



**CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK**

# Trump: Distancing till April 30

**New Ill. cases top 1,000; Pritzker warns increases likely into April**

**BY JOHN KEILMAN**

New COVID-19 cases reported in Illinois topped 1,000 for the first time, state officials said Sunday, warning that the upward curve is likely to continue for weeks.

"It is fair to say that most of the models I've seen ... show that we'll be peaking sometime in April," Gov. J.B. Pritzker said at his daily coronavirus news conference. "We're not yet close to that."

The state has now recorded 4,596 positive COVID-19 tests and 65 deaths, 18 of which were announced Sunday. More than 90% of cases and deaths have come in the Chicago area, though that proportion is slowly

shrinking as testing expands throughout the state.

Pritzker, who has frequently criticized the federal government for providing an inadequate number of test kits, said public and commercial labs in Illinois are now running 4,000 tests daily, a number that within 10 days should be up to 10,000.

"That marker is significant because it's the number of tests per day that the scientists and experts tell us that we need to get a truly holistic understanding of the virus in each of our 102 counties," he said. "... Ultimately my goal is to reach a large enough testing ca-

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President Trump speaks to reporters Sunday about the COVID-19 pandemic in the Rose Garden at the White House.

**US reports over 137,000 virus cases, with death toll above 2,400**

**BY ZEKE MILLER**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump is extending the voluntary national shutdown for a month as sickness and death from the coronavirus pandemic rise in the U.S.

The initial 15-day period of social distancing urged by the federal government expires Monday, and Trump had expressed interest in relaxing the national guidelines at least in parts of the country less afflicted by the pandemic.

But instead he decided to extend them through April 30, a tacit acknowledgment he'd been too

optimistic. Many states and local governments have stiffer controls in place on mobility and gatherings.

Trump's impulse to restore normalcy met a sober reality check Sunday from Dr. Anthony Fauci, the government's top infectious disease expert, who said the U.S. could experience more than 100,000 deaths and millions of infections from the pandemic. Trump's decision to extend the guidelines reflected a recognition that the struggle will take place over the longer haul.

"I want our life back again," the president told reporters in the

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Spc. Latorris Thomas, Senior Airman Serena Nicholas and Airman 1st Class Akira Tanton check patients' names during coronavirus testing.

## A WAR LIKE NO OTHER

**Inside Illinois National Guard's unprecedented virus mission**

**BY STACY ST. CLAIR**

After a solitary 5-mile run long before sunrise each morning, Pfc. Sabine Gonzalez grabs a cardboard container filled with scrambled eggs and hash browns in a suburban hotel lobby and heads back to her room.

She eats alone, adhering to a social distance that runs counter to the military culture she loves. She uses FaceTime to call her parents in nearby Lombard, telling them what she has seen and done since being activated by the Illinois National Guard to work at a coronavirus testing site on Chicago's Northwest Side.

Gonzalez assures them that she is fine, that she will remain fine.

They all know the 18-year-old



Pfc. Sabine Gonzalez, 18, of Lombard, has her temperature checked as she begins her shift at a testing site on the Northwest Side.

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is making a promise she can't necessarily keep.

A short time later, Gonzalez hikes a quarter-mile to a staging area in the Rivers Casino parking lot and begins preparing the trucks for departure. Morning formation has been canceled indefinitely during the outbreak to prevent the soldiers from lining up shoulder-to-shoulder.

The military convoy is soon on its way to an old vehicle emissions testing facility in the Dunning neighborhood, where the soldiers are fighting a war unlike any the Illinois National Guard has ever waged. Roughly 115 Guard members spent the past week testing first responders and health care workers for COVID-19, a service in such high demand that the site has reached its 250-patient daily limit within just a few hours each day.

"The whole thing is surreal," said Gonzalez, a full-time student at the College of DuPage in Glen Ellyn. "I joined the National Guard so I could help

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## Where are masks for doctors, nurses?

When needed most, blame a broken supply chain for shortages

**BY DAVID HEINZMANN**

As hospitals and public officials battle the COVID-19 pandemic, the disposable masks, gloves and gowns needed to protect health care workers from the highly contagious disease have become a public symbol of the crisis.

Hospitals have pleaded for donations from other industries, tempers have frayed at governors' news conferences, and concerned citizens are even forming sewing circles to stitch together makeshift masks.

Most hospitals do not normally keep a large inventory of personal protective equipment, or PPE, on hand because the supply chain is reliable, administrators said. But since the onset of the pandemic, hospitals and other providers are falling victim to extreme colliding market forces: Production of the equipment has plummeted just as demand is soaring to unprecedented levels.

Hospital administrators say ordering more PPE to replenish their supplies is a growing nightmare. Most of the products are made in China, which has been stalled by the pandemic since January. And though that country's manufacturing sector is coming back online, it will take time to fill demand that is soaring as COVID-19 spreads across the globe.

One hospital in New York reported this week that it was

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A health care worker opens a coronavirus test kit at a drive-thru center March 20 in Warrenville.

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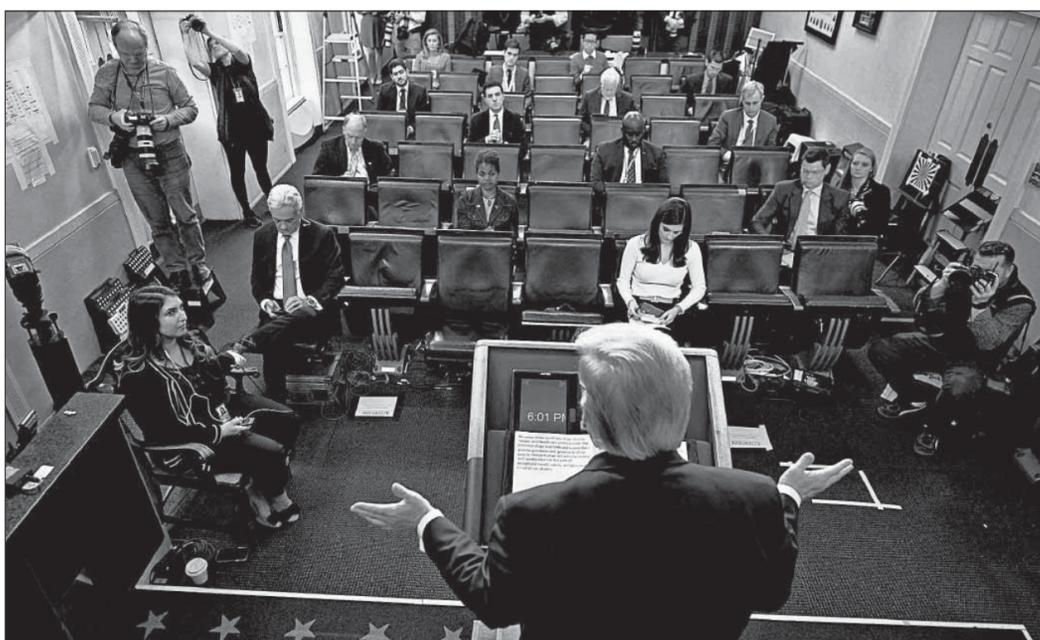
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Some media outlets have decided to break away from President Donald Trump's coronavirus press briefings.

# The media shouldn't muzzle Trump — no matter his lies



**DAHLEEN GLANTON**

From the moment the coronavirus struck, Donald Trump has used the crisis to promote his personal agenda. And the news media have struggled with how to handle his campaign rally-style briefings.

Last week, they made a decision.

Heeding a growing call from many respected journalists, CNN and MSNBC began cutting away from the lengthy news conferences. KOUW, the National Public Radio affiliate in Seattle — the first state to have a full-blown COVID-19 outbreak — stopped airing the briefings entirely. Others made similar adjustments.

That's a mistake. In effect, it's censorship. News organizations shouldn't be in the business of deciding what the public needs to hear and what it shouldn't when the nation is in the midst of the biggest health crisis of our lifetime.

The decision to limit coverage of the briefings has nothing to do with Trump's rising poll numbers, as his supporters and other conservatives contend. It's about the risk in giving him a platform to spread misinformation.

After airing the White House briefings live for two weeks, KOUW said it questioned whether the "pattern of false information and exaggeration" were in the best service of the station's mission — "to create and serve a more informed

public." "Of even greater concern was the potential impact of false information on the health and safety of our community," the station said in a statement.

During a pandemic such as this, news organizations have an obligation to provide access to all of the information available. Regardless of Trump's ineptitude or motives, he is at the helm of the nation right now. It's in the public's best interest to keep tabs on what he's up to.

Whether people like — or trust — what he says, they needed to hear him try to explain how he would reopen the country for business by Easter. People needed to hear him outright lie about the availability of test kits. They needed to see him look reporters in the eye and say he always knew this was a pandemic, though everyone knows he did not.

The public needs to hear everything Trump and his coronavirus task force have to say about the pandemic. It then becomes the public's responsibility to decipher it and decide what is useful.

When journalists are at their best, we give the public the necessary tools the make the right choices. When politicians lie, journalists ask the tough questions that get to the truth. And in the age of Trump, we must take the extra step of fact-checking everything that comes out of his mouth.

When the going gets tough, journalists can't just put down our notepads and walk away. While I have criticized his press briefings in previous columns, I

have never called for the media to limit his exposure as MSNBC's Rachel Maddow and former "Nightline" anchor Ted Koppel have suggested.

As a journalist for 40 years, I've covered lots of news conferences involving politicians, including presidents. It has always been a difficult job, but the last three years have been particularly tough for reporters covering Trump.

For the most part, reporters have done great work, despite the president's eagerness to pick a fight with anyone who dares to challenge him.

By now, journalists are used to criticism from the right that the media are biased against Trump. We have grown accustomed to the president labeling our work as "fake news." Those who cover the White House regularly, no doubt, are sick of trying to pry the truth out of him and members of his administration.

The daily coronavirus briefings have brought another element of criticism. Some viewers don't think the journalists are tough enough. The way they see it, Trump has scared them into submission.

They would rather see reporters fight back when Trump attacks them. The reporters don't — because good journalists know the story isn't about them. Reporters understand that they are merely conduits for channeling information.

So when Trump hurls insults and dismisses their queries as "nasty" questions, they hold their heads up without saying a word. When he is done with his tirade, they calmly repeat

the question — the way a determined journalist should.

The media have a tough line to toe when dealing with Trump. The persistence of his obvious lies has led to an internal struggle within news organizations over whether he should be allowed to use them to disseminate it.

The public, though, is very clear about what it wants.

Trump's coronavirus briefings have been a TV ratings hit, according to The New York Times, drawing an average audience of 8.5 million cable news viewers — about the same number of people who watched the season finale of "The Bachelor."

Nearly 12.2 million viewers — the equivalent of "Monday Night Football" audiences — watched his March 23 briefing, according to Nielsen ratings reported by the Times. Millions more are watching every day on ABC, CBS, NBC and online streaming sites — and the numbers are growing.

If news organizations really want to live up to their mission as the government watchdog, they must give the people access to information — and trust them to use the resources provided by the media to sort it out.

The public will let the media know without a doubt when it's time to stop covering Trump's press briefings. They'll switch the channel and decide they're better off watching reruns of "The Simpsons."

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## Virus looms for small-town Illinois

Downstate mostly spared, but that could change soon

BY JOHN KEILMAN,  
MADELINE BUCKLEY  
AND PHIL THOMPSON

In Buckley, a church has volunteered its gymnasium as a makeshift hospital. In Rushville, police officers have stopped accompanying paramedics unless a call is a matter of life or death. And in Watseka, dozens of residents have put hearts in their windows to create a “social distancing scavenger hunt” for local children.

Such are the ways small-town Illinois is facing the threat of COVID-19, even though its impact outside the Chicago area remains limited. More than 90% of the state’s confirmed cases and deaths have come from the city and collar counties, though doctors note that access to testing downstate is still increasing after a slow start. Even as the virus is being detected in an ever-growing list of rural communities, case-loads are relatively small.

“It’s ramping up a little more slowly than it is in the Chicago area,” said Dr. Jerry Kruse, dean and provost of the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine.

But officials recognize that could change. Around Springfield, where the SIU medical school is located, two major hospitals and the local health department are pooling resources to prepare for an increase in cases across a wide geographic area.

“I think the thing we are hoping for is that with the greater spacing that occurs naturally in rural areas, combined with the directives we’ve received from the governor, it will flatten the curve enough to allow us to have enough (equipment) even when the surge comes,” Kruse said.

Sangamon County, with nine reported cases, has one of the higher totals outside the Chicago area. St. Clair County, just across the Mississippi River from St. Louis, has 31. On Friday, officials there reported the first death related to the virus.

Brenda Fedak, spokeswoman for the St. Clair County Health Department, said the agency is preparing for a potential surge, and is working to provide small, isolated parts of the community with information about COVID-19. A few hospitals in the area are offering testing, she said, and the county just received its first drive-thru testing location.

“Our numbers are growing daily, but not growing by leaps and bounds yet,” she said.

Meanwhile, very few cases have been recorded at the state’s southern end. But Wiley Jenkins, division chief of epidemiology and biostatistics at SIU Medicine, said that could be deceiving.

“Is it because we’re not testing there, or it’s not there yet, or a combination?” he said. “We just



Nancy McKenna displays hearts in her windows Friday as part of a Facebook activity she started in Watseka, Illinois.



Joe Fegan, 17 and Kelsie Rabideau, 19, ride a golf cart Friday in Crescent City in Iroquois County.

don’t know.”

In LaSalle County, which has four reported cases, health officials are casting a wary eye at their supply of personal protective equipment. Tommy Hobbs, CEO of Illinois Valley Community Hospital in Peru, said isolation gowns and shoe and head covers are running short, along with other items.

“We still have some issues with masks, and next week that could be at the top of the list again,” he said. “We’ve been down a roller coaster with gloves. We’re stable, but that could change at any time.”

Just to the south, Livingston County has had two positive tests. Bob Karls, city administrator in the county seat of Pontiac, said while he’s concerned the outbreak could grow quickly, he’s

also worried about the long-term economic effects of the pandemic.

“A lot of our revenues are based upon state revenues, which are directly tied to the economy,” he said. “With the unemployment and everything else that’s going to be happening, it’s going to have a drastic impact on that.”

Iroquois County, located between Kankakee and Champaign, has had just two confirmed COVID-19 cases so far, but some there are preparing for many more.

The Rev. J. Kevin Wyckoff of St. John’s Lutheran Church and School, an 800-member congregation in Buckley, said he has volunteered his gymnasium as a space for patients should nearby hospitals become overwhelmed.

Aside from that, a church group is making face masks for a local

nursing home while he’s streaming services on Facebook, organizing volunteers to drop off groceries and medicine at the homes of seniors, and praying that the danger passes in time for Easter.

“The church is the anchoring point here,” he said. “The hope is, and it’s probably a little bit of a dream at this point, the restrictions will be lifted at Palm Sunday, so we can come together Holy Week and have church and community the way it used to be.”

Schuyler County, northwest of Springfield, hasn’t had a reported COVID-19 case yet. But Rick Wright, chief of the Rushville Police Department, said his community is getting ready for that to change. The hospital has set up a triage area, the hardware store serves customers at the door, and the grocery store has mounted

Plexiglas shields to separate customers and cashiers.

His five-officer department has begun carrying medical-grade face masks and may soon get other protective equipment usually seen at hospitals. Officers have also stopped going along on routine medical calls to reduce their chances of being exposed to the virus.

“If we get it, it would wipe out our department,” he said.

But along with the apprehension in Illinois’ small towns have come moments of kindness and creativity.

In Tuscola, Amber Knight, who runs a preschool in her home, organized a scavenger hunt in which residents put rainbows and teddy bears in their windows for parents and kids to find when they come outside (using proper social distancing, of course). To the north, teacher’s aide Nancy McKenna organized a similar quest across Iroquois County using hearts.

“I thought it would make it a little more interesting while they go for a walk,” said McKenna, who lives in Watseka.

Down the road in Loda, Valerie Wright, a professor at the Menonite College of Nursing at Illinois State University, has livestreamed a yoga lesson for shut-in children and plans to do more. She said people across her community have also volunteered to do errands for the elderly and immunocompromised.

“Everyone is being really supportive,” she said. “I feel like it’s bringing the best out of people.”

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## City ponders lake trail repairs as high water still threatens

BY MORGAN GREENE

The Lakefront Trail was officially closed to the public Thursday after a sunny day brought Chicagoans out in droves, but the Chicago Park District still hopes to tackle repairs on sections clobbered by erosion starting this spring.

There’s the impact of the coronavirus crisis on any business as usual. And lake levels are at near-record highs and not expected to subside soon. The Park District says its intent is always to get the trail back in shape as early as possible, but asphalt plants utilized for repairs close for the winter and normally open in the spring.

On the North Side, a portion of the pedestrian path south of Fullerton Avenue is sometimes submerged. On the South Side, past 47th Street, the path turns to rubble. Completion of the Navy Pier Flyover bike and pedestrian path has been delayed, as the paths between Oak and Ohio streets remain closed.

Last month, the Park District approved a contract to cover emergency assessments of lakefront damage caused by a January storm that generated waves nearing 20 feet. That storm caused \$37

million in damage in Chicago and Cook County, harmed buildings along the lakefront and shut down parts of the Lakefront Trail.

“This winter we got so much damage that we are looking with engineers to make sure that there isn’t another engineering solution that we need to make sure that the trail is repaired in a proper fashion,” said Heather Gleason, the Park District’s director of planning and construction.

“If the best solution is going to be millions and millions of dollars, we’re really going to have to take a look at how do we get the trail open, and make it safe, and really make a determination of whether or not that might be a longer term solution,” Gleason said.

The pedestrian path between 47th and 50th streets on the South Side has suffered extensive erosion damage, with the trail cracked to pieces and, at one point, devoid of any flat surface.

“The lakefront is just the place to be,” said Dorothy Strang, a longtime Hyde Park resident, weeks before the trail shutdown. “And actually I feel safer walking amongst the rubble than I do out there with the bicyclists. I’m a senior citizen, and I’m pretty fit. But I’m no match for somebody on their fast bicycle.”

Strang said she was once among those who squabbled over shoreline protections at Promontory Point.

“But back when we were latching ourselves to trees, issues of climate change, of course, were nowhere on the horizon,” Strang said. “And you know, I might be willing to have a little more concrete revetment because this lakefront is our crowning glory. And it needs to be accessible. Not only safe, but accessible to people.”

That stretch is part of the Chicago Shoreline Protection Project, a decadeslong effort to combat erosion. Following emergency stone placement work along the coast led by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, leftover funding may be used for the trail, according to Army Corps Project Manager Mike Padilla. But work likely won’t start for months.

When the trail reopens, there may still be warnings to heed and detours to follow. Large concrete barriers have blocked the bike path near Fullerton and North Avenue. Runners may have to find other trails.

“I think runners are going to have to be patient over the summer,” said Gregg Hipp, of the Chicago Area Runners Associ-



Runners climb over barricades blocking the bike section of the Lakefront Trail near North Avenue beach March 10 in Chicago.

ation. “And then with our group training, which is probably about 1,000 runners between multiple sites on the Lakefront Trail every Saturday morning this summer, we’re going to have to find alternate routes.”

On an early March afternoon with sloshing waves that turned the pedestrian path into a pool, one area of the bike trail south of Fullerton had a few cones surrounding a bitten-off chunk.

More lake level rise is expected in the coming months — possibly another 6 inches according to the Army Corps and coastal engineers, Gleason said.

“That certainly could mean that even once we get things repaired, there might be sections that are

underwater and will have to go to a shared trail solution,” she said, referring to the trail’s split into a pedestrian path and a bike path. “One of the best things of having two trails is that hopefully we can always keep one section open.”

With climate change and flooding issues, long-term shoreline protection is key, said Kyle Whitehead, of the Active Transportation Alliance.

And, Whitehead said, in this moment of crisis involving the coronavirus, it “reminds people how fortunate they are to have access to that resource and how critical it is to maintain it and invest in it, so it’s here not just through this crisis and maybe the aftermath, but for the long term.”

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## County cracks down on busy open spaces

BY JOHN KEILMAN

Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, who has already shut down parts of the forest preserves in an attempt to stop the spread of COVID-19, said Sunday she will close even more if crowds become unmanageable.

The county has shuttered all public buildings, nature centers, campgrounds, public restrooms and other locations, but Preckwinkle warned that the list could grow if patrons grow too

numerous or do not follow proper social distancing.

"If and when we see that a specific location is no longer tenable due to the behavior of visitors, we will add it to the list of sites we have shut down," she said at a news conference at the Dan Ryan Woods Pavilion on Chicago's South Side.

She did not cite any particular spots that have become problematic, but a spokesman later said officials are keeping an eye on historically popular places such as the Busse Forest Elk Pasture, Bunker Hill

and Caldwell Woods.

The warning came after Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot closed lakefront trails and parks last week after pleasant weather brought a surge of walkers, bikers and joggers.

"Over the past few days, we've seen crowds of a hundred or more congregating together, particularly around our lakefront, and along The 606 and other places," Lightfoot said while announcing the closures. "This is a blatant violation of (Gov. J.B. Pritzker's) stay-at-home or-

der. Your conduct — yours — is posing a direct threat to our public health."

The parts of the forest preserves that remain open include trails, lakes, woods and open fields — "sites that are large enough to allow residents to be outside and to be safe, some with hundreds or even thousands of acres," said General Superintendent Arnold Randall.

But he said forest preserves police officers, staff and volunteers have been instructed to keep an eye on overcrowding and social

distancing violations, and he encouraged the public to call the district's non-emergency line — 708-771-1000 — if they spot anything they consider to be dangerous.

He said he was ready to close locations quickly if they seem to be a problem.

"To keep our preserves open, they simply cannot be a pathway for spreading the virus," he said.

Dr. Rachel Rubin, senior medical officer for the Cook County Department of Public Health, said runners and bikers should keep their distance from walk-

ers, and that there should be no group walks except for immediate family members. Patrons should also wash their hands before and after visits, she said.

As of Saturday, suburban Cook County has had 1,003 reported COVID-19 cases, second only to Chicago's 1,610. It has also had 16 deaths linked to the virus, more than anywhere else in the state.

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capacity where we're able to test everyone who needs a test on a regular basis."

He said state labs are already running two shifts and plan to add a third as soon as they can secure enough testing material. The labs are adding robotic equipment to improve their efficiency, he said, and he's pushing for regulatory changes that would allow drive-thru testing centers to handle more patients.

Pritzker added that after news broke Friday that Lake County-based Abbott Laboratories is launching a 5-minute COVID-19 test, company officials "expressed their real dedication to taking care of their home state" when production ramps up.

Dr. Ngozi Ezike, director of the Illinois Department of Public Health, said expanded testing should help to control outbreaks at susceptible institutions like long-term care facilities and prisons, where many staffers come and go each day.

"There are many who are ill with only mild, minimal symptoms, who still may be unknowingly transmitting this virus to some of our most vulnerable populations," she said.

Pritzker said his top concern is making sure that Illinois has the capacity to treat those sickened by COVID-19, though he was hopeful the state's relatively prompt stay-at-home order will mitigate the surge.

Even so, he said, medical capacity is still inadequate, which is why National Guardsmen are outfitting dozens of hospitals around the state with triage areas to separate suspected COVID-19 patients from others, and why officials are seeking to reopen shuttered medical centers and convert McCormick Place into a 3,000-bed field hospital.

Pritzker and Ezike also addressed the death of a Chicago infant from coronavirus-related causes. The 9-month-old child is believed to be the nation's youngest victim of the virus.

The governor said despite the tragedy of the baby's death, parents should keep in mind that it's exceedingly unusual for children to die from COVID-19.

"It really is highly uncommon," he said. "That isn't to say every infant is safe, but it's so uncommon that when I started to do the work and listen to the experts about it, I got at least some comfort in the idea that this is not something we should expect to hear a lot more of, because it's just not happening very often at all."

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



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## Collecting essential supplies to fight virus

Volunteers collect donated medical supplies from drivers Sunday during a donation event by Project C.U.R.E. for coronavirus pandemic needs.

## Masks

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using 50,000 masks a day.

To help meet the need, local officials have been trying to tap into the national stockpile of PPE created to meet the surging demands during infectious disease outbreaks. But requests from Gov. J.B. Pritzker and other governors to the federal government have typically brought only a fraction of the equipment they asked for.

With supplies limited, some doctors and nurses have faced troubling decisions about reusing masks, trying to clean disposable gloves with hand sanitizer and even fashioning their own equipment that has not passed any manufacturing standards.

"We don't need to be scurrying around trying to piece together or locate or generate the (personal protective equipment) that is at the core of care," said Patricia Meade, a registered nurse at Amita Health St. Joseph Medical Center in Joliet. "We're still expected to do our job and do it professionally and as adequately as we can, but we cannot do that if we do not have the equipment we need."

Local and state leaders have implored President Donald Trump to run a more centralized effort to meet the needs of front-line health care workers for PPE.

Carri Chan, an expert in health care operations management who teaches in Columbia University Business School, said leaving states to compete for desperately needed equipment is less than ideal. If the federal government stepped in to negotiate with suppliers in the crisis, some of the chaos might be alleviated, she said.

Published reports this week suggested that the Trump administration was planning to use the Defense Production Act to begin managing the supply of PPE, but for the moment, local government officials and health care administrators are still mostly fending for themselves. In the current situation, larger states have a decided advantage over smaller ones, Chan said.

As a relatively populous state, Illinois may be in a better position to win such battles, but at considerable cost.

"We're competing against other countries," Pritzker told CNN earlier in the week. "It's a Wild West, I'd say, out there, and indeed, we're overpaying for PPE."

Pritzker also noted in a briefing this week that the market for another critical piece of medical equipment, ventilators, has also turned chaotic.

"I called another manufacturer of ventilators, and he pointed out to me that I would be competing with countries other than the United States," Pritzker said. "I better put in as big an order as possible in order to put myself higher on the list of priority."

As with other warning signs of the crisis, health care professionals began to sense real trouble in January, when China's factories stopped producing PPE supplies.

"Because we saw a supply chain interruption, prior to our utilization spike, most inventories were already slightly diminished coming off of a busy flu season," said Dave Hess, system director for supply chain at Edward Elmhurst Health, which runs two suburban hospitals. "Utilization of N95 masks is up six times comparing January 2020 to March 2020. Isolation gown use is up 4½ times and procedure

mask use is up 1½ times."

PPE use is only going to increase, experts said.

In a pandemic, the rate of PPE use in hospitals may be 10 to 200 times the normal rate, according to a 2017 study by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.

That federal study was done after the Ebola outbreak. Experts believe the rate in the COVID-19 crisis may be at the high end of that range, or beyond it, because medical staff can't be sure who's carrying the virus.

In the U.S., the disease is spreading so rapidly that hospitals are struggling to assess how much equipment they may need. By Sunday, the number of COVID-19 recorded cases in the U.S. had exceeded 135,000, but experts say the real number of cases is much higher because of a lack of testing. In parts of the country, including some Southern states, officials are further behind in assessing the crisis, Chan said.

"It's unclear what the true needs are, what the true needs are going to be," Chan said. "We know there are hot spots within the country, but there are other states (where less testing has been done). We know the demand is going to be astronomical."

Jennifer Estanilla is a resident physician in pediatrics at Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood who is part of an online group of residents from across the country who are sharing information. She said big hospitals such as hers have larger inventories of proper protection, though workers are concerned about dwindling supplies. However, in smaller hospitals circumstances are already more dire, she said.

"The issue we're hearing is that community hospitals have a critical shortage of

these supplies," she said.

In doctor's offices, circumstances can be even worse. The shortages are driving a range of improvisational solutions — from textile companies retooling factories to individuals using sewing machines to make simple masks.

But concerns remain about whether makeshift masks provide adequate protection, and experts believe the global demand must be met by the large producers pushing their own production to new levels.

There is some hope on the horizon, experts say, as China is beginning to get back to work. Some large U.S. suppliers, such as 3M Co., have their own domestic factories.

"The good news is that the Chinese factories may be coming back online," said Sridhar Seshadri, who teaches operations management and supply chain analytics at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Under normal shipping circumstances, it might take months to get new masks from the Chinese factory floor, across oceans on ships, and into U.S. distributor warehouses. But "in an emergency, you can fly it in," Seshadri said. "In a crisis, that is not a restriction."

Still, the demand will be difficult to meet. "It's difficult to ramp up at this level, especially if every country in the world is demanding it," Seshadri said.

He noted that India, which has a population of 1.3 billion people clustered in crowded cities where social distancing will be particularly difficult, is just starting to address its own outbreak.

Hess said Edward-Elmhurst's suppliers have told the hospital that the supply chain won't return to normal for months. In

the meantime, hospitals are scrounging for new sources of PPE. For the time being, the marketplace is drastically changed, he said.

"The original equipment manufacturers and distributors are projecting July 2020 as the earliest that we'll see normal supply chain operations resume," Hess said, adding that the current Chinese suppliers are different from usual. "The products available are brands and models that are typically used in China, not the United States. These items are only available in extremely large quantities and are being sold in the U.S. at 10 to 20 times the normal price due in part to the added cost of air freight and U.S. demand far outpacing supply."

Earlier this week, 3M announced it was doubling its normal production of N95 masks to 100 million units a month, including 35 million units in its U.S. factory. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services said this month that it planned to buy an additional 500 million masks for its stockpiles, which are scattered around the country.

In the meantime, the scramble for available supplies of masks and other equipment has been too chaotic, experts agree. New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo complained recently that masks that used to cost 85 cents are now priced at \$7.

With little coordination, states are left to make expensive decisions, said Sunil Chopra, who teaches operations management at Northwestern University.

"The market is going to do what it does," Chopra said. "The price is going to shoot up. If you're a hospital in New York, are you willing to pay \$7 for a mask? Of course — it's a question of life and death."

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## CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Abbott:  
Virus test  
results in  
minutesSuburban firm  
says device will be  
ready next weekBY ANGIE LEVENTIS  
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Abbott Laboratories announced Friday that the north suburban health care company is launching a new molecular coronavirus test that can produce results in as little as five minutes, the fastest turnaround time available.

The test will run on a lightweight and portable device — about the size of a toaster — designed to be deployed where testing is most needed, such as drive-thru screening sites or airports, the company said in a news release.

Abbott plans to make the new test available next week and “expects to ramp up manufacturing to deliver 50,000 tests per day,” the news release said.

The test can indicate a positive case in as little as five minutes and a negative case in 13 minutes, according to the Lake Bluff-based company.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued “emergency use authorization” for the test; this was the second coronavirus test designed by Abbott to receive this federal authorization, the company said.

“The COVID-19 pandemic will be fought on multiple fronts, and a portable molecular test that offers results in minutes adds to the broad range of diagnostic solutions needed to combat this virus,” said Robert Ford, Abbott president and COO, in the news release.

The nation has been scrambling to test for the highly contagious new virus that has sickened nearly 4,600 in Illinois and caused 65 confirmed deaths as of Sunday. Health care workers say they have been stymied by a shortage of test kits, supplies and protective gear as well as a backlog at labs.

“The truth is there isn’t much testing going on around the country,” Gov. J.B. Pritzker said at a news conference Friday.

Several Chicago-area patients this week described lengthy test result delays, some waiting eight days or longer to learn if they’ve contracted the virus. Media outlets in other U.S. cities are reporting similar lag times, citing overwhelmed labs and workers.

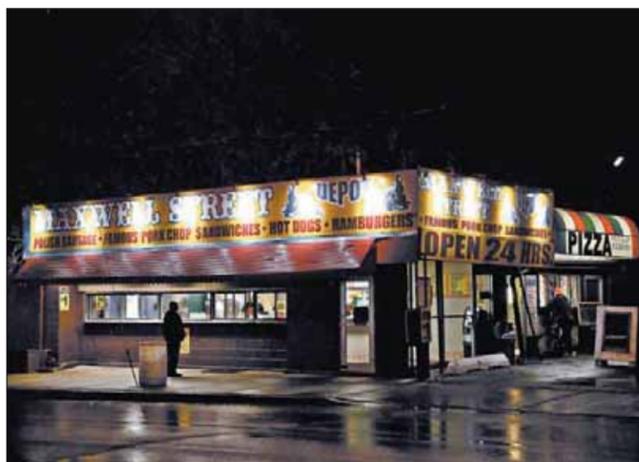
A Tribune editor who underwent a test for the new coronavirus on March 19 at a Northwestern Medicine facility in downtown Chicago said Friday that she still had not received the results after eight days.

The editor, who said her symptoms include chest pain, extreme fatigue, cough, sore throat and headache, said she originally was told to expect results two days later. She said she was remaining in her home, taking precautions and hoping for the best — but also was worried for other people in her household.

“I’m anxious and confused,” she said in an email.

A spokeswoman for Northwestern has said the commercial lab it is using for outpatient testing originally estimated two to four days’ turnaround for COVID-19 results, but in most cases that has not happened. Patients with positive results are being contacted first, she said.

Some hospital systems that conduct their own lab tests are already achieving much faster turnaround times.

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Bridgeport, 7:36 p.m. March 22: A customer waits for an order at Maxwell Street Depot.



Lawndale, 10:36 p.m. March 24: A basketball court along South California Avenue.



Logan Square, 10:41 p.m. March 24: A man with a mask and gloves sits inside an empty Belmont Blue Line station.



Bridgeport, 7:55 p.m. March 22: With all other furniture removed from the establishment, a lone booth is taped off inside Dunkin' Donuts.

## The city's 'last stands of normalcy'

Overnights during  
the pandemic take  
on an eerie quality

BY PAIGE FRY

*For the first few nights after the state's stay-at-home order, Chicago was quieter than anyone could remember. Reporter Paige Fry and photographer Erin Hooley drove through neighborhoods across the city from sunset to nearly sunrise, equipped with police scanners, masks, rubber gloves and hand sanitizer (two bottles) as they captured the nightside of the pandemic.*

All around the city, laundromats were open. People carried in baskets of dirty clothes and tooled around on their phones until the dryer buzzed. They folded shirts and pants. A night in Chicago.

No crush of late-nighters at diners, no stumbling crowds outside nightclubs. The only things open were drive-thru windows, liquor

stores and those laundromats, the last stands of normalcy.

Of course, the violence didn't shut down either.

A man had been killed the night before in Bridgeport, on a block off 31st Street. It's close to the Deering police station where reporters typically position themselves on overnights to wait for calls. It's not an area that sees a lot of fatal shootings.

The man, 38, was shot in the head, body, hand and leg. There were no candles or mementos to mark where he had been shot, as there sometimes are. Not even a scrap of crime scene tape. Just small houses with some lights on, looking north toward the Stevenson Expressway.

But the deserted streets were mostly quiet.

At a 24-hour Dunkin' not far away, at 31st and Halsted streets, the stay-at-home order was printed out and taped by the register. High-lighted was a section about cafes being able to operate

for takeout. There are normally quite a few tables and chairs at this Dunkin', where night officers would spend their breaks, but they were gone. A single booth against the far side wall had strips of masking tape across it to keep people away.

Farther south, a man barbecued under a tent on 63rd Street as a small line of people waited. Stores had put up plywood on windows, and the high-end places on the Magnificent Mile removed their merchandise from the windows.

There were no large groups of people on the streets. And many of those who were out were wearing face masks, more of them, it seemed, as the week wore on.

A call came across the scanner for a “respiratory incident,” with paramedics responding with caution after dispatchers screened for the person's symptoms. This happened several times a night. It was never

clear how many of them turned out to be an actual case of the coronavirus. The calls far outnumbered those for “person shot.” People were also calling 911 to warn police whenever a large group was gathering somewhere, or a bar was open when it wasn't supposed to be.

Most of the crime calls were domestic-related. A woman saying her fiancé broke her finger. A man saying his girlfriend was hitting him after she went through his phone. A woman saying her boyfriend beat her with a 4-by-4. This had been expected since family members were now together longer than they were used to, with people out of work and out of school. The Illinois Domestic Violence Hotline has fielded more calls since the pandemic started.

There were calls of shots fired, but not many people were hit by gunfire. Toward the end of one shift, there was a report of a fatal shooting, a 24-year-old

man wounded in the head in Rogers Park.

At the scene, only one police cruiser was present with no one inside. An apartment building door was propped open. The shooting was later classified as a death investigation by Chicago police, suggesting it may not have been a homicide.

More people had died in Chicago those first days after the order from coronavirus than from a shooting.

A week earlier, a 15-year-old boy had been shot dead on the North Side. There were dozens of people standing together, most of them with tears trailing down their cheeks. They hugged each other.

A neighbor later remarked, “I was watching the news about coronavirus and thinking to myself that this is the first time I can remember where violence isn't the top story. Then I hear this gunshot outside.”

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## Residents: Lead in suburb's water adds to virus stress

BY DARCEL ROCKETT

Ten-year University Park resident Aneka Williams is frustrated. She's contending with the same concerns about the stay-at-home order as everyone else in the state, however she's also one of 1,500 residents in her area who are still dealing with lead contamination that prevents her from consuming what comes out of the tap.

It's an ongoing issue that led to a state of emergency declaration last summer by University Park Mayor Joseph Roudez III.

“It already adds stress to an already stressful situation,” he said. “People want to have access to clear drinking water without contamination and without having to go through some process of letting the water run this amount of time or through a filter. We would like to go back to water as we knew it.”

Aqua Illinois, the village's water supplier, posts monthly updates on lead levels; the latest found that 62% of samples were at or below Environmental Protection Agency action levels in February 2020 (that's below the EPA's 90% national standard for municipalities), said Aqua spokesperson Meredith Krantz.

Aqua Illinois first found elevated lead levels in some University Park homes June 13, 2019, in results from regularly scheduled water sampling. Aqua officials have blamed the lead contamination on their



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A court order Friday requires Aqua Illinois continue providing bottled water and filters to University Park residents.

switch to a new treatment product added to remove iron and rust from the water. Company officials said they believe the new treatment product, in addition to removing rust, has over time had an impact on a “protective scale” that previously had coated the inside of pipes, solder connections and inside plumbing fixtures. The degradation of the protective scale, the company said, appears to have allowed lead to dissolve into the water.

According to the Aqua website, water chemistry interacting with lead solder in homes built before 1990 led to elevated lead levels, but Krantz said Aqua is still working to determine the exact cause. Homes built after 1990 are not expected to have lead solder.

Aqua officials said they stopped using the treatment product and switched to a product — one that is a 90/10 (90% orthophosphate/10% polyphosphate) blended phosphate known

to be effective at forming a protective scale on pipes constructed with lead solder and to reduce the amount of lead entering into the water.

Aqua lifted its “do not consume” advisory for those customers whose homes were built after 1990, but those who live in older homes still remain under the advisory — the homes of Williams and Roudez are included.

Since January, Aqua Illinois has been scheduling appointments with customers, and a member of its team would collect water samples directly from customers' faucets, but since the governor's stay-at-home order, water sampling has been suspended until April 15, Krantz said.

Krantz and the EPA confirmed that the novel coronavirus has not been detected in the water.

Aqua says residents can safely consume tap water if they run their tap two to three minutes before each

use and use a filter certified by the National Sanitation Foundation. Residents can use unfiltered tap water for non-consumption uses like washing hands.

“I'm already leery when I take a shower to have to use the water, but I'm praying on that,” Williams said. “I got tired of boiling water every day. At first, that's what I was doing, standing in the tub and washing up. But then I said, ‘OK, they said as long as you let the water run prior to getting into the shower, it's fine.’ But it gets frustrating because you have to think about it with everything that you're doing.”

Residents under the advisory used to have 24-pack cases of bottled water delivered to their door. Now customers under the advisory have to pick up 12 one-gallon bottled water jugs per week from the Aqua Illinois distribution center on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays between certain hours. Roudez said University Park residents are very resilient, but trust has been lost between residents and Aqua.

“It's supposed to equal the same amount, but it's a huge inconvenience for them to switch it up, because there are so many people who have disabilities, or maybe you're an 80- or 90-year-old who can't pick up a gallon of water every time you use water,” Roudez said. “Give the people the opportunity to get the gallons of water or the

bottles of water. Be compassionate, show your humanitarian side and give us a choice. Residents feel like they don't have any say, so and that's not a good feeling no matter what scenario in life you are.”

Krantz said Aqua's main priority is continuing to offer bottled water to those under the advisory, in whatever form it can. As of Wednesday, Aqua Illinois had distributed 5,236 pitcher and faucet filters, 5,669 filter replacements and 678,225 gallons of bottled water.

“To protect the health and safety of our customers and our employees during the COVID-19 pandemic, we have updated our procedures at the distribution center to limit contact, by placing the bottled water directly in customers' trunks,” Krantz said.

“Overall, Aqua Illinois has been very responsive and proactive in the community. Overall, water quality has improved under the treatment process, and we're continuing to work towards the resolution. With every step, we're looking to minimize the effects on the community and keep everyone informed.”

Williams is hoping to buy a condo soon, but she says it won't be in University Park. “It's ridiculous,” she said. “Several people have already moved out over this because they're tired of dealing with this.”

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## War

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wherever I was needed. I figured it would be in another state or somewhere I've never been. But this is my home, and I'm able to do something to directly help my friends and neighbors. It's very special in that way."

It's the first time the Illinois National Guard has been mobilized to primarily combat a medical issue. By necessity, much of the typical military protocol has been turned on its head. To keep the coronavirus at bay, the troops do not sleep near each other on cots, eat in large groups or spend much time together outside their shifts unless it's necessary.

Instead, they bunker down in individual hotel rooms. Meetings are largely held via video conference, though participants are sometimes quartered just floors apart. Even the evening formation has been reduced to the soldiers and airmen checking in with their supervisors via text message.

"All missions are very different, but in this case, you're fighting something invisible and it's never really been done to this scale," said Maj. Matt Schneider, a physician assistant and the mission's chief medical officer. "It's a brand-new thing for everyone."

Gov. J.B. Pritzker has activated more than 240 Illinois Guard members in recent weeks, with most assigned to handle coronavirus testing. Though the Guard has called up doctors, nurses and medical technicians to help, the health care professionals are being excused from duty if their employers deem them essential to fighting COVID-19 in their civilian jobs.

In most mobilizations, the 3625th Maintenance Co. from North Riverside and the Peoria-based 182nd Airlift Wing Medical Group play behind-the-scenes roles that draw little attention. In the time of the coronavirus, however, they represent the military's proverbial tip of the spear and the need for their presence is evident.

When the convoy arrived at the testing last Thursday, cars already were lined up for blocks along West Forest Preserve Drive. The facility, a former vehicle emissions testing site the state closed in late 2016 to save money, did not open for another two hours. But the queue began, as it does most mornings, before dawn because this is the only spot within city limits dedicated to testing first responders and health care workers.

Before service members could enter the old emissions bays, they lined up outside a converted garage on an adjacent lot. With a vigilance that would make Mayor Lori Lightfoot proud, a sergeant barked out orders whenever the space between the troops appeared even the slightest bit less than 6 feet.

Once inside, medical personnel took each soldier's temperature and vital signs. It was the first of three such health checks conducted each day.

Anyone showing even the slightest sign of a fever is barred from interacting with the public. Some get sent back to the hotel and are placed in isolation until they are cleared, while those with less serious symptoms put on a mask indicating a health concern and keep their distance.

Under almost any other circumstance, Illinois Guard members would ignore the pain and get their jobs done. The war against the coronavirus, however, depends upon keeping as many people healthy as possible. The troops are under direct orders to be honest about their physical well-being and share even the mildest symptom.

"Normally, people in the military want to tough it out and push through it," said Airman 1st Class Akira Tanton, an aerospace medical technician who conducts the nasal swab required for the test. "It's hard, but at the same time you have to realize that if you're sick you could compromise the whole mission."

At exactly 9 a.m., the bay



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Members of the Illinois National Guard walk back to their hotel from their convoy at the Rivers Casino in Des Plaines after a day of coronavirus testing.



Pfc. Sabine Gonzalez, 18, sits down to begin her sociology homework in her hotel room after a day of testing.



Senior Airman Serena Nicholas administers a coronavirus test to a first responder Thursday on Chicago's Northwest Side.

doors rolled open and testing began. At the front of the line, an Illinois Department of Health worker took the temporal temperature of each driver and eligible passenger, then scribbled the results on the car door window. At the week's start, the site accepted anyone who worked in an eligible field, but on Friday the state restricted its testing to first responders and health care workers with underlying symptoms and fevers of 100.4 or greater.

People older than 60 and those with underlying medical conditions also now qualify for testing at the site, though they must have a fever and other symptoms.

With just two days to become operational, the system runs as if it's part vehicle emissions test, part Portillo's drive-thru. As cars line up in orderly rows and await their turn to enter the bay, soldiers hasten the process by approaching drivers before they reach the front to handle the administrative paperwork.

Some drivers look clearly ill, coughing and sneezing as they pull up. Pfc. Gonzalez, who fills out the medical forms for patients, stands a safe distance away and orders drivers to crack

their windows only a few inches when answering her questions.

Wearing gloves, an N95 mask and boot covers, she has them place their driver's license on the dashboard and roll up their windows as she copies down their full name and address. The paperwork is verified at least three times before the patient receives the test.

When drivers reach the swabbing area, an Illinois National Guard member approaches wearing a white coverall, surgical smock, hood, face shield, two pairs of gloves, boot covers and a mask. Airman Tanton tries to comfort the patients, telling them the procedure is a quick one and most people find it far easier than they feared.

Last Thursday, one woman cried and clutched a rosary as Tanton inserted the swab deep into the nasal cavity and counted the requisite 10 seconds. The airman pulled out the swab and handed it to her partner, who sealed it in a medical bag and then passed it to another soldier who brought it across the room for refrigerated storage.

With all the various safety procedures and verification points, the process took

about five minutes once cars enter the bay. The swab portion lasted as little as 35 seconds between the time Tanton offered her reassuring introduction and the drivers restarted their cars to exit.

The snaking car lines and hourlong wait reflect the overwhelming demand far more than the service members' execution. Their assembly-line approach is in constant motion, as the troops use two of the facility's bays for testing. A third bay is used as a decontamination area, while the other lanes remain open so traffic can be diverted if cars break down or batteries die inside the building, as at least three already have done.

The results take up to seven days to come back, Illinois National Guard spokesman Maj. A.J. Ruggeri said.

The troops averaged more than 60 tests an hour last Thursday, with the lines moving faster each day. Guard members stop as soon as they use 250 kits, the maximum number of the swabs permitted by the federal government, according to state officials.

On Saturday, the Guard also helped open a testing site in Bloomington in cen-

tral Illinois. Testing there also tops out at 250 kits each day.

Pritzker has called on the federal government to ease its restrictions so more tests could be done.

"We are turning people away when we just shouldn't have to," the governor said Sunday.

Once the Chicago site hits its daily quota, Guard members go through a decontamination process and have their temperatures taken a final time. In a sign that this mission is a quintessential Chicago one, the troops leave carrying their N95 masks — which many will reuse the following day — in red-and-white-striped Portillos bags donated by the restaurant.

Back at the hotel, there is more work to be done as the troops tackle both their military and personal responsibilities.

Maj. Schneider continues reading the latest virus-related studies and listening to podcasts by respected scientists until late into the evening.

He also takes time to FaceTime with his wife, Kayleigh, and two small children back in suburban Plainfield. As a full-time Illinois National Guard

member, he is used to deployments that send him away from home. This is the first time, however, that he has served during a crisis that also affected his family.

He knows the burden to keep the family healthy has fallen almost entirely on his wife's shoulders, so to show his appreciation, he sends text messages throughout the day and little gifts via Amazon.

"I dissociate from it a little bit so that I can focus on what's going on here. I think we all try to do that," he said. "You rely on your spouse to be a rock at home ... and my wife is a rock."

Tanton also regularly calls her family in Sterling, about two hours west of Chicago, to talk about her day and encourage them to stay at home if possible. A sophomore at the University of Illinois at Chicago, she has become an unabashed advocate for social distancing and adhering to guidelines established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

When Tanton sees friends posting group photos as if the governor's stay-at-home order is simply extended spring break fun, she chastises them first and then lays on the guilt if necessary.

"How much people pay attention to those social distancing protocols is how long this is going to last," she said she tells them. "So, if they follow the protocols, then we can get control of this faster and I can come home faster."

Like many Guard members, Tanton goes for a solo run outside each day, enjoying one of the few permissible ways the troops are allowed to leave the hotel. Dinner is typically a boxed meal picked up in the lobby, though some fend for themselves and use Grubhub.

Both Tanton and Gonzalez devote time each day to college studies. Though they say their professors have been supportive during their deployment, the women want to keep pace with their classes as much as possible. It helps that Illinois college campuses have closed and professors have turned to remote learning.

Within 15 minutes of returning to the hotel last week, Gonzalez put on camouflage-patterned yoga pants and a hoodie before starting her sociology homework. Just a week before, she had been a college student watching "The Office" on Netflix when her sergeant called to say she had been activated and ordered Gonzalez to report to her unit the following morning.

She's still a college student — but one tasked with helping fight an unprecedented battle.

"I was worried they wouldn't activate me because I was in school," she said. "But I really wanted to be here. Someday, I will tell my children about this and how I answered the call."

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## Relief package won't cure shortages

Hospital supplies low as procurement system nears chaos

BY MARTHA MENDOZA AND JULIET LINDERMAN  
Associated Press

The billions of tax dollars headed for hospitals and states as part of the \$2.2 trillion coronavirus response bill won't fix the problem facing doctors and nurses: a critical shortage of protective gowns, gloves and masks.

The problem isn't a lack of money, experts say. It's that there's not enough of those supplies available to buy.

What's more, the crisis has revealed a fragmented procurement system now descending into chaos just as demand soars, The Associated Press has found.

Hospitals, state governments and the Federal Emergency Management Agency are left bidding against each other and driving up prices.

For more than a week, governors have pushed back against administration assurances that supplies are available now, bitterly complaining to President Donald Trump that there's no coordination.

"It's pretty much every state for itself," said Virginia's secretary of finance, Aubrey Layne, who is deeply involved with his state's effort to buy medical supplies.

Masks that were priced at \$2.50 a week ago are now being quoted as high as \$9, he said, and suppliers make clear that there are "plenty of people out here" looking to buy, even at the high prices.



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Health workers in personal protective equipment handle a coronavirus test at a drive-thru testing station in Stamford, Connecticut. Protective equipment is in short supply.

"There is a lot of opportunity going on," Layne said.

Even if someone took some of this money and built the equipment to make masks, gowns and gloves, it would not solve the problem because none of the materials are made in the United States. That includes latex and rubber, largely from Southeast Asia, as well as textiles used in surgical gowns that can repel fluids but are easily disposable.

"The suppliers that provide the raw materials needed to make such items have to increase their capacity

in order to deliver more materials to manufacturers, which could take time and may not be feasible if the suppliers are located in other parts of the world that are currently crippled by the coronavirus," said Kaitlin Wowak, an assistant professor at University of Notre Dame business school who specializes in analytics and operations.

"The coronavirus is spreading at an unbelievable rate so you can only expect the demand for personal protective equipment and other medical supplies to follow the same trajectory,

which is scary given that there is already a massive shortage of such items at hospitals," Wowak said.

Doctors and nurses in hot spots like New York and New Orleans are caring for feverish, wheezing COVID-19 patients without adequate masks, gloves or gowns.

Can the \$100 billion carved out for hospitals in the stimulus package solve that?

"It is not about throwing money at this problem," said Lisa Ellram, a professor of supply chain management at Miami University of Ohio.

Just like consumers who today wander past empty shelves in the toilet paper aisle, state governments and hospitals are finding their suppliers' warehouses are bare.

The AP reported last week that imports of critical medical supplies were plummeting due to factory closures in China, where manufacturers had been required to sell all or part of their goods internally rather than export to other countries.

Now that bottleneck has tightened as the pandemic sweeps through the world,

shuttering potential backup factories from one country to the next. Many manufacturers have been ordered to shut down or limit production throughout Southeast Asia and Latin America, including in India and Mexico.

In Malaysia, where 75% of the world's medical gloves are made, AP found factories were shut down and only allowed to reopen with half staff, who are now locked in hostels at their workplaces.

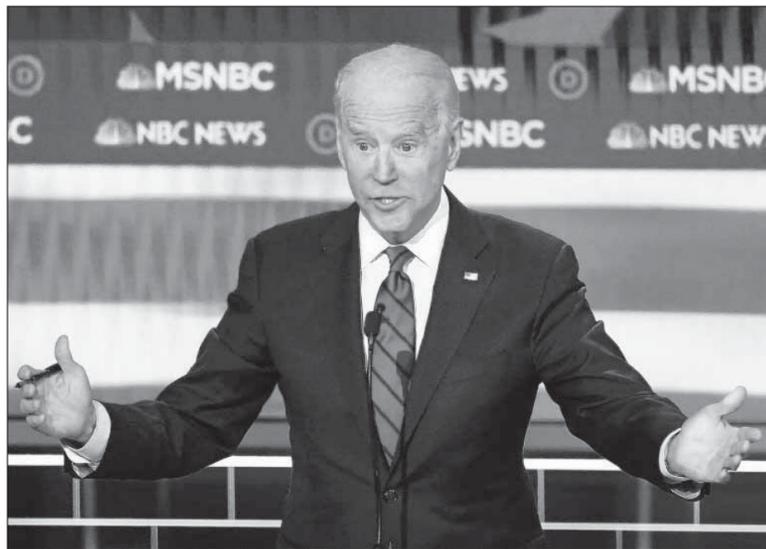
Shipments of medical gloves are down 23% so far this month compared with 2019, and medical gown imports are down 64% for the same period, according to trade data compiled by Panjiva and ImportGenius, services that track imports and exports.

No medical-grade N95 masks, made almost entirely in China, have arrived at U.S. ports so far this month.

Doctors and nurses working in hospitals have also told AP about shortages of saline flushes to clean intravenous catheters, disposable CaviWipe towel-ettes to clean hospital surfaces, defibrillator electrodes to shock hearts back into beating and oxygen concentrators, which help respiratory patients breathe.

Six weeks ago, the Center for Global Development warned that the U.S. should get ready to rapidly scale-up medical supply manufacturing. Minnesota's 3M Co. was already ramping up, but only in the past week have many others followed.

A frenzied push to increase domestic production is too little and too late, said Prashant Yadav, a visiting fellow at the center.



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Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden, seen during the Feb. 19 debate, discussed what actions he would take if in office on Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press."

## Biden expresses 'frustration' with US response to outbreak

BY JENNIFER EPSTEIN  
Bloomberg News via TNS

Democratic presidential front-runner Joe Biden said he feels "frustration" with the U.S. coronavirus response and that it's his role to say what he believes President Donald Trump needs to do.

"If I see something that's not happening, I think it's my obligation to step up and say 'this is what we should be doing,'" Biden said Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press."

The former vice president said that if he were in office he would be using the Defense Production Act far more broadly than Trump has. He said he would not only compel General Motors Co. to build ventilators, as Trump has, but increase the production of personal protective equipment for health care workers. He said he would also be thinking about the next round of economic stimulus.

"The coronavirus is not the president's fault, but the slow response, the failure to get going right away,

the inability to do the things that needed to be done quickly, they are things that they can't continue," Biden said. "We're going to go through another phase of this, and we have to be ahead of the curve, not behind the curve like we were the last time."

As a presidential candidate without a current role in government, Biden has mostly been careful in his language about Trump's actions and the administration's shortcomings. He said Sunday that he's determined to "tell the truth."

Asked by NBC correspondent Chuck Todd if there's "blood on the president's hands" for the administration's slow initial reaction time and the more than 2,000 U.S. deaths so far, Biden declined to attack Trump.

"I think that's a little too harsh," he said.

With some experts suggesting many Americans could face another 60 days of home confinement, Biden said he wouldn't sugarcoat how difficult the next phase could be.

"The worst thing you

can do is raise false expectations and then watch them get dashed," he said. "Then they begin to lose confidence in their leadership. So we should just tell the truth as best we know it, as best the scientists know it."

Biden said it was too early to know whether the general election in November will need to be done by mail, though he urged consideration of a Senate bill that would expand that option.

As in other recent interviews, he declined to say whether his remaining opponent for the Democratic presidential nomination, Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, should drop out.

Biden was asked if he felt powerless or frustrated because he doesn't have government role during the COVID-19 crisis. He initially replied that he didn't. But after describing his current state of campaigning from home via livestream, and speaking about what he would do if he were president, he added with a laugh, "there's some frustration."

## New York passes 1K COVID-19 deaths; hospitalization rate falls

BY MICHAEL R. SISAK AND MARINA VILLENEUVE  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — New York state's coronavirus death toll is nearing 1,000, Gov. Andrew Cuomo said. The state accounts for more than 40% of coronavirus deaths in the U.S.

New York City reported in the evening that its toll had risen to 776. The total number of statewide deaths isn't expected to be released until Monday, but with at least 250 additional deaths recorded outside the city as of Sunday morning, the state's total fatalities was at least 1,026.

The vast majority have been in New York City. Figures released Sunday morning showed 678 coronavirus deaths in the city, which continues to be the epicenter of the pandemic in the U.S.

Meanwhile, new data is showing which parts of the city are being hit the hardest by disease and that nearly a quarter of the people who've died of coronavirus in the state were nursing home residents.

Coronavirus is overwhelming some of New York City's poorest neighborhoods, according to new data released by the city.

Queens accounts for 32% of the city's more than 30,000 confirmed cases as of Saturday — more than any other borough.

Neighborhoods such as Jackson Heights, Elmhurst and Corona, which are generally poor, densely packed and have large non-English speaking populations, have been among the hardest hit, according to a city map showing percent ranges of people testing positive for the disease, also known as COVID-19. In those areas, 69% to 86% of the tests done have come back positive.

A hospital in Elmhurst has been overrun with co-



MARY ALTAFFER/AP

A paramedic transports a patient into the Trauma Center at the Elmhurst Hospital Center on Sunday in New York.

ronavirus cases. One day last week, 13 hospital patients with the virus died.

Statistics on coronavirus cases do not reflect everyone who may have the virus, because many people have been told to manage their illness at home and are not getting tested.

The number of patients being discharged at the state's hospitals after they've been treated for coronavirus has increased daily to a high of 845 on Saturday, Cuomo said. In all, more than 3,500 people have been discharged.

As of Sunday, more than 8,500 people remain hospitalized across the state because of the disease, including more than 2,000 in intensive care. In New York City, about 20% of coronavirus cases have led to hospitalizations.

Those totals are continuing to spike, but Cuomo said they're not multiplying nearly as quickly as they were last week. From March 16 to 19, the number of hospitalizations in the state doubled every two days. Now it's taking about six days for the number to double.

On Saturday, after saying he was weighing the idea of a mandatory quarantine for New York, New Jersey and Connecticut, President Donald Trump tweeted that instead he'd issue advisory urging people in

those states to avoid any nonessential travel for two weeks.

New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio said he worried about the advisory's impact on families with members in New York and other places who were looking to reunite.

All 50 U.S. states have reported some cases of the virus that causes COVID-19, but New York state has the most, with over 52,000 positive tests.

On Sunday de Blasio reiterated his fears that without reinforcements the city will run out of masks, gowns and other hospital supplies in a week and ventilators sooner.

With the expected peak of cases in the city still two to three weeks away, de Blasio told CNN's "State of the Union" on Sunday that the city also needs new waves of doctors, nurses and other medical personnel.

"We need to get them relief," de Blasio said. "They can't keep up at this pace for weeks and weeks and weeks ahead and expect to save lives the way we need them to."

Cuomo said Sunday that more than 76,000 doctors, nurses and other health professionals, including many who've recently retired from the field, have volunteered to help in the coronavirus fight.

## CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

## For farmers, subsidies keep rolling in

Coronavirus rescue bill gives agriculture sector up to \$23.5B

BY ERIC LIPTON AND SHARON LAFRANIERE  
The New York Times

WASHINGTON — After providing nearly \$26 billion in aid to farmers over the past few years to offset losses from President Donald Trump's trade war with China, the administration now has another giant new pot of money to pass out to them with little or no oversight, courtesy of the \$2 trillion coronavirus stimulus package.

The legislation, given final passage by the House on Friday and quickly signed into law by Trump, allocates as much as \$23.5 billion in assistance for farmers and gives broad leeway to Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue to direct it where he sees fit.

The money was inserted into the bill by senators from farm states after an intense lobbying push by major corporate farming groups. Parts of the industry are suffering immediate hits from the coronavirus outbreak, such as corn growers who have seen prices for ethanol plummet and mom-and-pop suppliers of farm markets that have closed in many cities.

But unlike industries such as airlines, hotels and automakers, which have largely or completely shut down, most farms are still operating. And sales of some products in the industry have surged as worried consumers stock up, generating shortages of meat, chicken, eggs and flour.

The law provides Perdue with \$9.5 billion to support farmers, including livestock producers, suppliers of farm markets and producers of specialty crops, and \$14 billion in borrowing authority to replenish the fund he used to make trade-related



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A farmer sprays for weeds March 11 in Lititz, Pennsylvania. The rescue bill that passed Friday provides billions to farmers.

payments to farmers in the past two years. The department's entire discretionary budget request for next year is about \$23 billion.

The Agriculture Department will also receive an additional \$25.1 billion for food aid programs for poor families from the stimulus bill.

"We are effectively subsidizing every other sector of the economy" in the \$2 trillion stimulus package, said Joshua Sewell, a farming industry analyst at Taxpayers for Common Sense, which advocates less government spending. "So I guess the argument goes that agriculture wants its piece of the pie too."

A small army of groups mounted the fast-moving campaign for aid, including the politically powerful American Farm Bureau Federation and the National

Cattlemen's Beef Association. Joining them were other smaller players representing producers of goods like turkey, pork, potatoes, sunflowers, sorghum, peanuts and eggs.

Among their targets were farm-state lawmakers like Sen. John Hoeven of North Dakota, who pressed for \$50 billion in aid for agriculture. Others included Sens. Pat Roberts of Kansas, John Thune of South Dakota and Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, the majority leader. All are Republicans who serve on the Senate agriculture committee or the appropriations subcommittee that oversees farm aid.

Farmers in Midwestern states like Iowa, Illinois and Minnesota — as well as in Texas and Kansas — reaped much of the \$26 billion spent in the past two years

to blunt the economic effect of the administration's trade policies, according to Joseph Glauber of the International Food Policy Research Institute.

Without those payments, net farm income last year would have dropped about 5%, he estimated. Instead, it rose nearly 12%.

Seth Meyer, an agricultural economist with the University of Missouri, said the economic blow to agriculture from the virus could be harder to offset than the lost sales from trade policy.

"If you are producing flowers and there is no wedding this summer, if you were a fruit and vegetable grower selling through a restaurant wholesaler, what do you do now?" he asked. "What if you are a milk producer selling your product to a processor who has trouble organizing trans-

portation and labor?"

The bottom line, he said, could be a bigger effect on farmers than that created by the trade friction with China — "much bigger, potentially."

Still, some parts of the industry are seeing benefits from the pandemic. Some big meat producers, including Tyson Foods, announced special bonuses last week for farmers to reward them for the increase in work to keep supermarket shelves stocked.

In general, farmers have weathered recessions better than other economic groups because while consumers cut purchases of goods like clothing and change their eating habits to save money, they always need food. This downturn is fundamentally different from others in many ways,

but Wall Street analysts are issuing bullish predictions for parts of the agriculture industry based on the surge in demand for products like beef and chicken.

Congress imposed almost no limit on how Perdue spends the money, suggesting only that the \$9.5 billion chunk be used to support a wide range of agricultural producers.

Similarly, with the \$14 billion for the Commodity Credit Corp., there is very little guidance on how that money can be spent other than it be used for an "emergency requirement."

Perdue has repeatedly warned farmers not to count on continuing to receive payments from that federal program. But every time funding has been about to run out, Trump has clamored to spend more.

## Water shut-offs in sharp focus amid virus outbreak

Millions across nation simply can't wash their hands

BY KAT STAFFORD  
Associated Press

DETROIT — The advice is simple and universal: Washing your hands with soap and water is one of the most effective ways to stop the spread of the coronavirus.

But for millions of people across the country, that's not simple at all: They lack running water in their homes due to service shut-offs prompted by overdue bills.

The Rev. Roslyn Bouier remembers when children began to show up at the Brightmoor Connection Food Pantry on Detroit's northwest side, clutching empty pitchers. It was the summer of 2014, and the kids were parched. But their thirst didn't come from playing outside — they had no water at home.

That was the year the city of Detroit started its water shut-off campaign, turning off water to 28,500 residential accounts behind on payments. Through the end of 2019, the city has recorded about 127,500 total service

cut-offs, according to the water department, though that figure includes households where the water was turned off repeatedly.

"In this pandemic, it's the people who are living on the margins of society and the poorest of our society that's being the most adversely impacted," Bouier said.

We the People of Detroit co-founder Monica Lewis-Patrick said her organization, which has campaigned for years to end shut-offs, has struggled to find bottled water to deliver to families without service because supplies are being hoarded. "Water is locked down," Lewis-Patrick said. "Many people have been texting and emailing me to say 'What else can we do?' The world is crying out that there must be a turning on of the water."

Water advocates and elected officials argue that it's impossible for families to follow the hygienic coronavirus standards outlined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the World Health Organization when they don't have water in their homes.

And members of Congress and national organizations are pushing for federal

legislation and other action to protect residents facing high water bills and shut-offs amid the crisis.

Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer issued an executive order Saturday requiring communities statewide to restore water service, effectively ending water shut-offs for the duration of the coronavirus pandemic.

The state has also established a \$2 million fund through the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy to help provide funding to local communities to help reconnect homes to their water supplies.

Water shut-offs have been recorded in all 50 states, according to Mary Grant, director of the Food & Water Action's Public Water for All Campaign.

Grant said her organization has tracked 417 municipalities and states that have issued moratoriums on the shut-offs, including the state of New York, where Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced the suspension of utility shut-offs March 13.

The group estimates the moratoriums protect more than 142 million from disconnections — or more than 40% of the U.S. population.

In Alaska, the Rural Util-



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Rabbi Yosef Chesed, left, helps unload bottled water donated by Lorie Lutz last week at the Brightmoor Connection Food Pantry in Detroit. Thousands in the city have no water.

ity Collaborative advisory committee, which manages water systems for 26 communities, just voted to immediately reconnect running water to homes cut off for not paying their bills.

"Hand-washing is the No. 1 prevention for spreading any illness," said Francine Moreno, the utility's senior program manager.

Grant's group is calling for the moratoriums to be extended nationwide.

"At a time when we're hearing the federal government, the CDC, our governors say 'wash your hands,'

for people who have lost their water service because they can't afford the water bill, they can't take these measures," she said.

A team of independent experts affiliated with the United Nations Human Rights Council has called on governments around the world to end water cuts.

"The global struggle against the pandemic has little chance to succeed if personal hygiene, the main measure to prevent contagion, is unavailable to the 2.2 billion persons who have no access to safe water services," the experts said.

While many communities have announced moratoriums, Detroit is one of the few to have a specific plan to turn on the water, announcing a program March 9 that would restore service for \$25 a month.

The city has restored water to more than 840 homes, with about 190 work orders still pending, but does not know the exact number of homes without service, the water department said.

An official said the city plans to reach out to 5,400 houses "out of abundance of caution."



GERALD HERBERT/AP

Pastor Tony Spell, right, walks with others after services at the Life Tabernacle Church on Sunday in Central, Louisiana.

## Church violates Louisiana ban on gatherings

BY STACEY PLAISANCE  
Associated Press

CENTRAL, La. — Hundreds of people flouted Louisiana's COVID-19 ban on gatherings, coming on buses and in personal vehicles to the first of three Sunday services at their church a day after New Orleans police broke up a funeral gathering of about 100 people.

An estimated 500 people of all ages filed inside the mustard-yellow and beige Life Tabernacle Church in

Central, a city of nearly 29,000 outside Baton Rouge.

More than 3,500 Louisiana residents have been diagnosed with the disease, and more than 150 of them have died, according to state figures released Sunday. Deaths include that of the first federal prison inmate — a man with "serious preexisting conditions" who was being held in Oakdale, Louisiana, the U.S. Bureau of Prisons said Saturday.

Assistant ministers and

worshippers outside the front doors and in the parking lot at Life Tabernacle told media to leave, saying cameras would not be allowed on the property and worshippers had been told not to talk to reporters. They went inside without further comment.

Across the street, neighbors gathered in a driveway, carefully staying at least 6 feet apart.

Paul Quinn, a resident of Central who lives near the church, says this is a health hazard.

"Other congregations are using the Internet, Skype, and other safe ways to congregate. Why can't they? What makes them so special?" Quinn said. "I wish state police would come out and do something. This is above our little local police level. The state needs to get involved. If they get out of church and go to the grocery store, it's a serious health hazard. They don't know how many people they're affecting, and they don't seem to care. That's a problem."

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## You know how it is . . .

You stop enjoying your favorite activities because your knee is hurting. You try pain medicines, braces, or different over-the-counter arthritis supplements. But all of them leave you regretting spending the afternoon raking up leaves, tickling grandkids, or even just taking that short trip upstairs...

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

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

This fluid also acts as a cushion and shock absorber inside your knee. It's called synovial fluid, and it works much like the oil in a car's engine to keep all the parts moving freely, without friction.

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

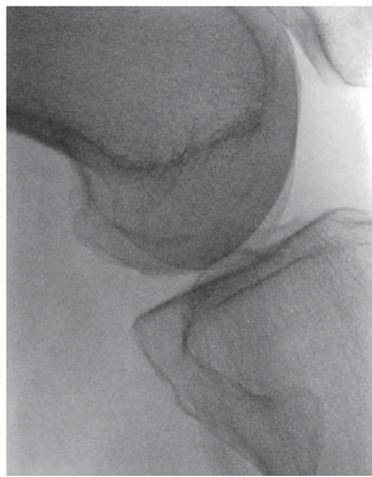
After years of trusted service in moving you everywhere you need to go, your knee starts to feel a subtle ache with certain activities like using stairs, kneeling down, or getting out of the car. With time, it becomes a constant ache. If left untreated, it can keep you awake at night, and hurt with every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

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

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

The number of total knee replacement surgeries done in the US each year has more than doubled between 1991 and 2010. A recent study analyzed data of more than 4800 patients with Osteoarthritis showed "One-third of Total Knee replacement performed may be inappropriate."

**The good news is**, scientists have discovered an all natural, lubricating fluid that is identical to the fluid we have in our knees. It has been proven in numerous clinical studies to act as a natural lubricant in your joints.



It's FDA approved and is a perfect cushion and shock absorber for your joints. In fact, it's even been compared to letting your sore joints rest on the softest down pillow. It's almost as if your knee sighs with relief and relaxation.

Once it's correctly placed inside your knee, it can make them feel just like new again, **eliminate any rubbing and friction**, and make your joints glide smoothly.

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

Here is why this is a mistake that you could regret for the many years to come, because while we have seen much better response with proactive people, this ache in your knees could be a sign of serious damage, and people who choose to simply "tough it out," will definitely see their knees deteriorate further over time. The one thing we know is: The damage will NEVER undo itself without some help.

You see, once the fluid in your knees is gone, you're out of luck. You're facing a lifelong fight against knee pain. And while some pills and topical gels might disguise the pain - the damage is still happening.

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

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

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

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

— Phil M.

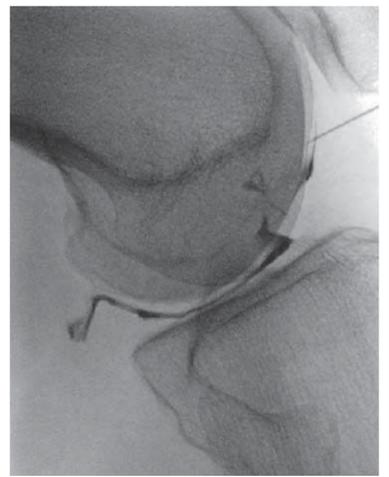
Seriously, you can get the knee pain relief you are looking for without wasting your precious time recovering or even spending a dime (more on that shortly).

## One thing you should know:

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

This special treatment is often called "Joint Oil" because it's like squirting oil on a rusty door hinge. It eliminates a lot of the rubbing, grinding, and pain.

The doctors at Joint Relief Institute use live digital imaging in addition to a unique double-confirmation technique that **GUARANTEES that 100% of the medicine is delivered with extreme precision into the troubled areas inside your joint every single time.**



## Is it true this natural treatment option could cost NOTHING?

Yes, more good news, besides the pain relief, is that because this nonsurgical program has already proven to help thousands of seniors, Medicare and other insurance plans will cover this wonderful treatment.

So there is very likely NO COST to you for this life-changing treatment.

## Here is what you need to do to claim your free screening:

If you or a loved one is suffering with knee pain, this could be the blessed relief you're looking for.

You are personally invited to a FREE knee pain screening from the Joint Relief Institute doctors to see if you are a good candidate for this all natural, highly-precise treatment.

Your screening will only take about 20-30 minutes of your time, as one of their doctors sits down with you and answers all the questions you have about your knees.

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## Why is the success rate for this treatment very high at Joint Relief Institute while many people getting the same treatment with no relief whatsoever?

Scientists recently discovered why many non-surgical treatments fail. They found out that 30% of the time, treatments miss the joint space!

Both the patients and their doctors think that the knee didn't respond. Turns out, in most cases, the medicine never got in the right space.

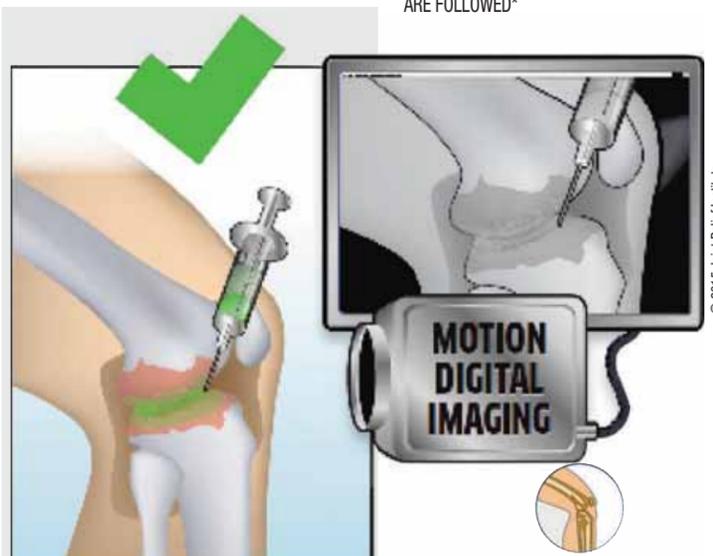
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**PLUS - the injection is virtually painless because the doctors at Joint Relief Institute use a two step numbing and imaging process to eliminate pain.**

Most of the injections done everywhere else are done blind with no digital confirmation, and very few are done with a single digital confirmation technique.

One patient even said this:

"When I received a similar treatment to this, and it didn't help me, the doctor scheduled me for surgery. Luckily, I decided to travel more than 400 miles to the Joint Relief Institute. I am pain-free now, and I never had to go under the knife."



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## NEWS BRIEFING

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## Country singer Joe Diffie dies of coronavirus complications

NEW YORK — Country singer Joe Diffie, who had a string of hits in the 1990s with chart-topping ballads and honky-tonk singles like “Home” and “Pickup Man,” has died after testing positive for COVID-19. He was 61.

Diffie on Friday announced he had contracted the coronavirus, becoming the first country star to go public with such a diagnosis. Diffie's publicist said the singer died Sunday in Nashville,

Tennessee, due to complications from the virus.

Diffie, a native of Tulsa, Oklahoma, was a member of the Grand Ole Opry for more than 25 years. His hits included “Honky Tonk Attitude,” “Prop Me Up Beside the Jukebox (If I Die),” “Bigger Than the Beatles” and “If the Devil Danced (In Empty Pockets).”

Diffie is survived by his wife, Tara Terpening Diffie, and seven children from four marriages.

## Serial killer dubbed ‘Grim Sleeper’ dies in Calif. prison

SAN QUENTIN, Calif. — Lonnie Franklin, the convicted serial killer known as the “Grim Sleeper” who preyed on the women of South Los Angeles for more than two decades, has died in prison. He was 67.

California corrections officials said Franklin was found unresponsive in his cell at San Quentin State Prison on Saturday evening. An autopsy will determine the cause of

death; however, there were no signs of trauma, corrections spokeswoman Terry Thornton said.

Franklin had been on death row since August 2016 for the deaths of nine women and a teenage girl.

Most of the victims were fatally shot at close range, though two were strangled.

The killer earned his moniker because of the apparent hiatus from the late 1980s to 2002.

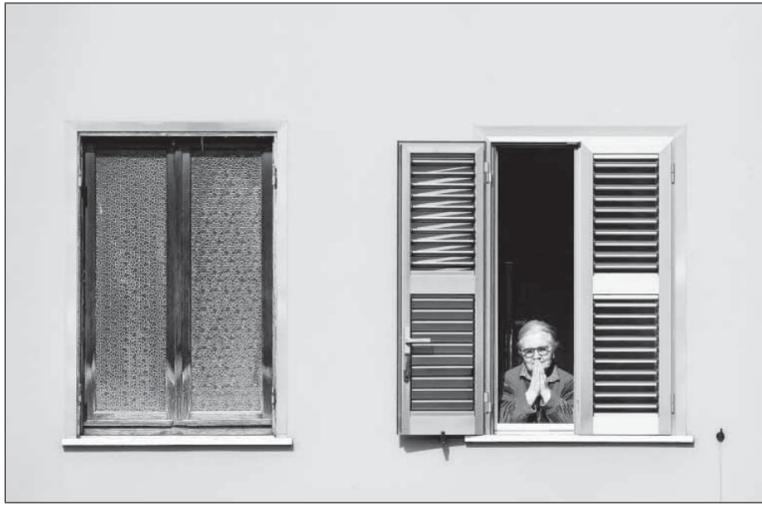
## Stranded ship awaits Panama passage, faces doubts in Florida

PANAMA CITY — The Panama Canal Authority says two cruise ships carrying more than 1,800 passengers and crew, including some infected with COVID-19, had begun transiting the canal.

The announcement came after the passengers on the Zaandam and its sister ship the Rotterdam received mixed signals about their fate. While Panamanian officials said they would let the ships

through the canal, Holland America Lines said it had not been given official permission and the mayor of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, said he didn't want it to dock near his city as planned, at least without extensive precautions.

Holland America Lines said Friday that four people aboard the Zaandam had died — though the cause was not reported — and at least two had tested positive for COVID-19.



TIZIANA FABI/GETTY-AFP

**The solitude of prayer:** A woman prays during the Sunday Mass celebrated by priests from the roof of the church San Gabriele dell'Addolorata in Rome amid the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic in Italy.

## Ex-FDA chief: Distancing must continue until infection slows

WASHINGTON — Aggressive social distancing measures should stay in place until there is “sustained reduction” in the number of COVID-19 cases for 14 days, former FDA commissioner Scott Gottlieb said Sunday.

“So 14 days after you start to see a sustained reduction in the number of daily cases, that's the point at which you can contemplate lifting some of these measures that we have in place right now, some of these very aggressive social distancing measures,” Gottlieb said on CBS's Face the Nation. “But you need to do

it very gradually.”

Cases in the U.S. continue to escalate, as the number of deaths doubled to over 2,100 in two days.

Gottlieb is a physician and one of the authors of a report released Sunday by the conservative think tank American Enterprise Institute that spells out a four-phase plan for navigating the COVID-19 pandemic. He was head of the Food and Drug Administration under President Donald Trump until last April. Another author of the report, Mark McClellan, is a former commissioner of the FDA and former adminis-

trator for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

“You need to have the ability to test the population widely so you can determine who has the infection, who doesn't, and use case-based interventions, where you isolate individual people,” Gottlieb said. “You also want good information about where the virus is spreading. You need to be testing very widely to know where the virus is spreading.”

Gottlieb, now a fellow with AEI, has been a public voice during the coronavirus crisis.

## N. Korea fires missiles amid coronavirus worries

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea on Sunday fired two suspected ballistic missiles into the sea, South Korea and Japan said, continuing a streak of weapons launches that suggests leader Kim Jong Un is trying to strengthen domestic support amid worries about a possible

coronavirus outbreak in the country.

South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said it detected the projectiles flying from the North Korean eastern coastal city of Wonsan into the waters between the Korean Peninsula and Japan on Sunday morning.

The projectiles flew about 143 miles at a maximum altitude of 19 miles, the statement said.

The military described the launches as “very inappropriate” at a time when the world is battling the coronavirus outbreak. It urged North Korea to stop such military action.

## US-led forces pull out of 3rd Iraqi base this month

BAGHDAD — The U.S.-led coalition in Iraq withdrew Sunday from a military base in the country's north that nearly launched Washington into an open war with neighboring Iran.

The K1 Air Base is the third site coalition forces have left this month, in line with U.S. plans to consolidate its troops in two locations in Iraq.

A rocket attack on the base in late December killed one American contractor and led to a series of tit-for-tat attacks between the U.S. and Iranian-backed Iraqi militia groups. The attacks culminated in the U.S.-directed killing of top Iranian Gen. Qassem Soleimani and a senior Iraqi militia leader, Abu Mahdi al-Muhandis.

Coalition forces handed over the K1 base in the northern Iraqi province of Kirkuk to Iraq's military, according to a coalition statement.

**In Thailand:** Officials in Thailand say a riot at a prison in a northeastern province was set off when inmates plotting to escape spread false rumors that several prisoners were infected with the coronavirus.

Fires were set in parts of Buriram Prison during a riot on Sunday in which about 100 prisoners took part, and gunshots were fired in the operation to quash the violence. The facility houses about 2,100 inmates.

Corrections Department Director-General Narat Sawettanan said no one was killed but several people were injured. Thai media reported five people hurt.

Seven inmates were recaptured, said Narat. It was not clear if any others were still at large.

## CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK



WAYNE PARRY/AP

Michael Morin and Sylvia Pappa take orders Tuesday at Federico's Pizza in Belmar, New Jersey. Owners Michael and brother Bryan took out a line of credit to pay their workers.

## Pizzeria's recipe to pay staff gives rise to donation orders

BY WAYNE PARRY  
Associated Press

BELMAR, N.J. — This is a story about bosses and their workers, in the dark days of COVID-19. It's also a story about how one good turn deserves another and yet another.

And this being New Jersey, it's also a story about pizza.

Bryan Morin and his brother Michael operate Federico's Pizza in this Jersey Shore town. In the summer, they deliver cheese steak pizzas and 12-inch subs and garlic knots directly to the beach, a few blocks away. In winter, customers flock to the cozy, black-and-white tiled restaurant on Main Street.

But across the ocean, trouble brewed. Bryan Morin tossed and turned all night after watching news reports of how a virus spread rapidly in Italy, eventually bringing life to a virtual standstill and leading to massive layoffs as businesses closed down.

He could not let this happen at Federico's.

Many of his employees have been with the busi-

ness for a decade or more; the head cook has been there for 22 years, since the business was owned by Bryan and Michael's father.

“I'm the provider for my employees; I supply their salary, and if they don't have a salary, they won't be able to afford their rent, their credit card bills, their insurance, their gas,” he said.

He decided to “do the right thing and take the hit, and I'll make it up somewhere down the line.”

So about two weeks ago, he secured a \$50,000 line of credit from his bank. He promised his workers they'd have a job for at least the next two months, come what may. He'd reassess conditions after that, but he'd do everything possible to keep paychecks flowing.

As word of the brothers' pledge got around, the community rallied round. Customers began helping out: an extra \$10 on top of the usual 20% tip, a few bucks earmarked for the kitchen staff.

But then, something unexpected happened: a surge of pay-it-forward donations.

People — some who were ordering food, some who just wanted to help — called and asked the pizzeria to charge their credit cards for food to be sent to those on the front lines of the virus response: Doctors, nurses and other staff at a nearby hospital, police, firefighters and EMS squads.

In just two days last week, Federico's took in nearly \$4,000 to make and deliver pizzas to first responders. Moments before Bryan Morin was interviewed last week, the pizzeria sent 30 free pizzas to Jersey Shore Medical Center, a vital battleground in the fight against COVID-19 in a state that has the second-most cases in the nation.

All because the boss cared.

“This is such a scary time, and so many people are getting laid off,” said Kirsten Phillips, who works the counter. “It was so unexpected what he did, but maybe it shouldn't have been, because he always took care of us. This is really the best job I've ever had.”

## Virus upends every segment of child welfare system in US

BY DAVID CRARY  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Child welfare agencies across the U.S., often beleaguered in the best of times, are scrambling to confront new challenges that the coronavirus is posing for caseworkers, kids and parents.

For caseworkers, the potential toll is physical and emotional. Child welfare workers in several states, including Michigan, Massachusetts, New York and Washington, have tested positive for COVID-19.

Many agencies, seeking to limit the virus' spread, have cut back on in-person inspections at homes of children considered at risk of abuse and neglect. Parents of children already in foster care are missing out on visits. Slowdowns at family courts are burdening some of those parents with agonizing delays in getting their children back.

“There are real sad consequences for folks who've been making progress toward reunifying,” said Boston social worker Adriana Zwick, who represents unionized caseworkers with Massachusetts' Department of Children and Families.

For workers, widespread shortages of gloves, masks and other safety gear are raising concerns, said Angelo McClain, CEO of the National Association of Social Workers. “If a report comes in of a kid in danger, you need to go out and make sure that child is safe — but you need a face mask, gloves, sanitizer,” he said.

In New York City, the nation's worst-hit area, child protection staff are instructed mostly to use “virtual visiting,” even while investigating potential risks to a child's safety.

The city's Administration for Children's Services has provided staff with questions to ask families to gauge whether any household member may have the



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A sign indicates the playground at an elementary school is closed. Schools provide a safeguard for at-risk children.

virus. If they do, the agency says special medical assistance might be requested if pursuing an investigation.

Many child welfare professionals worry the pandemic, by increasing stress on already fragile families, will fuel a rise in child abuse and neglect.

“You have families that don't have stable housing, stable income. Maybe there's a mental health challenge or a substance abuse problem — and now the schools are closed,” Zwick said. “That is a recipe for disaster.”

Teachers and other school employees normally offer a safeguard by reporting suspicious bruises and other warning signs, said McClain of the social workers association. “Now you don't have those eyes and ears,” he said.

In Fort Worth, Texas, Cook Children's Medical Center recently admitted seven children younger than 4 who suffered severe abuse, including two who died the same day.

Dr. Jayme Coffman, who heads the hospital's child abuse prevention center, linked the surge of cases to the heightened stress on families during the crisis.

Because older people are particularly vulnerable to COVID-19 and few children have died from it, kids have not been a focus of public health efforts.

That's a mistake, accord-

ing to University of Pennsylvania professor Marci Hamilton, also CEO of CHILD USA, a think tank seeking to prevent child abuse and neglect.

“Already some areas are reporting spikes in abuse,” she said. “If caseworkers don't have that protective equipment, it's likely we'll have fewer home visits, and fewer home visits mean more kids at risk.”

For many parents whose children are in foster care, and who yearn to get them back, the pandemic has worsened their predicament. Many family courts have postponed nonemergency cases, and many social services required for reunification have been disrupted.

Foster care also is facing upheaval, with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services easing its oversight rules.

Under long-standing law, caseworkers are required to make monthly in-person visits to children in foster care. The agency now says caseworkers instead can do videoconferencing visits.

As for visits between foster children and their biological families, JooYeun Chang, executive director of Michigan's Children's Services Agency, said they're no longer required to be face to face but can be done through Skype or FaceTime.



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## CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

## 2 different sides of sheltering in place

Life slows for 1 Bay Area family as 2nd faces uncertainty

By JOCELYN GECKER AND OLGA R. RODRIGUEZ  
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — One week in isolation. Two families. Only a few miles away, yet a world apart.

For San Francisco lawyer Rebecca Biernat, a mother of three, “sheltering in place” started out in a panic, but her family is now adjusting. She is working from home. Her kids are keeping busy with online school and regular video chats with teachers and friends. The family is finding silver linings in the slower pace of life and time together.

For hotel housekeeper Sonia Bautista, the world is spiraling out of control. She and her husband have lost their jobs, they can't afford their rent and their teenage son is feeling bored and overwhelmed by the lessons his school is posting online. The family is afraid of becoming destitute.

California's Bay Area has been shut down since mid-March, the first region of America to order its residents to stay home, work remotely and home-school their children in a desperate bid to slow the spread of the coronavirus pandemic. Much of San Francisco feels as empty as a Gold Rush ghost town, its streets cleared of people, of cable cars and most other vehicles, making a rush-hour drive through the hilly streets feel like a roller coaster with no traffic to slow things down.

For the two families, like millions across America, there are constant anxieties and nerve-wracking moments to navigate. But their ability to cope is dramatically different. They remind us, that while a global pandemic may know no boundaries, how you survive the upheaval may depend in part on your paycheck.



William Gonzalez, left, son Ricardo Bautista, 14, and wife Sonia Bautista at their South San Francisco apartment.

**Slower pace:** There is no rushing to get kids up and out the door to school. No commute. No hurrying home from work to get dinner on the table.

At their spacious, tidy two-story home in a leafy neighborhood, Rebecca Biernat is finding a new sense of sanity amid the disruption.

“Everything that made being a working parent so hard — is gone,” says Biernat, a civil litigator with a San Francisco firm now working out of a home office.

Biernat did feel initial panic when the shelter in place order was announced. She raced out to buy essentials at the grocery store.

She's been out several times since and is reassured by the supplies at supermarkets. She plans to shop once a week, as she did before.

Her husband, Frankie Keenan, a plumbing contractor, is considered an essential worker and still

getting paid but also getting to spend more time at home.

“The positive thing is I am with them all the time,” Biernat, 47, says of her family, Seamus, 6, Rachel, 9, and Jack, 16. “I feel more on top of my home life.”

“We are extremely fortunate, and I remind myself every day to count our blessings. We are blessed to have a place to live, we have money to buy food. I have a salary. I can't imagine what it's like for people thinking, ‘How am I going to feed my kids' every day?’”

**“So horrible”:** The crushing weight of Sonia Bautista's new reality hit her at the supermarket.

She and her husband rushed out the moment they heard the shelter-in-place order. But shelves at their supermarket were already bare of essentials. There were no eggs, no bread, no toilet paper or bottled water and as she

stood in the checkout line with the few items she did find, she had a panic attack.

“It was so horrible. I just started to cry. In that moment, I thought, ‘I have no work, no food, no money. How will I feed my family?’” says Bautista, 43.

For the past six years, Bautista worked full time as a housekeeper at San Francisco's Palace Hotel, one of the city's finest luxury hotels.

The San Francisco Bay Area had been feeling the effect of a tourism slowdown for months, since the coronavirus hit China and shut down the city's lucrative conference industry that keeps hotels filled. On March 8, the hotel, owned by Marriott, told her due to the slowdown they no longer needed her.

A week later, her husband, William Gonzalez, got laid off. Gonzalez worked in the employee cafeteria at the Marriott Waterfront hotel at San

Francisco's airport, where his 40 hours were already trimmed to 16 in February due to the slowdown.

They don't know how they will pay the \$2,800 for their small two-bedroom apartment in South San Francisco, just outside the city limits.

“We try not to panic,” Gonzalez says. “If this lasts only two months, maybe we will be fine.”

**Finding humor:** For Biernat, working from home has its challenges, but she maintains a sense of humor about it.

“I haven't put on makeup or gotten dressed up in over a week,” she jokes, adding it's a great opportunity to get in shape — “I'm wearing workout clothes all day, every day, anyway.”

The younger kids are settling into virtual schooling. Their private school is replicating the kids' daily schedule, which starts with the principal's morning as-

sembly that they watch together at breakfast. Then Rachel, in third grade, heads off to her room for a full day of classes being livestreamed by her teachers.

“They can even raise their hands, chat and talk,” Biernat says.

**Getting harder:** Bautista and her husband are trying to stay positive but it is getting harder.

Both have applied for unemployment benefits, but have yet to hear if their applications have been approved.

They fear losing their health insurance, which their contract says is only extended one month after being laid off. Their union is negotiating with the company for an extension.

Husband and wife try to put on a brave face for their 14-year-old son, Ricardo, who feels his family's stress acutely, compounded by desperately wanting to hang out with friends.

“It's really boring,” Ricardo says, about being cooped up at home. His teachers are not livestreaming classes but posting assignments online, which he says feels like an overwhelming amount of homework. He is sleeping more and spending more time playing video games, often with friends online, Gonzalez said. His parents let him go to school to pick up lunch one day.

After their initial failed supermarket run, the family went out early the next morning with a strategy. They arrived at their supermarket at 6 a.m. and were the first to enter when doors opened at 8. Bautista ran for the eggs; Ricardo grabbed bottled water.

To keep a sense of normalcy, the family cooks all three meals and eats together, something they rarely got to do before. They are starting to think of cutting back to two meals a day to save money, Gonzalez says.

## Virus

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Rose Garden.

Brought forward by Trump at the outdoor briefing, Fauci said his projection of a potential 100,000 to 200,000 deaths is “entirely conceivable” if not enough is done to mitigate the crisis. He said that helped shape the extension of the guidelines, “a wise and prudent decision.”

The federal guidelines recommend against large group gatherings and urge older people and anyone with existing health problems to stay home. People are urged to work at home when possible and avoid restaurants, bars, nonessential travel and shopping trips.

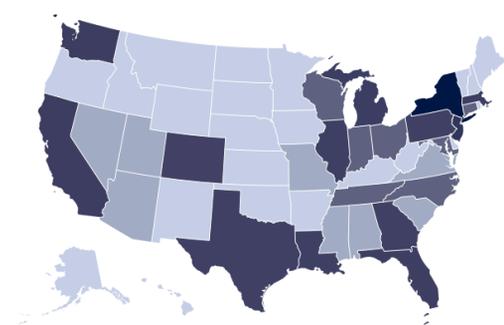
The extension would leave the federal recommendations in place beyond Easter on April 12, by which time Trump had hoped the country and its economy could start to rev up again. Alarmed public-health officials said Easter was sure to be too soon.

The U.S. had more than 137,000 COVID-19 cases reported by late Sunday afternoon, with more than 2,400 deaths.

Earlier Fauci told CNN: “I would say between 100,000 and 200,000 cases,” then corrected him-

## Coronavirus cases across the US

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Latest data reported as of March 29 at 10:10 a.m. EDT. Cruise ship cases and 100 cases in Puerto Rico not shown.  
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self to say he meant deaths. “We're going to have millions of cases.” But he added “I don't want to be held to that” because the pandemic is “such a moving target.”

One in 3 Americans remain under state or local government orders to stay at home to slow the spread of the virus, with schools and businesses closed and public life upended.

Dr. Deborah Birx, head of the White House coronavirus task force, said parts of the country with few cases so far must prepare for what's to come. “No state, no metro area will be spared,” she said on NBC's “Meet the Press.”

Most people who contract COVID-19 have mild

or moderate symptoms, which can include fever and cough but also milder cases of pneumonia, sometimes requiring hospitalization. The risk of death is greater for older adults and people with other health problems. Hospitals in the most afflicted areas are straining to handle patients and some are short of critical supplies.

Fauci's prediction would take the death toll well past that of the average seasonal flu. Trump repeatedly cited the flu's comparatively much higher cost in lives in playing down the severity of this pandemic.

Just on Saturday, Trump was discussing tightening restrictions, suggesting and then backing away from an



President Donald Trump speaks during a coronavirus task force briefing Sunday at the White House in Washington, D.C. He extended social distancing guidelines until April 30.

“enforceable” quarantine of hard-hit New York, Connecticut and New Jersey. Instead, the White House Task Force recommended a travel advisory for residents of those states to limit non-essential travel to slow the spread of the virus.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi suggested that Trump shouldn't be so quick to reverse the social distancing guidelines, saying more testing needs to be in place to determine whether areas currently showing fewer infections are truly at lower risk.

Trump's “denial” in the crisis was “deadly,” she told CNN.

“As the president fiddles, people are dying, and we

have to take every precaution,” she said.

She promised a congressional investigation once the pandemic is over to determine whether Trump heeded advice from scientific experts and to answer the question that resonates through U.S. political scandals: “What did he know and when did he know it?”

Trump minimized the gravity of the pandemic for weeks. Asked whether she is saying that attitude cost American lives, Pelosi said: “Yes, I am. I'm saying that.”

Meanwhile, governors in other hot spots across the country were raising alarm that the spread of the virus was threatening their health care systems.

“We remain on a trajectory, really, to overwhelm our capacity to deliver health care,” Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards said on ABC's “This Week.” “By the end of the first week in April, we think the first real issue is going to be ventilators. And we think it's about the fourth or fifth of April before, down in the New Orleans area, we're unable to put people on ventilators who need them. And then several days later, we will be out of beds.”

He said officials have orders out for more than 12,000 ventilators through the national stockpile and private vendors, but so far have only been able to get 192.



Rescuers stand next to the wreckage of a plane that burst into flames during takeoff Sunday in Manila, Philippines.

## American, 7 others die as plane catches fire

By JIM GOMEZ  
Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines — A plane carrying eight people, including an American and a Canadian, burst into flames Sunday while attempting to take off from Manila's airport on a flight bound for Japan, killing all those on board, officials said.

The Westwind 24 plane, which was carrying six Filipino crew members and the American and Canadian passengers, was bound for

Tokyo on a medical mission when it caught fire near the end of the main runway, Manila airport general manager Ed Monreal said.

Firetrucks and rescue personnel doused the twin-engine aircraft with foam to try to extinguish the flames, Monreal said.

“Unfortunately, there were no survivors,” Monreal told a late-night news conference.

Monreal declined to identify the victims until their families were informed and said other de-

tails about the flight and the passengers were unclear.

The Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines said the aircraft apparently encountered an unspecified “problem which resulted in a fire” as it rolled to take off, adding its chief investigator was on the way to the scene.

Video footage shows the aircraft engulfed in flames in the darkness as firefighters scramble to put out the fire by spraying chemical foam while sirens blare.

Nearly three hours after the accident, the bodies of

the victims were still inside the wreckage. Airport authorities were waiting for police investigators to examine the crash scene before retrieving the remains, Monreal said.

The airport had only minimal staff because of air travel restrictions that are part of a monthlong lockdown imposed by the government to fight the coronavirus outbreak, officials said.

Manila, the capital of the Philippines, is in the main northern region of Luzon.

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## EDITORIALS

# Don't settle for a lost school year, Chicago

A strike and a virus take 31 days from students. It's on CPS and its educators to make up for instruction time lost.

With a school year interrupted by an 11-day teachers strike last fall, and now on pause for at least a month due to the coronavirus pandemic, kids attending Chicago Public Schools are nearing an unfortunate benchmark: a lost school year.

How to compensate? Students deserve to have days made up at the end of the year, and that means preparing for the possibility now. If the Chicago Teachers Union truly is driven by outcomes for kids, it should not protest extra days into the summer. The kids hurt the most by a monthlong school closure are the ones CTU purports to advocate for the most — students without strong support systems at home.

**The Chicago Board of Education** met last week to approve \$75 million in emergency money to address equity concerns driven by coronavirus fallout. That money largely should be driven toward helping thousands of kids with limited access to technology and broadband who are now stuck at home. Access to technology is a statewide problem, too, for the Gov. J.B. Pritzker-ordered school closures across Illinois scheduled until at least April 7.

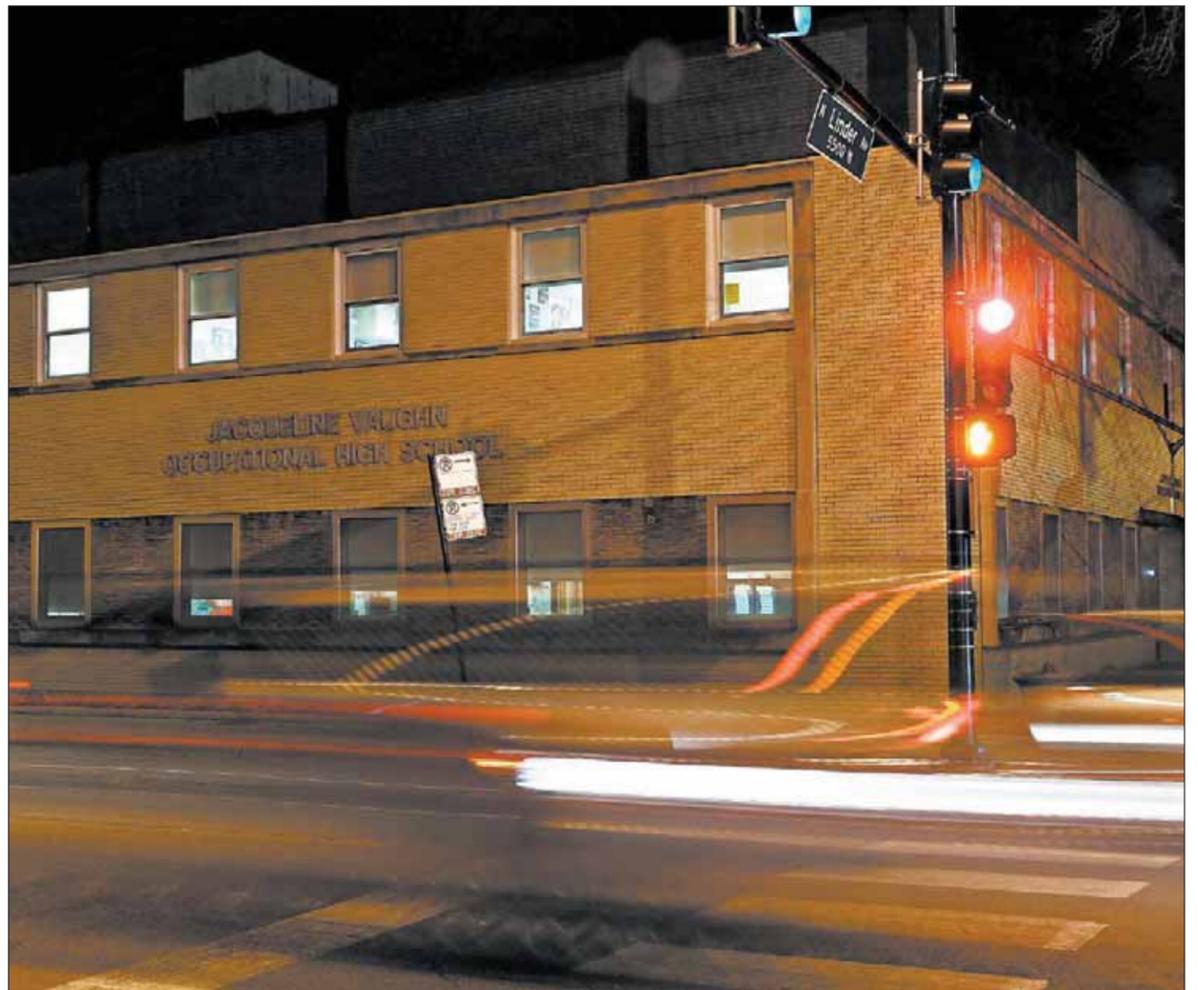
From a Chicago Tribune-ProPublica Illinois analysis published March 27: “When it became clear that schools would likely be affected by virus-related closures, (the Illinois State Board of Education) posted a survey asking superintendents to weigh in on their technology needs — both physical devices and the internet capabilities of students at home ... That survey showed that 433 districts — or 71% of all those that responded — said there were obstacles to teaching students remotely ...” according to a state spokeswoman.

Yet that's the haphazard backup plan now in place. Students are supposed to be e-learning, but many of them can't. The Illinois State Board of Education on Friday announced flexibility for school districts that includes adding days to the calendar. That might be necessary given the lost time families are now experiencing.

**To be sure, many CPS kids** are adapting just fine to the closure, especially if they have technology and parental guidance. For them, the “new normal” might be a later-than-usual alarm clock wake-up, breakfast at home and an online algebra assignment. Perhaps that's followed by a tele-chat with fellow middle schoolers tasked with poring over the finer points of meiosis. A bit of mac and cheese for lunch, and it's time to tackle that essay on Ralph Ellison from the comfort of a kitchen counter stool.

That's the ideal learn-from-home structure now in place.

But other kids and families are struggling without the proper tools to keep up. U.S. Census Bureau data from 2018 indicated that within the boundaries of CPS, about 14% of households didn't have a



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Automobile traffic moves past Vaughn Occupational High School on March 6 in Chicago. The school was closed after an aid at the school tested positive for COVID-19 early in the U.S. coronavirus outbreak.

home computer and 24% didn't have a broadband internet subscription.

Some students, Tribune reporting has shown, have access to the internet but no laptop. Some kids have only a cellphone, which is helpful but not ideal. And other students within CPS are struggling with homelessness — more than 16,400 of them, according to 2018 data from the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless.

**How much e-learning is actually getting encoded** throughout CPS as learning in young, growing minds? That's impossible to know. Grading isn't mandated, and teachers aren't physically present to gauge how much is — and isn't — sinking in. After nearly two weeks of CPS' e-school experiment, a pit-in-the-stomach question is settling into the minds of students and parents across the city: Will this be a lost school year?

The danger of that happening is disqui-

tingly real. By April 20, CPS children will have been out of school for 20 days. That excludes spring break, which was slated for April 6-10. Add the 11 days that students missed because of the CTU strike last fall, and that's 31 days of school missed.

Thirty-one days. That's more than six, five-day weeks of instruction.

No generation of students in Chicago, or anywhere else for that matter, should have to shoulder such a body blow to their education, to their individual futures, to dreams they've nurtured about who they will become. Sacrifices must be made by many in a time of pandemic. But those sacrifices should not be slapped onto the backs of our children.

**This is on CPS and its educators** to ensure 2020 doesn't devolve into a lost school year for the city's children. And everyone in the CPS orbit — parents, teachers, administrators and students —

should be preparing a makeup plan now. Summer getaways may need to take a back seat. Makeup days should not be selected on dates students and teachers are likely to not show up; earlier this year, more than 100,000 students and hundreds of teachers didn't bother to go to school on strike makeup days.

If an “act of God” is government's way to get around state statutes and legalities, it also might be an avenue to make exceptions to work arrangements codified in the CTU teachers contract and other teacher contracts. That's what unpredictable, global pandemics create — the absolute need to be flexible.

Kids deserve adequate classroom time — not the inadequate time this school year is providing. That's especially true for students suffering from the equity concerns CTU so often cites. Don't make those young people, and their families, settle for a lost school year.

### WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

Anyone who thinks horse racing is like any other major sport is lying, ignorant or kidding themselves.

No other accepted sport exploits defenseless animals as gambling chips. No other accepted sport tolerates the cruelties that routinely result in the injury and death of these magnificent animals. The rot in horse racing goes deep. It is a sport that has outlived its time.

Prosecutors in the Southern District of New York on March 9 announced the arrests of 27 racehorse trainers, veterinarians and drug distributors on charges of operating a massive international scheme to drug horses to make them run faster and to cheat the betting public.

“What actually happened to the horses amounted to nothing less than abuse,” said William F. Sweeney Jr., assistant director in charge of the FBI's New York office.

“They experienced cardiac issues, over-exertion leading to leg fractures, increased risk of injury and, in some cases, death.” ...

Increased attention to the deaths of racehorses, on average nearly 10 horses a week, has shined a spotlight on horse racing's dark side that is changing public attitudes.

Activities involving animals that used to be tolerated — even revered — like circus elephants or killer whale shows ended as people learned of their terrible toll. Horse racing awaits a similar reckoning.

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## PERSPECTIVE

CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

BY HEATHER DIEPERINK

Why are all the celebrities getting tested before my hospitalized patients? Daily there are updates on which famous actor, member of Congress or athlete has tested positive for COVID-19. Film production crews are getting tests so they can safely keep producing movies. The NBA has tested its players even though the season was put on hold.

It is only a guess how many tests have been used over the last month by the rich and famous. Please stop now. There is a national shortage.

At hospitals around the country, medical providers are trying to wisely screen who gets the COVID-19 tests and who will be sent home to self-isolate while battling through a viral syndrome. This makes physicians just as frustrated as the patients who want answers. Is this the flu? Does my 1-year-old have a cold or will she be the rare very young patient who becomes critically ill with COVID-19?

There are not enough tests at my north suburban hospital for all the admitted patients with respiratory symptoms. The tests that are sent take up to a week for results. We are told to withhold testing if there is another possible diagnosis, such as congestive heart failure. This is absurd. Complicated patients such as the ones being admitted often have multiple diagnoses. An infection such as COVID-19 can present similarly to congestive heart failure but has to be isolated immediately.

As of March 18, the case fatality rate in Italy was 8.37%. In China, 29% of the confirmed cases are health care professionals, meaning there is a high number of cases contracted within the hospital. High mortality combined with a high rate of spread within a hospital leads to the conclusion that many health care workers will get critically ill. This number can go down by using personal protective equipment, or PPE, appropriately — not reusing the same mask for days and days, for instance.

COVID-19 patients must be identified early to keep down the spread of infection within the hospital setting.

Emergency physicians often admit patients without a full diagnosis, but now the stakes are too high for

## HEY, ALL YOU FAMOUS PEOPLE!

Why don't you *stay home* and let our medical workers use those COVID-19 tests?



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

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guessing. We need facts as quickly as possible.

By now everyone knows that asymptomatic patients can spread COVID-19. Many patients present with diarrhea rather than fever and respiratory symptoms. COVID-19 patients need to be screened before they are admitted and potentially spreading viral particles throughout the hospital. They need to be diagnosed in the ER or at least within 24 hours of admission so that we can save our precious supply of masks and gowns. I can't afford to have my co-workers doing rounds for days on a COVID-19 patient who was not appropriately isolated.

Over the past week, I was informed our vendor lab is overwhelmed by testing and the results are delayed. This is likely, but it leads me to wonder: How long does it take to get test results for a famous basketball player, an actor or a senator? Can't they sit in their beautiful homes and self-isolate?

Save the testing for the sickest patients. Is my Medicare patient just not a priority because Facebook fans aren't following his or her hospital course? Because his or her Twitter account doesn't have a million followers? Is my ER co-worker who has been sick with a fever and cough for the last seven days unimportant? Why can't she get a test result by now? I will cover her shifts and pray she gets better. I care far more about her test results at this moment than anyone else because we need her intubation skills and clinical intuition now more than ever.

Yet I'm told to just wait for the lab to catch up. Be patient. It takes time.

One friend at the hospital said her daughter has been crying everyday, terrified that her mother will contract the illness while at work. What can we say? I prefer to lie to my children and say I'm fine. Inside I am falling apart. I don't want to get sick. I want to be strong for my patients, co-workers and, most of all, for my family.

Thank you, celebrities, for all the loving social media posts, but please stop getting tested until all the hospitals and frontline workers have had their tests.

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## Quilters are patching together hope through sewing effort

BY JOANNE CLEAVER

Once again, it's the quilters' turn to save America.

Doctors, nurses, EMTs and caregivers all need face masks. And while production ramps up to bring the official, virus-filtering N95 respirator masks to frontline medical staff, quilters are coming to the rescue with unofficial, ick-filtering, home-sewn masks similar to surgical masks. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention explains the difference on its website.

Turns out that high thread count, tightly woven cotton fabric keeps out about 74% of airborne gunk. Home-sewn masks won't keep out viruses such as the coronavirus causing the current COVID-19 pandemic, but they keep out other things, and they're better than bandannas. They also help prevent a coronavirus-infected person from spreading the contagion if they must travel to a doctor's clinic or

hospital.

The challenge is on to America's quilters! Who has fabric and knows how to sew it, quick, into millions of masks?

Yes, we do, and yes, we can, and yes, we are.

Thus opens the next chapter in Quilting Saving Lives. Since before we were a country, quilting as a craft has supported mental and emotional health, not even counting the literal warmth that finished quilts have wrapped around millions.

Quilting has saved me, over and over again.

In 1974, my mother sewed for thrift, not for pleasure. This meant that over the next couple of years, when bicentennial fever intersected with the still-new women's movement, my 15-year-old history buff self discovered that women's history was written in fabric and stitches, not on parchment with quill pens.

Colonial women, and women since, expressed themselves through what

they had on hand. Back then, I had neither access to new fabric nor the money to buy it. That made patchwork all the more an exercise in channeling creativity through the filter of the possible. The library stocked newly published books about quilting as a prism for women's life experience. Applying sophomore geometry, I engineered patterns from photos of museum quilts and found a key for my voice.

When your medium is salvage, you can experiment without fear of waste. My Baptist upbringing was a black-and-white checkerboard of right and wrong. Quilting was a rainbow of gray. That is how I powered through my very first quilt, an eight-pointed star that I later learned was an advanced technique. When I hit bumps of fabric as I pieced the diamonds, I simply did what I was learning in driver's ed: it was sewing machine pedal to the metal. Making something of



CHRIS DORST/CHARLESTON GAZETTE-MAIL

Semi-retired nurse Sara Morrison models a mask on March 24 that she made at her home in St. Albans, West Virginia.

nothing is healing, especially when your world falls apart and nothing is what you have. When my husband and I left the church where we'd been members for 27 years, I cut fine Liberty of London prints into inch-and-a-half strips and sewed Irish chains of pastel flowers. Our lives would come back together in the same way: still us, just in a different design.

There is always someone who needs to be wrapped in a fabric hug. A close friend runs an early-intervention program that helps families in distress weather crises. Quilts for beds of the host families, quilts for the

families in need and a few showcase quilts for fundraising; there have been weekends when empty spools pile up in a basket on my windowsill like beer cans after a frat party.

In the aftermath of the Civil War, veterans sewed tiny squares into bed quilts as a form of therapy and as a way to occupy themselves as they slowly healed. In the Great Depression, mills printed pretty designs on flour sacks so that mothers could have free fabric for baby dresses and lots of scraps for quilts. In 1985, the AIDS Memorial Quilt helped transform fear to grief and understanding.

I have now been quilting for 46 years. Despite surgical repair, my eyes cannot see fine detail as they used to. I am in the wings of the waterlilies stage of quilting. As his eyesight faded, Monet painted as brightly as ever, just bigger. I will soon have the perfect reason to pivot to the sharp contrasts and intense, flat colors of the modern quilting movement.

I had to create scraps for the masks I sewed this past month. To create inserts of a nonwoven filter fabric that might block viruses better than plain cotton, I peeled apart vacuum bags left over from a machine that long ago sucked its last.

But for the fabric that would be doctors' faces to their world, I pulled from my best Indonesian-made batiks: ocean blues and pink flowers on the finest, tightest cotton. Thousands of quilters are giving their best too, many of them connecting through the Facebook group Relief Crafters of America. If anybody can patch together hope in this moment, it's the quilters.

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# PERSPECTIVE



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Myles Ray, right, argues with Susan Weiland, an anti-abortion supporter, at a women's health clinic March 25 in Mississippi.

## 'Moral profiteers' crusade to close abortion clinics during pandemic

BY KATIE WATSON

Pandemics magnify who we are. Kind people get groceries for elderly neighbors. Internet trolls blast pornography in Zoom meetings. And anti-abortion zealots make up fake reasons for shutting down abortion clinics.

In Ohio and Texas, abortion opponents are exploiting the suspension of non-urgent medical care to try to impose their agenda of forced childbearing. States such as Mississippi are poised to follow suit, and a coalition of anti-abortion groups has asked the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to make this policy federal.

This swift attempt to confiscate pregnant women's constitutional rights "for the common good" is a frighteningly totalitarian move.

We all want to preserve health care workers' personal protective equipment. However, the claim that suspending abortion provision will accomplish this goal is a shameful ruse. Women blocked from ending unwanted pregnancies will then need prenatal care and hospital labor and delivery services that use exponentially more PPE.

Their second tack is to try to exclude pregnancy termination from their definitions of what health-preserving surgeries and procedures may proceed. From a purely medical perspective, termination of an unwanted pregnancy always preserves health because the risk of death from childbearing is 14 times higher than from abortion. However, there's something even larger at stake in abortion denied. Having your body commandeered

by the state is the death of freedom, and being forced by the government into continued pregnancy and parenthood ends life as you know it forever. That's part of the reason that, unlike almost all other health care, abortion access is a constitutional right. Abortion is health care, and abortion is freedom.

I think of the people advocating these plans as "moral profiteers." Economic profiteers exploit misfortune to reap unreasonable financial gains selling scarce essential goods. These profiteers are cynically exploiting our current crisis in medical care to impose their long-standing moral claims. They take a high tone while doing the lowest thing — cornering women confronting the double-whammy of a pandemic and an unwanted pregnancy.

In recent years, 42% of people confronting unintended pregnancies have chosen to end them. Only time will tell, but it is possible that those numbers will go up during this crisis. Among all abortion patients, 75% are "poor" (below the poverty line, which is currently \$12,760 for a single person) or "low income" (below two times the poverty line), and 59% of abortion patients are already mothers. In this period of economic crisis and health threats, even more unemployed workers and struggling parents might decide that this is the wrong time to continue an unintended pregnancy. And it is possible that more time at home will combine with decreased access to contraception to increase this year's rate of unintended pregnancy.

How should politicians and departments of health respond to medical care in a pandemic? States such as Ohio and

Texas should preserve public health by going the opposite direction, temporarily suspending the symbolic restrictions they have imposed on abortion clinics to express their disapproval of women exercising their constitutional right.

In a time when the health of our entire population requires social distancing, needless waiting periods that force women to make two trips to an abortion clinic when one trip is sufficient for every comparable medical procedure doubles her exposure risk — and that of every other patient and health care worker she encounters.

In a time when the health of our entire population requires less travel, it is unconscionable to continue allowing telemedicine for everything but the abortion pill. In a time when our physician workforce will be reduced by sickness and quarantine, continuing to prohibit advanced practice nurses from doing the same things in abortion clinics they are allowed to do in other clinic and hospital settings could prevent the obstetricians who staff abortion clinics from delivering babies in the labor and delivery wards many of them also work in. And abortion clinic staff really could reduce their use of PPE, such as masks, if unnecessary state-mandated sonograms and blood and urine tests were suspended.

Abortion should always be regulated like every other form of health care, whether we are in a pandemic or not.

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## Exactly how much power do we really want to give the government right now?

BY JON HEALEY

The coronavirus outbreak is becoming a new ideological litmus test, but not the one we all thought it was going to be.

Sure, there's the usual split between the Trumpian right, which has insisted throughout that the problem is under control, and the Pelosian left, which has been writing your grandmother's obituary since late February. That's reinforced by the greater prevalence of the virus in urban areas than in rural ones.

But there's also the gap between people whose businesses, incomes and quality of life are being strangled by the preventive measures some states and cities are imposing, and people who are still working in relative safety whose current circumstances aren't so bleak.

The first group is stunned and alarmed at the raw display of power by governments that are slamming the brakes on commerce and throwing millions of people out of work, all in response to a virus that has sickened and killed far fewer Americans than the flu does every year. The second group looks at the rapidly rising numbers of people infected, hospitalized and killed by COVID-19 and can't understand why anyone would even think of defying the social distancing guidelines.

The groups do not separate along partisan lines; the strongest determinants appear to be the effects the outbreak are having on your livelihood and your circle of friends.

I'm in the latter contingent, working from home alongside a wife and two sons who have managed to keep themselves reasonably busy. And I worry that I'm blithely supporting policies whose long-term benefits seem inarguable but whose short-term costs are more painful than I recognize.

My sister Carol Healey lives in the Bay Area of California, a hotbed for the coronavirus. Objectively speaking, she's one of the world's best humans, generous and empathetic to an extreme. And she hap-

pens to be in the group wondering if the efforts we're making to rein in COVID-19 are causing more harm than the disease itself.

She lamented to me the assumptions we're making about how to prevent the spread of the coronavirus, asking, "Where are the scientific studies of a population practicing frequent hand-washing and social distancing but continuing to work at their jobs, to show that they are contracting this virus and spreading it, as compared to persons in shut-down businesses staying home except to walk their dogs, exercise, go to the grocery store and the pharmacy?"

That's a good question, and I think the answer is that it's too early for any studies to have been completed. But the evidence from Japan, which has taken the first approach, suggests that it's not as effective as it initially seemed — the disease appears to be picking up steam, and local leaders are starting to call for a more stringent approach. And the experience in China and, more recently, Washington state makes clear that clampdowns work.

My sister readily conceded that we have to flatten the curve of coronavirus infections to keep hospitals and clinics from being overrun with patients. But she noted that most people who contract COVID-19 don't need to be hospitalized.

"People can handle putting off large-crowd events, concerts, sports, etc.," she wrote. "The freedom-loving people in this country cannot handle being told they cannot work, cannot leave their homes, or that their business cannot continue because the public health requires it."

"Keeping us safe is the biggest killer of individual freedom ever invented by lawyers and politicians. It is an excuse used to perpetrate all kinds of oppression and of course enabled the rise of fascism."

All true, and yet job No. 1 for every elected official in this country is to keep people safe.

And to me and others on my side of the debate, the threat posed by the novel

coronavirus seems far, far greater than the other side acknowledges. The flu is not an apt comparison; not only is there no vaccine for COVID-19, there's not even a proven treatment yet (although some may be arriving soon as tests ramp up). Even worse, people who test positive for the disease are being hospitalized at a rate that's alarmingly high and growing.

As the number of COVID-19 patients in severe respiratory distress grows, hospitals will run out of intensive care beds. That means doctors and nurses will have to start deciding who will get potentially lifesaving care and who won't — not just among COVID-19 cases, but every victim of a potentially fatal injury or illness. Some systems are already preparing for that eventuality.

That's why folks in my camp believe the first task is to beat this virus, even if doing so requires economically painful but necessary measures such as mandatory social distancing. In the meantime, Congress needs to do the sort of thing it's doing right now, directing massive amounts of financial aid to the people and businesses whose livelihoods are being crushed.

But it's not an easy call, not by any stretch of the imagination. I'll give my sister the last words:

"So the question remains, will our leaders do this to us again next year, or for the next new virus without a vaccine, for the 'public safety'?" she wrote. "Will the hospitals be better equipped next time? Will we have enough components made in this country to enable us to quickly develop a vaccine and to supply billions of masks?"

"There's something very wrong where the only solution is to shut down the country and scrap individual freedom of movement. Let's fix that."

Amen to that.

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### VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

#### Pay attention to this 'act'

As I watched President Donald Trump's press briefing one recent morning, I could not help but be struck with the irony of the situation we now face. He and his supporters have been so concerned with building a physical barrier to the United States to keep us safe. He has repeatedly talked about immigrants coming to our country and jeopardizing our health and our jobs. This obsession led to the failure to see that the greatest enemy is the one that knows no borders. Precious time may have been lost because he refused to acknowledge the danger.

We and the rest of the world are now struggling to stay alive and solvent, fighting an enemy we cannot see. There is wording contained in many documents citing exceptions to rules and regulations in the event of an "act of God." If this is truly an "act of God," then we had better listen.

— Paula Hennessey, Carol Stream

#### Let's rethink our ways

We have a world pandemic with the coronavirus in our midst causing hundreds of thousands of infected and tens of thousands of deaths.

When does it stop? How is it stopped? By whom and when? We are our own enemy and can this be our punishment by God as well? We need to change our ways and behaviors.

God bless all and pray that this will come to an end.

— John Moravec, Naperville



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Workers wash a light pole and sidewalk on State Street in the Loop on March 25.

#### Changing for the better

The cultural story of the United States has always been based in the quest for the American Dream of the individual. Manifest destiny drove us West to explore and settle, to make a good life for us and our own. However, this attitude has led to our story being dripped in the blood of those who got in our way. It created intense tribalism that still exists today that has us lashing out before reaching out. Everyone is hyperfocused on their own needs and desires, which has doomed us all in this crisis.

It enrages me to think of all the politicians who chose to sell off their stocks before alerting the public. It makes me furious that there is little competent leadership on the federal level, especially when global communication and unity is key to flatten the curve.

The government's role and ethical responsibility is to serve its people, but we now see that it has been serving the pursuit of profit at the expense of people's lives. The world is watching the failure of the American experiment. So, how do we move forward?

To dream of a better future requires being able to visualize it in all its facets. We need to listen to the lessons of the past and learn from them. We need to figure out what a utopia looks like before we can find our way there. Individualism and greed have doomed us in our present, but if we turn to community and empathy, I truly believe there is hope. We as a society need to find a story for America that includes all of us and rejects the tribalism that has set us at each other's throats. We need radical unity.

Change is coming, whether we like it. The question is: What will each one of us do to ensure that it is positive change for us all?

— Ruari McDonnell, Chicago

#### Elites, CEOs should help

Where are all the Hollywood elites with their millions in this time of crisis? They are always so quick to criticize and give their liberal opinions.

I haven't heard a peep out of any of them. Give up some of the millions that you make and start helping with the relief effort and to get some medical supplies flowing to these hospitals.

Also, CEOs of the companies in this country who make outrageous millions of dollars, give up those multimillion-dollar paychecks and start taking care of your workers who are forced to stay home with no money coming in, bills to pay and mouths to feed.

In times like these, we can't rely on the politicians to get the job done; they are all too worried about their own political survival.

— Tom Giese, Chicago

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## How to survive bleak days ahead

The coronavirus pandemic has become a full-fledged financial pandemic. A shocking number of workers are being laid off, especially in the airline, hotel and hospitality sectors.

Last week, the Department of Labor said 3.28 million people filed claims for unemployment benefits in the week ending March 21. That's a record-breaking number and much higher than the 665,000 peak during the Great Recession. Many workers are idle as restaurants and other businesses are forced to shutter during the coronavirus crisis.

What makes this situation so scary is the suddenness with which it enveloped us. The economy essentially came to a dead stop in March. Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell said late last week that the U.S. economy might already be in a recession, but also said the pandemic must be contained before the economy can bounce back.

The question now is how long will this last and how deep will it be?

JPMorgan Chase is forecasting that the U.S. economy will shrink by 14% in the second quarter. If so, that would be far worse than the worst quarter of the last recession, when in the final three months of 2008, the economy contracted by 8.9%.

Other economists are not as downbeat, with estimates ranging from a drop of 5% to 8% in Q2, followed by a less severe fall off of 2 to 4 percent.

Of course, these are just early estimates, but you get the gist: Things are going to get ugly — and fast. When the dark times loom, it's best to get back to basics. Start by assessing what's coming in and, more importantly, what's going out. Typical expenses on this list should include: food, shelter, utilities, car payment, insurance, medical/pharmaceutical expenses, dependent care costs and debt payments (student loans, credit cards, etc.)

Paying for food and shelter should come first. After that, everything is up for grabs. Several cities and states are banning utility shutoffs during this national emergency, so you may not have to worry if you are late and/or can't pay. Additionally, many Internet service providers are suspending data caps, waiving fees and have committed to not disconnecting service to those who can't pay their bills.

As far as debt, the FDIC issued a statement "encouraging financial firms to take prudent steps to assist customers and communities affected" by coronavirus by:

- Waiving certain fees, such as ATM fees, overdraft fees, and late payment fees on credit cards and other loans.
- Increasing credit card limits for credit-worthy borrowers.
- Offering payment accommodations, such as allowing borrowers to defer or skip some payments or extending the payment due date.

The FDIC also suggests that financial institutions "work with all borrowers, especially borrowers from industry sectors particularly vulnerable to the volatility in the current economic environment and small businesses and independent contractors that are reliant on affected industries."

The key is that you have to let them know that you are one of those who might be impacted. Instead of hiding, be honest with lenders and companies that you deal with and see if they might modify the terms on existing loans so that you have a little breathing room.

Try not to tap retirement accounts and preserve the money in your savings, because we don't know how long this will last.

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DREAMSTIME

## What are you really saying?

Those working remotely should think about digital body language

By SHAMA HYDER | Inc.

If you've spent most or all of your career working in a physical office, then the idea of digital body language might be slightly foreign. Still, we've all been there.

Did the boss' "k" in an email mean she was upset or didn't like your idea? Did a colleague's eye-roll emoji mean fleeting irritation, or is he really angry?

I've been speaking on the future of business for a while and running a remote b2b agency for over a decade, so teaching and understanding digital body language has been par for the course. Now, many of us are having to quickly learn how to work, manage and collaborate with employees and peers without in-person contact.

And that means that digital body language is more important than ever been before.

So, what exactly is digital body language? Is it how you hold yourself on video calls? The emojis you use in group chats? How you announce yourself on conference calls?

These all are components of digital body language.

These components, along with all the other numerous little details of how we communicate — whether on the phone, via a messaging app like Slack, on videochat or through email — are what create our digital body language. And our digital body language is critical for establishing and maintaining good rapport, contributing to high morale and just generally creating a positive work environment for everyone at the company.

If your workplace has transitioned to remote work as part of the coronavirus response, then good digital body language is a way to maintain and build upon the connection you already have with your co-workers. It means:

- Turning on your camera during video chats, instead of sticking to voice only.
- Speaking confidently and clearly on conference calls.
- Meeting deadlines and showing up on time for virtual meetings.
- Being friendly and present on messaging channels, without taking too much time away from work.

These are all simple, yet extremely

powerful, ways to convey a sense of who you are and how you work when your co-workers can't see you and interact with you in person.

Managing employees remotely can be a struggle for even the best managers, especially those who rely on lots of face-to-face conversations in order to stay connected and take the temperature of their teams.

One of the best ways to establish good working relationships with your remote team is to model excellent communication from the get-go. Over-communicate, in fact; it will set a great example for your team, as over-communication is one of the keys to being successful as a remote company. This is especially true if you're suddenly transitioning from a traditional working model.

The transition will take time, and open, frequent and effective communication is the only way to ensure that things that ordinarily would have been handled through a simple face-to-face conversation don't fall through the cracks.

Other ways to keep up a strong connection with your employees is to schedule time for one-on-one meetings, as well as check in with them in a low-

pressure, friendly way every couple of days at least.

Remember, you can't stop by their desk to ask them how their day is going anymore. You've got to find other ways to show that you're invested in them.

Perhaps the most difficult thing for people who are more used to working within shouting distance of each other is nailing the right tone in instant messages, emails, texts and other types of online communication, especially when anxiety is running high among some people.

A simple request to speak with an employee can send him or her into a cold sweat if it's not delivered in the appropriate manner.

Do you simply want to see how someone's day is going? Make sure he or she knows that right away; add a smiling emoji or a waving hand to make the casual nature of the conversation known. Ask how things are going and schedule time to chat, if needed.

You want to be even more considerate of this point in these difficult times, when so many people have already lost their jobs or experienced some loss of income. Uncertainty is everywhere, and employees may be much more ready to jump to unpleasant conclusions than they would be otherwise.

Also, although emojis were used almost exclusively by text-happy teenagers at first, they've become an essential element of text-based communication. Everyone from the CEO on down should feel good about using them. But careful and thoughtful words are important as well.

Digital body language matters now more than ever, and it will continue to be vital for the foreseeable future. Pay attention to how you're presenting yourself online and it could mean the difference between success and failure.

*Shama Hyder is the founder and CEO of Zen Media.*



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# Pensions can bring reduced SocSec benefits

Some who worked in public sector affected



BY ELLIOT RAPHAELSON  
The Savings Game

Unfortunately, if you receive a pension from a job where you were not required to pay FICA taxes, Social Security benefits are reduced for you and your spouse. This is mandated under the so-called Windfall Elimination Provision and the Government Pension Offset.

I have received a great deal of correspondence lately from people who either are not aware of these provisions or do not fully understand their implications.

The people affected are certain public sector workers, including some federal, state and local employees whose retirement systems were not part of the Social Security system. This can include police officers, firefighters and many foreign workers.

One impacted group is federal employees hired before 1984 who remained under the Civil Service Retirement System. Federal employees hired under the Federal Employees Retirement System are not subject to WEP or GPO because these individuals did pay FICA taxes. Also exempt are many but not all state and municipal workers. If you are not sure if you are affected, you should contact your employee benefits office/and or the Social Security Administration.

For your non-FICA years, your earnings were exempt from Social Security taxes, and not included in SSA records. These years are posted as "zero years" unless you also had other jobs in which you paid FICA taxes.

For workers who did not work at all during those zero years, Social Security uses a higher wage replacement rate,



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based on a progressive sliding percentage scale, to compute their benefits. But this higher replacement rate is meant for true low-wage workers.

In the case where you receive a pension without having paid FICA taxes, the high replacement rate for low earners is considered an unfair windfall. For this reason, WEP eliminates part of the higher percentage bonus for people with non-FICA pensions. If you are affected, your Social Security benefit will be reduced up to \$463/month in 2019 This is the worst-case scenario.

The reduction could be less if you have lower Social Security earnings, if you have many years of Social Security earnings or if your non-covered pension is low.

The WEP only affects your Social Security payments, not your other pension. WEP applies only if you are eligible for both Social Security and a pension from a job not covered under Social Security. If you have 21 to 29 years of substantial earnings (substantial level was \$24,675 for 2019) that were taxed for Social Security, it would have less of an impact. If you had 30 years of such work, it would have no impact.

For more information on WEP, go to

[www.ssa.gov/planners/retire/gpo-wep.html](http://www.ssa.gov/planners/retire/gpo-wep.html).

WEP affects your own Social Security payments. If you receive a pension from a federal, state or local government, a different provision, the Government Pension Offset could reduce your spousal or survivor benefit. The amount of the reduction is two-thirds of your government pension. The offset is often enough to eliminate any Social Security spousal benefit.

Example: Alice retired from a state government job and receives a pension of \$600 per month. Her husband has a full Social Security payment of \$2,000 per month.

Alice would normally be eligible for a spousal benefit of \$1,000 per month. However, in this situation, her spousal benefit would be reduced by 2/3 of \$600, or \$400. So, her spousal benefit would be reduced from \$1,000 per month to \$600.

For more information on GPO, visit [www.ssa.gov/planners/retire/gpo-wep.html](http://www.ssa.gov/planners/retire/gpo-wep.html).

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TERRY SAVAGE  
The Savage Truth

## Tough decisions ahead as college letters arrive

In the midst of this COVID-19 pandemic, high school seniors and their families will receive college admissions letters in the coming days.

They will learn which schools have accepted them and which have put them on the waiting list. They will also be asked to make a nonrefundable deposit with the school of their choice — a decision that must be made within 30 days. That deposit may range from \$100 to as much as \$1,000, so a commitment now will be costly to change later.

Along with the admissions letter, many will receive an aid package from each school, based on the FAFSA form the family may have filed in a different lifetime, in October. For many students, the decision on which school to attend will depend on the total cost the family is expected to provide, after the aid offer.

What happens if your family's finances are in crisis — unemployment, business shutdown or illness? What if your college savings have been decimated by the stock market decline? Here's some advice on how to approach the decision process from Casey Near, executive director of counseling at CollegeWise, a service dedicated to helping families with the admissions process, from application to understanding financial aid to essay writing.

The good news, according to Near, is that hundreds of schools are extending the deposit deadline from May 1 to June 1.

You are allowed to make an acceptance deposit at only one school. Check with your school to make sure of the deadline.

A delayed deadline will give admitted students a chance to review their aid packages and go back to the schools that accepted them to request more money if their family circumstances have changed. Of course, this will deluge the financial aid offices at colleges across the country. Near says that your request will be viewed more favorably if it is well-documented, showing specifics of loss of income.

Wealthy schools with large endowments may be able to immediately increase their offer, based on your substantiated request. Smaller colleges may have less flexibility to add to their offer. The result will be a lot of uncertainty for the schools about which families will commit to attend. Near expects that schools will expand their waiting lists this year, because of all the uncertainty.

If your child is on a waiting list, confirm that you are still interested. At this point, a well-written letter to the admissions department saying this school is a first choice may be helpful to your standing.

Of course, when you are on the waiting list you don't know what the eventual aid package will be. And you might not hear about the acceptance until the summer — close to the August deadlines for first semester tuition payments at the school that accepted you.

There are two new important new issues to consider now:

■ First, this year students (and their paying parents) have some leverage in the financial aid process. Schools will be worried about having enough enrollment this coming fall, meaning you could get more aid.

■ Second, the next few weeks will be the time for a family discussion about what is really financially possible, not only for the coming year but for the next four years.

Many want to be at a top-tier school, but can you afford that? Parents also should consider the savings if students live at home for the first year, saving on living expenses.

Amid these tough times, students may value their education more, no matter where they get it. And that's The Savage Truth.

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## What the 1% buy to feel secure

### Wellness market sees sales jump during coronavirus crisis

BY MATHEW BOYLE  
Bloomberg

Some Americans have found a measure of reassurance in these coronavirus days by stocking up on hand sanitizer and toilet paper. For others, peace comes with the purchase of a \$4,995 emergency go-bag, outfitted with "Bond-like gadgets" and custom monogramming.

Or a \$149.95 "virus-eliminating" personal air purifier that's worn as a necklace. Or a \$99.95 Sanitized Sleeper's Safe Haven, a bedtime cocoon made from "patented antimicrobial fabric that kills nearly 100% of bacteria, fungi and viruses."

These items are part of a cornucopia of survival products that float at the rarefied end of the burgeoning \$4.5 trillion wellness market. As the pandemic spreads, they're sold out or on back order or otherwise in short supply. Just like toilet paper.

"Our warehouse shelves are almost wiped out," says Ryan Kuhlman, co-founder of Preppi, maker of high-end disaster kits including the go-bag, which comes with four hard-to-obtain N95 respirator masks. Preppi's sales so far this month have increased 5,000% compared with February.

For makers of products that cater to one-percenters nervous about exposure to a deadly illness, inventory can't be replenished fast enough.

The granddaddy of pricey-gadget peddlers is Hammacher Schlemmer & Co. The retailer stocks a range of defenses such as the "Virus, Mold, And Germ Destroying Air And Surface Sanitizer," which for \$399.95 promises to zap nasty microbes from your living room using technology similar to what NASA employs to purify its space shuttles.

In the days before coronavirus, the



PREPPI

The Prepster Ultra Advanced Fireproof Emergency Bag sells for \$4,995 from Preppi.

item was billed mainly as a mold fighter. And though it was always meant to fight viruses, the company added the v-word to it and some other products to grab the attention of agitated shoppers, not to mention internet-search algorithms.

"We strengthened the title to aid consumers in their search," said Ann Marie Resnick, the company's vice president of marketing.

It's working. Sales of some Hammacher personal-care items are up as much as 500%, according to Resnick.

"It just went boom," she said. "Everyone needs an air purifier for the home. You'll need more than one."

Coronavirus-related spending is most prevalent among higher-income consumers, according to Stifel, Nicolaus & Co., and those folks need everyday items as well.

If Purell is too gloopy for well-manicured hands, there's Touchland, a spray-on sanitizer (\$12 for 1.3 ounces) whose packaging looks to be modeled on a mini-iPhone. It contains moisturizers,

essential oils and something called Glycereth-26, which the company says is "an awesome humectant." Bonus: It smells like watermelon or lavender or other fun stuff, not ethyl alcohol.

There's just one problem: It's currently sold out.

"It's been a little bit crazy," said Andrea Lisbona, Touchland's founder and chief executive.

Lisbona said she'd just returned to the U.S. from the company's factory in Mexico, which is ramping up production to get Touchland into the unsanitized hands of the 25,000 customers on its waiting list.

"Until three weeks ago, this product was essentially a fashion statement," said Alexander Chernev, a marketing professor at Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management. "Now, things have changed."

Turns out, if you want something that's both fancy and functional, you might have to wait — no matter what tax bracket you're in.

## The catching-up fallacy

Saying "I need to catch up" can be a recipe for failure. It is impossible to truly catch up. Sleep experts say you can't catch up on lost sleep and you can't get time back. Worse, it gets you into the wrong mentality for future productivity.



### You feel like a failure

Imagine starting your day saying you need to catch up. When you think about it, it means you already believe you are behind.

Instead, focus on the must-dos that will truly accelerate your progress today. Prune your to-do list to things that have to be done immediately to move forward.

### You experience shame

You may have procrastinated, been ill or simply been out of town. The catch-up idea can easily trigger shame, which means feeling bad about yourself. To actually be more productive, consider what you're looking forward to and do that.



### You are pushing yourself

Doubling up on your work expectations and expecting to get twice as much done is like doubling the oven temperature and wanting the cookies to be done twice as fast.

As an alternative, try actually working less and strategizing more. Taking a walk or meditating can give your brain the room to determine the most effective next action.

SOURCE: Inc

## SUCCESS

# Junk food, no pants and feeling isolated

How employees are handling WFH

BY CAMERON ALBERT-DEITCH | Inc.

By now, your entire office is probably working remotely because of coronavirus concerns. And if you've never done this before, it's almost certainly an adjustment for managers, their teams and the organization at large.

In the past few years, I've talked to a \$2 billion company that is entirely remote, collected tips on how to build great remote leadership habits, explored the challenges of maintaining solid data security when many people are working from home and gathered tips from founders who manage their productivity and sanity by drawing clearer lines between when they're in and out of the office.

Still, there's a difference between talking about remote work and actually doing it on such a huge scale.

So, last week I asked my Inc. co-workers about their work-from-home experiences. I tapped people with extensive remote-work experience for their advice and relative WFH newcomers for their biggest surprises so far.

Their responses are as follows and they generally fell into three categories:

## Staying productive

**Struggles:** "Bewilderingly — even though I have fewer distractions now — it feels like there are fewer hours in the day. It could just be that routine tasks like answering emails are taking a bit longer since all my tools aren't quite as streamlined in my work-from-home setup, and a minute or two per task adds up. I feel like I'm having to be more diligent about writing down and following my daily to-do list, because otherwise I'll fall behind."

"I find myself wanting to make small comments throughout the day about work and what's in the news. Instead, I turn to social media and immediately get sucked into a distracting loop. Before, I could just make the joke, hear a chuckle and move on. Now, I find myself saying, 'Oh, shoot, how did I just spend 15 minutes checking Twitter?'"

**Advice:** "The one thing I do when working from home: I get dressed for work. I'm not one of the pajama people. Getting dressed and going to my desk — as opposed to sitting on a sofa with a



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laptop — gives me the sense of a workplace, of punching in, if you will."

"Replicate your office experience as closely as you can at home. Structure your day exactly as you would a workday, starting (at a certain time), taking lunch/breaks and signing off around the same time you normally would. Set up your workspace in a similar fashion, eat the same kinds of snacks and check your (personal) email after hours, the same way you would on office days. Also, don't have children."

"No TV, no matter what. You cannot get anything done with CNN on in the background. This goes double for 'Mad Men' on auto-play. Save TV for later."

## Maintaining communication and connection

**Struggles:** "I miss making small jokes to my co-workers sitting immediately around me to help break up the day, tedious tasks, work anxiety, etc. Slack doesn't have the same feel, unfortunately. I took that casual workplace back-and-forth for granted!"

**Advice:** "Take short breaks and call friends who are also stuck at home. They're bored and isolated too, and they'd like to hear from you, even briefly."

"If you take 15 minutes to reply to an email in office, no one notices. The same delay (when) out of office sets off a chain reaction of pings and where-are-yous. Successfully working remotely requires a high level of attentiveness to communication, much more than in a face-to-face environment."

## Taking care of yourself

**Struggles:** "I didn't expect to have ergonomic issues. I've got my laptop placed at eye-level height atop a Scrabble Collector's Edition box."

"I'm surprised by how easy it is to just not wear pants. I'm starting to rethink my wardrobe around the fact that I'm just no longer wearing them."

"At the office, I'm good about having a salad for lunch every day and limiting snacks to fruit, granola, etc. At home, it

feels like every day is the weekend and the usual rules don't apply. I've found myself making big sandwiches or going through the cabinets for something unhealthy to munch on. Kind of crazy that it takes just a few days at home for something that's been a habit for years to go out the window."

**Advice:** "Do something physical every day, preferably something that also improves your posture, because you're likely sitting a heck of a lot more than you were before."

"Take a real lunch break. Set work aside for a little while to eat food away from your computer. A break is good for your eyes ... and for your sanity. You should also set aside your phone and stop looking at Twitter. This time is called a lunch break for a reason."

"Because you're not commuting, you ought to adjust your working schedule to reflect that you're probably getting more done in less time. This goes back to avoiding burnout. I get online at the same time every morning and log out at the same time every evening."

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**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.

**PATRICIA FRIESON, 61**  
*Retired nurse, Chicago. Died March 16.*



FAMILY PHOTO

Less than three weeks before she became the first person in Illinois to die from the new coronavirus, retired nurse Patricia Frieson posted a prophetic message on social media indicating she knew

how unrelenting the disease could be, especially for those like her who suffered from respiratory illness.

"Take care everyone," she said in a Feb. 28 message on Facebook, "(and) may the world recover from coronavirus soon."

Frieson, 61, one of nine children in a tight-knit family, later tested positive for COVID-19 and died March 16 at the University of Chicago Medical Center.

A longtime resident of the city's Auburn Gresham neighborhood on the South Side, Frieson is remembered for her soulful, powerful voice and deep faith. She often sang with her sisters at Progressive Beulah Pentecostal Church near her home.

She loved doting on her many nieces and nephews, and was "one of the sweetest people you ever want to meet," said a younger brother, Richard Frieson, of Minneapolis.

Frieson, who had a history of health problems including respiratory issues, pneumonia and lymphedema, wasn't too concerned when she first checked into the hospital, her brother said. But her condition quickly worsened.

He described the added pain for the family of not being able to comfort his sister, who was in isolation and on a ventilator in her final moments.

Two days earlier, while in the hospital, Frieson posted another message on her social media page.

It read: "Until the good Lord calls Me away from this world to the next, I want to make it clear that I believe in Jesus Christ as the True Lord and Savior. Despite the fact that I am human, and I fail a lot of times, I believe that Jesus is the Son of God, who was sacrificed on the cross, and died for our sins. He loves us all dearly (far more than we deserve) and forgives our sins if we are in repentance. His Word says 'who so ever believeth in Me, will be granted eternal life.'"

— Christy Gutowski and Elyssa Cherney

neapolis, said Bailey checked into the emergency room on the night of their sister's death because she, too, was experiencing breathing problems.

He said the family tried to remain hopeful that Bailey might pull through because she was in better overall health than the sibling who had died.

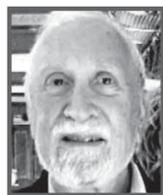
The brother said it is unclear how his sisters became infected. Patricia Frieson didn't get out much because of her health problems, he said. She had attended a funeral weeks before her death. The siblings also often attended church services together.

Relatives are now mourning back-to-back losses while in isolation.

"We hoped for the best, but it just didn't happen," Richard Frieson said.

— Christy Gutowski and Madeline Buckley

**JOHN LAPLANTE, 80**  
*Retired traffic engineer, Chicago. Died March 21.*



FAMILY PHOTO

Chicago native John LaPlante took great pride in working for the city. That didn't change even after his boss, Mayor Richard M. Daley, blamed him for the catastrophic 1992 subterranean flood in the Loop — a rebuke some quickly concluded was unfair.

But he didn't raise a fuss. He resigned at Daley's demand and moved into the private sector as a traffic engineer. Within a year, the city brought him back as a consultant for municipal projects.

"He took (the criticism) magnanimously, I think, and realized that's just the way it works," said his friend and colleague Tom Kaeser. "I think the mayor recognized that John was a good engineer. He was held in high regard."

LaPlante died March 21 at Evanston Hospital from what his family said were coronavirus-related causes. His daughter, Leslie LaPlante, said it appears he contracted the virus on a recent trip to Egypt. He fell ill upon his return and tested positive March 10, two days after he entered the hospital.

His wife, Linda, who accompanied him on the trip, did not contract the virus, Leslie LaPlante said. Wearing protective gear, Linda and Leslie LaPlante were both with him when he died.

Leslie LaPlante said her father, who retired in 2012, was an enthusiastic world traveler who was devoted to his family, his church and his profession. After leaving his city job, he continued his work with T.Y. Lin International Group, consulting on projects all over the world.

Heather Gaffney, a retired civil engineer who worked with LaPlante at T.Y. Lin, said he was a mentor to many in the profession and far ahead of the curve when it came to considering the transportation needs of cyclists, buses, pedestrians and the disabled.

"He was very much an innovator," she said.

Leslie LaPlante said the family plans a service "once we know what (circumstances) will allow." In the meantime, they're taking comfort in how LaPlante is being remembered — and how he is now serving as a reminder to treat the pandemic with the utmost seriousness.

"We've seen that for some people, it has driven it close to home," she said. "I guess that does make a difference."

— John Keilman

**WANDA BAILEY, 63**  
*Retired nurse, Crete. Died March 25.*



FAMILY PHOTO

Nine days after a retired nurse from Chicago's South Side became the first person in Illinois to die from a COVID-19 infection, another member of her family also succumbed to the deadly disease.

Wanda Bailey, 63, of Crete, died early March 25 at a hospital in south suburban Olympia Fields.

Authorities said Bailey died of pneumonia due to a COVID-19 infection with high blood pressure, heart and lung disease listed as contributing factors.

Bailey, one of nine siblings in a tight-knit family, is an older sister of Patricia Frieson, relatives said. A Waukegan funeral home confirmed it is handling arrangements for both sisters.

A brother, Richard Frieson, from Min-



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State William Seward reached agreement with Russia to purchase the territory of Alaska for \$7.2 million, a deal roundly ridiculed as "Seward's Folly."

**In 1939** Detective Comics No. 27 hit newsstands marking the debut of Batman.

(The issue was cover-dated May 1939)

**In 1981** President Ronald Reagan was shot and seriously injured outside a Washington hotel by John Hinckley Jr. (Also wounded were White House press secretary James Brady, a Secret Service agent and a District of Columbia police officer.)

**In 1992** the Cubs acquired Sammy Sosa in a trade with the White Sox for George Bell.

**In 2003** Mayor Richard Daley sent bulldozers to Meigs Field and had the runway torn up, effectively closing the downtown lakefront airport.

**In 2010** President Barack Obama signed the final changes to sweeping legislation overhauling the nation's health care industry and services.

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March 29  
Pick 3 midday ..... 802 / 7  
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Lucky Day Lotto midday .....  
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Pick 3 evening ..... 742 / 3  
Pick 4 evening ..... 6994 / 6  
Lucky Day Lotto evening .....  
04 08 13 23 32

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March 29  
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Daily 4 midday ..... 8595 / 3  
Daily 3 evening ..... 178 / 9  
Daily 4 evening ..... 7153 / 9  
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March 29  
Daily 3 midday ..... 755  
Daily 4 midday ..... 3384  
Daily 3 evening ..... 835  
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## Death Notices

### 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 Patrica 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 Eizenbeck. 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 DehlerFuneralHome.com

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### Fagerman, Steve

Steve peacefully departed this life on March 27, 2020 in his home, surrounded by love and in the excellent and attentive care of his family. Throughout his cancer diagnosis, treatment, and hospice enrollment Steve continued to live thoughtfully and consciously—and with his characteristic humor. Devoted husband to Betty, his high-school sweetheart; loving and beloved father of James (Allison), Kristofer (Tzeli), and Robert; adored Grandpa Steve ("G-Pa") of Isabella, Nicholas, Adam, and Katherine. Cherished son of the late Roy and Mary, and devoted brother to Glen (Tami). Treasured brother-in-law of Karen (Paul), Georgia (Jay), and Joanie (Mike); fond uncle and great uncle of many nieces and nephews. Avid golfer and gardener. Trusted colleague. Devoted fan of The Ides of March. To help continue the excellent end-of-life care provided to Steve and The Fagerman Family, kindly consider memorial donations to JourneyCare, 405 N. Lake Zurich Rd., Barrington, IL 60010 (224)770-2489 (<https://journey-care.org/donate/>). Memorial service will be held at a future date. Info. [www.anellofuneralandcremation.com](http://www.anellofuneralandcremation.com) or 847-951-9953.

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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 brother Raymond (Sylvia) Gilbert 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 Sinai 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.cjinfo.com

## CHICAGO JEWISH FUNERALS

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### Kaesmeyer, Carmen H.

Carmen H. Kaesmeyer nee Bode, age 86, of Arlington Heights, formerly of Lombard and Courtland, Minnesota. Memorial Services are planned for a later date at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Courtland, MN. Burial following at Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery, Courtland, Minnesota. Memorial Visitation pending at Brust Funeral Home, 135 S. Main Street, Lombard, after current crisis. Mrs. Kaesmeyer was the loving mother of Constance, Katherine (David) Moxon, Angela (Philip) Hyssong, and Rebecca (Dr. Louis, M.D.), Kazal; fond grandmother of 7; great-grandmother of 2; sister of 9; relative and friend to many. She is preceded in death by her beloved husband, Victor R., 5 brothers and sisters, and her cherished granddaughter, Lija. In lieu of flowers, memorials to The Lutheran Home, Arlington Heights or St. John's Ev. Lutheran School-Early Childhood Education, Lombard, are appreciated. For more info [www.brustfuneralhome.com](http://www.brustfuneralhome.com) or call 888-629-0094.

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### Mann, Beatrice 'Bebe'

Beatrice "Bebe" Mann, nee Bagno, age 99. Beloved wife of the late Max; cherished mother of Stewart (Kim), Ronald (Colleen) and William (late Delaine); loving grandmother of Ryan, Jason (Amber), Casey (Holden) Metz, Seth (Elizabeth), Nathan, Jamie and Jacqueline and great-grandchildren Owen, Samantha and Sawyer; dear sister of the late Sylvia Schneider; dear Sisters-in-law of Dorothy (late Louis) Wagman and the late Annafaye (late Arthur) Spreckman; fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. A private family graveside funeral is necessary, however a live stream video will be available on Tuesday March 31st at 3 PM (live) or anytime after at [www.mitzvahfunerals.com](http://www.mitzvahfunerals.com). Info **Mitzvah Memorial Funerals**, 630-MITZVAH (630-648-9824)

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### Paulley, Natalie J.

(nee Lundquist) Beloved wife of the late William; loving mother of the late Thomas "Zel" Paulley; devoted daughter of the late Helen (nee Hargrave) and the late George Lundquist; dear sister of Gloria (the late Robert) Gibbons; beloved aunt of many where she played a loving role in the lives of her nieces and nephews and her great nieces and nephews. She was cherished and loved by all. Services will be held privately for family only and a celebration of her life will be planned later. Please keep her in your memories and say a prayer for her. Arrangements by **Cooney Funeral Home**. 847-685-1002 [www.cooneyfuneralhome.com](http://www.cooneyfuneralhome.com)

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### Polzin, Darlene

Darlene F. Polzin, 75 of Huntley, died peacefully Tuesday due to complications from Alzheimer's, March 24, 2020.

Private family services are being held this week. A public memorial service will be organized at a later date.

Darlene was born December 26, 1944, the daughter of Marcus and Margaret Leff. On October 16, 1965 she married the love of her life Thomas Polzin. She managed several careers over her life and retired as a personal banker. She was a member of Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church. Darlene She had a big heart and loved people so dearly, she was a tremendous wife, amazing mother, loving grandmother and supportive friend who will always be remembered for her smile, laugh, and unwavering love for all; she will truly missed by all who had the opportunity to know her.

She is survived by her husband, Tom, her children, Tim (Lindsey), Todd (Amanda), Tammy Polzin. Also by her six grandchildren; Max, Henry, Grace, Charlie, Nick and Kevin and her brother, Mark (Sharon) Leff. She was preceded in death by her parents.

For further information please call the funeral home at 847-515-8772. We encourage everyone to leave an on line condolence for the family at [www.defio-refuneral.com](http://www.defio-refuneral.com) and in lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Alzheimer's Association <https://alz.org/>.

# DeFiore

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### Reynolds, Dorothy Loretta McNamee

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

## Beverly Ridge Funeral Home

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### Robbins, Judith

Judith Robbins, nee Reimer, 86. Beloved wife of the late Jerome; devoted mother of Carol Robbins Loeffler and Mark (Kathryn Meier) Robbins; cherished grandmother of Matthew Loeffler and Alexis, Sarah, and Corinne Robbins; loving sister of Rochelle (late Irwin) Price; caring aunt of Marcie (Ralph) Nach and Vicki Price. Graveside services are private, but you can access the service on the **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home** facebook page Tuesday, March 31 at 11 AM. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, [www.lls.org](http://www.lls.org). For info: 847-256-5700.

## WEINSTEIN & PISER FUNERAL HOME

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### Sonney, Dale K

86, passed away peacefully March 25, 2020 in Naples, Florida. He was born August 6, 1933 in Chicago, Illinois, the third son of the late Robert W. Sonney and Louise (Rouzan) Sonney.

Dale is a graduate of Chicago's Mt. Carmel High School and earned a Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Illinois. He met the love of his life, Sylvia (Gallegos) Sonney, a Spanish teacher in Louisville, Kentucky and were married in 1959. The newlyweds began their life together in Oak Park and Downers Grove, Illinois. Dale started his career as a Civil Engineer at NiGas Co. then began to trail blaze as an entrepreneur owning a mobile home park, Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park, Baskin Robbins, Real Estate and mortgage origination living in Valparaiso, Indiana. After Sylvia's death in 1995, Dale also know as Poppy spent time with his children, granddaughters, friends, golfing, traveling, Kiwanis, his church, the Moose, trivia and eating with the ROMEO Club (Retired Old Men Eating Out).

Dale retired to Venice, Florida and Naples, Florida. Dale is survived by his children; Diane (John) Olivo, Jon Sonney; 3 Granddaughters; Ashleigh Pierce (Tao-engaged), Jenell Sonney, Dale (Esteban) Cruz; 3 Greatgrandchildren; Aiden, Lillian and Sylvia who will miss him dearly.

A private mass will be held at St Agnes Catholic Church, Naples, Florida March 31, 2020 at 10:00 EST. We request that you say a pray or think about Dad and your loved ones during that time.

Dad will be buried beside his beloved wife Sylvia at St. Paul's Cemetery in Valparaiso, Indiana.

Celebration's of life, mass and memorial arrangements will be made for future dates. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Dale K. Sonney to St. Jude's or The American Cancer Society.

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### Wright, Shirley M.

Shirley M. Wright, nee Emerson; Dearly beloved wife of the late Joseph A.; Loving mother of Richard (Betty), Diane (Mike) Kenney and Joe; Cherished grandma of Michael, Angela, Matthew, Kevin and Brook; Dearest sister of Barbara Emerson; Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews; Private entombment at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Christ the King Mausoleum. Info. 773-286-2500 or [www.belmontfuneralhome.com](http://www.belmontfuneralhome.com)

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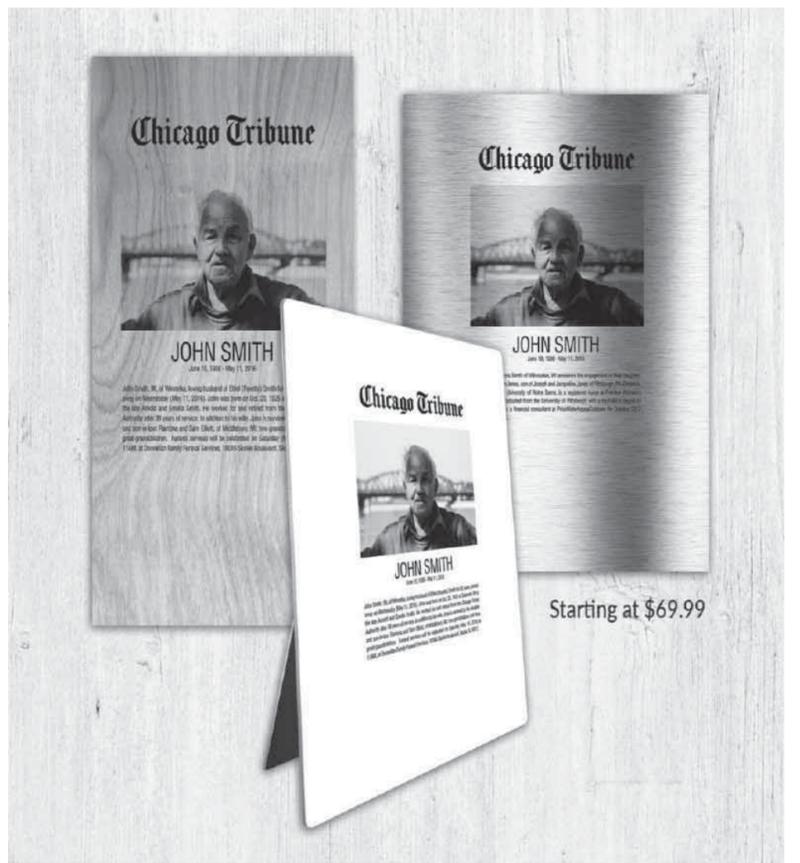


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**LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION**

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
CPS RFP FOR PARATRANSIT & ALTERNATIVE STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES  
DUE: APRIL 28, 2020 AT 11 A.M.  
SBE: <https://cps.edu/procurement/Pages/currentcontracts.aspx>  
3/30/2020 6643206

**COUNTY OF COOK OFFICE OF THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FACILITIES MANAGEMENT INVITATION FOR BID (IFB) FOR NEW ELECTRIC MOTORS, PUMPS AND AIR COMPRESSORS IFB NO.: 1945-18125**  
IFB Document: The IFB document is available for download at: <https://legacy.cookcountyl.gov/purchasing/bids/listallbids.php>

Contact Person: If you are not able to download the IFB or if you have other questions, please contact Angelique Randle, Contract Negotiator, at (312) 603-4478 or [angelique.randle@cookcountyl.gov](mailto:angelique.randle@cookcountyl.gov)

Questions: Questions can be submitted in writing to the contact person above until 12:00 PM (CST) on April 8, 2020.

Bid Due Date, Time, and Location: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 at 10:00 AM (CST)  
Office of the Chief Procurement Officer  
Cook County Building  
118 N. Clark Street, Room 1018  
Chicago, Illinois 60602

Toni Preckwinkle  
President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

Raffi Sarrafian  
Chief Procurement Officer

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**LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION**

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

**IN THE INTEREST OF Hazel Cobern**

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Diane Cobern (Mother) AKA Diana Cobern AKA Diane Coburn

JUVENILE NO.: **18JA00432**

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Diane Cobern AKA Diana Cobern AKA Diane Coburn, respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on December 30, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Maxwell Griffin in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 04/17/2020, at 10:00 AM in CALENDAR 10 COURTROOM J, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

**UNLESS YOU** appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

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

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
February 26, 2020 6644354



**LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION**

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

**IN THE INTEREST OF Dominik D Garcia**

A MINOR  
NO. **2018JD01875**

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

Notice is given you, Yvette Cuello (Mother), respondents, and to ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, that on November 19, 2018, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXX, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Terrence Sharkey in the 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois on 04/10/2020 at 9:00 AM in CALENDAR 63 COURTROOM 13,

or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act. The court has authority in this case to take from you the custody and guardianship of the minor.

Unless you appear at the hearing and show cause to the contrary, an order or judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief asked in the petition.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT  
March 12, 2020

ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY:  
**S. Auyeung, P. Sloan**  
ATTORNEY FOR:  
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS  
ADDRESS: 1100 South Hamilton  
CITY/STATE: Chicago, Illinois 60612  
TELEPHONE NUMBER: (312) 433-7000  
ATTORNEY NO.: 33182

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT,  
COOK COUNTY OF ILLINOIS  
March 12, 2020 6643479

**ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, OFFICE OF WATER RESOURCES PUBLIC NOTICE**

Sterling Bay, 1330 West Fullerton, Suite 800, Chicago, Illinois 60607 has applied for a permit from the DNR, OWR to install a riverwall and terraced riverwalk as part of the Lincoln Yards development on the east bank of the North Branch of the Chicago River in the City of Chicago. Inquiries and requests to view the complete application may be directed to Heather McGowan of OWR's Bartlett Office at 847/608-3116. Additional information on this project can be found at <http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/waterresources>. You are invited to send comments regarding this project to 2050 W. Steam Road, Bartlett, IL 60103 by April 17, 2020.  
3/30/2020 6643916

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3/20/2020 6643096

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

**IN THE INTEREST OF Tyjuan Jefferson**

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Tawana Jefferson (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: **19JA01508**

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Jefferson, Tawana (Mother), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on December 13, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Nicholas Geanopoulos in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 04/17/2020, at 10:30 AM in CALENDAR 17 COURTROOM K, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
February 24, 2020 6644344

**LEGAL NOTICES**

**NOTICE TO DISADVANTAGED BUSINESSES**

Gerardi Sewer & Water Co., 1785 Armitage Court, Addison, IL 60101  
1-630-519-5116, is seeking disadvantaged businesses for the Village of Downers Grove, 2020 Watermain Improvements Contract A. Project for Subcontracting opportunities in the following areas: Tree Protection, Pavement Marking, HMA Paving, Concrete Paving, Landscaping, Layout. All disadvantaged businesses should contact, IN WRITING, (certified letter, return receipt requested), James Gerardi to discuss the sub-contracting opportunities. All negotiations must be completed prior to bid opening 4/15/2020. Subcontractors will be evaluated according to the lowest responsive bidder.  
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## Terrance Wills leaned on NBA clients for business at barbershop near United Center



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Terrance Wills stands outside his Razor Red Grooming Solutions barbershop near the United Center on Wednesday.

# Razor burn: Cut to sports cost his shop

BY JAMAL COLLIER

About 1,200 signatures are on the walls inside Razor Red barbershop.

The walls are lined with the names of former Bulls players such as Scottie Pippen, Taj Gibson and Dwyane Wade; ex-Bears such as Matt Forte and David Terrell; and those just passing through town for sporting events, such as Kansas basketball coach Bill Self and Celtics forward Enes Kanter.

Current Bulls often stop by to get haircuts, including assistant coach Roy Rogers, team training staff members and players Zach LaVine, Chandler Hutchison and Wendell Carter Jr.

But the windows of the shop were boarded up last week when its owner, Terrance Wills, was forced to shut down after Chicago's stay-at-home

order went into effect, closing non-essential businesses. Barbershops and salons across the country find themselves in similar situations amid the uncertainty of a global pandemic that has left them wondering when — and for some, if — they will be able to reopen.

"It was a stressful feeling," Wills said. "Because a lot of my employees were expecting me to stay open."

Wills had anticipated the day could be coming as the virus began spreading across the globe.

He started taking precautions at the beginning of the month: placing hand sanitizer at each barber station, limiting the number of people allowed in the shop and respecting the rules of social distancing.

"All my barber buddies, they shut

down," Wills said. "We do up-close-and-personal business. I'm on you when I'm cutting your hair. I can smell your breath."

The clients who visit the shop, a little more than a mile from the United Center, range from walk-ins looking to take advantage of the \$5 special for kids on Saturday mornings to current Bulls who prefer coming to the shop. Wills also swings by the United Center before games or to the Advocate Center, where he has a barber station set up at the team's practice facility.

In some ways, his business leaned on the business of basketball. He developed relationships with agencies CAA and Priority Sports and helped take care of their players. In fact, Wills'

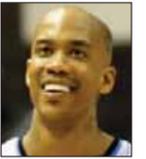
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### WHEN SPORTS STOOD STILL

Keeping an eye on the impact of the coronavirus crisis:

## Marbury's mission: Masks from China

It was 4 a.m. in Beijing when former Knicks player and Coney Island, New York native Stephon Marbury got on the phone with the Daily News.



He didn't want to talk about basketball. He wanted to talk about how he could help the U.S., and particularly his beloved native New York, battle the coronavirus.

Thanks to his massive popularity from playing in the Chinese Basketball Association, Marbury has relationships with local manufacturing firms in China, and has been in touch with Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams about the possibility of helping the states get desperately needed medical equipment. The factories could provide 10 million masks within the next 10-30 days. They can manufacture between 2 million and 2.5 million masks a week and ship half a million masks via air freight each day.

"Because of my relationship with Eric (Adams) and for the people of Coney Island where I'm from, I'm now trying to help source from different factories here in China to help because (Eric Adams) isn't here. He's not on the ground. He's not able to have people coming here because it's so difficult right now," Marbury said.

"So I'm taking on a role for him to basically try to help sourcing products with masks and different other products that people will need to survive."

After his NBA career, Marbury played seven seasons in China, becoming a legend for the Beijing Ducks, with whom he won three CBA championships. He is a massive star in China, memorialized in the way Michael Jordan is stateside, statues and all.

Marbury had a message for New Yorkers who now find themselves at the epicenter of the outbreak in America:

"We've got to start thinking ... together. We've gotta listen, focus. We got to stay balanced during this time. The only way that we're going to get through this is this is if we unite as one. ... I think we'll be able to be better off in the long run."

— *New York Daily News*

### THE QUOTE



ELAINE THOMPSON/AP

"My neighbors are going to hate me by the time this quarantine is over."

— *Rangers All-Star outfielder Joey Gallo in a tweet about building an in-home batting cage while he remains at home in Dallas during the coronavirus pandemic.*

### THE NUMBER

**674** Timmy Hill won the virtual NASCAR iRacing event contested on a replica of Texas Motor Speedway, where Sunday's Cup Series race had been scheduled to be run. It was Hill's 674th career iRacing victory.



**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.

### BEARS



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Bears wide receiver Allen Robinson signs autographs on Dec. 22 at Soldier Field.

## Robinson: 'Just trying to make an impact'

Bears wide receiver is helping kids get meals during pandemic

BY BRAD BIGGS

Allen Robinson has some workout equipment in his northwest suburban home, so he has been able to stay somewhat active during Chicago's stay-at-home order.

The Bears wide receiver also has had time to act quickly with his Within Reach Foundation to help inner-city families in need during the coronavirus pandemic, giving them something they can use now instead of waiting for the storm to pass.

Typically, Robinson's charity operates with the goal of enhancing educational opportunities for low-income students, working to steer them toward a path to success. Robinson promotes reading and regularly volunteers time around the holidays.

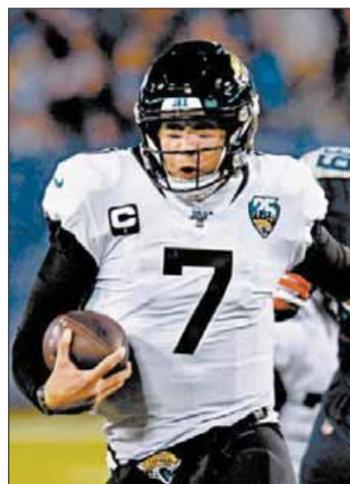
Last week, Robinson's foundation partnered with the Greater Chicago Food Depository to supplement students who rely on daily meals at school. Chicago Public Schools are closed through at least April 21 and are providing meal pickup outside the schools, with each child receiving a bag containing three days of

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### NFL

## Major moves in the 1st week of free agency

The first few days of NFL free agency saw the Bears add Nick Foles, Jimmy Graham and Robert Quinn and release Leonard Floyd, among other transactions. Our Bears writers weigh in on four topics. **Page 6**



MARK ZALESKI/AP

Jaguars quarterback Nick Foles scrambles against the Titans on Nov. 24 in Nashville, Tenn.



## SPORTS

# Day 19

Since the sports world went mainly dark

**“It’s still an unknown. We don’t know how long this is going to last, what races will still be in play, what races are canceled.”**

— Chloe Dygert, Team USA cyclist



MAJA HITIJ/GETTY

Chloe Dygert of Team USA competes during the final of the Women’s Individual Pursuit during the UCI Track Cycling World Championships on Feb. 29 in Berlin.

## OLYMPICS

## Team USA enters new cycle

Riders face another year of training for Tokyo Games

BY DAVE SKRETTA  
Associated Press

The decision to postpone the Tokyo Olympics until next year because of the coronavirus pandemic has left American cyclists with an abundance of mixed feelings.

Relief that a move had been finally made. Disappointment that a lifetime ambition will be delayed. Frustration that months and even years of planning have been thrown in the blender. And still more uncertainty over when the Summer Games will take place, what the qualification criteria will look like and even if they will still be on the U.S. team.

“As tough as the news is to hear when obviously the planning that goes into the four-year cycle of it all, and obviously now we’re only a few months out and on the homestretch of that path, it does stink to hear,” BMX rider and Olympic silver medalist Alise Willoughby said. “But at the same time, the plan doesn’t necessarily change.”

“I know there are some athletes that might not be in the same position,” Willoughby continued, “whether it’s phys-

ically or financially — hanging on another year could be difficult for some, and the qualifying processes are basically suspended and some have been finished. It’s a mess of uncertainty for a lot of people.”

Not just cyclists, of course, but for swimmers and gymnasts and myriad other athletes for whom the Olympics is the once-every-four-year pinnacle of their sport. But those who ride bikes for a living are somewhat unique in that their schedules are often honed to the day, hour and minute. They adhere to strict diets, meticulously plan training rides, build strength at certain points of the season only to shift their workouts to those that build endurance.

The idea is to peak for a handful of races each year, whether that’s the Tour de France for a men’s road cyclist or the world championships for a track cyclist. It’s nearly impossible to maintain that finely tuned level of fitness beyond a few weeks, much less an entire year, which is when the Olympics are expected to finally begin.

“It’s still an unknown. We don’t know how long this is going to last, what races will still be in play, what races are canceled,” said Chloe Dygert, a gold medal favorite in the women’s team pursuit on the track and the time trial on the road. “The goal is still the Olympics, so even if we just take this year and focus on this year, and training for next year, that’s what we

are going to do. I’m still training. Just kind of winter training, a little block work.”

Off-season training, in other words — even if it’s an “off-season” that nobody has ever experienced.

Riders like Post and Dygert are fortunate, though. Both have won world championship and Olympic medals, and they have accomplished enough that they have big-time sponsors behind them. They have the ability to spend the next few weeks and months on training without having to worry about landing their next pay checks.

But many other cyclists have part- and even full-time jobs off the bike. For them there are the very real fears of furloughs and layoffs that are affecting Americans in all walks of life. USA Cycling is trying to offer as much support as possible, but even the national governing body is feeling the pinch as the pandemic rages.

Without races and recreational rides that are on indefinite hiatus, the organization doesn’t take in its usual revenue. That in turn affects day-to-day operations, including USA Cycling’s support for elite riders.

“We’re operating under the assumption that racing will remain canceled through April, May and June. We’re planning for the worst and hopefully it either is or is less than that,” chief executive Rob DeMartini said. “As it relates to the athletes, we had a

2-hour conversation on how to make this team stronger, to show up in Tokyo next spring, next summer, with a team that does better than the team would have this year. Nine to 12 months is a chance to get better.”

That is how the vast majority of American riders are approaching this forced break.

Until tracks reopen and quarantines are lifted, Willoughby continues to work out in her home gym in Southern California with her husband, Australian BMX standout Sam Willoughby. Dygert continues to take long training rides around her base in Boise, Idaho, under the watchful eye of three-time Olympic gold medalist Kristin Armstrong.

Mountain bike World Cup champion Kate Courtney, another gold medal favorite, is riding outside whenever the weather cooperates, all the while watching the news and waiting to hear when the Olympics will begin.

“It’s a really tough time to be an athlete targeting the Olympics,” Courtney said. “But that’s just one example of the kind of loss and heartbreak happening right now, and I know there are so many stories of people experiencing that in all different ways, losing jobs or losing loved ones.”

“I just hope we can get the Summer Games back on the calendar, and when that does happen, it will be a source of hope and inspiration for everyone.”

## ROUNDUP

## Italy to extend sports ban through all of April

Associated Press

Italy’s sports minister is planning to extend the ban on games and competitions in the country through all of April.

The nationwide lockdown is due to expire Friday, but Italian health experts say the need to try to contain COVID-19 will likely last weeks beyond that.

Minister Vincenzo Spadafora tells Italian daily La Repubblica that talks about restarting the Serie A soccer league May 3 are “unrealistic.”

He adds: “(On Monday) I will propose extending the ban on sports competitions at every level for all of April. And I’ll extend the measure to training — an area where

we hadn’t intervened because there was still a possibility of holding the Olympics.”

At least 15 Serie A players have tested positive for COVID-19.

Italy has nearly 100,000 positive cases.

**Basketball:** Steve Pikiell and Rutgers took other step toward becoming a threat in the Big Ten, getting a commitment from highly regarded center Cliff Omoruyi. Rutgers (20-11) was on the verge of its first NCAA Tournament berth in 29 years when the season ended prematurely.

**Boxing:** The International Boxing Hall of Fame canceled its Hall of Fame weekend in June because of the coronavirus pandemic.

This year’s class, headlined by Bernard Hopkins and “Sugar” Shane Mosley, will be honored at the induction ceremony in June 2021.

**Horse racing:** The final deadline to nominate horses for the Triple Crown series is being extended indefinitely because of the coronavirus. It was scheduled to be Monday. The extension was agreed upon by officials at Churchill Downs, Maryland Jockey Club and New York Racing Association. The Kentucky Derby has been pushed back from May 2 to Sept. 5. Maryland and New York racing officials are continuing discussions to decide when the Preakness and Belmont stakes will be run.

## ON THE CLOCK

24 Days until the NFL draft, which is still scheduled for April 23-25.

## The top 5



## Complete first-round order

1. Bengals	12. Raiders	23. Patriots
2. Redskins	13. 49ers	24. Saints
3. Lions	14. Bucs	25. Vikings
4. Giants	15. Broncos	26. Dolphins
5. Dolphins	16. Falcons	27. Seahawks
6. Chargers	17. Cowboys	28. Ravens
7. Panthers	18. Dolphins	29. Titans
8. Cardinals	19. Raiders	30. Packers
9. Jaguars	20. Jaguars	31. 49ers
10. Browns	21. Eagles	32. Chiefs
11. Jets	22. Vikings	

## OUTDOORS

# Second nature

## Call to the wild: Great outdoors an escape in tough times

BY PAT GRAHAM AND MICHAEL CASEY  
Associated Press

DAVID ZALUBOWSKI/AP

A couple walks over gypsum dunes in White Sands National Park on March 5 at Holloman Air Force Base, N.M.

Jim Klug's office phone rings off the hook with anxious anglers inquiring about the status of their upcoming fly-fishing trips.

It's a stressful time for the co-owner of a fishing travel company as he postpones and re-books international and domestic expeditions due the coronavirus pandemic.

The best way for him to slip away from the stress — even if for a brief moment — is to follow a bit of his own advice: Go fish.

Whether it's reeling in trout, hiking, snow activities (until the snow melts, of course) or any other endeavor, the call from the wild delivers a much-needed respite in these turbulent times.

Typically open — although national parks are increasingly limiting access and more shelter-at-home orders are being issued — the great outdoors provides a natural way to social distance.

"They may close the borders. They may close the amusements and the sports stadiums and any places that lots and lots of people gather. But they're not going to close the great outdoors and not going to close the rivers and streams," said Klug, founder of Yellow Dog Flyfishing Adventures in Montana. "It's something that always brings inner peace and calmness."

In New England, where backwoods skiing and hiking to 4,000 feet (1,219 meters) are almost a way of life for harder residents, the trails are more crowded than ever. Hikers report they are seeing plenty of newcomers who are hitting the outdoors due to gym closures.

Those remote places? Not so remote right now. Many seasoned hikers are getting annoyed that their prized spots are getting overrun.

Then again, everyone has the same thought — get a breath of fresh air.

"It's to get that sunlight, some vitamin D. I know it will make me feel better. I feel rested," said Ryan Smith, the 37-year-old owner of a media company from Peabody, Massachusetts, on why he is still taking day hikes with his wife, Jennifer, along trails on the North Shore of Massachusetts and southern New Hampshire.

Emily Davenport, who normally works as a wilderness guide for the Appalachian Mountain Club, has been canceling group hikes she leads until at least the end of April. She's still hitting the trails in the White Mountains near her home in Conway, New Hampshire, for day hikes, either alone or with a friend. For the 30-year-old, it's a chance to recharge and escape the cabin fever that so many people working from home are feeling.

"It's a place that I feel safe. It's familiar and you do get away," Davenport said, adding that her day hikes of five to eight miles are critical for her mental and physical health. "You can kind of unplug and not look at the (computer) screen and look at all the news that is anxiety-inducing."

Skiers and snowboarders, meanwhile, are finding ways to hit the slopes with many ski resorts now closed in the wake of the new coronavirus.

Drew Anderson, a freelance videographer from Denver, was at his condo in Silverthorne, Colorado, with the intent of spending a week — maybe longer — getting in some turns on the slopes. But then resorts shut down.

Plan B: back-country skiing.

He's been hiking to the top of Buffalo Mountain — about a three-hour trek — and then skiing down. Anderson and his wife have also been taking their 4-year-old son sledding and hiking.

"The vibe up here in the mountains seems pretty happy," Anderson said. "Ev-



DAVID ZALUBOWSKI/AP

Most national parks are open as a refuge for Americans tired of being stuck at home because of the coronavirus.



DAVID ZALUBOWSKI/AP

A motorist carries a canoe on the roof his pickup truck while leaving the Organ Mountains Desert Peaks National Monument on March 4 near Las Cruces, N.M.

everyone seems to be in a good mood. We're in the mountains and that makes everyone a little bit happier."

For those not well-versed in back-country activities, though, an important message: Check the avalanche report for the area. An avalanche is always a concern this time of year on any snow-covered slope 30 degrees or steeper.

"Anyone who travels in the back country, snow bikers, skiers, snowshoers, anyone that wants to recreate on snow-covered slopes needs to be aware of avalanches," said Brian Lazar, deputy director of the Colorado Avalanche Information Center.

In New England, the AMC's Four Thousand Footer Committee is calling on hikers to avoid difficult trails and stay close to home. Most are heeding that advice,

though one hiker descending Mount Washington last Sunday fell about 200 feet (60.9 meters) and had to be rescued.

New Hampshire's leading conservation groups on Friday also urged hikers to avoid the most popular spots so they comply with the federal guidelines on social distancing. They urged them to focus, instead, on the 190 quiet, conserved forests at 100 towns across the state.

"I've shut down back-country skiing or going any further into the back country for now," Smith said. "Right now, I don't want to put others at risk by going further into the back country and making it harder for any sort of emergency responders to come out and get me who might be going through their own struggles. I want those people to rest and sleep and not worry about me."

More and more parks are starting to close. The National Park Service is making constant decisions on modifying operations on a park-by-park basis to prevent the spread of COVID-19, which for most people causes mild or moderate symptoms, such as fever and cough that clear up in two to three weeks. For some, especially older adults and people with existing health problems, it can cause more severe illness, including pneumonia and death.

Recently, Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks closed their gates. In a joint statement, Yellowstone superintendent Cam Sholly and Grand Teton acting superintendent Gopaul Noojibail said the parks will reopen "as quickly and safely as possible."

Even if you can't escape to the wild, there are ways to glimpse the great outdoors courtesy of virtual content from the Park Service. It includes:

- Watching wildlife and National Mall Cherry Blossom Webcams
- A virtual tour of Yellowstone
- The John Day Fossil Beds National Monument in Oregon

For Klug, there's nothing more relaxing than stepping into a river with his fishing rod.

"Six feet of social distancing? On the river, you can have six miles," Klug said. "We're the sport that originated social distancing."

Usually, this is a busy time for Klug with anglers planning fly-fishing excursions to Mexico, Belize, Bahamas or Cuba.

Now, clients are calling to reschedule their trips.

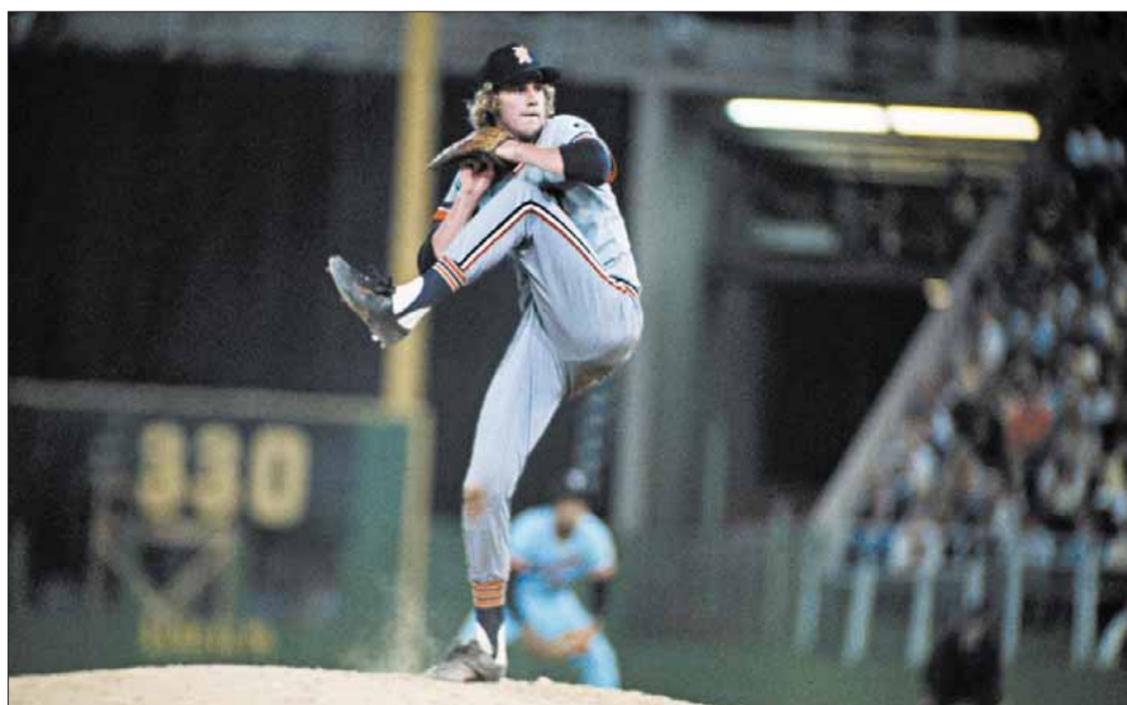
In the meantime, local fishing spots work well.

"People are racing to the next, great thrilling, adventure-seeking destination," Klug said. "We're flying over these areas in order to reach those 'Instagrammable,' exotic-type places."

"We forget how amazing everything is right here in our own backyard."

Graham reported from Denver and Casey reported from Boston.

## SPORTS



HERB SCHARFMAN/GETTY

Mark "The Bird" Fidrych pitched during a time when every baseball with a speck of dirt on it wasn't taken out of play.

# The age of dirtballs, spikes and short shorts

## 8 things learned from rewatching classic sports games



**PAUL SULLIVAN**  
In the Wake of the News

While my tolerance for watching classic games during the sports shutdown is waning a bit, I still find myself channel surfing for a few minutes from time to time to see what's being offered.

There have been many changes to the way games are presented, including the graphics explosion that now includes news tickers, first-down lines, pitch speeds and other screen-grabbing items. But it also is interesting to see the evolution of the games themselves.

Here are eight things I've learned, or relearned, from watching reruns of classic games:

### 1. You really don't need a new baseball every time it gets a speck of dirt on it.

Tigers pitcher Mark Fidrych threw an off-speed pitch during a 1976 game against the Yankees that catcher Bruce Kimm nabbed after it hit the dirt in the batter's box. Kimm handed the ball to the plate umpire, who looked at it for a second, deemed it OK and put it back in play.

I don't remember when it was decided that every ball with a speck of dirt on it had to be put out of play, but it has been going on for many, many years. Of course, if there is a smudge that can't be easily removed, a new ball should automatically be issued. Otherwise, just wipe it off and let's go. It's not as if the balls are 10 years old. They're all brand new.

### 2. Some first baseman needs to reprise the Pete Rose spike.

Whenever Pete Rose caught a throw at first for the third out in the Phillies' 23-22 win over the Cubs at Wrigley Field in 1979, he spiked it like a football instead of throwing it to someone in the dugout, as most first basemen do. There was something oddly compelling to it, and honestly, I don't remember if it was just a Rose thing or if any other first basemen also did the spike. Either way, it was a cool way to end an inning and certainly helped turn him into a memorable villain.

### 3. What's the score? Who knows?



AP

Michigan's Fab Five helped usher in the era of baggy shorts.

We're so accustomed to the instantly updated score bug on the screen that it's second nature now. But it was refreshing to watch the "Christian Laettner game" (Duke-Kentucky) from the 1992 NCAA Tournament and remember a time when the entire TV screen was graphics-free. The score was updated frequently, but there was no need to have it in your face every second. Maybe we paid more attention back then and didn't need it? Or perhaps we change channels so much now, we need the constant updates?

### 4. Announcers seemed more candid in their criticism.

Maybe it was the Howard Cosell effect, but during the pregame show of the Mark Fidrych game, one of the announcers wondered aloud why Yankees starting pitcher Ken Holtzman was such an "unhappy" man. Meanwhile, they showed Holtzman warming up in the bullpen, oblivious to the criticism being levied at him. It had something to do with a contract issue and was in stark contrast to the usual commentary we see these days in which athletes are not subject to harsh criticism during broadcasts.

### 5. Look, Ma, no batting gloves!

Amazingly, batters didn't always step out of the box after every pitch to adjust their batting gloves. In fact, batting gloves didn't become popular until Ken "Hawk" Harrelson began using them on Sept. 4, 1968.

Harrelson reportedly got blisters on his hands while playing golf and used red golf gloves to protect them, then homered twice in the game. According to an article by the Baseball Hall of Fame, Mickey Mantle bought 20 pairs the next

day so the Yankees could tease Harrelson during warm-ups, calling him "sweet-heart" and "Mrs. Harrelson."

Nowadays almost every hitter wears batting gloves, and more time is wasted readjusting those gloves than anything else in the game. We'll never go back to the old days, but the game certainly moved along better without the constant adjustments.

### 6. Crowd control was more lax — and gentler.

Celtics legend Larry Bird was shooting free throws during the waning seconds of Game 7 of the 1984 NBA Finals against the Lakers when a few fans walked onto the court to prematurely celebrate. Boston Garden security rushed onto the court and calmly escorted the trespassers off. CBS didn't cut away to avoid showing the fans, as broadcasts routinely do now as soon as one is spotted on the field or the court. Security now aggressively handles such trespassers, which probably is for the best in these uncertain times.

### 7. Kudos to the Fab Five.

Can you imagine modern basketball players wearing those short shorts from back in the day? Fortunately you don't have to, thanks to the Michigan basketball team of the early 1990s — featuring Chris Webber, Jalen Rose and Juwan Howard — that brought in baggy shorts that remain in style almost three decades later. If there's ever a Hall of Fame for sports fashion, the Fab Five deserve to be first-ballot picks.

### 8. Fans could stay in the stands to celebrate a great win.

Again, this was the Mark Fidrych game, in which it appeared as though the entire crowd of 40,000 or so at Tiger Stadium hung around afterward to soak in the win. It wasn't a playoff game or even a pennant race, but everyone seemed to know it was a special moment and treated it accordingly.

Nowadays most fans are eager to leave long before the final out, perhaps because the games are so long or it's a hassle getting out of the parking lot. The obvious exception is Cubs fans who want to stick around until the last chorus of "Go, Cubs, Go" after a win. Security and ushers encourage fans to leave immediately after games for security reasons and so staff can clean the stadiums. Nevertheless, it was nice to see everyone enjoying themselves in the stands in Tiger Stadium long after the game was over.

## Barber

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summer is even busier than the regular season, he estimates. He could count on athletes visiting town for events such as the NBA combine and other games and tournaments, most of which have already been canceled or seem certain to be in the near future.

"It hit me instantly," Wills said. "I knew it. If they have to shut down the NBA and they're making the players stay home, that's a big part of my money that I depend on."

"We're making sure those guys stay good for travel or for home and road games. You've got to look good when you play. When you look good, you play good."

Wills started his career cutting

the hair of former NBA player and Chicago native Jannero Pargo, who connected Wills with Joe Johnson when the two played together at Arkansas.

Wills went on the road with Johnson for several years during Johnson's tenure with the Hawks, and he made more connections around the league but always kept in touch with people back in Chicago. He stopped by the Bulls' former practice facility at the Berto Center in Deerfield about once a month when he came back to town.

"This is my hometown," said Wills, who was born in Rockwell Gardens on the West Side. "I knew when that's all over with, putting my name out in the NBA, I knew eventually I wanted to come back home."

The pandemic has forced Wills to spend most of his days at home

**"You've got to look good when you play. When you look good, you play good."**

— Terrance Wills

looking after his five children while his wife, Ashunti, who works at a local hotel, shuttles back and forth. He's trying to provide a semblance of a schedule for children who have had their lives upended by this unforgiving virus.

The current shelter-in-place order extends until at least April 7, and Wills knows his business can survive until then. But he has started brainstorming alternatives to make money should his

shop still be closed in the next few weeks. He considered whether house calls would be safe. And he has thought about applying to be an Uber driver.

Wills keeps in contact with his staff daily, sending text messages offering words of encouragement. He did acknowledge that spirits are pretty low because they're all playing the waiting game, hopeful their lives and the sports world can return to some semblance of normalcy soon.

"I've got some savings. I'm going to use my resources to try to stay afloat and make sure I'm OK, but I've got to activate my Plan B," Wills said with a laugh. "For now I'm just chilling."

"I want to see what's going on. I'm going to know then what I'm going to do. For now I'm totally shut down, but I don't know how long I can do that."

## Robinson

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breakfast and lunch meals.

Robinson pledged to match the first \$12,000 in donations. Left tackle Charles Leno and coach Matt Nagy quickly stepped up with money for the cause too. Nagy matched Robinson's pledge with \$12,000 of his own.

"Just trying to make an impact any way I possibly can," Robinson said Saturday. "As soon as we put out what we wanted to do, we started getting a ton of feedback and a ton of support. Being able to get that in a time like this is awesome because we're just trying to help out the community."

"A lot of kids get meals and food. Whether it's a lunch program or whatever, they are able to get meals for breakfast, lunch and after school as well. Kids who aren't going to school now aren't able to get (all of) those meals, so their parents or someone else has to try to provide those meals for them, and sometimes parents can't afford to provide all of those."

On Sunday morning, nearly \$10,000 had been raised, bringing the foundation close to the total Robinson will match in less than a week's time. Estimates are a \$50 donation could provide 80 pounds of food.

Robinson started his foundation in 2016 before his third season in Jacksonville, well before he struck it big with a free-agent contract from the Bears. It was more about putting his time into hands-on work in the community than just writing a check.

"I've always been fortunate to have a lot of good people around me," Robinson said. "So I was always being pushed in the right direction and I've always tried to be proactive to certain things, whether it's giving back, going to back-to-school programs or Christmas events."

"It's not about me doing this. It's trying to create a way for people to come together and make an impact. It's not just me making an impact on my own. Everyone can make an impact."

The Bears' voluntary offseason program was scheduled to begin April 20, but the NFL has put offseason plans — with the exception of the draft — on hold indefinitely. And given the Bears have yet to make their trade for quarterback Nick Foles official, it's not surprising Robinson was reluctant to say much about the position. Nagy hasn't detailed publicly how things will be handled with the newcomer and Mitch Trubisky.

"In free agency, you see guys come to the team and leave the team and things like that," Robinson said. "But it's always exciting to bring new people along. For me, I don't have any personal bias. I am just excited for us to try to bring pieces along that will help us add to our winning culture."

Robinson did get Foles' phone number from tight end Trey Burton, who is forever linked to Foles from Super Bowl LII.

"I had heard nothing but positive things about Nick from some of my former teammates in Jacksonville who played with him," Robinson said. "I know it's a new place for him, so I told him if he had any questions to feel free to reach out."

A contract extension for the 26-year-old Robinson remains one of the top pieces of business for general manager Ryan Pace. Robinson is entering the final season of the three-year, \$42 million contract he signed in 2018. He was one of the few bright spots in an anemic offense last season, catching 98 passes for 1,147 yards and seven touchdowns. It was only the fifth 1,000-yard season for a Bears receiver in the last 17 years.

It's premature to say if a deal will get done. Robinson is due to earn \$13 million this season and has a salary-cap figure of \$15 million. The Bears could lower that figure and create more cap space with an extension. Understandably, Pace has had more timely matters to handle since the start of the new league year March 18. Moving forward, a deal for Robinson has to move to the front burner.

"Definitely optimistic," Robinson said. "But optimistic or not, I am in Chicago and everybody knows where I stand and how I feel about Chicago. At the end of the day, whatever happens, happens. I only can control so much, and that is to go out there and have myself prepared to play each and every Sunday. I can't concern myself too much with what's going on and different decisions that can and can't be made."

For more information on Allen Robinson's Within Reach Foundation partnering with the Greater Chicago Food Depository to provide meals for Chicago Public Schools students while schools are closed, go to [givebox.com/519312](http://givebox.com/519312).

## BEARS

## Issues after 1st week of free agency

Bears were active, but will the moves transfer to victories on the field

BY BRAD BIGGS, COLLEEN KANE AND DAN WIEDERER

The first few days of NFL free agency saw the Bears make some major roster moves. They traded for quarterback Nick Foles, signed veterans Jimmy Graham and Robert Quinn and released former top-10 pick Leonard Floyd, among other transactions. Our Bears writers weigh in on four topics.

### 1. When Ryan Pace traded for Nick Foles, he

**Brad Biggs:** Provided coach Matt Nagy with his 2020 season-opening starting quarterback.

The Bears didn't give up the 120th pick in the draft and guarantee more than \$20 million to Foles to have his arrival spark a fire under Mitch Trubisky. Work ethic and dedication to the job are not issues the Bears have with Trubisky. The problem has been his ability to process information during the play. That has caused an athletic quarterback with a strong and generally accurate arm to be very inconsistent and often inaccurate. The Bears don't have time during the season to determine if things are going to suddenly click for Trubisky. If they struggle offensively from the start and find themselves behind a month into the season, that creates an uphill climb. There is pressure for them to succeed this season, and they've made win-now moves such as adding edge rusher Robert Quinn, who's entering his 10th season. No matter how the team frames an offseason or training camp competition for the job, I firmly believe Foles will emerge as Nagy's guy before the opener.

**Colleen Kane:** Made the Bears roster better.

Was Foles the best quarterback option on the market? No. Does he make sense as either a replacement or competition for Mitch Trubisky? Absolutely. Foles' experience with Bears coaches from mutual time with the Eagles, Chiefs and Jaguars is a plus. So is his proven ability, in two seasons with the Eagles, to come off the bench and succeed. And the fact he was a mentor to Carson Wentz could only help if Trubisky suddenly turns it around. Is Foles the answer to halting decades of mediocrity at quarterback for the Bears? Probably not. But he's a better option than Chase Daniel, and he could make the Bears better this year by operating coach Matt Nagy's offense more smoothly than Trubisky did. That might be just what the Bears need if the defense can have another dominant year.

**Dan Wiederer:** Checked the top box on his offseason checklist.

We've known for a while the Bears were seeking serious competition for incumbent starting quarterback Mitch Trubisky. And we anticipated Pace and coach Matt Nagy bringing in a veteran who could play and succeed right away if needed. In Foles, the Bears are not only uniting with a ninth-year pro with extensive starting experience, but also connecting with a quarterback who has strong bonds with Nagy, offensive coordinator Bill Lazor and quarterbacks coach John DeFilippo from previous stops. That built-in trust should prove invaluable. The Bears believe in Foles' steadiness. They love his trust in the offense, in his teammates and in his own abilities. And that will buy needed trust from the coaching staff. Yes, Foles has had a roller-coaster career, almost quitting the game after a trying 2015 season with the Rams, then rising to become the Super Bowl MVP with the Eagles. And it's hard to forecast whether the Bears will get more of the legendary production than the ugly inconsistency. But at the very least, they showed seriousness in finding a new quarterback to help them in 2020.

### 2. With Robert Quinn on board, the Bears defense

**Biggs:** Should get to the quarterback a lot more than it did in 2019.

And with any luck, that will lead to more big plays, more takeaways and maybe more points by the defense. As valued as Leonard Floyd was, he didn't have the instinct or secondary moves needed to finish coming off the edge. If he had been even an eight-sack-a-season guy, he would have been tremendously valuable for the defense because of his versatility. But Floyd was routinely lost in the wash and stale-



STEPHEN B. MORTON/AP

Jaguars quarterback Nick Foles scrambles past Buccaneers safety Mike Edwards on Dec. 1.

mated when rushing the passer, and that left the Bears with no choice but to move on with a \$13.2 million fifth-year option in his contract. What's interesting is the Bears chose the skilled veteran Quinn over a cheaper option such as Vic Beasley, who had one big season (15½ sacks) for the Falcons playing opposite Dwight Freeney and then too many disappointing ones. Beasley could re-emerge as a pass rusher in the right environment, but the Bears paid more to get a guy who should produce, especially opposite Khalil Mack. Quinn was highly productive opposite DeMarcus Lawrence in Dallas last season, and the Bears offer the same kind of explosive front that should give him consistent opportunities to win one-on-one. Quinn is not revered for his run defense, but the Bears need to get to the quarterback with some questions in the secondary.

**Kane:** Has a pretty scary front seven.

Quinn is a proven pass rusher with 11½ sacks last season with the Cowboys and a combined 15 in the two years before that with the Rams and Dolphins. Former Bears linebacker Leonard Floyd had 11½ sacks combined over the last three seasons, including three last year. Knowing Floyd was having trouble finishing made it easier for teams to devote more effort to stopping Khalil Mack. The addition of Quinn gives opponents two outside threats to the quarterback to worry about. Then consider the Bears are set to welcome back defensive linemen Akiem Hicks, Eddie Goldman, Roy Robertson-Harris and Bilal Nichols and inside linebackers Roquan Smith and Danny Trevathan. If the Bears can stay healthier than last season, it could be a big year for the defense.

**Wiederer:** Got a proven pass rusher.

Quinn has 80½ career sacks in nine seasons and had 11½ for the Cowboys last season. He's an undeniable upgrade over Leonard Floyd, who was released. And playing opposite Khalil Mack with Akiem Hicks up front, Quinn should have ample opportunity to deliver game-changing contributions. The Bears went backward in the sack department in 2019, recording only 32 after tying for third in the league with 50 a year earlier. Expect that number to rise again in 2020 with Quinn playing a significant role.

### 3. The Bears' biggest remaining roster need is

**Biggs:** Cornerback.

That is, if you believe quarterback has been stabilized. The longer free agency plays out without them signing a veteran option at right guard, the more apparent it is they're blaming the performance of the offensive line a year ago on departed assistant Harry Hiestand and ex-offensive coordinator Mark Helfrich. That creates some pressure for new line coach Juan Castillo and offensive mastermind Matt Nagy. It also increases the odds Notre Dame alumnus Alex Bars could compete for — and win — the starting job at right guard. That leads me back to the starting right cornerback spot. The Bears cut Prince Amukamara because they believed he had slowed down, but it's hard to make



CHARLES KRUPA/AP

Patriots quarterback Tom Brady walks on the field before a wild-card playoff game against the Titans on Jan. 4.

a case that Kevin Toliver is clearly ready for a promotion. Free-agent signee Artie Burns adds some veteran competition, but was rather underwhelming as a failed first-round pick for the Steelers. If Burns turns into the next Amukamara, then the Bears are on to something. I think they will take a close look at a cornerback with one of their two second-round picks. As far as a right guard, maybe a veteran emerges after the market settles.

**Kane:** Finding offensive line help.

Quarterback and tight end were the Bears' most pressing needs, and they addressed those with Nick Foles and Jimmy Graham — though how well they addressed them is certainly debatable. Now they need to build depth at several positions. Ryan Pace said increasing competition on the offensive line was an offseason priority, and that box is unchecked. The Bears need a right guard and a swing tackle. After those positions, they need to check out wide receivers. With wide receiver Taylor Gabriel's release, a speedy pass catcher is another need. The Bears added cornerback Artie Burns to a group that includes Kevin Toliver and Tre Roberson. And they signed safety Jordan Lucas to join a room that includes starter Eddie Jack-

son and returning backup Deon Bush. We'll see if that's enough competition at those positions or if they add other options via the draft.

**Wiederer:** On the offensive line.

There's a starting opening at guard with the Bears needing to find an interior lineman with some nasty to him. One circle of thought is that the Bears should have directed more attention to stabilizing the line before they invested so much in a second quarterback. I never agreed with that take. The need for a quarterback was easily No. 1 on the offseason checklist. But now, in the second and third waves of free agency and then in the draft, Ryan Pace and his staff have to make certain they add talent and depth to the line to revive an offense that was maddeningly ineffective last season.

### 4. The NFL proceeding with free agency during the coronavirus crisis was

**Biggs:** A welcome diversion for NFL fans.

Not to mention a boon for

sports sections looking for content while all other leagues are shut down. The starting date for the new league year is collectively bargained between the NFL and the players association, and while the league might have liked to delay it, this is the time of year when more money flows to the players than any other time. In other words, the NFLPA had no desire to push back a pay day for its membership. I would encourage everyone to heed the words of Saints coach Sean Payton, who tested positive for COVID-19 and shared the news with ESPN in the hope others will proceed with safety in mind. "This is not just about social distancing," Payton told ESPN. "It's shutting down here for a week to two weeks. If people understand the curve and understand the bump, we can easily work together as a country to reduce it. Take a minute to understand what the experts are saying. It's not complicated to do what they're asking of us. Just that type of small investment by every one of us will have a dramatic impact." Staying cooped up for a couple of weeks isn't anyone's idea of fun. But it isn't that difficult either.

**Kane:** Something for fans to talk about to get their minds off a scary time.

That part is good. Following the quarterback-market developments of Tom Brady, Philip Rivers and Cam Newton was a temporary distraction I welcomed. However, the NFL also has a responsibility to keep its employees safe. While the league was several hours late in announcing it, its ban on free agents meeting with team officials and its mandate that facilities be closed to most players was an important step to keep players safe. But the league also could have ordered all NFL facilities shut down completely earlier than March 17. The Bears announced they instructed all workers, including coaches, to work from home and were allowing only limited staff in their buildings. The NFL needs to be an example in these areas. As for players signing multimillion-dollar contracts while many Americans are worried about their finances, it's certainly understandable if people find that tacky. I liked having those contracts to talk about.

**Wiederer:** Bizarre. Surreal. Maybe a bit questionable.

On one hand, I'm fully in favor of getting something done at a time when so much has come to a standstill. And by proceeding with free agency, the league has one fewer game of catch-up and revision to play as this unusual offseason unfolds. Business was able to press forward. And a lot of business got done. But it's difficult to know where this COVID-19 emergency is going to take us and how long it's going to take for any normalcy to return, especially in the sports world. And I have to admit, it was odd to be tracking signings across the league on social media with NFL news breaking in between tweets about coronavirus deaths and possible lockdowns and drastic health and economic ramifications. It's also fair to question the optics and potential tone-deafness of handing out massive contracts at a time when many people are beginning to experience such hardship.



RON JENKINS/AP

Cowboys defensive end Robert Quinn during a game on Dec. 15.

## OVERDUE FILM FESTIVAL

# In all its incoherent glory, 'The Bodyguard' is a wonder



**MICHAEL PHILLIPS**  
 Tribune movie critic

You've all seen a few movies. You've missed your share, too. Catching up with the ones you've managed to skip, by choice or by chance, shouldn't only be a matter of scratching one received classic after another, though that's a fine place to start.

But why not make room for some crud along with the classics? And what about the vast in-between list of titles, neither classics nor crud, exactly, but the stuff of so many hours of our collective moviegoing lives?

Welcome to the Tribune Coronavirus Overdue Film Festival.

## 'The Bodyguard' (1992)

I'm stunned I never made time for this one, since any movie determined to exploit the Oscars for cheap melodramatic purposes gets a free pass in my book. (The 1966 film "The Oscar" deserves schlock landmark status.)

But seriously: Holy crap! I'd seen bits and pieces of screenwriter Lawrence Kasdan's tale (written in the '70s, with Steve McQueen in mind) of a *ronin*-like loner in charge of keeping an erratic, egocentric superstar out of harm's way — during the Oscar campaigning season, no less.

But seen front to back, at last, in all its incoherent, jittery glory, "The Bodyguard" is a wonder.

Are these people supposed to be people, from Earth? Whitney Houston's game but bland feature acting debut keeps bumping into Kevin Costner's humanoid, monotonous cool. (He's gotten better, needless to say.)

Funny thing is, director Mick Jackson has made some good pictures, notably the Steve Martin romance "L.A. Story" and "Tem-



FOTOS INTERNATIONAL/GETTY

Whitney Houston performs "I Will Always Love You" in the 1992 film "The Bodyguard." The movie's soundtrack was a phenomenal success.

ple Grandin," the moving HBO biopic starring Claire Danes.

"The Bodyguard" got by — and how! — on its soundtrack. It sold more copies than "Titanic" (which came later), and it sold more copies than "Saturday Night Fever" (which came earlier).

Houston's power balladry remains a force of nature.

The movie remains a chemistry lesson called on account of a complete lack of chemistry.

My wife hadn't seen the movie yet, either. Both of us were actively encouraging the dog to bark

more during the dialogue scenes. And now we have this shared experience, better late than never, to commemorate week 1 of sheltering at home.

"The Bodyguard" is streaming now, \$2.99-\$3.99, on YouTube, Amazon Prime, Google Play,

iTunes and Vudu.

Next entry in the Overdue Film Festival: "Peyton Place."

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## APPRECIATION

## David Mamet writes: It all traces back to Stuart Gordon in Chicago

BY DAVID MAMET

We asked the playwright and screenwriter David Mamet to eulogize Stuart Gordon, the theatrical director who died March 24 and who was an early influence on his work. The following is his edited response.

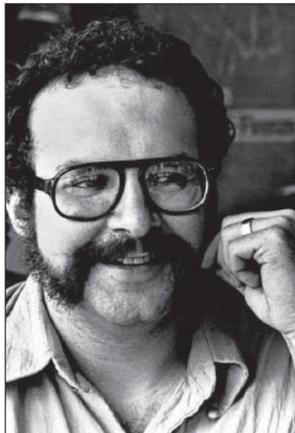
The anti-Stratfordians insist that Shakespeare did not write those plays. He could not, as he never went to school to study Playwriting.

Q: With whom?

There is the mystery of the Theatre: that inspiration, an "infusion of the Spirit," means the possession of and dedication to the inexplicable.

The authentic theatrical vision is called talent or genius. The untalented, unaware of its existence, attempt to approximate it through reason: "Buy six plays for the price of Five," "Sit through our Socially Conscious Programming." These, and their like, are attempts to Build an Audience. But the *actual* artist is inspired to do something quite different: to please or thrill an audience.

This inspiration is neither mechanical nor financial, it is not rational. It can not be explained, though it may be created and presented to an audience; it *need* not be explained to the actors and designers who, of like mind, are



CHICAGO TRIBUNE 1976

Gordon started Organic Theater on Chicago's North Side in 1970 with Carolyn Purdy-Gordon.

attracted to the flame.

Its name is, "This'll kill em'."

Stuart Gordon, a Theatre student at the University of Wisconsin, was arrested in 1968, for his production of "Peter Pan." He thought it better if actors were naked. And, indeed, it was better, if not for the University, then for the Chicago (and, thus, the American) theatre. He and Carolyn (Purdy-Gordon) started the Organic Theater on the North Side, in 1970.

There, with that coterie of the

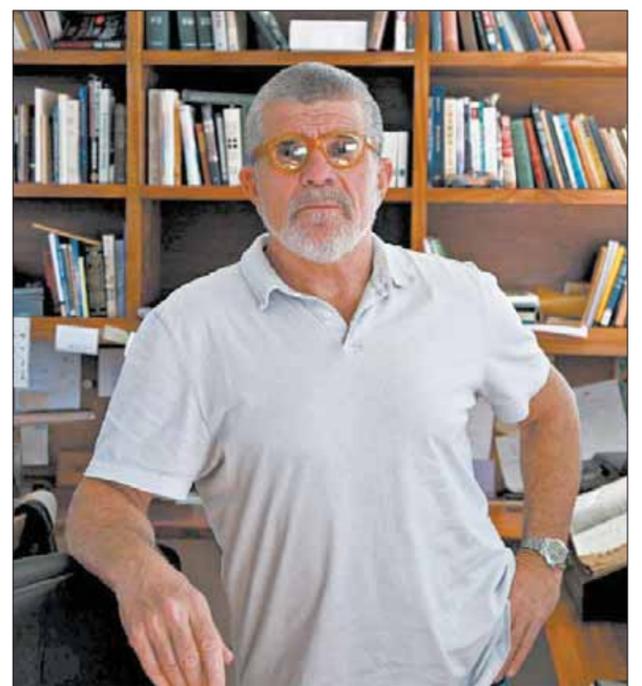
ne'er-do-well, which is the only gene pool of the Arts, they began putting on productions which had never before shone on land and sea.

Stuart's notion was that anything which could be done on film could be done on the stage, so he created, play-by-play, a stagecraft of effect: blood, gore, nudity, music, sound, and so on. It thrilled us all, production by production. We who saw the shows remember them still.

Prior to the Chicago Theatre of the '70s, the American Stage consisted of Broadway, and the mausoleums of Regional Theatre staging Eugene O'Neill and Ibsen. (Both of these have their place, but I don't think that it's on The Stage.)

These death-houses were essentially philanthropies who understood their task as "spreading gloom."

But here came Stuart and Carolyn, with a company of returned Vietnam Vets, Cicero Kids, ex-cons, Warren Casey (who wrote "Grease," and starred in Stuart's production of my first Chicago play ("Sexual Perversity in Chicago")). Organic members Joe Mantegna, Dennis Franz, Meshach Taylor, André De Shields went on to phenomenal careers in movies, onstage and in TV. I was inspired to start my own Company (St. Nicholas



KATIE FALKENBERG/LOS ANGELES TIMES

Writer David Mamet, shown in his Santa Monica, California office in 2018, says director Stuart Gordon was an early influence on his work.

Theatre) with William H. Macy; and the happy scene attracted John Malkovich, Gary Sinise, Laurie Metcalf of Steppenwolf, Billy Petersen of Remains, Ed O'Neill, Dennis Farina, Linda Kimbrough, Mike Nussbaum.

This, the most influential epoch in American Theatre, was fueled not by a theatrical Philosophy; nor, as today, by attempts to cajole an audience into participating in "good works," but by the ecstatic inspiration: "This is

gonna kill 'em so dead, they'll throw babies from the balcony!"

People ask me, "where do you get your ideas?" I tell them there's this little Mexican guy, sells them off the back of his truck in Van Nuys, Sunday Mornings. The intent of the gag is: I have no *idea* where my ideas come from. But, in fact, many of them came from Stuart Gordon.

Tribune critic Chris Jones contributed to this story.

## CELEBRITIES

Tribune news services

# Hanks, Wilson back home after quarantine in Australia

Tom Hanks and Rita Wilson are back home in the U.S. after they revealed they had contracted coronavirus and were quarantined in Australia.

Hanks gave an update on Twitter on Saturday morning, thanking everyone who had helped them in Australia and assuring people that they are still isolating themselves in the U.S.

"Hey, folks ... We're home now and, like the rest of America, we carry on sheltering in place and social distancing. Many, many thanks to everyone in Australia who looked after us. Their care and guidance made possible our return to the USA. And many thanks to all of you who reached out with well wishes. Rita and I so appreciate it," Hanks wrote.

Hanks had been filming Baz Luhrmann's Elvis Presley biopic in Australia when the couple received their diagnosis. The actor plays Col. Tom Parker, the legendary singer's manager. Production on the film was shut down after the news of his positive diagnosis.

— Variety

**Name that tune:** Garth Brooks and wife, Trisha Yearwood, will be taking viewer requests during a live prime-time show this week filmed at their home. CBS will air "Garth and Trisha: Live!" on Wednesday. In an announcement Sunday, CBS says the country stars will perform "an intimate concert for viewers looking for the comfort and shared joy of music during this difficult time." The inspiration came from a live show that Brooks performed from his studio last week that attracted millions of viewers and



ROBYN BECK/GETTY-AFF  
Tom Hanks and wife Rita Wilson, shown at the Oscars in February, were the first stars to say they had coronavirus.

caused Facebook Live to crash multiple times.

**Jan Howard dies at 91:**

Singer-songwriter Jan Howard, who had a No. 1 country hit "For Loving You" with Bill Anderson and wrote hits for others like Kitty Wells' "It's All Over But the Crying," has died at age 91, according to the Grand Ole Opry. The Opry, of which she was a member for nearly 50 years, announced her death on Saturday. The Missouri-born Howard had her first hit in 1960 with "The One You Slip Around With" and had a string of others, including "Evil on Your Mind" and "Bad Seed." But she had her biggest success as a duo with Anderson, including "I Know You're Married," "Someday We'll Be Together" and "For Loving You," which spent four weeks at No. 1 on the Billboard country chart in 1967. She also wrote for others, including Wells'

song and Connie Smith's hit "I Never Once Stopped Loving You."

**John Callahan dies at 66:**

Actor John Callahan, known for playing Edmund Grey on "All My Children" and also starring on other soaps, including "Days of Our Lives," "Santa Barbara" and "Falcon Crest," has died. He was 66. His ex-wife and former "All My Children" co-star Eva LaRue announced his death on social media Saturday. The two played a married couple on the show. Callahan starred on "All My Children" from 1992 to 2005.

**March 30 birthdays:** TV personality Peter Marshall is 94. Actor Warren Beatty is 83. Musician Eric Clapton is 75. Actor Paul Reiser is 64. Rapper MC Hammer is 58. Singer Tracy Chapman is 56. Singer Celine Dion is 52. Actor Mark Consuelos is 49. Singer Norah Jones is 41.



Howard in 2013



## ASK AMY

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### Virus may reveal some basic blessings

**Dear Readers:** Because of syndication scheduling, I write and submit my columns two weeks in advance of publication. Due to this time lag, the Q&A's will not reflect the latest information about the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic we are facing.

As of this writing, Americans have started a program of social distancing, isolation and, in some cases, quarantine. Concerts, sporting events and public gatherings have all been canceled. Weddings, graduations, celebrations and vacations have been put on hold. Many workers have been furloughed or laid off. Children are home from school. The economy seems to be crashing. Families are sequestered in their homes, and people are anxious.

Every day in the small town where I live, I put a basket of oranges out on my front porch with a sign saying, "Help yourself!"

The parents who walk by send their kids up the sidewalk and onto the porch to pick one out. We wave to one another through the window.

The double-meaning of the wording on my sign was unintentional, but I like it. Yes, we all need to help ourselves. However, I am constantly reminded that, even in our isolation, we should not feel alone, and it is imperative that we help one another.

Most evenings, I stop at the small family-owned grocery store in our town. We neighbors keep a safe distance from one another. But the shelves are well-stocked, and the high school kids who bag the groceries will also carry them to your car. Without

this store, people in my rural area would live in a food desert. I am filled with relief and gratitude to have access to good food.

The hospital workers, postal workers, first-responders, supply chain providers, teachers connecting with their young students remotely — I am so grateful that they are helping the rest of us to stay safe and healthy.

When you have so many externals stripped away, it is the basics that quickly emerge as daily blessings: Good neighbors. Mostly reliable wireless service. Drive-thru Dunkin'.

For me, visits to the gym 10 miles away have been replaced by solitary walks in the woods. Yesterday, I saw the first signs of fiddlehead fern breaking through the forest floor.

I am reminded that, despite everything, spring will come; I hope I am not forced to wave at it through the window.

I reached out on social media, asking people to share stories about plans delayed or denied, and many people pointed toward our creativity and quirky humanity as a faint silver lining to burnish this seemingly dark time.

Faced with an empty facility, workers at the Shedd Aquarium in Chicago released the penguins to roam the halls — and filmed their adorable escapades, as they went on a "field trip" to meet other animals.

Jarret Krosoczka, author and illustrator of the graphic memoir "Hey, Kiddo" (2018, Graphix) is offering free online drawing tutorials for kids who are homebound (check his YouTube channel).

For foster youth who have aged-out of the system, their college campus might be their only home. The organization Together We Rise is helping to arrange and pay for housing (togetherwerise.org).

Storytime from Space has videos of in-orbit astronauts reading inspiring stories for children. Check storytimefromspace.com.

And ... many of us are learning to cut our own hair!

Lisa wrote: "My husband works across the country and travels home on the weekends. We have been doing this for about eight months, with me staying behind until our boys finish their senior years — one in high school and one in university. He is now working from home until further notice. So now, he is able to stay for an extended period of time. We have all missed each other so much and waking up with him home on Monday morning was our silver lining."

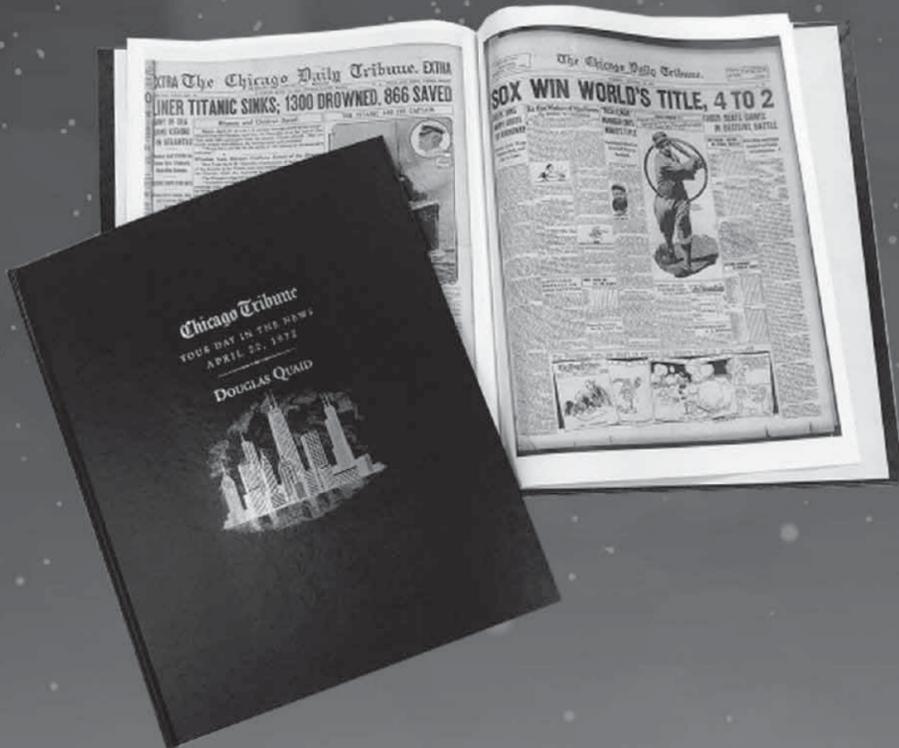
Diane wrote: "I think we're going to find a lot of good comes from this. If it's one thing I've learned in life — in a time of crisis, we come together."

Janet wrote: "Perhaps we can use this time to take stock and realign our lives to make certain that we give the most time to that which is most valuable — our loved ones. Also, to focus on helping those who don't have the safety net that we might be blessed with. It's a tall order, but worth trying."

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BOB OJEDA 1941-2020

# Trumpeter was renaissance man of jazz

BY HOWARD REICH

There wasn't much in jazz that Bob Ojeda couldn't do.

A masterful trumpeter, inventive arranger, creative composer and mentor to uncounted musicians, the Chicago artist was revered by peers and sought out by some of the greatest names in the art form.

Singers Sarah Vaughan, Carmen McRae, Peggy Lee and Lena Horne — among many others — turned to him to write arrangements and orchestrations. Band leaders Dizzy Gillespie, Stan Kenton, Lionel Hampton and Benny Carter featured him in their trumpet sections. And after Count Basie died in 1984, Ojeda toured and recorded with the Count Basie Orchestra from 1985 to 2001, writing arrangements for that propulsive swing machine.

Ojeda, 78, died March 26 at Elmhurst Hospital of pulmonary problems as a result of multiple surgeries, said Gil Ojeda, his brother.

"He was just a wonderfully thoughtful and melodic improviser," said Chicago trombonist Russ Phillips, a longtime colleague and friend.

"He wasn't a high-note player, but he could read anything. He was a complete player.

"I've played a lot of his charts over the years — they're uniquely his, and they're quite typically challenging but very rewarding.

"The things that make him a unique and wonderful improviser also make his arrangements unique. He brings that quirky quality to his arrangements — like maybe a hip little counter melody that's some other tune."

Stylistically, "he was the quintessential bop and post-bop guy," said Chicago saxophonist Eric Schneider, referring to bebop, a virtuosic, mid-20th century idiom conceived by Charlie Parker and Gillespie.

"Bob was a very serious player," added Schneider. "To him, the music was serious — it could be solemn, but it wasn't somber. Whenever he'd play, I'd hear a twinkle in his eye."

Born Sept. 1, 1941 in Austin, Texas, Ojeda moved with his family a couple months later to Chicago, where he grew up. As a



KEN RICHMOND

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teenager he was consumed with music.

"He would go around to the (jazz) clubs when he was underage," said Gil Ojeda. "He and a friend organized a band in the neighborhood when he was 15. He was already doing orchestration and arranging at that time."

Bob Ojeda attended Farragut High School, but "when he was 16, he just said he wasn't learning anything there," said Gil Ojeda.

As the emerging musician approached 18, Kenton — whose orchestra was one of the most ambitious, idiosyncratic and famous in jazz — recruited him.

"Stan was in town and said: 'Bob, we're down a horn player — are you interested in coming with us?'" said Gil Ojeda.

"They called my dad at around midnight: 'Mr. Ojeda, we want your son to go with us tomorrow morning,'" Kenton told the elder Ojeda.

"My father said yes."

Thus began Ojeda's whirlwind career. "By the age of 21, he had traveled almost all over the world," said Gil Ojeda.

In the 1970s, as youth-oriented rock music overwhelmed jazz in the marketplace, Ojeda moved to Los Angeles, where he wrote arrangements for singers and composed for jingles, TV and film. He played trumpet in the rock musical "Hair" in the early 1970s and performed with the Rolling Stones in 1975, according to his website. In the 1980s, he was a staff arranger for Johnny Carson's "The Tonight Show."

And though much earlier he'd had it with living out of a suitcase, he couldn't resist the opportunity to join the Basie Orchestra in 1985, touring more than 40 weeks a year with the band and accompanying stars such as Frank Sinatra.

For the past couple decades, Ojeda again was a significant presence in Chicago jazz.

Chicago singer-bandleader Petra van Nuis remembered first hearing him at the since-shuttered Chambers in Niles, around 2004 or 2005.

"I was so taken with him the first night I heard him, I went up and asked how/what he prac-

ticed," said van Nuis in an email.

"He said he liked to play along with the TV as it provided quickly changing tunes in different keys/styles/time signatures."

Van Nuis invited Ojeda to join her Recession Seven band in 2013, the authority and musicality of his work evident to anyone lucky enough to have heard him in this setting.

"It was still Bob, but it was more filtered through Roy Eldridge than through Clifford (Brown)," said Recession Seven bandmate Schneider, meaning that Ojeda was slightly retooling his sound and style to reflect the band's earlier period repertoire.

Ojeda's work as orchestrator reached thousands of listeners when Chicago singer Joan Curto hired him to write scores for three massive Auditorium Theatre shows she organized: "Cole Porter 125 — A Birthday Celebration" (2016), "Ella & Lena: The Ladies and Their Music" (2017) and "Chicago Celebrates Sondheim!" (2019).

"I asked several musicians I respected a lot: Who did the best

charts and orchestrations in the city of Chicago?" said Curto. "And unanimously, it was Bob Ojeda."

"He was invaluable to us. He could tell us how a song would work: How many horns, how many strings, did we need percussion? He was the leader in those decisions."

Ojeda also was deeply involved in nurturing new generations of musicians, partly through his work with the jazz competition of the Luminarts Cultural Foundation at the Union League Club of Chicago.

"That was one thing he really appreciated — the idea of reaching out to young players," said Gil Ojeda.

Said trombonist Phillips, "We're all just brokenhearted." In addition to Gil Ojeda, Bob Ojeda's survivors include siblings Liz, Ron and David Ojeda, and sister Gloria Koller.

A public memorial service will be planned after the coronavirus restrictions end, said Gil Ojeda.

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## WATCH THIS: MONDAY



Tom Payne

**"Prodigal Son"** (8:01 p.m., FOX): The police team takes a deep dive into the high-stress classical dance world as they investigate the mysterious poisoning of a swiftly rising ballet star in the new episode "Scheherazade." Elsewhere, Jessica (Bellamy Young) reunites with Nicholas Endicott (Dermot Mulroney), an old socialite friend, while Bright and Eve (Tom Payne, Molly Griggs) press Martin (Michael Sheen) for answers about the girl in the box.

**"Below Deck Sailing Yacht"** (8 p.m., 9 p.m., Bravo): In the new episode "Parker's Big Adventure," Adam and Jenna pick up the pieces of Ciara and Madison's failed beach picnic, while Georgia steps up to surprise the guests. Jenna discovers the cause of Madison's chronic exhaustion. Hoping to prove his mettle, Parker undertakes a mission for the passengers, and Ciara decides to let him make his own mistakes for once. Jenna reaches a breaking point with Madison.

**"Driven"** (8:01 p.m., 12:01 a.m., Discovery): Beau Boeckmann, president of Galpin Motors — which revolutionized the automotive world in 1952 with the first dealership to design, build and sell a custom car — teams up with custom car builder Dave Shuten and customization specialist "Mad Mike" Martin to rescue custom car culture from oblivion in this new motor series. In the premiere, Beau and the Galpin crew resurrect a unique Pantera that Carroll Shelby hot-rodged for a secret project with Lee Iacocca.

**"Breeders"** (9 p.m., 10:11 p.m., 1:13 a.m., FX): Reeling from Michael's death, the family makes an extended visit to Darren's (guest star Patrick Baladi) country house, but their host's fixation on his job — and Paul's (Martin Freeman) earnest attempts to give Ally (Daisy Haggard) space by tending to the kids — doesn't give Ally a chance to get the closure she needs by saying a proper goodbye. George Wakeman and Jayda Eyles also star in the new episode "No Talking."

**"Fast N' Loud"** (9:02 p.m., 1:02 a.m., Discovery): Richard Rawlings and his team at Gas Monkey Garage defend their elite status in the hot rod world as this hit automotive makeover series returns for a new season. In the premiere, "Super Troupe Jeep," actor and humanitarian Gary Sinise joins Richard to transform two Jeeps for his Gary Sinise Foundation. It's an ambitious undertaking, as the Gas Monkey wizards take a rusty 1981 CJ7 and turn it into a rare Super Jeep from the 1970s, a vehicle sure to fetch a pretty penny at auction.

## TALK SHOWS

**"Conan"** (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Conan O'Brien welcomes celebrity guests and draws comedy from poignant news stories and politics.\*

**"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon"** (10:34 p.m., NBC): Singer-songwriter Ryan Tedder; best of Fallon.\*

**"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert"** (10:35 p.m., CBS): The comic interviews guests and introduces musical performances.\*

**"Jimmy Kimmel Live!"** (11:05 p.m., ABC): Celebrity guests and comedy skits.\*

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## MONDAY EVENING, MAR. 30

	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00
BROADCAST	<b>CBS</b>	2	The Neighborhood (N)	Bob Hearts Abishola (N)	All Rise: "In the Fights." (N) ©	Bull: "Off the Rails." (N) ©	News (N) ♦	
	<b>NBC</b>	5	The Voice: "The Battles Part 2." (N) ©			(9:01) Manifest: "Call Sign." (N) ©	NBC 5 News (N) ♦	
	<b>ABC</b>	7	American Idol: "310 (Hawaii Showcase and Final Judgment Part 2)." (N) ©			The Good Doctor: "I Love You." (Season Finale) (N) ©	News at 10pm (N) ♦	
	<b>WGN</b>	9	black-ish: "Churched." ©	black-ish: "The Talk." ©	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	WGN News at Nine (N) (Live) ©	WGN News at Ten (N)
	<b>Antenna</b>	9.2	Alice ©	Alice ©	3's Comp. ©	3's Comp. ©	Johnny Carson ©	Coach ©
	<b>Court</b>	9.3	Closing Arguments (N)		Closing Arguments with Vinnie Politan ©			
	<b>PBS</b>	11	Chicago Tonight (N)		Antiques Roadshow (N) © (Part 2 of 3)		Antiques Roadshow: "Spokane." ©	Independent Lens (N) ♦
	<b>CW</b>	26.1	Supernatural (N) ©		Roswell, New Mexico (N)		Broke Girl	Broke Girl
	<b>The U</b>	26.2	Dr. Phil ©		Tamron Hall ©		The Steve Wilkos Show	Cops ©
	<b>MeTV</b>	26.3	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle	Green Acres	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero
	<b>H&amp;I</b>	26.4	Star Trek ©		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9	Star Trek ♦
	<b>Bounce</b>	26.5	The Last Boy Scout (R,'91)		*** Bruce Willis, Damon Wayans. ©		Passenger 57 ('92) ***	
	<b>FOX</b>	32	9-1-1: "Pinned." (N) ©		(8:01) Prodigal Son (N)		Fox 32 News at Nine (N)	Modern Family ©
	<b>Ion</b>	38	Criminal Minds ©		Criminal Minds ©		Criminal Minds ©	Criminal ♦
<b>TeleM</b>	40	Exatón EE. UU. (N)		La Doña (N) ©		Operación Pacífico (N) ©	Chicago (N)	
<b>MNT</b>	54	Chicago P.D. ©		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU	Chicago ♦	
<b>UniMas</b>	60	One Small Indiscretion (NR,'17)		Ashley Scott.		Noticiero (N)	Vas con todo ♦	
<b>WJYS</b>	62	J. Savelle	K. Hagin	Joyce Meyer	Robison	Blakeman	Wonderen	
<b>Univ</b>	66	Ringo (N)		Amor eterno (N)		Sin miedo a la verdad	Noticias (N)	
CABLE	<b>AE</b>		Hunting JonBenét's Killer: The Untold Story ©			The Killing of JonBenét ♦		
	<b>AMC</b>		♦ (6) Transporter 2 ('05) **	Better Call Saul (N) ©		Dispatches From (N)	Call Saul ♦	
	<b>ANIM</b>		Puppy Bowl XV: "Winner Takes All." (Part 1 of 3)			Puppy Bowl XVI ♦		
	<b>BBCA</b>		Grease (PG,'78) ***	John Travolta, Olivia Newton-John. ©		(9:33) Grease ('78) *** ♦		
	<b>BET</b>		♦ Daddy's Little Girls **		Tyler Perry's Good Deeds (PG-13,'12) **	Tyler Perry. © ♦		
	<b>BIGTEN</b>		BTN Basketball in 60 ©		BTN Basketball in 60 ©		The Journey	
	<b>BRAVO</b>		Below Deck Sailing Yacht		Below Deck (N)		Below Deck Sailing Yacht	
	<b>CNN</b>		Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N)		CNN Tonight (N)	
	<b>COM</b>		The Office		The Office		The Office	
	<b>DISC</b>		Street-Memphis (N)		Driven (Series Premiere) (N) ©		Fast 'N Loud (Season Premiere) (N) ©	
	<b>DISN</b>		Fam Jam	Gabby	Sydney-Max	Roll With It	Coop	Sydney-Max
	<b>E!</b>		Botched ©		Botched ©		Botched: "The Boobinati." ©	Botched ♦
	<b>ESPN</b>		♦ (6) To be announced				The Draft (N)	The Draft (N)
	<b>ESPN2</b>		♦ TBA		To be announced		To be announced	SportsC. (N)
	<b>FNC</b>		Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)	Fox News
	<b>FOOD</b>		Spring Baking		Spring Baking (N)		Chopped Sweets (N) ©	Chopped ♦
	<b>FREE</b>		♦ Future	Ferris Bueller's Day Off (PG-13,'86) ***		Matthew Broderick. ©	700 Club ♦	
	<b>FX</b>		♦ (6:30) Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle ('17) ***				Breeders (N)	Better
	<b>HALL</b>		Love, Romance & Chocolate (NR,'19)	Lacey Chabert.			Golden Girls	Golden Girls
	<b>HGTV</b>		Home Town (N) ©		Home Town (N) ©		Home Town ©	Home ♦
	<b>HIST</b>		American Pickers		American Pickers (N) ©		(9:03) American Pickers	Pickers ♦
	<b>HLN</b>		Forensic	Forensic	Sex & Murder (N) ©		Forensic	Forensic
	<b>IFC</b>		Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men
	<b>LIFE</b>		The First 48 ©		(8:03) The First 48 ©		(9:03) The First 48 ©	First 48 ♦
	<b>MSNBC</b>		All In With (N)		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)	11th Hour (N)
	<b>MTV</b>		Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.
	<b>NATGEO</b>		Cosmos: Possible (N)		Cosmos: Possible (N)		(9:03) Drain the Oceans	Drain ♦
	<b>NCIS</b>		Short List (N)	Bulls (N)			To be announced	
	<b>NICK</b>		♦ The SpongeBob Musical		SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends ©	Friends ©
	<b>Ovation</b>		♦ (6) Inferno (PG-13,'16) **	Tom Hanks, Felicity Jones.			Lethal Weapon (R,'87) *** ♦	
	<b>OWN</b>		Dateline on OWN		The Real Story w/Salinas		Deadline: Crime	Dateline ♦
	<b>OPY</b>		NCIS ©		NCIS: "Willoughby." ©		NCIS: "Off the Grid." ©	NCIS ♦
	<b>PARMT</b>		Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops (N) ©	Cops ©
	<b>SYFY</b>		♦ (6:17) Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG,'09)				*** Daniel Radcliffe.	Fantastic ♦
<b>TBS</b>		Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	
<b>TCM</b>		Captain Nemo and the Underwater City (G,'69) **				The Incredible Mr. Limpet (G,'64) **		
<b>TLC</b>		90 Day Fiancé		90 Day Fiancé (N)		sMothered (N)	sMothered ♦	
<b>TLN</b>		Supernatural	IMPACT	Faith Chi	Faithwire	Robison	Billy Graham	
<b>TNT</b>		Star Wars: The Last Jedi (PG-13,'17) ***	Mark Hamill.			Carrie Fisher. ©	Star Wars ♦	
<b>TOON</b>		Home Movie	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Rick, Morty	Burgers	Burgers	
<b>TRAV</b>		Beyond the Unknown (N) ©				Beyond the Unknown (N)	Unknown ♦	
<b>TVL</b>		Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Two Men	Two Men	
<b>USA</b>		WWE Monday Night RAW (N) (Live) ©					Briarpatch	
<b>VH1</b>		Love, Hip Hop (N)		Love & Hip Hop Miami (N)		Love & Hip Hop: Atlanta	Hip Hop ♦	
<b>WE</b>		Criminal Minds ©		Criminal Minds ©		Criminal Minds ©	Criminal ♦	
<b>WGN America</b>		Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Almost Paradise (Series Premiere) (N) ©	Last Man	
PREMIUM	<b>HBO</b>		♦ (6:15) The Kitchen ('19) *	Plot Against America (N)		Friend (N Subtitled-English)	Plot-Amer. ♦	
	<b>HBO2</b>		The Plot Against America	Hunter Killer (R,'18) **	Gerard Butler. ©		Van Hells ♦	
	<b>MAX</b>		Strike Back: "Episode 7." (7:50)	Skyscraper (PG-13,'18) **			Down a Dark Hall ('18) ♦	
	<b>SHO</b>		Black Mon	Black Mon	Homeland: "Threnody(s)." VICE ©		Black Mon	
	<b>STARZ</b>		(7:02) Spider-Man: Far From Home (PG-13,'19) ***				(9:14) Outlander ©	
<b>STZNC</b>		♦ (6:03) Soul Food (R) ***	Jackie Brown (R,'97) ***	Pam Grier. © ♦				



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### Horoscopes



**Today's birthday** (March 30): This year blesses your career, status and influence. Contribute to strengthen vital teamwork. Professional triumphs inspire resolution of a family plot twist. Expect shifting travel conditions this summer, inspiring an indulgence in domestic joys. Changing news next winter leads an investigation to discoveries. Realize a dream.

**Aries** (March 21-April 19): Today is a 7. Recharge at home. Help your team score over the next six weeks, with Mars in Aquarius. Anything seems possible together.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20): 8. Move forward boldly. Advance in your career, with Mars in Aquarius over the next six weeks. Take leadership. Accept authority.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20): 8. Wear comfortable shoes over the next six weeks, with Mars in Aquarius. Pursue travels, studies and adventures. Follow the thread of a fascinating inquiry.

**Cancer** (June 21-July 22): 9. Take charge. Grow your shared accounts, with Mars in Aquarius. Coordinate and implement your plans together. Monitor investments, expenditures and cash flow.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Compromise for common goals. Work together to get farther, with Mars in Aquarius for six weeks. Support your partner and ask for help when needed.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 9. Balance work and health, with Mars in Aquarius. Provide excellence and reap the benefits over the next six weeks. Nurture yourself with exercise and good food.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Follow your heart. Actions speak louder than words, with Mars in Aquarius. Passion and creativity infuse the atmosphere. Fun is the name of the game.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 7. Study and research. Improve your living conditions. Apply elbow grease for home renovation, organization and beautification. Pamper your family with seasonal flavors and colors.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 7. Do your part. Learn difficult material quickly, with Mars in Aquarius. Dig for the underlying truth. Write, record and share your discoveries. Speak out.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 9. With Mars in Aquarius for six weeks, make profitable financial moves. Wheel and deal. Generate positive cash flow. Energize your work to grow accounts.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 9. Practice your moves. Take bold, decisive action for a personal dream, with Mars in your sign. You've got the power! Steer a steady course.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): 7. Create your vision. Make long-term plans and priorities over the next six weeks, with Mars in Aquarius. Clean closets, garages and attics.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

### The Argyle Sweater



### Bliss



### Bridge

Here are the answers to the weekly quiz:

**Q.1**—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ KQ8 ♥ J732 ♦ 54 ♣ Q543

West	North	East	South
1♠	Dbl	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	?

What call would you make?

**A.1**—This hand was almost worth a jump to 3H at your last turn. Bid 4H.

**Q.2**—North-South vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ AJ6 ♥ 942 ♦ J874 ♣ KQJ

Right-hand opponent opens 1H. What call would you make?

**A.2**—This is an automatic pass. Just thinking would be an overbid.

**Q.3**—East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ QJ8 ♥ 7652 ♦ K96 ♣ A86

North	East	South	West
1♦	2♣	Dbl*	Pass
2♥	Pass	?	

#### \*Negative

What call would you make?

**A.3**—Don't be aggressive with 4-3-3-3 distribution. Pass.

**Q.4**—Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ J109854 ♥ Q5 ♦ KJ95 ♣ 3

North	East	South	West
1NT	Pass	2♥*	Pass
2♠	Pass	?	

#### \*Transfer to spades

What call would you make?

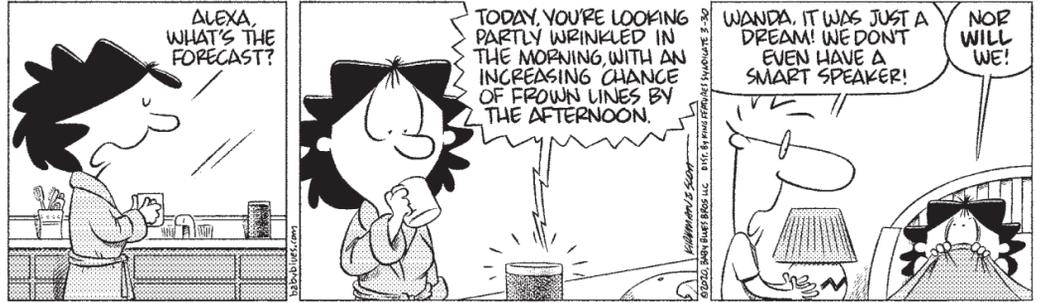
**A.4**—This is a hand to be aggressive with. Bid 4S.

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### Dilbert



### Baby Blues



### Zits



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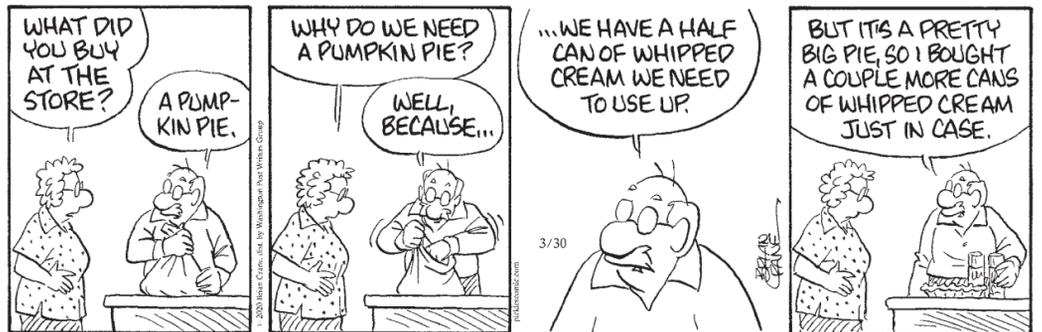
### Frazz



### Classic Peanuts



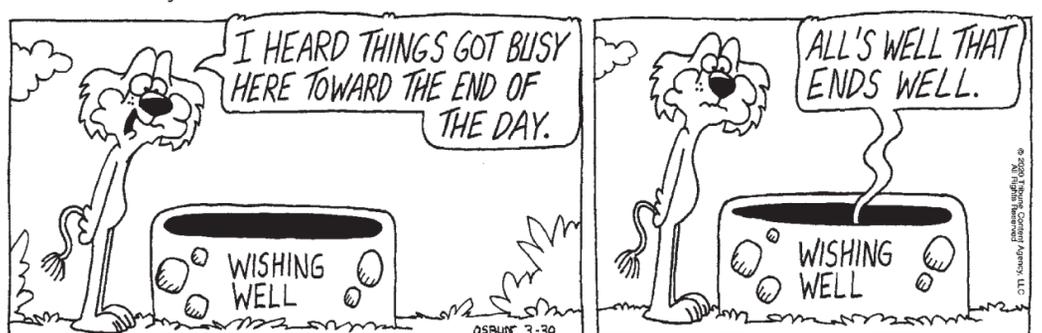
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### Dick Tracy



### Animal Crackers



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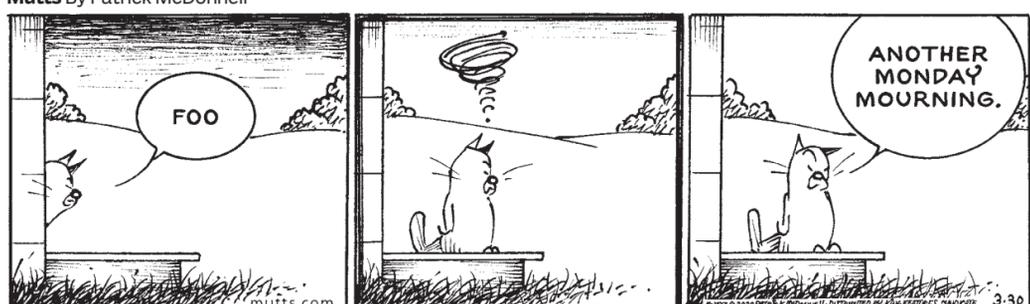
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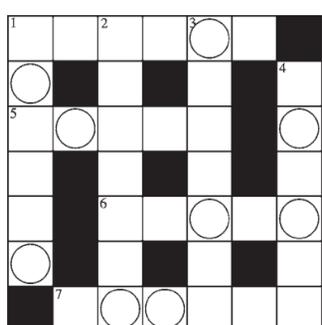
**Broom-Hilda** By Russell Myers



**Trivia Bits**

**Almost all the residents of what island are descendants of the crew of the HMS Bounty?**  
 A) Ascension Island  
 B) Pitcairn Island  
 C) Rapa Nui (Easter Island)  
 D) Tortola  
 Saturday's answer: The comic book industry annual awards are named for Will Eisner.  
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**Jumble Crossword**



**CLUE ACROSS**  
 1. \_\_\_ vertebra  
 5. Seagoing  
 6. Start  
 7. Downgrade  
**ANSWER**  
 MARLBU  
 AVLAN  
 GBENI  
 DMEEOT

**CLUE DOWN**  
 1. Stick-around  
 2. Transportable  
 3. Brisk musical tempo  
 4. \_\_\_ Age  
**ANSWER**  
 GRILEN  
 OLMAVEB  
 EGOLARL  
 RNEOBZ

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

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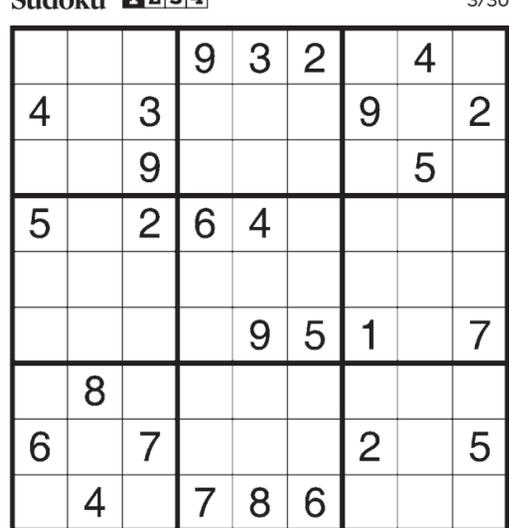
**BONUS**

CLUE: This was developed in France in 1869 in response to a challenge by Emperor Napoleon III.

ANSWERS: 1-A-Lumber 5-A-Navel 6-A-Lumber 7-A-Lumber 2-B-Demote 3-D-Boat 4-B-Boat 5-A-Navel 6-A-Lumber 7-A-Lumber 8-A-Lumber 9-A-Lumber 10-A-Lumber 11-A-Lumber 12-A-Lumber 13-A-Lumber 14-A-Lumber 15-A-Lumber 16-A-Lumber 17-A-Lumber 18-A-Lumber 19-A-Lumber 20-A-Lumber 21-A-Lumber 22-A-Lumber 23-A-Lumber 24-A-Lumber 25-A-Lumber 26-A-Lumber 27-A-Lumber 28-A-Lumber 29-A-Lumber 30-A-Lumber 31-A-Lumber 32-A-Lumber 33-A-Lumber 34-A-Lumber 35-A-Lumber 36-A-Lumber 37-A-Lumber 38-A-Lumber 39-A-Lumber 40-A-Lumber 41-A-Lumber 42-A-Lumber 43-A-Lumber 44-A-Lumber 45-A-Lumber 46-A-Lumber 47-A-Lumber 48-A-Lumber 49-A-Lumber 50-A-Lumber 51-A-Lumber 52-A-Lumber 53-A-Lumber 54-A-Lumber 55-A-Lumber 56-A-Lumber 57-A-Lumber 58-A-Lumber 59-A-Lumber 60-A-Lumber 61-A-Lumber 62-A-Lumber 63-A-Lumber 64-A-Lumber 65-A-Lumber 66-A-Lumber 67-A-Lumber 68-A-Lumber

**Sudoku** 1 2 3 4

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6	1	7	5	8	4	2	9	3
9	3	5	2	7	1	6	4	8
8	4	2	3	9	6	5	7	1
2	6	3	1	5	9	7	8	4
7	5	4	8	6	3	9	1	2
1	8	9	4	2	7	3	6	5
4	9	8	7	3	2	1	5	6
5	2	6	9	1	8	4	3	7
3	7	1	6	4	5	8	2	9

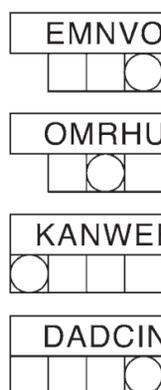
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

**Saturday's solutions**

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**Jumble**

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.



Answer here



**Saturday's answers**

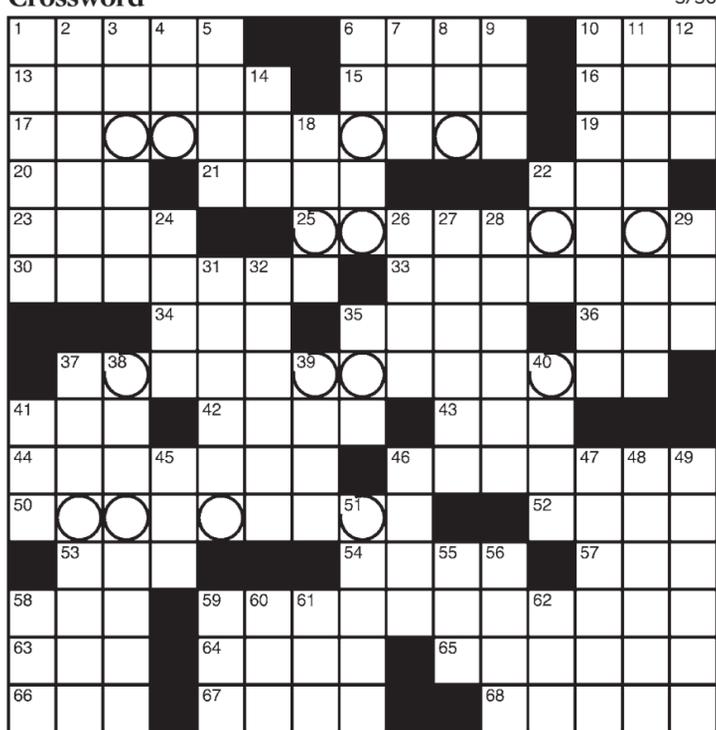
Jumbles: MESSY SENSE UNEASY GALLOP  
 Answer: When the teacher taught subtraction to the students, it was a — LESSEN LESSON

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**Crossword**

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**Across**

- 1 Run \_\_\_ of the law: get in trouble
- 6 Seized SUV, say
- 10 Pumpkin dessert
- 13 Style
- 15 Wind instrument in Donovan's "Jennifer Juniper"
- 16 "\_\_\_ ideas?"
- 17 Studio feature that produces reverb
- 19 GPS choice
- 20 AFL partner
- 21 Pool-filling aid
- 22 Spa sigh
- 23 Fifty percent
- 25 Very popular movie star, e.g.
- 30 Advanced in age
- 33 Museum of Natural \_\_\_
- 34 Goat's cry
- 35 Pasta sauce brand
- 36 Poe's "Annabel \_\_\_"

- 37 2017 Day-Lewis film with multiple Oscar nominations
- 41 True master
- 42 Days, to Diego
- 43 Famous Downing Street address
- 44 Bone-muscle connectors
- 46 Like moody Romantic heroes, as first described in the works of a British lord
- 50 Talk Like a Pirate Day greeting
- 52 Centers of activity
- 53 Before, to poets
- 54 Untidy condition
- 57 \_\_\_ Van Winkle
- 58 Sassy West
- 59 Last leg of a race ... or a hint to the circled letters

- 7 Tidal reflux
- 8 "Nevermore" poet
- 9 Poet's contraction
- 10 Geometry curve
- 11 Losing money, colorfully
- 12 Organ with a pupil
- 14 Letter after pi
- 18 Pallid
- 22 Check no.
- 24 National Preparedness Month org.
- 26 "Is \_\_\_ legal?"
- 27 First of two nearly identical words to a tucked-in tot
- 28 Loan shark
- 29 Whiskey grain
- 31 Hit-or-miss
- 32 Rita Moreno, e.g.
- 35 Apt. ad count
- 37 Warm in advance
- 38 Award recipients
- 39 Hops kiln
- 40 Organic compound
- 41 School support org.
- 45 Color, as hair
- 46 Tournament passes
- 47 McAffee rival
- 48 Frozen spike
- 49 Coded writing
- 51 Nail-filing board
- 55 Car care brand
- 56 Mex. ladies
- 58 "The word" in silence
- 59 FDA overseer
- 60 Breakfast grain
- 61 Hamm of soccer
- 62 Important period

**Saturday's solution**



**Down**

- 1 "Cocoon" co-star Don
- 2 Spa skin-care treatment
- 3 Waiting for a phone rep, maybe
- 4 Tres menos dos
- 5 Solidarity's Walesa
- 6 Juliet's love

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# CHICAGO WEATHER CENTER

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MONDAY, MARCH 30 NORMAL HIGH: 52° NORMAL LOW: 34° RECORD HIGH: 79° (1998) RECORD LOW: 12° (1969)

## Quiet, calm week follows very windy Sunday

### LOCAL FORECAST

**HIGH 50** **LOW 35**

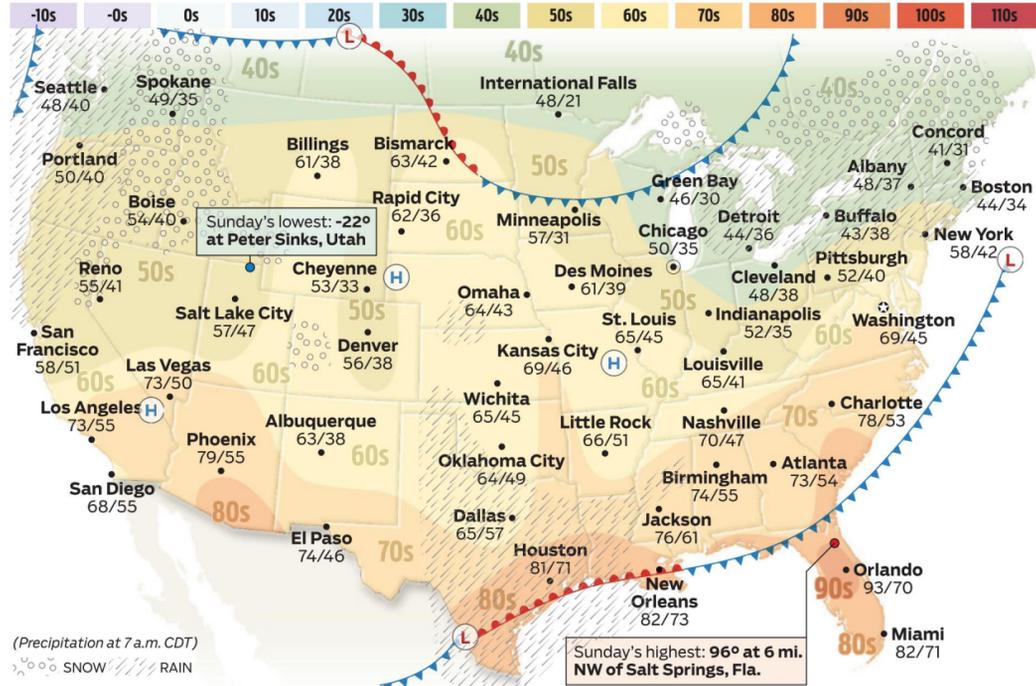
■ A much more pleasant day with increasing sunshine and diminishing winds.

■ Sunshine returns after four straight sunless days as clouds break and thin.

■ Highs peak around 50, but readings drop into the lower 40s near the lake as northwest winds 10-20 mph become northeast 10-15 mph in the afternoon.

■ Fair and chilly overnight. Lows in lower and middle 30s.

### NATIONAL FORECAST



High winds raked the Chicago area Sunday with wind gusts topping 50 mph across much of the region. The area's highest reported gust reached 60 mph in Valparaiso during the afternoon. While the Chicago area managed to dodge a major severe weather threat on Saturday, an EF-1 tornado struck southwest of Rockford in Ogle County, producing a damage track from Oregon to Stillman Valley. As the storm departs the area, the city can look forward to relatively quiet weather in the week ahead. No major precipitation is expected, though some showers are possible late Friday. Highs on Monday should peak around 50 and Tuesday promises to be the chilliest day with readings topping out only in the lower and middle 40s. Milder weather should return later in the week as temperatures rebound to near 60 degrees.

### TUESDAY, MARCH 31

**HIGH 43** **LOW 32**

March exits on a mainly cloudy and chilly note. Highs peak only in the lower/middle 40s about 10 degrees below normal.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

**HIGH 52** **LOW 37**

April opens on a milder note as temperatures return to seasonable levels. Winds become southerly 10-20 mph.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 2

**HIGH 58** **LOW 40**

Morning sun fades as clouds gather through the day. Milder as southerly winds increase to 10-20 mph. An overcast assembles overnight.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 3

**HIGH 60** **LOW 42**

Cloudy and mild with south winds 10-20 mph. Some showers possible late in the day, but a better chance at night.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 4

**HIGH 55** **LOW 37**

Any lingering clouds and showers depart early, setting the stage for a partly sunny. Not quite as mild as highs reach mid-50s inland but hold in the 40s near the lake.

### SUNDAY, APRIL 5

**HIGH 51** **LOW 32**

Sunny prevails. Highs reach the lower 50s inland, but once again northeast winds hold lakeside readings in the 40s.



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,  
My parents used to tell me how my father struggled to drive his 1949 Studebaker to the hospital when I was born on March 29, 1954 because there was so much snow. How much snow fell that day?  
Chuck Dean  
Tempe, Arizona

Dear Chuck,  
There was a lot. That day the Chicago area was trying to cope with an unforeseen 7.7-inch snowstorm that brought city traffic to a near standstill. The storm was unexpected with the forecasts calling for just a few rain or snow showers. Instead, a heavy, wet snow blanketed the city, snarling traffic, causing streets to be blocked by stalled cars. The month opened with a major 11.8-inch snowstorm on March 2-3 and the month's robust 19.9-inch total snowfall made it the city's fourth snowiest March behind 1926-23.1 inches, 1965-22.3 inches and 1930 21.6 inches.

Write to: ASK TOM  
2501 W. Bradley Place  
Chicago, IL 60618  
asktomwhy@wgn9.com

Hear Demetrius  
Ivory's weather updates weekdays 3 to 6 p.m. on WGN-AM 720 Chicago.

## Powerful spring storm blows out of town; sunshine returns

### CHICAGO SUNSHINE

City's last recorded sunshine was on March 25

PERCENT OF POSSIBLE SUN SINCE MARCH 25
81%
0% 0% 0% 0%
25 26 27 28 29
MARCH

■ Last time city had four consecutive cloudy days was Feb. 24-27

### CHICAGO WEATHER HISTORY

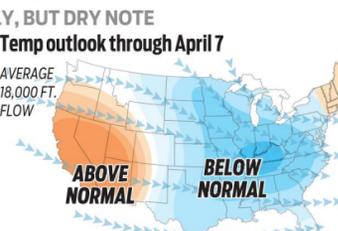
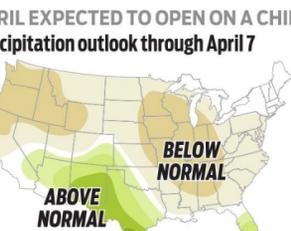
Two for the snow  
Week-apart spring snowstorms of 1970

STORM #1  
March 25-26  
14.3" NE 44 mph\*

STORM #2  
April 1-2  
10.7" NE 52 mph\*

■ Both storms produced heavy, wet "heart attack" snow.

■ Cubs-Sox city series relocated to Tulsa, Okla.



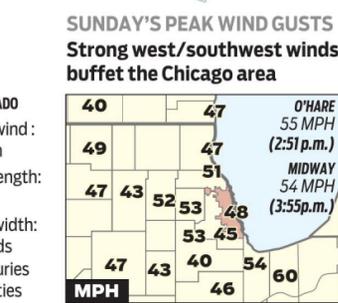
### SATURDAY'S SEVERE WEATHER

Chicago area spared, but National Weather Service confirms: EF-1 tornado in Ogle County

START: 9:13 p.m.  
2 mi. east of Oregon, Ill.

END: 9:24 p.m.  
2 mi. W/SW of Stillman Valley

Damage to trees, power lines, barns, and outbuildings



### MIDWEST CITIES

MON./TUES.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	pc	65	45	sh	49	35
Carbondale	pc	55	34	sh	41	31
Champaign	su	58	37	sh	43	33
Decatur	su	58	37	sh	43	33
Moline	su	59	35	sh	42	33
Peoria	su	57	35	sh	44	32
Quincy	pc	62	42	sh	55	33
Rockford	pc	55	31	sh	44	31
Springfield	su	60	39	sh	45	34
St. Louis	pc	56	32	sh	44	32
St. Petersburg	pc	60	38	sh	44	36
Evansville	pc	64	43	sh	47	37
Fort Wayne	sh	42	32	sh	43	37
Indianapolis	pc	52	35	sh	42	37
Lafayette	cl	52	34	sh	44	36
St. Paul	sh	42	30	sh	44	34
Wisconsin						
Green Bay	pc	46	30	sh	41	32
Kenosha	pc	47	33	sh	40	34
La Crosse	su	58	31	sh	52	34
Madison	pc	54	30	sh	43	30
Milwaukee	cl	47	32	sh	40	34
Wausau	pc	50	25	sh	48	30
Michigan						
Detroit	sh	44	36	sh	46	37
Grand Rapids	sh	41	31	sh	45	35
Marquette	ss	34	29	sh	35	30
St. Ste. Marie	sh	40	31	sh	46	33
Traverse City	ss	39	33	sh	42	35
Iowa						
Ames	pc	60	36	sh	58	37
Cedar Rapids	su	58	33	sh	52	32
Des Moines	pc	61	39	sh	59	38
Dubuque	su	57	32	sh	49	32

### OTHER U.S. CITIES

MON./TUES.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Albany	rn	48	37	sh	49	32
Albuquerque	pc	63	38	sh	70	47
Amarillo	pc	65	41	sh	71	47
Anchorage	su	31	12	pc	31	16
Asheville	pc	66	45	sh	49	39
Aspen	pc	61	26	pc	52	35
Atlanta	cl	73	54	sh	60	43
Atlantic City	pc	64	43	sh	48	39
Austin	ts	73	59	sh	79	54
Baltimore	pc	66	41	sh	54	42
Billings	pc	61	38	sh	44	26
Birmingham	sh	74	55	sh	66	43
Bismarck	pc	63	42	sh	59	34
Boise	sh	54	40	sh	48	30
Boston	sh	44	34	sh	42	31
Brownsville	pc	87	71	sh	90	66
Burlington	sh	43	38	sh	44	33
Charlottesville	sh	47	35	sh	47	28
Charlotte	sh	78	53	sh	59	46
Charlton SC	pc	78	60	sh	71	53
Charlton WV	pc	65	38	sh	50	40
Chattanooga	sh	72	51	sh	55	42
Cheyenne	pc	53	33	sh	58	34
Cincinnati	pc	57	36	sh	46	38
Cleveland	pc	48	38	sh	40	38
Colo. Spgs	sh	54	33	sh	66	39
Columbia MO	pc	66	45	sh	59	36
Columbia SC	cl	80	59	sh	70	51
Columbus	sh	48	35	sh	46	38
Concord	sh	41	31	sh	47	27
Corpus Christi	pc	82	71	sh	91	65
Dallas	sh	65	57	sh	68	51
Daytona Bch.	pc	87	67	sh	88	65
Denver	pc	56	38	sh	68	40
Duluth	pc	40	25	sh	37	30
El Paso	pc	74	46	sh	79	57
Fairbanks	su	23	-6	su	25	-3
Fargo	pc	53	25	pc	56	39
Flagstaff	su	55	26	pc	62	34
Fort Myers	su	90	71	sh	87	73
Fort Smith	sh	69	50	sh	61	42
Fresno	su	50	31	sh	62	40
Grand Junc.	rs	56	36	sh	66	40
Great Falls	pc	59	34	sh	45	19
Harrisburg	pc	60	43	sh	53	41
Hartford	sh	51	37	sh	49	31
Helena	cl	57	31	pc	46	25
Honolulu	cl	80	69	sh	80	69
Houston	ts	81	71	sh	83	59
Int'l Falls	pc	48	21	sh	51	24
Jackson	su	73	50	sh	70	54
Jacksonville	pc	89	69	sh	89	63
Janeau	pc	29	16	pc	31	17
Kansas City	pc	69	46	sh	63	43
Las Vegas	su	70	47	sh	72	46
Lexington	pc	62	38	sh	45	38
Lincoln	cl	66	43	sh	63	45
Little Rock	sh	66	51	sh	53	39
Los Angeles	su	73	55	sh	77	56
Louisville	pc	65	41	sh	58	45
Macon	pc	80	57	sh	70	48
Memphis	sh	71	51	sh	84	41
Miami	pc	82	71	sh	85	73
Minneapolis	pc	57	31	sh	55	38
Mobile	cl	82	70	sh	83	54
Montgomery	cl	79	60	sh	75	47
Nashville	pc	70	47	sh	54	40
Las Vegas	cl	82	73	sh	86	58
New Orleans	pc	57	31	sh	55	38
New York	cl	82	70	sh	83	54
Norfolk	pc	75	50	sh	49	40
Okla. City	pc	64	49	sh	62	45
Omaha	cl	64	43	sh	63	45
Orlando	pc	93	70	sh	90	68
Palm Beach	pc	88	71	sh	90	74
Palm Springs	su	82	58	sh	87	62
Philadelphia	pc	65	44	sh	50	39
Phoenix	su	79	55	sh	85	62
Pittsburgh	sh	52	40	sh	61	42
Portland, ME	rs	40	31	sh	46	34
Portland, OR	su	50	40	sh	51	38
Portland, ME	rs	40	31	sh	46	34
Providence	sh	48	35	sh	45	29
Raleigh	pc	75	52	sh	60	45
Rapid City	pc	62	36	sh	65	33
Reno	pc	55	41	sh	60	34
Richmond	pc	74	45	sh	42	33
Rochester	sh	47	39	sh	42	33
Sacramento	pc	65	49	sh	69	43
Salem, Ore.	sh	49	38	sh	51	36
Salt Lake City	pc	57	47	sh	60	40
San Antonio	ts	80	58	sh	83	55
San Diego	pc	68	55	sh	71	58
San Francisco	pc	58	51	sh	59	46
San Juan	pc	82	72	sh	84	71
Santa Fe	pc	53	34	sh	63	39
Savannah	pc	86	60	sh	77	55
Seattle	sh	48	40	sh	50	39
Shreveport	pc	69	58	sh	68	46
Sioux Falls	pc	60	39	sh	58	46
Spokane	pc	49	35	sh	48	32
St. Louis	pc	65	45	sh	53	35
Tucson	su	75	48	sh	68	46
Tulsa	su	71	49	sh		