'm finally getting them straight. And, since I'm going to the trouble, you may as well come along for the ride. After all, you don't want to find yourself standing in the Japanese market, clueless in the noodle aisle, feeling like a chump.

Why you need to learn this

Knowledge is its own reward. Besides, would it kill you to know the difference between somen and soba?

The steps you take

Let's get something straight, right off the bat. Japanese cuisine is very different from American cuisine and its mostly European antecedents, but Japanese noodles are still, quite simply, noodles.

They're mostly made of flour and water — we'll address that "mostly" shortly — and you can use them the same way you'd use any other noodle.

Drown your udon in tomato sauce if you want; I swear I won't tell.

Having said that, if you are going to the trouble to find Japanese noodles, you probably want to create a dish that is at least nominally Japanese. What Japanese noodles have in common with each other, and what sets them apart from, say, Italian pasta, is that, generally, rather than being served straight from the pot, they're cooked in advance and cooled. Then they're served chilled, or reheated quickly in a soup or stir fry. One common and delicious prepara-

The key to this sauce is the ratio between the ingredients. Of course, every cook will have his or her own ratio that they swear is best. Trust your judgment and your taste and adjust the ratios as you see fit. Use the chilled sauce for dipping cold noodles (typically soba or somen).

½ cup sake

1 tablespoon sugar (optional)

1 cup soy sauce

1 cup mirin

1 piece (2 inches square) kombu, optional

1 cup bonito flakes

Water as needed, see note



Dipping sauce is the perfect companion to Japanese noodles, and it can also be turned into a broth for soup.

1. Bring the sake and optional sugar to boil in a small, heavy-bottom sauce pan.

2. Add soy sauce, mirin and kombu, if using. Heat to a boil.

3. Turn off heat, add bonito flakes and allow them to settle to bottom of pan, about five minutes.

4. Strain liquid into a clean bowl, dilute as needed with water and serve.

Note: For dipping noodles, you may want to dilute this sauce with up to an equal amount of water. You can also dilute it even more (up to three or four times), and then reheat to boiling to use as a broth for hot noodle soup. Use the broth as is, or flavor with miso, ginger or sesame oil. Along with the noodles, feel free to add shredded pork or chicken, tofu, mushrooms, green onions, boiled egg, spinach — whatever you think sounds good in your soup.

Nutrition information per serving: 26 calories, 0 g fat, 0 g saturated fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 5 g carbohydrates, 2 g sugar, 1 g protein, 649 mg sodium, 0 g fiber

tion involves serving noodles icy cold with a simple but flavorful dipping sauce.

If you want to remain true to their country of origin, the important thing is to stay with Japanese flavor profiles: soy sauce, mirin, sake, dashi ... you get the picture. An easy example is to make your favorite stir fry, then throw in some cooked noodles and heat the whole thing through. Simple, right?

Here's a look at some of the more common Japanese noodles:

Ramen: Ramen are thin wheat noodles. Their yellowish tint comes from an ingredient called kansui, an alkaline water containing potassium carbonate and sodium bicarbonate.

You've probably eaten at one of the 3 bajillion ramen restaurants that have popped up in the past few years. And it's terrific, right? Ramen's texture is pleasantly firm, and the broth it's usually served in is meaty and fatty and rich.

If you want ramen at home, noodles can be found both fresh and dried. There's also the ubiquitous instant ramen: precooked,

dried blocks of curly noodles, cellophane-wrapped and accompanied by packets of scary, but tasty, chemicals.

You can make traditional ramen broth at home, though it is time consuming. Alternately, just use the noodles — fresh, dried or instant — in stir fries or soups. And don't feel compelled to use the little packets. They can be saltier than a sailor.

Soba: These thin, straight, brownish buckwheat noodles have a somewhat nutty flavor. I used to think they were as different from Italian noodles as it gets. Now, though, the pasta shelves groan beneath the variety of gluten-free noodles made from quinoa, teff, chickpeas and who knows what else. Sawdust. Pollen. Dreams. Loud noises.

Soba can be served hot in soups or stir fries, though they're often served cold with a simple dipping sauce of dashi, soy sauce, mirin and sake (see recipe below).

Somen: Very white and very thin, these wheat noodles are like angel hair. Not the pasta: the

actual, literal hair of angels. You can use somen in pretty much any preparation and, like soba, they're popular cold with a dipping sauce.

Perhaps you've seen videos of those restaurants where little knots of somen noodles reach the customers by sliding down a long, watery chute. It's like that terrifying Log Flume ride at the 1964 World's Fair, but with chopsticks.

Udon: Udon are long, white wheat noodles thick enough to trip a cat. Their generous girth gives them a somewhat springy, chewy texture. You can find them dried, but my advice is to seek out fresh, packaged udon in the cooler aisle, or look in the freezer section. The dried kind doesn't always quite achieve that bouncing springiness. Udon are found very often swimming in broth, but, again, you can use them however you like.

Shirataki: Word on the street is these noodles are taking the world by storm, particularly with the low-carb crowd. That's because they're not made from anything we normally associate

with noodles, like wheat or rice. No, they're made from glucomannan, a dietary fiber that comes from the flowering konjac plant native to Asia. Konjac is known by many other names, like devil's tongue, voodoo lily and, my favorite, snake palm.

Glucomannan is used as a dietary supplement to help with all sorts of human medical issues, some of which are not suited for mention in a polite food column. But they also make noodles out of it.

Along with the glucomannan, shirataki are made primarily of water, which means they have virtually no calories, and it gives them a unique mouthfeel that some have called slippery. I'll leave you to write your own similes.

Shirataki generally are packaged in water and require no cooking, only rinsing. You can drop them in hot broth for noodle soup, and they're perfect for cold dishes, snacks and Halloween games. Put some in the bottom of a bag and tell your kids that Mrs. Zombie Lady from next door stopped by and dropped off this treat for them.

Curry

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Japanese food ranging from sushi to okonomiyaki, hot pots, teppanyaki and curry.

We ultimately chose Katsudon, a tiny place filled with artwork. We sat on stools at the counter to watch the cooks build bowls of rice served with their renowned crispy pork tonkatsu. We ordered ours with curry. The contrast of the crunchy pork and the savory, slightly sweet curry sauce proved absolutely memorable.

Turns out, curry is nearly as popular in Japan for everyday eating as ramen. Eaten with rice or noodles or tucked into bread, the savory sauce contains vegetables and a bit of sweetness from mirin (rice wine) and fruit.

Japanese curry differs from Indian curries primarily because it is based on mild curry powder — not the complex mixtures of toasted spices and chile heat used in traditional Indian dishes.

That's good news in my kitchen. I'm fond of the flavor of curry powder and always have a jar or two on hand.

Like all ground spices, the trick is freshness. The powder should have a rich color and deep aroma — if not, replace it before using. I like McCormick curry powder just fine, but for a real treat I order Madras curry powder online from spicewallabrand.com for its warm flavors of cinnamon, fenugreek, turmeric and cumin.

For convenience, Japanese markets sell boxes of concentrated golden curry mix in mild, medium and hot.

The S&B brand is popular; the squares of dense paste (made from flour, oils, curry spices and additives) are meant to be dissolved in broth for the base of the dish. I much prefer to make a simple roux, then season it with curry powder for a

Japanese-style curry with carrots and apples

Prep: 20 minutes **Cook:** 40 minutes **Makes:** about 6 cups

- 4 ounces fresh shiitake mushrooms
- 4 cups chicken broth
- 3 skinny carrots, peeled, cut into ¼-inch thick rounds
- 1 piece (3 ¼ inches) fresh ginger, peeled, thickly sliced
- 1 rib celery, halved lengthwise, thinly sliced
- 2 tablespoons mirin or dry sherry or white wine
- ¼ cup butter
- ⅓ cup flour
- ½ medium onion, diced
- 1 small apple, peeled, cored, diced
- 2 tablespoons curry powder
- ¼ teaspoon cayenne
- 1 teaspoon soy sauce or to taste

1. Remove and discard stems from mushrooms. Slice caps into ¼-inch wide strips. Put broth, mushroom slices, carrots, ginger, celery and mirin into a medium saucepan. Simmer over low heat, about 20 minutes. (Refrigerate covered up to several days.)

2. Melt butter in a separate medium saucepan over medium-low heat. Stir in flour. Cook, stirring nearly constantly, until flour turns a pale oatmeal color, about 5 minutes. Stir in onion, apple, curry powder and cayenne. Cook and stir over medium-low heat until onion softens, about 5 minutes.

3. Whisk the broth mixture (with vegetables) into the flour mixture. Cook and whisk until mixture comes to a boil. Then reduce heat to very low; simmer, partly covered, about 15 minutes. Season with soy to taste. Mixture can be refrigerated for several days.

Nutrition information per serving: 146 calories, 8 g fat, 5 g saturated fat, 20 mg cholesterol, 16 g carbohydrates, 5 g sugar, 3 g protein, 138 mg sodium, 3 g fiber

Curry bowls with tofu

Prep: 10 minutes **Cook:** 5 minutes **Makes:** 4 servings

- 3 to 4 cups cooked white or brown rice (or cooked quinoa, farro or small pasta)
- 1 block (14 ounces) extra firm organic tofu, diced into 1-inch cubes
- 3 cups Japanese-style curry, see recipe
- 2 green onions, ends trimmed, thinly sliced
- ¼ cup chopped cilantro

Divide the rice among 4 deep serving bowls. Top each bowl of rice with one quarter of the tofu. Spoon one quarter of the curry sauce over each bowl. Microwave, covered, on high, until steamy hot, about 2 minutes per bowl. Serve garnished with green onions and cilantro sprigs.

Nutrition information per serving: 348 calories, 12 g fat, 5 g saturated fat, 15 mg cholesterol, 47 g carbohydrates, 4 g sugar, 16 g protein, 110 mg sodium, 4 g fiber

fresh start to a dish.

Now, that curry regularly factors into dinner at home. I make the curry sauce, packed with vegetables, in advance. For speedy week-night cooking, the sauce gets reheated to serve over

rice or noodles or a topping of firm tofu cubes. For Sunday dinner, I serve it with crisp cutlets for dunking in the sauce.

Serve this hearty, thick curry simply with rice or cooked noodles. A fried egg

on top works well. Or, make a tofu bowl with it. For special occasions, serve the curry with rice and crispy pork — fried on the stovetop or baked in the oven. Accompany the meal with chilled sake or beer.



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Crispy pork tonkatsu with Japanese curry and rice

Prep: 30 minutes **Cook:** 10 minutes **Makes:** 4 servings

I put a fork into each bowl to use for the three-stage dredging method to coat the pork slices evenly with minimal mess.

- 1 pork tenderloin, about 1 ½ pounds
- ¼ cup flour
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 2 large eggs
- 1 ½ cups panko (Japanese-style breadcrumbs)
- Peanut or expeller-pressed canola oil or safflower oil, for frying
- 3 to 4 cups Japanese-style curry, see recipe, heated until hot
- 3 cups cooked rice
- Sesame seeds
- Cilantro sprigs

1. Place pork tenderloin on cutting board. Working on the diagonal and using a very sharp knife, slice the tenderloin into ¼-inch thick slices. You'll have about 20 slices.

2. Set a baking rack over a baking sheet. Mix flour and salt in a shallow plate. Mix eggs with 1 tablespoon water in a pie plate. Put panko crumbs into another shallow dish or pie plate. Using a fork, lightly dredge a pork slice on both sides with flour mixture. Then, dip the slice into the beaten eggs to coat, letting excess egg drain back into the bowl. Then thoroughly dredge the slice in the panko crumbs to cover completely. Put the coated slice onto the prepared rack. Repeat to coat all the slices.

3. Let pork stand about 20 minutes, or, refrigerate uncovered up to several hours.

4. Just before serving, heat ¼ inch of oil in a large cast-iron or nonstick skillet over medium heat. When the oil is hot enough to make the edge of a pork slice sizzle fiercely, add pork slices in a single uncrowded layer. (Work in batches if necessary.) Cook over medium heat (do not let the oil smoke) until nicely golden on the bottom, about 2 minutes. Turn the pork and fry the second side until golden, about 1 minute more. Transfer to a paper towel-lined baking sheet. Serve right away or pop them into a 200-degree oven to keep warm while you fry the rest. Add more oil to the pan if needed to keep the ¼-inch oil level.

5. To serve, pile some rice onto each plate. Lay a few pork slices on the rice. Spoon a generous ladleful of the curry around the pork and rice. Serve garnished with sesame seeds and cilantro.

Oven-baked cutlets: Use 1 ½ pounds boneless extra-thin top loin pork chops or cutlets. Coat with flour, eggs and crumbs as directed. Place on an oiled baking sheet. Spray with oil or nonstick coating. Bake at 400 degrees on convection or 425 degrees on conventional oven until crisp, about 15 minutes.

Nutrition information per serving: 793 calories, 41 g fat, 11 g saturated fat, 185 mg cholesterol, 67 g carbohydrates, 4 g sugar, 39 g protein, 383 mg sodium, 4 g fiber

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Think outside the cupboard

What to stock, cook if you face a quarantine

BY JESSICA YADEGARAN
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As the novel coronavirus continues to spread and residents consider the possibility of self-quarantine, one can't help but wonder: Am I really going to eat all the protein bars I hoarded at Costco?

Not if you're stuck at home for weeks, potentially unwell or taking care of someone who is unwell. You did the right thing by stocking up on toilet paper, hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes. But, remember: This isn't an earthquake stash. You will likely have refrigeration, electricity and a lot of time on your hands to nourish yourself and the ones you love.

In other words, you'll want to cook. "From my standpoint, there's no reason to live on snack bars and meal replacement drinks," says Los Gatos' Marlene Koch, a registered dietitian nutritionist and New York Times bestselling cookbook author. "With a quick stock of your freezer and pantry, you can have the ingredients it takes to not only feed someone who is not feeling well but to feed the whole family."

But what are those ingredients, and how much do you buy? Koch, who pens the health-focused "Eat What You Love" cookbook series, says you should start with simple family favorites — say, slow-cooker pulled pork or

sheet pan chicken — keeping protein as a top priority.

Freezer fortune

Because "protein needs vary widely between men and women, or young kids and teenagers, it's hard to say how much to buy," Koch says. In general, she recommends 4 ounces of protein per person per day. The USDA recommends 5 ounces of lean meat — the equivalent of 1 cup cooked beans — for a 2,000-calorie daily diet.

"I would stock the freezer with a variety of 2- to 3-pound bags of lean ground beef or turkey, chicken tenders, or even shrimp," she says. "Remember, your quarantine may be for weeks but your bounty will last for months. If they buy too much, these are ingredients that people can be grilling outside come summer."

Also in that freezer: Tortillas, microwaveable rice or quinoa, frozen fruit for smoothies and frozen vegetables to stir into soups, grain bowls and easy pasta dishes. Not all frozen veggies are created equal — she prefers corn and peas over, say, frozen broccoli — but as long as you get some greens into your meals you're eating well. "It may also be comforting to know that frozen veggies have the same beneficial nutrient qualities as fresh," Koch adds.

Pandemic pantry

Canned and dry goods, too, are no-brainers when it comes to making healthy meals without access to a grocery store. Think



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outside the cupboard when it comes to this category. Sure, you should have on hand your favorite pasta or grain, nut butter, canned tuna or sardines, diced tomatoes, and, of course, beans. But using dried mushrooms instead of fresh mushrooms can yield a divine Instant Pot risotto.

And don't even get Koch started on beans. Pinto, black, garbanzo, kidney or cannellini — you can make meals to last well beyond two weeks, like a hearty black bean chili. Here's an even easier meal, courtesy of Koch: "Puree a can of black beans with salsa, chicken or vegetable broth and cumin," she says.

Cumin is among her shaker staples because it is

used in many cuisines. Other spices to pep up dishes, or in lieu of the fresh version: smoked paprika, chile flakes, garlic powder, ground ginger and dried herbs, especially thyme and oregano, which can easily substitute for the real thing when making, say, a roast chicken with the former or spaghetti sauce with the latter.

Here are a few other Koch tricks: Combine canned tuna with a low-sodium cream soup, like cream of broccoli, mushroom or celery, and add jarred artichoke hearts and sun-dried tomatoes for a new-age casserole. Leftover potato chips? Crumble on top to add a crunchy topping, she says. If a reci-

pe calls for milk or cream, she uses oat milk. "Swirl it into coffee, oatmeal, soups," she says. "Unlike almond milk, it is actually creamy and mimics the texture of dairy milk."

For a simple yet satisfying plant-based dish, Koch adds a can of chickpeas to fresh-cooked pasta and throws in a few handfuls of spinach or kale, garlic and broth. Craving spice and have some frozen sausage? Try spicy chickpea and chorizo stew, substituting frozen diced red and yellow bell peppers if you don't have the fresh in your fridge.

But not everyone is looking for the quick and easy cook when they're on lockdown. If you're stuck

at home and find cooking or baking therapeutic, then, by all means, stock accordingly and throw yourself into a chocolate cake, knead your worries away with an artisan free-form loaf or use that can of pumpkin left over from the fall to make pumpkin bread.

And don't forget the one fruit that you'll want to overrip in the event you're marooned at home: bananas. When the world is amiss, there's nothing quite as satisfying as mashing near-black bananas into a recipe for warm, comforting banana bread, especially when it's studded with those chocolate chips you keep trying not to snack on. It's time — snack on.



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DRINK

There's a new sake in town

BY LISA FUTTERMAN
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Sparkling sake is becoming a beverage to get excited about. While definitely not traditional — the category was first created to encourage women in Japan to drink more sake — when sake's inherent subtlety gets amped up with bubbles, the result is something to celebrate.

The original, sugary versions of these sparklers, such as the hugely popular brand Mio, are made using forced carbonation, like soda, and are low in alcohol.

"They taste like alcoholic cream soda or sweet beer," says Monica Samuels, director of sake and spirits for Vine Connections, a Sausalito, California-based importer and distributor.

Spurred by the growing U.S. consumer interest in both sparkling beverages and sake, producers have dipped their toes into creating sparkling sakes for more sophisticated tastes using secondary fermentation. In this process, the CO2 is trapped in tanks, or, better still, right in the bottle, by adding lees (spent yeast cells) like the French (and other winemakers) do in the

traditional methode champenoise.

"When you leave the yeast in, the sake gets a creamy interesting texture and is less sweet than forced carbonation," Samuels says.

Technically, sake is brewed more like beer than wine, but often appeals to wine drinkers because of its elegant aromas and texture. Stay away from the cheap, soda-pop stuff (but don't be scared of a screw- or pop-top) and explore the more elegant versions now coming our way.

We tried an array of sparkling sakes to help make suggestions on which one to drink when:

For the Champagne lover: *Nanbu Bijin Awa Sake Sparkling*. A clean Asian pear taste, mineral nose and umami finish, plus a richer texture and 14% alcohol take this one to the top of the pack. The label says "Dosage Zero" meaning there's no sugar added.

Before the meal: *Dassai 50 Sparkling Nigori*. This cloudy moscato-like sparkler, with its pretty, floral and honeydew flavors and fizz, drinks very elegantly. Try it as an

aperitif.

With dinner: *Fukucho Seaside Sparkling Junmai*. Citrusy and fresh, this bright, creamy sake stands up beautifully with both Eastern- and Western-style seafood dishes.

With sushi: *Hakkaisan Clear Sparkling Awa*. Bottled in a Western sparkling wine-style bottle complete with foil, cork and cage, this sake's lively bubbles (the word "awa" means bubbles in Japanese), and tropical, papaya flavor paired perfectly with nigiri, soy, wasabi and pickled ginger.

On the sweeter side: *Dewazakura Tobiroku "Festival of Stars"*. Chef B.K. Park of Michelin-starred Mako in Chicago's West Loop, pairs this one with sweeter ingredients such as anago (eel) with sweet soy or tamago, the Japanese omelet. He recommends trying any sparkling sake cold, then letting it sit at room temperature for 10 minutes to warm up and tasting again to explore its complexities. Says Park, "You may find it changes quite a bit."

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SERIOUSLY SIMPLE

Pepper jack cheese gives classic souffle a hint of heat

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I am obsessed with souffles. I have been known to whip one up whether I am feeling blue or in a celebratory mood.

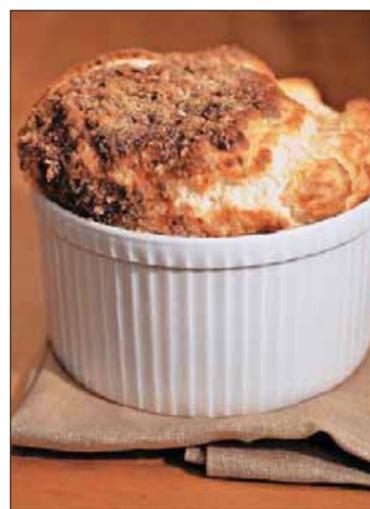
Who doesn't like a comforting spoonful of puffed eggs laced with cheese?

Last year my husband and I went to Paris to relive our souffle-loving time there several years before. As serious Francophiles, we focused on a search of restaurants that feature souffles. If you are ever in Paris it is recommended that you high-tail it over to Recamier, just down the street from Le Bon Marche. There, you may enjoy the best savory and dessert souffles possibly anywhere.

When we returned home, I kept experimenting with different combinations. I found switching out the classic French cheeses for a snappy pepper jack cheese created a spicy combination. It's a taste of Mexican flavor in a French classic.

This recipe is basically a simple white sauce enriched with egg yolk and grated pepper jack cheese. Stiff egg whites are folded right into the mixture. Remember to fold the egg whites carefully into the sauce to keep as much air in the mixture as possible.

Souffles couldn't be easier to put together. The secret to success is that your timing is just right, so plan ahead and figure out what you might be serving, like



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a salad or soup, and time the souffle to go into the oven as you sit down for your first course. Be aware that you can wait for the souffle, but the souffle waits for no one. You don't want to serve a deflated souffle.

You can add crisp bacon pieces, thin cooked vermicelli noodles, corn kernels or chopped spinach for extra pizzazz. Make sure to add it to the sauce before you fold in the egg whites.

Cheese souffle

Prep time: 45 minutes **Cook time:** 30 minutes **Makes:** 4 servings

3 tablespoons plus 1 teaspoon soft unsalted butter

1 cup plus 2 tablespoons grated pepper jack cheese

3 tablespoons all-purpose flour

1 cup milk

4 egg yolks

1 teaspoon Dijon mustard

1/2 teaspoon salt

Pinch white pepper

5 egg whites

Pinch of cream of tartar

1 tablespoon breadcrumbs

1. Prepare a 1½-quart souffle dish by rubbing 1 teaspoon soft butter over base and sides of dish and sprinkling with 1 tablespoon grated cheese.

2. Preheat oven to 375 F. Melt the rest of the butter in a 2-quart saucepan over medium heat. Add flour and mix with a wooden spoon for 1 minute. Let flour and butter cook until bubbling but still white, about 2 more minutes. Add milk and whisk sauce until thick and smooth, about 2 more minutes. Bring sauce to a boil while whisking. Cool for 10 minutes.

3. Add egg yolks to the cooled mixture and whisk until smooth. Add the mustard, salt and white pepper and whisk to combine.

4. Whip egg whites with a pinch of salt and cream of tartar in a clean large bowl with whisk or electric mixer until stiff peaks form but are not dry.

5. Using a rubber spatula, gently fold half of egg whites into sauce. Add all but 1 tablespoon of remaining grated cheese to sauce and then fold in the rest of egg whites just until no white streaks remain. Pour into prepared dish. Sprinkle remaining tablespoon of cheese and then finish with the breadcrumbs on top.

6. Bake in the middle rack for 30 to 35 minutes until brown. Remove and serve immediately.