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Madison Schindlbeck, 12, left, with her mother, Nicole, and siblings, picks up litter around a pond in the Savannah subdivision of Aurora.

Chicago infant among deaths

Pritzker reports 465 new cases, issues warning to obey stay-at-home order

BY STACY ST. CLAIR AND CECILIA REYES

The death of an infant diagnosed with COVID-19 prompted another stern warning Saturday from Gov. J.B. Pritzker and public health officials about the importance of obeying the week-old stay-at-home order.

The child, whose exact age and medical history were not released, lived in Chicago and is believed to be the youngest person in the United States whose death has been linked to the coronavirus.

The infant's death clearly shook Pritzker, as state officials confirmed 12 other deaths and 465 new cases. The death toll announced Saturday marks the state's highest single-day total since it began tracking the virus on Jan. 21.

Illinois now has 3,491 total known cases and 47 deaths, according to official records.

"I know how difficult this news can be, especially about this very young child," the governor said at his daily news conference. "Upon hearing it, I admit that I was immediately shaken. It's appropriate for any of us to grieve today. It's especially sorrowful for the family of this very small child for the years stolen from this infant. We should grieve. ... We should grieve for a sense of normalcy we left behind just a few short weeks ago."

A state employee also was among the deaths announced Saturday.

Others included eight people in Chicago;

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WEEK OF TOGETHERNESS, WORRY, NEW TRADITIONS

Across city and suburbs, residents striving to make the best of a bad situation

BY STEVE JOHNSON, GENEVIEVE BOOKWALTER, WILLIAM LEE AND DAN HINKEL

Faced with a government order to stay home, a family of five in Oak Park made the best of their unexpected time together by competing on their backyard basketball hoop each afternoon.

A retired great-grandmother in the Kenwood neighborhood worried about whether she could go through with her international travel plans. With nowhere to go, she did some reading she'd put off and packed away her winter clothes.

A retired South Loop teacher took advantage of the empty sidewalks to take

his dog for long walks, encountering few people aside from joggers who came too close for comfort, considering the times.

They were among the millions throughout Illinois forced to adjust their lives in the week since Gov. J.B. Pritzker issued a directive that closed many workplaces, scuttled events and required folks to largely stay home.

People hunkered down and waited to see the benefits of a drastic action designed to slow the spread of the coronavirus, even if the order couldn't prevent those already infected from getting sick. In the week after the decree, the number of reported cases quadrupled and deaths increased nearly sixfold.

Not everyone treated the rules as seriously as they were intended. And so after almost a week of warnings, an incensed Mayor Lori Lightfoot closed the Lakefront Trail and other recreational hot spots as cops who had taken a hands-off approach started enforcing the order more aggressively.

Those concerns extended beyond Chicago as neighbors monitored one another and didn't always like what they saw. One woman in Naperville said she called the cops to report 100 or so people gathered near Knoch Knolls Park on Wednesday. The crowds eventually thinned, but some

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Pritzker the rookie tackles issue head-on

'A switch gets flipped when crises develop,' governor says

BY JAMIE MUNKS, DAN PETRELLA AND ANTONIA AYRES-BROWN

When Gov. J.B. Pritzker took office, the biggest task before him was getting the state's deeply troubled finances onto more stable ground.

But just more than a year into his tenure, he is navigating a public health crisis that's growing exponentially every day — forcing the rookie politician to confront an unexpected challenge that threatens lives while also piling onto the state's fiscal distress.

Pritzker has taken on President Donald Trump and been among the nation's first state leaders to impose severe restrictions on businesses and residents in an effort to curb the spread of the new coronavirus. His response has raised his national profile and is sure to become part of his legacy.

He has faced criticism from some Republicans for his daily admonishments of the federal government, and from local election authorities for allowing the March 17 primaries to go ahead as scheduled. But he's also been widely praised by political observers, public health experts and leaders in both parties for his efforts to mitigate the COVID-19 crisis.

Bob Griffin, the dean of the College of Emergency Preparedness, Homeland Security and Cybersecurity at the State University of New York at Albany, said Pritzker has gotten Trump's attention, and

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MORE CORONAVIRUS COVERAGE



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Streets empty as people stay home

A usually bustling city has turned quiet as many residents stay indoors because of the coronavirus pandemic. West Wacker Drive in downtown Chicago was nearly deserted Tuesday. See more photos of an empty Chicago at chicagotribune.com/photos.

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It's not clear whether he has power to order quarantine of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut. **Page 23**

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Coronavirus testing the pandemic playbook

State's response was drawn up years before this outbreak

BY JOE MAHR AND HAL DARDICK

Social distancing. School closures. N95 masks. PPE shortages. Hospital bed surges.

The policies, vocabulary and impact of the pandemic may seem fresh to most Illinoisans, but those terms have long been part of a 15-year-old, 120-page document that's the state's guiding plan for responding to a pandemic.

That plan anticipated some of the steps Illinois has already taken, such as limiting public gatherings, isolating the sick and keeping everyone else spread apart by closing schools and limiting commerce. It also predicted shortages of medical supplies, overflowing hospitals and sickened health care workers.

It offers a road map for dealing with a broad range of developments. It also offers a grim reminder that even with planning in place, this type of pandemic was long expected to take a heavy toll.

The plan modeled a "medium" influenza pandemic: up to 4.5 million Illinoisans infected, leading to 12,000 to 38,000 hospitalized, with 4,000 to 9,000 deaths amid likely multiple waves of the outbreak.

Among the considerations in the plan: temporary morgues for large number of dead and targeted delivery of a yet-to-be-developed vaccine.

The state has not responded to Tribune

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Michael Jordan's double-nickel

25 years later, his 55-point game at Madison Square Garden still the true "I'm back" moment. **Chicago Sports**



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Dean of civil rights movement

A lieutenant to the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., he helped organize the bus boycott in Montgomery, Ala. **Page 28**

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JOHN KASS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

John Kass announces to his neighbors he's leaving by putting his smokers at the curb.



JOHN KASS

Smokers become signal of the big unmooring

During this coronavirus shutdown, as so many of us have become unmoored, finding it difficult to process all the changes we're facing, I wondered:

What's the safe way during the pandemic to tell the neighbors you're moving after 25 years in your home?

You can't hug them. Email is so infuriatingly sterile. Handwritten notes on fine stationery would be nice, but doesn't coronavirus linger on surfaces? And bleach wipes would ruin the penmanship.

You could put out black flags. But I didn't have any just then. And besides, black flags may have led some into thinking we had the medieval plague. No need to stoke more panic, when politicians and media types are doing such a fine job of it. So, I did something else:

I dragged two old black Weber Smokey Mountain Cookers that we weren't taking with us out to the curb. And my old black kettle grill.

These were the wretched black flags of our intent, made of barbecue equipment.

"You're moving?" said Melissa. "Oh, we already knew that, when you sodded over your garden and wrote about packing away all your books."

Then she told us she was going to Spain, since she had tickets and her daughter was there.

You're going during coronavirus? Are you crazy?

"You get it here or you get it there," she said rather perkily.

The news is full of what to do and what not to do during the coronavirus pandemic. But trust me, here are a few things on the what-not-to-do list:

In a span of just three days, do not close on your house and then scramble to find a new place because the place you thought you had lined up informs you at the eleventh hour that it won't accept Zeus the Wonder Dog.

Betty found us a new place. We moved my mom into her nursing

home. The next day, we signed the closing papers on the sale of the house. The new owners were nice, and they have little children and the big backyard is perfect for them.

When the movers arrived, they underestimated things, so instead of one day, it took two. We stayed up all night sweeping out our old home and finished just as the new owners arrived for the final walk-through.

Moving amid frenzied stress is not a good thing. The original downsizing plan was to move in with our sons for a few months until we figured out what we'd do long-term. The boys pretended to be overjoyed. The problem was their lease.

It mandated we could not have a "mammal" over 50 pounds. Zeus the Wonder Dog is most definitely a mammal, a lean 60 pounds. But I didn't think building management would have the gall to weigh him.

It turned out, though, that the landlord interpreted the lease this way: "Mammal" didn't apply to dogs. Apparently, in the universe of landlords, "mammal" means only "cat."

They accept 50-pound cats? If you have a 50-pound cat, I hope for your sake that you never let it go hungry. Or you may be deposited against your will, in altered form, under the shrubbery.

And so, we've become unmoored, without time to process everything that's happening. In the context of all the misery out there, our move is insignificant. All of you have been unmoored, too, by the loss of jobs, the closing of workplaces, the fear in the eyes of bickering political leaders uncertain how they'll handle the chaos that might come.

You're stuck at home, hunkering down, wondering about your job, worrying about friends and family. Some have become ill. Others have died.

Weddings have been canceled, christenings, school years have been

canceled, commencements, summer internships young people depend on, and more.

You're worried about the nurses, or the paramedics and cops rushing to help without masks. Our nephew is an ER doc. My brother manages a grocery store. He deals with anxious customers every day, demanding toilet paper and disinfectant wipes and whatever else the hoarders haven't grabbed.

Our story isn't about life or death or fear. It's small. But all the changes in such a short time have unmoored us. What's infuriating is that with all that's going on, the news, the aggression born of fear that runs just under the surface of culture, it's been difficult, I think, for all of us to process it all.

We hoped to have a day or two at our (old) home to talk things out, to recall, out loud, the life we loved there, the life we lived for 25 years in that beautiful suburban village.

The warm morning when I drove Betty and our boys home from the hospital after their birth, the big magnolia tree out front in full bloom. Teaching the boys to pitch in the backyard, watching as they taught themselves soccer moves on the grass. The vegetable garden, Betty's roses, the Easter Sundays and lamb roasts, that polar vortex without heat when we huddled around the fireplace and thought of Jack London.

But with all that went on, finding a new place, rushing through everything, we didn't have the time.

The movers filled the truck. We followed them out down the street. And just like that, we were gone.

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The uncertainties of having a baby during a pandemic



MARY SCHMICH

Early Tuesday morning, as news everywhere focused on the global calamity called the coronavirus, a girl named Isabella emerged into the world.

She arrived black-haired, 8 pounds, healthy and loved. A lucky girl.

Isabella is the first child of my 31-year-old niece Meredith, who felt lucky too. Forget for the moment that her husband just lost his job as a bar manager, becoming another economic casualty of COVID-19. What mattered this week was that she'd delivered a healthy baby during a pandemic.

Isabella was induced at 39 weeks — a little early — and the timing was an unexpected blessing in an unstable world. When Meredith arrived at the hospital, pregnant women were still allowed two visitors. By the next day, because of coronavirus precautions, the limit was one, and Meredith knew that soon, as has happened in New York, it might be none. Lucky.

"It was a weird feeling," she texted me later, meaning weird to feel glad that she'd had to go to the hospital when she did, which allowed her to get in and out "before things get any crazier."

Meredith lives in Oregon, and I offer her story as just one example of what's happening all over the country: women having babies, or preparing to, during a time of coronavirus siege and economic convulsions.

"Birthing moms are really left behind in this conversation," said Melissa Simon, an obstetrician/gynecologist at Northwestern Medicine Prentice Women's Hospital. "They're the only ones who are healthy who have to come to the hospital. It makes the stress level go up."

At Prentice, as at other hospitals in Chicago, procedures for pregnant women keep adapting to the pandemic. As of Friday, laboring mothers were allowed only one visitor, and that person had to be screened for COVID-like symptoms. The designated visitor can't be replaced. In other words, your mother can't be there for a while and then make way for your partner or a doula.

"A lot of moms are coming to me talking about fear and anxiety," Simon said. "This anxiety is normal for any mom, but right now during this COVID outbreak, the anxiety and fear are heightened."

She tries to reassure them: You are not alone. This, too, shall pass. You will have a good life with your family. Reach out for help if you need it.

Being or feeling alone during childbirth is one anxiety. Another is the virus itself, whose effects on women and their pregnancies remain murky. At Prentice, as at other hospitals, women with COVID-19 or the flu — or with symptoms — are being treated separately from women without. They're also being treated by separate health care teams to avoid



FAMILY PHOTO

Isabella Manuela Duran was born March 24 in Oregon.

transferring infections.

These sudden new anxieties around pregnancy and childbirth come in different forms.

Kara Goldman, an assistant professor of obstetrics and gynecology at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, is also seeing a lot of anxious patients. She's a fertility specialist. For now, fertility treatments are suspended.

"The general feeling among patients is overwhelming uncertainty," she said. "If they can't get pregnant now, when will be safe for them to get pregnant? If they've been trying for a long time and don't have access to fertility treatments, when will that access be available? For older patients, does waiting mean they'll lose the opportunity to conceive entirely?"

The day we talked, she had been seeing cancer patients. She mentioned she'd worn a mask. Then she added, "We have to keep our masks stashed away now because they were disappearing quickly."

Goldman worries about the lack of protective gear for all medical workers in this crisis. She worries about something else as well, and she echoes Melissa Simon when she says it, more than once: It's still safer to have a baby in the hospital than at home.

For many women, the stresses involved with pregnancy are compounded by the new economic distress. Simon hears stories of women or their spouses losing their jobs, of

pregnant women quitting because they can't work from home.

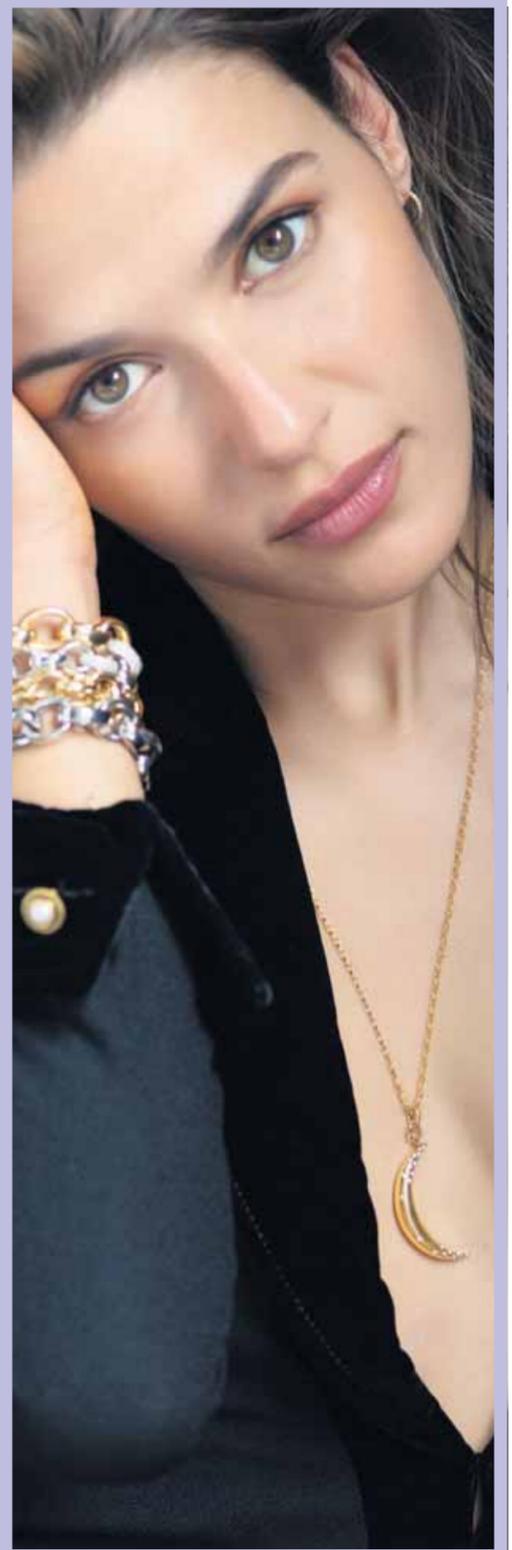
"This COVID virus is really accentuating disparities," she said. "Many of my patients are publicly insured and they are having a hard time. They are the ones on the front lines — working in the grocery stores, helping do the Prime and Instacart deliveries. The women I take care of are on the front lines of this virus, just like I am, and it breaks my heart. The disadvantaged are even more disadvantaged. We all have to think about what we have relative to one other right now."

My niece Meredith is taking that approach. She left her job running her own one-person nail salon early this year to take care of herself while waiting for her baby, so she, as well as her husband, Travis, is out of work. She still feels lucky. Travis can collect unemployment and hopes to get his job back. Public health insurance has replaced the insurance he lost when he was laid off. They have parents who can help.

Her main regret for the moment is that family members have had to cancel trips to come visit Isabella, a girl born into a generation that will be shaped by a pandemic.

"That's all part of her birth story now," Meredith texted me from the hospital, "which is pretty weird! Hoping it makes for a good story later."

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Trump's death cult bandwagon has room for all



REX W. HUPPKE

Howdy, folks! Welcome to President Donald Trump's Coronavirus Pandemic Death-Cult Bandwagon.

ALL ABOARD! If you love Trump and don't much care whether people —

yourself included — live or die, this is the ride for you.

We've got our infallible president at the helm and we're charging forward. Destination: Easter!

That's the day President Trump said the American economy is going to open back up. He said, "You'll have packed churches all over our country." Hot damn! Don't let the dramatically increasing number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 and the more than 1,000 Americans who've already died fool you. We've got this thing licked and we are gonna stuff ourselves into the pews and do some hand shakin'.

"Our country wants to get back to work," Trump said. He took the polling from this week that showed three-fourths of voters think the country's social distancing measures should be more strict and threw it right into the "Who Cares?" bin with the rest of the so-called data and expert advice getting tossed his way.

Who needs that nonsense when you've got a gut feeling about a virus that's killing people but, more importantly, endangering your presidency? GOTTA GO WITH THE GUT, BABY! This pandemic is wrappin' up, whether those people who keep inconveniently dying like it or not.

And we're going to get the American economy revved up right quick, even if it means a few hundred thousand people on the Coronavirus Pandemic Death-Cult Bandwagon have to make an earlier-than-expected appearance at the great Trump rally in the sky.

Wise conservative thinker Glenn Beck said this week: "I'd rather die than kill the country."

And Texas Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick said he has spoken with "hundreds of people" who are willing to take a chance on their survival and get back to work to preserve the "America that all America loves" for their children and grandchildren.

"And if that's the exchange, I'm all in," Patrick said, bravely overlooking the liberal "fact" that going back to work too soon in the midst of a pandemic could worsen the crisis, cost lives and make it harder to preserve the America that all America loves.

Patrick and Beck and Trump and everyone else on the Coronavirus Pandemic Death-Cult Bandwagon are showing Americans that in order to make a powerful economic omelet, you have to break a few eggs, or in this case, cause the unnecessary deaths of a lot of people you don't know and possibly a few you do know.

But c'mon, what's there to worry about? It's really just the stupid media making everyone nervous about the coronavirus.

Trump tweeted Wednesday: "The LameStream Media is the dominant force in trying to get me to keep our Country closed as long as possible in the hope that it will be detrimental to my election success. The real people want to get back to work ASAP. We will be stronger than ever before!"

It's crazy how the media has spooked governors across the country into issuing shelter-in-place orders and convinced countries like Canada and Australia and France to close their borders and gotten Spain to report more than 3,400 COVID-19 deaths and tricked Italy into reporting more than 7,500 deaths from the disease and probably paid medical experts like famed epidemiologist Larry Brilliant to say that any attempt to restart the American economy by Easter would be "an error of epic proportions."

PEOPLE WANT TO GET BACK TO WORK AND DONALD TRUMP'S ELECTION SUCCESS IS VERY IMPORTANT!

Are you going to listen to someone like Dr. Tom Inglesby, a health security expert at Johns Hopkins University, who said that if social distancing restrictions are lifted before the outbreak is more contained, COVID-19 "would spread widely, rapidly, terribly, and could kill potentially millions in the year ahead, with huge social and economic impact?"

Or are you going to listen to our gut-feeling-having president, who said Wednesday during a coronavirus press briefing: "I think there are certain people who would like it to not open so quickly. I think there are certain people that would like it to do financially poorly because they think that would be very good as far as defeating me at the polls. ... They would love to see me, for whatever reason, because we've done one hell of a job — nobody's done the job that we've done, and it's lucky that you have this group here right now for this problem or you wouldn't even have a country left."

I know my choice. I'm ignoring the nerd who wants to tank the economy just to save "potentially millions" and going with the straight-talkin' president who would gladly escort your grandma to the grave if it boosted the stock market a point and helped him win reelection.

Send us to our jobs/demise, President Trump! Everyone on this bandwagon is ready and willing. After all, it's a death cult. Either you're in or you're out.



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Frizell Thomas bathes Fox Valley Jason after a training session Thursday at Hawthorne Race Course in Cicero.

From racetracks to trail rides, state equine industry in peril

Because of their need to feed, horse owners' funds run low

BY JOHN KEILMAN

The daily schedule of horse trainer Hosea Williams hasn't changed much since COVID-19 started to batter Illinois' economy. He still rises at 4 a.m. each morning and heads for the stables of Cicero's Hawthorne Race Course where his six Standardbreds await their daily exercise.

There is one difference, though. Once the weekend comes, there will be no racing — and thus, even as his expenses mount, no income.

"I've got a payroll — not a huge one, but I pay three people every week," Williams said. "I will be OK. But you've got people there who are not OK."

Gov. J.B. Pritzker's stay-at-home order issued to combat the coronavirus outbreak has hammered many trades, but none more than the equine industry. From racetracks to trail rides, many who make a living through horses have seen their incomes dry up almost entirely.

But unlike other businesses, horse owners say, they can't merely hunker down and wait for things to get better.

"If you've got a movie theater, you shut it down and put a closed sign in the window," said Gerald Hansen, a Monee-based owner and trainer of harness horses. "With horses, they've got to eat every day. They've got to be worked every day. If this thing goes more than a month, we're in deep trouble."

Hawthorne began its season the second

week of February but got in only five weekends of harness racing before it had to close. No racing means no betting, no purses and no way to offset the roughly \$1,500 in monthly expenses each horse racks up.

The track briefly planned to keep racing without fans in the stands — betting would have continued online — but shut down entirely after Pritzker limited the size of public gatherings.

About 600 horses are still boarding at the track, Hawthorne spokesman Jim Miller said, and the backstretch workers who care for them are still there too. He said the Cicero school district, which many of the workers' children attend, is providing meals for the kids.

The stay-at-home order runs through April 7, meaning the track will be idle for at least two more weekends. But Pritzker has suggested the order could be extended, a thought that unnerves the harness racing community.

"As this goes on, two weeks, three weeks, five weeks, six weeks, we're going to see some horsemen struggle to feed themselves and feed their horses."

Should it come to that, some will have to sell their horses in a glutted marketplace, though Hansen said the destination of last resort isn't the proverbial glue factory — it's Amish country, where families use harness horses to pull buggies.

Someone said some in the sport are pursuing emergency small business loans offered by the state, though he questioned whether the money would arrive before

racing resumes.

The situation isn't much better with thoroughbreds. The racing season at Arlington International Racecourse is supposed to begin May 1, but that start date seems unlikely.

The Illinois Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, which represents owners and trainers, was still negotiating a contract with the track when major sporting events began to be canceled. The talks have remained on hold since no one is certain when public gatherings will again be allowed, said executive director David McCaffrey.

Churchill Downs Inc., which owns Arlington International, did not return a request for comment.

Though some tracks elsewhere in the country remain in operation, Chris Block, an Illinois-based trainer and breeder, said many horses have nowhere to race. Thoroughbred sales have also felt the impact of the virus: Upcoming auctions have been postponed after the last one saw many horses sold for a fraction of their value, if they sold at all.

Other corners of the industry are also feeling the pain. Paula Briney, president of the Horsemen's Council of Illinois, boards and trains 30 horses near Springfield, and said while fees for those services have continued to come in, that won't last forever in the coronavirus economy.

"The longer this drags out, the more (parts of the industry) this is going to affect, and people will struggle to stay in business and/or keep their horses," she said.

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Chicago-area faithful streaming to online services

BY JAVONTE ANDERSON

It all felt so familiar: the cross wrapped in purple drapes hanging on the wall, the choir singing in sync with the organ and the pastor in his usual place preaching from the pulpit.

Sure, the wooden pews were empty. But on this day, her couch was the pew as she streamed the service from her iPad.

"It felt real," said Marcia Gruschow, 69, who is a member of First St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Old Town. "It felt like I was there."

It was Gruschow's first time watching her church's service online. But for Gruschow and many others, this has become a new reality.

From Christians to Jews to Muslims, people in the Chicago area and across the world have been forced to find ways to remain spiritually engaged and socially connected, as the threat of COVID-19 persists and widespread government stay-at-home orders are in effect.

Religious leaders first altered services, limiting physical contact, and then canceled religious services altogether, stripping access to rituals precious to millions of people. As places of worship closed their doors, pastors, rabbis, imams and their congregations had to adjust to fight the isolation.

In a message before his online sermon Sunday morning, the Rev. Tom Johnson of First St. Paul's advised his congregation not to retreat socially during this time of isolation.

"I do hope that we will call one another, email one another, text one another, Facebook one another," he said. "Stay socially connected. Stay knitted together as the body of Christ."

Similarly, in a public video released this week, Chicago Cardinal Blase Cupich encouraged people to maintain a spiritual closeness during church and school clo-



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Hasmick Rich, 95, a member of Lincoln Park Presbyterian Church, has not been able to attend services for more than two weeks because of concerns over COVID-19.

sure.

"Now more than ever, we need the comfort and peace worshipping together brings," Cupich said. "The church is so much more than a building. For each family, each home is a domestic church."

Some religious obligations, however, cannot be fulfilled through a computer screen.

Muslim men are mandated by scripture to pray every Friday with a congregation at a mosque, said Salman Azam, member and secretary at the Downtown Islamic Center. So, when he learned that his mosque would be closed for Friday prayer, he took matters into his own hands.

When he arrived home after work the first Friday after prayer services were canceled, he put on his kufi, laid his prayer rug out facing northeast toward Mecca and prayed. But something was missing.

"I tried to emulate it as much as possible, but it definitely felt like something was missing, and it was a very eerie feeling," Azam said.

During Ramadan, the holiest month in the Muslim calendar, which is approaching, mosques usually play a vital role for

Muslims.

"These are the weeks leading up to Ramadan, so people try to strengthen that spiritual connection as they approach Ramadan, and the mosque has some communal fasts to help get them ready and excited," Azam said.

But having no building to gather in leaves more than a spiritual void for people whose social life is centered on their place of worship.

Hasmick Rich, 95, who attends Lincoln Park Presbyterian Church, said she has many friends at her church and she felt a loss when church services were suspended.

"The church has been my second home," she said. "It's more or less my life these days."

But being able to remotely tap into her pastor's weekly sermon and stay connected with other church members online has buoyed her spirits.

"I've not been a big fan of technology," Rich said. "Maybe because it's kind of over my head. But it has brought people together, and if we didn't have access, I wouldn't be able to see and talk to these people."

Ruth Czarnecki-Lichstein, who attends KAM Isaiah Israel in Kenwood, said many of her friends attend her synagogue, so she felt at ease when her family streamed her synagogue's family service for the first time.

"That first one, it was kind of comforting to have because everything is a little tense right now," she said. "It was nice to have that familiar piece of life."

During these uncertain times, having access to religious services, even remotely, has brought solace to many people.

"It helps you not feel alone," Gruschow said. "It helps you have something to look forward to. It helps you know that you're experiencing and sharing it with other people."

To the brave healthcare workers on the frontlines

Thank you for your courage and commitment in the face of the pandemic

BY KENNETH S. POLONSKY, MD,
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With cases of COVID-19 spreading throughout Chicago and Illinois, doctors, nurses and other healthcare workers are on the frontlines of the pandemic as they care for these critically ill patients rapidly filling our hospitals to capacity.

Healthcare workers cannot shelter in place with their loved ones. They are not 6 feet away from their patients. They put themselves at risk every single shift. And when they go home, they worry about exposing their families.

Facing enormous challenges, they are responding with courage, resolve and exemplary professionalism.

At the University of Chicago Medicine, hundreds of doctors volunteered to care for COVID-19 patients, before even being asked. Construction crews worked night and day to build a dedicated space in the emergency department for patients with COVID-like symptoms. Pediatric emergency room nurses have taken turns rotating into the adult ED to help with the increase in patients.

Our medical students are pitching in to provide coronavirus education on the phone, donating blood and making facemasks, which are in short supply nationwide, preparing for the moment they are needed. Basic scientists from across the University are working with clinicians and hospital leaders to develop creative ways of overcoming shortages and new approaches to diagnosis and treatment.

These are just some of the examples of the commitment our faculty, staff, residents and students have as they take on this common threat.

The medical and scientific community is working to advance understanding of the virus that causes COVID-19, and to understand why some patients remain asymptomatic and others become critically ill; to improve testing so that we can more accurately make the diagnosis; to develop effective treatments; and to develop a vaccine to prevent this disease once and for all.

At UChicago Medicine, we are initiating important clinical trials, and our physicians will have access to promising therapies on a compassionate-use basis for patients not responding to standard therapies.

An app developed by two of our physicians provides up-to-date COVID information to clinicians on the ground, as well as direct phone numbers to patient rooms to help minimize exposure risks. In the last month, our clinical pathways team has worked around the clock, including weekends, to



A lone downtown worker crosses Daley Plaza in Chicago, now virtually empty following the state's stay-at-home order to slow the spread of coronavirus. The number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in Illinois surpassed 3,000 on Friday. SUN-TIMES PHOTO



Drive-thru COVID-19 testing at the University of Chicago Medicine. Due to the shortage of testing supplies, testing is limited to hospitalized patients with symptoms and healthcare workers with symptoms.



Kenneth S. Polonsky, MD

build and update guidelines for clinical decisions on diagnostic testing, personal protective equipment and treatments for those critically ill with COVID-19. These were shared publicly to provide guidance other hospital systems may use.



Sharon O'Keefe

We know that similar efforts are going on at hospitals in the Chicago area and across the country, with close collaboration among doctors, nurses, hospital leaders and staff from a variety of different disciplines as everyone focuses

their efforts to come up with innovative and creative mechanisms to meet this challenge. In addition, there has been close collaboration between hospitals and city, state and federal public health experts and agencies.

National Doctors' Day is celebrated each year on March 30 to recognize the contributions of physicians to individual lives and the communities they serve. This year, as the global pandemic rages across the nation and our own city, all of us should recognize and thank our doctors and their colleagues — the millions of selfless and courageous healthcare workers serving at the forefront of the fight against this insidious virus.

We have a dedicated team of physicians, nurses, technologists and support staff taking care of patients on the frontline. And there are scores of teams supporting them — from environmental services and social work to spiritual care and many others. They all have been working every day knowing they are at risk of exposure, amid an underlying concern of running out of personal protective equipment and the possibility of exposing their families as well.

Despite all of this, they continue to provide the highest level of care possible. Their dedication is a true inspiration, and we are honored to help lead an organization made up of people like them.

Today, as we continue to collectively experience a change in our daily routines that is impacting so many of us in so many different ways, let us remember to thank our physicians, nurses, and all healthcare workers and support staff who are risking their own health to care for the most vulnerable among us. They truly deserve our thanks and our support.

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CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Crisis creates chaos for pot entrepreneurs

Funding a problem as state prepares to award new licenses

By Robert McCoppin

To break into the legal cannabis industry in Illinois, Anton Seals Jr. and eight of his friends scraped together their personal savings to submit applications for business licenses.

Even with discounts as social equity applicants from Chicago's South and West sides, the nonrefundable application fees alone ran \$2,500 per license, or \$27,500 for 11 licenses. If they win the competitive process, they'll have to come up with millions of dollars more to build and operate those dispensary, craft grower and infuser businesses.

Now that the coronavirus pandemic has thrown the economy into turmoil, investment funding, already difficult to access for minorities in the white ownership-dominated state cannabis industry, has tightened up even more.

"In this time, it becomes an even more risky proposition for a family member to say I'm going to give you \$5,000 to invest when I don't know what's going on in the world," Seals Jr. said. "Many black entrepreneurs don't have the family and friends network for that."

Federally chartered banks and small business loan programs are off-limits because of the federal prohibition on cannabis possession. With the stock market often facing huge sell-offs this year, following last year when cannabis stocks in Canada took big losses, investment funding in the industry has become ex-

tremely tight.

One casualty of the new environment last week was an \$850 million deal to buy Chicago-based marijuana company Verano Holdings. The deal was killed due to regulatory obstacles and the tight capital market.

The pandemic has hit just as Illinois officials prepare to issue 75 new recreational marijuana store licenses in May, followed by up to 40 craft grower and 40 infuser licenses in July.

State law gives preferences to awarding licenses to "social equity" applicants, meant to be those who were adversely affected by the war on drugs. Those eligible include people with past low-level cannabis convictions, or those who've lived in poor neighborhoods, where blacks and Latinos were often arrested at far higher rates than whites — even though research suggests usage is similar among different races and ethnic groups.

Financing hurdles are even more daunting for minority investors. Median wealth for blacks, for instance, was only about one-tenth as much as for whites, according to a 2017 Federal Reserve report. The challenges facing large companies are larger for startups, said Nicholas Vita, a former Goldman Sachs banker turned co-founder and CEO of Columbia Care Inc., one of the largest cannabis companies in the country.

"It's been incredibly hard for large operators, and even harder for smaller operators, to access capital," Vita said. "The cost of debt sometimes is north of 20%."

Beyond finances, the virus made it harder for people to complete their



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Anton Seals Jr., the co-founder of Organic Urban Revitalization Solutions, conducts a video conference Friday.

license applications by the original deadline Monday. Applicants for craft growers must show that any municipality where they want to locate has approved zoning for the site, but with planning department offices often closed to the public, as in Chicago, it became very difficult to get signed and notarized documents.

Clients are also leery of going out for required fingerprints. Michael Mayes, CEO of Quantum 9, which helps clients complete applications that run hundreds of pages, has several clients who are sick and out of commission, possibly due to the virus.

"It's slowed investment capital to almost nothing," Mayes said. "Most investment funders usually have another business. Any disposable income is not going to a secondary investment; it's going to their primary business."

Mayes can't even reach on the phone one client who

owns multiple Burger Kings, because he's busy trying to salvage his fast-food business.

He hopes that state regulators will either show some flexibility in allowing applicants to supplement any incomplete parts of their applications, as officials have done previously.

On Sunday, Gov. J.B. Pritzker extended the deadline for submitting applications to April 30. Applications are to be submitted via certified mail rather than in-person, according to the executive order.

Seeking a dispensary license in the Chicago area can cost \$350,000 to \$1 million for all the engineering, security, legal, cannabis and real estate consulting to put together a business plan and application, Mayes said.

Getting up and running can cost another \$1 million or more, with even greater costs for a craft grower. But if a startup can make it past those hurdles, a dispensary

can bring in revenues of \$1 million to \$3 million a year.

Despite the virus, the cannabis business in Illinois continues to boom. After about \$75 million in newly legal recreational sales in the first two months of the year, despite a slight drop-off in February, the average sale in March was up 13% through March 23, according to New Frontier Data, which tracks sales through its client dispensaries.

Some of that was due to customers stocking up in anticipation of being forced to stay at home, similar to people hoarding food, New Frontier CEO Giadha Aguirre de Carcer said. But similar to alcohol, cannabis is expected to be a safe haven and even a growth industry during the crisis. In Illinois, cannabis dispensaries are permitted to stay open as essential services.

New Frontier has scheduled an April 2 online conference for industry members to discuss how to re-

spond to the pandemic.

"Cannabis is expected to be one of the few industries that sustains the local economy, as long as it's allowed to do so," Aguirre de Carcer said.

With his four dispensary applications in, Joshua Jacobs is among those waiting to see if he wins any licenses. He grew up in Vernon Hills and lives now in Chicago's River North neighborhood. At age 28, he runs his own marketing business and applied as a social equity candidate based on a conviction for cannabis possession when he was a teenager.

Seeking \$1.5 million to start, he met with investors last year with the help of Quantum 9 and landed one major investor.

Despite uncertainties during the pandemic, he said, this remains a rare opportunity to get into a newly legal business. "If ever there's a time to do this," he said, "now is the time."

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Experts provide answers to testing questions

BY ANGIE LEVENTIS LOURGOS,
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As the coronavirus pandemic sickens hundreds more people in Illinois each day, much confusion surrounds the process of testing for the new virus. The Tribune asked public health and medical experts for answers to some common COVID-19 testing questions.

Q: How many people in Illinois have been tested?

A: Not very many. So far, 21,542 Illinois residents have been tested, according to Illinois Department of Public Health statistics as of Friday. More than 3,000 of the results have come back positive for infection.

Q: Who gets tested?

A: State health department labs are restricting testing to the most severe cases, citing a national test kit and supply shortage.

Initially, the only patients who received state lab tests were symptomatic, had contact with a known patient and first had other illnesses ruled out. The state's guidelines were widened earlier this month to include residents of nursing homes or other facilities, patients deemed to be "public health concerns," those hospitalized with unexplained respiratory problems, and individuals at a higher risk of complications.

Other laboratories, though, can run tests outside the state's parameters. For example, NorthShore University HealthSystem performs tests in-house and says it is now testing patients who are showing symptoms of COVID-19 and have a doctor's order.

Some doctors who send their tests to private labs say they're not adhering strictly to government protocols.

"It's a dilemma I had to go through personally," said Dr. Rahul Khare, founder and CEO of Innovative Express Care on Chicago's North Side. "Some people have four kids, and they need help from their moms. Or you have a patient with a high fever, and her mom is 80. We need to know in these cases."

Q: Why is testing important?



Dr. Rahul Khare walks through the parking lot of Innovative Express Care on Chicago's North Side on Tuesday while workers perform drive-thru tests for COVID-19.

A: Medical experts say mass testing is key to understanding and getting ahead of the new virus.

"The tragedy from the last few months is we've been flying blind because of the delay in testing," said Dr. Thomas Tsai, an assistant professor in the Department of Health Policy and Management at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. "Let's not repeat that tragedy going forward for the next three months. That information is going to guide the appropriate response."

Testing can also affect social behavior, said Dr. Ngozi Ezike, director of the state health department.

"If you knew you were positive, I think you would be sure to really withdraw, make sure you stay away from others," she said at a news conference Friday. "And so it is a part of flattening the curve and dealing with the pandemic."

Q: Then why are authorities limiting who gets tested?

"In an ideal world, we would have widespread testing," said Dr.

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

But necessary testing materials — laboratory machines, solutions used to preserve and ship nasal swabs, protective gear for those performing the tests — remain in short supply, she said. So medical authorities are trying to limit testing to the people most at risk of becoming acutely ill or spreading the virus to others.

Some Illinois hospitals have curtailed their COVID-19 testing programs in the last week or so. Others are continuing to test but carefully monitoring supplies.

"We're working with what we've got," Arwady said. "Across the board, what we have has to go to places where it's going to make the biggest difference for protecting everybody in Chicago."

Q: Does lack of testing affect treatment of the coronavirus?

A: Because there is no cure or certain treatment regimen for COVID-19, lack of testing doesn't change how people are cared for, Arwady said. Doctors simply do as

much as they can to alleviate patients' discomfort so they have a better chance of recovering.

"It does not change your clinical scenario one bit," she said.

Q: When can we expect more testing in Illinois?

A: Gov. J.B. Pritzker acknowledged that testing — while increasing — remains inadequate. He has placed much blame on the federal government for claiming it would coordinate mass testing.

"The truth is, even now, that's not true," he said at a news conference Friday. "If I knew then what I know now, I would have gone out and bought ... many more machines so we could do it ourselves."

The state two weeks ago began purchasing machines to use and to provide to outside labs, he said. Unfortunately, there are still shortages of all the equipment involved in testing, he said.

Ezike added that state labs are increasing to two shifts a day to run more tests.

"We're aggressively working to increase testing; that's an impor-

tant part of this COVID-19 response effort," she said.

Q: Once a patient is tested, how long does it take to get test results?

A: This varies by medical provider as well as the lab running the test.

Some Chicago-area residents have described lengthy delays of eight days or more. Media from other U.S. cities reported similar lags, citing overwhelmed labs.

Pritzker described this problem as "a bottleneck that's very difficult to overcome."

"Even if you buy more machines, even if you get the swabs ... if you've got all that, you still need the lab technicians who are trained on the machines," he said Friday. "And guess what? Those are in short supply too."

Some hospital systems that offer their own testing are achieving much faster turnaround times. NorthShore is typically delivering results to patients in about 24 hours, said Dr. Karen Kaul, chair of the NorthShore Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine. Amita Health also moved to in-house testing this week and has been getting results to patients in about 24 hours.

Q: What does the future hold?

A: Medical professionals are eager for development of a blood test to detect antibodies to the coronavirus, which would be easier to administer than a nasal swab and could also show whether a patient was previously infected with COVID-19, said Dr. Robert Gallo, co-founder and director of the Institute of Human Virology at the University of Maryland School of Medicine.

That information could determine who should be quarantined, whose contacts should be tracked down and tested, and whether the patient is at least temporarily immune to the virus.

"I think now we're close," Gallo said. "I think there are many companies that are going to be coming out with something very soon."

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young people still headed back to the park, she said.

"Our barrier to this pandemic is only as strong as our weakest link," said the woman, who asked not to be identified for fear of retribution.

While some tested the limits outside, people adjusted to life lived mostly indoors. They experimented with their facial hair, hung pictures of bears in their windows for kids to see and sang Bon Jovi's "Livin' on a Prayer" out windows.

Many shifted their professional lives to their homes, but less fortunate people lost their paychecks and struggled with paying the bills. Still others — from cops to health care workers to cooks — reported to work despite the danger.

Across the city and suburbs, people voiced their worry, as well as their determination to make the best of a bad situation and maintain community amid the anxiety and sadness.

Whatever else was going on, the Cotter family of Oak Park — wife Carrie, husband Matt and three kids from fourth grade to high school — gathered in the late afternoon under a backyard basketball hoop for a game of "knockout," a competitive shooting game.

"We always complain about how there's never enough time, and you wish time would stand still and they're growing up too fast," said Carrie Cotter, a lawyer now trying to find space to work from home. "So in that sense, if you have your basic needs taken care of, there's something kind of nice about it. I recognize that it's really lucky to be able to view extra time with everybody as a good thing."

Fellow Oak Parker Bill Parkinson noted the merits of living in a neighborhood where the homes are close together. His teen daughters have been "out back with the kids next door, doing tie-dye, each on their respective porches."

"My neighbor told me that he was invited over to somebody's house, and they had a fire pit in the middle of the yard, and they had marked out places that people could stand. And then they handed them a Ziploc bag with a (local) Kinslahger beer in it. And they stood around the fire pit at a very long distance and shot the breeze," said Parkinson, a Field Museum anthropologist and University of Illinois at Chicago professor. "That part is fun, right?"

As people sought safe ways to be together, Rosita Wood worried about the future of her pastime — travel. Her trips were a gift to herself after years of caring for her ill mother and husband.

Before the virus hit, she had been planning jaunts to places including Switzerland and Australia.

"I'm really hesitant as far as giving my money (for the trips) because I don't know what's going to happen at this point," said the Kenwood resident. "I'm really frightened, hesitant or whatever you want to call it, (because) this virus is still floating around."

Still, Wood, a retired social worker and business owner, tried to make pro-



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Artist Jason Brammer sits in his studio, where he has been cleaning and repairing walls during the first week of the state's stay-at-home order.



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Mina Dizdarevic, 18, and her brother, Rijad, 13, work on their dry-land training for water polo in their backyard in Evanston.



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Rosita Wood sits in her apartment in the Kenwood neighborhood. She has been keeping busy during the stay-at-home order, but had to cancel plans for international travel.

ductive use of her days by catching up on old magazine articles and packing winter clothes away. She hadn't ventured out for groceries since the stay-at-home order was instituted, however.

Similarly, Alan Robinson was trying to get used to the new normal in the South Loop.

"I'm very much used to, 'Oh, you need an onion? I'll be back in five minutes,'" he said. "Now, I can look out my window and see the

Trader Joe's. But, you know, it's just out of my reach."

The 66-year-old retired teacher spent some of his time strolling on largely empty sidewalks.

"I'm getting a lot of steps in every day walking the dog, just walking around the neighborhood and steering clear of people — and for the most part people steer clear of me. Except joggers, I have to say, who seem to not have a problem coming up beside you, huffing and puffing and coming

within a foot," he said.

That desire for social distance has birthed new traditions, as in Evanston, where neighbors in the 800 block of Madison Street have started a "Six Feet at Six" check-in at the ends of their driveways around 6 p.m. Organizer Emma Daisy said she was inspired by videos of homebound Italians joining together in song.

"I have a 3-year-old who loves to sing songs," Daisy said of her son, Lewis. "We

wanted to sing and play the ukulele for everyone."

Some residents walk their dogs or wander up and down the block to say hello to those who don't live next door. However, "we're definitely trying to maintain the distancing," Daisy said.

Crises look different from different perspectives. Evanston mom Danira Dizdarevic, who fled war-torn Sarajevo a quarter-century ago, said she told her kids that "we survived genocide, you can survive two weeks of lockdown."

Her husband, Elvir, is a truck driver, and his job is considered essential, so he was on the road working, she said. Meanwhile, she has watched over their teenage children as they studied, gardened and wrote letters. Mina, a senior at Evanston Township High School, "cried for days" when she learned her water polo season likely would not continue, Danira Dizdarevic said. The mother told the daughter to "be realistic."

"Let's pray you can go to prom," said Dizdarevic, an assistant director of gift planning at Northwestern University.

After a morning of e-learning, Nicole Schindlbeck ushered her three children outside to pick up trash along a large pond near their Aurora home. Using litter grabbers they received for Christmas, the family filled one large bag with garbage and another with recyclables. Nine-year-old Mayson even saved a little fish trapped in plastic.

"We're trying to think of it as spring break," said Schindlbeck, who cleaned up along with Jason, 14, and Madison, 12. "The days don't go by very fast."

"I want to help them realize that we all could do a little part during the pandemic, even if it's just picking up litter or helping the environment," she said.

It might seem like writers and artists, who tend to work at home, would notice little difference in their professional lives during a stay-at-home order. Not so for Jefferson Park mystery writer Lori Rader-Day, who

canceled about 15 events planned in support of her new novel, "The Lucky One," but struggled to capitalize on the free time.

"My attention span is a little weak at the best of times, but now it has shattered," she wrote in an email. "I'm having trouble reading anything that requires my full attention or even watching television that asks too much of me."

Keir Graff, who pens fiction for children and adults at his Buena Park home, explained the predicament fellow writers have described to him.

"The thing they most craved — more time to write — hasn't been the blessing they hoped for," he wrote. "For me, the way to cope is to make myself as busy as possible — I'm at my most productive when I feel there aren't enough hours in the day."

Logan Square visual artist Jason Brammer said he'd put some murals and commercial projects on hold, and he worried for people in the service and entertainment industries taking hits to their livelihoods. A Buddhist, he noted that a crisis marked by economic suffering and physical isolation — and one whose containment depends on cooperation — showed how much people count on one another.

"This is a forceful example of interdependence," he said.

Despite the many negatives, Humboldt Park artist and musician Ben Ezra said he felt "an internal sense of joy and peace" and was happy to be healthy, even if he was mostly stuck in his home.

Ezra said he was looking forward to returning to his usual Friday evening haunt, the Empty Bottle, for its live country music show. When the pandemic ends, Ezra said, he imagined people who have been connected by technology might "long for something real."

"They'll long to see another human face, and hug each other more," he said.

Chicago's Tribune's Stacy St. Clair contributed.

Infant

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a McHenry County man in his 50s; two Kane County men in their 70s; a Lake County woman in her 90s; and a Will County woman in her 90s.

The governor said the rising death toll should serve as a warning to those who flout his stay-at-home directive, which went into effect March 21 and essentially ordered people to isolate themselves unless they have a crucial reason to be in public.

"The vast, vast majority of people in Illinois are doing precisely what we asked them to do," Pritzker said. "But it's the others — the people who aren't obeying the stay-at-home rule —

who are putting everyone in danger. It doesn't take that many people, frankly, to break the rules and cause danger to others."

The infant's death is particularly jarring because the available scientific evidence suggests the elderly are the most vulnerable to the novel coronavirus' grasp. Indeed, more than 85% of deaths in Illinois involved people 60 years or older, and the very young have been widely reported to be the most resilient.

Nine of Chicago's 12 deaths have involved people 60 or older, according to the city's public health department. There have been two deaths of patients between the ages of 18 and 59.

Children represent just 1.6% of Chicago's confirmed cases. There have been no coronavirus-related hospi-

talizations involving anyone younger than 18, city health officials said.

"It is an outlier to have that death," said Dr. Allison Arwady, head of the Chicago Department of Public Health. "But I recognize how concerning that will be for people in Chicago to hear that."

The IDPH would not release any additional details about the infant, including whether the child had any underlying medical conditions. There have been no other confirmed coronavirus-linked cases in the world involving a child so young, director Dr. Ngozi Ezike said at the Saturday news conference.

"There has never before been a death associated with COVID-19 in an infant. A full investigation is underway to determine the cause

of death," Ezike said. "We must do everything we can to prevent the spread of this deadly virus. If not to protect ourselves, but to protect those around us."

News of the child's death comes as the governor confirmed plans to convert the sprawling McCormick Place convention center into Illinois' first field hospital, capable of handling as many as 3,000 COVID-19 patients.

Pritzker declined to discuss the planned makeshift medical center in detail Saturday, saying only that the state is bracing for a possible surge in cases in the coming weeks. He said Illinois is in a stronger position in terms of hospital capacity and confirmed cases than parts of the New York City metropolitan area, which President Donald Trump said he

is considering placing under a short-term quarantine order.

New York had reported 52,318 confirmed cases, with 728 deaths statewide, as of Saturday morning. In neighboring New Jersey, there were 8,825 reported cases, with 108 deaths.

"If we here in Illinois do what people should be doing, following the rules according to the stay-at-home order, then we should be able to bend the curve," Pritzker said. "But we're all deeply concerned about what's happening in New York."

To help blunt the virus' spread, Pritzker has asked local grocery stores to remind shoppers about the importance of maintaining 6 feet of social distance through additional signage and frequent announce-

ments over public-address systems. He also is urging markets to temporarily prohibit the use of reusable bags, and have more employees patrol the aisles in search of those not adhering to best practices.

The governor did little to hide his frustration Saturday with those who have disregarded his order this far into the worst global pandemic in a century — one that still has Chicago and the rest of the state firmly in its crosshairs.

"People are, I don't know, they aren't listening," Pritzker said. "People need to do what's right. And, right now, the fact that you're bored? That you want to have a pick-up basketball game with your friends? This not time for it. People are going to die if you don't obey the rules."

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Playbook

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questions about its use of the Pandemic Influenza Preparedness and Response Plan. But state Public Health Director Ngozi Ezike testified on March 4 that Illinois would use it to help guide the state response, and her predecessors confirmed to the Tribune that the plan — even though it references a flu versus a coronavirus — is the one meant to be used for scenarios such as the one unfolding.

“This is definitely the playbook,” said Dr. LaMar Hasbrouck, who ran the Illinois Department of Public Health from 2012 through 2015.

It’s not the only one being used. Local governments have their own playbooks, including Chicago, which honed its plan as part of a federal drill last year called Crimson Contagion that imagined a viral pandemic jumping from China to Chicago, then sweeping America.

Chicago’s health commissioner, Dr. Allison Arwady, said the city made 2019 “the year for pandemic planning,” modeling various scenarios to see how the city and its hospitals could manage.

The city hasn’t released its plan. But the state’s is posted online, and it offers a window into how authorities have long been concerned about a pandemic killing hundreds of thousands of Americans while crippling the country’s ability to respond.

The plan traces back to the 1990s, when the threat of bioterrorism was on the mind of Illinois’ longtime director of public health, John R. Lumpkin. He remembers few paid attention until the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks shifted the national conversation to emergency preparedness and led to a massive investment in public health infrastructure.

That produced an important tool: a nationwide, internet-based reporting system for hospitals and other health care providers to immediately alert government epidemiologists to the details of patients suspected or confirmed of having a disease that should be tracked.

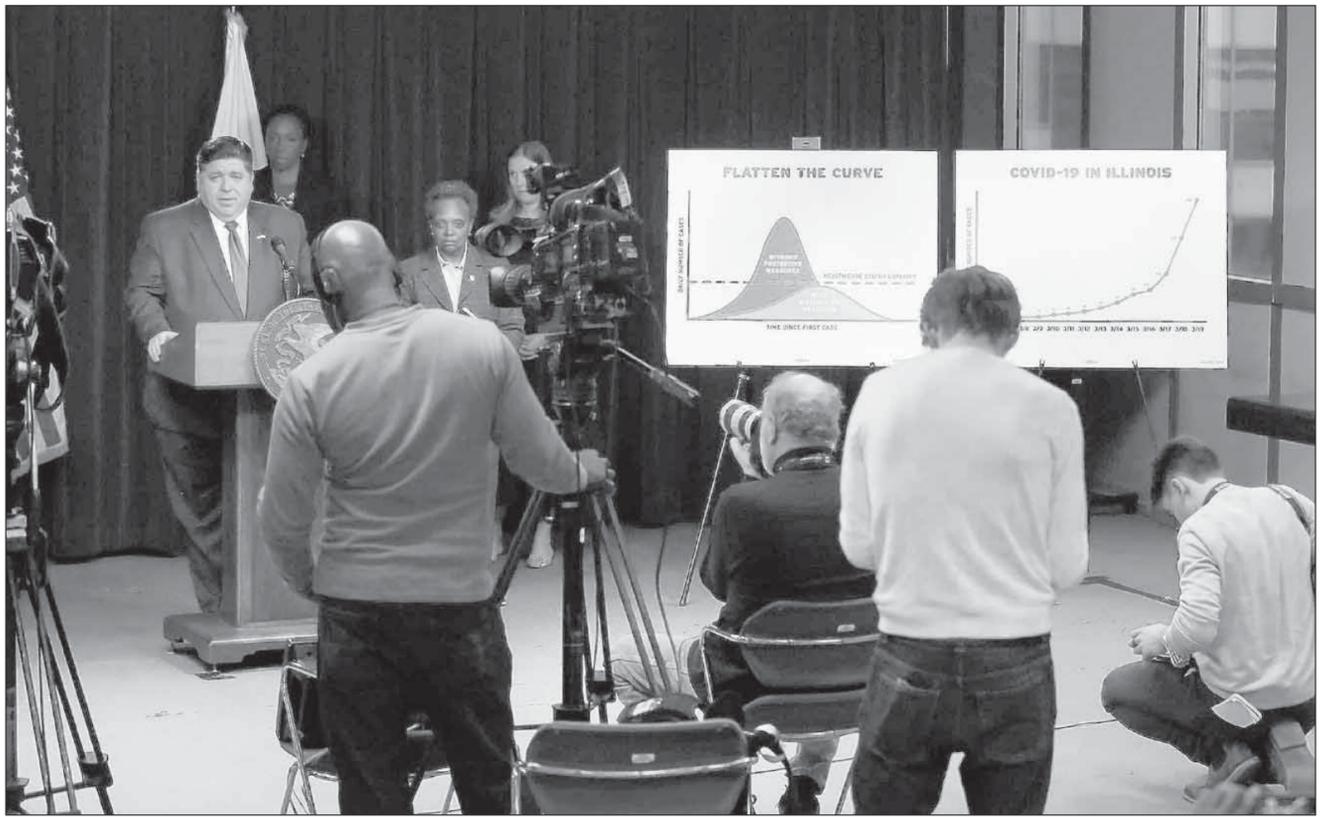
That system was folded into the state’s first pandemic plan, finished in 2005. Since then, the plan has been updated four times, with the latest set of tweaks completed March 2, only 5½ weeks after Illinois’ first positive test for COVID-19.

By then, according to the classifications laid out by the state, Illinois was already in the last of six phases of the pandemic plan: increased and sustained transmission in the general population. The plan sketched out a variety of needs and responses:

Surveillance and detection. This is the first step: figuring out exactly which virus is circulating, where and how intensely.

Health care providers use an internet browser to report confirmed or suspected cases of a disease to a database that can be seen by local health departments, the state and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, or CDC.

The Department of Illinois Public Health gets real-time updates of every suspected case, with a built-in analysis tool that refreshes every 60 seconds. The tool can track “case distribution by city, county and ZIP code; pregnancy status; hospitalization and emergency department admissions; deaths due to influenza; age, sex and race breakdowns;



Gov. J.B. Pritzker, flanked by Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot, conducts a briefing on COVID-19 from the Thompson Center on March 20 in Chicago.



A health care worker opens a fresh coronavirus test kit at the Edward-Elmhurst Health drive-thru testing center March 20 in Warrenville.

sensitive occupations, including health care workers; out-of-country travel histories; and laboratory confirmation by either CDC or IDPH.”

It’s the kind of system that, as described, could provide much more detail on cases than currently is being publicly disclosed. During the coronavirus pandemic, the state tells the public of positive tests and deaths by county (with a separate total for Chicago) but without any additional level of detail. The City of Chicago does post more demographic data on its cases, but not to the level posted by Los Angeles County, which lists communities where residents have tested positive.

Laboratory testing. Under the pandemic plan, testing at the state’s three labs (in Chicago, Springfield and Carbondale) shifts to focus on the virus at hand.

The plan envisions those labs testing up to 700 specimens a day “assuming staff is working overtime and other testing areas have been discontinued or delayed.” To handle the surge, the state would work with private labs.

The pace of testing has been frustrating for the public and for many health experts, who say that mass testing can lead to better containment of the virus.

Gov. J.B. Pritzker has said Illinois’ COVID-19 testing capacity is growing quickly but noted the state needs tens of thousands more tests to provide a full picture of the spread of coronavirus cases.

Anti-viral and vaccine distribution. The plan envisions a need to stockpile anti-viral medicine and dis-



Chicago police Officer Tina Susa redirects a bicyclist on the closed Lakefront Trail near Belmont Avenue on Thursday.

tribute it. Unfortunately, experts say they have yet to find anti-viral medicine that they know will help fight COVID-19.

This part of the plan also contains a blueprint for how to handle the emergence of a vaccine, which experts believe could be ready for widespread use in 12 to 18 months. It lays out a scenario where there is only a limited supply of the vaccine and the potential for a public uproar over who gets priority.

Relying on information from national advisory bodies, the state listed broad categories of people who could get access to the vaccine. In order of priority: those at the highest risk of dying from the virus, those most likely to spread it to someone who’s at high-risk of dying, anyone in health care or emergency response who hasn’t already gotten the vaccine, those who maintain “other important community services” and, finally, the rest of the population.

But the plan acknowledges that vaccine distribution would need to be customized.

“In addition, priority groups will have to be specifically defined as to which

functions are indeed critical to infrastructure and defined by their size within the state,” the plan said.

Restriction of movement. This concept should be pretty familiar to Illinoisans.

It discusses the ways the state can legally and practically tell people where to go and — more crucially — not to go. It ranges from ordering infected people into quarantine to canceling large gatherings and closing schools, workplaces, malls and public transit, with “enforced restriction of movement into and out of defined areas.”

The plan contains some lexicon that’s become top of mind, such as “social distance,” but it does not use the “stay-at-home” language used by the governor’s executive order — a nod to the wiggle room that authorities have to make adjustments.

Emergency and risk communication. The plan acknowledges the “intense and sustained demand for information” and recognizes how important it is to make sure the public knows what’s going on.

It sets up a process that’s supposed to centralize delivery of the message to make sure officials aren’t saying conflicting things, and also to quickly correct false rumors.

Since Pritzker issued a statewide disaster declaration March 9, he’s held daily briefings, with aides such as Dr. Ezike, the public health director. The state also has a special website dedicated to the outbreak, providing statistics, tips, answers to common questions, volunteer opportunities and executive orders.

The plan calls for the state not to sugar-coat what’s happening and be transparent.

“The public must be provided as much information as possible to help them understand uncertainty is part of the process and answers may change as new information and science becomes available,” it states.

Fatality management. The grim part of the plan offers a step-by-step of how to handle the dead.

If fatalities overwhelm hospitals and local health officials, the state would step in. And, if the state can’t handle the situation, it would seek federal help.

Along the way, temporary morgues could be set up, with the plan offering specific guidance for security, parking and other considerations.

“It should be removed from public view, not be a school or other sites of local potential for long-term sensitivity and have sufficient space for body identification procedures. It also should be capable of being partitioned for separation of functions, such as body handling, property inspection, X-ray, autopsy, records maintenance and interviewing,” the plan said.

Among the possibilities: existing mortuaries, hangars, large garages, National Guard armories “or other areas without wooden floors.”

Training. The plan calls for regular training before a pandemic, and Illinois took that to heart last year, as one of a dozen states participating in the federal exercise called Crimson Contagion.

Chicago played the part of a city that first detected the virus from people traveling from China, with the virus spreading across the country, infecting 110 million and killing 586,000, according to projections in a draft report obtained by the New York Times.

Arwady, the city’s health

commissioner, said the series of exercises allowed the city to “take our whole pandemic plan from beginning to end. ... What would we do? What would our triggers be? How might we think about how we’re going to measure?”

The event included a four-day “functional exercise” in August, during which the city later counted a host of successes, including deploying protective gear and discussing “non-pharmaceutical interventions” such as social distancing and school closures. It also noted areas to improve, such as collaboration, communication and “situational awareness.”

A New York Times investigation of the exercise cited a draft report that showed, more broadly, how unprepared the country was to fight such a virus.

Medical surge. The plan anticipates that hospitals could be overwhelmed and personal protective equipment could be in short supply for health workers — dilemmas already hitting some cities.

To address hospital surges, the plan describes some steps already being taken, such as recruiting retired health care workers and canceling elective surgeries, and some not publicly discussed, such as using trainees or family members of patients.

For personal protection, the plan lists the type of gear that’s become top of mind: gloves, goggles, face shields, gowns and N95 masks. The plan calls for the state to help hospitals figure out where supplies are low and how to get more from federal authorities.

But experts say that’s difficult now with massive worldwide demand for gear and respirators and depleted supplies. That’s prompted the state to form a task force to recruit businesses to donate or make gear — something not explicitly in the plan, which merely calls on the state to procure what’s needed.

“I have medical professionals and first responders begging for things that they need to keep them safe,” Pritzker said Monday. “But so does Gov. Cuomo in New York. So does Gov. DeWine in Ohio. So does Gov. Inslee in Washington state.”

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12 nurses at University of Illinois Hospital in Chicago test positive

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A dozen registered nurses at the University of Illinois Hospital in Chicago have tested positive for COVID-19, according to the union that represents nurses at the hospital.

The report highlights the vulnerability of health care workers caring for patients infected with the disease. Officials with the Illinois

Nurses Association said they believe a shortage of masks and other personal protective equipment contributed to the infections.

“They do not know day to day if they will have masks, gowns, gloves or goggles for that shift,” said Alice Johnson, executive director for the union. “One nurse said their unit manager scolded them for wearing a mask in a room where a COVID-19

positive patient was being intubated.”

A total of 40 hospital staff members have tested positive for COVID-19, a hospital spokeswoman said Friday.

Hospital CEO Michael Zenn confirmed the number of infected nurses and lauded the “heroic efforts” of the hospital’s staff but challenged the notion that administrators had discour-

aged the use of appropriate PPE.

“Our policy for COVID-19 is that all providers who care for patients confirmed to have COVID-19 or suspected of having COVID-19 should wear PPE,” Zenn said. “There are no circumstances in which we would ask our care providers to forgo PPE when caring for COVID-19 patients.”

According to internal U.

I. Hospital reports obtained by the Tribune, the number of staff members who are infected has grown rapidly. While the hospital confirmed it was 40 on Friday, the reports showed 19 infected as of Thursday. That number had grown from 11 on the previous day, according to the Medical Staff Daily Status Report.

Medical professionals have been expressing grow-

ing concern about the dwindling supplies of N95 masks and other PPE to shield them from sick people transferring the disease. The U. of I. daily status report listed supply levels for some items; N95 masks were said to be at a “critical-stable” level, with a “2 week supply as of 3/18/2020.”

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Thrift stores are closed, but donations piling up

BY TRACY SWARTZ

If you clean out your closet or garage over the weekend, hold on to the stuff you want to donate.

Local Salvation Army donation centers reopened Friday because residents kept dumping their stuff there, even though the centers had been closed for days because of the state-wide stay-at-home order to slow the spread of coronavirus. Major John Aren, a Salvation Army administrator, pointed to studies that found the coronavirus can linger on stainless steel, plastic and cardboard objects.

“So the idea that people would leave donations in front of our closed donation sites for the masses to pilfer through could in fact enhance the spread of the virus,” Aren said. “It’s also a violation of most municipal policies, and we would strongly encourage the donors to remain in their houses, as directed by our governing officials, and to

put their donations in safe storage until further notice.”

Aren said the Oak Lawn, Franklin Park and Bridgeview donation centers had the most pileups with trash bags, cardboard boxes and furniture pieces strewn across drop-off areas. He said his drivers performed “clean sweeps” of the closed centers this week and brought the items to a warehouse so they can be sorted for Salvation Army thrift stores when the stores reopen. Aren said his team is monitoring donation levels to determine how long Chicago-area centers will remain open. “We don’t want to be here, but we need to be good neighbors,” he said.

Jess Owens, a Goodwill spokeswoman, said local Goodwill donation centers have been closed since March 21 and will be subject to “extensive” cleaning. Donors should hold on to their merchandise to give later. People have left goods at some locations, “and we

are monitoring that,” Owens said.

Will Sterba, manager of Avenues to Independence Thrift Shoppe, said notices went out via email and Facebook that donations aren’t being accepted, but hand-me-downs were dropped off anyway at the closed Edison Park store.

“We are getting some stuff. It was there the morning after that surprise 3 inches of snow, and all the stuff was ruined, so it had to go in the garbage,” Sterba said. “We’ve got signs in the back where donations come in saying, ‘No donations, please.’ We’re still seeing a little bit, but we’re not bringing it in and processing. It’s going in the garbage. What happens with our stuff — when the store was operating — there’s a company that picks it up and it goes to other thrift stores, and they pay us by the pound, but they’ve stopped their operations completely, so we’re just kind of stuck with the stuff.”

Howard Brown Health’s



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Bridgeview Salvation Army thrift store manager Nadia Mobacher sorts surplus of donated items Friday, even though the store is closed during the pandemic.

three Chicago-area Brown Elephant resale shops are closed as well, and furniture pickups have been suspended. Instead of donating spring-cleaning finds, consider giving money to these organizations.

Proceeds from Salvation Army stores go to Salvation Army adult rehabilitation programs, which Aren said are still operating during the coronavirus outbreak.

The Salvation Army also has been preparing and delivering meals to area homeless shelters and providing meals, snacks and hydration to local emergency responders amid the outbreak.

Goodwill shops support the organization’s mission to offer training, employment and supportive services for people with disabilities. Avenues to Independ-

ence relies on thrift shop revenue to help adults with physical, intellectual and other developmental disabilities.

Howard Brown Health President and CEO David Ernesto Munar said the Brown Elephant stores were born out of response to the AIDS epidemic in the 1980s.

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Kids will remember this, but don’t make it normal for them



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Balancing Act

None of this is normal, and you don’t have to pretend it is.

Even if you’re a parent. Even if an expert told you it’s important to maintain routines during this time of uncertainty, and another expert told you children need structure, and five of the six parenting Facebook groups you joined in the last two weeks have shared the same vaguely scold-y sample schedule with age-appropriate chores and reasonable screen time limits.

If those things work for you and your family, by all means. Do the things that feel true and right for your people right now. You know best.

But maybe you feel overwhelmed, at times, by dread for what lies ahead and grief for what’s already

been lost and sadness for all the ways lives have been upended and rage that doctors and nurses are having to ration their personal protective equipment. And maybe summoning the will to adhere to some semblance of a typical weekday routine makes you want to weep from physical and emotional exhaustion. I think you should go ahead and weep.

Weep, my friends. Even if you’re a parent. Even if your kids see you weeping.

None of this is normal, and you don’t have to pretend it is.

Our kids will remember the time they lived through a global pandemic. Not infants. It will be on us to narrate this time back to them, and I hope we make room in our narration to tell about the beautiful souls who are feeding their neighbors and serving their communities and joining together in song. (I’m making sure my kids, 10 and 14, hear as many of those stories as possible right now.)

But kids old enough to be creating tangible memories,

beyond the kind of memories that live in our senses, will view this as a pivotal, formative, unforgettable time in their lives.

It’s OK if it feels like nothing they’ve ever been through.

It’s OK if we let them in on the truth, which is that life sometimes takes really, really unexpected turns. Something you could never have conjured in your wildest imagination suddenly becomes your new reality. Something you worried during your quietest, most vulnerable moments might happen — but spent most of your other moments deciding was crazy — suddenly happens.

Someone got very sick. A relationship ended. A job went poof. A child didn’t come home. Planes flew into buildings.

And then everything paused. As it should have. And nothing felt normal for a while. And when it started to feel normal again, it was a new normal. The old normal was never coming back.

We’re in the middle of that. Or not. Maybe we’re at the beginning of it. We

don’t even know yet.

We know half a million people around the world are infected with COVID-19 and more than 24,000 people have died from it, including about 1,300 people in the United States. We know that in Illinois, one family lost two sisters within 10 days: Wanda Bailey, 63, and Patricia Frieson, 61.

We know 3.3 million of our fellow Americans applied for unemployment benefits in a single week. We know some of our favorite places, run by some of our favorite people, will never open again. We know there are no games or concerts or movies or worship services or school days to attend. We know we’re not supposed to see grandparents. We know the things we’ve been looking forward to — graduation ceremonies, proms, camps, summer vacations — may be no-go’s.

It’s impossible, for a lot of us, to know all of that and to carry on as though this pandemic is a blip. An inconvenience to be worked around. An obstacle to be

overcome on our daily march toward efficiency and enrichment.

I’ve decided what I want my kids to remember about this time is that we did our best. We’re following the stay-at-home order. We’re staying informed. We’re checking on our vulnerable friends and helping how we can. We’re thanking essential workers with gift cards.

We’re singing a lot of Bon Jovi. We’re watching a lot of movies. We’re playing a lot of cards. We’re baking so much bread. We’re not doing that much e-learning. We’re not sticking to anything resembling a schedule.

I want them to remember that people looked out for us too. My mom sent us a package of card games the other day with a note tucked inside. She signed it, “Big social distancing hugs to you.” That note will always, always, always sit tucked inside the Five Crowns game.

I don’t talk them out of what they’re feeling, which ranges on any given day from bored to terrified to slap-happy to angry to sad

and back to bored again. They see me feel all those things too. (Except bored. No time.) I don’t say, “We could have it a lot worse.” I say, “I know. This is really hard. It’s not forever.”

I don’t need them to tune out the world around them and proceed apace. I don’t need them to see me do that either. I don’t think that’s what it means to cope.

I think we cope by being extra gentle with ourselves and with one another. I think that’s more important than structure and routine. I think we have permission to make up these days as we go, with kindness and safety as our guiding lights.

I think most other things can wait.

None of this is normal, and you don’t have to pretend it is.

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Medical students volunteering to help in any way

While not seeing patients, they fill gaps in resources

BY ARIEL CHEUNG

Staying at home has proven difficult for antsy Chicagoans who are suddenly spending large spans of time indoors in an effort to curb the spread of COVID-19.

But the order has been a challenge in another sense for medical students, who felt unable to answer their calling to help others, particularly after many were pulled from clinical rotations to avoid unnecessary exposure to or spread of the deadly coronavirus.

"It felt wrong to do nothing, even as you see our teachers and mentors run headfirst into their work," said Tricia Pendergrast, a first-year medical student at Northwestern University. "On social media, I watched people I respect beyond words talk about going to work and not having N95 masks, and I watched them start to get fevers and coronavirus. It was gut-wrenching to watch."

Clusters of students of medicine and other health care fields asked themselves: If we can't see patients, what else can we do?

Pendergrast, seeing the pleas for personal protective equipment, or PPE, for health care workers, joined up with classmates to seek donations and get them to the front lines of the epidemic. Other students are working to boost support for blood drives, have offered to perform laboratory tests and have organized food drives for health care workers who don't have time to buy groceries.

As efforts launched across the city, the students realized working together would amplify their impact. So last week, groups from Northwestern and Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science in North Chicago combined efforts, and students quickly joined in from the University of Chicago, Rush Medical College, Loyola University, Midwestern University, University of Illinois at Chicago and other local schools.

Within days, they recruited more than 500 volunteers for the COVID Rapid Response Team Chicago. A few days later, students had assembled a sprawling network to bridge the gap between the medical community and much-needed resources.

"There were very strong, but independent movements between each school," said third-year RFU medical student Matthew Christensen, who is part of the group's leadership team. Besides providing protective gear, he said the effort is about "helping health care workers just on the human side of things. When you're working such long hours, there's a lot of day-to-day activity that goes neglected, like grocery shopping or child care."

The coalition not only includes medical students, but also future nurses, physician assistants, pharmacists and students in other health care fields. Together, they are uniquely situated, with health care expertise, industry connections and an understanding of what needs are most urgent.

Still, the leadership team was stunned by the flood of responses from volunteers. With so many eager to help,



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Tricia Pendergrast, a first-year medical student at Northwestern University, brings personal protective equipment she and other medical students have scrounged up to a doctor in Oak Brook on Thursday.

"These are niches we can fill because of our clinical rotation (experience)."

—Ayman Elmasri, third-year med student

the group snapped into action, with offshoots focused on a growing range of efforts, Christensen said. Even without interacting with patients, they can make a difference, he said.

The Rapid Response Team has coordinated with Red Cross and public health and emergency management officials to supplement their work. They've

also just teamed up with Julian Baumgartner, a fine art conservationist based in Chicago, to distribute N95 masks he's purchasing through a GoFundMe campaign that Friday had exceeded \$50,000 in donations.

As it works to build a website, the group uses Twitter to connect with Chicagoans who might be able to aid in its efforts. From there, people can coordinate protective gear donations and get more information on how they can help.

Meanwhile, about 80 more third-year medical students at Northwestern are drawing on their clinical experience to spread word about the severe shortage of blood supply and ask healthy Chicagoans to donate.

They've created an extensive guide with information on how to do it safely.

"Blood transfusions can literally have a life-or-death impact on patients," said third-year med student Ayman Elmasri. "And just like we're nationally having this discussion about allocation of ventilators, we're trying really hard to not have to have that conversation when it comes to the availability of blood."

The students are also working with Northwestern doctors to complete discharge paperwork and will start providing wellness checks and screenings through telehealth systems and with doctor supervision — both measures that could save hours of time for physicians on the front lines.

"These are niches we can

fill because of our clinical rotation (experience)," Elmasri said. "... To even help those folks a little bit, I think it brings a lot of joy to any third-year medical student."

Pendergrast is helping with efforts to track down PPE, in quantities large and small, and funnel them to health care providers who need them most. Research labs, retired construction workers, veterinary technicians and Northwestern's wood shop have all offered their gear, as have retired health care workers who might just have a spare box of gloves or a handful of masks squirreled away.

"If five people each give us 10 masks, that's 50 reduced transmissions," Pendergrast said. "We're of the mindset that we're not leaving any stone unturned."

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Hospital site planned for McCormick Place

Army Corps of Engineers looks to finish by April 24

BY GREGORY PRATT AND RICK PEARSON

McCormick Place will be converted into Illinois' first field hospital to handle 3,000 coronavirus patients as the state braces for a possible surge in cases in the coming weeks, officials said.

"We're not waiting for the worst. We're preparing ourselves for the worst," Gov. J.B. Pritzker said Saturday at his daily briefing.

The governor's remarks came a day after Army Corps of Engineers Commanding General Lt. Gen. Todd Semonite said he hoped to complete the work by April 24.

The Chicago Department of Public Health said 500 beds are expected to be ready there in the coming week.

Speaking to reporters at the Pentagon on Friday, Semonite described plans to transform parts of the sprawling convention center into three halls with the ability to treat COVID-19 patients of varying degrees of severity.

Hall C would be able to



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The Army Corps of Engineers said Saturday they are working to convert McCormick Place into a 3,000-bed hospital.

treat about 500 patients with less serious injuries, while Hall A would be able to treat about 1,800 patients with greater complexity.

Hall B would be "the hardest one," Semonite said, including 750 self-contained units.

"They've asked us to get some type of a module we could set inside there," he said. The corps is in discussions with contractors over whether to buy isolated containers or use tents, added Semonite, who indicated he likely would be back in Chicago "early next week."

Chicago Health Commissioner Dr. Allison Arwady has said she met with members of the Army Corps of

Engineers at McCormick Place to begin figuring out how to set up thousands of hospital beds there for coronavirus sufferers.

The exercise was not done "in a theoretical sense," Arwady said Thursday.

The United Center also will transform into a logistics hub for Chicago's coronavirus response — used for food distribution, first responder staging and collecting medical supplies.

McCormick Place has lost major convention business since the outbreak, and the Army Corps' news comes as coronavirus cases across the country and in Illinois continue to escalate at exponential rates. On

Saturday, state health officials announced that Illinois had 47 COVID-19 related deaths as well as 3,491 known cases.

Mayor Lori Lightfoot also said Friday that the worst could still be ahead for Chicago.

"Duration, I don't think anybody really knows," she told the Tribune. "We have some projections on when we think we will hit our peak. It's not a secret that most of them put them sometime in April, but what precise date, what date range, varies depending upon the model and the assumptions."

Lightfoot said the most pressing problem going forward "is making sure that our health care system can sustain a surge of cases."

"That means both limiting the surge but also making sure that we've got enough coordination, beds and capacity to sustain what will come our way, because it's coming," Lightfoot said. "It's just a question of how high will the peak be and over what period of time."

City officials are keeping a tally on the number of available hospital beds, people in intensive care units, the number of ventilators being used and hospital capacity, she said. Public

health officials are in contact with hospitals about collaboration and coordination, Lightfoot said, to help things run smoothly.

The city's public health department released a statement late Friday night saying it is working with the state, Army Corps of Engineers, FEMA, and the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority to help with the expected surge of hospitalizations in the coming weeks.

"The temporary health site at McCormick Place will function as a field hospital, providing a large quantity of beds, including 500 anticipated to come online in the coming week. We remain focused on working in partnership to build up resources and staffing for this site and across the system so that we can combat COVID-19, alleviate added stress to our hospitals and healthcare workers, and ensure patients across Chicago receive the care they need," the statement read.

Across the country, the Army Corps of Engineers is looking at 114 different facilities in 50 states and five territories, Semonite said. Officials already have assessed 81 of them, he said.

"The one that really has

popped here in the last 24 hours is the one in Chicago," Semonite said.

Exhibition halls at the Javits Center in New York already are being converted into a field hospital of more than 2,900 beds for non-COVID-19 patients. McCormick Place would be home to patients with COVID-19, Semonite said.

Engineers would be able to create negative pressure treatment areas needed for treating COVID-19 patients at the Chicago convention center, he said.

"I did not think we could meet the COVID standard in a massive big building, but my engineers are telling me we think we've got the capability to do that," Semonite said.

It was unclear how much the conversion at McCormick Place would cost. Semonite put the figure at \$75 million, but FEMA spokesman Mark Peterson said that total isn't just for McCormick Place.

"The rest is to potentially scope out three other facilities, but that's at the direction and request of the state of Illinois," Peterson said.

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Pritzker

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some of his early decisions, such as closing schools and bars and restaurants, have influenced other governors.

"If this hadn't spread the way it had, and they had taken those actions, they would have been accused of fearmongering," Griffin said. "In this situation, Pritzker, among others, really decided to be bold, and thank goodness he did."

Every day since issuing a statewide disaster declaration March 9, when there were only 11 known coronavirus cases in Illinois, Pritzker has delivered briefings to the press and the public, usually from a lectern at the Thompson Center in Chicago.

Flanked by aides including Illinois Department of Public Health Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike, and sometimes by business leaders and other elected officials, Pritzker has used the venue to bolster the case for his decisions.

Two days after his disaster proclamation, with the tally of cases reaching 25, he joined Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot as she called off the city's St. Patrick's Day festivities. By March 12, with 32 cases, he canceled all events with 1,000 people or more.

Heading into that weekend, with the number of cases hitting 46, Pritzker announced that schools statewide would be closed from March 17 to 30. That Sunday, after throngs gathered at bars to celebrate St. Patrick's weekend, he shut down bars and restaurants for dine-in service. The number of known cases was approaching 100.

By the time Pritzker's statewide stay-at-home order took effect at 5 p.m. Saturday, there were 753 known cases in 26 of Illinois' 102 counties. Illinois followed California by a day in issuing a stay-at-home order, while several other states, including Washington, which saw one of the country's earliest outbreaks, have issued stay-at-home advisories since Pritzker's.

Pritzker said in an interview Tuesday with the Chicago Tribune that he isn't spending much time looking backward at what he might have done differently but rather "course-correcting as we go."

"When you're early doing this, there aren't a lot of other people to back you up or say, 'Well, gee, look at what everybody else is doing,'" Pritzker said. "People ask a lot of questions when you're early making these decisions ... and I had to answer those questions for myself before I would make those decisions."

Along the way, he's been guided by recommendations from epidemiologists



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

"Every step that we've taken during this crisis, my legal team has understood and laid out our legal authority to do it," Gov. J.B. Pritzker said. Every day since March 9, he has delivered briefings to the press and the public.

and other experts, he said.

"Their views are evolving as they're analyzing what's going on in other countries and they see what the spread looks like in the United States, and so I'm trying to stay on top of that," Pritzker said.

Pritzker has appeared to weigh, and sometimes wrestle "very publicly," with some of his major calls on how to deal with the crisis, said Kent Redfield, emeritus professor of political science at the University of Illinois Springfield.

Illinois has "certainly been within the states that have reacted the most strongly, the most quickly," Redfield said.

Pritzker and Lightfoot have both publicly said they've been working collaboratively as the coronavirus has continued to spread, but disagreement was on display earlier this month when Lightfoot held a news conference and asserted that Chicago Public Schools needed to remain open. Hours later, Pritzker announced he was ordering schools statewide shuttered through March 30 — an order that has since been extended through April 7.

"I think he's been at the forefront of the nation's governors in responding to this national crisis in such a way that is putting the population of the state first, is fact-based, science-based, and is doing his best to calm the population," Northwestern University political science professor Alvin Tillery said.

While the stay-at-home order was lauded by some business groups, including organizations representing many of the state's retailers and manufacturers, the Illinois Chamber of Commerce questioned whether Pritzker moved too hastily

in shutting down "non-essential" businesses and services.

"The chamber hoped the order would be a last resort with more time to evaluate the effectiveness of the previous unprecedented measures that would have had less impact on Illinois' economy," Illinois Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Todd Maisch said in a statement on the day of the announcement.

Pritzker on Wednesday announced more than \$90 million in state aid spread across three programs to provide grants and emergency loans to small businesses, and a hospitality emergency grant program.

Pritzker was criticized for not delaying the March 17 primary. Several other states have postponed their elections, but Illinois law precludes the governor from unilaterally suspending elections, said Matt Dietrich, a spokesman for the Illinois State Board of Elections.

It would have taken a court order or an act of the General Assembly to change the date of the election, which is set by state statute, Dietrich said.

Multiple polling locations in Chicago reported confusion and equipment problems after more than 200 voting sites changed because of COVID-19 precautions. In a conference call with reporters, Chicago Board of Election Commissioners spokesman Jim Allen complained of "extremely low turnout" in the morning and said that the governor had rejected the board's request to postpone the election and have constituents vote by mail instead.

Pritzker responded forcefully at that day's briefing, saying that the board's request had been outside his legal authority and that he

was limited by the state constitution.

"If people want to criticize me for that, well, go ahead," he said. "I'll wear it like a badge of honor. Every step that we've taken during this crisis, my legal team has understood and laid out our legal authority to do it."

Had Pritzker tried to delay in-person voting, as Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine did last week, Illinois would have been in the same sort of legal limbo Ohio has found itself in, Redfield said.

"It was on, it was off, it was on, it was off," Redfield said of the Ohio primary. "(Pritzker) would have gotten in exactly the same problem in Illinois. There's no statutory authority to do that."

Karla Satchell, a microbiologist and principal investigator for the Center for Structural Genomics of Infectious Diseases at Northwestern University, said Pritzker's closure announcements were neither premature nor overdue from a medical standpoint.

But Satchell, whose research team has been studying COVID-19 since January, said she was unsure whether the state's purported precautions were enough to prevent spread of the coronavirus at the polls.

"I have a hard time understanding how they managed elections with nobody getting within 6 feet of each other, and sterilizing every screen, every surface, every pen between people," she said.

Senate Republican Leader Bill Brady said this week that he can understand criticisms about the primary, but that now "it's about moving on and making good decisions from here forward."

"Obviously, this isn't what anyone signed up for, it's a

very challenging circumstance, decisions that he didn't think he would probably ever have to make, he's had to make," Brady said. "And I think he's trying his best."

House Republican Leader Jim Durkin issued a statement earlier this week calling the response to the pandemic "neither a Republican nor Democrat issue."

"We share a common enemy and share the same goal of working together to eradicate COVID-19," Durkin said. "As in all emergencies, time spent on blame or fault provides little or no merit nor solutions."

Pritzker has gotten Trump's attention with his pleas for more equipment, while also clashing with the president over the federal government's coronavirus response.

The two sparred last weekend on Twitter, with Trump telling Pritzker that he and "a very small group of certain other governors" shouldn't be blaming the federal government "for their own shortcomings."

Pritzker shot back that Trump should "be leading a national response instead of throwing tantrums from the back seat."

The day after the Twitter flare-up, Pritzker said he spoke to Trump directly about Illinois' need for masks and ventilators. The governor later got word from the White House that the federal government would be sending 300 ventilators and 300,000 more N95 masks to Illinois, he said.

Pritzker on Monday said Trump seemed "very responsive" to his request. But the governor said he's also "very concerned" about Trump's remarks this week that he wants the country reopened by Easter, and that

the president is relying more on the stock market than science to guide his decision-making.

Pritzker has made several appearances on national television programs in recent weeks, which he said was driven by ensuring "that the federal government understood that they were not delivering on their promises and that they needed to deliver."

"I thought it was important for me at least to be vocal on behalf of the people of Illinois to get what we wanted," Pritzker said. "And I must say, I'm proud to say that that was very effective. And I give the president credit for that. He didn't need to take my call, and he didn't need to be as responsive as he was, but I'm glad that I reached out to him and that all of what I had hoped might happen to get attention is beginning to work."

Tillery said in this case there appears to be "a lot less politics here than meets the eye with (Pritzker's) national media entree."

"I think that the governor has joined other visible governors who are trying to move their states forward in pressing for what's needed, and I don't think in our overwhelmingly blue state that it's going to matter one bit that he criticized Donald Trump right now," Tillery said.

If Trump continues to push for the country to reopen at the same time as governors are considering extending stay-at-home orders, "that's when they're really going to be tested," Tillery said.

Pritzker has faced many challenges throughout his career as a philanthropist and venture capitalist, but he can't remember anything in his lifetime that compares with the coronavirus pandemic, he said.

"'08-'09 was a financial crisis," he said in an interview. "This is a crisis that's threatening people's lives."

Still, Pritzker said he draws on what he learned from dealing with personal difficulties at a young age — the death of his father when he was 7 years old and his mother's struggle with alcoholism — to manage through trying times.

"A switch gets flipped when crises develop," and he says to himself: "We need to make logical decisions. We need to make sure we're getting things done that need to get done," he said.

"I feel an enormous responsibility that people have put their faith in me, and I want to make sure that I am delivering for them," Pritzker said.

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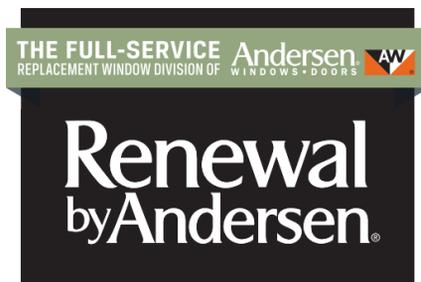


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CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Chefs, restaurants thankful, but need more

Loan programs and grants fill void as industry struggles

BY PHIL VETTEL

Chicago chefs and restaurateurs are reacting mostly favorably Thursday to the state's Hospitality Emergency Grant Program and the Illinois Small Business Emergency Loan Fund, both announced Wednesday. But while they agree that the help is welcome and needed, they say that the industry — and especially furloughed workers — need more.

"The grants are wonderful news, exactly what's needed," said Paul Fehribach, chef and owner of Big Jones in Andersonville. "To be honest, it's not a lot of money, but grants of \$10,000 to \$25,000 may make the difference for a lot of businesses just trying to stay afloat with a skeleton crew, as we are. Our revenue hole looks like it will be more than \$100,000 a month, to put it in perspective."

The Hospitality Emergency Grant Program, announced by Gov. J.B. Pritzker Wednesday, provides grants up to \$25,000 for restaurant and bars with \$500,000 to \$1 million in revenue in 2019. Bars and restaurants with less than \$500,000 in revenue last year could apply for up to \$10,000. The program has \$14 million available, but that includes funds for hotels as well.

Fehribach was less enthused about the availability of low-interest loans. The Illinois Small Business Emergency Loan Fund offers loans up to \$50,000 for businesses outside of Chicago. A separate program, the Chicago Small Business Resiliency Fund, announced by Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot March 19, covers those within the city and also offers up to



Jesus Garcia of Virtue in Hyde Park hands off an order to a curbside customer Wednesday.

\$50,000.

"While I appreciate these offers of debt during a time when ordinary credit channels may be closed, the suggestion that we all take on new debt to stay in the game is foolish and shortsighted," Fehribach said. "We still have no idea when we will be able to reopen regular operations, and more importantly, what business conditions will be like. In an industry challenged by thin margins in the best of times, we could see these funds help many restaurants bridge a short-term gap, only to fail under burden of debt if, as is likely, business conditions are poor on the other side of this and revenues fall short."

"I am happy to see 'supercharged' unemployment insurance out of DC, which will help furloughed workers," he added. "My biggest concern right now is undocumented workers, who

work and pay taxes, but now are unable to claim benefits. Larger grants would help us make payroll and keep more of these folks employed."

"I think this is a great first step from our local government to provide another tool in our belt to get the job done," said Philippe Andre, partner at Oceanique restaurant in Evanston. "I don't believe this is entirely enough, but at this point we need everything possible to get us through the next two to three months and still have fuel in the tank to reopen."

"We are taking every step afforded to us to come back strong; we are currently negotiating with our landlord of 31 years to donate our rent and are raising immediate resources for our staff to safely shelter at home with their families through a GoFundMe. Our number one goal is keeping

our staff and their families safe, and then providing them with the opportunities we all work so hard for when the coast is clear. We are all fighting together as an industry in various ways and I'm very proud of what I'm seeing across the city and the country."

"Yes, it helps, especially keeping people employed," said Peter Burdi, owner of Il Poggiolo and Nabuki restaurants in Hinsdale. "But it only helps for a short time; if this (shutdown) continues for an extended period of time it won't keep restaurants from closing. Also, we have to make up the loss we have all sustained thus far without government help."

"Once cash-flow is turned off, most restaurants need a loan just to get to a positive balance," said Kevin Boehm, co-founder of Boka Restaurant Group. "This fund, in tandem with the economic stimulus bill from Congress, can help restaurants not only get open (after the shutdown ends), but survive the inevitable ramp-up period. The fund could especially be helpful if the money is easier and faster to access than the federal money; people need help now."

Michael Lachowicz, chef and owner of George Trois, Aboyer and Silencieux restaurants in Winnetka, described the programs as "a Band-Aid on a gaping head wound."

"Every little bit counts," he said. "We will be applying for sure; it will provide liquidity until we get on firm ground again, whenever that may be. In the interim, I'm just above break-even with curbside carryout. And those gratuities are all helping out my hourly employees. The hitch in that giddy-up is that we're dealing with some very serious unknowns and unforeseen potential pop-ups. Is \$25,000 going to help in the long haul? My hopes are yes."

"If you do the math, I don't think it's enough mon-

ey," said Mario Santiago, chef and owner of May Street Cafe in Pilsen, "because you have to spread it out with zero income coming in. Even without the employees, you still have bills coming in. I have a partner, so I still have to make money for two households plus all the bills. I'm lucky that I don't owe my vendors anything, but there are others who do, and if you let the electric, gas and water bills slide to keep people on payroll, whatever money they give you will be eaten up right away. You also have to start from zero — you still have to pay back whatever rent or mortgage you owe — so these have to be grants that you don't pay back, or give us a larger sum."

When the COVID-19 crisis is over, Santiago predicts that many restaurants will find it difficult to reopen.

"It'll be like opening up a new restaurant; how are you going to do that?" he asked. "It's a lot of money to start over, and I guarantee you banks are not going to lend money for people who want to open up restaurants, and there will be a lot of rules and regulations after this. Fast-food restaurants will probably do well; event spaces will tank, and large restaurants will never be the same."

Bernie Laskowski, chef and owner of Craft Urban Kitchen in Geneva, said he thinks small-business loans will only delay an inevitable collapse.

"Loans are double-jeopardy for small businesses," he said. "Most restaurants in that revenue category are barely making 5% profitability and are over-leveraged as it is. Our economic model cannot afford us to accrue any benefits to be paid out to our employees. Offering a loan to use to pay our bills, which already are in arrears, will almost guarantee that those businesses will eventually default due to the margin for financial error coming to an almost unobtainable level of exist-

ence."

"We don't need low-interest loans," Laskowski said. "We need forgivable grants that allow us to become flush during the financial vacuum. Borrowed from future sales/income/payroll tax. Zero interest and zero penalties for all bills left unpaid."

"The emphasis next needs to be directed to insurance companies on doing the correct thing," Laskowski said. "We have paid exorbitant premiums for protection in situations like this. They have a clause against government stoppages due to viral causes. We are not institutions with huge stockpiles of cash reserves; at most, we have one month of operating capital, which is being used up at an alarming rate."

Trevor Teich, chef and owner of the upscale, five-table Claudia in the West Loop, praised Pritzker and Lightfoot for making "fast and critical moves" to support the industry, but said, "I don't think this presents a solution as a whole," Teich said. "I see it as a much-needed action to help put the pieces back together in this crisis. I think it's too early to say what impact these monies will have in the long run, because there are new developments nearly every hour and every day."

Several chefs pointed out that a grant program that awards money to restaurants with revenues between \$500,000 and \$1 million leaves a lot of restaurants empty-handed.

"It kills a large portion of our city," said Erick Williams, chef and owner of Virtue Restaurant in Hyde Park, of the grant program. "Anybody with 30, 35 employees that you see — these guys have revenues of \$2 million, and some up to \$10 million," Williams said.

"People hear \$10 million in revenues, and they think, 'those guys must be rich,'" Williams said. "But the profit margins don't change; you just have more staff, and those places are in higher rent districts. I think that both the city as well as the state are moving quickly, and I'm happy to see them making forward strides, but they missed the middle."

Robert Garvey, owner of Robert's Pizza and Dough Co. in Streeterville, said his single-unit pizzeria wouldn't qualify under the current revenue range. Chef/owner Tony Priolo said that of his three restaurants — Maillard Tavern, Nonnina and Piccolo Sogno — only the tiny Maillard Tavern would qualify.

"If we were relying on that (loan program) alone, I would be out of business," Priolo said. "They need to come up with a better bail out plan that helps small restaurants."

"I still have hopes that the state and city are going to get it right," Williams said. "We know they're working diligently. We need people to speak up and get them accurate information, so they can continue to do the great job they're doing."

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BY ERIC ZORN



Pitchman Trump trying to sell us on his 'great,' 'incredible,' 'tremendous' handling of pandemic

In his daily appearances in front of the White House press corps to discuss the coronavirus crisis, President Donald Trump relentlessly sprinkles his remarks with superlatives.

"I can now announce something that I think is incredible," he said during Thursday's news conference, for example. "The incredible naval hospital ship the U.S.N.S. Comfort — which is incredible, actually, when you see it inside — will be underway to New York City on Saturday ... It's a great ship. It's a great vessel."

"Our people have done a fantastic job. Really, a fantastic job," he said last Sunday. "The American people have been amazing. I think our stimulus package will get done, and it will be a tremendous package."

"We have unbelievable professionals" on the task force, he said March 19. "We've done a phenomenal job on this."

Incredible. Great. Fantastic. Amazing. Tremendous. Unbelievable. Phenomenal.

Leaders should project a sense of optimism during a crisis, yes. In very troubled times like these, we need reassurance from our leaders that brighter days are ahead.

But we don't need infomercials. We don't need a president channeling product pitchmen such as Ron Popeil or Billy Mays and peppering us with extravagantly positive adjectives.

Beautiful. Terrific. Extraordinary.

Trump is, at heart, a salesman. We knew that from the titles of his books, including "The Art of the Deal" (1987), "How to Get Rich" (2004) and "The Way to Success" (2006). We knew that from the way he surrounded himself at the podium with Trump-branded steaks, wine and water for his bizarre victory speech on March 8, 2016, the night he won the Michigan, Mississippi and Hawaii Republican presidential primaries.



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President Donald Trump speaks Thursday during a White House briefing on the coronavirus pandemic.

"We make the finest wine, as good a wine as you can get anywhere in the world," he said.

Accomplished salespeople know the persuasive, almost subliminal, power of repeating emotionally uplifting words. Trump used "great" 35 times in his public appearance Thursday ("A lot of great companies are making equipment right now," for example. "The ventilators, obviously they take a little longer to make, but we have a lot of companies making them. And we're going to be in great shape.") along with 13 uses of "tremendous" and 10 of "incredible."

Braggadocio has always worked for Trump. His gift for Home Shopping Network-style

hyperbole took him all the way to the White House, and he's leaning on it heavily as the COVID-19 pandemic rages nearly out of control across the country and our economy teeters on the edge of a historic collapse.

A Gallup poll released Tuesday showed 60% approval for the president's handling of the coronavirus crisis, a high-water mark for him.

But the Gallup poll was taken before he began promoting the daffy idea that it's time to stop hiding in our homes and get back to work as early as Easter Sunday — April 12 — a notion roundly rejected by infectious disease specialists who warned that premature efforts to return to a sem-

blance of normal life would be medically disastrous in a way that would further tank the economy we're trying to rescue.

In an ABC News/Washington Post poll released Friday, 51% of respondents said they approve of Trump's handling of the outbreak compared with 45% who said they disapprove. That even roughly half the population says he's done a good job boggles my mind considering that he downplayed and dismissed the threat for weeks, failed to implement early robust testing that could have saved lives, and continues to pollute his news conferences on a global calamity with petty attacks on political rivals and members of the media.

Incredible. Great. Fantastic. Amazing. Tremendous. Unbelievable. Phenomenal.

Quite a few people are evidently still buying what he's selling.

But hope is not a timeshare. Optimism is not an undistinguished bottle of wine.

Actions deliver hope, not adjectives.

Credulous sectors of the public may respond to words, but the virus will respond only to deeds.

Beautiful. Terrific. Extraordinary.

Trump is selling Trump, as he always has and always will. He knows this peril will pass, or at least that the infection and death rates will subside to a point where he can declare that it all would have been much worse without his flawless leadership — on a 10-point scale he gave himself a 10 on March 16, three days after saying of the testing debacle, "I don't take responsibility at all."

Trump's daily torrent of puffy verbiage is aimed at laying the groundwork for what is certain to be a nauseating "victory" speech to promote his reelection in November.

So, no, it's not the critics who are politicizing this crisis and pulling apart a nation that should be coming together.

It's the huckster at the podium.

Re: Tweets

The winner of this week's reader poll to select the funniest tweet was, "A lot of dudes are saying they're leaving 6 feet of space between us when it's really only 5 feet 10 inches," by @i_Lea.

The poll appears at chicagotribune.com/zorn, and you can get an early alert when it's posted by signing up for the Change of Subject email newsletter at chicagotribune.com/newsletters.

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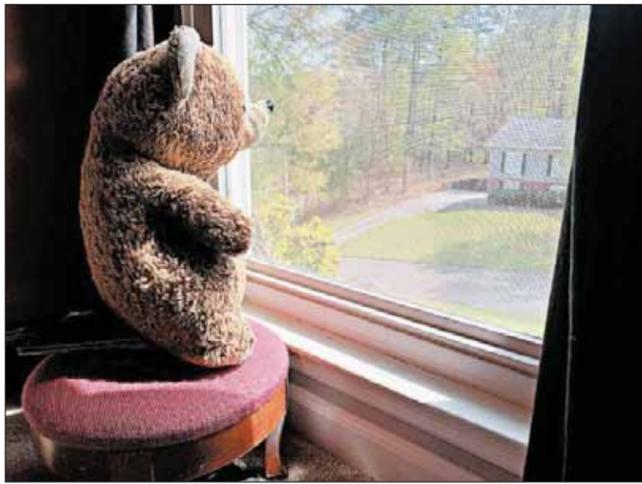
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A BEAR FOR YOUR WINDOW

Have you been on a bear hunt yet? A teddy bear hunt, that is. Start looking closely at your neighbors' windows and you'll probably spot a bear or two, or maybe a big stuffed dog or another cuddly stuffed animal.

Inspired by the 1989 children's book "We're Going on a Bear Hunt," by Michael Rosen and Helen Oxenbury, and the human need to connect during mandatory social distancing and stay-at-home orders, people around the world have been placing teddy bears in their windows as a symbol of solidarity during the coronavirus pandemic. Families craving fresh air and a chance to stretch go on bear hunts, tallying up the bears they find on neighborhood walks or drives.

Search #bearhunt on Twitter or Facebook and you're sure to forget, just for a moment, the ever-worrying pandemic that brought us to this spot. You'll see photos of bears in windows — big bears, little bears, bears in chairs and bears that aren't



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bears at all. Tweeted @Clancy-Louise from Australia, it's "something fun in these dark times." We love the idea of giving kids

(and adults) a little distraction, but we worried that everyone might not have a bear to put in the window — and we didn't want to in-

spire any panic-buying of stuffed teddies.

So Chicago Tribune editorial cartoonist Scott Stantis, who has his family's Pot Belly Bear stationed in his own window, drew a bear just for you. **Cut it out and tape it to a window that faces a sidewalk or a place where your neighbors can see it.** And while you're at it, snap a photo of your bear in the window and send it to us at letters@chicagotribune.com with BEARS in the subject line. We'll share them with our readers on our Chicago Tribune Opinion page on Facebook.

As one dad who goes on regular bear hunts with his wife and 5-year-old daughter told Time magazine, "It's a way of communicating with other people while you're still safe in your family isolation. It's like a silent visual message that families get to send each other from their windows, and it says, 'We're all in this together. I'm experiencing what you're experiencing.'"



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Coronavirus enables a less tribal, more ingenious America. Let's not backslide.

Once again humanity is humbled, this time not by fire, earthquake or tornado. Instead a wee creature our naked eye cannot see commandeers the Earth — yet another killer reminder that many forces dwarf us cocky-to-a-fault mortals. So we learn anew that in nature we're but temporary components of perpetual systems much bigger than ourselves.

For most of us, the less than draconian demand is that we stay secluded — incarcerated at home with our loved ones. We know Chicago teenagers who dutifully avoid their early-to-rise parents by sleeping from 3 a.m. until the crack of 2 p.m. There being no immunity to family frictions in tight quarters, social distancing at times necessitates spousal distancing — like teenagers, a survivable inconvenience.

Meanwhile the contagion, as if with a mind of its own, searches for fresh human hosts. For those among us who contract the disease COVID-19, as we see in daily news coverage, the effects range from discomfort to oxygen starvation to harrowing death.

Whatever our individual fates as this ghastly pandemic unspools, each of us can find solace in the ways that millions of Chicagoans and Illinoisans are responding. Less than one week into a stay-home mandate, the concern people are showing for one another is evident and, we hope, long-lasting.

Chicago's other epidemic: Random acts of kindness

There always will be outliers — arrogant me-firsters who refuse to conform to new rules. And the criminals who strafe Chicago streets shall always be with us. Our focus instead is on the vast majority of citizens abruptly awakened to the urgent needs of the less fortunate souls around them.

In their stoicism, their generosity to one another and their astonishing patience with the restrictions that now dictate their lives, these next-door heroes evoke author Sebastian Junger's account of World War II London during the Blitz. The peril then was more vivid,

even if today's peril kills just as indiscriminately, just as impersonally. He writes of Londoners' voluntary subservience to constraints as they resisted a shared enemy: "... the crowd policed themselves according to unwritten rules that made life bearable for complete strangers jammed shoulder to shoulder" on cold, wet floors.

Today, by contrast, we live an inverted exercise that seeks to keep us apart. Yet a similar ethos of *We're-all-in-this-together* is rewriting our social contract. We see the random acts of kindness everywhere — the impromptu willingness of strangers to inconvenience themselves for one another by hauling packages, the household fostering of forlorn shelter animals, the drop-offs of food for first responders whose mid-shift lunch joints are closed.

Our earliest metrics for quantifying these good acts, like the parable of the Blitz, come from the U.K.: An age-of-pandemic survey of 2,000 Britons finds sharp percentage increases of those who have conversed with neighbors they had hardly known before, who regularly check on older relatives and friends, who now grocery shop for people unable to leave home.

When opportunity breeds ingenuity

If some people cope by rebuilding frayed social bonds, others cope by rising to a challenge: How can I surmount this episode's limitations, small and large?

Consider the many residents of metropolitan Chicago who've put teddy (and other) bears in front windows. For neighborhood parents dealing with cooped-up kids, this small gift encourages "bear hunting" — family strolls with little people waving to ursine creatures indoors.

Or consider the Zooming of America — the rapid (we won't say viral) adoption of video conferencing from Zoom and other providers online. As if a starter pistol sounded, social distancing suddenly has provoked millions of work colleagues and their customers, teachers and their students, 4-year-olds and their

cousins, to rely daily on meetup software that has long existed but that many people hadn't embraced.

Look with admiration at the work-arounds. The innovations. The ingenious solutions.

None of us wants a public health crisis. But crises do make us smarter.

'Safe spaces,' reimagined

This emergent altruism, these reinventions of our routine protocols, speaks to a welcome togetherness. Welcome, but unfamiliar.

For two-plus decades we Americans have divided ourselves, more avidly than we had before, into tribes. Suddenly we find ourselves, yes, all in something together. The phrase "safe spaces" abruptly refers less to protecting frail egos than to sheltering one another from deadly danger.

In a few weeks, as during emergencies past, we've become a more serious, more other-oriented people. The optimist who celebrates this knows it's early, that this vast mutual aid society is as novel today as is the coronavirus.

The optimist knows that our generosity of spirit could perish dramatically if more hardship brings rebellion. Or it could perish gradually if we let ourselves succumb to coronavirus fatigue. To sacrifice fatigue.

So how do we nurture this nascent communal spirit? How do we help it endure after this viral rampage breathes its last?

A pandemic disregards self-indulgence

This moment that demands a united America disrupts many people's focus on identity uber alles. Like any rogue act of nature, this pandemic ignores our self-sequestering by political, ethnic, cultural or intellectual tribe. During the recent decades that would tolerate such luxury, many among us let pride turn to righteousness, and righteousness to grievance against Those Others. From our for-tresses we've signaled our own moral

virtue — and sought to impose it on others. They are, after all the enemy. We cannot rest until they submit.

Encountering a city, a state or a nation that subordinates the greater good to such self-indulgence, any shrewd virus eager to replicate itself would smile. It knows it can thrive in a realm where people put their individual interests or their group first. It cannot, though, survive in a wildly diverse populace that unites to starve it of fresh prey.

Watching so many Chicago strangers feed, shelter and protect one another — and watching public officials enforce wartime limits on all of us — this little coronavirus has to be displeased.

For many Chicagoans, many Illinoisans, this is the first time they've encountered a government-issued call to duty. Generations that endured the Great Depression, wars and the menace of international terrorism have been here before.

Each time, though, those generations watched America backslide.

It'll be hard.

But we can do this.

Like the other great forces of nature, every pandemic subsides. Then what?

If Chicagoans, Illinoisans, Americans want to preserve our suddenly less tribal, more ingenious, other-oriented communities, we can do that.

How? Paradoxically, each of us has to keep nurturing this communal spirit ... one by one.

In thousands of small, daily decisions, each of those Chicagoans, Illinoisans, Americans who lives to tell of this disaster will decide how to treat one another. Will decide, that is, whether to revert to our tribes, or make this spirit endure.

The pessimist says we'll soon be back to incessant squabbling. That pandemic? History. It's an election year! My tribe must prevail!

The optimist we mentioned above knows that the pessimist will be proved right — unless, one by one, we demand better of ourselves. Not only in this crisis, but in the months and years ahead.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

Where the rich are working, producing and inheriting is a magnet for the world's poorest. Though it's popular to suggest that wealth inequality harms the poor, there is no purer market signal than the migration of people.

Looked at through the lens of the United States, it's long been the world's most unequal country at the same time that it's been the country that the vast

majority of the world's poorest have yearned to migrate to. Stating what's obvious to the passably sapient among us: Where the rich are is where opportunity is most abundant for the poorest among us to fix their poverty. ...

Of course all of this says why those with the least are, and will be, harmed the most by the response of government and business to the coronavirus scare. Figure

that California on its own would be the fifth largest economy in the world if a country, and then one can only imagine where California, New York and Illinois would rate in combination.

The economies in these rich-dense states have in many ways been shut down. The well-to-do will surely be hurt by what's tragic, but all too many have savings, or they have parents who have sav-

ings, vacation houses and other safety nets.

The poor don't realistically have those backstops. ... Worse is that with politicians intent on shutting the economy down, it's unlikely that those most capable of creating new work opportunities through investment (yes, the rich) will do just that. Why invest in what's not operating?

John Tamny, RealClearMarkets

PERSPECTIVE



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Dr. Anthony Fauci listens as President Donald Trump speaks during a briefing on the coronavirus pandemic Thursday at the White House in Washington, D.C.

Why we must keep Dr. Fauci at the podium during this coronavirus fight



CLARENCE PAGE

As living under quarantine conditions during this coronavirus pandemic has turned my web surfing into more of an alternative universe than ever, a significant question has been popping into view in recent days:

“Where’s Dr. Fauci?”

Yes, the cult of admirers surrounding Dr. Anthony Fauci, renowned immunologist, is not only thriving but seeking his advice more desperately than ever — even as some among President Donald Trump’s supporters on the far-right fringe aren’t.

The ongoing sport of catching Trump’s falsehoods — more than 16,000, so far, in The Washington Post’s Fact Checker’s database — has taken on a morbidly serious tone as truthfulness in a pandemic can make the difference between life and death.

In response, the president holds daily news briefings that are well worth watching, in my view, as long as Fauci is there. My informal survey of similarly cocooned friends, relatives

and workmates finds general agreement. If Fauci’s not there, they say, you might as well turn it off.

Of course, in our politically and culturally polarized society I have to remember that I live in a silo comprised disproportionately of liberals and moderates who treat anything Trump says with the skepticism of the old Chicago City News Bureau’s slogan: “If your mother says she loves you, check it out.”

But in the current national emergency, even prominent Republicans such as Gov. Mike DeWine of Ohio and Gov. Larry Hogan of Maryland sounded alarms over Trump’s “wish” to have the economy back up and running by Easter. Too soon, they said.

Fauci agreed. “You’ve got to be realistic,” he told CNN’s Chris Cuomo, “and you’ve got to understand that you don’t make the timeline, the virus makes the timeline.”

And Fauci kept his job for another day, although significantly he made the statement in a CNN interview, not during the president’s regular briefings. He and Trump denied reports of a rift, and Fauci continued to grant numerous interview requests. But his lowered profile seemed to reflect reports that the president was annoyed by his growing popularity, which as you may recall, has spelled the end for other Trump appointees.

Unlike most of them, though, Fauci was inherited. He’s been the “Mr. Wizard” or, for you millennials, the Bill Nye the Science Guy of contagions since he became director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases in 1984, the middle of President Ronald Reagan’s years in office.

He expresses the qualities that just about everybody wants a good doctor to have. He has the bedside manner that can deliver the most terrible news in a calming, easily understood way, even when it directly contradicts his boss who, in this case, does not take contradiction easily.

But Trump himself cast a troubling cloud of doubt on that sensible course this past week as reports came out saying the president has become annoyed as Fauci has grown bolder in correcting his falsehoods about the spread of the coronavirus.

And, reports The Washington Post, despite his valued service under presidents from both parties, Fauci has come under increasing — and unfair — fire from paranoids on the right fringe who long have fueled a conservative war against science and so-called “deep state” conspiracies.

For example, Peter Barry Chowka, who has been retweeted by Trump on other occasions, recently called Fauci a “Deep-State Hillary Clinton-loving

stooge.” Others have hint-hint-hinted that perhaps Fauci himself had a hand in creating what Trump, until recent days, called “the Chinese virus.”

Such is the low quality of ideological discourse into which some would drag Fauci or anyone else who refuses to subscribe to their wing-nut ideology.

But whether Trump acknowledges it or not, he’s better off having Fauci inside his pandemic team’s tent than outside. Much to my surprise, Trump has experienced a small improvement in his approval rating, which hit record highs in surveys released this past week by Gallup (49%), Fox (48%), Monmouth University (46%) and Pew (45%).

Those numbers for his handling of the coronavirus outbreak are still slightly better than those he has received for his job performance over all, which have yet to top the 50% mark. But they’re a lot better than the numbers he would have if he ends our national social distance too soon.

Remember, Mr. President, the virus sets the timeline.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Doctor: Prepare for the worst

We never know when the end is near. We feel invincible, yet we are living in a pandemic, where any of us could find ourselves on the brink of death. The first death in Illinois was a registered nurse; recently, her sister also died, and their heartbroken brother was interviewed. In our lifetime, we have never seen a virus or illness that could wipe out families at once.

When the plane carrying NBA star Kobe Bryant crashed, everyone lamented all the families killed at once. The coronavirus is like multiple huge plane crashes every day. Imagine if we had had five plane crashes at Midway in the last two weeks. No one would fly again.

What are health care providers doing to prepare? First, I had a landline installed, so that when I collapse from the coronavirus, my children will be able to call 911. Is that over the top? Not if you read the stories of the many health care providers who have died, including Kious Jordan Kelly, a 48-year-old nurse manager in New York City. One minute, he was texting his sister, then



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Medical assistant Leticia Feliz consults with a patient while administering tests for the coronavirus Tuesday in Chicago.

silence until she was notified that he had died.

As a hospice physician, I want everyone who is dying to be surrounded by loved ones, with their favorite songs playing. When you die from the coronavirus, you die alone in the hospital because your family is not allowed to visit. Hospitals across the country have restricted visitors, whether it is in the beginning of life or the end of life. This is a necessity to protect

the most vulnerable, but it robs families. Tell your family members that you love them now, for there will not be any bedside professions of love.

What does this mean to you? Talk to your loved ones; tell them where your will is and tell them what your goals are. Would you want to be on a ventilator? Would you want CPR? Or would you want to go home with hospice?

Please, unless you, or your loved one, would like to die alone, on a ventilator in a hospital surrounded by exhausted but compassionate health care workers, please stay home!

— Dr. K. Sarah Hoehn, Uni-

versity of Chicago Comer Children’s Hospital, Chicago

The young are not invincible

A reminder to younger people that Li Wenliang, the Chinese doctor who tried to warn China’s leadership of the coronavirus, died of the disease at age 34. All of you take care and dispel the idea that “we younger people are not supposed to die from this disease.”

— Neil Gaffney, Chicago

Criticisms of Trump a distraction

Too many media outlets and pundits are focusing on the wrong message in the reporting of President Donald Trump and the coronavirus. The lead story is too often a summary of Trump’s performance at the latest news conference rather than the important information communicated by those at the podium with him.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, Vice President Mike Pence and others have communicated their information clearly and credibly. This information needs to lead the media coverage.

As for Trump, those who strongly support him rally to express what a wonderful job he is doing. Those who do not sup-

port him express what a miserable failure he is. Covering this distracts from the important information.

Trump does have an important role to play in buoying the public spirit. In times of crisis, there need to be leaders who crystallize optimism and hope. I wish he were better at this role. His platitudes come off as empty, his Twitter outbursts undermine his ability to unite and most often, he appears to be too self-serving.

Understand the importance of the broader message. Do not let your like or dislike of the messenger cloud your objectivity.

There are no absolutes in this. At some point, we are going to restart the economic activity.

When that day comes, there will be risk, and people can argue about how high that risk should be, but making blanket statements that any risk is unacceptable is irresponsible.

As we restart activity, there are lessons from China’s experience that are helpful. In areas where there was low incidence, activity increased after a few weeks. In other areas with high incidence, activity is still not restarting. That is how it is likely to play out in the U.S.

The media and pundits need to be focused on telling this story and quantifying the risks rather than giving full attention to absolute statements from any politician.

— Douglas Wisbey, Grayslake

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The stakes are high and the challenges innumerable — too little information, dwindling personal protective equipment, changing protocols and no second chances. Yet, our doctors, nurses, technicians, transporters, EMTs, pharmacists, and everyone who supports patient care are rising to the occasion and caring for our most vulnerable populations.

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CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Trump plans 3-state travel advisory

His legal authority for NY, NJ, Conn. quarantine unclear

BY ZEKE MILLER AND COLLEEN LONG
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump said Saturday that he planned to issue a “strong travel advisory” for the states of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut in lieu of a quarantine to combat the spread of the novel coronavirus.

It wasn't entirely clear whether the president even had the power to, as he suggested earlier, order a quarantine for the East Coast states. New York is the U.S. epicenter for the COVID-19.

But Trump said earlier Saturday that he was considering one after speaking with the governor of Florida, who expressed concern over New Yorkers traveling South.

The suggestion by Trump was met with confusion and anger from the governors of the three states. Trump tweeted later Saturday that a quarantine would not be necessary, after speaking with his coronavirus task force and governors.

Trump told reporters that he had spoken with Republican Gov. Ron DeSantis of Florida, among others, and that “a lot of the states that are infected but don't have a big problem, they've asked me if I'll look at it so we're going to look at it.”

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, who criticized the federal government's response as his state became



President Donald Trump speaks in front of the U.S. Navy hospital ship USNS Comfort on Saturday in Norfolk, Virginia.

the country's virus epicenter, said the issue of a quarantine had not come up in a conversation he had with Trump earlier Saturday.

“I don't even know what that means,” Cuomo said at a news briefing in New York. “I don't know how that could be legally enforceable, and from a medical point of view, I don't know what you would be accomplishing. I don't like the sound of it.”

Trump made his remarks while on a trip to Norfolk to see off a U.S. Navy hospital ship heading to New York City to help with the pandemic.

At the event, he spoke to a sparse crowd at the port and

warned about taking virus protections, even though he himself, at 73, is in a high-risk category and among those who have been advised to refrain from all nonessential travel.

The federal government is empowered under the law to take measures to prevent the spread of communicable diseases between states, but it's not clear that means Trump can ban people from leaving their state. It has never been tested in the modern era — and in rare cases when any quarantine was challenged, the courts generally sided with public health officials.

Courts have ruled consistently for years that the authority to order quaran-

times inside states rests almost entirely with the states, under provisions in the Constitution ceding power not explicitly delegated to the federal government to states. The federal government, though, would have power under constitutional clauses regulating commerce to quarantine international travelers or those traveling state to state who might be carriers of deadly diseases.

Still, “it is entirely unprecedented that governors or the president would prevent people from traveling from one state to another during an infectious disease outbreak,” said Lawrence Gostin, a Georgetown University law professor and

public health specialist who questioned Trump's ability to order a quarantine on states.

There were more than 121,000 confirmed cases and over 2,000 deaths in the country, according to a tally by Johns Hopkins University.

But as Trump traveled to Norfolk, he tweeted: “I am giving consideration to a QUARANTINE of developing ‘hot spots’, New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut. A decision will be made, one way or another, shortly.”

The incoming White House chief of staff, Mark Meadows, said they are “evaluating all the options right now” when asked

about legal authority for quarantine.

But Trump may not need to order a legally justifiable quarantine.

One idea under consideration would be to tell residents of those areas to isolate themselves and not travel for two weeks, just as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have instructed anyone who recently left New York to self-quarantine for 14 days, according to one person familiar with the negotiations who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss ongoing deliberations.

The measure wouldn't necessarily come with any legal justification or penalty, just the hope that people would comply to try to contain the virus spread.

The governors of Florida, Maryland, South Carolina and Texas already have ordered people arriving from the New York area to self-quarantine for at least 14 days upon arrival. In a more dramatic step, Rhode Island police have begun pulling over drivers with New York plates so that the National Guard can collect contact information and inform them of a mandatory 14-day quarantine.

Trump said the idea of isolating many in the trio of Democratic strongholds in the Northeast was pushed by DeSantis, one of the president's most outspoken supporters. It came a day after Trump made clear he wanted governors to be grateful when asking for federal support for the pandemic.

Trump later clarified it would not affect truckers or people transiting through, and would not affect trade.

As global toll keeps rising, world digs in for long haul

Cases top 650,000; US leads countries in reported infections

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BERLIN — The number of confirmed coronavirus infections worldwide topped 650,000 Saturday as new cases stacked up quickly in Europe and the United States and officials dug in for a long fight against the pandemic.

The latest landmark came two days after the world passed 500,000 infections, according to a tally by Johns Hopkins University, showing that much work remains to be done to slow the spread of the virus. It showed nearly 31,000 deaths.

While the U.S. now leads the world in reported infections — with more than 121,000 cases — five countries exceed its roughly 2,000 deaths: Italy, Spain, China, Iran and France.

“We cannot completely prevent infections at this stage, but we can and must in the immediate future achieve fewer new infections per day, a slower spread,” German Chancel-

lor Angela Merkel, who is in quarantine at home after her doctor tested positive for the virus, told her compatriots in an audio message. “That will decide whether our health system can stand up to the virus.”

The virus already has put health systems in Italy, Spain and France under extreme strain. Lockdowns of varying severity have been introduced across Europe, nearly emptying streets in normally bustling cities, including Paris where drone photos showed the city's landmarks eerily deserted.

Merkel appealed to Germans to “be patient.”

Her chief of staff said Germany — where authorities closed nonessential shops and banned gatherings of more than two in public — won't relax its restrictions before April 20.

Spain, where stay-at-home restrictions have been in place for nearly two weeks, reported Saturday that its total was closing in on 6,000 deaths.

Another 8,000 confirmed infections pushed that count above 72,000.

But Spain's director of emergencies, Fernando Simon, saw a ray of hope, noting that the rate of infec-

tion is slowing and figures “indicate that the outbreak is stabilizing and may be reaching its peak in some areas.”

Doctors, nurses and ambulance drivers in Spain's worst-hit regions are working nonstop and falling ill at an alarming rate. More than 9,000 health workers in the country have been infected.

“We are completely overwhelmed,” said paramedic Pablo Rojo at Barcelona's Dos de Maig hospital. “Seven or eight (patients transported today) and all with COVID-19. And the average age is decreasing. They're not 80 years old anymore, they are now 30 and 40 years old.”

“Sometimes you become a bit paranoid, you don't know any more when you pick up the phone if you have cleaned your hands, if you've sanitized them or not,” Rojo said.

Spain has struggled to get coronavirus tests and protective gear for health workers. The government has started flights to transport the supplies directly from China to reduce waiting times.

As the epicenter has shifted westward, the situation has calmed in China, where some restrictions



Homeless people make face masks at a shelter Saturday in Barcelona. Spain reported the same day that it was closing in on 6,000 deaths and more than 72,000 cases overall.

have been lifted. Six subway lines restored limited service in Wuhan, where the virus first emerged in December, after the city had its official coronavirus risk evaluation downgraded from high to medium on Friday. Five districts of the city of 11 million people had other travel restrictions loosened after their risk factor was downgraded to low.

In Finland, police at roadblocks started restricting the movement of people into and out of its worst-hit Uusimaa region, which includes the capital, Helsinki.

Countries are still scrambling to bring home some

citizens stranded abroad by border closures and a near-shutdown of flights.

On Saturday, 174 foreign tourists and four Nepali nationals in the foothills of Mount Everest were flown out days after being stranded on the only airstrip serving the world's highest mountain.

In neighboring India, authorities sent a fleet of buses to the outskirts of the capital to meet an exodus of migrant workers desperately trying to reach their home villages during the world's largest lockdown.

Thousands of people had fled their New Delhi homes after Prime Minister Naren-

dra Modi announced a 21-day lockdown that began Wednesday and effectively put millions out of work.

New York remained the worst-hit U.S. city.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo said that the struggle to defeat the virus will take “weeks and weeks and weeks.”

Americans braced for worsening conditions elsewhere, with worrisome infection numbers being reported in Chicago, Detroit and New Orleans.

Virus cases have been rising rapidly in some American cities such as Detroit, where poverty and poor health have been problems for years.



William Samuels delivers caskets Friday to the Gerard Neufeld Funeral Home the pandemic in Queens, New York.

Empty chairs at funeral home in ‘epicenter’

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Associated Press

NEW YORK — The caskets are often closed these days and the chairs for mourners largely empty at the Gerard Neufeld funeral home.

But the work doesn't stop, not at the funeral home near a Queens hospital hit hard by patients suffering, and some dying, from COVID-19, the disease caused by the coronavirus that is sweeping the globe.

“We're right there in the middle of the epicenter,” said Joseph Neufeld Jr., who along with his father, is the funeral director at Gerard Neufeld, which has been operating since 1940.

In the past week, the home has held services for close to a dozen people who have died from the virus. It is expecting to do more.

COVID-19 has been devastating to New York state, with more than 500 deaths and over 50,000 confirmed cases, most of them in New York City. In Queens,

Elmhurst Hospital, near the funeral home, has borne the brunt of the virus's damage in New York and saw 13 deaths in one 24-hour period this week.

While in most people, it causes mild or moderate symptoms such as fever and cough, it can cause severe illness and lead to death for some, especially older adults and people with existing health problems.

And for those who lose their loved ones, funerals in the age of self-quarantine and social distancing are a

far cry from the rituals of collective mourning that took place a few weeks ago.

Fears of exposure linger even after death, with family members opting for closed caskets.

“Unfortunately, the families don't necessarily get the closure that they want,” Neufeld said. “Some have looked for services here, but we have to limit it to, say, an hour or two, really no more than 10 or 12 people. We try to only have one service on at a time so that you don't spread it even more.”

CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

In rural USA, virus anxieties crop up

Farm communities, small towns watch urban areas in fear

BY GILLIAN FLACCUS
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DUFUR, Ore. — The social distancing rules repeated like a mantra in America's urban centers, where the coronavirus is spreading exponentially, might seem silly in wide-open places where neighbors live miles apart and "working from home" means another day spent branding calves or driving a tractor alone through a field.

But as the pandemic spreads through the U.S., those living in rural areas, too, are increasingly threatened. Tiny towns tucked into Oregon's windswept plains and cattle ranches miles from anywhere in South Dakota might not have had a single case of the new coronavirus, but their main streets are also empty and their medical clinics overwhelmed by the worried.

Residents from rural Alabama to the woods of Vermont to the frozen reaches of Alaska fear the spread of the disease from outsiders, the social isolation that comes when the town's only diner closes, and economic collapse in places where jobs were already scarce.

"Nobody knows what to do and they're just running in circles, so stay away from me is what I'm saying," said Mike Filbin, a 70-year-old cattle rancher in Wasco County, Oregon, one of the few parts of the state that has yet to see a case of COVID-19.

"Right now, we're pretty clean over here, but we're not immune to nothin' — and if they start bringing it over, it'll explode here."

To make matters worse, some of the most remote communities have limited



Mike Johnston, a clerk at a market in tiny Maupin, Oregon, wears latex gloves to protect himself from the coronavirus.

or no internet access and spotty cellphone service. That makes telecommuting and online learning challenging in an era of blanket school and work closings, and it eliminates the possibility of the FaceTime card games and virtual cocktail hours that urban Americans have turned to in droves to stay connected.

The routine ways that rural Americans connect — a bingo night, stopping in at a local diner or attending a potluck — are suddenly taboo.

"Rural people are reliant on their neighbors and have more confidence and trust in their neighbors," said Ken Johnson, a senior demographer at the Carsey School of Public Policy and professor of sociology at the University of New Hampshire.

"Now you have people who are supposed to self-isolate themselves," Johnson said. "What does that mean when people you depend on, in order to help you, are going to put them-

selves and their families at risk? I don't know what that will do in rural America."

Neil Bradshaw, the mayor of Ketchum, Idaho, is starting to see the answer in his own community.

The rural resort town has struggled since the arrival of COVID-19, and he fears if the virus lingers too long, it could devastate it. The town is nestled next door to the tony skiing destination Sun Valley Resort and is known as the second-home haven for dozens of celebrities.

It's also become the epicenter of Idaho's caseload, with at least 35 cases and known community spread of the virus. At least 14 of the cases are among health care workers, forcing the town's small medical workers to bring in replacement staffers from nearby cities.

"Our town thrives on people coming to town, and for the first time in our history, we are discouraging visitors," said Bradshaw, of the town of 2,700 people. "Initially people had differ-

ent levels of adoption, but there's tremendous community pressure that we're all in this together. We've gone from being a vibrant town to a ghost town."

The town's coffers rely on a local option tax, and if that drops by half, the city will have lost \$700,000 in revenue, he said.

Some communities have pushed back on shutdowns that have brought daily life to a standstill. Leaders from seven Utah counties, for example, sent a letter to Gov. Gary Herbert urging a "return to normalcy" and said the closing of schools and business was causing panic and hurting the economy.

Others worry about outsiders bringing the disease to truly remote areas that aren't equipped to deal with it. Across the nation, there are over 51,000 general intensive care beds in urban counties, compared with just 5,600 in rural counties, according to data compiled by The Associated Press.

Those beds serve a smaller population than in urban areas, but it would still take fewer people in rural areas to overwhelm a typical hospital. In fiscal year 2018, the average rural hospital had eight ICU beds, compared with 20 for a typical hospital in an urban area.

In Georgiana, a small town in southern Alabama, the only hospital closed last year, so residents flocked to the health clinic instead when a person in a town 5 miles away was diagnosed with COVID-19.

More than 30% of Georgiana's 1,600 residents are over age 60, putting them at higher risk with limited medical facilities to serve them, said Mayor Jerome Antone.

Georgiana's older residents, Antone said, are "aggressively upset," even though no one there has been diagnosed yet.

In Alaska's Point Hope, an Inupiat whaling village at the edge of the Arctic Ocean nearly 700 miles

north of Anchorage, tribal leaders have been preparing and discussing potential issues such as air travel into town.

The state's limited road system doesn't reach the community of 900 people, which relies on planes for much of its connection to the outside world.

One of the two airlines that serve Point Hope announced it will restrict flights to cargo and passengers with medical or other essential needs.

Still, residents worry the recent deaths of two elders will bring out-of-town mourners for the funerals.

"We have all kinds of different people who come into our village," said acting Mayor Daisy Sage. "This coronavirus is serious."

Thousands of miles away, in South Dakota, falling prices for beef are generating as much — or more — worry than the virus.

Sam Stoddard, a cattle rancher near the town of Kadoka, population 650, said futures markets for beef have dropped up to 30% because of the coronavirus. He's worried about longtime ranchers being able to hang on.

If the market remains terrible, he said, ranchers can put off selling their calves until later in the year, but no one knows how long the economy will be in upheaval, leaving everyone stressed.

At the same time, the state has not shuttered businesses, leaving residents wondering what to expect next. South Dakota has 30 confirmed cases of the coronavirus.

"Normally this time of year we're more worried about a big blizzard coming in and killing 10% of our calves. You know it's coming, and you can prepare for it," Stoddard said.

"With this, you don't know what's coming or what you should be doing."

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Inexperience mars feds' response

Too many key jobs vacant as huge contagion tests US

By JENNIFER STEINHAUER AND ZOLAN KANNO-YOUNGS
The New York Times

WASHINGTON — Of the 75 senior positions at the Department of Homeland Security, 20 are either vacant or filled by acting officials, including Chad Wolf, the acting secretary who recently was unable to tell a Senate committee how many respirators and protective face masks were available in the United States.

The National Park Service, which like many federal agencies is full of vacancies in key posts, tried last week to fill the job of a director for the national capital region after hordes of visitors flocked to see the cherry blossoms near the National Mall, creating a potential public health hazard as the coronavirus continues to spread.

At the Department of Veterans Affairs, workers are scrambling to order medical supplies on Amazon after its leaders, lacking experience in disaster responses, failed to prepare for the onslaught of patients at its medical centers.

Ever since President Donald Trump came into office, a record high turnover and unfilled jobs have resulted in empty offices across wide swaths of the federal bureaucracy.

Now, current and former administration officials and disaster experts say the coronavirus has exposed those failings as never before and left parts of the federal government unprepared and ill equipped for what may be the largest public health crisis in a century.

Some 80% of the senior positions in the White



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DHS acting secretary Chad Wolf could not tell a Senate committee how many respirators and face masks were available.

House below the Cabinet level have turned over during Trump's administration, with about 500 people having departed since the inauguration. Trump is on his fourth chief of staff, his fourth national security adviser and his fifth secretary of the Department of Homeland Security.

Between Trump's history of firing people and the choice by many career officials and political appointees to leave, he now finds himself with a government riddled with vacancies, acting department chiefs and, in some cases, leaders whose professional backgrounds do not easily match

up to the task of managing a pandemic.

"Right now for the life of me, I don't know who speaks for DHS," said Janet Napolitano, a secretary of homeland security under President Barack Obama. "Having nonacting leadership, and I think having consistency in your leadership team and the accumulation of experience, really matters. And I think it would be fair to say the current administration hasn't sustained that."

One example is the Department of Veterans Affairs, which is legally meant to back up the nation's health care system in an

emergency. On Thursday, the Office of Inspector General at the department released a report detailing red flags in its preparedness for the crisis.

The secretary, Robert Wilkie, has no experience in emergency management, and he has been largely absent from public briefings with senior officials on the pandemic.

"Secretary Wilkie has attended 20 coronavirus task force meetings since he joined the task force on March 3," said Christina Mandreucci, a spokeswoman for the department. Wilkie recently fired his second in command, who

had worked in past disasters, and his head of emergency preparedness retired.

Senior officials in the department say they are kept out of the loop on major decisions, such as whether it will continue Trump's preferred policy of sending veterans into the community for care, and learn from the news media about how centers are interpreting guidelines.

Many of the newcomers in agencies lack relationships with the private sector and lawmakers to accomplish basic goals.

One high-profile case came with eliminating a directorate at the White

House's National Security Council that was charged with pandemic preparations. In 2018, John Bolton, then Trump's national security adviser, ousted Thomas Bossert, Trump's homeland security adviser and longtime disaster expert. The directorate was folded into an office dedicated to weapons of mass destruction.

Equally notable may have been the resignation last year of Scott Gottlieb, commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration, an early advocate for broad coronavirus testing and stronger mitigation policies.

He was succeeded by Dr. Stephen Hahn, a noted oncologist, who has struggled during Senate hearings to explain some of his positions. The agency is largely viewed as slow in engaging the private sector to develop tests for the coronavirus.

As he juggles negotiations on Capitol Hill and introduces emergency lending programs with the Federal Reserve, Steven Mnuchin, the Treasury secretary, is scrambling to have enough officials in place to accommodate the additional workload from four emergency lending programs, two new stimulus bills and a delayed Tax Day.

Perhaps the biggest challenge facing the Treasury Department is the thin staffing at the IRS. The tax collection agency has faced deep cuts to its budget over the last decade, leaving technology out of date.

Now the IRS must cope with Tax Day being delayed by three months and a deluge of questions from taxpayers calling employees that are teleworking. The shortfall in staff is likely to be especially problematic as the Treasury Department tries to send stimulus money to Americans by using the IRS' taxpayer database to track them down.

Virus takes toll on military as it moves to aid civilians

Pentagon shields vital missions as it faces calls for help

By ROBERT BURNS AND LOLITA C. BALDOR
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WASHINGTON — The coronavirus is taking a growing toll on the U.S. military, and commanders and senior officials are bracing for worse. From nuclear missile fields at home to war zones abroad, from flight lines to ships at sea, the Pentagon is striving to shield vital missions even as it faces urgent calls for help on the civilian front.

Training exercises big and small, including one of the largest in Europe since the end of the Cold War, have been curtailed. Army recruiting stations have closed. Troops around the globe are hunkering down to confront an enemy unlike anything the world's most lethal armed forces have encountered before.

"It's unprecedented in my lifetime," Defense Secretary Mark Esper said, adding that he believes that "in a period of months" the worst will be over and the force will once again be "fully mission capable."

Until then, the ramifica-

tions of COVID-19 for the military are likely to expand. There are worries about the defense industry being weakened and key weapons development slowed.

Gen. Mark Milley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said that in a worse-case scenario, the military will lose some of its preparedness for combat and other missions.

But the impact is likely to be "moderate to minor to low in terms of its risk" to national defense, he told reporters Monday.

The Pentagon budget also is taking a hit, although a coronavirus relief package that passed Friday will provide billions for the growing list of new expenses, including loans to industry that would enable accelerated production of medical equipment like ventilators and respiratory masks for civilian use.

Many of America's closest allies are waging their own COVID-19 battles, including Britain, France, Germany, Italy and other NATO partners, as well as South Korea, which hosts about 28,500 U.S. troops. The pandemic has taken the edge off conflict in some of the globe's major flashpoints, such as Iran, as

governments focus on fighting the disease inside their own borders.

Gen. Joseph Lengyel, chief of the National Guard Bureau, accustomed to responding to single-event domestic natural disasters like a flood or hurricane, said the coronavirus outbreak is akin to having hurricanes of varying ferocity hit every U.S. state and territory, as well as the District of Columbia.

"This is a historic event that will require a historic response," Lengyel said.

The Guard has been mobilized by every state governor and in three territories.

In California, New York and Washington state, the federal government is footing the bill. The active-duty military also is helping, with three field hospitals deploying to New York and Washington state, and Navy hospital ships sent to Los Angeles and New York.

The Guard is chipping in with a range of expertise, including what it calls weapons of mass destruction teams helping set up drive-thru testing stations.

No U.S. military member is known to have died from COVID-19, although infections are spreading.

Brig. Gen. Paul Friedrichs, the top doctor



TONY DEJAK/AP

National Guard Cpl. Tommie Davis, left, and Spc. Scott Eubanks move peaches to prepare for repackaging emergency boxes for distribution last week at the Cleveland Food Bank.

of the staff of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said Wednesday that it appears highly likely that the spread inside the military will continue. Over the next three weeks, which he said is as far ahead as modeling data can reliably support a forecast, "we think we're going to see this — no surprise — continue to grow."

His comment aligns with those of many others in the medical community and across the military, standing in contrast to President Donald Trump's statements about starting to return the country to normalcy by Easter.

As of Thursday, 280 of the 1.4 million-strong active duty force had been con-

firmed with the disease, up from 51 a week earlier.

"Our curve is not flattening," Friedrichs said.

The virus has penetrated the Pentagon, but with modest impact thus far as Esper and Milley remain at work in the military headquarters. As a precaution, Esper and the deputy defense secretary, David Norquist, are being kept physically separated.

On Monday, the building's health risk alert level was raised a notch, and Esper on Wednesday ordered the higher alert level for all Defense Department sites worldwide.

In a virtual town hall meeting with Defense Department employees, Esper

on Tuesday said his top priority is protecting troops and their families, but he noted that the military cannot function free of risk.

"You can't do social distancing in a submarine or even a tank," he said.

Navy ships have stopped port visits abroad, except when resupply or maintenance requires it.

On Friday, the Navy said at least two dozen sailors aboard the USS Theodore Roosevelt tested positive after the aircraft carrier made a port visit in Vietnam.

The Roosevelt and its contingent of warplanes may be sidelined for days, sitting pier side in Guam as the entire crew — more than 5,000 — is tested.



THEMBA HADEBE/AP

South African National Defence Forces take up positions Saturday in a township east of Johannesburg, South Africa.

Safety measures turn violent in Africa

By CARA ANNA
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JOHANNESBURG — Police fired tear gas at a crowd of Kenyan ferry commuters as the country's first day of a coronavirus curfew slid into chaos. Elsewhere, officers were captured in mobile phone footage whacking people with batons.

Virus prevention measures have taken a violent turn in parts of Africa as countries impose lockdowns and curfews or seal

off major cities. Health experts say the virus' spread, though still at an early stage, resembles the arc seen in Europe, adding to widespread anxiety. Cases across Africa were set to climb above 4,000 Saturday.

Abuses of the new measures by authorities are an immediate concern.

Minutes after South Africa's three-week lockdown began Friday, police screamed at homeless people in downtown Johannesburg and went after some with batons. Some

citizens reported the police use of rubber bullets. Fifty-five people across the country were arrested. The country leads Africa with more than 1,000 cases.

In an apparent show of force Saturday, South Africa's military raided a large workers' hostel in the Alexandra township where some residents had defied the lockdown.

In Rwanda, the first country in sub-Saharan Africa to impose a lockdown, police have denied that two civilians shot dead Monday

were killed for defying the new measures, saying the men attacked an officer after being stopped.

And Zimbabwe, where police are widely criticized by human rights groups for deadly crackdowns, is set to enter a three-week lockdown on Monday. The country's handful of virus cases already threatens to overwhelm one of the world's most fragile health systems.

In Kenya, outrage over the actions of police was swift.

CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Even elephants are looking for work

Thailand's tourism industry takes hit during virus crisis

BY RICHARD C. PADDOCK AND MUKTITA SUHARTONO
The New York Times

BANGKOK — More than a decade ago, it was common for elephant owners to take their animals into Thailand's cities and beg in the streets. Other elephants were put to work by illegal loggers along the border with Myanmar to harvest timber and haul it out of the forest.

Gradually, Thailand succeeded in reducing such practices and improving the lives of domesticated elephants.

But now, the coronavirus that is sickening humans around the world may threaten to undo that progress.

A sudden drop in foreign tourists has forced the closing of dozens of elephant parks and similar tourist attractions, putting more than 1,000 elephants in Thailand out of work and endangering their futures, operators of the attractions said.

In recent years, the main concern that animal welfare advocates have raised about Thailand's many elephant attractions has been whether it is abusive for tourists to ride the creatures.

But for many owners, just keeping them fed is now a more urgent concern. Feeding an elephant can cost as much as \$40 a day — more than three times the minimum daily wage in Thailand.

Theerapat Trungprakan, president of the Thai Elephant Alliance Association, a group of elephant attraction operators, said he feared that unless the government intervened, some elephants would be forced back onto the streets or



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An elephant is given bananas and sugar cane March 22 at Maetaeng Elephant Park north of Chiang Mai, Thailand.

"They are family, so we will get through this together. Family takes care of each other."

—Amnuai Charornsuksombat, elephant park owner

even into illegal logging operations.

"We don't want that loop of survival alternatives to come back," Theerapat said. "It will endanger the welfare of the elephants, such as having the elephants roaming the streets begging for bananas or sugar cane."

Thailand, which as of Tuesday had reported 827 coronavirus cases and four deaths, has sought to stop the spread of the virus by closing schools and entertainment venues and by encouraging people to stay home.

The initial outbreak in China led to a sudden drop in visitors to Thailand, as both countries restricted travel. In 2019, China contributed more than a quarter of Thailand's 40 million

tourists.

In February, overall tourist arrivals in Thailand were down by 44% compared with a year earlier. Tourism has plunged even further in March with new limits on travel and activity.

Tourism is a huge part of the Thai economy. Before the virus struck, travel and tourism accounted for more than 20% of the country's gross domestic product and employed nearly 16% of the workforce.

The effects have been felt nationwide. Hotel rooms are vacant and taxis idle. Major events have been postponed or canceled, including the Thai New Year festivals normally held in April as well as the first WBC Muay Thai World Convention, which had been scheduled for this

month in Bangkok.

The elephant attractions have been hit hard, operators say.

In northern Thailand, 85 such businesses have temporarily halted operations because of a lack of visitors, said Borpit Chailert, general manager of Maetaeng Elephant Park, north of the city of Chiang Mai.

He said the Maetaeng park, one of the country's larger operations, was still open, but visitors were down by 90%, forcing the company to reduce employees' hours. The park used to get as many as 1,000 visitors a day. On Saturday, there were only four.

Thailand has about 3,800 domesticated elephants. Releasing them into the forest, where about 3,000 wild elephants live, is illegal under Thai law; in the forest, domesticated elephants would compete with wild counterparts.

"They cannot look for food in the forest because they are used to being fed," Borpit said. "Imagine if we released around 3,000 do-

mesticated elephants into the forest at the same time. There would be no food to feed all the elephants."

Elephants are Thailand's national symbol. Some were used in logging operations for generations before 1989, when Thailand, facing the rapid destruction of its forests, banned nearly all commercial logging.

More recently, many captive elephants have been put to work in tourist attractions, often in small operations with a dozen or so animals, where visitors can ride them. Some larger venues also offer elephant rides.

Animal welfare advocates say the training and treatment of elephants in such operations are often abusive, and they call for an end to using the animals in circuses or letting tourists ride them. They say it is better for tourists simply to observe the animals in refuges and sanctuaries.

A group that promotes the welfare of elephants in Thailand, the Friends of the Asian Elephant Foundation,

has long urged the government to establish a fund for this kind of tourism emergency.

"This funding is important because with no income, where will the elephant owners and park owners get the money to buy food for the elephants?" said the group's co-founder and secretary-general, Soraida Salwala. "I am very worried about this situation."

Theerapat said most of the elephants in Thailand's attractions were rented from their owners. If the parks return them, he said, some owners might decide they have no choice but to beg on the streets.

Or some elephants could be forced to haul timber along the borders with Myanmar and Laos, where they would risk stepping on land mines left from conflicts in the region, he said.

"These elephants have to live in a risky area," Theerapat said. "When they go back, in some areas there is still illegal logging. And when the elephant owner's savings are depleted, he might think that is a way out."

One owner, Amnuai Charornsuksombat, whose family has kept elephants for generations, said he retrieved five of the animals last week from a tourist attraction where they had been working.

The elephants no longer get sugar cane and bananas, which are too expensive, but forage for grass in nearby fields and eat corn stalks that Amnuai buys from farmers.

But no matter how hard it gets, Amnuai said, it would never occur to him to take his elephants and beg.

"For us, elephants are family members," he said. "They are not pets. To bring them to do that would be a disgrace. They are family, so we will get through this together. Family takes care of each other."



MARY ALTAFFER/AP

In a bid to enforce social distancing with the coronavirus taking hold in the United States, basketball hoops in parks throughout New York City are being dismantled.

Viral threat creates a new beat for US law enforcement

BY TOM HAYS
Associated Press

NEW YORK — In New York City, they've started dismantling basketball hoops to prevent people from gathering in parks and playing. In Lakewood, New Jersey, police broke up a wedding being held in violation of a ban on large gatherings. And in Austin, Texas, officers are encouraging people to call a hotline to snitch on violators of the city's orders for people to stay home.

Police departments are taking a lead role in enforcing social distancing guidelines that health officials say are critical to containing COVID-19. Along with park rangers, fire inspectors and other public servants, officers more accustomed to chasing suspects and solving crimes are spending these days cajoling people to stay at least 6 feet apart.

"We're used to crowds, we're used to lines, we're used to being close together," New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio said at a briefing last week. "No more."

The no-more mandate has forced the New York Police Department — a squad that normally prides itself on protecting packed crowds like the ones at the Times Square New Year's

Eve celebration — into service dispersing small groups of people on city streets and public spaces as they attempt to stop the spread of a silent killer.

For starters, the nation's largest police department made thousands of visits to bars and restaurants to make sure they were observing a shutdown of dine-in services imposed this month, resulting in warnings but only a handful of citations.

Now comes an effort to impose restrictions in parks, playgrounds, housing project courtyards and sidewalks, where some people to congregate out of habit or indifference as temperatures rise. On Wednesday, de Blasio said the city was removing basketball hoops at 80 of its 1,700 public courts — places where he said people were ignoring instructions not to shoot around with anyone outside their household.

Enforcement also will include marked patrol cars driving through Brooklyn's Prospect Park and other popular outdoor escapes around the city, broadcasting recorded reminders about the importance of social distancing.

People are not being discouraged from getting out for a breath of fresh air solo, as couples or as families. But

other activities like team sports or gatherings like outdoor family barbecues are going to be shut down, de Blasio said.

"If we see people in groups, we're going to break them up," he said.

In New Jersey, police charged three people in recent days for holding large gatherings in defiance of a state ban. In San Francisco, organizers of a party planned for about 200 people finally canceled Wednesday after the city attorney warned they could face a \$1,000 fine and possibly a year in jail for posing a threat to public health during the coronavirus pandemic.

For now, the NYPD is trying to avoid a more lax approach used in Italy that is believed to have only fueled infection rates, while avoiding any semblance of the Big Brother-type crackdown in China.

As the crisis worsened, Italy ordered police to patrol cafes to make sure that people kept their distance and that shops shut at 6 p.m. each day, only to see the death count continue to rise. It has since shut down all bars and cafes.

In China, officials took more extreme measures, including locking people inside their apartment complexes.

Laugh until you cry: Humor helps in coping with virus

BY WILLIAM J. KOLE
Associated Press

BOSTON — Neil Diamond posts a fireside rendition of "Sweet Caroline" with its familiar lyrics tweaked to say, "Hands washing hands." A news anchor asks when social distancing will end because "my husband keeps trying to get into the house." And a sign outside a neighborhood church reads: "Had not planned on giving up quite this much for Lent."

Are we allowed to chuckle yet? We'd better, psychologists and humorists say. Laughter can be the best medicine, they argue, so long as it's within the bounds of good taste. And in a crisis, it can be a powerful coping mechanism.

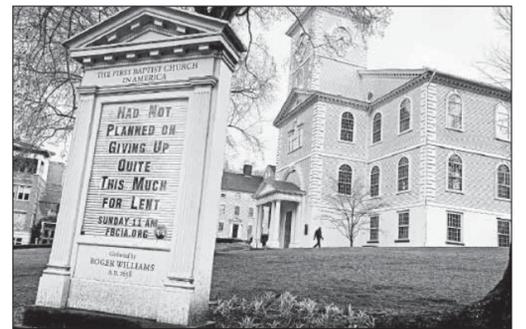
"It's more than just medicine. It's survival," said Erica Rhodes, a Los Angeles comedian.

"Even during the Holocaust, people told jokes," Rhodes said. "Laughter is a symbol of hope, and it becomes one of our greatest needs of life, right up there with toilet paper. It's a physical need people have. You can't underestimate how it heals people and gives them hope."

History has shown that its heaviest moments are often leavened by using humor and laughter as conscious choices — ways to cope when other things aren't working as expected.

"There's so much fear and horror out there. All the hand washing in the world isn't going to clear up your head," said Loretta LaRoche, a suburban Boston stress management consultant who's using humor to help people defuse the anxiety the pandemic has wrought.

"Some people will say this is not a time for laughter. The bottom line is, there is always a time for laughter," LaRoche said. "We have 60,000 thoughts a day and many of them are



WILLIAM J. KOLE/AP

Humorous signs like this one at a Providence, Rhode Island, church can help people cope with the pandemic.

very disturbing. Laughter helps the brain relax."

That explains why social media feeds are peppered with coronavirus-themed memes, cartoons and amusing personal anecdotes.

For centuries, laughter in tough times has been cathartic, said Wayne Maxwell, a Canadian psychologist who has done extensive research on "gallows humor." The term originated in medieval Britain, where hangings took place in parks near pubs and patrons told jokes at the victims' expense.

"Even in some of the writings of ancient Egypt, there are descriptions of military personnel returning from the front lines and using humor to cope," said Maxwell, of Halifax, Nova Scotia.

But, he warns, there exists a kind of comedy continuum: While humor can helpfully lighten things up, too much laughter and flippancy can signal a person is trying to escape from reality.

There are also questions of taste. No one wants to poke fun at medical misery or death. Quarantining and social distancing, though, are fair game, and self-deprecating humor is almost always safe — though LaRoche cautions that humor, like beauty, is always in the eye of the beholder. "It all depends on how

your brain functions," she said. "Give yourself permission to find humor. It's almost like a spiritual practice, finding ways to laugh at yourself."

For those millions of parents struggling to work from home and teach their housebound children, she's preaching to the choir: Witness this widely shared meme: a photo of an elderly, white-haired woman with the caption: "Here's Sue. 31 years old, home schooling her kids for the last 5 days. Great job Sue. Keep it up."

Rhodes, who's out more than \$30,000 after three festivals and her first taped special were canceled, is trying to see the humor in her own predicament.

She recently posted iPhone video of herself pretending to work a non-existent crowd on an outdoor stage she happened upon during a walk. "How's everyone not doing?" she cracks.

"The best material comes from a place that's very truthful and somewhat dark," Rhodes said.

Her prediction: When life eventually edges back to normal, "Saturday Night Live" and the latest Netflix stand-up specials will be powered by quarantine humor.

"Just a month ago, who would have appreciated being given a roll of toilet paper?" she said.



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Carolyn Farmer Sampson at her home in Eagan, Minnesota, in 2017. The babies whose mothers in the U.S. took thalidomide, which caused severe birth defects were largely forgotten.

Invisible victims

The unseen survivors of thalidomide seek recognition decades after infamous scandal that led to reform

By KATIE THOMAS
The New York Times

The man on the bus was staring at her. Carolyn Farmer, 17, noticed him as she closed the Leon Uris novel “Exodus” and gathered her things.

It was 1979, and she knew what it was like to have strangers gawk at her: She had been born with shortened arms and fingers missing on each hand.

“Are you a thalidomide baby?” he asked as she waited to get off.

Confused, she said no.

But on the walk home in her close-knit suburb of St. Paul, Minnesota, she repeated this word she had never heard before: thalidomide.

Thalidomide, a sedative sold by a German drugmaker, was said to relieve everything from anxiety to morning sickness, but it led to perhaps the greatest pharmaceutical scandal ever. About 10,000 babies, many in Germany, Britain and Australia, were born with severe defects in the 1950s and 1960s after their mothers took it. Some babies had no arms or legs. Others had no ears or malformed kidneys.

The scandal briefly flared in the United States, where the drug was given to about 20,000 Americans in loosely run clinical trials sponsored by two American drugmakers. The crisis led to passage of modern drug safety laws in the United States that required pharmaceutical companies to prove their medicines worked through rigorous clinical trials.

But the babies whose mothers took thalidomide in the United States were largely forgotten. Today, more than half a century later, people who believe they are the U.S. survivors of thalidomide have found one another through Google searches and Facebook groups, joining forces to fight for justice, recognition and compensation.

Historians say the lesson of thalidomide is one that society is still learning the hard way. Hundreds of thousands of Americans have died in an opioid epidemic that has its roots in the Food and Drug Administration’s approval of the painkiller OxyContin and dishonest, aggressive marketing of the drug by its maker, Purdue Pharma.

Today, as the coronavirus circles the globe — claiming thousands of lives — there is a renewed push to rush potential cures to market, even if it means bypassing the checks and balances that were thalidomide’s legacy.

Jennifer Vanderbes, who is researching a book about the history of thalidomide in the United States, said society owed the survivors in America a debt of gratitude.

“They took a pharmaceutical bullet for all of us, not choosing to,” she said. “But without them, we don’t have the safeguards that we have today.”

Pills safer than Alka-Seltzer: Carolyn was just a year old in 1963 when her father, a Konica salesman and freelance wedding pho-



Carolyn Farmer Sampson, with a teddy bear positioned to partly obscure her deformities, in a photo from her childhood.

tographer, posed her for a portrait, a teddy bear obscuring her weaker, shorter left arm. It was one of many props he used to hide her birth defects as she grew up: cuddling a bear, seated behind her baby sister, in profile against a tree.

Her disability was like that — seen, yet unseen — for much of her childhood.

Her mother, Marilyn, was 22 when she gave birth in March 1962. The nurses did not tell her about her newborn’s defects right away. They presented the baby in a tight swaddle, her too-short limbs tucked under a blanket.

Her mother, whose last name is now Martin, had heard about thalidomide but said she didn’t connect it to Carolyn’s defects.

Her doctor had given her a packet of pills early in her pregnancy that were for headaches, not morning sickness. Besides, the doctor had assured her they were safer than Alka-Seltzer, and she had taken only one or two, she said.

Carolyn’s arms were shorter, and she was missing fingers, but “it wasn’t the horrific deformities that they were telling about or showing,” Martin recalled.

Nevertheless, she set the pills aside, just in case.

Carolyn, the eldest of four children, was expected to do the same chores as everyone else, washing dishes after dinner and changing her sheets every Friday.

But she couldn’t hold hands on Sundays at church or when her third-grade class learned to square dance. She remembers visits to doctors, including to a surgeon who fashioned a working thumb out of one of her index fingers. She endured taunts at

school.

Her siblings had to answer prying questions. “My mother would say, ‘Well, tell your friends that’s how God made her,’” Patty Westcott, Carolyn’s younger sister, recalled.

By the time the man on the bus asked about thalidomide, Carolyn’s parents were divorcing. Her mother said she wasn’t sure what the cause was, but ended the conversation. It wasn’t the right time to ask questions no one felt like answering.

When Carolyn was old enough to get a job, no one wanted to hire her. She was turned down at a fast-food chain because she couldn’t hold the fry basket. At a department store lunch counter, she was told she wouldn’t be able to balance large trays of food. She was fired from a gas station after being wrongly accused of making errors at the cash register.

Carolyn married at age 19 and quickly had two girls. Angered by her poor job prospects, she consulted a lawyer to look into the thalidomide story.

This time, she pinned her mother down, and to her surprise, her mother handed over the old pills. Her lawyer sent them to a lab, but the tests could not determine whether they were thalidomide, and they were not returned.

Carolyn divorced, becoming a single mother.

As she got older, she learned to slip her arms into her sleeves at job interviews, revealing her disability only after she was hired. A career in public relations followed, and she dabbled in local Democratic politics.

In 2008, as she prepared for her daughter Angie’s summer wed-

ding, Carolyn agonized over what to wear. A long-sleeved jacket would be too hot, yet she cringed when she imagined the photograph hanging on her wall, her arms exposed every time she walked by. She bought a sleeveless dress anyway.

Similarly emboldened, in 2011, Carolyn typed the words “thalidomide victim” into Google. Decades of burying her feelings had caught up with her, and she was struggling with depression and anxiety. She needed to understand what had happened.

Her Google search led her to a Facebook group for international survivors of thalidomide, and she learned there that a lawsuit was being prepared on behalf of American victims.

That fall, she reached out to the lawyers bringing the suit, and one of them returned her call at work. She walked to the parking lot to talk.

The lawyer told her about the American clinical trials and said the drugs had been dispensed in paper packages, without labels.

“I was just pacing around the parking lot, like, ‘Oh my gosh, I can’t believe it,’” Carolyn said. “My whole life kind of flipped upside down.”

A marketing campaign disguised as a clinical trial: In 1957, thalidomide arrived in German pharmacies as a sedative sold by Chemie Grünenthal, whose head of research, Dr. Heinrich Mückter, was a Nazi war criminal.

The drug, approved in Germany without testing in pregnant women, was sold as a safe alternative to overdose-prone sedatives. Soon, Grünenthal and its overseas partners were selling thalidomide for a range of ailments, including morning sickness in pregnant women.

Two American companies explored bringing thalidomide to the United States. In 1956 and 1957, Philadelphia drugmaker Smith, Kline & French distributed it to dozens of doctors through a clinical trial. Doctors were not initially told it was thalidomide; the pills instead carried the label SK&F #5627, according to federal court documents. The company’s researchers concluded it was not effective and decided not to pursue an application for approval.

But Richardson-Merrell, a Cincinnati company that was selling thalidomide in Canada under the name Kevadon, began a more aggressive, sloppily run trial to prepare for what the company assumed would be an easy approval in the United States.

One part of the campaign, run by its marketing department, instructed salesmen to assure doctors they didn’t have to keep track of which patients took it. “Do not sacrifice having an important man evaluate Kevadon for the sake of case histories,” according to a handbook later turned over to Congress for Senate hearings that took place in 1962.

Internal FDA reports, obtained through a recent public records request, show just how chaotic the distribution of thalidomide

had been.

The tablets came in a variety of shapes and colors, from yellow to pink to white.

In one case, a boy with birth defects was born to a Maryland woman who had been given the drug by her mother, whose psychiatrist issued it “to allay her nervousness,” according to an FDA memo from August 1962.

A Chicago-area doctor told investigators that a colleague had given him 400 pills, according to another memo. He heard of the drug’s problems only from later news reports.

In the United States, thalidomide was never approved for sale because a drug reviewer at the FDA, Dr. Frances Kelsey, successfully delayed an application by Richardson-Merrell over concerns that the drug could be unsafe.

In November 1961, Grünenthal announced it was pulling thalidomide from the German market because of questions about whether the drug was causing birth defects. Richardson-Merrell later withdrew its application.

Dorothy Hunt-Honsinger, of Cortland, Ohio, said her mother was given pills for anxiety and morning sickness in Pennsylvania in 1960. She believes someone must be held accountable for the trials, even if thalidomide was never approved in the United States.

“I would like compensation,” said Hunt-Honsinger, who has malformed arms and legs as well as heart problems. “More than that, I would like recognition that it did happen.”

No easy answers: As part of her quest to understand her story, Sampson asked the FDA for the list of American doctors who distributed thalidomide. Soon she was turning through the roughly 1,200 doctors who worked with Richardson-Merrell, and nearly 70 who received the drug through Smith, Kline & French.

She was searching for her mother’s obstetrician. Discovering whether he had been part of the trial might offer her one more clue to her story. The names beginning with H, the first letter of his name, ran for four pages. But he was not there.

Another dead end.

Today, Sampson receives federal disability assistance as a result of chronic back, neck and arm pain that she says results from her defects. She works part time designing websites for businesses and nonprofits around Minneapolis, and volunteers as the communications director of the nonprofit she helped to found.

She said she had struggled to make peace with the idea that she would never know for sure whether she is a thalidomide survivor.

That ambiguity is built into the story of thalidomide in the United States.

Richardson-Merrell’s slapdash clinical trial and the flawed investigation by the FDA most likely mean the drug’s true toll will never be known.

“I can’t tell you how angry that makes me,” Sampson said.

NEWS BRIEFING

Staff and news services

Calif. lawmakers urge public to stay home amid outbreak

With cases of coronavirus surging and the death toll surpassing 100, lawmakers are pleading with Californians to spend a second weekend at home to slow the spread of infection.

Gov. Gavin Newsom said the number of people hospitalized across the state spiked to over 1,000, and that the number of people admitted to intensive care units doubled to more than 400. He said the numbers are modest in

comparison to the 52,000 confirmed cases in New York, the U.S. epicenter of the outbreak, but the trend could lead to overstretched hospitals in California.

It has been more than a week since Newsom issued the stay-at-home order for 40 million residents. However, reports of people packing beaches and hiking trails has prompted local governments to close recreation areas.

Earthquake shakes Indonesia amid fears over coronavirus

JAKARTA, Indonesia — A strong inland and shallow earthquake hit late Saturday night causing people to panic in parts of Indonesia's Sulawesi island and run to higher ground despite health officials asking for social distancing to slow the spread of coronavirus. The country reported 1,155 cases and 102 deaths from COVID-19.

There were no reports of casualties or damage.

The U.S. Geological Survey says the magnitude 5.8 quake just before midnight Saturday was centered 40 miles northwest of Central Sulawesi province's Pendolo town, at a depth of 6 miles.

Indonesia's national disaster agency says the land-based earthquake didn't have any potential to cause a tsunami. Still, many people in the provincial capital of Palu ran to higher ground.

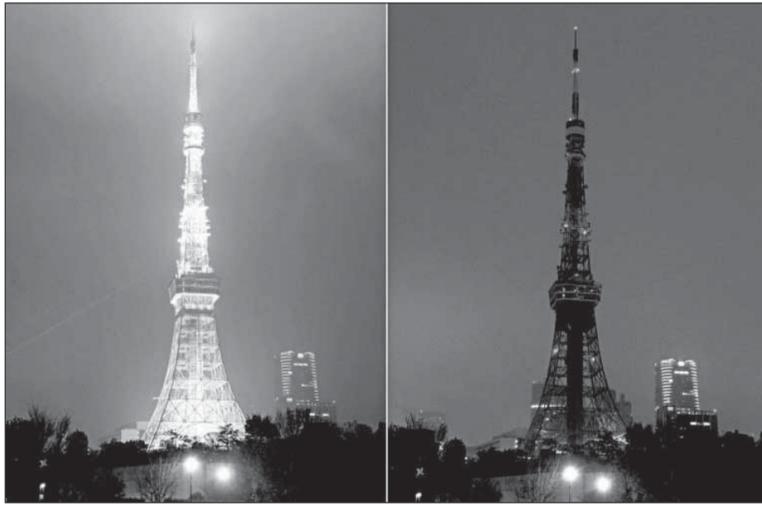
Rosneft hands Venezuelan oil business to Russian state firm

MOSCOW — Russia's Rosneft has transferred its assets in Venezuela to a company owned by Vladimir Putin's government, a move apparently intended to shield Russia's largest oil producer from U.S. sanctions while Moscow continues showing support for Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro in the wake of a U.S. narcotics indictment.

The sale, announced Saturday, follows the re-

cent sanctioning of two Rosneft subsidiaries in an effort to cut a critical lifeline Russia extended to Maduro after the U.S. government made it illegal for Americans to buy crude from Venezuela. The U.S. indicted Maduro and several aides Thursday on narcoterrorism charges.

Rosneft, which is led by Putin's longtime associate Igor Sechin, did not name the new company that would take over the assets.



KAZUHIRO NOGI/GETTY-AFP

The landmark Tokyo Tower turns off its lights Saturday night to mark Earth Hour in Japan. More than 100 landmarks across the world switched off lights Saturday to show their support for the environmental-based initiative, which began in 2007.

Taliban hit Afghan provinces despite growing virus threat

KABUL, Afghanistan — The Taliban on Saturday attacked several provinces in northern Afghanistan, overrunning large parts of one district even as U.S. diplomats expressed optimism that a peace process stalled over the release of prisoners was getting back on track.

Insurgents launched assaults in three provinces — in Kunduz, whose capital was overrun by the Taliban repeatedly in recent years, and in Faryab and Badakhshan. Some of the worst fighting occurred in Badakhshan, where insurgents took control of much

of the district of Yamgan and inflicted heavy casualties on Afghan forces in another district, Jurm.

The fighting rages despite an appeal for a ceasefire on humanitarian grounds to slow the spread of the coronavirus across the country.

Though the Taliban say they have begun a public health campaign to combat the virus, they also have launched more than 300 attacks in the past week in the roughly dozen Afghan provinces that have reported positive cases.

"This might be the dumbest war in the world's

history — that the world is going to quarantine, and we are busy fighting each other," said Naqibullah Faiq, a doctor and the governor of Faryab province, where the Taliban have tried to overrun the Almar district in days of fighting.

The violence continues even as U.S. diplomats and Afghan officials reported progress on plans to release prisoners and on preparations for direct talks between the Taliban and the Afghan government. Both steps are laid out in a deal signed between the Taliban and the U.S. last month.

Guinea backs change to extend president's rule

CONAKRY, Guinea — Guinea has voted to change its constitution, according to provisional results from a referendum that could see the West African country's president remain in power for two more terms.

Nearly 92% of voters on March 22 supported the change, according to the

head of Guinea's electoral commission, Amadou Salifou Kebe, who gave the results late Friday.

The proposal would keep a two-term limit on presidencies, but increase the length of each term from five years to six. President Alpha Conde, whose second and final term ends

in December, has implied that his previous terms served would not count, meaning the 82-year-old could remain in office for another 12 years.

A coalition of opposition and civil society groups demonstrated against the proposal and boycotted the referendum.

2nd member of British PM's Cabinet now self-isolating

LONDON — Another member of British Prime Minister Boris Johnson's Cabinet has developed symptoms of COVID-19.

Scottish Secretary Alister Jack said he had symptoms of the disease and was self-isolating a day after the prime minister and Britain's health secretary revealed they tested positive for the virus and were experiencing mild symptoms.

Meanwhile, Richard Horton, editor of the medical journal The Lancet, published a scathing editorial that criticized the government for doing too little, too late. He wrote that Britain's strategy for containing the virus failed, "in part, because ministers didn't follow WHO's advice to 'test, test, test' every suspected case. They didn't isolate and quarantine."

There are 17,312 cases in the United Kingdom and more than 1,000 deaths.

In Washington: The civil rights office at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is issuing a reminder that discrimination during COVID-19 care is prohibited.

Civil Rights office director Roger Severino said the Health Human Services is committed to leaving no one behind during the crisis. Discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, disability, age, sex and religion is prohibited.

Officials say they're focused on making sure medical professionals don't discriminate against people with disabilities.

For most people, the virus causes mild or moderate symptoms. For others, including people with existing health problems, it can cause severe illness or death.

OBITUARIES



CHIP SOMODEVILLA/GETTY 2009

President Barack Obama presents the Presidential Medal of Freedom to Joseph Lowery.

JOSEPH LOWERY 1921-2020

MLK aide known as the dean of the civil rights movement

By Douglas Martin
The New York Times

NEW YORK — The Rev. Joseph E. Lowery, a lieutenant to the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. who helped organize a pivotal moment in the civil rights movement — the bus boycott in Montgomery, Alabama — and who gave the benediction at President Barack Obama's inauguration more than half a century later, died Friday at his home in Atlanta. He was 98.

Even before Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on a Montgomery bus on Dec. 1, 1955, Lowery had successfully campaigned to integrate buses in Mobile, Alabama, where he was a young Methodist minister. After Parks' action, he huddled with King and other Alabama ministers to oversee a 381-day boycott of Montgomery's segregated buses.

In November 1956, the Supreme Court ended racial segregation on buses in Montgomery and, by extension, everywhere else.

Lowery was at King's side almost until the day of his assassination in April 1968. At King's request, he

presented the demands of voting-rights marchers from Selma, Alabama, to Gov. George C. Wallace in 1965. Lowery also helped found the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and led it for 20 years.

When King gathered with top aides days before his death, it was Lowery who ended the meeting by saying, "The Holy Spirit is in this room."

Lowery marched in countless demonstrations, was repeatedly arrested and was once shot at by the Ku Klux Klan. As head of the SCLC, he promoted economic empowerment for black Americans. He became known as the dean of the civil rights movement.

David J. Garrow, author of "Bearing the Cross: Martin Luther King Jr. and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference," said in an interview in 2010 that Lowery was "the most prominent survivor" of the movement, "the human and symbolic link going all the way back."

Joseph Echols Lowery was born on Oct. 6, 1921, in Huntsville, Alabama. His family sent him to Chicago

to live with relatives, but he returned to Huntsville to finish high school. He attended Paine College in Augusta, Georgia.

He then worked for a black newspaper in Birmingham, Alabama, where he reported on racist violence. In Birmingham he met Evelyn Gibson, whom he married in 1947. She died in 2013.

Lowery's survivors include three daughters.

Feeling a call to preach, Lowery enrolled in the Payne Theological Seminary in Wilberforce, Ohio. He was ordained in the United Methodist Church and assigned to the Warren Street United Methodist Church in Mobile. Lowery joined King and two other Alabama ministers in leading the bus boycott in Montgomery.

Lowery succeeded Ralph David Abernathy as president of the SCLC in 1977. In an interview with The Philadelphia Inquirer at the time of his retirement as SCLC president in 1997, Lowery said he had succeeded in his principal goal: maintaining King's organization as "a prophetic voice crying in the wilderness."

TOM COBURN 1948-2020

Republican ex-senator earned renown as political maverick

By Sean Murphy
Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Former U.S. Sen. Tom Coburn, an Oklahoma family doctor who earned a reputation as a conservative political maverick as he railed against federal earmarks and subsidies for the rich, died Saturday, his family said. He was 72.

Coburn, who also delivered more than 4,000 babies while an obstetrician in Muskogee, where he treated patients for free while in the Senate, was diagnosed with prostate cancer years earlier.

Known for bluntly speaking his mind, Coburn, a Republican, frequently criticized the growth of the federal deficit and what he said was excessive government spending endorsed by politicians from both political parties.

"I've got a flat forehead from beating my head against the wall," he told voters during a town hall in July 2010.

First elected to the U.S. House during the so-called Republican Revolution in 1994, Coburn fiercely criticized the use of federal money for special state projects and was among the few members of Congress who refused to seek such earmarks for their home states. He represented northeastern Oklahoma for three terms, keeping a pledge in 2000 not to seek reelection.

He returned to his medical practice in Muskogee before asking voters to send him back to Washington, this time to the Senate, so he could fight big spenders and ensure "that our children and grandchildren have a future."

He left the Senate in 2014, before his term had expired. U.S. Sen. James Lankford, a Republican from



SUE OGROCKI/AP

Former U.S. Sen. Tom Coburn speaks at a news conference in 2018 in Oklahoma City. Coburn died Saturday at age 72.

Oklahoma, called Coburn "an inspiration to many." "He was unwavering in his conservative values, but he had deep and meaningful friendships with people from all political and personal backgrounds," Lankford said.

In 2009, Coburn shrugged off constituent complaints after the state's largest newspaper, The Oklahoman, ran a front-page photograph of Coburn hugging then-President Barack Obama.

"I'm not aligned with him politically. I don't know what people back home in Oklahoma would be worried about," Coburn told the paper. "But you need to separate the difference in political philosophy versus friendship. How better to influence somebody than love them?"

As a senator, Coburn released a series of reports on what he described as wasteful government spending.

A 37-page report in 2011, dubbed "Subsidies of the Rich and Famous," detailed nearly \$30 billion spent annually in government subsidies, tax breaks and federal grant programs to millionaires.

Coburn's stubbornness and thwarting of legislation

considered worthy by Democrats frustrated then-Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid.

"You cannot negotiate with Coburn," Reid, a Democrat, declared in 2008. "It's just something you learn over the years is a waste of time."

After leaving the Senate, Coburn continued to crusade against taxes, criticizing the Oklahoma Legislature when it passed a package of tax hikes in 2018 to shore up the state budget.

Born in Casper, Wyoming, on March 14, 1948, Coburn grew up in Muskogee, Oklahoma. He attended medical school at the University of Oklahoma.

By the time he jumped into politics — a decision he said was based on runaway government spending and his distaste for career politicians — he was married to his wife, Carolyn, with three children and had established a successful medical practice.

While in the Senate, Coburn delivered babies for free after he was threatened with censure for violating Senate conflict-of-interest rules that prohibited him from receiving compensation for professional services.

OBITUARIES

Remembering the lives of those in Illinois who died from coronavirus

They were mothers and fathers, daughters and sons. Many were proud grandparents. Two were sisters from a tight-knit South Side family. All were loved, relatives say, and will be forever missed. As the number of deaths attributable to the coronavirus ticks upward, the Tribune is working to chronicle those who have lost their lives in the Chicago area or who have connections to our region. These are some of those victims.

PEGGY RAKESTRAW, 72
From Matteson. Died March 25.



FAMILY PHOTO

Peggy Rakestraw had high standards for her two daughters.

Her youngest, Jennifer, said her mother was strict but loving. She often reminded her daughters to make sure they saved their money “for a rainy day” and to be independent.

“She was protective and wanted the best for us,” her

daughter said. “When she said something, she meant it and everyone knew it.”

The 72-year-old Matteson woman died March 25 in a south suburban hospital. Though she long had been in failing health due to end-stage kidney disease that required dialysis three times a week, her daughter said the family is stunned by her sudden death and left with unanswered questions.

It wasn't until days later that they learned the cause: pneumonia due to a COVID-19 infection. Her various preexisting health conditions were listed as contributing factors.

Jennifer Rakestraw said her family does not know how her mother became infected. She lived in a nursing home, and the last in-person contact her family had with her there was March 12 because the facility soon stopped allowing visitors due to the pandemic.

She said her mother had moved into Generations at Applewood nursing and rehabilitation center about six months earlier due to her fragile health. She was admitted to the hospital two days before her death due to “confusion” and other symptoms not typically associated with the coronavirus, her daughter said.

The family was allowed to see her only briefly that first day at the hospital.

“On top of everything else, it's devastating we couldn't be there (when she died),” Jennifer Rakestraw said.

On Friday, a spokesman for the Matteson facility acknowledged a resident had died after a two-day hospital stay. He said administrators had not been notified of the cause of the resident's death. He said the facility did not have any confirmed COVID-19 cases among staff or residents as of Friday.

In a statement, facility administrators listed several safety measures. They said staff and visitors were pre-screened as of March 6. Access has been limited to “essential health care workers” since March 13. The facility “is adequately stocked with personal protective equipment and all employees who work in the home adhere to the highest standards of infection control protocol and use personal protective equipment,” the statement read.

Peggy Rakestraw grew up on the city's South Side and surrounding suburbs. She and her husband, Bobby, were married nearly 50 years, their daughter said.

Before retirement, she was a unit clerk at the former Oak Forest Hospital for about three decades.

Jennifer Rakestraw said her mother had a good sense of humor and loved reading, especially mystery novels. She enjoyed board games, charades and watching her grandchildren play video games. She was a great cook. Her mother had a “special secret recipe” for everything. Her specialties included lasagna, cornbread stuffing, enchiladas, and lemon meringue pie, to name a few.

As her health declined, Jennifer Rakestraw said, her mother remained mentally sharp and once was quick to remind her daughters that she still was the boss.

“She once told me, when she was sick and I guess I tried to make a decision for her, ‘I have a voice,’” her daughter recalled. “I said, ‘Yes, Mom, you do.’”

“She was a beautiful lady,” she continued, through tears. “She was loved.”

The family will hold a memorial at a later date.

— Christy Gutowski

ALVIN ELTON, 56

From Chicago. Died March 22.



GRETCHEN MEYER

Alvin Elton died March 22, nine days after his 56th birthday.

The Chicago man had thought he had the flu. He was exhausted. His body ached.

“I don't feel bad,” his wife recalled him telling her days earlier. “I'm just so tired and have no appetite.”

But, after a March 20 chest X-ray at an urgent care clinic revealed pneumonia, Elton was immediately placed on oxygen and hospitalized.

“Forty-eight hours later, he was gone,” his wife, Gretchen Meyer, told the Tribune.

Authorities determined Elton died of pneumonia due to a COVID-19 infection. He had preexisting health

conditions, including diabetes, which were listed as contributing factors.

Family and friends described his larger-than-life personality and passion for competitive sports, both as a participant and a spectator. He was a popular competitive darts player on the city's Northwest Side who also loved attending live concerts, outdoor festivals, skiing and travel.

A close friend, Peter Citera, remembered Elton for his “his easy smile, infectious laughter and unparalleled love of life.”

“The two things that made Alvin happiest were sports and having a cold beer with good friends,” Citera said in an online tribute. “If the two could be combined — as they often were — well, that was absolutely ideal.”

Elton graduated Evanston Township High School, later following in his father's footsteps while pursuing a career as a pipefitter, his wife said.

She said they met nearly 20 years ago while on opposing teams during a Thursday night Windy City Darters league match at a Rogers Park bar. She isn't positive whose team won, but she remembers the email he sent her that next morning and their first date a day later to a Cubs game.

She said Elton was especially proud of his Native American heritage. His parents, both deceased, grew up on reservations in different Sioux tribes in South Dakota. He spent summers there when he was younger and continued to study and pay tribute to his roots throughout his life.

His father, Arthur, was a member of the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate. His mom, Adeline, or Addie, was part of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe.

They met in Chicago in the early 1960s while both were taking part in a federal job training program, his wife said.

She described her husband as loving and warm, the kind of guy who easily made and kept friendships.

Meyer said she thought her husband's condition had stabilized March 21, the day after he was hospitalized. But, on Sunday, he still was unconscious and on a ventilator. He died that night.

Wearing protective gear, she was able to be at his side even though the hospital had restricted most visitors.

In the days that have followed, Meyer described a maze of bureaucracy, misinformation, and confusion among various authorities as she sought word about the cause of her husband's death and when his body could be released to a funeral home.

Meyer also said she has not received guidance about whether she should be quarantined. She has voluntarily chosen to do so, she said.

“It was very frustrating and something that needs to improve for other families,” she said. “I wouldn't want anyone else in this situation to have to go through this.”

Besides his wife, Elton is survived by a sister, Anne Gavin, three nieces and a nephew. His wife said a celebration of his life will be held at a later date.

— Christy Gutowski

PATRICIA CIAMETTI, 72

Dog grooming business owner, Burbank. Died March 25.



FAMILY PHOTO

Patricia Ciametti's pet grooming business in Palos Hills was known as a place where even incorrigible animals could come for a beauty treatment. It didn't matter how rambunctious they had been at other shops.

“There were dogs nobody could get near, she'd start working with them and all of a sudden they were happy and calm,”

recalled her friend Denise Urquijo. “She had this magical way of taking care of dogs and cats. She was just amazing.”

Ciametti, of Burbank, died early March 25 at Advocate Christ Medical Center of coronavirus-related causes, according to her family. She was 72.

Her daughter Mary Jones said after Ciametti fell ill, she was told by a doctor and a staffer at the state's COVID-19 hotline that her symptoms didn't sound like coronavirus. She didn't receive a test until after she went to the hospital in respiratory distress, dying a few hours later, Jones said.

“I'm very upset,” Jones said. “If she had gotten tested in time, they might have been able to save her.”

Jones remembered her mother as an animal fanatic who invested her passion into her grooming business, Sit 'n' Pretty. That's where she met Urquijo, who has her own business making dog biscuits. The two became fast friends, forming a sister-like bond.

“Pat was a very kind and loving person,” Urquijo said. “She treated everyone with respect. You couldn't help but like her. When you met her, it was like knowing her forever.”

Her co-worker Char Oliver remembered Ciametti as a hard worker who put her family first, and as someone whose skills elicited deep loyalty in her clients.

“She would have people come in from other establishments that couldn't (handle) their dogs,” she said. “A lot of these dogs had problems, but she got them done. For that her clients were absolutely grateful.”

Aside from Jones, Ciametti is survived by her son Michael and daughter, Vanessa; and grandchildren Cheyenne, Christopher, Steven and Paulie.

— John Keilman

JOHN ‘CURT’ JOHNSON, 93

Professor emeritus, Evanston. Died March 22.



FAMILY PHOTO

In his 93 years, John “Curt” Johnson was fueled by a passion for reading, teaching and an overall curiosity about life.

He was an emeritus professor of English and former associate vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University of Illinois at Chicago. “He really loved teaching,” Carol Johnson said of her father. “The job was constant, and he was very dedicated.”

Long retired, Johnson died March 22 as a result of pneumonia due to a COVID-19 infection with coronary artery disease and chronic pulmonary disease as contributing factors.

He was a resident of the Three Crowns Park senior living community in Evanston, where he and his wife, Joan, had moved about a dozen years earlier after downsizing from their longtime home in Wilmette.

The couple were married nearly 60 years before her death in 2012.

The son of a Swedish immigrant who painted houses to support his family, Johnson grew up in Chicago and was inspired at a young age by the written word. He and his wife met at Northwestern University, where they were graduate students studying English and shared an appreciation for the arts.

Johnson, who went by the nickname “Curt,” from his middle name, loved the classical music of Mozart and Vivaldi, and the works of Victorian poets, especially Matthew Arnold.

The couple's home was filled with books, music and flowers. Meals were served on a formally set table, and conversations were intellectual and passionate.

“They were very lovely,” said a niece, Jennifer Nollin. “I remember as a kid, I thought they both were so poised. I admired him so.”

Johnson wrote poetry throughout his life. His diverse hobbies included photography, politics, travel and gardening, especially tending to his beloved orchids.

His niece said he was tough, a stickler for proper vocabulary and grammar, but he also was “a real character” who was witty, generous and genuine. He once owned a parrot named Perry and had a unique, special talent of wiggling his ears without using his hands.

She recalled a conversation they once had about religion. Nollin said her uncle's faith was tested with the loss of his only sibling — her mother — from cancer at an early age.

“I remember he said that he still believed in the power of love,” she said.

His daughter, Carol, recalled her father's wisdom. There is a solution to every problem, he reminded her.

He retired from the university after a more than 30-year career in 1984 after suffering a heart attack. The John Curtis Johnson award with \$500 is still given out each spring to an outstanding first-year student in UIC's honors college.

Later, as her parents aged, they decided to move into an apartment in the retirement community. Johnson said they loved it there, and her father downsized again into an assisted-living wing as his health and mobility declined.

Carol Johnson said it was a Three Crowns Park nurse who called her March 15 to tell her they had rushed her father, who had a fever and racing heart rate, to the hospital.

“I don't really need to be here,” Johnson said her father told her when she arrived in the ER to be by his side. “They don't need to make a fuss.”

He died a week later. Johnson is now quarantined until the end of the month, but she has not exhibited symptoms, she said.

She does not know how her father became infected. A few other Three Crowns Park residents also have tested positive, facility officials said.

Carol Johnson said she is thankful to the staff for the care they long gave her father.

Besides a daughter, Curt Johnson is survived by his son, Richard, who lives out of state.

— Christy Gutowski

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ON MARCH 29 ...

In 1638 Swedish colonists settled in present-day Delaware.

In 1867 the British Parliament approved the North America Act, establishing the Dominion of Canada. **Also in 1867** baseball player Cy Young, for whom the award for Major League Baseball's best pitchers is named, was born in Gilmore, Ohio.

In 1951 Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were convicted of conspiracy to commit espionage. (They were executed in June 1953.)

In 1971 Army Lt. William

Calley Jr. was convicted of murdering at least 22 Vietnamese civilians in the My Lai massacre. (Calley ended up spending 3 years under house arrest.) **Also in 1971** a Los Angeles jury recommended death penalties for Charles Manson and three female followers for the 1969 Tate-LaBianca murders. (The sentences later were commuted to life in prison.)

In 1973 the last U.S. combat troops left South Vietnam, ending America's direct military involvement in the Vietnam War.

In 1992 Democratic presidential front-runner Bill Clinton acknowledged ex-

perimenting with marijuana “a time or two” while attending Oxford University, adding, “I didn't inhale and I didn't try it again.”

In 1998 the Lady Vols of Tennessee won a third straight NCAA basketball championship, defeating Louisiana Tech 93-75.

In 1999 the Dow Jones industrial average closed above 10,000 for the first time, ending the day at 10,006.78.

In 2002 Israel declared Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat an enemy and sent tanks and armored personnel carriers to fully isolate him in his Ramallah, West Bank, headquarters.

In 2004 President George

W. Bush welcomed seven former Soviet-bloc nations (Romania, Bulgaria, Slovakia, Lithuania, Slovenia, Latvia and Estonia) into NATO during a White House ceremony.

In 2006 Major League Baseball began its investigation into alleged steroid use by Barry Bonds and others.

In 2013 Alaska U.S. Rep. Don Young apologized after using a Hispanic slur to describe the migrant workers his family once employed. **Also in 2013** former Atlanta Public Schools superintendent Beverly Hall and 34 others were indicted on racketeering and corruption charges in one of the largest cheating scandals to hit the nation's public education system.

WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

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March 28	March 28
Powerball 07 40 48 55 66 / 11	Lotto 03 23 34 38 41 43
Powerball jackpot: \$160M	Daily 3 midday 546 / 3
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Lotto jackpot: \$6.75M	Daily 3 evening 600 / 6
Pick 3 midday 415 / 4	Daily 4 evening 0155 / 6
Pick 4 midday 8683 / 8	Cash 5 08 10 30 31 32
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Pick 3 evening 024 / 8	MICHIGAN
Pick 4 evening 4710 / 5	March 28
Lucky Day Lotto evening 07 17 21 32 44	Lotto 05 14 28 34 39 45
	Daily 3 midday 333
March 27	Daily 4 midday 6862
Mega Millions 03 25 28 50 60 / 01	Daily 3 evening 385
Mega Millions jackpot: \$6M	Daily 4 evening 8762
Pick 3 midday 315 / 0	Fantasy 5 15 17 24 28 30
Pick 4 midday 1348 / 6	Keno 08 12 13 14 18 19
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	Mega Bucks 04 18 37 46 48 49
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	Pick 4 9152
	Badger 5 02 06 09 16 31
	SuperCash 03 13 14 17 31 34

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Albano, Joan H.

Joan H. Albano nee: Dougherty; Beloved wife of Frank J.; Devoted mother of Emily, Frank (Patricia), Joseph, Laura; Dear sister of Margaret Mary Dougherty and Rosemary Dougherty; Dear grandmother of Julie, Katherine, Elizabeth and Michael; Dear aunt of many. Joan was laid to rest at Queen of Heaven Cemetery on March 24, 2020. Services handled by Salerno's Galewood Chapels.



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Arthurs, Jr., Gary T.

Age 36; Sudden; Beloved son of Gary Sr. and Karen, nee DuBrock; Beloved brother of Sara; Cherished grandson of Patricia and the late Mel DuBrock, and the late Raymond Sr. and the late Lois Arthurs; Loving nephew, cousin, and friend to many; All Funeral Services are Private; Arrangements entrusted to Curley Funeral Home, 6116 W. 111th Street, Chicago Ridge; For Funeral info 708-422-2700, or www.curleyfuneralhome.com



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Barry, Catherine C.

Catherine C. Barry passed away peacefully on March 24, 2020. She was born on March 1, 1935 in Philadelphia, PA. She is survived by her husband of nearly 60 years, Gerald; children, Stephen (Cathy) Barry, Ann (Rob) Garrison, and David Barry; and grandchildren, Rebecca, Alexander, and Danny Barry, and Teddy and Samantha Garrison. Catherine was a successful Realtor for 40+ years in the Barrington area, the majority of those years with Baird & Warner, where she was a member of the Founder's Club. Many of her clients and colleagues became lifelong friends. Catherine loved celebrating with family and friends and she was the consummate hostess. Catherine and Gerry were always supportive of their grandchildren and their many activities and sports. She enjoyed her volunteer work at House of Hope, which helps families in need. Catherine was a longtime member of St. Anne Catholic Church in Barrington. A memorial service will be held at St. Anne's at a later date. Arrangements were entrusted to Davenport Family Funeral Home. Please visit www.davenportfamily.com or Catherine Barry's page on www.caringbridge.org for updated information on the Memorial Service, and to share special moments with Catherine.



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Benson, Stephen O.

Stephen O. Benson, age 78, of Chicago, died on March 22, 2020; beloved husband of Margaret M. nee Gull; loving father of Patrick Owen (Dulcinea Basile) Benson; cherished grandpa of Theodore Joseph and Winston James; loving brother of the late Theodore Audrey Benson; dear brother-in-law of Mary Therese (Charles) McLaughan, Eileen Anne (Robert) Kleps, Kathleen (Mark) Vuolo, Thomas Francis (Timothy Flesch) Gull and the late Edmund A. Gull and Dolores (Paul) Nelson; fond uncle of Sean (Claudia Rosales) McLaughan, Stephen (Rebecca Oppenheim) Kleps, Christopher (Sarah Welsh) Kleps and Andrew (Kimberly Wild) Kleps, and Anthony and David Vuolo; great uncle of Mariana Therese McLaughan, and Lily, Daniel, John, and Eddie Kleps, and Kiernan and June Rock, and Rowan Perkins. Steve was a graduate of DePaul U. He taught Braille at Hines VA hospital. He worked in public relations for the Chicago Public Library at the Harold Washington branch. Steve was a leader in the National Federation of the Blind. Private interment was held in Queen of Heaven Cemetery on March 24, 2020. Memorial donations to VanderCook College of Music (www.vandercook.edu) are appreciated.

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Bigony, Rita Kay

Rita Kay Bigony of North Barrington, Illinois passed away peacefully on Mar 24, 2020. A kind and loving lady of grace, creativity and adventure, Rita was born May 6, 1942 in Minot, ND. She is survived by her husband of 55 years Robert "Bob" Bigony and their daughter Heather Kay (Peter) Rivera. She is preceded in death

by her parents, Esther Cecilia (Hanlon) Keefer and Harmon "Bud" Keefer. She and her husband shared a corporate career that spanned thirty-six years and involved 17 moves including those to Australia and the United Kingdom. Rita was the ultimate homemaker! No matter where the move she turned each location into a loving home. The last move was to her dream home which she named "Fourwinds". A love of the arts & crafts movement serving as inspiration, she meticulously designed an arts & crafts style home, where she and Bob enjoyed living for the last twenty years. In her earlier life, Rita was a display designer working for the Goldwater's department store in Scottsdale, AZ. Rita loved red cars and always enjoyed driving and being on the move. While living overseas, she had an uncanny ability to quickly master driving on the left side of the road and excelled at it. Rita had a passion for genealogy and spent many years researching her family ancestry from Ireland and Germany. Her love of history motivated her leadership of several quater's study groups in AZ and IL. Rita so appreciated the historical and artistic talents of the Navajo and Hopi artists and relished every opportunity she had to explore their lands in Arizona and New Mexico. The family would like to extend its sincere appreciation to all the staff at JourneyCare Barrington for their love and kindness to Rita. Rita's life will be celebrated with her cherished friends at their "Fourwinds" home at a future date. Any memorial donation is appreciated and can be made in Rita's name to: St. Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church in Mundelein, IL, the American Cancer Society, and the Alzheimer's Association. Arrangements entrusted to Davenport Family Funeral Home, Lake Zurich, 847-550-4221. For online condolences please visit, www.davenportfamily.com.



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Bloss, Richard J.

Richard John Bloss of Evanston, Illinois survived by wife Susan of 51 years, sons Richard (Laura) and Jonathan (Anna). Grandchildren Joseph, James, Emily, James, Julia and Nicky. Nephew Harlow Waite of Poughkeepsie, NY and niece Patricia Stafford of Hampstead, NC, grand uncle to many nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by brother Joseph Bloss, sisters Velma Franke, Mary Mosconi and Sophie Elzenbeck. Richard was born in Johnstown, NY on September 19th, 1922 son of Clementina and Augustine Bloss. After high school he enlisted in the Army and served with the Sixth Army in the Philippines and South Pacific during World War II rising to the rank of First Sergeant and receiving the Bronze Star for meritorious conduct. After his military service he attended Rider College graduating cum laude in 1949, then obtaining his Masters degree in political science from the University of Pennsylvania in 1951 and Doctorate in 1959. He went on to teach political science at Rider College, Eastern Illinois University and Chicago State University where he taught for 26 years serving as Chairman of the Department of Political Science and Economics. He was a member of The American Political Science Association and The Association of University Professors. Richard was an avid reader and letter writer corresponding with friends around the world. He loved playing golf often traveling to Wisconsin and Myrtle Beach with his sons. He had the opportunity to visit St. Andrews with his nephew Harlow and scored a hole-in-one on a trip to Florida. He was very active in local politics for the Democratic party serving for decades as precinct captain in Evanston. More recently he enjoyed gardening and visiting with his grandchildren. He was a kind and generous person making donations to countless charitable organizations. He will be truly missed by all. There will be a memorial service held at a later date, for more information call (847) 824-5155 or go to OehlerFuneralHome.com



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Braasch, Marianne

Marianne Braasch nee Lamz born on June 16, 1936 in Elgin, IL passed away on March 25, 2020. Beloved wife of the late David. Loving mother of Sandra Heinz and Susan (Richard) Zarek. Crazy Grandma of Brian (Rachael) Heinz, Bradley (Amy) Heinz, Michael Heinz, Adam (Kelly) Zarek and Alex Zarek. Gigi of Hannah and Henri Heinz, Baby Heinz (May 2020), and Bodee Zarek. Devoted sister of Richard (Susan) Lamz, Carol Jean (LeRoy) Herra and Charles (Sharon) Lamz. Fond sister-in-law to Ann (the late Kenneth Braasch). Aunt and great aunt to many nieces and nephews. Longtime employee of Danley Garage World. She leaves behind many good friends from St. Paul Lutheran Church in Melrose Park, Veteran's Park District and Elmwood Park Bus Tours. Interment private. A celebration of life to be held when the world becomes a safer, healthier place where people can share memories and hugs. Arrangements made by Pedersen Ryberg Funeral Home in Elmhurst.

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Bragalone, Betty J.

Betty J. Bragalone (Van Willigan) age 90 of Orland Park passed away on March 23rd, 2020. Beloved wife of the late Anello J. Bragalone, mother to Gene (Kathy), Grandmother to Garrett (Stephanie), Beth and Jesse (Wendy); great-grandmother to Mikayla, Aria, Gianna and Nolan. She also leaves nieces, cousins, and many friends, especially her dear friend Ken. Betty had a full life and in her later years enjoyed simple pleasures, her cats, music, knitting, painting and spending time with people. She was known for her caring and compassion. There will be no services at this time. A celebration of her life is being planned for later this year. Funeral arrangements are being handled by RICHARD J MODELL FUNERAL HOME. In lieu of flowers, please make contributions in memory of Betty Bragalone to the Dementia Society of America by mail to PO Box 600, Doylestown PA 18901, or online www.DementiaSociety.org/donate. 708-301-3595 or rjmodellflh.com.

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Brichetto, Virginia Mary

Virginia Brichetto, nee Roach, age 96, of Crystal Lake, at rest March 27, 2020. Loving wife of the late Louis; beloved mother of Michael (Christine) and Louis Jr. (Gwen) Brichetto; cherished grandmother of Rachel Brichetto, Crystle (Matthew) Mariani, and Michelle Brichetto; beloved great-grandmother of Michael and Cassidy; fond sister of Kathy Marren and Edward (Tecla) Moran. Services private. Inurnment All Saints Cemetery, Des Plaines. Arrangements entrusted to Justen Funeral Home & Crematory, McHenry. INFO: 815-385-2400 or visit www.justenfhn.com.



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Bross, John A.

John Adams Bross, Jr died of brain cancer on March 19, 2020, the first day of Spring, a day he loved. Born in New York City August 29, 1939 to John A. Bross and Priscilla Bross Whitney, he is a graduate of Groton School, Harvard University, Harvard Law School and Seabury Theological Seminary. He is survived by his wife Judith Carmack Bross. His first wife Louise Smith Bross died in 1996. He is survived by his four children: Suzette Bulley (Allan E. Bulley III), Jonathan Bross (Cynthia Moore), Lisette Bross (Raymond Caccioli) and Medora (Dolly) Geary (John W. Geary) and three step-children: George York (Julia York), Charlotte Matthews (Patrick Matthews) and Alice York (Aaron House). His grandchildren are: Lucy, Daphne and Allan Bulley IV, Parker and Avery Bross, Eloise and Hilary Geary, Addison Bross-Caccioli, Oliver and Henry York, and Colin and Clara Matthews. He is survived by two sisters: Wendy Frazier and Justine Yildiz; and his brother Dr. Peter Bross.

An author specializing in Civil War history, he authored, along with his sister Justine Yildiz, "Letters To Belle: The Civil War Letters and Life of Col. John A Bross", their great grandfather who raised a black regiment in Illinois. He presented his book at the 2019 Annual Meeting of the Chicago History Museum. He was completing a play, "Fourth of July, Grafton, Vermont: A Pageant" about how the Civil War severely affected this small town. An attorney and retired Trust Officer of the Northern Trust Company, his committed and tireless voluntarism stretched from Chiapas, Mexico where he was a missionary with volunteers in the Mayan town of Yochib to Murray Bay, Quebec, Canada where he was a Trustee of the Murray Bay Protestant Church to an extraordinary record of record of service and leadership in Chicago. At the Art Institute he was a co-founder, with Louise Smith Bross, of the Auxiliary Board and the Old Masters Society, of which he was President. He also served on the Photography Committee and was a member of the Sustainer Fellows. He founded the Louise Smith Bross Lecture Series at the University of Chicago and also served on the Humanities and Divinity School Visiting Committees. He was a longtime board member of the Chicago Area Project, Vice President of Facets, and Secretary of the Groton School class of 1957. He served on the board of Bishop Anderson House where he volunteered as a lay chaplain at local hospitals, boards of the Shirley Ryan Ability Lab, the board of The Village Chicago and the Poetry Foundation. He was Board Chairman of the Admiral at the Lake and Senior Warden at St. James Episcopal Cathedral. A fine singer and pianist, he was Chairman of the Great Lakes Dredge and Philharmonic Society. He was a member of the Society of Colonial Warriors in the state of Illinois. A long time Old Town resident, he served on the board of the Old Town Triangle Association. Memorial Service will take place at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Chrysostom's Church specified for the Chiapas Project, 1424 North Dearborn Parkway, Chicago, Illinois 60614. Info: www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847)675-1990.



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Castillo, Amelia

Amelia Castillo of Park Forest. Passed away peacefully on March 26, 2020. Funeral Services and arrangements are pending. To be announced by the family at a later date. Arrangement entrusted to Lain-Sullivan Funeral Home 50 Westwood Dr. Park Forest, IL. To express your thoughts and updated information please visit www.lain-sullivan.com or call 708-747-3700



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Conrad, Colonel Thomas F.

Colonel Thomas F. Conrad, 77, Palm Coast, FL, formerly of Chicago, Ill., passed away March 20, 2020 in Palm Coast, FL. To read his full obituary and post condolences for the family, please visit www.craigflaglerpalms.com

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Cornyn, Kevin F.

Kevin F. Cornyn, 70, of Marianna, FL, passed away Tuesday, March 17, 2020. A Funeral Mass at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Orland Park, IL will take place at a later date. Those wishing to extend condolences may do so at www.heritagefillc.com

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Cunningham, Francis T.

Francis T. Cunningham passed peacefully on March 17, 2020. For future funeral information please call Modell Funeral Home (630) 852-3595 or www.modelldarien.com

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Curry, Bridget A.

Bridget A. Curry nee McTeague, Retired CPD, 75, beloved wife of the late Richard J. Curry. Retired CPD, loving mother of John T. CPD (Megan CPD), Caty (Eddie) Hansen, and Michael W. CPD (Kelly OEMC); dearest grandmother of Michael R., Richard, Michael E., Shannon, Bridget, Madelin, Bob, Grace and John; cherished "mom and grandma" of Richard, Haley, and Caty Awbrey; sister to Michael J. (Maureen) McTeague and Patricia McTeague; fond aunt; good neighbor and friend to many. Funeral services private will be with an interment at Maryhill Cemetery. A memorial mass will be held in the future. In lieu of flowers please donate to the Chicago Police Chaplain Ministry. For info 773-774-3232 or www.kolbusmayfh.com.



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Donley, August Leo

August Leo Donley, 43, died on March 24, 2020. He was an accomplished pianist who studied music in college and was a collage artist of considerable talent. He was a kind and gentle man. He is survived by his sister Kate Donley as well as Jeff, Lilian, and Polly Olson in Vermont. And by his step-father Dick Simpson and Margaret England in Chicago. He was predeceased by his mother Sarajane Avidon and his brother and sister, Alex and Lorna Donley. Because of the pandemic no public services will be held. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to either The Twelve Step House, 4454 North Damen Ave., Chicago, 60625 or to The Chicago Academy for the Arts High School, which August attended. <https://www.chicagoacademyforthearts.org/make-a-gift>. Arrangements by Cremation Society of Illinois, 773-281-5058 or www.cremation-society.com.



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Duffy, Carol Jane

Carol Jane Duffy, age 77, of Oak Park; beloved wife of the late James Duffy, devoted daughter of the late Lucy Peter; fond cousin of many. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

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Eichman, Florence Ann

Florence Ann Eichman, age 90, of Hebron, passed away peacefully at her home, surrounded by her loving family, on Saturday, March 7, 2020. Florence was born July 22, 1929, at St. Mary of Nazareth Hospital in Chicago, the daughter of Walter and Cecylia (nee Filipiak) Martynowicz. She attended Five Holy Martyrs Catholic Elementary School. Florence later attended and graduated from Kelly High School with the class of 1948. On May 7, 1950, Florence married the love of her life Walter F. Eichman in Five Holy Martyrs Catholic Parish in Chicago.

Florence lovingly cared for her mother Cecylia for a number of years. She enjoyed crocheting, bowling, gardening and cooking all homemade meals from scratch including lasagna, chop suey, crescent cookies and cherry cheesecake. Florence further enjoyed canning and making her own jellies and apple butter. She was a meticulous housekeeper and a very accomplished seamstress. Florence was a member of the Bunco Club and worked as an independent Shaklee Distributor as well as having worked for the Federal Reserve Bank, Common Wealth Edison and the Packaging Corp as a switchboard operator and was also trained to do every job in all departments. Florence and Walter owned 10 properties and her pride was the 8 acres they owned for 24 years in Kingston. It had a trailer home with 2 horses named Big Red and Rebel. More than anything else, Florence loved spending time with her loving family and spending time on their Pontoon Boat with her husband, Wally. They lovingly called each other Wall and Flo and also referred to each other as Mom and Dad. One thing Mom will always be remembered for was her faithfulness to pray for each one of her family members each evening.

Florence is survived by her loving husband of 70 years, Walter F. Eichman; daughters, Alea "Linda Ann" (Robert L.) Cunningham, Doreen Ann (William F. Dodge) Long Dodge, and Marie Ann Badgley; 3 grandchildren, Cecelia Marie Shania Long, Jesse Stephen Christian Long, and Jeneva Leia Sara Long; in addition to her parents, Florence was preceded in death by her son, Wayne Paul Eichman; brothers, John and Frank Martynowicz; and sisters, Loretta Martynowicz, Rita Paciga, and Harriet Pawlak; and 2 special canine friends, Taffy and Muffy.

Florence's family held a private funeral service on Friday, March 27, 2020, in the Chapel of Resurrection Catholic Cemetery & Mausoleum, 7201 Archer Avenue, Justice, IL. Interment followed the funeral service.

Florence's family would like to extend a Thank You to Mercy Health At Home Hospice Green Team for the loving care given to her through this time. A special thank you goes out to Elissa, Traci, Brian, Andi, Nakisha, Linda, Mitchell, Chaplain Greg, Kim, Carol, Debbie, and Christine.

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Elkins, Ina

Ina Elkins, nee Sampson of Northbrook, passed away peacefully at home. Preceded in death by her adoring husband Jim. She is survived by her daughter Barbara Johnson, her son Ron Elkins (Partner Richard Blake), four grandchildren: Abby (Chris) Bryant, Jessica Johnson, Jason Elkins, Marlee (Rusty) Chizhevsky, and four great grandchildren: Riley, Sadie, Caleb and Halle. Supported by her dear caregivers: Mary, Judy and Patricia. Services private. In Ina's memory, donations can be made to The National Multiple Sclerosis Society, www.nmssaa.org. Arrangements by Chicago Jewish Funerals - Buffalo Grove Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfnfo.com.



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Fleming, Lucia Atkinson

Lucia Atkinson Fleming, 88, of Wilmette IL, passed away March 24, from complications due to congestive heart failure. She left this life supported and surrounded by loved ones. She is survived by her four daughters; Pamela Fleming of Dallas, Tx; Joan Fleming Kyser of Evanston, IL; Elizabeth Fleming Hoover (Fred) of Richmond, VA; and

Anne Fleming of Evanston, IL; and four grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband of 53 years, Clarence "Charlie" Fleming. Lucia was born in Savannah, GA, on January 10, 1932. She grew up in Jacksonville, FL and graduated from Robert E. Lee High School. She attended the University of Florida and was a member of the Alpha Delta Pi. While in her twenties, she worked as a clerk at the FBI Headquarters in Washington. After marrying Charlie she became full time homemaker and part time realtor in Wilmette, IL. She resided in Wilmette where she raised her children for over 20 years before retiring to Hilton Head S.C. She also lived in Aiken, SC, Birmingham, AL, and Dallas Tx before returning to Wilmette in 2017. She was a long-term member of Westmoreland County Club and an avid golfer and bridge player. She also served on the board of the Brain Research Foundation for several years. Lucia enjoyed travel, sports (playing and watching) and socializing with her wide circle of friends. A memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family wishes that a tribute gift be made in Lucia's name to one of the following organizations: National Alliance on Mental Illness, nami.org or Epilepsy Foundation, epilepsy.com. Info: www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847) 675-1990.



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Foley, Ellen McNary

Ellen McNary Foley, 89, of Wilmette, IL, passed away March 16, 2020. Loving mother of Joan (Randy Eubanks) of Wilmington, NC, and the late Mark and Tom Foley; cherished grandmother of Grant and Lily Eubanks of Wilmington, NC, devoted sister of Judith Havron of Minden, NV, and the late Francis and Thomas McNary; loyal daughter of the late Lillian and Francis J. McNary; treasured aunt of many nieces and nephews. Services private. Info: 773-472-6300, www.lakeviewfuneralhome.com



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Forbear, Robert R.

Robert R. Forbear, age 77, of Loganville, Georgia passed away on March 18, 2020. He was born February 17, 1943 and raised in Chicago, IL. He raised his family in Indiana, lived in California for 20 years and retired in Georgia to be near his granddaughters. He graduated from Steinmetz High School on the Northwest side of Chicago with the class of 1961. A lifelong salesman, he retired from Berr Safety & Compliance, of which he was the owner. He was preceded in death by his parents Lowell Albert and Frances Elnora. He is survived by his children, Lowell Forbear and Michelle Smith (Jim); granddaughters, Rayann and Leah Smith; siblings, Richard (Carole), Andrea Gull (John) and Cathy White; the mother of his children, Patricia Carsella; former spouse, Caroline Forbear; nieces and nephews, Vito, Tony, Dominic, Christian, Nicole, Joshua, and Sara. Bob was larger than life; he made a friend of anyone he met and brought smiles and laughs to all who were lucky enough to know him. He will be missed by many. A small family memorial service will take place at a later date. Final resting place will be Fairview Memorial in Chicago, IL.

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Gilbert, Howard Norman

Howard Norman Gilbert, 91, son of the late Norman and the late Fanny Gilbert, leaves behind his wife of 63 years, Jacqueline Glasser Gilbert, children Ncoom and Chaia Gilbar, Harlan and Judit Gilbert, Joel and Heidi Gilbert, Sharon Gilbert, 11 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren, and many, many dear nieces and nephews, and caregiver Geraro Lansang. Active lawyer for over 70 years, Managing Partner in Holleb & Coff. Pro bono work for years in the Civil Rights Movement, with Conscientious Objectors, Marijuana cases, End of Life issues, Modern Orthodox Religious Issues. Started Or Torah Synagogue in Skokie with Rabbi Eliezer Berkovits. Great enjoyment in solving social justice issues as well as many legal problems to the satisfaction of clients. Held leadership positions with Mount Sinal Hospital, Shalva, Jewish Federation, Illinois Hospital Association. Donations to the charity of your choice. Private graveside services. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** – Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfinfo.com.

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Gonzalez, Charlene

Charlene Gonzalez nee Kirschnr, 88, beloved wife of the late Richard Gonzalez and former wife of the late David Rosen; loving mother of Buff Rosen Boyd (Cal Spitzer) and Kevin Rosen; dear sister of the late Muriel (the late Samuel) Skolnick; treasured aunt, cousin and friend of many. Charlene was ahead of her time as a successful career woman. Her charisma, dedication and hard work made her a force of nature in advertising sales. She was also a great mother and friend who will be remembered for her kindness, compassion, honesty and generous spirit. She will be greatly missed. Due to the pandemic and out of concern for our extended family and friends, services and shiva will be private. Charlene is now at peace after having suffered from Alzheimer's. In lieu of flowers and in an effort to make progress in obtaining a cure, memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. For information and to leave condolences, **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, www.shalom2.com or 847.255.3520.

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Gorski, Joseph

Joseph Gorski, age 93, of Ogden Dunes, IN, entered God's eternal rest on March 15, 2020. He was born on March 15, 1927.

Joseph was the beloved husband of Lorraine Gorski, nee Kabat, for more than 67 years. He is survived by Lorraine and children: Peggy, Brenda, and Philip (Catherine); grandchildren, Ellen, Joseph, Leander, and Jaclyn; brother, Stanley (Sally) Gorski, many great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and cousins, who carry on his legacy for passion of life and education.

Joseph is pre-deceased by his parents, Mary, nee Jasica, and Martin, his brothers, Tadeusz (Ted) (late Wilma), Edward (late Mary), his precious granddaughter Maria and great-grandson Joseph.

Joseph and Lorraine previously lived in Dolton where they raised their three children. Joe was a Naval Veteran and served in WWII in the Pacific. After serving in the war, Joseph became a high school teacher in the Chicago Public School System. He taught primarily at Lane Tech. as a Mechanical and Architectural drawing instructor.

Joseph was a devout Catholic and a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church of Chesterton. Arrangements for a Mass of Christian Burial and Interment at Abraham Lincoln Cemetery, IL are forthcoming. Online condolences may be made www.ee-fh.com, Edmonds & Evans Funeral Home.

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Hackl, DeLores F.

DeLores F. Hackl beloved wife of Charles; loving mother of Nancy (Robert) Zima and David (Margaret Shugrue); cherished grandmother of Sierra and Cade and the late Kyle and Dakota; fond sister of Robert (Veronica) Faussner; devoted volunteer with Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital, Elgin Symphony Orchestra, Schwaben Verein and Edelweiss Verein. Due to the present COVID-19 situation, the family has elected private service and interment. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Alzheimer's Association or the American Heart Association appreciated. 847/394-2336.

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Hanley, Elizabeth 'Libby'

Elizabeth "Libby" Hanley, age 86, of Chicago IL. Loving mother of Edward Jr. Hanley and Thomas Hanley. Cherished grandmother to Thomas Jr, Ryan, Mark, and Catherine. Former wife of Edward T. Hanley. Dear friend to many. Libby served proudly in the Air Force during the Korean War and worked for many years at the Secretary of States Office. Funeral Services will be held at a later date. Please visit Libby's memorial at www.smithcorcoran.com or call 773-736-3833 for more information.

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Hartnett, Bernard J.

Bernard J. Hartnett, age 91, US Army Veteran, of Crestwood, IL and Naples, FL. Beloved father of Mary Patricia (Thomas) Wesche and Barbara Keane. Cherished grandfather of Brian (girlfriend Danielle Lazarowitz) Wesche, Meghan (Brent) Nolan, Lauren Keane, and Sean Keane. Devoted great-grandfather of Luke and Makayla Nolan. Dear brother of the late Francis (late Janice) Hartnett, late R. James (late Lucille) Hartnett, late Thomas (late Rosemary) Hartnett, Harold (Diane) Hartnett, and Raymond (Joyce) Hartnett. Fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Bernie was a longtime court reporter for the Cook County Criminal Court System. He was an avid golfer and enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. He will always be remembered for his sense of humor. Interment private. A Memorial Mass will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to a local charity of your choice to benefit those impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Arrangements are entrusted to **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside at 708-352-6500 or Hfunerals.com.

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Herbert, Barbara Davis

Barbara Davis Herbert (nee Kroll) age 92, died peacefully on 1/16/20. Beloved wife of the late Owen Davis and the late Joseph Herbert. Devoted mother of Babette (David) Meiners and Owen F. Davis. Loving grandmother of David and William Meiners and Kelsey (Jeff) Mueckl. She was pre-deceased by her sisters Jackie (Sam) Serio and Dolores (the late Andrew) Maracich and survived by her sister Rosemary Mustari. Following the death of her husband, Owen, Barbara operated Cronin Cleaners until her retirement. Barbara will be remembered as a caring wife, mother, grandmother, aunt, friend and comforter to many at Palos Hospital, where she was acknowledged with numerous awards for her volunteerism. Services were private.

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Hermansen, Helen Marie

Orland Park – Helen (nee Werr) Hermansen, 94, a resident of Orland Park since 1998, formerly of Chicago (St. Thomas More Parish), passed away at home on Saturday, March 21, 2020. She is survived by her five daughters, Dorothea (Thomas) Frisbie, Michelle (Robert) Martin, Greta (James) DeAno, Margie (James) Williams, and Marie (Ron) LaCombe. She also is survived by her brothers, John Werr, Joseph Werr, and Charles (JoAnn) Werr. She is preceded in death by her husband, Walter "Wally" Hermansen and her son, John Hermansen. She is also preceded in death by her parents, Helen and John Werr, and her sister, Margaret Werr. She was the cherished grandmother of 13 grandchildren: Timothy (Anne) Frisbie, Charles (Megan) Frisbie, Emily Frisbie, Christopher Martin, Erik Martin, Christina DeAno (Daniel) Rortvedt, Laura DeAno, Jack DeAno, Jonathan (Samantha) Williams, Jennifer Williams, Keith LaCombe, Leah LaCombe, and Donny LaCombe and cherished great-grandmother of five great-grandchildren: Emmett Frisbie, Ashland and Elsie Rortvedt, and Adalynn and James Brent Williams. In addition to these immediate family members, Helen is also survived by many wonderful nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews, and cousins. Helen Hermansen was born on August 19, 1925 to Helen and John Werr in Chicago. She grew up in the St. Barnabas Parish in Beverly and attended high school at Longwood Academy. She graduated from St. Teresa's College in Winona, Minnesota. She raised her family of six children in St. Thomas More Parish. With all of her children attending St. Thomas More School and living only a block away, parish life was the center of her family's life. When her youngest child was in kindergarten, she returned to teaching as a substitute in the Chicago Public Schools. She also went on to get a Masters in Special Education from Chicago State University. She then taught Special Ed at various Chicago Public Schools for 28 years including Drew, Barton and Garrett Morgan. She was awarded the prestigious Malcolm X Award for her dedicated teaching efforts. "Mrs. Hermansen" loved teaching and treated her students as if they were family. All of her own children spent time helping her with her students – whether it was making yet another batch of sugar cutout cookies or accompanying the class on the myriad field trip outings she scheduled. Several of the parents of her students requested that she look after their kids after their deaths. "Mrs. Hermansen" did just that. After she retired, she continued to take care of some of her students by taking them out for a hamburger at Wimpy's Grill at Evergreen Plaza, buying them much-needed supplies from Walgreen's, buying groceries, just visiting and spending time with them, and even mailing Wal-Mart or McDonald's coupons to them after they moved out of state. She loved them and continued to act as an elderly, caring relative. Until the time of her death, she had weekly telephone conversations with some of these kids – who are now in their 50s. She moved to Orland Park and St. Michael's Parish after the death of her husband. After she retired, Helen took her five daughters (in memory of their Dad and brother) on many cruises to the Caribbean. It was the highlight of their years. Helen was a kind, caring and inspirational person. She touched the hearts of all who came into contact with her. She cared deeply about everyone who came into her life – whether a relative, a Special Ed student, a caretaker, someone at the health club, or a stranger on the street. Her strong preserving spirit not only carried her throughout her life but all of us, too. She had a deep unwavering faith that sustained her entire family. She was an amazing role model as she so gracefully dealt with life and all of the infirmities of old age and then death itself. Helen was all about acceptance, love and kindness. She planted those seeds in all of her family. As in the Parable about the sowing of the mustard seed, we ask that you (in Helen's name) continue to sow seeds of acceptance, love and kindness as you go throughout your lives. This is the best way we can remember and honor Helen Hermansen. Oh – and don't forget to sing "You Are My Sunshine" to your family. That was her favorite song! IRISH BLESSING - May the wind be always at your back, May the sun shine warm upon your face, The rain fall soft upon your fields, And until we meet again—May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

In lieu of flowers, please feel free to donate to one of the following causes in Helen's name: Brain Trauma Awareness Organization, www.mycommunityfoundation.org, 4531 Maine Street, Suite A, Quincy, IL 62305, 217-222-1237, Sisters of Mercy, Mercy Circle, <https://mercycircle.org/donations/>, 3659 W. 99th Place, Chicago, IL 60655, 773-253-3600, or Palos Hospice, www.paloshealth.com, 15295 E. 127th Street, Lemont, IL 60439, 708-923-4000. Services and interment private at this time. Family plans to host a beautiful celebration of Helen's life at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to **Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Homes** www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878

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Hurckes, Richard W. 'Dick'

Richard W. "Dick" Hurckes, 86, of Lake Forest, IL, formerly of Chicago, died March 15 surrounded by his family. Beloved husband for 55 years of the late Mary Louise "Lou" Werner Hurckes; cherished father of Richard W., Jr. (Keryl), Timothy W. (Lisa), Elisabeth M. (Denise LeHeup), and Catherine L. (Gil Arias, Jr.); grandfather of Rick Wenzel, Anne Hurckes Orchard, Caroline, Sarah, and Michael Hurckes; great-grandfather of Luna Orchard; uncle of many nephews and a niece. Info - **Reuland & Turnbough** at www.RTFunerals.com or call 847-234-9649.



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Kabakoff, John

John Kabakoff, beloved son of the late Gussie Kabakoff, passed away on March 27 after a brief illness. He was 81. After graduating law school, he eventually settled into a long career driving a taxi. One of the last old-school Chicago cabbies, he was quick with jokes and possessed an encyclopedic knowledge of the City. He is remembered as a friend of animals, a lover of books and music, and an outspoken critic of City government and rideshare services. He is survived by his son Mike (Elizabeth Blackwood) Kabakoff, granddaughters Eleanor and Cora, his sister Beverly (Ron) Adilman, his niece Joree Adilman Weinstein, and her daughter Ruby. In John's memory, please make a donation to aspc.org.

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Kadlec, Edward C.

Edward C. Kadlec, age 90, of Chicago, IL passed away peacefully at home on March 22, 2020. Beloved husband of Joan, nee Devereux, were married for 61 years. Devoted father to Mary, Ed (Penny), Robert, Susan, Amy (George), Michael (Betsy). Cherished grandfather to Brian, Amanda (Mark), Dan (Jessica), Adam, Matthew, Hannah, Nathan, Will, Andrew, George and Joshua. Loving great grandfather to Drew. After Ed's service in the US Air Force he started working for CL Doucette (a fire sprinkler contracting company) in 1956. He stepped out on a drafting board as a design engineer then moving into sales and eventually purchasing the company. Ed was President of CL Doucette from 1963 to 2003 and spent his entire career in the fire sprinkler industry. He was a member of the National Fire Sprinkler Association and past President of the Illinois Fire Prevention Association. CL Doucette is still located in Chicago and is currently run by his sons Ed & Mike Kadlec. A memorial service will be held at a later date at St. Mary of the Woods Church in Chicago. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to "Camp I am Me" through the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance 426 W Northwest Highway, Mount Prospect, IL 60056 <http://www.ifsa.org/> For more information please visit Edward's memorial at www.smithcorcoran.com or call 773-736-3833.

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Kamish, Gloria S

Gloria S. Kamish, nee Sherman, age 88. Beloved wife of the late Nathaniel. Loving mother of Nancy Gail Collins, Susan Beth (Barry) Durr, the late Joel David Collins, and the late Nancy Carol Kamish. Dear grandmother of Ari Collins, Ethan Collins, Daniel (Sarah) Berkman, Sam (Dena) Berkman and Jonathan and Erin Durr. Proud great grandmother of Luna and Noah. Cherished sister of the late Donald (the late Carolyn) Sherman. Wonderful caregivers Vanessa, Tarry, Stacy and Gigi. Service Private Graveside. Memorials to Anti Cruelty Society, 157 West Grand Ave. Chicago, IL 60654, anticruelty.org/donate. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfinfo.com

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Keegan, Mary M.

It is with great sorrow to announce that Mary M. Keegan passed away on March 21, 2020, at the age of 94. She was born on April 15, 1925. She was the daughter of A. Louis Flynn and Cecile Marie (Pentecost) Flynn, and the sister of Lois (Flynn) Dietz. Mary was a real estate agent in Winnetka, IL, for several years, and also worked at her beloved Marshall Fields. Mary will be forever remembered by her daughter, Christine Keegan Kelley (John), grandchildren Elizabeth and William, her nephew and nieces. Mary will be laid to rest at Calvary Cemetery, Chicago, IL. A private Memorial Mass will be held at a later date.

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Kennedy, Barbara M.

Barbara Mae Kennedy age 92 of Batavia and former 45 year resident of Wheaton, Beloved wife of the late Alexander Kennedy, Jr, Loving mother of Steve (Deb Vensel), Karen (Dan Chong) and the late John (Lori Krebsbach). Dear Grandmother of Mark Alexander (Son of Steve and Deb) and fond sister of Nancy Goodwin and the late Donald Ericson. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date. For info Leonard Funeral Home 630-469-0032.

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Kilpatrick, Mary Ellen

Mary Ellen Kilpatrick, 92, passed away on March 22, 2020. She was born in Weiser, ID, to John and Gertrude Kilpatrick on June 20, 1927, and graduated from the University of Idaho. Early in her career, Mary Ellen served as private secretary to Idaho Governor Len Jordan, where she met and worked with Pres. Eisenhower and Chief Justice Earl Warren. In 1955, she moved to Chicago, where she served as an executive secretary for several prominent businesses. Mary Ellen loved to travel and was one of the first residents of 400 E Randolph. Mary Ellen is preceded in death by her parents; her sister, Betty Lou Vollmer; and her niece, Carol James. She is survived by her sister, Jean Hinchliffe, and several nieces and nephews.

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Klassman, Sherwin

Sherwin Klassman, 86, of Lincolnshire, beloved husband and best friend of 66 years to Roberta "Bobbie" nee Cohn; loving father of Dean (Leslie) Klassman, Brian (Cindy) Klassman and Glenn (Wendy) Klassman; adored grandpa to Jamison, Kenneth (Heather), Brooke (Jon), Melissa, Benjamin (Becca Keene), Justin (Fatima), Blake, Kevin (Carly Weiner), and Tracey; cherished great-grandpa of Willow and Hayden; son of the late David and Adele Klassman; dear brother of the late Joseph and Albert Klassman. Sherwin took tremendous pride in his family and his 55+ years of experience in accounting as a CPA. As much as we would love to honor his great life with family and friends, we would never want to put anyone's health at risk during this global health crisis. For that reason, we made the difficult decision to ask for a private graveside service and will not be holding shiva at this time. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to <http://www.fcil.org/BuddyBaseball>. For information: 847847-255-3520

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Kleist, Margery

Margery Goetz Kleist, age 94, died March 22, 2020. She was born on April 2, 1925 and grew up on Chicago's south side. She graduated from Fenger H.S. and earned a B.S. from Northern Illinois University. Marge and Bill, her husband of 58 years, were longtime residents of Clarendon Hills, where they raised three daughters. They were Charter Members of Christ Lutheran Church and Marge was an active member of the Tri Sigma Alumnae Chapter. In her later years, she resided at the Oak Trace Retirement Community in Downers Grove. Beloved wife of the late William A. Kleist. Loving mother of Barbara (the late John) Anderson, Karen (Bob) Crum, and Margaret Kleist. Proud grandmother of Heather (Adam) Tritt, the late Lauren Miller, Kathryn (Kevin) Doell, and Megan (Ryan) Byczek. Great grandmother of Jackson Tritt, Brayden Tritt, and Anderson Byczek. Dear sister of the late Robert (the late Jane) Goetz. Fond aunt of Judy Goetz and the late Jim (Donna) Goetz. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations given to the Alzheimer's Association would be appreciated. A memorial service to celebrate Margery's life will be held at a future date. Arrangements by DuPage Cremations, Ltd. and Memorial Chapel (630) 293-5200.

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Knez, Dorothy

Dorothy M. Knez, 95, of Libertyville, IL, formerly of Berwyn, IL, peacefully passed away on Wednesday, March 25, 2020, at Winchester House in Libertyville. She was preceded in death by her husband of 39 years, George Knez in 1987. She is survived by her daughter Karen (Bruce) Kozioł; sister, Patricia (Edward, deceased) Thorn; and brother, Thomas Barcal. Arrangements entrusted to **Gurnee Salata Funeral Home**. Please visit www.gurneesalata.com, for obituary & guestbook.

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Kochan, Earl W

Earl W. Kochan, Age 93. WWII Army Air Corp Veteran. Loving husband of the late Sonia J. nee Szarek. Loving father of Diane (Robert) Danielewicz and Carol (Don) Rimdzius. Cherished grandfather of Scott, Peter (Kim), Eric, and Laura (Jason Wieder) Danielewicz, Michael (Kelly) Rimdzius, Michelle (Ryan) Krzmarzick, and Daniel (Alison) Rimdzius. Great grandfather of Erin, Nessa, Lucy, Killian, Henry, Caden, Colin, Charlie, Carly, Audrey, Emma and Colt. Fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Private Graveside Service with military honors was held on Friday March 27 at St. Joseph Cemetery in River Grove, IL. Funeral info: 708-456-8300 or www.cumberlandchapels.com.

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Kruse, Rev. William G.

The Rev. William G. Kruse age 93, retired Episcopal priest, passed away March 26, 2020. Beloved husband of Becky (nee Kondiles) Kruse, cherished father of Mary, Sara (Matthew), Adam (Lynda) and Ellen (James). Loving step-father to Kristina (Michael), Stephanie (Rodney) and Peter (Loretta). Grandfather of thirteen. He was preceded in death by his first wife Aileen. A Memorial Service will be scheduled at a later date. For more information please refer to Yurs Funeral Home, St. Charles, IL 60174 630-584-0060 or at yursfuneralhomes.com.

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Kulawiak, Valerie E

Valerie Kulawiak nee Szott, age 82 of Sun Lakes, Arizona (formerly of Addison, Illinois) passed away March 22, 2020. Beloved wife of the late Robert Kulawiak.

Interment Resurrection Cemetery and Mausoleums in Justice, Illinois

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Leahy, Yolanda Marie

Yolanda Marie Leahy nee Dalessandro 102 of Niles, IL. Was born on Friday October 12, 1917 and passed away Tuesday March 24, 2020. Yolanda was the loving wife of the late Joseph Leahy Sr.; caring mother of Mary Pat (late C.W. Fentress) Leahy, Louise Ann (Pete) Saari and Joseph (Suanne), (late Libby) Leahy; dear grandmother of Peter (Holly) Saari, Jonathan (Grace) Saari and Megan (Brian) Robin and great-grandmother of Trey, Blake, Patrick, Joey, Parker and Samantha. Due to CDC recommendations, funeral services for Yolanda will be held privately. A "Celebration of Life" will be held at a later date. Memorials may be made to Advocate Hospice Generations Comfort Care Unit. Arrangements by **Oehler Funeral Home** and info at oehlerfuneralhome.com or 847-824-5155.

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Lembke, Rose Caroline

Rose Caroline (Roman) Lembke, aged 89 years, passed away on March 22, 2020, in Willowbrook, IL. She is survived by her children Michael Lembke (Phyllis) and Cynthia Martin (James), her grandchildren, Peter Lembke (Merideth) and Stephen Lembke (Amanda) and Justine, Michael and Sarah Martin and her great-grandchildren Owen, Adam, Landon, Meghan, Molly and Madeline Lembke. She was preceded in death by her husband, Al Lembke, her parents Peter Roman and Matilda (DeCecco) Roman and her brother Ray Roman (Eleanor Reano). Rose was born in Chicago on July 27, 1930. She grew up in Coal City, Illinois. Rose attended the Englewood Hospital Training School for Nurses and became a registered nurse on May 8, 1952. She was married to Al Lembke on November 27, 1954 at St. Mary Star of the Sea Church. She raised her children in Oak Forest, Illinois, lived in Junction City, Kansas for 12 years and retired in 1990. She has been living in the Chicago area since she retired, enjoying time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Services will be private.

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Leszczewicz, Florian

Florian Casimir "Les" Leszczewicz, 91, of Syracuse, passed away on March 24, 2020 at Loretto after a long struggle with Alzheimer's. He was the son of Francis and Veronica Leszczewicz. He was proud to have served in the U.S. Air Force during WWII and became a lifetime member of the VFW. Born and raised in Chicago, he was an avid bowler and sometime golfer, and he loved baseball and couldn't have been happier when his Cubbies won the World Series in 2016. He will be remembered for his easy smile and fun-loving spirit. He retired from Castwell Products in Skokie, Illinois and moved to Syracuse 15 years later, to be with his daughter and son-in-law, where he enjoyed volunteering as an adult literacy tutor, and going to concerts, summer festivals, and especially the NYS Fair. He was predeceased by his wife Dorothy, his sisters Harriet Metz, Helen Eatman and Tess Rzeczkowski, and his brothers Phil and Stanley. Surviving are his daughter Cheryl (Thomas Mueller), his sons Lawrence (Claudia), Mark, Philip and Michael; his grandchildren Lisa, Heather, Adam, Philip Jr., Jason, Michael Jr. and Joshua, and many great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. The family would like to express thanks to Loretto for the wonderful, compassionate care given Les. Services will be held at a later date. He will be buried in the Onondaga County Veterans Memorial Cemetery. Contributions in his memory may be made to Symphoria or to the CNY Jazz Arts Foundation. Share condolences at www.shepardsonfh.com.

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Main, George H.

George H. Main age 87, passed away peacefully at home on March 25, 2020. Sergeant George Main was a member of the 82nd Airborne Division of the U.S. Army, beloved husband of Doris nee White; loving father of Paul (Jan Clarke-Main), Cathy (Joseph) Butkovich, Scott (Carey), James (Kathleen Beagle) and Margaret Beth (Andrew Klein) Mulcahy; devoted grandfather of 15; cherished great grandfather of 12; dearest son of the late George and Margaret Main; dear brother of the late Robert, William, John and Margaret; fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. George was a proud member of Sheet Metal Workers Union, Local 73. In consideration of health concerns and restrictions due to the COVID-19 virus, funeral service will be private. Funeral entrusted to **Lawn Funeral Home** (708) 532-3100.

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Maloney, Patrick

Patrick E. Maloney of Chicago, IL passed away peacefully in his home in Palm Desert, CA on March 22, 2020 at the age of 74. Pat is survived by his loving wife, Irene ("Rene") Ryan Maloney of Torrance, CA, and their two sons, Ryan and Brannen Maloney. Pat was deeply devoted to his family and raised his sons with great pride. He grew up in the South Side of Chicago and attended the University of Notre Dame.

As a visionary in the field of law, Pat co-founded Tressler, Soderstrom, Maloney & Priess in Chicago in 1986. Today, Tressler LLP has offices in eight cities and has been serving clients for more than 33 years. Pat was an extraordinary trial lawyer and his remarkable success was celebrated nationally.

Many will remember Pat by his sense of humor and passion for helping others. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the St. Jude Children's Hospital Patrick Maloney Memorial Fund at www.giffunds.stjude.org/patrickmaloney.

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Martin, Richard Alfred 'Dick'

Richard Alfred "Dick" Martin, of Watseka, IL, died in Boyton Beach, Florida on March 19, 2020, of congestive heart failure. Dick was born in Watseka on July 12, 1932, to Samuel L Martin and Nadean (Meents) Martin who preceded him in death. He was also preceded in death by wife, Margaret "Maggie" Martin and grandson, Mathew Martin. He is survived by five children: Samuel L Martin II (Liz), Nancy Burns (Mark), Daniel Martin (Natalie McCann), Gregory Martin (Kelly DeWitt), and Stacey Smith, twelve grandchildren, and eleven great-grandchildren.

Dick was a graduate of Watseka High School in 1950 and attended Asheville School in North Carolina. He was accepted to the University of Illinois, where he was a member of the Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity. He later enrolled at Lake Forest College. He was drafted into the US Army in 1954 and Dick returned to Lake Forest after an honorable discharge in 1956. He was a three-year letter winner in both basketball and golf, and he set a college record with 33 consecutive free throws (which he still holds) and was selected as captain of the golf team his senior year. He was also the Assistant basketball coach at Lake Forest College in 1958-1959.

Dick was inducted into the Illinois High School Basketball Hall of Fame in 1979 and the Illinois Broadcaster's Hall of Fame in 1981. He served on Board of Directors of the Western Golf Association and the Chicago District Golf Association. He was past President of Butler National Golf Course in Chicago from 1992-1993 and Chairman of the Western Open from 1976 to 1990. Dick won Golf Club Championships at Shewami, Butler National, Country Club of Florida, Bay City Country Club in Michigan, and many others. He had 17 Holes in One, had the privilege to play 2 years in the Member Guest Tournament at Augusta, and tied the Course Record on the Back 9 at Pinehurst #2.

Dick was a member of the Country Club of Florida, Butler National, The Chicago Club, Shewami Country Club, Watseka Elks Club, Masonic Lodge, and the Presbyterian Church. Dick was the co-founder of WGFA, where he broadcast high school sports from 1961-1970. He was Chairman of People's Coal and Lumber Co., owner of B&M Screw Machine Shop and past President of First Trust & Savings Bank. One of Dick's most notable achievements was being the Voice of the Illini. From 1971 through the early 90's, he held this achievement near and dear and was a beloved and loyal Illini fan. His play by play calls alongside Jim Grawbowski, Max Hooper, and Dan Roan were thrilling for all who listened. He was President and founder of Bromar Sports Network, which was the original Illini Network. Dick also broadcast Notre Dame Basketball for Mutual Radio from 1979-1980.

Dick was an avid Warrior fan and great supporter of Watseka Athletics as well the Fighting Illini. He was also a Cardinals and White Sox fan, and he held court at various coffee clutches. Dick was a great story-teller. He had an infectious laugh and was the life of the party. He never met a stranger, he was generous, and lived his life to the fullest. He will be missed by his children, grandchildren, and friends far and wide.

Memorials may be made to: The Presbyterian Church of Watseka, The Watseka Athletic Booster Club, and The University of Illinois Athletic Association, and Asheville School. Services will be held in the near future in Watseka, Illinois.

Arrangements are by the Knapp Funeral Home in Watseka.

Please share a memory of Dick at knappfuneralhomes.com.

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Mayer, Marion

Marion Mayer, 96, of Chicago. Beloved wife of the late Frank J. Mayer; loving mother of Alice (Phillip) Bishaf and the late Ronald Mayer; proud grandmother of David Bishaf, and Rebecca (Michel) Chagall, and adored great grandmother of June Bishaf and Ariel Chagall. Mrs. Mayer's family wishes to thank her dedicated caregivers Marvin, Juliette, Teresita and the wonderful staff at Selfhelp Home. Private services will be held. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions can be made to Congregation Rodfei Zedek 5200 S. Hyde Park Blvd., Chicago, IL 60615 or The Selfhelp Home 908 W. Argyle St., Chicago, IL 60640. Arrangements by **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**. Information 847-256-5700.

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McNamee Reynolds, Dorothy Loretta

Dorothy Loretta McNamee Reynolds died at 12:38 p.m. on Sunday, March 15, 2020 at OSF Little Company of Mary Medical Center in Evergreen Park, IL. Dorothy was born Dorothy Loretta Lawlor on July 9, 1922 in Joliet IL, to Samuel and Frances Lawlor. Samuel Lawlor died when Dorothy was young and, after her mother married Philip McNamee, he adopted Dorothy, who then became Dorothy McNamee. Dorothy grew up in the South Shore neighborhood, graduating from Aquinas Dominican High School and Chicago Teachers College. Dorothy married John (Jack) Edward Reynolds at St. Philip Neri Church in Chicago on March 30, 1946. They lived in Oak Lawn and Evergreen Park for 60 years until moving to Smith Village in the Beverly area of Chicago where they resided until their passing. Jack and Dorothy raised 5 children: Patricia (Dan) Walsh of Chicago, Philip (Cathy) Reynolds of Orland Park, IL. Brian (Barbara) Reynolds of Springfield IL, Gary (Paula) Reynolds of Swampscott, MA, and Michael (Maureen) Reynolds of Evergreen Park, IL. Dorothy was active in organizations at both St. Linus and Most Holy Redeemer parishes. Dorothy taught at various Chicago public grammar schools in the late 1940s and later served for many years as a substitute teacher, mainly in Chicago public grammar schools. Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband Jack, her parents, Phil and Fran, her brother Robert, and her eldest son, Philip. Dorothy is survived by 4 of her 5 children, and also by 16 grandchildren and 32 great grandchildren. The family wishes to thank the caregivers at Smith Village of Beverly for the wonderful care provided to Dorothy and Jack over the past several years. Interment services are provided by **Beverly Ridge Funeral Home** at 10415 S. Kedzie Avenue in Chicago. The family will be holding a memorial service at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial contributions be made on Dorothy's behalf to Misericordia Heart of Mercy, 6300 N. Ridge Avenue, Chicago IL 60660. 773-779-4411

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Michaelsen, John G.

John G. Michaelsen, age 88 years old, passed away peacefully on March 27th 2020. Beloved husband of the late Florence Michaelsen (nee Stanczyk). Loving father of Stacy (Steve) Wodka, Lisa (Tim) Travers and Eric (Leanne) Michaelsen. Proud grandfather of Jessica (Taylor) Layman, Alex, Lindsey Travers (Patrick Maldre) Zachary, Kelsey, Nicole, Taylor and Jenna. Dear brother of Ruth Benson and Carol Cross. John was a Korean War Veteran in the United States Navy and long serving member of the Chicago Police Force and retired as Deputy Chief. John will be missed for his sense of humor and his generosity. Private family services will be held with Entombment at St. Adalbert Cemetery in Niles, IL.



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Motenko, Francine

Francine Motenko (nee Steinberg), 89 passed away in Marin County, CA due to complications of Alzheimer's Disease. Beloved wife of the late Gerald Crane and the late Max Motenko. Fran is survived by her daughters Barbara M. Stone (Robert) and Karen Motenko-Neal (Paul); stepsons Neil Motenko (Mindy Margulies) and Steve Motenko (Karen); grandsons Daniel Neal (Erica), David Stone and Michael Stone (fiancée Robin Shapiro); step-grandsons Adam Motenko (Andrea), Joshua Motenko (Kathryn) and Micah Motenko; great grandchildren Adeline and Rowan Neal; and great step-grandchildren Storie Morris and Lyla Motenko. Donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or Fran's favorite place to donate, St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

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Mueller, James Robert

Suddenly, beloved husband of Catherine Balentine; adored father of Emily, Nick, Michael, Lizzy, Jack and Mary Catherine; dear brother of Mary Mueller (the late David) Rogers, George (the late Annie) and John (Carol); fond uncle and great uncle of many; Funeral Services private with a celebration of life to be announced later. In lieu of flowers donations to the Evans Scholar Foundation (www.wgaes.org) would be appreciated. Arrangements by **Cooney Funeral Home**. 847-685-1002 www.cooneyfuneralhome.com

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Muellner, June Ann

June Ann Muellner, née Kurzawski, 83, of Des Plaines; Devoted mother of April (Williams), Phillip, Erich, and Owen and many grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends. Loving sister to brothers Henry and Donald Kurta. A memorial service will be held at a later date. June generously donated her body to science. In lieu of flowers, family requests donations be made to the Des Plaines Library.

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Mulcare, John Raymond

John Raymond Mulcare was born October 14, 1932 and passed away on March 18, 2020. He was the son of the late Raymond and Edith Mulcare, and the late William (Evelyn) Mulcare. He is survived by his nephew Bill (Roseann) Mulcare and by niece Cynthia, as well as by his paternal cousin James (Pat) Mulcare and their children, Casey (Amy) Mulcare and Nancy Mulcare Andrew Zgutowicz. Additionally, John is survived by close maternal cousins: Susan W. Stochmal, Sally W. (Bill) Jensen, Scott Waterhouse and John (Laura) Waterhouse. As well, John had a loyal support group; among this cadre of friends: Jim Berger, David Reeves, Jim Drury, Marcia Brewer, and Roger Nelson. John grew up on the West Side of Chicago and graduated from St. Mel Catholic High School in 1950. His family moved to suburban Bloomingdale shortly thereafter. John gained a B.Sc. in Chemistry from Loyola University in Chicago in 1955 and a M.Sc. in Chemistry from Colby College in Maine in 1969. He then earned his Doctorate in Education from Northern Illinois University in 1976. Mulcare served in the U.S. Army as an officer for two years and was stationed in England. He also worked for 5 years in chemical sales for Standard Oil Company prior to his starting a teaching career in Lisle. John was a chemistry teacher and science department chairman at Lisle High School in suburban Lisle, IL. He taught there for more than 30 years and retired in 1993. In addition to his teaching, for which he won awards, he showed his commitment to the school and its students by being involved in extracurricular activities. Although the school did not have an official swim team, he served as the swim coach for students who wanted to compete and accompanied them to meets throughout the state. He also served as an assistant drama coach and performed in several student productions, including "West Side Story", "Spoon River Anthology" and "The Odd Couple". He also starred in "Love Letters". As well, Mulcare was chair of Lisle's National Honor Society. After retiring, John moved from the suburbs to Chicago's Near North Side. He formed Mulcare and Associates and did some part-time consulting for the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce. John loved the restaurants and bars along Wells St. near his home. He also attended arts programs offered by Chicago Shakespeare Theater, Lyric Opera and Music of the Baroque, among others. John was a long-time member of Church of the Ascension on LaSalle Boulevard in Chicago and will be interred in its columbarium. Due to circumstances, a public Mass and memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements by **Countryside Funeral Home and Crematory** Roselle. (630) 529-5751 or www.countrysidefuneralhomes@outlook.com.

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Murray, Joanne Kleinofen

Joanne Kleinofen Murray, age 91 died March 10, 2020 at Lake Forest Hospital after a short illness. She is survived by her husband Donald Scott Murray, sister Lois Mengarelli, children, Jean, Craig (Jenene), Andy (Janet), and grandchildren Patrick (Stacey Robinson), Margaret (Adam Wolbert), Katelyn and Conner, and many more extended family and friends. A celebration of life will be arranged at a later date.

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Muzyczko, Lottie M.

Lottie M. Muzyczko, aged 85, formerly of Chicago, IL, passed away Tuesday March 10, 2020. Cherished daughter of the late Marion (the late Mary) Muzyczko; beloved sister of Ted (Margaret "Peggy") Muzyczko, and Stephanie (Mel) Kovacic. Before as well as after college, BS from Roosevelt University, in 1977, Lottie pursued multiple careers as a teacher, writer, and handwriting analyst. She enjoyed hobbies of dancing and sketching. Private services have been held. www.markiewiczfh.com

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Olsen, John B.

John B. Olsen, age 69, of Oak Lawn, IL died suddenly and unexpectedly on March 22, 2020.

Loving and caring husband of 44 years to Judi (nee Hart). Beloved father of Greg (special friend Hillary) and Adrienne (John Garvin) and adoring and doting grandfather of Jack, Ella and Nathan Garvin. Brother of Bruce (Elaine), uncle of Tim (Kristin) and Eric. Great uncle of Isabelle Olsen. Son of the late Bernard and June (nee Engstrom) Olsen. Also survived by uncles Leo and Paul Engstrom. John will be missed by many cousins and countless friends, especially David Couick.

A dedicated 30-year employee of Walgreen Co. as chief pharmacist. John was an avid Chicago White Sox and Blackhawks fan. He enjoyed spending time at the original family homestead on the Kankakee River in Mokenca, IL. John was an outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting and fishing and was very active in the military collectibles community. He was truly a great man and our hearts are broken. No services will be held due to the current health crisis. A memorial and celebration of life will be held at a later date. Donations in John's name may be sent to The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Illinois 640 N. LaSalle Dr. Suite 280 Chicago, IL 60654 or Wounded Warriors Family Support 11218 John Balt Blvd. Suite 103 Omaha, NE 68137. Arrangements entrusted to Marin Family Funeral Home & Cremation Care; Chicago, IL. marinfuneralhome.com

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Parnitke, Marilyn C.

Marilyn C. Parnitke, nee Massey, age 87, of Westchester and recently of McHenry, at rest Wednesday, March 25, 2020. Beloved wife of Don Parnitke for 65 years. Loving mother of Lynn (Randall) Heinz and Kim (Charles) Heschl. Cherished grandmother of Eric, Billy, and Erin. Graveside service at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside. A Celebration of Life Memorial Service to be determined at a future date. Memorials suggested to Alzheimer's Association at www.alz.org. Services entrusted to **Justen Funeral Home & Crematory**, McHenry, IL 60050. INFO: 815-385-2400, or www.justenf.com.



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Phelan, Richard A.

Richard A. (Dick) Phelan, resident of the Village of Golf, March 16, 2020 at 98 years of age. Born in Chicago, he attended Evanston schools, Columbia Military Academy and Northwestern University, graduating in 1943 as a mechanical engineer, a member of the first class of the university's new technological campus. At the same ceremony, he received his commission as an engineering officer of the destroyer USS Lamson, part of the seventh fleet in the Pacific Ocean during WW II. When the ship suffered a plane hit by a Japanese kamikaze and was so badly damaged that it had to be repaired at a Washington naval yard, he raced back to Evanston to marry his college sweetheart Edith Van Tuyle.

Survivors include his two daughters, Carolyn Arra (Brian) of Heath, Texas and Peggy Budlong (Gary) of Honolulu, Hawaii; two sons, Robert (Carolyn) of Evanston and James (Joanne) of Buffalo Grove; and several grand, great-grand, and great-great-grandchildren.

Dick's many contributions to an interesting and worthwhile long life include serving as a scout master, as Village Clerk of Golf, where he built the family's future home in 1950, as trustee for the First Presbyterian Church of Evanston and as President of Douglass and Company, an HVAC firm whose projects included installations at the Fermi National Laboratory and the Great Lakes Naval Training Center. He also served as a President of the Chicago Mechanical Contractors Association. "Tin Can 367", the title of a book he wrote extolling the adventures of the Lamson during the war, was much appreciated by his fellow veteran shipmates. His enthusiasm for jogging, working, telling a joke and his love of family and canine companions will long be remembered.

Services will be scheduled at a later date.

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Rappaport, Muriel S.

April 11, 1923- March 4, 2020. Muriel lived a full life as a Chicago native who traveled the world and spent her last six months in Boulder, Colorado. Her appreciation of city life and culture of her beloved Chicago was enriched by a newfound appreciation of the natural beauty of the Rocky Mountains. Beloved daughter of late Anita and Selig Katz. Loving wife of the late Dr. Ernest Rappaport. Dear sister of late Alan (Myrette) Katz. Caring auntie of Suzanne Harney and Clarissa (Paul) King. Memorial gifts can be made to Boulder Community Health Foundation, Red Lipstick Fund P.O. Box 19320, Boulder, CO 80308.

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Reed-Thompson, Regina Vanessa

On Thursday, March 26, 2020, Regina Vanessa Chestina Reed-Thompson, beloved sister and aunt, passed away at the age of 67 years, after a brief illness. Regina was born on January 28, 1953 in Weber County, Utah. She was preceded in death by her husband Raymond Thompson, her parents and one step-sister. Regina will be forever remembered and cherished by her surviving siblings Glenda Spearman, David Spearman, Tiger (Teresa) Spearman, Donna Ramey, Bonnie Gibson, Frances Ramey, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family and dear friends. A private funeral service will be held for family, with Rev. Thomas A. Libera officiating.

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Reilly, Annie

(nee Creamer). Beloved wife of the late John Reilly. Loving mother of Judy (late Tom) Rooney, Kathi (Gabriel) Tijerina, Erin (Jim) McDonald, John Reilly, and Jim (Jeannine) Reilly. Cherished Nana of Tom (Eimear) Rooney, Erin Rooney, Sean Tijerina, Martin (Jackie) Tijerina, Daniel Tijerina, Conor McDonald, Maggie Reilly, Jack Reilly, and Mike Reilly. Proud Great-Nana of Rhys and Ellie Rooney and Ella and Colton Tijerina. Dear sister of 4 brothers and 3 sisters. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, donations to Hospice of Calumet, 600 Superior Ave., Munster, IN 46321 or Hartsfield Village Employee Crisis Fund, 503 Otis Bown Drive, Munster, IN 46321 would be appreciated. Due to the current circumstances today and keeping everyone healthy, service will be private.

Arrangements entrusted to **Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Homes** www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878

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Rigney, Kathleen Patricia

Age 61, passed away on Friday, March 20, 2020. She was a graduate of Little Flower High School, Class of 1976. She worked for the Chicago Tribune for many years and later at Binswanger commercial real estate. She loved the outdoors and was a member of the Aqua Adventurers. She will be remembered for her love of life and adventure, but more importantly of her family, friends and her cats. She is survived by her brother James (Jane), niece Jennifer, nephews James, Andrew (Krystal), Alexander (Samantha), Brendan, Kevin, and her cat Kaper. Services will be held at a later date.

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Ruda, Ruth H.

Ruth H Ruda (nee Slabon), was born May 2, 1924 and peacefully passed away March 25, 2020 at Tabor Hills Healthcare in the presence of loved ones. Ruth was the beloved wife of Joseph Ruda. They were married for 45 years. She was the loving mother of Michael (Linda) Ruda and Sandra (Martin) Slusarz; cherished grandmother of Michael (Megan) Ruda, Christine (Ryan) Anderson, Brian (Ann) Slusarz, and Kevin (Reena) Slusarz; great grandmother of Brenna, Evelyn, Anay, Peter, Neil, and Estelle; sister of Elmer (Mildred) Slabon; aunt of Linda (Toni Tollerud) Slabon, Wayne Slabon, and Lisa (Bret) Miller. She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, daughter, brother and his wife, and nephew.

Ruth will be remembered as being loving, devoted to her family, and a sunny disposition. She loved to talk to everyone who crossed her path and she made them smile. She lived her whole life in the Chicagoland area. Growing up in Chicago. Raising a family in Cicero. And, then spent the rest of her life in the western suburbs.

Private cremation and funeral arrangements are being made with Woodlawn Funeral Home Forest Park, IL. Memorial service will be scheduled at a later date. Please visit www.woodlawnchicago.com or call 708-442-8500 for any updates.

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Ryan, Patrick

Pat "The Senator", never had a dull moment in his 66 years. He lived in South Holland, Beecher, Negri Jamaica and Palm Springs California. He passed away with children Patrick Jr, (Liz), and Arley Jane, and their mother Tina at his side. His grandchildren Kai, P3, and Janie adored "Pops". Pat joins his parents "Lady Bird" (Jane) and "Leaky Louie" (Tom) in heaven, along with his oldest sister "Sarah" (Mandy Hurlless), who was also taken by melanoma (1999). Surviving siblings "Homer" (Tom), "Bobo" (Nora), "Pinky" (Tim), "Tinkerbelle" (Kathy), and "Pinhead" (Michael) will miss him greatly. We love you brother!

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Sampaolesi, Florence

Loving wife of the late Aldo Sampaolesi; devoted mother of Kristina (Sarantis) Kostopoulos; cherished grandmother of Alexander Kostopoulos; fond sister of the late Jennie (the late Phillip) Bonafede and the late Rigo (the late Clara) Arrigoni; dear sister in law of the late Amedea (the late Carl) Pesaresi, the late Blanche (the late Zach) Pellonari, the late Evelyn (the late Louis) Massaccesi, the late Elda (the late Regilio) Mercati and the late Adel (the late Henry) Niezgodia; fond Aunt to many nieces and nephews.

At almost 95, Florence led a long and exemplary life as an independent woman, wife, mother and friend. She has left us and finally has returned to the arms of her lifelong love, Aldo. She will be deeply missed. For information please contact **Morizzo Funeral Home** at 847.752.6444.



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Santucci, Rosary "Ro"

Rosary "Ro" (nee Tapling) Santucci, 96, born into eternal life March 25, 2020. Beloved wife of the late Pat; dear sister of Sally (the late Edward "Murph") Pedersen, Irene (the late Charles) O'Hara and sister-in-law Mary Ann Santucci. She was preceded in death by her siblings; Thomas (Effie) Tapling, George (Mary) Tapling, Mary (Joseph) Hughes, Edward (Gloria) Tapling; sister-in-law of John Santucci and Luciano (Virginia) Santucci; cherished aunt of 35 and great aunt of many nieces and nephews. Due to the current situation interment will be private for family only. A celebration of her life will be scheduled in the future. In lieu of flowers donations appreciated to the Mercy Home for Boys and Girls 1140 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60607 or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Info @ www.williams-kamp.org or (630) 668-0016.

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Scelonge, John M.

John M. Scelonge, Age 70. Passed away on March 22, 2020. Loving Son of the late John and late Sophie, nee Senica Scelonge. Beloved Brother of Joyce (late Preston) Knapczyk. Dear Uncle of Paula (Gregory) Strelczyk, Kathleen (Sean) Devine, Casimir Knapczyk, Matthew Knapczyk, Julie (Daniel) Rice and Edward Knapczyk. Great Uncle of Ella, Stephen, Sophia, Josephine and Preston. John will be dearly missed by his many Aunts, Uncles, Cousins and Friends. John had worked as an operating engineer for the City of Chicago, Streets and Sanitation. He was a graduate of Chicago State University and De La Salle High School. Due to the COVID19 virus services are private. A Memorial Mass and Celebration of John's life will be scheduled for a later date. Condolences may be sent to John's family on his personal tribute website at: www.foranfuneralhome.com 708-458-0208

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Schechter, Carol L.

Carol L. Schechter, nee Polansky, 86, beloved wife and best friend of Arthur for over 64 years; devoted and loving mother of Debra (Jerry) Hadesman, Steven (Kitty) Schechter and Lynda (Gene) Sachs; cherished "Grammy" of Stacey (Yuri) Lysoivanov, Aaron and Alex Hadesman, Ryan (Angela) Schechter, Kara Schechter (fiance Patrick), Adam Sachs (girlfriend Stephanie), and Jordan Sachs (fiance Emily); dear sister, aunt, mentor, and friend to many. Carol was a long time 3rd and 4th-grade educator with Chicago Public Schools and Rupley Elementary (Dist. 59). Carol was a force of nature, she was involved with everything and loved by everyone. Due to the pandemic and out of concern for our extended family and friends, a celebration of life, as well as shiva, will be private. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society (www.cancer.org). For more information call: 847-255-3520



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Schubert, Bunny Sue

Bunny Sue Schubert (nee Peters) age 63 of Oak Lawn, IL and Oak Park, IL passed away on Wednesday, March 4th at West Suburban Hospital. Loving daughter of the late Betty (Bramhall) and David Peters, Sr. Beloved wife of Steve Schubert. Proud mother of James Fitzpatrick II (Martha) and David Fitzpatrick (Heather); step mother to Therese (Scott) Makowiecki and George Schubert; loving grandmother to Gabriel, James, Anna Maria, and Cooper Fitzpatrick, and Scott and Madison Makowiecki; beloved sister of David Peters Jr. (Patty), the late Michael Peters (the late Carol), Niki Merrick (Larry), and Dru Ellen Johnson; and Aunt to many nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother Michael, her sister-in-law Carol, and her nephew, Peter Merrick.

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Sedlacek, Paula

Paula S. Sedlacek, nee Weglarz, 60, passed away peacefully on March 26, 2020. Beloved wife of the late William J. Sedlacek. Loving mother of Kelsey, Dearest sister of Michael Weglarz and Andrea (Patrick) Harty. Cherished daughter the late Thomas and the late Phyllis Weglarz. Aunt of many nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Bethshan Association, 12927 S. Monitor Avenue, Palos Heights, IL 60463. Funeral arrangements entrusted to **Modell Funeral Home**. For info: 630-852-3595 or www.modelldarien.com



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Shaver, Virginia Ann 'Ginger'

Virginia Ann Shaver "Ginger", 80, retired art therapist; of Chicago's Lakeview neighborhood; passed away March 25, 2020. Raised in Black River Falls, WI, Ginger earned her degree in nursing from the University of Minnesota Twin Cities, her Masters in Art Therapy from Mount Mary College, and her PhD in Art Therapy from Union Institute & University. Beloved wife of 56 years to John Gage Shaver; devoted mother of Meredith Wodrich, Elizabeth (Abel Nazara) Shaver, Jonathan (Christina) Shaver, and Nicholas (Kristin) Shaver; loving grandmother ("Gigi") of Gage and Neeve Wodrich and Evan, Tyler, Isaac, Daniel, and Camille Shaver. Dear sister of John (Barbara) Fry. Daughter of the late John Randolph Fry and Irene Elizabeth Fry (nee Fogarty). Services will be held later this year. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to the World Wildlife Fund: <https://www.worldwildlife.org/>. Arrangements by **Cremation Society of Illinois**, 773-281-5058 or www.cremation-society.com



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Slan, Mason Saul

Mason Saul Slan, 21. Beloved son of Franklin Slan and Lisa Wright-Hamm (Keith Hamm) Adored great-grandson of Valeria Hickey. Cherished grandson of Diane Kozlowski, Beverly Phillips, and the late Ronald Slan. Dear nephew of Kimberly Slan Lane, Stephanie Slan Burghart, Tiffany Slan Davies, Brian Wright and Valerie Wright. Remembered and loved by many friends and extended family. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Chicago Psychoanalytic Institute, 122 South Michigan Avenue, Suite 1300, Chicago, IL 60603, www.chicagoanalysis.org/donate or The Write Way (Animal) Rescue, 5915 Lincoln Ave, Morton Grove, IL 60053, www.wright-wayrescue.org/donate. Private family services have been held due to the pandemic. A public memorial service will be at a later date. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cj-finfo.com

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Smith, Donald Anthony

Donald A. Smith was born on February 1, 1933 to Harold and Josephine (nee Zonsius) Smith. On March 23, 2020, Don (formerly of Niles, IL) passed away at his home in Prospect Heights at age 87, surrounded by the love of his wife, children and grandchildren. He was the beloved husband of Joan E. (nee Mannix), loving father of Donald Jr. (Cheryl) Smith, Robert (Terry) Smith, Bernadette (Ron) Colmone, Mary Ellen (Barry) Mueller and Joseph (Mary Jayne) Smith; devoted grandfather of Jennifer (Jake), Jessica (Paul), Brian (Nikki), Colleen, Julianne (Eric), Joe (Kathleen), Erin, Patrick (Erin), Danny, Katie, Kyle, Tim, Kevin, Michael, Shannon, Kelly and Ryan; dearest great-grandfather of Ryan, Lincoln, Rowan, Brady, Riley and Taylor; fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. He was a dear cousin and friend to many. Don was preceded in death by his brothers Harold (Rosemary) and Edward and survived by his sister-in-law Rosemary. He was a proud graduate of St. Juliana School and St. George High School. Don was an Army veteran of the Korean War. He worked alongside family members as a co-owner of Smith Typesetting Co. for 35 years. After retirement, he became an honorary member of the Prospect Heights Police Department. Don had a deep devotion to his faith, and he shared it with those around him. He loved golf, the White Sox, beer, the Florida sun, and staying organized, but most of all, he loved his family and friends and the time he spent with them. He will be dearly missed. Due to circumstances, a beautiful and intimate visitation and burial service for Don's wife, children and grandchildren was held on March 25, 2020 at Skaja Terrace Funeral Home and at Don's final resting place of All Saints Cemetery. A Mass celebrating Don's life will be held at a later date. Donations may be made in Don's memory to Uncle Pete Ministries. For further information, please visit the Skaja website: www.skajafuneralhomes.com.

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Staschke, Edward George Clarence
Edward George Clarence Staschke, age 89, of Addison, Michigan, passed away with his wife by his side, and entered into the presence of God Thursday, March 26, 2020 at Hospice of Lenawee Home in Adrian, Michigan.

He was born on April 28, 1930 in Chicago, Illinois to Otto and Martha (Leiter) Staschke. He married Mary E. Polley on June 25, 1954, and she survives. Edward lived 44 years in Roselle, Illinois. He then lived in the Addison, Michigan area for the past 18 years. He graduated from Harper High School in Chicago. Edward was a veteran of the Korean War, serving in the United States Army from 1951-1953. He was a member of I.B.E.W. and worked as an electrician in Chicago Union Local #134, and he retired after 30 years as an electrician. He was a member of Cement City Baptist Church. He worked in a gospel ministry in S.A.I. Prison in Waterloo, Michigan. He also led Bible Study at a men's care home in Cement City, and served food at the Interfaith Shelter in Jackson. Besides his wife Mary, he is survived by two sons, John (Karen) Staschke of Roselle, Illinois, Paul Staschke of Rockford, Illinois; one daughter, Diana (Drew) Woods of Addison, Michigan; eleven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; two sisters, Shirley (Frank) Krensner of Orland Park, Illinois, Beverly Diane (Jack) Huff of Georgetown, Texas; two nieces; one nephew; cousins; and godson, James Cusser. He was preceded in death by his parents. Private family graveside services will be held at Cement City Baptist Church Memorial Gardens in Cement City, Michigan.

Arrangements are entrusted to the **Brown-Van Hemert Funeral Home** in Addison, Michigan. Send condolences to the family at: www.brownvanhemert.com

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Strock, Ann

Ann Strock, nee Kalebich. Beloved wife of the late William Jr. Dear mother of William III, Pam Romanowski, Nancy Strock, Beth (Gus) DeBruyn and the late Gary (the late Colleen) Strock. Loving grandmother of Jillian and Kristen Romanowski, Alison and Michael DeBruyn, Gary (Samantha), Emma-Leigh and Zackery Strock and great grandmother of Samuel, Taryn, Graysen, Gary, Dylan and Sonny. Dear sister of Frank (Anita) Kale, Mary (the late James) Mitchell and the late Tony Kalebich, Lucy Corich and John Kalebich. Fond aunt of a niece and many nephews. Funeral services will be held privately. Arrangements entrusted to **Beverly Ridge Funeral Home** 773-779-4411.

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Sullivan, Carole Ann

Dr. Carole A Sullivan was born on November 16, 1941 to John and Arlene Sullivan in Chicago, IL. She passed away at her home on March 11, 2020 in Oklahoma City, OK. Her professional education in Radiation Therapy was completed at the University of Chicago Argonne Cancer Research Hospital. She was recruited from Northwestern University in Chicago to join the faculty of the College of Allied Health in 1972. She received her Master's in Adult Education and a PhD in Higher Education Administration from the University of Oklahoma. A tenured full professor of the University, Dean Sullivan had a distinguished record of accomplishments in allied health and in service to the University. A FELLOW of her professional organization, she was awarded Life membership in several organizations for contributions in radiation therapy. She was a recipient of the OU Regents Award for Superior Accomplishment in Professional and University Service; she served as an officer of the Health Sciences Center Faculty Senate for several terms and chaired innumerable committees of the University. She served as consultant to the US Public Health Service, The Council of Graduate Schools, and the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission. In addition, she served as consultant to numerous colleges and universities throughout the country. She is author of more than fifty papers in her discipline or health profession education, four book chapters and several monographs. Her leadership roles include Treasurer of the Midwest Association of Allied Health Deans in Academic Health Centers, and Consultant-Evaluator for the Commission on Higher Learning of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. Dr. Sullivan was Chairman of the Department of Radiologic Technology from 1981 to 1994, and simultaneously served as Associate Dean of the College of Allied Health from 1990 to 1994. She was appointed Dean of the College in February 1994 until her retirement in 2010.

Carole will be deeply missed by her best friend of 35 years, Barbara Trimble, who cared for her until her last days. She will be missed by her sister Helen (Terri), her brother Richard Sullivan, her brother-in-law Frank Kalnes, her nieces Kelly Derby (Robert Grutz), Beth Nottingham (Greg), Kristyn Kalnes, Pam Kamper (Ken), Amber Sullivan (Matt Hess) and Ashlee Sullivan; by her friend Linda (Susie) Haynes, Rob, Daryn and Brad Trimble; by her great nieces and nephews Shawn, Daniel, Emily, Kathleen, Kelsy and Kyle, Caroline, Jack and Cosette; and two great-great nephews and a great-great niece who will only know Care-Bear through our pictures and stories. She is preceded in death by her parents John and Arlene Sullivan, her sister Nancy Kalnes, her brother-in-law Charles Maybaum and sister-in-law Christine Sullivan. May they be together in Peace and Love. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Good Shepherd Hospice, 4350 Will Rogers Pkwy #400, Oklahoma City, OK 73108, 405-943-0903. Services and burial will be at a later date in Chicago. She will be buried next to her Mom and Dad.

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Tannenbaum, Helen

Helen Tannenbaum, age 79; beloved daughter of the late Charles (the late Lena) and the late Ethel Tannenbaum; dear sister of the late Sylvia Dukelsky; sister in law of Albert Dukelsky; fond aunt and friend of many; and, special thanks to Helen's care giver, Wendy Barrash. A private graveside service has been held and there will be no shiva. Contributions may be made to your favorite charity. Arrangements entrusted to **Lakeshore Jewish Funerals**, 773-625-8621

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See Rosary "Ro" Santucci notice.

Turchich, Eileen Margaret (née Conlon)

Eileen Margaret Turchich, née Conlon, age 82, passed away in her home on Monday, March 23, 2020. Born March 25, 1937, the most beloved wife of George for 58 years, loving mother of Timothy (Julie) and Andrew (Elizabeth), and devoted grandmother of Nathan, Benjamin, Grace, Lillian, Sarah, and William. Sister of Walter Jr. (Dorothy) Conlon, late Sharon (late Timothy) Harrington, sister-in-law of John (Lorraine) Turchich, late Fr. Ronald Turchich OSA, Beverly (Richard) Zaleski. Please consider donating to The Alzheimer's Association at alz.org. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

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Tworek, Donald J.

Donald J Tworek, age 88, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on Wednesday, March 4, 2020. Beloved husband of the late Yolanda Tworek nee Gonzalez; loving father of Gail (Michael), William (Marie-Claire), Susan (Brian), James (Luisana) and Karen; stepfather to Valerie (Bryan). Beloved son of the late Albert and Helen (Kolasinski), dear brother of Marilyn, Joanne and Constance. Fond grandfather, great grandfather, uncle and friend to many. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him. Don will be remembered for his generosity and quick wit, always bringing a smile to people's faces and always had a joke to tell to make his friends laugh. He was a dedicated employee of Union Special Corporation for 40 years, retiring in 1992. Never one to just relax, his entrepreneurial spirit continued and he formed several companies. His greatest business success is Applied Geometrics, Inc. (AGI), which he founded in 1995. Along with his dear friend and partner, Mark Foster, AGI assists manufacturers' worldwide by offering instruction in the successful implementation of GD&T. AGI will continue to carry on his legacy. Due to recent health concerns regarding public gatherings, memorial services are postponed and will be scheduled at a later date. Please call **Cumberland Chapels** at 708-456-8300 or visit www.cumberlandchapels.com for more information.

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Ungar, Joan

Joan Ungar (nee Alexander), 88, resident of Wheeling, Illinois, passed away March 20, 2020. Loving mother of Jeff (the late Therese) Ungar and Cory (Mark) Genson. Cherished grandmother of Steve (Kelly), David, Karen (Ryan) and Michael. Adored great grandmother of Emelia and Adaline. She was the beloved daughter of the late Josephine Miller and late Robert Alexander, Fond sister of the late Yvonne McCarty and Dear aunt to Christi and Max.

Her greatest pleasures were reading, eating, spending time with her children and grandchildren, and weekly visits and "play dates" with furry friends Abby and Gracie. We love you and will miss you our wonderful mom and grandma.

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Urbain, Robert Walter

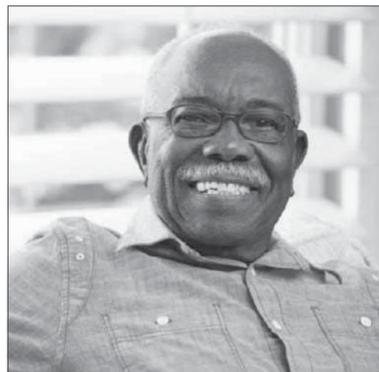
Robert Walter Urbain was born in the Chicago suburb of Berwyn, Illinois on July 14, 1945 to Ruth Lindahl and pioneering food scientist Walter Urbain. He grew up in Western Springs, Illinois and excelled in both his studies and football, playing center position at De Pauw University where he received a BA in Political Science. He then completed an MBA degree at USC in Los Angeles where he met his bride to be, Bernadette (Babette) Lamoglia. The two married in Bernadette's home city of Paris, France in 1969.

Robert (Bob) started his international Consumer Goods career with General Foods (now Kraft Heinz and Mondelez) in White Plains, NY shortly after his marriage. During his time at General Foods he successfully launched numerous household products such as Crystal Light and Kool-Aid, which are still popular today. He helped to grow the business internationally, relocating for a time to Europe with his family. After his success at General Foods, he took on numerous leadership roles at various companies such as VP of Marketing for Dole, SVP of Marketing for Tropicana, and CEO of Boots Healthcare International.

Robert was famous for his great sense of humor, integrity and kindness. He had an infectious smile and loved helping others. One of the highlights of his life entailed collaborating with his father on setting food standards and policy for the World Health Organization and International Atomic Agency. In his free time, he enjoyed playing tennis, fishing, table tennis, coaching children's sport teams, playing guitar, and spending time with his family at their homes in Wilton, CT and Paris, France.

Robert succumbed to complications from Alzheimer's disease on March 11th in Miami, Florida after spending several years in retirement in France. He leaves behind his beloved wife, Babette, along with their three children (Christa, Andrew, and Eric) and three grandchildren.

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Vodicka, Charlotte Ann

Charlotte Ann (Bateman) Vodicka
December 16, 1934 – March 20, 2020



One of the most beautiful souls ever to anyone who knew her, Charlotte is survived by her loving family: children, Edward William (Donna) Vodicka and Barbara Ann Nahlik; sister, Mary Rockwood; many extended family members and friends; and her beloved cats, Gracie and Hailie. She is predeceased by her husband, Edward F. Vodicka; her brother, William E. Bateman; and her parents, Elmer and Esther (Holloway) Bateman.

Charlotte was born in Elmhurst, IL and spent her early years growing up in Westmont. She attended public grade school there and at St. Joseph's Grade School in Downers Grove. During World War II, while family members were away at war, her family joined the remaining Bateman family in the family home on Gilbert Avenue in Downers Grove. She graduated from Downers Grove HS and was essential in organizing every Class of '52 reunion and birthday gathering. Her first job in high school was behind the counter at the Cloverleaf Dairy in Downers Grove, where she began touching the lives of hundreds and hundreds of individuals who also came to know her by her childhood nickname, "Punkie." After graduation from high school, she began working as the front desk receptionist and office staffer for Dr. Richard Matthies of Hinsdale, whose practice was soon joined by Dr. Paul Fredrickson.

Char met her future husband Ed on a blind date on January 29, 1955. They were married on February 8, 1958 and celebrated their 55th anniversary in 2013. Char and Ed spent their 26th anniversary on Maui and loved it so much, they purchased a condo in Kihei and spent every winter there until Ed was unable to travel in 2009. They were enthusiastic ambassadors of Maui and loved nothing better than to share the condo with family and friends. As always, Charlotte made many, many long-time friends in their island paradise.

Although she was a full-time mother and homemaker, Char also helped run the family businesses (Waters Millwork Sales and Vodicka Realty & Development) and was the Secretary/Treasurer of the Bohemian National Cemetery of Braidwood for nearly 50 years, right up to her passing. In addition, Char was an enthusiastic supporter and "support staff" to her children's careers in the music industry. Countless musicians of all types, as well as piano & organ manufacturers and retailers throughout the United States, knew Charlotte and loved her. Many were recipients of her hospitality and enjoyed a great home-cooked meal and a few glasses of draught beer while passing through Chicago. Char was a member of the DAR and stayed very active doing stitchery, attending Ageless Grace exercise class, and volunteering at the Downers Grove Historical Society, becoming the Downers Grove Park District "2019 Volunteer of the Year." She never failed to remember a birthday, anniversary, or other occasion with a card, and when you saw her beautiful handwriting on the envelope, you knew just who it was from. Char made friends wherever she went and spread love with her beautiful smile and caring demeanor. She will be greatly missed by everyone who knew her.

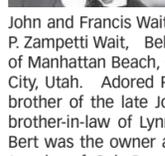
Burial will be private due to current restrictions. A celebration of her life will be held at a later date. Memorials may be made in her name to the Bohemian National Cemetery of Braidwood at www.bohemiannational.org or to Texas CARES (Cat Adoption and Rescue) at www.texascars.org. Arrangements by Adolf Funeral Home - Willowbrook 630-325-2300

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Wait, Bertrand Cole 'Bert'

Bertrand Cole "Bert" Wait, age 71, of Naperville for 35 years, formerly of Wexford, PA, Trumbull CT, Reno, NV and Bucks County, PA and Skaneateles, NY, passed away peacefully, Wednesday, March 25, 2020 at St. Patrick's Residence of Naperville. He was born October 5, 1948 in Scarsdale, NY to his loving late parents, John and Francis Wait. Cherished husband of Joan P. Zampetti Wait, Beloved dad of Justin (Julie) Wait of Manhattan Beach, CA and Cole Wait of Salt Lake City, Utah. Adored Poppy of Madelyn Wait. Dearest brother of the late John and David Wait. Dearest brother-in-law of Lynn Wait of Chester Town, MD. Bert was the owner and operator of Hinsdale Fine Jewelry of Oak Brook, IL. All services for Bert are private because of the current health crisis. Arrangements entrusted to **Friedrich Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services**, 44 S. Mill St., Naperville, IL 60540. For more information, please call 630-355-0213 or www.friedrich-jones.com



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Wallner, Joseph R

Joseph R. Wallner, 91, passed away peacefully at home on Friday, March 20, 2020, in Celebration, Florida. He was born on March 13, 1929, in Chicago, Illinois, to Joseph and Hermine Wallner. He was a U.S. Navy Veteran (Korean War).

Joseph is survived by his loving wife of 67 years, Dorothy; sister, Ella; brother, Robert; two children, Robert (Shirley) and Donna (Richard); granddaughter, Jennifer; and many nieces and nephews.

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Yeung, MD, James K.

On March 24, 2020, the medical profession lost one of its most loyal, dedicated, and well-loved nephrologists. Beloved husband of the late Beatrice Simmons Yeung; devoted father of Theodore (Jennifer) Simmons and Philip Simmons (Jennifer Schack); cherished grandfather of Carley, Mandy, Collin and Penelope. Funeral service will be private. A celebration of life to be announced. Memorial contributions may be made in his memory to the National Kidney Foundation. Info: **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 847-256-5700.



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Yoshino, Patricia Y.

Patricia Y. Yoshino, 98, of Morton Grove, passed away March 24, 2020. Born in Seattle, WA, March 1, 1922. Beloved wife of the late Byron Yoshino; dear mother of Ernest Yoshino and the late Steven Yoshino. Services to follow. Info: www.lakeviewfuneralhome.com 773-472-6300.

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Zrenner, Mary Eileen

Mary Eileen Zrenner (nee Donnellan), 81; formerly of Grand Beach, MI and Chicago's Beverly neighborhood; passed away March 25, 2020 at Rittenhouse Senior Living in Michigan City, IN. A Charter Member of the Grand Beach Pixies, Eileen graduated from Longwood Academy and St. Bernard's School of Nursing before working as a registered nurse and later as a travel agent. Preceded in death by husband Fred John Zrenner, Jr., parents Robert James Donnellan, Sr. and Eileen Josephine Donnellan (nee Sweeney), aunt Catherine Sweeney Meehan, uncle Bill Meehan, and many other loving aunts and uncles. Mother of Fred (Kathryn) Zrenner, III, Katherine "Katie" (the late William) Myers, Elsa "Ellie" Zrenner, Mary Eileen "Meme" (the late Brent) Hupy, Julie (Mark) Weintraub, and Robert (Brooke Benjamin) Zrenner. Grandmother of Alexandra (Alan) Sides, Peter Zrenner, and William "Joe" Myers; Quinn, Erin, and Shea Hupy; and Michael and Emma Weintraub. Dear sister of Robert J. (the late Jill) Donnellan, Jr., aunt of Catherine "Cait" Wilson, great-aunt of Nic and Sam. Services are private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to www.pawshicago.org. Arrangements by **Cremation Society of Illinois**, 773-281-5058 or www.cremation-society.com.

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SUNDAY, MARCH 29 NORMAL HIGH: 52° NORMAL LOW: 33° RECORD HIGH: 88° (1986) RECORD LOW: 9° (1887)

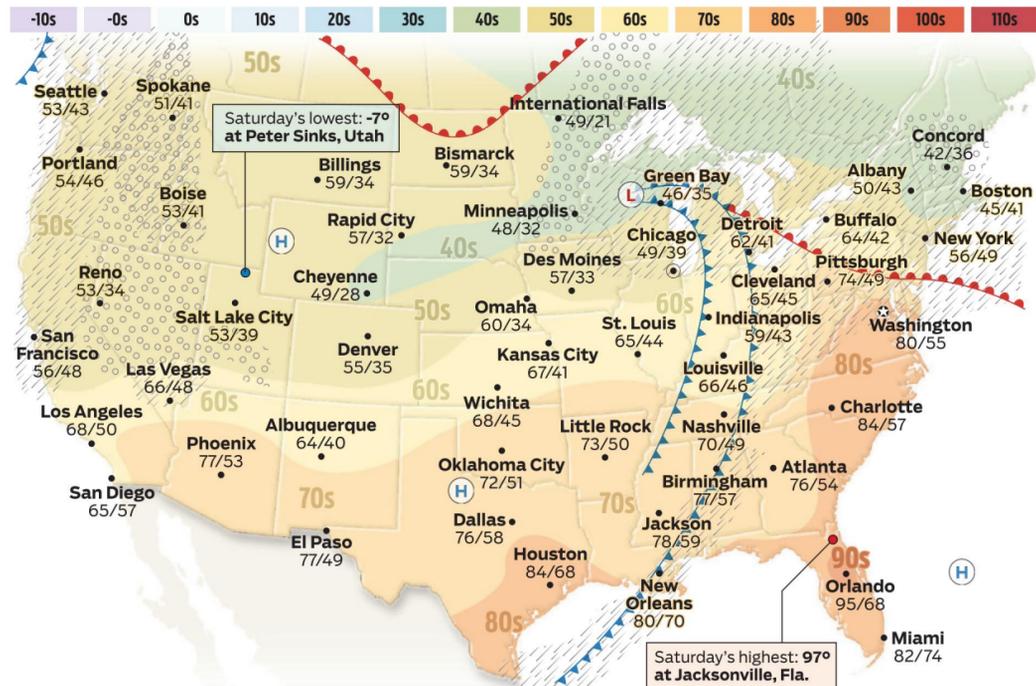
Strong winds follow Saturday's thunderstorms

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 49 **LOW** 39

- Wind advisory in effect through 7pm
- Extremely windy weather follows in the wake of Saturday's storms
- Cloudy, very windy and cool. West-southwest winds 25-35 mph with gusts above 50 mph. Winds slowly diminish late in the day.
- Scattered light showers. Highs range from the upper 40s far north to the lower 50s far south.
- Mostly cloudy overnight. Lows 35 to 40. West-southwest winds diminish to 10-20 mph.

NATIONAL FORECAST



While Saturday's showers and thunderstorms have moved well to the east of the Chicago area, very strong southwest winds, gusting at times in excess of 50 mph, will batter the Chicago area Sunday. The strong winds will subside by evening as the associated strong low-pressure system races northeast into Canada. Seasonable temperatures should prevail the rest of the upcoming week with daily highs in the upper 40s and lower 50s, though chillier readings will occur near the lake on some days, courtesy of northeast winds. Much of the upcoming week will be dry, giving the city a chance to dry out from Saturday's soaking rains. The city officially broke the March 28 rainfall record of 1.26 inches set in 1977, with 1.48 inches in the books through early evening. Two-inch plus totals were recorded in many locales.

MONDAY, MARCH 30

HIGH 51 **LOW** 33

Sunshine returns as high pressure settles into the area. Highs reach the lower 50s. West winds 10-15 mph. Clouds increase at night.

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

HIGH 49 **LOW** 34

Mostly cloudy. Inland highs cluster around 50 degrees, but readings hold in the low/mid 40s near the lake as winds turn northeast. Mostly cloudy overnight. Lows in the low/mid 30s.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

HIGH 52 **LOW** 37

Morning sunshine fades a bit as mid and high-level clouds gather in the afternoon. Seasonable highs reach the lower 50s. Cloudy overnight with a few showers or sprinkles possible.

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

HIGH 50 **LOW** 33

A mix of sun and clouds. Northwest winds increase to 10-20 mph. Fair and chilly overnight with lows in the lower and middle 30s.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

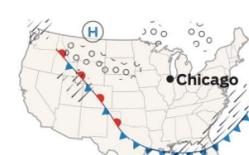
HIGH 52 **LOW** 34

More clouds than sun. Highs reach the lower 50s but turning cooler near the lake as winds turn into the northeast.

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

HIGH 50 **LOW** 35

Partly sunny with seasonable temperatures. Highs peak around 50 degrees. Light winds allow lake breezes to once again lower temperatures near the shore.



NOTE: Predicted high/low temps on Tribune weather page are chronological—the "high" refers to maximum reading expected during day and "low" is the minimum reading expected the following night.

ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
Last year you ran a column on April Fools' Day snowstorms, but did not mention 1926. Our parents were married in Chicago that day and there was so much snow that many guests could not make it. Details?

Marjorie Nath Ettlinger

Dear Marjorie,
There was a good reason that many guests could not attend your parents' April 1 wedding, but it was not because of snow on their wedding day. Only a trace of snow fell April 1, but the city had been paralyzed by a massive late-season snowstorm that brought 12.6 inches of heavy, wet snow on March 30-31. Things got worse in the days following with an additional 6.1 inches of snow falling April 2-3 with the snow depth reaching 10 inches. Spring did arrive a few days later as temperatures approached 60 degrees on April 10.

Write to: ASK TOM
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A century ago: Palm Sunday tornadoes of March 28, 1920

When mention is made of the Palm Sunday tornadoes, the first thoughts of many are of the tragic family outbreak of killer tornadoes that swept the Midwest—including the Chicago area—55 years ago on April 11, 1965 killing more than 270 and injuring nearly 3500. However, there was another deadly Palm Sunday tornado outbreak that occurred 45 years earlier on March 28, 1920 that devastated not only portions of the Chicago area and the Midwest, but also portions of the Deep South.

WARM AND HUMID AIR FUELS THUNDERSTORMS

As Palm Sunday approached spring was in the air in the Chicago area as temperatures had hovered in the 50s and 60s for a week. On Saturday March 27, low pressure moved northeast out of Colorado spreading warmth and humidity into the Midwest. Chicago would experience a warm Palm Sunday, but with a threat of thunderstorms.

MAJOR TORNADO OUTBREAK TURNS DEADLY

Around noon on Sunday, March 28, 1920, with temperatures rising through the 60s, Chicago area skies turned dark as waves of thunderstorms swept into the area. By 1:15 p.m., wide portions of the metropolitan area from DeKalb east to Joliet and north to Wauconda and Wilmette were in shambles; 28 people had perished and more than 400 had been injured. These twisters were just the opening act of a tragic Palm Sunday tornadic outbreak that affected not only the Midwest, but also portions of Alabama and Georgia. In all, at least 31 twisters on that Palm Sunday killed more than 150 and injured more than 900.

MAR. 28, 1920 CHICAGO AREA TORNADOES

NO.	PATH (CATEGORY)	DEAD/HURT
1	W of Geneva to Wauconda (F3)	8/100
2	Channahon to Wilmette (F4)	20/300
3	79th/Harlem to Midway Airport (F2)	0/6
4	Cortland to NE of Sycamore (F2)	0/0



U.S. WEATHER PATTERN AND TORNADO REPORTS

6 a.m. March 28, 1920, frontal position



SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, NWS archives, "Significant Tornadoes," by Thomas P. Grazulis, Dr. Ted Fujita

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MIDWEST CITIES

SUN./MON.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois						
Carbondale	su	66	44	pc	65	45
Champaign	pc	59	39	pc	55	34
Decatur	pc	58	39	pc	59	37
Moline	pc	51	37	su	59	34
Peoria	pc	53	39	su	58	34
Quincy	pc	60	37	pc	62	42
Rockford	sh	46	36	pc	54	30
Springfield	sh	59	38	su	60	39
Sterling	sh	48	36	su	56	32
Indiana						
Bloomington	pc	61	44	su	60	37
Evansville	pc	65	44	pc	64	43
Fort Wayne	pc	58	40	cl	43	31
Indianapolis	pc	59	43	pc	54	35
Lafayette	pc	56	42	pc	53	34
South Bend	pc	59	39	sh	41	30
Wisconsin						
Green Bay	sh	46	36	pc	46	29
Kenosha	sh	47	38	pc	46	32
La Crosse	sh	46	36	pc	57	31
Madison	sh	45	36	pc	53	30
Milwaukee	sh	47	36	pc	47	31
Wausau	rn	43	32	pc	50	26
Michigan						
Detroit	sh	62	41	sh	45	34
Grand Rapids	sh	54	37	sh	41	30
Marquette	rs	38	31	ss	24	29
St. Ste. Marie	rn	44	34	sh	40	30
Traverse City	sh	52	34	ss	38	32
Iowa						
Ames	pc	55	32	pc	59	36
Cedar Rapids	pc	50	33	pc	58	34
Des Moines	pc	57	33	pc	60	39
Dubuque	sh	45	36	su	56	32

OTHER U.S. CITIES

SUN./MON.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Albany	rn	50	43	sh	51	38
Albuquerque	pc	64	40	pc	64	38
Amarillo	pc	69	43	pc	70	40
Anchorage	su	30	13	su	30	12
Asheville	ts	76	48	cl	66	46
Aspen	ss	42	27	rs	43	25
Atlanta	ts	76	54	sh	72	54
Atlantic City	sh	57	50	pc	62	43
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Daytona Bch.	su	90	65	pc	86	67
Denver	pc	55	35	pc	57	36
Duluth	ts	43	30	pc	40	25
El Paso	cl	77	49	su	74	46

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Palm Springs	su	76	53	su	82	59
Philadelphia	ts	62	51	pc	64	43
Phoenix	su	77	53	su	80	55
Pittsburgh	ts	74	49	sh	51	38
Portland, ME	rn	45	37	cl	40	31
Portland, OR	sh	54	46	rn	51	40
Portland, ME	rn	45	37	cl	40	31
Portland, OR	sh	54	46	rn	51	40
Providence	pc	46	42	sh	50	36
Raleigh	pc	87	59	cl	74	52
Rapid City	pc	57	32	pc	61	37
Reno	pc	53	34	pc	57	36
Richmond	cl	88	57	pc	74	47
Rochester	rn	67	44	sh	46	38
Sacramento	pc	61	46	pc	65	45
Salerno, Ore.	rn	55	45	sh	50	39
Salt Lake City	cl	53	39	pc	56	45
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San Francisco	rn	56	48	pc	58	48
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Sioux Falls	pc	55	29	pc	59	40
Spokane	sh	51	41	rn	50	34
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Topeka	cl	71	47	cl	71	47
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Tulsa	pc	74	47	rn	71	50
Washington	sh	68	55	pc	70	46
Wichita	pc	68	45	pc	66	46
Wilkes Barre	rn	51	44	sh	52	36
Yuma	su	77	54	pc	81	56

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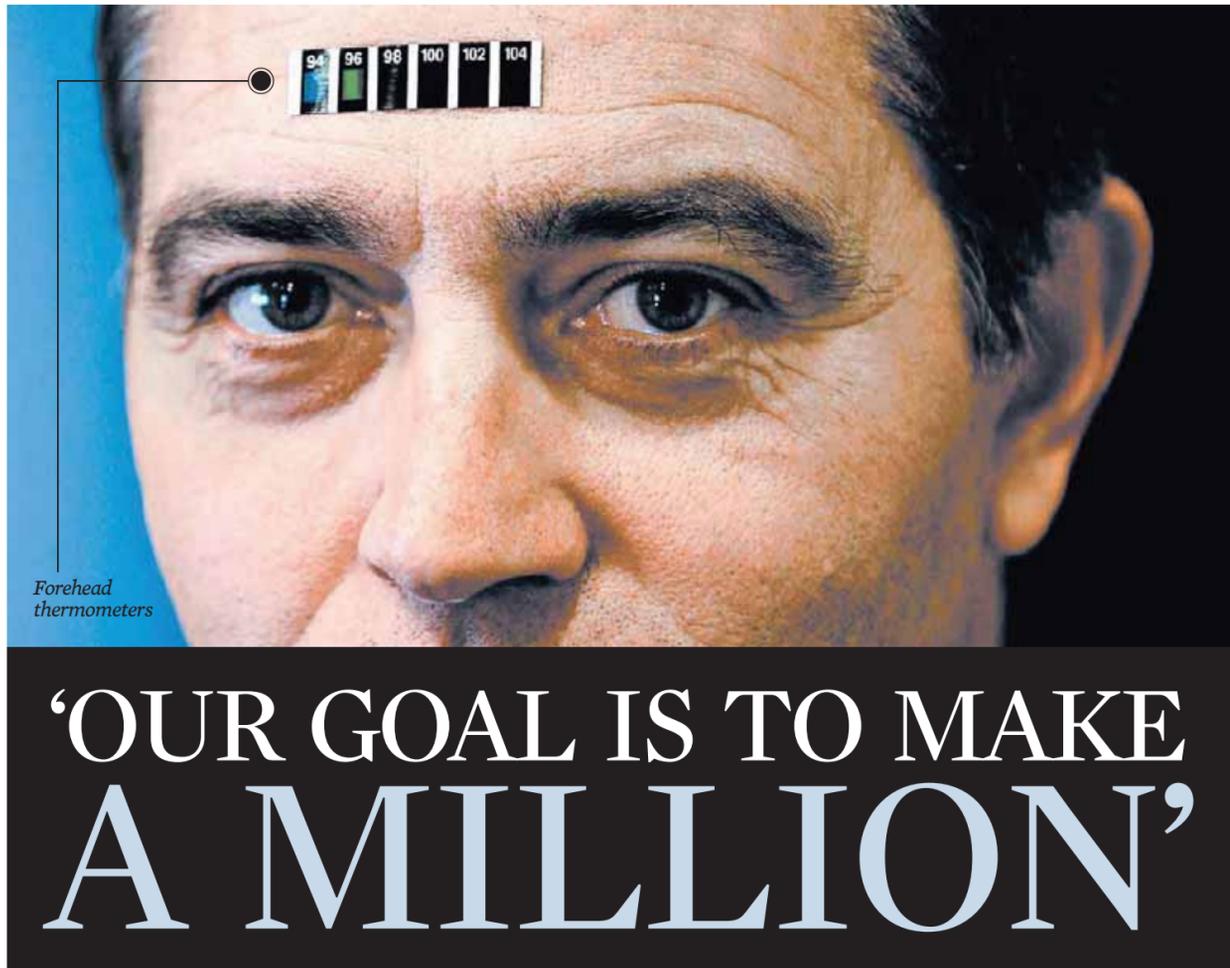
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CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Face masks and thermometers are among the supplies Illinois manufacturers are racing to produce amid coronavirus outbreak



Forehead thermometers

BY ABDEL JIMENEZ, ALLY MAROTTI AND STEVE JOHNSON

Illinois manufacturers are revamping production to make face masks, thermometers and more as the fight against the new coronavirus pandemic escalates. Companies are heeding a call from Gov. J.B. Pritzker to help supplement dwindling supplies of equipment that could protect health care and other front-line workers from COVID-19, the disease caused by the new coronavirus, and aid in the treatment of those already infected. Illinoisans have been ordered to stay home amid the outbreak, which so far has resulted in a total of 1,285 cases and 12 deaths in the state. Here's how some manufacturers are retooling production lines.

From mattresses to masks

In ordinary times A. Lava & Son is not a sleepy business, although it does make components for mattresses. This week, its activity is focused on converting excess sewing capacity at its 235,000-square-foot plant on Chicago's Southwest Side to help fight the nation's critical shortage of protective face masks.

"The mattress industry isn't a sexy industry, but right now we're lucky that we're able to help out," said Adam Lava, owner of the fourth-generation family business. "We're very happy we can keep a lot of our employees off the unemployment line and in the factory working and that we're helping anybody that needs the product."

Lava said his firm also stands ready to make mattresses, which might be necessary as the city and state add excess hospital capacity to care for the expected influx of COVID-19 patients.

"We have a lot of sewing machines and a lot of skilled people," he said.

First, though, the focus is on face masks for the company whose website proclaims, "If You Can Dream It, We Can Sew It!" Lava said the company could make

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LEFT: Boxes of forehead thermometer strips are ready for shipment at LCR Hallcrest. **TOP:** Rocco Sapienza Jr., vice president of LCR Hallcrest, shows one off at the company's Glenview headquarters on Monday. To meet demand during the COVID-19 outbreak, the Glenview-based company hired 15 temporary workers, adding to its production line workforce of 55, Sapienza said.

Chicago stands to lose \$747M

That's hit to economy just on 33 canceled conventions alone

BY ABDEL JIMENEZ

Chicago could take a \$747 million economic hit because dozens of conventions scheduled to take place in the city have canceled due to the fast-spreading new coronavirus, according to an estimate from a McCormick Place spokeswoman.

The impact includes lost spending from event attendees at hotels, restaurants, transportation and entertainment venues.

COVID-19, the disease caused by the new coronavirus, has prompted governors across the country to issue shelter-at-home orders to reduce the spread of the virus. On Thursday, there were more than 82,000 confirmed cases in the U.S., the most of any country.

Conference organizers are canceling events well into the summer, and hotels in the city are temporarily closing as the virus continues to hinder the hospitality industry.

The Sweets & Snacks Expo, the National Restaurant Association, the American Library Association and the American Society of Clinical Oncology nixed their summer shows, bringing the total number of event cancellations at McCormick Place and Wintrust Arena to 33 as of Thursday, McCormick Place spokeswoman Cynthia McCafferty said in an emailed statement.

Altogether, the 33 shows would have brought about 484,000 people to Chicago, McCafferty said. The conferences also accounted for about 533,000 hotel room nights.

McCafferty said about 60% of the shows would return later in the year or next year.

By not having those events, the city will see a decline in the tax revenue it generates from hotels. In its budget overview, city leaders had projected hotel tax revenue of \$128.5 million in fiscal 2020.

"The convention industry typically generates about 5 million room nights annually out of 12 million total rooms sold in the central business district. We will probably lose

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At 91, still itching to get back to work

Packaging designer joins growing number of seniors in workplace

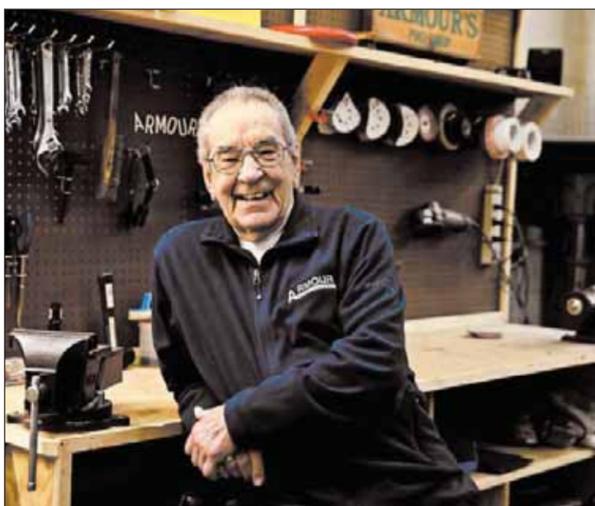
BY ABDEL JIMENEZ

Like most workers at Armour Packaging Technology in Itasca, Ron Palacz is at work by 9 a.m. When he arrives, Palacz turns on the radio to the classical jazz station and grabs a cup of joe before heading to his drawing board.

But Palacz is not like most of his colleagues.

At 91, Palacz works three days a week for about five hours, measuring product dimensions and drawing sketches to create custom packaging for items ranging from treadmills to door hinges. His job is the first step in the process of packaging and shipping goods for many Chicago-area companies. And he shows no signs of stopping.

"Until I drop," Palacz said about working. "I'm serious. I'm not being facetious."



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Ron Palacz, 91, senior package designer at Armour Packaging Technology, stands at his work bench Feb. 26 in Itasca.

A growing number of Americans are working past the age of 66 — when most workers are eligible to receive full Social Security retirement benefits — not out of financial need but because they enjoy their careers. Human resources experts say baby boomers, the generation born between 1946 and 1964, remain in the labor force because they grew up in a culture that values a strong work ethic.

Like Palacz, most older workers are staying employed through part-time or consultancy roles. According to a Pew Research

Center study published last year, 29% of Americans between the ages of 65 and 72 were working or looking for employment in 2018. As more employers welcome the idea of retaining their older workers, experts say Americans' post-retirement outlook is changing.

"You can only play so many rounds of golf ... There is an intrinsic need (to work). It's what we know. We enjoy and like working," said Jill Chapman, a senior performance consultant

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Will open-plan offices help the spread of coronavirus?



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Even before coronavirus struck, critics were slamming the layout used in most American offices — the open plan — as noisy, distracting, stress-inducing, and nowhere near the teamwork booster its designers made it out to be.

"Open-plan offices are now the dumbest management fad of all time," Inc. magazine proclaimed in 2018, pouncing on a Harvard study that showed such layouts actually decrease face-to-face collaboration.

Now, with President Donald Trump aiming to reopen parts of the country by Easter, millions of American office workers are likely to find themselves in unsettling new territory — trying to maintain social distancing and steer clear of germs in densely packed workplaces that put them in proximity with each other and germs that could spread the virus.

Many medical experts don't

relish the prospect of a quick return to work in any setting, open-plan or otherwise. "The best way not to spread coronavirus is to close the office," said Dr. Benjamin Singer, a pulmonary and critical care specialist at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine.

Yet the health crisis could have a significant impact on workplaces, just as the shock of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks made security measures part of the daily routine. Unlike the hassles associated with such features, however, the impact could be positive.

A growing number of building owners and developers, including the owners of such prominent Chicago properties as the Merchandise Mart, already have latched onto the concept of office spaces that promote employee wellness with such features as internal stairs that encourage employees to walk from floor to floor instead of taking the elevator.

More companies can be expected to follow, experts say, not only because job seekers will be attracted to such work environments but also because existing

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Navigate rights amid time of crisis

As COVID-19 roils workplaces, here's what experts tell employees, employers

BY ALEXIA ELEJALDE-QUIZ

As businesses close in an effort to halt the spread of COVID-19, workers and employers are raising questions about their rights.

Here's how attorneys answer some of these questions.

Q: Are employees who are not working because of Illinois' stay-at-home order entitled to paid sick leave under the federal Families First Coronavirus Response Act?

Yes. The federal law, which goes into effect April 1, mandates employers give two weeks of fully paid sick leave if an employee is unable to work because they are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms or if they are under quarantine "pursuant to Federal, State, or local government order." So employees ordered to stay home because they're considered non-essential and who aren't being paid because they can't do their jobs remotely — including many in hospitality and retail — are eligible for this benefit, which is capped at \$510 per day.

Employers will be reimbursed dollar-for-dollar for the paid sick time in the form of tax credits.

However, many employers worry they won't be able to afford it in the meantime if revenues are down. Scott Cruz, a labor and employment attorney who works in the Chicago office of Greensfelder Hemker & Gale and represents management, is advising

clients with cash flow concerns to terminate employees, not just furlough them, so they are not on the hook for providing paid sick leave if they can't afford it.

Meanwhile, lawyers representing workers are keeping an eye out for such terminations and could challenge them in court. Cody Reinberg, a Chicago-based attorney with HKM Employment Attorneys who represents employees, said it could be argued that firing people just before the law kicks in next week constitutes retaliation or interference with someone's right to federal benefits.

Q: What is the difference between being terminated or furloughed?

Furloughed employees are unpaid and don't work, but they continue to be employed by the company and retain their health and other benefits. Termination means you cease to be employed by the company and no longer receive benefits. You can claim unemployment insurance if you are furloughed or terminated.

Q: Do employees have to provide a doctor's note or other proof of symptoms if they want to claim sick leave under the emergency leave act?

The law is silent on whether documentation is required. Cruz said many employers are concerned about the potential for abuse, so he is advising them to require evidence

that an employee is seeking a medical diagnosis.

Q: What protections are there for workers at companies with more than 500 employees, which are not covered by the Families First Coronavirus Response Act?

Chicago and numerous Cook County suburbs have laws that require all employers to let workers accrue an hour of paid sick time for every 40 hours worked, up to five days a year.

In addition, employers with more than 50 employees are covered by the Family and Medical Leave Act, which allows employees to take up to a dozen weeks of job-protected unpaid leave for reasons including a serious health condition or caring for someone with a serious health condition.

Q: Who is eligible for unemployment insurance?

Any employee who has been laid off, furloughed or had their hours reduced can make a claim for unemployment insurance.

Independent contractors, freelancers and other self-employed people who are typically not covered by unemployment insurance will be under the stimulus deal being negotiated, so HKM's attorneys recommend they also make a claim now.

Illinois' unemployment benefits typically replace 47% of a person's lost wages, up to \$484 a week for an individual, but the stimulus plan will add \$600 weekly to that.

Unemployment insurance is not available to people who have been terminated for misconduct or

who voluntarily resign without good cause.

Q: Does an employer have to pay employees who are working from home even if there isn't much work for them to do?

Salaried employees who are exempt from overtime rules must be paid their weekly salary if they work at all during that week, even if it's just an hour.

Hourly employees who are not exempt from overtime rules must be paid for the time worked.

Cruz said employers can consider changing the status of salaried employees to hourly during this period if there is not much work for them to do. While that risks hurting morale, it could help some companies with cash flow issues from going out of business, he said.

Q: Can an employer require an employee to use paid time off if they are home and not working?

Yes.

Q: Are employers obligated to allow their employees to work from home if the work can be done from home?

Federal and state guidelines encourage it, but there is no legal requirement.

Q: Can employees considered essential under the state's order refuse to show up for work?

No. If you are an at-will employee, you could be fired for not showing up. But you can ask to use sick or vacation time, or any other paid or unpaid time off, if you feel uncomfortable going to work.

Q: What if an employee is

immunocompromised or lives with someone who is immunocompromised?

Employees who have an underlying health condition that makes them particularly vulnerable to getting sick, such as diabetes, could invoke the Americans with Disabilities Act to get a reasonable accommodation, such as a work-from-home arrangement or unpaid leave. If, however, an employee lives with someone who is immunocompromised, it is "very up in the air" if the law applies, said Dan Kalish, an attorney with HKM.

Employees in that situation could use sick time or take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave under the Families and Medical Leave Act, which covers caring for someone with a serious health condition.

Additional protections under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, which provides for two weeks of paid sick leave at two-thirds your rate of pay if you are caring for someone who has been advised to self-isolate on coronavirus concerns, may also apply.

Q: What if the workplace feels unsafe?

Employers are legally obligated to provide a safe working environment.

Federal guidelines are recommending regular disinfecting of commonly touched areas, increased ventilation and 6-foot social distancing. Workers who feel their workplace is unsafe should report it to a manager to request changes and, if nothing changes, to the Occupational Health and Safety Administration, which will investigate. Employers are prohibited from punishing employees who

flag safety issues.

If an employee decides to leave a work site because nothing is being done to make it safer, he or she could file an unemployment insurance claim.

Though people are typically not eligible for unemployment if they voluntarily resign without good cause, "if your employer is not practicing social distancing and not sanitizing responsibly, if you have reported this and suggested alternatives and they refused, I think you'd have good cause to leave and be eligible for unemployment," Reinberg said.

Q: What recourse do employees have if they think their business should not be considered essential under the state order?

There does not appear to be a process set up for making an official complaint to the state. Reinberg advises reaching out to local alderman or state legislators to make them aware of their concerns.

Q: What are a company's obligations to its workforce if someone at the work site tests positive for COVID-19?

An employer may not disclose the name of the person who has been diagnosed, but they should inform his or her co-workers of the situation so that they can self-monitor for symptoms and take precautions to keep the workplace safe, such as by sanitizing the area or allowing people to work from home if possible. If they fail to take such precautions and someone else gets sick, the employer could open itself up to liability.

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employees will demand them.

Companies also could wind up allowing more employees to telecommute if the present predicament demonstrates that remote work doesn't hurt productivity.

"This is absolutely a pivot point for the world of work," said Todd Heiser, co-managing director of the Chicago office of the global design firm Gensler.

An estimated 70% of American offices use some form of the open plan, which departs from the traditional arrangement of private offices on the perimeter and workstations on the interior.

As part of the shift, which has occurred in the past 15 to 20 years, many companies cut costs by shrinking the size of individual workstations. A typical workstation now has 36 square feet instead of 48 square feet, Heiser said, a 25% reduction.

And that typical workstation has less privacy because old-fashioned cubicle walls, which incorporated wiring for phones and computers, have come down in the wireless age of mobile phones and the cloud.

As a result, workers may feel defenseless against the spread of germs.

"This is absolutely a mental health issue as well as a physical issue," said Joanna Frank, CEO of the Center for Active Design, a New York-based nonprofit that seeks to use design to improve health in private and public spaces.

To be sure, it's a safe bet that Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker and New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo won't follow Trump's lead and call off their statewide stay-at-home mandates. Not with the number of coronavirus cases and deaths still spiking in both states.

But at some point, office buildings will come back to life and workers will be confronted with difficult choices, not only at individual workstations but in the common areas that have proliferated in both traditional offices and co-working spaces run by the shared workspace company We-Work.

"The coffee break room is a great place to exchange gossip and germs," said Charles Gerba, a University



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An open-plan layout, the layout used in most American offices, is seen in 2016 at Coyote Logistics in Chicago.

"Maybe before you were standing shoulder to shoulder with the person at the coffee machine. Now you have to observe proper social distancing."

—Sociologist Tracy Brower, a principal at Steelcase, the Michigan-based office furniture manufacturer

of Arizona microbiologist and native of south suburban Blue Island.

Granted, open-plan offices have certain advantages. Executive offices no longer ring the perimeter, hogging access to natural light and views.

There are abundant common areas, such as kitchens, large and small meeting rooms, coffee bars, and seating areas — in effect, more "we" space to compensate for less "me" space.

Ideally, these arrangements give people choices for where — and how — they want to work, simultaneously freeing them from being chained to their desks and creating enough flexibility to create social distancing.

In a dense cluster of workstations, for example, some people could remain at their desks while others take their laptops to confer-

ence rooms.

"If you plan a workspace the appropriate way, it's not a risky place," Heiser said.

Nevertheless, there are risks associated with open-plan offices, like hotel seating, or "hoteling," in which individual workstations are not assigned to one person. Instead, workers reserve a station on the days when they'll be in the office.

"I think it's more conducive to the spread of viruses," Gerba said. "Because you've got multiple people using the same area."

Factor in the many common surfaces that workers touch — doorknobs, refrigerator handles, countertops, desktops, conference room table tops and security-card panels — and going back to work sounds more unsettling than the rosy image Trump painted.

"We share more surfaces with people today than at any time in history," Gerba



Many medical experts don't relish the prospect of a quick return to work in any setting, open-plan or otherwise.

said. "We're really the touch generation."

How can workers and bosses, as well as building owners and managers, cope? First, by changing their behavior.

"Maybe before you were standing shoulder to shoulder with the person at the coffee machine. Now you have to observe proper social distancing," said sociologist Tracy Brower, a principal at Steelcase, the Grand Rapids, Michigan-based office furniture manufacturer.

To keep people apart, Brower added, building managers may have to remove the couches that have sprung up in lobbies in recent years as lobbies have become gathering places rather than just spots you

pass through.

Or they could place markers on the floor, 6 feet apart, to separate visitors lining up for security clearance. Meetings previously held in a conference room designed for, say, 20 people might need to be switched to a larger room, provided one exists. Antimicrobial materials, which inhibit the spread of germs, could get increased use.

"I think the open-plan office is not dead. It will continue to evolve," Brower said.

Building managers also may need to change their ways in order to alleviate the risks associated with dense work areas.

Proper ventilation, strict cleaning protocols and signs that encourage hand-wash-

ing will help, said Frank at the Center for Active Design. So, she said, will high levels of humidity, since they are detrimental to the spread of viruses.

Her organization operates a program, called Fitwel, that certifies multi-tenant and single-tenant buildings if they meet design and operating standards that optimize public health.

Points are awarded, for example, to offices that offer access to healthy foods, provide lots of natural light and reduce the spread of diseases.

More than 300 buildings and workplaces have been certified so far, and another thousand are in the process of getting certified, Frank said.

Run on behalf of the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the program is similar to the widely used Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design initiative of the U.S. Green Building Council.

"We are seeing a very fast uptick because employees are demanding it," Frank said of Fitwel.

In the wake of the coronavirus crisis, expect that demand to soar.

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over 20% of those (convention industry) room nights, and that's assuming few more cancellations and some rescheduling of meetings and shows that have been canceled in the short-term," said Chicago-based hotel consultant Ted Mandigo.

Mandigo said April through June is the prime season for conventions, and the city doesn't see another spike until the fall.

Hotels, restaurants and transportation vendors are among the companies that depend on convention business.

Chicago-based Continental Air Transport operates a fleet of 45 vans and SUVs under the Go Airport Express brand, which

transports passengers between McCormick Place, hotels and O'Hare International Airport.

John McCarthy, president and CEO of the firm, said he is looking at federal assistance programs like small business loans that he could use to help pay employees and fund health care plans.

The firm laid off 30 workers earlier this month, most of whom are drivers, McCarthy said.

"This would be a busy time of the year for the business. We carry tens of thousands of passengers, but now we're only carrying a handful," he said.

But federal aid won't be enough to shore up business, McCarthy said. The shuttle service provider relies on tourists and conventiongoers, and with more event cancellations well into the summer, Go

Airport Express could continue to suffer, he said.

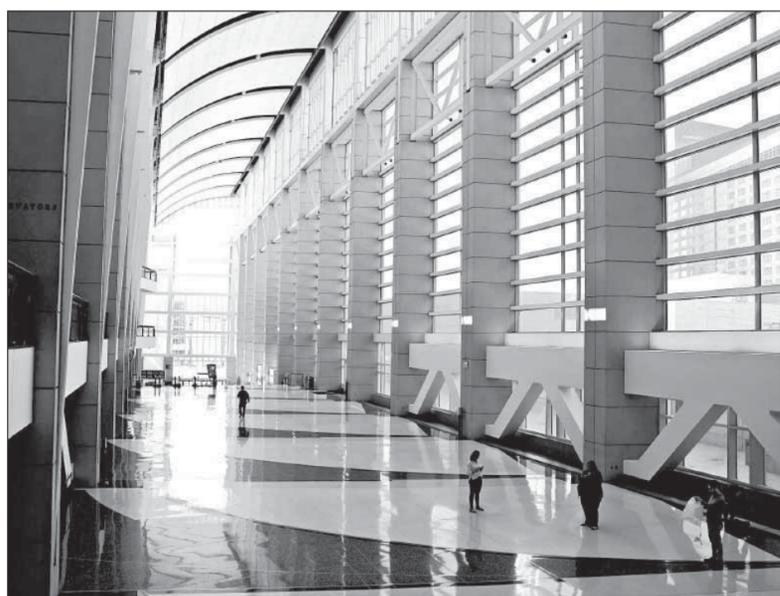
"The convention center is an important part of our business. ... Right now we've limited services to private rides, which typically has little demand. We also continue to operate a parking lot shuttle service at O'Hare paid by the city's Aviation Department," McCarthy said.

McCarthy declined to say how much money his firm lost for the month. However, he hopes events scheduled to take place at McCormick Place later this year will make up for some of that lost business.

"I hope this is over soon," he said.

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McCormick Place, usually busy and full of people, is quiet and largely empty on March 10 as several Chicago conventions have been canceled due to the coronavirus.

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about 2.5 million masks if it averages 200,000 a week for three months.

The firm, in the Archer Park neighborhood near Midway Airport, is contributing to a nationwide multi-company initiative including Hanes, the underwear maker, to convert available sewing capacity to produce masks for the government.

Medical supplies, including face masks, are in short supply in the United States and abroad as the novel coronavirus spreads. Hanes is shipping 25,000 pounds of fabric to Lava to get started this week, and he expects the work will keep between 150 and 200 employees busy, or about two-thirds of the company's Chicago work force.

"All we're trying to do is keep people off the unemployment line," he said. "There's no real profit in it."

The product will not be the N95 mask most needed by medical personnel who are treating patients infected with the virus. The N95 has filters small enough to effectively ward off the virus, which is highly contagious and infects people most readily through the mouth and nose.

But the three-layer cotton mask Lava and fellow American sewing firms will make can be effective in preventing infected or quarantined people from spreading the virus via sneezing or coughing, a Hanes spokesman told The New York Times.

The company's regular business, primarily mattress covers for consumer-facing mattress makers, has dried up quickly, Lava said.

"No one's buying mattresses right now except for our e-commerce customers, who seem to be hanging

in there," he said. "No one's going to a brick-and-mortar store to lay down on a mattress to try it out."

A million thermometers

LCR Hallcrest makes thermometers that can be used in health care. Some of its thermometers also hang on the walls of deli counters at grocers, while others measure the surface temperature of dishware in dishwashers. President and owner Rocco Sapienza said the manufacturer shifted its production to increase the number of disposable forehead thermometers for use in hospitals.

"Our goal is to make a million a week," Sapienza said. "We have had to increase production four times."

The company has filled orders for Cook County Department of Corrections, where the thermometers will be used to take the temperatures of prisoners. LCR Hallcrest has also sold directly to a handful of consumers.

During the SARS outbreak in 2003, it manufactured hundreds of thousands of thermometers, Sapienza said.

To meet demand during the COVID-19 outbreak, the Glenview-based company hired 15 temporary workers, adding to its production line workforce of 55, Sapienza said.

"This is quite larger in terms of demand," Sapienza said. "We can handle it. It just happens to be unusual for forehead thermometers."

Containers for COVID-19 tests

Medical packaging manufacturer Com-Pac International has made shipping containers for disease tests such as the Ebola virus and



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LCR Hallcrest, a manufacturer of thermometer strips, increased its production in response to the pandemic.

anthrax. About three weeks ago, it started making shipping containers for COVID-19 tests, too.

"We took some of our miscellaneous components, put them together to fit what the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) requires," said Greg Sprehe, president of the Carbondale-based company. "We have just been getting orders like crazy."

The coolers Com-Pac are assembling for the COVID-19 tests are about the size of two shoe boxes, Sprehe said. Labs need the tests to remain frozen, so the coolers must be outfitted to do so.

Com-Pac uses a production line to make specimen bags, like the biohazard bags that hold vials of blood after it is drawn from a patient, Sprehe said. Shipping containers are typically assembled by the employees as orders are placed.

But Com-Pac had to triple capacity to fill the

"We're very happy we can keep a lot of our employees off the unemployment line ... and that we're helping anybody that needs the product."

— Adam Lava, owner of A. Lava & Son

behind your back at the same time."

Special parts for production plants

Joel Niekamp and his four employees at Wesco Machine & Tool in Shorewood are working on weekends to make or repair specialty parts for chemical and food manufacturers that have ramped up production during the health crisis.

Repairs are a majority of the company's work, but Niekamp, Wesco's president, said the firm is making parts for companies that can't get them shipped in time from countries hard hit by the pandemic.

"They can't get replacement parts for a pump that's made in Italy. So they may call us and say this is now months out and we can't wait that long," Niekamp said.

Some of its major clients are chemical manufacturers like Northfield-based Stepan Company, which makes disinfectant products, soaps and cleaning solutions.

Last week, Wesco delivered parts to fix a food processor's heat exchanger, which is used to reduce microbials to make food safe for consumption. "We are relied on as their go-to fixer," Niekamp said.

Gallons of disinfectant

Nyco Products Company, a cleaning products supplier

in Countryside, manufactures disinfectants, sanitizers and floor cleaning products. In the past week, the firm increased production of its Sani-Spritz Spray One-Step Disinfectant-Cleaner, which can be used on hard surfaces. Nyco makes tens of thousands of gallons of it each day.

The product is registered with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as a surface disinfectant. The Environmental Protection Agency approves disinfectants that can be used to reduce the spread of illnesses through the Emerging Viral Pathogen Guidance, and only products the agency approves can be marketed and sold for use against a virus outbreak.

Nyco's products are sold to businesses, not consumers. John Wunderlich, Nyco's president, said the company has hired eight employees as it adds a second shift to meet demand. Nyco typically has between 20 to 25 employees working on its production line.

"We've moved production from Monday through Saturday. And we've approached some of the local restaurants that furloughed workers to come work with us," Wunderlich said.

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52-WEEK HIGH	52-WEEK LOW	INDEX	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	YTD %CHG	1YR %CHG
29568.57	18213.65	Dow Jones industrials	22595.06	18213.65	21636.78	+2462.80	+12.8	-24.2	-16.6
11359.49	6481.20	Dow Jones trans.	8148.98	6504.56	7699.18	+861.46	+12.6	-29.4	-26.0
963.80	593.52	Dow Jones utilities	786.14	593.52	758.93	+112.80	+17.5	-13.7	-2.5
14183.26	8664.94	NYSE Comp.	10556.90	8664.94	10187.21	+1054.05	+11.5	-26.8	-19.8
5914.74	3757.07	NYSE International	4468.44	3761.44	4298.23	+400.09	+10.3	-26.3	-20.6
9736.57	6771.91	Nasdaq 100	7913.11	6771.91	7588.37	+594.08	+8.5	-13.1	+2.8
9838.37	6631.42	Nasdaq Comp.	7809.82	6631.42	7502.38	+622.86	+9.1	-16.4	-2.9
3393.52	2191.86	S&P 500	2637.01	2191.86	2541.47	+236.55	+10.3	-21.3	-10.3
2109.43	1181.96	S&P MidCap	1472.09	1181.96	1422.92	+165.06	+13.1	-31.0	-25.0
34616.78	21955.54	Wilshire 5000	26441.08	21955.54	25500.57	+2418.96	+10.5	-22.5	-12.9
1715.08	966.22	Russell 2000	1180.32	966.42	1131.99	+117.93	+11.6	-32.2	-26.5
433.90	268.57	Dow Jones Stoxx 600	321.38	278.41	310.90	+17.86	+6.1	-25.2	-18.0
7727.49	4898.79	FTSE 100	5815.73	4922.76	5510.33	+319.55	+6.2	-26.9	-24.3

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Ford Motor	5.19	+0.86
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Bank of America	21.60	+1.93
Gen Electric	7.62	+1.10
Chesapeake Energy	.17	-.02
Carnival Corp	14.41	+2.41
AT&T Inc	29.84	+1.39
Aurora Cannabis Inc	1.03	+0.30
Boeing Co	162.00	+66.99
Exxon Mobil Corp	36.95	+4.21
Delta Air Lines	29.55	+8.20
Uber Technologies	27.28	+5.95
Occid Pet	11.61	+1.38

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
Adv Micro Dev	46.58	+6.97
TOP Ships Inc	.24	+1.14
Microsoft Corp	149.70	+12.35
American Airlines Gp	14.04	+3.66
Apple Inc	247.74	+18.50
Aytu BioScience Inc	1.82	+0.46
Micron Tech	43.48	+7.37
Group Inc	1.28	+0.73
T2 Biosystems	.65	+0.26
Intel Corp	52.37	+6.54
Comcast Corp A	34.57	+1.20
Cisco Syst	38.82	+3.22
Sirius XM Hldgs Inc	4.93	+0.49

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STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
Alps Alerian MLP	3.24	-.32
Citigp Vel Long Crde	.19	-.09
Dirx Jr GoldMin Bull	4.61	+1.29
Direx S&P500Bear 3x	16.90	-8.42
iShares Emerge Mkts	33.35	+1.99
iShares EAFE ETF	52.86	+5.81
Invesco QQQ Trust	185.30	+14.30
ProShs UltraPro QQQ	44.34	+8.83
ProShs UltPro ShtQQQ	21.35	-7.97
SPDR S&P500 ETF Tr	253.42	+24.62
SPDR Financial	21.01	+2.10
US Oil Fund LP	4.47	-.47
VanE Vect GlD Miners	24.37	+3.82

Largest Companies

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
AT&T Inc	29.84	+1.39
Abbott Labs	74.56	+6.56
Adobe Inc	305.83	+10.49
Alibaba Group Hldg	188.59	+7.29
Alphabet Inc C	1110.71	+38.39
Alphabet Inc A	1110.26	+42.05
Amazon.com Inc	1900.10	+54.01
Apple Inc	247.74	+18.50
Bank of America	21.60	+1.93
Bk of NY Mellon pfc	24.30	+3.17
Berkshire Hath A	268126.00	+10780.00
Berkshire Hath B	179.66	+9.60
Chevron Corp	68.78	+9.39
China Mobile Ltd	35.74	+1.62
Cisco Syst	38.82	+3.22
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Disney	96.40	+10.42
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Facebook Inc	156.79	+7.06
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Netflix Inc	357.12	+24.29
Novartis AG	79.28	+6.86
Novo Nordisk AS	56.73	+4.06
Nvidia Corporation	252.73	+8.96
Oracle Corp	49.83	+4.18
PepsiCo	120.46	+16.53
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Procter & Gamble	110.17	+7.74
SAP Se	110.28	+15.98
Salesforce.com Inc	146.00	+6.65
Taiwan Semicon	46.91	+2.38
Toyota Mot	127.24	+10.78
Unilever PLC	49.25	+2.08
UnitedHealth Group	242.45	+35.86
Verizon Comm	52.77	+9.7
Visa Inc	161.56	+14.73
Walmart Strs	109.58	-4.39

How the region's Top 100 companies fared

Ranks based on market capitalization of public companies headquartered in Illinois and north-west Indiana as of Friday, March 27, 2020

RANK/COMPANY	CAP	CLOSE	WEEK	1-YR
1 Abbott Labs	131,481	74.56	▲ +6.56	-2.4
2 McDonalds Corp	122,260	164.01	▲ +15.52	-8.2
3 AbbVie Inc	107,309	72.67	▲ +3.85	-3.2
4 Boeing Co	91,230	162.00	▲ +66.99	-49.0
5 Mondelez Intl	68,623	47.89	▲ +4.57	+4
6 CME Group	61,421	171.34	▲ +12.93	+9.9
7 Caterpillar Inc	58,000	105.44	▲ +9.94	-13.2
8 ITW	45,693	143.30	▲ +17.52	+7.9
9 Deere Co	42,373	135.11	▲ +23.48	-9.8
10 Baxter Intl	40,474	79.79	▲ +4.04	+2.9
11 Walgreen Boots Alli	38,977	44.00	▼ -2.42	-23.3
12 Exelon Corp	34,574	35.50	▲ +4.50	-24.9
13 Kraft Heinz Co	29,606	24.24	▲ +1.96	-19.9
14 Allstate Corp	28,034	88.46	▲ +14.59	-2.7
15 Equity Residential	23,315	62.68	▲ +7.39	-18.1
16 Motorola Solutions	23,040	135.07	▲ +1.54	+7.8
17 Arch Dan Mid	18,689	33.50	▲ +2.89	-15.2
18 Nthn Trust Cp	15,481	73.98	▲ +9.42	-12.8
19 Gallagher AJ	15,200	80.17	▲ +8.59	+4.9
20 ConAgra Brands Inc	13,591	27.92	▲ +1.87	+5.8
21 CDW Corp	13,384	93.75	▲ +14.19	+7.0
22 Grainger WW	13,265	247.15	▲ +33.37	-11.9
23 TraneUnion	12,575	66.26	▲ +11.28	+8.8
24 Discover Fin Svcs	11,843	38.41	▲ +13.16	-38.5
25 Dover Corp	11,827	81.95	▲ +15.82	-6.0
26 Ventas Inc	11,331	30.39	▲ +8.77	-51.1
27 Equity Lifesty Prop	10,343	56.79	▲ +8.32	-3.5
28 CBOE Global Markets	10,037	90.89	▲ +11.20	-2.7
29 IDEX Corp	10,001	131.18	▲ +14.70	-15.0
30 Ulta Salon Cosmetics	9,971	171.45	▲ +26.39	-44.9
31 Zebra Tech	9,968	184.57	▲ +5.19	-5.5
32 NiSource Inc	9,464	24.76	▲ +3.76	-12.0
33 CNA Financial	8,677	31.99	▲ +2.98	-15.6
34 Packaging Corp Am	8,165	86.09	▲ +2.1	-7.7
35 United Airlines Hldg	8,142	32.84	▲ +8.34	-54.1
36 Hill-Rom Hldgs	6,667	99.53	▲ +18.82	-1.6
37 LKQ Corporation	6,560	21.36	▲ +5.06	-21.4
38 Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	6,068	43.44	▲ +6.84	-1.0
39 Aptargroup Inc	6,021	94.00	▲ +1.49	-7.4
40 CF Industries	5,523	25.55	▲ +3.30	-25.9
41 Jones Lang LaSalle	5,142	99.73	▲ +10.27	-32.0
42 Morningstar Inc	5,017	117.08	▲ +10.06	-2.8
43 Paylocity Hldg	4,934	92.04	▲ +9.79	+9.5
44 Ingredd Inc	4,930	73.72	▲ +7.47	-16.6
45 Kemper Corp	4,751	71.27	▲ +12.62	-4.2
46 Old Republic	4,562	15.02	▲ +1.62	-19.9
47 IAA Inc	4,327	32.31	▲ +5.00	-
48 First Indl RT	4,066	32.01	▲ +4.27	-9.6
49 CDK Global Inc	4,001	32.94	▲ +1.96	-36.8
50 US Foods Holding	3,961	18.02	▲ +5.03	-45.2
51 Equity Commonwealth	3,892	31.90	▲ +2.42	+8.8
52 Stericycle Inc	3,834	42.01	▼ -2.67	-18.3
53 RLI Corp	3,802	84.65	▲ +11.02	+25.2
54 HubHub Inc	3,596	39.16	▲ +7.45	-43.3
55 Middleby Corp	3,255	57.93	▲ +10.86	-52.1
56 Cabot Microelect	3,128	107.05	▲ +18.42	+10.3
57 Littelfuse Inc	3,061	125.35	▲ +12.26	-23.8
58 Anvestnet Inc	3,014	56.98	▲ +6.81	-7.2
59 Anixter Intl	2,965	87.66	▲ +8.16	+62.4
60 Brunswick Corp	2,831	35.63	▲ +8.21	-23.0
61 John Bean Technol	2,359	74.52	▲ +11.14	-7.0
62 TreeHouse Foods	2,238	39.79	▲ +2.0	-40.1
63 GATX	2,041	58.43	▲ +3.54	-13.9
64 Wintrust Financial	1,958	34.13	▲ +3.51	-44.6
65 Teleph Data	1,830	17.02	▲ +8.2	-43.2
66 Navistar Intl	1,796	18.01	▲ +9.6	-37.0
67 Stepan Co	1,768	78.55	▲ +3.54	+3
68 Hyatt Hotels Corp	1,761	49.14	▲ +2.42	-27.7
69 Federal Signal	1,617	26.64	▲ +9.1	+14.1
70 US Cellular	1,584	29.82	▲ +1.61	-37.6
71 Fst Midw Bcp	1,477	13.47	▲ +4.3	-29.4
72 Hub Group Inc	1,430	42.59	▼ -1.17	+11.8
73 Tootsie Roll	1,409	36.33	▲ +1.33	-2.8
74 Horace Mann	1,390	33.69	▲ +4.1	+1.8
75 Adtalem Global Educ	1,365	24.80	▲ +2.25	-43.6
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78 Allscripts Hlthcare	1,072	6.59	▲ +1.08	-31.4
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80 AAR Consulting Gp	1,027	45.67	▲ +5.71	-2
81 Methode Electronics	956	25.79	▲ +2.42	+1.5
82 First Busey Corp	893	16.39	▲ +2.22	-27.2
83 Coeur Mining	824	3.39	▲ +4.7	-16.3
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NOTICE
BY THE COURT:
DATE SIGNED: March 20, 2020
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Circuit Court Judge
STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT,
VERNON COUNTY
IN THE INTEREST OF
Lily E. Laughlin
Born to: Shannon M. Thompson
Amended Notice and Order of Hearing
(For Publication)
Case No. 2020TP000001
TO: Alan D. Laughlin
DOB: 12/6/1976
LKA: Chicago, IL
Physical Description of alleged parent:
Alan Laughlin is 5'10" tall, 170 lbs, with a medium build; Black hair, brown eyes, dark skin toned African American; Wears glasses and any unknown parent at unknown address.
Additional identifying information:
Date of Conception: Circa 04/2012 (born a month early)
Place of conception: La Crosse, WI
Date of birth: 01-15-2013
Place of birth: La Crosse, WI
IT IS ORDERED:
This notice is published advising you that a Petition for Termination of your parental rights to the named-above child be heard at the Vernon Co. Courthouse, Viroqua, Wisconsin, 400 Courthouse Square, Viroqua, Wisconsin 54665 on April 9, 2020, at 2:00 p.m.
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Born to: Shannon M. Thompson
Amended Notice and Order of Hearing
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TO: Alan D. Laughlin
DOB: 12/6/1976
LKA: Chicago, IL
Physical Description of alleged parent:
Alan Laughlin is 5'10" tall, 170 lbs, with a medium build; Black hair, brown eyes, dark skin toned African American; Wears glasses and any unknown parent at unknown address.
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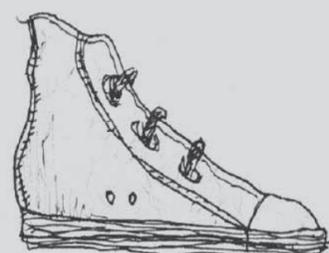
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If you're in the process of setting up a home office, natural light can be a bonus.

Heightened senses: A home office should inspire both mind and body

As numerous Americans settle into their remote-worker status, many will soon find a need to recapture rooms now used for storage. They'll look to create a workspace that helps them maintain focus while providing comfort and stimulation.

If you're in the process of setting up a home office, Bianca Durkin, owner of B Redesigned Interiors in Morristown, New Jersey, suggests creating a workspace that pleases your senses:

Sight

- "Natural light is a game-changer," Durkin says. "A small space upstairs with natural light is better than a large space with no natural light in the basement. Try to pick a spot in your home with bright natural sunlight." Rooms should also have overhead lighting, which is essential to energize the whole room, as well as a desk light for concentrated work.
- Use an organization system to corral the clutter. Find pieces with trays, boxes and cabinets pleasing to your style and decor, according to Durkin.
- Layout your office so you have a pleasing view, out a window or into the room. You can also face a motivating photo, vision board or large piece of art.
- A monochromatic color scheme in furnishings and on walls, with just a pop of color as an accessory, is a very productive style for an office, says Durkin.

Touch

- An ergonomic chair with wheels is necessary along with additional comfortable seating for an occasional new perspective, a place for reading or a seat for a guest or client.
- Writing instruments, like the right pen or pencil that feels great in your grip, can inspire creativity.

Smell

- Find a scent-appropriate candle or an essential oil diffuser to instill stamina and calm to stay put and finish the job. Lavender or mint creates mindfulness.
- Flowers or fresh greenery can give a room natural energy and beauty as well as a sense of bliss.

Sound

- Speakers and a source for music are essential for vitality and motivation, which may be critical during a long day.
- A smart home device, like Alexa or Google Home, can provide instant news, weather and research.

Taste

- Healthy snacks can help provide energy and perseverance.
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Revise your resume: Your resume should never be a stagnant document. It should continually improve and evolve.

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Expand your circle: It's one thing to have a strong network of contacts; it's another to

let that strong network sit in place.

Look to add peers, friends and mentors to your list of contacts. Don't downplay the importance of friends of friends. Many people have found jobs through their sister's boyfriend's brother, or from some other extended relationship.

Focus on the key players: Your network will have several movers and shakers who will be of more help to your career than others. Keep those people in your corner.

Make a list of the core players and find a way to make personal contact with those players at least twice a year. These are the people who will really help you out in the long run, but they'll be more likely to help you out if you've had contact with them the past few months.

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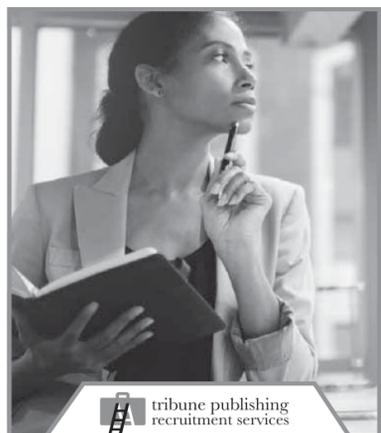
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Loud dogs, late-night emails and too many taquitos – remote workers' regrets

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Tasks that seemed simple in the office can be time-consuming at home. Some of the things you take for granted during the day — casual conversations with co-workers, easy access to your manager — are still possible, but when your workspace is a desk at the end of a hallway, those engagements take place in different ways.

But for today's newly christened remote workers, there isn't much time to settle into the new space. There's work to be done — so avoiding common work-from-home pitfalls is key to a smooth transition out of the office.

To help new at-home workers steer clear of some of the usual missteps, we asked experienced remote employees about the biggest mistakes they've made when working from home and for some guidance on how others can avoid the same fate. **Here's what they had to say:**

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"Not muting the phone on conference calls."

— Norm Dzedzic, engineering manager, Park Ridge, Illinois

"Eating garbage all day long. I have two sons in high school and they can put food away like you wouldn't believe and never gain a pound. We buy them every frozen snack under the sun — pizzas, taquitos, chicken fingers — and it seems like they're always something cooking in the oven. Since I started working from home in 2017, I've put on nearly 30 pounds and at 49, it's hard to take off. Just because there's food around, it doesn't mean you should eat them. Buy healthy food, hide the bad stuff and eat right."

— Brad T., Niles, Illinois

"People think they can get away with not working. Big mistake. Your work needs to get done and if you let everyone else on your team down if you're the weak link or the part of the process that breaks down. Someone's always going to be a slacker when you work from home. Don't let it be you or you'll ruin it for everyone else and eventually, yourself."

— Dean B., Grand Rapids, Michigan

"Not clearing and designating a dedicated work area."

— Joanne, New York

"Not staying in touch with your co-workers."

— Mark Des Biens, Crystal Lake, Illinois

"Not taking breaks or taking too many breaks. It took me a while to figure it out. I would work for hours or I would watch a movie in the middle of the day. It took about two years but I finally have a balance, I think. I take 10-15 minutes every two or three hours to stretch, have something to drink, play with my cat, just something to break the monotony."

— Alan J., programmer, Carson City, Nevada

"Not separating work from the rest of your day, whether that means constantly checking email or messages, even at 10 p.m."

— Nick C., South Elgin, Illinois

"Working well past your normal quitting time. Sometimes, if I'm not interrupted or don't have something else to do, I can work until 8 p.m. without even noticing. That's not who I want to be. Just because you're working from home doesn't mean you don't have a life."

— Rebecca R., medical records specialist, Conshohocken, Pennsylvania

"I think not setting up enough talk time to align on projects. Just this week I've seen it happen a few times where projects were started with unclear guidelines and they needed to be changed on the fly. When remote working, lean toward over-communication rather than under-communication."

— Erik Hale, learning & development specialist, Alameda, California

"Working too much. Making yourself available at all hours by responding to emails immediately, even if someone sends something at 11 p.m. Working from home can set a dangerous precedent because you work where you live, so people — including the workers themselves — just assume it's all rolled into one day. And it shouldn't be. You need to have hours where you're off-limits."

— Harrison W., Los Angeles, California

"Not moving. Sitting in the same position for hours on end. Get up and walk around. You take for granted how much incidental walking you do at the office, whether it's to get something off the printer or go talk to a co-worker. It's important to not sit in the same position all day and to move around."

— James P., Bloomington, Illinois

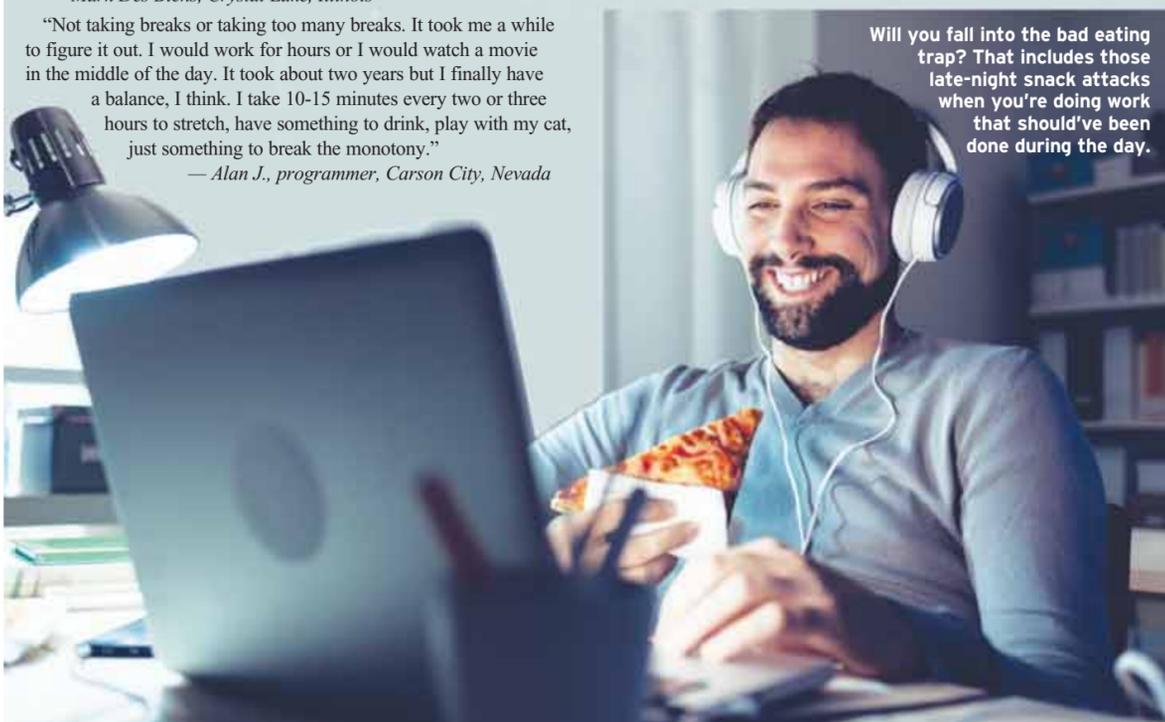
"Forgetting to drink water. When I'm at work, I get up every hour or so and if I need water, I fill up my little thermos-water-bottle thing and go back to my desk. But for some reason at home, where I work two or three days a week, I don't do it that often, if at all. Then at the end of the day, when I feel all creaky and out of it, I realize that 'oh, I didn't drink any water today.'"

— Paula E., Sarasota, Florida

"Not paying attention to where your dogs are when you're on a call. If that means putting them outside for a few minutes or in a different area of the house, do it. You can use the mute button all you want but if someone comes to the door and your home office is in the front of the house, you're going to have to excuse yourself from the call to get your dog under control, then apologize once you return. And it happens all the time with some of my co-workers — maybe two or three times a call. I don't understand it. It seems like a no-brainer to keep your dog in a different room when you're on the phone."

— Amy P., Mount Prospect, Illinois

— compiled by Marco Buscaglia, Careers



Will you fall into the bad eating trap? That includes those late-night snack attacks when you're doing work that should've been done during the day.



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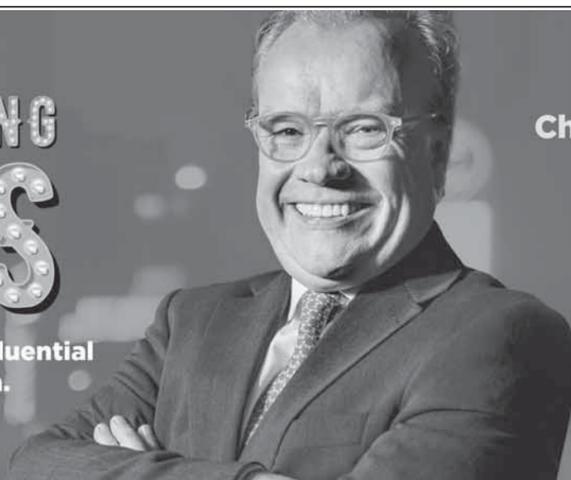


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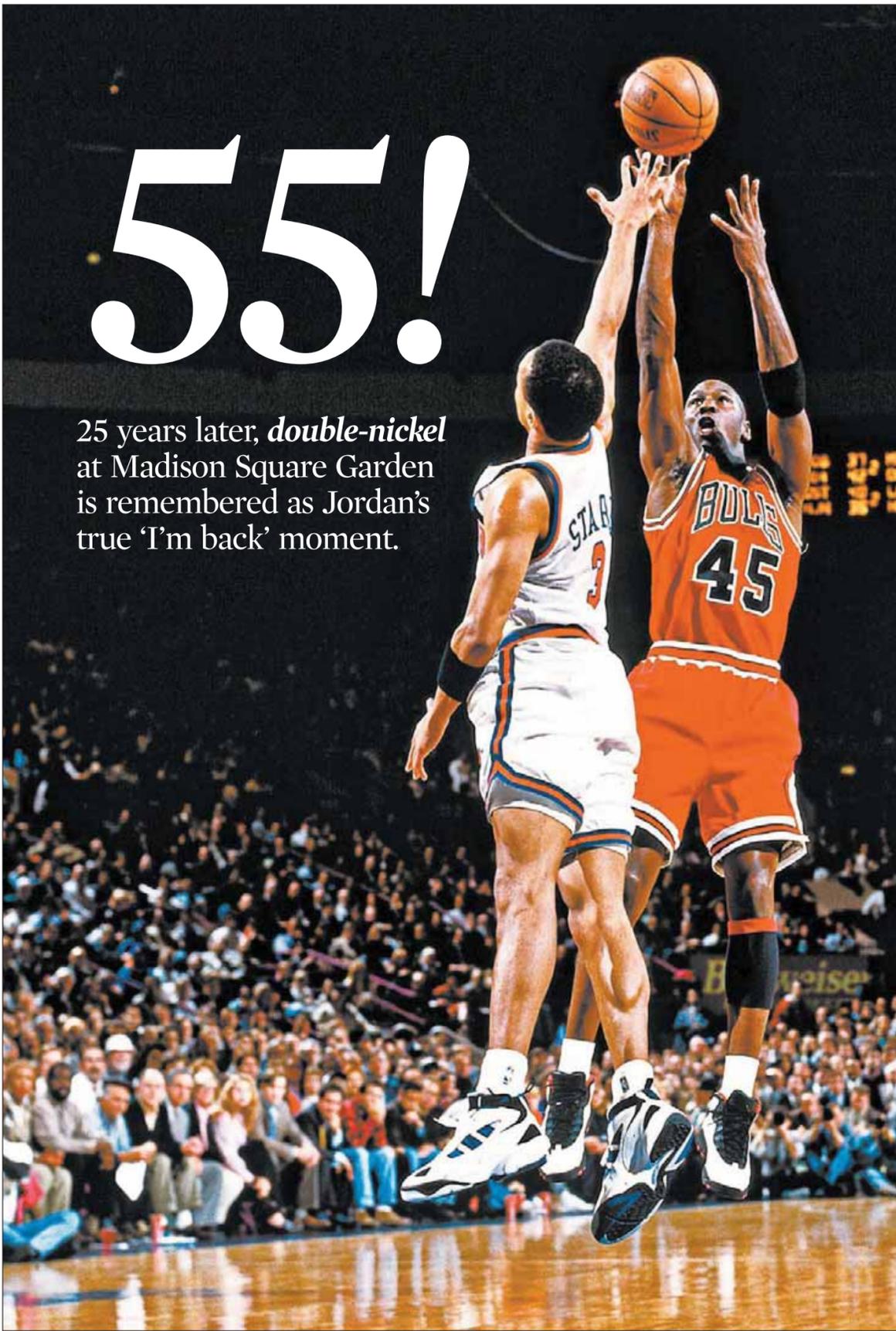




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55!

25 years later, *double-nickel* at Madison Square Garden is remembered as Jordan's true 'I'm back' moment.

ANDY HAYT/GETTY

In his fifth game after returning from retirement, Michael Jordan scored 55 points against the Knicks on March 28, 1995 in New York.

BY DAN WIEDERER

"Every New Yorker was there when Bobby Thomson hit his home run to win the pennant, when Bill Buckner let the ball go through his legs in Game 6, when Roger Maris got No. 61, when the Rangers finally got the Stanley Cup. So they'll say. And now they'll say they were there the night Michael went for double nickels in the Garden. And Jordan isn't even theirs, though he is everyone's, really. If his comeback has meant anything, it is that."

— Chicago Tribune columnist Bernie Lincicome (March 29, 1995)

Barely two breaths after the final buzzer, TNT's Craig Sager swept in to intercept him. Near midcourt of a basketball shrine, with an entire building still catching its breath and the buzz from the previous 2½ hours pulsating, the night's headliner was asked how he felt about the performance he had just given.

Michael Jordan, with his hands on his hips, began to answer with a most self-assured and infectious grin.

"It's starting to come back to me a little bit," Jordan said.

Bulls fans everywhere knew that grin,

that look in Jordan's eyes, what it all signified.

"I felt very good tonight," he continued. "I shot the ball very well. I felt myself in great rhythm."

Zero arguments. Not with Jordan's stat line that Tuesday night in New York City: 37 seven shots taken, 21 made.

Three 3-pointers. Ten free throws added on 11 attempts.

That one spectacular number bursting from the points column of the box score: 55.

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WHEN SPORTS STOOD STILL

Keeping an eye on the impact of the coronavirus crisis:

July 2021 targeted to start Olympics

The Summer Olympics in Tokyo, postponed because of the coronavirus pandemic, will likely open on July 23, 2021, according to people familiar with the matter.



The International Olympic Committee and Japanese organizers bowed to widespread pressure among athletes, sports federations and national Olympic committees and Tuesday agreed to postpone the games to 2021, but left the new date in question. The opening ceremony of the games had been scheduled for July 24.

The IOC said a final decision could come in weeks, but it is now much more likely to be announced earlier, according to the people, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of guidance issued by the IOC. Japanese state broadcaster NHK on Saturday also reported July 23, 2021, as the new target.

The IOC will convene an emergency meeting of its decision-making executive board Sunday to discuss the decision.

Mark Adams, a spokesman for the organization, gave a one-word answer, "speculation."

The decision to pick an almost identical date to this year's event is not particularly surprising, given the challenges to squeeze the Olympics in an already packed sporting calendar. It also is the best time for the U.S. broadcaster, NBCUniversal, which pays more than \$1 billion for the U.S. media rights to each Olympic Games.

But it means the games will still take place during Tokyo's hottest time of the year, an issue that was already causing worry and complications.

On a call within the past week with IOC president Thomas Bach, above, some federations, including those representing swimming, table tennis, triathlon and equestrian, had voiced a preference to hold the Olympics in the spring. That, though, would have led to a clash with the seasons for major soccer leagues and many of the richest U.S. sports leagues.

— The New York Times

THE QUOTE



MICHAEL CONROY/AP

"I took the road that gave us the longest distance, five months. If this thing isn't over in five months, we've got bigger problems."

— Roger Penske, owner of Indianapolis Motor Speedway and the IndyCar Series, on rescheduling The Indy 500 from Memorial Day weekend until Aug. 23.

THE NUMBER

30K Spanish soccer club Barcelona delivered 30,000 masks to the Catalonia government to help fight the coronavirus pandemic. The masks were donated by insurance company Taiping, a regional partner of the club.

NFL



MICHAEL CONROY/AP

Auburn cornerback Noah Igbinoghene.

Mock Draft 1.0

Brad Biggs makes his first predictions for the upcoming NFL draft up through the Bears' second of two second-round picks at No. 50. Who will the Bears take? Biggs says a cornerback and a wide receiver.

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More to life than sports

Hard to muster a fan's necessary outrage with so many issues

If you're having difficulty summoning sufficient outrage over Jimmy Graham's contract or baseball potentially returning with seven-inning games for doubleheaders, I feel your pain.

During normal times, say, a month ago, I'd be totally on board with those arguing the Bears paid the veteran tight end way too much and that a seven-inning major-league game is too ridiculous to contemplate.

But these obviously aren't normal times, and with so many real-life issues to deal with during the coronavirus pandemic, it's hard to muster up the kind of outrage necessary to be a regular sports fan, much less a sports columnist.

I applaud those who still can do so, such



PAUL SULLIVAN
In the Wake of the News

as my favorite sports shouter, ESPN's Stephen A. Smith. While I've had to watch "First Take" on mute during Illinois' stay-at-home order to avoid scaring my neighbors, Smith's faux anger over seemingly trivial matters in the sports world still comes through loud and clear in the closed-captioning.

On Thursday he and the gang were arguing about whether Tom Brady still can throw a long pass. Usually I'm all in on any Brady argument, even one that inane.

But lately I've been forced to reserve my outrage for more important things, such as when the guy behind me at the Jewel

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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

NBA

With life paused, stories unfinished

The Bulls dysfunction is 1 of the NBA storylines we all miss

By DEANTAE PRINCE

Faced with its first positive coronavirus case and growing concern throughout the league, the NBA suspended its season a little more than two weeks ago. Commissioner Adam Silver made the decision at a crucial time and set the tone in the sports world and beyond.

But for basketball fans quarantined in their homes and longing for live sports, those two weeks have felt much longer. That sting has been felt in Chicago as well, where a Bulls season that was entertaining for all the wrong reasons stopped abruptly with no immediate return in sight.

As we bemoan an unprecedented alteration to the 2019-20 season, here are seven NBA storylines we already miss.

1. LeBron James' continued pursuit of history. LeBron James was one of the best players in the NBA the moment he stepped into the league, and over the last 15 years he has developed into one of the most consistent in history. Now with the Lakers and in his 17th season, James has the numbers to support that, and his 2019-20 season was filled with landmark moments. James passed Kobe Bryant for third on the all-time scoring list, became the ninth player in league history to register 9,000 assists and passed Michael Jordan in career field goals. Whenever the season resumes, James will continue his climb in the record book.

2. The celebration of Kobe Bryant. The NBA has had a particularly tumultuous year. The tough times started Jan. 1 with the loss of longtime Commissioner David Stern and continued with the league mourning Kobe and Gianna Bryant, who died along with seven others in a January helicopter crash. In the months since their passing, that feeling of loss became celebration as the NBA memorialized Bryant during All-Star Weekend and players shared their admiration for a peer and childhood hero, often unearthing moments that shed light on who Bryant was as a person and mentor. The league never was going to be the same after Bryant's death. The celebration of his life, however, should continue when the league figures out how to press forward after its hiatus.

3. The reinvention of Chris Paul. Many around the league assumed Chris Paul



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Jim Boylen walks onto the court for a timeout as LeBron James celebrates in the background during a Nov. 5 game.

had issues with James Harden and was banished to the Thunder as penance. While there could be some truth to that, Paul stepped into a less-than-ideal situation and made the best of it. Paul, 34, was thought to have been past his best, but he has proved that he has more in the tank, averaging 17.7 points and 6.8 assists and looking healthier than he has in years. Paul also elevated the Thunder into a playoff contender, as they outperformed the lottery expectations placed on them entering the season.

4. The dysfunction of the Bulls. The Bulls were one of the most fun teams in the NBA — for all the wrong reasons. While they were thin on wins and didn't always come through in the closing moments of games, they still delivered every night. Whether the focus was coach Jim Boylen's timeouts, Zach LaVine's shot selection or Lauri Markkanen's disappearing act, this Bulls team always offered intrigue. When the season returns, we only can hope for more moments like when Boylen called timeout and cost his team an open layup.

5. The reverence for Vince Carter. While Hawks forward Vince Carter is a legend, he often got lost in the shadow of bigger stars throughout his career. He burned bright in the early Raptors years but soon moved to stage left as Kobe Bryant, Tracy McGrady, LeBron James and others became the forwards who personified wing play. What Carter lacked in star power, he made up for with consistency and personality. Carter, 43, started his NBA career in 1998. His teammate Trae Young was born that year, yet they bond on and off the court. Carter, who waited so long for his moment in the sun, was being appreciated more than ever in his final season. It would be a travesty if he didn't get to finish it on his terms.

6. The development of Zion Williamson. We hardly knew ye. ... We were just getting to know Pelicans forward Zion Williamson and marveling at his combination of power, skill and size. Williamson, who suffered a bruised knee in the Summer League in Las Vegas and underwent surgery for a torn meniscus in

his right knee in October, didn't make his NBA debut until Jan. 22. Between that day and the start of the NBA hiatus on March 11, we were treated to 19 games from the 2019 No. 1 pick. He wowed every night and was one of the biggest draws when All-Star Weekend was held in Chicago from Feb. 14-16. We've only seen two months of NBA basketball from Williamson. Whenever play resumes, it'll be worth the wait.

7. The joy of Luka Doncic and Trae Young. In a season in which many of stars struggled with injuries, the Hawks' Trae Young and Mavericks' Luka Doncic provided a sense of levity and fun that was missing from the game. The Warriors took a step back because of injury, Kevin Durant missed the entire season and Blake Griffin was ruled out with a left knee injury. Doncic's versatility, passing chops and step-back shot was a marvel to see. And Young's handle and deep range always kept fans on their toes. Similar to their respective seasons, both players also put on a show when they stepped on the court during All-Star Weekend.

Sullivan

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checkout counter reached across the partition to move my package of sliced turkey 5 inches so he could begin cramming more of his groceries onto the conveyor belt.

I momentarily wanted to emulate Francis, the character in the Bill Murray comedy "Stripes" who uttered a memorable soliloquy on respecting his personal space that included the classic line: "I don't like nobody touching my stuff."

But because these are sensitive times, I didn't say anything to the oblivious shopper. I simply chucked the package of sliced turkey in the garbage when I got home, then washed my hands for a half hour or so.

Getting outraged at sports-related matters is one of the main reasons people love watching sports. It's why sports talk radio is so popular and why frequently indignant TV personalities such as Smith and former Tribune colleague Skip Bayless are so well-compensated.

But with the the NBA, MLB and NHL seasons on hold, the pickings suddenly are slim. Other than NFL free-agency moves, there's nothing much to get indignant about. Can you really be that upset, for example, about a reported agreement between MLB and the players union that freezes the 2019 allotments for draft-pick bonuses?

Agent Scott Boras can. According to a tweet from MLB Network's Jon Heyman, Boras said it was "unconscionable in this climate to change negotiated CBA provisions and reduce the agreed-upon bonus schedule due players. Owners used the circumstance of the pandemic to revise terms of the '20 and '21 agreement."

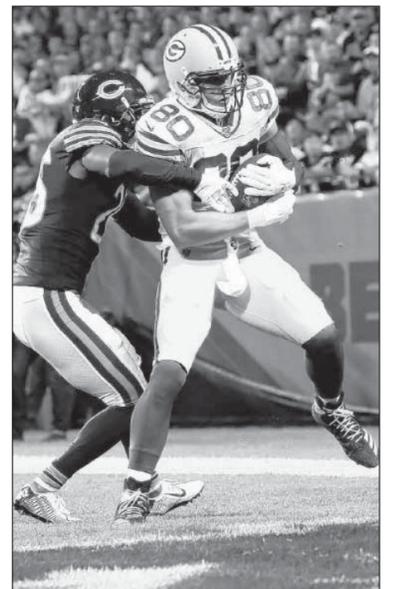
Perhaps it is unconscionable. But with 3.3 million people filing for unemployment this week, a 3.5% hit for a bunch of future millionaires just doesn't make me bristle as much as it does Boras, who stands to lose some money if his potential clients are paid less.

Maybe you're like me and think a seven-inning game, which apparently is being considered, would be a stain on the sport that could never be removed. At this point, however, I don't really care enough to rage against the machine.

Maybe in July? Maybe never? Who knows?

Meanwhile, the easiest punching bag in sports, the Houston Astros, inadvertently might have benefited from the postponement of the baseball season. Fans' anger over the sign-stealing scandal dominated the headlines early in spring training, but that was before the pandemic took center stage. Assuming the season will be played, will opposing fans be a bit "nicer" when the Astros come to town?

"Maybe, but I don't think so," manager Dusty Baker told the San Francisco Chronicle's Henry Schulman. "There are



ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Former Packers tight end Jimmy Graham scores a touchdown past Bears defensive back Deon Bush on Sept. 5 at Soldier Field.

some people that haven't vented their true feelings and emotions yet."

Baker said he still anticipates fans venting at the Astros in every city they go to until July or August, if it begins by then.

"And it might not be over then because there are some people that (feel) the need to voice their opinions out loud," he said. "You've just got to put your big-boy pants on and you've got to take it. ... This is something you almost have to take for a little while, and I hope the guys' skins are thick."

Having a thick skin obviously is a prerequisite of every athlete, manager, coach or executive, because hearing critiques about their performance is an occupational hazard, especially in this era of social media, when everyone with an internet connection is an instant expert.

That's why I feel sorry for Graham, whose two-year, \$16 million deal with a no-trade clause likely would be a minor annoyance for Bears fans if there were more things in the sports world to be outraged about.

It's not Graham's fault the Bears treated a 33-year-old tight end like a prime-time free agent, but he's the one forced to defend the deal instead of general manager Ryan Pace, the guy who handed it out.

Hopefully when the rest of the sports world resumes, we'll have plenty more things to be upset about, and the Graham signing will become a relatively minor matter until we see how he performs.

Until then, I'm going to reserve my real outrage for the mopes who forced Mayor Lori Lightfoot to shut down the lakefront by ignoring social-distancing rules — and the grocery-store shoppers who touch my stuff.

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Celtics coach Brad Stevens isn't used to being away from the sidelines as the suspension of the NBA season has surpassed two weeks.

NBA

Home confinement

Celtics coach Stevens adjusting to NBA's virus-imposed stoppage

BY KYLE HIGHTOWER
Associated Press

BOSTON — Celtics coach Brad Stevens can only remember leaving his home on a few occasions over the past two weeks.

It is part of the new status quo for coaches and players across the NBA since the coronavirus pandemic sparked a rolling shutdown of professional sports across the globe. The league suspended its season March 11 after Jazz All-Star Rudy Gobert became its first player to test positive for the COVID-19 strain.

It has left the 42-year-old coach, like everyone else, searching for ways to adjust to a new reality and daily routine.

The new coronavirus has caused a global pandemic that has sickened at least 597,000 and killed more than 27,000 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.

The NBA has lost 100 games so far with no clear timeline for when the season might resume — if at all.

Stevens said he's passing the time the same way many are across the country.

"I try and do everything that we're asked to do," he said. "We get out and we go for walks. But, my thoughts are with everybody who's really facing this thing. And, it's just that you feel so bad."

Stevens spends his days trying to stay connected to both his family and Celtics' family the best he can.

He and his wife, Tracy, put together a PowerPoint presentation for his 14-year-old son and 10-year-old daughter to help explain the scope of the pandemic both in New England and worldwide.

He's also been hopping on video conference calls with his players and coaching staff, though he said they've been light on basketball and heavy on just making sure everyone is staying safe.

"We're like the rest of the world, you know that basketball is taking a far back seat," he said.

Celtics guard Marcus Smart divulged he'd been diagnosed with COVID-19 on March 19. The Celtics played the Jazz on March 6.

Stevens said the day Gobert's positive test became public "will be something that I think we all remember."

As a precaution, Celtics players and staff were also tested, but those tests all came back negative. Stevens said Smart is also doing well.

"Obviously the days following that we enter this kind of new world," Stevens said.

"We're calling sitting at home an inconvenience. What a joke like this is. There's so many people that are working so hard every day to try to help our communities and help the secure putting their own selves at risk. And, I think any time you turn on the TV, it hits home more."

While Stevens doesn't think it would be appropriate right now "to be hammering basketball" with his players, they are getting some work done during their downtime.

All of the players have received exercise bikes and a personal set of weights they can use to do voluntary home workouts. Stevens is also getting some of the postseason film study he normally wouldn't complete until after the season done now.

"It helps us dial in to what we need to do should we be able to resume playing and what we need to focus on when we get back to practice," he said. "It would be a unique situation to be off for as long as we're gonna be off to have the re-acclimate and recondition. But you do already have a system in with those 15 guys."

For now, Stevens said he's just concentrating on keeping busy rather than trying to predict when he might be able to dive back into basketball full-time.

"I think there's a lot to determine," he said. "And I think you can't determine any of that until you have a timeline. And it's just almost impossible to get a timeline right now."

INDYCAR

Drivers taking racing to the virtual track

IndyCar begins 6-week series of iRacing at 'Watkins Glen'

BY JENNA FRYER
Associated Press

The walk to the starting grid for Tony Kanaan began in his Indianapolis kitchen, through the foyer, past the trophy case, up the stairs, down the hall, through the master bedroom, master bathroom and finally into the closet.

That's where the former Indianapolis 500 winner tucked away Saturday to participate in a full day of iRacing on a simulator in the one place his wife will tolerate the rig. Kanaan participated in two virtual races, a legends event won by three-time Indianapolis 500 winner Dario Franchitti. Then he joined the first of a six-week series that launched Saturday to give IndyCar fans content during the coronavirus pandemic.

IndyCar followed the lead of NASCAR and other racing series in throwing together something — anything — to fill the void created when COVID-19 brought sports to a halt. IndyCar suspended the start of its season 48 hours before the March 15 opener in St. Petersburg, Fla., and on Thursday the Indianapolis 500 was postponed until August.

NASCAR had a successful launch of its iRacing series last Sunday and it was the most-watched televised esports event ever with more than 900,000 viewers. IndyCar couldn't get a television deal so its inaugural race was streamed online from virtual Watkins Glen International Speedway, the venue decided by fan vote.

YouTube streams from IndyCar and



MICHAEL CONROY/AP

IndyCar driver Tony Kanaan uses his racing simulator in his home in Indianapolis.

iRacing combined for about 45,000 viewers to watch a virtual race called by NBC Sports' regular booth of Leigh Diffey, Townsend Bell and Paul Tracy. The invocation was done remotely, as was the National Anthem, sung by Blackhawks regular Jim Cornelison.

The field included NASCAR's seven-time champion Jimmie Johnson, who made his iRacing debut last weekend in a stock car using SIM settings more suited for IndyCar or sports car. Johnson has been using his rig to prepare for potential races in other series upon his retirement from full-time racing at the end of the season. He was scheduled to test an IndyCar next month in Alabama but that's been canceled amid the pandemic.

He wore a T-Shirt honoring late open-wheel driver Greg Moore for his virtual IndyCar debut, which he streamed live on

his social media channels. Most drivers tried to give viewers an inside look of their experience, including James Hinchcliffe, the popular Canadian who played the part wearing a stereotypical flannel shirt and Team Canada red hat with ear flaps. But a technical glitch stopped his his SIM before the green flag and Hinchcliffe didn't get to race, er, play, after all.

Much like NASCAR's first event last week, the iRace had a wide range of talents because the younger drivers use iRacing as a training tool, while veterans are new to the gaming rage. Participating in the series requires having the technology — which can be difficult to not only secure in a hurry, but also have installed in a drivers' home during a lockdown — and the desire to be a good sport for fans starving for entertainment.

Teams also viewed it as an opportunity to showcase their sponsors at a time there's almost no way for promotion or activation. It was important to many organizations to have their car and sponsor represented, which got Scott Speed a slot in Marco Andretti's place when Andretti declined to participate.

Australian V8 SuperCars champion Scott McLaughlin entered the virtual event as one of four Team Penske drivers, but it is the closest he'll get to a race now that his IndyCar debut has been put on hold. He was scheduled to run May 9 on the road course at Indianapolis Motor Speedway but those plans were scrapped when the race was moved to July 4.

The race results were not surprising as the top iRacers led the way. Sage Karam, who turned 25 in March, won the race with no prior experience at Watkins Glen. Felix Rosenqvist, last year's IndyCar top rookie, was second.

IN BRIEF

Smart move: Texas keeps hoops coach

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Texas will stick with men's basketball coach Shaka Smart next season after the Longhorns won five of their final six games and were fighting for a spot in the NCAA Tournament before it was canceled amid the coronavirus scare.

Texas athletic director Chris Del Conte told the Austin American-Statesman, "Shaka's our coach."

Next season will be Smart's sixth in a seven-year contract. He is 90-78 overall at Texas but just 40-50 in the Big 12. The Longhorns were 19-12 last season with no seniors and are expected to return the entire lineup.

■ Former Connecticut point guard Al-terique Gilbert plans to use his final season of eligibility as a graduate transfer at Wichita State. The former highly touted recruit who will be the first former McDonald's All-American to play at WSU under coach Gregg Marshall. ... St. John's wing LJ Figueroa declared for the NBA draft. Figueroa hasn't hired an agent and still has the option to return to school.

■ **College football:** Clemson QB Trevor Lawrence and his girlfriend have restarted their efforts to raise money for those affected by the new coronavirus. They announced their decision Saturday on social media. The two had set up a GoFundMe page earlier this week until told by Clemson compliance officials the site violated NCAA rules against using an athlete's name, image and likeness for crowd funding. But the NCAA said Tuesday that Lawrence and other athletes could use such sites to raise money in this case. Lawrence's girlfriend, Marissa Mowry, is a soccer player at Anderson University, about 15 miles from Clemson's campus.

■ **NBA:** James Dolan, the executive chairman of Madison Square Garden Company and owner of the Knicks, has tested positive for the coronavirus. It is not clear when he was tested or when he received the diagnosis. Dolan is the first U.S. major pro sports owner known to have tested positive for the virus.

■ **NFL:** The Chiefs re-signed WR Demarcus Robinson to a one-year deal, a source confirmed Saturday to the Kansas City Star. Financial terms were not disclosed, but Tom Pelissero of NFL.com reported that the contract is worth \$2,297,500 fully guaranteed, though only about \$1 million will count against the Chiefs' salary cap. Robinson appeared in all 16 regular-season games with 10 starts in 2019, recording 32 catches for 449 yards and four touchdowns on 55 targets. ... The Ravens agreed to sign free agent DT Derek Wolfe to a one-year contract, according to a report from ESPN. Wolfe, 30, started 108 games over eight seasons with the Broncos.

■ **NHL:** The Avalanche said a second player has tested positive for the new coronavirus. The team said it was informed Friday night and the player is in self-isolation. The team said no other Avalanche player or staff member has shown symptoms at this time. The unidentified player has become the fourth known NHL player to test positive for the virus. The other two are with the Senators.

■ **Tennis:** Two-time Grand Slam champion Naomi Osaka says she is disappointed that the Olympics in her native Japan were postponed because of the coronavirus pandemic, but she supports the decision to delay the Summer Games to 2021. Osaka wrote on social media: "Sport will eventually unite us again and be there for us always, but that time is not now."

ON THE CLOCK

25 Days until the NFL draft, which is still scheduled for April 23-25.

The top 5



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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	

BULLS

Starks never had a chance

Jordan, from Page 1

Fifty-freaking-five!
Bulls 113, Knicks 111.
The double-nickel.
Wow, what a show. What a reminder of all that Jordan had once been and a foreshadowing of all the possibilities that were still ahead.

It has been 25 years since that March masterpiece at Madison Square Garden, a full quarter-century since Jordan's comeback from his first retirement awoke those feelings of invincibility in Chicago.

Jordan's legendary fax had been sent 10 days earlier, triggering "incoming" beeps at the Berto Center with a landmark announcement crawling out on Falk Associates Management Enterprises letterhead.

I'm back.
By the time the Bulls made it to the Big Apple a week and a half later, Jordan had played four games in his return, four games in that unfamiliar new jersey number: 45. The hype built with his first game back against the Pacers, then another road test in Boston plus his first contest ever played at the United Center.

Heck, three nights earlier Jordan had been Jordan in Atlanta, rising for a pull-up 17-foot jumper at the buzzer and burying it for a 99-98 Bulls win.

Still, make no mistake, this gem on Broadway? This was the true "I'm back" moment, the reminder of Jordan's scoring prowess, of his big-stage allure, of his remarkable competitiveness.

For the 34th time in his career, Jordan scored at least 50 points. He broke his own record for points scored by a Knicks opponent at Madison Square Garden.

Perhaps most remarkable, he broke a 111-111 tie in the closing seconds with — what else? — an assist, an absolute dime around a Knicks double-team. To Bill Wennington. For a dunk.

Ballgame.

"As you look up in the stands, people are high-fiving. And we're in New York."
— TNT color analyst Hubie Brown

Poor John Starks. One of the league's grittiest, most fearless defenders never had a chance that night. That should have been apparent in the opening minute. On Jordan's first shot. With the Bulls in transition, Toni Kukoc hit Jordan on the left wing. One dribble, left elbow pull-up. Good.

Next possession? Jordan again, near the top of the key. Another silky jumper. Good.

The blitzkrieg kept coming. Six of Jordan's first seven shots went down.

Starks had been eager for this challenge. He never wanted much help defending Jordan. And Knicks coach Pat Riley was reluctant to give him much anyway, afraid of the Bulls' spacing and the ability of Jordan's teammates to make open shots. But no one had anticipated this, the flicker of a flame becoming an inferno so quickly.

Post up, drop step, lightning-quick drive to the bucket.

Post up, turnaround, another easy J.

The decisive drives. The poised pullups. At the end of the first quarter, Jordan coaxed Anthony Bonner onto his heels, pulled up from the right wing and buried a 3 over the outstretched reach of Anthony Mason.

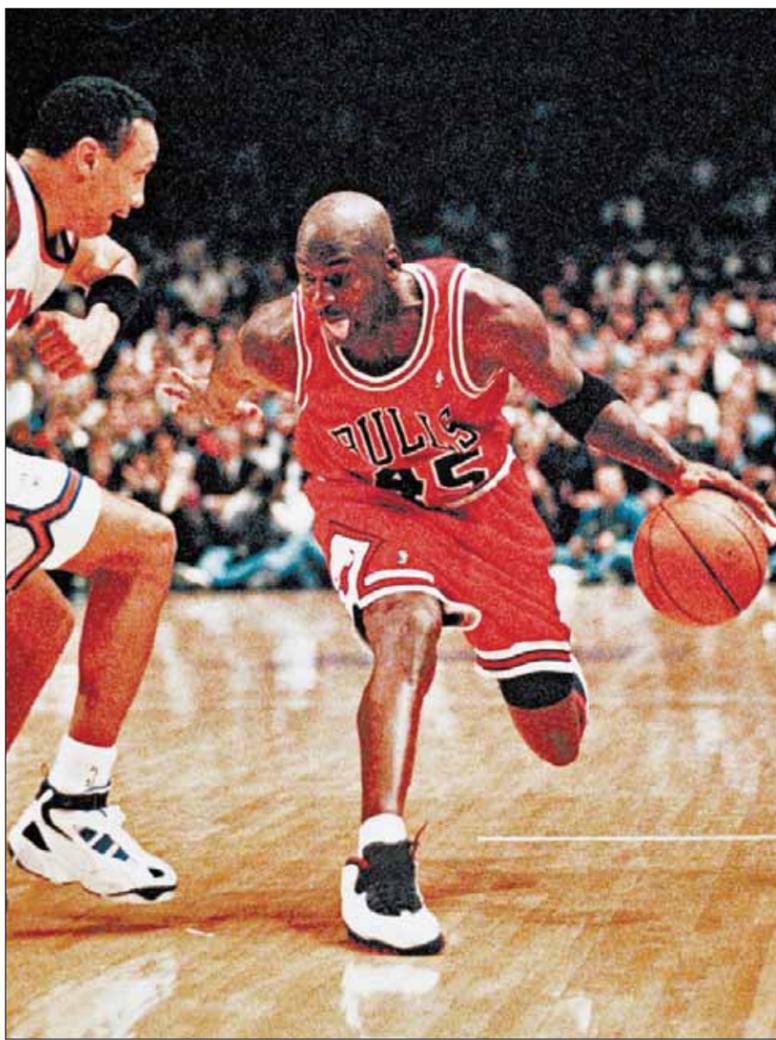
Twenty points at the end of the first quarter, 13 more in the final 4 minutes, 45 seconds before halftime, pushing him to 35.

Late in the second quarter, Jordan stole an errant Patrick Ewing pass and bolted out for a 2-on-2 transition opportunity. Starks tried to slow his penetration. But with his eyes up and his tongue out, Jordan got deep into the lane, drew a bump, double-pumped and banked home a layup while being fouled.

The aahs crested around the arena. Courtside, TNT play-by-play announcer Bob Neal bellowed his excitement.

"It feels like Beethoven has come back to write his 10th and 11th and 12th and 13th symphonies."

"This is one of those nights in the place we know as big-game New York. Jordan comes back to the Garden for a game that will feel more like a concert, or a show, as if the sports arena has turned into Carnegie Hall, or Radio City, or the biggest theaters on Broadway. ... There are no easy Knicks tickets anymore. Tonight's ticket is impossible: There have even been 100 more requests for media credentials than is normal. Jordan changes everything, the game and the way the Garden will feel, even the way the sidewalks around the Garden will feel an hour before the game starts. These things still happen in sports. The marquee on Seventh Avenue should read 'Michael Jordan Tonight! Just that!'" — Mike Lupica, *New York Daily News* columnist



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"Some players . . . are unique and transcend every aspect of the game." —Knicks coach Pat Riley

For MJ, the past is now

'Old' Jordan rains in 55 as Bulls edge the Knicks

By Melissa Iannone
Times Staff Writer

NEW YORK—If you're taking the cheer of the absurd, the world of the supernatural or the basketball career of Michael Jordan, it wasn't that incredible. Four games after nearly two years off, East Chicago Bulls 113 practices. A 10-point game, including the game-winning shot Saturday, as a warning. And then this.

Jordan strode into the greatest, most intense basketball arena of them all Tuesday night, into another magical night, into the game-winning shot, into the game-winning shot, into the game-winning shot, into the game-winning shot.

Starks returned to Madison Square Garden after long absences . . . and blew it all away. He made this game his own, scoring 55 points, leading the Bulls to a 113-111 victory over the New York Knicks—and then said with a straight face that, yeah, this is about right.

"I know I won't let it go away," he said. "I guess it took four games to really get my rhythm down. I was nervous it was going to take long."

With the accomplishment, Jordan . . .

Scored the most points and most field goals in an NBA game this season.

Broke his own record for points scored by a Knicks opponent.

Gave the Bulls their first victory in New York since Game 5 of the 1993 Eastern Conference finals—his 50th career win.

"There are some players that are simply unique and transcend every aspect of the game, and he's the only one in the history of the game who has had the impact he has had, all the way around," said Knicks coach Pat Riley. "I'm not surprised. He got it."

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Points	Rebounds	Assists	Field Goals	Free Throws	Opponent
55	11	2	21-37	12-15	New York Knicks
50	11	2	21-37	12-15	New York Knicks
48	11	2	21-37	12-15	New York Knicks
47	11	2	21-37	12-15	New York Knicks
46	11	2	21-37	12-15	New York Knicks
45	11	2	21-37	12-15	New York Knicks
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7	11	2	21-37	12-15	New York Knicks
6	11	2	21-37	12-15	New York Knicks
5	11	2	21-37	12-15	New York Knicks
4	11	2	21-37	12-15	New York Knicks
3	11	2	21-37	12-15	New York Knicks
2	11	2	21-37	12-15	New York Knicks
1	11	2	21-37	12-15	New York Knicks

Kid from Gans now
Oklahoma State's Reeves ta' . . .

Above: Michael Jordan drives past John Starks. Below: The cover of the Chicago Tribune Sports section on March 29, 1995, a day after Jordan scored 55 points vs. the Knicks at Madison Square Garden in New York.

No wonder this had been such a hot ticket. As that Tuesday night approached — Jordan's first game back in New York since an unforgettable 97-94 Bulls win in Game 5 of the 1993 Eastern Conference finals — the anticipation continued escalating. Even in New York, where Jordan had been such a damn thorn in the Knicks' side, the appreciation of his greatness proved irresistible. The cheap seats for Jordan's return to Madison Square Garden were going for \$300 on the secondary market, the premium tickets demanding \$1,500. The occasion was being likened to Frank

Sinatra's unforgettable out-of-retirement concert at Madison Square Garden in 1974. There were allusions to the event being, perhaps, bigger than the second Muhammad Ali-Joe Frazier fight there. This wasn't just a regular-season game between old rivals. It was first-class theater. NBA Commissioner David Stern was in the sixth row that night, enamored himself with Jordan's presence. "He reminds us of something," Stern told Newsday. "He reminds us how we want our sports to be. He is back to expanding the possibilities." That's what basketball fans always had been drawn to — the expanded possibilities. When the fourth quarter began, Knicks legend Earl "The Pearl" Monroe remained

riveted in his courtside seat with actor Peter Falk to his left. Monroe was asked how he would have guarded Jordan.

"First of all," he said, "I'd make sure he didn't get off the bus to get in the building." Spike Lee was nearby. Phil Donahue and Diane Sawyer too. Renowned violinist Itzhak Perlman was in attendance, as was Ed Bradley from "60 Minutes."

Oh, and actor-slash-Chicago sports fanatic Bill Murray was courtside wearing a "World Championship Goat Roping" hat from Ozona, Texas.

No one was leaving the building. No one was going to miss Jordan getting past 50, which he did with a pull-up over Starks at the free-throw line with 3:35 remaining.

No one was going to miss the fantastic finish, with the Knicks erasing all of a nine-point fourth-quarter Bulls lead and setting up one last spurt of suspense.

The bright lights. The big stage. The late-game pressure.

"Hey, don't count on me to shoot it every time. I can pass." — Jordan immediately following the win

Jordan's penultimate bucket came with just more than 2 minutes left, yet another off-the-dribble pull-up that was followed by a ferocious glare and that familiar nod of competitive intensity.

"It was like Starks wasn't even there," Brown noted on the broadcast.

Jordan's final points came with a nasty pump fake. Starks bit and was now up in the air, Jordan had his space and the hang time to fade right for a go-ahead bucket.

The Bulls led 111-109. No one had scored more points in an NBA game all season.

Fifty-freaking-five.

Still, the Bulls needed even more, and so in a timeout of a tie game with 14.6 seconds left, was there any question where Phil Jackson's markerboard directed the ball? To Jordan, of course, on an inbounds pass from Scottie Pippen.

Do your thing, M.J.

Jordan dribbled the length of the floor, accelerated right, then stopped on a dime so abruptly that Starks rolled his left ankle. Jordan changed direction to his left as Starks recovered. Then Jordan spun quickly back right and was in the lane for a potential game-winning jumper. Only Ewing and his 8-foot wingspan had come to help.

Jordan's dart to Wennington came with the swiftness and ferocity of a cobra strike.

Uncontested jam. Just 3.8 seconds left.

Bulls 113, Knicks 111. Wow, what a show. "I'd be lying if I say I came out to pass the ball," Jordan said after the game. "I wanted to make them stop me from scoring. Which they did."

Around the same time, Starks was in the home locker room with an ice bag around his sprained ankle. He probably could have used one for his head too.

"That's why Jordan is the best," he said.

For the Bulls at that time, the win was exhilarating but hardly seismic. They improved to 37-33 on the season, still 15½ games behind the conference-leading Magic and clawing just to climb up from the East's No. 6 slot.

Still, so much of that night in New York was vintage '90s Bulls. All those moments of Jordan dominance. Pippen flashing his versatility and mixing in a first-quarter dunk that's as vicious as any highlight reel finish anywhere. The Bulls struggling to slow Ewing and having extreme difficulty shaking the Knicks. Then in the end? Well, they dug deep and shook the Knicks as they so often had. The teams met again three weeks later in Chicago — Jordan dropped 28 in a 21-point Bulls win. But there was no postseason rematch.

The Bulls fell to Shaquille O'Neal and the Magic in six games in the Eastern Conference semifinals. The Knicks lost in the same round, in seven games to the Pacers.

Yet on one March Tuesday night in New York City, something important was re-awakened. Perhaps it was a foreshadowing of where Jordan and the Bulls were again headed — to an NBA-record 72 wins the next season, to three more NBA championships, to unquestionable dynasty status.

The hoopla around the Bulls was rising rapidly again. The team again was being mobbed getting in and out of hotels on the road. That powerful Jordan aura had returned. His sense of ease, he said, had too.

"Once I'm on the basketball court," Jordan told Sager, "the rest of the stuff doesn't make a difference to me. Because I'm in my dream land. This is what I enjoy doing. I love playing the game of basketball. And once I'm out here, no one can really do anything but let me play the game of basketball."

It was indeed starting to come back to him a little bit.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Fantasy Final Four set

BY SHANNON RYAN

The college basketball world turned its attention to Indianapolis, New York, Los Angeles and Houston for the Sweet 16 and Elite Eight. ■ Ah, we can wish. ■ No matter your rooting interests, wouldn't it be nice to be looking forward to the Final Four right now? Instead we are left with our dream scenarios in this sports void after the NCAA canceled the postseason because of concerns over the spread of the coronavirus. ■ Join the Tribune as we break down a hypothetical journey, picking up where we left off last week. ■ Thanks to ESPN's Joe Lunardi, who projects the bracket throughout every season, we at least can enjoy an alternate universe in which games still take place.



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Midwest Region

Top-seeded **Kansas** breezed into the Final Four with double-digit victories against No. 4 seed Wisconsin and No. 2 seed Kentucky. The Jayhawks will advance to Atlanta.

East Region

No. 2 seed **Florida State** upended No. 6 seed Penn State 72-61 and snuffed out top-seeded Dayton 66-60 with its ability to block shots and force turnovers. The showdown with the Jayhawks in Atlanta awaits. (We wish.)

West Region

No. 2 seed San Diego State quickly ended No. 10 Texas Tech's long-shot hopes of returning to the national championship game. Guard Malachi Flynn scored 18 points in the 82-70 victory. But once again, Myles Powell and No. 3 seed Seton Hall dazzled. Powell helped hand the Aztecs just their third loss, scoring often in transition for 17 points in a 66-62 victory. The Pirates moved on to face No. 4 seed Oregon in the Elite Eight. The Ducks pulled off the most talked about game of the tournament, knocking out top-seeded Gonzaga with an 80-78 overtime victory.

Seton Hall dismissed Oregon 72-66 behind eight points, four blocks and seven rebounds from 7-foot-2 center Romaro Gill. The Pirates are in their first Final Four since 1989 — and have become fan favorites.

South Region

No. 3 seed Michigan State received a battle from No. 7 seed Illinois in the Sweet 16 — the first time the Illini advanced that far since 2005. The Illini battled the Spartans on the boards, but their spotty shooting caught up with them. Illinois made just 3 of 16 3-pointers and shot only 38% from the field. The Spartans went to the wire with brutish No. 1 seed Baylor, which was plagued with foul trouble from the start, and pulled out a 67-63 victory. **Michigan State** heads to Atlanta looking for its first — and the Big Ten's first — title since 2000.



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SPORTS

NFL mock draft 1.0

BY BRAD BIGGS

NFL draft will be held April 23-25 in Paradise, Nev.



Round 1					
#	Team	Pick	Pos.	School	Biggs says
1	Bengals	Joe Burrow	QB	LSU	The Bengals did well the last time they used the No. 1 pick on a Heisman-winning QB with Carson Palmer in 2003.
2	Redskins	Chase Young	DE	Ohio State	Ron Rivera is not going to pass on the closest player to a sure bet — unless someone makes an over-the-top trade offer.
3	Lions	Jeffrey Okudah	CB	Ohio State	What Matt Patricia really could use is a game wrecker for his front seven. He also badly needs a shutdown cornerback.
4	Giants	Mekhi Becton	OT	Louisville	GM Dave Gettleman believes roster building starts in the trenches, and the Giants need offensive line help.
5	Dolphins	Derrick Brown	DT	Auburn	With three first-round picks and 14 overall, the Dolphins can do anything. Brown represents a building block for years.
6	Chargers	Tua Tagovailoa	QB	Alabama	If the Chargers don't sign Cam Newton, which might be a solid plan, drafting Tagovailoa would accomplish multiple goals.
7	Panthers	Isaiah Simmons	LB	Clemson	New coach Matt Rhule has a lot of time to turn things around. Simmons is a dream for a creative defensive coordinator.
8	Cardinals	Jedrick Wills	OT	Alabama	The Cardinals gave Kyler Murray a top-notch target in DeAndre Hopkins. It's time to add some protection for the QB.
9	Jaguars	Justin Herbert	QB	Oregon	Minshew Mania hasn't convinced the front office he's the long-term plan just yet, has it?
10	Browns	Andrew Thomas	OT	Georgia	After overpaying for tackle Jack Conklin in free agency, the Browns can continue overhauling a line in need of help.
11	Jets	Jerry Jeudy	WR	Alabama	Quarterback Sam Darnold needs help, and they can get the best receiver in a draft class stocked with them.
12	Raiders	CeeDee Lamb	WR	Oklahoma	The Antonio Brown experiment didn't work out, but Lamb would be a legitimate No. 1 receiver for Jon Gruden.
13	49ers	Javon Kinlaw	DT	S. Carolina	Tempting to pair the Niners with a receiver here. But they can work on replacing DeForest Buckner by grabbing Kinlaw.
14	Buccaneers	Tristan Wirfs	OT	Iowa	Bruce Arians is smart enough to know he needs help protecting Tom Brady, the new face of the franchise.
15	Broncos	Henry Ruggs III	WR	Alabama	John Elway was busy in free agency. The speedy Ruggs would pair nicely with Courtland Sutton.
16	Falcons	K'Lavon Chaisson	Edge	LSU	The Falcons either can get a needed cornerback here or choose to further boost the front seven. Go pass rush first.
17	Cowboys	C.J. Henderson	CB	Florida	After losing Byron Jones in free agency, the Cowboys can plug in Henderson, who has ideal size and athleticism.
18	Dolphins	Jordan Love	QB	Utah State	Some believe Love possesses more upside than Justin Herbert. The Dolphins could move up and grab Love if necessary.
19	Raiders	Xavier McKinney	S	Alabama	The Raiders play so much split-safety coverage that getting another elite safety would reshape the secondary.
20	Jaguars	Jeff Gladney	CB	TCU	The Jaguars have real issues in the secondary. Enter Gladney, who possesses good man-coverage ability.
21	Eagles	Justin Jefferson	WR	LSU	Jefferson was wildly productive for Joe Burrow and starred at the combine. He'll produce immediately.
22	Vikings	Trevon Diggs	CB	Alabama	Diggs has a knack for making plays on the ball, and the Vikings don't have a greater roster need.
23	Patriots	Yetur Gross-Matos	Edge	Penn State	Gross-Matos is the kind of versatile player with great length and athleticism to make him an ideal fit in New England.
24	Saints	Kenneth Murray	LB	Oklahoma	Murray has the traits of a modern linebacker, including the closing speed necessary to make plays from sideline to sideline.
25	Vikings	Tee Higgins	WR	Clemson	Higgins is tall and tracks the ball well downfield. A ton of production in a top program makes him a solid selection.
26	Dolphins	D'Andre Swift	RB	Georgia	Quarterback Ryan Fitzpatrick was the Dolphins' leading rusher last season with 243 yards last season. That is suboptimal.
27	Seahawks	Marlon Davidson	DL	Auburn	With Jadeveon Clowney unsigned, the Seahawks really need to add some juice to the front line.
28	Ravens	Patrick Queen	LB	LSU	The Ravens have been adding to the front seven after the Titans mauled them in the playoffs. Queen is an attractive fit.
29	Titans	Ezra Cleveland	OT	Boise State	The Titans can make up for the loss of Jack Conklin by adding Cleveland, who has moved up draft boards.
30	Packers	Denzel Mims	WR	Baylor	The Packers were slow on the outside last season. Mims has a high ceiling with a blend of size, speed and explosiveness.
31	49ers	Grant Delpit	S	LSU	The 49ers defense is reliant on zone coverage and in need of an impact safety.
32	Chiefs	A.J. Terrell	CB	Clemson	While the Super Bowl champions don't have a lot of needs, adding a cornerback should be a priority for Andy Reid.
Round 2					
#	Team	Pick	Pos.	School	Biggs says
33	Bengals	Cesar Ruiz	C/G	Michigan	The Bengals would be wise to add picks via trade if they can. Otherwise, they really need to improve the offensive line.
34	Colts	Laviska Shenault Jr.	WR	Colorado	Shenault didn't run well at the combine with a 4.58-second 40-yard dash, but he's explosive on tape.
35	Lions	A.J. Epenesa	DE	Iowa	Epenesa has been overrated by some. But he has the versatility to be a fit in the Lions' front as a five- or seven-technique.
36	Giants	Kristian Fulton	CB	LSU	DeAndre Baker struggled at times a year ago, and getting a physical corner in Fulton would help overhaul a lousy defense.
37	Chargers	Josh Jones	OT	Houston	The Chargers traded Russell Okung and added Bryan Bulaga. Jones would give the Chargers a good blocker for years.
38	Panthers	Justin Madubuike	DT	Texas A&M	A twitchy three-technique with the ability to pressure the quarterback would be a nice roster fit for the Panthers.
39	Dolphins	Jalen Reagor	WR	TCU	Dynamic speed and playmaking ability in the open field are pluses with Reagor. He would be an explosive addition.
40	Texans	Brandon Aiyuk	WR	Arizona St.	Randall Cobb only begins to address a need. Aiyuk is a physical receiver, similar to a smaller version of Brandon Marshall.
41	Browns	Damien Lewis	G	LSU	The Browns need to be better up front. So why not keep building the line with the powerful Lewis?
42	Jaguars	Antoine Winfield Jr.	S	Minnesota	Doubling down with another pick in the secondary helps turn a weakness into a strength. Winfield has a ton of versatility.
43	Bears	Noah Igbinoghene	CB	Auburn	The Bears need more depth and talent in the secondary, and Igbinoghene has track speed, which makes him appealing.
44	Colts	Jalen Johnson	CB	Utah	The Colts added Xavier Rhodes, but he's coming off a rough year in Minnesota. Johnson can compete for a starting spot.
45	Buccaneers	C. Edwards-Helaire	RB	LSU	Edwards-Helaire is similar to Devonta Freeman in terms of versatility and skill in the open field. It's a perfect fit.
46	Broncos	Austin Jackson	OT	USC	He's a little raw but has very good feet, which gives him a chance to make it as a left tackle.
47	Falcons	Jeremy Chinn	S	SIU	The Falcons are looking for help on the back end, and Chinn propelled his draft stock at the Senior Bowl and the combine.
48	Jets	Terrell Lewis	Edge	Alabama	The one thing Gregg Williams' defense lacks is pass rushers. If Lewis checks out medically, he would be a nice fit.
49	Steelers	Chase Claypool	WR	Notre Dame	After a big season for the Fighting Irish, the hybrid receiver would be a nice, big target for the returning Ben Roethlisberger.
50	Bears	Michael Pittman Jr.	WR	USC	The Bears need speed, and the 6-foot-4, 223-pounder ran very well at the combine — 4.52 seconds in the 40-yard dash.

OLYMPICS Q&A

Move to 2021 brings questions for Tokyo Olympics

BY STEPHEN WADE
Associated Press

TOKYO — Things began to unravel last week when the Tokyo Olympics were postponed until next year — a decision Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe announced in a joint agreement with IOC President Thomas Bach.

The Olympic behemoth involves 11,000 athletes and 4,400 Paralympic athletes. Add to this 206 national Olympic committees, dozens of summer sports federations, thousands of contracts and billions of dollars. There are 33 Olympic sports to consider, 42 venues — 43 if you count one used only for the Paralympics — qualifying events around the globe and 5,000 apartments in the Athletes Village — some of which have already been sold.

Then there's the matter of hotel and flight reservations, and again lining up 80,000 unpaid volunteers. The Olympics can't run without them. So a few questions are hanging.

Q: When will the Olympics be held in 2021?

A: No dates yet, though the New York Times reported Saturday that organizers are pegging July 23, 2021, for the opening ceremony, meaning the Games would run through the first week of August. The International Olympic Committee and Japanese



A man wearing a mask walks in front of an Olympics logo at the Tokyo metropolitan government headquarters building Wednesday.

organizers have this as the top priority. They need firm dates to start planning, just as the athletes do to schedule training. Organizers have said there are no plans to move the marathons back to Tokyo. They were moved to Sapporo to avoid the summer heat and seem sure to stay there.

Moving the event to the spring is possible but problematic, and Bach has left the door open to this. But the Olympics in the Northern Hemisphere spring would clash with a full schedule of North American sports and European

soccer. It also would leave little time for qualifying events.

Q: What about people who have bought tickets? About 7.8 million are available. Demand is Japan is 10 times over supply.

A: Ticket sales are expected to raise about \$1 billion for the local organizers. So this is a giant item. All tickets have a "force majeure" clause, which might get organizers off the hook of paying refunds if the coronavirus is deemed to be "beyond Tokyo 2020's reasonable control."

"We don't have a final conclu-

sion about what our policy will be," Tokyo CEO Toshiro Muto said. "As much as possible, we want to make sure that people who have already bought tickets will get special consideration."

Q: What will the postponement cost the organizers?

A: Estimates suggest between \$2 billion and \$3 billion. Muto said this week: "Additional expenses are going to be quite massive, we assume." Contract language in the host city contract strongly favors the IOC, so expect the Japanese taxpayers to foot most of the bill.

Local organizers and Japanese government bodies say they officially are spending \$12.6 billion to put on the Olympics. However, a national government audit report in December put costs at twice that much. When Tokyo won the Olympic bid in 2013, it said the games would cost \$7.3 billion. Private-sector money makes up \$5.6 billion of today's total budget. The rest — whatever the grand total — is public money.

The Switzerland-based IOC has contributed \$1.3 billion to finance the Tokyo Olympics, a small fraction of the total cost. The IOC had income of \$5.7 billion for the last four-year Olympic cycle (2013-2016). Almost three-quarters of the income is from selling broadcasting rights, with another 18% from sponsors. The IOC also has a reserve fund of about \$2

billion and insurance to cover losses.

Q: Where is the Olympic flame that arrived from Greece on March 12?

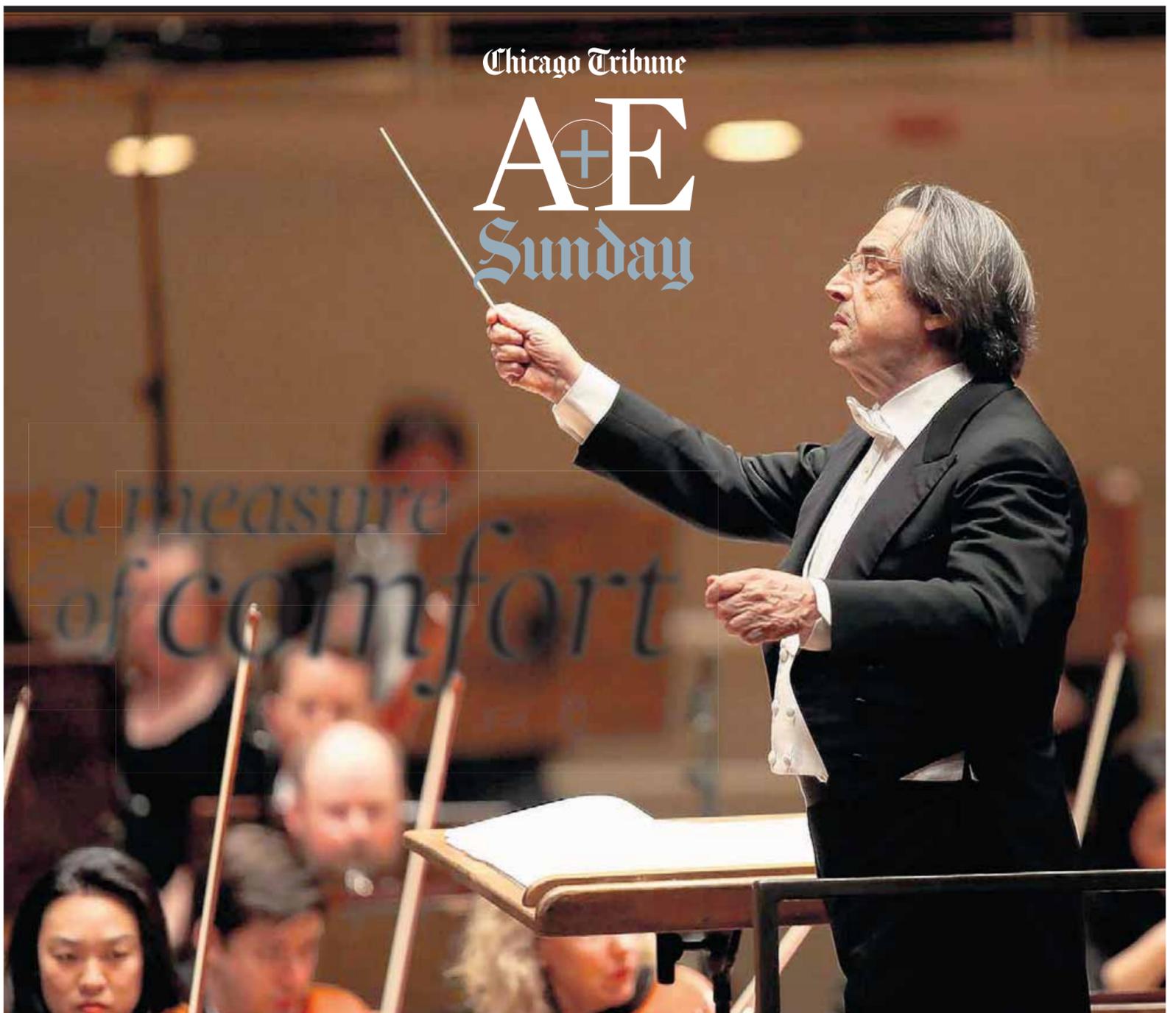
A: It's in Fukushima prefecture, the northeastern region of Japan that was devastated by the 2011 earthquake, tsunami, and the meltdown of three nuclear reactors. The flame is being stored in a small lantern. The last public display was Wednesday in that prefecture. The original torch relay was to have begun from there this week. It's unclear how long the flame will stay there. It could remain for a year and be the focal point for the Games next year. Or it could move to Tokyo.

Q: What will next year's Olympics in 2021 be called?

A: It will still be the Tokyo 2020 Olympics. The logo and all the merchandise are expected to remain unchanged. Any switch would have required replacing enormous amounts of advertising and products. A change would also have created a massive market for Tokyo 2020 material — the Olympics that didn't happen. The medals will also stay the same. These are the first games postponed in the modern era, dating from 1896.

Olympics were canceled during wartime in 1916, 1940 and 1944. The 1940 Olympics were to have been in Tokyo.

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Riccardo Muti conducting the Chicago Symphony Orchestra in May 2019. The music director last set foot in Orchestra Hall on Feb. 23.

In Italy amid coronavirus, CSO music director Riccardo Muti reflects on music's role — and a profound, mysterious Beethoven composition



HOWARD REICH
On Music

The last time Chicago Symphony Orchestra music director Riccardo Muti conducted a concert, Feb. 23 in Orchestra Hall, few of us realized that the music was about to stop.

By March 12, Gov. J.B. Pritzker ordered a halt to large gatherings in the wake of the deadly coronavirus, shutting down large Chicago venues such as Symphony Center. A few days later, Pritzker expanded the moratorium to bars and restaurants, meaning that live music went silent across Illinois.

After Muti's last CSO concert, in which he performed Beethoven's Symphonies Nos. 2 and 5 and Nicolas Bacri's "Ophelia's Tears," the conductor returned to his home in Ravenna, Italy — and has been there ever since.

Italy now stands as the coronavirus' epicenter. And Muti marvels at the country's heroes

and grieves for its dead.

"The Italians have shown in this difficult, difficult time a great sense of discipline and courage," said Muti, speaking by phone from his home.

"For people that generally are considered extroverts, we are giving an image of a country that when it's the moment — when the moment becomes very serious — we are like one person. So, of course, there are a few people that still don't obey the rule, but this is a very small minority.

"To see the Italians to stay outside the pharmacy or market — all in line, distant, at least 1 meter, it's something that we — it's a new experience for us. Because generally people know that in the past, even when we have to go to a bus, instead of having an English line full of discipline, we have an assault. But now, in this moment, everybody is trying his best."

Still, as the casualties mount and the disease spreads, there's no escaping the pandemic's toll, especially in Muti's homeland.

"Italy, where many people die in the hospital, they cannot even have the comfort of the relatives," said Muti. "The husband or the wife or the

father or the son cannot go to say the last goodbye, to hold the hand.

"So people die in absolute solitude. And the other day, I saw on television, Bergamo — one of the cities more in trouble — in the evening a long line of (army) trucks full of coffins, a long line going to the cemetery. And now the cemeteries are full. And people don't know where to put (the dead).

"If we start to analyze the situation in every detail, it's so tragic that we should really be more than desperate. Where do you find comfort? Where?"

For Muti and for listeners around the world, some comfort and consolation, escape and hope, can be found in music. This is why, he said, we all have seen so many videos of Italians singing together outside their apartments — physically separated but united in song.

"Napoli, the city where people were outside the balconies singing — that is not a sign of superficiality," said Muti. "It is the typical way of the Italians, and especially for the Neapolitans, to find a way through the music, through singing, to push away the evil.

"In any case, we remember

the phrase that I told you one evening: St. Augustine, he said: *'Cantare amantis est,'*" which roughly translates as "singing belongs to one who loves."

Or as Muti interpreted it, "If you love mankind, if you love nature around you, you feel that you can sing the glory."

So the conductor — whose post-Chicago concerts in Japan, Vienna and Paris were canceled — also turned to music. Now he can spend time at the piano playing Schumann, Chopin and Debussy, he said. More important, he has immersed himself in one of the most profound and mysterious works ever penned: Beethoven's "Missa Solemnis."

Muti is scheduled to conduct the CSO in the massive composition Sept. 24-26 in Orchestra Hall, toward the beginning of the next season. He finds that the current grave moment — in which millions, including himself, are confined to home — may be ideal for trying to understand an epic work that ponders nothing less than humanity's place in the universe.

"Now my mind is completely in 'Missa Solemnis,'" said Muti. "Going back to the score after so many decades — I started to

look at the score in 1970. Then I left because it was too complicated."

To clarify, he then said, "Not complicated because I was a very good student of counterpoint, and 'Missa Solemnis' is the triumph of counterpoint. But it was too mystical, too deep, too high. I was not able to — to conduct is one thing, to move the arms. (But) to go deeply into this kind of mysterious music, where counterpoint becomes not just an exercise but all these lines so full of intensity.

"It's clear that Beethoven in the 'Missa Solemnis' has reached the highest level not only of inspiration, but also the craft. His technique as a composer — using the counterpoint and winning against the rules of the counterpoint itself!

"Now that I'm studying the score, after having for years conducted so much music of different composers, I am approaching this score with a new perspective, with a deeper understanding."

At 78 and arguably at the height of his powers as conductor and interpreter, Muti indeed seems well-positioned at

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Did a single person invent Chicago theater?

If so, it was late Stuart Gordon, father of the ensemble

Which is the quintessential Chicago theater? These days, most people would say the Steppenwolf Theatre Company, our most famous dramatic brand. But in reality, the mothership was Organic Theater Company and the captain was Stuart Gordon.

Gordon, who died Tuesday at the age of 72, founded Organic in 1969, fresh from the University of Wisconsin. He was a graduate of Lane Tech, and he'd hung out at Second City while he was in high school, gaining a taste for improvised originality before heading to Madison. His college shows in the late 1960s were infamous: "The Game Show" was an early and prescient spoof of the nascent materialistic genre, featuring cash-hungry contestants placed in degrading situations, and his collegiate version of "Peter Pan" included copious amounts of nudity and an acid trip on the way to Neverland. It got closed down by the campus cops and an irritated Gordon headed as fast he could to Chicago.

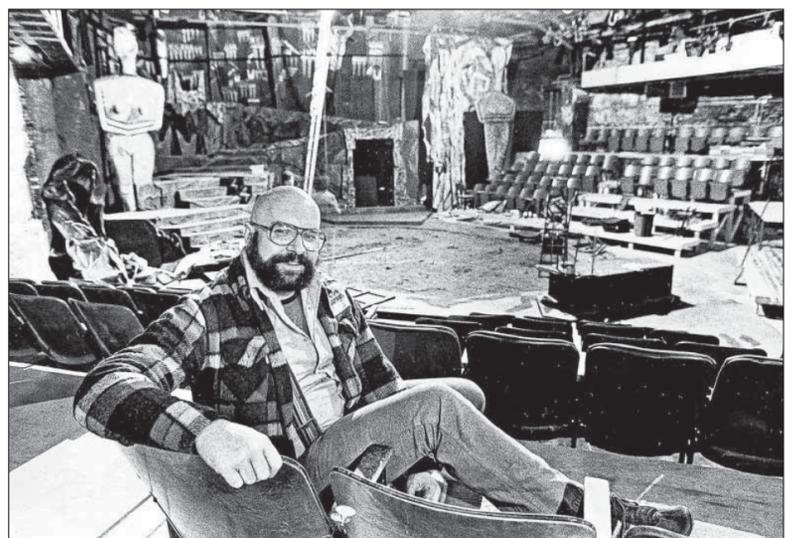


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As the story goes, often recounted by Richard Christiansen, the former chief theater critic of the Tribune, Gordon had a conversation with Paul Sills, who had already founded a theater called the Body Politic in Lincoln Park, then a hippie enclave. Sills told

Gordon that the Chicago cops wouldn't hassle him like they did in Madison and that he could be part of something bigger, joining Body Politic and another theater called Kingston Mines. "When you get here," Sills purportedly said of this growing community on Lincoln Avenue, "we'll have a scene."

And did they ever. Did they ever. Gordon, whose hippyish company included Carolyn Purdy Gordon, who would become his wife, first produced George Orwell's "Animal Farm" inside the Holy Covenant Church at 925 W. Diversey Ave. They found new actors, including William J. Norris, helpfully the son of a Chicago police officer.



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Director Stuart Gordon in 1981 at what was the Organic Theater on North Clark Street.

By 1970, they'd taken over the old Body Politic in Lincoln Park (it's now the Greenhouse Theater Center, hugged by bars).

That era in the early 1970s represented the peak of Organic's innovative influence. Notable shows included the incomprehensible sci-fi parody "Warp!," penned by Gordon and a man named Lenny Kleinfeld

who doubled as a critic at the Chicago Reader sometimes with the reviews under the pen name Bury St. Edmund. The show was a huge hit, even improbably moving to Broadway, where nobody knew what the heck it was about. But that was just New York ignorance. If

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Dancers inspire motion via video classes

Asking 'What can I give?' led Marling to stay fit and connected



LAUREN WARNECKE
Dance Card

Terence Marling was in Germany when President Donald Trump made his Oval Office address instituting a travel ban from Europe. Marling, a Chicago-based ballet and contemporary dance choreographer and teacher, had been abroad for a month working on a freelance project.

"It was the middle of the night, and my phone started going crazy," Marling said recently. Within an hour of the news, he was on a train to Berlin to try and catch an earlier flight back to Chicago. "I couldn't get anyone on the telephone at the airline that I was flying on. The website was jammed up, so I just went to the airport."

Marling flew to Stockholm before returning to Chicago on March 13, arriving amid a flurry of cancellations and postponements by arts organizations. On March 12, Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker instituted a mandate limiting public gatherings to fewer than 1,000 people to try and mitigate the spread of the coronavirus pandemic, which has deeply affected the arts.

In September, Marling had formed Common Conservatory, a post-secondary training program aimed at preparing dancers for professional careers as performers. Upon returning to the States, the CDC's guidelines and city ordinances didn't initially affect his program as deeply as they did larger arts organizations.

Marling planned to take a week off. His studio space was still open so he reorganized Common Conservatory's schedule so that

dancers could continue working in smaller groups. He planned to livestream a ballet barre from the studio on Instagram live.

As guidelines for public gatherings became more stringent, the community center in Lincoln Park where he rehearses was forced to close. Marling has now cancelled all of Common's classes and performances until further notice, and moved the ballet barre into his living room in Evanston. He livestreams from 11 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. weekdays and in the afternoons home-schools his two young children during statewide school closings.

"All dancers need to take care of their bodies every day," Marling said. "So it seemed like the simplest thing to put a barre out there."

Ashwaty Chennat is one of two salaried employees at Mandala South Asian Performing Arts, where she is a bharatanatyam teacher, performer and choreographer.

"I feel grateful," she said recently. "Our organization works to ensure that I and our director Pranita (Nayar) are safe." However, Mandala hires a number of freelance teachers, performers and musicians for its programs. With all their upcoming events canceled, they won't be able to fill those contracts.

"I'm feeling for my peers, who do incredible work and are stuck at home," said Chennat. "We're trying to keep ourselves safe and active. It's a tough time."

Chennat has been checking in with peers to stay motivated about practicing. "Dance is a group activity, and it's very hard for me to be inspired to move without others," she said. Chennat is also experimenting with keeping her children's classes going via video conferencing from her home in Albany Park.

"I'm trying to turn my second-floor apartment



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Dance choreographer and teacher Terry Marling outside of his Evanston home. Marling copes with shutdowns by teaching a live video dance training series from his home.

with very creaky floors into a classroom," she said. Chennat is adapting her classical Indian dance technique, which uses ankle bells and foot stamping against the floor, by stepping lightly to avoid upsetting her neighbors.

Chennat was also due to begin a residency with jazz percussionist Alvin Cobb, Jr. in May, sponsored by Pivot Arts. It is yet unclear

if Pivot Arts' residencies and annual summer arts festival will go on as scheduled. "We plan on persisting," she said. "I hope we can find a way to virtually create something. We'll make it happen, regardless — I think."

Danielle Gilmore, a modern dancer with Mordine and Company, REdance and Kelly Anderson Dance Theatre, earns the majority

of her income teaching private yoga classes in corporate and residential settings. "Unlike working a gym, I had to make the decision to stop working completely on my own," she said.

Gilmore set up a yoga mat in her Lincoln Park apartment and is creating YouTube videos for her clients to follow from home.

"I've gotten an overwhelming response," she said. "There's a ton of yoga videos out there, accessible to everyone, but they've appreciated that I took time to make a video on the stuff we've been working on."

Gilmore is not monetizing her online classes at this point. She said her parents taught her to save up for emergencies, and Gilmore has an additional part-time job that is so far unaffected by the health crisis.

"I lost a job in the past, and feel like I'm prepared for situations like this," she said. "This feels different, but I have already planned ahead. Some teachers are asking for donations for their classes, and I'm letting (my clients) know there's other classes that they can pay for. For some teachers, this is all they have."

Up to 200 viewers a day have logged on to take Marling's barres. While he publishes his Venmo information and is accepting donations, he's not viewing the classes as a money-making venture. He is wary of asking dancers to contribute while they, too, are unemployed.

"I'm hoping there's some government support," he said. "Huge sectors of the economy are completely gone. I'm not the only person in this situation. What can I give that will make a difference to people? I know I can give a barre every day."

But as time goes on, Marling says, he'll have to figure out a way to keep Common Conservatory afloat. "It's a small enough business that I was running it on zero profit, but also zero debt. It was working. The whole environment of the dance world is in flux, and this is really going to have impact. When are people going to feel OK to gather in large numbers again?"

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you were here then and thought yourself part of Chicago's happening set, you were in the audience.

"Warp!" deserves credit for all kinds of things (Christiansen often claimed it anticipated the rise of "Star Wars" and its Hollywood genre and he had a good case), and it certainly influenced the rise of such other edgy companies as Annoyance Theatre and Defiant Theatre, not to mention similar youthful, gung-ho directors like Robert Falls.

At the time Second City was pretty square — a lot of erudite University of Chicago graduates with skinny ties, glasses and clever lines — but Gordon and his crew represented something else entirely. These were cool cats, down from Wisconsin, getting high, getting naked and getting to do whatever crazy stuff on the stage they wanted. And nobody was even close to 30 years old.

By 1973, Gordon had licked his Broadway wounds, regrouped, taken out more loans and found a new home at the Hull House at 4520 N. Beacon St. in Uptown (thereafter, the home for a while of the Black Ensemble Theatre). On that leafy street, he staged Ray Bradbury's "The Wonderful Ice Cream Suit" with a cast that included the future TV and film stars Dennis Franz, Meshach Taylor and Joe Mantegna. All playing Latinos in East Los Angeles. It was 1973 all right.

(In 1988, Gordon directed a film version with Edward James Olmos.)

In 1974, Gordon produced the first full-length work of a playwright named David Mamet. The play was "Sexual Perversity in Chicago" (later filmed as "About Last Night") and it was inspired by the singles bars on Divi-

sion Street and the then-growing phenomenon known as the one-night stand. Mamet had been hanging around at Second City and had penned the piece as, in essence, a series of Second City-style sketches.

Gordon understood that the perversity in the title didn't reference sexual habit or positions. Mamet was actually writing about emotional perversity in the nation's second city.

Gordon turned "Sexual Perversity" into a show and maybe even Mamet into a playwright: the play begins with a man bragging about his sexual prowess but it ends with an expression of desperate loneliness. And, of course, it was full of profanity. It was Mamet. And Gordon. And Organic.

Critics did not love it (in the Tribune, Linda Winer huffed that it said "nothing new" about the singles lifestyle and called it "X-rated"). But the play launched the career of one of Chicago's most important writers.

Thereafter, the legendary shows kept coming, including in 1977, "Bleacher Bums" maybe the most famous of all the Organic shows and a portrait of the denizens of the (then) cheap seats at Wrigley Field. Mantegna, a Chicago Cubs fan, had decided that this was a way to attract sports fans to the theater. All Organic did was head to the bleachers, write down what they heard there, move stuff around a bit and stick it on the stage.

They'd also had cameras with them at the day game, photographing the characters in the bleachers before going back to the rehearsal room and making up fictional identities. But that wasn't what made the show so great: "Bleacher Bums" had a Beckettian quality, it was a picture of the constantly heart-broken, trapped in a Sisyphean time-warp that meant they had no choice but to

go back to the well of misery, again and again and again.

The show's other great device was its close observation of the baseball fan experience: the long lulls between action spent drinking and talking about nothing with friends, with brief but all-important injections of tension, triumph and catastrophe. Few shows had more accurately expressed a crucial slice of life in Chicago.

And so it continued. By the 1980s, the Organic had moved again to 3319 N. Clark Street (now the home of a building with condos and a bank). In 1982, the company produced "E/R: Emergency Room," a serious look at the most dramatic room in a hospital, another prescient idea that came long before the TV show of that name, also set in Chicago, not to mention the procedural-like "Chicago Fire" that would take up residence in Chicago a generation later. "E/R" was a huge hit, but soon afterward, Gordon was gone. He moved to the West Coast and a new career as a movie director with a specialty in horror.

Those later achievements were notable, of course, being as they included "Re-Animator" and "Honey, I Shrunk the Kids."

But in Chicago, Gordon had invented something far bigger than himself.

He improvised. He parodied. He originated. He made art without fear. He took risks. He rose and fall. He told the truth. He allowed for escape. He made little or no money. Above all, he built an aesthetic known as Chicago-style ensemble theater.

You know, so Steppenwolf, and all the followed, did not have to start from scratch.

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On 3rd album, country star Ballerini 'super self-aware'

By KRISTIN M. HALL
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NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Kelsea Ballerini is an oversharer, both on social media and in songs, and those inner conversations, anxieties and obsessions show a country star navigating fame and pop music on her third album "kelsea."

"I am loud and I talk too much," Ballerini, 26, admits. "And it's really because I am scared of the silence. I am scared of the alone time now. I am aware of that."

She starts the highly personal record, released March 20, with the song "overshare," relating the time she got drunk and weepy in front of strangers and the other time she embarrassed herself in front of a celebrity (and, no, she won't name names.)

But Ballerini's portrait of a young star straddling country and pop isn't just an Instagram feed of famous friends and exotic locales. She's cataloging insecurities that are just as relatable to the average person.

"I feel like it's the album that is super self-aware and super open in a different way than I've been before," said the Knoxville, Tennessee, native who is nominated for female artist of the year at the Academy of Country Music Awards, which was pushed back to the fall because of the coronavirus. "It's the album that I keep saying puts me on a first-name basis with everyone."

In addition to again co-writing every song on the album, she took on additional duties as a co-producer with Ross Copperman, Shane McAnally and Jimmy



MARK HUMPHREY/AP

Kelsea Ballerini, seen on Jan. 30 in Nashville, Tennessee, has released her third album, "kelsea."

Robbins.

"Kelsea knows what she wants every track to sound like, and she knows how she wants her vocal to sound and what guitar parts she wants in there, down to the finest details," said Copperman, who also co-wrote several of the songs.

While Ballerini is one of the few female artists to consistently get No. 1 country radio hits, she knows that many people still consider her a country pop artist.

For this record, she leaned into that more heavily than before, co-writing with Ed Sheeran, Julia Michaels, Halsey and Tayla Parx, a co-writer of Ariana Grande's hits "Thank U, Next" and "7 Rings."

Halsey and Ballerini's friendship formed over rounds of late-night karaoke in a Nashville bar, and when Ballerini decided to

write a dark-sounding duet, she thought of the "Bad at Love" pop star.

"I was like 'I'm going to write a chick duet, and I am going to try to get Halsey on it,'" Ballerini said. "Bold! Who do I think I am?"

The two singers co-wrote the club-ready "the other girl" about the suspicious feeling women get about a cheating partner.

But even as Ballerini eases into the pop world, she also has her feet planted in country music, duetting with fellow Knoxville-native Kenny Chesney on the nostalgic "half of my hometown."

She ends the album with "la," a song she wrote by herself, about her need to stay grounded amid the shiny lights of red carpets and parties.

"The whole thing is me trying to be self-aware," said Ballerini. "It's a lot of self-discovery."

CSO silenced again; for how long?

And what about summer at Ravinia?

BY HOWARD REICH

For the second time in as many years, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra has fallen silent.

Last year, a musicians' strike over pension and salary stretched seven weeks, ending in late April.

And on March 12, Gov. J.B. Pritzker banned gatherings of larger than 1,000 in the wake of the coronavirus, darkening Symphony Center once again for at least 30 days. The Chicago Symphony Orchestra Association, which manages the institution, subsequently canceled all its concerts through May 10.

Though musicians and management hasten to point out that the causes for the two closures are different, in each instance one of the world's most revered ensembles was out of work.

"When it started, that's what we all were saying: I can't believe this is happening," said CSO assistant concertmaster Yuan-Qing Yu.

"I don't even know how to describe it. The strike was extremely difficult, and this is difficult, but it's also a different situation."

For CSO musicians, there's at least one significant distinction: They're still being paid and have kept their health benefits, which were cut off during the strike (the contract that musicians and management ratified last April has yet to be signed and executed, as both sides deal with various technical issues).

"We're extremely appreciative for how the Chicago Symphony Orchestra Association has made the commitment to pay the salary and benefits of the musicians during this time," said CSO second horn James Smelser, chair of the members' committee (representing the musicians).

"We wish for that to continue." All parties realize that for now there's no earned revenue to support the institution.

The situation was different during the strike, for though revenue was gone, so were the costs of staging rehearsals and concerts. So when the CSOA issued its annual report in October, it posted a modest deficit increase of \$200,000 over the previous fiscal year, bringing the total deficit to \$1.1 million. At the same time, the institution's endowment increased to \$314 million, from \$303 million in 2018. The endowment plus other investments, including beneficial interest in trusts, increased to \$385 million in 2019 from \$379 million in 2018.

A key question now is how long can the orchestra and staff be paid under these circumstances. Many arts organizations across the country have stopped paychecks. The Metropolitan Opera in New York has canceled



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A pedestrian walks by Symphony Center on March 12, when concerts were canceled there due to the coronavirus.

its season and announced that its orchestra, chorus and stagehands will not be paid after March, but they'll keep their health benefits. The Oregon Symphony laid off musicians (and some staff), who will continue to receive health benefits.

How long can the CSOA keep paying everyone?

"That's what we're contemplating and figuring out — how to answer that question," said CSOA President Jeff Alexander. "I don't have an answer now."

Alexander and colleagues have been drafting financial projections, contingent on when the music-making might resume.

"We're putting thoughts and plans in place as to what our activities will be, what our decisions have to be," said Alexander. "If concerts can resume in mid-May, that's one set of plans that we're working on. The other is: What would happen if the ban is extended through the balance of the season?" which concludes at the end of June.

In that case, "It would really have a significant impact on the finances of the organization," added Alexander. "We don't know how significant, but we know they'll be very significant."

Part of the unpredictability owes to the degree of philanthropy the institution will receive

in coming months. Orchestra donors — there are more than 10,000 of them — tend to write their checks between March and June, said Alexander. So no one yet knows the scale of giving yet to come.

Alexander declined to specify numbers that projections have yielded.

Alexander is hoping that ticket holders either will donate the value of tickets to concerts that have been canceled or put it on account for future events. If ticket holders take no action, the value automatically becomes a credit toward a future concert.

Alexander estimates that 95-96 percent of ticket holders have not contacted the organization, meaning they have not asked for their money back.

"It's a very good thing, and we're very appreciative of that," he said.

This crisis also carries a certain poignancy, in that "we were headed toward a record year on ticket sales," said Alexander.

Everyone involved is wrestling with how to stay connected to the CSO audience during this adversity. The CSOA's marketing department "is working closely with the musicians to create new video content" to post online, said Alexander, adding that "we will soon start putting out on our

social platforms some archival videos, some archival radio broadcasts and some new videos made by individual members of the orchestra."

Some musicians have been trying to harness technology to create chamber performances online.

"I spent some time watching a YouTube tutorial to see if there's a good app out there," said violinist Yu.

Like many of her CSO colleagues, she'll continue her teaching via FaceTime and Skype.

Another looming question is what will happen with the CSO season at Ravinia, which is scheduled to begin July 10.

"I don't have a date by which I say I'm going to close the CSO (at Ravinia), nothing like that at all," says festival president and CEO Welz Kauffman, who will be stepping down from the post at the end of the season.

"I would rather think we can be mobile — both the orchestra and orchestra management, and Ravinia, to make the season happen. We're on sale. That's what we're thinking, that we don't have a crystal ball, but this could all end."

So Kauffman said he plans to follow the model that the CSOA took during last year's strike, canceling concerts in short

blocks of time if need be, in hope of keeping as much of the season as possible.

With the first CSO rehearsal not scheduled until July 9, he has some breathing room.

But Ravinia's pop acts will commence much sooner, with Jesse & Joy on June 12, Sheryl Crow on June 13 and Jill Scott with special guest Musiq Soulchild on June 14.

Each will entail a different timeline for possible cancellation, said Kauffman, and "there isn't much we can do about that."

So beyond contacting colleagues across the country, all Kauffman and Ravinia can do at this point, he said, is "hurry up and wait, think about how one can up one's game, think creatively, reach out to artists."

This should make for an interesting season for Marin Alsop, recently appointed Ravinia's first chief conductor and curator.

"Marin said: 'We'll watch what happens, hold hands and make it work,'" said Kauffman.

"In all the questions about what (the title) chief conductor and curator means, this is kind of it, to have somebody feel that kind of responsibility."

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last to take on a work he never has performed before.

Earlier this year, he explained to me his reluctance to take on the "Missa Solemnis" by citing his friend and fellow conductor, Carlos Kleiber. As Muti recalled, Kleiber told him "there is certain music that should remain on paper, should not be brought to life, because it's so deep, so metaphysical, that it's impossible to create in reality what you feel (by) looking in the score."

So what has it been like for Muti finally to confront this masterpiece — at a time when the entire world is in crisis, facing the sobering truths Beethoven contemplated in the "Missa Solemnis"?

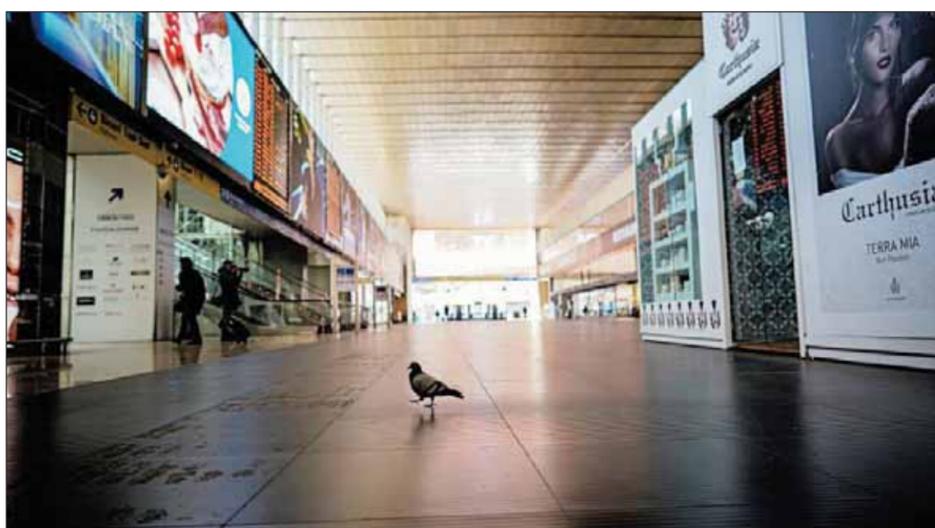
"It's a full immersion in — I cannot say heaven because it would be too rhetoric(al) to say this," explained Muti. "But it's like you're alone in the Sistine Chapel, without other people near you. You can deeply absorb this masterpiece."

"It's important in this moment because I have time. ... I don't have to go to the rehearsal, to have a meeting or to prepare for travel, to go there, to go there. It's a dedication completely to this work. And fortunately I can look at these notes with much more understanding than before."

"And I'm not saying I'm enjoying because it's a verb that I hate. Too much in America: Enjoy the fish, enjoy the wine."

"In front of a masterpiece like the 'Missa Solemnis,' you don't enjoy. You just go deeply in the music. It is so metaphysical, mysterious now. ... It's like the last sonatas of Beethoven, the last quartets."

"In an area where the air is



ANDREW MEDICHINI/AP

A pigeon walks through an almost empty Termini main train station Monday in Rome.

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— CSO conductor Riccardo Muti

very pure and very refined and very subtle, it's like to be on the high mountains."

In this music, said Muti, he hears echoes of earlier works by previous masters, their influence shaping the "Missa Solemnis."

Beethoven's magnum opus is "a demonstration of his great ability — like Mozart in the last movement of 'Jupiter' Symphony," which indeed in its final pages seems to sum up the tragedies and beauties of life itself.

"Or Verdi — the finale of 'Falstaff,' when he uses the fugue for the demonstration of great ability

to use the academic forms, but being able to win against the academy. ... And after (Muti conducted) so many masses of Cherubini, you understand why Beethoven had such great respect for Cherubini."

Sooner or later, the scourge of the coronavirus will end, and we'll all be left to pick up the pieces of what remains. Muti sees great challenges not only in getting to that much longed-for moment but in facing what comes after.

"Suddenly, everybody will go in the streets, everybody will be like

lost people," said Muti, trying to envision how we rebuild.

"Now we are all in a tunnel. I don't know if some of the scientists, doctors can (yet) see the light at the end of the tunnel. But unless it's the end of the world, at a certain point we have to see this light. From this enormous tragedy, I think that people are learning to respect each other, to be kind one to the other, much more than before."

"And now the question I ask to myself: Is it possible that after this great tragedy mankind will come out better in the sense that we, after this fear, we understand the importance of life, the importance to love each other, the importance of culture, the importance to help the poor people, the nations that are in trouble? To come out better?"

At the same time, Muti wonders whether the pandemic "is sort of a general rehearsal for mankind. That tomorrow a war,

based on the virus, can destroy completely mankind in a few days. So maybe this will be a lesson."

As for his colleagues and friends in Chicago, where Muti has been CSO music director since 2010, he said that he misses them greatly, that the separation makes him "feel lonely — it's a terrible feeling."

He advises them to stay away from the 24-hour TV news reports as much as possible, and to spend more time reading and listening to music. In addition to his study of the "Missa Solemnis," Muti has been preparing for his upcoming CSO performances of Florence Price's Symphony No. 3 and the world premiere of CSO composer-in-residence Missy Mazzoli's "Orpheus Undone."

Because those concerts have been canceled due to coronavirus, Muti will schedule them for whenever the music-making resumes, he said.

In the meantime, the crisis injures everyone and "certainly it's very, very difficult for an orchestra, musicians that for decades every day have been together, sitting one near the other, suddenly to stay away one from the other — it's tragic," said Muti.

"Then when this period will end, this tragic period, then it will not be easy to put together again the orchestra and to start again to find the emotions that we have abandoned," and that the musicians express through music.

"Because psychologically, it's possible that we will be different immediately after this disease disappears."

"The return to normal life will not be something that in 24 hours (will be) very easy to find."

"But then we will find ourselves again."

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BOOKS

Books to lure kids from screens

BY WEB BEHRENS

My beloved grandmother used to say, “The person interested in reading is never lonely.” To modify that maxim for those with kids at home during the COVID-19 crisis: “The family interested in reading will not drive each other crazy.” Avoid too much screen time and give yourselves some quiet by diving into these great books.

For early readers

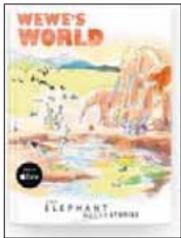
The ‘Ordinary People Change the World’ series by Brad Meltzer and Christopher Eliopoulos: An excellent series of picture-book biographies that kicked off in 2014, the Ordinary People series profiles real-life heroes who made a difference through expertise and activism. Each book is devoted to one subject; the diverse list includes Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor, civil rights crusaders Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr., conservationist Jane Goodall and scientist Albert Einstein. Eisner-winning comic-book artist Christopher Eliopoulos and bestselling author Brad Meltzer depict the heroes not just at their moments of greatest achievement but also in their childhoods, thus giving kids role models to identify with.



During the coronavirus lockdown, screens can be both a blessing and a curse. We picked 11 books that will lure readers of all ages away from their TV, phone or tablet.

‘The Elephant Queen Stories’ series by Mark Deeble:

This particular series for very early readers seems to only be available in e-book format on Apple Books, which means you’ll need an iPhone or iPad to read them. Still, these five books are hard to resist — partly because Apple offers them all as free downloads. The rhyming prose focuses on Weve, an elephant calf, as he interacts with his herd, including Granny, the majestic matriarch Athena. Director/cinematographer Mark Deeble wrote the books, published in 2019, to accompany his acclaimed documentary, “The Elephant Queen,” filmed in Kenya over the course of four years.

**The ‘Zoey and Sassafras’ series by Asia Citro and Marion Lindsay:**

Science and fantasy mix marvelously in this acclaimed series, which began in 2017. Providing a great leap into chapter books, these clever stories follow the discoveries of Zoey — a girl so inquisitive, she wears Thinking Goggles — and her cat, Sassafras. The pair’s first adventure involves a baby dinosaur; Zoey must combine research with observation to determine key factors, such as what foods it will eat, and if it’s mammal or reptile. Bonus: While schools and libraries are closed because of COVID-19, the first in the series, “Dragons and Marshmallows,” is available free online, in either Kindle or PDF form.



For middle-grade readers

‘Dear Justice League’ by Michael Northrop and Gustavo Duarte:

“Dear Justice League” is a 2019 DC Zoom graphic novel, geared for middle-schoolers, from the words-and-art team of bestselling author Michael Northrop (the “Tombquest” series) and brilliant Brazilian cartoonist Gustavo Duarte. The book follows members of the legendary superhero team as they answer fan mail from kids, telling stories full of action, humor and vulnerability.



Duarte’s dynamic art whooshes, crashes and occasionally ka-topples off the page (with an assist from Wes Abbot’s lettering). Meanwhile, Northrop wisely writes the superheroes dealing with mistakes or coping with misconceptions.

‘The Westing Game’ by Ellen Raskin:

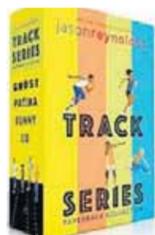
Who doesn’t love a good mystery? Milwaukee native Ellen Raskin, a graphic-designer-turned-writer, put her design savvy to use when she brainstormed this twist-filled puzzle-box classic, which won the Newbery Medal in 1979. Raskin packs a wonderfully diverse cast of characters into Sunset Towers on the shores of Lake Michigan, then pits them against each other when they’re all named potential heirs to the late Sam Westing. His confounding will leaves his fortune up for grabs, challenging them all to solve a puzzle to win the estate. Readers, of course, also get to piece together the clues, which Raskin doles out with tantalizing efficiency.

**‘The Pushcart War’ by Jean Merrill:**

First published in 1964, this children’s classic is a study in bullying as much as it’s a parable of class war. A fleet of trucks and their business-exec bosses are the aggressors; street vendors on the avenues of New York play the underdogs. Because Merrill writes the Pushcart War as a faux history, later editions keep pushing forward the date of the rebellion; today’s kids might find unintentional humor in the idea of a 21st-century future with no smartphones or social media. But the battle between Big Business and a newly unionized people feels timely as ever. Bonus: A young Lin-Manuel Miranda loved it so much, he made a video book report while in third grade, which you can enjoy on YouTube.

**‘The Track’ series by Jason Reynolds:**

Set very much in the real world, this loosely structured but very smart series — by prolific, award-winning author Jason Reynolds — dives into the complicated lives of youths with tons of



talent, and more than a few problems. The tetralogy focuses one novel each on the four members of a track team: “Ghost,” “Patina,” “Sunny” and “Lu.” Packed with marvelously three-dimensional characters and a sly sense of humor, the books prove you don’t have to have young wizards or aliens to create a compelling series. You only need to pick up the first book, “Ghost,” to understand why it became a finalist for the 2016 National Book Award for Young People’s Literature.

For young adults

‘The Books of Beginning’ series by John Stephens:

For fans of Harry Potter, this underrated fantasy trilogy — “The Emerald Atlas,” “The Fire Chronicle” and “The Black Reckoning,” published from 2011 to 2015 — provides a wonderful new world to dive into, led by a terrific trio of orphaned siblings. Kate, Michael and Emma discover that they’re fated (of course) to find three magical tomes that control time, life and death itself. Although not a surprising premise, each kid’s distinctive personality gets tested as they face complex dilemmas, all while pursued by a chilling rogue’s gallery. Fantasy lovers will easily discern the author’s influences, from Tolkien to Pullman, but John Stephens nevertheless mixes wizards, dragons and time travel into a heart-tugging, pulse-racing saga all his own.

**‘The Akata’ series by Nnedi Okorafor:**

This duology, “Akata Witch” (2011) and “Akata Warrior” (2017), tracks the journey of Sunny Nwazue, a 12-year-old girl born in New York, now living in Nigeria. On top of feeling caught between cultures, her albino skin makes her stand out even more. But Sunny hasn’t yet discovered her life’s biggest complication, which also, naturally, is a blessing that explains her outsider status: She’s a magician. Soon enough, she and three friends are thrust into a battle with monsters and a deadly serial killer. Multiple-award winning author Nnedi Okorafor (who lives in Flossmoor and has won the Nebula and Hugo awards for “Binti,” an adult sci-fi tale) draws on Nigerian myth to spin “Akata,” thus set-



ting these books refreshingly apart from Western magical fables.

‘Arc of a Scythe’ series by Neal Shusterman:

Already well known to Y.A. fans for his “Unwind” series (also well worth a read), Neal Shusterman’s knack for writing smart, page-turning dystopian fiction puts him on par with Suzanne “Hunger Games” Collins. His newest series — “Scythe,” “Thunderhead” and “The Toll,” a trilogy published from 2016-2019 — imagines a world that has conquered all ills. Imagine a land with no disease, no poverty, no war ... and no natural death. To prevent overpopulation, then, those known as Scythes must glean people chosen to die. The books track two teens, Citra and Rowan, chosen to become Scythes, an “honor” neither desires. Trust: Shusterman delivers on his provocative premise, even if you think you’re burned out on this brand of sci-fi.

**‘I’ll Give You the Sun’ by Jandy Nelson:**

Teens looking for something outside of fantasy or sci-fi genre can find real-world drama in “I’ll Give You the Sun,” whose twin protagonists each tell half their story. Jandy Nelson’s award-winning, page-turning 2014 novel cuts between the twins’ 13th and 16th years. Piecing together the details of the family tragedy that drove a wedge between the once-inseparable brother and sister is just one part of the gripping tale. Noah copes with coming out as gay; Jude struggles with becoming an artist; and both of them have to navigate grief, guilt, awkward romance and complicated family dynamics. Nelson delivers it all in passionate prose that captures the mixed-up intensity of teen life.



Many local bookstores continue to ship during the coronavirus lockdown. Visit your favorite Chicagoland bookstore’s website or search for one at indiebound.org.

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Great audiobook choices for adults and young readers

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Tampa Bay Times

In response to school shutdowns caused by the coronavirus crisis, Audible has launched Audible Stories, offering more than 100 free audiobooks for young readers.

“For as long as schools are closed, we’re open,” the website declares.

On offer are books for “littlest listeners,” elementary, tween, teen and adult. Many are classics, from Winnie the Pooh books to “Pride and Prejudice.” There are a few recent titles in the mix as well, from authors like Ransom Riggs. Audiobooks in Spanish, Italian, Japanese and several other languages are available too.

Meanwhile, grown-ups looking for an audiobook for their next walk or run have lots of great options; here are a few recommendations.

‘American Moonshot’ by Douglas Brinkley

Narrated by Stephen Graybill

One of America’s most popular historians tells the breathtaking story of the space program: the massive political, cultural and scientific effort that led to the creation of NASA and, eventually, to men landing on the moon.

‘Full Throttle’ by Joe Hill

Full cast including Zachary Quinto, Wil Wheaton, Kate Mulgrew, Neil Gaiman and

more

This collection of 13 supernatural short stories proves once again that the scary apple doesn’t fall far from the tree — Hill’s father is Stephen King (who co-wrote two of the stories). From a coffee chain executive who has a run-in with werewolves to a librarian whose bookmobile delivers to the dead, there’s much mayhem.

‘Becoming’ by Michelle Obama

Read by the author

Given its massive sales and Obama’s rock-star book tour, it seems almost everyone must have read this insightful memoir. But the former first lady’s warm, confident reading gives the audiobook an extra depth.

‘The Dutch House’ by Ann Patchett

Read by Tom Hanks

The latest novel from the always fascinating Patchett is a dark family saga, sweeping across five decades, about the bond between two siblings who have it all — and lose it. The audiobook gets a subtle, sensitive reading by Hanks.

‘Such a Fun Age’ by Riley Reid

Read by Nicole Lewis

This buzzy debut novel begins when a wealthy white couple hire a young black woman as a babysitter; when she takes their toddler to a grocery store one night, a guard accuses her of kidnapping. What happens next is a sharply witty, surprising story about race and privilege.



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Home-schooling? Ease up, try this

BY JOHN WARNER

We are in the midst of scary and unsettling times, and from my perspective as a college instructor with more than 20 years of experience, I want to give parents some advice: Forget school.

Seriously. Spending time trying to replicate school at home under these circumstances is not worth it.

Yes, children need to be occupied and stimulated, safe and secure, but there's nothing inherent in school and schooling that achieves these goals — particularly not in the midst of an unprecedented crisis that is upsetting to all.

Working with first-year college students has convinced me that their "schooling" has been actively damaging to their spirits. They are curious and eager, but their educational experience doesn't seem to have been oriented around actual learning — certainly not around learning to write. That's why I was motivated to write "Why They Can't Write: Killing the Five-Paragraph Essay and Other Necessities."

There's evidence beyond my anecdotal experience. A 2018 Gallup survey found that more than half of students are either "not engaged" or "actively disengaged" from school. Engagement declines every year of schooling from fifth through 10th grade.

A 2019 Pew survey found that nearly 90% of teens feel at least some pressure to

get good grades; 61% feel "a lot" of pressure. This is against a backdrop where 70% of teens see anxiety and depression as a "major problem" among their peers.

Getting rid of homework and standardized tests for the rest of the school year doesn't sound like a wholly bad thing in this context.

So while children need to be occupied and we should strive to help them learn and grow as the developing humans they are, there is no utility in trying to replicate school — particularly when parents are under strain of their own during this precarious time. It is neither warranted nor will it be effective.

Young people can learn things without getting bogged down in schooling. To that end, here is a writing experience that works for children of just about any age — I first did it in third grade — which teaches them important and lasting principles about effective writing. And it also ends with lunch. It is the first exercise in my book of writing experiences, "The Writer's Practice."

Step 1: Ask a child to write instructions for making a peanut butter and jelly sandwich. (Feel free to substitute a favored sandwich.)

Step 2: Instruct the child to try to make the sandwich strictly according to their own instructions. If they forget to write that you need a knife to spread the peanut butter, use what God gave them. (Their

hands.) If they didn't specify an amount, have fun with it: Really glop it on.

Step 3: Throw that mess away or give it to the dog. (Sorry for the waste, but failure is a great teacher.)

Step 4: Help the child revise the instructions, so each step reflects what is necessary to make a successful sandwich.

Step 5: Make sandwich according to revised instructions.

Step 6: Enjoy sandwich!

When I completed this for Mrs. Goldman in third grade at Greenbriar School, in Northbrook, I became a writer. I realized that writing has a purpose, that we must consider our audience before writing, and that we must take care as we write.

Take care of yourselves and each other. School will still be there on the other side.

For parents who need useful writing activities to occupy their children (sixth grade and up), I'm giving away 40 copies of "The Writer's Practice." Email the books@chicagotribune.com with "homestay" in the subject line; include your name and address in the body of the message. Books will be sent on a first-come, first-served basis.

John Warner is the author of "Why They Can't Write: Killing the Five-Paragraph Essay and Other Necessities."

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Book recommendations from the Biblioracle

John Warner tells you what to read based on the last five books you've read.

1. "The Dutch House" by Ann Patchett
 2. "Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption" by Bryan Stevenson
 3. "The Great Believers" by Rebecca Makkai
 4. "The Line Becomes a River: Dispatches from the Border" by Francisco Cantó
 5. "Ask Again, Yes" by Mary Beth Keane — *Bill H., Chicago*
- This is for a book club, so I hope I didn't mess this up. This novel has some elements that bug me a little, but I can't deny that it's stuck in my brain in interesting ways over the years: "The Marriage Plot" by Jeffrey Eugenides.

1. "Angels Burning" by Tawni O'Dell
2. "The Stories of John Cheever" by John Cheever
3. "Bangkok 8" by John Burdett
4. "The Island of the Sea Women" by Lisa See
5. "Behind the Beautiful Forevers: Life, Death, and Hope in a Mumbai Undercity" by Katherine Boo — *Cindy J., Chicago*

I was recently acquainted with the Commissaire Adamsberg mysteries from Fred Vargas. Set in France, it's a quirky crime/mystery series. Cindy should start with "The Chalk Circle Man."

1. "Chaos: Charles Manson, the CIA, and the Secret History of the Sixties" by Tom O'Neill
 2. "The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the Berlin Olympics" by Daniel James Brown
 3. "The League: How Five Rivals Created the NFL and Launched a Sports Empire" by John Eisenberg
 4. "Citizens of London: The Americans Who Stood With Britain in Its Darkest, Finest Hour" by Lynne Olson
 5. "A Good American Family: The Red Scare and My Father" by David Maraniss — *Mike D., Darien*
- This lists indicates that Mike likes nonfiction and sports, so I'm going with "Those Guys Have All the Fun: Inside the World of ESPN" by James Andrew Miller and Tom Shales, an oral history of the sports network that for now is stuck with reruns.

Get a reading from the Biblioracle

Send a list of the last five books you've read to books@chicagotribune.com.

Cultural healing

These Google art discoveries can satisfy museum lovers' fix during coronavirus quarantine

BY JESSICA GELT

Los Angeles Times

Coronavirus closures may mean months could pass before you can stand in front of a museum masterpiece again. If you have time on your hands and a deep need for cultural sustenance and succor, be it for yourself or your children, it's time to get familiar with a resource so obvious it's not: Google Arts & Culture.

This Google project launched nearly a decade ago, and while you likely were forgetting about it, the platform expanded exponentially. It now features thousands of high-resolution images from more than 1,200 museums globally, including the National Gallery in London, the Museo Reina Sofia in Madrid and the State Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg, Russia.

You can visit Google Arts & Culture as a website on your laptop or desktop, but the project is at its immersive best when engaged via the Google Arts & Culture app, which you can download for free on your smartphone or tablet. The great joy is its ability to transport you into the textural world of a piece of art. Zoom into brushstrokes, skate across oceans of color or a tap on a screen and explore the universe contained in the blue-green pigment of a single painted eye.

Images are accompanied by explanatory text, and you can spend days diving into the collection of any given partner institution.

Here we've rounded up some of our favorite virtual exhibits on the platform. It's also worth noting that the websites of local institutions like the Getty Museum, Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles County Museum of Art and the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County



CINCINNATI ART MUSEUM

Vincent Van Gogh's "Undergrowth with Two Figures" is part of the Cincinnati Art Museum's collection on Google Arts & Culture. The Google project, which was launched nearly a decade ago, also offers 17 collections of Van Gogh's paintings.

promise robust online options to help us in our coming weeks of collective isolation.

But for now, here are six ways to let Google be your global museum.

Van Gogh Museum, Amsterdam: Take a virtual trip to the Netherlands and this museum, which offers one of 17 collections of Van Gogh paintings in the Google project. You can see amazingly detailed images of more than 160 artworks, including sunflowers, self-portraits and his famous "The Bedroom." You also can click into the story, "Which Books Did Vincent Van Gogh Read?"

Scroll through Van Gogh paintings inspired by the literature he favored, including "The Vicarage at Nuenen," which captures the moody, windswept

home where Van Gogh's parents lived and where the young painter first grew to love the moralistic tales of Charles Dickens.

Uffizi Galleries, Florence: Take a virtual tour of one of Italy's most famous museums, featuring up close looks at the museum's interiors and the stunning masterpieces on its walls, including Michelangelo's "Doni Tondo" and Botticelli's "The Birth of Venus." (The magnification of the latter is so powerful, you can see cracks in the paint of her eyelids.)

Wander placid hallways and corridors and gaze out a window at the Ponte Vecchio bridge, which straddles the picturesque Arno River.

Guggenheim Bilbao Museum: Get up close and

personal with a selection of modernist triumphs inside the Frank Gehry-designed landmark in Spain.

"Masterpieces From the Collection" has art from the mid-20th century to the present: Mark Rothko, Jean-Michel Basquiat, Yves Klein and Willem de Kooning, revealed in luminous layers.

Smithsonian American Art Museum, Washington: You can take a digital walk through "African American Art: Harlem Renaissance, Civil Rights Era and Beyond," featuring work by black artists from the 1920s through the 2000s.

This exhibition explores the Harlem-based portrait photography of James VanDerZee, the lush brushstrokes of James A. Porter and the expressionistic folk

art of William Henry Johnson, as well as a trove of others works relating to race, identity, politics, culture and family.

Museo Frida Kahlo, Mexico City: "Appearances Can Be Deceiving: Frida Kahlo's Wardrobe" is an intimate study of the fascinating, highly stylized clothing and accessories that defined the look of the famous Mexican painter.

Kahlo's life was forever altered by a bus accident that displaced three vertebrae and left her in pain for the rest of her life. Crutches, elaborate leather corsets, a prosthetic leg in a gorgeous red-leather boot embroidered with silk thread — they're all on digital view, as are a slew of Kahlo's traditional Mexican dresses. Just as Google's zoom feature provides a

revealing look at paintings, the blown-up photography here can reveal, say, the tiniest beads adorning a very Frida blouse. It feels like an in-person experience.

Art Zoom: Thank Google not only for all of those interactive exhibitions but also for Art Zoom videos that play like mini documentaries, zeroed in on tiny details of famous canvases and narrated by famous musicians including Jarvis Cocker and Maggie Rogers.

A prime example: Pieter Bruegel the Elder's "Tower of Babel" as examined by Feist. The Canadian singer-songwriter takes us inside her interpretation of one of Bruegel's most famous works, which she notes stands 5 feet, 1 inch high — almost as tall as the singer herself.

WATCH THIS: SUNDAY



"VICE"

"VICE" (7 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 12 a.m., 2:30 a.m., Showtime): The Emmy-winning documentary series makes its Showtime premiere with a new assortment of long-form films that represent the best in on-the-ground journalism and newsworthy explorations of events transpiring all around the world today. From such hot spots as Iraq, Syria, Yemen and beyond, this series has built a strong track record of providing perspective on some of the world's most pressing issues, ranging from LGBTQ rights to the climate crisis, immigration and gun control, as well as international matters affecting young people.

"Remember Me, Mommy?" (7 p.m., 11:01 p.m., Lifetime): Almost none of Rebecca's colleagues on the faculty of Clark Academy, an elite boarding school for girls, knows that she gave up an infant daughter back when she was a young teenager. Not even Rebecca herself knows that the child in question, Elena, endured a rocky upbringing that saw her being bounced from one foster home to another. Now she's enrolled at Clark to meet her mysterious birth mother — and, if possible, wreak havoc on her life. Natalie Brown, Sydney Meyer and Amalia Williamson star in this 2020 thriller.

"Supergirl" (8 p.m., CW): Series star Melissa Benoist makes her directorial debut with the new episode "Deus Lex Machina," wherein Lex (guest star Jon Cryer) hatches a fiendishly complicated scheme he hopes will help him achieve several goals: bring Lena (Katie McGrath) closer to him, foil Leviathan's latest attack and, on a related note, pit Supergirl (Benoist) and her team against Leviathan. The episode also reveals how Lex came to power in the aftermath of Crisis.

"Mystery 101" (8 p.m., HMM): Jill Wagner returns as Professor Amy Winslow in the new mystery "An Education in Murder," which finds the academic sleuth determined to clear the name of a colleague who stands accused of fatally poisoning a scholarly rival who had recently discovered a valuable early draft of Mark Twain's "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" at an estate sale. She enlists the help of Detective Travis Burke (Kristoffer Polaha), whose now-retired predecessor is the same cop who arrested Amy's friend.

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SUNDAY EVENING, MAR. 29

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	NBC	5	The Wall: "Matt and Nick." (N) ©	Zoey's Extraordinary Playlist (N) ©	Good Girls: "Vegas, Baby." (N) ©				NBC 5 News at 10pm (N)
	ABC	7	American Idol: "309 (Hawaii Showcase and Final Judgment)." (N) ©		The Rookie: "Day of Death." (N) ©				News at 10pm (N) ★
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	Antenna	9.2	NewsRadio	NewsRadio	NewsRadio	NewsRadio	NewsRadio	NewsRadio	NewsRadio
	Court	9.3	OJ25 ©		OJ25 ©		Forensic	Forensic	Forensic
	PBS	11	Call the Midwife (Season Premiere) (N) ©		Garth Brooks: The Library of Congress Gershwin Prize for Popular Song (N) ©				Check, Please!
	CW	26.1	Batwoman (N) ©		Supergirl (N) ©		Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©
	The U	26.2	The Devil's Own (R,'97) ★★	Harrison Ford, Brad Pitt.			Ella Enchanted (PG,'04) ★★		
	MeTV	26.3	Columbo: "Double Shock." ©		Collector (N)		Flintstones	Honeymoon.	D. Van Dyke
H&I	26.4	Star Trek ©		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek ★	
Bounce	26.5	★ (5) Ray (PG-13,'04) ★★		Peeples (PG-13,'13) ★★		Craig Robinson. ©		Addicted ★★	
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UniMas	60	★ Hansel and Gretel	The Expendables 3 (NR,'14) ★★	Sylvester Stallone, Jason Statham.				Blood ★	
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CABLE	AE		White House Down (PG-13,'13) ★★	Channing Tatum, Jamie Foxx. ©					300 Rise ★
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	ANIM		The Aquarium (N)		The Aquarium (N)		North Woods Law: Uncuffed (N) ★		
	BBCA		★ (6:15) First Blood (R) ★★		★ (8:15) Rambo: First Blood Part II (R,'85) ★★				Rambo III ★
	BET		★ (5) Seven Pounds ('08) ★★		Tyler Perry's Temptation: Confessions of a Marriage Counselor				
	BIGTEN		BTN Basketball in 60 ©		BTN Basketball in 60 ©		Michigan Basketball		Michigan ★
	BRAVO		Housewives-Atlanta (N)		Family Karma (N) ©		Shahs of Sunset ©		Family ★
	CNN		CNN Tonight (N)		CNN Tonight (N)		Coronavirus: Facts and Fears: A CNN		
	COM		★ (6:30) Grown Ups (PG-13,'10) ★	Adam Sandler. ©			Talladega Nights: Ricky Bobby ★		
	DISC		Naked and Afraid: "Double Down in the Jungle." (N)				(9:02) Naked and Afraid		Afraid ★
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'It's not about the movies anymore'

The drive-in, relic of yesterday, finds itself suited to now

By **JAKE COYLE**
Associated Press

The drive-in theater, long a dwindling nostalgia act in a multiplex world, is experiencing a momentary return to prominence.

With nearly all of the nation's movie theaters shuttered due to the coronavirus pandemic, some drive-in owners think they're in a unique position to give moviegoers a chance to do something out of the house while keeping distance from others.

The Showboat Drive-In Theater in Hockley, Texas, about a 30-minute drive outside Houston, normally sees ticket sales go down about 40% on a weekend when they don't have any new movies. Earlier this month, they saw a 40% increase, says the theater's owner, Andrew Thomas. Usually open weekends, Thomas has kept screenings going through the week.

"Obviously this isn't the way you'd want it to occur, but I'm excited for the idea that there may be a new generation of people that will get to experience going to a drive-in theater and — I was going to say catch the bug," said Thomas, laughing. "Maybe some other turn of phrase."

There are just over 300 drive-ins left in the country. They constitute a small, off-forgotten flicker in today's movie ecosystem that hardly competes with the megawatt glare of the megaplex and the nation's 5,500 indoor theaters. But through decades of disruption and change in American life, they have managed to survive. They've somehow clung to life as relics of past Americana only to find themselves, for a brief moment anyway, uniquely suited to today.

Not many drive-ins are



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Viewers watch the animated film "Onward" recently at a drive-in theater in Paramount, California. There are just over 300 drive-ins left in the country.

open. It's a seasonal business to begin with, with many drive-ins not planning to open until April. John Vincent, president of the United Drive-in Theater Owner Association, estimates about 5% to 10% were open as of mid-March, and some of those are closing due to the pandemic. In states like California and New York, restrictions on movement and gatherings have been ramped up that mandate closures. As infections rise in other parts of the country, Vincent suspects the drive-in's window is already closing.

"We'd love the drive-ins to shine, but this is probably not the moment," said Vincent, who owns Wellfleet Cinemas on Cape Cod.

However long it lasts, the drive-in is for now, in certain parts of the country, one of the only remaining refuges of public entertainment — of getting out the house to do something while still staying inside your car. At the Paramount Drive-in near Los Angeles,

Forrest and Erin McBride figured a drive-in movie was one of the only ways they could responsibly celebrate their anniversary.

"We were like, what can we do? Everything's closed," said Forrest before a showing of "Onward." "We were like, 'Well, a drive-in theater is kind of like a self-quarantined movie date.'"

Aman Patel, a 25-year-old from Los Angeles, attended his first drive-in with his roommate and friends. "I always wanted to do it," said Patel.

Drive-ins aren't without their own virus concerns. Concessions and restrooms, in particular, still pose issues. All owners interviewed for this article said they were spacing out cars, reworking how customers could order food (sometimes via text messages) and limiting restroom occupancy.

Chris Curtis, owner of the Blue Moon Drive-in in Guin, Alabama, said he was doing something that has long been anathema to drive-ins: allowing outside

food and drink in. "In fact, we suggest it," reads the Blue Moon's Facebook page. Like indoor theaters, drive-ins make their money almost entirely by concessions.

"We're just trying to pay the power bill and the water bill and get through this, and give the community something to do at a time when there's not a whole lot to do," said Curtis, who's owned the Blue Moon for 24 years. "It's not about the movies anymore. It's about having something to do."

There are few movies left for drive-ins to play. For now, they can still screen recent releases like "Onward" and "The Hunt," but those movies are already available on various digital platforms as studios have funneled their films to homes due to the virus. The studios have cleared out their release calendars into May.

Those postponements have extended all the way to major summer releases, including Marvel's "Black Widow" (previously slated

for May 1). Eating into spring releases will be hard enough for drive-ins, but summer is when they sell most of their tickets. Owners say that if they manage to remain open in the coming weeks, they could potentially play older films (though those cost almost as much as new releases to play).

"We don't know how long we're going to have to live this way," said Thomas. "Everybody's wrestling with what it is going to be like in the middle of the summer when normally everyone is high-fiving and having a good time because the box office is going crazy. It's when you go: This is why I got into this business."

Drive-ins could also improvise in other ways. Lisa Boaz, who with her husband has operated the Monetta Drive-in in Monetta, South Carolina, since 1999, said they've been contacted by churches interested in using the drive-in for Sunday services. Parishioners would listen to sermons from their

cars through the drive-in's FM-radio transmitters.

"We're kind of playing it by ear right now," said Boaz.

Boaz said they had opened the Monetta earlier in March, hopeful for a good year. They have stacks of souvenir cups with "2020 season" printed on them. She's not sure how long the Monetta will stay open, and — like other owners — said she would be quick to follow any state-ordered shelter-in-place guidelines.

But so long as it's safe, Boaz appreciates the irony that in the year 2020, the best — and in many cases only — way to see a movie outside the house is at the drive-in. The pandemic hasn't proved the supremacy of streaming as much as it's shown how indomitable the urge is to spend a night at the movies.

"It is kind of nice that we're getting a little bit of extra attention. Maybe people don't want to stay inside as much as they thought they did," said Boaz.



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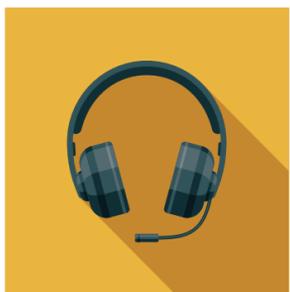
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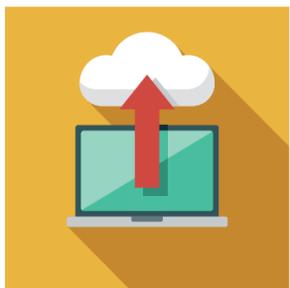
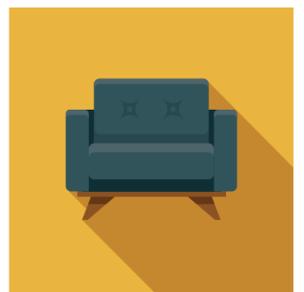
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Lincoln Park student wants to unite hungry peers and restaurants



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Biblical lender should look to the Bard

Dear Amy: I'm wondering how to balance friendship and faith with a business transaction gone bad.

I loaned several hundred thousand dollars to a longtime friend, as his business was struggling and he was going through a divorce. We agreed on standard documentation and precise payment terms. He has paid only part of the loan back, and the nonpayment is creating financial issues for me.

We are both Christians, and I want to follow biblical mandates (as I see them) that require people to lend when asked. I also want to be a good friend. However, although my friend says that he feels bad about the situation, he does not seem to be prioritizing repayment or making wise financial decisions.

Would you consider the friendship over and treat this as a purely financial transaction? Or would you continue to cut him some slack? I see no reason to harm my own financial situation due to a friend's bad choices, but I don't want to be unfair or cruel.

— A Remorseful Lender

Dear Remorseful: You frame your question by asking what I would do. But nothing in my own faith practice (or bank account) would enable this sort of extreme lending. If I want to and can afford to, I give versus lend.

Not to put too fine a point on it, but bailing out your friend has resulted in financial hardship for you and also has enabled him to persist in believing the fiction that he runs a successful business. As you point out, he is not running

a successful business. So — except for delaying the inevitable — how have you actually helped him?

Now you have fewer assets to put toward doing good works, taking care of family members, helping those in dire need, contributing to charity and your own church community.

Instead, your kindness and generosity has resulted in lost assets, enabling your friend's mistakes and, likely, a lost friendship. This is not your fault (it is his); your choice, however, is your responsibility.

Perhaps you should have chosen to follow a Shakespearean (instead of a biblical) mandate: "Neither a borrower nor a lender be ... For loan oft loses both itself and friend."

Your lawyer or the courts might be able to tease out more payments and/or a stake in your friend's company.

You should explore the work, wit and wisdom of Dave Ramsey, whose financial advice is both practical and Christian-focused. You would benefit from reading his book, "The Legacy Journey: A Radical View of Biblical Wealth and Generosity," (2014, Ramsey Press).

Dear Amy: I couldn't use my regular subscription opera ticket, so I gave the ticket to my opera companion to give to a mutual acquaintance at our church.

I've seen that acquaintance several times since, and she has my phone and email address, and she has not said thank you. The ticket was fairly expensive. Should I say anything to her?

— K

Dear K: Your opera ticket may have been bestowed upon your church friend like so much manna from heaven — and she might not be fully aware of the source. If your opera companion gave her the ticket, your role in this might have eluded the recipient.

People who purchase subscriptions know how valuable individual tickets are, but someone less familiar might simply think that this ticket was "extra."

Ideally, you shouldn't have to nudge this acknowledgment along, but you should email your acquaintance to say, "I've seen you a few times, but I keep forgetting to ask you — how was your evening at the opera? I was so sorry to miss the production, but I am happy you could use my ticket."

Dear Amy: "Bothered" had a neighbor/tenant whose morning microwave jolted her awake.

When it comes to noise, from housemates, roommates or spouses — get thee to a drugstore and get a white noise machine. Pure bliss.

Even my galloping-herd-of- elephants spouse went about his noisy routines, and I never heard a peep.

— Blissed

Dear Blissed: It wouldn't have occurred to me that one kind of noise would cancel out another kind of noise, but many readers have recommended white noise machines.

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A Lincoln Park high schooler's beautiful idea to help

How hungry students and battered restaurants can unite during coronavirus shutdown

Lincoln Park High School junior Jessica Tansey has launched a campaign that she hopes will help her classmates whose families struggle with food insecurity — and, at the same time, her neighborhood restaurants battered by the coronavirus pandemic.

She calls it A Meal Today, A Meal Tomorrow, and it works like this: You purchase a gift card at a nearby restaurant, and the restaurant agrees to donate a second gift card to Lincoln Park High School, which will then be given to a school family in need.

Larger restaurant chains may be able to commit to matching the gift cards dollar-for-dollar, and smaller restaurants could donate a gift card worth a percentage of the one you purchase.

"If we can connect restaurants and students with one solution, maybe it can make a difference for everybody," Tansey told me. "I want to get all of us thinking about how to bring communities together to support each other during rough times."

Tansey and her mom sent an email detailing the plan to Lincoln Park High's Local School Council, as well as the school's parent action group and Friends of Lincoln Park High School, the parent-run, volunteer fundraising group.

"It's not a question of, 'Should we do this?'" said Suzanne Wychocki, who serves on the parent action group. "We should. It's a

matter of how we get the message out to the community in the most easy-to-understand way so we can very quickly transact this."

Wychocki is working on several logistical points: identifying a point person at school who can make sure the gift cards go to the families who need them most (likely its social worker, she said); finding parents at the school who own or have connections to local restaurants; and determining the ability of those restaurants to execute Tansey's plan.

Close to half (46.8%) of students at Lincoln Park High School come from low-income households, according to Illinois Report Card data, meaning they qualify for free or reduced-price meals or their families receive public aid. Tansey said she knows some classmates without homes.

The added stress of the coronavirus outbreak further complicates their situation. To help students weather the state-mandated school closures, all Chicago Public Schools buildings are providing food boxes filled with three days' worth of breakfasts and lunches. Schools handed out 28,000 meal packages on the first day of distribution, according to Chalkbeat.

Chicago Public Schools are scheduled to remain closed until April 20, as of March 19.

Tansey worries the food boxes won't be enough to feed her classmates. She also worries about her



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Jessica Tansey, a junior at Lincoln Park High School, is trying to launch a campaign to benefit both restaurant employees and families in need during the coronavirus pandemic.

neighborhood restaurants. If helping one group can help another, she thinks it's worth a shot.

Several nearby restaurants have already agreed to take part and have launched their matching program, she said: Vinci, Adobo Grill, Giordano's and NYC Bagel and Deli. Patrons can inquire about the gift card match deal when they call to place an order or purchase a gift card.

Tansey is waiting to hear back from major Chicago restaurant groups, including Lettuce Entertain You and Boka Restaurant Group. Wychocki is working with the Lincoln Park Chamber of Commerce to

find more restaurants who want to take part.

Tansey set up an email address (amealtoday.LPHS@gmail.com) for people to contact if they want to help or join the campaign.

She also emailed Chicago City Clerk Anna Valencia and asked for help spreading the word. A few years ago, Valencia helped Tansey with a middle school project raising awareness about Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and how it applies to CPS students.

Tansey and a group of CPS students created a "Chicago Students' Wall of Hope Not Hate" art exhibit in 2017 that hung at City

Hall, where Valencia works.

Valencia wrote Tansey back the day after she received the email about A Meal Today, A Meal Tomorrow.

"She has a genius idea," Valencia told me. "We want young people to be engaged in their communities and using their voices and using their power to do good."

Valencia said she told Tansey she'll use the City Clerk's social media platforms to spread the word once the campaign is underway.

"I want to encourage it," Valencia said. "I love the idea of buying gifts cards right now. I'm doing the same thing to help a lot of

businesses. I also want to support a young person and her great idea."

Tansey hopes other schools and neighborhoods adopt the campaign as well. She'd love to see restaurants and schools across the city joining forces.

"If this is successful," she said, "maybe it can last longer than coronavirus."

Our humanity always does find a way to outlast what tests it. Tansey is proof this time will be no different.

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Owner Lourdes Duran mixes homemade sangria mix at Cesar's Killer Margaritas restaurant in Chicago. The restaurant is giving away excess food to employees and selling homemade drink mixes. Duran said the least she can do is to assure her workers that they can feed their families. "I wish I could do more," she said.

#COVIDKindness

In the coronavirus era, we'll get by with a little help from our friends — and some strangers too

BY DARCEL ROCKETT
AND LAURA RODRÍGUEZ PRESA

Kindness and strangers. Blanche DuBois from "A Streetcar Named Desire" knew something about it.

Reality may not be much different in our time of pandemic.

Acts of kindness are being posted on social media and sparking hashtags like #COVIDKindness; videos of people distancing themselves and yet still showing camaraderie exist; and stories of kind deeds are also prevalent. Self-isolation is not stopping the mindset of: "He ain't heavy, he's my brother."

People are reaching out to those in their community even while limitations have been imposed statewide.

"As a nonagenarian, and a member of the most vulnerable group in the current health crisis, I am the beneficiary of numerous offers of assistance from neighbors, friends and relatives," Donald Westlake, of Wheaton, wrote in a letter to the editor. He said he's been offered rides and people have brought him food during self-isolation. He said he's being cautious but still trying to live a life.

"I see this as an expression of unity. People are reaching out to show that they care."

It's something that Jamil Zaki, a professor of psychology at Stanford University and author of "The War for Kindness: Building Empathy in a Fractured World," says is not abnormal. Despite what pop culture films may show (i.e., "The Purge"), when disaster hits, people don't become more selfish.

"It's as if people think rules are the only things that constrain us from being super selfish," he said. "But it turns out that when disasters strike, we see an outpouring of people helping strangers — people lining up to donate blood or shelter people or help them in whatever way they can; they're ignoring boundaries of race and class and other divisions that often keep us apart. It turns out that when things are stressful and we're all suffering together, we realize how much we have in common."

Orland Park resident Nancy Crowther, 77, said she decided to go to a grocery store March 14. The parking lot was full, and the store was filled with more shoppers than she's ever seen; however, every person she encountered inside was polite and accommodating.

"Strangers were exchanging brief cheering remarks along with 'Excuse me, please!' and 'Can I help you?' I've never seen anything like it," she said. "Kindness, difficulties shared and innate goodness filled the store. It turned my day from



Melissa Kim picks up a bottle of homemade margarita mix from Lourdes Duran at Cesar's Killer Margaritas.

troublesome to heartened and optimistic."

COVID-19 is keeping Crowther and her 77-year-old husband away from their 9-year-old granddaughter on the city's Far North Side, which makes her sad, but the friendliness she's seen in her neighbors is a bright spot in her day.

"I spoke with a friend this morning who shops at a different store in Orland Park, and she said she saw the same thing," Crowther said. "It was not an isolated incident."

Proof of that can be seen when perusing the number of posts on Nextdoor, the social networking service for neighborhoods. A plethora of individuals are offering aid to neighbors. Heidi Shewu, a part of Matteson's Woodgate Nextdoor community, mentioned that she's in her 30s, healthy and full of energy, and able to pick up items from stores for the elderly. "Please stay safe and healthy — we are in this together! Have a Blessed day."

"No one has yet to reach out for grocery assistance," she said. "Me offering assistance to others is just who I am in nature. The current situation brought by COVID-19 just gives me the opportunity to do what I can for others."

Regular customers of small businesses are showing their kindness through monetary support. Hairdresser Karen Thrash, co-owner of Flip Salon in North Center, said she got a text from a male client inquiring about her accessibility to cash apps. He was due for a haircut but wasn't coming in.

"He said he was hunkering down for a while, but he offered to pay me for a haircut that he wasn't going to get anyway. That was so heartwarming," she said.

The Portage Park resident said she's

seen kindness outside the doors of the salon "all over."

Lourdes Duran, owner of Cesar's Killer Margaritas, bought some groceries for her employees and offered to help during the shutdown if they need food. Some employees are still working in hopes that people stop in for takeout, but most waiters and waitresses are out of a job. Duran said the least she can do is to assure her workers that they can feed their families.

"I wish I could do more," she said.

In Avondale, Linnea Madfen offered her neighbors the use of her four bikes so that those who must work can avoid the CTA and keep themselves a bit safer.

"It seemed like a no-brainer if we're not using them," she said. "My dad is 81, and he has a respiratory condition, and I want to help others stay home and safe from the virus."

So far, one person has reached out to her. But the more vulnerable people in the community are also at the forefront of people's minds.

Pilsen resident Sofia Armengol, 27, created a spreadsheet with the names and numbers of neighbors that others can check on. The spreadsheet is detailed with languages that neighbors speak and who drives or not. People are also trying to reach out to those who may not be digitally inclined, those not online.

"The idea of it is that neighbors reach out to other neighbors to check up on each other, a lot of people are very engaged," Armengol said. "Those in need can reach out to the people there. Someone will respond."

Some people have bought groceries and asked the online community to help them contact families in need, including the

undocumented, seniors and those who have lost their job, to give them groceries.

Miguel Angles Blancarte Jr., 32, of Little Village, is one who has used the spreadsheet to help. He gave a care package to his neighbor and also went out to buy groceries to distribute.

"No matter how kind you are as a person. This is one of the first things, I think in the 21st century, that I know of, that is going to hit everyone. And if it's not going to

hit you, it's going to hit someone that you know," said Gabriella van Rij, kindness expert, speaker and author of "Kindness Is a Choice." She, too, dropped groceries off for a neighbor in his 70s with diabetes. She started an online community to help those during the pandemic. Members of the community can go on different boards — housekeeping, one for students and teachers, etc. — and ask for help and/or be of service.

"I think this social distancing will maybe be a turning point for our society," she said. "We're perplexed, we're overwhelmed, but let's take a step back and help someone within your 2-mile radius. By making kindness a choice, we are investing together in humanity."

Van Rij, a Davenport, Iowa, resident, hopes this current level of kindness continues past the coronavirus measures. So does Zaki.

"COVID-19 doesn't care what race or class you are. It's a pandemic that affects all of us, and I think these disasters show us how much we have in common," he said. "This is not a distant disaster for anybody. There is no us and them; there is just us and it. We don't often realize how much kindness that we have in us. I think disasters can stress us out and make us feel really isolated, but they can also bring us together."

Keep in mind that studies also show that neighbors can have an impact on one's loneliness. Zaki wants people to remember that even the act of social distancing is an act of kindness.

"A lot of us who are relatively young and healthy aren't really at much risk of dying or developing super severe symptoms even if we were to catch COVID-19," he said. "But we're isolating ourselves to protect more vulnerable people in our community. It's an act of being alone, but also an act of solidarity."

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How to postpone family events due to coronavirus

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Q: How should you tell a family member to postpone a gathering due to the coronavirus?

A: If you are concerned about the event breaching the social distancing or other recommendations made by a health agency or government, you can let the host know that you feel it is a bad idea and share your

concerns for the well-being of others. Recommending ideas is different from barking orders and instructing someone to cancel an event.

If the host can't get a refund for a room rental or other expenses, you may want to pass the hat or help out. The event may end up being later, smaller or virtual, and while that is not what the host had planned or dreamed of, if you keep a positive attitude, you can

bet everyone will remember the year that the coronavirus messed up the party planning but it couldn't stop you from having fun eventually with lifelong stories later!

—Alyson Schafer, author of "Honey, I Wrecked the Kids"

A: Because of the seriousness of the virus, you may be tempted to tell others how they should behave during this health

crisis. However, it is never our place to tell family members or anyone else what they should or shouldn't do unless you are asked for your advice.

If your relative is intent on holding a planned gathering while the virus is still spreading, simply decline the invitation. Explain you are concerned about catching or spreading the coronavirus and feel it best you don't attend. If the host is a close family member,

such as a son or daughter, you could share your concern that invited guests may feel uncomfortable attending while the virus is active and it might be best to postpone.

Ultimately, it is up to the hosts to decide if they want to take the risk and for the invited guests to determine if they are comfortable attending the event. If enough invitees decline, the host will need to postpone the celebration.



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Keep having that quarantine sex, Chicago

You can't get the coronavirus from it

By **CHRISTEN A. JOHNSON**

Let's be real: We know many of you have been knocking the boots, even though you're supposed to be social distancing. Truth be told, there isn't much else to do. And when in quarantine ...

TMZ recently spoke with alternative health advocate Dr. Mehmet Oz on the unusually empty streets of New York City and asked him what couples should do if they are cooped up for weeks due to the coronavirus.

His response? Sex. "The best solution if you're holed up with your significant other in quarantine is have sex," he said. "You'll live longer, you'll get rid of the tension ... maybe you'll make some babies. It's certainly better than staring at each other and getting on each other's nerves."

Chicago experts agreed, so long as your partner is living with you, and neither of you are exhibiting symptoms. Dr. Lauren Streicher, founder and medical director of the Northwestern Medicine Center for Sexual Medicine and Menopause, said even though COVID-19 is a new virus and the information about it changes hour by hour, she has no reason at present to tell people to refrain from sex with people they're living with.

"What we do know is that the virus is transmitted through saliva and secretions, so as best as we can tell, the biggest danger in terms of sexual activity is just having your face close to the other person's face," Streicher said.

There has been no research on whether COVID-19 can be transmitted sexually, she said, and there's no reason to think that it would be.



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There's been no research as to if COVID-19 can be carried in the vagina or through semen, and there's no reason to think that it would, according to a Northwestern physician.

"When you look at coronaviruses and what we know about them in general, the risk is really about upper respiratory transmission, as opposed to sexual activity," she said. "If you have someone you're quarantined with — your spouse, your partner, or whoever — I don't think there is any problem with having sex because you're face-to-face all day anyway."

If someone has the virus or has symptoms, they should be quarantined away from everyone else in the home — and not having sex. If that isn't the case, then "having sex is no worse than sitting across the table from them, as best

as we can tell," said Streicher.

Kissing is likely going to be the highest-risk activity, Streicher said, while oral sex will potentially offer the least risk. "Oral sex is probably the best way to be away from the other person's face," she said.

But that doesn't mean compromising the practice of protecting yourself and your sexual partners.

"Safe sex is safe sex," said Streicher. "It's far more likely — especially if it's not your usual partner — that you're going to get an STI than you're going to get the virus if you're not practicing safe sex."

When it comes to your relationship, extra time

together can lend itself well to a more intimate connection, said Jennifer Litner, a licensed marriage and family therapist and certified sex therapist. It can also soothe those feelings of pandemic panic.

"Partners can embrace a sexy staycation, or really slow down some of their busy lives to connect with each other, and that can lend itself nicely to being sexual," Litner said. "Oxytocin and dopamine really stir orgasms and can boost mood and connection, so that could be a great antidote to some of the anxiety that people are experiencing during this time of uncertainty."

Then again, there is also

the risk that too much time together could create a barrier to sexual connection, since novelty — which is "really great" for boosting desire — can be lacking, said Litner, who provides sex therapy and education through her Ravenswood-based Embrace Sexual Wellness center.

"Familiarity can actually not be so great for desire and arousal," she said. "It's possible, while people have the time to connect, they can get bored rather quickly."

For those of you starting to feel lonely, and getting an itch to reach out to an ex, Litner offers the reminder that you "don't need a partner to be sexual."

"Self-pleasure is a really wonderful way of connecting with oneself," she said.

With more sex though, comes more caution. Streicher recommends having a surplus of contraceptives (especially if you're not trying to have a quarantine baby come December or January).

"If you take birth control pills, get extra packs of months' worth, because we don't know what access will be a couple months from now," she said. "If you're relying on condoms, which can break, have emergency contraception (ready) just in case."

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Early YouTube star grows up

By **TAYLOR LORENZ**
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ORLANDO, Fla. — For the past 10 years, Ricky Dillon, 27, has documented every major moment of his life on YouTube.

He started posting videos when he was a junior in high school — funny music parodies at first, then more personal stuff. The concept of a YouTube star was still in its infancy; his peers who knew about his channel bullied him.

"Back then you made videos for no one," Dillon said. "People didn't get it."

By the end of 2010, he had amassed 50,000 followers; in 2012, the count was up to about 200,000. That year, he and six of his internet friends started Our Second Life (O2L), a collaborative YouTube channel. They had watched each other's videos from afar — Minnesota, Texas, California, Alabama — and thought that together they could build a much bigger following.

The boys moved into a sprawling home in Los Angeles in 2013, paving the way for collab houses like the Team 10 house, 1600 Vine and Hype House, and embarked on a 19-city tour across America the following year. Thousands of fans came out to meet them. The group won a Teen Choice Award. Their subscriber count spiked to 2.5 million.

It all seems a bit quaint compared with how quickly young creators are able to become famous and financially independent in 2020.

"It's a night-and-day difference between then and now," Dillon said. "It's become a cool thing."

He was speaking in Orlando. He had traveled there for Playlist Live, an online-video convention now in its 10th year. When Dillon first began attending Playlist, YouTubers and their fans were still an emerging community. There wasn't a lot of money in it.



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YouTuber Ricky Dillon, right, takes a selfie with a fan during a meet-and-greet at Playlist Live in Orlando, Florida.

"Back then being a YouTuber was still so new, it didn't seem so stable," Dillon said. In the years after, several early top creators quit YouTube, burned out or changed careers.

After O2L disbanded in December 2014, Dillon reinvented himself. He released 20 original songs, a music video with Snoop Dogg, a memoir and a card game. He also kept posting videos to his personal channel.

More recent times have been tough, he said, noting that 2018 and 2019 "were dark years for me." Dillon had financed his music videos himself and spent carelessly, eventually landing in financial trouble.

He was also coming to terms with his identity. Growing up, he didn't believe he was allowed to be gay. "So many times I didn't want to make videos because I was in a dark place," he said.

Just days before arriving at Playlist, Dillon came out to his fans in an emotional video. Brandy Smith, 18, said she was inspired by his authenticity on social media. "His confidence made me think how much confidence I could have," she said.

At the convention, Dillon assumed the role of sage elder. According to the event's organizers, 70% of the creators in attendance were first-timers, many of them newly TikTok famous. For Dillon, Playlist was one in a long line of public appearances.

Aside from a stint in retail — he was a sales associate at PacSun in high school — Dillon has never had a traditional job. However, maintaining momentum in the online video world can be cutthroat. Some influencers start fights or engage in cruel pranks for views. Dillon has steered clear of controversy and become somewhat thrifty.

In addition to running his YouTube channel, Dillon has recently taken on a part-time job editing videos for the 20-year-old Dolan Twins, which helps him pay the bills.

"When you stare at your own face for eight hours, it's hard," he said. "When I edit for them, it's fresh material. It's not myself. It's a new way to be creative." He lives on a quiet street with a roommate, his dog and a pet pig. Between shooting and editing, he works out and binge-watches TV.

Dillon said he's finally feeling positive about the future. The money from editing has freed him up, so he doesn't have to upload or post when he doesn't feel like it.

Throughout the conference, while most of the attendees were glued to their screens, he posted only one photograph to Instagram. In it, he is surrounded by flowers with a slight smile on his face.

"I used to feel really pressured to post the whole weekend," Dillon said. "Now I just enjoy the ride."



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Coronavirus impact: How you can help those in need

BY KATE THAYER, JEREMY MIKULA

The spread of the coronavirus pandemic has placed an extra burden on Chicagoland nonprofit organizations.

Even before Gov. J.B. Pritzker issued a stay-at-home order effective March 21, nonprofit organizations were forced to cancel fundraising events and have expressed concern that donations will suffer because of COVID-19.

Blood banks, in particular, are in need given the number of canceled blood drives.

Here is an evolving list of where you can make donations to organizations helping those in need. For more reading or to find a charity, visit Charity Navigator or Guide Star.

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Dolton village trustee and community activist Andrew Holmes, left, delivers about 200 bags of food to Our Savior Senior Apartments, a large senior housing building in Dolton.

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Nonprofit groups are losing crucial funding

BY KATE THAYER

In a time of vast cancellations for the good of public health, nonprofit organizations are feeling the burden.

Organizations that rely on donors, often through large-scale galas or other events, have had to cancel or postpone planned fundraisers through the spring with the increased spread of the coronavirus that causes COVID-19.

"The uncertainty of the nonprofit sector ... creates anxiety," said Susan Abrams, chief executive officer of the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center. The organization had to cancel its annual Humanitarian Awards Dinner, which was supposed to be March 12 and

was expected to bring in a seven-figure sum in donations, she said.

"We did not make the decision lightly, but ... as a gathering of close to 2,000 people, we didn't feel confident for everyone's safety," Abrams said, adding that elderly World War II veterans and other Holocaust survivors were supposed to attend.

As the virus continued to spread and guidance from public health experts and officials strengthened, Abrams and her staff made the call to close the museum through at least March 29, much like other museums in the city.

While Abrams said they're continuing to rely on donors and have received word from some event sponsors that they'll

honor their financial commitments, regardless of cancellations, she's also concerned about continued support in what's sure to be a difficult economic climate for everyone.

In that vein, the museum is also looking for ways to trim expenses, Abrams said. And because the museum is closed, they're also figuring out creative ways to reach out to their audience and provide content until they can reopen, she said.

Similarly, the Center for Abused Women and their Children, which runs one of the city's domestic violence shelters, made the call to postpone its annual Sounds of Silence gala, which can bring in around \$300,000 for the organization, said Executive Direc-

tor Stephanie Love-Patterson. It's now planned for October.

When making the decision and thinking about the potential loss of funds, "I honestly thought about our clients ... and what those dollars go to," she said, describing their work as "life-saving services."

But Love-Patterson is hopeful funds will be made up because they were able to postpone their event, instead of simply canceling it. "That's makes a big difference."

At Paws Chicago, which runs a no-kill animal shelter and fostering program, founder Paula Fasseas said she and other staff decided to postpone the organization's Animal Magnetism event but went ahead with an online silent auction.



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Sarge, a 6-month-old male Labrador mix dog on March 6 at PAWS Chicago Medical Center.

They'll also postpone a May 5K run to sometime this fall, she said.

"Of course we are concerned," she said. "A few of our sponsors have stepped

up ... but people are being hit hard. Everyone is being affected by this."

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A man sits on a dune earlier this month at White Sands National Park in New Mexico. Experts predict more people will want to visit national parks and be in the outdoors, away from crowds, in the wake of the coronavirus.

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'Fall is the new summer'

How coronavirus could change the way we travel — and when

BY LORI RACKL

After a long Chicago winter, Safia and Izz Matariyeh were looking forward to their Miami getaway next month, followed by a family vacation in June to Cancun.

Now that the new coronavirus has turned the travel industry — and just about everything else — upside down, the River North couple aren't sure what their travel plans will look like down the road.

"A lot of my friends have changed their plans because they'd rather drive than fly, but our kids are too young to be in the car for a long time," Safia said a few days before Gov. J.B. Pritzker issued a statewide stay-at-home order.

"The crisis has made me re-evaluate where I'm going and which companies I'll give my money to," added her husband, Izz. "The sites that refund our money and make it easy — they'll have a customer for life."

Vacation planning has become an oxymoron as airlines slash capacity, cruise ships are anchored and millions of people are told to hunker down amid a firehouse of closures, cancellations and global travel warnings. Health and tourism experts predict leisure travel might not get much traction until autumn at the earliest.

The types of vacations we take will likely change too. Road trips are poised to make a resurgence, and more people are expected to gravitate to the great outdoors and similar social distancing-friendly destinations.

"I wouldn't plan a summer vacation at this point ... as far as having to put money on the table," said Northwestern University infectious disease expert Dr. Robert Murphy.

"We're going to have a much better handle on the trajectory of this epidemic in the United States" in early April, Murphy said, adding that a lot will depend on how closely the country's experience mirrors what's happening in Europe.

"If it goes like Italy, the summer is definitely off. If the drastic actions that were put into play — if they have an impact and really

blunt this — best-case scenario is maybe by the end of the summer, things will have calmed down enough that we can start traveling again."

Given the uncertainty of where we are on the COVID-19 curve, Travelzoo senior editor Gabe Saglie expects this summer could be a busy time to book trips, but not necessarily take them.

"Summer could be when we really start to see the onslaught of some great opportunities for travelers — fantastic value, a lot of deals," he said. "But when we take those trips will probably shift a whole season. Fall is the new summer for a lot of folks."

And Indiana may be the new Italy as people push the pause button on trips abroad and opt to stick closer to home, both for perceived safety and economic reasons.

"2020 was going to be a banner year for international travel; the dollar was strong, airfare wars were on," Saglie said. "We were even predicting a domestic travel recession. What's happening now has flipped that formula completely on its head. The closer destinations, the drive market, that regional trip — that's what will probably see the most immediate benefit once people start traveling again."

Wisconsin tourism officials said they have reason to be optimistic. While overall traffic at TravelWisconsin.com is down, in line with the rest of the industry, the area on the website where you can order the state's travel guide is seeing an uptick in interest. It's logged a 3% increase in visits March 1-15 compared with the same time last year, according to communications director Craig Trost.

Low gas prices and the peace of mind and flexibility that come with being in your own car make road trips an especially appealing vacation option in the wake of the coronavirus.

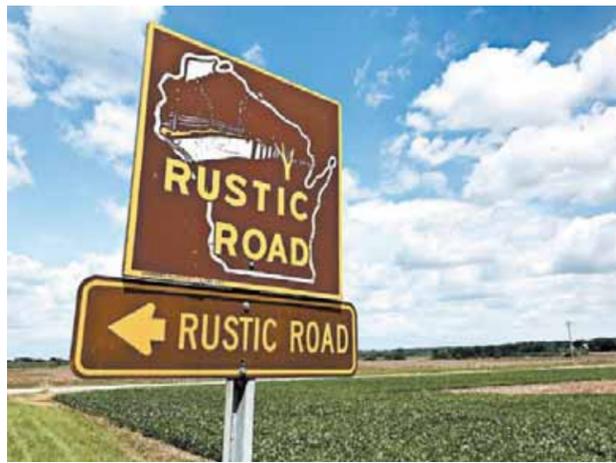
Avid traveler Razvan Voicu, 35, of Jefferson Park, said that's the route he might go, now that a spring trip to Iceland has been scotched.

He and his wife are still planning to take a summer vacation in Canada's Banff National Park, "where you don't have to interact



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Camping at Indiana Dunes National Park. National parks — and camping in general — are likely to remain attractive options for travelers gravitating to the great outdoors as a result of the coronavirus.



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Wisconsin's network of Rustic Roads might see more travelers looking for close-to-home, drivable destinations.

with people too much and it's easy to keep a social distance," Voicu said.

Being surrounded by nature — as opposed to throngs of people in a European capital or on a 5,000-passenger cruise ship — has taken on new appeal in these crowd-averse times.

The active travel company Backroads, which runs trips around the world, is seeing a spike in reservations for its national park offerings in Glacier, Yellowstone and the Grand Tetons as customers reschedule for North American destinations, company spokeswoman Liz Einbinder said. Alaska and the Canadian Rockies are experiencing a similar boost in demand, she said.

"Even if this summer remains a tough time for everyone in general and certainly for long-distance air travel and cruise ships, the national parks still might have very good visitor numbers," said Terence Young, professor emeritus of geography

at California State Polytechnic University in Pomona and author of "Heading Out: A History of American Camping."

"I wouldn't be surprised if the camping numbers stayed very solid and maybe even go up," he said.

When the highly lethal and infectious Spanish flu swept through the country a century ago, U.S. national park visitation numbers, which had been growing substantially, took a dip in 1918 as the pandemic started. What happened next, Young said, could be a sign of how the travel market will respond to the coronavirus.

"The number in 1918 went down to 436,000," he said, adding that he thinks the Spanish flu, not World War I, drove the bulk of the decrease. People were either too sick or too scared to travel. "Then, in 1919, it jumps to 781,000. In 1920, when (the pandemic) is basically over, it jumps again, another 250,000 to over 1 million. From there on, it's stable.

"This suggests to me that we're going to go through a period when travel is very slow," he said. "But if there's a vaccine next year and people start to feel comfortable again, I think you're going to see an explosion of travel in general. It's going to take off like a rocket."

Before the coronavirus pandemic made social distancing the new normal, more travelers were heading to less visited locales to combat the growing problem of overtourism plaguing uber-popular spots like Venice, Italy.

"This trend we're already seeing of seeking out more remote, off-the-beaten path destinations will simply be fueled by our need to have a little more elbow room between us and other travelers," Travelzoo's Saglie said.

Last year, Michigan's tourism bureau started focusing on promoting travel to lesser known parts of The Mitten State.

"When the time is right (when we get the all clear sign) we will again remind travelers of these options," Travel Michigan Vice President Dave Lorenz said via email. "The 'get away from it all' experience will be refreshing ... and I for one am looking forward to it."

So is Northwestern University's infectious disease specialist, Dr. Murphy.

"My big thing is driving to the west coast of Michigan," said Murphy, the university's executive director of the Institute for Global Health. He travels 200,000-plus miles a year for work. In January alone, he visited Madrid, Paris, Beijing, Bangkok and Cape Town.

"I was going to go to Spain this summer for a couple of weeks and then a couple of weeks in Michigan," he said. "Now, I'm just going to Michigan."

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Next year's ski passes offer early bird deals

BY ELISABETH VINCENTELLI
The New York Times

Companies running popular multiresort passes would like you to start thinking about the next snow-sports season. Passes from the three main players are now on sale for the 2020-21 season, with incentives to buy early: As time goes on, prices go up and some perks vanish. The renewal discount for the 2020-21 Ikon Pass and Ikon Base Pass, for example, ends April 22.

Here's what you need to know about the updates to next year's Epic, Ikon and Mountain Collective passes.

Epic

The big news for Epic, the Vail Resorts' pass, is the introduction of Epic Mountain Rewards, which offers 20% off an array of services at the destinations owned and operated by the Colorado-based behemoth. "It's really simple," said Johnna Muscente, the director of communications at Vail Resorts. "You have access to Epic Mountain Rewards whether you ski one day or every day in the season. You don't need to sign up for anything, you don't need to track miles or points. And there are no blackout dates."

Pass holders present their cards when renting skis or snowboards on site, or when buying quick-service lunch or dinner. They can also use the rewards website to book lodging, group lessons or rentals ahead of time. There is some fine print: Alcohol isn't included, for example, and the dining discount applies up to \$150 in purchases per day.

Besides that, Epic is staying the course with its two main products. The first is the Epic Local Pass (\$729 — for adults, as are all the prices quoted here), which offers unlimited access to 26 resorts as well



A line at the Mt. Rainier Gondola at Crystal Mountain Resort in January in Enumclaw, Washington.

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as restricted access to flagship mountains like Park City, Utah; Vail, Colorado; and Whistler Blackcomb, British Columbia. The second is the Epic Pass (\$979), which has fewer restrictions and includes more international destinations.

Epic is strengthening its New England base with two new regional passes: a Northeast Midweek (\$449) and a Northeast Value (\$599). There are local offerings, too, like the \$389 Keystone Plus Pass in Colorado, which gives unlimited (excluding holiday blackouts) access to Keystone, as well as unlimited access to neighboring Breckenridge after April 1, and five days (with blackouts) at Crested Butte.

Ikon

In the winter of 2019, the Ikon pass became a target of criticism for locals irked by increased traffic on the roads and lifts. The agita-



For 2020-21, Colorado's Aspen Snowmass and Wyoming's Jackson Hole will be a \$150 add-on to the Ikon Base Pass.

tion flared up especially at Colorado's Aspen Snowmass and Wyoming's Jackson Hole, which may explain why, for 2020-21, access to these two destinations will be a \$150 add-on to the \$699 Ikon Base Pass, unlocking five days at each place. (Both resorts remain part of the package for the \$999 Ikon Pass.)

"We need to manage the experience we provide, and

we feel the new arrangement will help us do that," said Jeff Hanle, vice president for communications at the Aspen Skiing Co. He also pointed out that a freak abundance of sunny powder weekends during the 2018-19 season had contributed to the overall number of visits.

"Being an add-on will make people commit, so those who really want to

ski Jackson Hole will make that decision when they're purchasing," said Anna Cole, communications director at Jackson Hole.

Also new is the \$399 Ikon Session Pass 4-Day, which offers four flexible days at 30 participating resorts (though not at Copper Mountain, Colorado, or Killington, Vermont, for example).

The last major Ikon change is increased access at Vermont's Sugarbush and Stratton resorts.

Mountain Collective

Next season, Mountain Collective is adding four destinations: Sugarloaf, Maine; Panorama, British Columbia; Grand Targhee, Wyoming; and Chamonix, France (promoted from affiliate to full member). A favorite of ski devotees, Grand Targhee had long been a pass holdout, and its proximity to Jackson Hole

— which is also in the collective — will make the region doubly attractive for pass holders.

"The Mountain Collective Pass fills a niche for adventurers and snow chasers who don't necessarily live close to a resort but want affordable access to the best winter destinations on the planet," said Christian Knapp, the chief marketing officer of Aspen Skiing Co. "The relatively low out-of-pocket price, combined with the flexibility of extension days and no blackouts, sets it apart from other multiresort passes."

At \$469 for 2020-21, the Mountain Collective Pass offers two free days at each of its 22 destinations and 50% off the window rate for additional days. The price tends to go up in the late spring and early summer, when incentives — such as a third free day at one destination and a \$99 pass for children 12 and under — disappear.

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Wire and vines line the walls of a former cell block at Sing Sing Correctional Facility in Ossining, New York. A not-for-profit group plans to open the Sing Sing Prison Museum in 2025.

Museum to get up close to the Big House

BY MICHAEL HILL
Associated Press

OSSINING, N.Y. — Busting out of Sing Sing has been a dream of inmates since cell doors started clanging shut along the Hudson River in the 1820s. Now there's a plan to usher visitors inside the high walls well known in the past to gangsters, Hollywood stars and prisoners condemned to the electric chair.

A museum just beyond the maximum-security prison's watch towers is being planned with a unique feature: a 300-foot-long corridor connecting to the roofless ruins of the original 19th-century cell block inside the walls. Museumgoers would stand at the site of the first cramped cells at this prison "up the river" from New York City and learn about life in the Big House.

"It's so much more than

just barbed wire and stone walls," said Sean Pica, who was released from the Sing Sing Correctional Facility in 2002. "For those of us that lived in these prisons to know that time will be captured, the history will be told, is exciting — for the good and for the bad."

Pica is a board member of the not-for-profit group planning to open the Sing Sing Prison Museum in 2025. Visitors will learn about incarceration in America and about a lockup that looms large culturally.

Infamous inmates who have passed through the gates 30 miles north of New York City include Charles "Lucky" Luciano and "Son of Sam" killer David Berkowitz. There were 614 people who walked the last mile — 45 feet, actually — to the electric chair here, among them Cold War spies Julius and Ethel Rosenberg.

The prison's forbidding reputation was burnished by Hollywood during its golden age through gangster flicks starring James Cagney and other big stars. This is where Holly Golightly visits Sally Tomato in "Breakfast at Tiffany's" and where Robert De Niro's character was sent to in "Analyze This."

The prison's unusual name is commonly attributed to a Native American phrase for "stone upon stone."

The idea for a museum here has been kicking around for decades — complicated by the fact that Sing Sing is an active maximum-security prison currently housing about 1,300 inmates. Museums at defunct prisons, like Alcatraz, are common. Rarer are those like the Angola Prison Museum, which is outside the front gate of the maximum-security Louisiana State Penitentiary.

Agreements are being finalized that would allow the private group to begin renovations this summer on the former powerhouse that will house the museum. Organizers plan to turn the building's locker room into a preview center by the end of this year.

The \$45 million plan is not a state project, though New York has supported it with \$3.3 million in grants.

While discussions with the state continue, the plan is to open the museum in 2025 with the secure corridor from the powerhouse to the stone shell of the original cell block, according to interim museum Executive Director Brent D. Glass.

The hollowed-out building used to house cells for 1,200 men on six tiers and runs well longer than a football field.

It was constructed by inmates who were dropped off at the river landing in

1825 and ordered to mine limestone from the hillside for what would become their prison. It was used as housing for about a century while the prison grew up around it. A fire in the 1980s left it roofless.

The prison's long history mirrors the story of incarceration in America, from harsh treatment in the early years, to the run of executions ending in 1963, to more progressive touches in the 20th century, like morale-boosting celebrity visits.

Babe Ruth swatted a monster home run here during a Yankees exhibition game in 1929. Joan Baez and B.B. King played for inmates on Thanksgiving Day 1972, with the bluesman telling his audience, "I imagine that quite a few of you dudes have the blues already."

Pica served part of his time in Sing Sing after pleading guilty to man-

slaughter in 1987. No Pollyanna about prison life, Pica notes that he earned his master's degree behind bars, setting up his post-incarceration career of helping prisoners earn college degrees.

Pica looks forward to a museum that focuses not only on the electric chair and the wardens, but also the generations of men sent up the river and locked into cells.

"This is an opportunity," he said, "to look through a lens that you normally would never be able to view through."

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Juneau. Though its population is only about 32,000, it's the country's largest capital city by area. It also connects to no highway systems, so it can be reached only by air or sea.

TRAVEL TROUBLESHOOTER

What happened to the Iberostar water park?

BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT
King Features

I booked four rooms for my extended family on a vacation to Iberostar Selection Rose Hall Suites in Montego Bay, Jamaica. Having been to the adults-only side of the resort before, we chose the suites for its family-friendly reputation.

About a week before our arrival, I began reading some reviews that stated that the water park was under construction and kids club was closed. I was hopeful that it was a quick maintenance closure of just a few days.

I immediately reached out to my travel agent and resort. My agent said he hadn't heard anything about construction. I didn't receive a response from the resort for over eight days. They confirmed that indeed the water park was under construction and wouldn't be ready until November. But by then, we had arrived.

We certainly understand that construction and remodels happen, but we would have chosen a different resort or different time, had the resort made us aware. I reached out to the concierge while we were on-site to see about some type of concession or credit, but none was available. Can you help?

— Danielle Savena, Wexford, Pennsylvania

A: Your travel agent should have known that you were booking the Iberostar Selection Rose Hall Suites for the water park and monitored the property for you. Once it became clear that the water park was out of service, your agent should have negotiated with the hotel for a transfer to a different property that met your expectations.

It isn't clear what your agent knew, but we can all agree that he knew that the water park was under construction during the dates of your stay because you contacted him about the problem. But it appears that both he and the hotel waited until you'd arrived to start addressing your grievance. That's too late.

Something tells me that if you'd been clear with the agent and the hotel that

you were coming to use the water park, you could have avoided this problem. Even a quick phone call to Iberostar Suites letting it know that you were interested in a room near the water park would have tipped them off that there might be a problem.

Yet the hotel's site continued to promote the amenities. "The younger guests will delight in facilities specially adapted for children," it said. "The kid's pool, water park, and playground provide plenty of fun under the sun."

Yes, they do — when they're open. I think you could argue that these amenities were part of the "all-inclusive" resort offering at the Iberostar Selection Rose Hall Suites. If that's true, then the hotel should compensate you for these

missing amenities.

I list the executive contacts for Iberostar on my consumer advocacy website, elliott.org. You could have followed up with a manager in writing and then escalated your issue to an executive. Also, your travel agent could have acted as your advocate to help you secure a refund. And that's exactly what happened. I reached out to your agent, who contacted the hotel. Iberostar was "sorry to learn about the inconveniences" and offered a \$624 refund.

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CELEBRITY TRAVELER

Hunting for the haunted in the US

BY JAE-HA KIM
Tribune Content Agency

Jack Osbourne (yes, Ozzy's son) and Katrina Weidman star in the Travel Channel reality series "Portals to Hell." As paranormal investigators, the pair search for haunted locations to look for evidence that a spirit world actually exists. Yes, it's entertainment for viewers. But Osbourne and Weidman say the series has helped them answer questions they've had since they were children.

An edited version of our conversation follows.

Q: Where is the scariest place you have visited?

Osbourne: I think on this season, the scariest place I went to was the Haunted Hill House in Mineral Wells, Texas. That place really freaked me out. Allegedly, a demonic entity haunts it and there is a long history of odd events connected to the location.

Weidman: I do think Trans-Allegheny Lunatic Asylum (in Weston, West Virginia) is one of the scariest places I've been.

Q: How did you get interested in paranormal activities?

Weidman: I have the typical ghost hunter story. I grew up in haunted houses that left me with a lot of unanswered questions. It really fueled this desire to find those answers and very weird twists of fate led me here.

Osbourne: I was a massive sci-fi nerd as a kid and used to love "The X-Files." It was that show that got me into it. I wanted to investigate like Fox Mul-



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der. I had all sorts of books when I was growing up about ghosts, aliens, UFOs and cryptids. When I was a teenager, I used to do little dorky ghost hunts with my friends — nothing serious, just messing around. So, it's been a passion for a while.

Q: What is your favorite vacation destination?

Weidman: Williamsburg, Virginia, is absolutely one of my favorites, but I'm also a gal who grew up in the Philly 'burbs so I have a deep affection for the Jersey shore. That was our annual family vacation. Out of all the places I've been, there's nothing like going down the shore.

Q: What's the most important thing you've learned from your travels?

Osbourne: Learning how to properly pack is a skill set that can only be learned through experience. I take pride in knowing exactly what to bring. I use divider bags and basically do everything on numbers and multiple use.

Q: Where would you like to go that you have never been to before?

Weidman: So many places! I'd love to check out my family's roots in Europe — Scotland, Ireland, Germany, Italy. I know most of the towns my families immigrated from, so I'd

love to see where it all began.

Osbourne: I want to spend more time in South America. I am actually learning Spanish at the moment because I want to be able to get by a little better in the Latin American countries.

Q: Where are your favorite weekend get-aways?

Osbourne: I love going to either a beautiful beach with killer surf, somewhere in Southern California or to a national park to camp in my van and go climbing.

Q: What are your five favorite cities?

Osbourne: I love Bangkok, Sydney, Paris, London and Los Angeles. Oddly enough, the south of France really reminded me of LA, mainly because of the climate.

Q: When you go away, what are some of your must-have items?

Osbourne: It all depends on what I'm doing. I love to have my Rumpl camping blanket at all times. I can't get by without my iPad. It's a lifesaver on flights and long road trips. I also bring a good flashlight. Other than that, I'm pretty much a low-drag kind of traveler.

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SUMMER FRIDAYS



Beauty treatments you can do yourself

Chicago pros offer a few tips, products to try at home

BY KRISTIN LARSON

Businesses like salons and spas are closed, and getting your nails done or hair colored suddenly seems like an unnecessary luxury. Even though you may only be going out for essentials or a quick dog walk, there's no reason to give up your beauty routines. In fact, trying to keep them up while at home may help get through these challenging times, says licensed clinical psychologist Alana Kingsley, who practices in Chicago's River North neighborhood. "We are all desperately wanting to feel grounded. For most of us, the things we would typically lean on are not accessible to us," Kingsley says. "So we have to get really creative to find that sense of normalcy and have those coping skills to deal with the uncertainty that is our world right now."

Here, Joseph Bartucci, owner of Bartucci Salon in the West Loop, Inka Erdene-Ochir, nail esthetician at Juko Nail + Skin Rescue in Wicker Park, and Jessica Cruel, features director at Allure magazine, offer at-home beauty treatments you can totally do yourself.

Touch up your hair color

If you color your hair regularly, don't freak if you missed your chance to get to the salon before it closed, there are great at-home options.

The easiest, most fool-proof way to cover your roots with no damage to your existing color, say salon professionals like Bartucci, is with a temporary root cover up product, such as Color Wow Root Cover Up shadow. The pigmented shadow, made from mineral powder, comes in an easy-to-carry compact and should stay on your hair until it's shampooed out.

If you feel you need something more permanent, you can try a root

touch-up kit, which can be found at any local drugstore. Bartucci says to look for a tried-and-true brand, like L'Oreal, which makes a root coloring kit that processes in 10 minutes.

"L'Oreal has incredible shine," Bartucci says. "The longevity is there and it will last like four weeks."

To choose the right color and to avoid ending up with the wrong shade, the salon professional says to veer on the lighter side.

DIY manicure/pedicure

Glossy, shiny, polished nails — yes you can do this at home while your favorite nail salon is closed.

"The basic steps are remove polish, cut nails straight across with a nail clipper, then file nails into shape and apply polish," says Erdene-Ochir of Juko. "And before you polish, remove any oil or residue from the nails with a nail polish remover."

To make polishing nails even easier, Cruel likes a polish application tool The Poppy by Olive & June.

"I'm horrible at at-home manicures personally and this tool helps make it a lot easier to apply the polish," she says, noting the tool helps to steady the hand while polishing.

She also suggests the quick-dry Expressie polishes by Essie for easy at-home application. "I like that it's quick dry," she says. "You're at home, you're constantly moving and doing things so that's why I think a quick-dry polish is perfect."

Indulge in a body scrub

A mild body scrub is a great way to remove dead skin cells and make your skin feel smooth and vibrant — especially this time of year when everyone's skin is so dry.

Cruel swears by Frank Body Coffee Scrub. "Some scrubs have too much oil in them; this is a dry scrub. You can get a really good exfoliating treatment," she says. For sensitive skin, the editor suggests Skinfix Glycolic Renewing Scrub. "It's got glycolic acid, some-

thing that will be great for keratosis pilaris, those red dots you get on your arms and legs," she says.

Deep condition your hair

With the extra time at home, there's no time like the present to deep condition your hair. Bartucci's favorite moisturizing mask that works on all hair types is the Virtue Restorative Treatment Mask, designed to strengthen, hydrate and repair the hair.

"We're coming out of winter and the heat has been on in the house and your hair is dehydrated and parched," Bartucci says. "The key is putting on a mask in the shower with a shower cap on and keeping the moisture in and letting the heat of the scalp work for like 10 to 15 minutes."

Relax with a moisturizing face mask

You don't need to go to a spa to reap the benefits of a luxurious face mask. "There are a lot of nice masks out there, and if you want to create the at-home

facial experience, you always want to start with a nice shower because it softens the skin," says Cruel, who likes moisturizing masks like the Summer Fridays Jet Lag Mask.

"It's full of moisturizing ingredients," she says. "You literally just apply it, it soaks into the skin almost like a moisturizer, sometimes you don't even have to rinse it off."

For those who prefer sheet masks, Cruel likes the Facial Treatment Mask by SK-II.

"They have a patented pitera essence (a natural ingredient high in amino acids) that really soaks into the skin and comes with a lot of extra serum in the pack, so after you use the mask, you can take that extra serum and rub it all over your face, hands, décolletage," she says. "It's one of my favorites. My skin instantly feels brighter and it gets rid of dullness and dryness."

Kristin Larson is a freelance writer.

Quick, easy fix for thinning eyebrows



ELLEN WARREN Answer Angel

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: What is left of my eyebrows is fading and thinning. Not a great look. I see ads about fiber eyebrow enhancers. What would you suggest to make my eyebrows look their best?
— Adrienne B.

Dear Adrienne: The number of eyebrow products is overwhelming and confusing. There are all sorts of ways to spend money on your brows and, sadly, look like you painted them on with a crayon. That's not what we're going for. The single best product I've found does have (tiny) fibers: Maybelline Brow Precise Fiber Volumizer (walmart.com, \$4.99). Think of it as mascara for your eyebrows. It adds thickness and goes on easily and is hard to mess up. As a bonus, it covers grays. Since it is a Maybelline product you'd think you could walk into any drugstore and buy it. Wrong. Maybelline has so many eyebrow products that this one doesn't seem to make it onto the shelves of most drugstores I've tried. But it is available online. Give it a

try (it's cheap!) and if you like it, my suggestion is to buy multiples since it seems that every really good product I've come to rely on is discontinued within a couple years — and sometimes months.

And another eye makeup question ...

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: Should "older" women wear false eyelashes?
— Judy F.

Dear Judy: There's no makeup "shoulds" for women of any age. That dictum applies to false lashes too. Women behind the cash register at McDonald's and world-renowned movie legends wear false lashes. Look around and you'll see impossibly lush lashes on women of all ages. The reason is that false lashes have come a long way. They can look natural or dramatic. They're lots easier to apply than they were in the past. And they stay put. So, if you're tempted, give them a try.

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: My waist is smaller than my chest, so I would always buy "slim fit" dress shirts or whatever name manufacturers assign to their tapered shirts — as opposed to a regular fit, which always seem to have abundant fabric around the midsection. Sometimes, however, there were shirts

in regular fit that I liked a lot that were not available in the slim version. Which meant I usually had a little more shirt wadded up around the waistline. Other than tailoring the regular fit, should I avoid wearing the regular fit because of the excess fabric, or am I likely the only who notices or cares?
— "Mr. Jones"

Dear Mr. Jones: There are so many "slim fit" shirts in stores and online that you don't have to settle for wadded up fabric around the waistline. Many men would love to have your physique and wear slim fit anything. If too-big regular fit shirts make you feel uncomfortable, by all means stop buying them. Chances are that the fit of your shirts is not a topic that has your co-workers smirking behind your back.

Angelic Readers 1

One last eye makeup tip ...

Patty T. want to share this makeup removal hack: "I went to the doctor because I had like four styes in a row in my two eyes and I was wondering whether I was going nuts. I wasn't, and she said there's not really much you can do except for one thing: Wash your eyelids with Johnson's Baby Shampoo (walmart.com, \$1.39). I must say, I was a little hesitant

the first time I put shampoo on my eyelids, but it works. The point is to remove any eye makeup that helps clogged pores because that's what a sty is."

Angelic Readers 2

Lauren S. writes: "A possible solution for your reader Ruby who has scarring on her legs and needs pantyhose for her new dress is to first use Sally Hansen Airbrush Legs body makeup spray (target.com, \$11.79) in the correct tone for her. I use it with peep toe shoes, and it is fantastic. Great coverage. If she then needs pantyhose, they don't have to be as thick or look like support hose."

From Ellen: I've tested leg makeup in the past (but not Sally Hansen brand) and found that the coverage is great but that it rubs off on furniture and clothing. Your suggestion that Ruby wear sheer hosiery to cover her legs after applying leg makeup should go a long way to resolving the rub-off issue. But a test before the wedding is a must to make sure Ruby won't wreck her dress (or a friend's white couch).

Angelic Readers 3

For Susan B. whose thinning hair has made her consider a wig or hairpiece (but she was unsure where



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to go) Judy C. says, "Let Susan know larger beauty supply stores have all kinds of wigs, both human hair and synthetic. Not expensive and very good quality. Most will let customers try on pieces for look and fit."

Reader Rant 1

Jacqueline N. gripes: "The inability of the computerized 'help' robots on the phone to actually solve a consumer problem. What a waste of consumers' time! Still have to wait for an agent to come on the line to resolve the issue."

Reader Rant 2

Spring is in the air so here we go again on the controversy over capris.

Carol W. weighs in: "Ellen: I know your ani-

mosity toward capris, but I just want to say I love them. I wear them all the time and I think they look great on me. My feeling is if a woman feels great in them, it's not about you. It's about that woman who likes the look! If a woman loves the look and she feels good about that look shouldn't that be enough?"

From Ellen: It should be enough, Carol. But, I still don't think they're a flattering look. A couple more inches with pants to the ankle and you'd look even greater.

Now it's your turn

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THE GOODS

YOUR HUNT IS OVER

A work-from-home master class

Upgrade your tech, burn incense and other ways to multitask

By DEBBIE CARLSON

Working from home sounded great when you could do it occasionally, but now just about everyone is in full-blown WFH mode amid the spread of the coronavirus.

We know what's playing out at home. You, your spouse and kids are all calling dibs on the kitchen table to work, and with everyone using the Wi-Fi, it's slower than dial-up. In a few days it's going to be a Lord of the Flies situation.

If you're lucky enough to work from home all the time, you've got it down. But if you're a newbie, working from home can be fraught with challenges. There's no tech support down the hall, and there's no chatting up your colleague when you're bored. If you live alone, your place might be quieter than a meditation retreat, but if you and the fam are stuck inside, it might be louder than a rock concert. Remain calm.

Carrie Lannon, a communication and branding consultant who lives in the Lakeshore East neighborhood, has worked from home for six years. She said she's getting a lot of calls for tips from friends because many people are bewildered being out of their workday element. "A consultant friend of mine is on his third day at home and said, 'I don't know how you do this.' He just can't imagine it. It's so different from working in a corporate environment."

Sure, there are plenty of perks to working from home — comfy slippers replace shoes, you don't worry too much about your wardrobe and the snacks are far better than the office vending machine. But this is not a license to go feral. Get out of your PJs. Shower. Put on clothes. Comfy is fine. "I'm on a lot of video conference calls, so I do make sure I look pretty good from the waist up," Lannon said.

To help the uninitiated, we spoke to four veteran WFH Chicagoans for their insights on how to adjust.



Get a better desk: Working from the kitchen table is fine for a day or two, but it's an ergonomic nightmare long-term. For small spaces or for people who need to be mobile, consider The Edge Desk, an adjustable ergonomic kneeling desk that can be deployed in under 10 seconds and folds up slim enough to slide under a couch. The design encourages upright sitting rather than hunching, which causes fatigue and lower back pain. \$399, theedgesdesk.com

THE EDGE DESK



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Eliminate distractions: Working from home seems great until the noise of partners, kids and pets makes you lose focus. Tune them out with wireless headphones from JLAB Audio and get some work done. \$59, jlabaudio.com



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Make it comfortable

Even if working from home is temporary, consider an inexpensive mobile desk. The Edge Desk is only \$399, and a vast improvement over the ergonomic nightmare of working at the kitchen table. If you don't want to splurge for an office chair, at least make your current seating comfortable. Analyst Kylee Magno, who lives in Lakeview and has worked from home for 18 years, tricked out her chair with back support so she sits up straight and uses a gel seat. Tempur-Pedic makes a highly

rated one for \$62.

Surround yourself with what makes you happy

Lannon has fresh flowers on her desk weekly, and when she has to do a lot of writing and creating, she lights incense to relax. Magno uses an essential oil diffuser and has a foot massager at her desk. "You can make it a nice environment," she said.

Splurge on nicer beverages or good lunches for yourself since

office mates aren't going to steal your food. (Well, maybe the kids will.) Treat yourself to a pretty water bottle to stay hydrated. Rise from Fressko has a fruit infuser, so, like you, it multitasks. And now that coffee shops are mostly closed, step up your coffee game and make barista-style coffee with Breville's Bambino Plus.

Get better tech

Sharon Angelus, a web analyst in Woodridge who has worked from home for about 10 years, said having bigger monitors and

higher internet speeds are a must. She also uses an external hard drive for backing up data; Seagate has a version with 2 terabytes of space for about \$90. Cloud-based data backups are another option, and many WFH vets use both.

Jason Patterson of Bucktown works in software and has had a home office for four years. He said better routers, such as Google Nest's Router, and Wi-Fi extenders are critical. "Home connectivity is extremely important because you're not going to be at your desk all day. You'll probably walk around the house to take a call and you might work on the internet in a different part of the house."

For noise, from the loud neighbor to the everyone's favorite, the sound of a jackhammer on the street, Patterson swears by noise-canceling headphones. Look into a wireless set that also has Bluetooth capabilities for phone calls, like the ones from JLab Audio.

Control your day

Part of working from an office is camaraderie, and working from home means no water cooler chitchat. While sometimes that break is good, other times it can be distracting, especially when you're trying to get work done. Lannon said she uses timers to stay on task. "If I'm feeling overwhelmed and can't get going, I tell myself, 'I'm just going to do this for 15 minutes and it helps,'" she said, adding that timers also keep track of how she's using her time. She also sets reminders to get up and stretch.

Enjoy multitasking

The No. 1 perk of being at home is the ability to do laundry, cook and perform other home tasks. Magno said sometimes she pops on a face mask in the middle of the day. "Not only does it lift my spirits, but it lifts my eyelids," she said, joking. "The only downside is if you get that unexpected package and the UPS man sees you."

Debbie Carlson is a freelance writer.



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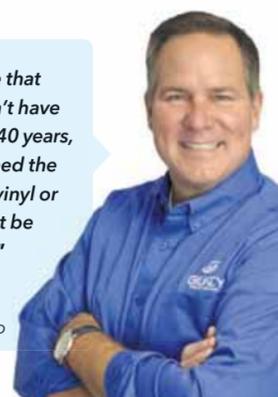
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CANDID CANDACE

BY CANDACE JORDAN



‘These kids are like sponges and want to learn’

Chicago Lights held its 27th annual Gala of Hope at the Radisson Blu Aqua Hotel on March 6, attracting 500 guests.

The nonprofit raised more than \$700,000 to support those living in under-resourced neighborhoods through mentoring, social services, academic enrichment, career development, mental health, arts education programming and more.

Stacy Jackson, Chicago Lights’ executive director, welcomed guests before Shannon Kershner, pastor of Fourth Presbyterian Church, sang a blessing. A video presentation followed, featuring second grader MacKenzie and her tutor/mentor Kinsey Birch. Research has shown that young people with mentors are 55 times more likely to go to college. In 2019, 100% of seniors tutored through Chicago Lights graduated from high school. (Currently, the program has a wait list because it needs more volunteers.)

A reading specialist in the program, Debra Evans, spoke to me about the initiatives that are being developed to support kids who can’t read, such as learning through phonics and enlisting parents. “We strongly believe if the parent is on board and is 100% supportive, it trickles to the kids automatically and has a huge impact on the community as a whole,” she said.

“What touches my heart is the need and the fact that these kids are like sponges and want to learn. When you see a light go on in their eyes when it finally clicks in, it’s the most wonderful feeling on earth because you know you’ve really impacted generations to come.”

Another video presentation centered on homelessness and how the organization supports more than 1,300 guests a year through one-to-one case management, food and clothing donations, housing assistance and more. More than 86,000 people in Chicago are homeless, and nearly 180,000 are unemployed, according to recent data.

The evening concluded with a live auction (that brought in \$66,000), a paddle raise and dancing to the Ken Arlen Evolution Orchestra.

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Student seeking to turn down school without burning bridge



JUDITH MARTIN
Miss Manners

Dear Miss Manners: I have been accepted by two graduate schools, which is very exciting! I have already put the deposit down on one, and plan to go there since it seems it will fit my life and learning style best. I was wondering: What is the proper way to decline the other school?

Gentle Reader: There is an argument to be made that applying to a school is a business transaction, meaning that the university, as the seller, should be content with a simple, “Thank you, but I’ve decided not to enroll.”

Miss Manners is not, however, confident that you will never need them again — whether for the next graduate degree, employment when you graduate or when your university of choice turns out to be on a flood plain.

She therefore advises the extra effort of telling them how grateful you are to have been accepted, how impressed you were by their program and how much it pains you not to be able to accept.

Dear Miss Manners: I obtained a credit card through a major airline. One of the perks of receiving the card is that if I spend a certain amount with the card within the first few months, I have the opportunity to purchase a half-price companion ticket with my purchase of a regular full-fare ticket.

A friend (and occasional travel companion) and I are planning a trip, for which we will each pay our own way. This purchase

will enable me to take advantage of the airline’s companion-flies-at-half-price offer.

When I ask my friend to reimburse me for his ticket, would it be appropriate for us to split the total cost of both tickets, so that we each pay 75% of a regular full-fare ticket? Or am I required to pass along the full benefit of the half-price offer to my friend and bear the cost of the full-fare ticket myself?

Gentle reader: Logically, your friend will be no worse off no matter what you recommend — that he pay the full fare, that he pay 75%, or that he pay 50%. But most friends would feel ill-used by the first option and grateful for the third.

Miss Manners has no objection to your taking the neutral second option, but even this should be stated clearly and only as a suggestion: “I have this offer. What do you think of us using it and splitting the savings?”

Note that you are asking your friend whether you should use the offer on this trip, not the terms on which you will do so. Presumably you are close enough to anyone you are willing to sit next to on an airplane that this will not be a difficult discussion.

Dear Miss Manners: I am a foreign-born American who came to this country decades ago and who speaks English with only a slight accent. Although I am proud of my heritage, the United States has long been my home, and I am a full-fledged citizen of this country.

I have begun working as a customer service representative dealing with a number of people by phone, and although I love my job, my accent has led to a number of awkward situations.

Occasionally, people will politely ask where I was born and I will tell them, then steer them back to the matter at hand. Other times, however, some will assume that I am speaking to them from a foreign country, which I am not, and make nationalistic remarks that are disturbing. Even worse is when I’m told that they’d prefer to speak to another representative “who is an American,” though that is my nationality.

I understand that “the customer is always right,” but how do I do my job and reply to impolite remarks that question my background and abilities, particularly when I’m generally speaking better English than the person that I am talking to?

Gentle Reader: “I am so sorry, it sounded as if you said you thought that I was not American? I could not quite understand your English.”

Dear Miss Manners: I realize that this is an delicate subject, but it’s one that has been bothering me for a while. When a guest in someone’s house, is one expected to leave the toilet clean after use, or is it OK to leave splatter? There is a cleaning brush nearby, so I feel there is no excuse for a dirty commode, except laziness. I also have this question when traveling with someone and sharing a bathroom. Am I being overly fastidious?

Gentle reader: Not to the person who plans to use your bathroom next.

To send a question to the Miss Manners team of Judith Martin, Nicholas Ivor Martin and Jacobina Martin, go to missmanners.com or write them c/o Universal Uclick, 1130 Walnut St., Kansas City, MO 64106.

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Architect and project executive Chheng Lim at the offices of Sheehan Nagle Hartray Architects in Chicago.

In the world of Chicago architecture and design,
the future is female

BY DARCEL ROCKETT

Chicago is an architect's town. Architectural tours are plentiful in the city, showing off its grandeur and history. New projects are always in the mix, be it a renovation, repurposing or new creation. Through it all, women are at the table, designing buildings that will leave their mark on city landscapes and communities.

These days, female architecture students are graduating at the same rate as men, according to the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture. So, as we wrap up a tumultuous Women's History Month, we spoke with women in the profession — who have helped shape the city through work on everything from the old main post office to the Chicago Riverwalk to O'Hare International Airport — about what the new decade holds for our acclaimed city.

Look to the horizon: The future is female. The interviews have been condensed and edited.

Chheng Lim

Chheng Lim, project executive at Sheehan Nagle Hartray Architects, designs public structures such as data centers, which house networks and servers. Her niche: What's known as mission critical architecture, or buildings that are critical to the operation of an organization.

Q: Buildings impact landscapes, regardless of where they are placed. What are conversations like between architects, clients and communities when talking purpose and design?

A: There's an opportunity to design thoughtfully. I don't necessarily think that good architecture has to be something that is overly extravagant or that tries to do too much. Does it consider all of the environmental constraints, and does it negotiate that well? Does it use sustainable materials thoughtfully? It's all of these thoughtful deci-



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Kimberly Dowdell is a principal at HOK Chicago.

sions you make along the way that can really define a building.

Q: Sustainability is a buzzword in many industries, but in the world of architecture, can a project ever perfectly align financially, ecologically and culturally?

A: Absolutely. Certainly for the clients that I work with, it's actually very critical. Sustainability, for me, isn't simply just about the materials; it boils down to the fundamentals of how a building actually works, how the systems are designed. How do

you make the building as passive as possible, so you're not using all this energy.

Kimberly Dowdell

Kimberly Dowdell is a principal at HOK Chicago. Over the past 25 years, HOK has led projects from large scale planning to urban design, from skyscrapers to sports arenas to office spaces. Currently, Dowdell is looking forward to the expansion of Terminal 5 at O'Hare and to seeing how her team's work on a Little Village commercial corridor materializes into something transformative for the neighborhood.

Q: With Chicago consisting of 77 unique neighborhoods, how do you strengthen the public experience without traumatizing the residents of the neighborhoods or compromising that identity?

A: We have to believe in the genius of the local and not have experts from elsewhere always come in and try to save the day. Many of the solutions to the problems that we see in our communities can be solved by the minds and hearts in the community. The largest barriers to improvement, particularly in under-resourced communities, is access to capital. Let the people solve their own problems and give them the loans and other opportunities to take ownership of their own destiny.

Q: What does the notion of "the future is female" look like in your field of work?

A: While I am proud to be a licensed architect, I more broadly consider myself a change agent in the built environment. I specialize in architecture, sustainable design, organizational leadership, business development, marketing, project management, real estate development and public administration. I think that women have the ability to multitask very well, and I think that the future is going to require more and more of this. Further, I believe that if the built environment is made for all of the people, an increasing share of influencers in the built environment should be women.

We are seeing some progress in exposing more

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ELITE STREET

Actress Sophia Bush sells West Loop penthouse

BY BOB GOLDSBOROUGH

Actress Sophia Bush sold her three-bedroom, 3,500-square-foot penthouse condo in the West Loop on Wednesday for \$1.97 million.

A California native, Bush, 37, was based in Chicago while she starred on the NBC police procedural "Chicago P.D." from 2014 until 2017. Through a land trust, Bush in 2015 paid \$1.6 million for the penthouse condo, which is on the seventh floor of the Acorn



Bush

Lofts building. After Bush left "Chicago P.D." in 2017, she returned to Los Angeles, where she has owned a four-bedroom house there since buying it in 2009 for \$1.43 million.

Bush first listed the penthouse in March 2019 for \$2.5 million, and then cut her asking price to

\$2.1 million in December. Features in the condo include three baths, extra-wide white oak floors, 12-foot-plus timber ceilings and three skylights. The spacious kitchen touts blue cabinets and white marble countertops, and the master suite features a jumbo shower and tub. The condo also offers outdoor space with a private rooftop deck, partially covered by the building's water tower.

"We waited for someone who saw the property for what it was,

(and) we got the right person," said listing agent Vincent Anzalone. "The timing for the person was also precarious because we don't know what lies ahead. In that sense, I think that Sophia would be relieved to sell this before this unknown."

Public records do not yet identify the buyers of Bush's condo.

Billionaires snap up vibrant Gold Coast house for \$2.5 million, in all its zebra-wall-papered glory: A billionaire

couple from the Detroit area, who founded and later sold Michigan's largest Medicaid HMO plan, paid \$2.5 million on Feb. 10 for a five-bedroom, 4,650-square-foot vintage house in the Gold Coast neighborhood.

Sherry and David Cotton, who founded Medicaid insurer Meridian Health and then sold it to Wellcare Health Plans for \$2.5 billion in 2018, bought the mansion, which was built in 1888.

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REAL ESTATE MATTERS

Use care when sharing mortgage responsibility

BY ILYCE GLINK AND SAMUEL J. TAMKIN
Tribune Content Agency

Q: I have been discussing assisting my father with his mortgage now that he is retired. We have decided on a 60/40 split of the monthly payment, and I'll pick up the larger share. The thinking is that I'll inherit the home when he dies and also, of course, assume the outstanding mortgage.

My question is, how can I structure this arrangement to not only minimize tax implications (mine and his), but also make sure I am protected if circumstances change and someone else attempts to lay claim to the home down the road.

A: You can definitely come up with a structure for partitioning ownership, but the questions are at what cost and how complicated do you want that structure to be?

There are different kinds of claims other heirs could have against the home. You're probably worried about having a relative come forward with the claim that they should have inherited the home (and not you once your father dies). The other kind of claim is a litigation-type claim against the owner of the home. Any owner of that home would be responsible for the activities that go on in the home, any liens that have been filed and any injuries that may occur there as well.

From the tax point of view, you have several things to consider. The first is whether your father is entitled to any real estate tax benefits due to his income, age and length of time he has lived at the property. If you change his ownership structure, you need to figure out if your dad would lose out on any of those real estate tax benefits.



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If you're splitting a mortgage payment, you'll want to build a solid paper trail of what you put into a home financially.

The next issue would relate to federal income taxes. Currently your father should receive any federal income tax benefits from owning the home and living there as a primary residence. For one, he can deduct the interest he pays on his mortgage and he can deduct up to \$10,000 in real estate taxes. (The maximum deduction for state and local taxes on your federal income tax form is \$10,000.) Finally, this deduction will depend on whether you itemize your deduction on your federal income tax form.

For you to deduct inter-

est on the loan, the loan must be a lien on a property you own. If you simply share the expense with your dad, your dad can deduct the interest, but you probably will not be able to do so.

Having said all that, if your dad wants to convey a part of the home to you, you'll need to formalize that arrangement. You may decide to put the house into a trust. Once the home is in the trust, you and your father could be the beneficial owners of the trust. The trust document would spell out the responsibility for payment of expenses and

provide for the distribution of your dad's interest in the trust upon his death.

You'll need to have a frank discussion with your father to see what your father wants to do with the home and who he feels should be entitled to it once he dies. What you think and what his actual wishes might be could differ, and you are trying to make sure that you and he are both in total agreement on this issue. For the sake of the family and the relationships you'd like to maintain in the future, you need to be thoughtful about how you proceed on this issue.

The last thing you need is relatives thinking you pressured your dad or took advantage of him.

You'll want to build a solid paper trail of what you end up putting into the home financially and a record of the desires your dad had for you and the home. (This is where a will comes into play.) It's also smart for him to write down if he wants any family members to get anything from the home (even small baubles take on larger meaning after a loved one dies).

For all these reasons, you need to sit down with an

estate attorney and put a structure in place that will work for your dad, you and the rest of the family. Remember, if you end up having an ownership interest in the home, make sure you let your insurance carrier know so that you have insurance coverage not only for the home but also liability coverage in case somebody gets hurt there.

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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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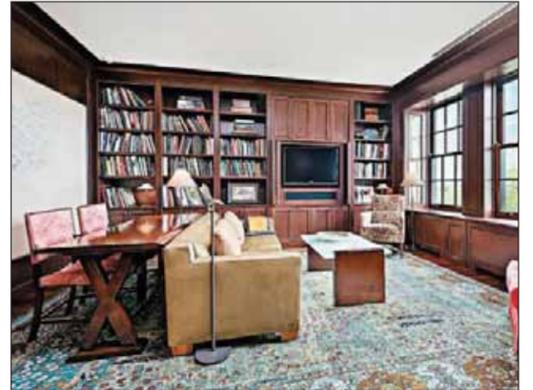


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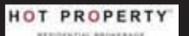


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Women

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children and young women to architecture, but there is much more work to be done in this space. I'm leading the National Organization of Minority Architects (NOMA), and through NOMA's Project Pipeline Summer Camps, we reach hundreds of students each year.

Carol Ross Barney

Carol Ross Barney is the founder and design principal of Ross Barney Architects. Her award-winning work ranges from the Chicago Riverwalk to the Oklahoma City Federal Building. She's also a founding member of the nonprofit Chicago Women in Architecture, an organization whose goal is to advance the status of women in architecture and related fields.

Q: Neighborhoods change when structures are erected. When you see Chicago's neighborhoods — the ones where you've worked on previous projects — how do you see them?

A: A lot of our work is design of infrastructure — transit, parks, schools — so the impact is almost always immediate and substantial. The quality of life in our city depends on the functioning health of the entire infrastructure system. I think this means that the dysfunctioning neighborhoods and urban infrastructure need to be fixed first.

Q: What are the challenges of being a woman in this business?

A: Architecture is a very challenging and competitive business for any practitioner, but the de-



WITTEN SABBATINI

Carol Ross Barney's award-winning work includes the Chicago Riverwalk.

gree of difficulty is exponentially increased for women who face both the prejudices against women in American society and the still unequal status of women in the architectural profession. You only need to look at the leadership at major firms in Chicago to understand the obstacles that women still face.

Heidi Wang

Heidi Wang is a partner at Worn Jerabek Wiltse, a firm that specializes in senior living projects and affordable housing for people with special needs. She once thought she'd go into historic preservation, but after grad school at University of Illinois at Chicago, the built environment became her focus.

Q: Why does there seem to be a disconnect between architects being called upon by aver-

age single-family homeowners?

A: I think there's a perception that architects are only for really high-end projects or for the super-rich to design a custom mansion on a cliff somewhere, when really the everyday person can most benefit from architect services. We're not an elite service; we're there to help you make a better home or to maximize what you have. Maybe you have your mother come live with you. How do you adapt your home to make it accessible to her or have two households coexisting in one — that's something where an architect can help with that and really make a difference.

Q: Are you a firm believer in reactivating buildings and repurposing them?

A: Definitely, that is something I'm committed to. As a firm, we have a project right now in a rural



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Architect Heidi Wang is a partner at Worn Jerabek Wiltse.

part of central Illinois converting an original high school into affordable housing apartments for seniors. A lot of times these adaptive projects use a building that is really well situated — so well connected to things like walking to stores, to supportive services. It's right in the center of town.

Kristen Conry

Kristen Conry is a co-managing director and principal at Gensler's Chicago office. A 20-year veteran of the industry, she has served on both sides of the architecture table, as client and service provider. While she initially majored in English in college, she turned to architecture because it was something that she felt had a real balance of art, science, design and process.

Q: Where do you see Chicago's architecture scene going in this new decade?

A: At the root, Chicago is a city of innovative solutions. Because we have such a rich history and because we are a city with some really amazing assets, we look at the great stock of amazing buildings and bring them back to the best-in-class examples of what



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Kristen Conry is a co-managing director and principal at Gensler.

they could be.

I think about the work we've done on the Willis Tower with the new introduction of all the amenity spaces. And the work that we've done with the Old Post Office — breathing new life into 2.5 million square feet that sat dormant for decades — is such an iconic piece of architecture and so impactful in the city.

Q: How does one make a name for themselves in a city known for its architecture?

A: Architecture is not an individualistic pursuit. So making a name or standing out in a city known for its architecture is not the way I think of it. To be at a firm like Gensler, where we design at the highest level for anything from 2.5 million square feet to 1,200 square feet — that's how you make a mark on the city, by understanding that impact happens at all scales. The importance is what that impact is at each of those scales and for the people and the community that they're ultimately designed for.

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Elite

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Features in the home include 3½ baths, five fireplaces and detailed moldings. The eat-in kitchen has commercial-grade appliances, while a great room features a large skylight. The second floor includes a library and a landscaped deck, and a lower level has a rec room. The home also has an attached, heated

1.5-car garage.

It also hit the market with a vibrant splash amid a sea of neutral whites and cool grays. It was listed with splashy photos depicting rooms painted hues of char-treuse and hot pink, with striking complements of animal print sprinkled throughout. The house first was listed in July for just under \$2.8 million, and reduced in November to \$2.65 million.

Doug Smith, an agent with @properties, who represented the Cottons, declined to comment

on the purchase. Jeffrey Lowe of Compass represented the seller, a land trust that recently paid \$2.7 million for a house in Kenilworth.

University of Chicago shells out \$1.2 million for vintage 2-flat in Hyde Park — more than double its value:

The University of Chicago paid \$1.2 million Feb. 8 for a vintage brick two-flat that stands in the shadow of a large parking garage that serves the university's medical center in Hyde Park.

The two-flat, 5616 S. Maryland Ave., stands out because it had been the last property on its block not owned by the university. And the two-flat's sellers reaped an impressive, nearly \$1 million profit on the home after paying \$202,000 for it in 2000.

The two-flat is immediately north of the UChicago Medicine's Parking Garage B, which largely is used by visitors and patients of Comer Children's Hospital.

Built about 1900, the 2,272-square-foot two-flat has two

apartment units.

A U. of C. representative was not able to provide an immediate comment on the use for the two-flat or the land underneath it.

However, it's clear that the university really wanted the building and was willing to pay up for it; the Cook County Assessor assigns it a fair market value of \$445,420.

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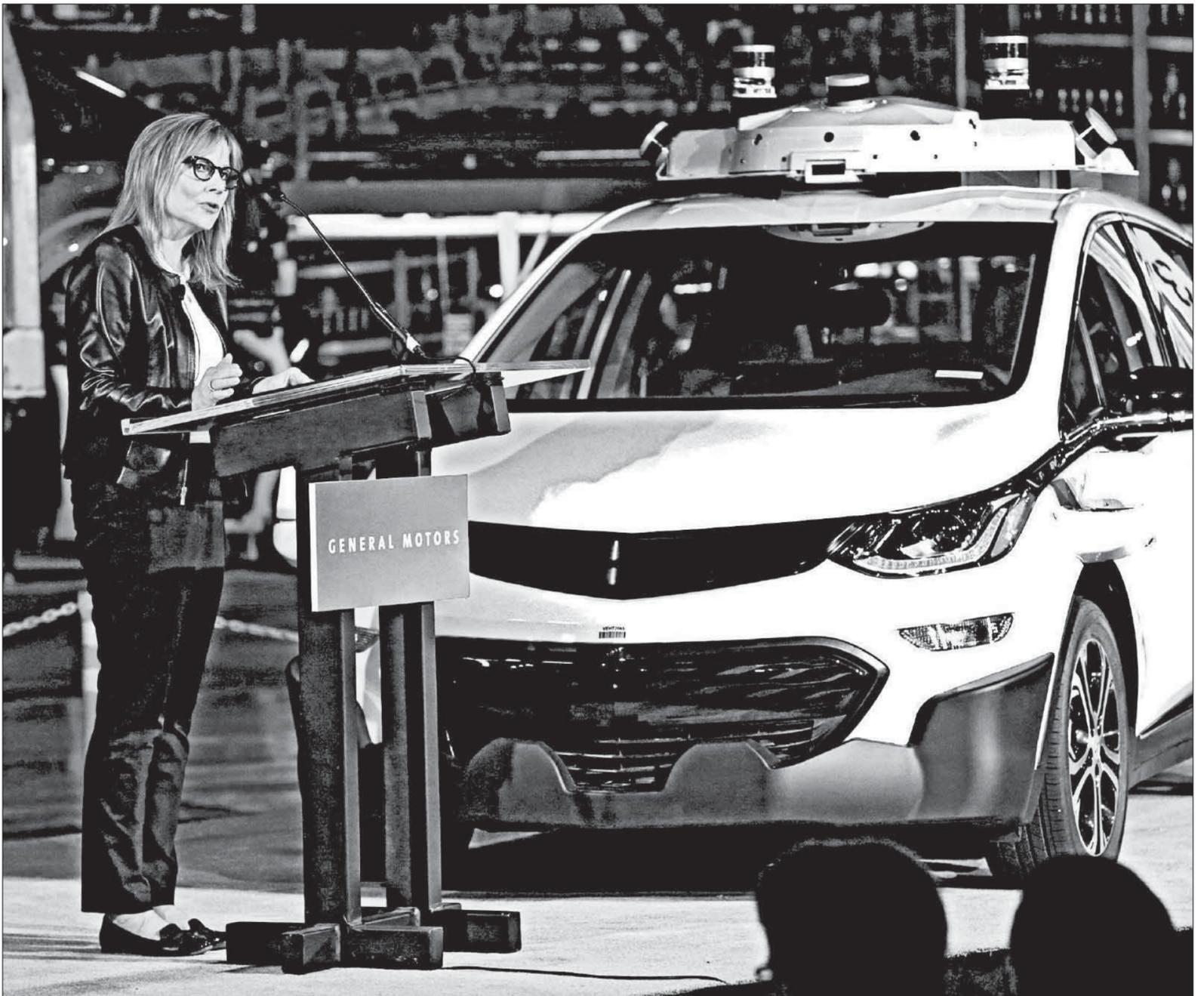
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General Motors CEO Mary Barra, shown in 2017, said recently, "We are building to an EV future because we believe that climate change is real."

BY HENRY PAYNE
The Detroit News

As General Motors and Ford Motor Co. bet the farm on electric vehicles, European manufacturers are pulling vehicles from the U.S. market for lack of demand.

BMW confirmed this week that it will not bring its electric iX3 crossover to these shores, following a decision by Mercedes in December to delay the introduction of its EQC EV here. They will be sold in international markets such as Europe and China where governments are forcing electrification with penalties and consumer incentives.

The BMW and Mercedes made their decisions despite the fact that the iX3 and EQC are aimed at the heart of the American market: the compact SUV segment. The similar-size gas-powered BMW X3 and Mercedes GLC are the German automakers' best-selling vehicles here.

The moves follow poor sales for Jaguar's iPace SUV, which debuted to media raves last year as a Tesla killer but which has failed to catch fire with consumers. Tesla dominates the EV market with 80% of sales and has been the only automaker to sell in volume.

The German automakers' retreat comes as GM

and Ford go all-in on electrification, hoping to duplicate Tesla's sales success.

Ford is investing \$11 billion to produce 20 new EVs by 2023, headlined by the Tesla Model Y-fighting Mustang MachE compact ute. GM last week said it will spend \$20 billion on 22 vehicles in the same time frame. Ford predicts a third of its vehicles will be electric by 2030 while GM says 60% of its research and development is committed to EVs as it electrifies all its brands.

GM CEO Mary Barra told the news media at an EV Day recently that the product overhaul is necessary to prevent environmental catastrophe: "We are building to an EV future because we believe that climate change is real."

GM is targeting Tesla a decade after introducing the Chevy Volt plug-in hybrid in response to the Toyota Prius hybrid, which industry analysts expected to lead to a consumer stampede to hybrids. Volt production ended last year after disappointing sales, while Prius sales are off 60% from last decade as

The electric bet

As GM, Ford go all in, Europe pulls back on EV plans in US



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Mercedes-Benz is delaying the introduction of its EQC all-electric compact crossover in the U.S.

predictions of an oil shock never came to fruition.

This month's drop in crude prices may create more headwinds for battery-powered vehicles.

The national gas price average was \$2.21 last week, according to AAA, 33 cents lower than this time last year, because of an international oil price war caused by decreased demand due to the coronavirus scare.

Despite the debut of 45 pure electric and plug-in hybrids in the United States

last year, 325,000 plug-in passenger vehicles were sold, down 6.8% from 349,000 in 2018, according to Edmunds. That is just 2% of the 17 million vehicles sold in the U.S. in 2019.

BMW and Mercedes, however, are bullish on sales of their EV SUVs overseas, especially in Europe and China where government incentives are heavily skewed toward electrics. In Europe, auto fleets must meet carbon dioxide targets of 95 grams/per liter — equiva-

lent to 57 mpg — or face massive fines.

To encourage consumers to buy EVs, countries are dangling a host of incentives and penalties. France, for example is imposing a tax of up to \$20,000 on nonelectric cars. A new VW Touareg diesel SUV will see an increased tax this year of nearly \$8,000. Norway and Denmark tax non-EVs by over 100% of sticker price.

Despite nixing the iX3 — and poor sales for its current i3 and i8 EV lineup currently — a BMW spokesperson says more EVs are in the pipeline for the US in 2021. "The iNext goes into production in the middle of 2021, followed by the BMW i4, which begins production toward the end of 2021."

Both vehicles are based on BMW's all-new "skateboard" architecture.

GM EVs will also be based on a new skateboard platform which the company believes is game-changing when combined with the continued drop of battery prices. GM says that, in addition to its green benefits, its BEV3 archi-

itecture is more efficient to manufacture, provides more crash protection and will offer a more refined driving experience.

"No one knows the (customer) adoption curve," GM President Mark Reuss said last week. "So we have to be tooled and ready to go."

Other automakers express similar sentiments that EV adoption is inevitable both because of government regulation and a consumer shift. At a Volkswagen test program in Vancouver this month, executives said the millennial generation covets EVs because they are environmentally aware and because they expect the same technology in cars as in their smartphones.

In addition, many younger consumers are interested in saving money. A typical large EV such as the Tesla Model S can do 3 miles per kWh consumed, meaning drivers are paying about 3 to 4 cents per mile traveled.

VW plans on introducing the first of its all-electric ID line — the Tesla-like ID4 crossover — to the U.S. later this year. Product planners say, however, EV acceptance in the U.S. may come slowly.

So to meet consumer demand, VW is introducing another variant of its hot-selling gas-powered three-row Atlas SUV — the two-row Atlas Cross Sport.

Partially automated car safety concerns group

BY KEITH LAING
Detroit News

Automakers should take measures to ensure drivers remain focused on the road in partially automated cars after several high-profile crashes, according to a new recommendation from a leading industry safety group.

Automakers should add failsafe methods of monitoring driver engagement and more effective ways of regaining the driver's attention when it wanders,

said the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, which conducts safety testing and represents the insurance industry.

Additionally, the IIHS said "designs should be based on a principle of shared control, and they should have built-in limits that prevent them from being used on roads and under conditions where it isn't safe to do so."

As part of that philosophy, partially automated systems shouldn't change lanes or overtake other

vehicles without driver input, the organization said. The systems should also be responsive to driver steering input even when automatic lane-centering is engaged.

The IIHS recommended that driver-monitoring systems should trigger attention reminders when it detects that a driver's focus has wandered.

The first warning should be a brief visual reminder, the group said. "If the driver doesn't quickly

respond, the system should rapidly add an audible or physical alert, such as seat vibration, and a more urgent visual message."

The recommendations follow a ruling by the National Transportation Safety Board that the driver of a Tesla Model X SUV involved in a fatal 2018 crash that occurred while the car was being operated in Autopilot mode was playing a video game behind the wheel.

The NTSB placed



A 2018 photo shows a Tesla electric SUV that crashed into a barrier in Mountain View, California, killing the driver.

blame for the crash on the distracted driver, Tesla Inc. and Trump administration officials for not doing enough to prevent crashes

involving cars that have semi-autonomous features that drivers easily mistake for being capable of full self-driving.



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Toyota's 4Runner is one of two truck-based SUVs.

Trusty Toyota 4Runner is 4Ever

BY HENRY PAYNE
The Detroit News

Ford is about to enter the truck-based SUV market with the Ford Bronco, and I get it. People are passionate about these things.

Yet, there are only two truck-based SUVs in the mid-size market — the Jeep Wrangler and the Toyota 4Runner. The Toyota what?

You can be forgiven for forgetting the Tacoma pickup-based ute exists because Toyota hasn't remade it since the Mesozoic Era (actually, 2009). It hasn't had a wall-to-wall marketing campaign for some time, unlike the Jeep. But true 4Runner fans know the Toyota is there.

I climbed into my 4Runner tester with Mrs. Payne on a cold winter night in Detroit. The snow was blowing and covering the roads. Detroit potholes were lurking. Boy, was I glad to see the 4Runner's big bones and knobby, high-profile tires.

We threw our luggage in the cavernous boot, then cranked up the interior temps — heated seats, front rear-defroster, climate temps — with big, knobby dials to match the tires. After clearing the Toyota of crusted ice and snow, I tossed the snow brush into the back seat — rugged, mid-size trucks mean

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never having to worry about mussing the interior.

Like a sailor on rough seas, the 4Runner relies on old technology to chart its course. I eased the shifter into neutral, then yanked the truck's second transfer-case shifter (familiar to Wrangler fans, too) back into four-wheel drive.

The 4Runner sits a ridiculous 10 inches off the ground with a Jeep-like 33-degree front departure angle for off-roading. The ute even includes a crawl mode for nature's worst. This fearlessness has made Toyota's ute a favorite of folks in rural communities where snowplows often take days to catch up to rutted roads.

The SUV bombed happily along, the 4.0-liter 270-horse V-6 mill roaring its approval. V-6s, of course, are frowned upon in this woke green age of turbocharged fuel-sipping

4-bangers. But with its guttural growl and instant torque, the six-holer matches 4Runner's can-do character.

As the U.S. has moved to SUVs, the idea of a Tacoma SUV with a hatch instead of a pickup bed has real appeal. Ford no doubt hopes for the same gains from a Ranger pickup-based Bronco.

Like Dodge, 4Runner mixes its old-fashioned with a taste of modern tech.

Adaptive cruise control is enabled by the big radar brick in the 4Runner's gaping fish-mouth grille. Soon, the 4Runner's brick was coated and the car's brain told me adaptive cruise-control was no longer available. No problem, but a reminder of the many challenges self-driving systems have to overcome.

The 4Runner encountered no navigation challenges on the route thanks to another piece of updated software, Apple CarPlay.

The big lug is not much to look at, but my \$48,000 Venture Edition tester served its purpose as a proper utility vehicle with fold-flat second-row seats for extended cargo room, slide-out rear floor and updated 8-inch screen that keeps pace with the Wrangler's modern U-Connect system.

Can paddle shifters harm the transmission?



BOB WEBER
Motormouth

Q: I drive a 2019 Acura MDX A-Spec with a 9-speed automatic with sequential sport-shift paddle shifters. Can using the paddle shifters harm the transmission? I use the paddle shifters to shift up for gas efficiency.

—B.S., Oswego, Illinois

A: The shifting in an automatic transmission is activated by solenoids that receive a signal from the electronic control module. When you tap the paddle, you send a similar signal to the solenoids, overriding the calculated computer shifts. Short answer: You are doing no harm. But short-shifting may reduce fuel economy. Also if you attempt a shift at the wrong time, it will be disallowed.

Q: When I asked a friend of mine why he fills his 2016 Hyundai Accent with premium gas, he says by doing this he gets more miles per gallon compared to regular gas and maintains that regular gas is too watery. Is my friend right?

—J.C., Fort Lauderdale, Florida

A: He is wrong. Burning premium gas in a car that calls for regular just burns money. Neither fuel economy nor performance will improve. Likewise, if premium fuel is recommended but not required, most motorists will see no difference in performance and the engine will not knock or ping on regular. Ask your friend to buy you a beer with the money he saves.



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A driver of a 2019 Acura MDX uses the paddle shifters to shift up for gas efficiency.

Q: I tried Rain-X several years ago and found it to be effective. However, on a sunny day, driving west in the late afternoon, the rays of the sun coming through my windshield were highly refracted, causing nearly total loss of visibility. I pulled over and scrubbed off the Rain-X and the problem was fixed and did not return.

—F.C., Chicago

A: I had not heard this before, but I will keep an eye on it. I have heard rumors that Rain-X can also play tricks on some rain-sensing wiper systems and washer fluid level sensors.

Q: I never really used glass treatments. What I've used for many years is a brass blade scraper that works unbelievably well for ice and frost removal. It's much thinner and stronger than plastic. I bought my first one many years ago from Ace Hardware, but now only find them online. I've bought the Snow Joe brand for everyone in my household and they all love it. I must be careful not to hit any painted surfaces, though.

—K.B., Chicago

A: I received a brass blade ice scraper for testing last year and agree with

you. It is helpful to also have an additional ridged edge to break up heavy ice coatings. Watch out for rubber gaskets as well as paint.

Q: Reading the trouble code and changing that part isn't always the fix. I had a 1998 Econoline with a code that said "bank 2 sensor 2." But replacing the oxygen sensor was not the fix. It turned out that there were two rust holes in the front cat. I dealt with them and the vehicle passed its test. You can't just replace what the code reader says every time.

—J.M., Waukegan, Illinois

A: I couldn't agree with you more. Yes, parts stores will loan out a code reader and will usually look up the code. They are also happy to sell you a new part, but as you discovered, that is not always what you need. The fault could be anything from a dirty connection to a bad ground. You need a professional auto technician to not only interpret the code but hunt down and fix the underlying problem.

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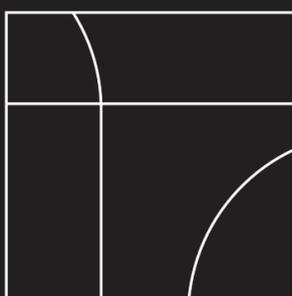
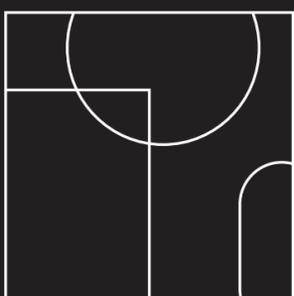
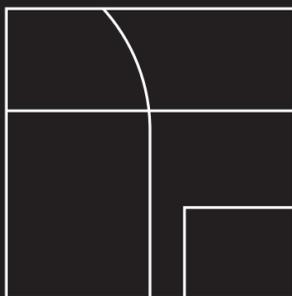
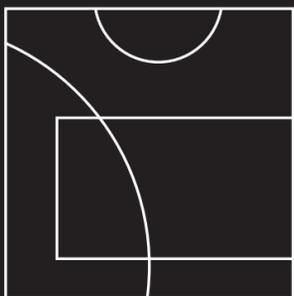
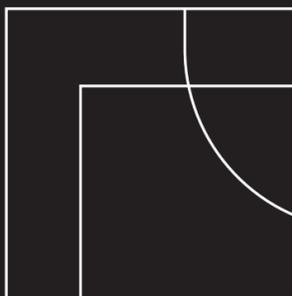
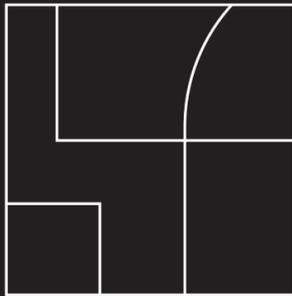
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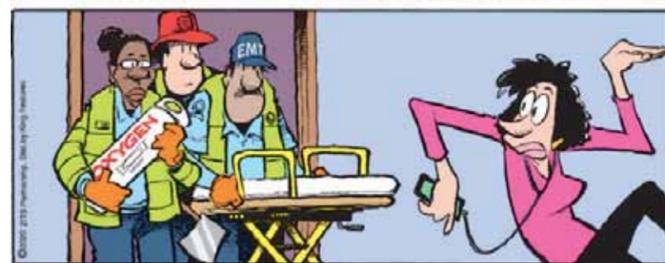
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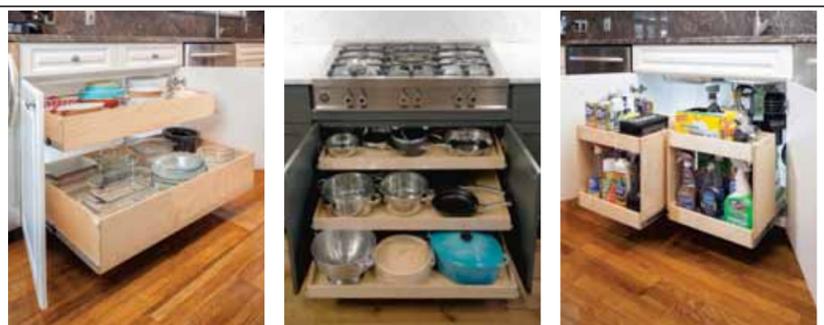


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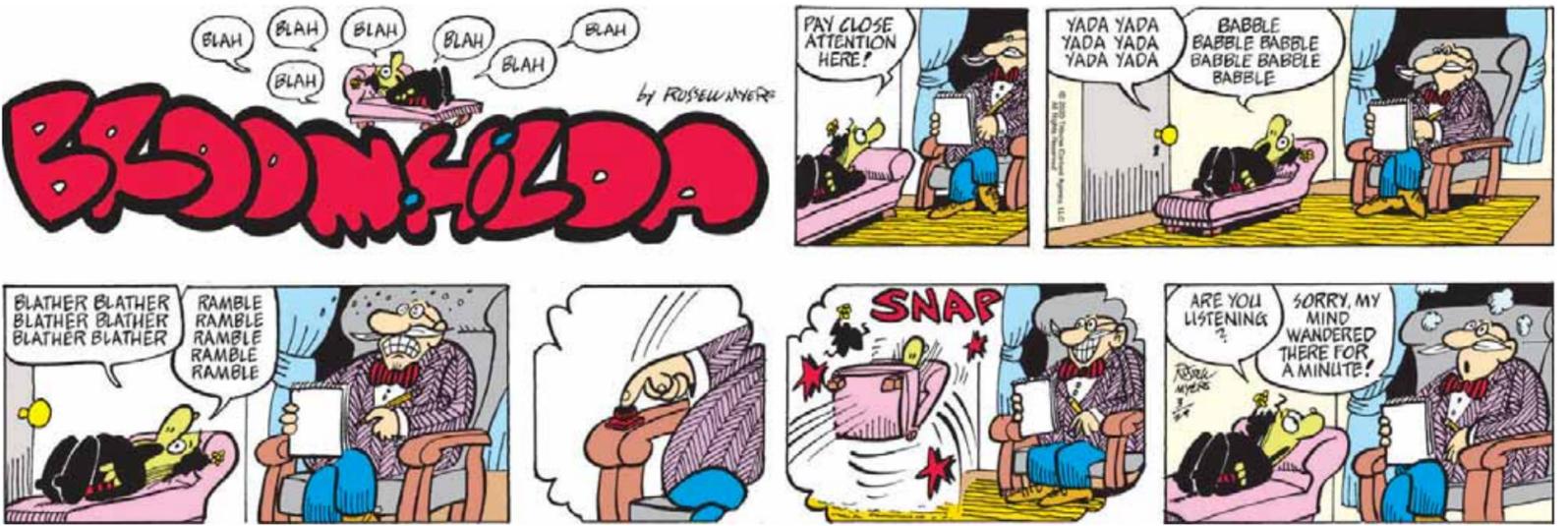
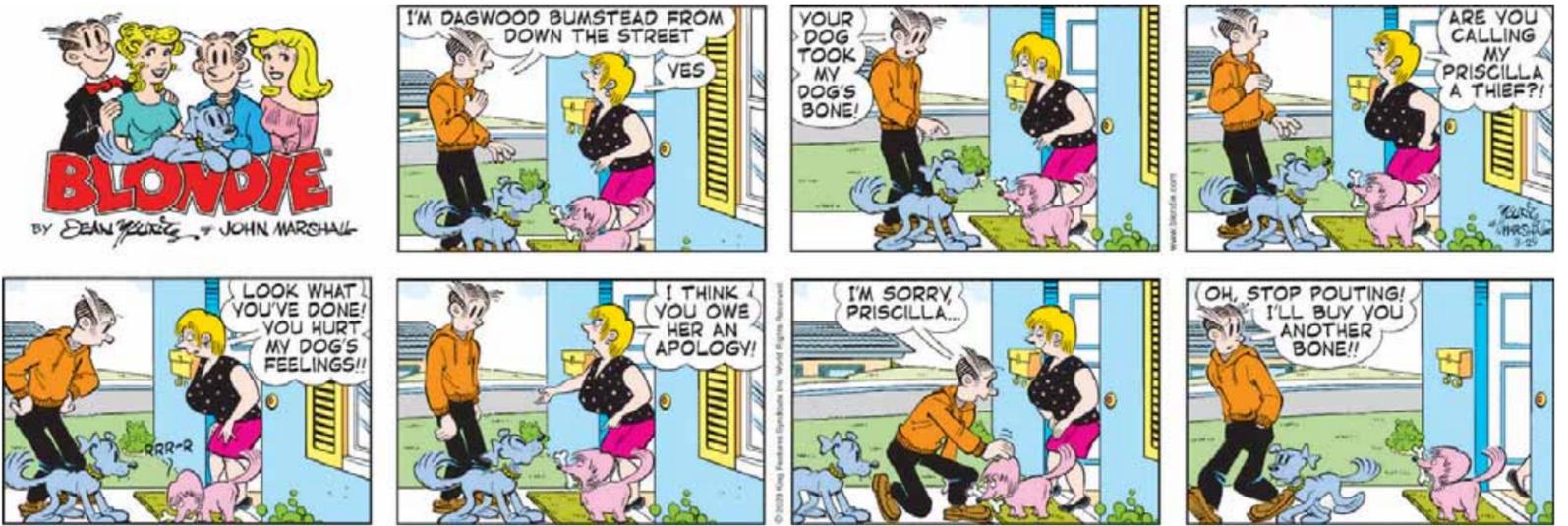
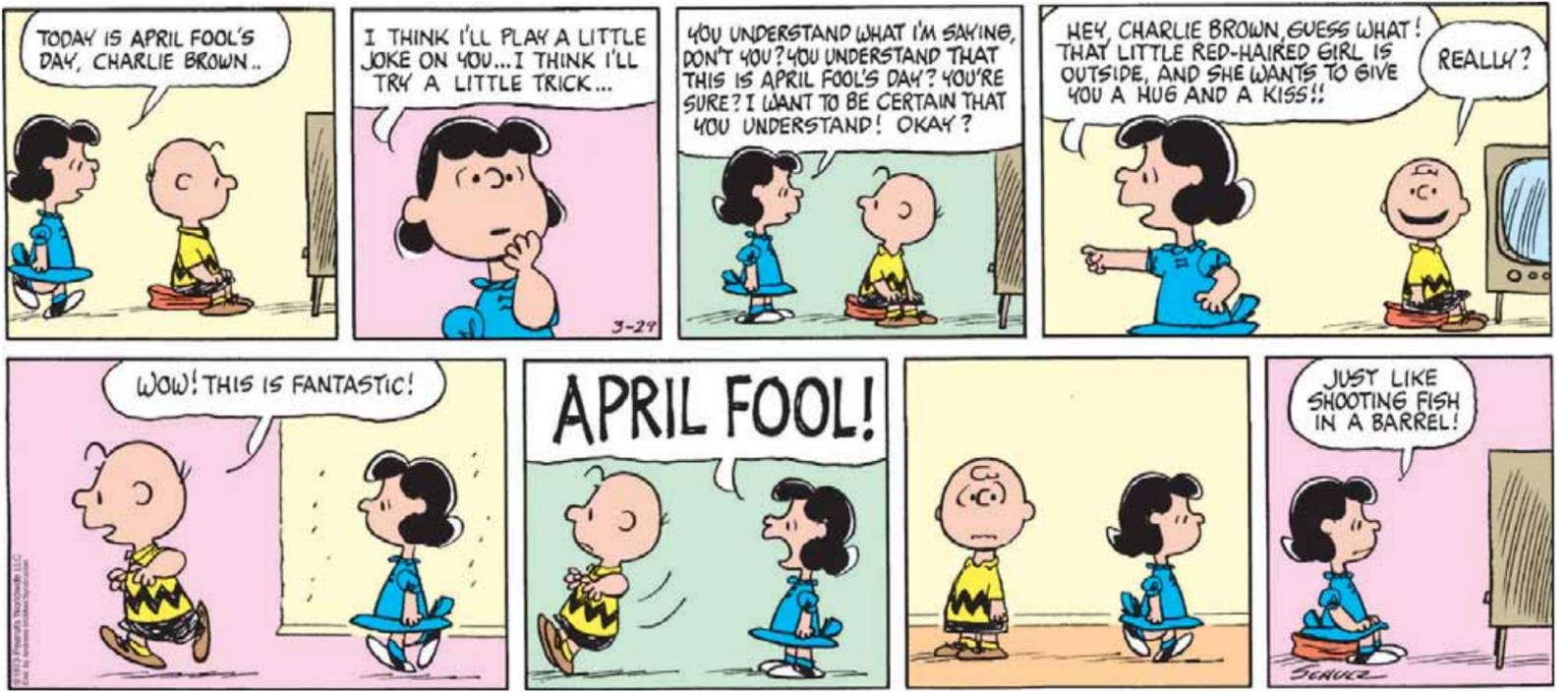
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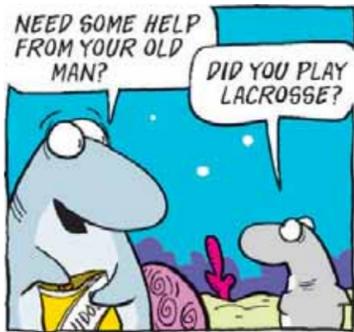
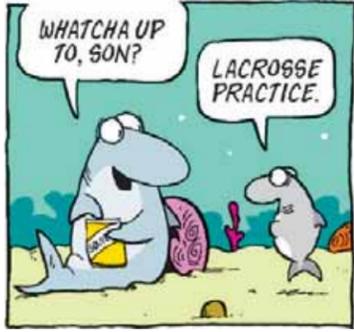


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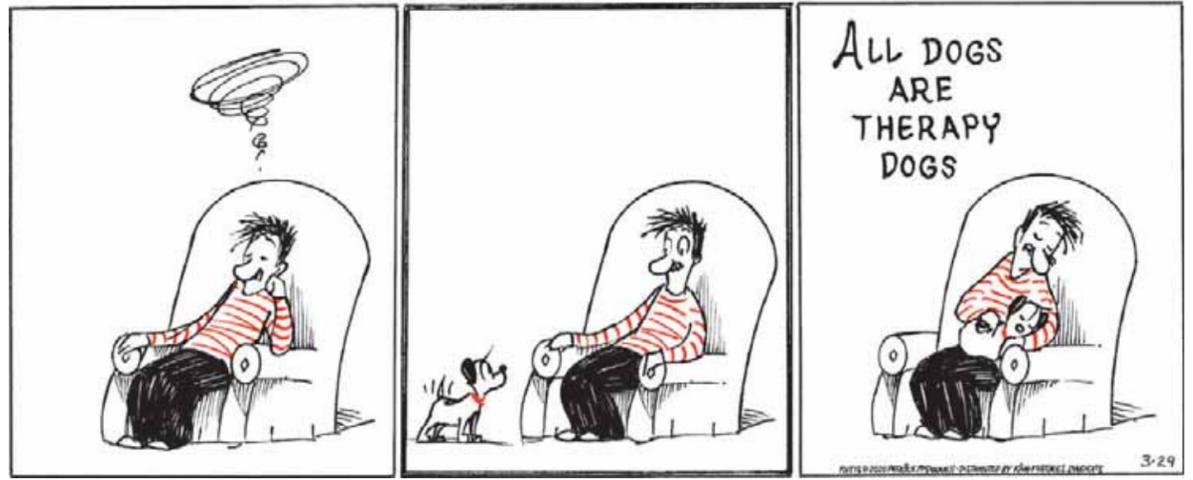
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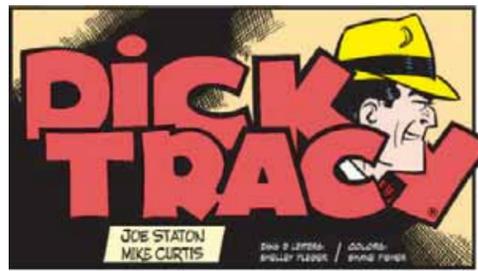


Mutts By Patrick McDonnell

MUTTS



The Middletons By Ralph Dunagin and Dana Summers



FIRST RESPONDERS ROLL OF HONOR

DORNELL COUSETTE
A 15-YEAR VETERAN OF THE TUSCALOOSA (AL) POLICE DEPARTMENT, CHIEF COUSETTE WAS PURSUING A SUSPECT WANTED ON WARRANTS WHEN THE SUSPECT SHOT HIM IN THE FACE. OFFICER COUSETTE LATER DIED OF HIS INJURIES. THE WOUNDED SUSPECT WAS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY AT A HOSPITAL AND IS AWAITING TRIAL. OFFICER COUSETTE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND TWO DAUGHTERS.
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CHANGE OF CLOTHES: For you to change back

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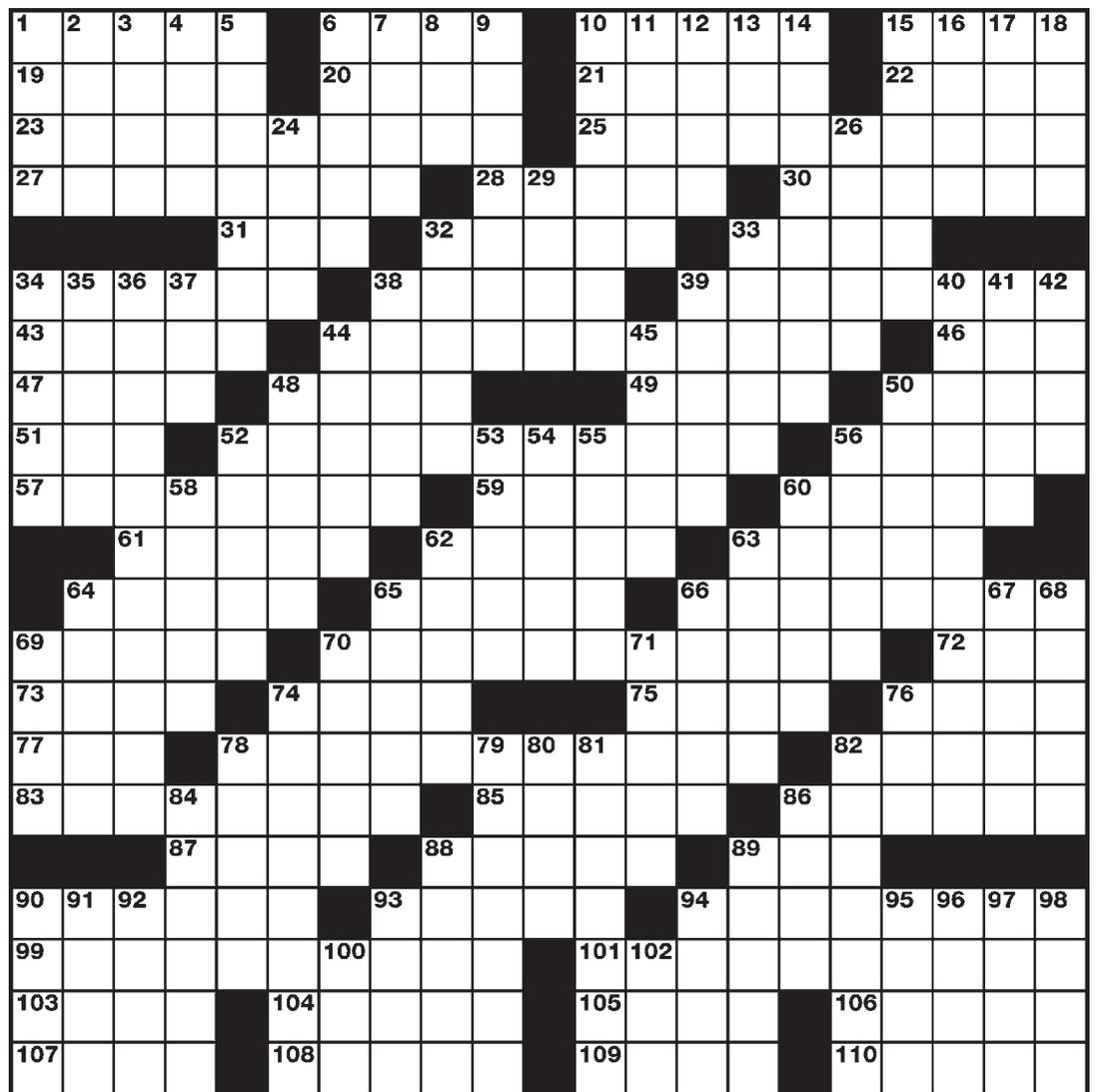
Across

- 1 Ponders, with "on"
6 Muscles worked by push-ups
10 Civil rights march film of 2014
15 Brief film excerpt
19 Keep engrossed
20 Tenor's solo
21 Cyber Monday sales
22 Former Tonight Show host
23 TECHNOCRAT
25 PAINT SCRAP
27 Ones on watch
28 Power measure
30 Small brawl
31 "Covert" activities
32 End of a French film
33 What overhead bins hold
34 90 Across' sport
38 "I concur!"
39 Urban passage
43 Mountaineer's device
44 TUBA INSIGHT
46 Apology preventer, perhaps
47 With frills, as doilies
48 iPad's voice
49 Podded veggie
50 Big Apple's bravest, for short
51 Chiding sound
52 BRIGHT INDIA
56 YouTube posting
57 Venerable hotel chain
59 Godzilla's winged adversary
60 Long skirts
61 Now above the horizon

- 62 Fished for morays
63 Air-race marker
64 Edinburghers, for instance
65 Hypnotist's order
66 Was a member
69 Bombay-born conductor
70 ELDER SKATER
72 Nat __ (cable channel)
73 Part of the eye
74 "Darn it!"
75 Some History channel fare
76 Cartoonist Walker
77 Whopper of a tale
78 IMBUES ODDLY
82 Alamo defender
83 Takes out, as cargo
85 Overwhelming wins
86 Stretched one's neck
87 Amply ventilated
88 Auditorium accommodations
89 Calendar abbr.
90 Sampras rival
93 Rogue
94 Source of Pecorino cheese
99 RIGHT HINTS
101 SHOE LENDER
103 "Decision" diagram
104 Synagogue scroll
105 Environs
106 Become one
107 Certain cameras: Abbr.
108 Derives (from) comrade
109 Brit's WWII pursuers

Down

- 1 Flat-screen ancestors: Abbr.
2 Bring on board
3 Squared away
4 Hit the road
5 A US Virgin Island
6 Rates of walking
7 Cupid alias
8 Org. in Clancy novels
9 Joined on a sofa
10 Stadium ticket word
11 French states
12 Track circuits
13 Erstwhile Russian orbiter
14 Flier to Florence
15 High-toned
16 Periscope component
17 Adj. for LAX
18 Pretense
24 Hand rests for the impatient
26 __ Sound, WA
29 It means "averse to"
32 Harmonize well
33 Utter impulsively
34 Isn't quite vertical
35 Online payment option
36 FREE CHICKEN
37 Parliamentary vote
38 "Mack the Knife" singer
39 Invite to enter
40 EGG DOWNWIND
41 Mrs. Copperfield
42 One-hand-operated toy
44 Try to buy, at an auction
45 Become inedible



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- 48 Building plots
50 Become preoccupied with
52 Dreadlocks wearer
53 Oscar actress Garson
54 Flaws in logic
55 Well-versed
56 Medal-worthy behavior
58 Hilarious ones
60 Standish of Plymouth
62 Thomas Gray claim to fame
63 Oolong alternative
64 Font embellishment
65 Mails off
66 Extreme delight
67 Very odd
68 Was too fond
69 Venus de __
70 Family nickname
71 Sits alongside
74 Nin and Pepys, for two
76 Bygone New Zealand bird
78 A bit wet
79 Inhalations
80 Rich soil
81 Defeat on the field
82 Renew, as a skill
84 Places for mascara
86 Singing star since the '60s
88 "Beat it!"
89 Modify slightly
90 Colony creatures
91 Brownie, for instance
92 Teen ending
93 Kingly address
94 Genesis setting
95 A third of tri-
96 Egyptian goddess
97 "We should ..."
98 Deep-__ bends
100 Selling very well
102 Chapter of history

Inner Cities

BY GARY LARSON

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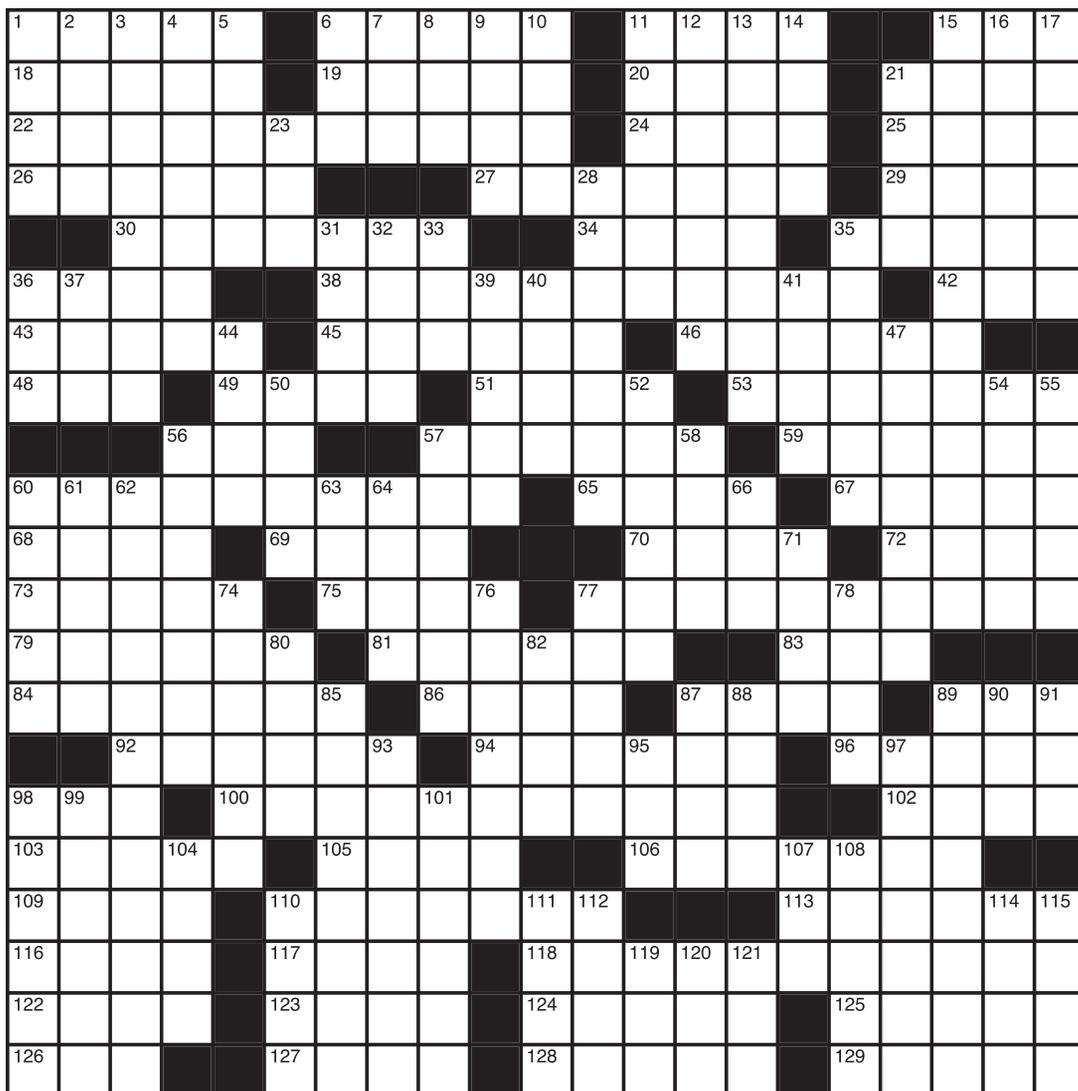
- 1 Plot again
6 Brand created by a periodontist in the 1950s
11 Zap
15 Kite user's verb
18 Yawning
19 Iris aperture
20 Being broadcast
21 Toledo's lake
22 *Alternative to a pizza oven
24 Word derived from the underworld god Orcus
25 Quarterback's option
26 "Romanian Rhapsodies" composer
27 Birds that tell time?
29 Tolkien race
30 What Brits cross to get here
34 Forsaken
35 Orange —
36 Like some airports: Abbr.
38 *Office group leader
42 Those with clout
43 Reef dweller
45 Line of clothing
46 Harsh
48 Blow away
49 Latin being
51 Part of a court game name
53 Elimination
56 General on a menu
57 Rat
59 Antique shop transaction
60 *Online gaming attraction
65 Designer Cassini
67 Street in Mason's office
68 Sews up
69 Dynamic start?
70 Norse patron
72 Encouraging words
73 Rotund man in a bright suit
75 Metalworking union
77 *Mathematical abstraction with evenly spaced integers
79 Farriers' tools
81 Like some mistakes
83 Ode title starter
84 Shooting marble
86 Passion
87 Daring exploit
89 Luthor, to Superman

- 92 Not for kids
94 Sign up
96 Wrangles
98 Former General Motors division
100 *Only occupant of Vostok I
102 Varieties
103 Teaspoon equivalents, roughly
105 Goddess with cow's horns
106 Track wagers
109 Conception
110 Not full
113 Judging groups
116 Ring at the chapel
117 YA fiction reader
118 Startup funds ... and a hint to what's hidden in the answers to the starred clues
122 Manitoba tribe
123 Fails to be
124 Beach, in Baja
125 Futuristic toon dog
126 Monopoly token
127 D-Day craft
128 Gunpowder ingredient
129 Feed, as a fire

Down

- 1 "Streamers" playwright
2 Pulitzer-winning novelist Jennifer
3 "The Egg and I" woman
4 In an imitative way
5 Parts of a pound
6 Special —
7 Same old same old
8 GI's address
9 "The Mod Squad" role
10 — cheese
11 Began to deal with
12 Fluffy felines
13 Like gales vis-à-vis breezes
14 Gift-wrapping times, perhaps
15 *Lead singer of a group whose first two Top 40 hits reached #1
16 Champ dethroned by Clay in 1964
17 Approvals
21 Duel tool
23 Political initials since 1884
28 V8 relative
31 Elevator name
32 Hawaiian goose
33 Court figs.

- 35 Program for future docs
36 Draft pick
37 When repeated, a cautioning word
39 Wherewithal
40 Timbuktu's land
41 Incessantly
44 Cancún cash
47 Reddish rash
50 McGwire rival
52 Apple storage place
54 — wrench
55 Limited-term usage contract
56 More irritable
57 Eric of "Pulp Fiction"
58 Position of control
60 Travel docs
61 Defeatist's words
62 *Breakfast order usually made with ham, onion and green pepper
63 "Ben-Hur" author Wallace
64 Valuable rocks
66 Idle talk
71 "Cone of shame" docs
74 Quiets
76 90 degrees
77 Wafer brand
78 Goes bad
80 In —: as found
82 Twinge
85 Strange quality
87 Unofficial EU leaders group
88 Peak seen from Messina
89 15-Down singing style
90 TV planet
91 Start to save?
93 Political opposition
95 Cause of yelling, often
97 One working on a bench?
98 Snag
99 Writer Welty
101 2014 World Series champs
104 — ale
107 Tax pro
108 Calamares or caracoles
110 Elec., e.g.
111 Locker room shower, at times?
112 Where to find a hero
114 Bit of mischief
115 Wild plum
119 Wolf down
120 Salon coloring
121 Saturn or Mercury

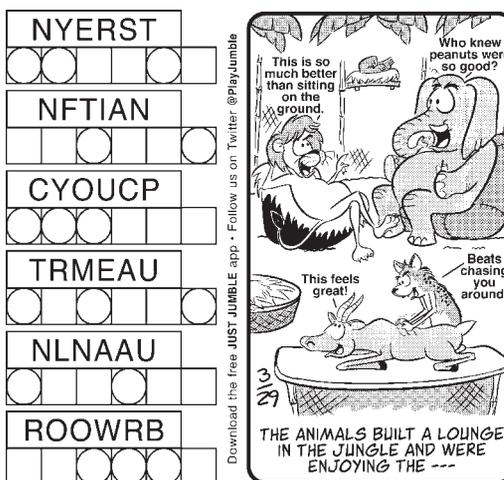


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Jumble

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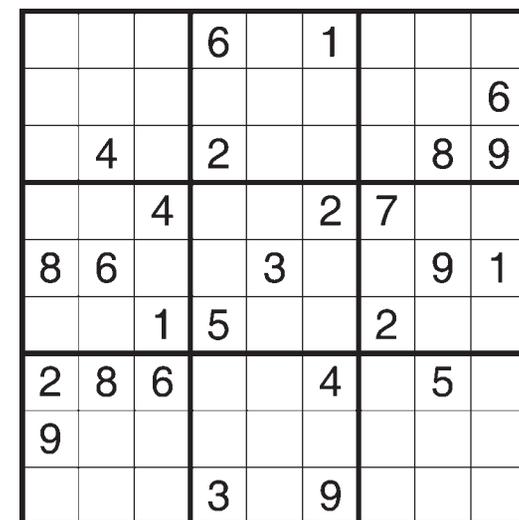
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Level: **1 2 3 4**



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EDIE FALCO TAKES ON
ANOTHER TOUGH ROLE AS
LA'S TOP COP IN 'TOMMY'

HAIL TO THE CHIEF

Edie Falco tackles another complicated role

BY MEREDITH BLAKE

Los Angeles Times

When Edie Falco first read the script for “Tommy,” a drama about the first female chief of the Los Angeles Police Department, she was intrigued. But she assumed it would film in LA, a nonstarter for a single mom with two kids in school in New York City.

Thanks to a little Hollywood magic, Falco was able to take the part without having to relocate.

“They have a couple of palm trees,” Falco said. “Carry ‘em around in the truck and stick ‘em in front of the bodega, stick ‘em in front of the person’s house. Seriously, by the end of the season, they were looking a little sad.”

“Tommy” blends police procedural with serialized political drama. Falco stars as Abigail “Tommy” Thomas, a veteran cop who is chosen to replace a chief caught up in a sex abuse scandal. Early episodes tackle hot-button topics such as immigration, tension between law enforcement and communities of color, and sexual misconduct in the entertainment business.

But Tommy, who also happens to be gay, doesn’t necessarily think of herself as a trailblazer.

“She’s just a woman in a hard job she does well. The fact that she’s the first woman is not something that takes up a lot of her brain space,” said Falco, who, as a child, used to tag along with her mother to performances in community theater.

Falco figured she’d become a therapist but was encouraged by a high school teacher to apply to the theater program at the State University of New York at Purchase, where she found a niche playing kooky, Diane Keaton-esque roles. Many of her female classmates were “very pretty young girls who were all the leads in their school plays.”

“I just didn’t identify with that. My femininity is its own brand,” says the actress, 56.

Not being an ingenue worked out just fine for Falco, a four-time Emmy winner best known for playing two wildly different yet equally complicated women: pampered mob wife Carmela



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Edie Falco says she can’t help but judge Carmela Soprano — the role that earned her multiple Emmy and Golden Globe awards — but she still has Carmela’s fake nails.

Soprano in the pioneering HBO drama “The Sopranos,” and drug-addicted emergency room nurse Jackie Peyton in the Showtime series “Nurse Jackie.”

But Falco is not the type to spend much time contemplating her place in TV history.

“To this day,” she says, “I’m not sure I won’t be a therapist.”

Q: I was looking to see if there are many female police chiefs in major cities, and it turns out there aren’t.

A: It’s ridiculous. I don’t know what to say about it. There are certainly female cops everywhere. These things take time. Change is always hard. I’ve come to think if you haven’t seen it in the media, it’s very hard to make that change. I feel like had there been a (popular) show about a female president we might be in a different situation right now.

Q: Did you do any research for the part?

A. No. Research is not a part of my process in that way. I’ve al-

ways been encouraged to do that sort of thing. For “Nurse Jackie,” they got me into an emergency ward, and I wanted no part of it. This is, like, the worst day of most people’s lives, having to be brought to an emergency room in an ambulance or whatever. And I’m there like, “I’m an actress!” I was too sensitive to the real people involved in the situation to take it in in any meaningful way. I felt like a real intruder.

Q: Your mother worked day jobs but acted on the side. Did you get the sense that her dreams were thwarted in some way?

A: Yes. And she was thwarted by the time in which she grew up. She married an Italian guy from Brooklyn who was not necessarily about his wife going off and becoming a famous actress. It was a source of some contention that when I decided to pursue acting, my dad was my biggest fan, falling over himself with excitement about all my accomplishments. It was a complicated thing.

Q: Speaking of marriages, the wives on antihero dramas such as “The Sopranos” often got criticism from fans. Did you ever feel that?

A: Nobody ever said that they judged (Carmela). But I judged her. For sure I did. Until it became clear to me the levels of denial. If she had to think about what Tony really did for a living, she could never stay with him. She’s raising kids, for god’s sake, and there are guns in the house and all that stuff. How could she let this be?

Q: It is refreshing to hear that. So many actors say they don’t judge their characters and sometimes it’s like, “Really?”

A: Which is not to say I didn’t love her and understand her too. But also, now that I’m a mother, I’ve asked really hard questions of (myself). Nothing comes before my kids. I don’t think I’m really in denial about anything. So it makes me even less sympathetic to Carmela. Also, I think women

have a larger range of possibility in what they’re able to be and do and say now than when she grew up. I think Carmela was like, “Who am I without him?” She just was not able to entertain the possibility of not being married to him.

Q: I have heard you didn’t watch “The Sopranos.”

A: I’d watch some of the edits. But not all of them. Me and Aida (Turturro), who played Janice and is one of my closest friends, sat down to watch them recently. We got four episodes in, and we couldn’t do it. It was too evocative. It was such a big time in our lives and such a big chapter for all of us. I may get to it someday.

Q: This is a very specific question, but Carmela’s nails were such a distinctive part of that character. Was that important to you?

A: It feels like those nails keep you from having to really engage with anything dirty. She always had people doing stuff for her. She wasn’t fixing the garage door. It always felt like a sign to me of someone who doesn’t work very hard. The nails were made for me and I glued them on every day. I still have them. I have them in their case. I was pretty neurotic about it. I’d take them off and then they’d have glue on the underside so I had my little dremel, a little tool you plug it in, it has a sanding edge on it to clean out the glue from the inside of the nail.

Q: What are you watching these days?

A: I watch CNN. I am obsessed with politics to the point where it’s not good for me. We’re in a bit of a crisis right now as a people. I’m concerned about that. And “Dr. Pimple Popper.” My daughter is obsessed, and I watch it with her. We go to bed, like, nauseated, but you can’t turn it off. People have such shame, “I have this bump on my shoulder,” whatever. And she’s like, “Come over here. Let’s fix it.” They walk out crying. My whole life has changed. It’s big stakes. It’s formulaic and all that, but the procedures are never not interesting. I’m a little embarrassed I told you that.

Proper beach fashion etiquette for men



ELLEN WARREN

Dear Answer Angel

Ellen: My boyfriend and I recently took a much-needed beach vacation. Neither of us are candidates for swimsuit modeling (who is?), but at least I wear a cover-up over my suit except when swimming or sunning. He, on the other hand, seems to have no qualms about going shirtless in the hotel, at the outdoor cafe, in the elevator, etc. It is not a pretty picture. He is overweight and — there's no nice way to put this — he's got a big belly and man boobs. I've tried to suggest that he might want to wear a shirt with his swim trunks except ON the beach or IN and AROUND the pool. He won't listen. Honestly, he could use "The Bro" or "Manssiere" as they called it on the "Seinfeld" show. Since he won't listen to me, can you talk some sense into him?

— R.P.

Dear R.P.: Here goes (but don't hold your breath). Dear boyfriend, listen to your girlfriend. She's right and has your best interests at heart. (And for those who don't know about the bro/manssiere on "Seinfeld," it was a male undergarment for breast support invented by Kramer and George's dad, Frank. It was introduced on Feb. 23, 1995, in "Seinfeld" Episode 617, "The Doorman." And it's a classic.)

Dear Answer Angel

Ellen: How do I refresh a scuffed "wooden" stacked heel?

— Anna M.



DREAMSTIME

Dear Anna: First, try eliminating the scuff with a regular pencil eraser. Another trick is using a Mr. Clean Magic Eraser that's very lightly moistened. If that doesn't work, use shoe polish that's the color of the stacked heel. If it's a nick not a scuff, a Sharpie the color of the heel can be helpful. Or, invest in one of those wood-colored color sticks from the hardware store sold to cover nicks in furniture and puppy-bite marks on your chair legs. You didn't ask, but the problem that I run into the most is having a leather heel damaged when it gets

stuck in a sidewalk grate and the leather gets bunched up. Rub saddle soap on the wound on the heel, then heat it up with a hair dryer then use a rag to smooth out the leather. Not perfect? Reheat and try the rag smoothing trick again.

Dear Answer Angel

Ellen: I have looked high and low for a bra that lets you adjust the straps from the front instead of having to be a contortionist to adjust the straps from the back. Any suggestions?

— Lorie G.

Dear Lorie: You're in luck.

I just got this email from Angela W.: "I was shopping for bras and came across this bra — The Cloud 9 Underwire Contour Bra from Warner's (macys.com, \$40). The straps adjust in the front, not the back. Love this feature. Just wanted to share this find. We all know how hard it is to adjust the straps without taking the bra off. This bra (so far) is the best."

Angelic Readers 1

Readers have suggestions for Barb M., who wanted advice on cleaning her kids' stuffed animals

before donating them to a charity or hospital:

From Char D.: "I wash donated clothes for my church charity. Many stuffed animals are donated also. I throw them in my wash machine with hot water and laundry soap. They go through the whole wash cycle and come out clean. Then I tumble them in my dryer for about three minutes, take them out and let them air dry."

Mary W. says: "I have washed many stuffed animals in the washing machine. If it is a well-loved

animal, I put it in an old nylon or a mesh bag, but I have had many others come out just fine. Let air dry. If I am donating, I put it in a Ziploc with a cute note that says, 'I just had my bath and I am ready to be your friend!'"

Eileen B.: "I had the same problem with my daughter's music-playing lamb. It was probably on the advice of Heloise, but I made a paste of baking powder and water, spread it all over the lamb and then let it dry completely. I then used an old, not terribly stiff brush to remove the crust this formed and it was good as new." (From Ellen: Heloise is excellent; she has never steered me wrong.)

From Kim Y.: "Good advice is to first check an organization's donation guidelines. Used stuffed animals could not go to a hospital, no matter how clean."

Angelic Readers 2

Laura J. writes: "After years of searching for lipsticks that don't stray outside of the lip area, I have a solution! I have found that Frog Prince by Lipstick Queen (ulta.com, \$25) STAYS PUT!! It's green in the tube, but morphs into a shade that is personally yours, as it works with your own lip tone. Also, for those who prefer a gloss, Vitality Lip Flush Stain from IT Cosmetics (itcosmetics.com, \$17) is another winner. I've never had a gloss stay in place with such color for so long!"

Now it's your turn

Send your questions, rants, tips, favorite finds — on style, shopping, makeup, fashion and beauty — to answerangel@ gmail.com.

Wrap up your travel style

BY KATHY WITT
Tribune News Service

One of the most versatile travel accessories is the wrap. It can create wardrobe drama (in a good way), keep travelers warm on planes and trains, cover up a chaise (or swimsuit) at the beach or pool, and even be twisted into a head covering. Wraps are lightweight and made for tossing into a beach bag or carry-on for quick comfort and accessibility.

More than just a pretty fouta

From the historic tradition of the hammam towels (flat-woven cotton cloths used in Turkish hammams, or public baths), the fouta from Fouta Harissa is a gorgeous, hand-loomed textile that celebrates the soul of Brazilian beach culture while also preserving intricate, artisanal weaving.

“Harissa” — like the Arabic word for spicy, flavorful chili paste or sauce — adds sass and zest to the color and design profile of each piece. Made of 100% cotton, these statement makers, in fun patterns including Miami Vice, Coral Queen and Friends with Boats, are the epitome of fashion and function in a luxe fabric that is machine-washable. Ranging from \$79 to \$120, each comes with its own pouch. (www.foutaharissa.com)

Ultimate travel accessory

Tap into traditional Scottish dress mode with Royal Robbins' Highlands Travel Scarf (\$60), a versatile, functional and feminine scarf that doubles as a cozy wrap. Made from a super-soft Merino wool blend for lightweight warmth, the scarf is trimmed with five small



SAVE THE OCEAN

Save The Ocean apparel and accessories are sustainable, eco-friendly and comfortable.

buttons and buttonholes positioned on opposite corners to create six different styles. It can be worn as a wrap, either buttoned down the front or buttoned across the arm, or as a scarf with multiple tying options.

Available in one size and measuring 62 inches long, the scarf comes in charcoal/multi and sand dollar heather/multi. It's also naturally odor-resistant and temperature-regulating as well as machine-washable. (www.royalrobbins.com)

Handmade in Bali

Vibrant, versatile batik sarongs from Bali, designed by a local artist and made by that artist's family, are an ideal accessory for travelers. Batiks can be pulled from a carry-on and draped over shoulders or tucked around legs like a blanket on the airplane, folded away on arrival, then pressed into stylish service as a dress, skirt, scarf or swimsuit cover-up. Elaborately patterned, richly colorful batiks are large and fit most sizes.

Penny Pinching Globetrotter and adventurer Melissa Nance sells batik sarongs through her web-



RAINRAPS

Pack lightweight RAINRAPs and leave the umbrella at home.



PENNY PINCHING GLOBETROTTER

The batik sarongs sold by Penny Pinching Globetrotter are designed by a local artist and made by his family in Bali.

site for \$44.99 each. Nance fell in love with batiks while on her honeymoon in Indonesia. In fact, she took

a class to learn about the ancient art of batik, which has been practiced for 2,000 years in southeast



ROYAL ROBBINS

Royal Robbins' Highlands Travel Scarf offers warmth and versatility.

tirely of fabrics from recycled plastic bottles collected from around the world.

Not only that, but a portion of the proceeds (10% of sales) benefits the Ocean Foundation.

Designed with a modern classic aesthetic, the wrap is so versatile that it can go wherever you go, from the beach to the mountains, a cruise ship to a ski trip, the office to dinner and drinks afterward. (Learn more at www.savetheoceanapparel.com; find the wrap at www.macys.com.)

Fashion-forward raingear

We've all been there: taking part in some other outdoor adventure, and then the skies open up to put a damper on all the fun. RAINRAPs (\$65) is made for drizzly days. This lightweight and waterproof, machine-washable and fast-drying wrap is a stylish alternative to a clunky umbrella, offering two looks in one with its reversible design. Even better, it lets the wearer remain hands-free.

When you need more warmth from the elements or for the plane or train, WINTER RAP (\$75) steps up in a reversible and multifunctioning design with one side to repel rain or snow and the other to cloak you in soft, flannel-like fabric that keeps wearers toasty and cozy. Both hooded wraps tuck slimly into a backpack, and both are one-size-fits-most. (www.rainraps.com)

Asia.

“This complex dyeing process creates beautiful, intricate designs that are unique to the region,” Nance said. (www.penny-pinchingglobetrotter.com/online-store)

Buy a sweater, save the ocean

The Recycled Knit Twist Poncho (\$68), a women's sweater wrap from Save the Ocean Apparel Co., is something everyone can feel good about wearing, anytime, anywhere. The company makes eco-friendly collections of men's and women's apparel and accessories made en-

Now trending: Whatever you enjoy

BY BARBARA BALLINGER

Chicago Tribune

Some of our favorite influencers think our homes will be wrapped in more personalized colors, patterns and textures in the year ahead. The main reason for greater boldness is an overall sense of weariness after years of being surrounded by safe grays, beiges and whites. We're also less fearful about scaring away buyers for resale. Live and enjoy what you want is the new mantra. We've rounded up five top trends to help you get started.

Ceilings steal the show

Due to the trend of downsizing and paring our carbon footprint, living in a smaller space teaches us the importance of making the most of every square inch. And this has inspired us to look up and focus on a room's fifth wall — the ceiling. There's no reason it shouldn't be treated with as much thought, respect and glamour as the other four walls. To make it stand out more, treat the ceiling differently than the walls, says designer Summer Thornton, who sees the trend gaining in popularity. In one client's home, she used a bold Mondrian-inspired wallpaper; in others she suggests plaster ceiling detailing or high-gloss lacquer paint.

Interiors get personal

The next time that you are on vacation in a far-off land and can't resist buying a beautiful local textile, don't let it disappear into a closet when you get home. Adding personal touches to your interior design is what makes it unique and visually tells your story. Designer Sasha Adler knows exactly how these kinds of items can be reworked to complement existing purchases that cry out for some customization. "Why not use a textile you find on your travels to upholster a store-bought stool or add contrast trim to a ready-made lampshade?" she suggests. "This high/low mix gives you the ability to allocate funds strategically and will make your space feel much more personal." She used a hand-embroidered textile from a trip to Oaxaca, Mexico, in her bedroom.



Make a statement with lighting. From left: Kartell's chic Bourgie table lamp, \$372, lightology.com; Marset's Bicoca portable table lamps, \$215 each, abchome.com; and Blu Dot's walnut Rook lamp, \$299, bludot.com

KARTELL, MARSET, BLU DOT

"Seeing it every day will bring back memories of warm, dappled sunshine on even the coldest morning," she says.

Statement lamps shine brightest

Generic, recessed can lights are so yesteryear as a room's main source of illumination. Yes, you may need a few but not punched into a ceiling every few feet. Designer Jessica Lagrange instead suggests thinking of lighting choices as just one more decorative and functional element in a room. Her advice: the more decorative they are the better, which is

a huge contrast to the minimal styles millennials have preferred. Whether you're picking ceiling fixtures, table lamps or floor lamps, think about how fanciful the housing for the bulb can be, from modern to midcentury, Scandinavian, industrial, old-world or even inspired by nature, as RH has done with its latest "antler" collection.

Bring on the color

Color has returned with a vengeance and not in timid pastels. Hooray for the gutsiest blues, pinks, greens, and even reds, yellows and oranges, say the experts. In fact, pink is considered the new neutral, according to

designer Julia Buckingham. "Nobody wants a vanilla box anymore, and people aren't thinking about resale all the time," she says. We want you to know there are multiple ways to introduce color throughout a home besides paint on the walls. Kitchens are a natural, especially after too many were all white for way too long. Designer Cheryl Kees Clendenon favors bold tiled backsplashes, a relatively easy and affordable way to get a blast of a favorite hue. Clendenon also likes novel tile shapes rather than the now almost boring rectangular subway tiles.

Go lighter

While gray may have become everyone's go-to paint choice, it also started showing up in everything from carpeting to furnishings. And after years of gray — and even worse, griege — a lot of us are frankly sick of the hue. Designer Caitie Smithe, a designer and stylist with Walter E. Smithe furnishings, says this is the year to look out for white oak coming on strong. "It's an organic progression from the gray-toned wood trend. White oak is brighter and feels more natural. It's also clean and modern so it works in many different types of spaces," she says. Furthermore, it can be used everywhere from floors to kitchen and bathroom cabinets, furniture and even wood ceiling beams.

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Bingeing on movies in cinemas for cheap

BY ANICK JESDANUN
Associated Press

At \$15 a pop in major cities — and sometimes more — going to the cinema can easily break the bank.

That's where a movie subscription comes in. Although MoviePass failed in its bid to let you catch first-run movies just about anywhere for a low monthly price, many theater chains are now offering plans of their own.

These plans cost more than MoviePass' \$10-a-month starting price, and they work only at each chain's own theaters, which mostly show big studio releases. That means you'll still have to pay full price for that obscure indie flick at the local art house. But these plans can still be a good deal if you average just a few movies a month at those theaters.

Here are the major subscription offerings in the U.S. to consider:

AMC Stubs A-list

The nation's largest theater chain offers three movies a week, including an unlimited number in premium formats such as Imax, Dolby and 3D, starting at \$20 a month. The subscription fee is higher — \$22 or \$24 — in states where ticket prices are higher. You can watch all three movies in a single day if you wish.

You get same-day and advance tickets through an app, with no fees, and can cancel up until showtime. Some special events, such as concert and opera screenings, are excluded. One new feature lets you and friends who are subscribers book seats together. Otherwise, you can buy individual tickets for friends at regular prices.

There's a three-month commitment, though you're still billed monthly. If you cancel, you can't come back for six months.

Regal Unlimited

There's no weekly cap with Regal's plan, and you can spend all day at the theater if you wish. Subscriptions range from \$18 to \$23.50 a month; the higher prices are for theaters in bigger cities, though you can pay a surcharge of



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No weekly cap is among the features of Regal Unlimited's movie subscription pass.

\$1.50 or \$3 if you're just visiting a pricier theater occasionally.

Unlike AMC, Regal charges extra for Imax and other premium screens. And tickets obtained through Regal's app carry a surcharge of 50 cents each. You can avoid the surcharge only for same-day tickets at the theater. Some foreign language movies and special events may be excluded or carry surcharges. You can buy tickets for friends at regular prices.

Because the plan is unlimited, you can technically cancel a ticket by just not showing up. But Regal warns that doing so repeatedly may void the subscription, without refunds. You can officially cancel up to an hour before showtime.

The biggest catch is the one-year commitment. You can pay for the full year at once or choose monthly billing, but either way, you can't leave for a year.

Alamo Drafthouse Season Pass

This theater chain is rolling out its \$20-a-month subscription plan slowly. After tests in Yonkers, New York, the program has expanded to the Denver area; Kansas City, Missouri; Raleigh, North Carolina; and Austin, Texas. It's being tested elsewhere on an invite-only basis at varying prices. The subscription works at Alamo theaters in about a dozen cities.

The plan limits you to a movie per day. Premium screenings carry a \$1.99 surcharge, and some special events are excluded. You can book tickets only through Alamo's app — for a convenience fee of nearly \$2 per ticket. If you can't make a movie and fail to cancel at least an hour ahead of time, Alamo may ban you from making advance reservations.

You can cancel your subscription anytime, but there's a waiting period of a year before you can

sign up again.

What makes Alamo different is the ability to buy additional seats for friends at \$19 a month each. Anyone can come with you; it doesn't need to be the same person or another subscriber. But you must accompany your guests. If it's a spouse or a friend who might want to come without you, getting a separate subscription for just \$1 more makes better sense. You can also buy individual tickets for companions at regular prices when booking your free one.

Other theaters

Showcase Cinemas and Cinemark also offer subscriptions but with big limits — just two or three movies a month with Showcase, and one with Cinemark.

Many independent theaters offer discounted tickets through memberships; a few offer free movies, especially at pricier tiers. You also might consider a mem-

bership at an art museum. The Museum of Modern Art in New York, for instance, screened several award contenders over the past few months — all free with a membership.

Subscriptions are typically for individual use only, and theaters sometimes check IDs or a photo you submit ahead of time.

Which subscription is right for you will largely depend on which theater is most convenient. The prospect of free premium movies at AMC might sound enticing — but not if the closest theater is an hour away. And be sure to factor in the surcharges.

It's OK to binge for a month or two and then let your membership lie fallow for a few months, so long as you're still averaging a few movies a month. Otherwise, you risk falling into the "gym membership" trap in paying every month for something you never use.



DREAMSTIME

As an accessory, watches are classy, timeless and go with everything.

Tips to help you look classy, even on a budget

BY ARAMIDE ESUBI
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You really don't have to break the bank to look classy and put-together. There are a few pieces that I like to splurge on, but for the most part I shop within my personal budget. This week, I'll share some of my favorite simple ways to step up your game and look good, even on a budget.

Leave the logos alone. My first tip is to avoid logos or cheeky graphics on your clothing. Big logos tend to dress a look down and make it look less timeless. Basic, solid pieces are the way to go if you're aiming for a classic vibe. You also don't have to break the bank at all to find great pieces. Just make sure the item isn't made of see-through material and doesn't look cheap. A lot of my simplest T-shirts cost less than \$10, and I absolutely love them.

Scope out your local thrift store. Thrift stores

are a great place to shop on a budget. You may not always find the hottest trends, but you'll be able to scope out some items that can stand the test of time. Keep your eyes peeled for staple pieces that you can add to your wardrobe. I personally like to look at jackets, coats, blazers and blouses at the thrift store because you can find good-quality items for a wallet-friendly price.

Add a watch. Watches are classy, timeless and go with everything. And there are plenty of budget-friendly options out there. I got my first watch from Aldo for less than \$20, and it had a chic black strap with a white face and a gold trim. I wore it a ton with lots of different outfits and it always added that extra bit of class to my look. You can even check out your local thrift store for used watches.

Make sure your clothes fit. It never looks good if your clothing is ill-fitted, so make sure you're buying items that fit and hang properly. If your clothing is

too tight, you're probably going to be constantly awkwardly adjusting it, and if it's way too big, you might look frumpy and lose your natural body shape. The key to a classy look is clothing that you're comfortable and confident in.

Seek out a good tailor who can style your pieces to you and your body. Once you have items tailored, you won't want to go back to just wearing clothing right off the rack. It takes your wardrobe up several levels because your clothing is specifically made for you.

Pay attention to the details. To give off that classy, put-together vibe, you need to make sure that you actually look put-together. This means all your clothing should be wrinkle-free, so fire up your iron or steamer. Also, make sure that things are tucked in properly, there are no loose strings or tags, and get rid of anything that shouldn't be hanging out. Once you've checked off all the tips on this list, you can be sure your look will go from simple to sleek in no time!

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- 22. Brass instrument
- 23. Sisterhood
- 25. Contemptible
- 26. Medal-winners
- 28. Index finger to lips
- 32. Tampico ta-ta
- 33. Nip-up
- 34. Eggs
- 35. Trotsky or Errol
- 36. Did field work
- 37. Do needle work
- 38. Alphabet trio
- 39. Mine finder
- 40. Lawn game
- 41. Actor Clint
- 43. Find likable
- 44. Cabbage-patch tool
- 45. European title
- 46. Dose capsule
- 49. Kind of tale
- 50. Age to be terrible?
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- 40. Fir coat?
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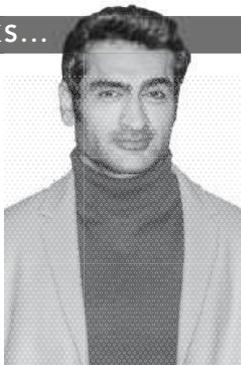
on being childhood stars, their happy homelife & a new Broadway play

Personality Parade

WALTER SCOTT ASKS...

KUMAIL NANJIANI

The *Big Sick* and *Silicon Valley* actor, 42, joins Issa Rae, 35, in the romantic action comedy *The Lovebirds* (coming to theaters soon) as a couple on a trip to New Orleans who accidentally become suspects in a murder.



Do you see yourself as a romantic leading man? No, but I do love romantic comedy movies. *When Harry Met Sally*, *Four Weddings and a Funeral*, *Notting Hill*—the usual suspects—are among my favorites.

What's the relationship between your character, Jibran, and Rae's Leilani? It can be very easy after a while to forget why you got together in the first place. Their relationship has gotten stuck in a rut, and whose fault is it? But because of the life-and-death stakes, they end up having to actually listen to each other. And in listening to each other about how to go about solving this mystery, they're also listening to each other about how to solve the problems in their relationship.

Why did you want to be a producer on *Little America* [Apple TV+], which is based on real-life stories of immigrants in America? I wanted to tell fun, interesting stories from a perspective that people might not have seen. But mostly, we just wanted to entertain people and tell stories that were funny or emotional, moving or exciting. All people are looking for love, or a place to live, or food, or to take care of their family, or to find a family.

Who is Kingo, the role you play in Marvel Studios' upcoming *Eternals* [Nov. 6]? Kingo is at least 7,000 years old. He was sent to Earth to defend humanity against the Deviants, who are monsters. He's supposed to keep a low profile, but he's decided to go become a Bollywood star. He just really enjoys all of it. He enjoys being famous. He enjoys having superpowers. He is, in a way, like a big kid.

What beloved food did he have to give up completely—for a year—to get his new body for the Marvel superhero role? Go to [Parade.com/kumail](https://www.parade.com/kumail) to find out.

JAMES CORDEN HOPS ON IT

Corden is back on the bunny trail as the voice of the roguish cottontail in *Peter Rabbit 2: The Runaway* (postponed until Aug. 7). While Bea (Rose Byrne), Thomas (Domhnall Gleeson) and the other bunnies have settled into a family routine, Peter can't seem to shake his scampy ways. Leaving the garden, he discovers a bigger world, where he must figure out what kind of bunny he



wants to be. "He's a rascal," says Corden, 41. "I think Peter gets away with mischief because of his sweet and adorable nature. You just can't help but smile when you see him."



PAULEY PERRETTE IS BROKE & LOVING IT

NCIS alum Perrette goes from the crime procedural to the new sitcom *Broke* (April 2 on CBS) as Jackie, a working single mom who's shocked when her sister (Natasha Leggero, 46) and her brother-in-law (Jaime Camil, 46) land on her doorstep in need of a place to stay since the couple went—you got it—broke. Perrette, 51, couldn't be happier with the role of Jackie. "This is the closest to me that I have ever played," says the actress. "The way she lives, what her standards are."

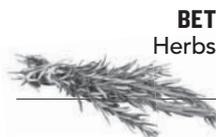
STARS WITH GREEN THUMBS

Spring has sprung, so *Parade* dug up a few celebs who love to garden!

JULIA ROBERTS
Organic gardening
(she even composts!)



ZOOEY DESCHANEL
Tangerines, oranges, lemons, plums and peaches



BETSY BRANDT
Herbs, especially rosemary



JESSICA ALBA
Succulents



STING
Grapes for wine and olives for olive oil



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Parade Personality THE BEST OF the '80s!

If you were a teen 40 years ago, you'll remember it was a fantastic time for movies about you, from **Ferris Bueller's Day Off**, which helped solidify the career of young **Matthew Broderick** (see page 8), to films that introduced **Tom Cruise**, **Keanu Reeves**, **Molly Ringwald** and others! Here we take a look back.

FAST TIMES AT RIDGEMONT HIGH (1982) Sean Penn, Jennifer Jason Leigh, Nicolas Cage and Phoebe Cates star in this classic high-school comedy based on a book by young *Rolling Stone* scribe Cameron Crowe.



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SIXTEEN CANDLES

THE OUTSIDERS (1983) The cast of director Francis Ford Coppola's adaptation of S.E. Hinton's 1967 coming-of-age novel includes up-and-comers Rob Lowe, Matt Dillon, Tom Cruise, Patrick Swayze, Ralph Macchio and Diane Lane.

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FOOTLOOSE (1984) Put on your dancin' shoes! Kevin Bacon is an urban Chicago high-school hotshot transplanted to the rural Midwest in this drama driven by

a groovin' pop-rock soundtrack that includes the title track by Kenny Loggins.

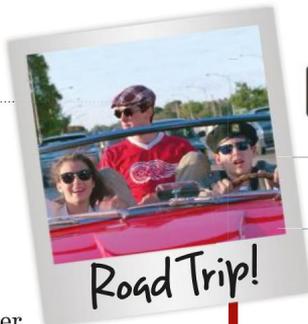
THE BREAKFAST CLUB (1985) Director John Hughes' "Brat Pack" ensemble classic, about a group of

high-schoolers' day in detention, made stars out of Emilio Estevez, Anthony Michael Hall, Judd Nelson, Molly Ringwald and Ally Sheedy.

BACK TO THE FUTURE (1985) Meet Michael J. Fox, the young actor who'd become forever identified with the movie's time-traveling protagonist, Marty McFly.

DIRTY DANCING (1987) Nobody puts Baby in the corner! Not in a movie that stars Jennifer Grey as a teen vacationing with her parents in the Catskills, where her world collides with dance instructor Patrick Swayze.

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CINEMA SINS FERRIS BUELLER'S FANTASTIC FLAWS

The movie experts at CinemaSins give Ferris an F in geography and time management.

Was anyone paying attention in geography class? Anyone? Bueller? Bueller? *Ferris Bueller's Day Off* is one of the most indelible high school movies of all time, but even Ferris—with all his effortless cool and smarts—could never have gotten around the Windy City in the movie's time frame.

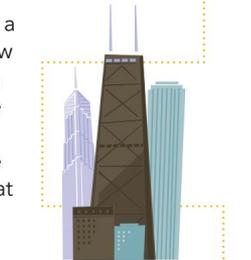
The Flaw: What Ferris did and where he went! Geography, people!

Chicago is a big city. Like, really, really big. The makers obviously looked at what they wanted Ferris to do and decided to leave geographic and timeline reality in the dust as Ferris and friends drove away in a red **Ferrari GT California Spyder**.

Case in point: Ferris begins his day on the far upper side of Chicago, in one of those fancy North Shore neighborhoods past Northwestern University. He persuades his friend Cameron—who lives in a different fancy neighborhood—to borrow his dad's Ferrari, pull the subterfuge with his girlfriend at the school and then drive into the city. The clock is already ticking!

But then! A longish discussion with the parking garage attendants. Sightseeing at the then-**Sears Tower**. Lunch (impersonating Sausage King Abe Froman). More sightseeing at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. A **Cubs game** (which typically lasts three hours, by the way) on the north side of town. Then more sightseeing back downtown at the **Art Institute**, followed by an **epic parade crash**. By this time, it must be nearly midnight! But no, it's back up to the northern suburbs (presumably during rush hour), followed by an emotional discussion about life and love with friends, a ridiculously long footrace home and . . . Ferris is **back in his bed** by the time the folks walk in. By our math, those shenanigans would've taken roughly, oh, two days! Or at least 26 hours.

OK, this movie has Ferris talking directly to the camera, unbelievable character development and the sudden appearance of Charlie Sheen, so it's clearly not meant to be taken too seriously. Still, the geography and timeline in *Ferris Bueller's Day Off* remain a fantastic flaw in an otherwise terrific movie.



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By Marilyn vos Savant

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—Brad Abel, St. Louis, Mo.

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The stars of Broadway's *Plaza Suite* talk childhood stardom, raising kids in New York City and what it's like to work together.

By Mara Reinstein

Matthew Broderick arrives first. His wife, Sarah Jessica Parker, wearing dark sunglasses and a radiant smile, enters about 10 minutes later. It's day four of rehearsals for the Broadway revival of *Plaza Suite*. After this interview, the two are going to spend six hours portraying three different couples at various stages of their relationships. Then the long-wedded real-life pair will head to their townhouse in the Greenwich Village neighborhood of Manhattan and...pretend like it didn't happen. They don't really take their work home.

"It doesn't come up a lot," says Broderick. "Maybe we'll talk about it, but everybody needs a break to think about something else."

"It's not realistic," Parker adds. "You walk in the door and there's three children." Interjects Broderick, "I forgot about them."

Clearly, their chemistry doesn't need any rehearsal. Squeezed on a velvet couch amid a scenery-strewn rehearsal room inside

"I remember thinking she was wonderful, hilarious and beautiful."

a nondescript Midtown building, Parker, 55, and Broderick, 58, regularly finish each other's sentences and laugh at each other's jokes. At one point, he instinctively walks over to a desk to fetch her a tissue so she can wipe off the coffee mug ring left on the table.

"It's not like I had my sights set on him, but I was aware of him as an actor."

Though they're each veteran actors of some 40 years, *Plaza Suite*—opening April 13 on Broadway—marks their first joint production since 1995. Adapted from a 1968 Neil Simon play (it was turned into a movie starring Walter Matthau in 1971 and an HBO film in 1982), the story consists of a trio of vignettes all set in a single suite of the famed Plaza Hotel in New York City. Parker and Broderick play three different couples: a longtime married couple on the brink of breakup; newly reconnected childhood sweethearts; and a husband and wife trying to cajole their jittery bride-to-be daughter out of the bathroom.

But Broderick and Parker don't want audiences to read between

the lines, even as they recite them. The parts they're playing onstage aren't anything like them. "I used to get uncomfortable watching a real couple have a romance onscreen," he says. "But we are telling fictional stories." Parker chimes in: "Doing a portrait of our lives has no interest to me. These characters' choices are different, and they live in a different time and place. That's why the idea of doing this was so interesting."

New York Stories

Even though they're both established movie and TV actors, it's not quite accurate to refer to Broderick and Parker as a Hollywood couple, if only because of their deep roots in New York City. He was born in Manhattan to a playwright-painter mom and a theater actor father, James Broderick, who also worked on the 1970s TV drama series *Family*. Parker, meanwhile, was born in Nelsonville, Ohio. Her mom, a teacher, and her truck-driver stepfather, along with her siblings—she has seven in all—moved to a New York City suburb Jan. 1, 1977, when she was 11 years old.

All either of them has ever known is acting. A trained singer and dancer, Parker made her onstage debut in *The Innocents* in Boston in 1976 and took over the title role in the original Broadway production of the musical *Annie* in 1979. Broderick appeared off-Broadway in *Torch Song Trilogy* in 1982 and won a Tony in 1983 for Simon's coming-of-age play *Brighton Beach Memoirs*.

"I've never had a real job-job," he says. "I babysat. I worked for a caterer for one day."

To this day, Parker can cite where
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ROLE play



Matthew Broderick



1 Brighton Beach Memoirs (1983) At 19, Broderick won a Tony for his lead in the Broadway stage production of Neil Simon's semi-autobiographical comedy.



2 War Games (1983) He's a smarty-pants computer nerd who almost starts World War III.



3 Ferris Bueller's Day Off (1986) Life moves pretty fast when you star in a breezy classic about a class-cutting teenager.



4 Glory (1989) In a serious role, Broderick stars as a Union Army colonel leading an all-black company in the Civil War.



5 The Freshman (1990) He's an NYU film student who gets an offer he can't refuse from a mobster boss who resembles the Godfather of movie fame (played by Marlon Brando, of course).



6 The Lion King (1994) As the voice of Simba the lion, he sings the ballad "Can You Feel the Love Tonight" in the film, which won a Best Original Song Oscar.



7 Election (1999) He squares off against Reese Witherspoon in this biting satire centering on a student council election.



8 The Producers (2001) His teaming with Nathan Lane in this hilarious Broadway adaptation of the Mel Brooks movie made this the hottest ticket in town.

Sarah Jessica Parker



1 Square Pegs (1982–83) She and Amy Linker portray two awkward friends desperate to mesh with the cool kids in this acclaimed and ahead-of-its-time sitcom.



2 Footloose (1984) That's SJP dancing up a storm with Lori Singer, Chris Penn and Kevin Bacon.



3 L.A. Story (1991) She's the ditzzy aspiring spokesmodel SanDeE* in this romantic fantasy starring Steve Martin.



4 Hocus Pocus (1993) Still ditzzy, here she's a reborn Salem witch (alongside Bette Midler and Kathy Najimy) in this Halloween classic.



5 Striking Distance (1993) In this thriller, Parker plays a more serious role (a police detective) opposite Bruce Willis.

6 The First Wives Club (1996) She's hilarious as the vapid social climber wooing "Morty" (Dan Hedaya, playing Bette Midler's husband).

7 Sex and the City (1998–2004) Parker is proud that she'll forever be associated with writer and fashion icon Carrie Bradshaw from this Emmy-winning series (and two movies).

8 Divorce (2016–19) She's wrapped the three-season run of this HBO dramedy, where she stars as Frances, who's mired in an unhappy marriage but learns to move on.

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she was when she saw all her future husband's movies: She was filming *Footloose* when she watched his starring turn in *War Games* in 1983. A few years later, she and her actress friend Martha Plimpton caught his signature role as the smooth-talking teen in *Ferris Bueller's Day Off* at a theater in New York City. "It's not like I had my sights set on him, but I was aware of him as an actor because I liked his work so much," she says. Broderick recalls seeing her in 1991 as Steve Martin's flighty love interest in the comedy *L.A. Story*. "I remember thinking she was wonderful, hilarious and beautiful."

In the early '90s, Broderick was directing a play for a theater company founded by two of Parker's brothers. One of them made the introduction, and Broderick soon called Parker and left a message on her answering machine (!) to ask for a date. In 1996, the pair, now living together, appeared in a revival of *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*. Broderick's sister, an Episcopal priest, officiated their wedding ceremony in 1997.

They were still newlyweds when Parker began her six-year run as super-stylish writer Carrie Bradshaw on *Sex and the City*. It's the HBO series that made Manolo Blahnik stilettos and cosmopolitan cocktails part of the pop culture vernacular and, on a personal level, allowed Parker (also a co-producer) to achieve freedom in the city she loves most. "If I hadn't played that part, then I wouldn't be doing this play," she says. "I've had so many opportunities and

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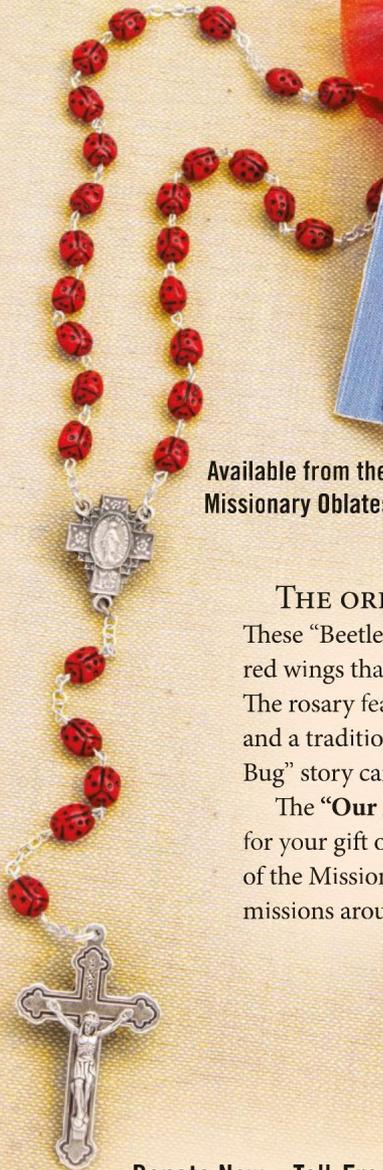
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Nightstand Book

Parker: I have so many on my stack! I'm excited about *Such a Fun Age* by Kiley Reid.



TV Show

Parker: We watch *The Great British Bake Off* as a family. And one of the winners hosts *The Big Family Cooking Showdown*. And last summer, we watched *Blown Away*, an exciting reality show about glassblowers.

Exercise

Parker: We walk in the city as a family.



Food in the Fridge

Parker: Icelandic Provisions coconut yogurt, cream cheese, eggs, salami.

Broderick: Lots of organic vegetables. Avocados, but we don't keep them in the fridge.

Secret Talent

Parker: He's an amazing cook.

Broderick: She makes an amazing chicken. She's also an incredible organizer.

Parker: That's so true, but it's so sad!

[such] security and choices. To be able to choose to work is what I wish for every working mother."

Party of Five

Parker filmed the fifth season of *SATC* while pregnant, as Broderick finished his run as Leo Bloom in the smash musical adaptation of Mel Brooks' *The Producers*. Son James Wilkie was born in October 2002; their twin daughters, Marion Loretta Elwell and Tabitha

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Hodge, arrived in June 2009. Broderick recently took James, now 17, on an extensive tour of colleges, and one night earlier, he assisted his daughters with their homework. "This is the last year I can help them with math," he says, lamenting his lack of skills in that area. Over the recent holiday break, the girls obsessed over the 1982 movie version of *Annie*. All of their kids are artistic and love going to the theater, but both parents report that none has expressed a desire to act.

Looking Ahead

Once *Plaza Suite* wraps this summer, Parker says, she and her husband will see about working together again. She adds that her top priority will be spending time with James as he finishes high school. "I hope to work with Matthew again because I'm enjoying it," she says. "But I'm not doing anything that takes me away from James Wilkie. Next year is for my son."

Still, they realize there's something special about being together onstage every night. They also realize their relationship is most special of all—and the less they talk about its nuances, the happier they are.

"It's a point of pride that there are still lines that we don't cross," Parker says. "So we don't talk about our marriage publicly because it's ours, and it's the one thing left that's really and truly ours." She turns to her husband and asks how he would say it.

"Like that," Broderick says. "That was perfect."

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