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A new front in virus fight

Mayor threatens to shut parks, lakefront to nix 'packs of people'

Cops to start ticketing those who don't follow stay-at-home order

Infection's toll on Illinois is at least 1,865 cases and 19 deaths

BY GREGORY PRATT, JOHN BYRNE, MORGAN GREENE, JEREMY GORNER, DAN PETRELLA AND SOPHIE SHERRY

Four days into a statewide stay-at-home order, Mayor Lori Lightfoot on Wednesday scolded restless Chicagoans who have taken advantage of spring weather and packed local parks, trails and the city's lakefront despite growing numbers of people infected by the coronavirus disease.

Standing alongside interim police Superintendent Charlie Beck

and public health Commissioner Dr. Allison Arwady, the mayor threatened to "shut down our parks and the entire lakefront" if residents continue to flout Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker's stay-at-home order aimed at getting people to practice social distancing. Lightfoot and Beck also warned residents that those who don't listen could be ticketed \$500 for a first

offense while repeat offenders could be arrested.

"If there are people out there, and unfortunately there are, who are determined to do whatever they want despite orders. These are not recommendations. This isn't guidance. This is an order that's enforced by law," a visibly frustrated Lightfoot said at an afternoon news conference. "We're going to give you an admonition and if you don't turn right away and head home then

you're going to get a citation. And if worse, yeah, we will take you into custody. I hope that it doesn't come to that. I hope I don't have to shut down the lakefront, and shut down all the parks, but I will if we cannot get compliance."

Lightfoot said "packs of people" Tuesday night and Wednesday afternoon had been gathering along Lake Michigan, as temperatures rise and the coronavirus continues to spread. She saw them while driving by in person and on

video, Lightfoot said. Scores of people also flocked to The 606 trail.

Officials across the country, meanwhile, are desperately trying to curb the virus's spread. Lawmakers in Washington are considering a \$2 trillion aid package to help businesses and citizens who have been devastated by the economic damage brought on by the worldwide coronavirus pandemic

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Crowds are seen on The 606 trail in the Wicker Park neighborhood on Wednesday despite social-distancing directives from city and state officials.

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RACE RELATIONS



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Mabel Menard is an advocacy leader who has encountered racist remarks since the virus broke out.

Asian Americans made to 'feel ... as if we are the virus'

BY ALICE YIN

Ro Nguyen thought it would play out differently.

The 30-year-old had just watched a movie at a Streeterville cinema with a friend on March 12 and was strolling down East Grand Avenue around 8 p.m., the two of them marveling at the deserted streets.

As they headed toward the Red Line station, Nguyen said a man walking nearby saw them and yelled out, "F--- China!"

Then the man spat on Nguyen, he said. The saliva splattered on his jacket.

Nguyen, who is of Vietnamese and Filipino descent, had imagined this moment. Having read news stories about harassment and attacks against Asians as coronavirus cases rose, he wondered if he would be next. If he was, he thought he would take a stand on behalf of himself and other Asians.

But as he wiped the saliva off with his sleeve, he and his friend — of South Asian descent — hurried away without a word to the assailant.

"In that instance, I was just kind of shocked, or dumb-

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MEDICAL CARE

Despite risks, retired health care workers answer call

BY LISA SCHENCKER

Robin Schmidt retired from her job as a rehabilitation nurse in 2018, thinking she was done with patient care. She later took a job screening patients for clinical trials.

But the Naperville woman is now ready to return to the bedside, if need be, as the COVID-19 outbreak threatens to fill hospital beds across Illinois.

"I've been a nurse for over 40 years, and that's what I do," said Schmidt, 64. "I would like to help if possible."

At least 180 retired nurses, doctors, physician assistants and respiratory care therapists have answered Gov. J.B. Pritzker's call for retired health care workers to return to the workforce by applying to have their professional licenses temporarily restored. "We're in the middle of a battle and we need reinforcements," Pritzker said Saturday in announcing the request.

People whose licenses are still active, like Schmidt, may also sign up at Illinois Helps, part of a national network of state-based volunteer registration systems.

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WASHINGTON

Senate OKs \$2 trillion economic rescue bill

BY ANDREW TAYLOR AND LISA MASCARO

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate late Wednesday passed an unparalleled \$2.2 trillion economic rescue package steering aid to businesses, workers and health care systems engulfed by the coronavirus pandemic.

The unanimous vote came despite misgivings on both sides about whether it goes too far or not far enough and capped days of difficult negotiations as Washington confronted a national challenge unlike it has ever faced.

The 880-page measure is the largest economic relief bill in U.S. history. Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., appeared somber and exhausted as he announced the vote — and he released senators from Washington until April 20, though he promised to recall them if needed.

"The legislation now before us now is historic because it is meant to match a historic crisis," said Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y. "Our health

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■ A Page 1 story Wednesday about congressional legislation to address the coronavirus crisis included a garbled sentence. The sentence should have read: 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 called "the most serious threat to Americans' 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."

■ On the Bonus Puzzle Page in Wednesday's Arts and Entertainment section, the TV crossword was inadvertently trimmed so that some of the first number of double-digit clues were missing. A corrected puzzle can be found in the Wednesday e-edition.

The Tribune regrets the errors.

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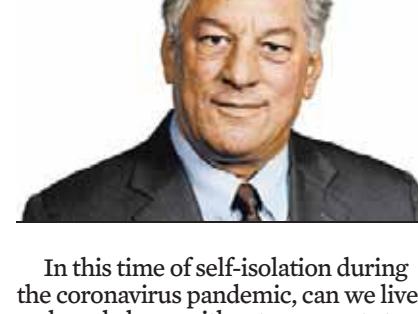
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Major League Baseball Opening Day was scheduled for March 26 but was pushed back due to the coronavirus pandemic.



JOHN KASS

Without sports, can fans live on bread alone?

In this time of self-isolation during the coronavirus pandemic, can we live on bread alone, without any sports to spread on it?

All sporting events have been shut down. And I'm going crazy. Because without sports, it's impossible for me to find that refuge far from people bickering and barking and picking at each other over politics.

My refuge is sports and sports talk radio, where people bicker and bark and pick at each other over sports, and call each other foolish for uttering an idea that challenges their worldview. Hearing talk show hosts insult their listeners over Michael vs. LeBron is idiotic indeed.

But somehow it soothes me.

And now without real sports to talk about, real games, real playoffs, it's difficult to listen to. I can only go about five minutes hearing the hand-wringing about the Chicago Bears quarterback soap opera between Mitchell Trubisky and Nick Foles (and what Ryan Pace is feeling) before I give up.

I just switch and go to political talk, where they're bickering about coronavirus politics and who's the GPOAT, Greatest Politician Of All Time. It's got to be Julius Caesar, but like many politicians, he was betrayed by his friends in the end.

I already get enough of that through work. Eventually, you reach a saturation point. And I think I've overdosed on coronavirus politics and am about to break out in hives.

Or, perhaps I'm getting scurvy, which is what pirates suffered from not eating enough lemons, or was that potatoes? Who cares? Who gives two figs?

Without sports, and sports talk, are we entertained? No. And isn't low-brow entertainment necessary for a well-ordered society? The Romans understood the truth of it. They had gladiators.

"You listen to sports talk?" asked a former English major with one of those self-satisfied intellectual scoffs

in his voice, revealing a hidden elitist nature.

Yes, as a matter of fact, I do.

We all have our fetishes. The poor fellow mocking me about listening to sports talk once foolishly let it slip that he secretly watches "Father Brown" on PBS. He made a big mistake, letting that one out. I think he knows it now.

I am not mocking the good "Father Brown" or the gentle people who watch it, with their tea and scones. It might be quite entertaining, as the adventures of any gentle, elderly vicar in the English countryside in the PBS universe might be entertaining.

It would be really entertaining if it were written by Thackeray or Fielding, and was dripping with sarcasm, with sex and oyster references, and violent revenge over bad gambling debts or the questionable parentage of what we once called "foundlings."

That might be of interest.

But it can't match the pain of missing opening day at Soldier Field for the beloved Chicago Fire. Or watching that kid Luis Robert learning to play Major League center field for the White Sox. Yet now, I see headlines about the groundskeeper at Sox Park, "The Sodfather," and I skip them. It hurts to read.

Call me weird, but I'd rather watch sports than "Downton Abbey" or "The Queen." Not that you can't do both. Go right ahead. You can care about mixed martial arts and also love PBS series about what English people did in the last century, when the classes were strictly defined and the middle class was repressed and the rich were so bored that they succumbed to the addiction of their self-indulgent private intrigues.

Go right ahead, I won't judge you.

Odd thing is that there are no radio talk shows to hear arguments about what's on PBS, dammit. That's what we need now, another government-funded radio program with a huge production staff, and programming about "Father Brown," and inviting

callers to ask indelicate questions about the fictional characters.

Without sports, I just might have to dabble in ancient technology and try something called "books on paper."

I tried to watch replays of the greatest games of all time. But that lasted only a few days. If you're a sports fan, you know how it ends. And you can only watch so many "30 for 30" ESPN documentaries on sports. I'd recommend "The Two Escobars" about life and death soccer in the Colombia of the drug lords; and the one about Cubs fan Steve Bartman in which a devilishly attractive, mild-mannered columnist for a great American newspaper apologizes to Bartman for what happened on that night Cubs fans won't forget.

But I know how that one ends too.

Where's Joe Buck?

Or true soccer men like Arlo White, Jon Champion, Lee Dixon or Taylor Twellman? Can we live without the word of Troy Aikman? Dan Patrick, Joe Tessitore or Booger McFarland? What about Alex Rodriguez?

OK, I just went overboard. We can all live without A-Rod.

If teams aren't involved, teams of highly specialized savants of their game, is it sport? I'm told that the new modern Americans enjoy sports where they do things on their own, like running.

But can you enjoy watching people run on TV while sitting in a leather chair with a cigar and an 18-year-old Glenmorangie? Can you listen to sports talk shows devoted to runners while driving your car and giving a moutza to idiotic comments?

Perhaps. Me? I'll wait like an angry barnacle on a ledge to hear those magic words, "Play Ball."

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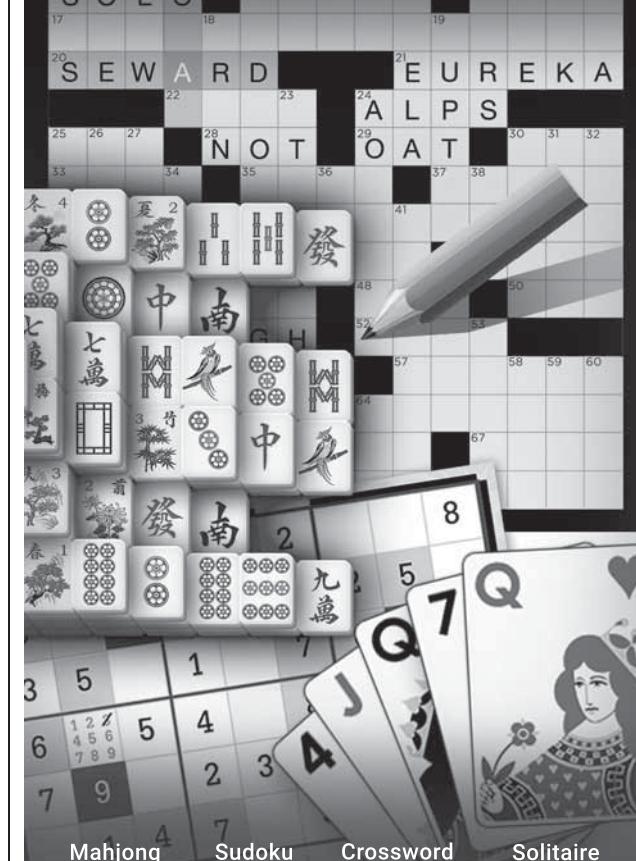
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Ronald McDonald House in need of volunteers



HEIDI STEVENS
Balancing Act

Ronald McDonald House is what happens when you take the best of humanity and put it up against some of life's darkest hours.

The concept — a free, welcoming, nearby space for families to live while their children are hospitalized — arrived in Chicago more than 40 years ago.

At the time, founder Charlie Marino's daughter, Gage, was being treated for stage 4 leukemia at Children's Memorial Hospital in Lincoln Park. He and his wife, Jean, noticed families living out of suitcases and sleeping on hospital couches to remain near their sick children.

The Marinos asked their daughter's oncologist, "Has anyone ever thought of buying a house nearby where people can sleep?" Charlie Marino told me when I interviewed him in 2017.

"Oh, people have been talking about that for years," the oncologist, Ed Baum, told them.

Through Baum, the Marinos learned about a communal house in Philadelphia established in 1974 with the help of Philadelphia Eagles general manager Jim Murray and fast food giant McDonald's.

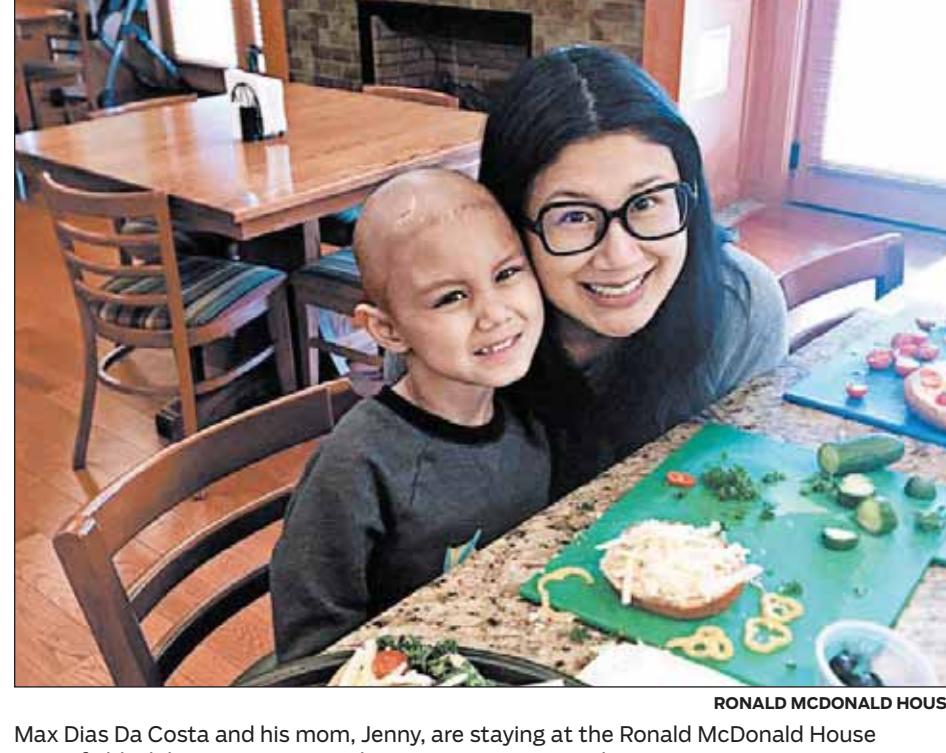
After several months of fundraising and hunting for property in Chicago, the Marinos purchased the convent from St. Clement's Church at 622 W. Deming Place — complete with 17 bedrooms, three kitchens and one laundry room — and opened it in 1977 bearing the name Ronald McDonald House. It was the second of its kind in the nation.

Today, there are five Ronald McDonald Houses in and around Chicago. They rely heavily on volunteers, who do everything from shopping for, preparing, serving and cleaning up meals; to tackling household repairs; to putting up holiday decorations; to dropping by with fresh-baked desserts.

Now, because of the coronavirus, those volunteers are no longer able to help.

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana made the difficult but necessary decision to protect the families they serve and the kind souls who serve them by suspending all volunteer services for the next three weeks, and possibly longer.

"This is something we need to wrap our heads around for a bit of time," Lisa Mitchell, vice president of programs and services



Max Dias Da Costa and his mom, Jenny, are staying at the Ronald McDonald House in Winfield while Max receives radiation to treat a central nervous system cancer.

at Ronald McDonald House Charities of Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana, told me Monday. "We're looking at the next 21 days, and then we'll re-evaluate."

In the meantime, the needs of families who live at the five Ronald McDonald House locations haven't slowed.

"Our families have so many other worries," Mitchell said. "We can't have any shakiness on our side influence their stress levels. We need to be that rock for them. We have to figure out how we can offer all our services in the absence of our volunteers' warm hearts and busy hands. It's a struggle."

Jenny Dias Da Costa is living at the Winfield Ronald McDonald House with her 5-year-old son, Max, who has recurrent medulloblastoma, a cancer that targets the central nervous system.

Max was diagnosed at age 3. His cancer was in remission last summer, but doctors found two tumors in his brain in November. He recently finished a new round of chemotherapy and now receives daily doses of radiation, for which he has to be sedated.

Max and his mom were staying at the Ronald McDonald House during the week, and heading home to Elmhurst to see Max's dad on the weekends. But the coronavirus outbreak made it too risky for them to travel back and forth, particularly since Max's dad travels for work and was still flying on planes until last week.

So the family decided it was safest for Max's dad to keep his distance for now. They've been staying in touch through FaceTime.

"I'm Max's primary caregiver," Dias Da Costa told me. "So I can't afford to get sick."

Max's immune system is severely compromised. Though, as Dias Da Costa pointed out, she has spent the past two years accounting for that — long before COVID-19 entered the picture.

"For families of kids with cancer, they've always lived like this, you know?" she said. "We were self-isolating during our kids' treatment. We were already constantly sanitizing our houses. We were already very vigilant about washing our hands and being careful about stuff like that."

But the coronavirus has upped the ante, shrinking the circle of people they can be near.

"Volunteers used to come in with therapy dogs," Dias Da Costa said. "Someone would always come by in the afternoon to bake cupcakes or cookies. There's nobody to do that anymore."

So far, though, Ronald McDonald House staff has been able to keep the place stocked with groceries and meals. Dias Da Costa hasn't had to venture out to a store or restaurant in between Max's appointments, which can number up to 14 each week.

Mitchell would like to keep it that way. For every family they serve.

"Ronald McDonald House needs to

continue to be available for the families who need us, virus or no virus," Mitchell said.

The organization figures it will cost \$95,000 to fund at least one meal a day for every family, across all five houses, for a month, Mitchell said. There's a fundraising push on the website (rmhcni.org) to purchase groceries and catered meals. Mitchell said they're also asking the public to donate restaurant gift cards.

"We're trying to give families every tool they can possibly get to stay well and stay safe and limit their community interactions," Mitchell said. "It's a tough one."

It's particularly hard when community is such a fundamental part of the Ronald McDonald House concept.

Two years ago, I interviewed Richard and Dayle Morrissey, the first family to stay at Chicago's first Ronald McDonald House. Their daughter, Kathey, was diagnosed with cancer at 10 months. They came to rely on volunteers and other families who moved into the house for logistical help, but also for emotional support.

"You learn not to be proud," Richard Morrissey told me then. "You learn to ask for help, ask for prayers, ask for support. You get a sense of empathy you never even considered until you see a child diagnosed with cancer. It was very reassuring to be around people who could relate."

Now families are being asked to spread out during meal times and quiet times, widening their circle of isolation.

"It's definitely different now," Dias Da Costa said.

But Max still looks forward to returning to their little home away from home after radiation each day, she said. He calls it "the hotel."

"He gets excited about it," she said. "It's been the silver lining for him during the hardest part of his life. For him to go through so many difficult and painful experiences he has no choice about and to have any positive associations about any part of it, it's just such a gift."

You can go to rmhcni.org/donate to make a one-time or recurring donation to Ronald McDonald House Charities of Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana. To arrange a corporate donation, contact Ben Morgridge, director of corporate giving and event sponsorship at bmorgridge@rmhcni.org or 630-354-7744.

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REX W. HUPPKE

Surviving the pandemic — with minimum of cannibalism

Knowing everyone is going a bit stir crazy sheltering in place to slow the spread of coronavirus, I have assembled a carefully researched list of extremely smart things you and your family can do to stay healthy, sane and only lightly cannibalistic.

Feel free to wire me large amounts of money to show your gratitude for this public service. (I also accept offerings of toilet paper.)

30 Surefire Steps to Surviving the Coronavirus Pandemic From Home:

1. Wash hands regularly, preferably your own.
2. Exercise (optional, and hand-washing does count as cardio).
3. Reach out to friends and family members by phone or video chat once and then not again for a very long time because you're secretly glad to be socially distanced from them and you would never say that to their faces of course but honestly we all need a break now and then and it's just kind of nice to not feel pressured to make small talk and pretend you want to hear about their insignificant problems in the middle of a pandemic I mean honestly can't they at least read the room a bit and think about someone other than themselves for once YEESH!
4. Give yourself a little time each day to feel sad or frustrated while telling others you live with to stop feeling sorry for themselves.
5. Dig a tunnel from your basement into your neighbor's pantry in case food supplies run low.
6. Have a family game night!
7. Remember why you stopped having family game night!
8. Throw out all family games!
9. Spend time with your spouse and discuss which child you will eat first if necessary.
10. Make sure the child you choose gets the majority of available snacks to ensure proper marbling.
11. Do some crafts! (Also good for exercise as exasperation and failure count as cardio.)
12. Go for a walk outside carrying a 6-foot-long spear — gouge anyone who enters your Zone of Pandemic Protection.
13. Decorate your basement-to-neighbor's-pantry tunnel with holiday lights to give nighttime chip raids a festive flair.
14. Work on moat.
15. Check whether Amazon delivers alligators (for moat).
16. Hold family meeting to vote on best liquid to fill moat: water (preferable if alligators are available); hydrochloric acid (expensive but effective); or the blood of your enemies (not great for alligators but WAY cooler looking).
17. Catch up on your reading (spend no more than five minutes doing this).
18. Binge watch every television show ever created (spend unlimited time doing this).
19. Since "I don't have time" is no longer a viable excuse, start working on that book you've been meaning to write.
20. Find alternative excuse for not working on that book you've been meaning to write.
21. Re-clutter all shelves and drawers your spouse has spent the past few days decluttering.
22. Google "divorce attorney offices open during coronavirus pandemic."
23. Listen to daily presidential press briefing on the coronavirus pandemic.
24. Mourn your brave brain cells that died while watching the daily presidential press briefing on the coronavirus pandemic.
25. Wash hands after watching the daily presidential press briefing on the coronavirus pandemic, for good measure (counts as cardio).
26. Check outdoor traps to see if you caught a neighbor (traps should be placed AFTER meat supplies run low but BEFORE first child is eaten).
27. Encourage kids to do more crafts, this time focusing them on the theme "living is anguish."
28. Regret how many utterly worthless "Steps to Surviving the Coronavirus Pandemic" lists you've read.
29. Fail to create a list of 30 things.

There you have it — rock-solid advice to carry you and your family through this difficult time. Now if you'll excuse me, I need to check my neighbor traps. We just ran out of Phil the other day and tonight's burger night!

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CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Illinois extends filing deadline for state income tax to July 15

Move corresponds to change made by federal government

BY ANTONIA AYRES-BROWN

The deadline for filing state income tax returns will be extended three months to July 15, matching a federal deadline announced last week, Gov. J.B. Pritzker said Wednesday.

The postponement, made in an effort to alleviate the economic strain caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, will automatically apply to all individual returns as well as to trusts and corporations.

Despite the three month reprieve, taxpayers who expect refunds are encouraged to file their returns as soon as possible, Director of the Illinois Department of Revenue David Harris said in a statement.

"The Illinois Department of Revenue is working diligently to get refunds into the hands of every taxpayer that is owed one," Harris said. "To speed refunds, taxpayers can do their part by filing electronically and requesting a direct deposit."

Hours before the filing extension was announced, Illinois Senate Republicans sent a letter to the governor requesting that the federal deferral be emulated in Illinois, writing that an extension would "help residents maintain the recommended social-distancing practices while also providing some liquidity to those who need it most."



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE
Gov. J.B. Pritzker announced Wednesday an extension to July 15 for filing state income tax, in line with the federal deadline.

In a statement released after Pritzker's announcement, Senate Republican leader Bill Brady commended the governor's decision "to bring the state's income tax deadline in line with the Federal deadline of July 15, which will help provide some relief for Illinois residents suffering economically during this public health crisis."

Pritzker had earlier cited cash flow issues in explaining why he didn't act sooner on extending the deadline. He said during a news briefing Sunday that his administration was evaluating whether the state's April 15 cutoff could be extended, possibly with the help of federal borrowing or

federal aid.

"You know there are challenges for the state of just cash flow, right," Pritzker said. "I mean obviously we receive a lot of those revenues typically in April, and they're planned for spending related to those revenues that come in, in April."

State Comptroller Susana Mendoza said in a statement Wednesday that Pritzker's decision will, in the short term, significantly delay state revenue — which is also expected to decline from lower payroll and sales tax receipts this fiscal year due to the pandemic.

"Traditionally, April is the state's best revenue month. The receipts that come in from Illinois taxpayers in April allow us to address bills from low-revenue-producing months such as February," Mendoza said.

While it is too early to measure the COVID-19 pandemic's financial impact, Mendoza said the state would prioritize payments to hospitals and health care workers, as well as "continue to make critical payments for debt service, state payrolls, K-12 schools, our social and human service providers, and required pension payments."

Although the three-month extension will apply by default to all Illinoisans, the IDOR has reported that 3.4 million individuals have already filed their income taxes this year — more than half of the total 6.2 million returns that were filed in Illinois last year.

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Chicagoans' travel declined by 40% after Gov. J. B. Pritzker's stay-at-home-order, enough to score an 'A' on a social distancing index.

In social distancing, 'A' for less effort

Chicago scores high for staying home, but expert says A+ or A++ would be best

BY MORGAN GREENE, HAL DARDICK AND GREGORY PRATT

Chicagoans were ordered to stay at home starting last weekend and, according to a company grading social distancing, the city's getting an A.

Both Cook County and the state of Illinois have high marks as of Wednesday on the "Social Distancing Scoreboard," an interactive project based on location data collected by the company Unacast that roughly measures whether or not people are heeding the advice of officials to "flatten the curve" of the spread of the coronavirus.

The scores were determined by the change in average distance traveled compared with before the coronavirus outbreak.

If residents are staying put aside from the occasional trip to the grocery store or pharmacy, the dip in travel would be apparent in the data.

A more than 40% decrease leads to an A, with grades dropping from there. Anything less than a 10% decrease — or an increase — ends in an F.

Wyoming, with a 0% change in travel, got an F.

Illinois had a 40% decrease by March 21, according to Unacast's board. Cook County saw a 44% decrease.

The counties doing the best in the state include: Edwards, Crawford, Macon, Pope and Menard. And the worst: Washington, Fayette, Johnson, Massac and Cumberland.

The entire country has an A, overall.

Dr. Allison Arwady, director of the Chicago Department of Public Health, talked about the study and expressed concern about the number of people on the lakefront during her daily "Ask Dr. Arwady"

Facebook Live event Wednesday.

She noted that it's safe for people to be out for walks and she encourages exercise with proper precautions but worries about crowds of people doing that at the same time. The city will be taking steps to limit crowds, Arwady said.

"When the lakefront is looking like the middle of summer and everyone's wanting to go there, we are not social distancing effectively," she said. "We're going to be doing some more patrolling there, some more trying to help folks stay away."

Arwady said that Chicago is on a "big, steep, upward trajectory" in the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases, and the city is hoping to slow that rise. "We'll put in additional orders if we need to," she said, referring to the city's stay-home order.

"I'm glad we're in better shape than the rest of the country, but it is not enough," Arwady said, noting the 40% decline in city travel. The goal, she said, is to get to a 75% reduction to flatten the curve enough to prevent city hospitals from being overwhelmed.

"The reason we built this was to create awareness," Walle said. "People talk about social distancing but people really have to think about it and then need to change their behavior pretty drastically."

"Our sample is between 5 and 15% of the population, depending on the state or the county," he said.

Walle said Unacast is working to update the few-days lag in data and they eventually hope to see correlation between decreased travel and cases.

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Unacast says it plans to continue to improve its social distancing models.

Walle said one upgrade will look at the difference in travel to essential locations, like a pharmacy, and nonessential trips. "And that's a big factor to see if people are adhering and following social distancing guidelines," Walle said.

On Wednesday, three more deaths related to COVID-19 in Illinois were announced, bringing the state's total to 19 deaths. There are now 1,865 confirmed cases in Illinois, with more than 1,000 of them in Cook County.

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CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Fake tests, fantasy cures: Scammers ramping up

Chicago authorities warning consumers to remain on guard

BY JASON MEISNER
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As COVID-19 travels the world, scam artists are close behind.

They're hawking bogus cures, and authorities at O'Hare International Airport have already seized a delivery of counterfeit tests. They're blasting out text messages falsely claiming that the Federal Emergency Management Agency is inviting people to collect \$1,000 from an aid program that doesn't yet exist. They're luring people to dodgy websites with ads promising \$100 Starbucks gift cards as an apology for closing shops.

Along with the viral pandemic, people are facing what the World Health Organization called an "infodemic" — a deluge of information, some of it nonsense. That's an ideal environment for scammers who exploit fears and needs, and federal prosecutors have vowed to make battling coronavirus-related fraud a priority.

U.S. Attorney John Lausch, the ranking federal prosecutor in northern Illinois, warned consumers to be mindful.

"If a vaccine becomes approved, you're not going to hear about it for the first time through an email or an online ad," he told the Tribune. "We are very concerned. There are a whole host of cybercriminals attempting to take advantage of this crisis."

Far from a new development, scams have been a reliable byproduct of disasters as people search for ways to protect themselves, make a fast buck or help victims.

Hurricanes have given

rise to insurance scams and fake charities.

During the financial crisis of the late 2000s, fraudsters engineered foreclosure rescue schemes in which people paid for help saving their homes that never materialized.

Nearly two decades after the World Trade Center attacks, the Federal Trade Commission warned of people disguising, or "spoofing," their phone numbers to pose as representatives of the 9/11 victim compensation fund and ask for Social Security and bank account numbers.

But the pandemic — a still-developing global health crisis paired with potentially severe economic suffering — could birth a "record-breaking" volume of scams, said Steve Bernas, president and CEO of the nonprofit Chicago Better Business Bureau. He noted that broader internet access and ubiquitous cellphones have given swindlers a line on more targets than they had before.

"This is going to be a scammer's paradise right now in the next few weeks," Bernas said. "Everybody is going to be affected in some way and the scammers are going to bank on that for years to come."

The number of reported coronavirus cases had just started to rise in Illinois last week when U.S. Customs and Border Control Agents at O'Hare International Airport seized a delivery of counterfeit test kits.

Then, on Sunday, federal prosecutors in Texas obtained a court order shutting down coronavirustestkit.com, a website that claimed the World Health Organization was offering free tests people could get by paying \$4.95 for shipping, according to court records. The site used a picture of Dr. Anthony

Fauci, the head of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, who has emerged as a trusted authority during the crisis, to lend credence to its offer, authorities alleged.

Allegedly bogus cures also are popping up. Earlier this month, New York Attorney General Letitia James ordered prominent radio host and conspiracy theorist Alex Jones to stop marketing toothpaste and other products as coronavirus cures in her state.

In addition to fake cures and tests, law enforcement and consumer protection officials said they expected lots of "phishing," the use of emails or text messages to try to steal personal information or access bank accounts.

FBI Supervisory Special Agent Brad Cadard, who oversees cybercrime investigations in Chicago, told the Tribune that phishing messages may look like they're from a reputable institution such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention or the World Health Organization.

He noted that email chains cost little for scammers to set up and are designed to get readers to click on links that lead to malware, ransomware or other malicious material.

"There are unique things that people are interested in that bad actors and fraudsters are using to their advantage," Cadard said. "It doesn't take much to set up. ... It's a low cost for them and high reward."

Cadard said the topics that scammers will use to entice a victim to click run the gamut, from offers for masks and ventilators to phony updates about economic stimulus checks.

Cadard said to watch out in particular for any links to supposedly government-run sites that don't end with



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the .gov domain. An unsolicited email that asks for personal information such as date of birth is likely a scam, he said.

Lausch also warned about robocalls that purport to come from government agencies.

"Your antenna should be way, way up right there," he said. "Legitimate health authorities are not going to be contacting people in this way."

Similarly, the Federal Communications Commission has warned against robocalls offering air duct cleaning services as a way to stop the coronavirus, which

the agency described as a phone scam.

Locally, one such robocall went to David Musial, CEO of Four Seasons Heating and Air Conditioning, a company that cleans air ducts. Musial said those services should not be advertised as a COVID-19 stopper, and he reported the call to the BBB, where he sits on the board.

"There's enough stress right now for all of us," he said. "I can't believe what people will stoop to."

While authorities are watching for outright criminal acts, they also are responsible for monitoring legitimate businesses that are exploiting the crisis by gouging consumers.

As of Monday, Chicago and state officials had taken more than 700 complaints accusing retailers of gouging customers for coronavirus-related items such as hand sanitizer and toilet paper.

Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul told the Tribune his attorneys had yet to go to court seek any cease-and-desist orders as a result of the complaints. Some retailers have voluntarily lowered prices after being

contacted by the office, he said.

"It is really important for people to understand that there are going to be some instances of increased prices that may feel like it's price gouging but it may be reflecting increased costs," said Raoul, who encouraged people to report suspected price gouging or other unfair business practices here.

Meanwhile, anybody who believes they've been a victim of a scam or has information about suspected fraud can call 866-720-5721, or email disaster@leo.gov. Those are the contacts for the National Center for Disaster Fraud, which was established in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

"We ask the public to be our eyes and ears if you suspect someone is committing fraud," said Kathleen Wylie, the center's director. "We are taking calls now."

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A RANGE OF WORRY

How concerned is Chicago about the coronavirus? We asked residents how worried they felt and asked them to pick a number between 1 and 10, 10 the most worried and 1 being the least.

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Wicker Park — March 12

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Derek Andersen, 26: "Personally, with my age group, I know I'm not going to be that affected by it as older age groups. But, I mean transmitting it to older people and immune-deficient people — that's a risk, and I don't want to be responsible for that, obviously. Also, I don't think our government has had a great response to it thus far. I think there's going to be economic repercussions that go beyond what we've prepared for."



South Austin — March 15

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Kevin S., 47, and his daughter Meccasia S., 4: "I'm not worried about myself. I'm worried for her ... I don't think that would hurt me, but I know it would take her out. And I can't lose another child," said Kevin, whose 10-year-old son died in a car crash last year in Huntley. "I've been through a lot in my life. I really have. And I should be dead. That's why I'm telling you I'm not worried about the coronavirus taking me out. ... I lived in Cabrini-Green, by choice."



Chinatown Square — March 16

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Eli Estrada, 32: "I think it is a very real threat, especially if you're not prepared. But, at the same time, I'm not about to be hysterical and buy up a year's supply worth of toilet paper ... Whether if through a family member or though your job or though an organization ... everyone's affected by it. So I don't think you can fully ignore it. But ... I think if you give into hysteria that gives it a little too much power and makes things a lot worse."



Wrigleyville — March 12

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Alex Stetkevich, 21: "I'm young, so I don't necessarily feel as threatened by it, but, like, it's crazy with all these colleges being canceled. And I definitely understand the importance of shutting things down, especially for people with weaker immune systems and people who would be more susceptible to getting the coronavirus." In recent days, Stetkevich's anxiety has grown as many major events across the country have been canceled due to the outbreak. "I think it's hard when you see, like in media like other countries and stuff ... 'Oh, that's terrible! But when you see it affecting your day-to-day life ... you know this is a worldwide pandemic. It's crazy!"



Lakeview — March 12

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Bill Barth, 69: "I feel we've reached pandemic proportions, which is something we've never reached. ... I do believe that it will get better. I just think we're a long ways away yet. I think we haven't even begun to see it. I think we're nowhere near the top of the mountain, and once we hit that top, it'll be a beautiful day. But I think that could be a while." Barth expressed his displeasure with how little people understood about the virus. "I think people need to be better informed, and I don't know if they are just being blind to it, because I do think that the coverage is there, people need to wake up and listen to it. And more importantly than listen, act accordingly."



North Avenue Beach — March 15

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Brenna Sao, 26: "I'm not necessarily worried about the coronavirus for my own sake, because of the age that I am. But I would say other people — who are having lung issues and all these other medical issues and they're more susceptible to the virus — yeah, I'm definitely more worried about their health. I think I'm definitely more worried about my grandparents who aren't in the best of health, and I know this virus could easily wipe them out."



East Hyde Park — March 12

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<< Louis Harris, 27: "I'm a chef, we know a lot about staying sanitary and things like that. You know the coronavirus is as much a threat as the flu. I haven't gotten the flu, you know? Or as much a threat in relativity as H1N1, swine flu, mad cow or all these other scares that come up." There's "such a large population, such a small percentage has been affected. Even smaller (percentage of people) died. It's very unrealistic to be terribly alarmed when it's still, you know, more than five degrees separated from me and the people I know."

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GETTING TOGETHER BEING APART

Social distancing: If you're not uncomfortable right now, then you're not doing it right

BY CHRISTOPHER BORRELLI

We're in this together. (Just don't stand so close.)

We're unified in our goal. (But look, six feet away, OK?)

If you haven't been outside lately, let me paint a picture. People are outside but not many are outside, and wherever people are going right now — to grocery stores, jogging trails, gas stations — an elaborate dance is happening, a social distancing pas de deux, being learned on the fly, more awkward than a junior-high slow dance to "Stairway to Heaven." I make light of this because it's unnerving and it's sad, and because I don't know how else to address a profound change in no less than the way we are regarding one other, at least today, with the state of Illinois and its residents closed for community.

Just this morning:

A man in a car was in front of me at a red light, he got out of that car and walked around to the trunk, hunted for something, forced me to sit through another cycle of traffic lights, took his sweet time, then pulled out what resembled an Apple cord, waved thanks for my assumed patience, climbed into his car and, despite a new red light, drove through.

I arrived in a mostly empty parking garage, and as I walked to the elevators, a cleaning person looked up and jumped back, startled by the sight of another person. He said nothing, I said nothing and we continued on, as if one of us were a deer that suddenly appeared.

Outside, while walking toward an office building, a woman wearing headphones, coming from the other direction, stepped further away from me the closer I approached, and I did the same, two magnet poles, pushing each other towards the edges of the sidewalk.

Step outside, you'll see: Our rules of engagement are fracturing. The social contract is breaking, and yet, at the moment, *surprise*: For once, those breaks are well intentioned. It's the ironic dance sweeping the land, the one that forces us to acknowledge and appreciate each other, even as it pushes us physically apart.

One step up, two steps back.

I drove into a Jiffy Lube and noticed employees scattered across the garage, talking and laughing as if the oil changing pit were a camp fire. I was asked if I wanted to stay in my car. Since I didn't, someone held open my door and asked if I wanted to stand inside the waiting room or outside. I waited in the waiting room, and the assistant manager



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A man blows his nose while walking Tuesday in Chicago. Social distancing is strongly encouraged as a preventive measure against COVID-19.

stood on the other side of the waiting room and, yep, he said, weird times. Just yesterday he had a customer who got angry. Guy stepped toward the manager, the manager stepped back, so the man threw up his hands in offense, *he's not sick, he doesn't have a virus, he's fine, but huh, OK, know what, the hell with you, he's taking his business elsewhere*.

The assistant manager told me this and shrugged.

Out on the lakefront jogging path near Irving Park, Nia Ellis of Chicago was running when she saw, ahead, three women, each about six feet apart, speed-walking, side by side, spread across the path. She ran up behind and said: "Please move to the side."

Soon after another set of joggers passed, in a tight row, staggered about six feet apart, moving almost comically, in perfectly timed tandem, like an ambassadorial motorcade.

Down on the beach, waves were so rough and tall that a pair of surfers bounded across the sand and, unwilling to bump fists, bumped the ends of surf boards, then raced in. (Mayor Lori Lightfoot on Wednesday threatened to shut down the city's parks and lakefront if the city's residents don't obey social distancing rules.)

A couple, Karen and Jim

Elliott of Uptown, wandered through the bird sanctuary nearby. "I noticed, at the grocery store," Karen said, "I'm now stepping aside to let people pass."

That just sounds like manners, I said.

Yeah, she said, maybe when this is over we'll be doing it more often.

Keeping our distance — much as we say we hate everyone and people are stupid and we just want to move to an island where someone owns a turn signal — does not come easily. Self-centered as we are, being immersed in our own company is still an evolving art. Social distancing is not intended to be natural or easy, and in practice it can look ugly. I saw a woman on Sheridan Road, wearing an R2-D2 bike helmet and sanitary mask, riding her bike on the sidewalk, waving at a woman pushing a stroller to get out of the way. I saw a homeless man approach a car at a red light on Western Avenue which then steered abruptly into another lane, to avoid him. We're being loudly reminded of how we normally think nothing of brushing through a crowd or squeezing into bus seats.

The current thinking: You can walk or jog into the remnants from a cough or exhale, according to the New England Journal of

Medicine. You can contract the virus from public surfaces. You can contract it from a grocery cart. You probably don't know who touched that takeout container. Not a bad idea to take your shoes off when you get home.

My point is, the six-foot rule is not always observed.

Traffic on the lakefront trail looked average the day after Illinois was locked down; The 606 path, on nice days, has been somewhat busy. But looking closer, I see joggers who jog around others. I see so many single people that when I see two or three together I wonder how they could be related. I hope they're related. (Another tidy rule to follow: Avoid interactions with anyone who doesn't live with you right now.)

So I get nosy. In Sherman Park along Racine, there's a large white wall for handball. I noticed six guys playing without gloves, so I asked: They're not worried?

Andres Lopez, of Englewood, said they're all family,

they live together, but "we skip past anyone else."

They stood a good seven feet from me.

One of the reasons those

images of kids still heading

to Spring Break pissed off so

many people was because

the kids looked so unaware

of others. They were not

being awkward like the rest

of us and muddling through. They were not the construction workers I spotted on the Dan Ryan eating lunch far apart, like guys who need an extra seat between them at a movie. They were not the Whole Foods employee I saw who, when asked a question by a customer, threw her arms up in a reflexive, self-defensive X, like Wonder Woman (then laughed and apologized). They were not tapping sneakers instead of shaking hands. They were *living*, unburdened. Meanwhile at Target in Rogers Park, there are floor markers at the check-out that separate anyone in line by six feet.

Which is how, when we leave home, we live now.

Outside the Andersonville restaurant Vincent, on its beloved \$10 burger night, a small crowd waited for take-out, so artfully spaced on the sidewalk that my first thought was, oh, like "A Sunday on La Grande Jatte," the masterpiece, with park goers standing mostly apart.

Seurat's painting is hanging now in the Art Institute, inside a gallery totally devoid of tourists. Which is another irony: Chicago, today, is so empty, you can move quickly, if you could move freely. A week ago, the Chicago Loop Alliance noted a 63 percent drop in foot traffic after limits were put on the size of public

gatherings; the group says that, normally, a 10-block stretch of State Street attracts nearly 100 million people a year. The other day, after all public gatherings were banned, I stood at State and Randolph and, at 1 p.m., for two minutes, I counted everyone I saw: a man walking a dog, a woman walking a dog, a couple, a jogger, a woman with a backpack, an elderly woman. A dog with no owner.

I saw seven people and one stray.

The days move slowly.

I saw a woman on a Michigan Avenue completely empty of traffic, waiting for the signal to walk. There's nowhere to go and nobody to see, so we're left only with routines and each other. I saw a guy outside an auto repair in Austin waiting for anyone, Purell-ing his hands. I watched a man in a laundromat on Cermak roll his eyes and sigh loudly when the only other customer in the place, an older woman, decided to settle down next to him.

If you're not uncomfortable right now, you're not doing it right. Unnatural as social distancing has been, and will be, the awkwardness means we're coming together, apart.

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Arwady becomes the face of Chicago's fight vs. pandemic

During difficult times, doctor remains accessible

BY KATE THAYER

In a demanding job during an unprecedented time, Dr. Allison Arwady has become the voice of reason, empathy and insight for many in Chicago, fielding questions from a concerned public in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic.

Arwady, 43, commissioner at the Chicago Department of Public Health, also has become a daily presence in the lives of local residents. In regular Facebook Live segments she calls "Ask Dr. Arwady," she patiently and thoroughly answers questions on everything from basics about the spread of the coronavirus that causes COVID-19 to good social distancing practices and cleaning tips, while dispelling myths and misconceptions.

She also addresses the press often, explaining the spread of the virus in the

city and what the public can do to protect against it.

Arwady's background in fighting outbreaks locally and overseas has prepared her for this moment, said Julie Morita, executive vice president at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the former commissioner at the Chicago Department of Public Health.

She worked with her before Arwady took on the role of commissioner last year.

"She's a very dynamic, energetic and passionate individual who is a critical thinker," Morita said, adding that the two have been texting since the spread of the coronavirus.

Mostly, Morita said, she texts Arwady words of encouragement, telling her she's doing a good job.

Talking to the Tribune in the early stages of the pandemic, as Chicago began to count the first couple of confirmed cases of COVID-19, Arwady said she felt lucky to have had experiences fighting outbreaks all over the world as she took on a new one locally.

Morita recalls Arwady's efforts closer to home, like successfully halting a hep-



During the coronavirus pandemic, Dr. Allison Arwady, the commissioner of the Chicago Department of Public Health, has become a daily presence in the lives of local residents.

titis A outbreak among Chicago's homeless population. Chicago fared better than other cities throughout the country, Morita said, in part due to Arwady and her team's ability to identify cases, educate and deliver vaccines.

She also praised Arwady's constant interaction with the public in recent weeks, calling it essential in a time of shelter-in-place

orders and quarantines, when people are frightened and confused. Besides Facebook Live events, Arwady oversees the department's response to the virus, tracking cases and educating residents, and is involved in decisions with other city leaders and public health officials during the crisis.

"Having someone like Allison who has become a trusted voice in the commu-

nity, having those messages out there, is important," Morita said. "What Allison does by being as accessible as she is, is that even the most under-resourced or underserved (people) are hearing this message."

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CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Trump's suicide warning misguided, wrong



DAHLEEN GLANTON

We always knew that Donald Trump was out of touch with most Americans. The fact that he thinks we're going to kill ourselves if the economy doesn't improve soon shows how clueless he is about how resilient we are.

Only someone of privilege could believe that being without money is worse than death. Obviously, he wasn't referring to the people who live from paycheck to paycheck and are broke every other week.

Of course, everyone is worried that so many people are out of work. We aren't naive enough to believe that even when the coronavirus pandemic is over, everyone's job will be waiting.

Some companies will use the crisis as an excuse to downsize. Some businesses won't reopen at all. Some

others will try to meet their bottom line by replacing experienced workers with younger ones at lower pay.

People are going to suffer for a long time because of this pandemic, but that doesn't mean they will just give up.

There is no factual basis for Trump's claim during a virtual town hall on Fox News on Tuesday that "you're going to have suicides by the thousands" if the economy doesn't improve.

Americans are much stronger than that. Those who have nothing or earn very little are living proof.

What Trump doesn't seem to grasp is that most people aren't like him. While he might define his self-worth by his wealth, most Americans do not. Even if they wanted to, they couldn't.

According to a recent report from Bankrate, the typical American family has an average of \$8,863 in their savings account. Couples with children have an average of \$4,727 put away. Single people under the age of 34 have about \$2,729.

This is far short of the amount needed to cover six months' expenses as recommended by financial experts.

When it comes to 401(k)s, the situation is more dire. Only about half of American households have work-based retirement plans, according to the Stanford Center on Longevity.

That's because many lower-paying jobs don't offer such tax-deferred savings plans, and when they do, some workers feel as though they can't afford the automatic deductions.

So what happens in the stock market doesn't have any direct effect on a lot of Americans when it comes to their daily livelihood and ability to achieve wealth.

That's not to say that the economy doesn't have an impact on everyone's lives. Many of us have watched our retirement funds dwindle in recent weeks. That means some people who had planned to retire might have to work longer. When there are no jobs, there's no legal way to earn money.

In the coming months,

people will lose their homes to foreclosure, their cars will be repossessed, and the little savings they have will disappear. It will be tough, but most of us believe there are better days ahead — even if they are far out of our view right now.

Trump used the suicide scenario as a backdrop for his argument that it's nearly time to reopen businesses and get the economy moving again, despite warnings from health officials that it would cause the virus to spread widely.

"People get tremendous anxiety and depression, and you have suicides over things like this when you have terrible economies. You have death," he said during his Tuesday news briefing. "Probably and — I mean, definitely — would be far greater numbers than the numbers that we're talking about with regard to the virus."

There is simply no way to predict such a thing.

Without question, suicide is a serious health issue in America. Suicide has been rising in nearly every state for years and is now the 10th

leading cause of death, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. In 2016, nearly 45,000 Americans, age 10 or older, died by suicide.

The CDC warns, however, that suicide is rarely caused by a single factor.

A 2017 study by the National Institutes of Health found little evidence to suggest that the 2007-09 recession affected suicide rates in the U.S. Suicides already were increasing prior to the recession for middle-aged men and women, according to the report.

There were nearly 5,000 additional suicides during that period, but the overall number was less than had been projected, the report found.

We are in for a tough haul over the next several months, and the fallout may last for years. The last thing we need is for Trump to use the serious issue of suicide to circumvent what health officials are saying about the seriousness of this pandemic.

Many people will need financial and economic support from the govern-

ment to make ends meet. The \$2 trillion stimulus package that would expand unemployment insurance, put cash in needy people's hands and keep small businesses afloat would go a long way in helping Americans get through this crisis.

Families and friends will have to lean on one another for emotional support — as they always have. If depression sets in, people must immediately seek professional help. And if you suspect that someone is suicidal, call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255.

Yes, people will die for various reasons during these difficult times. But the overwhelming majority of Americans will live — if we follow the rules that have been put in place to keep us safe.

Together, we will get through this — just as we have gotten through every crisis that has come our way. That's the kind of people we are.

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Those volunteers may then be called upon as needed.

But for some retired doctors, nurses and other health care workers, deciding whether to come back to work at this time could be difficult. Many of the retirees are in their 60s or older, which puts them at higher risk of becoming seriously ill if they become infected with the new coronavirus.

"God bless them if they're willing to come back," said Patricia Meade, a registered nurse at Amita Health Saint Joseph Medical Center in Joliet and an Illinois Nurses Association board member. "That would be a blessing and a help. I just don't know that's practical on their part."

On Monday, the state Department of Financial and Professional Regulation announced some details on how the newly expedited process of reinstating licenses will work.

Not everyone is eligible. Doctors and physician assistants whose medical licenses have been expired or inactive for fewer than three years may apply to restore their licenses temporarily, with no fee or continuing education requirements. The same is true for respiratory care therapists and nurses whose licenses have been inactive or haven't been renewed for less than five years.

Those who get their licenses restored may work under the direction of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency or Illinois Department of Public Health, in a long-term care facility, in a hospital or in a type of community health care center that receives federal funds for helping patients in underserved areas.

State officials said 180



Robin Schmidt, seen at her home in Naperville on Wednesday, is a retired nurse who'd like to return to help fight the virus.

people applied for reinstatement in the first 24 hours the new process was available.

Maria Connolly, who is 73 and still has an active license as a registered nurse, was so eager to assist that she signed up as a volunteer with Illinois Helps a couple of weeks ago, before Pritzker even asked for retirees to step forward. Connolly, of Oak Forest, now works part time as an adjunct nursing professor at Loyola University Chicago.

She said that, to her frustration, she hasn't heard back from Illinois Helps about how she might be put to use. The Illinois Department of Public Health did not answer questions about Illinois Helps by deadline Wednesday.

Connolly said she has no

qualms about heading back into the fray.

"It has to do with doing what you know is right to do," said Connolly, who used to work as a critical care nurse. "I just feel like I have something I know I can do well and effect change in another human's life."

She said she could do a lot of good in basic nursing care, data collection or desk work.

Connolly isn't worried about her age putting her at higher risk. She said she walks 3 to 5 miles a day and is in good health.

Many retired doctors will also likely step forward to help, said Dr. Paul Pedersen, president of the Illinois State Medical Society. On the question of obtaining malpractice insurance, he

said doctors who are employed by a hospital or medical group are typically covered by their employer.

State medical leaders said that, given the risks, returning to the workforce must be an individual decision and may be untenable for some.

"We do have retired members that are out there that really want to help, and they love taking care of patients," said Alice Johnson, executive director of the Illinois Nurses Association. "But you have to take into consideration a retired nurse might be somebody who's older, where there's a greater risk for them."

Randy Moore, CEO of the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists, which is based in Park Ridge, noted that supplies of personal

protective equipment, such as N95 face masks, have run short in some places.

"I'm thinking if it's someone in my family who's a retired nurse or nurse anesthetist, would I want them to expose themselves to that? That's a very individual decision," Moore said.

Knowing nurse anesthetists, he said, he expects many will step up to answer Pritzker's call, but "it's one thing to run into the fire ... with the equipment you need. It's another thing to run into the fire without the equipment you need."

Maureen Mulhall, administrator for the Illinois Society for Respiratory Care, noted that the retirees who have their licenses reinstated through the new process might be on the younger side, given the

three-to-five-year limit on the time spent without an active license. That could mitigate the risk, she said.

The restriction makes sense at the moment but might need to be re-evaluated in coming weeks, said Susan Swart, executive director of the American Nurses Association Illinois.

The Illinois Department of Public Health has not provided predictions of how quickly hospital beds here might fill with COVID-19 patients, but overwhelmed hospitals in Italy offer a grim sense of what could happen.

"If things get as bad as they're predicting, we might need to change that," Swart said of the five-year limit for nurses. "But, at this point, it gives some type of assurance that the person has what I will deem to be current knowledge of nursing."

"Health care changes very quickly, and so someone who's been out 10 or 15 years, of course, they have the basics of nursing — you really don't forget that," Swart said. "But when it comes to medication and procedures and things like that, those things do change."

Schmidt, the Naperville nurse who wants to offer her services where needed, said some retired nurses might have to catch up on how to use new equipment but would be able to handle the most central tasks of the job. "Some things are like riding a bike," she said.

She said she's not sure what she'd do if she were infected after returning to nursing work. She said she and her husband are both healthy and will deal with that question when, and if, they must.

"I'm willing to take the risk," she said.

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Illinois' D.C. delegation calling for US to fund National Guard

By RICK PEARSON

In a rare show of unity, Illinois' two U.S. senators and its 18-member U.S. House delegation on Tuesday called on the White House to provide upfront funding for the state's National Guard members activated to help in the fight against the coronavirus pandemic.

In a letter spearheaded by Democratic Rep. Cheri Bustos of Moline, the delegation asked Defense Secretary Mark Esper to issue more authorizations of National Guard under what's known as Title 32, which provides for upfront federal funding for the Guard's work. Guard units activated in New York, California and Washington have received the Title 32 funding designation.

Governors, along with

their adjutants general, need more of these men and women now, and we must not let accounting gimmicks get in the way," the letter said.

Through Title 32, the letter said, the "activations are federally funded, which would save these states from acute financial burden, standardize the (federal) benefits and entitlements across all those who become activated, and would most importantly keep those soldiers and airmen under their governors' oversight."

Gov. J.B. Pritzker has requested the additional support from the federal government as some members of the state's National Guard have been mobilized to assist with testing and to distribute supplies and deliver food. Guard medical experts

are conducting

drive-thru coronavirus testing of first responders and medical personnel at a former vehicle emission testing site on the city's Northwest Side.

Bustos said if the Title 32 designation is authorized, it would allow Pritzker to further utilize the "unique capabilities" offered by the National Guard and alleviate financial consequences placed on the state.

Pritzker activated National Guard personnel under the role of "state active duty." But doing so, the letter said, "requires states to stretch their own funds while waiting months for reimbursement."

"The men and women who serve in the National Guard are ready. The governors are ready. We must not let them down," the letter said.

The letter was signed by

drive-thru coronavirus testing of first responders and medical personnel at a former vehicle emission testing site on the city's Northwest Side.

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

the entire Illinois congressional delegation: Democratic Sens. Dick Durbin and Tammy Duckworth as well as Chicago Democratic Reps. Bobby Rush, Jesus "Chuy" Garcia, Danny Davis and Mike Quigley.

Other Democrats on the letter included Reps. Bus-

tos, Dan Lipinski of Western Springs, Robin Kelly of Matteson, Sean Casten of Downers Grove, Raja Krishnamoorthi of Schaumburg, Jan Schakowsky of Evanston, Brad Schneider of Deerfield and Bill Foster and Lauren Underwood of Naperville.

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CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

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and efforts to stifle it.

Schools in Chicago and across the state remain closed, and bars and restaurants are off-limits to dine-in customers. Large gatherings have been prohibited and, last week, Pritzker issued a statewide stay-at-home order requiring people to remain in their homes except for certain exceptions such as going to work or the grocery store. Lightfoot reminded parents that playgrounds are off-limits as well.

Yet, the number of cases has continued to increase exponentially both in hot spots around the country and in Illinois.

In Illinois, officials announced Wednesday, there are 330 new coronavirus cases in the state, along with three more deaths, bringing the count to 1,865 cases and 19 deaths across 35 counties. Dr. Ngozi Ezike, director of the Illinois Department of Public Health, struck a somber note after the totals were announced.

"Unfortunately, the pandemic in the United States and of course here in Illinois will get worse before it gets better," Ezike said.

Lightfoot said her repeated admonitions are aimed at saving people's lives.

"Today's the day to change your mindset, think about how you can exercise in a different way, where you can go where you're not going to congregate in crowds. And if we do that then we're all going to be fine. We will get through this," Lightfoot said. "But by hook or by crook, I am determined to make sure that we do not suffer the fate that we have seen across the world, which is escalation and a spread of this virus because people simply ignore the warnings that they have been given."

Ordinarily, the city's 18-mile Lakefront Trail "is one of the greatest assets in our city," Lightfoot said, "but when we have masses of people out there as I just saw right before I came here to this news conference, it's a problem."

"We know what happens when we don't social distance. We know what happens when we don't stay inside. The illness rate goes through the roof, the strain on the hospitals is enormous, and the death rate starts to escalate. We don't have to guess that's what'll happen. We know it for a certainty, which is why we're spending this time every single day to say, you are safer at home. You must stay at home. Period."

While people may think they're practicing social distancing while going outdoors, they can't do it in large groups, Arwady said.

"It's not really a time to be meeting up with your



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A police officer talks to a group of people playing near the Foster Turf Fields along the Lakefront Trail on Wednesday.



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People walk and exercise along Chicago's lakefront near Oak Street Beach on Wednesday.

running buddy or going and getting together with the group that you would normally do yoga with in the park you know especially in this close contact kind of way," Arwady said. "It's a time for limiting contact with others."

Underscoring Lightfoot's urgency, Beck said the city is entering a new phase in enforcing the governor's and mayor's orders.

"Whenever a new order, new law, new direction is put in place, there's three phases. There's the educational phase, there's the warning phase, and then there's the enforcement phase," Beck said. "The educational phase of these public health orders is over."

Beck said people who don't heed police warnings not to congregate and stay at home will be ticketed.

"Not because we want to, but because we must," Beck said. "If we do not do this, Chicago is at risk. Your families are at risk. The seniors in this city are at risk."

Beginning Wednesday, citizens will get one warning, and then they'll be cited, Beck said.

As far as dispersing crowds, Beck said his officers have different options,

including using the public address systems from their squad cars.

"Breaking up crowds physically has not been necessary in any of the other major cities that are dealing with this. And I don't think it will be necessary in Chicago," he said. "You know, we have seen, by and large,

to a huge extent, great cooperation from the public and I expect that to continue."

Nevertheless, as temperatures in Chicago hovered in the mid-50s and the sun shone Wednesday, people were out in droves. Along The 606 trail on Wednesday, dozens of people were walking, biking and rollerblading. A number of people were exercising in protective face masks, using a mix of N95 and surgical masks.

The lanes on the trail are

each 5 feet wide with 2 feet wide walk lanes, so it's a challenge to maintain proper social distancing. Runners navigated past one another Wednesday with just inches in between.

"It's the first day you can get out and take a run," said Bucktown resident David Rose. "I'm not the only one with the idea. There's crazy traffic out here."

Despite all the people, Rose said he was working to

maintain proper distancing and was just happy to be outside.

Natalie Rosario, a Bucktown resident and nurse at Northwestern Medicine, was out walking her dogs along the trail. She found the crowds a bit concerning but was happy to see people exercising. For the most part, Rosario said she thought people on the trail Wednesday were distancing themselves appropriately but she understands why the mayor may decide to take further action, if the number of infected people continues to grow.

"I do think it's important for people to at least have access to parks to exercise, for at least 30 minutes a day," Rosario said. "But I definitely can understand where they (the city) are going as far as closing some parks down if the numbers continue to get worse."

Perhaps a bigger problem in her ward is families crowding into playgrounds to give kids who are out of school something to do, Smith said.

For aldermen representing lakefront wards where many people live in high-rise buildings and use the beaches and parks as their front yards, the possibility of stopping access to those areas is particularly troubling.

South Side Ald. Sophia King, 4th, whose ward hugs the lake from the South Loop all the way to Hyde Park, said she would hate to see that cut off. But people need some reason to take the social distancing rules seriously, she said.

"I haven't seen the massive congregations along the lake," King said. "I do think people need an outdoor outlet, and I would be concerned about closing that off. But I certainly hear what the mayor's saying. People in the neighborhoods are not taking this seriously enough, and if this is something we need to consider to get them to take it seriously, then I understand that."

In Lincoln Park, Ald.

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"History is repeating itself," Menard said. "If we looked at the history of Asian Americans in the U.S., we've always been either held up as a model minority — that despite the discrimination, we're still doing well — or we're demonized because when something like

I can go outside when it's not raining and run along the lake. Just to kind of take my mind off of everything that's going on."

King said she would find a way to deal with a shutdown of the lakefront. "But my little happiness would be gone for sure," she said.

King worries the potential impact of the virus has not yet sunk in for everyone.

"Because people don't take it seriously, now we have a little piece of what I call happiness — this lakefront — could potentially be taken away from us," King said. "And we do want to have some type of freedom in this confined space that we are all in."

Late Wednesday, police took steps to disperse groups of people from the lakefront, spokesman Anthony Guglielmi said.

On the North Side, the Lakefront Trail was still bustling late in the afternoon. Runners and bikers passed one another with little distance separating them. More than two dozen motorcyclists gathered at a parking lot near Montrose Beach.

On a quieter spot off the trail, Kelly Reynolds, of Bucktown, said she had seen many couples and joggers but no large groups. Her friend Marti Rosen, of Albany Park, said she didn't think there would be so many people outside. Both said they felt safe and that people were keeping their distance.

"Thinking about it being shut down is sort of sad, but we understand," Rosen said.

Reynolds agreed. "I would totally get it but I would be sad because I don't think there's been a day when the Chicago beaches have been quiet."

Juanita Irizarry, executive director of Friends of the Parks, said the group would like to see something less than a total shutdown.

"We think it's really important for physical and mental health at this time. We do think that needs to be balanced with keeping people from congregating in places," Irizarry said. "And so we would look for measures that do not overreact."

Irizarry said the group would like to see a greater education effort and more signage about responsible behavior in parks. The group is also encouraging people to explore isolated and underutilized parks on sunny days when traffic on busier trails picks up.

This is a great time to explore parks you might not normally go to, Irizarry said.

"It's not a good time to go play basketball with your buddies."

King said she wants those using the trail to take distancing guidelines seriously.

"All of this has been mentally challenging, I think, for a lot of people, for most of us," King said. "So one ray of light that I've had through all of this is, at least

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founded, of what occurred," Nguyen said.

Nguyen worries that East Asians in the United States will face even more harassment and attacks as coronavirus cases continue to rise. He said he believes President Donald Trump stoked such hate-filled reaction during a news briefing last week when he defended his use of "Chinese virus."

"It's not racist at all," Trump said. "I think they probably would agree with it 100%. It comes from China." He also said he was using the expression to fight back against Beijing officials who were blaming the U.S. military for the introduction of the disease.

The World Health Organization has recommended people use coronavirus or COVID-19, stating that other characterizations spread negative stereotypes.

On Monday, Trump appeared to walk back his earlier position, using the word "coronavirus" and stressing it was important to "totally protect our Asian American community."

"Yes, it seems that there could be a little bit of nasty language toward the Asian

Americans in our country," he admitted. "I don't like that at all. These are incredible people, they love our country and I'm not going to let it happen."

But Nguyen fears it's too late. Since the president and other politicians first used the term, Nguyen and other Asians in Chicago said they have felt growing apprehension that people take the president's comments as a license for racism.

Elsewhere in the U.S., reports of hate crimes have cropped up from New York to San Francisco, some caught on video and circulated through social media.

In California's San Fernando Valley, a 16-year-old was sent to the emergency room after being beat up and accused of having the coronavirus at his high school, CBS News reported.

"It's outrageous," said state Rep. Theresa Mah from the 2nd District, which includes Chicago's Chinatown. "Chinese Americans and constituents of mine understand this is a situation in which they could potentially be scapegoats for the uncertainty people feel."

History is repeating itself

Mabel Menard was sitting alone at her favorite

neighborhood tavern in Old Town earlier this month when she noticed an unfamiliar face.

A man, very intoxicated, made eye contact with her and said, "Do you have the corona?"

Menard, a 58-year-old Chinese American, said she didn't think twice before quipping, "I'm having a wine."

The bar's staff kicked the man out.

"I kind of thought he was an idiot," Menard said. "That's the kind of mentality that you walk around with, thinking that you're better than anybody else, and the way to make you feel better is to be nasty to other people. I think that's pretty sad."

Tuyet Anh, 20, said she was sitting alone on a Red Line train one day late in February, headed south from Lakeview to DePaul University, where she is a junior, when she noticed two men whispering.

"Got to get our masks on," one of them said.

Tuyet Anh, who did not want her last name used, looked away. One of the men wondered aloud, "Oh, do you think she heard us?"

"I felt at first just very shocked," Tuyet Anh said. "Really? Someone would say that? But then processing it more, I just felt a

little nervous and that feeling of being under surveillance, almost."

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this happens, it's all our fault."

Asian American organizations last week launched the #WashTheHate campaign on social media, highlighting stories of coronavirus-related racism.

The Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council and Chinese for Affirmative Action groups also started collecting reports of incidents of hostility against Asians.

In less than a week, more than 400 reports surfaced, said the council's executive director, Manjusha Kulkarni.

But Chicago police say they have not seen an increase in hate crimes against people of Asian descent.

"There is absolutely no place in Chicago for hatred or bigotry of any kind," police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi said. "We strongly urge anyone who may be a victim of threatening or harassing behavior to contact Chicago police, as we will investigate and work with our partners to prosecute these acts."

Businesses hit hard

The last hour before Illinois' statewide stay-at-home order mandating the closure of nonessential

stores, the Dongs were in their family-owned bonsai and restaurant supply store Q Ideas at 1134 W. Argyle St.

Like many shops on the colorful street known as Little Vietnam, Q Ideas had its doors open on Saturday, ready for customers. But they did not come. "Oh, my God, it's been nothing," said Ellen Dong, 29.

Dong, who is Chinese and Vietnamese, wonders whether the rhetoric against China has curbed business on Argyle and in Chinatown. "I'm really concerned that people are going to lose their jobs."

Though Chicagoans led efforts to draw customers through a restaurant crawl in Chinatown, business owners saw steep declines the past few months, compounded by the governor's order to close all restaurants for dining in.

For the Dongs, this year has encapsulated the long-standing paradox of being Asian American: of both being invisible, blending in the background, and still being alien in the eyes of others.

"Asian Americans are forgotten until — and I don't know why — until there's something to blame," Ellen Dong said. "Then we remember them."

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Iowa shuts designer 'puppy laundering ring'

Tribune exposed
dogs were falsely
sold as rescues

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An alleged "national puppy laundering ring" that supplied dogs to Chicago pet shops has been shut down following a Chicago Tribune report that exposed how the stores were selling purebred and designer pets as rescues, despite the city's anti-puppy mill ordinance.

Iowa Attorney General Tom Miller announced Wednesday that two so-called rescue shelters have agreed to cease operations as part of settlement with the state, which had sued the nonprofit rescue groups, a commercial broker and their officers for fraudulent practices in March 2019. The two groups must also pay the state \$60,000, permanently cease deceptive practices and agree to other restrictions as part of the settlement.

Miller's investigation found that the two nonprofits — Hobo K-9 Rescue of Britt, Iowa, and Rescue Pets Iowa Corp. of Ottumwa — transferred at least 3,600 dogs to entities in Illinois, California, Florida, Missouri and New Jersey from September 2016 to September 2019. They included Pomeranians, Shar-Peis, Alaskan malamutes, Yorkiepoos and other high-priced purebred and designer breeds.

Iowa officials alleged the owners J.A.K.'S Puppies started Hobo K-9 Rescue in 2016 as a way to provide pricey pups to businesses in California and Chicago, where laws require pet stores to sell only shelter animals. Pet Luv Pet Center, a store in the Scottsdale neighborhood on the Southwest Side, acquired about 765 purebred and designer puppies from Hobo K-9 and sold them for more than \$1.1 million between 2016 and November



The warehouse property for J.A.K.'S Puppies in Iowa, where the dogs were kept before transport to pet stores in Chicago and elsewhere.

2018, according to the attorney general's findings.

Pet Luv's written "puppy guarantees" provided to its customers claimed that the "breeder" of these dogs was "Hobo K-9 Rescue," not the actual for-profit breeders from whom Hobo K-9 brokered the puppies, Miller said. Pet Luv sold most of the dogs — which included Yorkshire terriers, Teddy bears, bichon frises and German shepherds — for more than \$1,000 each.

The store's owners, who could not be reached for comment, were not a defendant in the complaint.

Another Chicago pet store that sourced its puppies from Hobo K-9 was paid \$3,600 by a customer who "adopted" a "rescued" goldendoodle.

The nonprofit shelter owners — Jolyn D. Noeth and Kimberly K. Dolphin of Hobo K-9 and Russell Kirk of Rescue Pets — did not admit any wrongdoing under the terms of the deal, but they agreed to the restrictions imposed by the state. The companies may continue to transfer dogs commercially and can provide puppies to legitimate shelters, but they cannot organize any new nonprofit

operations, Miller said.

The defendants also must provide a quarterly report to the attorney general for three years, documenting the animals they transfer, sell or donate, as well as the destination of the animals to ensure they comply with the settlement.

Attorneys for the individuals and their respective businesses did not return calls seeking comment Wednesday.

In the civil complaint the Iowa attorney general filed against the defendants last year, Miller called them "integral actors of a national puppy laundering ring."

The settlement does not give them immunity from any future legal actions by other government agencies or consumers.

"This case was the first of its kind brought by any state attorney general, and this settlement will ensure the defendants never again attempt to evade 'puppy mill' bans," Miller said in a statement. "This outcome should send a strong message to others who are thinking about engaging in similar fraudulent activities in Iowa."

The Iowa attorney's general's office opened its in-

vestigation in June 2018 after the Tribune found that a loophole in Chicago's anti-puppy mill ordinance allowed three city pet stores to sell puppies supplied by rescues that are closely linked to longtime commercial dealers.

In an arrangement that is not an express violation of the city ordinance but runs counter to the spirit of the ban, records show these rescues provided city shops each year with hundreds of purebred and designer-mix puppies — all of which came through kennels and properties owned by for-profit businesses or dealers.

J.A.K.'S and Hobo K-9 were heavily cited in the Tribune report, as public records showed there was little distinction between the two north-central Iowa operations.

Both entities used the same storefront along Britt's Main Street as their business address on veterinary inspection certificates, though a sign on the door identified it only as the J.A.K.'S office. The rescue puppies were fed at the same time, examined by the same veterinarians and often transported on the same day as the commercial puppies customers wanted.

The measure was intended to prevent Chicago businesses from sourcing dogs from so-called puppy mills, large-scale breeding facilities often criticized for deplorable conditions and mistreatment of the mother

ones sold to suburban pet shops, state records show. The vast majority came to the Chicago area at 8 weeks old — the earliest a puppy can be separated from its mother under Illinois law.

J.A.K.'S exported 805

dogs to Illinois between January 2015 and November 2017, according to certificates of veterinary inspection filed with the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship. The records show 71% of the puppies were purebred, while the remaining 29% were considered designer mixes.

The J.A.K.'S puppies

had a median age of 61 days at the time of their inspections, which typically occurred a few days before transport.

Hobo K-9 Rescue, which

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By misrepresenting a dog's origins, critics say the businesses hinder the Chicago ordinance's goal to reduce the number of shelter dogs euthanized in the city each year.

The practice also misleads customers, some of whom may have only wanted a rescue puppy, the attorney general said.

"Legitimate rescue groups have told us the activities of these sham nonprofits discredited and demeaned the good work that they do," Miller said.

Cari Meyers, founder of Chicago-based The Puppy Mill Project, which was behind the 2015 Chicago ordinance and has long complained about the Iowa puppy provider, said such judgments are long overdue.

She encouraged attorneys general in Illinois and Missouri, where the Tribune found another provider of purebred puppies to the Chicago area is based, to take similar action. Meyers said attempts to close the loophole in the city's ordinance that has allowed such purebred sales to continue are moving frustratingly slowly.

She is cautiously optimistic the Iowa settlement may lead to real change, though she pointed out that some providers in the industry simply reopen later under a different name.

"I honestly feel like I could cry," she said after reading terms of the settlement. "It's certainly a moment I've been waiting for, and the fact Iowa didn't waste time and was able to get something done this quickly will help protect consumers who are buying these dogs without knowing they are not from rescues. Hopefully it's a watershed moment in our fight and others will follow."

The Humane Society of the United States also applauded the Iowa judgment.

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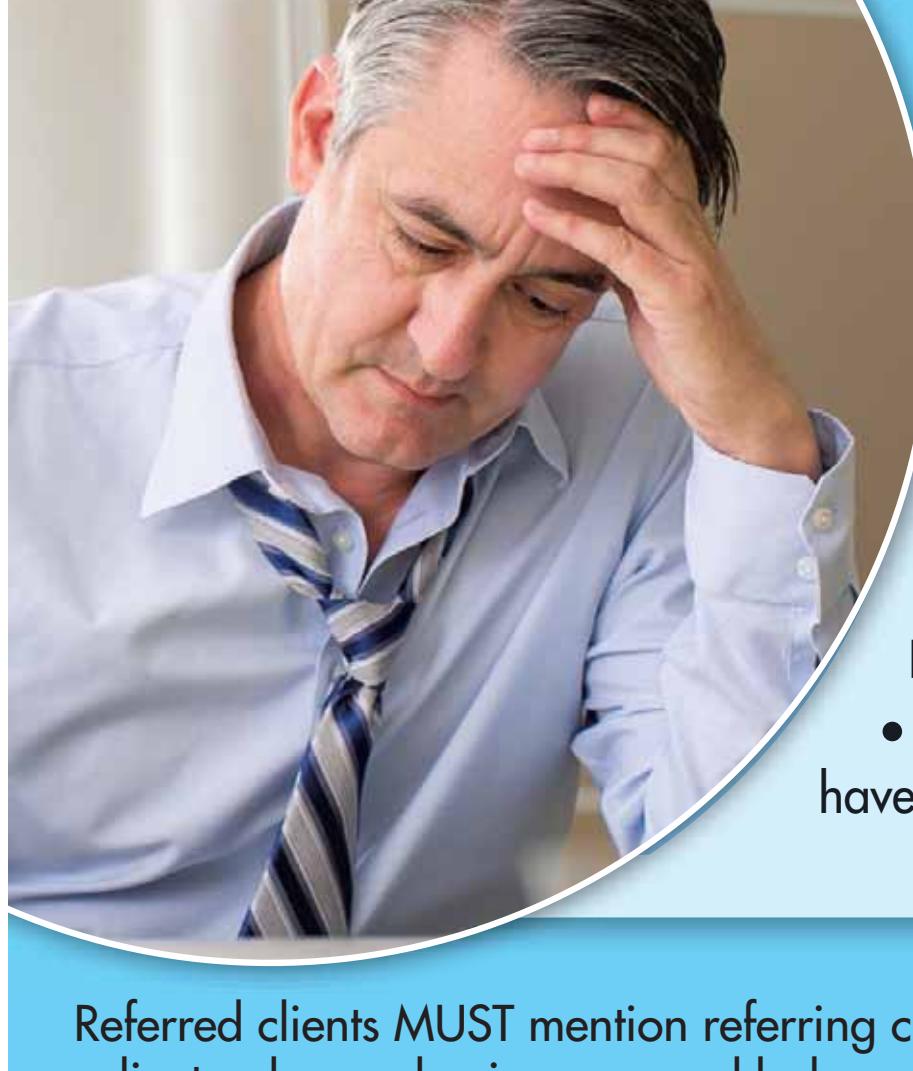
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CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Tough test for a young generation

Children in these circumstances must grow up fast

BY MARTHA IRVINE

Associated Press

CHICAGO — For Jalen Grimes, the virus pandemic is stirring up a slew of emotions. "Annoyed" is the first one the 13-year-old Chicagoan mentions. "Scared, confused, worried."

She was supposed to be enjoying the end of her eighth-grade year, a rite of passage in states like Illinois, with a graduation and a school trip that are not likely to happen. That's hard enough.

But her father is also about to be deployed as a paramedic, a more dangerous than usual job in these times. Her mom, a therapist, also has been on call a lot and is prone to pneumonia. And then there are her grandparents.

"It's a lot of fear with family members and stuff," Jalen said. "I think a lot of us don't think it will affect us, but it's a worry."

As this crisis unfolds, her generation likely will be tested like never before, especially those whose families are already on the edge, financially and health-wise.

"It's going to make them feel differently about their mortality, possibly, what the world offers, what security looks like," said Cathy Cohen, a political-science professor at the University of Chicago, who regularly tracks the views of young people.

In pre-pandemic surveys, she has found that these young adults already sense that they won't have as



MARTHA IRVINE/AP

Jalen Grimes, 13, smiles as her 7-year-old sister, Sydney, prepares for a cartwheel Sunday outside their home in Chicago. Jalen is missing the last of her eighth grade year, including a class trip. Her June graduation ceremony may be changed.

much as their parents have.

Some like to portray them as coddled and entitled. But this is a generation that also has grown up with its share of stress — school shootings, social media pressure, a Great Recession, climate change. Young adults, older than Jalen, remember the terror attacks of 9/11 and know how it feels when the world changes in an instant.

Now comes this global event that German Chancellor Angela Merkel called the biggest challenge since World War II.

Aaron Pallas, a researcher at Columbia University, said he could think of only "one

major historical precedent" for what we might be facing — the Great Depression.

Studies have shown that "kids in these circumstances are thrust into growing up faster than is typical," said Pallas, a professor of sociology and education.

It's still early, of course. But even younger children can sense that something unusual is going on.

So far, Kathleen McShane, a trauma therapist and mother of three on the South Side of Chicago, said her 6- and 9-year-old mostly have questions about their routine. Why is soccer canceled? When can they have

a play date?

As she and her husband work from home, she posted a blog recently, urging parents to take care of themselves amid these new stresses.

"We need to make sure the parents are OK, so the families are OK," said McShane, who's among therapists who are providing sessions with clients via video chat, when telemedicine is covered by insurance — which isn't always the case.

She is anticipating more crises brought on by marital discord, financial stress and other effects exacerbated by this pandemic.

Teens and young adults might better understand these effects, though Lance Sell, a 19-year-old college student who is "sheltering in place" in San Francisco, said he still sees many people his age trying to "wrap their heads around" what's happening.

"It's hard to keep up," said Sell, whose freshman classes at Lehigh University abruptly ended, as they did for students across the world. "But people are definitely spooked."

This week, he took a walk on a beach, a good distance from others, to clear his head.

Meanwhile, she's working on more schoolwork than she might have anticipated in a circumstance like this, while helping her parents look after her 7-year-old sister, Sydney.

"She's very energetic," Jalen said. "Extremely energetic."

Her mom, Laura Grimes, is now able to work from home but is both teaching college students and running therapy sessions by video conference, as well. There's a lot of call for that these days.

It's a blessing that she and her husband "didn't lose our jobs," she said. "But it's meant that we have not been able to be present, and I worry about the stress of that."

Grimes likens it to her own time as a third grader in Iran when her father, a government ammunition specialist, stayed after the Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi was overthrown, while she and her mother left for their safety.

"I learned really heavy things and didn't really know what to do with that," Grimes said of dealing with riots and bomb scares.

"This will be that for them," she added of her children. "This is a level of reality that, for a lot of privileged Americans, we have never had to deal with."

Trump's Easter goal an appeal to faith, business

Advisers say target offers hope; health experts alarmed

BY JILL COLVIN
AND ELANA SCHOR

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's "beautiful" idea to reopen the U.S. economy by Easter and pack church pews that day was dreamed up during a conference call among business leaders desperate to get the country back up and running.

But his target date for easing coronavirus restrictions is another outstretched hand to a group he has long courted: evangelical Christians.

Cooped up at the White House and watching the stock market tumble, Trump had already been eager to ease federal guidelines aimed at halting the spread of a virus that has infected more than 65,000 Americans when about a dozen business leaders convened a conference call Sunday.

"There was a concern — not unanimity, but consensus — that you had to have a reopening of the economy

at some point soon," said Stephen Moore, a conservative economist and informal Trump adviser. On the call, Moore said, he argued in favor of setting a specific date as a goal by which point the economy could gradually begin to be reopened.

"One of the things we were saying was that this would instill some confidence in people, that there would be some kind of light at the end of the tunnel," he said.

While many wanted to see that date set even sooner than Easter on April 12, "it's something that's coming up that would be obviously a mark on someone's calendar," Moore said. "I had made this point that we should call this economic resurrection day."

Though it's unclear exactly when the idea made its way to Trump or whether others in his orbit had pegged the date as well — one official said they had heard the idea mentioned multiple times around the Oval Office — by late Sunday, Trump was publicly siding with such thinking, tweeting: "WE CANNOT LET THE CURE BE WORSE THAN THE

PROBLEM ITSELF

On Monday, he said he was considering easing his administration's recommendations that Americans largely stay home within weeks, not months.

And on Tuesday, he formally endorsed the idea of an Easter goalpost during a Fox News Channel virtual town hall.

"Easter's a very special day for me. Wouldn't it be great to have all of the churches full?" Trump later told Fox. "You'll have packed churches all over our country. I think it would be a beautiful time."

The idea drew alarm from many public health experts, who noted that even New York — thought to be several weeks ahead of the rest of the nation — has yet to reach its peak in infections.

Unless Americans continue to isolate themselves for weeks, those experts warn, a virus that has already killed more than 900 people in the U.S., according to a running tally by Johns Hopkins University, and will continue to spread across the nation, overwhelming hospitals already starved of needed supplies.

Nearly 370 people in the



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U.S. have recovered.

But for conservative evangelicals who remain among Trump's most ardent supporters, the president's choice of the holiest date on their faith's calendar was meaningful even as a purely aspirational goal to reboot American life.

The timeline "injected hope into an indefinite ordeal," said Johnnie Moore, an evangelical adviser to the administration. "And it was very clear in hearing him speak that not only is there an end to this, but when we do win it, we're going to have a celebration, and that celebration will partly include gratitude to God."

Ralph Reed, a veteran

GOP activist and Trump ally who chairs the Faith & Freedom Coalition, cautioned that restrictions shouldn't be eased "if it's a bad idea from a public health standpoint," but also welcomed the Easter target.

"I will be encouraging the White House, again within the parameters of what makes sense from a public health standpoint, to do everything we can to make that date," Reed said, "because I think it would be symbolic, it would be significant, it would be inspirational."

To that end, the White House has been discussing the mechanics of a rollback aimed at getting Americans

back to work if they don't live in current virus hot spots.

Among the ideas under discussion: advising that those who are most at risk for severe complications — including seniors — continue to isolate themselves, while younger people go back to work.

Even if Trump were to ease federal guidelines, states across the country, from California to New York, have already put in place a patchwork of rules to try to halt the virus' spread.

The administration has so far said it has no plans to try to overrule local restrictions.

Prince Charles infected with coronavirus, official says

BY MARK LANDLER
The New York Times

LONDON — Prince Charles, the eldest son of Queen Elizabeth II and heir to the British throne, has contracted the coronavirus, Buckingham Palace said Wednesday, adding that he had been suffering from mild symptoms since last weekend.

Medical advisers said that Charles was otherwise in good health and they did not expect the virus to develop into a more serious

illness, according to an official at the palace.

But Charles, 71, met with the queen on March 12 — only a day before the advisers said it was possible that he became infectious with the virus.

The prince's illness, and his potential exposure to the queen and other members of the royal family, rattled an already nervous Britain, which has seen the number of cases and deaths accelerate rapidly over the past few days, prompting Prime Minister Boris Johnson to

put the country into a virtual lockdown.

Buckingham Palace said the queen, who turns 94 next month, "remains in good health." She sequestered herself in Windsor Castle last week with her husband, Prince Philip, 98, saying that she and her family would follow the social distancing guidelines set out by the government.

Prince Charles, also known as the Prince of Wales, was tested on Monday by the National Health Service in Scotland, accord-

ing to a palace official. He received a positive result the next day and is recuperating at Birkhall, a cottage on the grounds of Balmoral, the queen's Scottish residence.

He is isolated from his wife Camilla and staff, the official said.

"He has been displaying mild symptoms but otherwise remains in good health and has been working from home throughout the last few days as usual," the palace said in a statement.

It added that his wife, the Duchess of Cornwall, "has

also been tested but does not have the virus."

The description of Charles' symptoms as mild raised questions about whether he was granted preferential treatment in being tested for the virus.

The guidelines for the National Health Service in Scotland say that people will be tested only "if you have a serious illness that requires admission to the hospital." The palace said the prince and his wife "met the criteria required for testing."



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CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Pandemic spawning new vocabulary

Lexicon features 'social distancing' and 'hot zones'

BY MATT SEDENSKY
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Newscasts bring word of "hot zones" and "lockdowns."

Conversations are littered with talk of "quarantines" and "isolation."

Leaders urge "social distancing," "sheltering in place" and "flattening the curve."

In an instant, our vocabulary has changed — just like everything else. Those turning to online dictionaries are parsing the difference between epidemics and pandemics, ventilators and respirators, seeking some black-and-white answers in the face of total uncertainty.

"Words matter," says John Kelly, a senior research editor at Dictionary.com. "They provide comfort and order amid chaos. They provide solidarity in an age of social distancing."

A look at the fast-evolving lexicon of the coronavirus pandemic:

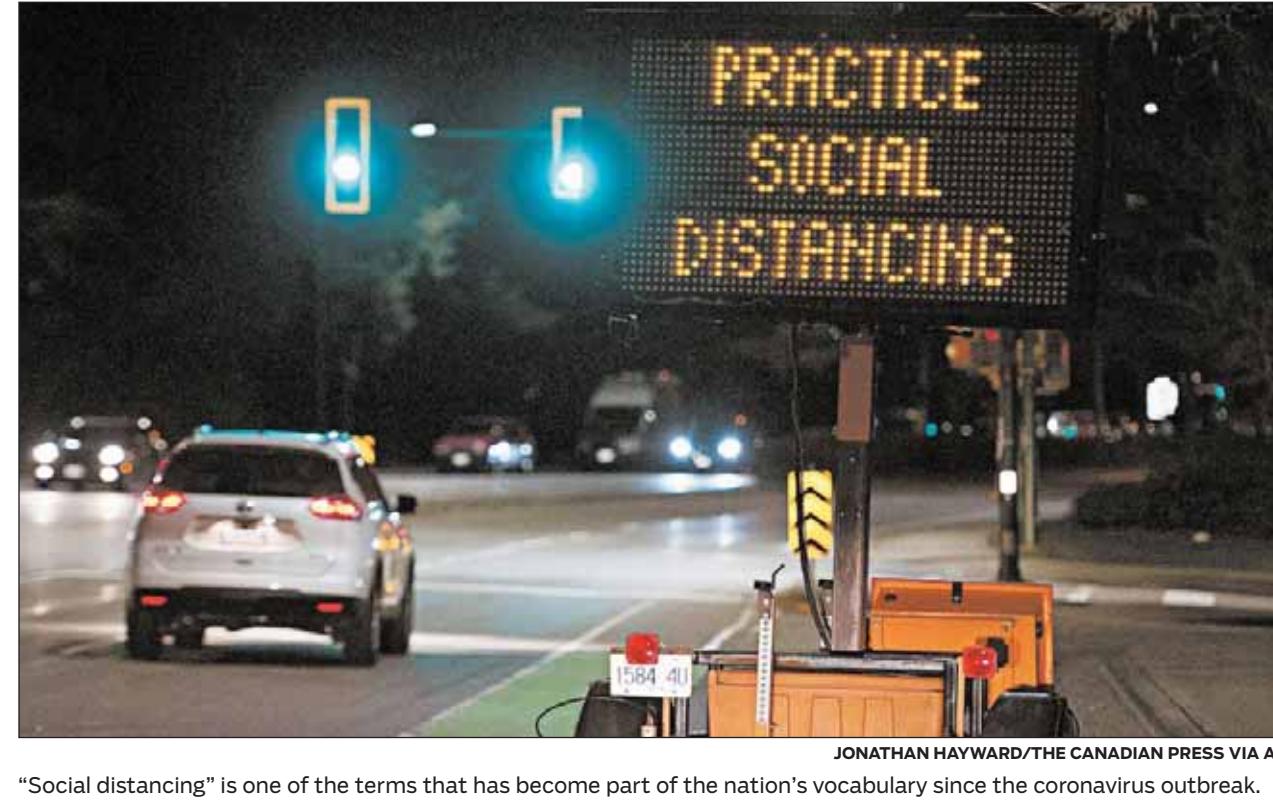
Wartime metaphors: President Donald Trump, who spent weeks brushing off the severity of the crisis, is now touting himself as "a wartime president" leading the fight against the virus.

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo is equating ventilators to "missiles" in the battle.

French President Emmanuel Macron has bluntly declared: "We are at war."

Around the world, words typically used in relation to nuclear fallout, active shooters, deadly storms and war are now being deployed to discuss disease.

John Baugh, a linguist at Washington University in St. Louis, says doctors are desperate to shake the public to attention, using metaphors



JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS VIA AP

"Social distancing" is one of the terms that has become part of the nation's vocabulary since the coronavirus outbreak.

they think can convey the seriousness of the problem. Politicians may be doing the same — or may be trying to capitalize on catastrophe.

"They're intended to grab attention, whether it's politically motivated or for some other reason," Baugh said.

Shifting definitions: After the virus gripped China, onlookers saw a "lockdown"

at the outbreak's epicenter of Wuhan, with public transit coming to a halt, monitors enforcing orders to keep people inside and officials going door-to-door searching for infected people to be forced into quarantines.

As COVID-19 moved west, though, the meaning of such terms has morphed, and leaders' definitions of disaster jargon has been as varied as the public's interpretations.

Cuomo, whose state has the largest number of virus cases in the U.S., created a "containment zone" last week in New Rochelle.

Paired with an order dis-

patching the National Guard — though only for cleaning and food distribution — the phrase conjured images of mass quarantine even as businesses remained open and people were free to come and go.

Cuomo and New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio have subsequently aired different messages on the possibility of more severe restrictions in the biggest American city, with the mayor urging residents to prepare to "shelter in place" and the governor criticizing the idea and the language. Cuomo has dismissed "shelter in place" as a relic of the

Atomic Age, when people were trained to get to an interior windowless room until they got an "all clear" message.

"Now, that's not what people really mean, but that's what it sounds like," he said. "Communicate what you mean without using terms that nobody understands and only incite panic."

With people clamoring to know what's next, it's important that a San Francisco "shelter in place" not be confused with a Wuhan "lockdown," but it's hard to get the same message projected everywhere.

"People are using different terms somewhat interchangeably," said Dr. Irwin Redlener, an expert on disaster preparedness and public health at Columbia University.

The tug-of-war over terminology echoes the patchwork of measures that state and local governments have taken, he said.

Virus vocabulary: Kathleen Hall Jamieson cringes when scientists toss out statements of "morbidity" and "mortality" in the same breath, when public officials warn of "asymptomatic" people posing a threat and when news conferences are peppered with words such as "vector" and "transmission."

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"Public health officials," she said, "need to translate their technical language into intelligible language."

That means saying something like "not showing any symptoms" instead of "asymptomatic," using simple verbs such as "spread" versus "transmit" and opting for the clarity of "hand-washing" over "hygiene."

But Hall Jamieson marvels at how Dr. Anthony Fauci and others have managed to get the public to grasp a complicated medical concept with the phrase "flattening the curve," often accompanied by visual hand cues.

And many see "social distancing" to be the greatest pandemic-era addition to the vernacular yet — easily understood phrasing that's helped communicate

to millions that they need to keep a safe berth to avoid spreading the virus.

"That's really taken off," says Eric Acton, a linguist at Eastern Michigan University, "and (it's) a term that probably will have a life that outlives this outbreak."

Rebranding, or seeking levity: "We now have a name for the disease," the head of the World Health Organization, Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, announced on Feb. 11, declaring it COVID-19.

It doesn't exactly roll off the tongue, and no obvious acronym like AIDS or SARS or MERS has arisen as a replacement.

Seeking to rebrand, Trump and his allies have taken to calling it the "Chinese virus," which many consider racist. Alaska Rep. Don Young played on the coronavirus' linguistic similarity to a libation often consumed with a lime wedge, dismissing it as a "beer virus" overblown by media hysteria.

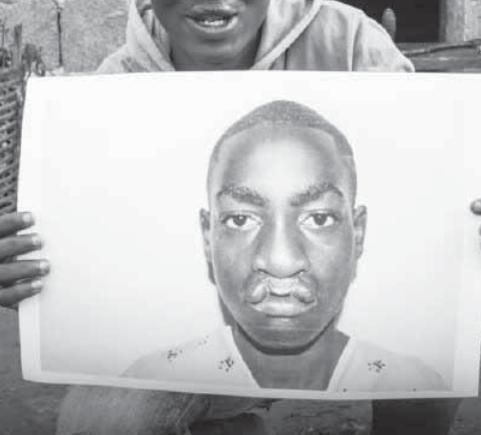
And others bored with the limitations of COVID-19 and the even clunkier name of the virus that causes it — severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 — have come up with their own shorthand.

"One of my students just referred to the virus as 'The Ronies,'" Acton said Thursday after a research group meeting conducted virtually. Online, where people are chronicling their "quarantine" mixology (typically Emergen-C and a favored spirit), "Rona" is being popularized to refer to the pandemic.

There are doubts it will gain widespread use.

"The genie's out of the bottle," says Dr. Scott Ratzan, editor-in-chief of the Journal of Health Communications. "It's either COVID-19 or just the coronavirus."

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Liam Elkind, 20, selects a bag of oranges last week at a supermarket in New York City.

'Invisible Hands' brings out best from Gen Z during crisis

BY LEANNE ITALIE
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Associated Press

NEW YORK — Liam Elkind's big heart and his break from college was a highlight of 83-year-old Carol Sterling's week.

The retired arts administrator has been sheltering at home during the coronavirus outbreak, unable to shop for herself.

Yearning for fresh food, she found the 20-year-old through their synagogue, and soon he showed up at her door with a bag full of salad fixings and oranges.

Elkind, a junior at Yale, and friend, Simone Pollicano, amassed 1,300 volunteers in 72 hours to deliver groceries and medicine to older New Yorkers and other vulnerable people.

They call themselves Invisible Hands, and they also provide human contact and comfort at a safe distance.

Last week, Elkind and Sterling met for the first time over her paper bag of groceries outside her 15th-

floor apartment on the Upper West Side. It was a moment of "tikkun olam"

between the two congregants of the progressive and service-minded Stephen Wise Free Synagogue.

The Hebrew for "world

repair" is a phrase synonymous with the notion of social action.

"It's neighbor to neighbor," Sterling said. "A crisis like this often brings out the very best."

Elkind, the son of a doctor, has watched his father and other caregivers working tirelessly in crisis.

"I figured, OK, I can go buy some groceries. That I can do."

Elkind and his fellow volunteers take the name of their project from their vigilance in maintaining social distance from the people they serve, and their meticulous care while shopping and delivering.

Grocery and pharmacy orders are placed on the Invisible Hands website. Shoppers must not have traveled out of the country for the virus' 14-day incubation period, have any symptoms of COVID-19 or have come in contact with anybody who has tested positive.

They must pledge that they have practiced social distancing and other safety measures in their own lives before signing on. They wear gloves while shopping, wipe down bags they're delivering and use self-checkout when possible.

Bags of goods are left at

doors, and cash can be exchanged the same way, or directly to a store or through a digital transaction. Volunteers make a point to pause and chat as they deliver.

The effort started on Facebook. Pollicano, also a New Yorker, put out a call for volunteers. Word spread quickly as they built a website and distributed flyers in seven languages.

"It's gone from extremely casual to extremely operational very quickly," Elkind said. "This is one of those times when I remember that New York is such a small town, and people are willing to look out for one another and have each other's back."

Elkind said volunteers have offered to extend Invisible Hands to Boston, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Washington — even London.

"It's been really exciting just to see that amount of interest and how many people there are in this world who want to do good and are looking for ways to do that," he said. "This is a 24/7 operation right now."

Sterling was more than a little grateful. "When we look back a lot of good things are going to come out of this," she said of the crisis.

CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Fla. senior haven's happy hours muted by outbreak

Pandemic shifts attitudes at 'Disney World for adults'

By MIKE SCHNEIDER
Associated Press

THE VILLAGES, Fla. — Until recently, residents of The Villages retirement community went about their busy lives filled with spirited happy hours and incessant socializing at what some dub "Disney World for adults."

There were the hundreds of clubs to attend — French lessons, Carolina shag dancing, light-saber fencing — pickleball tournaments to play and Pilates classes to take at this Republican stronghold built on former cow pastures in central Florida.

Even as many Americans isolated themselves against the coronavirus threat, residents of one of the largest concentrations of seniors in the U.S. at first blew off concerns, despite data showing the elderly are particularly susceptible to serious symptoms from COVID-19. But their attitude has shifted as President Donald Trump, who earlier had downplayed the coronavirus threat, gave

warnings to avoid crowds of more than 10 people, some residents of The Villages say.

"This place is Republicville, and too many people believe what the president is saying, and they were out in the streets and out in the squares," said Alan Stone, as he sat in one of The Villages' ever-present golf carts outside a supermarket, waiting for his wife. "They don't realize that they're playing with death."

As of March 17, all regularly scheduled indoor activities at The Villages were canceled through the end of the month. Pool activities were called off, and the library and fitness clubs closed their doors. Perhaps most distressing for residents, outside gatherings of more than 50 people were outlawed, putting an end to the nightly happy hour drinking and dancing in the three town squares.

On any given day, Spanish Springs town square would have restaurants bustling with diners at outdoor tables, drivers fighting over parking spots and residents listening to local bands play in the center gazebo. Not on March 19. The green plastic chairs

used for concerts were stacked up around the gazebo, many restaurants were closed, and only a handful of shops were open in the Spanish colonial-themed square.

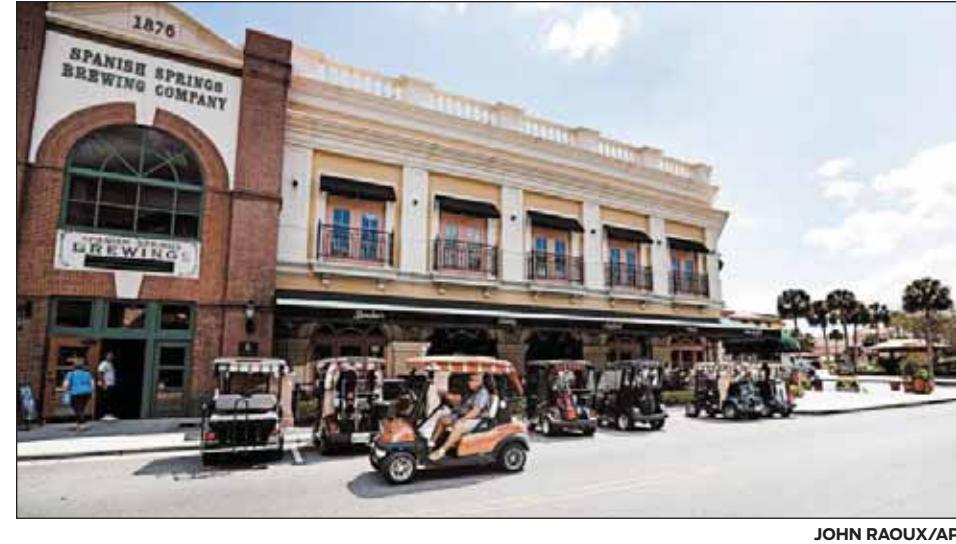
"It's morbidly quiet. It's unpleasantly calm," said Larry Cox, surveying the town square while drinking a beer from a plastic cup in his golf cart.

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis said Saturday that a drive-thru testing site will be coming to the community next week, and he will likely be there when it opens.

The median age of The Villages is about 72 years old, and almost 80% of its 80,000 residents are older than 65, according to the Census Bureau. The surrounding county of more than 120,000 residents has a median age of 67.

Most people who get the virus have 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. The vast majority of people recover from the new virus in a period of weeks.

DeSantis recently said



JOHN RAOUX/AP

Golf carts are lined up outside a restaurant on March 19 in The Villages, Florida. Three town squares in the retirement haven an hour from Orlando have closed due to the coronavirus.

state officials worked with executives of The Villages to expand coronavirus testing there and make contingency plans in case the retirement community about 60 miles northwest of Orlando has an outbreak.

"Obviously, given the demographics, there's extra precaution," DeSantis said. "In The Villages, they've been driving up in their golf carts to get swabbed."

One thing that hasn't stopped is golf; The Villages has dozens of courses.

"There would be a riot if they stopped golf," said Cathie Hardy, a resident, who gently chastised her husband, Michael, for playing golf instead of staying home.

"This community loves

to socialize," Hardy said. "Parties at the drop of a hat. Block parties. Potluck dinners. That's going to have to stop, and that's going to be difficult."

On a regular weekday, Sharry Solomon would go to a yoga class, then swim at a pool, play mahjong with friends and perhaps go to a club meeting. That's all changed with the coronavirus restrictions.

"Today, we walked and went to the dog park, and I cleaned," Solomon said.

Shirley Schantz, a retired nurse, has turned to phone calls and texting friends instead of seeing them in person since she and her husband, Elliot, are self-isolating. Via social media, she has watched attitudes

on the coronavirus evolve in The Villages.

"Four weeks ago, five weeks ago, it was 'a hoax.' It was 'media hype,' and people were writing, 'Oh, it will be gone in a couple of weeks,'" said Schantz, repeating other residents' posts. "What I've noticed is those kinds of things have lessened a little bit."

Hardy worries that if an outbreak occurs in The Villages, the cases will be more serious because of residents' age, and there won't be enough intensive care unit beds and ventilators.

"I think here more than most places, we have an extremely vulnerable population, and that's a little scary," Hardy said.

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care system is not prepared to care for the sick. Our workers are without work. Our businesses cannot do business. Our factories lie idle. The gears of the American economy have ground to a halt."

The package is intended as relief for an economy spiraling into recession or worse and a nation facing a grim toll from an infection that's killed nearly 20,000 people worldwide.

Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin, asked how long the aid would keep the economy afloat, said: "We've anticipated three months. Hopefully, we won't need this for three months."

In the United States alone, more than 68,000 cases have been confirmed, including more than 1,000 deaths, according to a running tally by Johns Hopkins University.

Underscoring the effort's sheer magnitude, the bill finances a response with a price tag that equals half the size of the entire \$4 trillion annual federal budget.

Insistently optimistic, President Donald Trump said of the greatest public-health emergency in anyone's lifetime, "I don't think it's going to end up being such a rough patch" and anticipated the economy soaring "like a rocket ship" when it's over.

But the drive by leaders to speed the bill through the Senate was slowed as four conservative Republican senators demanded changes, saying the legislation as written "incentivizes layoffs" and should be altered to ensure employees don't earn more money if they're laid off than if they're working.

Complicating the stand-off, Sen. Bernie Sanders of Vermont, whose campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination has flagged, had said he would block the bill unless the conservatives dropped their



Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., gives a thumbs-up Wednesday after speaking on Senate floor.

objections.

Other objections floated in from New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, who has become a prominent Democrat on the national scene as the country battles the pandemic. Cuomo, whose state has seen more deaths from the pandemic than any other, said: "I'm telling you, these numbers don't work."

Senate passage now leaves final congressional approval up to the Democratic-controlled House.

Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said the bipartisan agreement "takes us a long way down the road in meeting the needs of the American people," but she stopped short of fully endorsing it.

In the same vein, Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden said the package "goes a long way." He said it would require strong oversight to ensure the wealthy don't benefit at the expense of workers and proposed forgiving at least \$10,000 of student loan debt as part of the federal response.

House members are scattered around the country and the timetable for votes in that chamber is unclear.

The measure is the third coronavirus response bill produced by Congress and by far the largest.

It builds on efforts focused on vaccines and emergency response, sick

and family medical leave for workers, and food aid.

It would give direct payments to most Americans, expand unemployment benefits and provide a \$367 billion program for small businesses to keep making payroll while workers are forced to stay home.

One of the last stumbling blocks before passage concerned \$500 billion for guaranteed, subsidized loans to larger industries, including a fight over how generous to be with the airlines. Hospitals would get significant help as well.

McConnell said the package will "rush new resources onto the front lines of our nation's health care

fight. And it will inject trillions of dollars of cash into the economy as fast as possible to help Americans workers, families, small businesses and industries make it through this disruption and emerge on the other side ready to soar."

The bill would provide one-time direct payments to Americans of \$1,200 per adult making up to \$75,000 a year, and \$2,400 to a married couple making up to \$150,000, with \$500 payments per child.

Democrats said the package would help replace the salaries 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 \$600 per week add-on, with gig workers like Uber drivers covered for the first time.

Schumer said businesses controlled by members of Congress and top administration officials, including Trump and his immediate family members, would be ineligible for the bill's business assistance.

But Cuomo said the Senate package would send less than \$4 billion to New York, far short of his estimate that the crisis will cost his state up to \$15 billion over the next year.

Veterinarians donate vital medical supplies to coronavirus fight

Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — Veterinary hospitals are donating breathing machines, masks, gowns and other vital equipment and supplies purchased with Fido in mind, but now being redeployed to help doctors fight the spread of COVID-19 among humans.

"We buy at the same stores," said Paul Lunn, dean of the North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine in Raleigh, which on Monday

turned over two full-service ventilators, 500 protective suits and 950 masks for use in area hospitals. "There's no difference in the equipment."

In response to a call last week by U.S. Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue for materials to combat the pandemic, vet schools from North Carolina to Colorado to New York are stepping up.

There are 30 fully accredited veterinary medical schools in 26 states, according to the Association of

American Veterinary Medical Colleges. Of those, 27 have veterinary teaching hospitals with comprehensive services treating everything from pet cats and dogs to horses and other large animals.

Lunn said the schools have identified more than six dozen ventilators that could be commandeered for human treatment.

The 2009 outbreak of H1N1 influenza had veterinarians readying to help in this kind of emergency, he added: "This isn't the first

time we've prepared for this, although it's the first time in my personal experience that we've actually had to pull the trigger."

Private institutions are also heeding the call.

Dr. Virginia Sinnott-Stutzman, chair of the Infection Control Committee at Angell Animal Medical Center in Boston, said members of the Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Society have identified about 100 full-service ventilators that can provide long term breathing support.

She said there are also hundreds more relatively simple anesthesia ventilators — "basically like an automated hand squeezing a bag to get air into the patient" — nationwide that could be pressed into service, though it amounts to just a dent in the overall need with officials saying tens thousands of ventilators are needed in New York alone.

For most people, the new coronavirus causes mild or moderate symptoms, such as fever and cough that

clear up in two to three weeks. For some, especially older adults and people with existing health problems, it can cause more severe illness, including pneumonia and death. The vast majority of people recover.

Experts say there is no evidence that household pets can contract the disease.

Beyond equipment and supplies, veterinarians are looking to help out with bed space, and even to detail staffers to coronavirus duty.

CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Switch to vote-by-mail has some logistical issues

BY GEOFF MULVIHILL

Associated Press

Voting rights groups and the head of the Democratic National Committee want the states with remaining primary elections to offer voting by mail as a way to ensure that voters can safely cast their ballots amid the coronavirus outbreak.

A quick and easy fix? Not always.

For states that don't already have vote-by-mail or that greatly restrict it, such a change could require amending state law. It also would require major changes to state and county voting and tabulating systems. Buying the equipment and software to track ballots and read the signatures on them could cost millions.

And that's not to mention deciding who pays for return postage — individual voters or taxpayers?

So far this year, one state has moved quickly to mail ballots statewide for the November general election. The top election official in Arizona, where about 80% of voting is already by mail, asked the Legislature on Wednesday to give counties permission to mail ballots to

all registered voters.

Other states are being more limited in scope: Maryland postponed its primary but decided to hold next month's special congressional election by mail. On Wednesday, West Virginia election officials said they would make fear of getting the coronavirus a valid excuse for getting an absentee ballot for its May 12 primary. And the Democratic Party in Wyoming, which already was sending all its members ballots, has canceled the in-person portion of its presidential caucus.

As in Wyoming, the Democratic caucuses and primaries in Alaska, Hawaii and Kansas were already to be held largely by mail this spring.

A bill in Louisiana seeking to expand vote-by-mail was introduced even before the state's primary was pushed back, but it hasn't received a legislative hearing and is opposed by the state's top elections official. Pennsylvania lawmakers eased absentee ballot rules last year, and now Democrats want to expand voting by mail. Republicans, who control the statehouse, have generally resisted voting changes, and

it's unclear if the virus crisis is enough to overcome concerns about the costs of greatly expanding vote-by-mail.

In the absence of official action, some political and voting rights groups are vowing legal challenges. The Democratic National Committee and Wisconsin Democratic Party have filed a lawsuit seeking to force the state to extend the deadline to register to vote online or by mail, as well as ease some ID requirements for voter registration and absentee ballot applications. The suit also asks for mail ballots to be counted if they are received up to 10 days after the election as long as they are postmarked by Election Day.

Also, voting rights advocacy group Common Cause has recently called for states to suspend in-person voting at least for the next few weeks. The group previously recommended expanded vote-by-mail access.

Opposition isn't unusual, typically because lawmakers or election officials believe it opens a pathway to voter fraud. The ability to receive a ballot in the mail is greatly restricted in 16 states.

Those states allow absen-



JASON REDMOND/GETTY-AFP

Empty envelopes of vote-by-mail ballots are stacked in Renton, Washington last week.

tee ballots only for voters who give a valid reason to get one — and require they be requested for each election. Of those, Delaware and New York are phasing in no-excuse mail voting.

The hurdles to implementing voting by mail for all voters is why states might be better off taking only small steps at first, said Charles Stewart, a professor of political science at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

That could mean simply making absentee ballots easier to get.

"Hastily implemented changes to voting rules and laws can end up causing all types of problems that you didn't anticipate," he said.

On Tuesday, after Ohio postponed its primary and poll workers failed to show up at some Florida and Illinois precincts, Democratic National Committee Chairman Tom Perez called a shift to voting largely by mail "the simplest tool" to balance health concerns and the need to carry out a fundamental function of democracy.

A half-dozen states already have or are implementing systems where all voters are mailed ballots. They can mail them back, drop them off at designated spots or choose to vote in person on Election Day.

Oregon has been conducting elections that way since the 1990s. Since then, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Utah and Washington have implemented or begun phasing in similar systems.

With the coronavirus pandemic, the idea has generated more interest. The National Vote at Home Institute advocates for a switch to a mail-based voting system and consults with governments about it.

Said Chief Executive Amber McReynolds: "It's better than hoping people show up and aren't scared, and hoping that you don't have a giant poll worker shortage and hoping polling places aren't closed."



MARY ALTAFFER/AP
National Guard members on patrol Wednesday at Grand Central Terminal in New York.

New York mobilizes against onslaught from coronavirus

BY JENNIFER PELETZ AND COLLEEN LONG

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Just days after New York leaders ordered people to stay home, authorities mobilized to head off a potential public health disaster Wednesday, with the city's emergence as the nation's biggest coronavirus hot spot a warning flare — and perhaps a cautionary tale — for the rest of the country.

A makeshift morgue was set up outside Bellevue Hospital, and the city's police — their ranks dwindling as more fall ill — were told to patrol nearly empty streets to enforce social distancing.

Public health officials hunted for beds and medical equipment, and put out a call for more doctors and nurses for fear the number of sick will explode in a matter of weeks, overwhelming hospitals the way the virus did in Italy and Spain.

New York University offered to let its medical students graduate early so they could join the battle.

New York state alone accounted for more than 30,000 coronavirus cases

and close to 300 deaths, most of them in New York City.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo, again pleading for help in dealing with the onslaught, attributed the cluster to the city's role as a gateway to international travelers and the sheer density of its population, with 8.6 million people sharing subways, elevators, apartment buildings and offices.

"Our closeness makes us vulnerable," he said. "But it's true that your greatest weakness is also your greatest strength. And our closeness is what makes us who we are. That is what New York is."

Some public health experts also attributed the city's burgeoning caseload in part to the state's big push to test people.

Troy Tassier, a Fordham University professor who studies economic epidemiology, suggested the increase shows New York would have fared better had it acted sooner to order social distancing.

Nearly 7 million in the San Francisco area were all but confined to their homes March 17, and California put all 40 million of its residents under a near-lockdown

three days later.

The order to stay at home in New York state did not go into effect until Sunday evening, and New York City's 1.1 million-student school system was not closed until March 15, well after other districts had shut down.

Dr. Mark Dworkin, an epidemiology professor at University of Illinois-Chicago, said he hadn't followed New York's situation closely enough to say whether he would have done it differently, but he noted that moving quickly is crucial — and sometimes difficult to do at early points, when the public doesn't sense an imminent threat.

"At first, I think there's a certain amount of disbelief that goes on," he said.

After New York's first positive test came back March 2, Mayor Bill de Blasio and Cuomo initially cast the disease as a dangerous threat, but one that the city's muscular hospital system could handle.

But their message shifted, as it did with many other leaders, who found themselves acting on new information in an uncharted, fast-changing situation.

Biden says virus aid package needs 'meticulous oversight'

BY ALEXANDRA JAFFE AND BILL BARROW

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden said Wednesday that the congressional aid package addressing the coronavirus outbreak "goes a long way," but he said it requires "meticulous oversight" and isn't all-encompassing.

"We're going to need to make sure the money gets out quickly into peoples' pockets and to keep a close watch on how corporations are using the taxpayers funds that they receive, to make sure it goes to help workers, not rich CEOs or shareholders," the former vice president said during a video news briefing from his Delaware home.

"And we have to figure out what to do to help the folks that this bill leaves out, including young people."

But Biden said the agreement could have gone beyond what the government is doing in some instances.

While students have been granted a short-term suspension of loan payments and interest accrual, Biden proposed "forgiving at least \$10,000 of student loan debt now," and he took issue with the deal for not making coronavirus treatment free.

Biden criticized the agreement for leaving out gig workers, but the package includes \$260 billion in emergency unemployment insurance, some of which would cover part-time, self-employed and gig economy workers.

Biden holds a commanding lead in the primary over Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., who has given live-streamed addresses and conducted interviews about the coronavirus as the 2020 campaign enters a new phase due to the outbreak.

Biden has largely shifted his focus toward President Donald Trump, accusing



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Presidential hopeful Joe Biden speaks about the virus aid package during a briefing on Wednesday from his home.

him of being slow to respond to the crisis and making inaccurate statements about the pandemic.

On Wednesday, Biden said Trump has "downplayed the seriousness of this crisis for weeks" and delayed mobilizing U.S. industry to help provide overstretched medical workers with needed supplies.

"And as a result, this virus will hit all of us harder than it otherwise might have hit us, and it's going to take us longer to recover," he said.

Reacting to Trump's call to stay-at-home orders by Easter, Biden said that would endanger lives and do economic damage over the long term.

Biden said if he were president, he would use the Defense Production Act, a law that's been invoked by commanders in chief in times of national emergencies, to direct banks to prioritize small businesses. Biden has previously focused his discussion of that law on increasing the manufacture of medical supplies such as ventilators, gloves and masks.

In a notable shift, Biden focused some of his remarks on young people. He urged them to do their part in stopping the spread of the virus by staying home, even if that meant missing spring break celebrations

and graduations. But he also emphasized the need for a federal response to address the economic fortunes of this group, which has favored Sanders.

"We must not allow this pandemic to rob our young people of the futures and the economic opportunities that they've been working so hard to build," he said.

Aides have said Sanders, despite his long odds in the primary, plans to participate in the next debate, though it's in a holding pattern due to the pandemic.

"I think we've had enough debates. I think we should get on with this," Biden said.

Biden's remarks came during his first videoconference news briefing. He has shifted his campaign largely online in response to the national move toward social distancing, and has set up a home studio with a high-speed internet line. On Tuesday, he appeared on ABC's "The View," CNN and MSNBC to speak about Trump's coronavirus response.

Biden said he was "learning a lot more" about how to break into the news cycle.

For most people, the new coronavirus causes mild or moderate symptoms. For some, it can cause more severe illness and death.



LUCA BRUNO/AP
Wine is poured at a tasting in Volpago del Montello, Italy. Doctors say those infected may lose their sense of smell.

Loss of smell, taste might signal virus

BY MALCOLM RITTER

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A loss of smell or taste might be an early sign of infection with the pandemic virus, say medical experts who cite reports from several countries.

It might even serve as a useful screening tool, they say.

The idea of a virus infection reducing sense of smell is not new.

Respiratory viral infection is a common cause of

loss of smell, because inflammation can interfere with airflow and the ability to detect odors.

The sense of smell usually returns when the infection resolves, but in a small percentage of cases, smell loss can persist after other symptoms disappear.

In some cases, it is permanent.

Now, there's "good evidence" from South Korea, China and Italy for loss or impairment of smell in infected people, says a joint statement from the

dents of the British Rhinological Society and of ENT UK, a British group that represents ear, nose and throat doctors.

In South Korea, some 30% of people who tested positive for the virus have cited loss of smell as their major complaint in otherwise mild cases, they wrote.

So that might be useful as a way to spot infected people without other symptoms — fever, coughing and shortness of breath — of the new coronavirus, they wrote.

A similar proposal was published Sunday by the American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery. It noted "rapidly accumulating" anecdotal evidence from around the world that the pandemic virus can cause not only loss of smell but also a diminished sense of taste.

So the appearance of those symptoms in people without another explanation should alert doctors to the possibility of a novel coronavirus infection, the group said.

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Firefighters spray disinfectants to fight the coronavirus on Wednesday in Gauhati, India.

Police use force to enforce India's mandatory lockdown

BY ASHOK SHARMA AND SHEIKH SAALIQ
Associated Press

NEW DELHI — Indians struggled to comply with the world's largest coronavirus lockdown Wednesday as the government began the gargantuan task of keeping 1.3 billion people indoors. Official assurances that essentials wouldn't run out clashed with people's fears that the disease toll could soon worsen, gutting food and other critical supplies.

In five days, the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19, the disease caused by the coronavirus, has jumped from 200 to 519, and experts say the real toll is likely to be much higher because of insufficient testing. On Tuesday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced a three-week nationwide lockdown covering nearly one-fifth of the world's population "to save India and Indians."

He said the lockdown would be "total," but officials after his speech released advisories explaining that medical, law enforcement, media and other sectors were exempted and that stores

selling food and other essentials would stay open.

Television images from many cities and towns Wednesday showed shuttered markets and offices. Normally bustling railway stations stood empty.

Still, Modi's speech triggered panic buying as online retailers Amazon and Big Basket, an Indian grocery delivery service, began canceling previously placed orders and said they had no delivery slots available. That spurred people to risk fines and other penalties for violating the lockdown by going out to shop at local stores.

Social distancing was forgotten at a grocery store in the Nizamuddin neighborhood of New Delhi as panicked residents swarmed inside and jostled each other to get fast-disappearing supplies.

An elderly couple who waited to enter the shop for nearly 30 minutes returned home empty-handed.

Although the lockdown made provisions for people to leave their homes to buy food, TV news and social media showed police striking would-be shoppers in the streets with batons in the southern state of Kerala, the financial hub of

Mumbai and New Delhi.

Alok Barman, a servant who works in several well-to-do south Delhi households, said he was beaten by police when he ventured outside his home in the city's outskirts.

"Some homes that I work in paid me some money, and I thought it was best to get some food in the house. But the police attacked us with sticks and beat us," he said. "Now we have nothing to eat."

Tarique Anwar, a former banker, said he went out to buy milk and vegetables at a grocery store in Delhi's Jamia Nagar neighborhood when he was confronted by policemen who ordered him to go back. He only managed to get vegetables.

A video shot by a passerby showed a policeman using his baton to smash the interior of a meat shop in the capital's Zakir Nagar neighborhood. The shop's owner said police beat him and told him he shouldn't have opened his shop.

"They charged inside and started abusing and beating me," said Parvez, who uses only one name.

New Delhi police spokesman Anil Mittal denied that police were beating people.

Health care workers reeling from virus in Spain and Italy

BY JOSEPH WILSON AND ARITZ PARRA
Associated Press

MADRID — By the time Patricia Nunez's cough started, she was already familiar with the dreaded dry hacking sound tormenting patients who had for weeks been filling the Madrid emergency ward where she works.

"We were fed up of hearing it at the hospital, so it was just a matter of time before I would contract it," said Nunez, a 32-year-old nurse who tested positive for the new coronavirus about a week ago.

Speaking via video call from her home, Nunez said she is eager to recover, so she can relieve overworked colleagues dealing with a rising wave of patients and dwindling numbers of healthy nurses and doctors.

"The worst thing is that you need to stay at home, worried about infecting relatives, while knowing that you are dearly needed at work," she said.

The coronavirus is waging a war of attrition against health care workers worldwide, but nowhere is it winning more battles at the moment than in Italy and in Spain, where protective equipment and tests have been in severely short supply for weeks.

Spain's universal health care system is a source of national pride and often hailed as a reason for its citizens' legendary longevity, but the outbreak is exposing its shortcomings, some of which are the result of years of budget cuts.

The country's hospitals are groaning under the weight of the pandemic. Video and photos from two hospitals in the Spanish capital showed patients, many hooked up to oxygen tanks, crowding corridors and emergency rooms. At the 12 de Octubre University Hospital, patients could be seen on the floor as



Paramedics disinfect their hands on Wednesday after transporting a patient to a hospital in Burgos, Spain.

they waited for a bed in recent days. The hospital says the patients have since been accommodated elsewhere.

On Wednesday, the number of medical personnel infected was nearly 6,500 nationally, health authorities said, representing 13.6% of the country's 47,600 total cases and about 1% of the health system's workforce. At least three health care workers have died.

"We are collapsing. We need more workers," said Lidia Perera, a nurse who works with Nunez at Madrid's Hospital La Paz, which has 1,000 beds.

This week, 11 of the hospital's 14 floors are devoted to caring for those suffering from COVID-19, and there is still not enough room: The patients with less serious cases of the disease are being put in the hospital's gym or in a large tent outside.

"If you had told me three months ago that I would be working in these conditions in Spain, I wouldn't have believed you," Perera said, adding that staff at La Paz are only being tested for the virus if they have symptoms.

"If they did (regular testing), they might end up without any workers," Perera said.

Widespread infections among health workers reflect the universal difficulty of stemming the spread of the pandemic. But sick health workers do double damage: They add to the toll while also hampering the ability to respond to the crisis.

On top of that, they raise the specter of hospitals becoming breeding grounds of infection.

Spain's experience has been reflected elsewhere.

The World Health Organization's director-general this week called reports of large number of infections among health workers "alarming."

"Even if we do everything else right, if we don't prioritize protecting health workers, many people will die because the health worker who could have saved their lives is sick," Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus told journalists.

In Italy, where nearly one-tenth of more than 74,000 infections are among medical workers, doctors and nurses have been begging the government daily to provide more masks, gloves and goggles.

"Please don't leave us alone: Help us help you," Dr. Francesca De Gennaro wrote in an open letter, asking for gear. De Gennaro heads a small private medical clinic in hard-hit Bergamo — where some 90 of 460 workers have tested positive.

NEWS BRIEFING

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Trump administration urged to free migrants as virus surges

WASHINGTON — Pressure was mounting on the Trump administration Wednesday to release people from immigration detention facilities where at least one detainee has tested positive for COVID-19 and advocates fear tight quarters and overall conditions could cause the rapid spread of the virus.

The U.S. holds around 37,000 people in immigration detention. Detainees and advocates say many

are vulnerable because of age and pre-existing medical conditions, and because they are often held in open rooms, beds 3 feet apart, and without adequate supplies of masks or other protections.

"It's impossible to stay calm," said Marco Battistotti, an Italian who is among 170 people detained by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement at the Bristol County jail in Massachusetts.

The U.S. holds around 37,000 people in immigration detention. Detainees and advocates say many



Family members cry after a gunman stormed a gathering of Afghanistan's minority Sikhs in their place of worship Wednesday in Kabul. At least 80 worshippers were rescued.

Netanyahu ally quits as Israeli political chaos ratchets up

JERUSALEM — Israel's parliament speaker resigned Wednesday, dealing a blow to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and deepening the country's political turmoil as the embattled Israeli leader tries to cling to power amid a fast-spreading outbreak of the coronavirus and a looming corruption trial.

The resignation of Knesset Speaker Yuli Edelstein clears the way for the opposition to move forward with efforts in parliament to topple Netanyahu. But by resigning, Edelstein, a member of Netanyahu's Likud party, also defied a Supreme Court order to hold a vote for his successor, throwing down a new obstacle that could delay the opposition from proceeding.

The move drew an angry reaction from the opposition Blue and White Party, which has the backing from a slim majority.

In Mexico: The Mexican government said Wednesday that it would continue to receive cruise ships "for humanitarian reasons," but that passengers would be "individually fumigated" before being taken to airports for return flights to their home countries.

The Transportation Department said that protocol had been applied to the MS Europa, which docked in the Pacific coast port of Puerto Vallarta and was cleared of passengers over the weekend. The department said Mexico's position is that "cruise ships can disembark for strictly humanitarian reasons, without endangering the port's population."

Such passengers would be transported to the airport and would directly board planes.

Canada imposes mandatory self-isolation on those returning

TORONTO — Canada imposed mandatory self-isolation Wednesday for those returning to the country under the Quarantine Act.

Deputy Prime Minister Chrystia Freeland initially said the system would begin at midnight Wednesday and require 14 days of isolation.

But government officials said the quarantine order had been in effect for more than 12 hours

already.

"It will be a legal obligation for people entering Canada from outside Canada," Freeland said.

More than 1 million Canadians and permanent residents returned to Canada between March 14 and March 20, according to Canada Border Services.

The mandatory quarantine will not apply to truck drivers and health care workers crossing the border.

Primary purgatory with no 12th Democratic debate on horizon

ATLANTA — There is no 12th Democratic presidential debate on the horizon now that the nominating process is in a holding pattern because of the coronavirus pandemic.

One of the Democratic National Committee's lead debate organizers, Xochitl Hinojosa, said the party has not set a date or secured a television broadcasting partner for what would be the final encounter of the dozen

that DNC Chairman Tom Perez promised at the campaign's outset.

There's no evidence that either Joe Biden, the prospective nominee, or Bernie Sanders, Biden's last remaining rival, is clamoring for a debate.

The uncertainty reflects both the political realities of Biden's lead and the public health realities of the virus, which could make another debate logically difficult.

25 killed in Kabul attack on Sikhs, Afghanistan officials say

KABUL, Afghanistan — A lone Islamic State gunman rampaged through a Sikh house of worship in the heart of the Afghan capital, Kabul, on Wednesday, killing 25 worshippers and wounding eight, Afghanistan's Interior Ministry said.

The gunman held many of the worshippers hostage for several hours as Afghan special forces, helped by international troops, tried to clear the building.

At least one of the dead was a child.

Within hours, the IS group claimed responsibility for the attack.

As the siege ended, the Afghan special forces rescued at least 80 worshippers who had been trapped inside the Sikh house of worship, known as a Gurdwara, as the gunman lobbed grenades and fired his automatic rifle into the crowd, the ministry said.

Earlier, Afghan lawmaker Narindra Singh Khalsa said he rushed over to help after receiving a call from a person inside the Gurdwara telling him of the attack. There were about 150 people inside at the time, he said.

The SITE Intelligence Group, which tracks mili-

tant postings and groups, said IS claimed responsibility for the attack on the group's Aamaq media arm.

The communiqué identified the gunman as Indian national Abu Khalid al-Hindi, who carried out the attack to avenge the plight of Muslims living under severe restrictions in Indian-controlled Kashmir, Hindu India's only Muslim dominated state.

At a Kabul hospital, Mohan Singh, who was in the Gurdwara when the attack began, said he ducked for cover under a table. He was wounded when parts of the ceiling fell on him.

Putin postpones vote that would extend his rule

MOSCOW — Citing the new coronavirus, Russian President Vladimir Putin on Wednesday postponed a nationwide vote on proposed constitutional amendments that include a change potentially allowing him to stay in office until 2036.

Putin didn't set a new

date for the plebiscite, originally scheduled for April 22, saying that it would depend on how the pandemic develops in Russia.

The country reported its first two deaths from the virus Wednesday.

He also announced during a televised address to the nation that the govern-

ment doesn't want Russians to go to work next week, except for those in essential sectors. Stores, pharmacies and banks will stay open, he said.

Under the current law, Putin wouldn't be able to run for president again in 2024 because of term limi-

ts.

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EDITORIALS

Grateful for health care workers? Want to offer them thanks?



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Medical assistant Leticia Feliz administers a test for COVID-19 at a drive-thru site outside Innovative Express Care on the North Side on Tuesday.

Then stay home.

An emergency room doctor in New York City got thrust into an international spotlight this week when former President Barack Obama responded to what he had posted on Twitter. The doctor's theme: a day in the ER.

Identified on social media as Dr. Craig Spencer, the NYC physician in a burst of tweets documented a typical day under the COVID-19 pandemic. It begins with a pot of coffee and a "cacophony of coughing" when he steps in the hospital.

"You take (the) signout sheet from the previous team, but nearly every patient is the same, young & old: Cough, shortness of breath, fever. They are really worried about one patient. Very short of breath, on the maximum amount of oxygen we can give, but still breathing fast."

"You immediately assess this patient. It's clear what this is, and what needs to happen. You have a long and honest discussion with the patient and family over the phone. It's best to put her on life support now, before things get much worse."

For the rest of the day, the doctor's pager pings him. If he has time for lunch, he heads to the hospital cafeteria and wolfs down food, feeling vulnerable without a face mask even for a few minutes. After his shift, he cleans with bleach every item he brought to the hospital, including his wallet, badge and coffee cup. He goes home to his wife and toddler, leaves his belongings outside the door and heads straight to the shower.

"You might hear people saying it isn't real. It is. You might hear people saying it isn't bad. It is. You might hear people saying it can't take you down. It can. I survived

Ebola. I fear #COVID-19. Do your part. Stay home. Stay safe. And every day I'll come to work for you," the doctor tweeted.

Health care workers around the world are putting their own health at risk to protect ours. In Wuhan, China, where the coronavirus first blossomed — a city that announced it will lift its months-long lockdown on April 8 — at least 1,300 health care workers became infected. More than 40,000 health care professionals were brought in to treat patients; they were kept away from their family members and outfitted with elaborate protective gear, according to *The New Yorker*.

Doctors in Chicago already are reporting an uptick in hospital care for patients showing signs of the virus. Gov. J.B.

Pritzker in daily press briefings has released a running list of needed supplies, including masks and ventilators. Hotels and at least one closed hospital in Blue Island are being explored as possible housing for patient overflow. A recruitment effort to bring retired medical professionals back to work, temporarily, has drawn interest from about 200 applicants, according to Pritzker.

Rush University Medical Center's CEO, Dr. Omar Lateef, who joined Pritzker on Tuesday, warned that hospital workforces in some cities are getting cut in half abruptly due to health ailments affecting employees. He said three issues could limit hospitals' ability to serve sick patients here: a shortage of beds, a shortage of personal protective equipment and a shortage of staff. All three are realistic possibilities, even in Illinois where government leaders have been preparing for an outbreak.

So far, Illinois is reporting 1,865 known

cases of coronavirus and 19 deaths. Yes, the mortality rate so far is relatively low. But that doesn't make caring for healing victims any easier. Medical workers are exhausted.

Northwestern Memorial Hospital implemented a no-visitor policy to protect patients and staff. The hospital also set up temporary tent structures to screen patients prior to entering the emergency department. The best way to respect and thank health care workers? Stay home, they say.

"Avoid going out for anything other than essential needs," the hospital said in statement.

But are people across metropolitan Chicago still not listening?

As one registered nurse told us: "We became nurses knowing things like this can happen. ... What we are finding most frustrating is not having the equipment to do it properly and safely for ourselves. We also have families and want to keep them safe." The most frustrating aspect of the pandemic, she said, is "seeing people out running around not taking it serious, then showing up in the ER wanting the highest care."

Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot and city health professionals on Wednesday warned they are considering shutting down the city's lakefront. Those bike and running paths along Lake Michigan? They look like summer in July. That's disconcerting and something for which the city, the Park District and the Police Department may start ticketing.

To serve public health (and to avoid those tickets), run alone. Bike alone. Get

serious about social distancing and following the regulations already in place. Chicago park facilities and playgrounds, Lightfoot and Park District Superintendent Mike Kelly reminded, are closed.

"If we have to because you are not educating yourself into compliance, and if you are not abiding by these very clear but necessary stay-at-home orders, we will be forced to shut down our parks and entire lakefront if people continue to flout these social distancing" rules, Lightfoot said.

Violating the stay-at-home order could even result in arrest, the Police Department said.

This week, New York City hospitals are nearing capacity, according to press reports. More than 15,500 people have become infected and 192 have died. Dr. Spencer, whose tweets caught Obama's attention, still will be expected in the ER this week for his regular shift, taking care of sick patients, taking care of himself, and hoping he keeps his family safe. Across the country, doctors, nurses and hospital staff members are leaving their homes and pulling on scrubs.

The ill patients they are treating likely were infected a week ago or more, experts say. "The numbers will undoubtedly skyrocket overnight, as they have every night the past few days," Spencer tweeted this week. "More will come to the ER. More will be stat notifications. More will be put on a ventilator."

This isn't a drill. It's real life. The illness is hitting all age groups and in Illinois, cropping up in at least 35 counties so far.

Grateful to health care workers? Want to offer a sincere thanks? Then stay home.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

A friend, also afflicted by the absence of sports from his daily entertainment menu, reports that all he could find on television the other day was bowling and the rodeo. Perhaps in this time of sports scarcity some clever promoter will create the sport of bowling on horseback. . . .

I was looking forward to baseball more than usual this year because both the Cubs and the White Sox look to be serious contenders. . . . And for the sports addict in Chicago it has been a long, hard winter: The Bears had a wretched season; the Bulls haven't even achieved wretchedness. The Blackhawks have a roster filled with talented players but never played up to their potential.

I was counting on baseball to make it all well. Not, at least as things stand at the moment, going to happen. . . .

Perhaps I am too far along in life to spend what time I have left watching men play games originally meant for children. Surely all that time spent watching sports would be better spent reading great literature or thinking about the life I've led and what lies ahead.

Good Lord, might the day come when I thank the coronavirus for bringing me to my senses and breaking my addiction to watching sports?

Joseph Epstein, *The Wall Street Journal*



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CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

TRUMP IS NOT THE BOSS OF PRITZKER AND LIGHTFOOT



STEVE CHAPMAN

The federal government's effort to combat the new coronavirus carries an economic price that is getting higher every day — too high, it appears, for President Donald Trump and some of his advisers. They fear a sharp, brutal downturn that could boost unemployment into double digits, litter the landscape with bankruptcies and doom his reelection bid.

On Monday, the president expressed impatience: "America will, again, and soon, be open for business. Very soon." His reason: "We cannot let the cure be worse than the problem itself." On Tuesday, he said he "would love to have the country opened up, and just raring to go, by Easter" — April 12.

Having declared himself a wartime president, Trump assumes he can unilaterally decide to restart the economy, get Americans back to work, companies back to making money, and the stock market back to its previous heights. In truth, most of these matters are not under his control.

He can instruct Americans to return to their old ways. But he will be at odds with governors and mayors who have urged or mandated that businesses close and people remain at home. Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker and Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot imposed stringent measures on their

own residents and will keep them in place as long as they see fit.

"Pulling back now, in my view for Chicago, does not make sense at all," Lightfoot said Tuesday. Pritzker makes it clear he's about as likely to defer to Trump as he is to get a face tattoo. In his Tuesday news conference, Pritzker stressed, "I want to be 100% clear about what will drive my decision-making in the weeks ahead: science."

Elected officials elsewhere are likely to do likewise. As of Tuesday, The New York Times reports, "at least 167 million people in 17 states, 18 counties and 10 cities are being urged to stay home."

Though Democratic and Republican voters diverge somewhat on the need for action, governors of both parties have taken the lead. Ohio's Mike DeWine, a Republican, issued a stay-at-home edict Sunday, saying, "I don't know any other way to describe it other than to say we are at war."

GOP governors in Indiana, Massachusetts and West Virginia have adopted the same policy.

They aren't likely to reverse course merely to accommodate the president. Democratic governors from New York to California will not hesitate to defy him.

In moments of national crisis, power usually flows to the central government. To some extent, that is happening this time, as Congress scrambles to help shuttered businesses and newly unemployed workers. But we are also seeing the reinvigoration of federalism by state leaders who are making decisions without waiting for guidance from Washington.

Corporate executives and small business people cannot be under any illusions about the challenges created by the virus. The nation's Big Three car companies shut down production under pressure from the United Auto Workers, which would fight any attempt to resume normal operations.

Anyone who owns a hotel, resort, restaurant, hair salon, bar, workout facility or music venue must realize that it's one thing to open your doors and quite another to attract customers.

It would not be easy for the administration to get elementary and secondary schools to reopen or persuade universities to pack students into dormitories and lecture halls.

The professional sports leagues know that resumption of games before spectators would put their own players, coaches and other personnel at risk and might not sell many tickets.

As Yogi Berra once said, "If the people don't want to come out to the ballpark, nobody's going to stop them."

Most Americans have come to understand the need for social distancing and self-isolation. They have learned that exposure to others is dangerous for them and those they care about. As cases of COVID-19 rise, and deaths mount, their aversion to old-fashioned mingling will only increase.

As the epidemic shows up in places where it has not yet been detected, the fear of ordinary Americans will count for more than the desires of the president. The best way to overcome that fear, and its effect on the economy, is to slow the spread of the disease, implement widespread testing and keep hospitals from being fatally swamped.

Only then may people feel enough confidence to shift back toward economic life as we knew it.

Trump can tell Americans to go back to life as before. But he may find that what he says doesn't matter.

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DAILY HOME WORKOUT BY JOE "THE LAZY MAN'S JACK LALANNE" FOURNIER

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People line up earlier this month as Ravenswood Community Services hosts a food pantry at All Saints Episcopal Church in Chicago.

Food pantries aren't just about the food, especially during this pandemic

BY GREG TROTTER

At All Saints Episcopal Church on Chicago's North Side, shallow ruts mark the soft wooden floors from the grocery carts of those who come for the weekly food pantry.

On a recent evening, one that feels like an eternity ago, people of varying age and ethnicity sat in the pews and waited their turn in the faint spring light streaming through the stained-glass windows. I sat with some of them for a bit and listened to their stories of hope and heartache.

I asked a volunteer if the crowd assembled in the church represented a typical sampling of clients for the food distribution.

"Clients?" he asked, seemingly confused. "You mean our neighbors?"

Yes, of course. Our neighbors.

I visited Ravenswood Community Services, the stalwart nonprofit affiliated with All Saints, just days before Gov. J.B. Pritzker ordered all Illinois schools to close as a measure to slow the coronavirus pandemic. It was before the closing of the restaurants and bars, and before all Illinois residents were ordered to stay at home. When I visited that night, we were on the cusp of a change that we couldn't yet fully grasp.

Volunteer chefs at the Ravenswood pantry, which also serves a hot communal meal for its neighbors, cooked up some pork chops with a mushroom gravy that night. More than 100 people dined together, not knowing it would be their last meal like that for a while.

As with hundreds of other food pantries in Chicago and throughout Cook County, the Ravenswood food pantry is still providing food to people in need — it's just doing it differently now. Most of the

Greater Chicago Food Depository's network of community partners continues to operate, though some have had to close. One common challenge: Many food pantry volunteers are older adults themselves and are therefore more at risk.

To minimize risk and continue serving their communities, many pantries have changed their model of operation for the foreseeable future, providing prepared boxes or bags of food in a grab-and-go setting. Some are also providing hot meals to go.

Though necessary, it's far from ideal. What's lost in reducing contact is the contact, the human interaction that we all tend to take for granted. Hugs and handshakes and slaps on the back. Small talk that turns into something more. Many people who turn to food pantries and soup kitchens for assistance find much more than that once they walk in the doors.

"It's a big loss," said Lori Gee, executive director of Ravenswood Community Services. "Isolation is one of the things that many of our neighbors struggle with."

Food pantries aren't just about the food. They also provide hope. And really, they offer love, which may strike some as saccharine. But I've had the good fortune to visit dozens of food pantries in my storytelling role at the Food Depository and I can promise you, unequivocally, that love is the common thread that binds them all together.

"It opened a whole new world to me," said Karl-Heinz Neumann, 75, who has come to Ravenswood Community Services every week for food and fellowship after falling on hard times a few years ago. "It is interesting how many walks of life we have here."

What a strange new reality in which

the best we can do for one another is to keep our distance.

There can be no question — the longer this pandemic drags on, the harder it will be for our most vulnerable neighbors who are living each day on the edge, unstably housed or homeless, often experiencing chronic health conditions. It's also true that many people who have been laid off or suddenly thrust into financial hardship could experience food insecurity for the first time in their lives.

Even before the pandemic, 1 in 8 people in Cook County lacked consistent access to nutritious food. As this crisis continues, the line for food assistance will get longer.

The good news? People who have dedicated their lives to helping others and stalwart Chicago institutions are tirelessly working to prepare for this grim reality. We have an abundance of helpers in this city. Five days a week, kindhearted volunteers pack thousands of boxes of food for families in need at the Food Depository's warehouse on the Southwest Side.

Many of our partners are finding similar support.

"I'll preface this by saying that I feel incredibly lucky to be doing it," Gee said, "but I spend a couple of hours a day responding to people who want to help."

We'll need all the help we can get. And we'll need you, too, if you'll join us. These times aren't for the fainthearted, but they might indeed make us stronger, more compassionate and more loving of one another.

Because the people we serve are not clients or patrons or even guests.

They're our neighbors.

Greg Trotter oversees storytelling and public relations for the Greater Chicago Food Depository.

During this pandemic, light a candle of sweet kindness

BY PATRICK T. REARDON

My friend Mark and his wife, Cathy, were coming home Saturday from the sad burden of the funeral of their 42-year-old daughter Margaret.

Margaret, a wife and the mother of three children, all 5 and younger, died of breast cancer a week and a half ago in her Holland, Michigan, home. She was, says Mark, the sort of person who "let everyone know they mattered." Because of the coronavirus restrictions, services were at her graveside. And there was no way that our Catholic parish in the Edgewater community could hold a memorial service for her.

Nonetheless, when Mark and Cathy finished their doleful 150-mile drive from Michigan, they arrived to find every house in their 1400 block of West Norwood Street alight with candles for them and for their daughter. It was, said Mark, "an act of sweet kindness. Every house on the block put out a candle. You can be so close and still keep your distance."

We are in a hard time now, and things are likely to get worse before they get better. We hope and we pray that no one we know, no loved one, no friend, gets the coronavirus, and that we don't either. We don't know how close it will come, but we know people are dying, here in Chicago and around the country and the world.

I want to take all those candles on Norwood Street as a model for myself in these coming days. I want to light a candle of sweet kindness wherever I can.

One way is simply to call people, or text them or use any of the multitude of other communication methods we have today to keep in touch. No one should be left alone, isolated, lonely.

I'm from a big family, and, on Sunday, we had a Zoom video-call session of more



Candles light the front porches of homes in the 1400 block of Norwood Street in Chicago for Mark and Cathy Kollar.

than an hour that involved about 20 devices and probably 30 to 35 people. It was a lot of fun, but there was sober talk too. Some of us are out of work, and at least five of us work in hospitals and nursing homes. There are several women in the family who are due to give birth in the coming months. In fact, during the Zoom session, my niece Maggie happily showed off her pregnancy bump, and then did it again for late arrivals.

These sorts of virtual group sessions — and there are many ways, audio or video, to do that, I'm learning — are wonderful for friends, co-workers and family to get together to joke, gossip, commiserate and kvetch.

There are people who don't have such a wide social network, especially those who are retired or elderly or already home-bound. A phone call or other virtual contact is likely to be a bright spot in their day. And, really, any of us is going to enjoy hearing from another human being during this time of government-mandated separation. Like Mark's late daughter, we can "let everyone know they matter."

It's a kindness to call. It's lighting a candle of sweet kindness.

For a while now, I've been trying to operate on the idea that, if someone's name comes to mind for a call, I should call. Those I call seem to like it, and it makes me feel less isolated, that's for sure.

I hope people call me too. My wife and I have hunkered down, and we're doing pretty well to get along and keep out of each other's hair and enjoy our time together. But it's nice to hear some other voice.

We've been sitting on our front porch a lot more, even though the weather's been a bit nippy. It's good to get out from inside those four walls of our home. And it's good to be able to say hi to passersby. There's a feeling that's palpable that we're all in this together.

Of course, we really are in this together. In the face of the coronavirus, there is no poor or rich, no white or black, no straight or gay, no class structure, no in-groups, no immigrants, no Republicans or Democrats, no Americans or French or Chinese or Afghans or Italians or Angolans or Iraqis or Australians.

We are all, each one of us, confronting this pandemic. Each of us has no protection if this virus attacks. Each of us is awash with fears and anxieties, for ourselves and those we love.

Each of us recognizes this. A U.S. senator can contract coronavirus, and so can a homeless woman. You can, and I can. So, now is the time for each of us to follow the example of the Norwood Street neighbors.

Now is the time for each of us, whenever we can, to light a candle of sweet kindness.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Let's focus on saving lives

The president has converted Easter, a holiday associated with worldwide rejoicing, into his private political cause. On Easter Sunday, of course, we would all like our churches filled; of course, we would all want to return to work; of course, we would all wish to spend time with our friends and families; of course, we would all wish to enjoy the fruits of our labor. But the coronavirus has forced us to live in a new reality. All of these "of courses" are out of reach this year.

Trump does not see this reality. For him, the coronavirus is just a bad version of the flu and the dangers overstated. He feels social control actions have unnecessarily stifled America. The medically-based response to the virus runs counter to his beliefs and opinions.

Returning people to work when the virus is at large will mean many will become ill; many will die. Fear of contracting the virus will keep people at home, and the economy will falter. Sustaining the course of social distancing will place parts of the economy on hold, but fewer will become ill and fewer will die. In either scenario the economy suffers. The choice is not, however, economic. It is about life.

— Sidney Weissman, Chicago

States should coordinate

New York, Connecticut and New Jersey have a pact to coordinate their responses to the virus. Given the fact that Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin have all adopted statewide responses to the virus, these states should enter into a similar pact so that any traffic or communications between these states can proceed under the same set of rules.

— Michael Weissman, Deerfield

Protect people who stay home

In regard to the pandemic, there needs to be a mechanism in place in which people who are at higher risk can stay home and not be fired for doing so.

My sister-in-law has diabetes and is at a higher risk for contracting the coronavirus. Her employer has stated everyone has to report for duty, no exceptions. If she stays home due to fear of getting sick, then gets fired, is the unemployment system prepared to deal with that, or will she lose an appeal?

How are lower-wage employees supposed to make up the lost income? Some face the dire choice of staying home to be safe, or going to work to make money to pay bills and getting sick and possibly dying.

We are in uncharted territory in terms of the ramifications of staying home as ordered by the governor.

— Steven Tobin, Niles

Take action; stop blaming

We're all stressed to the point of depression, a state that can destroy hope. Our country's leader is being blamed for insufficient progress in fighting the deadly virus. If that is the truth, then why aren't all government officials overruling the president's decision? When it involves our citizens, everything imaginable has to be put in place to protect all of us. Just do it, whatever it takes. Stop the blame game!

— Anna M. Miller, Prospect Heights

Stories of the Fighting Illini

Many thanks to sports writer Shannon Ryan, who rescued us from the "blahs" on a cloudy, chilly stay-at-home weekend with her stories about the Fighting Illini basketball team and its special 21-win season ("Done too soon," March 21). Her story about her own picks of the "shining" moments reminded our family of our excitement at that come-from-behind win over Wisconsin — at the dreaded Kohl Center! One photo reminded us of that amazing smile on Alan Griffin's face when he scored 24 points in the victory over Northwestern. We all wished that we were attending game-watch parties over the weekend. Ryan's article and Sunday's fantasy chart picking the Illini for the Sweet 16 went a long way toward easing our stuck-inside angst. (P.S. We have charted the Illini moving to the Elite 8 by finally beating Michigan State!) — Christine Craven, Evergreen Park

Don't panic; be practical

Panic buying of toilet paper forgets something. We can always use a wet washcloth, drying with a small hand towel. Hand-wash, launder, or sterilize those items as needed. OK, it's not ideal but still workable.

Unusual times require creative thinking. And fear, according to the 12-step recovery movement, stands for "False Expectations Appearing Real." Let's think carefully of what we're afraid of.

— Diana L. Carter, Elgin

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CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Are you an essential employee?

Some have safety concerns, dispute how indispensable they are

BY ALEXIA ELEJALDE-RUIZ

So you're an essential worker. That means you can go to work while the rest of Illinois abides by a mandate to stay home in hopes of minimizing the spread of the coronavirus.

Some people are grateful for the continued paycheck. Others worry their own safety concerns aren't being considered, and dispute how indispensable they really are.

"There are certainly going to be instances where employees who are deemed essential will be

concerned about going to work," said Lauren Novak, a partner in the labor and employment practice at Chicago-based Schiff Hardin. "Employers will need to be flexible but also be very clear that they have to show up. It is going to be very difficult for employers in essential industries to strike that balance."

Who decides what is essential?

Gov. J.B. Pritzker's order, in effect from last Saturday through April 7, lists dozens of business categories considered essential, from gas stations, hardware stores and banks to food production and accounting services. Such companies are encouraged

to remain open while other businesses were told to cease operations unless their employees can work from home.

It's up to employers to determine if their business falls under an "essential" category and to inform their employees. Businesses that aren't sure where they fit are advised to contact the state's Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for help. But the state doesn't bestow "essential" status, nor police it.

But are you really that necessary?

Differing interpretations of "essential" have caused some friction between employers who wish to keep operating and

employees who believe the risk of exposure to the coronavirus outweighs their indispensability.

Video game retailer GameStop came under fire from employees when it initially declared itself an essential business because it also sells items people use to work from home, such as keyboards and mice, and kept stores open in some states with lockdown orders. On Sunday it switched gears and now customers can buy merchandise online and pick up in stores.

In Illinois, some candy factory workers have contacted their union to question the necessity of keeping confectionary lines running, said Donald Woods,

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Emergency day care centers to stay open

Hundreds will be available, but only for essential workers

BY ROBERT CHANNICK

As part of Gov. J.B. Pritzker's stay-at-home executive order, the nearly 10,000 licensed day care centers in Illinois were told to temporarily close Saturday in an effort to limit the spread of coronavirus.

But hundreds of day care centers remained open as of Wednesday after applying for an emergency license to serve the children of designated essential workers — everyone from health care providers to pizza makers — during the statewide quarantine.

"There's just been a flood of applicants," said Jassen Strokosch, spokesman for the Department of Children and Family Services, which licenses the state's day care centers. "There's going to be a significant amount of day care available for essential staff that need to work."

Illinois licenses about 7,000 home-based day cares and 3,000 day care centers, which have the capacity to handle 294,000 children, Strokosch said.

Day care attendance had been dropping off in recent weeks as the coronavirus outbreak spread. A lot of the centers already were closed by the time Pritzker issued his order Friday, Strokosch said.

The order, which took effect Saturday, requires all Illinois residents to stay at home through April 7. Health care workers and first responders are exempted, along with a lengthy list of essential workers, including grocery store employees, gas station attendants, restaurant cooks and factory workers.

Nook Daycare applied to keep three centers in Chicago's Bucktown and South Loop neighborhoods operating under the emergency license provision.

Mandy Doy, Nook's regional manager, said the centers remain open pending DCFS approval, with about 20 kids in their care as of Wednesday.

"We have a core group of staff that have stepped up and have committed to help us serve the community," Doy said. "We have many nurses, home health care providers that are essential in fighting this pandemic."

Bright Horizons, a publicly traded, Massachusetts-based day care company, has applied to keep four of its 43 Illinois centers open as emergency facilities for health care workers.

The four centers that remain open are associated with Chicago-area hospitals, the company said. A representative at one of those locations, the NorthShore University HealthSystem Child Development Center in Evanston, said Wednesday the facility was open and taking care of a few children.

DCFS received 667 emergency day care center applications as of Wednesday, Strokosch said.

Day care centers that apply for an emergency license can continue to operate under a five-day grace period while they await approval. But one challenge may be staffing.

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Chicago's skyline includes the Essex Inn, from left, the Conrad Hilton Towers, Roosevelt University dorms and the CNA building.

Seeing a drop in demand

Chicago hotels close while others join city program to stem coronavirus spread

BY LORI RACKL

The artsy 21c Museum Hotel made its River North debut in February. A little over a month later, the 297-room property has gone dark.

One of the largest hotels in the city will soon follow suit. The 1,544-room Hilton Chicago at 720 S. Michigan Ave. is notifying guests that it will suspend operations as of Friday, Hilton spokeswoman Laura Ford said.

Like a growing number of hotels, the properties will be closed indefinitely as the new coronavirus continues to cripple the

industry, sparking massive job losses and cutbacks affecting employees in every department, from housekeeping to the C-suite.

Demand for guest rooms has tanked as travel grinds to a halt and millions of people are ordered to stay home. Occupancy rates at hotels in Chicago's central business district were at 52.9% the first week in March. They dropped to 35.6% the following week and fell to anemic 9.3% last week, according to data released Wednesday by hospitality research company STR.

What started a week ago with a couple of luxury properties downtown has turned into a wave of hotel closures across the city. The Ritz-Carlton, Ace, Loews, Virgin, The Hoxton, Omni, Four Seasons, Chicago Athletic Association, Park Hyatt, The Peninsula, Hotel Zachary — the list of shuttered addresses keeps getting longer, and experts

predict there's more to come.

"Every day you're seeing more hotels shut down," said Michael Jacobson, CEO and president of the Illinois Hotel & Lodging Association. "This will be the critical week. They're crunching their numbers, talking to their ownership. I think this will be the week we see, once and for all, who's going to close and who's going to stay open and try to weather the storm."

When asked if as many as half of the city's hotels might temporarily shut down, Jacobson responded, "It's quite possible."

City officials recently unveiled a plan to pay for hotel rooms for COVID-19 isolation and other coronavirus-related purposes in an attempt to stem the spread of the infection and ease the burden on hospitals. By the end

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RAQUEL ZALDIVAR/CHICAGO TRIBUNE
Hotel One Sixty-Six, formerly the Cambria Chicago Magnificent Mile.



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE
A cyclist moves past an empty lounge at the Park Hyatt hotel on North Michigan Avenue.



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE
The Peninsula temporarily closed last week, one of the first Chicago hotels to shutter.

Empty windows, boarded-up storefronts dot Magnificent Mile

Some retailers move products to centers for online purchasing

BY LAUREN ZUMBACH

Stores, like shoppers, got ready to hunker down during the coronavirus pandemic. Several shops on Michigan Avenue and nearby retail high streets have boarded up or emptied store windows.

It's not just about preventing vandalism or theft. Retailers likely want to make sure merchandise isn't locked up in stores where customers can't shop, said Robert Moraca, vice president for loss prevention at the National Retail Federation.

Gov. J.B. Pritzker's stay-at-home order will remain in effect through at least April 7, which means no one will be shopping in stores deemed nonessential for at least two weeks. Retailers that emptied stores are likely moving products to distribution centers where online shoppers can purchase them in the meantime, Moraca said.

"I think some might be looking in their crystal balls and saying it's going to a month or six weeks," he said. "Nobody knows."

Some still had merchandise on display. But the Disney store and MCM Worldwide walled off storefronts with plywood. So did luxury shoe and handbag boutique Jimmy Choo, on nearby Oak Street, leaving a gap only for a sign



RAQUEL ZALDIVAR/CHICAGO TRIBUNE
A person jogs past the boarded-up Disney store Monday on Michigan Avenue in Chicago.

with the shop's illuminated name above the entrance.

Others, like Gucci and Louis Vuitton, left windows that usually

display merchandise uncovered and illuminated but conspicuously empty.

Stores that left empty windows

uncovered might be trying to show there's nothing easy to grab inside, Moraca said.

Moving products out of shuttered stores isn't just a question of security.

Sephora, which boarded up its Michigan Avenue flagship, said it has "standardized precautions" to protect properties across North America during temporary closures. The beauty retailer closed all North American stores through April 3.

"Our goal is to ensure a great experience for our clients when we have the opportunity to reopen our stores," the company said in a statement.

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of this week, more than 2,000 hotel rooms should be available, Mayor Lori Lightfoot said at a news conference rolling out the plan.

Chicago-based Oxford Hotels & Resorts announced Wednesday it will supply the city with up to 1,100 rooms at some of its hotels to house and feed first responders and people requiring isolation. Hotel Cass, Hotel Essex, Hotel Felix, and Hotel Julian are the Oxford properties taking part in the program, along with Hotel One Sixty-Six, formerly the Cambria Chicago Magnificent Mile. Oxford is taking over management of that hotel following its efforts to help negotiate the recent resolution of an 18-month labor strike at the 216-room property.

Hotel One Sixty-Six is renting rooms to the city. Next up will be Hotel Julian and Hotel Essex, where guests have been relocated to other Oxford-managed properties to make way for people in the program arriving as soon as Monday, the company said. Hotel Cass and Hotel Felix are not yet being used by the city.

Other Oxford hotels —

LondonHouse, The Godfrey and Hotel Versey — aren't part of the agreement with the city, although that could change depending on capacity needs and other variables, Oxford Hotels & Resorts president and CEO John Rutledge said in an email. For now, these hotels remain open with skeletal staff to accommodate stranded travelers, international students and other guests, he said.

The deal with the city will provide much needed revenue for hotels and allow them to retain some employees who would otherwise be out of work. But it's not expansive enough to buoy the central business district's vast inventory of 45,000-plus hotel rooms that have been battered by a plunge in demand.

Last April, the occupancy level at these hotels was a healthy 77.5% and the average daily rate was \$193, said Stacey Nadolny, managing director of hospitality consulting firm HVS Chicago. Forecasts were similar for this spring — the kickoff to what was supposed to be a robust and lucrative convention year for the city. Prior to the new coronavirus, Nadolny said, downtown hotels could have anticipated an average daily rate of about \$200 and 78% occupancy next month.

"April is going to be a really hard month," Nadolny said. "Any way you look at it, this is devastating to the hospitality industry. It's just a question of how long does the bleeding continue?"

The plummet in demand caused by the virus' chilling effect on travel, coupled with other market forces like rising wages that were already putting a squeeze on hotels' profitability, have backed properties into an unprecedented corner.

"I don't see how a lot of these owners have any choice but to close just to minimize the losses," Nadolny said.

Outright closures and drastically scaled-back operations have led to a big loss in jobs.

In Illinois, the hotel industry accounts for 59,372 jobs and indirectly supports a total of 292,588 positions, according to an Oxford Economics study prepared for the American Hotel & Lodging Association. Estimates predict 44% of hotel employees have either lost or will lose their jobs in the coming weeks as a result of the coronavirus.

"It's really depressing," said Nelis Rodriguez, 45, who was let go from her job last week as a server at the Warwick Allerton's restaurant a couple of days before the North Michigan Avenue

hotel shut down.

"I've been there 20 years," the Humboldt Park woman said. "I don't know what I'd do next. Right now, I'm just sitting tight. But I can't sit tight for longer than two weeks."

Chicago-based Hyatt Hotels Corp. plans to suspend operations at some of its hotels and initiate pay and work reductions across the globe — at all job levels and responsibilities — starting April 1 through the end of May.

Two-thirds of Hyatt's U.S. corporate employees will be furloughed or have their work schedules significantly reduced, the company said.

During that two-month period, Hyatt's senior leadership team will have its pay slashed in half, and CEO and President Mark Hoplamazian and board Chairman Tom Pritzker will forgo their salaries. The money will be used to seed a Hyatt Care Fund for "colleagues with the most pressing financial needs due to loss of income," a company statement said.

Benefits will be extended as well. "Hyatt is actively taking steps to protect and fund benefit coverage (including employee benefit premiums) for up to two months."

Cuts are headed for other

big hotel chains too. Marriott International spokesman Brendan McManus confirmed news reports that roughly two-thirds of its corporate employees will be furloughed but continue to be compensated at 20% of their usual pay. Those who remain will see pay cuts.

"We may have half the rooms pulled out of the market," he said.

Jacobson of the state lodging association worries that at least some temporary closures could become permanent.

"When you decide to shut off your lights and lock your doors, the amount of money needed to get back into operations increases exponentially," he said. "There are some things hotels are still going to be paying while they're shuttered. The property tax is still going to accrue — that's one of the largest expenses for hotels. They're still keeping a skeletal staff on-site for security, engineering and those things. Those labor costs aren't going to be recouped when there's zero revenue coming in the door."

"I do think that some of the hotels, with the profit margins they operate under, are going to have no choice but to walk away and not reopen."

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Centers

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Rae Lichon, 28, of Lincolnshire, chose not to come into work last week at the Peppermint Stick Children's Center in north suburban Grayslake over concerns that her 17-month-old son, who attends with her, might be exposed to the virus.

"We made the decision, in the interest of our child's health, not to bring him to day care, and I don't have anyone else to watch him," said Lichon, who works three days a week while attending college.

The day care center, which closed Friday after the governor's stay-at-home

order, did not respond to a request for comment.

In addition to the 667 emergency applicants, there may be other licensed day care facilities still operating in Illinois, Strokosch said. Home-based day care providers with six kids or fewer don't have to apply for an emergency license, and can remain open as long as they are exclusively serving the children of essential workers.

DCFS will publish a list of the emergency child care facilities in the coming days, Strokosch said.

The "vast majority" of applicants so far are existing child care facilities, but a number of nontraditional locations such as schools and hospitals are seeking to

become emergency child care centers during the stay-at-home order as well, Strokosch said.

Strokosch said nontraditional child care centers would have to go through an application process — including background checks — before they could begin operation as emergency facilities, but that process would be expedited by DCFS.

While DCFS normally conducts on-site investigations to approve new child care centers, the agency will rely on video and other technology to remotely inspect the facilities.

Schools, which have been closed by the state, could convert to day care centers quickly, Strokosch said.



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Teachers Yesenia Moreno, from left, Heather Ferdrick and Reyna Labra play with a group of toddlers at The Nook Childcare and Preschool on Tuesday in Chicago.

"A school is already heavily regulated and they're meeting the vast majority of our requirements already — all of their employees have

been background checked," he said.

The Illinois State Board of Education encouraged schools in a tweet Sunday to

apply to serve as emergency child care sites, and included a link to the DCFS application.

Employers may also look to provide child care services under the emergency provision, especially those with a large number of essential staff. But Strokosch said the approval process will be stringent for any applicant that wasn't previously providing licensed child care — even in the midst of a global pandemic.

"We haven't really changed the licensing standards," Strokosch said. "The big change is who you're allowed to serve in that center."

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Since slide began, stocks see 1st back-to-back gains

\$2T aid bill delay slows rally, but S&P 500 still up 1.2%

By STAN CHOE, DAMIAN J. TROISE AND ALEX VEIGA
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stocks scored their first back-to-back gains Wednesday since a brutal sell-off began five weeks ago, but much of an early rally faded late in the day as a last-minute dispute threatened to hold up a \$2 trillion economic rescue package in Congress.

The S&P 500 rose 1.2%, bringing its two-day gain to 10.6%. It had been up 5.1% earlier in the day as Congress moved closer to approving the plan to provide badly needed aid to an economy that has been ravaged by the coronavirus. The market is now down nearly 27% since setting a record high a month ago.

Many on Wall Street say they don't think stocks have hit bottom yet, but optimism rose after the White House and Senate leaders announced an agreement on the aid bill early Wednesday. A vote had been expected in the Senate by the end of the day, but then some lawmakers balked at the proposed bill.

Sens. Tim Scott, R-S.C., Ben Sasse, R-Neb., and Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., said that they found a "drafting error" in the legislation that could give employers incentives to lay off employees. Afterward, Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., said he would put a hold on the bill unless the three senators dropped their objections.

Investors were anxiously waiting for the aid in the rescue package, which lawmakers hope will help blunt the blow to the economy as businesses shut down to slow the spread of the coronavirus.

"They're hitting on all the right elements of what the U.S. economy needs during the shutdown to bridge itself to the other side to open up economic activity," said Darrell Cronk, chief investment officer of Wells Fargo Wealth and Investment Management.

But optimists say the package provides just the second leg of three that markets need to regain lasting confidence. The Federal Reserve and central banks are also offering tremendous aid by cutting interest rates and supporting lending markets, but investors say they need to see the number

of new infections peak before they can feel comfortable knowing how deep the economic downturn will be.

"There's a lot of bad news, there's very little tangible good news and there's a lot of uncertainty in between," said Jack Ablin, chief investment officer at Cresset.

Investors are also still waiting to see the details of Washington's plan, which will include direct payments to most Americans and aid for hard-hit industries. It's unclear when the House of Representatives could vote on the plan.

"It's too early to call a bottom because there's way too much uncertainty," said Tony Rodriguez, head of fixed income strategy at Nuveen. "For it to become a bottom, you would need to see much better news coming out on the health care side of this."

With widening swaths of the economy shutting down and layoffs mounting, economists are sure a steep drop-off is coming. They're forecasting a report on Thursday will show a record number of Americans filed for unemployment benefits as layoffs sweep the country.

Worker

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president of the Bakery, Confectionery, Tobacco Workers and Grain Millers International Union Local 1, which represents about 3,500 people in the Midwest who work at companies including Mondelez International, Ferrara Candy and Tootsie Roll.

Woods said he consulted a local congressman for an opinion and was told candy is part of the critical food supply chain, in part because people holed up at home might be craving sweets.

"They've got to show up," Woods said of his members. "The only thing we can make sure of is that employers follow the CDC guidelines. Employers are doing that."

Chicago-based Ferrara Candy, maker of Lemonheads and Trolli, cited state and federal guidelines as reasons for continuing production. Late last week, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency issued advisory guidance defining which workers are "essential to continued critical infrastructure viability" during the coronavirus emergency, a list that includes employees of food manufacturers.

"Ferrara, along with other food and snack manufacturers, continues to produce products to meet the needs of our consumers and retail partners," spokeswoman Sarah Kittel said in a statement. "We are doing it with the highest standard of care possible to ensure the health and safety of our team, and we see it as a responsibility and privilege to keep our team employed through these challenging times."

Businesses weighing whether or not they are essential — and therefore whether or not they should temporarily shutter — are grappling with employee concerns about safety as well as paychecks.

Ikea, which has closed all of its U.S. retail stores and many abroad, is keeping its distribution centers open to handle e-commerce. Though one could argue that buying a new sofa isn't essential at this moment, Illinois' stay-at-home order lists distribution centers as "essential infrastructure" and has a provision for businesses that sell or manufacture supplies to work from home. But the furniture-maker said the decision to keep selling online had more to do with keeping employees paid.

"It is important for each and every one of us to understand that the decision to continue to operate our ecommerce business as long as we can is not about making a profit," the Swedish company said in an open letter to employees Monday. "It is about protecting our people and their livelihoods in this time of uncertainty. In these times, ecommerce is critical for the longevity of our business, and we need to protect the business, so that we can continue protecting our co-workers."

Aviva Grumet-Morris, a Chicago-based partner in the labor and employment group at Winston & Strawn, said employers are taking pains to make an honest assessment of whether they are essential, a classification Illinois' order says should be construed broadly to ensure necessary goods and services continue to be available.

Companies that supply essential businesses are also considered, essential, so the order encompasses more than the obvious.

What should employees do if they're concerned about working?

Employees who dispute the essentialness of their business should raise concerns with their manager to get an understanding of the company's thinking, Grumet-Morris said. If a person feels uncomfortable going into work, it's possible that the employer could accommodate the worker as it tries to make the workplace compliant with evolving safety



An employee oversees SweeTart candies as they come down the line at the Ferrara Candy Co. in Itasca.

guidelines.

"It may be that the solution here is one that is great for everyone," Grumet-Morris said. "If you have a business and it needs to reduce the number of people that are on the floor at a particular time, or they want to move people to a different shift, it could be to the worker's benefit."

Employees who are particularly vulnerable to becoming ill with COVID-19, such as if they have an underlying condition, could seek a reasonable accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act that could allow them to work from home or take a leave, Grumet-Morris said.

Though Illinois is an at-will state, meaning employees can be fired without cause, many employers are accommodating workers who don't want to show up to a work site because they are worried about virus exposure, attorneys say.

Concerned employees can inquire about taking paid time off if they have it or unpaid leave if they don't. Some companies are waiving their usual penalties for absences.

"I'm advising my clients not to take punitive action if an employee truly has a good faith belief that they're truly scared," said Brian Alcala, a Chicago-based attorney with Nixon Peabody who represents management in employment cases.

At Chicago-based Conagra, which makes Duncan Hines and Wishbone products at two Illinois plants, "if an employee chooses not to work their shift then they will still have a job when they return," spokesman Michael Cummins said.

The United Food and Commercial Workers Local 1546, which represents some 25,000 regional grocery store cashiers as well as meatpacking and other food production workers, said employers have been accommodating employees' individual situations.

"They are allowing them to take time off with or without pay, depending on the employer," said Bob O'Toole, president of the local.

Extra pay, protections

Some companies requiring employees to show up during the pandemic are sweetening the deal by offering extra pay and leave protections, often as they seek to hire thousands more workers to meet rising demand for certain services.

Jewel-Osclo, which is hiring 3,000 workers across the grocery chain, on Monday announced a \$2 per hour pay raise for associates, and the installation of plastic sneeze guards at registers.

Mondelez International, the Deerfield-based food giant that makes Oreos and Triscuits, also announced a \$2 hourly raise for front-line workers, two more weeks of paid leave and \$150 bonus for sales representatives as it seeks to hire 1,000 more employees.

PepsiCo, which plans to hire 6,000 more workers, is increasing pay by \$100 a week for 90,000 employees and has offered full pay for 12 weeks if a plant must close.

The federal emergency leave law approved last week also offers some addi-

tional worker protections, though it does not apply to employers with more than 500 workers and those with fewer than 50 can seek exemptions. It also doesn't apply to independent contractors.

Under the act, which goes into effect April 2 through the end of the year, full-time employees get 80 hours fully paid sick time if they are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 or are under a quarantine order, and part-timers get a proportionate amount. They get at least two-thirds of their regular pay if they are caring for someone with a coronavirus-related illness or must stay home with a child whose school or day care is closed.

The law also expands on the Family and Medical Leave Act by allowing people to take up to 12 weeks off at two-thirds pay, up to \$200 daily, to care for a child subject to a public health-related school closure.

Ensuring safety at work sites

Employers that continue to operate are being advised by the state to institute additional safety measures, such as staggering work schedules to minimize the number of employees present at the same time and using tape or signage to impose 6-foot social distancing rules. Some may close break rooms to prevent too many people from congregating, per CDC guidelines to avoid gatherings of more than 10 people.

Anyone who can work from home should be encouraged to do so — and if they are working they must be paid, not forced to take paid time off, attorneys say.

Employees who feel their workplace is unsafe should contact the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, the Illinois Department of Labor said in a fact sheet addressing employees' COVID-19 concerns.

Uncharted territory

The unprecedented nature of the pandemic response is raising more questions than answers about the obligations essential businesses have to protect their employees, said Karen Munoz, a partner with the boutique Chicago law firm Dolan Law, which represents plaintiffs in personal injury, victims' rights and employment cases. She anticipates there will be plenty of people taking to the courts to challenge how they were treated by their employers during this time.

"We are going to be seeing litigation from this for years," Munoz said. That includes possible negligence claims if businesses don't implement the recommended safety measures and employees end up getting sick.

But Munoz urges employees to talk with their managers about their concerns and to see if they can agree to an arrangement that makes them feel safe.

"Everyone needs to be a bit more humane during these times," she said.

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Aetna waives hospital stay payments due to virus

By TOM MURPHY
Associated Press

One of the nation's biggest health insurers is waiving patient payments for hospital stays tied to the coronavirus.

CVS Health's insurer Aetna said Wednesday that many of its customers will not have to make copayments or other forms of cost sharing if they wind up admitted to a hospital in the insurer's provider network.

The move could save those patients thousands of dollars, depending on their coverage and how much health care they've used this year.

The waiver lasts through June 1. It applies to the insurer's 3.6 million customers who have fully insured coverage, usually offered through a small business. Big employers that offer Aetna coverage also can choose to waive those payments, a spokesman for the insurer said.

The new coronavirus has caused a global pandemic that has infected hundreds of thousands of people and killed more than 20,000 worldwide, crippled economies and forced restrictions on the movement of millions of people in an effort to stop the virus from spreading further and overwhelming health care systems.

CVS Health Executive Vice President Karen Lynch said in a statement the company is trying to ensure that its customers have "simple and affordable access" to treatment during the pandemic.

Many insurers have waived patient costs for testing or doctor visits and telemedicine to encourage people to get help. But Aetna, which covers nearly 23 million, is the first major insurer to extend a payment waiver to the bills many patients will fear most if they become sick.

For most, the new coronavirus causes mild or moderate symptoms that clear up in two to three weeks. For some, especially older adults and people with existing health problems, it can cause more severe illness, including pneumonia and death.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

Ford recalls 268K cars to fix latches

DETROIT — Ford is recalling more than 268,000 cars in North America to fix doors that could open unexpectedly or may not close. The recall covers the 2014 through 2016 Ford Fusion and Lincoln MKZ, and the 2014 and 2015 Ford Fiesta.

Cars in Mexico, U.S. territories and 16 states with high temperatures are affected.

Ford says a lever in the door latch can crack and fail. Typically doors won't close when it fails, but customers may be able to latch it after repeated attempts.

If that happens, the doors could open while the cars are in motion.

Ford says it's not aware of any crashes or injuries caused by the problem.

Dealers will replace the side door latches. Owners will be notified starting May 4.

Remington offers supply effort help

ILION, N.Y. — Remington Arms has offered to donate manufacturing space for hospital supplies in New York.

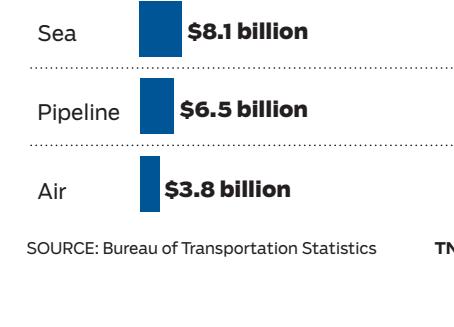
CEO of the gun manufacturer, Ken D'Arcy, wrote a letter Monday to New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo and President Donald Trump, offering "approximately one million square feet of unused and available manufacturing space" at the Ilion plant, the Ithaca Journal reported.

Cuomo issued an executive order for all nonessential workers to remain home, and the company announced Friday it would shut down in compliance until April 30.

D'Arcy said the company would be honored to help produce ventilators, masks, hospital beds or any other products to aid the efforts to combat the virus.

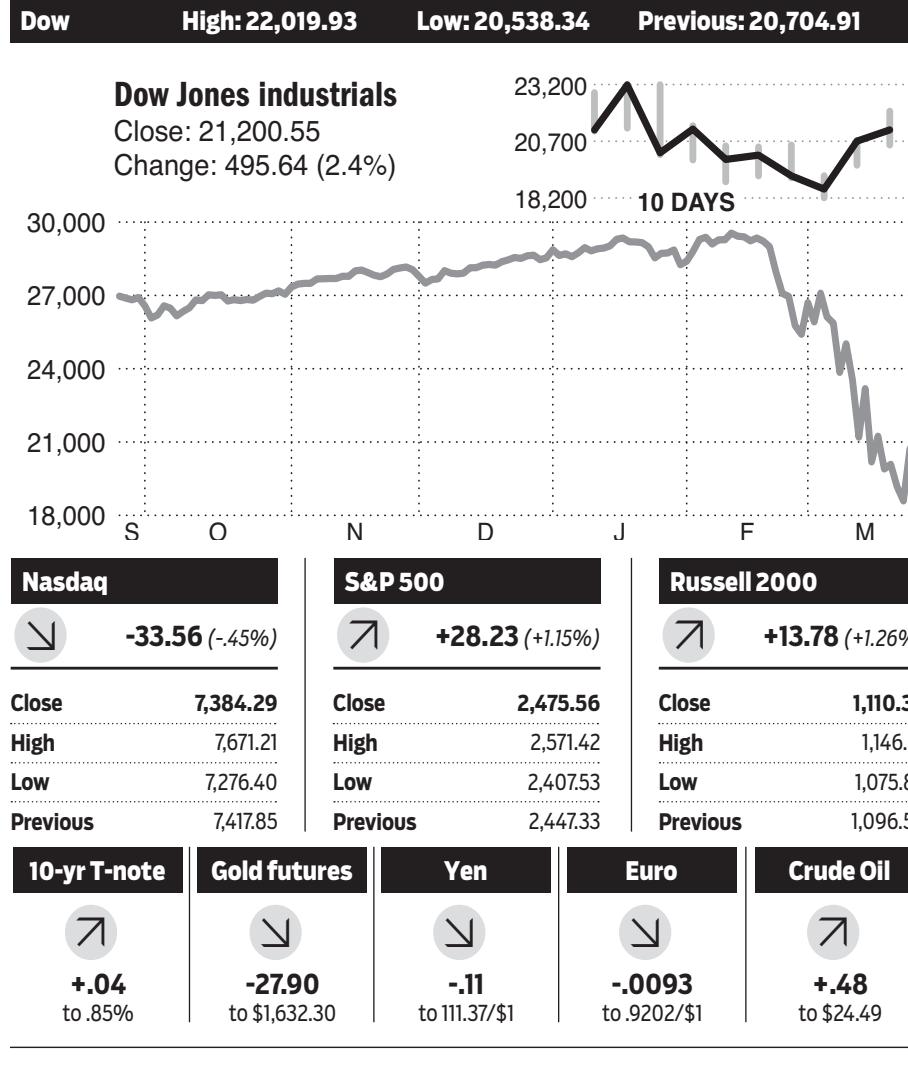
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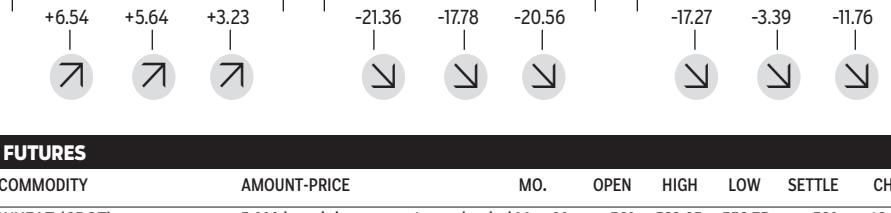
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Abbott Labs	N	70.75	+1.06	Dover Corp	N	80.59	+5.85	Littelfuse Inc	O	125.79	-3.86
AbbVie Inc	N	67.91	+.42	Envestnet Inc	N	56.62	+.09	McDonalds Corp	N	162.98	+1.03
Allstate Corp	N	83.00	+.08	Equity Commonwealth	N	31.08	+.85	Middleby Corp	O	55.69	+6.70
Anixter Intl	N	90.00	+.25	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	49.73	+.63	Mondelez Intl	O	46.11	-.55
Aptagroup Inc	N	90.18	+.21	Equity Residential	N	54.57	+.24	Morningstar Inc	O	117.27	+2.86
Arch Dan Mid	N	32.70	+.38	Exelon Corp	O	34.55	+.04	Motorola Solutions	N	133.66	+2.85
Baxter Intl	N	73.57	-.34	First Indl RT	N	28.73	+.03	NiSource Inc	N	22.83	+.89
Boeing Co	N	158.73	+.31	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec N	42.41	+2.04	Ntnh Trust Cp	O	72.86	+3.00	
Brunswick Corp	N	35.15	+.01	Gallagher AJ	N	77.21	-.06	Old Republic	N	13.58	-.36
CBOE Global Markets	N	80.00	+.15	Grainger WW	N	23.29	-.14	Packaging Corp Am	N	79.83	.25
CDK Global Inc	O	34.16	+.61	GrubHub Inc	N	35.75	+.10	Paylocity Hdq	O	92.54	+5.17
CDW Corp	O	91.91	-.92	Hill-Rom Hdgs	N	95.58	+.90	RLI Corp	N	79.63	-2.24
CF Industries	N	27.02	+.14	IAA Inc	N	30.58	+.24	Stericycle Inc	O	42.24	+1.04
CME Group	O	156.33	+.07	IDEX Corp	N	119.36	-.63	TransUnion	N	65.77	+4.08
CNA Financial	N	30.63	+.38	ITW	N	143.53	+.53	US Foods Holding	N	16.94	+1.65
Cabot Microelect	O	102.54	-.54	Ingration Inc	N	69.88	+.14	ulta Salon Cosmetics	O	191.88	+14.29
Caterpillar Inc	N	104.67	+.33	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	91.21	+.37	United Airlines Hdq	O	36.60	+3.60
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	26.08	-.45	Kemper Corp	N	70.48	+4.37	Ventas Inc	N	28.40	+2.70
Deere Co	N	128.49	+.29	Kraft Heinz Co	O	22.96	-.03	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	41.44	-3.81
Discover Fin Svcs	N	37.45	+.37	LKQ Corporation	O	20.00	+.04	Zebra Tech	O	186.23	+5.68

Major market growth and decline



FUTURES

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 20	560	583.25	556.75	580	+18.50
		Jul 20	553	571.50	551.25	567.75	+12.50
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 20	347.50	352.75	345.75	348.50	+1.25
		Jul 20	352	356.75	350.75	353.50	+1.50
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 20	885	897	880.50	881.50	-5.25
		Jul 20	886	898	882.75	884.75	-2.75
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	May 20	26.49	27.04	26.12	26.64	+.09
		Jul 20	26.73	27.34	26.45	26.99	+.15
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	May 20	332.10	333.40	320.10	321.70	-10.40
		Jul 20	323.90	326.40	316.80	318.30	-6.30
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	May 20	24.37	25.24	22.91	24.49	+.48
		Jun 20	26.64	27.59	25.56	27.16	+.96
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Apr 20	1,673	1,716	1,638	1,659	+.006
		May 20	1,741	1,782	1,697	1,714	-.015
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Apr 20	.4480	.5808	.4475	.5468	+.1031
		May 20	.5076	.6387	.5050	.6054	+.0949

Source: The Associated Press

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
MFA Financial	1.14	+.78
Ford Motor	4.39	+.44
Bank of America	21.10	+.07
Gen Electric	7.56	+.55
Carnival Corp	15.55	+.18
Boeing Co	158.73	+.31
Chesapeake Energy	.19	-.01
Berkshire Hath B	180.47	+.27
Facebook Inc	156.21	-.47
HSBC Holdings prA	24.27	+.97
Intel Corp	51.26	-.14
JPMorgan Chase	91.73	+.30
Exxon Mobil Corp	37.29	+.18
Occidental Petrol	12.00	+.28
Wells Fargo & Co	28.97	+.05
MGM Resorts Int'l	12.95	+.77
Uber Technologies	26.19	-.20
Energy Transfer L.P.	4.92	+.12
Halliburton	6.77	+.14
Petrobras	5.80	+.37
Nokia Corp	.07	+.13
Aurora Cannabis Inc	5.95	+.03
Norwegian Cruise Ln	16.96	+.32
Marathon Oil	3.58	-.03
Anadys Capital Mgmt	5.95	+.90
CocaCola Co	41.61	+.21

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
T2 Biosystems	.64	+.25
American Airlines Gp	15.39	+.14
Adv Micro Dev	44.63	-.15
Apple Inc	245.52	-.13
Microsoft Corp	146.92	-.42
Comcast Corp A	33.57	-.07
Micron Tech	42.50	-.77
AstroTech Corp	4.05	+.23
Cisco Syst	37.67	-.93
Intel Corp	51.26	-.14
Groupon Inc	.89	+.10
Facebook Inc	156.21	-.47
United Airlines Hdq	36.60	+.36
TOP Ships Inc	.09	+.01
JetBlue Airways Cp	11.34	+.19
NY Mortgage Trust	1.22	+.20
Sirius XM Hdgs Inc	5.05	+.07
Tilray Inc	5.04	+.02
Ayu BioScience Inc	1.68	-.31
Biocept Inc	.35	+.04
Gilead Sciences	69.66	-.43
Caesars Entertain	7.13	+.95
Starbucks Cp	65.81	+.93
AGNC Investment Cp	12.50	+.13

FOREIGN MARKETS

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OBITUARIES

BRADLEY LANGER 1955-2020

Radiologist at Stroger Hospital served as its interim director

BY GRAYDON MEGAN



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Dr. Bradley Langer

Dr. Bradley Langer was an interventional radiologist with Cook County Hospital and Stroger Hospital for more than 20 years, serving as chairman of the radiology department and later for several years as the hospital's interim medical director.

Interventional radiology uses medical imaging guidance, including X-rays, ultrasound, computer tomography (CT) and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) to precisely guide medical therapies to the internal structures of the body. Interventional procedures might be used to treat internal bleeding from a gunshot wound or for biopsies of abnormalities in the liver or lungs, said Langer's longtime friend and colleague Dr. Patrick Dunne.

"He worked in all areas of radiology," Dunne said. "From top to bottom, he was involved in the delivery of health care for the people of Cook County. He also worked to get it made better by his administrative decisions."

Langer, 64, died of complications from leukemia March 14 in Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago, according to his wife, Julie Bernatz. He lived in the Streeterville neighborhood.

Langer was born in Chicago and grew up in West Rogers Park, the son of a radiologist. After graduating from Mather High School, he went on to the University of Chicago for an undergraduate degree before getting his medical degree from the University of Illinois College of Medicine in Chicago.

He worked at the University of Illinois Hospital for several years before joining what was then Cook

patients we care for at Cook County," Dunne said. "He was always very patient-centered, and also (concerned) for his staff, people who worked in the department. He helped them in any way he could and treated them with the utmost respect."

Langer became radiology department chair in the mid-1990s. A few years later, he agreed to become interim medical director and held that post until about 2008, when he resumed his post as department head. He retired about 2010, Dunne said.

Langer had a house in France that he visited regularly. Also enthusiastic about fine dining, he had several favorite restaurants, all distinguished by what his friend Tem Horwitz said was a quality of integrity.

"Bradley had a total appreciation for anybody who pursued what they were doing with integrity — across the whole range of activities," Horwitz said. "He had no tolerance at all for pretension or phonies."

One place Langer found that integrity was with his friend Donnie Madia, one of the founding partners of the Chicago restaurant Blackbird.

"Brad was a loyal guest of Blackbird for 22 years," Madia said. Langer would walk to the restaurant on West Randolph Street from County, meeting his wife and daughter for dinner.

"He was a great man, and he did some great work," Madia said.

In addition to his wife, Langer is survived by his mother, Esther; a daughter, Sylvie; a sister, Karen Langer; and his brother, the author Adam Langer.

Plans for a gathering are pending.

Graydon Megan is a freelance reporter.

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ON MARCH 26 ...

In 1793, the Holy Roman Empire declared war on France.

In 1804, the Louisiana Purchase was divided into the Territory of Orleans and the District of Louisiana.

In 1816, America's first savings bank, the Bank for Savings in the City of New York, was chartered.

In 1913, more than 1,400 people died in floods that swept through Ohio, Indiana and Texas.

In 1918, Marshal Ferdinand Foch of France was named commander of the Allied armies in World War I.

In 1930, Sandra Day O'Connor, later the first female justice on the U.S. Supreme Court, was born near Duncan, Ariz.

In 1937, a 6-foot-tall statue of the cartoon character "Popeye" was unveiled during the Second Annual Spinach Festival in Crystal City, Texas.

In 1958, the Army launched America's third successful satellite, Explorer 3.

In 1962, the Supreme Court gave federal courts the power to order reapportion-

ment of seats in a state legislature, a decision that eventually led to the doctrine of "one man, one vote."

In 1964, the musical play "Funny Girl," starring Barbara Streisand, opened on Broadway.

In 1971, East Pakistan proclaimed its independence, taking the name Bangladesh.

In 1973, British actor, playwright and composer Noel Coward died in Jamaica; he was 73.

In 1977, China marked the 150th anniversary of Beethoven's death by lifting a ban on his music.

In 1979, the Camp David peace treaty was signed by Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat at the White House.

In 1981, a jury in Los Angeles awarded entertainer Carol Burnett \$1.6 million from the "National Enquirer" for an article she had charged was libelous. (The award later was reduced, and the two parties settled out of court.)

In 1982, groundbreaking ceremonies took place in Washington, D.C., for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

In 2008, behind the Pentagon's closed doors, U.S. military leaders told President George W. Bush they were worried about the Iraq War's mounting strain on troops and their families, but indicated they'd go along with a brief halt in pulling out troops during summer 2008.

In 2013, President Barack Obama appointed veteran agent Julia Pierson to lead the Secret Service, the agency's first female director.

In 2014, a New York City jury found terrorism suspect Sulaiman Abu Ghait, a brother-in-law of Osama bin Laden, guilty in his role as a spokesman for al-Qaida in the days after 9/11.

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Safron, Florence

Florence Safron age 86, (nee Berkin) beloved wife of the late Albert Safron happily married for 63 years; loving mother of Steven (Louise) and William (Paola) Safron; cherished Bubbie of Zachary Safron (Ajaree), much loved sister of the late Gertrude (Gittel) Shlagman (late Abe Shlagman), Bernard Berkin (Yvonne), late sister Sylvia (late Larry) Wender and late Dorothy Small; treasured aunt to many nieces and nephews.

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Tresnowski, Leanne Irish

Leanne Irish Tresnowski, 73, of North Barrington, IL, born on December 29, 1946 in Niagara Falls, NY, passed away peacefully at home with her loving family by her side on March 24, 2020. Leanne will be deeply missed by her loving husband Bernard "Barney" Tresnowski; her daughter Megan (Perry) Borger; her step-children, Linda (Andy) Martorana, Judy Tresnowski, Mark (Rita) Tresnowski, Tom Tresnowski; her Mary Beth (Jeff) Standerski, and David Tresnowski; her grandchildren, Skylar, Lily and Ella Borger; her sister, Maureen (Paul) Schwendener; and many loving nephews, nieces and extended family. She was preceded in death by her mother, Eleanor Irish and father, S. Lee Irish. Leanne loved to cook, travel, knit and needlepoint. She was an avid reader and was passionate about her church, Altar Guild, Bible study and her family and friends. A memorial service will be held at a later date at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 647 Dundee Ave., Barrington, IL. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to United Service Organization, P.O. Box 96860, Washington D.C., 20090, www.uso.org or the Altar Guild of St. Michael's Episcopal Church. Arrangements were entrusted to **Davenport Family Funeral Home and Crematory**, Barrington. For information, please call the funeral home at 847-381-3411 or visit www.davenportfamily.com where friends may leave an online condolence message for the family.

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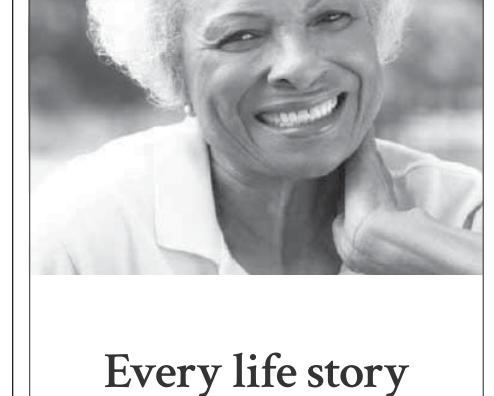
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Zott, Antoinette 'Gari'

Antoinette "Gari" Zott, 88, was called to her eternal home on March 9, 2020. She was born in Hackensack, NJ, on July 18, 1931 to Carmine and Anna (nee Colella) Grimaldi. Gari worked on Wall Street as a secretary and later enjoyed a 20-year career as a realtor in Chicago's northern suburbs. Gari was the loving mother of Deb (Steve) Carr, Rich (Beth) Zott and David (Elizabeth) Zott; cherished grandmother of Caitlin, Douglas (Alexis), Ricky (Tu), Michael, Joshua, Alexandra, Aubrey (Trey), and Christopher; dear sister of Robert (Rosemary) Grimaldi and the late Allie (Juddy) Grimaldi; and treasured aunt and friend of many. Gari was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Richard. Visitation is 10:00 a.m. Saturday, April 18th at Faith Lutheran Church, 680 W. Deerpath Road, Lake Forest, followed by an 11:00 a.m. Memorial Service. Interment is private. The family wants to thank The Springs of Vernon Hills for all the kind and loving care they gave Gari, and Seasons Hospice & Palliative Care for their compassionate attention to her needs. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, <https://www.stjude.org/give/memorials-and-dedications.html> in loving memory of Gari Zott or the charity of your choice. Information: **Wenban Funeral Home**, Lake Forest, IL www.wenban.com or 847/234-0022.

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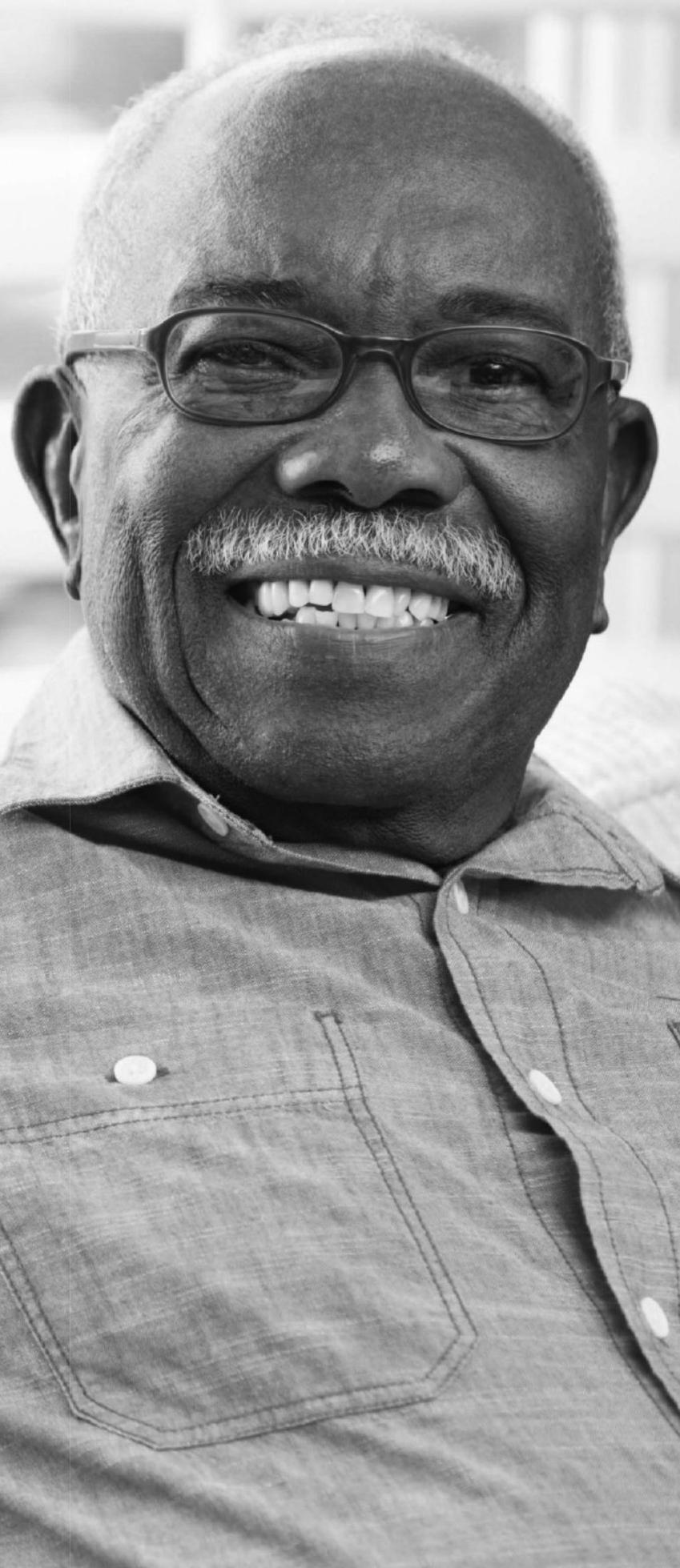
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STATE OF ILLINOIS FIRM NO: 40466 COUNTY OF COOK IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, AS TRUSTEE OF HOMECAP - BUT, SOLO, AS TRUSTEE OF HOME PRESERVATION PARTNERSHIP TRUST Plaintiff vs UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF VERA HARRIS; JOHN LYDON, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR VERA HARRIS; CITY OF CHICAGO; THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS Defendant(s). Case No. 2019 CH 10774 Cal: 57 Property Address: 5164 S WABASH AVE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60615 NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF VERA HARRIS, and UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, defendants in the above entitled cause, that suit has been commenced against you and other defendants in the Circuit Court for the Judicial Circuit by said plaintiff praying for the foreclosure of certain mortgaged conveying the premises described as follows: Lot 21, The NORTH TWENTY TWO (20) FEET EIGHT (8) INCHES OF THAT PART OF THE SOUTH WEST QUARTER OF SECTION TEN (10) TOWNSHIP THIRTY EIGHT (38) NORTH, RANGE FOURTEEN (14), EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN CENTER OF WABASH AVENUE SIX HUNDRED SIXTY (660) FEET SOUTH THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SOUTH WEST QUARTER, THENCE RUNNING WEST PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SOUTH WEST QUARTER, TWO HUNDRED TWENTY ONE (221) FEET MORE OR LESS TO THE CENTER OF THE ALLEY, THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE CENTER OF SAID ALLEY SIXTY SIX (66) FEET, THENCE EAST PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SOUTH WEST QUARTER, TWO HUNDRED TWENTY ONE (221) FEET MORE OR LESS TO THE CENTER OF SAID ALLEY, THENCE NORTH LONG THE CENTER OF SAID AVENUE SIXTY SIX (66) FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS Commonly Known As: 5164 S WABASH AVE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60615 Legal Description or Property Index Number: 20-10-300-057-0000 VOL 0253 and which said Mortgage was made by VERA HARRIS as Mortgagor(s) to WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE, INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 0413805170 and for other relief; that Summons was duly issued out of the above Court against you as provided by law and that suit said is now pending. NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, you will be deemed to have consented to the jurisdiction of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County on or before April 13, 2020, a default may be taken against you at any time after that date and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Date: March 9, 2020 Gersilda Bac, Attorney Eric Feldman & Associates, P.C. Firm No: 40466 Eric Feldman & Associates, PC | Attorneys for Plaintiff 123 W. Madison, Suite 1704 | Chicago, IL 60602 P: 312.344.3529 | F: 877.512.4228 Firm No: 40466 | paralegal@efalaw.com 3/12, 3/19, 3/26/2020 6630195

MANLEY, DEAS, KOCHALSKI LLC One East Wacker - Suite 1250 Chicago, IL 60601 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff v. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND BENEFICIARIES OF DOUGLAS KOENIG AKA DOUGLAS M. KOENIG, DECEASED, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS: HEATHER KOENIG; DOUGLAS KOENIG, JR., Defendants, Case No. 2020CH02737. The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, The Unknown Heirs or Beneficiaries of Douglas Koenig AKA Douglas M. Koenig, deceased, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, 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: Lot 22 in Block 10 in the Subdivision of the South 921 feet of Block 6 lying West of and adjoining Block 18 in Grant Land Association, a subdivision of Section 21, Township 39 North, Range 13, East of the Third Principal Meridian, Cook County, Illinois, 1943 South 55th Court, Cicero, IL 60694 16-21-305-022-0000 Now, therefore, unless you, The Unknown Heirs or Beneficiaries of Douglas Koenig AKA Douglas M. Koenig, deceased, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, 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 27, 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-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. You must first make an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit: <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/e-services-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit: <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/fa/gethelp.aspx> or contact the Clerk of this Court. Alan S. Kaufman (6289939), MANLEY, DEAS, KOCHALSKI, LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601 Phone: 312-651-6700; Fax: 642-220-5613 Atty. No.: 48928 Email: sef-askaufman@manleydeas.com One of Plaintiff's Attorneys 3/26, 4/2, 4/9/2020 6640921

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TO: 10 Sixty Technologies, LLC, 10 Sixty Technologies, LLC, c/o Jennifer Staples - President; Otto Engineering, Inc.; Otto Engineering, Inc., c/o Thomas J. Roesner; GPA Constructing Services, Inc.; Plumbers Welfare Fund, Local 100, UAW; Golden Industrial, LLC, Occupant, 1429-1431 Clark Avenue, Chicago, IL 60613-1010; Marden Industrial, LLC, c/o William Ryan-Registered Agent; Golden Plastics LLC; Golden Plastics LLC, c/o William Ryan-Registered Agent; Lorraine Herout, Trustee of the Frank E. Herout, Jr. Trust; Frank E. Herout, Jr., Trustee of the Lorraine Herout, Trust; 10 Sixty Technologies; Karen A. Yarborough, County Clerk; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2020COTD000428 FILED: 1/29/2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 5/8/2018 Certificate No.: 16-00066195 Sold for General Taxes of (year): 2016 Sold for Special Assessments of (Municipality): N/A. Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 165 N. FIELD BOULEVARD UNIT D27, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60642 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 17-10-400-033-1111 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 7/20/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2020COTD000429 FILED: 1/29/2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 5/8/2018 Certificate No.: 16-0009504 Sold for General Taxes of (year): 2016 Sold for Special Assessments of (Municipality): N/A. Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 165 N. FIELD BOULEVARD UNIT D27, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60642 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 15-24-209-024-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 7/20/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2020COTD000430 FILED: 1/29/2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 5/18/2018 Certificate No.: 16-0002398 Sold for General Taxes of (year): 2016 Sold for Special Assessments of (Municipality): N/A. Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 165 N. FIELD BOULEVARD UNIT D27, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60642 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 17-10-400-033-1111 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 7/20/2020. 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FIELD BOULEVARD UNIT D27, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60642 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 15-24-209-024-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 7/20/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2020COTD000432 FILED: 1/29/2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 5/18/2018 Certificate No.: 16-0002400 Sold for General Taxes of (year): 2016 Sold for Special Assessments of (Municipality): N/A. Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 165 N. FIELD BOULEVARD UNIT D27, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60642 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 15-24-209-024-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 7/20/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is

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TO: Darrell Raymond Monterera; Rikkisha L. Candler; Occupant/Unit P-6, 4345 S. Indiana Ave., Chicago, IL; Westward 360; 4345 S. Indiana Condominium Association, c/o Randy Setole; Judgment Creditors, And Decree Creditors, If Any Of The Above Described As "Unknown Owners"; David D. Orr, Cook County Clerk; Parties in Occupancy, Other; Person(s) or Entity, Property Unknown Owners Or Persons Interested In Said Land Or Lot. TAX DEED NO. 2020 COTD 000771. FILED: March 6, 2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook, State offilsons Date Premises Sold: July 17, 2019 Certificate No. 195-0003580 Sold for General Taxes of 2019 Scavenger Sale (2012-2017) Sold For Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable. And Special Assessment No. Not Applicable. Inst. No. Not Applicable. This PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 4345 S. Indiana Avenue, Unit P-6, Chicago, IL Legal Description/Property Index No. 203-303-030-1014 val. 252 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on July 20, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his/her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before July 20, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his/her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before July 20, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk, Address: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 Telephone: (312) 603-5645 CAROL HOLLAND, purchaser or assignee Dated: March 11, 2020 Jude M. Harris #5136 933 West Van Buren, Suite 304 Chicago, IL 60607 312-795-9600 harrislaw@ sbglobal.net 3/24, 3/25, 3/26/2020 6638131

TO: Byline Bank, as Successor to Metropolitan Bank and Trust Company as Trustee under Trust No. 2406, dated October 17, 2003; Byline Bank, as Trustee to Metropolitan Bank and Trust Company; Roberto V. J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, IL; on July 31, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before July 20, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 MIDWESTERN INVESTORS LLC Purchaser or Assignee Dated: March 16, 2020 Balin Law, PC Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58844 3/24, 3/25, 3/26/2020 6636009

TO: George Sirack; John Leja, Highland Condominium Inc., Highland Condominium Inc., and Azran Foreclosure LLC; Occupant, 7026 S. Cregier Ave. Unit B1, Chicago, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2020COTD000355. FILED: 1/27/2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 5/8/2018 Certificate No.: 16-000768 Sold for General Taxes of (year): 2016 Sold for Special Assessments of (Municipality): N/A Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 1323 W. 47TH STREET, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60609 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 20-108-002-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 7/20/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his/her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 7/20/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois, on 7/29/2020 in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 7/20/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk, ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 5 HOLE ACQUISITIONS, INC. Purchaser or Assignee Dated: March 16, 2020 Balin Law, PC Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58844 3/24, 3/25, 3/26/2020 6635860

TO: United States Receivers Caretakers Association; United States Receivers Caretakers Association, c/o Anthony Allen - Registered Agent; Matthew A. Brooks; Bankers Insurance Company, a Florida Corporation, Corporation and Action Immigration Bonds & Insurance, Co. Services, Inc.; Bankers Insurance Company, a Florida Corporation, Corporation and Action Immigration Bonds & Insurance, Co. Services, Inc., c/o Illinois Corporation Service, Inc.; Chicago Clerk, City of Chicago, c/o Corporation Counsel, City of Chicago, c/o Department of Buildings; Action Immigration Bonds & Insurance Co. Services, Inc., Action Immigration Bonds & Insurance, Co. Services, Inc., c/o Illinois Corporation Service, Co., U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Services; Matthew Brooks; Occupant; Karen A. Yarbrough, County Clerk; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2020COTD000317. FILED: 1/27/2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 7/19/2017 Certificate No.: 175-0005305 Sold for General Taxes of (year): 2017 Sold for Special Assessments of (Municipality): N/A Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 7200 S. VERNON AVE., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60636 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 20-27-000-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 7/20/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his/her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 7/20/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois, on 7/29/2020 in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 7/20/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk, ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 TUWANNA DENNIS Purchaser or Assignee Dated: March 11, 2020 Jude M. Harris #5136 933 West Van Buren, Suite 304 Chicago, IL 60607 312-795-9600 harrislaw@ sbglobal.net 3/24, 3/25, 3/26/2020 6638153

TO: Vincent Gavin; Occupant of Rear Garage; Rendered Services, Inc., c/o Leahrae Richert, 6137 S. Kimbark Condominium Association, c/o Ron Fisher; 6137 S. Kimbark Condominium Association; Illinois Department of Revenue (re: Vincent Gavin); Illinois Attorney General (re: Vincent Gavin); Judgment Creditors, And Decree Creditors, If Any Of The Above Described As "Unknown Owners"; David D. Orr, Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession of said property; Unknown owners or persons interested in said land or lot. TAX DEED NO. 2020 COTD 000772. FILED: March 6, 2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook, State of Illinois Date Premises Sold: July 17, 2019 Certificate No. 195-0003645 Sold for General Taxes of 2019 Scavenger Sale (2012-2017) Sold For Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable. And Special Assessment No. Not Applicable. Warrant No. Not Applicable. Inst. No. Not Applicable. TIDS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: directly behind 6137 S. Kimbark Ave., Condominiums; set back on the alley, in Chicago, Illinois Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-14-408-039-0000 Val. 256 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 7/20/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his/her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before July 20, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois, on 7/29/2020 in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before July 20, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk, Address: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 Telephone: (312) 603-5645 CAROL HOLLAND, purchaser or assignee Dated: March 11, 2020 Jude M. Harris #5136 933 West Van Buren, Suite 304 Chicago, IL 60607 312-795-9600 harrislaw@ sbglobal.net 3/24, 3/25, 3/26/2020 6638153

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TO: Clifton Leonard; Michael Copeland and Dion Ervin; Glen Arbor in Park Forest, Inc.; Bahic Investments, Inc.; Occupant, 149 Hemlock St. Unit A, Park Forest, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2020COTD000813. FILED: March 13, 2020. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 7/14/2017. Certificate No. 175-0002842. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2008-2015. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A. Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at: 149 Hemlock St. Unit A, Park Forest, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 31-36-200-025-1005. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 7/14/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 7/14/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602, on 7/24/2020 at 9:30 AM in room 1704. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 7/14/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Shawn Carrie, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: March 19, 2020. 3/24, 3/25, 3/26/2020 6638514

TO: Felix Stallings; Hattie Stallings; Zakya Cobb; Glen Arbor in Park Forest, Inc.; Occupant, 3474 Western Ave, Unit B, Park Forest, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2020COTD000812. FILED: March 13, 2020. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 7/14/2017. Certificate No. 175-0002846. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2006-2015. Sold for Special Assessments of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A. Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at: 3474 Western Ave, Unit B, Park Forest, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 31-36-200-025-1074. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 7/14/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 7/14/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602, on 7/24/2020 at 9:30 AM in room 1704. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 7/14/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Shawn Carrie, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: March 19, 2020. 3/24, 3/25, 3/26/2020 6638499

TO: Twin Arbor in Park Forest, Inc.; Christine Johnson; Occupant, 39 McCarry Rd., Park Forest, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2020COTD000811. FILED: March 13, 2020. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 7/14/2017. Certificate No. 175-0002849. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2009-2015. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A. Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at: 39 McCarry Rd., Park Forest, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 31-36-200-028-1024. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 7/14/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 7/14/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602, on 7/24/2020 at 9:30 AM in room 1704. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 7/14/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Shawn Carrie, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: March 19, 2020. 3/24, 3/25, 3/26/2020 6638464

TO: William Linko, Trustee of the William Joseph Linko Revocable Trust, dated December 20, 1989 and Hazel Dean Linko, Trustee of the Hazel Dean Linko Trust dated December 19, 1989; William James Linko, Sr.; Williams James Linko, Jr.; Funk Linko, Inc.; c/o William James Linko, Sr. - Registered Agent; Funk Linko, Inc., c/o Vicky Linko - President; Funk Linko, Inc., c/o Secretary of State; Solid Metal Group, Inc.; Solid Metal Group, Inc., c/o Francisco Infante - Registered Agent; AD Nihilum Corp.; AD Nihilum Corp., c/o Timothy Waters; AD Nihilum Corp., c/o Xochitl Valenzuela - Secretary; AD Nihilum Corp., c/o Otoniel Sanchez; President; William J. Linko, Sr.; Vicky Linko, President; William J. Linko, Sr.; Solid Metal Group; William J. Linko, Jr.; Christopher S. Fowler, Attorney for William J. Linko; Hazel Dean Linko; Metaltek Fabricating, Inc.; c/o Robert D. Goldstein-Registered Agent; William H. Hrabak Jr./Goldstein Skrodzki, Attorney for Metaltek Fabricating, Inc.; General Electric Capital Corporation, c/o C.T. Corporation System-Registered Agent; Reed Smith LP, Timothy S. Harris Kelley A. Tribble Reed Smith LLP, Attorney for General Electric Capital Corporation; Anco Steel Company, Inc.; c/o Ronald A. Nyberg-Registered Agent; Gregory J. Ramel, Attorney for Anco Steel Company, Inc.; Hazel Dean Linko; James D. Adheron, Company, c/o Mary A. Sheehan-Registered Agent; McCormick 108, LLC; McCormick 108, LLC, c/o James Sheehan-Registered Agent; Viola Victoria Linko, as Trustee of the Viola Victoria Linko Revocable Trust, dated April 19, 1990; William James Linko, as Trustee of the William James Linko, Sr. Revocable Trust, dated April 20, 1990; Hazel Dean Linko, Trustee of the Hazel Dean Linko Revocable Trust, dated December 19, 1989; Hazel Linko Trustee, Occupant; Karen A. Yarbrough, Cook County Clerk; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2020COTD000419. FILED: 1/29/2020 TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold: 5/4/2018 Certificate No.: 16-0000309 Sold for General Taxes of (year): 2016 Sold for Special Assessments of (Municipality); N/A. Warrant No.: N/A Instalment No.: N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at: 1632 WENTWORTH AVENUE, CHICAGO HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS 60411 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 32-21-016-00000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 7/20/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 7/20/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 7/20/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 RDIA INVESTMENTS LLC Purchaser or Assignee Dated: March 16, 2020 Balin Law, PC Attorneys at Law 100 N. Lasalle, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 3/24, 3/25, 3/26/2020 6635608

TO: Arthur A. Martello and Gail L. Martello AT/UT/A/D 9/29/14 A/K/A Martello Family Trust; Arthur A. Martello; Gail L. Martello; Martello Family Trust, c/o N. Richard Stelter; JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A., c/o CT Corporation System, Reg. Agent; First Midwest Bank S/B; Calumet, N.A.; Occupant, 755 Dixie Highway, Chicago Heights, IL 60411; Karen A. Yarbrough, County Clerk; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2020COTD000419. FILED: 1/29/2020 TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold: 5/4/2018 Certificate No.: 16-0000185 Sold for General Taxes of (year): 2016 Sold for Special Assessments of (Municipality); N/A. Warrant No.: N/A Instalment No.: N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at: 755 DIXIE HIGHWAY, CHICAGO HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS 60411 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 32-17-302-015-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 7/20/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 7/20/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on 7/29/2020 in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 7/20/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 RDIA INVESTMENTS LLC Purchaser or Assignee Dated: March 16, 2020 Balin Law, PC Attorneys at Law 100 N. Lasalle, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 3/24, 3/25, 3/26/2020 6635608

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TO: Chicago Title Land Trust Company, as Trustee of Trust Agreement dated April 26, 2007 and k/tu 8002348621; Ronald Tatum, Lisa Thier, and Richard Novak; Glen Arbor in Park Forest, Inc.; Occupant, 3626 Western Ave, Unit A, Park Forest, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2020COTD000815. FILED: March 13, 2020. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold: 7/14/2017. Certificate No. 175-0002845. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2007-2014. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A. Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at: 3626 Western Ave, Apt. B, Park Forest, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2020COTD000075. FILED: March 11, 2020. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold: 7/14/2017. Certificate No. 175-0002845. 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Glen Ellyn resident Tom Wiebe watches his shot while playing a round of golf with friends Wednesday at the Village Links of Glen Ellyn. Below, a group of golfers waits to tee off.

Main course

Golfers get unexpected chance to return to links

The headline on the Chicago Tribune's weather page Wednesday sounded more like a commandment than a prediction: "Enjoy today before a wet end to the week."

For many Chicagoans, that meant retrieving golf clubs from the garage and ignoring the "stay at home" requests from elected officials.

For Jeff Carrier, it meant playing nine holes under a sunny sky at the Village Links of Glen Ellyn.

"This is the happiest I've been in 10 days," he said. "I hate being cooped up indoors. I'm getting exercise and interacting with human beings."

Added playing partner Kian Dowlatshahi: "This is the first time I've been out of sweatpants in 10 days."

Officials at area golf courses learned Tuesday afternoon that lobbying efforts by groups, including the



TEDDY GREENSTEIN
On golf

Chicago District Golf Association, had resulted in a revision by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

Courses could remain open provided golfers and staff maintain social distancing. Among the new rules: Golfers had to walk (no cart), pay by credit card and were instructed not to touch the flagstick.

"We'll play by the rules — the new rules," said Reggie Devers, a Wheaton resident who played on the Village Links' nine-hole course with her husband, Jim. "This feels fairly safe ... ish."

Safe-ish might not be a term Dr. Benjamin Singer of Northwestern Medicine would use. But it does seem to apply.

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Royko quiz became sign opening day was upon us

With 2020 baseball season on hold, here's a look back at it

Whenever opening day rolls around, I get wistful for the days when the late, Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist Mike Royko would present his annual Cubs quiz.

I'm not sure when he began doing it, but every year like clockwork Royko would roll out his quiz, ostensibly to test the knowledge of Cubs fans while offering a humorous history lesson on what then was considered the most futile franchise in sports.

While he's perhaps remembered best for his book "Boss: Richard J. Daley of Chicago" and his astute political observations in the Chicago Daily News, Chicago Sun-Times and Chicago Tribune, no one chronicled the Cubs' ineptitude like



PAUL SULLIVAN
In the Wake of the News

Royko, whom I should note was my boss at the Tribune in the mid-1980s.

"A true Cub fan should be capable of intelligently discussing the great Cubs heritage," Royko wrote in the opening of an early Cubs quiz column in the Daily News in 1971. "Who could kick a ball better, Smalley or Merullo; who was slower, Harry Chiti or Bill Serena; who was

shorter, Peanuts Lowrey or Dom Dallessandro?"

With no baseball on the immediate horizon because of the coronavirus pandemic, we offer the best of Royko's Cubs quizzes, with special thanks to his wife,

Turn to **Sullivan, Page 2**



FRANK HANES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Mike Royko in December 1974

MORE BASEBALL

■ The coronavirus pandemic postpones what would have been David Ross' Cubs managerial debut and the subsequent scrutiny. **Back Page**

■ Coronavirus delays White Sox fan's streak of opening days dating back to 1971. **Back Page**

WHEN SPORTS STOOD STILL

Keeping an eye on the impact of the coronavirus crisis:

Towns' mother fighting COVID-19

Timberwolves center Karl-Anthony Towns, right, said his mother is in the hospital and currently in a medically-induced coma as she battles COVID-19.



Towns made the announcement early Wednesday morning on his Instagram page, saying that his mother, Jacqueline Cruz, gradually got worse to the point that doctors put her on a ventilator and eventually induced the coma as she fights the disease.

"This disease needs not to be taken lightly," Towns said. "Please protect your families, your loved ones, your friends, yourself. Practice social distancing. Please don't be in places with a lot of people. This disease is deadly. We're going to keep fighting."

Towns, who came close to crying multiple times in the video, said recently both his mother and father were feeling ill. Both went to the hospital and were tested for coronavirus, but his dad was released and told to quarantine while his mother remained in the hospital.

"She just wasn't getting better," Towns said. "Her fever wasn't cutting from 103. It'd maybe go down to 101.9 with the meds then immediately spike back up during the night. She was very uncomfortable. Her lungs were getting worse, cough was getting worse. She was deteriorating in front of our eyes."

Towns said he was in communication with his mother daily, and there came a point when it appeared she was finally improving, he said. But then "things went sideways quick."

Now, Towns, who donated \$100,000 to the Mayo Clinic to help it ramp up its coronavirus testing efforts before his mom fell ill, said he is trying to maintain a positive attitude for himself and his family. He wanted to post the video despite his raw emotions to raise awareness of how serious coronavirus could be.

"My mother, she's the strongest woman I know and I know she'll beat this," Towns said. "We're going to rejoice when she does."

— Minneapolis Star Tribune

THE QUOTE



FABRICE COFFRINI/GETTY-AFP

"You have maybe seen the latest declarations there in the United States from President Trump about the prospect of middle of April there being able to lift many restrictions."

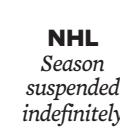
— IOC President Thomas Bach, above, on Wednesday, explaining why it took so long to postpone the Olympics

THE NUMBER

\$2.7B Estimated added cost of postponing the Olympics, according to the Japanese financial newspaper Nikkei. The figure of \$2.7 billion comes from an estimate by organizers in Tokyo.



NBA
Season suspended indefinitely



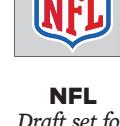
NHL
Season suspended indefinitely



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:

Miracle at the Elite Eight

(MARCH 26, 2005)

This story was published when Illinois, the top overall seed in the 2005 NCAA Tournament, beat third-seeded Arizona 90-89 in OT in an Elite Eight game considered by many as one of the greatest games in tourney history. The Illini had trailed 75-60 with just over 4 minutes left in regulation before going on a 20-5 run to force overtime. It has been edited for length.

BY MARLEN GARCIA

Chicago Tribune

Their basketball lives depended on every second and every play. Illinois players made the most of every one of them to stage one of the most thrilling comebacks in the history of college basketball.

Trailing third-seeded Arizona by 15 points with 4 minutes 4 seconds left in regulation, Illinois mustered every ounce of energy it had and channeled it into a 90-89 overtime victory over Arizona in the NCAA tournament's Chicago regional final Saturday night at Allstate Arena.

"Unbelievable game," Illinois coach Bruce Weber said.

"A miracle," Dee Brown called it.

Fist-pumping fans, like the 16,957 who came to Rosemont and fixated on a gripping, improbable rally, will follow the Illini on their march.

All season long, Illinois set one school record after another, almost methodically. The Illini barely celebrated a second consecutive outright Big Ten championship and found little pleasure in winning 29 straight games.

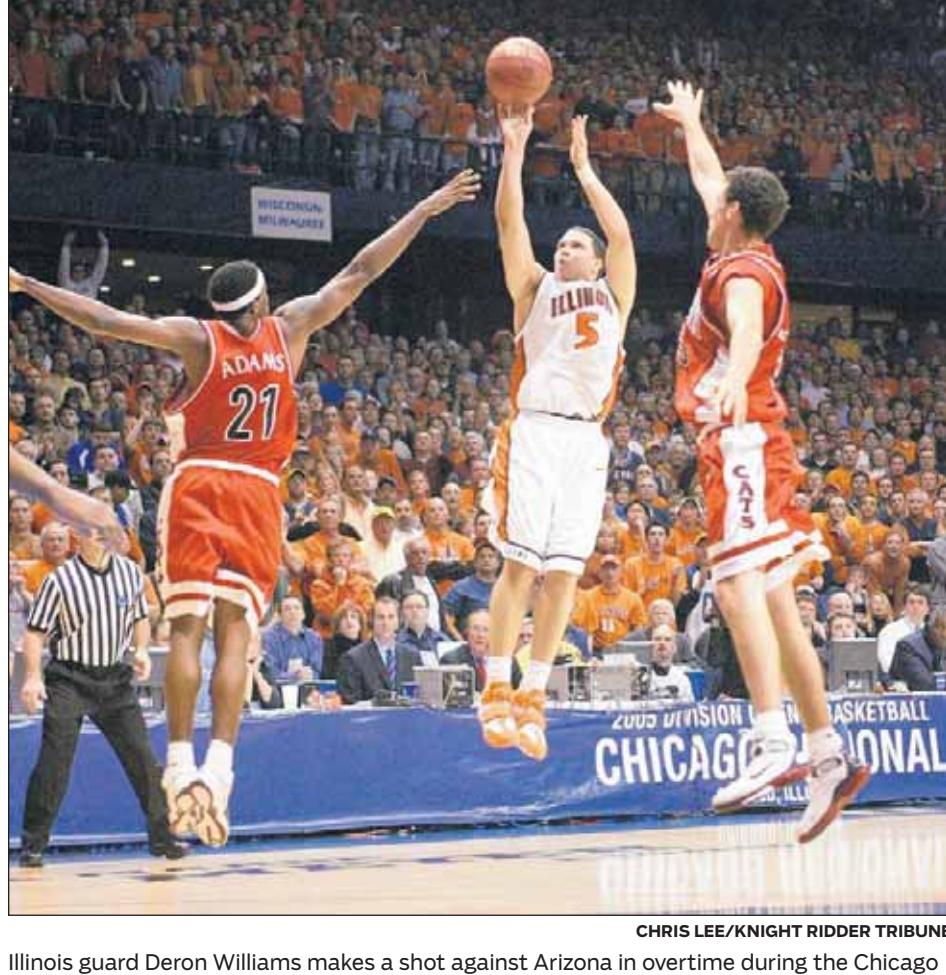
Only a Final Four berth would do. They got their wish when Arizona's Hassan Adams missed a three-pointer with Illinois' Deron Williams in his face as the clock ran out in overtime.

Then they partied at center court.

James Augustine raced from the bench to hoist Brown.

Roger Powell raised his fingers toward the roof and thanked a higher power.

Weber shed enough tears to fill a water cooler as he embraced his wife, Megan, and three daughters.



CHRIS LEE/KNIGHT RIDDER TRIBUNE

Illinois guard Deron Williams makes a shot against Arizona in overtime during the Chicago Regional final on March 26, 2005, in Rosemont, Ill.

The players jumped, and they hollered. They might have danced, if not for the exhaustion from staging their comeback.

"I can see why they're 36-1," Arizona coach Lute Olson said. "They are not a team that is going to give up."

Williams and Luther Head combined to score 16 of Illinois' final 20 points in regulation.

"If we were going to go down, we were going to go down fighting," Williams said.

In that final stretch, which spanned 3:50, Illinois jarred the Wildcats with non-stop

full-court pressure and capitalized on critical steals by Head, Brown and reserve Jack Ingram, who filled in admirably for Augustine.

Augustine fouled out with about 3 1/2 minutes to go in regulation. He had been Illinois' leading scorer in the tournament but managed only four Saturday night.

Williams, who scored 22 points, forced overtime with a three-pointer off the dribble with 38.2 seconds left. Arizona's superman, Salim Stoudamire, tried to hit a game-winner but Head blocked it.

Brown found the ball and tried to throw it

MORE MARCH 26 MOMENTS

1972: The Los Angeles Lakers beat Seattle 124-98 to finish the season at 69-13, the best record in NBA history, until the 1995-96 Chicago Bulls finish at 72-10.

1996: Mario Lemieux scores five goals and two assists in his first head-to-head competition against Wayne Gretzky in more than three years to lead the Pittsburgh Penguins to an 8-4 victory over the St. Louis Blues.

2002: Utah's John Stockton turns 40, becoming the 10th player in NBA history to play at that age. Stockton scores 20 points in the Jazz's 109-105 victory over Houston.

2006: George Mason stuns No. 1 seed Connecticut 86-84 in overtime to become the first No. 11 seed to reach the men's Final Four since LSU in 1986.

2010: Gilbert Arenas is sentenced to 30 days in a halfway house for bringing guns into the Washington Wizards locker room. District of Columbia Superior Court Judge Robert E. Morin also adds a litany of conditions associated with the sentence — two years of probation, a \$5,000 fine and 400 hours of community service.

down the court but the play fizzled and overtime ensued.

Williams scored the first basket, a three-pointer, in overtime, but two consecutive baskets by Arizona's Channing Frye gave Arizona an 84-83 lead.

Frye led all scorers with 24 points and grabbed 12 rebounds.

Roger Powell barely dropped in a dunk with 3:02 left, on a pass from Williams, to put Illinois up for good at 85-84.

Head, who had been nursing an injured hamstring all week, muscled up over Arizona's Mustafa Shakur with a grimace to extend Illinois' lead to six seconds later.

Adams scored the next five points for Arizona but couldn't come up with a game-winner against Williams.

Weber has referred to this record-setting season as magical. His late mother, Dawn, called it a fairy tale.

"It's a game that will be showed many times as a classic," Weber said.

A classic, indeed.

Sullivan

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Judy, and the Newberry Library, where the Mike Royko Papers are housed. Questions and answers appear as originally published.

Which Cub once made a Herculean throw from the outfield that went into the dugout, through an open door and into a toilet bowl?

The immortal Dave "Ding-Dong" Kingman. If he's ever voted into the Hall of Fame, they should put the toilet bowl there too.

Which current Cub swears the most?

It is a tossup between Ron Santo and Leo Durocher. Expert observers say Durocher swears more when he is angry; Santo, when he is happy. (This column is educational).

Which Cub pitcher used to hypnotize himself before a game?

The immortal Bill Faul. He also talked to his throwing arm, telling it to be strong. But his arm did not pay attention, he was released, and was last seen talking to his foot.

Give me the first name of the immortal Slits?

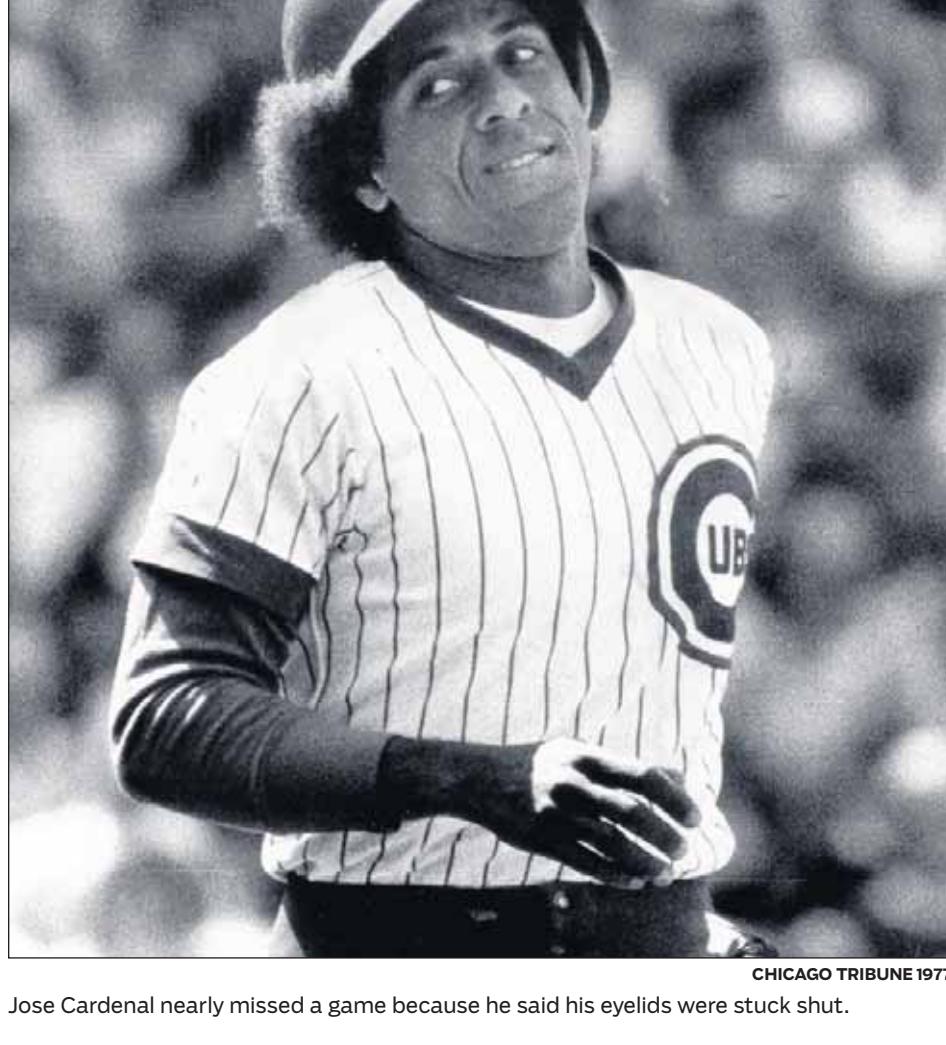
He had no first name. He was what Leo Durocher always said in a commercial: "Have another Slits, fellas."

Which TV commentator used to be a Cub bat boy?

The immortal Walter Jacobson. But he said he didn't enjoy it because the rowdy players always threw their underwear at him. Now that he is on TV, nobody does that, except me.

In 1950, the Cubs had the only full-time shortstop in baseball who was blessed with a deformed finger on his throwing hand. Who was he?

He was the immortal Roy Smalley, who led the league that year in the number of beer vendors struck by balls thrown toward first base.



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Jose Cardenal nearly missed a game because he said his eyelids were stuck shut.

When the immortal Hank Sauer hit a home run, the fans in the left field bleachers used to throw packages of his favorite delicacy at him. What was in the packages?

If you live around Lincoln Avenue, you probably said quiche, but it was chewing tobacco.

In 1948, the Cubs had a rookie named Rube Walker. What was his real name, and what did he do in his first game that no rookie has done since?

His real name was Albert Bluford Walker. And in his first game as a Cub, Albert Bluford threw up. It was the highlight of his career.

In 1969, Ron Santo shouted so much at the Cub center fielder that he made the poor fellow cry. Name this wretch.

The immortal Don Young. He hit .239 that year, and if he were around here today, I'd yell at him, too.

During spring training in 1974, a Cub star revealed that his eyelid was stuck shut and that this would prevent him from playing on opening day. Who was this strangely afflicted athlete?

It was the immortal Jose Cardenal. But his eye miraculously snapped open before game time when the fans sang "Jose can you see..."

During spring training in 1975, a Cub player said he was unable to sleep because a cricket had hidden in his room and was keeping him awake. He said he probably wouldn't play on opening day because he was so exhausted. Who was this strangely tormented athlete?

Yeah, it was the immortal Jose Cardenal again. And again he overcame adversity and stepped into the opening day lineup. How could the Cubs have traded a man with that kind of courage?

In what year did the immortal Jack Brickhouse first utter the immortal words: "Hey hey"?

Jack recalls the first time he shouted "hey hey" was in 1952, when Hank Sauer hit a home run and he was overwhelmed by joy. He says he doesn't know why he shouted "hey hey." He could've just as easily shouted "yum yum" or "bebop bebop." But "hey hey" is what popped out, and he has been shouting it ever since. Over his career he has shouted "hey hey" more than 3,350 times, not counting instant replays and the 10 o'clock news, which would bring the figure to more than 10,000.

That is the record for most "hey heys" in a career. Lou Boudreau holds the lifetime record for most "kiss it good-byes." Doesn't that make you proud to be a Chicagoan?"

Chicago Tribune

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SPORTS

Day 15

Since the sports world went mainly dark



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'Game Zero' a catalyst

Virus' rampant spread linked to Champions League match in Milan last month

BY TALES AZZONI AND ANDREW DAMPF
Associated Press

ROME — It was the biggest soccer game in Atalanta's history and a third of Bergamo's population made the short trip to Milan's famed San Siro Stadium.

Nearly 2,500 fans of visiting Spanish club Valencia also traveled to that Champions League match.

More than a month later, experts are pointing to the Feb. 19 game as one of the biggest reasons why Bergamo has become one of the epicenters of the coronavirus pandemic — a "biological bomb" was the way one respiratory specialist put it — and why 35% of Valencia's team became infected.

The match, which local media have dubbed "Game Zero," was held two days before the first case of locally transmitted COVID-19 was confirmed in Italy.

"We were mid-February so we didn't have the circumstances of what was happening," Bergamo Mayor Giorgio Gori said this week during a live Facebook chat with the Foreign Press Association in Rome. "If it's true what they're saying that the virus was already circulating in Europe in January, then it's very probable that 40,000 Bergamaschi in the stands of San Siro, all together, exchanged the virus between them. As is possible that so many Bergamaschi that night got together in houses, bars to watch the match and did the same."

"Unfortunately, we couldn't have known. No one knew the virus was already here," the mayor added. "It was inevitable."

Less than a week after the game, the first cases were reported in the province of Bergamo.

At about the same time in Valencia, a journalist who traveled to the match became the second person infected in the region, and it didn't take long before people who were in contact with him also had the virus, as did Valencia fans who were at the game.

While Atalanta announced its first positive case Tuesday for goalkeeper Marco Sportiello, Valencia said more than a third of its squad got infected, "despite the strict measures adopted by the club" after the match in Milan.

As of Tuesday, nearly 7,000 people in the province of Bergamo had tested positive for COVID-19 and more than 1,000 people had died from the virus — making Bergamo the most deadly province in all of Italy for the pandemic. The Valencia region had more than 2,600 people infected.

"I'm sure that 40,000 people hugging and kissing each other while standing a centimeter apart — four times, because Atalanta scored four goals (the final result was 4-1) — was definitely a huge accelerator for contagion," Lorini said Wednesday.



Hans Hateboer scores Atalanta's opening goal during the Champions League round of 16 match between Atalanta and Valencia at the San Siro stadium in Milan, Italy, on Feb. 19.

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— Luca Lorini, head of the intensive care unit at Pope John XXIII hospital in Bergamo

"Right now we're at war. When peace time comes, I can assure you we will go and see how many of the 40,000 people who went to the game became infected," Lorini said. "Right now we have other priorities."

Silvio Brusaferro, the head of Italy's Superior Institute of Health, said over the weekend at the nightly nationally televised briefing by the civil protection agency that the game was "one of the hypotheses" being evaluated as a source of the crisis in Bergamo.

"It's certainly an analysis that can be made," Brusaferro said.

By last week, Bergamo's cemetery became so overwhelmed by the number of dead that military trucks began transporting bodies to a neighboring region for cremation.

Italy remained the European country with the most cases, nearly 70,000, and with almost 7,000 deaths — the most worldwide and more than twice as many as China.

Spain is the next country in Europe with the most cases, nearly 48,000, and it has surpassed China in the number of deaths with more than 3,400.

More than 435,000 people worldwide have been infected and the number of dead closed in on 20,000, according to the running count kept by Johns Hopkins University. Overall, more than 100,000 have recovered.

For most people, the new coronavirus causes mild or moderate symptoms, such as fever and cough that clear up in two to three

weeks. For some, especially older adults and people with existing health problems, it can cause more severe illness, including pneumonia and death.

The official attendance for the Feb. 19 game was 45,792 — a "home" record for Atalanta, a small club making its debut in Europe's top club competition.

Atalanta captain Alejandro "Papu" Gomez told Argentine daily Ole it was "terrible" to have played that game.

"It's a city of 120,000 people and that day (40,000) went to the San Siro," the Argentine said. "It was a historic match for Atalanta, something unique. To give you an idea, my wife took three hours to get to Milan, when that trip normally takes 40 minutes."

The game was played in Milan because Atalanta's stadium in Bergamo didn't meet the requirements set by European soccer governing body UEFA.

Before the match, Valencia fans freely roamed around Milan and gathered at some of the city's plazas, including the Piazza del Duomo, drinking and chanting team songs.

Looking back, the conditions for virus contagion were high, with thousands of people gathering without much concern — at a time when the outbreak in Europe wasn't yet known — and then traveling back home. Nearly 30 busloads of fans made the 60-kilometer (37-mile) trip from Bergamo to Milan.

The evening before the match, there was no social distancing as officials from both clubs mingled and exchanged gifts and handshakes at a gala dinner offered by Atalanta.

"I have heard a lot (of theories), I'll say mine: Feb. 19, 40,000 Bergamaschi went to San Siro for Atalanta-Valencia," Fabiano di Marco, the chief pneumologist at the hospital in Bergamo, told Italian newspaper Corriere della Sera. "In buses, cars, trains. A biological bomb, unfortunately."

Azzoni reported from Madrid. Associated Press writers Daniella Matar in Milan and Joseph Wilson in Barcelona, and reporter Patricia Thomas in Rome contributed to this report.

IN BRIEF

Wimbledon decision looming

Associated Press

The All England Club says it is still evaluating whether to postpone or cancel Wimbledon because of the coronavirus pandemic and plans to make a decision next week.

That's when the club's main board is scheduled to hold an emergency meeting.

Main-draw play at Wimbledon is slated to start June 29 and preparations for the tournament are supposed to begin in late April.

The club's statement Wednesday says that postponing the two-week grass-court tournament would not come "without significant risk and difficulty" because of the surface.

Playing without fans has been ruled out. Wimbledon hasn't been canceled since World War II.

Baseball: Mookie Betts and all the players set to be free agents after the 2020 season would still get that chance if there is no baseball this year, part of a broad deal being negotiated by the commissioner's office and the players' association. If there's no season because of the new coronavirus, the agreement would credit major leaguers with the same service time this year that they earned in 2019, a person familiar with the talks told the AP on Wednesday. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because talks were ongoing. ... Injured Yankees OF Aaron Judge still has not resumed baseball activities. Judge did not play in any spring training games because of discomfort in his right pectoral muscle and shoulder.

Colleges: Dayton F. Obi Toppin is headed to the NBA after leading the Flyers to a 29-2 record and No. 3 ranking as a redshirt sophomore. He tweeted his decision a day after he was honored as the AP men's college basketball player of the year. He averaged 20 points and 7.5 rebounds. ... Former Texas A&M basketball player David Edwards, whose single-season school record for assists has stood for more than 25 years, has died in his home state of New York. He was 48. Former teammate Charles Henderson posted on social media that Edwards died of complications from the new coronavirus. ... Washington State DB Bryce Beekman, 22, was found dead in his apartment by an officer who responded to a call for help involving "breathing problems," Pullman (Wash.) Police Chief Gary Jenkins said. Jenkins said there were no signs of foul play and that the Whitman County coroner will determine the cause of death.

NFL: Commissioner Roger Goodell has instructed the 32 teams to close their facilities to all but a select few employees by Wednesday evening. In a memo to the teams, Goodell said the restrictions meant as a safeguard against the new coronavirus will be in force until at least April 8. ... The Cowboys and QB Dak Prescott have resumed discussions on a long-term deal, a source told the Dallas Morning News. Last week, the team placed the franchise tag on Prescott. The two sides have until July 15 to reach a multiyear deal.

NHL: With the season on pause since March 12, The league postponed its scouting combine, awards ceremony and draft that were scheduled for June. The league is still working on scenarios of what hockey would look like if it is able to resume this season.

Soccer: MLS has extended its moratorium on team training through April 3 and still wants players to stay in their team's local market. The league has targeted May 10 as a potential return date.

ON THE CLOCK

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	

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

SANTIAGO FLORES/AP

Notre Dame players work out during the team's first spring NCAA college football practice at the Irish Athletics Center on March 5 before things were shut down.

Development gets stunted

Without spring practice, college football coaches trying to fill big void

BY RALPH D. RUSSO

Associated Press

Since taking over as Florida State coach in December, Mike Norvell has spent seemingly endless hours laying the foundation of his program.

Winter is time for coaches to deliver a consistent message, build the culture they want and get players to buy into a way of going about their business whether they are in the weight room, a meeting room or classroom.

Norvell has seen plenty of positive signs. Spring practice is the first opportunity to see how it translates to the field. The Seminoles got in three practices before the coronavirus outbreak shut down college sports and upended nearly everything else.

"You spend so much time teaching them why we do things. And you're hopeful to get the chance to show them some of the payoff of that through spring practice," Norvell said.

Normally, college football teams all over the country would be preparing for the upcoming season. Installing new schemes. Working on fundamentals. Developing less experienced players and expanding the skills of veterans. Building a cohesive team, players and coaches connecting.

That's gone now and coaches are trying to figure out how to recreate some of what has been lost.

"Your football team is under construction," Notre Dame coach Brian Kelly said. "A new group of players that require time. Those hours mean a lot. You begin to develop the DNA of your football team."

Kelly is in year 11 with the school and the Fighting Irish are coming off a third consecutive season of double-digit victories. He replaced offensive coordinator Chip Long after last season, but did so promoting quarterbacks coach Tommy Rees. The Irish also have a fifth-year senior quarterback in Ian Book heading into his third season as the starter.

Kelly said his top concern was making sure players stay on top of their now online academics. Notre Dame normally offers no online classes.

"We're all academic advisers," Kelly said of his staff.

Miami coach Manny Diaz doesn't have Kelly's luxuries. The Hurricanes have a new offense under coordinator Rhett Lashlee and a new quarterback in Houston transfer D'Eriq King.



Manny Diaz knows Miami players are missing out on valuable spring practice time, where teams can hone in on fundamentals.

"You can really hone in on the techniques, fundamentals (during spring practice)," Diaz said. "That's the time the players are introduced to the new scheme and then they get a chance in the summer to grasp it on their own before we get back together again for training camp in August."

Spring practice across major college football is typically done by the end of April. The Atlantic Coast Conference has canceled all athletic-related activities through the academic year; the other Power Five conferences have suspended spring athletics, including practices, though various dates.

"I'm not going to be overly optimistic about the return to practice," Southeastern Conference Commissioner Greg Sankey said. "We haven't fully closed that opportunity but I think practically that window is pretty narrow."

Coaches are hopeful some of the time they have lost in the spring might be given back in the summer, either through mini-camps or earlier starts to preseason practices. But there is so much uncertainty the old coaching cliche of taking things one day at a time has never been more relevant.

Luke Fickell is entering his fourth season at Cincinnati with an established core of experienced players. He said his goal is to give the players a routine. The American Athletic Conference has suspended prac-

tices, but left the door open for other organized team activities — even if they can't be done in person.

The Bearcats will be getting workout regimens they can do on their own without access to local gyms. Fickell plans to organize online meetings with position groups and assistant coaches.

"Don't know how much they're going to get out of the meetings. Don't know how much they're going to get out of the workouts," Fickell said. "We just have to create some type of structure."

Indiana strength and conditioning coach Aaron Wellman said he is trying to individualize workouts to match what players have available.

"We've provided the workouts through an app on their iPhones so that they can download their workouts, we can track their progress," Wellman said.

Fickell said he is not overly concerned about his veteran players. Sometimes keeping those guys engaged and motivated in spring practice is a challenge. For younger players, especially at a developmental program like Cincinnati, losing spring practice is a huge setback.

"They're going to lose half a year of development," he said.

Illinois center Doug Kramer, a senior, said nothing compares to the amount of repetitions a player gets in spring ball "to

work on specific skills that you can bring to the team sets."

"Also, you're going to miss out on those team reps, which are big just to get the timing of the offense and the repetition of the defense," he said.

Fickell said he can only imagine how hard it would be for a rookie head coach to have spring football canceled and his team scattered to the wind.

Not only is Jeff Hafley new to Boston College, but he's a first-time head coach at any level. The Eagles got in five spring practices.

"We weren't all about X's and O's as we were how we were going to practice, the fundamentals and technique. How we were going to run the ball. How we were going to get off the ball. How we were going to get in and out of the huddle," Hafley said. "So I think we established that. Do I wish we had more time to get to the playbook and situational stuff? I do."

Norvell said he planned to send his players a five-minute video of himself twice a week. Having them hear his voice and see his face is more about building trust than teaching football.

"There's a lot of uncertainty with everyone," Norvell said. "Just to continue to re-emphasize our commitment to their development in any way possible and just let them know that we're here for them."

SPORTS

STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS

Reggie Devers, of Wheaton, reacts to a putt while playing nine rounds of golf Wednesday at the Village Links of Glen Ellyn.

Greenstein

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"The best advice is to avoid going anywhere where you have to interact with people," Singer said. "Golf might be attractive with a few caveats — if you can do it by yourself or with someone in-house you're exposed to anyway. Obviously don't share a cart and stay 6 feet away from people. "That's easier to do in golf than basketball."

Singer, an assistant professor of medicine (pulmonary and critical care), said running is the safest activity. As for golf ...

"It's tough because everybody needs to get outside; it is amazing what exercise, particularly exercise outside, can do for you," he said. "And there's nothing like a day on the links."

Many feel that way.

The Village Links' Wednesday tee sheet was stuffed, with play starting at 10 a.m. following a frost delay. General manager Jeff Vesevick said he expected 300 players. "It tells you that people are dying to get out of the house and do something fun."

Golf seems to be the ideal pandemic sport. Or, more accurately, the least reckless one.

It's outdoors. No one sweats much. Unlike tennis, players do not share a ball. And they wear a glove on at least one hand.

There's minimal touching of



Al Svitka of River Grove pulls his bag toward the next hole while playing Wednesday at the Village Links of Glen Ellyn.

surfaces or objects. On Wednesday, the Village Links had no ball washers or rakes for the bunkers.

And there really was no need to touch any part of the flagstick because of an ingenious addition: Vesevick cut up noodles that beginning swimmers use and had staff members place the pink, donut-shaped foam pieces in the cups.

"Very sophisticated," Vesevick joked.

Sink a putt and your ball drops

less than 2 inches.

The New York Times found at least one course at which officials raised the liner cups above ground, changing the definition of a made putt.

Some tips for playing golf during the COVID-19 crisis: If you see a stray ball, resist the urge to add it to your shag bag. If a friend asks you to toss him or her a tee, just say no. Go ahead and putt out that 4-footer. No need to mark it and risk encroaching in another



A piece of foam soaked with hand sanitizer rests in a hole at the Village Links of Glen Ellyn.

player's 6-foot zone. Pay off bets by Venmo or PayPal.

And as for drinks (and food), golf is now BYO.

Professionals such as Luke Donald are offering extensive tips on Twitter and Instagram, even for those who can't get outside.

The First Tee of Greater Chicago asked families to submit videos of how they're keeping busy indoors — using laundry baskets for chipping and yoga mats for putting.

Of course, nothing compares with the real thing.

"It's wonderful the opportunity that the Illinois government gave us — play with social distance," Sherwood Kraemer said between holes at the Village Links. "When there are only three in your group and you're hitting it all over the place, it's not a problem."

ILLINOIS**Jones latest to opt for transfer**

BY SHANNON RYAN

For a second straight day, an Illinois basketball player has entered the transfer portal.

Tevian Jones announced Wednesday his decision to transfer, following Alan Griffin who did the same Tuesday.

"I've chosen to continue my basketball career on another path, I will not be returning to Illinois," Jones tweeted. "I appreciate everything you guys, the Univ. and Coaches have done for me. Wish the guys nothing but success moving forward. Gonna miss y'all. All Love."

Jones, a 6-foot-7 sophomore guard, played in only 10 games and averaged less than a point in 5.2 minutes. He missed the first eight games because of a suspension for a violation of team academic policies.

He missed eight games as a freshman because of a violation of team rules. He averaged 3.5 points in 9.2 minutes per game that season.

Next season, Illinois will also be without Andres Feliz, who is graduating. They also could lose leading scorer Ayo Dosunmu, a sophomore who is considering entering the NBA draft.



ADAM HUNGER/AP

Tevian Jones is the second Illinois player in as many days to enter the transfer portal.

NHL**Draft, combine latest to postpone**

BY PHIL THOMPSON

The NHL on Wednesday postponed three June events, including the draft, making them the latest of hockey's dominoes to fall as the coronavirus pandemic puts a hold on sporting events.

The league cited "ongoing uncertainty resulting from the coronavirus" as reason for calling off the draft, which had been set for June 26 and 27 in Montreal. The timing and location of the draft and its lottery, as well as other details, will be announced once those events are finalized, the NHL statement said.

The Blackhawks have a 49% chance of getting the ninth pick and a 5% chance of getting the first pick, according to tankathon.com.

The scouting combine, originally set for June 1-6 in Buffalo, New York, and the annual awards gala, scheduled for June 10 in Las Vegas, were also postponed. New dates haven't been set, but the statement added "the league looks forward to returning to Las Vegas in the future."

The NHL paused the regular season on March 12, a day after the NBA suspended its season. The Blackhawks have 12 games — including seven home games — remaining in the regular season.

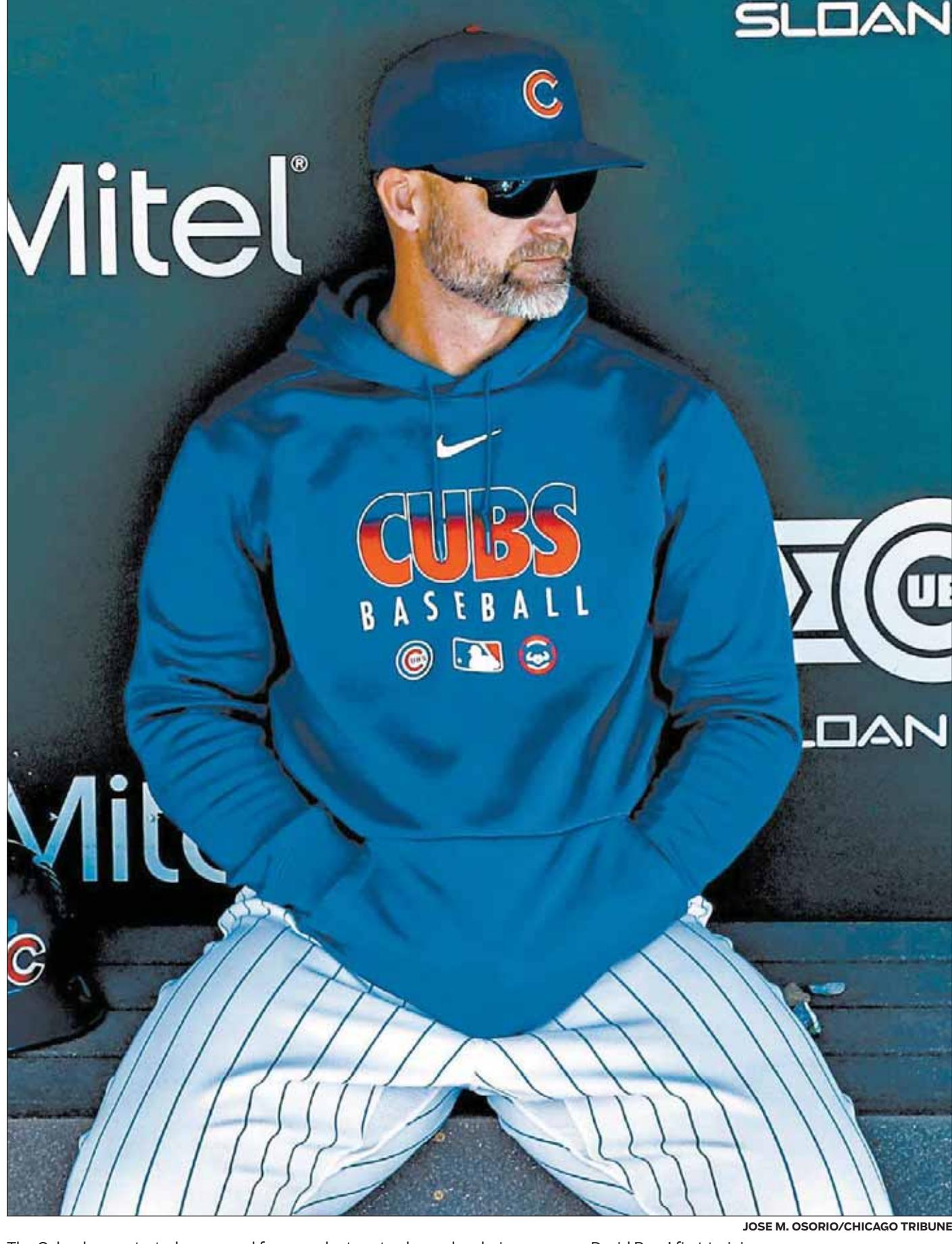
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CUBS

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The Cubs demonstrated a renewed focus and return to sharp play during manager David Ross' first training camp.

Waiting for rating

No way to judge Ross' work until season begins

BY MARK GONZALES

David Ross' honeymoon was scheduled to end Thursday with decisions about how long to let Yu Darvish pitch, how to combat the Brewers' bullpenning and how to limit the damage of Christian Yelich.

And that's just a sampling of what his daily script was supposed to be like in his first game as Cubs manager against the Brewers at Miller Park.

But the anticipation surrounding the Cubs opener — Ross' task of changing the culture and replacing Joe Maddon, the team's attempt to remain competitive while building for the future and Darvish looking to sustain his 2019 second-half dominance — quickly vanished after the coronavirus pandemic caused Major League Baseball to delay the start of the season.

The hype of opening day, as usual, overshadows the reality that the first game is just one of 162.

Thursday's postponed season opener, however, likely would have presented a sampling of Ross' tendencies with spring training no longer serving as a laboratory for his options.

To Ross' credit, the return to sharpness and a renewed focus he preached after being hired in late October was evident in spring training as the Cubs executed a few rundowns with precision.

Before spring training was halted, Ross narrowed his opening-day starter options to Darvish and Kyle Hendricks, but Darvish was lined up to pitch Thursday after making his last spring appearance March 11.

Darvish was 1-0 with a 0.90 ERA and 15 strikeouts in 10 innings against the Brewers last season, and Ross cited Darvish's strong second half (2.76 ERA, 118 strikeouts, seven walks in 81 2/3 innings) as reasons to make him a candidate.

Hendricks is 8-6 with a 3.08 ERA in 21

career starts against the Brewers, including a 4-2 record and 2.97 ERA in 11 career games at Miller Park.

With Friday serving as a day off, the Cubs might have opted to have fourth starter Jose Quintana piggyback Darvish in the opener, as they did in the second game of the 2019 season against the Rangers.

That would have been a distinct possibility had Kyle Ryan started the season as the lone left-handed reliever while Brad Wieck recovered from surgery.

Ross hinted during spring training he was in favor of a set lineup rather than leaning heavily on batting orders presenting the most favorable matchups against a starting pitcher.

But toward the end of spring training, Ian Happ and Albert Almora Jr. were in an intriguing battle for the center-field position, and Nico Hoerner presented a pleasant problem with impressive plate discipline and emerging as the second-best defensive shortstop behind Javier Baez.

Happ might have earned the start against Brandon Woodruff or Freddy Peralta, but the presence of hard-throwing Josh Hader might have changed the landscape in the later innings — especially if the Cubs trailed.

The Cubs also were going to face a revamped Brewers roster that took seven of 10 games from them at Miller Park last season but lost Yasmani Grandal (White Sox), Mike Moustakas (Reds), Eric Thames (Nationals) and Travis Shaw (Blue Jays) from a lineup that won 13 of 15 games after Yelich was lost to a fractured kneecap Sept. 10. But the Brewers have proved in each of the last two seasons that they can survive without sole contributions from Yelich.

The additions of Avisail Garcia and Justin Smoak add power to both sides of the plate.

Until the coronavirus shutdown, Friday's projected day off could have provided Cubs fans and media with a forum to

2 locals among top prep stars

BY MARK GONZALES

Two Chicagoland high school seniors are listed among the top players in Baseball America's list of the best 300 draft prospects released Wednesday.

Ed Howard, a 6-foot-2 shortstop from Mount Carmel, is ranked No. 22 and regarded as the best defensive high school shortstop, according to the publication. Howard played for the Jackie Robinson West team that reached the 2014 Little League World Series.

He also started in the Under Armour All-America Game at Wrigley Field last summer. Howard, a graduate of the White Sox's ACE program that has showcased several players who have earned college scholarships, signed a letter of intent with Oklahoma in November.

De La Salle pitcher Ben Hernandez was ranked No. 87. Hernandez, who struck out the side in the ninth inning of the 2019 Under Armour game, is committed to UIC.

Other local high school players listed are shortstops Christian Knapczyk of Joliet Catholic (245) and Alec Gonzalez of Marian Catholic (278). Knapczyk, a left-handed hitter, signed a letter of intent with Louisville, while Gonzalez is committed to Tennessee.

analyze Ross' moves. But the hope of eventually starting the season likely won't allow enough time for endless analysis — just a greater sense of urgency for Ross, the Cubs and the 29 other teams to succeed quickly.

BEARS

O-lineman Ifedi added, QB Bray re-signed

BY COLLEEN KANE

The Bears made two more moves Wednesday, agreeing to a one-year deal with former Seahawks offensive lineman Germain Ifedi and re-signing third-string quarterback Tyler Bray.

The Bears are in need of competition at right guard with Rashaad Coward and depth at tackle behind Charles Leno and Bobbie Massie. The 6-foot-5, 325-pound

Ifedi played guard and tackle during his four seasons with the Seahawks.

Ifedi, who will turn 26 in June, was a 2016 first-round draft pick and started 60 games in Seattle, including 100% of their offensive snaps in 2019. NFL Network reported the agreement.

Bray returns for a third season as the third-string quarterback. He spent the last two years on the practice squad behind Mitch Trubisky and Chase Daniel.

Bray, 28, has a long history with coach Matt Nagy, dating to their mutual arrival in Kansas City, Mo., in 2013. Bray also spent the 2016 Chiefs season with new Bears quarterback Nick Foles.

Bray has one career pass attempt in one regular-season appearance, in 2017 with the Chiefs. Even with the signing, the Bears still could draft a quarterback to add to the mix.

ESPN reported the Bray deal.

WHITE SOX

Tradition on hold for the moment

But Trznadel will eventually be at 50th Sox home opener

BY LAMOND POPE

April 9, 1971, will always have special significance for John Trznadel.

The White Sox played their home opener that day against the Twins at Comiskey Park. Rod Carew batted second and Harmon Killebrew hit cleanup for the Twins, while the Sox lineup included Bill Melton and Carlos May.

And Trznadel, who grew up in Cicero and now lives in Bolingbrook, watched from the stands with his older brother, Michael, and four cousins.

"I just remember being in awe of the way the field looked (with) the red, white and blue decorations hanging from the side walls," Trznadel said in a phone interview Saturday. "The field was ready. All the fans. That struck a chord in me, like, 'This is my first (home opener). I don't want it to be my last.'"

It wouldn't be. Trznadel has become a regular at Sox home openers. It's a family ritual that for the last several years also includes his four daughters: Stacy, Christine, Jacklyn and Brittany.

"It really is like a basis of our relationship," said Jacklyn, who estimated she has attended 14 Sox home openers with her dad. "It's something we can always share together and look forward to. And just being able to be together really is important."

"I can't think of a better tradition that I want to share with my dad."

Those types of traditions are on pause for the family and baseball fans everywhere with the delay to the start of the 2020 season because of the coronavirus pandemic.

"I was just disappointed because seeing everything that they did in the offseason and watching them in spring training, catching the box scores, going, 'Oh this guy had a good game' — every young player that they have such high hopes for was having a good spring," John Trznadel said. "I just can't wait to see that. I just can't wait till it all jells for the Sox."

Trznadel, who turns 65 in April, said Thursday would have marked his 50th consecutive home opener — although he did add that, technically, rain washed out his chance to attend one of those openers a few years ago. He had to work the next day but said, "I didn't hold it against my record because I did have tickets for opening day."

When it comes to opening days, it's the "freshness of the season" that stands out to Trznadel.

"Everybody has the same record," he said. "You always see the opportunities there."

It's also another opportunity to bond with his daughters.

"We were raised, 'You are a White Sox fan,'" Christine said. "That's all we know. We feel very passionate and strong about them."

Jacklyn's favorite aspect of opening day is the atmosphere in and around the ballpark.

"We always tailgate, but then we always make sure that we get there an hour or so before the game so we can be part of all the opening-day festivities," she said. "It's just awesome to cheer them on with him."

John Trznadel said of his daughters: "They love baseball. They love the Sox. They love them as much as I do."

Trznadel became a Sox fan thanks to his father and attributed his fandom to the team's working-class appeal.

"They're like the working-man's team, and I'm a workaholic," Trznadel said.

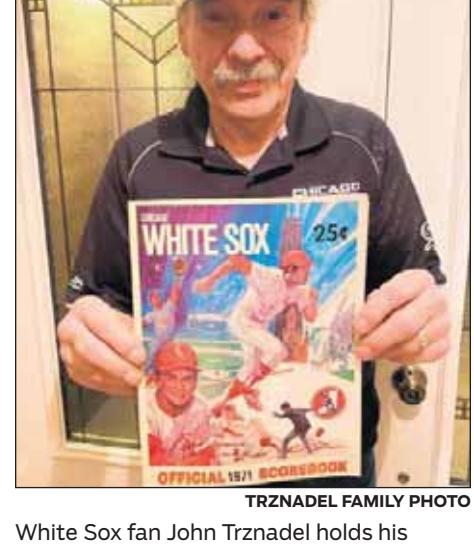
Trznadel is a grocery manager at Jewel-Osco, where he has worked for 47 years. He has been married to his wife, Bonnie, for 40 years — "So she knows me for at least 42 of those 50 years," he said.

Melton and May were two of his favorite players in that 1971 opener. His current favorites include third baseman Yoan Moncada and left fielder Eloy Jimenez.

His goal is to be in the stands watching them whenever the 2020 opener takes place.

"I will be there," Trznadel said. "When they announce the first game that people are able to attend, I'll be there, no matter what. I'll retire from work if I have to. Usually they are pretty good about it. They understand how big of a Sox fan I am."

"I just love baseball, I really do. And I'm missing it."



TRZNADEL FAMILY PHOTO
White Sox fan John Trznadel holds his scorecard from the 1971 home opener. He has been to 49 straight Sox home openers.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

TEMPTAG

ATLANTIC

	W	L	PCT	GB
Toronto	46	18	.719	—
Boston	43	21	.672	3
Philadelphia	39	26	.600	7½
Brooklyn	30	34	.469	16
New York	21	45	.318	26

SOUTHEAST

Miami	41	24	.631	—
Orlando	30	35	.462	11
Washington	24	40	.375	16½
Charlotte	23	42	.354	18
Atlanta	20	47	.299	22

CENTRAL

Milwaukee	53	12	.815	—
Indiana	39	26	.600	14
Chicago	22	43	.338	31
Detroit	20	46	.303	33½
Cleveland	19	46	.292	34

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Houston	40	24	.625	—
Dallas	40	27	.597	1½
Memphis	32	33	.492	8½
New Orleans	28	36	.438	12
San Antonio	27	36	.429	12½

NORTHWEST

Denver	43	22	.662	—
Utah	41	23	.641	1½
Oklahoma City	40	24	.625	2½
Portland	29	37	.439	14½
Minnesota	19	45	.297	23½

PACIFIC

L.A. Lakers	49	14	.778	—
L.A. Clippers	44	20	.688	5½
Sacramento	28	36	.438	21½
Phoenix	26	39	.400	24
Golden State	15	50	.231	35

THIRD-PERIOD STATS

TEAM PPG FG% 3P% RPG APG

Milw.	29.9	47.8	33.5	13.0	6.1
Houston	29.5	45.3	35.3	11.1	5.3
San Ant.	29.4	47.2	34.7	10.8	5.7
Dallas	29.3	47.3	38.6	11.6	6.4
Boston	29.3	48.3	40.2	11.2	6.5
Clippers	29.2	45.4	36.4	11.4	5.7
New Orl.	29.1	46.9	36.6	11.7	6.8
Memphis	28.8	48.2	38.4	11.8	7.2
Lakers	28.7	48.6	35.3	11.2	6.7
Phoenix	28.4	45.9	36.8	10.8	6.7
Utah	28.4	49.4	41.8	11.3	5.9
Brklyn	28.1	44.8	36.3	11.6	5.9
Toronto	28.0	46.2	40.1	11.3	6.4
Ok City	28.0	48.0	36.9	10.1	5.7
Portland	27.9	45.5	36.5	10.8	5.1
Atlanta	27.9	45.4	34.8	10.7	6.3
Wash.	27.6	43.8	36.9	10.9	6.4
Denver	27.3	47.1	35.6	10.4	6.6
Indiana	27.2	47.6	36.1	10.4	6.3
Minn.	27.0	42.5	32.3	10.6	5.6
Orlando	26.9	44.3	34.4	10.4	6.2
Sacra.	26.9	45.9	38.4	10.4	5.9
Phila.	26.8	45.7	36.2	11.2	6.3
Chicago	26.4	45.1	34.0	10.4	5.8
Clev.	26.3	45.1	34.3	10.2	5.7
Miami	26.3	44.3	36.0	10.5	5.6
G.S.	26.2	44.1	34.4	10.6	6.3
New York	25.8	44.4	32.9	11.4	5.5
Detroit	25.5	44.8	35.9	10.4	6.0
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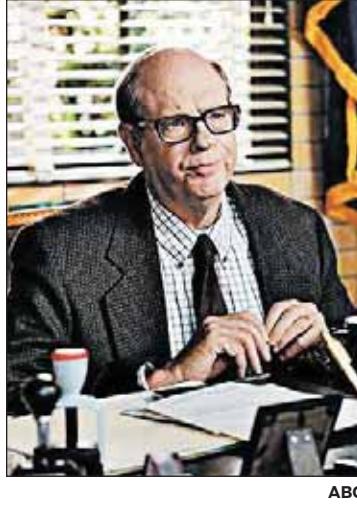
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Columbus	1	0	1	4	2	1
D.C. United	1	1	0	3	3	3
Philadelphia	0	1	1	1	2	3
New England	0	1	1	1	2	3
Chicago	0	1	1	1	2	3
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Inter Miami CF	0	2	0	0	1	3
N.Y. City FC	0	2	0	0	0	2

Western W L T PT GF GA

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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	4	7
San Jose	0	1	1	1	1	5
Houston	0	1	1	1	1	5
Bradley Beal	WAS	7.8	1.4	2.1		
Kawhi Leonard	LAC	7.4	2.0	1.4		
Russ Westbrook	HOU	7.3	2.1	1.6		
Brandon Ingram	NOP	7.1	1.6	0.9		
Trae Young	ATL	6.9	1.0	2.4		
DeMar DeRozan	SAS	6.8	1.6	1.5		
Zach LaVine	CHI	6.7	1.4	1.2		
Donovan Mitchell	UTA	6.6	1.2	1.0		
Gordon Hayward	BOS	6.6	1.9	1.4		



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ABC

Stephen Tobolowsky as Principal Ball on the ABC sitcom "The Goldbergs."

MY WORST MOMENT

Becoming undressed not a time of success

Series of mishaps leave Tobolowsky standing in jockey shorts on stage

BY NINA METZ

For its first three seasons, the reboot of "One Day at a Time" from Gloria Calderón Kellett and Mike Royce was a Netflix show. The streaming service decided to end it there, but the cable channel Pop TV stepped in and picked up the comedy for a fourth season.

It premieres this week with Justina Machado returning as Penelope, a Cuban American single mom who shares her cozy Los Angeles apartment with her two children and her own hilariously confident mother, Lydia, played by Rita Moreno.

Among the friends in their orbit is Stephen Tobolowsky as Dr. Berkowitz, who is both Penelope's boss and Lydia's occasional plaything. Last we saw Dr. Berkowitz, he and Lydia had impulsively jetted off to Cuba together. They're back in LA at the start of Season 4, but this year "we do find out a very significant thing that happened in Cuba between Lydia and myself, and it's a significant plot point," Tobolowsky said.

A longtime character actor, his resume includes "Groundhog Day," "Deadwood," "Silicon Valley" and "The Goldbergs," to name a few. And then there's his podcast, "The Tobolowsky Files," in which he shares stories about his life in the entertainment industry.

It's a career filled with numerous highlights. This column, of course, is concerned with the opposite — the moments that go wrong. When asked about one that stands out, Tobolowsky said: "Definitely, without question, my worst moment happened outside of Chicago at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign."

My worst moment ...

"I was a graduate student doing a new play at the Krannert Center. It was called '76 Town Hall,' and I played the narrator. You know you're always in trouble in a play if you have a part that's called 'The Narrator.' I had all these long speeches, and the play was about how corporate America (*laughs*) has gotten so crazed over money, how *commercial* America has become. This was in 1976."

"I was getting my master's degree in acting, and after this performance I realized I needed that like I needed a hole in my head (*laughs*) and I came out to Los Angeles. So this was a turning point in my career."

"As the narrator of this play, I not only had long speeches to the audience — like the stage manager in 'Our Town' — I also played different little parts in the show. And I had to finish the show with a 20-minute monologue with slides going on overhead behind me. Now I'm playing one of those small parts before this final monologue, so there's not time really for a real change of clothing, so we're going to do fast change backstage."

"Here's what a fast change is: You run backstage and have to get from one costume to the next within about 30 seconds before you have to go back out on stage. So costumers have all sorts of tricks they use. I was playing some



DANTE DEIANA

WLS-Ch. 7 meteorologist Cheryl Scott uses her living room to deliver the weather on Monday, with Lola the beagle looking on.

'We're making do with the best we have'

How Chicago TV journalists are broadcasting live from home during coronavirus

BY TRACY SWARTZ

WMAQ-Ch. 5 Chief Meteorologist Brant Miller started delivering weather reports from his north suburban home last week, thanks to his "MacGyver" skills and his son, weather producer Joey Miller.

"If you watched us on Thursday and Friday, we set up a mini-makeshift studio with a monitor in the background and a simple display on the air," said Joey Miller, who has worked for the NBC station for nearly 10 years. Brant Miller began using a green-screen backdrop at home Monday, which his son said "will be more comforting because it's similar to what we do on the air in the studio."

TV stations around the country have been re-imagining their news programs to incorporate social distancing amid the worldwide coronavirus outbreak. Brant Miller and other Channel 5 meteorologists began broadcasting from home late last week, while some local journalists have started to do the same. Reporting live from home has its challenges — from finding a quiet space away from kids and dogs to replicating studio lighting and handling technical problems quickly.

The Millers say they have been able to work remotely for years, in case severe weather strikes. They can easily access the station's weather computers, and they are in constant contact with each other and the newsroom. Brant uses the DeJero LivePlus mobile app to broadcast from the suburbs, while Joey works from his downtown condo.

The green screen allows Brant to stand in front of weather graphics and maps, like he does in studio. Last week's setup was more rudimentary. The elder Miller described it as a "fireside chat." He propped up his son's old TV with an



WMAQ-Ch. 5 Chief Meteorologist Brant Miller delivers his weather report from his north suburban home on Monday.

equally antiquated DVD player. "I've gotten emails where people go, 'What's that old VCR? Oh, man, Brant Miller's got a Betamax!'"

"And that's really been the most amazing thing, is the viewer response," Joey Miller said. "People talking about how refreshing it is to see someone, that calming voice being there, when we're in what feels like dire times or a weird situation that none of us have really experienced before."

The Tribune talked to journalists from a variety of Chicago TV stations to see how they are making it work at home.

WBBM-Ch. 2 reporter Vince Gerasole

Gerasole has been covering stories such as the wait for coronavirus tests and

the pandemic's effect on Chicago-area small businesses. He's well-versed in reporting from the field, but he's been more creative in recent weeks as he's worked outside the CBS newsroom.

"I jury-rigged an old (utility pole) with my partner, and we duct taped the microphone to the end of the (utility pole). We use that to try to keep our distance when we conduct interviews," Gerasole said, adding that the station has now provided crews with metal poles to extend microphones during interviews.

"When it comes to electronics, the good thing is that the systems were already in place. As a reporter, I've been able to send video from my iPhone for years now, and on occasion, we've had to shoot pieces from our iPhones. Then we

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CELEBRITIES

Tribune news services

Elton John to host TV, radio concert

Elton John is hosting a "living room" concert aimed at bolstering American spirits during the coronavirus crisis and saluting those countering it, iHeartMedia and Fox said Wednesday.

Alicia Keys, Billie Eilish, Mariah Carey, the Backstreet Boys, Tim McGraw and Billie Joe Armstrong are scheduled to take part in the event airing at 9-10 p.m. EDT Sunday on Fox TV and on iHeartMedia radio stations.

The artists will be filmed with cellphones, cameras and audio equipment in their homes "to ensure the health and safety of all involved," according to a statement. The event will take the time slot that was to belong to the iHeartRadio Music Awards, which became part of a wave of public-event postponements and cancellations because of the pandemic.

Besides performances, the commercial-free concert will honor health professionals, first responders and others who are "putting their lives in harm's way to help their neighbors and fight the spread of the virus," the media companies said.

Viewers will be asked to support two of the charitable organizations aiding victims and first responders during the pandemic: Feeding America and First Responders Children's Foundation.

Fox's digital platform also will carry the concert.

Registry adds albums by Dr. Dre, Selena

Dr. Dre, Selena: Dr. Dre's classic debut rap album "The Chronic," Selena's sophomore release "Ven Conmigo" and the worldwide disco hit "Y.M.C.A." by the Village People are among 25 recordings being inducted to the National Recording Registry.

The Library of Congress announced Wednesday



LEWIS JOLY/AP

Elton John is hosting a "living room" concert to raise American spirits during the coronavirus pandemic.

that Tina Turner's "Private Dancer," Glen Campbell's "Wichita Lineman" — written by Jimmy Webb — and Whitney Houston's No. 1 hit and cover of Dolly Parton's "I Will Always Love You" are some of the titles tapped for preservation this year.

The library selects titles for preservation because of their cultural and historic importance to the American soundscape. The titles have to be at least 10 years old.

'The Walking Dead' season to be cut short:

AMC announced Tuesday that its signature series, "The Walking Dead," will end its current season one week earlier than planned, due to the coronavirus shutdown. AMC said in a statement: "Current events have unfortunately made it impossible to complete postproduction of The Walking Dead Season 10 finale, so the current season will end with its 15th episode on Sunday, April 5."

According to the network, the planned finale of the post-apocalyptic saga will appear "as a special episode later in the year."

'Wonder Woman 1984,' 'In The Heights' postponed:

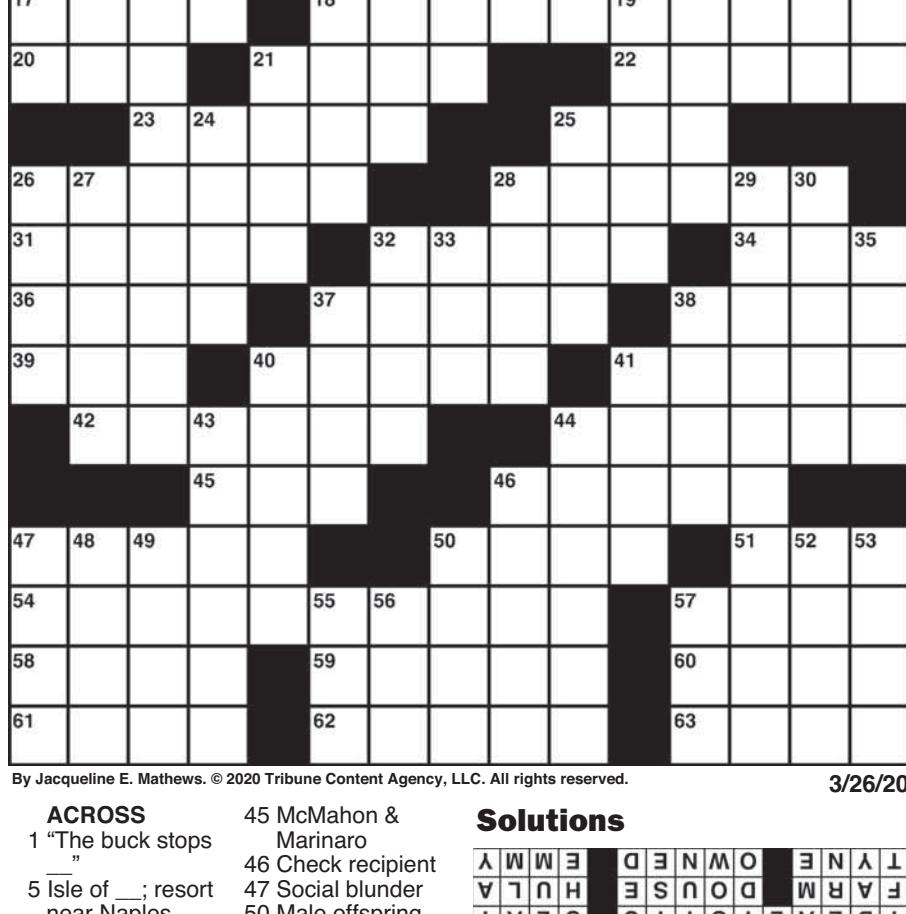
Warner Bros. on Tuesday delayed the summer release of "Wonder Woman 1984" and removed the adaptation of Lin-Manuel Miranda's "In the Heights" from its schedule due to the coronavirus pandemic.

"Wonder Woman 1984" will now hit theaters on Aug. 14 instead of June 5. "In the Heights" had been slated for June 26 but now isn't dated for release.

March 26 birthdays:

Actor Alan Arkin is 86. Actor James Caan is 80. Singer Diana Ross is 76. Singer Steven Tyler is 72. Actor Martin Short is 70. Actress Jennifer Grey is 60. Actor Michael Imperioli is 54. Country singer Kenny Chesney is 52. Actress Leslie Mann is 48. Actress Keira Knightley is 35.

Crossword



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ACROSS

- 1 "The buck stops ___"
- 5 Isle of ___; resort near Naples
- 10 Take a ___ at; try
- 14 Brothers; 1950s quartet
- 15 Frenchman's love
- 16 Hollow cylinder
- 17 Tells tall tales
- 18 Open to attack
- 20 "The ___ Gray Mare"
- 21 Shine's partner, in phrase
- 22 Actor Buddy
- 23 Come together
- 25 Actor Kilmer
- 26 Appear
- 28 Not roundabout
- 31 Fully alert
- 32 Arctic floaters
- 34 Corn unit
- 36 Head, humorously
- 37 Actress Sally
- 38 Tasty cheese served with crackers
- 39 "Roses ___ red, violets..."
- 40 Blacksmith's furnace
- 41 Recipe verb
- 42 Albert and Van Halen
- 44 Is skeptical about
- 45 McMahon & Marinaro
- 46 Check recipient
- 47 Social blunder
- 50 Male offspring
- 51 Dieter's concern: abbr.
- 54 Starry-eyed
- 57 Movable window shutter part
- 58 Work the land
- 59 Extinguish a fire
- 60 Graceful dance
- 61 Actress Daly
- 62 Possessed
- 63 Acting award
- 64 Ring of light
- 65 Actor Jennings
- 66 Taught to think differently
- 67 Curvy road
- 68 Molar hole
- 69 Make laugh
- 70 Ship's mast
- 71 Declare one's candidacy
- 72 Hothead's problem
- 73 Hot ___; Jacuzzis
- 74 ___-bodied; robust
- 75 ...I've ___ to the mountaintop..."
- 76 (MLK)
- 77 Recipe verb
- 78 Albert and Van Halen
- 79 Backsides
- 80 Abundant

Solutions

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ASK AMY

BY AMY DICKINSON

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It's hard to party with 'one-party' rule

Dear Amy: I am an intellectual conservative, living in liberal and one-party Berkeley, California.

Time after time at dinner parties, guests assume I am a liberal like they are.

When I tell them that I'm fairly conservative, they just don't get it. They disparage "right-wing hillbillies" and say all conservatives are "evil people."

One time I countered, "Forty percent of the people in this country are not evil. They are good people. They just have different values from yours."

The table became silent, they all glared at me, and the dinner was ruined.

What is one to do? Must one just smile faintly and bear it? What can one say?

— Frustrated Republican in Berkeley

Dear Frustrated: Whenever I try to tackle a politics-adjacent question, the reader responses range from people decrying my conservative hot takes, my liberal views or my "both-sides-ism." This tells me that people are avoiding nuance, context or subtext.

My take on the phenomenon you describe is that one unexpected consequence of our president's personal and public comportment is that it seems to have inspired a parallel mindset in the opposition. I do not lay the blame for the close-minded attitude of many progressives on the current administration; I simply note the parallels.

Each of us is entirely responsible for our own behavior. But the stereotyping and narrow-minded attitude you describe is something you might want to gently ask these liberal intellectuals to reflect

upon. Practice a question: "Are you interested in learning more about how conservatives like me view current events — and what we are thinking about?"

Yes, it might be easier for you to sit through this sort of groupthink, but you should not take the blame for "ruining" a gathering simply because you have asked people to be open-minded and rational. Nor do I think that you should feel forced to stay silent when others are being rude or reactionary.

Surely anyone worthy of being called a "liberal" should defend your right to speak your own mind and maintain an attitude of open-minded curiosity about people who think differently than they do.

The table became silent, they all glared at me, and the dinner was ruined.

What is one to do? Must one just smile faintly and bear it? What can one say?

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Dear Amy: I'm a media producer with an emphasis on video production. I work on documentaries, so I usually work with people who don't have on-camera experience.

When I put microphones on people, I try to make small talk about whatever common subjects I can think of (sports, pets, kids, etc.). The goal is to loosen them up to talk on camera and to alleviate some tension regarding me, a stranger, touching their body and clothes to properly place the mic and hide the cable.

Recently, I put a mic on a very pregnant woman. I was going to say, "Congratulations on the pending arrival, I have a daughter myself and it's great..."

Instead, I made a comment about the weather because I thought if I mentioned the pregnancy it would be akin to commenting on her body, and

I'm "woke" enough to know people, especially women, don't like that.

Was I correct in not acknowledging the pregnancy, or would using the pregnancy to relate be acceptable? Trying to make people comfortable and relaxed is my No. 1 priority.

— Too Woke in Chicago?

Dear Too Woke: You understand the important role you have in helping to calm nerves during what can be a nerve-wracking process. Your sensitivity is commendable.

No, you should not mention a woman's pregnancy as you are helping to affix her mic. The main reason is because a person getting ready to be interviewed on camera should be concentrating on their preparation. Pregnancy is a diverting topic to discuss.

If a woman makes a reference to her own pregnancy, then yes — congratulate and briefly share your positive parenting experience with her.

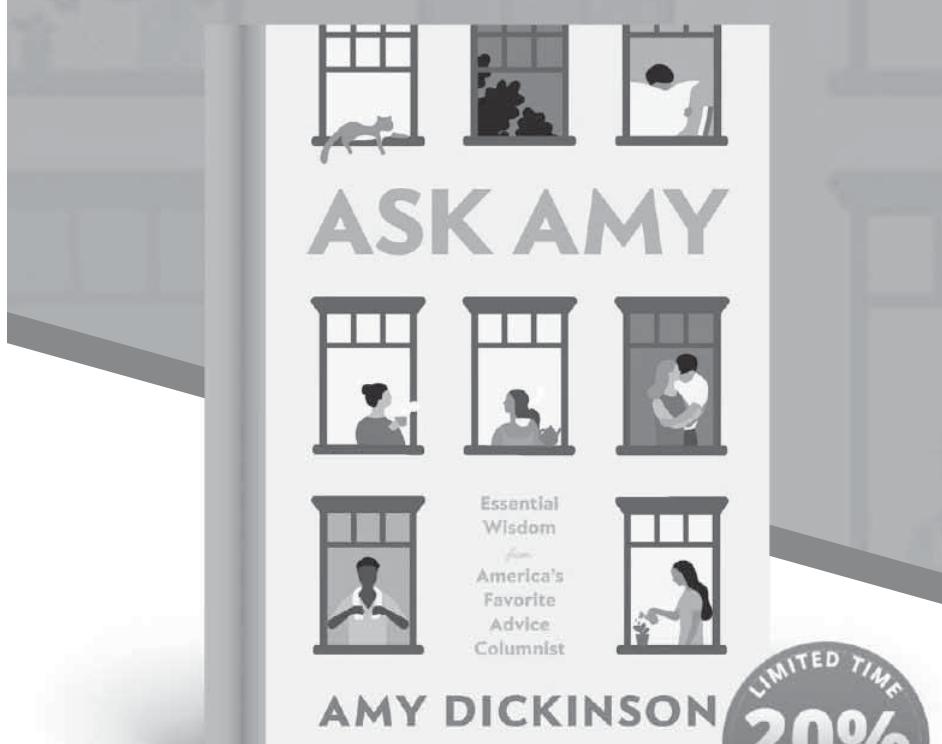
Dear Amy: "Just Wondering" was worried about his girlfriend's habit of texting a (male) co-worker after work hours. I agree with you that any of us has the right to maintain friendships outside of the love-relationship, but Wondering's girlfriend should show him her texts and reassure him. Secrecy makes all of this worse, maybe for no reason.

— Been There

Dear Been There: I agree.

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STUART GORDON 1947-2020

Filmmaker founded Organic Theater Co.

Director made 'Re-Animator,' 'From Beyond'

BY JENELLE RILEY
Variety

Stuart Gordon, founder of Chicago's Organic Theater Company and known as the filmmaker behind such cult classics as "Re-Animator" and "From Beyond," has died, his family confirmed to Variety on Tuesday night. He was 72.

Although best known for his seminal work in independent horror movies, Gordon had a varied career that included founding the Organic with his wife, Carolyn Purdy-Gordon. The Organic premiered such prominent works as David Mamet's "Sexual Perversity in Chicago" and "Bleacher Bums," which starred Dennis Franz and Joe Mantegna.

During his days in the '60s at the University of Wisconsin, he was a free spirit in the arts including

for the "Peter Pan," with nudity that he produced there with his fledgling Organic Theater Company; and in Chicago, where he reestablished the Organic, he was a pioneering innovator of off-Loop theater.

Under Gordon's direction came such hits as the fabled Cubs comedy "Bleacher Bums"; "The Wonderful Ice Cream Suit," by Ray Bradbury, with Franz and Mantegna in the cast; the original long-run emergency room comedy "E/R," and "Warp," the 1972 sci-fi trilogy that preceded "Star Wars" by five years. David Mamet's first full-length play, "Sexual Perversity in Chicago," was guided into being by Gordon in 1974, and Franz got his first break in the movies as the result of his appearance as a corrupt policeman in "Cops" at the Organic in 1976.

He was a co-creator of the "Honey, I Shrunk the Kids" franchise, for which he shared a story credit, and produced the film's



William H. Macy, left, with director Stuart Gordon at the Venice Film Festival in 2005. Gordon has died at age 72. (CHRIS JACKSON/GETTY)

sequel and directed an episode of the TV spinoff. In 2005, he directed a film adaptation of Mamet's "Edmond," starring William H. Macy. Other films include "Fortress," "Castle Freak" and "King of the Ants."

In recent years, Gordon was active in LA theater,

finding success directing the solo show "Nevermore...An Evening with Edgar Allan Poe" starring Jeffrey Combs. He also directed and co-wrote the book for "Re-Animator: The Musical," which won several awards and was praised by a Variety critic,

who wrote, "not since 'Little Shop of Horrors' has a screamfest tuner so deftly balanced seriousness and camp."

Gordon also won a Stage Raw Award for directing "Taste," a two-person drama that premiered in 2014, based on a true story where one man agrees to

be eaten by another.

He is survived by his wife, Carolyn Purdy-Gordon, daughters Suzanna, Jillian and Margaret Gordon, four grandchildren and his brother, David George Gordon.

Tribune archives contributed to this report.

Journalists

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have a system that renders the video clips and sends them back to CBS. It's very efficient, and the quality is just as good as if you were in the station."

Gerasole has been sharing social media videos that go behind the scenes of his coronavirus reporting. He posted a photo last week of himself reading from his script, also known as tracking, at his Evanston home while wearing a mask that covered his mouth. He said he was using a communal microphone at the time, but he has his own microphone now.

"I used to live in Italy. My roommate (then) is a broadcaster in Italy, and he showed me the pictures of how they are tracking in their studios now. And he had his mask on," Gerasole said. "When I went to track that first day, we had some

masks, and I said, 'OK, let's give it a shot,' because I don't know a day later if somebody else has to use the same microphone. I wanted to be as careful as possible. But now that I have this other microphone that I can use, that's not as necessary as I thought it would be. That was sort of a learning process."

WFLD-Ch. 32 entertainment reporter Jake Hamilton

No one is more excited than Hamilton is working from home than his 4-year-old shepherd mix Daenerys, who has made cameos on his Fox segments.

"I was really trying to keep working from the studio as long as possible. I have several friends who had started working from home and honestly, had reached out and kind of were talking to me about going stir crazy a little bit,"

Hamilton said. "I walk to work every day. I enjoy the people that I work with. I'm friends with the people that I work with, and I really liked going in and getting to see them. It just got to the point where it would be irresponsible if I kept going in."

Hamilton uses a LiveU broadcast app, which he describes as "a more intense version of FaceTime." He co-hosts the "Reel-Blend" podcast, which he said helped ease him into working from his Loop-area apartment last week, though his dining room setup has its flaws.

"The downside is that my apartment faces east, which means that every time they come to me for a different live shot, the sun is in a different position in the sky, which means the lighting in my apartment is completely different, so I tried to get as far away from the windows as possible," Hamilton said. "Because I have hardwood floors, I'm learning that that makes

my voice echo. Apparently if I had carpet it would make it sound better, but we're making due with the best we have."

WGN-Ch. 9 traffic reporter Sarah Jindra

Here's something Jindra didn't learn in journalism school: How to incorporate her 3-year-old son's Hot Wheels into her morning traffic report — as she did on Monday, her first day working from her Lake County home. The toy cars were a suggestion from a Channel 9 viewer.

"I had a (different) viewer write me (Monday) morning, 'Hey, back up a little bit, you're too close to the camera!' So even our viewers are helping us out (as we're) trying new things, because we're all in this together, right?" Jindra said.

Jindra said one hiccup she encountered is that she can't charge her iPhone

and use her headphones at the same time, so she considered getting wireless earbuds. She said she uses the Dejero broadcasting app, which she found to be "a little more reliable than Skype," but it drains her phone's battery quickly.

"I just put my headphones in my cellphone, and I look straight ahead. I have two lamps, like household lamps, sitting right there for lights," she said. "I'm in the only closed room on our first floor, where if my kids come down, they won't be able to rush in. We're doing what we can."

WLS-Ch. 7 meteorologist Cheryl Scott

Scott teamed up with her fiance, Dante Deiana, Monday to deliver the weather live from her Chicago living room and outside near the Chicago River.

"On a scale of 1 to 10,

how difficult has this day been?" Scott asked Deiana as they prepared for her 10 p.m. shot near the river.

"1," Deiana said in a video posted to Scott's Instagram stories.

"No, come on," Scott said.

"3. Hasn't been that bad," Deiana said.

"We ran into a few technical issues," Scott said.

"Learning errors, but got 'em down," Deiana said.

Scott told the Tribune she's able to access the ABC station's weather tools remotely to build maps, and she uses Dejero and studio lighting for her live shots.

"As long as the doorbell doesn't go off or there's not a knock at the door, then everything will be fine," said Scott, who has an 11-year-old beagle named Lola. "She'll be in the background at times making a little cameo every now and then."

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Moment

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sort of vendor at a carnival, then I had to come out as Uncle Sam in sparkly pants, a sparkly red, white and blue vest, the big top hat, the beard — the whole Uncle Sam thing — with a little microphone thing on as well.

"I make my entrance as Uncle Sam by jumping out of a giant casaba melon, which was 6 feet high and 10 feet long, and one end of it was made out of crepe paper that I would burst through — like when a football team runs on the field. So I would smash through the side of the casaba melon to shock the audience.

"We had done this in a preview performance and it all worked fine. This was opening night, and there are probably 500 people in the theater. I run backstage, take off my pants, and they have two girls who are velcroing on my Uncle Sam pants, velcroing the vest on, sticking the hat on my head, the beard on my face. Then they put a little lavalier microphone around my neck.

"And there was a girl, who was a freshman, who was in the casaba melon with me, and her job was to feed me microphone cable as I jumped out. Well, she was smoking a cigarette while I'm waiting for my cue to jump, and it was at that very moment she



Stephen Tobolowsky, center, with Rita Moreno, right, on the Netflix reboot of "One Day at a Time."

decided she had to flick her ashes. So she's holding the microphone cord with one hand and leaning over and tapping her ashes with the other, just as I jump out of the casaba melon — and the microphone cable doesn't give. And I get garroted.

"I'm choking in midair

and I fall down on the stage. And they had built a raked stage, so it wasn't level; it was sloped toward the audience, so I started rolling over and over and over toward the audience, gasp-

ing for air with the cord still around my neck.

"And when I finally stand

up, all of the clothes that

were velcroed on come off.

So I'm in my jockey shorts

and my pants are now just

in a puddle at my ankles.

The vest comes off, the

beard is hanging off, my

shirt opens up.

"I see 500 faces with

their mouths open, looking

at me staggering around

the stage. And the slides start

going overhead. I have a

20-minute speech to end

the play and I don't have a clue what I'm supposed to say. I'm staggering around, gasping for air in my under-

wear, and I call up to the booth: 'Stop the slides! Stop the damn slides! I don't

know what I'm doing.'

"And the audience thinks this is

all part of the show.

"And then I start to re-

member my lines. I go, 'OK,

start up the slides again.'

And I finished the play in

my underwear.

"I was so humiliated

afterwards that I ran back-

stage and waited for every-

body to leave — the actors

and the audience — and

then I got dressed and left.

"So that was clearly the

most humiliating moment

I've ever had."

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The takeaway ...

"When you have an experience like that, it changes what you think you can tolerate because after that it's like, 'Well this is bad, but it's not as bad as that.'

"For years I've heard people who have gone through cancer describe it as the best thing that happened to them, and I could never believe that. And then I broke my neck in Iceland riding a horse in 2008, and it took me months to recover. And now I go, 'Oh, it was the best damn thing that ever happened to me.' Catastrophe can teach us this."

"Here is the simplest way to explain it: I'm Jewish, and at the beginning of the Jewish morning service one of the first prayers we have is we pray for knowledge, wisdom and discernment. When catastrophe happens, knowledge is knowing facts, wisdom is being able to know the truth of things beyond facts, and discernment is being able to tell the difference between what's important and what's not."

"Hardship teaches you discernment. And awful moments teach you endurance. You have a lot more strength than you thought."

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Horoscopes

Today's birthday (March 26): Prepare for professional blastoff this year. Collaborate with a powerful team. Your work is in the spotlight, leading you to appreciate domestic comforts. Travel challenges next summer could motivate home renovation. Resolve a communication breakdown next winter, before you're enticed to distant shores. Go for big prizes.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Monitor finances to handle an unexpected expense. Suppress the desire to argue. Others can help solve a problem. Keep costs down.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 8. A little spontaneous pampering does you good. Take a private moment for yourself. Relax and recharge to nurture your strength and energy.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 6. Review your plans. Don't try a new trick now. Enjoy your private sanctuary. Take advantage of the peace and quiet to organize. Clean, sort and file.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 7. Prioritize strong friendships and relationships. Guard against automatic reactions. Not everyone sees things the same. Keep your opinions and curiosities private. Listen and learn.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 7. Find a professional solution that doesn't break the budget. Work within the existing structure. Avoid financial arguments or risky business.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Plan your next adventure. Seminars, classes and conferences provide fascinating insight and connections. Travels reveal new cultural perspectives. Study and consider your options.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 7. Find clever ways to cut costs without suffering. Eliminate vampire subscriptions and auto-payments. Turn the lights off when leaving a room.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Work with your partner to solve a puzzle. Love is the foundation of your strength. Build on that. Allow some spontaneous fun to arise.

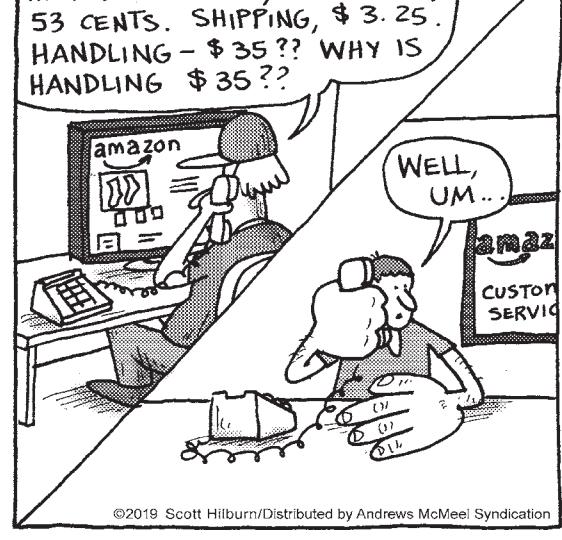
Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Slow down around sharp corners. Don't push physical limitations. Stay flexible and nurture yourself with good food, rest and exercise.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 7. Strengthen romantic foundations by sharing some spontaneous fun together. Keep a compassionate perspective. Let go of expectations to enjoy things the way they are.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 7. Make domestic repairs and upgrades. Structural breakdowns at home require attention. Keep your systems operational. Clean house and do laundry.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 7. A creative challenge requires finesse. Edit and revise the story. Listen to your muses and mentors. Study the situation to avoid controversy.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn**Bliss** By Harry Bliss**Bridge**

East-West vulnerable, South deals

North

♦ J 10 7 2
♥ A J 9 5 3 2
♦ 5
♣ K Q

East

♦ K Q 8 3
♥ 10 6
♦ 9 7 6
♣ 6 4 3 2

West

♠ A 9 6

♥ Q 8 7 4

♦ 4 3

♣ A J 10 9

South

♠ 5 4

♥ K

♦ A K Q J 10 8 2

♣ 8 7 5

The Gambling Three No Trump opening has been popular among tournament players for decades, although it doesn't come up often. It shows a long, solid suit with nothing important outside the suit. Partner doesn't pass unless he has all three unbid suits stopped. Today's deal is from a training session in England for players under 20 years old. West was 16-year-old Henry Rose.

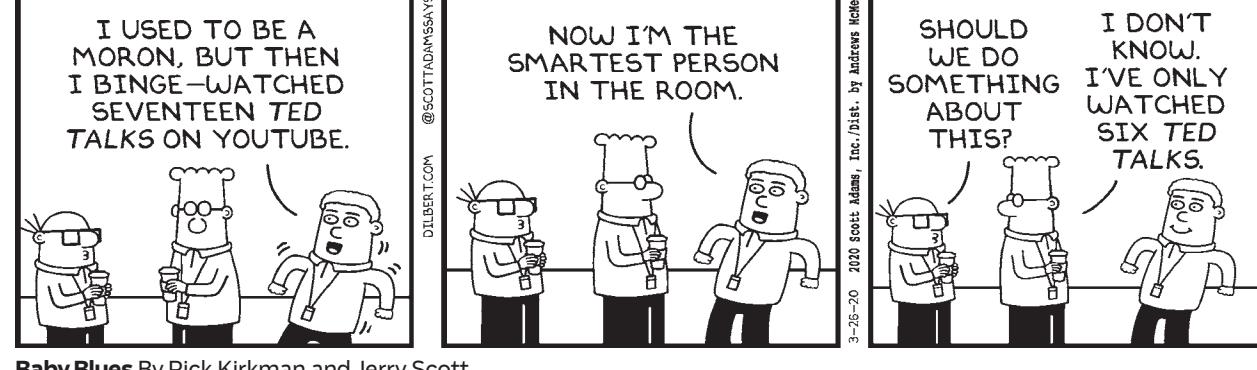
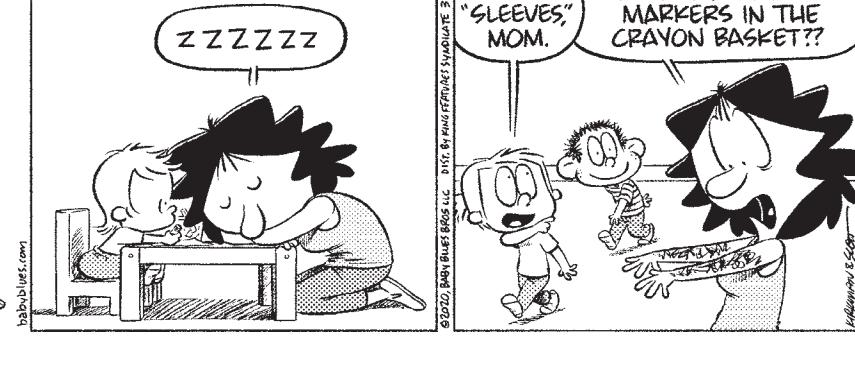
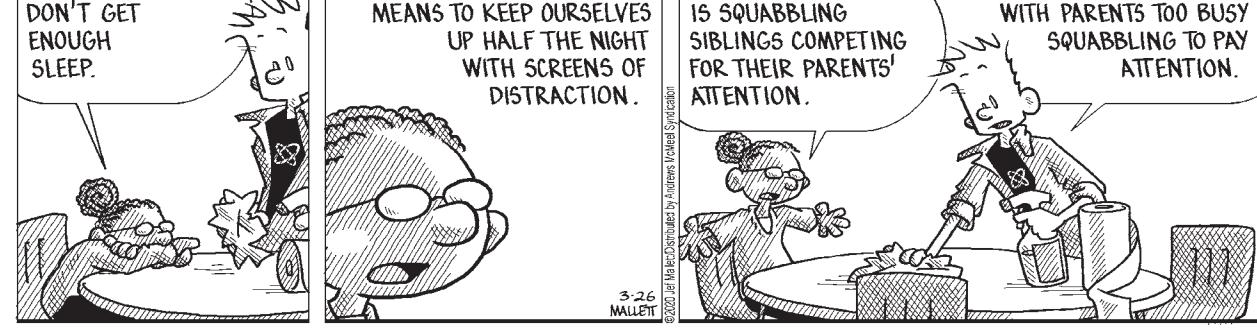
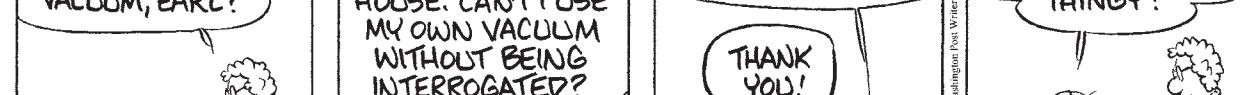
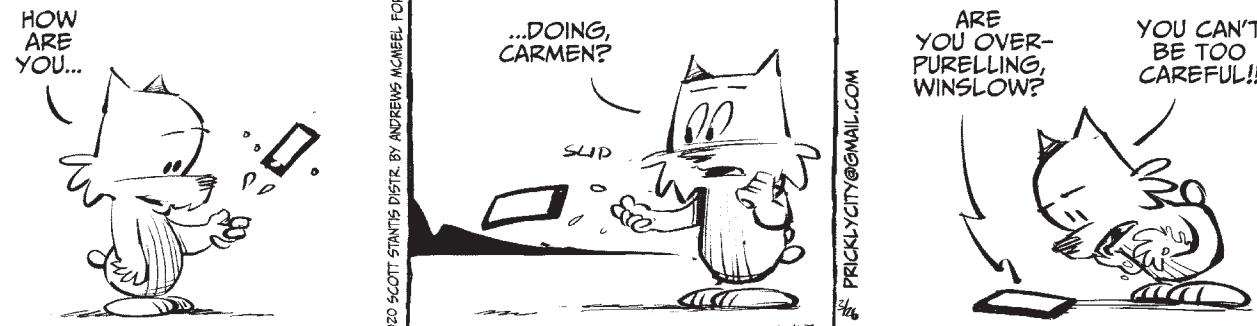
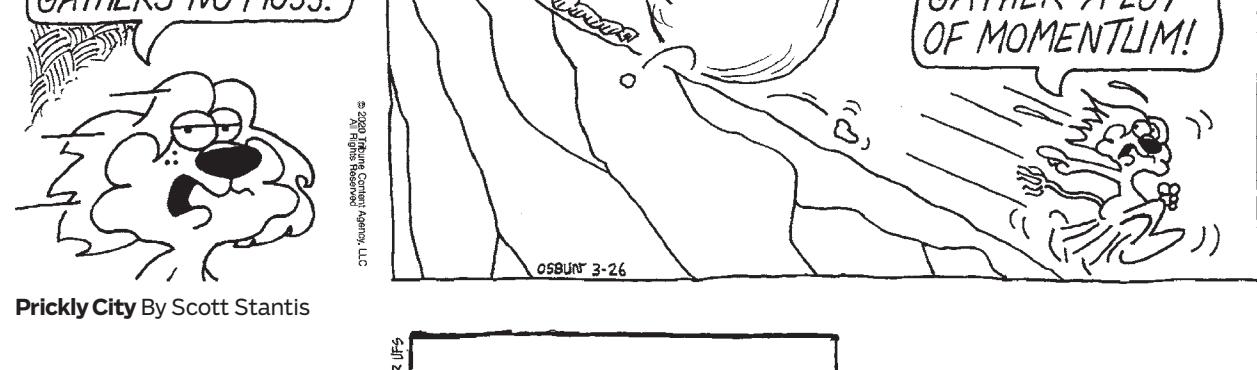
The bidding:
South Pass **West** Pass **North** Pass **East** Pass
*Gambling, solid suit, 7+cards, no outside stopper

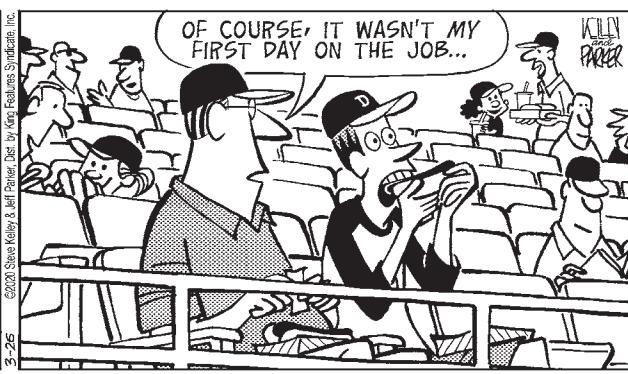
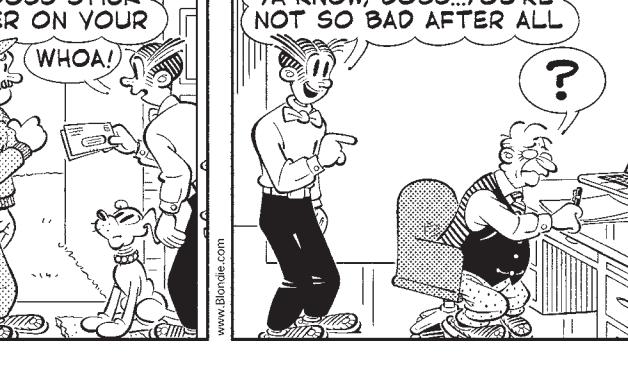
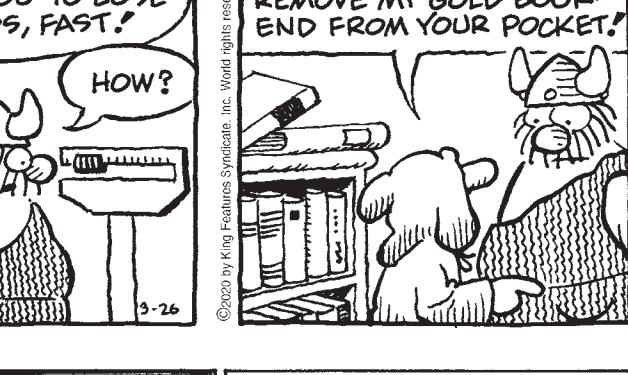
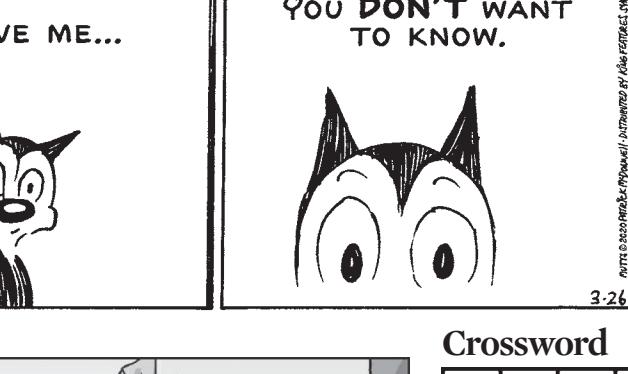
Opening lead: Ace of ♣

There will still be time to attack another suit if that looks like a better chance for the defense. The ace of clubs lead exposed the dummy. Assuming that declarer had the seven solid diamonds that he promised, the only suit that offered any chance for the defense was spades.

Rose saw that declarer could still prevail after a low spade shift. Dummy's jack would lose to partner's presumed queen. A spade back to the ace and the nine of spades continuation could be countered if South didn't cover with dummy's 10. There would be no way to reach partner's king of spades. Rose solved this problem nicely by shifting to the nine of spades! Dummy's 10 was covered by partner's queen and a spade came back to Rose's ace. Now the six of spades allowed the defense to take all four of their spade tricks and the contract was defeated. Nice play!

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Dilbert By Scott Adams**Baby Blues** By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott**Zits** By Jerry Scott and Jim Borgman**Mr. Boffo** By Joe Martin**Frazz** By Jef Mallett**Classic Peanuts** By Charles Schulz**Pickles** By Brian Crane**Dick Tracy** By Joe Staton and Mike Curtis**Animal Crackers** By Mike Osburn**Prickly City** By Scott Stantis

Dustin By Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker**For Better or for Worse** By Lynn Johnston**Blondie** By Dean Young and John Marshall**Hagar the Horrible** By Chris Browne**Mutts** By Patrick McDonnell**WuMo** By Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler**Sherman's Lagoon** By Jim Toomey**Brewster Rockit: Space Guy!** By Tim Rickard**Broom-Hilda** By Russell Myers**Trivia Bits**

Which comic actor was born Jerome Horwitz?

A) Jack Black

B) Curly How ard

C) Buster Ke aton

D) Jerry Stiller

Wednesday's answer: Instead of selling the family cow, Jack trades it for a handful of magic beans in "Jack and the Beanstalk."

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Sudoku 1 2 3 4

3/26

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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.

Wednesday'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.

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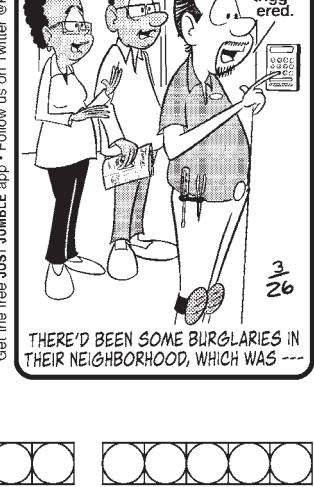
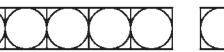
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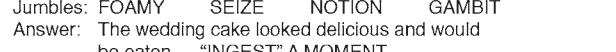
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Answer here



Wednesday's answers

Jumbles: FOAMY SEIZE NOTION GAMBIT
Answer: The wedding cake looked delicious and would be eaten — "INGEST" A MOMENT

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Crossword

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Across

- 1 Puts at ease
- 6 Pinot alternative
- 9 Something about a painting?
- 14 Ryan of "Paper Moon"
- 15 Brouhaha
- 16 Paint choice
- 17 *Mechanical plaything
- 19 —garde
- 20 Ambulance gp.
- 21 Quick inhalation
- 22 Horseshoe-shaped letter
- 23 Pennant —
- 25 *Dark as can be
- 28 Patronizes, in a way
- 30 "Insecure" actress/writer Issa —
- 31 Enero, por ejemplo
- 32 Foil alternative
- 33 Rock's — Supply
- 34 Campus suffix
- 35 *Duke led one
- 40 Keeps in the email loop

- 43 Comprehend
- 44 Litter's littlest
- 47 Chef's dish words
- 48 Med. country
- 49 Web page banners
- 52 *Nursery rhyme arachnophobe
- 55 Barter
- 56 Cause friction
- 57 Be up against
- 59 Diner slice
- 60 Scoville unit food
- 61 Ump's call, often based on a sequence found in the answers to starred clues
- 63 Muscle beach bro
- 64 Bedazzle
- 65 When left turns are rarely allowed
- 66 Off-mic comment
- 67 Furry foot
- 68 Fills up

- 18 Bear whose bed was too hard
- 22 Maureen of "Rio Grande"
- 24 Focuses on, as the catcher for signals
- 26 Bed with sliding sides
- 27 Sunflower St. School
- 29 Patch, perhaps
- 33 Ticket price determinant, at times
- 36 A single Time?
- 37 Soft ball
- 38 New Deal agcy.
- 39 Outfit
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- 41 Trite expressions
- 42 Bento box selection
- 45 Jazz festival site
- 46 One learning the ropes

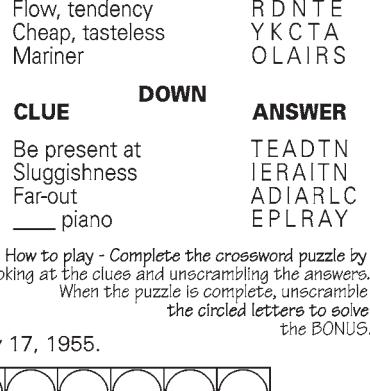
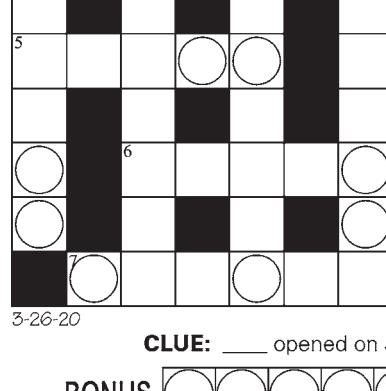
- 48 "Nothing's wrong"
- 49 Bar mitzvah language
- 50 Notions case
- 51 Races round the bases
- 53 Caesar —
- 54 Mufti's proclamation
- 58 17 of Laila Ali's wins, for short
- 60 "—ching!"
- 61 Weaken
- 62 "Bambi" doe

Down

- 1 Hides in fear
- 2 Do some work at Pixar
- 3 Protective camera piece
- 4 Sore
- 5 Whack over the wall
- 6 Keep a Persian company, perhaps
- 7 Take in, as a Persian
- 8 Huck Finn, for one
- 9 Served blazing
- 10 "Bolero" composer
- 11 In the ballpark?
- 12 Intimidated
- 13 Interoffice no.

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Jumble Crossword

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.

ANSWERS: 1-AWARY 5A-Tired 6A-Tacky 7A-Gallit 1D-Artful 2D-Infra 3D-Friendly 4D-Player 5D-Design

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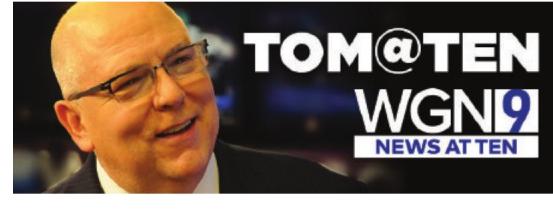
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THURSDAY, MARCH 26

NORMAL HIGH: 51°

NORMAL LOW: 32°

RECORD HIGH: 79° (2007)

RECORD LOW: 7° (1873)

Wet period looms ahead to close out the week

LOCAL FORECAST



■ A cold front will sink south over the Chicago area with winds shifting to the NE behind the front and temps falling into the 30s.

■ Mostly cloudy - some remnant sprinkles from overnight rains early.

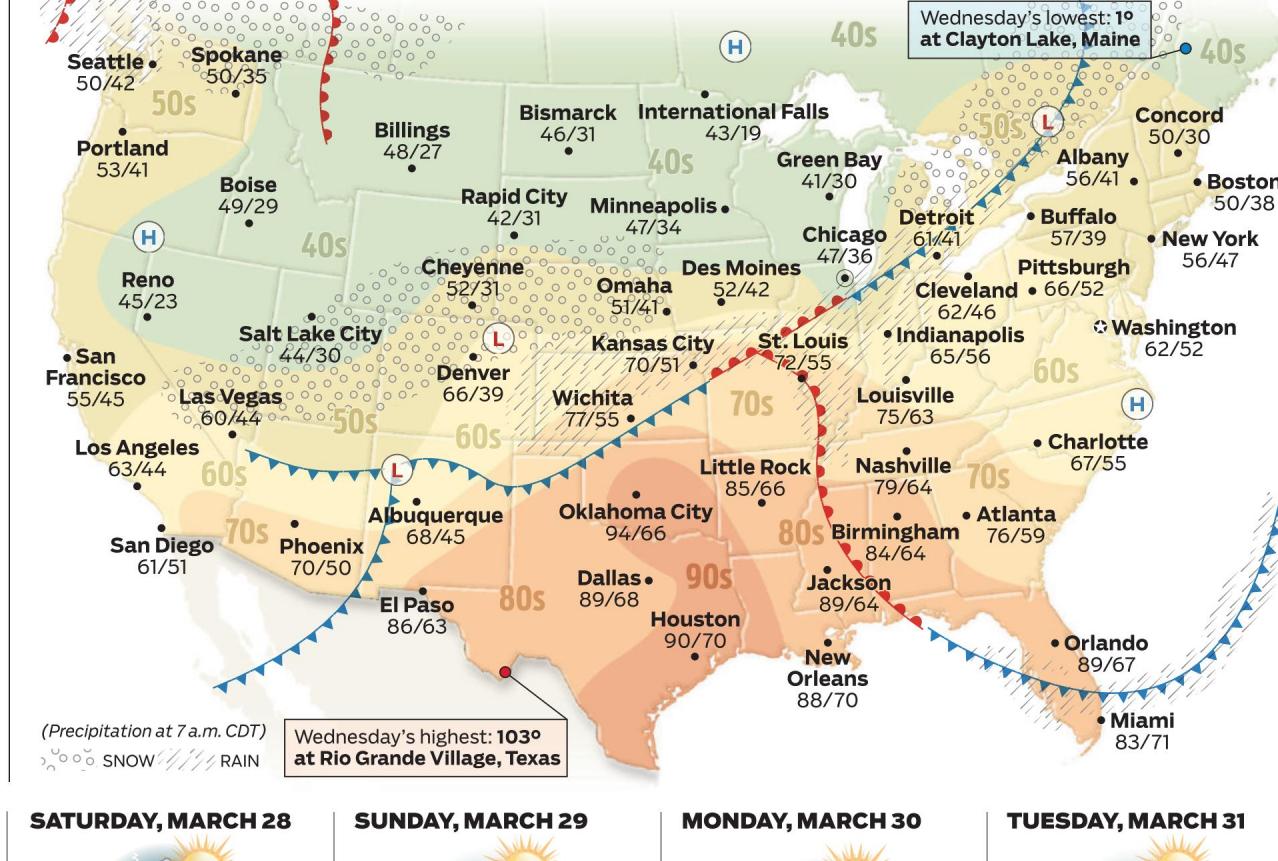
■ Winds shift sharply NE by late morning; showers beginning in the afternoon.

■ High temps in the mid 40s occur in the forenoon with afternoon readings dropping into the 30s.

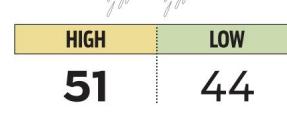
■ Temps far south could be warmer in the 50s.

■ Rain spreads into the area during the afternoon and continues into the overnight hours.

NATIONAL FORECAST



FRIDAY, MARCH 27

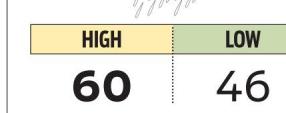


Could be some breaks early then clouding over with a chance of rain beginning in the afternoon with showers and possible thunderstorms overnight. Daytime highs around 50 degrees. E to SE winds.

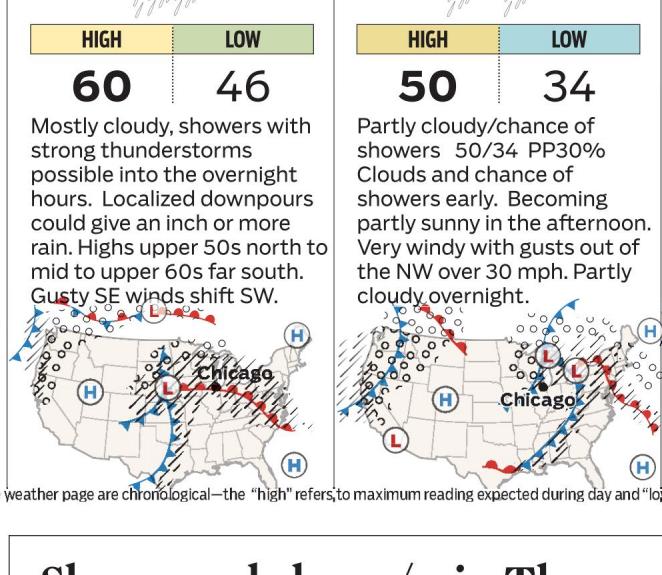


NOTE: Predicted high/low temps on Tribune weather page are chronological—the "high" refers to maximum reading expected during day and "low" is the minimum reading expected the following night.

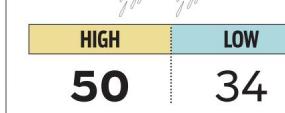
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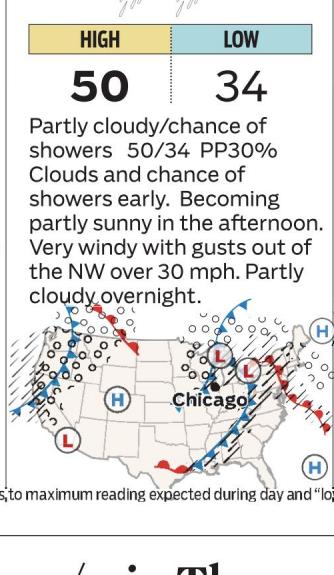
Mostly cloudy, showers with strong thunderstorms possible into the overnight hours. Localized downpours could give an inch or more rain. Highs upper 50s north to mid to upper 60s far south. Gusty SE winds shift SW.



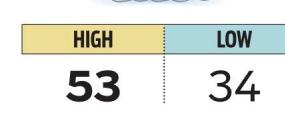
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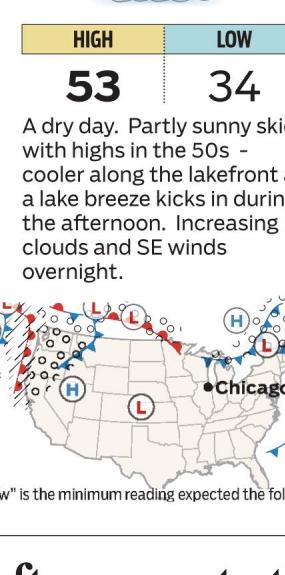
Partly cloudy/chance of showers 50/34 PP 34. Clouds and chance of showers early. Becoming partly sunny in the afternoon. Very windy with gusts out of the NW over 30 mph. Partly cloudy overnight.



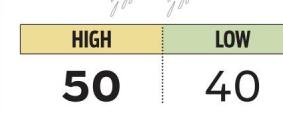
MONDAY, MARCH 30



A dry day. Partly sunny skies with highs in the 50s - cooler along the lakefront as a lake breeze kicks in during the afternoon. Increasing clouds and SE winds overnight.



TUESDAY, MARCH 31



As a low pressure system passes to the south, clouds and a chance of rain will hold over our area mainly south portions. Highs upper 40s to low 50s. A chance of rain again mainly south overnight. E winds shift to the N late.



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1



becoming partly sunny. Highs in the low to mid 50s with cooler readings at the lakefront due to a NE breeze. Clear skies overnight.



ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
Has the coronavirus been linked to the weather in any way?

Raymond Bakner, Chicago

Dear Raymond,
There is still much that we do not know about coronavirus, but it appears the weather does not limit its spread. Recall that seasons are reversed in the Southern and Northern Hemispheres. They are in autumn down there while we are in spring in the Northern Hemisphere. Reports of coronavirus occurrences in the Southern Hemisphere have been increasing as rapidly as in the Northern Hemisphere, taking into consideration the time of onset of the virus' appearance in any given nation. Whether the arrival of warmer temperatures in the Northern Hemisphere as spring advances into summer will slow the spread of the virus is still unknown.

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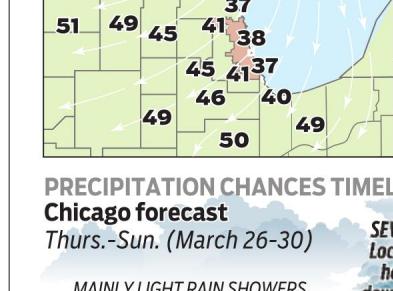
WGN-TV meteorologists Mark Carroll, Steve Kahn, Richard Koerner, Paul Merlock and Paul Dailey, plus Bill Snyder, contribute to this page.

Hear Demetrios
Ivory's weather updates weekdays 3 to 6 p.m. on WGN-AM 720 Chicago.

Sharp cool-down/rain Thurs. afternoon; t-storms Saturday

MUCH COOLER THURSDAY
Freshening NE winds off the lake to lower temperatures
20+ degrees along the lakefront.

Thursday 4 p.m. forecast temps



PRECIPITATION CHANCES TIMELINE

Chicago forecast

Thurs.-Sun. (March 26-30)



SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

THURSDAY'S UPPER AIR PATTERN
Tracking potential Saturday system
Short wave trough moves east from California and tracks across Midwest Saturday triggering broad area of showers/severe t-storms

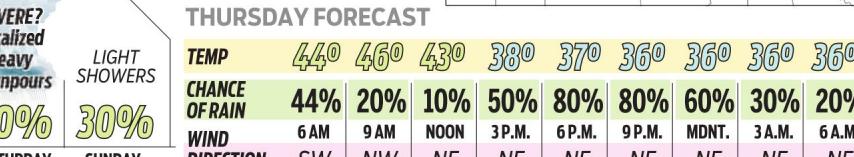
JET STREAM
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SPLIT upper flow over Chicago Thursday induces showers/afternoon/evening

SATURDAY Broad area of t-storms and potentially severe t-storms

RAINFALL OUTLOOK
Heaviest rains across Chicago area to fall on Saturday, when thundery downpours are likely to occur

Rainfall predicted through Sunday p.m.



THURSDAY FORECAST

TEMP 440 460 430 380 370 360 360 360

CHANCE OF RAIN 44% 20% 10% 50% 80% 80% 60% 30% 20%

WIND DIRECTION SW NW NE NE NE NE NE NE

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—HOMES—

A modern living room interior featuring a large painting of a forest scene on the left wall. In the center, a white sofa is positioned behind a dark wood coffee table with a glass top. A large potted plant with pink flowers sits on the table. To the right, another sofa is partially visible. The room has white paneled walls and a ceiling with recessed lighting.

MAGIC IN THE MIX

Blend modern furnishings with vintage to create a fun, personal decor style **PAGE 4**

HOME REMEDIES

What to consider before getting new yard fence

BY JENNA SCHUSTER

Angie's List

Whether you're looking to add privacy to your yard, increase curb appeal or just keep pets contained, investing in a fence offers a great solution. But with all the options on the market, choosing the perfect fence can be overwhelming. This comparison of fencing materials and styles will help you make the best decision for your home.

Wood barrier. Wood is an old standby for fencing. It comes in a variety of styles and price points and is generally inexpensive to repair, but it also requires regular pressure washing and sealing. Wood can also face issues like moisture, rot and insect damage. Try cedar fencing to avoid some of these problems, as cedar wood contains natural oils that deter insects.

Styles to try: Wood works well for privacy, horizontal slat, lattice and picket fences. You can get more privacy from a picket



DREAMSTIME

Barriers, partitions and posts all offer different benefits and drawbacks.

fence by placing the slats closer together.

Vinyl partition. Vinyl fencing is the best option for those who want a low-to-no-maintenance barrier. This material won't crack or splinter, and you shouldn't need to repaint it at all. Vinyl comes in several colors and styles, and is cleaned easily with a hose.

The downside is that installation costs more compared with other materials, and repair costs can be high if anything breaks. Thicker vinyl is often more durable than thinner options, but the quality of the material is the most important factor.

Styles to try: Purchase white vinyl posts for a crisp picket fence or thick boards for a privacy fence. This

material also works well as lattice.

Composite fencing. A composite fence is a great option for homeowners looking for a low-maintenance, eco-friendly fencing solution. Composite is made up of a combination of wood and plastic to produce a material that looks a lot like wood with

far fewer drawbacks. These fences don't require regular sanding, painting or sealing, though they should be cleaned on occasion. They're insect-resistant and less likely to rot than solid wood fences. Plus, composite fences are often made from recyclable materials, which makes them a greener option. Keep in mind that composite is

more expensive than wood and requires slightly more upkeep than vinyl.

Styles to try: Composite works best for privacy, horizontal and picket fences. It can be purchased in panels to help save time during installation, though this may make it difficult to customize.

Aluminum posts. Aluminum is a favorite for metal fencing thanks to its low cost and rust resistance. Although it's lightweight compared to other metal fencing options, aluminum can be trickier to install than wood or vinyl. These fences are ideal for homeowners looking for home security, as they are difficult to climb and can be purchased with pointed tops. However, they don't provide much privacy, since they're generally made up of bars instead of slats.

Styles to try: You can purchase aluminum fences in varying heights, with some as tall as 8 feet high. They come with flat or pointed tops.

Create calm in the home

BY CATHY HOBBS

Tribune News Service

For most people, home is the place where a day starts and ends. Instead of the home being a place of clutter and chaos, how can you truly make it an oasis?

The key is to create a sense of calm, which can be achieved in different ways. Here are our top tips.

Create cozy areas: Create a relaxation area in your home specifically dedicated

as a place to recharge.

Find a focal point: Even if you don't have a fireplace for everyone to gather around, you can still rearrange your space to create a focal point that can serve as the hub of relaxation activity. This could be done by simply creating a cozy room or an attractive communal table.

Infuse scents: In nature each season brings a fresh fragrance and scent. Fra-

grance can also help provide a sense of calm. Consider infusing calming scents into your home, such as lavender, mint, juniper and sage.

Incorporate nature: Natural elements such as wood can help warm a space.

Provide comfort: When in doubt, add a cozy throw or plush pillows.

Use greenery: Succulents,



DESIGN RECIPES

Greenery adds a sense of nature to indoor environments.

trees and plants can help improve overall indoor air quality.

Integrate neutral colors: Adding earth tones goes a long way to add warmth

and coziness to a space. Consider warm shades of brown, green, yellow and red.

Open the windows: Natural light not only impacts moods, it helps enhance lives.

Add candles: Nothing signals calm and relaxation more than candles.

Unplug: Electronics usage is not only distracting, it's a counterbalance to relaxation. Carve out a section of your day for device-free "me" moments.

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Mix-and-match decor It's in with the old and in with the new

BY KIM COOK

Associated Press

An early, painted Swedish sideboard next to a leather sectional. An ornate Italian walnut headboard on a bed dressed in feather-weight linen. A collection of colorful 1930s Fiestaware pottery on a Lucite bookshelf.

Mixing vintage and modern elements is one of the easier decorating techniques to employ. A little research can help with sourcing quality antiques, but combining old and new is mostly a matter of making sure the fun "found" pieces or family heirlooms get along with the contemporary components.

That introduction may take some tweaking so your room doesn't end up looking like a catchall of random furniture, but that's part of the fun. Introduce the furnishings to each other. See who gets along. And rearrange where everybody sits if you need to.

Tamara Rosenthal, Sotheby's Home marketing vice president, says the mix-and-match trend is on the rise.

"People aren't as interested in spaces that look like they came entirely from a showroom," she says. "They want to create a space with a unique point of view, infusing a variety of pieces, eras, textures and more to create a cohesive but unique look and feel."

Balance is key

Interior design maven Kimberley Seldon, whose business is based in Toronto and Los Angeles, follows this formula when mixing styles:

"As long as 80% of an interior is cohesive — same style, same period, same philosophy — the other 20% can deviate. In 20 years, I've never seen this rule of thumb fail."

Rosenthal recommends layering old and new items, like hanging an antique rug



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A design project in New York by Ike Kligerman Barkley blends new furnishings — a blue and gray wool and silk carpet, and creamy boucle sofas — and vintage: "Pairs of smaller, bolder pieces — 1920s Swedish black lacquer side chairs, and 1930s mahogany slipper chairs," says designer Elizabeth Sesser.



Rhyme Studio's new wool rugs, are inspired by Ogham, a 1,600-year-old Irish tree alphabet. This example, Willow, is associated with the weeping willow tree.

RHYME STUDIO

in an otherwise modern room.

Elizabeth Sesser, a designer at the New York firm Ike Kligerman Barkley, mentions a recent project that blended vintage and modern furniture into an elegant whole. The new: a blue and gray wool and silk carpet, and creamy boucle sofas. The old: "Pairs of smaller, bolder pieces — 1920s Swedish black lacquer side chairs, and 1930s mahogany slipper chairs," she says.

Watch your combinations

Some vintage styles don't complement each other as well as others, Seldon points out. For instance, the ornate embellishments and jewel tones of Victorian furnishings don't work harmoniously with the Arts and Crafts movement, whose hallmarks are simpler craftsmanship and muted, nature-inspired hues.

If you do want to blend eras, consider Victorian

with other formal European eras like Georgian, Edwardian and French. If you've got a few exceptional Arts and Crafts pieces, play them up with clean-lined country styles and modern upholstery.

"One of my favorite ways to mix design styles is with midcentury pieces," says Rosenthal. "They're truly transitional, because they can sway traditional or modern without looking out of place."

Katie Watson-Smyth, who lives in London and writes the design blog Mad About the House, agrees about midcentury modern: "You will never go wrong with a chair from this period. It's friends with everyone."

She notes that midmod chairs can be reupholstered in a range of fabrics to suit any design vibe.

She also recommends looking for common threads among your found pieces — rounded edges; wood and color tones;

surface materials like marble.

New, inspired by old

If you don't have true antiques, there are interesting new pieces that hark to the past.

For example, Brooklyn-based Rhyme Studio is debuting a collection of wool rugs inspired by a 1,600-year-old Irish alphabet, known as Ogham, or the tree alphabet. Its folk history may tie it to druids and secretive scholars, but the designs look as current and chic as anything dreamed up today.

And at Kathy Kuo, find an array of new seating, lighting and casegoods referencing popular eras like Hollywood Regency, French Country and Art Deco.

Shop smart

Rosenthal advises planning in advance before hunting for specific pieces. Be specific when you key in search terms. Knowing

what you're after helps, but be open to surprise finds.

"We always recommend starting with smaller items like mirrors, artwork, accessories and other accents," she says.

"You can find a wide range of styles in mirrors in good shape that add a touch of history. And you can often find standout light fixtures that no one else will have," she says.

"Shopping at a reputable site, antique dealer or well-regarded secondhand store is key," she warns. "They'll be able to provide all the information you need on the specific details of the piece."

Pieces on the Sotheby's Home site, for example, have been vetted by a team that assesses condition, authenticity, etc.

Besides Sotheby's, check out the ever-changing lineup of furnishings and collectibles at Chairish, 1stDibs, Etsy, eBay, One King's Lane and Jayson Home.



CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN

Azaleas and rhododendrons are best known for their showy flowers, and there are many different azalea and rhododendron cultivars to choose from.

Rhododendrons can flourish in Chicago — with these tips

BY TIM JOHNSON

I want to try growing rhododendrons this year, but my friends have discouraged me, saying that they are too difficult to grow in the Chicago area. Can you suggest some for me to try in my garden?

— Ellen Abbot, Glencoe

Azaleas and rhododendrons are best known for their showy flowers. They can be used successfully if the proper species and cultivars are selected and sited properly in local gardens.

It's important to choose plants that are hardy in this area. Azaleas and rhododendrons are common names used for the very large Rhododendron genus of plants. As such, there are many different azalea and rhododendron cultivars to choose from.

Some plants I have had good success growing without extensive soil modifications and care include cultivars from the Northern Lights series of

azaleas, Karen's azalea (*Rhododendron 'Karen's*) and Korean azalea (*Rhododendron yedoense* var. *poukhanense*). Rhododendron 'PJM' hybrids are also reliable and evergreen.

Azaleas and rhododendrons grow best in well-drained soil that is acidic. The typical heavy clay, poorly drained and high pH soils in many Chicago gardens can cause significant problems for growing these plants. This common garden scenario, combined with trying to grow cultivars that are not cold hardy in Chicago, give this group of plants the reputation of being difficult to grow.

Most azaleas and rhododendrons grow well in a partially shaded location, with some, such as those in the Northern Lights series, doing well in full sun. If they are grown in heavy shade, few flowers will be produced and growth will be spindly. Generally, they grow well on the north and east sides of your home, where they are protected from hot afternoon sun.

Evergreen rhododendrons should ideally be planted where they are protected from winter sun and wind.

These plants are shallow rooted and sensitive to dry conditions, so water during dry periods. Apply granular sulfur and gently scratch into the soil around the plants in spring and fall to slowly reduce the pH of the soil if it is alkaline, which is likely the case.

If your garden soil is heavy clay, it is best to plant the azaleas in a mound above the soil. Use a mix of 50% peat moss and 50% pine bark mulch to mound around the root balls. Pay close attention to watering, and reapply the mix as it settles over time.

With these tips, azaleas and rhododendrons can thrive in your garden.

For more plant advice, contact the Plant Information Service at the Chicago Botanic Garden at (847) 835-0972 or plantinfo@chicagobotanic.org.

Tim Johnson is senior director of horticulture at the Chicago Botanic Garden.

Get wildflowers in your garden, but not from wild

BY BETH BOTT

Nothing raises the spirits like the first wildflowers of spring in the woods.

"It's always a treat to see those first little blooms," said Sharon Yiesla, plant knowledge specialist at the Morton Arboretum in Lisle.

The earliest wildflowers — usually pale purple hepatica and white bloodroot — start poking up through the brown leaves on the floor of the arboretum's east woods in late March or early April.

From then until mid-May, it's a parade of sparkly pink spring beauties, jaunty Dutchman's breeches, blue Virginia bluebells, yellow bellwort, stately white trillium and many more.

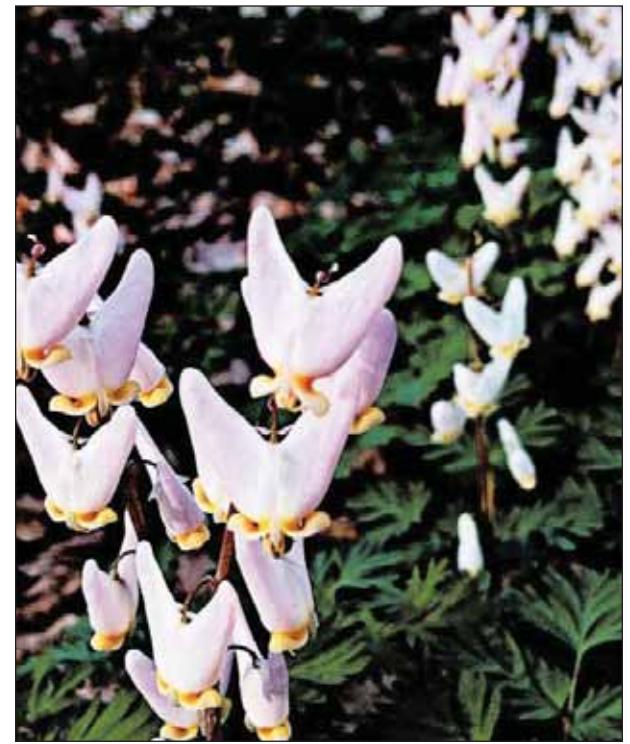
Their blooms provide nectar and pollen for bees, wasps and other insects early in the spring.

And then, they're gone. Within a few weeks, the trees overhead open their leaves to shade the forest floor, and almost all of these plants disappear until next year. In fact, these wildflowers are known as "spring ephemerals" because they're so fleeting.

"They've evolved to bloom and reproduce in those first few weeks of spring, when the trees are still bare and sunlight can reach them," Yiesla said. "When the tree canopy fills in and the sunlight runs out, they go dormant."

A number of spring ephemeral wildflowers can make good additions to the shady parts of your garden. "They're fine companions for trees," Yiesla said. "After all, living under trees is what they're built for."

They can be more finicky than garden-bred perennials. For example, any woodland wildflowers will need superb soil full of organic matter. In the



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Dutchman's breeches (*Dicentra cucullaria*) is one of the spring wildflowers that bloom in April in the east woods at the Morton Arboretum in Lisle.

woods, they live in fluffy, sandy humus soil, which has been enriched with decaying leaves for hundreds or thousands of years.

"Dig lots of dried leaves and compost into the site where you plan to plant them," said Yiesla — just be careful not to damage tree roots when you dig.

Make sure to leave a layer of leaves over the wildflowers each fall. Shredded leaves will break down more easily and stay in place on windy days.

Keep the soil moist until the plants are well established, but skip the fertilizer. These plants prefer to get their nutrients from the decay of organic matter in the soil.

Among the easiest wildflowers to grow in a home garden are bloodroot (*Sanguinaria canadensis*), with white daisy-like flowers in early spring; Virginia bluebells (*Mertensia virginica*),

which sport purple buds that open to bluebell-like blooms in early May; and bellwort (*Uvularia grandiflora*), aptly named for its yellow dangling bells.

Since many woodland wildflowers are difficult to raise from seed, it's best to buy them as plants. They are often available in native plant sales.

One vital tip: Make sure the wildflowers you buy have been grown for gardeners and not stolen from the wild.

"Never dig them up from natural areas," Yiesla said. "They're a critical part of the native ecosystem that includes the wildlife and the trees."

For tree and plant advice, contact the Plant Clinic at the Morton Arboretum (mortonarb.org/plant-advice, 630-719-2424 or plant-clinic@mortonarb.org). Beth Botts is a staff writer at the arboretum.

ASK THE BUILDER

Be bold when painting house's exterior

BY TIM CARTER
Tribune Content Agency

Q: This summer I need to paint my house. I need your advice about a number of things. First is the color choice. My husband and I are involved in a daily cage fight about the color. I want to go bold. He wants a plain vanilla color. We have no intentions of moving, if that matters. What paint would you recommend we use? What are a few of the best practices when painting the exterior of a home? Thanks for refereeing the bout in our make-believe octagon! I'm interested in who you think will win the bout.

A: All too often I'm called upon to intercede in marital home-improvement squabbles.

You have provided a very important fact that makes my decision about the color choice quite simple. You said you've got no intention of moving.

I'm going to go off-topic for just a moment. About four years ago I discovered the true path to inner happiness. I connected a few dots about observations I made when out hiking and doing outdoor amateur radio with my best friend here in New Hampshire. He'd ignore me when I brought up topics that didn't interest him or agitated him. I had always marveled at him being the happiest person I'd ever met. Now I know why. He actively kicked any negativity in his life to the curb. Do that and happiness will flow over you all day like a giant waterfall.

With that said, if painting your house a bold color makes you happy, then by gosh do it! It's your home. Make a statement. Be fearless like the property owners in Old San Juan, Puerto Rico, for goodness sake! Become a trendsetter in your neighborhood.



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If painting your house a bold color makes you happy, be fearless like the property owners in Old San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Before you commit to the final color, do a test panel on a large enough part of the house so you can really see what the color will be like. Paint at least 100 or 200 square feet of surface area, not some tiny patch. Look at the color for a week at different times of day. Stand back at the street or at a distance to view it, not just five feet away. Get a real feel for the bold color.

Let's discuss the paint to use. Years ago, I attended an editors' conference where a new urethane-resin paint was introduced to the marketplace. Urethane is sticky. You know

this if you've ever applied it to wood floors. It grabs and won't let go. Did you know that paint is just colored glue? Yes, that's all it is in its most basic form.

You want to paint the outside of your home with the stickiest paint you can buy. About 20 years ago I painted the last home I built with this paint. I drove past it just a few months ago and it looks exactly like the day I applied the paint. The paint color was still rich, and I couldn't see one place where it had peeled or blistered.

Let's imagine you need to go out to dinner, and

you've been working outside all day doing gardening in the hot sun. You're filthy dirty, you're sweaty and just plain gross. There's no way you'd ever just come inside and change clothes to go out. You'd take a shower first and get clean before putting on your fresh going-out-to-dinner duds.

You need to do the same with the outside of your home. But be careful. Don't fall into the pressure-washing trap. Too many people assume pressure washers are the best way to clean the outside of a home. In my opinion, they fall way short of that mark, and it's

easy to explain why.

Is your car really dirty? Good. Go to a local car wash where you can use a pressure-washing wand to apply soap and then rinse your car.

Use the pressure washer on your car as you might do it on your house. Keep in mind that if you get the tip of the wand too close to the surface of your home, you can damage it. So keep the tip back away from the car paint about 10 inches or more.

Pull your car out of the wash bay, park somewhere nearby and allow the car to air dry. Then take your

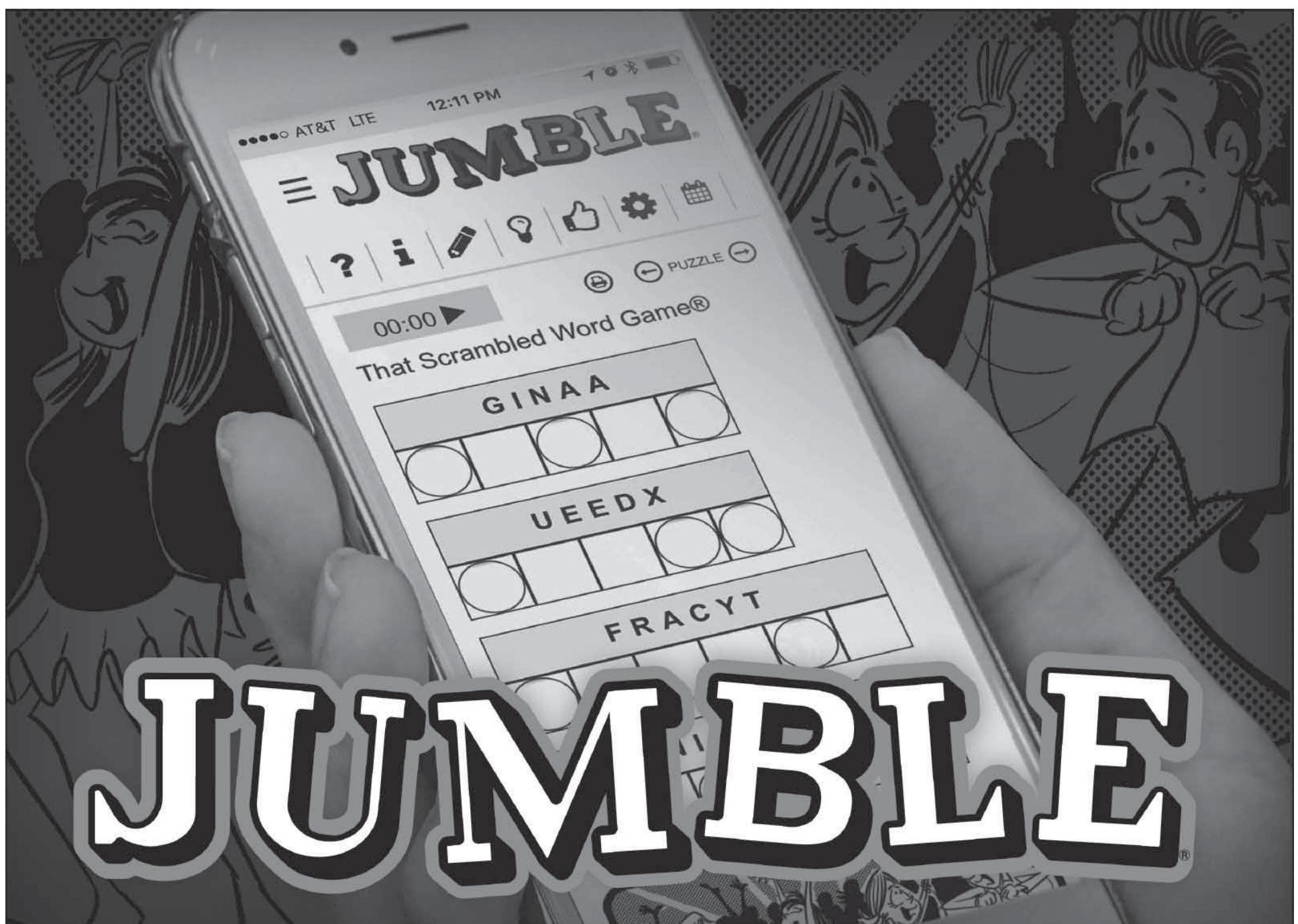
finger over the dirtiest part of the car and wipe it with a clean damp paper towel. I guarantee you the paper towel will take more dirt off your car. Case closed. Wash your house like you used to wash your car. Use a soapy solution and a big brush RV owners use to wash their rigs.

Apply the new paint in the shade, not direct sunlight. Read the label on the paint can and follow all the directions to the letter. Do these things and you're going to be one happy homeowner. And the match goes to Marilyn. (Crowd cheers!)

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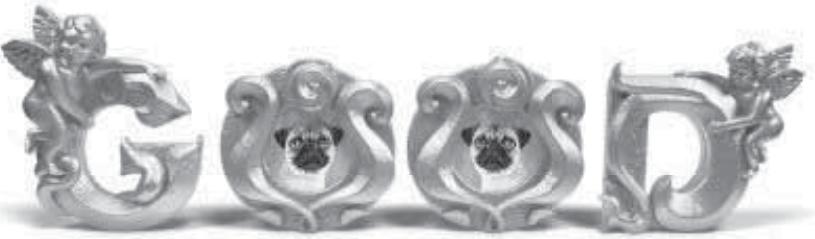
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5 top design styles for next kitchen remodel

BY DAN DiCLERICO

HomeAdvisor

Over the years, you've probably developed a clear fashion style, which makes it easy to shop for clothing and accessories. Maybe you're a classicist, with a closet full of black-and-white staples. Or perhaps you're more bohemian, preferring bold patterns and unexpected cuts.

Fashion sense is one thing. But unless you're an architect or designer, it's harder to identify your taste in kitchen styles. So, we've outlined five popular kitchen styles to help. If you're embarking on a kitchen renovation, knowing which way you lean will jump-start discussions with designers and contractors, and it will make it easier to choose appliances, countertops and more.

**Kitchen design style
No. 1: Transitional**

What is it? The top-trending style for kitchens, according to the National Kitchen and Bath Association, or NKBA. "Transitional kitchens carry a minimalistic yet relaxed aesthetic that marries the best qualities of traditional and modern into one style," says Kerrie Kelly, an interior designer based in northern California and member of the NKBA. The style is popular with young families because it combines high functionality with low maintenance.

Defining features: Simple cabinetry, such as Shaker style, with low-maintenance quartz countertops; and clean color palettes, including whites, greens, grays, beiges and blues.

**Kitchen design style
No. 2: Contemporary**

What is it? The second most-common style, according to the NKBA, contemporary kitchens



DREAMSTIME

According to the National Kitchen and Bath Association, transitional kitchens are the top-trending design style.

feature a more edited aesthetic than their transitional counterparts. Think sleek, simple finishes and carefully planned lighting plans. In terms of color, think basic black and white, with a smattering of grays and beiges.

Defining features: Abundant natural light through expansive windows and glass walls; sleek large-format tiles in porcelain or natural stone; lots of drawer storage and armoire-style cabinetry to conceal appliances; and high use of technology, including smart lighting controls.

**Kitchen design style
No. 3: Farmhouse**

What is it? A timeless design in which specific features make the statement — perhaps found objects such as reclaimed barn doors or vintage lighting.

Defining features: Shiplap walls and ceilings; apron-front sinks and pendant lighting; Shaker cabinets in white and gray tones; and high contrast between countertop material and cabinetry.

**Kitchen design style
No. 4: Industrial**

What is it? Defined by a

minimalistic yet energetic feeling, the industrial kitchen style is trending in urban areas, including loft spaces in renovated commercial buildings.

Defining features: Edgy materials such as stained concrete countertops and reclaimed wood floors; mixed metal finishes; commercial-style appliances, sinks and faucets; and exposed-bulb light fixtures, often with Edison bulbs for a vintage aesthetic.

**Kitchen design style
No. 5: Midcentury**

What is it? The post-World War II design movement that remained popular until the late 1970s, not that it ever faded from fashion completely. "The clean lines, simple finishes, organic curves, mix-and-match materials and multi-functional designs of mid-century modern have remained a timeless style even today," Kelly says.

Defining features: Simple, well-designed objects and floor plans; an emphasis on organic, geometric forms; more textured fabrics and furnishings throughout; and clean, bold colors, including bronzes and browns mixed with whites.

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Want to refinance if rates drop again? Here's how to be ready

When mortgage rates dropped to historic lows early this month, refinancing applications shot through the roof. One source compared the mortgage lender industry during that week as similar to Home Depot before a coming hurricane.

Since then, mortgage rates have been yo-yoing given the uncertainty of financial markets during the coronavirus pandemic, as well as the Fed's two emergency rate drops. But while current rates may not be enticing, recent rate movements have been exceptionally erratic and in these unprecedented times, it's entirely possible they will drop to lows again.

That's why it's good to prepare now (while lenders are catching their breath) if you think you'll want to refinance if rates drop again. Having your financial situation in order will be necessary if you want your application approved to lock a new low rate.

The first step is to calculate whether you have enough equity in your home to allow for refinancing. You'll only be able to refinance up to 80% of your home's appraised value, so if your current mortgage plus any home equity debt exceeds 80%, you'll need to wait until you pay down more of those balances.

Second, take a look at your other debts. Do you have credit card balances or personal loans you can pay off before applying for a refinance? The ratio of your debt to your income is one of the primary drivers in lender decisions.

Lastly, assess your credit. If your score is below 760, you may want to bolster it before applying to refinance, since the higher your score, the more likely you'll be approved and the better rate you'll receive. Paying off debt is one way to improve your score, but also check your credit report for errors and avoid applying for any new credit until after you refinance.

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