



CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Illinois tops 5,000 cases

Construction crews begin work on field hospital at McCormick Place

EDUCATION

CPS aims to deliver computers to students

BY HANNAH LEONE AND ELYSSA CHERNEY

Chicago Public Schools will officially begin remote learning on April 13 and aims to get tens of thousands of electronic devices into the hands of homebound students — but leaders won't say whether the school shutdown prompted by the coronavirus pandemic will last longer than previously declared, through April 20.

Mayor Lori Lightfoot, CPS and City Colleges leaders announced remote learning plans Monday and said CPS families should receive more guidance from their children's schools by April 6.

"We will not allow this crisis to be an obstacle to our students' futures and their dreams," Lightfoot said. "It was a herculean effort to shift one's curriculum to an entirely new medium. ... While our schools remain closed, thanks to our city's countless faculty and staff, education in Chicago remains open."

CPS plans include providing both digital and nondigital learning materials, and officials have laid out a goal of delivering 100,000 electronic devices — primarily laptops, Chromebooks and iPads — to the neediest students. About 37,000 devices have been purchased recently and another 65,000 from schools are to be moved temporarily into students' homes. Devices and other remote learning needs are included in a \$75 million coronavirus budget approved by the Board of Education last week.

The Illinois State Board of Education announced late Friday that starting Tuesday, schools must transition to "remote learning days," with an allowance for up to five planning days. CPS teachers have just that much time to prepare before spring break begins April 6, with remote learning to start the first day back.

At Monday's news con-

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MORE COVERAGE

The brave new world of shopping

One week after Illinois' stay-at-home order went into effect, stores are getting back to stocked shelves and sanity. Rations of high-demand goods, shoppers in masks and reminders to keep your distance encompass the world of pandemic shopping. **Business**

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BY STACY ST. CLAIR, GREGORY PRATT AND JAMIE MUNKS

As the number of confirmed coronavirus cases in Illinois climbed to more than 5,000 on Monday, work began on converting McCormick Place into a medical facility that could handle a potential crush of COVID-19 cases and help ease growing concerns about a possible bed shortage in the Chicago area.

Gov. J.B. Pritzker announced the lakefront convention center will have 500 beds available by week's end. The medical center, which is being called an alternate care facility, eventually will be able to hold 3,000 beds for

patients, most of whom would have mild symptoms and would not require intensive care.

Another group of 500 beds should be available next week, with 1,250 more by April 20. The final 750 acute care beds will be in place by the end of next month, Pritzker said.

"Based on best practices around the world on how to manage positive cases and contain this virus, McCormick will be dedicated mostly to non-acute COVID-19 patients, people who could benefit from the care of medical professionals but are not likely to

need a formal ICU," Pritzker said at his daily news briefing. "Of course as I've said before, this is an evolving situation, and if our experts determine down the line that McCormick Place should be dedicated to a different set of criteria, we will shift our mission to follow the medical experts' best advice."

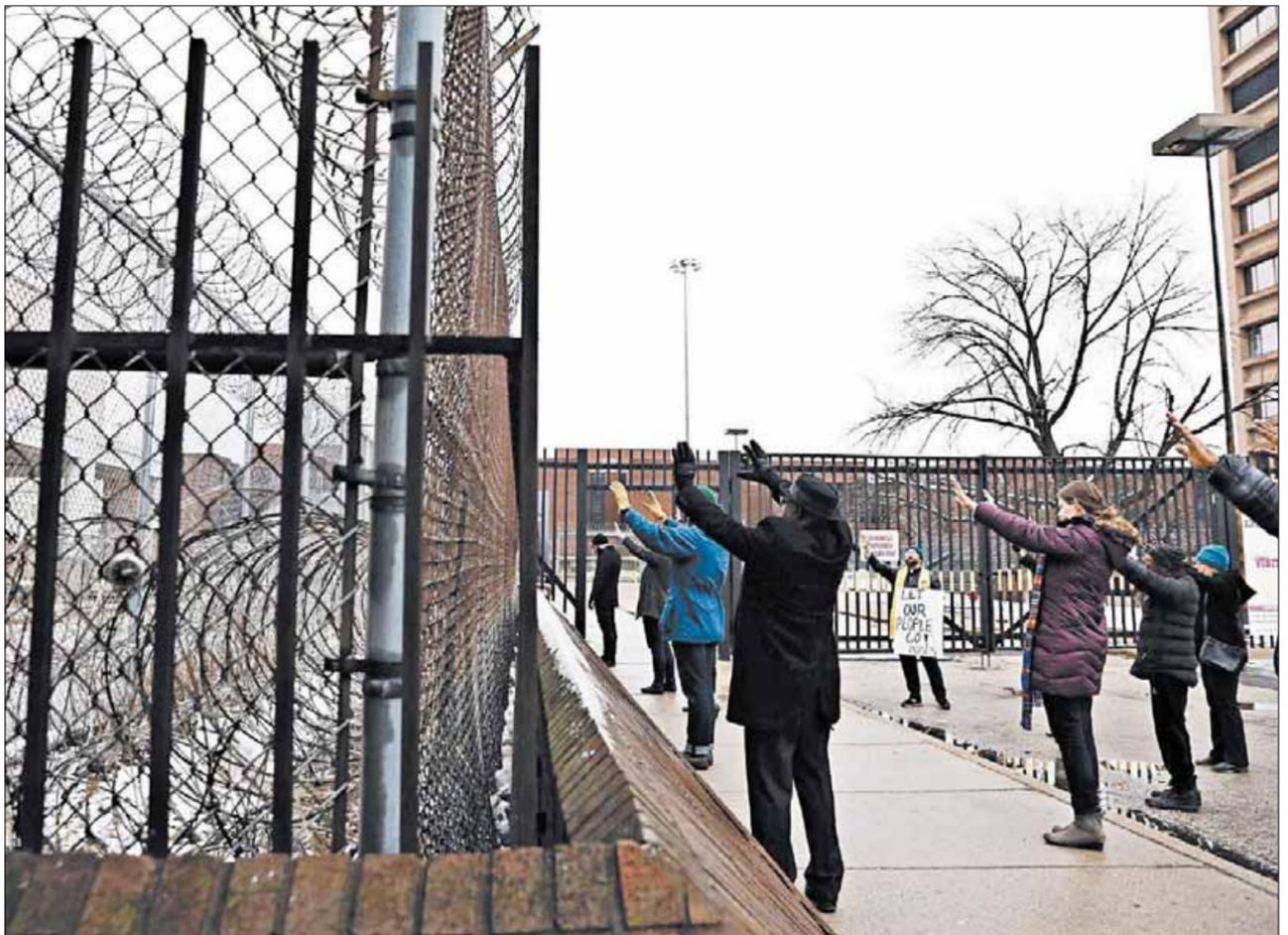
Officials said the facility will be overseen by experienced hospital administrators, but Pritzker did not say which government agency will take charge of the site. It's also unclear

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An Army Corps of Engineers emergency operations truck is parked outside McCormick Place on Monday.

PRISON SAFETY



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Faith leaders pray March 23 outside Cook County Jail Division 5 in Chicago for the health and release of the 5,500 people incarcerated there.

WASHINGTON



MANDEL NGAN/GETTY-AFP
President Donald Trump displays the Abbott Laboratories equipment used for a new test for the coronavirus during a briefing Monday. The rapid virus test is a "huge step forward" but still not enough to meet the need. **Story in Chicagoland, Page 7**

Dire projections dash plan

Presented with grim reality, Trump changed mind on Easter

BY JONATHAN LEMIRE, JILL COLVIN AND ZEKE MILLER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The two doctors spread out their charts in the Oval Office.

The projections were grim: Even if the U.S. were to continue to do what it was doing, keeping the economy closed and most Americans in their homes,

the coronavirus could leave 100,000 to 200,000 people dead and millions infected. And the totals would be far worse if the nation reopened.

Those stark predictions grew even more tangible and harrowing when paired with televised images of body bags lined up at a New York City hospital not far from where President Donald Trump grew up in Queens.

The confluence of dire

warnings and tragic images served to move the president off his hopes for an Easter rebirth for the nation's economy.

But while Trump sided with the White House doctors, at least for now, the decision shed light on a West Wing beset with divisions and a commander-in-chief torn between an instinct to embrace the

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Cook, state struggle to cope with incarcerated

Alarms raised about fate of prisoners

BY ANNIE SWEENEY AND MEGAN CREPEAU

Officials knew two weeks ago just what kind of crisis loomed outside the front doors of the sprawling Cook County Jail.

COVID-19 had just been declared a pandemic. More than 5,500 detainees were housed in close quarters inside the Southwest Side facility, with new arrivals coming daily from all corners of the county. Conditions were ideal for the new disease's unchecked spread.

A potential disaster, as Cook County Public Defender Amy Campanelli put it. A huge problem, Sheriff Tom Dart added, noting, "there is no play-book here."

In the Illinois Department of Corrections, too, alarms were sounding. Advocates, attorneys and

loved ones of the system's 40,000 inmates watched anxiously, wondering what could be done to protect a population with nowhere to shelter.

And so authorities were quickly confronted with the challenge to strike a balance. Which would better protect public safety: keeping people behind bars, or letting them out to join the public in isolation efforts to try and slow the escalating coronavirus emergency?

Some expedited releases have begun, but advocates say neither the state nor the county has pivoted fast enough in the face of the growing public health crisis. Instead, COVID-19 has highlighted flaws they have been complaining about

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James Yarbrough and his 3-year-old granddaughter Eva Kramer stand in Yarbrough’s doorway with drawings she made for people in an assisted living facility Sunday in Elmhurst.

Chicagoans unite as #PandemicPals and write letters to isolated seniors



REX W. HUPPKE

One thing I love about this big, messy, diverse and often difficult city and all its surrounding suburbs is this: When there’s trouble and you give people a path they can go down to help, Chicagoans rush in.

I’ve seen it time and again, year after year. A family’s house burns down before Christmas — Chicagoans rush in. A West Side youth football team comes up just short raising money to attend a jamboree — Chicagoans rush in.

Last week, I wrote a column about the coronavirus pandemic and how it would leave many seniors and people with disabilities struggling with isolation. Not quite sure how it would work, I suggested we find ways to reach out to these people and call ourselves #PandemicPals.

And Chicagoans rushed in.

I’ve now responded to more than 150 emails from people who want to send cards or letters to folks who have suddenly found themselves cut off from visitors and unable to socialize. And the emails keep coming.



MARLENE MARKS

Chicago Tribune reader Marlene Marks will send handmade cards to seniors as part of the #PandemicPals initiative.

“I would love to do some card writing! Please let me know how to get started.”

“Would appreciate names and addresses of facilities or particular folks to whom I could write cards or letters.”

“I would love to get some addresses of people to write to. I am a kindergarten teacher and could share these addresses with my students and extended family. Let me know and we’re happy to participate.”

There was an almost rhythmic repetition to my email inbox: What can I do to help? What can I do to help? What can I do to help?

Let me first thank all who have taken time to reach out about #PandemicPals. I have done my level best to respond to everyone, but if I missed you, haven’t gotten to you

yet, emailed you twice by accident or did anything dippy, please bear with me. I’m trying to keep up!

If you work at or run or know of an assisted-living facility, a facility that works with people with disabilities or any individuals who might benefit from cards or letters, let me know. I now have a small army of volunteers eager to help.

While I started off thinking #PandemicPals would focus on people making phone calls, it quickly became clear the logistics would be a bit much. Most facilities I contacted encouraged letters or cards and said residents love getting mail.

I’ve now heard from people recruiting friends in their book clubs to write letters, been sent photos of adorable kids working on

paintings to be mailed and received a copy of a letter one kind gentleman is sending to residents of an assisted-living facility.

Here’s an excerpt from that letter: “Whoever you are, male or female, God bless you for who you are, the life you have led, and the people you have touched. This is a letter to you of hope and resilience. You need to possess both of those virtues in these tough times. ‘Tough times never last, but tough people do,’ quoted from the Rev. Robert Schuller.”

We’re all dealing with the fears and anxieties that come with this pandemic, and with the sweeping changes a statewide stay-at-home order has brought to our lives. And it seems we’ll be dealing with all this for some time to come.

But reading email after email after email from people who want to do what they can to help others is a shot of hope to the veins. It’s a reminder of what binds us.

I’m happy to be a conduit to those in isolation and in need of a boost. Keep reaching out and I’ll do all I can to respond and point folks in the right direction.

And thank you, Chicagoans. Thank you for rushing in.

Just like you always do.

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HEIDI STEVENS
Balancing Act

At noon on Saturday, under gray skies threatening rain and the pall of a global pandemic impending life in a million ways, Bill Hession's

friends and neighbors stood outside his South Loop condo and sent up their love.

Hession, 83, was inside his sixth-floor unit, where he lay dying. His daughter, Katie, and his wife, Joan, stood on the balcony, waving at the 60 or so people standing below on Calumet Avenue, just north of 21st Street.

A woman with three kids — two in a double jogging stroller — waved a giant Irish flag. A couple held up a sign written on the back of a roll of gift wrap: "BILL, FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS. LOVE, TORRES FAMILY." Another man held a sign reading, "We love U Bill Hession." Another sign: "Thank you for your friendship."

Most people brought their dogs. A few exchanged elbow bumps. Bill Hession's son, Daniel, walked around offering thank-yous and hellos from a safe distance.

At 12:08 p.m., a woman led the group in "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling." A few minutes later, another woman walked down Calumet with a portable speaker playing Bing Crosby's rendition.

"It was amazing," Katie Hession told me afterward. "I knew my dad touched people. I had no idea how much."

Bill Hession was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia in October. He was receiving treatment at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, but he moved home March 20 (the one-year anniversary of his only brother's death) to live out his last days surrounded by his wife, his four children and his beloved dog, Veronica.

Katie Hession knows her dad doesn't have many days left. He hasn't eaten since Tuesday. He floats in and out of consciousness, mostly out.

She knows when he passes, she and her mom and her siblings



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Rick Browdy and Kelly Shannon hold a poster of support for Bill Hession at his home.

South Loop's tribute to a dying neighbor

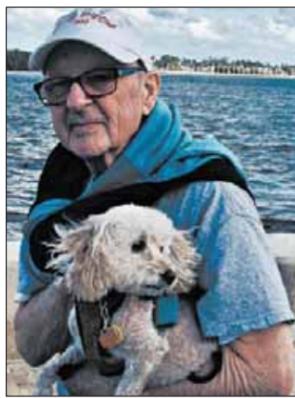
won't be able to hold a proper wake and funeral for him, given coronavirus-mandated restrictions on crowds.

So she typed up a flyer. She added a photo of her dad walking Veronica. She explained the situation.

"This adds to my family's heartbreak," she wrote, "he is Irish after all and is so deserving of a fine send-off for a life well lived."

She invited anyone who might recognize the duo to stand outside his condo Saturday "with more than six feet of social distance" and pay him a small tribute. She would hang a dog leash from the balcony so they knew which one was his.

"I hope you'll just look up and



KATIE HESSION

Bill Hession and his dog, Veronica, in Florida, on Jan. 22, 2019.

send up a special thought or prayer to Bill," she wrote. "He may not see you or hear you, but I hope to capture the procession from above in a photograph and show him how much the neighborhood cares for him, a friend, a fellow dog walker."

She had six copies of the flyer made at a UPS store and hung them around the neighborhood.

And people showed up. "We came inside, and I just said, 'Dad. You had so many dog walkers and friends standing out in front of the building, and they brought their dogs and they sang, 'When Irish Eyes Are Smiling,' she told me afterward. "And he opened his eyes a little bit, and he whispered, 'Oh my God.'"

Bill Hession grew up in Chicago. He graduated in 1954 from Leo Catholic High School, where he was a standout football player. He earned a scholarship to Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa, and married his longtime girlfriend, Joan, his senior year.

After college, he returned to Leo Catholic to coach football and teach Spanish and English. (He was inducted into Leo's hall of fame in 2011.) As the family and expenses started to grow, he got a job at Reavis High School in Burbank, where he taught and coached for more than 30 years.

At one point on Saturday, a gentleman in a Reavis jacket yelled up to Katie Hession on the balcony, "Your father coached me in football!"

"I told my dad," Katie Hession said. "You had a Reavis Ram downstairs, and he wanted to thank you for being a great coach."

Friends and neighbors dropped off cards as well. One was addressed to "The mayor of 2001 S. Calumet and his first lady Veronica."

Katie Hession, who lives four blocks north of her parents, said she'll soon be the one walking Veronica, a little bichon found on a Chicago street and saved by an organization called Small Paws Rescue.

"It was a match made in heaven," Katie Hession said.

Before Bill Hession got sick, the family — Bill, Joan, four kids, nine grandkids — gathered every July in Lake Geneva for a week-long "Papa-palooza." (His grandkids call him "Papa," and his birthday is July 5.) Katie Hession figures they'll turn that tradition into his memorial this year, "if the world is right by then."

"He's a great man and a great person and a great father," Katie Hession said. "He really deserved this."

And his people delivered. Bill Hession passed away Monday at 3:05 p.m. "I guess school was letting out," Katie Hession said, a nod to her dad's decades spent teaching and shaping young people.

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Some food pantries still operating

Social distancing forces changes in practices

PETER NICKEAS

With nearly one-third of Chicago-area food pantries closed because of the coronavirus, those still open are changing their operations in response to an expected wave of demand and to adhere to social distancing recommendations.

The Greater Chicago Food Depository, which partners with more than 300 pantries and 400 other food services organizations, is shifting from fresh produce to nonperishable foods that keep longer and are easier to pack. The agency also is encouraging its partners to give prepackaged boxes and bags of food instead of letting families they serve walk into a pantry to take what they need.

The take-what-you-need model was introduced to give families more control over the food they bring home. By shifting to prepackaged boxes and bags, the food depository hopes pantries can offer a grab-and-go experience to keep people from congregating. As of Thursday morning, 111 of the 354 pantries in the Greater Chicago Food Depository's network had closed.

"When you have 100 of your partners close, that's certainly concerning," said Greg Trotter, spokesman for the agency. "That's going to have an impact on people and it's going to hurt some people who need help. But the next part of that is that we're ... building a response to fill those gaps in service."

"To this point there's been no tidal wave of demand on our network. But we expect the longer it drags on, the more likely it is we could see that. We're collecting data and building up our capability to respond."

When it became clear there would be an increased demand for services, Trot-



JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Volunteers pack boxes of nonperishable food at the Greater Chicago Food Depository on Friday in Chicago.

ter said his agency started checking in daily with pantries distributing food to respond more quickly to shifting demands and capabilities.

"We've recommended a reduced-intake process," Trotter said. "Normally we ask our partners to gather demographic information as data points — we're building data on who we're serving, where the need is, what it looks like. All of that is on hold. ZIP code, household size. No ID, no signature."

"And as pantries close or change their operations, the food depository and other agencies can turn to other services to make sure people are fed."

This could mean using mobile distribution, asking shelters to pass out meals-to-go instead of serving communal hot meals or setting up different ways of distributing food at fixed sites, Trotter said.

Volunteers are working

at the food bank, packing 20- to 30-pound boxes of canned and dry goods that can be shipped to pantries or, in an emergency, distributed directly to people in areas where pantries no longer are operating.

Lakeview Pantry on the city's North Side has seen "unprecedented" demand for food assistance, according to the agency. Visitors for the food service have increased by 40%, and other social services, such as mental health counseling, have seen demand grow by about 25%, Trotter said.

The food pantry the village of Mount Prospect runs stopped collecting food to discourage unnecessary interaction between staff and the public and is asking people to donate gift cards that it can pass out during food distribution.

That pantry has seen a 40% growth in demand for the first three weeks of March compared with the same time frame in Febru-

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— Greg Trotter, spokesman for the Greater Chicago Food Depository

ary, said Julie Kane, director of human services for the village.

It also has moved from monthly distribution to weekly, in part to help people who are waiting for unemployment checks.

"We're seeing additional people who've never used the pantry who we're assisting," Kane said. "We've started seeing more new clients calling in wanting to use the pantry. So as each week goes by, it's going to

continue to go up as we acquire new clients."

In the Grand Crossing neighborhood, where every recipient of food from the New Life Covenant Church gets a hug, things "have changed pretty drastically," its food pantry coordinator, Jackie Kabir, said.

"That's a big aspect of who we are, and we have had to drastically change that," she said.

Volunteers no longer are hugging anyone, and people

who want food get prepackaged groceries from staff instead of going into the building to shop.

"People are being light about it," Kabir said. "They understand we're trying to protect ourselves as well as them. We still see their smiling faces as they pass by the door. They wave. They understand the transition is for both of our benefits. It's not going to be like this always. Just a moment in time."

And as other pantries have stopped operating, Kabir said she saw demand at her site grow to about 185 families during Thursday's distribution. Normally they see between 120 and 150, she said.

"That's the inspiring piece about what's going on right now — people are stepping up in different ways," Trotter said. "Wherever it comes from, we're trying to respond. It's all hands on deck trying to get people what they need."

Activists rail about need for Dakota Access pipeline expansion

Coronavirus threatens oil markets, federal ruling raises questions

BY PATRICK M. O'CONNELL

The possibility that more oil will be allowed to flow through the Dakota Access pipeline has been increasing for months, as state agencies have granted approval for plans to boost capacity and upgrade pump stations along the 1,172-mile route from North Dakota to central Illinois.

But a federal judge's ruling last week has added a new wrinkle to those plans, potentially delaying the expansion and opening up the possibility the pipeline may have to temporarily suspend operations while a new environmental review is conducted.

The order from a U.S. district judge in Washington D.C. was a victory for Native American tribes that have opposed the pipeline from the beginning. It also drew an immediate response from Illinois activists who have objected to the expansion plans.

Buoyed by the judge's decision, the environmental groups moved to press pause on proceedings pending before the Illinois Commerce Commission, which is considering a petition for increased pipeline capacity.

Citing the judge's ruling, as well as possible ramifications of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic on domestic and global oil markets, the environmental groups Save Our Illinois Land and Sierra Club filed a motion Thursday with the



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A mainline valve of the Dakota Access pipeline is visible in December in Brown County in western Illinois.

commerce commission to "stay further proceedings in this docket, and take additional evidence concerning the unprecedented global events."

"Even if COVID-19 disappeared tomorrow, there are still indications that the oil market is going to be in bad shape for a long time to come with everything that is going on," said John Albers, a lawyer representing Save Our Illinois Land and Sierra Club. "Logically and rationally, (the company) should have to prove the need for more oil, if for no other reason, independent of the D.C. case, than the collapse of the oil market. If the demand is not there for oil anymore, and that's what they have been pointing to as a reason why they need to increase capacity, what's the point of all of this?"

The company that owns and operates the pipeline, Energy Transfer, has filed paperwork with the commerce commission seeking permission to nearly double the volume of oil that flows through the pipeline. Currently, 560,000 barrels flow through the pipeline daily.

The company is seeking to pump up to 1.1 million barrels from the oil-rich Bakken region in North Dakota to a pump facility in central Illinois, where it connects with other Midwestern pipelines.

Environmental groups and landowners have filed to block the expansion. The motions in Illinois follow a federal judge's ruling in the District of Columbia district court that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers needs to prepare an environmental impact statement of the oil pipeline in the area where it runs under the Missouri River near the Standing Rock Reservation, the scene of protests and clashes in 2016, in North Dakota.

U.S. District Judge James E. Boasberg ruled that "too many questions remain unanswered" about the pipeline's safety and leak detection systems.

"Unrebutted expert critiques regarding leak-detection systems, operator safety records, adverse conditions, and worst-case discharge mean that the easement approval remains 'highly controversial,'" Boasberg wrote in his ruling.

The judge ruled the Army Corps did not "adequately discharge its duties," and he ordered the agency to prepare a full environmental review of the pipeline.

The oil company and the tribes, Boasberg said, should prepare to file briefs on whether the easement should be vacated during the review, which will determine whether oil will continue to flow through the pipeline.

In 2016, the Army Corps concluded that granting an easement for the river crossing would not harm the environment, exempting the agency from having to prepare an impact statement. Oil then began to flow from North Dakota across South Dakota, Iowa, under the Mississippi River and farm fields of Illinois to a tank hub facility in Patoka, Illinois, about 75 miles east of St. Louis, in the summer of 2017. The oil company filed paperwork to double the capacity of the pipeline with various agencies in all four states through which the pipeline travels last year.

The status of those requests remains in doubt in Illinois, where the commerce commission must approve a petition to expand.

The environmental groups argue the federal judge's ruling will affect the pipeline's operations and thereby change the tenor of the ongoing case before the commerce commission. The next set of filings in the Illinois case is due at the beginning of April.

"A failure by the Com-

mission to accept evidence related to the unprecedented changes in the oil markets would result in a grossly inadequate, incomplete, and inaccurate record, making any decision based on the current record arbitrary and capricious, without consideration of a critical substantial evidence," Albers wrote in the briefing, adding that the commission should wait for any new filings in the D.C. district case before moving forward in Illinois.

Energy Transfer spokeswoman Lisa Coleman declined to comment on any pending litigation. But, in an emailed response to questions, Coleman wrote that COVID-19 "has not affected our operations."

"We have been actively managing the business risk associated with the virus and have taken a number of measures to ensure we are able to continue the safe and reliable operations of our systems," Coleman wrote.

The developments last week follow three days of public commerce commission hearings in early March in Chicago. The meetings were attended by environmentalists and activists opposed to the expansion of the pipeline and labor groups supporting the plans. No rulings or decisions were made at the hearings.

On Friday, the pipeline cleared another hurdle when the Iowa Utilities Board, after months of objections from activists and landowners, granted the oil company permission for the increased flow of oil through the state and for

proposed upgrades to a pumping station in central Iowa, north of Des Moines.

That move was welcome news to the coalition of businesses, trade associations and labor groups called Grow America's Infrastructure Now that has been backing the project.

"DAPL Optimization is one step closer to allowing more American-produced crude oil to move to market and meet our country's growing energy needs," spokesman Craig Stevens said in a statement. "The project will support high-skilled jobs and ensure the safe transportation of American oil. Pipelines like Dakota Access are some of the most heavily regulated, technologically advanced, and monitored infrastructure projects in the country."

In Illinois, the oil companies filed their 2019 petition for the upgrades with the commerce commission, seeking authorization to build a new pump station in Hancock County, north of Quincy, and replace and add pumps at the oil tank complex in Patoka. The petition also requests authorization to build a new pump station on another pipeline at the southern edge of Illinois, near the town of Joppa on the Ohio River.

The environmental groups and a landowner with property near the pipeline argue that pumping more oil through the pipeline will increase the risk of spills and leaks along the rural route. Labor groups have backed the projects, believing the upgrades will mean new construction jobs for members.

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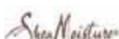
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More than 800 city police department employees out sick Monday

BY JEREMY GORNER

About 6% of the entire Chicago Police Department was on sick leave Monday as the COVID-19 pandemic continued to have an impact on city operations.

More than 800 Chicago police employees — most of them sworn officers, though some civilians as well — were out sick with wide-ranging ailments, but the increased numbers also were likely due to employees who took time off for

precautionary measures due to the coronavirus, CPD officials said.

The department has more than 13,000 sworn officers and several hundred more civilian employees.

So far, 49 Chicago police officers have tested positive for the coronavirus. Only a handful have had to be hospitalized, but at least one was reported in critical condition, Chicago police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi said Monday.

“And the rule that we

have here is if you are near somebody who was positive and you're symptomatic then you are automatically put on sick leave, on the medical,” Guglielmi said.

The department's sick leave numbers ran as high as around 7% at the end of last week, Guglielmi said. On an average day, about 2½% to 4% of the department doesn't report for duty for health reasons.

“The Department was notified of 29 members that have tested positive for the

COVID-19 virus since Friday,” Chicago police interim Superintendent Charlie Beck said in a department-wide memo on Monday.

Guglielmi said the number of CPD employees out on sick leave is “nowhere near some of the other (major U.S. city) departments are experiencing” due to COVID-19.

CPD officials have contingency plans in place in case staffing for the country's second largest police force shrinks to dire levels. In an

extreme situation, for instance, CPD could move its officers to 12-hour days, up from their normal 8½-hour shifts, and cancel days off.

But Guglielmi said the department has not yet resorted to that. So far, he noted, CPD only canceled days off for patrol bureau officers on March 21, the first day of Gov. J.B. Pritzker's stay-at-home order.

One measure the department took to keep its staffing levels up was separating employees who work

out of police headquarters to different day-off groups, moving them to four days a week with two days off. Before, many of those employees worked 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

That action reduced the number of employees working in confined spaces at a given time to enhance social distancing, Guglielmi said. Some of those officers could also be used in other units across the city experiencing staffing shortages, he said.

Some colleges loosening their deadlines

High school seniors' lives upended by coronavirus during admissions time

BY ELYSSA CHERNEY

Despite vast uncertainty over when their campuses can fully reopen, Illinois colleges continue to court prospective students, in some cases revising admissions deadlines and rolling out virtual tours to help high school seniors decide where to attend.

Since visits scheduled for spring break and upcoming events for admitted students have all been canceled, many schools are posting scenic videos of their campuses online with accompanying narration.

The University of Illinois at Chicago, the city's largest school with enrollment topping 33,000, pushed back its deadline for high school seniors to commit from May 1 to June 1. A wave of schools nationwide are relaxing the timetable to let students experiencing financial hardship and general anxiety about the outbreak reconsider options.

“We don't want parents or students making decisions in a sense of panic,” said Kevin Browne, vice provost for academic and enrollment services at UIC. “We are watching to see what happens for fall and beyond, but I'm absolutely convinced we will be able to adapt and provide a good educational experience for the students. We have great empathy for the students whose senior year of high school is not what they expected.”

Even if students were to drop by campus on their own, they wouldn't get a sense of how schools look when in session. Campuses today are largely deserted, with many schools closing dorms and offering only remote classes for the rest of the academic year due to health concerns.

For Claire Dwyer, a senior at John Hersey High School in Arlington Heights, the unexpected changes are adding stress to the decision.

Dwyer, 18, banked on visiting all the schools where she was admitted, but she won't have the chance to check out the University of Vermont. Her

family had planned to go over spring break, but they recently canceled their trip, and the school has halted campus tours for the foreseeable future.

Though schools are bolstering their websites with fresh images and videos to offer a taste of campus life, Dwyer said it's not the same. And she doesn't feel comfortable committing to a school where she hasn't set foot before.

“You wouldn't buy a house without seeing it, and you wouldn't buy a car without test driving it,” she said.

Her father, Kevin Dwyer, agreed and said it is difficult for schools to replicate campus tours online. When the Dwyers scope out a potential college, they take their time and meander through the adjacent streets, peeking into restaurants and shops.

They also like to stop in campus buildings and observe students in their natural habitats, so to speak.

Tija Simitz, a senior at Oak Park and River Forest High School, is trying to determine whether she should move to a coast for college or stay in the Midwest.

The University of California at Davis is one of her top choices, but Simitz hasn't been able to visit and isn't likely to before the May 1 admission deadline. Instead, she's trying to learn more about the school from online webinars and other prospective students she's connected with on Facebook.

While she thinks an extended decision deadline would help, she worries what will happen if some schools change their dates and others don't.

“That's also very hard because if some schools have the May 1 deadline and some schools have the June 1 deadline ... I would feel confused on when to commit,” she said.

Arun Ponnusamy, chief academic officer at Collegewise, a national educational consulting company, said he's disappointed that schools aren't coordinating to delay deadlines sys-

temwide. Specifically, Ponnusamy said, the ultracompetitive Ivy League, and top-tier local schools like Northwestern University and University of Chicago, have not announced deadline changes.

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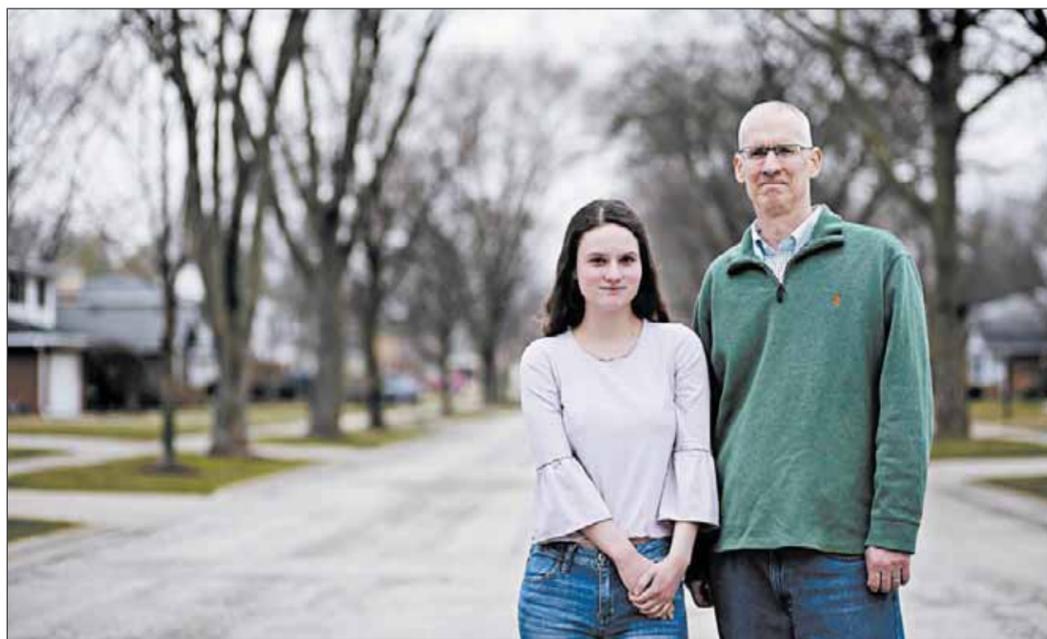
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Claire Dwyer, 18, stands with her dad, Kevin Dwyer, outside their Arlington Heights home.

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Though the Lincoln Park school usually stops accepting applications in February, it is allowing students more time in case changes in family circumstances necessitate they stay closer to home, Klaas said.

“We are being flexible with students this year,” she said in an email. “We know this pandemic has upended a lot of seniors' plans for graduation, prom, etc., not to mention their college decisions.”

While all students are fretting about their futures, the challenges are particularly overwhelming for first-generation college students, who are trying to navigate the admissions process without accessing

resources at school.

Sara Zhang, a senior at Chicago's Payton College Preparatory High School, said it's been difficult to connect with college counselors over email to get all her questions answered.

Since schools statewide are closed until next month, she can't drop by their offices to go over the financial aid paperwork that she's nervous about submitting incorrectly. Zhang said she has limited resources and her decision might hinge on financial aid offers.

Though college counselors at Payton are posting information online, it takes time for counselors to reply to her inquiries, Zhang said. And they aren't conducting video sessions on an individual basis, she said.

“It's good that they can respond (by email), but for certain things it's so crucial that I get them done in time,” Zhang said. “I'm one of the only people in my family that can speak English, so I basically have to do everything by myself now, which kind of sucks ... and if I get any rejections, there's no emotional support for me as well now.”

Greg King, dean of admissions at Illinois Wesleyan University, said he anticipates that many students will share concerns about financial aid. The school moved its decision deadline to July 1, and King said he is preparing for prospective students to have additional questions about their offers as the economy continues to spiral.

“I would expect to see a lot of appeals from families whose financial picture has changed since they filed (federal student loan appli-

cations),” he said. “Thankfully, we have very generous alumni that have given us a good chunk to be able to help families through those processes.”

Like other area schools, King offered optimistic predictions about enrollment figures for next year. Illinois Wesleyan, which draws a large segment of its students from within the state, could benefit if families decide to choose colleges closer to home.

At Bradley University in Peoria, Vice President of Enrollment Management Justin Ball said his school is also bumping the admissions deadline to June 1. Bradley, which typically welcomes about 1,100 new freshmen each year, is also allowing students applicants to submit unofficial school records and test scores if they are having trouble obtaining the material due to closures.

Rae Goldsmith, a spokeswoman for Southern Illinois University Carbondale, said it's too soon to know how the pandemic might affect student enrollment for next year. In the meantime, admissions staff is trying to reach applicants through video messages and field questions quickly through email and social media.

“Our numbers are still holding. We are anticipating a new freshman class and new transfer students in the fall, so we're not seeing any signs yet that will be an issue,” she said. “I think the question becomes how long (the pandemic) goes on, and that's a question no one has the answer to.”

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how it will be staffed, though the state has asked the Federal Emergency Management Agency for assistance and volunteers are being sought. The governor repeatedly has called for doctors, nurses and other medical professionals who recently left their fields to come back into service.

The Army Corps of Engineers provided some information about McCormick Place's transformation on Friday. The construction, in part, will be paid for by \$15 million in federal funding from FEMA to support the Army Corps of Engineers' project.

Mayor Lori Lightfoot said the facility will allow the Chicago area to handle the surge that “will be needed in the coming

weeks given the trajectory we are seeing.”

Her administration previously announced plans to rent 2,000 hotel rooms to isolate Chicagoans who contract the virus or are exposed to active cases.

“We are actively working on staffing solutions for this (McCormick Place) site as well,” Lightfoot said. “Just like our recent partnerships with local hotels, this new space will relieve the burden on hospitals and help ensure every individual receives the care that they need.”

Construction already had begun Monday when Pritzker announced the state's known coronavirus case count climbed by 461, with eight more deaths. Illinois has now recorded 5,057 known cases of COVID-19, including 73 deaths.

Among the deaths reported Monday was an incarcerated man from Stat-

eville Correctional Center near Joliet. There are 12 male inmates at Stateville now hospitalized. An additional 77 incarcerated people are isolated at the corrections facility, while 11 staff members have been diagnosed, officials said.

Four of the eight deaths announced Monday were people in Cook County, two were in Will County, one was from DuPage County and another from Kendall County. There are now known coronavirus cases in 52 of Illinois' 102 counties.

Illinois Department of Public Health Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike said the state continues to be in “an exponential growth phase.” Illinois is doubling its number of confirmed cases every four days. By comparison, Seattle, one of the U.S. cities hit hardest by the pandemic, sees that kind of growth every eight days, officials said.

“Think about that for a

moment,” Lightfoot said. “We are doing everything in our power to keep that from happening, in terms of this escalating beyond our ability to manage it. But we will only succeed if everyone acts responsibly and abides by the governor's stay-at-home order.”

If the public chooses not to, Lightfoot said, there could be more than 40,000 hospitalizations in Chicago — a number she has said would break the health system. Illinois had 28,619 hospital beds as of last week, according to the Illinois Department of Public Health.

To prepare for a potential breaking point, Pritzker recently activated 30 additional Illinois National Guard members to work on the McCormick Place conversion. The airmen started Monday, unloading boxes filled with materials and inventorying them as they prepare to build an alter-

nate care facility in Hall C.

The hall, which has been home to the Chicago Auto Show and packet pickup for the Shamrock Shuffle, will hold 500 beds. The beds will be placed in individual bays that have cloth doors that can be drawn for privacy.

“These (field medical systems) are full of all kinds of medical equipment, including oxygen tank holders, wheelchairs and baby cribs, a lot of things that will accommodate the Chicago public,” said Illinois Air National Guard Lt. Jon Kent, the officer in charge of the state Guard's McCormick Place mission.

Pritzker said the McCormick facility will only be used as a last resort.

“The first place we are directing patients is to existing hospital beds, maximizing our underutilized hospitals first,” he said. “If we never have to go beyond our existing facilities, we

will all be extremely happy.”

Amid the McCormick Place conversion, the state still is scrambling to secure the necessary protective gear and medical equipment. Last week, Pritzker said he spoke to President Donald Trump directly about Illinois' needs for masks and ventilators, and later got word that the federal government would be sending 300 ventilators and 300,000 additional N95 masks to Illinois.

“While we do not have a final count on this yet, I can say with certainty that what they sent were not the N95 masks that were promised, but instead were surgical masks,” Pritzker said.

The state has received more than 5 million units of donated personal protective equipment and other supplies, including masks, gowns and gloves.

Chicago Tribune's Lisa Schenker contributed.

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ference, Lightfoot called aldermanic speculation about schools being closed for good this year “not accurate.”

“I can’t imagine why that would be so. We have no reason to believe that’s the case,” Lightfoot said.

CPS’ 355,000 students have been out of the classroom since the statewide shutdown began on March 17. Monday was initially going to be the final day of the closures, but CPS decided to keep schools closed through April 20, and the statewide shutdown is to continue through April 7, barring further extensions.

The remote learning plans are more detailed than previously provided enrichment packets, establishing daily lessons and office hours. District staff will release two weeks of activities at a time, and schools can still use or add their own, which may include streaming live lessons, discussions or activities, according to CPS guidance.

Teachers are to give students weekly feedback and be available for academic support, online and by phone, at least four hours each school day.

Though the district is expecting students to participate, and teachers are allowed to grade their work, it can’t be counted against them and they’ll be expected to finish incomplete assignments once remote learning is over.

“We do recognize we will have to give more detailed grading guidance in the future,” CPS Chief Education Officer LaTanya McDade told the Tribune. But with a fluid public health crisis, the district is asking for patience and flexibility, she said. “We want to make the right decisions for our students.”

District leaders said they still have unanswered questions about the future too, as they contemplate decisions about graduation, prom and summer school.

Beyond academics, their remote learning plan includes resources for social-emotional support, and ways for counselors to directly communicate with students, McDade said.

At the news conference, CPS CEO Janice Jackson said the remote learning efforts will be “as diverse as the school communities here in Chicago,” engaging families as well as students.

McDade said Monday that the district is preparing for the distance-learning plan to be in place for “a week or longer.”

She didn’t rule out the prospect of the district’s schools remaining closed beyond April 20, saying, “I



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Monica Bebola picks up supplies with her children Anthony and Aliha on Monday at Thomas Kelly College Prep.

really do not know what is going to happen. We are preparing for if we return the 21st.” No calendar decisions have been made, she said.

At City Colleges of Chicago, which has also suspended in-person instruction through at least April 20, teachers began offering online classes to 30,000 students last week.

While the community college network was able to move about 92% of its courses to remote instruction, a handful of courses had to be paused. Those included classes in photography, drawing, ceramics, dental hygiene and commercial driving, according to the City Colleges website. Teachers were reaching out to students with directions on how to proceed.

Free adult education classes, including the GED and English as a second language courses, were temporarily stopped but are slated to resume April 13, the school said. Students who need laptops to complete their work can request them by visiting this link: <https://apps.ccc.edu/LoanerLaptop/login>.

In the meantime, City Colleges students can continue receiving support from staff through phone calls, Zoom meetings and emails. The school’s offices for admissions, advising, the library, tutoring, financial aid and veterans services have also been transitioned to online portals.

“We recognize our students, in particular, are facing unprecedented challenges, and we are committed to providing them every possible support to ensure they persist in their courses and reach their academic and career goals,” said Chancellor Juan Salgado.

Salgado said his information technology team worked tirelessly to set up online formats in just a week. He also tried to assure students that City Colleges is doing everything it can to help them reach their career and education goals.

“If ever there were a time to persist and continue to fight through and overcome any challenge that may present itself to you, the time is now,” Salgado said at the afternoon news conference. “As the economy recovers, those with an education and skills will find greater stability and progress.”

Salgado also announced another form of relief for students.

Though City Colleges was considering a 3% tuition hike and some increased fees, those have been set aside until “future years,” Salgado said.

Since not all students have adequate devices at home, City Colleges has shipped 1,477 loaner laptops to help. City Colleges is also offering hot spots on a first-come, first-served basis later this week.

In CPS, devices will be given first to students according to a hardship index. About 25% of schools already gave devices to some students, according to a recent CPS survey.

The district is still working out how to deliver the devices, which could be by mail or home drop-off, McDade said, though that effort might not be complete by the time spring break is over.

“It will be very difficult because we are giving schools five days before spring break to put a remote learning plan in place,” McDade said.

Currently, 145 CPS schools have one device per student and the average school has 10 devices for every 14 students, according to the district.

“We already had a technology modernization plan in place so we could get to a place where all students would have devices in schools over time,” McDade said. “The district was moving in a direction for more digital access overall and I think we’ll learn a lot from this situation.”

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New rapid virus test from Abbott ‘huge step forward’

Devices still not enough to meet the need

By HAL DARDICK

The new rapid coronavirus test from a Chicago-area medical device company is “a game changer,” but even the promised production of tens of thousands of units a day will not make it possible to test people at the frequency many experts say is needed in the fight against COVID-19.

Abbott Laboratories late Friday announced a new test that produces results in minutes, not days, and said it would start shipping the tests out this week as it ramps up to producing 50,000 a day. On Monday, company officials said the first batch of 50,000 tests would go out Wednesday, based on priorities set by the federal government.

The tests are run through an existing Abbott device, about the size of a toaster, that processes specimens taken from patients.

Gov. J.B. Pritzker, who has hammered at the need for more testing to better assess the scope of the pandemic, latched onto the Abbott news over the weekend and on Monday.

“I am very, very excited about the development of this rapid Abbott test that’s coming out, he said Monday during his daily COVID-19 briefing. “If we can produce enough of those, we can make a real difference.”

But he also tamped down expectations.

“The problem is that Abbott can only produce about 50,000 of these a day,” the governor said. “Now, that may sound like a lot, but there are 50 states in the United States. There

are 320 million people in the United States — 50,000 isn’t going to get us to where we need to be across the nation, and we aren’t going to be able to have off enough of those for Illinois for it to be significant.”

Abbott’s test produces a positive result in as little as five minutes and a negative result in under 13 minutes, according to the company. The tests now being used in the United States must be sent to labs and can take several days to process. Some sick people aren’t getting results for a week or more.

Development of the rapid test is “very exciting,” said Dr. Rahul Khare, founder and CEO of Innovative Express Care, a North Side urgent care facility that is conducting about 60 tests a day but does not get results back for two to five days.

“This is a huge step forward,” Khare said. “This is a great thing that will be talked about in the months to come.”

But like Pritzker, Khare noted that 50,000 isn’t such a large number given that experts believe far more testing needs to be done to adequately track and tame COVID-19. “When you think about it, it’s very few.”

Dr. Allison Arwady, Chicago’s commissioner of public health, last week told the Tribune that “in an ideal world, we would have widespread testing.” But she noted that testing kits, plus protective gear for medical personnel, remain in short supply. So most testing is being limited to health care workers, first responders, the sickest people, those at highest risk of severe consequences and those with a greater risk of spreading the disease.

So far, the new coronavirus that causes COVID-19 has infected

more than 766,000 people and killed nearly 37,000 of them worldwide, according to a global tracker set up by the Johns Hopkins Whiting School of Engineering.

Illinois on Monday reported 5,057 total cases, 73 of which have led to death. Of those, 1,975 cases and 15 deaths were in Chicago, the city reported Monday. Nearly 1,300 cases and 20 deaths were in suburban Cook County, according to county statistics. The White House indicated last week that it has identified Chicago as a potential “hot spot,” along with New York City, New Orleans and Seattle.

The state, and Pritzker, were smart to call for people to stay at home relatively early, but Illinois is still months behind because of the lack of ability to test, said Dr. Robert Murphy, executive director of the Institute for Global Health at the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine.

“When you don’t know who has it, you don’t know who’s spreading it,” Murphy said, explaining the importance of broader testing. He called news of the Abbott testing “fantastic.”

Pritzker over the weekend said about 4,000 tests a day are now being processed in the state, but he made clear on Monday that even with the new Abbott test, Illinois and the rest of the nation are behind.

“There are not enough tests,” Pritzker said. The number of tests being done, he added, is “minimal compared to the number of people we know already have COVID-19 or have had it and never knew it. So this is an enormous problem. ... The entire country is behind on this.”

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Order lets Lightfoot deal with virus without needing approval

By JOHN BYRNE

Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot has created a new section in the city’s 2020 budget to consolidate coronavirus expenses and give her the ability to eventually move money around to cover the costs without needing City Council say-so.

It’s part of the extraordinary powers the mayor has granted herself to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic. The executive order she issued earlier this month declared a state of emergency and gave her budget director the authority “to establish new funding lines, consolidate funding lines, and transfer or otherwise reallocate currently appropriated funds, including making fund transfers between City Departments, all as needed to maximize effectiveness of the City response to the Emergency.”

It also allows the city’s procurement department to “negotiate and execute contracts for emergency supplies and services” up to \$1 million, up from the \$500,000 cap on such emergency contracts that’s usually in place.

The higher ceiling on those deals is set “so that the

city can swiftly secure supplies or services as needed to aid in the citywide response to COVID-19,” mayoral spokesman Patrick Mullane said.

Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle also took on added powers to respond to the crisis. But after Preckwinkle issued a disaster proclamation for the county, she got the county Board of Commissioners to pass a resolution extending her authority to issue executive orders, procure some contracts and conduct other business.

Lightfoot mentioned in a March 17 news release announcing the delay of the March City Council meeting that she was taking “several emergency executive actions over the next few days to allow for the continuance of government before the next City Council meeting.”

“These actions will increase procurement authority, ensure employees are paid while on extended leave, and allow for the City to appropriate money from the federal government to pay for costs incurred in the response to the spread of COVID-19,” Lightfoot’s re-

lease reads.

On Monday, the mayor said the city is keeping a close eye on the expenses.

“We have been keeping a tally, really since January, on what the various costs are related to the response to coronavirus, whether it’s at our airports, now more recently the public health response, first responders, making sure we’re getting equipment out,” she said at her daily news conference about the pandemic. “So we’ve been tracking those expenses pretty rigorously. It’s our hope that we’re going to get a substantial reimbursement from the federal government.”

In an interview last week, Lightfoot alluded to further steps she might take to grapple with the emergency. “We’re looking at a lot of different measures that we will socialize with City Council at the appropriate time. What I need mostly right now is public health authority, which we have,” she said.

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DCFS scrambles to protect workers

Agency braces for spike in child abuse reports

By DAVID JACKSON

Illinois' child welfare agency is undertaking a rapid, extensive revamping of how it responds to abuse reports, both to safeguard frontline workers during the coronavirus outbreak and to prepare for a potential surge in hotline calls about children isolated with abusive adults.

More than a week ago, on March 22, the Department of Children and Family Services emptied out its crowded hotline call center in Springfield that employed 100 people. Workers were issued laptops and equipped to work from their homes, and no calls were dropped, according to an agency official, outside monitors and Tribune interviews with 12 hotline call-takers and child protective investigators.

"We were blown away by how well it worked," said Lori Oelrich, a midnight shift hotline operator who started handling abuse and neglect reports from her home. "The sound was clear and they could hear me, I could hear them. It was like, OK, this works!"

But first-response investigators say the agency has struggled to give them disposable gloves, masks and other protective gear while they hustle from home to hospital to examine abused youth and interview witnesses, and then return to their own homes and families.

"I understand there are no good answers for this, but we are not prepared," said

one investigator who requested anonymity to express her concerns about work conditions. "We are exposing our own kids and our parents."

DCFS spokesman Jassen Strokosch said the agency delivered 30,000 masks to frontline workers last Friday, "and we have another 200,000 coming in Monday, so we are no longer out of masks." In mid-March, the agency provided 300,000 pairs of gloves to its workers and private agency contractors, enough for a 40-day supply for every individual, he added.

Agency investigators are still mandated to physically view every child who has been the subject of an abuse report within 24 hours, according to internal agency directives reviewed by the Tribune.

Before entering homes, DCFS investigators now screen families using an interview protocol from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, records and interviews show.

Hundreds of Illinois foster children remain in residential treatment facilities or group homes, including dozens sent out-of-state. These juvenile wards typically have the most serious and complex medical and mental health needs, and their safety is paramount because the highly contagious virus can spread quickly in the communal settings where workers come and go.

DCFS said its monitors are completing scheduled in-person contacts to ensure the safety of those children and transitioning to videoconferencing. Travel has been restricted to out-of-

state facilities, where case-workers are relying on video contacts.

The agency has suspended in-person visits between siblings and relatives who are in separate homes, and is using videoconferences and phone calls to connect foster children with their extended families.

"Every part of our operation is doing something different because of this," DCFS spokesman Strokosch said. "Every aspect of what we do is being touched."

One DCFS investigator is being quarantined as a precaution after visiting a home where the foster mother subsequently tested positive for COVID-19, the Tribune has learned. That worker was in the home to check on children after the foster mother was hospitalized for an unrelated heart condition. While hospitalized, the foster mother tested positive.

The worker declined to comment in a brief telephone interview. A DCFS official, who insisted on anonymity because of medical privacy restrictions, said "we retrospectively learned after the fact that a family member tested positive. I don't know how you can avoid situations like that."

Meanwhile, hotline call-takers and child protective investigators say they are concerned about the sharp drop in calls after children were kept from school personnel, extended families and others who might report signs of violence or serious neglect.

"The calls dropped. That doesn't mean the abuse has stopped," said hotline call-taker Cesareo Lopez. "The kids, I am concerned about



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Staff work the hotline at the Department of Children and Family Services in Springfield.

them."

Preliminary DCFS data shows the number of hotline calls plummeted from an average of more than 6,000 calls per week to only 3,400 in the week ending March 22, and then just 2,600 calls during the next week ending Sunday. Illinois children have been held out of school since March 17.

"It doesn't mean that the abuse has stopped. It means that we are not hearing about it and our mandated reporters are not seeing it, and that petrifies me," hotline call-taker Jessica Jenner told the Tribune. "We have conversations among ourselves about how it is scary that we don't have people with eyes on our kids, because we know that the abuse hasn't miraculously stopped. We just don't know about it yet."

Similar drops are recorded every summer because school personnel often are first to spot bruises or cuts, or report a child's outcries, DCFS workers say. Mandated reports from school

and social services personnel account for 57% of the hotline's call volume, records show.

Chicago police data shows the department's child abuse reports also dropped by about half in the week ending March 21, compared with the average for previous weeks since the beginning of February, a Tribune analysis found. The Chicago Children's Advocacy Center trimmed down to a skeleton crew as fewer abuse allegations came in, according to center director Char Rivette.

Hotline workers said the public can help by reporting signs of child mistreatment at 800-25-ABUSE (800-252-2873).

"There are stresses in the home with kids being isolated with parents, and financial stresses that are occurring because people are losing their jobs. The kids might be isolated with their abusers," hotline call-taker Domonique Miller told the Tribune.

Past data suggests abuse

can increase during economic recessions when adults are under stress, said Dr. Jill Glick, director of Child Advocacy and Protective Services at Comer Children's Hospital. "Back in the recession of '08, the number of children with abusive head trauma went up," she said.

Glick praised DCFS for dispersing hotline call center employees while maintaining the vital statewide phone service, but said she was troubled by reports that some investigators lacked protective gear. Still, Glick said she saw reason for hope during these stressful times.

"People are really trying to collaborate," she said. "Investigators are sending over reports immediately, and we are getting child abuse cases turned around quickly, instead of in hours or even days. That's been a positive spin from this terrible stress. In times of need, people do rise to the occasion."

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Prison

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for years — mass incarceration, massive bureaucracy, and poor health care and conditions behind bars.

For more than a week, the number of infected detainees at Cook County Jail has grown steadily: from two on Monday, to 17 on Wednesday, to 101 on Sunday. In IDOC, officials reported that over four days, the combined number of staff and inmates who tested positive had jumped from six to at least 26.

To date, Gov. J.B. Pritzker has offered little in the way of specifics on what review process is in place, and IDOC has confirmed a mere six inmates have been released early so far, slowed partly by a rule that released inmates have secure housing. The first death of an inmate was announced Monday, a man who was being housed at Stateville Correctional Center.

Cook County appeared to be doing more, as the jail population stood at what appeared to be a record low level — about 5,000 as of Friday, down from nearly 5,600 in mid-March. New arrivals are kept away from the jail's main population for their first week; released detainees are screened for symptoms as they leave.

Some say it may be too late for Illinois jails and prisons to stay ahead of the virus's curve.

"If there have been (releases), there have been far too few, and it's too late," said Jobi Cates, executive director of the Restore Justice Foundation, a state prison advocacy group. "Whatever efforts we make now are going to be triaging. I am horrified. I am scared. ... We didn't marshal our resources two weeks ago, three weeks ago, four weeks ago. Vulnerable people in prisons are going to die at a higher rate. It also means staff in those prisons are at greater risk."

Prison and jail conditions

As the pandemic raced into Illinois, families and loved ones of the incarcerated started to worry.

The measures the federal

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention outlined to prevent the spread of the coronavirus, including staying 6 feet away from others, washing your hands repeatedly, and using hand sanitizer when you can't, seemed almost impossible to abide by inside a prison or jail.

State prison advocates immediately began collecting emails from inside IDOC's prisons and launched family members with a battery of questions to ask inmates during phone calls to find out how the system was responding.

How much was being done to protect inmates and staff alike seemed to vary by facility, the advocates said. There were some positive reports, including increased phone time for inmates, but other dispatches were troubling.

Some facilities were reportedly on lockdowns that were restricting movement, limiting the ability for inmates to get to showers. Others were hearing about inmates getting a quarter-cup of soap handed out every other day, no sanitizer or cleaning supplies, and lack of protective gear for staff.

"I normally don't feed off into the media hype about most things, but it's hard not to with this whole Corona madness," one inmate described in an email to a loved one. "I'm assuming cases will start showing up here any time now, if not already, and will devastate our population in Illinois' prisons."

As for the jail, one detainee who was released from Cook County Jail about two weeks ago told the Tribune there was cleaning done in some of the common areas and that some guards started wearing masks. But other precautions seemed impossible, including social distancing and the recommended hand-washing.

Most of what he learned about what was happening came from his mother or watching TV.

The detainee, whose release was planned just before the county began early jail exits, said to protect himself, he used a sock to hold the phone during calls and also bought, and shared, extra soap he was able to purchase from the

commissary.

"It feels good to be out," he said. "Now I can take more precautions. I can do things to not catch the virus. In there, we can't do nothing at all."

Cathryn Crawford, the litigation director for the Lawndale Christian Legal Center who is also seeking releases, said reports she was getting as recently as Friday still included lack of access to sanitizer for inmates, not enough soap — detainees were given one small bar for a week — and continued worry that phones, which were becoming the only way of communication as the virus forced the cancellation of visits, were not being adequately cleaned between calls.

Taking precautions

Dart on Friday vehemently denied the persistent allegations that his facilities lack soap and proper sanitary supplies.

"Individuals, people who are not getting soap, let us know. I would suggest it's made up because we're giving soap to everybody, we're putting hand sanitizer in living units, is that the conduct that people are saying, 'no, no soap for you?' Of course not."

Last week, the jail implemented a plan to keep the majority of detainees in Cook County Jail housed in their own individual cells, an attempt to emphasize "social distancing," Dart said.

The sheriff's office is reopening unused barracks that formerly housed participants of a boot camp program. One building will house those who are infected; another will house detainees under observation.

Once those are in use, Dart said Friday, he could keep detainees appropriately "socially distant" from each other if the jail population holds at about 5,000. Dart estimated that 70 to 75% of detainees were locked up on violent charges.

"There's no notion that we're going to be able to empty the jail," he said. "There's violence in our community, yes, there's people who commit violent acts, there's some bad people in this world and those

people cannot be released."

Jail exits

While the state of Illinois has said little about release from prisons, the process of releasing Cook County Jail detainees has played out largely in public.

After the alarms were sounded on March 13, officials from the public defender's office and prosecutors began working with sheriff's representatives to identify possible candidates for release.

They agreed on a slate of detainees and brought the cases before a judge in an unannounced court call the next week, separate from the two duty courtrooms designated to handle emergencies during the widespread court shutdown.

The hearings were efficient and conducted without fanfare, since both prosecutors and defense had consented to each release ahead of time.

But after a week, just 100 people had been released, according to Campanelli, leading her to move for a speedy mass release, with support of public health advocates.

Campanelli filed a wide-ranging request to allow judges to let defendants go en masse — potentially hundreds at a time, with the stroke of a pen.

"Bringing each individual case before a judge, it's taking too long," she said in court last week.

LeRoy Martin Jr., presiding judge of the Criminal Division, declined, saying that procedurally it would only be appropriate for each case to be reviewed on its own.

But in response to her request, he implemented a massive change in how the bail reviews would be conducted. Each case would be heard over the course of the next few days in an attempt to get every possible case before a judge quickly.

Prosecutors bristled. They had already agreed to releases in 400 other cases, First Assistant State's Attorney Joseph Magats said that morning. The defendants were ready to be put on the schedule and released after the quick perfunctory hearing prosecutors had anticipated. Campanelli later told the Tribune that

prosecutors had not notified her office ahead of time about those.

Instead, partially since Martin's order required each case to be brought before the judge to which it was already assigned, the procedure was upended.

One man's release

Multiple times, prosecutors allege, 51-year-old Sammy Blanchard sneaked into a Chicago auto parts supplier through a broken door and made off with merchandise.

He has been locked up for the burglaries since July. But on Thursday, his case was among hundreds brought back into court for a fresh chance at release as part of the attempt to reduce numbers under the virus threat.

Judge William Hooks, presiding over a nearby courtroom, signed off on Blanchard's release — then, in a somewhat unusual move, directed prosecutors to call the store and let it know.

"Indicate that, in large part, I'm doing this based on circumstances we find ourselves in nationally," Hooks instructed. "But I don't want any engine blocks moving."

Blanchard was one of hundreds of defendants released in the past week. But the process has not been entirely smooth.

Foxx's office said the process was slowed because some names that public defenders put forth for release had serious criminal backgrounds or were also facing charges in more serious cases, including domestic violence and murder.

Their inclusion was apparently inadvertent, and public defenders quickly withdrew those requests for bond review when they came up in court.

For Crawford of the Lawndale Christian Legal Center, who is not a public defender but has been scrambling over the past two weeks to get hearings, the process has moved too slowly. And a population of 5,000 is still too high.

"We are worried about the health of our young people," she said. "They are scared and their family members are scared. It is a

very unstable and frightening place for people to be right now."

State plans unclear

IDOC, meanwhile, has continued to say little about any specific planned process or an anticipated number of releases, though advocates said they have heard some 100 prisoners could be on a pathway to leaving state custody.

The Tribune on Friday first reported the release of six women housed on a special wing of the Decatur Correctional Center that houses inmates who have given birth while in custody.

"Oh my goodness, there was no words," Mandi Grammer, one of women, told the Tribune on Friday morning from her mother's home in downstate Illinois. "It almost hasn't set in yet, the reality of coming home. It's amazing."

The quiet release of the women was celebrated by advocates, but they noted that this was a remarkably small number of inmates, considering a prison population that tops 40,000.

Alan Mills, executive director of the Uptown People's Law Center, said he believes there are about 13,000 inmates, excluding sex offenders, who could be considered for release based on existing statutes and IDOC rules.

Several organizations said it was time for the state to consider more aggressive and nontraditional ways of release, including gubernatorial commutations or even seeking support from local prosecutors for resentencings. They also encouraged Pritzker to add more staff and work harder to help develop release plans.

"We now have confirmed cases inside. And it is growing rapidly. That is extremely concerning," said Mills. "From our point of view, the pool should be much bigger. ... They are being too conservative. The problem is the virus is moving faster than the department is. We have a limited time before it is everywhere."

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NY gov. begs for help amid 'staggering' toll

Cuomo: State needs another 1 million health care workers

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Associated Press

NEW YORK — New York's governor issued an urgent appeal for medical volunteers Monday amid a "staggering" number of deaths from the coronavirus, as he and health officials warned that the crisis unfolding in New York City is just a preview of what other communities across the U.S. could soon face.

"Please come help us in New York now," Gov. Andrew Cuomo said as the state's death toll climbed by more than 250 in a single day for a total of more than 1,200 victims, most of them in the city. He said an additional 1 million health care workers are needed to tackle the crisis.

"We've lost over 1,000 New Yorkers," Cuomo said. "To me, we're beyond staggering already. We've reached staggering."

Even before the governor's appeal went out, close to 80,000 former nurses, doctors and other professionals in New York were stepping up to volunteer, and a Navy hospital ship, also sent to the city after 9/11, had arrived to relieve pressure on the city's overwhelmed hospitals.

The hospital ship Comfort pulled into a cruise ship terminal off Manhattan on Monday morning. In addition to the 1,000 beds, the Comfort has 12 operating rooms that could be up and running within 24 hours.



CHANG W. LEE/THE NEW YORK TIMES
The USNS Comfort arrives in New York on Monday morning. The Navy hospital ship is expected to provide relief to the city's overwhelmed hospitals.

"Whatever it is that they need, I'm willing to do," said Jerry Kops, a musician and former nurse whose tour with the show Blue Man Group was abruptly halted by the outbreak. He returned to his Long Island home, where he volunteered to be a nurse again.

Kops has been waiting to be reinstated since mid-March and said Monday that the state has sent him an email survey or questionnaire several times, without acting on it. He has been helping at an assisted living home near his residence in Shirley, New York, and is considering sending his resume to various hospitals.

With cases growing

nationwide, President Donald Trump said the U.S. government is sending an additional 1,000 ventilators over the next two days to Michigan, New Jersey, Illinois, Louisiana and Connecticut.

"Challenging times are ahead for the next 30 days, and this is a very vital 30 days," Trump told reporters. "The more we dedicate ourselves today, the more quickly we will emerge on the other side of the crisis."

According to a running tally by Johns Hopkins University, the U.S. has more than 160,000 infections and more than 2,900 deaths, with New York City the nation's worst hot spot, but

with New Orleans, Detroit and other cities also seeing alarming clusters. More than 5,500 people in the U.S. have recovered.

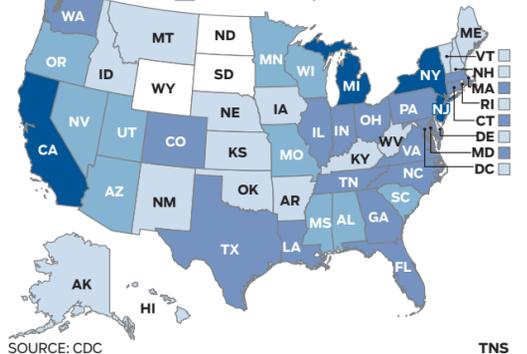
"Anyone who says this situation is a New York City-only situation is in a state of denial," Cuomo said. "You see this virus move across the state. You see this virus move across the nation. There is no American who is immune to this virus."

Dr. Anthony Fauci, the U.S. government's top infectious-disease expert, similarly warned that smaller cities are likely about to see cases "take off" the way they have in New York City. "What we've learned

Coronavirus cases across the US

Confirmed coronavirus cases by state as of March 29

1-100 101-500 501-1,000 1,001-5,000 More than 5,000



SOURCE: CDC

TNS

from painful experience with this outbreak is that it goes along almost on a straight line, then a little acceleration, acceleration, then it goes way up," he said on ABC's "Good Morning America."

In Louisiana, Gov. John Bel Edwards said Monday that he will extend the state's stay-at-home order through the end of April, in line with Trump's most recent guidance, as the number of Louisiana residents who have died from COVID-19 jumped significantly overnight.

Louisiana's Health Department reported 185 deaths from the disease, 34 more than the number reported Sunday.

Edwards has said Louisiana has the second-highest COVID-19 death rate per capita among states, and he has warned that the New Orleans region is running low on ventilators, which the hardest-hit patients need.

Meanwhile, by Monday afternoon, with more than

6,500 cases, Michigan was third in known cases among the states, behind New York and New Jersey. Across the state, at least 196 residents have died, placing Michigan fourth across the nation in deaths from the virus.

Detroit has been particularly hard hit. In less than two weeks, 35 people with the coronavirus have died in the city. The police chief has tested positive for the virus, and more than 500 police officers are in quarantine.

The arrival of the coronavirus in Detroit is a sign of the outbreak's growing reach across America to cities far from the coasts and not as densely populated as New York.

But the virus could place a unique burden on Detroit, a city of 670,000 people where 3 of 10 residents live in poverty, a large number have asthma and other chronic diseases, and hospitals are already overwhelmed.

The New York Times contributed.



BARCELONA CITY HALL/GETTY-AFP
Firefighters work on a new temporary hospital set-up Monday at the Guinardo Municipal Sports Center to treat patients infected with the novel coronavirus, in Barcelona.

With more infections than China, Spain tightens rules

BY ARITZ PARRA
Associated Press

MADRID — Spain enforced even tighter stay-at-home rules Monday for its 47 million people, as the country overtook China as the nation with the third-highest number of reported infections in the world, after the United States and Italy.

Bells tolled in Madrid's deserted central square, and flags were lowered in a day of mourning as Spain raced to build field hospitals to treat an onslaught of coronavirus patients.

With a population of 47 million people to China's 1.4 billion, Spain saw its official tally of infections climb past 85,000.

It also reported more than 800 new deaths, for an overall toll of more than 7,300.

Experts say those figures — and those in every other country — are much lower than the true numbers, because of limited testing, counting irregularities and mild cases that have been missed.

Many coronavirus deaths in Spain and Italy that happen at home or at

nursing homes are not counted.

Italy reported that more than 800 people had died in the past day, bringing the country's death toll to nearly 11,600. It added over 4,000 new infections, but also a record 1,590 cured.

"We are saving lives by staying at home, by maintaining social distance, by traveling less and by closing schools," said Dr. Luca Richeldi, a lung specialist.

WHO's emergencies chief said the caseloads in Italy and Spain might be leveling off.

"It is our fervent hope that that is the case," Dr. Michael Ryan said. "But we have to now push the virus down, and that will not happen by itself."

At least six of Spain's 17 regions were at their limit of intensive care unit beds, and three more were close to it, authorities said. Crews of workers were frantically building more field hospitals.

Nearly 15% of all those infected in Spain, almost 13,000 people, are health care workers, hurting hospitals' efforts to help the multitudes of people gasping for breath.

But the new stricter measures on peoples' movement, which confused many Spaniards, came under attack from business leaders who say the government is hurting the economy beyond repair, and opposition parties who accuse it of improvising in its response to the outbreak.

The government's decision to impose a two-week halt effective Monday to all nonessential economic activity came even as authorities asserted that the previous two weeks of confinement were starting to pay off with a slower pace of the pandemic's expansion.

The president of Spain's main business association, CEOE, warned that the stricter measures would create "a very grave economic problem that can lead to a social problem" through potential job and income losses.

Three-quarters of a million people around the world have become infected and more than 37,000 have died, according to a running count kept by Johns Hopkins University. Nearly 165,000 have recovered.

Democratic lawmakers call for racial data in virus tests

BY AARON MORRISON
Associated Press

Democratic lawmakers are calling out an apparent lack of racial data that they say is needed to monitor and address disparities in the national response to the coronavirus outbreak.

In a letter sent Friday to Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar, Sen. Elizabeth Warren and Rep. Ayanna Pressley, both from Massachusetts, said comprehensive demographic data on people who are tested or treated for the virus that causes COVID-19 does not exist. Over the weekend, cities with large black and nonwhite Hispanic populations emerged as new hot spots for the spread of the virus.

"Any attempt to contain COVID-19 in the United States will have to address its potential spread in low-income communities of color, first and foremost to protect the lives of people in those communities, but also to slow the spread of the virus in the country as a whole," the lawmakers wrote to Azar.

"This lack of information will exacerbate existing health disparities and result in the loss of lives in vulnerable communities," the letter warned.

Sens. Kamala Harris of California and Cory Booker of New Jersey and Rep. Robin Kelly of Illinois also signed the letter. It was shared exclusively with The Associated Press on Monday.

The lawmakers urged the HHS secretary to direct the department's sub-agencies, such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Food and Drug Administration, to work with municipalities, states and private labs to ensure that racial and ethnic data are being collected.

Spokespeople for HHS and CDC did not immediately respond to the AP's



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Rep. Ayanna Pressley, D-Mass., left, and other lawmakers say coronavirus testing should include racial data.

requests for comment Monday.

"Decades of structural racism have prevented so many Black and Brown families from accessing quality health care, affordable housing, and financial security, and the coronavirus crisis is blowing these disparities wide open," Warren said in a statement. "We need the government to step up in a big way to ensure that communities of color have equal access to free testing and treatment. Congresswoman Pressley and I aren't going to let up until we see solid data and real progress."

According to the CDC's website, the agency had run 4,760 COVID-19 tests, while U.S. public health labs had run 128,684 tests as of Monday. The CDC data doesn't include tests processed by private labs, which have been ramping up their work.

U.S. cities with large black and brown populations such as Chicago, Detroit, Milwaukee and New Orleans have emerged as hot spots of the coronavirus outbreak. New York City remained the national epicenter of the outbreak, reporting more than 36,000 confirmed cases and 790 deaths Monday.

The coronavirus has caused a global pandemic

that has sickened more than 775,000 and killed more than 36,000 globally. It has crippled economies and forced restrictions on the movement of millions of people in an effort to stop the virus from spreading farther and overwhelming health care systems. For most people, the virus causes mild or moderate symptoms, such as fever and cough, that clear up in two to three weeks.

But for some, especially older adults and people with existing health problems, it can cause more severe illness, including pneumonia, and death.

In the letter, the U.S. lawmakers cited chronic health conditions and health care access disparities between white people and people of color "that experts have identified as risk factors for complications from COVID-19." According to the CDC, black and nonwhite Hispanic adults are more likely to be obese and are more likely to be diagnosed with diabetes than non-Hispanic white adults are. Asthma is more prevalent among nonwhite adults and children, the lawmakers noted.

People of color and immigrants are also less likely to be insured, leaving many without access to quality health care providers, the lawmakers said.

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Pandemic reshapes health care fight

Reality of crisis steels Democrats' case for reform

BY THOMAS KAPLAN
The New York Times

WASHINGTON — One of the thorniest debates in American politics is over health care. Now add a pandemic.

The future of America's health insurance system has already been a huge part of the 2020 presidential race. At campaign events over the past year, voters have shared stories of cancer diagnoses, costly medications and crushing medical debt.

That was before more than hundreds of thousands of people in the United States tested positive for the coronavirus, grinding the country to a halt, upending lives from coast to coast, and postponing primary elections in many states. The virus has made the stakes, and the differing visions the two parties have for health care in America, that much clearer.

"Health care was always going to be a big issue in the general election and the coronavirus epidemic will put health care even more top of mind for voters," said Larry Levitt, executive vice president for health policy at the Kaiser Family Foundation, a nonpartisan research organization. "Sometimes these health care debates can get a bit abstract, but when it's an immediate threat to the health of you and your family, it becomes a lot more real."

On March 23, Joe Biden sent a letter to President Donald Trump and Republican state officials that emphasized the sorts of immediate threats Americans are feeling, and criticized those Republicans for supporting litigation that targets the Affordable Care Act. The letter called it "unconscionable that you are continuing to pursue a lawsuit designed to strip millions" of coverage in the midst of a



ALEX BRANDON/AP

The coronavirus is a big test of President Trump's leadership; how voters respond will affect his chances in November.

pandemic.

Biden sent his missive on a health care milestone: the 10th anniversary of when President Barack Obama signed the Affordable Care Act into law — with Biden, then the vice president and now the likely Democratic presidential nominee, standing by his side.

While the Democrats spent much of their primary fighting about whether to push for "Medicare for All" or build on the Affordable Care Act, the coronavirus crisis may streamline the debate to their advantage: At a time when the issue of health care is as pressing as ever, they can present themselves as the party that wants people to have sufficient coverage while arguing that the Republicans do not.

"A crisis like the coronavirus epidemic highlights the stake that everyone has in the care of the sick," said Paul Starr, a professor of sociology and pub-

lic affairs at Princeton University who served as a health policy adviser in the Clinton White House. "It really strengthens the Democratic case for expanded health coverage, and that should work, I should think, to Biden's advantage in a campaign against Trump."

The virus is also having dire economic consequences, depriving Trump of a potent reelection argument rooted in stock market gains and low unemployment numbers. It is testing Trump's leadership in the face of a national emergency like nothing he has encountered, and if voters give him poor marks, that could inflict lasting damage on his chances in November's general election.

Trump is particularly vulnerable on the issue of health care. Over the course of his presidency, his administration has repeatedly taken steps to undermine

the Affordable Care Act, including by arguing in court that the entire law should be invalidated. The Supreme Court agreed this month to hear an appeal in that case, which is the latest major challenge to the law. The court is not expected to rule until next year, but Democrats point to the Trump administration's legal position as yet another example of the president's desire to shred the Affordable Care Act.

In his campaign, Biden has already put a focus on health care, promising to build on the Affordable Care Act and create a so-called public option, an optional government plan that consumers could purchase. On the campaign trail, he has talked about his own exposure to the health care system, including when his late son, Beau Biden, had brain cancer. He has also regularly heard from people about their own struggles.

"They walk up and grab me and say, 'I just lost my daughter, cancer,' or, 'My son's dying,' or, 'I have stage 4,'" he recalled this year.

Andrew Bates, a spokesman for the Biden campaign, said Trump had "spent almost his entire presidency attempting to cost millions of Americans their health coverage," adding, "The coronavirus outbreak, which Trump has egregiously mishandled, would be even more catastrophic if he had his way on health care."

At a Fox News town hall event this month, Trump said he had not "been able to sell what a great job we've done" on health care. While the president and congressional Republicans failed at repealing the Affordable Care Act, they succeeded at undoing a key part of the law when, as part of their 2017 tax overhaul, they eliminated the tax penalty for people who go without

insurance.

The Trump campaign has already attacked Biden over health care, including by arguing that he poses a threat to private health insurance with his proposal to create an optional government plan.

"As President Trump is leading our country and taking unprecedented action to stop the coronavirus, Joe Biden is campaigning on his Bernie Sanders-inspired, socialist health care agenda, which would take away Americans' access to quality health care," said Sarah Matthews, a Trump campaign spokeswoman. "Make no mistake about it, Biden's government-run 'public option' is just another name for a government takeover of the entire health care system."

And although the Affordable Care Act has gained in popularity during Trump's presidency, Republicans can still point to rising health care costs as a problem that voters want to see addressed. In that vein, Sen. Bill Cassidy, R-La., a physician, cited the substantial premiums and high deductibles that many consumers have.

"Democrats have to have a credible plan to control health care costs," Cassidy said. "If you look at what the No. 1 concern is, it is the cost of health care."

In the Democratic primary race, the health care debate has largely focused on the divide between moderate-leaning Democrats looking to build on the Affordable Care Act and progressives calling for Medicare for All, a government-run health insurance program. Biden and Sanders represent the two sides of that argument.

Sanders, the Vermont senator, faces long odds at catching up to Biden in the delegate race, but he has remained in the primary and continues to push progressive policy ideas, including on health care. In response to the virus, he has pointed once again to the need for Medicare for All.

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image of a wartime president fighting an invisible enemy and one protecting the nation's bottom line as he barrels into a bruising reelection fight.

The abrupt change in Trump's tone was startling: Easter was no longer going to be the sunrise after blackest night. Instead, it could be the darkest moment before dawn.

"We're thinking that around Easter that's going to be your spike. That's going to be the highest point we think, and then it's going to start coming down from there," Trump said Monday on Fox & Friends. "The worst that can happen is you do it too early and all of a sudden it comes back. That makes it more difficult."

The bleak forecasts were carried into the Oval Office by Dr. Anthony Fauci and Dr. Deborah Birx, who displayed to Trump projections that, on the low end, could yield 100,000 American deaths from COVID-19. One model showed that deaths could have soared past 2 million had there been no mitigation mea-



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President Donald Trump speaks to reporters during the daily coronavirus briefing Monday in the White House Rose Garden.

sures.

"We showed him the data. He looked at the data. He got it right away. It was a pretty clear picture," Fauci told CNN on Monday. "Dr. Debbie Birx and I went into the Oval Office and leaned over the desk and said, 'Here are the data, take a look.' He just shook his head and said, 'I guess we got to

do it.'"

Birx singled out one by the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation at the University of Washington in Seattle, suggesting it's close to how government experts see things. That model forecasts predicts more than 82,000 total U.S. deaths through early August, with the highest num-

ber of daily deaths — an estimated 2,271 — occurring April 15. It also appears that the power of images prompted Trump to act.

Over the weekend, the death count in New York City skyrocketed, the silence of the city's empty streets shattered only by ambulance sirens. Make-shift medical tents were

hastily erected in Central Park. And hospitals, including Elmhurst Medical Center in Queens, not far from Trump's childhood home, were so overwhelmed that patients were lying in hallways and corpses stowed in refrigerated trucks.

"This is essentially in my community, in Queens, Queens, New York," Trump said. "I've seen things that I've never seen before."

The moment also revealed the sharp divides among those advising Trump, both inside and outside of the West Wing.

For weeks, those in the White House who warned that the doctors' strict recommendations would cripple the economy — and Trump's reelection chances — had the president's ear and pushed him toward the idea of restarting business in the states where infections were low.

Trump's decision to extend national guidelines to clamp down on activity left them disappointed.

Stephen Moore, a former Trump adviser who had been pushing the administration publicly and privately to roll back restrictions in places with low infection rates, said the economic impact would grow worse every day the

shutdown continues.

But Trump was swayed by arguments that the fiscal pain would be worse if the economy was reopened and then forced to be shut again.

As in the early, chaotic days of his administration, Trump's White House has become increasingly siloed in recent weeks, with different working groups functioning separately and sometimes in competition. Members of Trump's coronavirus task force, led by Vice President Mike Pence and including Fauci and Birx, did not know that Trump would be floating the idea of a quarantine of the New York area over the weekend — and then quickly moved to walk him back, according to three administration officials not authorized to publicly discuss private conversations.

The president is getting conflicting advice from outside the White House, too.

While some Republican governors, such as Henry McMaster of South Carolina, have urged the president to reopen the economy, Gov. Ron DeSantis of Florida considered banning travelers from hot spots like New York from entering his state, which experts believe is poised to see a surge in coronavirus cases.



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The Rev. Rodney Howard-Browne of The River at Tampa Bay Church, speaks Sunday's service in Tampa Bay, Fla.

Hundreds attend church; pastor arrested

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Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Florida officials have arrested the pastor of a megachurch after detectives say he held two Sunday services with hundreds of people and violated a safer-at-home order in place to limit the spread of the coronavirus.

According to jail records, Pastor Rodney Howard-Browne turned himself in to authorities Monday afternoon in Hernando County,

where he lives. He was charged with unlawful assembly and violation of a public health emergency order. Bail was set at \$500, according to the jail's website, and he was released after posting bond.

Hillsborough Sheriff Chad Chronister said in a news conference Monday that he negotiated with the attorney of Pastor Rodney Howard-Browne to turn himself in to authorities in Hernando County. His church is located in Tampa. Howard-Browne isn't

alone in refusing to curtail in-person worship services despite public health orders designed to stop the virus from spreading. Churches in Ohio, Kentucky and Louisiana have continued to invite worshippers as at least six states offer some degree of exemption for faith in their orders to shutter nonessential activity during the pandemic.

Chronister said his command staff met with The River at Tampa Bay Church leaders about the danger they are putting themselves

and their congregation in by not maintaining appropriate social distancing, but Howard-Browne held the services. The Sheriff's Office also placed a digital sign on the road near the church driveway that said "practice social distancing."

"Shame on this pastor, their legal staff and the leaders of this staff for forcing us to do our job. That's not what we wanted to do during a declared state of emergency," Chronister said. "We are hopeful that this will be a wake-up call."

CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Refugee camps brace for coronavirus to infiltrate

Shelters are packed with scared people, limited health care

BY HANNAH BEECH
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The New York Times

In an embattled enclave in Syria, doctors have seen patients die from what looks like the coronavirus, but are unable to treat them because they lack beds, protective gear and medical professionals. A refugee camp in Bangladesh is so cramped that its population density is nearly four times that of New York City, making social distancing impossible. Clinics in a refugee camp in Kenya struggle in normal times with only eight doctors for nearly 200,000 people.

As wealthy countries like the United States and Italy struggle with mass outbreaks of the coronavirus, international health experts and aid workers are increasingly worried that the virus could ravage the world's most vulnerable people: the tens of millions forced from their homes by violent conflict.

Refugee camps across Africa, the Middle East and Asia are packed with traumatized and undernour-

ished people with limited access to health care and basic sanitation, perfect breeding grounds for contagion. Extended families jam into tarpaulin shelters with mud floors. Food, water and soap are often lacking. Illnesses, from hacking coughs to deadly diseases, go untreated, facilitating their spread.

The coronavirus, which has already infected hundreds of thousands of people around the globe, could rip through these camps with devastating speed and mortality.

"If we think this is a big issue in the U.S. and Europe, we haven't seen anything yet if COVID gets into the refugee population," said Adam Coutts, a public health researcher at Cambridge University. "People can't even wash their kids, let alone wash their hands."

So far, the number of confirmed coronavirus cases among refugees is low, but that may be the result of a lack of testing. Testing is severely limited and refugees are rarely a priority.

Doctors treating refugees in Syria and Bangladesh say that in recent weeks they have treated and lost patients with symptoms consistent with the virus.

If the virus is present, the

camps are profoundly ill-equipped to handle it.

Many camp clinics are already struggling to fight outbreaks like dengue and cholera, leaving them without the resources to treat chronic conditions, such as diabetes or heart disease. The coronavirus, which has no vaccine or agreed upon treatment regimen for COVID-19, the respiratory disease it causes, could be even more devastating, medical experts warn.

"We are preparing for the worst," said Avril Benoit, executive director of Doctors Without Borders in the United States, which has deployed teams to work with refugees around the world. "We know that in the places where we work we are under-equipped and understaffed."

Daily life in a refugee camp is an ideal incubator for infectious disease. Many lack running water and indoor sanitation. People often stand in line for hours to get water, which is insufficient for frequent showers, much less vigilant hand washing.

"If it came into the camp, it would be a disaster," said Ahmadu Yusuf, a community leader in the Bakassi camp in northeastern Nigeria, most of whose resi-



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Syrian families, displaced by recent fighting, live in tents underneath the stands of a sports stadium March 4 in Idlib, Syria. Crowded camps make social distancing nearly impossible.

dents fled Boko Haram, the militant group. "It would be more devastating than the insurgency that brought them here."

Refugee life also makes social distancing, the health mantra in the West, impossible.

In crowded, poor places like the Gaza Strip or the urban slums of Indonesia and India, which began the world's largest lockdown in response to the virus this week, keeping 6 feet away from everyone else is difficult. Refugee settlements are often even denser.

A refugee camp in Lesbos, Greece, was built for 3,000 people but now has

20,000 and almost no sanitation.

"The one thing that everyone is stressing in combating the coronavirus is to create social distance, but that is precisely what is impossible for refugees," said Deepmala Mahla, regional director for Asia for CARE, the humanitarian aid agency. "Where do you go to create space? There is no space."

Nor are there adequate health systems. The same conflicts that have displaced huge numbers of people have decimated medical facilities, or forced people to live in places where there are none.

The war in Syria has sent more than a million refugees into Lebanon, which is facing an economic crisis. Many live in cramped, squalid conditions and suffer from acute poverty.

Jawahir Assaf, 42, lives with her four children in a tent with 18 other people in a refugee camp in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley.

For years, she and the other camp residents survived by working on nearby farms or trading basic commodities. Now, the threat of the coronavirus keeps them confined with no income.

"After 13 days, we are running out of food," she said.

Scientists volunteer to aid in fight against COVID-19

BY ELANA SCHOR
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NEW YORK — Michael Wells was looking for a chance to use his scientific training to help fight the coronavirus when — on the same day the pandemic forced his lab to temporarily close — he decided to create his own opportunity.

"CALLING ALL SCIENTISTS," he tweeted on March 18. "Help me in creating a national database of researchers willing and able to aid in local COVID-19 efforts. This info will be a resource for institutions/(government) agencies upon their request."

That's how the 34-year-old neuroscientist at the Broad Institute and Harvard University launched a national effort to marshal scientists to volunteer in the fight against the virus. Less than 10 days later, more than 7,000 scientists had

joined Wells' database.

Organizations and governmental departments in a dozen states, as well as the Federal Emergency Management Agency, have tapped into the information.

Wells is also working with EndCoronavirus.org, a project of the research-focused New England Complex Systems Institute, to help maximize the usefulness of the volunteer scientist cavalry.

As health care workers risk their own lives to treat patients and some scientists work toward a vaccine, Wells' database offers a way forward for other science professionals who want to be of use. Scientists are asked to match their specific training with potential needs in the battle against the disease, including experience with RNA viruses such as the coronavirus.

Wells, an Ohio native, has lived for nearly a decade in



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Neuroscientist Michael Wells works on the national database of researchers he created to help battle COVID-19.

the research hotbed of Cambridge, Massachusetts. He created the database, he explained, in part to help ensure that in places without access to nearby major academic centers, govern-

mental entities and institutions — and by association, citizens — can tap into scientific knowledge.

"Scientists are a tremendous resource for this country," Wells said. "And it's not

something that should just be confined to the coasts. It's something that everyone should be able to benefit from."

His project isn't the only one looking to match scientists eager to help battle the virus with opportunities to use their skills. Regional efforts were already underway when Wells created his Google spreadsheet.

One focus of the project is to identify volunteer scientists qualified to be deployed like "cavalry" to hot spots to conduct tests.

The database also asks if scientists are able to donate testing materials, such as RNA extraction kits and nasal swabs, an acknowledgment that a lack of testing capacity at labs and supplies is also a concern.

Wells has experience in virus research, but the database includes experts from multiple backgrounds, including bioinformatics experts who can help local-

ities and other researchers more effectively map and visualize data on the effects of the pandemic.

Organizations or governmental entities have to request access to the full version of the database. Requests unrelated to the pandemic, such as companies scouting potential employees, have been denied.

Wells and his collaborators acknowledge to scientists who sign onto the database that while they "hope that every single one of you get the opportunity to use your advanced skills in the fight against this outbreak," it's likely that many who enlist won't be called upon.

No matter how the database is used, Wells said, scientists "want to be part of the solution to this global problem."

The database, he said, ensures "that when we're called upon, we're ready to go right away."



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A deliveryman rides through a snowstorm Monday in the outskirts of Moscow. Most residents are under lockdown.

Moscow in lockdown; rest of Russia next?

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MOSCOW — The Russian capital, Moscow, on Monday woke up to a lockdown obliging most of its 13 million residents to stay home, and many other regions of the vast country quickly followed suit to stem the spread of the new coronavirus.

A stern-looking President Vladimir Putin warned his envoys in Russia's far-flung regions that they will

be personally responsible for the availability of beds, ventilators and other key equipment.

"We have managed to win time and slow down an explosive spread of the disease in the previous weeks, and we need to use that time reserve to the full," Putin said.

Russia so far has been relatively spared by the outbreak, with 1,836 confirmed cases and nine deaths, but the number of people testing positive has risen quickly in recent days and

authorities are bracing for the worst.

Putin has declared that only people employed by essential sectors should work this week, leaving it to regional authorities to spell out the details.

Moscow Mayor Sergei Sobyenin followed up by ordering Muscovites to stay home starting Monday except for medical emergencies and runs to nearby shops.

He said the city will issue special passes for those who need to keep working and

track all others with electronic surveillance.

"We will steadily tighten controls," Sobyenin told a Cabinet meeting. "I hope that by the week's end we will have information systems allowing us to fully control citizens' movements and prevent possible violations."

On Tuesday, the Russian parliament is scheduled to approve a bill that imposes prison terms of up to seven years and fines of up to about \$25,000 on violators of the lockdown.

Mileage change would negatively affect climate

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump is poised to roll back ambitious Obama-era vehicle mileage standards and raise the ceiling on damaging fossil fuel emissions for years to come, gutting one of the United States' biggest efforts against climate change.

The Trump administration is expected to release a final rule Tuesday on mileage standards through 2026. The change — making good on the rollback after two years of Trump threatening and fighting states and a faction of automakers that opposed the move — waters down a tough

Obama mileage standard that would have encouraged automakers to ramp up production of electric vehicles and more fuel-efficient gas and diesel vehicles.

"When finalized, the rule will benefit our economy, will improve the U.S. fleet's fuel economy, will make vehicles more affordable and will save lives by increasing the safety of new vehicles," EPA spokeswoman Corry Schiermeyer said Monday, ahead of the expected release.

Opponents say the administration has had difficulty pointing to the kind of specific, demonstrable benefits to drivers, public health and safety or the economy that normally accompany standards

changes.

The Trump administration says the looser mileage standards will allow consumers to keep buying the less fuel-efficient SUVs that U.S. drivers have favored for years. Opponents say it will kill several hundred more Americans a year through dirtier air, compared to the Obama standards.

Even "given the catastrophe they're in with the coronavirus, they're pursuing a policy that's going to hurt public health and kill people," said Chet France, a former 39-year veteran of the Environmental Protection Agency, where he served as a senior official over emissions and mileage standards.

"This is first time that an administration has pursued

a policy that will net negative benefit for society and reduce fuel savings," he said.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, which has been the main agency drawing up the new rules, did not immediately respond to a request for comment Monday.

The standards have split the auto industry with Ford, BMW, Honda and Volkswagen siding with California and agreeing to higher standards. Most other automakers contend the Obama-era standards were enacted hastily and will be impossible to meet because consumers have shifted dramatically away from efficient cars to SUVs and trucks.

California and about a

dozen other states say they will continue resisting the Trump mileage standards in court.

Last year, 72% of the new vehicles purchased by U.S. consumers were trucks or SUVs. It was 51% when the current standards went into effect in 2012.

The Obama administration mandated 5% annual increases in fuel economy. Leaked versions of the Trump administration's latest proposal show a 1.5% annual increase, backing off from its initial proposal simply to stop mandating increases in fuel efficiency after 2020. The transportation sector is the nation's largest source of climate-changing emissions.

John Bozzella, CEO of the Alliance for Automotive

Innovation, a trade group representing automakers, said the industry still wants middle ground between the two standards, and it supports year-over-year mileage increases. But he says the Obama-era standards are outdated due to the drastic shift to trucks and SUVs.

States and environmental groups will challenge the Trump rules, and a U.S. District Court likely will issue a temporary order shelving them until it decides whether they are legal.

The temporary order likely will be challenged with the Supreme Court, which in recent cases has voted 5-4 that a District judge can't issue such a nationwide order.

Former US soldiers face court battles

FBI: Deadly Florida robbery helped to fund overseas fights

By MICHAEL KUNZELMAN AND YURAS KARMANAU
Associated Press

The two former U.S. Army soldiers met in Ukraine, where they joined the same far-right paramilitary group. After getting deported, they planned to take a boat from Miami to South America. They wanted to fight the socialist Venezuelan government and kill “communists.”

That’s what Alex Zwiefelhofer told the FBI agent and police detectives who questioned him about the fatal shooting of a Florida couple in April 2018. Federal authorities believe Zwiefelhofer and fellow Army veteran Craig Lang arranged the deadly robbery of Serafin and Deana Lorenzo to finance the Venezuela trip.

Nearly two years after the killings, Zwiefelhofer, 22, is awaiting trial in Fort Myers, Florida, on federal charges punishable by a death sentence, while Lang, 29, faces the same charges as he fights his extradition from Ukraine, where he married a woman last year and is under house arrest.

One of his attorneys has said it could take years for the extradition case to be resolved.

In the U.S., authorities portray Lang and Zwiefelhofer as cold-blooded killers. In Ukraine, a defense lawyer blames the U.S. government for not doing more to help Lang and other veterans adapt to life off the battlefield.

“The man was just searching for a spot on the world map to catch a bullet and die,” Lang’s attorney, Dmytro Morhun, told The Associated Press. “But he



Former U.S. soldier Craig Lang, left, and his translator stand in a courtroom during his appeal hearing in Vinnytsia, Ukraine

has found a new life, a new love, a new family” in Ukraine, Morhun said.

Lang, a North Carolina native, was discharged from the Army in 2014. Zwiefelhofer, a Wisconsin native, was discharged in 2018 after going absent without leave in September 2016.

The two met in Ukraine in 2016. Zwiefelhofer told authorities that he and Lang joined Right Sector, an ultranationalist group fighting Russia-backed separatists. Right-wing volunteer battalions played a key role in the separatist conflict that erupted in 2014 in eastern Ukraine after Russia’s annexation of Crimea.

The fighting attracted thousands of volunteers from the U.S. and Europe. Some foreign combatants were driven by white su-

premacist ideology, but soldiers who served with Lang in Ukraine said they never heard him express any racist or extremist views.

A woman who fought alongside Lang in Ukraine described him as “calm and reasonable” but said he had personal problems connected to a divorce and child custody battle.

“He went to fight in Ukraine because he had no other place to go,” said the woman, who asked to be identified only by her first name, Elena, for security reasons.

In 2017, Zwiefelhofer and Lang traveled to Africa but were detained by Kenyan authorities when they tried to enter South Sudan. They eventually were deported to the U.S.

Brian Boyenger, a veteran of the U.S. Army’s 101st Airborne Division, said he spent a few months with Lang on the front lines in Ukraine.

“He conducted himself as a disciplined and professional soldier,” Boyenger wrote in a Facebook message. “The things he is accused of were a surprise to me.”

On the night of April 9, 2018, the sheriff’s office in

Jr., 53, was shot seven times. Deana Lorenzo, 51, had 11 bullet wounds.

Investigators determined the Lorenzos withdrew \$3,000 in cash and drove more than two hours from their Brooksville, Florida, home to buy guns

“The man was just searching for a spot on the world map to catch a bullet and die. But he has found a new life, a new love, a new family” in Ukraine.

—Dmytro Morhun, attorney for Craig Lang

Lee County, Florida, received 911 calls reporting gunfire in the community of Estero. Deputies searched the area but didn’t find any sign of a shooting.

Eight hours later, deputies responding to another 911 call found a red truck riddled with bullet holes. Serafin “Danny” Lorenzo

from somebody listing them for sale on a website called Armslist. The seller, “Jeremy,” told them to meet at a church in Estero.

“I’m at the church,” Serafin Lorenzo wrote in his last text message.

Investigators used cell-phone records and social media messages to link the

suspects to the killings.

Google records showed Zwiefelhofer’s online searches included the phrase “How to Smuggle Myself to South America,” an FBI agent said in an affidavit. Zwiefelhofer also searched for video of a movie scene that depicted shooters ambushing a vehicle using the same tactics employed by the gunmen who attacked the Lorenzos’ truck, the agent said.

An unidentified “associate” of Lang’s told detectives that they had traveled to Bogota, Colombia, several months after the Florida shootings, according to the FBI agent’s affidavit. Lang joined a Venezuelan resistance group that had a safe house in the mountains of Cucuta, Colombia, near the Venezuelan border, said the associate, who told investigators he left Lang in Bogota.

Zwiefelhofer was arrested in May in Wisconsin. He admitted to traveling to Florida with Lang in April 2018 but denied going to the area where the Lorenzos were killed, the FBI agent’s affidavit said.

Zwiefelhofer pleaded not guilty in December to charges related to the robbery and killings and the alleged plot to fight the Venezuelan government. His trial is set for August.

Lang doesn’t have an extradition trial date. Morhun, his lawyer, said his client would appeal if the Ukrainian general prosecutor’s office approves Lang’s extradition. If that fails, Morhun said he would ask the European Court of Human Rights to review the case. He argues that Lang shouldn’t be extradited because he could face capital punishment, which Ukraine abolished two decades ago.

Lang could taste freedom in Ukraine before he sees a prison cell in the U.S. His lawyers planned to ask a court this month to reduce his house arrest to “night-time house arrest.”

NEWS BRIEFING

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Judge halts lawsuits against local Boy Scout councils

DOVER, Del. — A Delaware bankruptcy judge has granted a request by the Boy Scouts of America to halt lawsuits against local Scout councils as the BSA works on its bankruptcy plan to set up a compensation fund for thousands of men who were molested as boys by Scout leaders.

The judge on Monday approved a proposed consent order that had been agreed to by the BSA and official bankruptcy com-

mittees.

In doing so, the judge overruled an objection by attorneys for one abuse survivor who wanted to pursue their lawsuit against a council in New York and former Scoutmaster Douglas Nail.

Nail, who was sentenced to 10 years in prison for possession of child pornography in 2004, is accused of molesting a former Boy Scout over a period of several years in the 1980s.

Afghan officials say Taliban attacks kill 11 troops, police

KABUL, Afghanistan — Taliban attacks in Afghanistan’s north and south have killed at least 11 Afghan soldiers and policemen, the country’s Defense Ministry and a provincial official said Monday.

The Taliban have not claimed responsibility for the latest attacks.

According to the Defense Ministry, the insurgents targeted a military checkpoint in a multi-

pronged attack in southern Zabul province Sunday night, killing at least six troops. In northern Baghlan province, at least five members of the security forces were killed and six others were wounded when their checkpoint came under a Taliban attack on the outskirts of the provincial capital, Pulikhomri, said Mabobullah Ghafari, a provincial council member. That attack also took place Sunday.

Phoenix officer killed, 2 others wounded; gunman killed

PHOENIX — Authorities said a 22-year-old man fatally shot a Phoenix police commander and wounded two officers as they tried to remove him from a home after his roommates complained he was acting erratically.

Cmdr. Greg Carnice, a 31-year police veteran who was set to retire in the fall, and two other officers were shot Sunday after Jacob Emry Mcilveen refused to leave, a police

spokeswoman said.

Mcilveen remained in the home several hours after the injured officers were removed. He eventually walked out of the home armed with a handgun and was killed by police.

Officer Marissa Dowhan, a three-year police veteran, and Officer Alicia Hubert, who has nearly two years of service, are expected to survive, officials said.



Pandemic shutdown: Israeli security forces arrest an Ultra-Orthodox Jewish man as they close a synagogue Monday in the Mea Shearim neighborhood in Jerusalem amid efforts to curb the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Feds revoke reservation status for Mass. tribe’s 300 acres

BOSTON — A tribe is losing reservation status for its more than 300 acres in Massachusetts, raising fears among Native American groups that other tribes could face the same fate under the Trump administration.

The Mashpee Wampanoag tribe was notified late Friday by the federal Bureau of Indian Affairs that it will be rescinding its reservation designation and removing the land from federal trust, according to Cedric Cromwell, the tribe’s chairman.

He said the move is “cruel” and “unnecessary”

as the tribe and others across the nation are struggling to respond to the coronavirus pandemic on their sovereign lands.

“Talk about being blindsided. It was a sucker punch in the face from the bully you thought was your friend,” he said Monday. “I thought they were calling to see how we’re doing in all of this. To do it at 4 p.m. on a Friday during a pandemic? That’s sneaky.”

The U.S. Department of the Interior, which oversees Native American affairs, is obligated by a recent federal court decision to remove the special land

designations, which were bestowed in 2015 under then-President Barack Obama, according to Conner Swanson, an agency spokesman.

In February, the U.S. Court of Appeals in Boston upheld a lower court decision declaring the federal government had not been authorized to take land into trust for the Cape Cod-based tribe.

The Mashpee Wampanoag tribe declined to challenge that decision, but Cromwell argues a separate lawsuit filed in federal court in Washington, D.C., is still pending.

N. Korea says US clearly doesn’t want nuclear talks

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea said Monday that “reckless remarks” by Secretary of State Mike Pompeo made it clear that Washington has no intention of resuming nuclear talks, and warned that it is now compelled to pay back “the pains the U.S. has imposed on our people.”

After a teleconference of foreign ministers of the Group of Seven leading industrial nations last week, Pompeo told reporters the international community must remain united in urging North Korea to return to nuclear talks.

Pompeo’s remarks showed the U.S. has no

strategy to stop “a countdown of confrontation,” North Korea said.

The statement said Pompeo’s comments “seriously impaired the signboard of dialogue put up by the U.S. president as a decoy to buy time and create the environment favorable for himself.”

Museum says Van Gogh painting stolen overnight

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — A painting by Dutch master Vincent Van Gogh was stolen in an overnight smash-and-grab raid on a museum that was closed to prevent the spread of the coronavirus, police and the museum said Monday.

The Singer Laren museum east of Amsterdam said that “The Parsonage Garden at Nuenen in Spring 1884” by the Dutch master was taken in the early hours of Monday.

Museum General Director Evert van Os said the institution that houses the collection of American couple William and Anna Singer is “angry, shocked, sad” at the theft.

The value of the work, which was on loan from the Groninger Museum in the northern Dutch city of Groningen, was not immediately known. Van Gogh’s paintings, when they come up for sale, fetch millions at auction.

In Kentucky: He drew the president’s wrath for seeking to slow congressional approval of a \$2.2 trillion coronavirus-relief package, and now U.S. Rep. Thomas Massie, R-Ky., is boasting of his tactic and hauling in campaign cash for his reelection bid.

Massie’s campaign said Monday it had raised more than \$110,000 over three days when the congressman was in the spotlight for his failed bid to force a roll-call vote on the bill. He was the only member of Congress willing to stall the package.

The congressman said he was just trying to hold up what he considers to be an unconstitutional vote for a wasteful bill. But the stalling tactic prompted President Donald Trump to denounce Massie as a “third rate Grandstander.”

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EDITORIALS

Other states have emergency financial reserves. Not Illinois

In dealing with the needs of people hurt by the coronavirus crisis, the state of Indiana has a notable advantage: a rainy day fund that holds more than \$2 billion. State budget director Cris Johnston says some of the reserve will be used to cover unexpected expenses, such as buying personal protective equipment for health care workers. It's a welcome buffer, which the state had wisely built up from \$831 million a decade earlier.

Too bad Illinois was not so farsighted. Its Budget Stabilization Fund has only \$58,655. That's enough to cover the state government's normal expenses for about 30 seconds. Indiana's is enough to cover more than a month.

This is not a new problem for Illinois. For years, it had nothing in reserve. One of Gov. J.B. Pritzker's deputy governors, Dan Hynes, spent years as comptroller trying to convince lawmakers to set aside reserves with the goal of holding at least \$1.2 billion by 2006. It didn't happen. Even when the economy was booming, lawmakers spent through it.

By 2014, the fund had \$276 million. But since then, it's been depleted. With the rainy — or rather torrential — day now arriving, the state has almost no emergency savings to tap.

Next to our neighbors, Illinois stands out for its feckless record. A recent report by the Pew Charitable Trusts noted that Michigan has enough money in its fund to cover 40 days of its usual spending. Iowa would be good for 37, Missouri for 25 and Wisconsin for 13.

Instead of being able to draw on money socked away during good times, Illinois will have to resort to its familiar habit of not



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Workers listen as Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb speaks during a coronavirus news conference.

paying its bills on time. At the moment, the state has a backlog of \$7.5 billion in unpaid obligations to businesses, hospitals, social service providers and others. Those that go

unpaid for more than 90 days — now totaling about \$450 million — have to be financed at an interest rate as high as 12%. Federal coronavirus aid may help, but Illi-

nois will always be behind the eight ball until it changes its ways.

Back in February, Pritzker said he wanted to add \$50 million to the Budget Stabilization Fund this year and another \$50 million next year if voters approve his graduated income tax ballot measure in November. But it hardly would have made sense at that moment to put money into that fund rather than pay down debts.

State Comptroller Susana Mendoza has proposed that the state begin automatically contributing to the rainy day fund when — um, if — the backlog is reduced to about \$3 billion, which represents about a month's worth of bills. Her legislation, sponsored in the Senate by Heather Steans, D-Chicago, passed out of committee in February. But it's now obvious that because of COVID-19 and its consequences, and a legislature on hold, the state will have no extra cash to save anytime soon, regardless of how the income tax referendum goes.

In the meantime, we are getting a fresh lesson about the chronic fiscal irresponsibility of the General Assembly under the leadership of one-party, Democratic rule. In normal times, being overstretched means you can't do all the things other states are able to do for the good of their neediest citizens. In hard times, it means digging your taxpayers into an ever-deeper hole, which in turn means fewer resources for vital purposes once the crisis has passed. It's a vicious cycle.

Illinois lawmakers certainly could learn from the good examples of neighboring states that have done a far better job managing their finances. And if those states ever are tempted to get sloppy? Well, they have the Illinois example to sober them up.

Coronavirus postpones the Olympics — and almost everything else in our lives. Best remedy? Patience.

All signs pointed to the biggest sporting event on the planet becoming the best prescription for a world reeling from coronavirus malaise. In July, a world pummeled by the pandemic's physiological and psychological hurt would have watched in awe as 11,000 athletes from six continents marched through Tokyo's National Stadium during the 2020 Summer Olympics opening ceremonies.

It's an extravaganza brazen and bold enough to captivate and connect citizens around the globe, every four years. This year, it would have been beautiful therapy.

Alas, the pall of COVID-19 has put on ice so many aspects of what used to be the natural order of things. Baseball, hockey, basketball and soccer have all been suspended. The International Olympic Committee, together with Japan, relented to a chorus of calls from athletes and national Olympic committees — and announced on Monday a postponement of the Summer Olympics until July 23, 2021.

The Kentucky Derby and Indianapolis 500 — also postponed, until later this summer.

Athletes such as Greco-Roman wrestler Joe Rau of Chicago have to put aside visions of Olympic greatness — and be patient. "I'm just relieved there is a decision and I can



JAE C. HONG/AP

A man is seen through the Olympic rings in front of the New National Stadium in Tokyo.

start figuring out what my next steps are going to be," Rau, 29, told the Tribune's Stacy St. Clair.

It's not just big sporting events that find themselves in a state of suspended animation. Our lives feel the same way. People

who work at restaurants, hotels, shopping malls, and the service industry feel caught between pre-coronavirus normalcy and whatever COVID-19 coda awaits us. Our health care workers are worried and exhausted. Our children, forced to study at

home, find themselves in the same limbo.

How should we view this Middle-earth we're stuck in? Postponement is the compromise. It keeps alive the promise of an endpoint to a harrowing crisis that, so far, has yet to betray any glint of waning. It sidesteps the finality of outright cancellation — what was proposed and yearned for, but will never be.

But postponement, whether applied to the Olympics or the lives we once took for granted, demands no small amount of patience. Yes, the summer of 2021 is more than a year of waiting — an eon away for people around the world curious about the next Usain Bolt on the track or Michael Phelps in the pool.

The summer of 2021 will come, though, and whoever becomes the next Bolt will have a whole year to train and stretch and lift — and get faster.

Maybe we can take inspiration from those gymnasts, divers, runners and swimmers forced to put their dreams on hold, but who will use the extra time to find ways to shine more brightly, to be better at what they do. While coronavirus has us in this frozen state, we can seize this moment as a chance to better ourselves — be better friends, better neighbors, better human beings.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

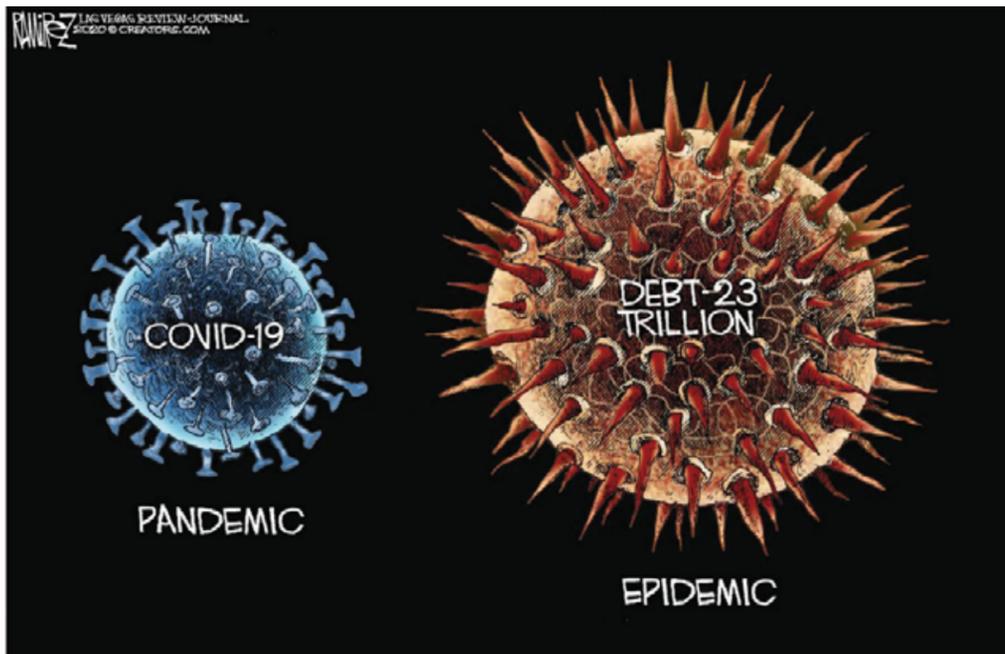
We must not forget that the European conquest and settlement of the Americas were largely dependent on the deadly diseases the settlers brought; or that the grand plan of the Continental Congress to conquer Quebec in 1775 was halted, in large part, by a fearful smallpox outbreak among the troops; or that more American soldiers died from influenza during World War I than from battle wounds, in a pandemic that killed upward of 50 million people worldwide. ... Death by epidemic remained a natural, if depressing, part of American life until just a few generations ago. ...

The unfettered optimism surrounding the era of Jonas Salk and miracle drugs was understandable, if somewhat premature. The U.S. had recently survived a depression and won a two-front global war. The Atomic Age had dawned. Science and technology were riding high. Nothing now seemed beyond the reach of the laboratory to heal or to prevent. ...

There's a reason we're emotionally unprepared for what may lie ahead: We simply haven't experienced the extreme cycles of infectious disease that previous generations were forced to endure. ...

History assures us that COVID-19 will be conquered by science and that another virus, originating in a bat cave, a pig farm or an open-air poultry market somewhere in the world, will rise up to take its place. That's the nature of the beast.

David Oshinsky, The Wall Street Journal



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PERSPECTIVE



Any open-ended federal assistance for state and local governments, and any direct assistance to pensions, should be conditioned on pension reforms in the states that need it.

With the U.S. Capitol building in the background, motorists drive on Pennsylvania Avenue on Wednesday in Washington.

MANUEL BALCE CENETA/AP

Pension bailouts are not the answer for Chicago and Illinois

BY MARK GLENNON

EVEN DURING A PANDEMIC

Bailout folly was sure to be on the table. With markets down about 25% from their recent highs, pension funds are taking a beating, and ideas for bailing them out are brewing.

The first specific proposal we've seen would be a three-fer, piling wrong on top of wrong on top of wrong. It's from the Rockefeller Institute's Liz Farmer, published nationally and in Crain's Chicago Business.

That idea is for state and local government to issue bonds to borrow money for pensions. They are called pension obligation bonds, or POBs, which we have criticized repeatedly at Wirepoints. And the proposal is to make those bonds tax-exempt, meaning federal taxpayers would subsidize them.

First, POBs are inherently foolish. They represent nothing more than borrowing to cover debt — one credit card to another — replacing unfunded pension debt with unfunded bond debt. They are a can-kicking at its purest.

Worse, they gamble that interest paid on the bond will be less than

earnings made on the stocks a pension would buy with the borrowed money. Farmer says "a boost in assets now would likely produce a welcome return on investment over the next few years and ultimately help stabilize government pension bills." That's pure speculation, and nothing more than market timing, an investment strategy widely shunned as a suckers' game by pension managers and all but a few experts who specialize in it. Basic market economics say that the likely return on stocks and bonds, if properly risk adjusted, should be equal.

Who would buy those bonds from Illinois, Chicago and others that were in death spirals even before the current downturn? Therein lies the second wrong in Farmer's proposal. She says the deal could be sweetened by making interest on the bonds exempt from federal income taxes. That would be a backdoor way to force all Americans to pay for a bailout, including those in responsible states that have managed their pensions sanely.

The final problem with Farmer's

suggestion is she omits any conditions that should be attached to federal help. In our view, any open-ended federal assistance for state and local governments, and any direct assistance to pensions, should be conditioned on pension reforms in the states that need it. Under no circumstances should federal money go toward the futile hope of filling the bottomless pits of the worst-managed pensions in Illinois, New Jersey, Connecticut and certain other states.

That reform condition must apply to other bailout ideas in the nature of block grants, general notions of which are now percolating.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi wasted no time after passage of the \$2 trillion emergency appropriations last week, saying she wants another bill that would include direct assistance to state and local governments as well as pension assistance. And Illinois Sen. Dick Durkin had already tried to insert straight cash bailouts in the bill passed last week.

The Federal Reserve Bank is also

reviewing new ways to support financing for state and local governments, as nicely detailed by The Wall Street Journal last week. The Fed has already begun some purchases of short-term obligations, though just to calm the market in municipal finance. Among the questions the Fed is now considering, according to the Journal, are whether to expand existing facilities to accommodate other municipal debt or to launch a new facility devoted to state and local finance.

"The states and localities that need the most help are the most risky by definition," said an economist quoted by the Journal.

That is precisely the problem with potential aid from either Congress or the Fed. If that aid goes where it is most needed it would bail out the most fiscally irresponsible states and cities. Fairness, however, would demand that it go pro rata based on population and help should be conditioned on reform in states that have refused to reform.

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FIGHT CLUB

GOVERNORS PRITZKER AND CUOMO ON PPE

SO, INSTEAD OF GETTING PPE FOR THE ENTIRE COUNTRY, THE PRESIDENT DECIDED TO PIT GOVERNORS AGAINST ONE ANOTHER IN A "MAD MAX BEYOND THUNDERDOME," WINNER-TAKE-ALL-STEEL-CAGE-DEATH-MATCH! IS THAT ABOUT RIGHT?

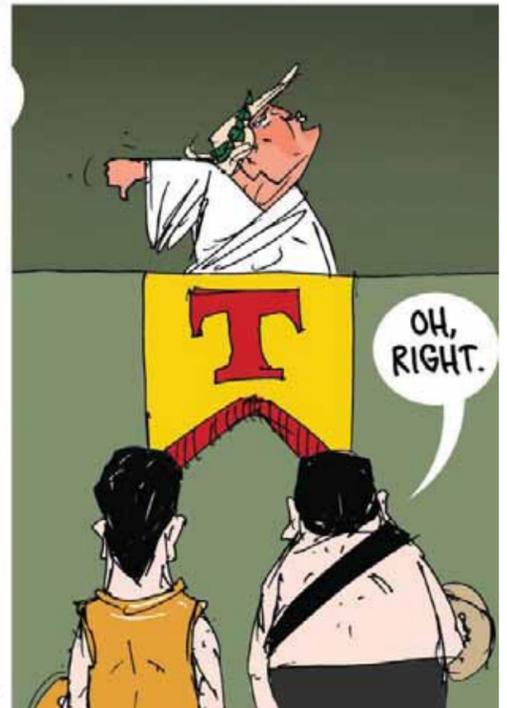


OH, NO, I TOTALLY AGREE WITH YOUR PREMISE, BUT IT HAS MORE OF A "GLADIATORS" FEEL TO ME.

HOW SO?



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Specialized nurses work on a COVID-19 patient in an intensive care unit in Ponte San Pietro, Italy, on March 23.

Gut-wrenching decisions await when hospitals fill up

BY NEIL S. WENGER
AND MARTIN F. SHAPIRO

The COVID-19 catastrophe is about to require Americans to make tough decisions for how to allocate scarce resources that can determine life and death.

This is especially true with ventilators and beds in intensive care units. Many hospitalized patients in ICUs are dying of cancer or advanced irreversible dementia, or are on ventilators because of irreversible heart, lung or liver failure. In a large proportion of these kinds of cases, the physicians caring for the patient recognize that death is imminent, but treatment continues, often because families are unwilling to recognize the inevitable.

Americans value their autonomy in such situations, so persuading families to forgo further medical treatment is challenging and often elicits considerable anger. Doctors understandably tend to avoid these difficult conversations if they encounter resistance.

With the rapidly expanding COVID-19 pandemic, there is a very strong likelihood that despite heroic efforts by hospitals, we will run out of ICU beds and ventilators. If we continue to prioritize patients for whom meaningful recovery is virtually impossible, we may be doing this at the expense of patients with greater prospects of recovery with appropriate treatment.

Inappropriate use of critical care resources is not new. Intensive care that prolongs life without achieving an effect

that the patient can appreciate as a benefit is all too common in the U.S. health care system. But the consequences of doing this have not been easy for the public to discern — like wasted resources, patients waiting longer in emergency rooms for critical care beds or those needing organ transplants dying in small hospitals while waiting for a bed at the transplant center.

As is beginning to happen in New York City, and has already happened widely in Italy, the demand for ICU beds for COVID-19 patients will overwhelm the supply and lives will be lost as a result.

What are we to do? Some may say it's impossible to put anyone in the position of making a "Sophie's Choice"-type decision about who will live and who will die. But it is not just ethically acceptable to prioritize treatment for a patient more likely to benefit compared with another, it is an ethical imperative.

Medical care is a shared societal resource to be applied where it is most effective. Under conditions of critical care overload, we must ensure that patients who are most likely to benefit receive treatment. Triage choices must be based on the best possible objective models predicting clinical outcomes and never on irrelevant criteria such as ethnicity or gender, ability to pay or family insistence that their loved ones get the ICU beds.

Likewise, triage based on arrival time at the hospital is too blunt a way to allocate a valuable resource. All intensive care is a time-limited trial intended to save lives.

Patients who get worse rather than better with optimal treatment, who are less likely to benefit compared with others in need who are waiting, or who may not benefit at all, must lose their spots.

In the COVID-19 crisis, this means that ventilators and ICU beds should be denied to or withdrawn from patients for whom the benefits are minimal at best, and those resources given to patients who are more likely to survive. These gut-wrenching actions must be carried out with compassion, support and palliation.

When objective measures are not used to allocate a scarce resource, those with influence and wealth win out.

We have already witnessed this with coronavirus testing, with athletes and celebrities with no symptoms being tested, contrary to testing guidelines, while others exhibiting symptoms have not received the test. Fair distribution of scarce resources requires knowledge, unbiased implementation, ethical firmness and transparency.

The American public needs to be educated on the rules for medical decision-making so that it's clear why some patients receive treatment while others do not. By standing together, we can achieve the best outcomes for the most people.

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Running during a global pandemic — and for life

BY KERRY KASPER

As a 12-year-old recovering from a serious childhood illness, I laced up a pair of running shoes for the first time, joining a grade school coach's program that promised a T-shirt to those who logged 100 miles by the conclusion of summer break.

That was 25 years ago. Little did I know then how running would change the course of my life — infiltrating my identity and providing me with a way to channel life's stresses and joys. And how, despite added challenges, it would become a physical and mental survival tool amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Looking back, every one of my life's major milestones has been paired with a run.

As a Villanova University freshman during 9/11, I ran for a sense of order on the day it felt like the world was collapsing — a surreal day watching new East Coast friends scramble to learn if loved ones had escaped the World Trade Center's twin towers in time.

Years later, living alone in Chicago for the first time, I charted out big, loping routes along the lakefront, marveling at the ability to travel from one end of the city to the other without hitting a stoplight and keeping a Ventra card in my pocket in case I got lost.

I ran and even raced throughout my recent pregnancy, amused and yes, occasionally annoyed, at exclamations by well-intentioned onlookers that I was "running for two!" I used to be a serious athlete, I thought, as my mile times slowed and I charted out routes with public restrooms.

A year postpartum seemed the perfect time to tackle the elusive brass ring of the Boston Marathon, a race I'd uncharacteristically dropped out of at the Wellesley halfway mark back in 2012. In retrospect, I realize that decision to walk off the course on that hot day and board a train back to the city center showed that my body knew my first marriage — my life —



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Kerry Kasper at the start of a run near her home in Chicago on Thursday.

was hitting the rocks before my mind did.

Eight years later, life was so different than I ever imagined. Yet, Boston, and the guilt of giving up, was still an ache, something I needed to resolve. The man I'm now married to, also a runner, and I spent recent months tackling long runs in shifts while the other stayed home with our two daughters. We had just completed a long run of 16 miles when the announcement came that the April 20 Boston Marathon would be postponed until September. Normally, I would have been crushed to see all of that time and effort wasted.

But in the context of the current moment, watching friends and neighbors deal with symptoms suspected to indicate COVID-19, I felt not only calm but grateful. The race might be off, but I still had my health.

For many years, I would pack in a work-

out before the day began, afraid that if I didn't check a run off my to-do list early, it might never happen. That meant running in the dark, on an empty stomach, just getting it done, no warm-up or stretch.

During this COVID-19 lockdown, training is less about time and distance goals, and more about the release. I use running as a physical and mental break from the stress of the day — from the simultaneous constancy of parenting and working from home. I head out later. I go slower. My end point is often a local coffee shop I want to support.

Dan Fitzgerald, coach of Boston-based Heartbreak Hill Running Company, which recently opened a store in Lincoln Park, described the shift in focus as this: "Run for your mental and physical health. That's it. Remove the pressure of miles, workouts and must do's. Remember, it's much easier to hold fitness than it is to build it so don't give it away. You can do less than you were doing and stay strong."

Part of staying strong means continuing to tap into the running community in different ways. Like many others who are missing their regular running groups, I've found inspiration through following other runners on social media.

Des Linden — that hardy Midwesterner who moved me to tears as she cut through a sleeting Boston Marathon course in 2018 to win the women's race with sheer grit and determination — recently posted a post-run photo from the back porch of her home in Charlevoix, Michigan.

"Oh, you want to know what I'm training for? Life. ... It's not for nothing, guys. Head up, head out and train," she wrote. "Racing will be back, but running never left and running just makes us better at this life stuff."

Twenty-five years ago, running saved my life. And it's taken the coronavirus to remind me that, like an old and loyal friend, it has continued to show up every day since.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Creative doctors saved wife

In early March, my wife contracted the coronavirus after we returned from a trip to Egypt. Her fever and breathing became so bad, I had to take her to Northwestern's emergency room. She was soon put in the intensive care unit and then just as soon the doctors intubated her and attached her to a ventilator. She remained in a semi-comatose state on the ventilator for 13 days until her condition gradually began to improve. However, when the doctors attempted to move her off the ventilator, she became very agitated, and they were unable to successfully wean her off, even after four to five attempts.

During this time, at least one of the intensive care doctors called me every day to discuss the various options they were exploring. Because of changing conditions within the hospital due to the influx of coronavirus patients, I could tell the doctors were being particularly careful and sensitive about using otherwise-normal procedures for fear of further contaminating my wife or others in the ICU. I had the distinct sense that the doctors were being very creative in trying to come up with options. I also knew that the longer it took to wean my wife from the ventilator, the less likely her chances of a successful recovery. When they called me to tell me they successfully removed the ventilator and my wife would be fine, I was overjoyed.

I would so much like to express my gratitude to them for all their efforts, but because I don't know their names, this letter will have to serve.

— Michael Dolesh, Chicago

Use Defense Production Act

On Wednesday, more than 100 former national security officials called on President Donald Trump to use the authority he has under the Defense Production Act to help fight the coronavirus. They join numerous governors, members of Congress and medical organizations in calling on Trump to do this.

The act allows the president to direct companies to produce goods and align their supply chains in times of emergencies. Trump compared using the act to "nationalizing our business" like Venezuela. In reality, it's more like how the government oversaw the nation's resources during World War II.

Trump's failure to use the Defense Production Act means we don't have nearly enough ventilators, medical gear and coronavirus testing kits to combat this outbreak. It means individual states are bidding against each other and federal agencies for what little we have, thus driving up the price.

If Trump really wants the economy to start moving again, the first step is getting this virus under control. That requires isolation and testing. Trump has repeatedly claimed that testing is widely available, yet this is simply not true.

Returning to our normal lifestyles too early would be like removing patients from the hospital before they have a chance to recover. If Trump doesn't act, that's exactly what we could be looking at.

— Mike Mosser, Chicago

How to reopen some businesses

The local auto mechanic my family relies on notified me today that it is open with restricted hours and special arrangements for accepting vehicles for maintenance and pickup.

This got me to thinking. While it may be unworkable to have different distancing restrictions by county, as President Donald Trump suggested, it may be possible, after careful deliberation, to release individual occupations from complete shutdowns if public health safeguards can be established and enforced.

For example, now that many public and commercial buildings are largely vacant, can contractors perform maintenance work under controlled conditions? Can routine road repairs be sped up? Can landscaping proceed?

I hope public authorities will review distancing guidelines and commercial hygiene standards on an occupational basis across the country and allow enterprises to reopen whenever they can do so safely.

— Joseph S. Harrington, Morton Grove

Striking workers pose danger

In regard to the news about Instacart and Whole Foods workers: These strikes should not be allowed. There are people like me who have relied on these services. I also have been giving a generous tip of 20%.

Gov. J.B. Pritzker has ordered people not to leave their homes. With these workers striking, more people will have to leave their homes and go shopping in crowds.

— Karen Elizabeth Philipp, Burr Ridge

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Bailout has 'lot of room around the edges'

Federal stimulus package built to prevent misuse

By **MARCY GORDON**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A \$500 billion federal aid package for companies and governments hurt by the coronavirus includes rules aimed at ensuring that the money is used in ways that would help sustain the economy. But questions are being raised about whether those

guardrails will prevent the kinds of abuses that have marked some corporate bailouts of the past.

In return for the emergency loans, which could be spun by the Federal Reserve into up to \$4.5 trillion, companies will face temporary limits on what they can pay executives. They'll also need to keep their workforces stable or at least not lay off more than 10% for several months. And they'll face restrictions on stock buybacks and dividend increases.

Yet loopholes may lurk in the legislation.

"On paper, it looks like we learned the lessons," said James Angel, an associate professor of finance at Georgetown University's McDonough School of Business. "But the devil is in the details. ... There's a lot of room around the edges."

The legislation establishes a system of oversight for how companies can use the rescue money. The oversight is widely thought to exceed the standards for the bailouts of banks and au-

tomakers in the 2008-09 financial crisis. Critics have long attacked those bailouts as an unwarranted giveaway to corporations whose conduct contributed directly to the crisis.

Under the just-enacted \$2.2 trillion package, a government watchdog and a panel appointed by Congress will monitor how the billions in aid are deployed and whether its corporate recipients are meeting the restrictions.

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President Donald Trump signs the coronavirus stimulus relief package Friday in the Oval Office at the White House.



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Signs help shoppers in line keep social distance Sunday at Target in Logan Square during the coronavirus pandemic.

Pandemic shopping

Rations of high-demand goods, shoppers in masks and reminders to keep your distance reflect a brave new world

By **LAUREN ZUMBACH**

One week after Illinois' stay at home order went into effect, Chicago-area stores are no longer thronged with shoppers anxiously piling carts with toilet paper, canned beans and bottled water.

Instead, a new reality is setting in. Conveniences such as 24-hour shopping, free samples and self-service food bars have been abandoned, while policies rationing items as basic as toilet paper have become standard. Signs advising shoppers to give fellow customers space are common, as is the sight of employees sanitizing carts with disinfectant.

Customers over the



Shoppers keep social distance while lining up before Target in Logan Square opens at 8 a.m. Sunday. Shoppers are adjusting, with masks and gloves an increasingly common sight.

weekend remained patient even in the face of lines or out-of-stock items. Some were downright helpful, directing fellow shoppers to the last remaining rolls of

toilet paper. But more had donned masks and gloves, and few were idly browsing.

"It's quieter," said Melinda Derer, 49, of Hanover Park, shopping at a

Walmart in Bloomingdale Saturday. "People are sticking close, they're taking what they need and getting out."

With federal recom-

mendations to practice social distancing to slow the spread of the new coronavirus now in place through April 30, the Tribune visited a dozen stores to see what the new normal looks like. Shoppers and retailers alike are adjusting to a new idea: what if taking care of the customer means encouraging them to keep their distance?

Best Buy is taking that literally. Stores remain open but shoppers are no longer allowed inside.

A half dozen employees stood outside a store in the Ranch Triangle neighborhood Saturday, ready to fetch orders for customers like Taylor Jantz, 28, who

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Bayless, US Foods partner for restaurant-worker relief

By **PHIL VETTEL**

Chef Rick Bayless has partnered with US Foods to provide food and income to unemployed restaurant workers.

Beginning Monday, Bayless' original restaurant, Frontera Grill, will become the center of the operation. Fifteen laid-off restaurant workers will be paid to sort grocery boxes, each containing 30 pounds of food — produce, bread, dried ingredients, poultry and meat — for distribution among a growing number of partici-

pating restaurants, including Antique Taco, Carnitas Uruapan, Honey Butter Fried Chicken, Rome's Joy Catering and Lula Cafe.

The team will process 800 boxes per week, with the goal of stocking the pantries of laid-off workers from the participating restaurants. Distribution is limited to those employees. More restaurants are expected to be added.

"As soon as restaurants



Bayless

began to shutter, our thoughts immediately turned to getting food to the most vulnerable people in our industry," Bayless said. "This project can touch the lives of many thousands of displaced work-

ers." The program is funded by a \$250,000 gift from an anonymous private foundation in Chicago, and began with a phone call from US

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Got plenty of cash? You can hunker in a bunker

By **JACK FLEMMING**
Los Angeles Times

Hand sanitizer? Sure. Face masks? Fine. But as the coronavirus spreads, the rich are investing in a much more extreme way to ward off the disease: bunkers.

Inquiries and sales are skyrocketing for bunkers and shelters across the country.

Most come equipped with special air-filtration systems, which buyers believe will come in handy to keep out a virus that can

reportedly linger in the air for several hours. And for those fearing a broader societal collapse down the road, a secure safe room with a year's worth of food can provide peace of mind.

Bunkers are nothing new; tens of thousands of Americans built Cold War-out shelters as winter tensions rose in the early '60s. Tornado country provides a steady demand for wind-resistant shelters — above or below ground — that typically cost about \$3,000 to \$11,000.

But in an age ruled by capitalism, manufacturers are pumping out safe spaces with amenities usually reserved for megamansions.

Gary Lynch, general manager of Texas-based Rising S Bunkers, said the phone has been ringing nonstop since mid-March.

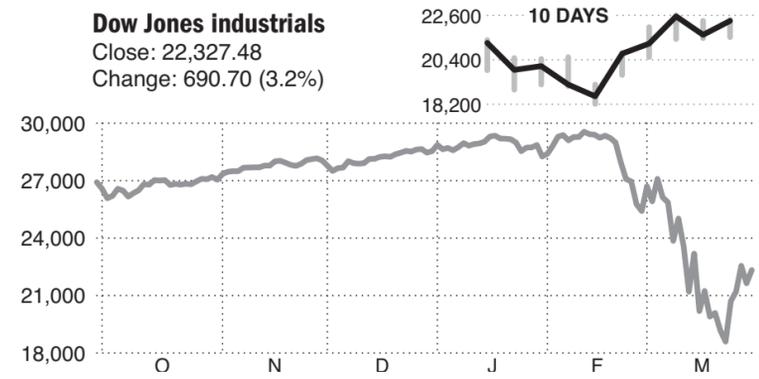
"As novel as coronavirus is, it's getting the publicity of a Backstreet Boys hit in the '90s," he said.

One of the first people to call in bought a bunker the

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MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow High: 22,378.09 Low: 21,522.08 Previous: 21,636.78



Summary table for Nasdaq (+271.77), S&P 500 (+85.18), and Russell 2000 (+26.33) with their respective high, low, and previous values.

Summary table for 10-yr T-note (-0.07), Gold futures (-3.00), Yen (-0.00), Euro (unch.), and Crude Oil (-1.42).

Major market growth and decline

Table showing 5-day, 30-day, and 1-year percentage changes for DOW, NASD, and S&P indices.

FUTURES table with columns for COMMODITY, AMOUNT-PRICE, MO., OPEN, HIGH, LOW, SETTLE, and CHG. Includes WHEAT, CORN, SOYBEANS, etc.

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President Donald Trump wasted little time, though, in throwing the oversight system into question. After signing the relief package Friday, Trump issued a statement that seemed to reject the independence of a new inspector general's office.

Peter Henning, a law professor at Wayne State University and a former Justice Department attorney, notes that the bailout program gives wide latitude to Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin.

"Secretary Mnuchin has authority to basically negotiate any kind of loan that he wants," Henning said. "We'll see who gets favored and who doesn't."

For companies that receive emergency aid, there may be wiggle room in the conditions attached to it. While they can't shrink their workforce by more than 10% through the fall, there's no prohibition against cutting employee wages — except for airlines that receive direct grants.

Companies could also reduce workers' hours and overtime without running afoul of a ban on breaching union contracts.

"A lot of people are going to see their compensation fall even though they still have a job," Georgetown's Angel said. "Just the fear of that puts the brakes on the economy."

Four big airlines — American, United, Delta and Southwest — spent a combined \$39 billion in the past five years on share buybacks, according to S&P Global.

A program of this scale and scope ... when things are moving so fast, will need vigorous scrutiny," said Phil Angelides, a former California state treasurer who led the 10-member congressional oversight panel for the financial crisis bailout.

Food

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Foods to Bayless' team to offer support with their community efforts.

"We are honored to be collaborating with Chef Rick Bayless," said Anthony Kingsley, Local and Sustainable Product lead at US Foods. "US Foods has a long-standing commitment to helping our restaurant operators as

they support our communities, and that has never been as important as it is today."

In addition, Rick and Deann Bayless have established an emergency fund, from which employees can borrow up to \$500 at a time, interest free. Frontera's manager-led employee relief fund, nearing \$17,000, is still collecting funds; the total collected by the end of Monday will be matched by an anonymous donor.

Shopping

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was replacing a broken laptop charger so he could keep working from his home in Lincoln Park.

The experience was "seamless," Jantz said. That doesn't mean he wants it to become the new normal.

"I like parts of it, but I'm a people person. I like more interaction," he said.

A nearby Trader Joe's let customers inside, but only 25 at a time. About 2 p.m. Saturday, a 40-minute queue stretched the length of the parking garage. A couple people walked up, saw the line, and left. But many popped in earbuds and waited calmly at evenly spaced intervals marked with red tape until they reached the two employees manning the door.

"You've been chosen!" one said cheerfully when it was a reporter's turn to enter. "Thanks for your patience."

Carlos Belardi, 23, of Lincoln Park, said he didn't mind waiting for fresh fruits and vegetables to supplement the staples he purchased in preparation for an extended stay at home.

"It's a chance to get outside," he said.

Walking into Binny's Beverage Depot around the corner from Trader Joe's felt normal by comparison. Yet even there, reminders of the pandemic weren't hard to spot.

A sign on the door warned 100 customers would be allowed inside at a time. There was disinfectant spray and paper towels near the shopping baskets, and yellow masking tape near checkout registers reminded shoppers how far apart to stand.

Those measures, and

LOCAL STOCKS

Stocks listed may change due to daily fluctuations in market capitalization.

Exchange key: N=NYSE, O=NASDAQ

Table of local stocks with columns for STOCK, XCHG., CLOSE, CHG., and CHG. Includes AbbVie, Allstate, Amixer Intl, etc.

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Table of foreign market indices, including Shanghai, Stoxx600, Nikkei, MSCI-EAFE, etc.

others, have become standard as stores figure out what it takes to safely remain open when people are encouraged to stay home as much as possible to avoid spreading the virus that causes COVID-19.

Signs at store entrances warn shoppers of changes in policies, like shortened hours, or remind them of best practices.

"If you have symptoms now or in the last 24 hours, including a cough or fever, we can't allow you to shop with us today," read a sheet of paper taped to the door of Target stores in Wheaton and Orland Park, above a list of recommendations to avoid spreading germs.

"WASH YOUR HANDS!" urged a digital sign outside a Wheaton Walgreens, in between messages highlighting sales.

Big box chains, grocery stores and hardware stores all used visual cues or announcements over store speaker systems to remind shoppers to stand six feet apart in areas where lines tend to form, like checkout.

Rationing in-demand goods, like paper products, hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, masks and gloves, is now standard to prevent hoarding. Some grocery stores also placed limits on food staples. The Wheaton Target allotted each shopper three meat items; two each of eggs, milk and butter; four loaves of bread and, for dry goods like rice, beans and pasta, no more than eight of a single item. Even that was no guarantee. Only a couple lonely boxes of chickpea-based noodles remained on the pasta shelves.

Retailers have tried to

reassure customers with more intensive store cleaning procedures. Target and Jewel-Osco stores had employees wiping down shopping carts near the entrance, while the Orland Park Lowe's posted signs distinguishing sanitized carts from those not yet cleaned.

Companies also are trying to protect shoppers and employees from germs carried by other customers.

That means no more mix-and-match dinners from grocery store hot food or salad bars — who knows who might have coughed on the kale? Nor can you scoop a handful of nuts or dried fruit from Whole Foods' bulk bins, though the Chicago store stocked prepacked containers nearby.

At Whole Foods and Jewel-Osco, checkout clerks and customers are now separated by clear "sneeze guards. Target and Trader Joe's don't want employees touching customers' reusable shopping bags. Customers can bag their own items or take store-supplied bags, with fees waived in areas like Chicago that tax single-use bags.

Shoppers, too, are adjusting to pandemic shopping. Masks and gloves are an increasingly common sight. A couple of customers took recommendations around social distancing seriously, politely asking for extra space before passing other customers. But most, including some wearing gloves, got much closer — it's hard to avoid in narrow aisles.

Kiley Fletcher, 35, of Wheaton, tried planning her family's meals and buying groceries online for the first time after a stock-up trip to Jewel-Osco two weeks ago. It didn't save a trip after all, since the order

arrived without some key ingredients that were were out of stock, but the store was less hectic on Saturday, she said.

Even in stores with a wider selection, like Target and Walmart, most customers stuck to sections with necessities, like groceries, cleaning products and the pharmacy. Apparel aisles were comparatively quiet.

But "essential" is relative when families are urged to stay at home for an indefinite period.

Adam Fich, 34, of Carol Stream, hit the toy aisles at the Bloomingdale Walmart after his two-year-old daughter's day care closed. Target stores in Orland Park and Wheaton were sold out of jigsaw puzzles. And while many customers at an Ace Hardware in Orland Hills have been looking for household essentials, a lot also have been embarking on home projects, an employee said.

"We've had a lot of people painting their houses," she said.

Like many shoppers running errands this weekend, D'Ann Pietrowicz, 54, said she's trying to avoid unnecessary trips to the store. She noticed shoppers wearing masks and gloves and the reminders to keep your distance while buying groceries Saturday at a Jewel-Osco in Wheaton, but she doesn't find them unsettling.

"I think people are still trying to keep their chins up," she said as a dad and daughter sporting animal masks — his a tiger, hers a unicorn — strolled down the bread aisle.

"That's what makes you smile," Pietrowicz said. "You have to make the best of what's happening."

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Bunker

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same day. Soon after, a customer from the Japan ordered 1,000 of the company's custom-made NBC air-filtration systems. At \$3,000 a pop, it was a \$3 million sale.

Similar to the ones used in hospitals, their standard NBC (nuclear, biological and chemical) systems suck in air

and remove harmful particles such as bacteria or nuclear fallout dust, providing clean air for up to 15 occupants.

Encased in steel, the bunkers come with a variety of add-ons such as escape tunnels, hidden doors, bullet-proof glass and pepper spray portals. For those with a bit more coin, Lynch and his team will make the bunker feel like a home.

"Movie theaters are com-

mon," he said. "We built one in California that has a shooting range, swimming pool and bowling alley."

The company has 24 standard options, with the smallest being 8 by 12 feet. Complete with a bunk bed, air filtration system, kitchen counter and toilet, it costs \$39,500.

The one with the most amenities is the Aristocrat. Priced at \$8.35 million, it has a gym, sauna, swimming

pool, hot tub, billiards room, greenhouse and garage.

Vivos — which translates to "living" — sells exclusive spots in community shelters in secure locations around the globe. Its underground shelter in Indiana has room for 80 people with 120 square feet each. For \$35,000, it promises one year of autonomous survival with queen-sized bunk beds, a 30,000-gallon fuel tank and food for 12 months.

GM's moving fast as it can in virus effort, experts say

Vehicle maker expects to start ventilator production soon

By TOM KRISHER
Associated Press

DETROIT — Twelve days ago, General Motors put hundreds of workers on an urgent project to build breathing machines as hospitals and governors pleaded for more in response to the coronavirus pandemic.

But President Donald Trump, claiming the company wasn't moving fast enough, on Friday invoked the Defense Production Act, which gives the government broad authority to direct companies to meet national defense needs.

Experts on managing factory production say GM is already making an extraordinary effort for a company that isn't in the business of producing ventilators.

"That is lightning-fast speed to secure suppliers, learn how the products work, and make space in their manufacturing plant. You can't get much faster than that," said Kaitlin Wowak, a professor at the University of Notre Dame who focuses on industrial supply chains.

GM expects to start making ventilators

in mid-April, ramping up to a rate of 10,000 per month as quickly as it can.

The company is working with Ventec Life Systems, a small Seattle-area ventilator maker, and both say the Defense Production Act of 1950 doesn't change what they're doing because they're already moving as fast as they can, fronting millions in capital with an uncertain return.

"I don't think anybody could have done it faster," said Gerald Johnson, GM's global manufacturing chief.

Peter Navarro, Trump's assistant for manufacturing policy, said Saturday that invoking the act was needed because GM "dragged its heels for days" in committing to the investments to start making ventilators at an automotive electronics plant in Kokomo, Indiana.

It was only a few days earlier that Trump had been holding up GM and Ford as examples of companies voluntarily responding to the outbreak without the need for him to invoke the act.

Then on Friday, he slammed GM on Twitter and during his daily briefing for

foot-dragging. On Sunday, he was back to praising the company during another briefing: "General Motors is doing a fantastic job. I don't think we have to worry about them anymore."

But GM says it had been proceeding on the same course all along.

The company got into the ventilator business March 18 after being approached by stopthespread.org, a coalition of CEOs trying to organize companies to respond to the COVID-19 disease that has already claimed more than 30,000 lives globally. The organization introduced GM to Ventec, which makes small portable ventilators in Bothell, Washington.

The automaker pulled together manufacturing experts, engineers and purchasing specialists, and the next day had people at Ventec's facility, a short distance from a nursing home where the virus killed at least 35 people.

They worked on speeding up Ventec's manufacturing. A few days later, GM assigned more engineers and purchasing experts to figure out how it could make Ventec's machines.

Macy's will furlough majority of its workers

By ANNE D'INNOCENZIO
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Macy's says it will stop paying tens of thousands of employees who were thrown out of work when the chain closed its stores in response to collapsing sales during the pandemic.

The majority of its 130,000 employees, including stock people and sales clerks, will still collect health benefits, but the company said that it is transitioning to an "absolute minimum workforce" needed to maintain basic operations. Macy's has lost the bulk of its sales due to the temporary closing of all 500 of its stores starting March 18.

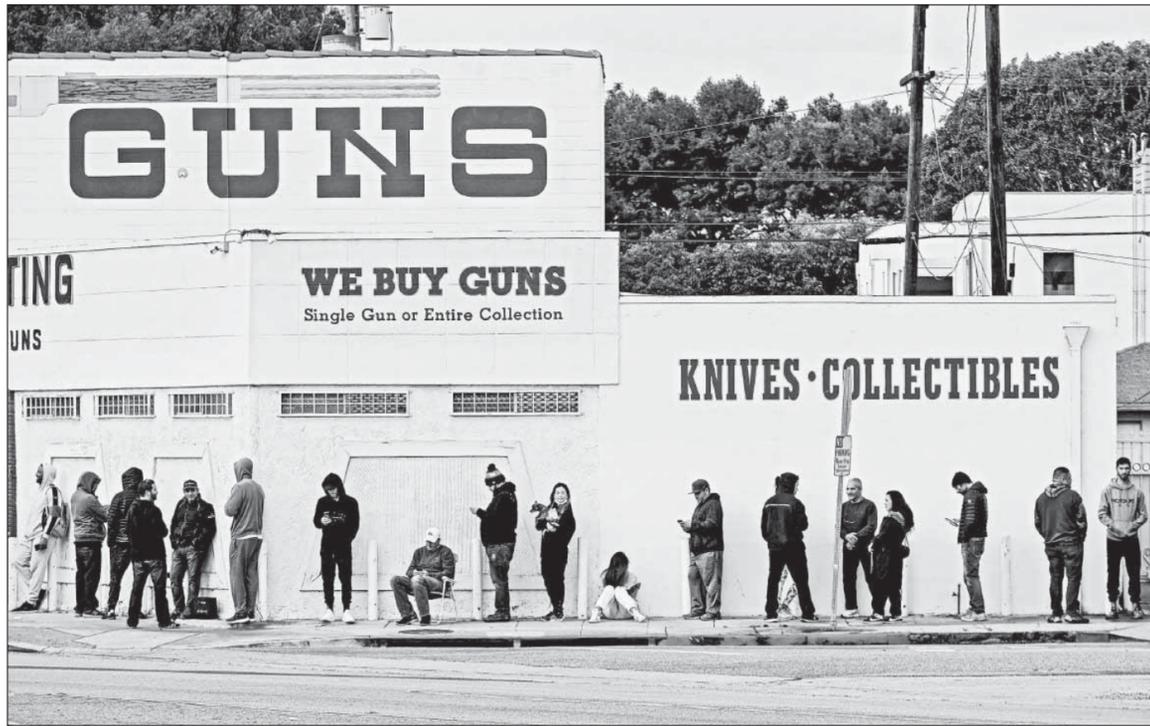
The move is perhaps the most dramatic sign that even big name retailers are seeing their business evaporate and that the \$2 trillion rescue package passed by Congress and signed by President Donald Trump last week may have come too late for some.

Nordstrom said last week it was furloughing a portion of its corporate staff. Shoe company Designer Brands Inc., which operates DSW Designer Shoe Warehouse, furloughed 80% of its workers, this past weekend. Analysts expect more furloughs to come as retailers won't be able to pay their employees as cash reserves run lower.

The furlough of workers will have negative consequences for an economy in which the retail industry supports one out of four workers.

"This could push us further into a damaging recession that will last longer than the duration of the crisis," said Neil Saunders, managing director of GlobalData Retail.

More than 190,000 stores, including J.C. Penney and Neiman Marcus, have temporarily closed, accounting for nearly 50% of the U.S. retail square footage, according to Saunders. Discounters, grocers and wholesale clubs that sell essential items like groceries have remained open, though they have their own challenges of keeping up with shoppers who continue to stockpile.



As coronavirus concerns multiply, more people in the U.S. are buying guns and the number of background checks are skyrocketing.

Gun shops deemed 'essential'

Trump administration rules they can remain open despite objections

By LISA MARIE PANE
Associated Press

The Trump administration has ruled that gun shops are considered "essential" businesses that should remain open as other businesses are closed to try to stop the spread of coronavirus. Gun control groups are balking, calling it a policy that puts profits over public health after intense lobbying by the firearms industry.

In the past several weeks, various states and municipalities have offered different interpretations of whether gun stores should be allowed to remain open as Americans stay at home to avoid spreading the virus. In Los Angeles, for example, County Sheriff Alex Villanueva has twice ordered gun shops in his territory to close, leading to legal challenges from gun rights advocates.

After days of lobbying by the National Rifle Association, the National Shooting Sports Foundation and other gun groups, the Department of Homeland Security this past weekend issued an advisory declaring that firearms dealers should be considered

essential services — just like grocery stores, pharmacies and hospitals — and allowed to remain open. The agency said its ruling was not a mandate but merely guidance for cities, towns and states as they weigh how to prevent the spread of the coronavirus.

The Brady group on Monday filed a Freedom of Information request with DHS seeking emails and documents that explain how the agency reached its decision to issue the advisory and to determine if it consulted with any public health experts.

For most people, the new coronavirus causes mild or moderate symptoms, such as fever and cough, that clear up in two to three weeks. For some, especially older adults and people with existing health problems, it can cause more severe illness, including pneumonia, and death.

"The gun lobby is not willing to stand for a few days or a few weeks of less profit in order to protect public health, and it's outrageous and definitely not required by the Second Amendment," said Jonathan Lowy, chief counsel for Brady. "It's a public health issue, not a Second Amendment issue. The nature of guns require that they be sold with a lot of close interaction."

In recent weeks, firearm sales have skyrocketed. Background checks — the key barometer of gun sales — already were at record numbers in January and February,

likely fueled by a presidential election year. Since the coronavirus outbreak, gun shops have reported long lines and runs on firearms and ammunition.

Background checks were up 300% on March 16, compared with the same date a year ago, according to federal data shared with the NSSF, which represents gunmakers. Since Feb. 23, each day has seen roughly double the volume over 2019, according to Mark Oliva, spokesman for the group.

NSSF and other gun lobbying groups hailed the ruling as a victory for gun owners, especially first-time buyers.

"We have seen over the past week hundreds of thousands, even millions, of Americans choosing to exercise their right to keep and bear arms to ensure their safety and the safety of loved ones during these uncertain times," said Lawrence Keane, senior vice president and general counsel for NSSF.

The vast majority of states are allowing gun shops to remain open. However, some states that have been the hardest hit by the coronavirus have ruled that gun shops are not essential and should close.

In the absence of a mandate from federal authorities, gun groups have been filing lawsuits challenging state and local authorities who are ordering gun shops and ranges to close.

Wall St. rally rolls on, health care stocks lead

By STAN CHOE AND ALEX VEIGA
Associated Press

NEW YORK — U.S. stocks climbed Monday, led by big gains for health care companies announcing developments that could aid in the coronavirus outbreak.

The rally tacked more gains onto a recent upswing for the market, coming off the best week for the S&P 500 in 11 years.

Nascent optimism is budding that the worst of the selling may be over, but markets around the world are still tentative as global authorities try to nurse the economy through the pandemic. The S&P 500 remains 22.4% below its record set last month, and oil tumbled to an 18-year low.

The S&P 500 rose 3.4% Monday for its

fourth gain in five days. European indexes climbed after erasing earlier losses. Asian markets were down, but by much milder degrees than the huge swings that have rocked investors over the last six weeks.

A surge for health care stocks led the way at the week's open. Johnson & Johnson leapt 8% after saying it expects to begin human clinical studies on a vaccine candidate for COVID-19 by September. Abbott Laboratories jumped 6.4% after saying it has a test that can detect the new coronavirus in as little as five minutes.

Stocks jumped last week after the Federal Reserve promised to buy as many Treasuries as it takes to get lending markets running smoothly, and Capitol Hill reached a deal on a \$2.2 trillion rescue package for the economy.

"The market wants to see everything line up, and last week everything lined up," said Nela Richardson, investment strategist at Edward Jones, referring to the unprecedented aid from the Fed and Congress.

Now, she said, President Donald Trump also appears to be in sync with health experts about the need to restrict the economy to slow the spread of the virus. Trump on Sunday extended social-distancing guidelines, which recommend against group gatherings larger than 10, through the end of April.

The S&P 500 rose 85.18 points to 2,626.65. The Dow Jones Industrial Average gained 690.70, or 3.2%, to 22,327.48, and the Nasdaq gained 271.77, or 3.6%, to 7,774.15.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

Amazon to screen for signs of virus

SEATTLE — As the novel coronavirus continues to spread, Amazon has announced that it would begin screening employees for elevated temperatures each day, starting at sites in Seattle and New York City, as "an additional preventive measure."

Federal health officials recommended March 11 that all employers in the Seattle area screen anyone entering work sites for symptoms of coronavirus, including daily temperature screenings.

Amazon, which has seen a growing number of employees in its fulfillment and delivery network test positive for COVID-19 had not been screening workers for symptoms. Amazon said Sunday it intends to expand temperature screenings to other sites as quickly as possible.

China's contagion hot spot reopens

WUHAN, China — The city at the center of China's virus outbreak was reopening for business Monday after authorities lifted more of the controls that locked down tens of millions of people for two months.

Customers were still scarce as those who did venture out were greeted by employees who wore masks and carried signs that told them to "keep a safe distance."

The ruling Communist Party has rolled back curbs on Wuhan and other areas as it tries to revive the world's second-largest economy after declaring victory over the outbreak. The Hubei province city is the last major population center in China still under travel controls. Residents were allowed to go to other parts of Hubei but could not leave the province.

Unemployment by state

Percentage of civilian labor force that was unemployed in February 2020, seasonally adjusted

U.S.: 3.5%		U.S.: 3.5%	
LOWEST		HIGHEST	
North Dakota	2.2	Alaska	5.8
Vermont	2.4	Mississippi	5.4
CO/SC/UT	2.5	Louisiana	5.2
NH/VA	2.6	West Virginia	4.9
AL/HI/ID	2.7	New Mexico	4.8

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics

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OBITUARIES

JOHN BROSS 1939-2020

Art Institute supporter wrote about ancestor's Civil War letters

BY GRAYDON MEGAN

John Bross' Chicago ties stretched from ancestors involved in the early days of the Chicago Tribune in the 1850s to a Civil War officer who raised and led a unit of African American soldiers to his own long involvement and support of the Art Institute of Chicago, its collections and programs.

"He was a great supporter of our department," said Gloria Groom, chair of the Art Institute's Department of European Painting and Sculpture. Groom said Bross helped start the Old Masters Society, which organizes trips and events, but also supports the department with acquisitions.

Bross was also a generous supporter of the museum's photography department.

Bross, a lawyer and trust officer with Northern Trust in Chicago, was also an author. His book, "Letters to Belle," written with his sister Justine Bross Yildiz and published in 2018, was based on the letters of his ancestor, a Civil War colonel also named John Bross, who recruited and led the 29th U.S. Colored Infantry before dying in battle in 1864.

Bross, 80, died of brain cancer March 19 in his Old Town home, according to his wife, Judy. He was a longtime Old Town resident and had served on the board of the Old Town Triangle Association.

He was born in New York City in 1939. After graduating from Groton School, he went on to Harvard University and then to Harvard Law School. A job as a lawyer brought him to Chicago.

His wife said he always felt strongly that his roots were in Chicago. One of his ancestors, William Bross owned the Democratic Press newspaper which became part of what is now the Chicago Tribune in 1858, she said.

Another ancestor, also



NORTHERN TRUST

John Bross, 80, was a lawyer and trust officer with Northern Trust in Chicago. He also was an author.

named John Bross, became a volunteer colonel in the Union Army and through his letters home to his wife, Belle, became the subject of the book Bross wrote with his sister. The book's full title is "Letters to Belle: Civil War Letters and Life of Chicago Lawyer and Volunteer Colonel John A. Bross, 29th U.S. Colored Infantry."

In notes for a lecture, Bross said of the book, "Some of these letters tell the story of battles, or of the mundane day-to-day life of a soldier, but they all paint a picture of a devoted Chicago husband and father."

In some ways, the story parallels a better-known story portrayed in the 1989 movie "Glory," about a white officer commanding a black regiment, according to Gary Johnson, president of the Chicago History Museum where Bross did research for the book.

"John was a real book lover and a research scholar," Johnson said. "He took it upon himself to tell this story."

Johnson said he asked Bross to talk about the book at the museum's annual members meeting in November, just weeks after Bross underwent serious surgery. Bross attended, asking his stepdaughter Alice York, who edited the book, to speak in his place.

"It was one of the most

moving events I can remember, to hear this powerful story," Johnson said.

Bross retired from Northern Trust in 2001.

He and his first wife, Louise Smith Bross, who died in 1996, started the Old Masters Society and the Auxiliary Board at the Art Institute. He also served on the museum's Photography Committee and was a member of the Sustainer Fellows.

"John was a long-standing member of my acquisition committee from 1982," said Matthew Witkovsky, chair and curator of the Department of Photography. "I was impressed with his broad-mindedness — a man of another era, but quite adventuresome."

Witkovsky said over the years, more than 530 photographs have been acquired with funds from Bross, works ranging from international news figures to local photographers.

Although Chicago was home base for Bross, he had many interests outside the city. One of those was in the state of Chiapas in southern Mexico. There he and his second wife, Judy, got involved through church trips with two congregations in the town of Yochib, where many of the residents speak Mayan.

Bross and others made annual trips there, and throughout the year supported community programs teaching children English and providing basic health education.

In addition to his wife, sister and stepdaughter, Bross is survived by daughters Suzette Bulley, Medora Geary and Lisette Bross; a son, Jonathan; a stepdaughter, Charlotte Matthews; a stepson George York; another sister, Wendy Frazier; a brother, Dr. Peter Bross; and 12 grandchildren.

Plans for a memorial service are pending.

Megan is a freelance reporter.

Chicago Tribune Death Notices
Chicago Tribune extends our condolences to the families and loved ones of those who have passed.
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Death Notices

Attardo, Mary

Mary Attardo, nee Rizzo, born in Cimenna, Sicily has now found eternal peace. A strong, kind, gentle and hardworking lady, "Little Mar" had a heart of gold. She was loved by all who knew her and will forever leave her mark on this world by the example she set. Beloved wife of the late Gaetano "Guy" Attardo. Loving mother of Janet (Richard) Varchetto and JoAnn (John) Paldo. Adoring grandma to Michael (Kristen) Varchetto, Matthew (Diana) Varchetto, Lisa (Josh) Mietz, Gina (Matt) Hopkins, Jenna (Nathan) Foltz and Alyssa Paldo. Proud great grandmother to nine. Fond sister to Nick (Isabella) Rizzo, Sal Rizzo and Santo (Sharon) Rizzo. Loving step-daughter of Rosalia Rizzo. Aunt and great aunt to many nieces and nephews. She leaves behind many cherished extended family members and good friends. Proceeded in death by her parents, Giuseppa Urso Russo and Matteo Rizzo. Interment private at Queen of Heaven Cemetery. A celebration of life to be held when the world becomes a safer, healthier place where people can share memories and hugs. Arrangements handled by Gibbons Funeral Home, Elmhurst. 630-832-0018 or www.gibbonsfuneralhome.com

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Dorsey, M. Patrice Palm

M. Patrice (Pat) Palm Dorsey, D.D.S. died peacefully at home on March 25, 2020, at the age of 67 after 41 years of marriage to her beloved husband, William Dorsey III, M.D. She was born to Dr. and Mrs. Irvin D. Palm on August 13, 1952, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. After earning a B.A. in mathematics at South Carolina State University in Orangeburg, South Carolina, in 1975, she attended Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee, and received her D.D.S. in 1978. Later in 1978 she married the love of her life, William (Skip) Dorsey III, M.D., whom she met while they were both attending Meharry. She established the first dental clinic in rural Hurtsboro, Alabama, in 1979 and practiced there until 1981 when Skip finished his ophthalmology residency in Tuskegee. Pat and Skip's first child, William IV (Chip), was born in 1980. Their second child, Jon, was born in 1982. Toward the end of 1982, Pat opened a private general-dental practice in Chicago. The couple's third child, Stephen, was born in 1986. After 25 years of practice, she retired in 2007.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother, Irvin D. Palm, Jr., and her sister, Vivian E. Goodwin. She is survived by her husband, William Dorsey III, M.D.; her three sons, William IV (Alison), Jon D., and Stephen P.; her sister-in-law, Dewana; two grandsons, Miles and Maxwell; and many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, there will be limited viewing on Tuesday, March 31, 2020, from 2:00 PM until 9:00 PM at A.A. Rayner and Sons Funeral Home, 318 East 71st Street. The family will not attend the viewing. The interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to UNCF or Jackson Park Hospital Foundation in her name, Patrice Palm Dorsey, D.D.S.

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Goldstein, Linda Gene

Linda Gene Goldstein age 79. Beloved mother of T.J. (Kerry) Shanoff and the late Micki Rae Shanoff. Loving Nonnie of Harrison Shanoff. Devoted daughter of the late Esther and Milton Goldstein. Caring former wife and friend of the late Stuart Shanoff. Linda's incredible sense of humor, kind spirit, and love will be missed by many family and dear friends. Private service and interment will be held Tuesday at Westlawn. In lieu of flowers, memorials in her name may be made to the American Brain Tumor Association, which Linda co-founded in 1973, www.abta.org. Arrangements by Chicago Jewish Funerals - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfmf.com.



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Grinker, Florence Schwartz

Florence Schwartz Grinker, 95, of Chicago, Illinois, died peacefully Monday morning, March 30, 2020. She was born March 1, 1925, the youngest child of Samuel and Sara Schwartz. She is survived by her husband of 62 years, Roy R. Grinker, Jr., her daughter, Jennifer Miller, son Richard Grinker, her grandchildren Isabel and Olivia Grinker and Ezra and Caleb Miller, and numerous nieces and nephews. As a young, smart, vivacious and funny woman during the 1940s, she began working as a secretary for the Mercury Record company. A typist with lightning speed, and a whiz at shorthand, she rose to become the secretary to the president of Mercury Records. After marriage, Florence devoted herself to her husband, children, and wide circle of friends. She was a charming, cute, and kind person who will be missed by all. Arrangements by Weinstein Piser. In lieu of flowers or cards, donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association https://alz.org/

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Jacobson, Marilyn D.

Marilyn D. Jacobson, PhD. Beloved wife of the late Mark N. Jacobson; dear mother of Marla Jacobson; loving grandmother of Holly Jamieson, Melissa Meiselman, and Hannah Meiselman; dotting great-grandmother (GG) of A.J. Jamieson and Ryan Leaf; fond sister of Sandra (Chuck) Kincaid; also survived by Beth Machlin (Jacobson), Barry Machlin, Jordan, Isabel, and Noah Machlin. Private memorial service. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Alzheimer's Association, www.alz.org, welcomed. For info: 847-256-5700.



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Kahler, Mary

Mary (Payne) Kahler, nee Deluca, 94, formerly of Oak Lawn, is at peace in the Lord on March 28th, 2020. Beloved wife of the late William B. Kahler. Loving mother of Jacqueline, Rosary, (Michael Hoy), Daniel (Sher McDonald), Audrey and Patti. Adoring Nanee to 13 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren. Preceded in death by her parents, Michael and Rose (nee Romano) Deluca, her brothers Sam, Phil and Joe and sister Prudence. She is survived by her dear sister Genevieve Delemater and many nieces and nephews. See full obit at hfunerals.com



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Kincaid, Richard Darrell

Richard Darrell Kincaid unexpectedly took his life on Friday March 20, 2020. Many will seek to impose a narrative on this tragedy, but his loved ones have been left searching for an answer. The shock of the global pandemic and market collapse appeared to be just one of many things weighing on him. In the days following the tragedy, family and friends said Richard was the last person they expected to end his own life. The world has lost an extraordinary businessman, a loving and devoted husband, father, son, brother and friend. Richard was survived by his loving wife Jackie, his amazing children, Jake Kincaid, Jenna Kincaid (Max) Omick, and Luke Kincaid. Brothers and sisters include, Carolyn (Gordon) Berry, Nancy Riley, Peggy (Tony) Waldschmidt, Frank (Becky) Kincaid, Chris (Meghan) Kincaid, and numerous nieces and nephews who love him dearly. He was preceded in death by his parents, Darrell and Jo Ann Kincaid. Richard grew up in Ellinwood, Kansas where he graduated from Ellinwood High School. He went on to attend University of Kansas and graduated from Wichita State University with a degree in business finance. He was then accepted into University of Austin Texas where he received a Masters of Business Administration, Finance. Richard married his wife Jackie of nearly 34 years, June 1986. They moved to Chicago where he launched a successful career at First National Bank of Chicago, proceeded by a position at Barkley Bank. He accepted a role with Equity Office, quickly earned his place as Chief Financial Officer, and later became CEO. He administered the sale of the company in 2006. After the watershed real estate deal, he had a desire to pursue a different path. He started and led numerous philanthropic organizations with the goal of helping others to have a better life. For the remainder of his career, he poured his passion into the vision of filling cities around the world with vertical gardens as the CEO of Sage Green Life. Richard was talented and intelligent. Some would say annoyingly so. His kids teased him relentlessly when he sang the wrong lyric to "All of Me" at his nephew's wedding because it was the only thing they ever saw him mess up. He could keep up skiing double-black diamonds with his children, bring an entire room to tears with his singing voice, read a book in a short flight and recall the details photographically. He was an avid tennis player. Richard loved loud music, wine and hosting parties. His youngest son Luke once quipped that his father's house parties got more noise complaints than his high school ragers.

He will be missed by many. He was a rock for his family and countless others who relied on him for advice and stability. There is a tremendous void in the lives of all those Richard touched. The world will never be the same without him. A celebration to honor the life of Richard Kincaid will be announced when the world is a safer place. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to one of the following organizations: Teach for America (www.teachforamerica.org), Providence Farm Community (www.pfcommunity.org), Earthjustice (www.earthjustice.org) or Humble Design (www.humbledesign.org).



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King Sr., Daniel Edward

Daniel E. King Jr., age 56, of Elmwood park. Beloved son of Daniel Sr. and Judy. Loving brother of Dave (Faith), James (Sharon) and Kathy (Bruce). Cherished uncle of many niece and nephews. In lieu of flowers donations to www.anticruelty.org. Private visitation due to COVID-19 and the need for social distancing. Info PETERSON-BASSI CHAPELS or 773.637.4441

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Loretta, M. Lubeck

Loretta M. Lubeck, age 91, at rest on Saturday March 28, 2020. Beloved wife of the late Charles. Loving mother Mike (Doreen) and Alan (Elizabeth) Lubeck. Cherished grandmother of Madeline and Veronika. Services will be held privately for the family and interment will take place at Maryhill Cemetery in Niles.



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Radcliffe, David E.

David Edward Radcliffe, a resident of Lake Forest, Illinois, went to be with the Lord March 25, 2020. He was a native of Lakewood, Ohio. He attended Miami University on a football scholarship where he met and married his wife of 70 years, Beatrice "Beattie" Leith. In 1955, Dave began a career with General Electric in Sales and Marketing, mostly with the Lighting Division. The family moved from Bay Village, Ohio to Birmingham, Michigan, and then to Chagrin Falls, Ohio, living several years in each community. In 1977, Dave and Beattie moved to Chagrin Falls where he continued with General Electric until his retirement in 1990. Active members in the Presbyterian Church, Dave was part of the choir, the Worship Committee, and Chairman of History and Archives. Dave also served on the Park & Recreation Board and on the Board of the Lake County Haven. Avid golf enthusiasts and bridge players, Dave and Beattie loved their winters in Venice, Florida with friends and family. He is survived by his loving wife, Beattie, sons David Radcliffe and Bruce (Danette) Radcliffe, brother Philip (Betty) Radcliffe, and grandsons Daniel Radcliffe, Ric (Alison) Radcliffe and Ronald (Annalise) Radcliffe. Arrangements are being handled by the Cremation Society of Illinois (cremation-society.com), and a Celebration of his life will be held at a later time when travel is possible. Interment will be at the Lake Forest Cemetery.

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RAPPAPORT, Gerald

Gerald Louis Rappaport, 58. Loving husband of Nancy (nee Cerovski) beloved father of Kayleigh (Alex) Tack and Emily (partner Jack Rabenn) Rappaport. Devoted son of Edward and Evelyn Rappaport, cherished brother of Trudy (Stephen) Sirkis, Fern (Manny) Katz, and Sol (Bella) Rappaport. Treasured cousin to Steven (Craig Siegle) Marton, Mindy (Chris) Grall and Gary (Kim) Marton. Caring uncle of numerous nieces and nephews and great friend to many. Private burial in Milwaukee.

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ON MARCH 31 ...

In 1492 King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella of Spain issued an edict expelling Jews from Spanish soil, except for those willing to convert to Christianity.

In 1889 French engineer Alexandre Gustave Eiffel unfurled the French tricolor from atop the Eiffel Tower, officially marking its completion.

In 1917 the U.S. took possession of the Danish West Indies, which were renamed the Virgin Islands, after their purchase from Denmark.

In 1931 Notre Dame football coach Knute Rockne was killed in a plane crash in Kansas; he was 43.

In 1932 Ford Motor Co. publicly unveiled its V-8 engine.

In 1968 President Lyndon Johnson stunned the country by announcing he would not seek another term in office.

In 1976 the New Jersey Supreme Court ruled that coma patient Karen Ann Quinlan could be disconnected from her respirator. (Quinlan, who remained

comatose, died in 1985.)

In 1986 167 people died when a Mexicana Airlines Boeing 727 crashed in a remote mountainous region of Mexico.

In 1992 the U.N. Security Council voted to ban flights and arms sales to Libya, branding it a terrorist state for shielding six men accused of blowing up Pan Am Flight 103 and a French airliner.

In 1996 Russian President Boris Yeltsin announced a halt to combat operations in Chechnya, limited troop withdrawals and a willingness to hold indirect talks with the rebels' leader.

In 1999 four New York City police officers were charged with murder for killing Amadou Diallo, an unarmed African immigrant, in a hail of bullets. (The officers were acquitted in February 2000.)

In 2000 the U.N. Security Council decided to let Iraq spend more money to repair its oil industry — an investment intended to boost the amount of food and medicine Baghdad could buy through the U.N. humanitarian program.

In 2001 riot police laid

siege to Slobodan Milosevic's villa in an attempt to bring the former Yugoslav president to justice; a defiant Milosevic rejected a warrant, reportedly telling police he wouldn't "go to jail alive." (He was taken into custody the next day.)

In 2004 four American civilian contractors were killed in Fallujah, Iraq; frenzied crowds dragged the burned, mutilated bodies and strung two of them from a bridge.

In 2005 Terri Schiavo died at a hospice in Pinellas Park, Fla., 13 days after her feeding tube was removed in a wrenching right-to-die dispute; she was 41.

In 2006 auto parts supplier Delphi Corp. unveiled a broad restructuring plan that would cut 8,500 salaried jobs and shut or sell a third of its plants worldwide.

In 2008 Housing and Urban Development Secretary Alphonso Jackson announced his resignation amid the wreckage of the national housing crisis.

In 2011 NATO announced it had begun Operation Unified Protector in Libya, including an arms embargo, a no-fly zone and "actions to protect civilians and civilian centers."

In 2016 a Virginia State Police trooper was killed and two civilians wounded when an ex-convict from Aurora, Illinois, opened fire at a Greyhound bus station in downtown Richmond; the suspected gunman was killed when other troopers returned fire.

In 2017 South Korea's disgraced former President Park Geun-hye was arrested and jailed over high-profile corruption allegations that already had ended her tumultuous four-year rule.

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ILLINOIS	
March 30	
Lotto	08 21 22 39 40 49 / 12
Lotto jackpot: \$7M	
Pick 3 midday	393 / 0
Pick 4 midday	1654 / 2
Lucky Day Lotto midday	04 34 40 43 45
Pick 3 evening	906 / 1
Pick 4 evening	9379 / 9
Lucky Day Lotto evening	07 13 20 35 37
March 31 Mega Millions: \$113M	
April 1 Powerball: \$170M	
WISCONSIN	
March 30	
Pick 3	892
Pick 4	5260
Badger 5	04 09 11 24 28
SuperCash	11 17 18 20 31 33

INDIANA	
March 30	
Daily 3 midday	110 / 9
Daily 4 midday	2973 / 9
Daily 3 evening	337 / 2
Daily 4 evening	7153 / 9
Cash 5	18 22 28 29 45
MICHIGAN	
March 30	
Daily 3 midday	511
Daily 4 midday	6448
Daily 3 evening	007
Daily 4 evening	9728
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Keno	04 10 12 14 16 19
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	57 59 60 61 63 64 67 71

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Sacchetta, Sr., Nunzio J.

Nunzio J. Sacchetta, Sr. passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family in the tranquility of his own home on March 29, 2020. Beloved Husband of Gemma nee Leone Sacchetta. Devoted Father of the late Julie, James and Nunzio (the late Nancy) Sacchetta. Loving Son of the late Nunziato and the late Carmella Sacchetta. Fond Grandfather of Joseph (Alicia) Micele, the late Nicole Micele, Charise Sacchetta, James Sacchetta, JR. and Nunzio (Alicia) Sacchetta. Loving Great Grandfather of Nikoletta Micele, Jaxson Hirschuber, Julianne Micele, Bentley Sacchetta and Nunzio Micele. Dear Brother of the late Frank (the late Mary) Sacchetta, the late Maria (the late Louis) Baldo and the late Dorothy (the late Steve) Mele. Dear Uncle and Friend of Many. In keeping in compliance with the current CDC and IDHP recommendations regarding gathering size (Not to exceed more than 10 people), all funeral services for Nunzio J. Sacchetta will remain private for just the immediate family only. For additional information, call (708) 449-5300. Please visit Nunzio's personal tribute website at www.russohillsidechapels.com and sign his guestbook. If you wish to send a Sympathy card, Mass card or Monetary donation to the Sacchetta family, please send it to Russo's Hillside Chapels, care of Nunzio J. Sacchetta.



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Sagona, Rose M.

Rose M. Sagona, nee Gariti, 96, of Wheeling, IL, formerly of Northbrook and Inverness, passed away on March 27, 2020. Rose was born on August 22, 1923 in Chicago. She graduated from St. Sebastian High School in Chicago in 1941. She married Frank M. Sagona in 1947. Rose and Frank lived in Chicago until moving to Park Ridge, IL in 1956 and then to Northbrook in 1972. They had three children, Frank, Marian, and Nancy. Rose was an artist, and she enjoyed painting, sculpting and working in stained glass. She was an avid gourmet cook. She was an active member of Our Lady of the Brook Catholic Church in Northbrook for many years. She became a grandmother at age 70 and especially enjoyed taking care of her two treasured grandchildren as they were growing up. Rose's later years took her to Inverness and then to Addolorata Villa in Wheeling where she enjoyed new friendships. She is preceded in death by her husband, Frank M. Sagona; her son, Frank T. Sagona; her parents, Thomas and Mary (Tantillo) Gariti; and her brothers, Anthony and Victor Gariti. Cherished mother of Marian N. Sagona and Nancy Sagona (Steven) Resis; beloved grandmother of Stephanie Resis and Joseph Resis; dear cousin and aunt of many. Private interment will be at All Saints Cemetery in Des Plaines, IL. A public celebration of Rose's life will take place at a future date. Donations in Rose's memory may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memorial Giving, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. www.stjude.org. Funeral Information 847-359-8020 or visit www.smithcorcoran.com

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Sherman, Susan

Susan Sherman nee Lash, 82; beloved wife for almost 50 years of the late Gerald "Jerry" Sherman; loving mother of Edward (Ilene), Steven (Julie) and Scott (Brenda); cherished grandma of Matthew, Sam, Jacqueline (Adam), Allison, Leah, Katelyn and Lindsey; dear sister of the late Martin Lash; fond aunt and great aunt. She was sweet, kind, caring and wonderfully loving of her family and friends. Due to the pandemic and out of concern for our extended family and friends, services and shiva will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, www.nationalmssociety.org. For information and to leave condolences: **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home** (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com

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SLIWAK, RICHARD T.

Richard T. Sliwka, 89 of Riverside passed away on March 29 at his home. Richard was a devoted husband of Rita nee Gailloreto; loving father of Greg, Karla (Thomas) Witte, Martin and Jason (Jolene); dearest grandfather of Kayla, Kurtis, Kendall, Camilla and Grace; dear brother of the late Stanley (late Carol). Private Funeral services on Wednesday, April 1, at Ivins/Moravecek Funeral Home 80 E. Burlington St. Riverside. Interment Queen of Heaven. Further info at www.moravecek.com or 708-447-2261.

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Zuraff, Shirlee M.

Shirlee M. Zuraff nee Bianchetto. Beloved wife of the late John. Cherished mother of Christine (the late John) Smith & Jeannine (Thomas) Wallace. Devoted grandmother of Bradley (Michele) Smith, Andrew Smith, Amanda (Cory) Baynard, Matthew (Isabella) Wallace & Ashley Wallace. Loving great grandmother of Meghan, Jason, Ryann, Peyton, Aubri & Bradi. Proud great-great grandmother of Archer. Dear cousin and friend of many. Entombment private at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Longtime Christ Hospital volunteer. Arrangements entrusted to **Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home**. thompsonkuensterfuneralhome.com 708-425-0500

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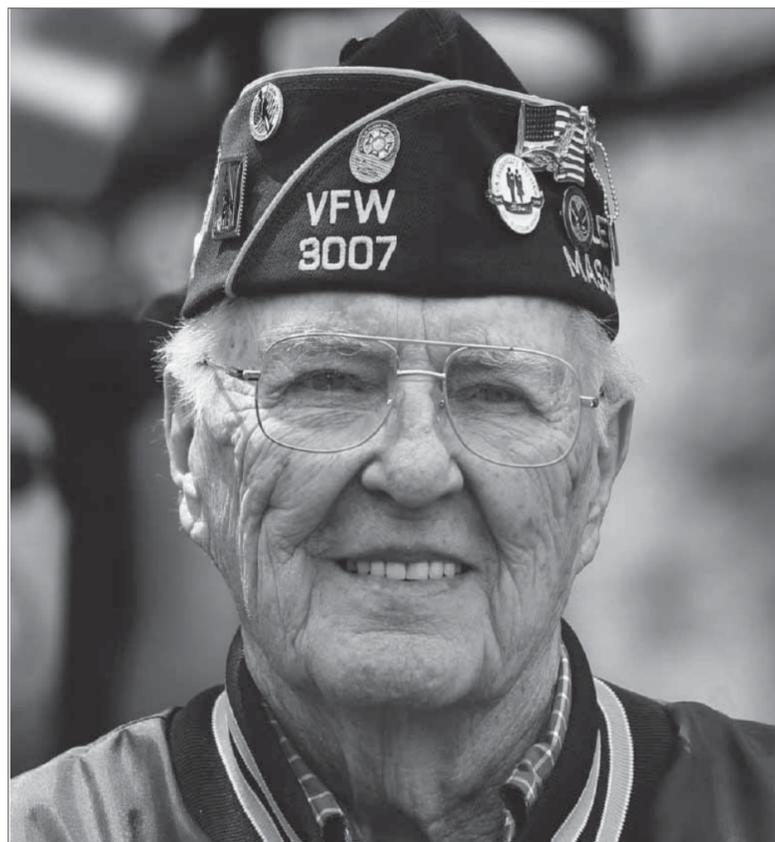


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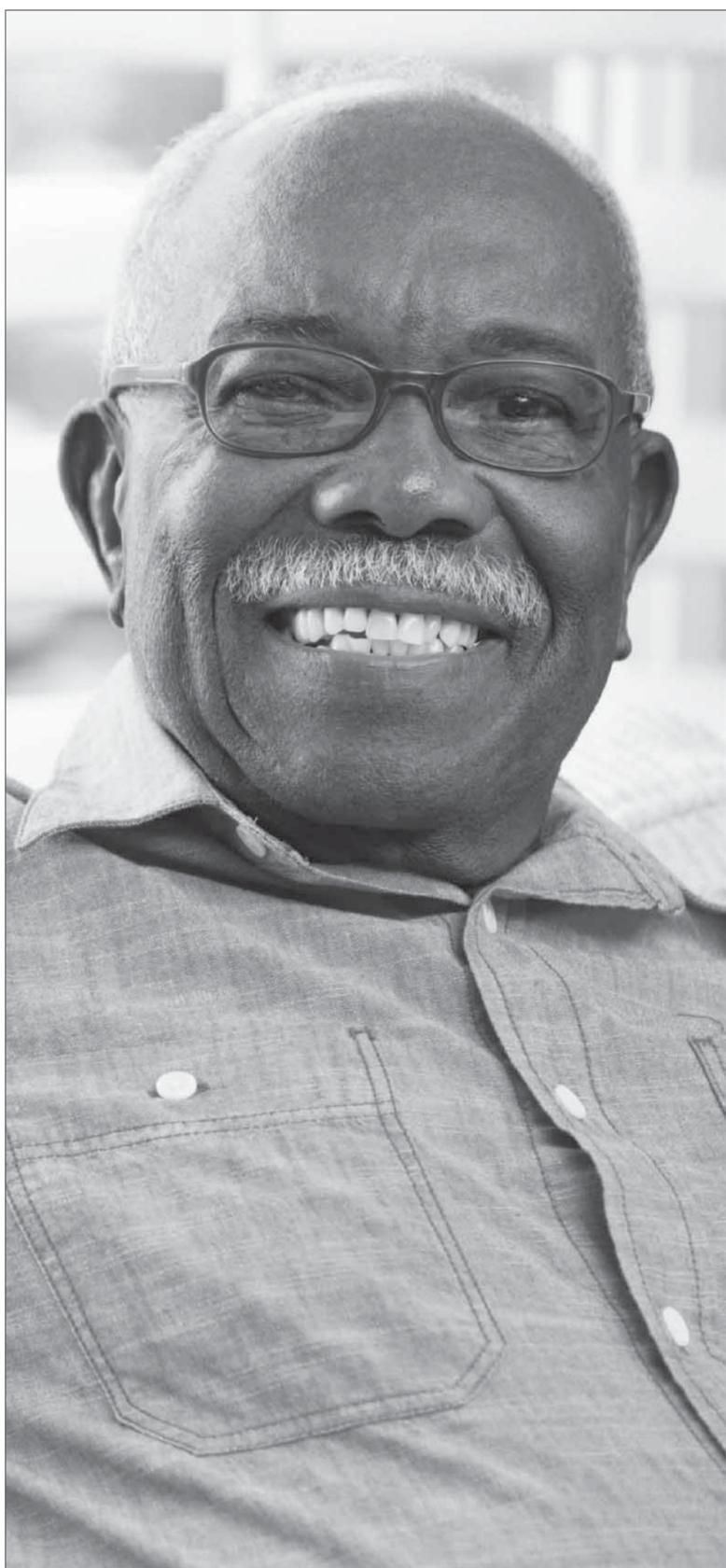


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RFP Document: The IFB document is available for download at: <https://legacy.cookcountyll.gov/purchasing/bids/listAllBids.php>

Contact Person: If you are not able to download the IFB or if you have other questions, please contact Daniel Gizzi, Senior Contract Negotiator, at (312) 603-6825 or dan.gizzi@cookcountyll.gov Non-Mandatory

Pre-Proposal Conference Date, Time, and Location: None

Questions: Questions can be submitted in writing to the contact person above until Wednesday, April 29, 2020

Proposal Due Date, Time, and Location: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at 10:00 AM (CST)
Office of the Chief Procurement Officer
Cook County Building
118 N. Clark Street., Room 1018
Chicago, Illinois 60602

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President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

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COUNTY OF COOK OFFICE OF THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER FOR VARIOUS COOK COUNTY AGENCIES INVITATION FOR BID (IFB) FOR HYGIENE SUPPLIES IFB NO.: 2045-18282
RFP Document: The IFB document is available for download at: <https://legacy.cookcountyll.gov/purchasing/bids/listAllBids.php>

Contact Person: If you are not able to download the IFB or if you have other questions, please contact Daniel Gizzi, Senior Contract Negotiator, at (312) 603-6825 or dan.gizzi@cookcountyll.gov Non-Mandatory

Pre-Proposal Conference Date, Time, and Location: None

Questions: Questions can be submitted in writing to the contact person above until Monday, April 20, 2020

Proposal Due Date, Time, and Location: Friday, May 20, 2020 at 10:00 AM (CST)
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TO: First Star Group LLC, c/o George Tudor, Occupant of Unit D-1, 111 E. Chestnut; Sudler Management Co., Attn: Management Office; Judgment Creditors, And Decree Creditors, If Any Of The Above Described As "Unknown Owners"; Karen A. Yarbrough, Cook County Clerk; Parties In Occupancy Or Actual Possession Of Said Property; Unknown Owners Or Persons Interested In Said Land Or Lot. TAX DEED NO. 2020 COTD 000793 FILED: March 12, 2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook, State of Illinois Date Premises Sold: July 24, 2017 Certificate No. 175-0009732 Sold for General Taxes of: 2017 Scavenger Sale (2011-2015) Sold For Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable. And Special Assessment No. Not Applicable. Warrant No. Not Applicable. Inst. No. Not Applicable. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: Unit D1 at Condominium at 111 E. Chestnut Street, in Chicago, Illinois Legal Description or Property Index No. 17-03-225-079-1030 Vol. 496 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on July 23, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before July 23, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois on August 7, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before July 23, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. Address: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 Telephone: (312) 603-5645 INVALOT HOLDINGS, LLC, purchaser or assignee Dated: March 23, 2020 Judd M. Harris #55136 933 West Van Buren, Suite 304 Chicago, IL 60607 312-795-9600 harrislaw@sbcglobal.net 3/31, 4/1, 4/2/2020 6639892

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— From Nick Foles' book, *Believe It: My Journey of Success, Failure and Overcoming the Odds*

What **Nick Foles'** book tells us about the Bears QB and his roller coaster eight-year NFL career

By COLLEEN KANE

Nick Foles' text to Andy Reid in July 2016 was supposed to end his football career.

After a dismal season with the Rams, Foles had lost his love of the game and asked for his release from the organization, which had just drafted Jared Goff with the No. 1 pick. Other teams inquired about signing the former Pro Bowl quarterback, including Reid, who was looking for a backup to Alex Smith with the Chiefs.

But Foles, who spent his rookie season with the Eagles under Reid, had made up his mind.

Nick Foles won a Pro Bowl MVP during a three-year run with the Eagles to start his career and a Super Bowl MVP in his second stint in Philadelphia, below, but he only spent one season in each of his stops with the Rams, Chiefs and Jaguars.

MARK HUMPHREY/AP



In a McDonald's parking lot, on the way to a camping trip in the Sierra Nevada, Foles texted Reid to tell him he was hanging up his cleats. Foles then texted his wife, Tori, to tell her the final decision on a topic they had long been discussing. And he powered down his phone for the weekend trip.

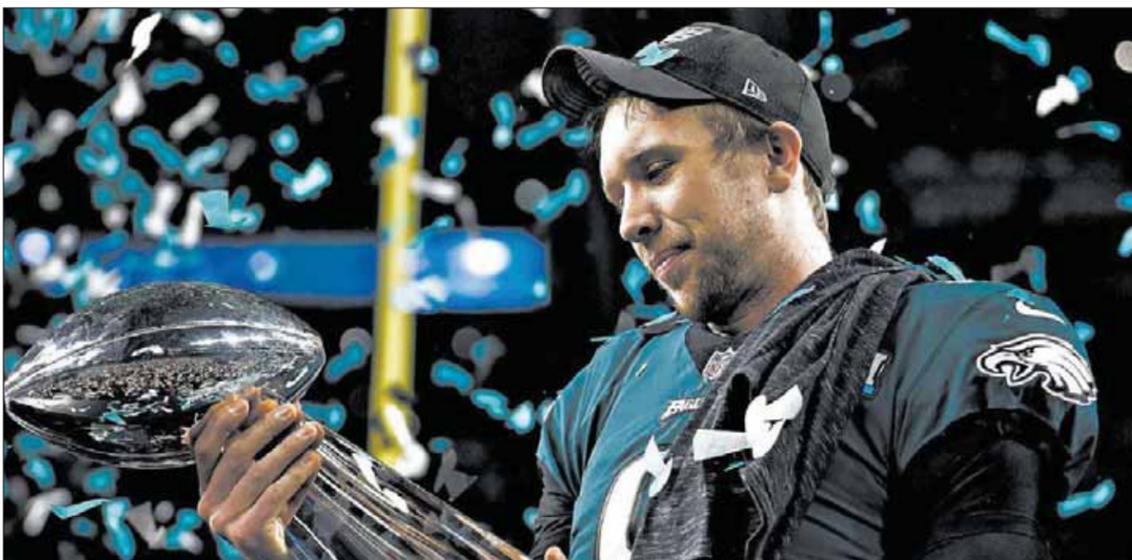
That, of course, wasn't that.

As Foles told in his 2018 book, "Believe It: My Journey of Success, Failure and Overcoming the Odds," he returned home to a four-page letter from Tori suggesting he give football one more season. Two nights later, after coming to an impasse in their discussions, they prayed.

"From a human perspective, I don't want to play football anymore," he prayed. "But I also know this is about more than what I want. I need to trust you with all I have."

In that time of reflection, Foles decided to continue playing.

Turn to **Foles**, Page 4



When play resumes, wash all those grubby mitts

For decades we've heard the familiar chant emanating from the Wrigley Field bleachers whenever a fan catches a home-run ball hit by the visiting team.

"Throw it back. Throw it back." It's an unwritten rule that most bleacherites at Wrigley adhere to and that fans at a few other parks have adopted over the years. Those who refuse to throw the balls back are typically harassed until peer pressure forces them to conform.

Sadly, those days are probably over thanks to the coronavirus pandemic.

Because we won't know whether your hands are clean, and no one wants

you potentially spreading your germs to the player or employee who has to retrieve the ball once it has been thrown back onto the field, a new unwritten rule must be adopted.



PAUL SULLIVAN
In the Wake of the News

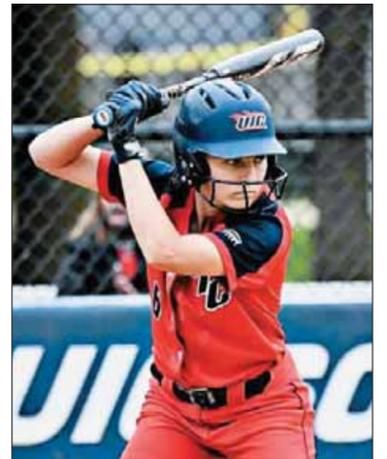
"Keep it. Keep it." Major League Baseball announced an agreement with its players union last week concerning service time, draft rules and other issues pertaining to players. But we still don't know when the game will return. Assuming fans eventually will be allowed into ballparks this year, some changes will have to be instituted to ensure the health and safety of players and fans alike.

Inside: Seven other rules we'd like to see enacted to help us feel safer at the ballpark.

Turn to **Sullivan**, Page 4

WHEN SPORTS STOOD STILL

Keeping an eye on the impact of the coronavirus crisis:



STEVE WOLTMANN/FOR THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE

UIC's Kayla Wedl is among a large group of athletes who will be granted an extra year of eligibility by the NCAA.

NCAA grants spring athletes extra year

The NCAA will permit spring sports athletes — such as baseball, softball and lacrosse players — who had their seasons shortened by the coronavirus outbreak to have an additional year of eligibility.

The NCAA Division I Council voted Monday to give spring sports athletes regardless of their year in school a way to get back the season they lost but didn't guarantee financial aid to the current crop of seniors if they return to play next year.

Winter sports, such as basketball and hockey, weren't included in the decision, declining to extend eligibility in sports where all or much of the regular season was completed.

The D-I Council is made up of college sports administrators representing all 32 conferences, plus two members of the student-athlete advisory committee.

How much scholarship money will be made available to each athlete whose college career would have ended this spring will be determined by the athlete's school. The amount could range from nothing to as much as the athlete had been receiving.

"We had long discussions around the fact that this does not avoid substantially difficulty circumstances, but what we felt was important was to localize decision-making and to ensure that we were as permissive as possible," said Penn athletic director Grace Calhoun, who is council chairwoman.

Schools also will have the ability to use the NCAA's Student Assistance Fund to pay for scholarships for students who take advantage of the additional eligibility flexibility in 2020-21.

Roster and scholarship limits will be adjusted next season to fit returning athletes along with incoming freshmen.

— Associated Press

THE QUOTE

"COVID-19 has put a serious strain on anti-doping. We'd be foolish to think some weren't out there doing their best to exploit it."

— Travis Tygart, chief executive of the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency

THE NUMBER

70% In a letter posted on social media, Lionel Messi and his Barcelona teammates said they're taking a 70% cut in salaries because of the shutdown caused by the coronavirus pandemic.



NBA
Season suspended indefinitely



NHL
Season suspended indefinitely



MLB
Opening day delayed until at least mid-May



MLS
Season suspended until at least May 10



NFL
Draft set for April 23-25; OTAs canceled



NCAA
Spring sports schedule canceled

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

SPORTS

A GOOD TIME TO LOOK BACK

We're all missing sports these days. So with the games on hold, we're offering a daily dose of memorable moments as chronicled through sports history:

Wizard goes out a winner

(MARCH 31, 1975)

This story was published when UCLA beat Kentucky 92-85 in the NCAA Tournament title game to capture its 10th national championship under John Wooden, who announced his retirement two days earlier.
News services

The University of California, Los Angeles won the National Collegiate basketball championship tonight for the 10th and last time under the direction of Coach John Wooden.

The Bruins, proving speed more valuable than muscle, raced up and down court from start to finish to beat a powerful University of Kentucky team, 92-85, in Wooden's final game before retirement.

When it was done, the crowd of 15,153 at the San Diego Arena remained to give Wooden, the Wizard of Westwood, a standing ovation for about four minutes.

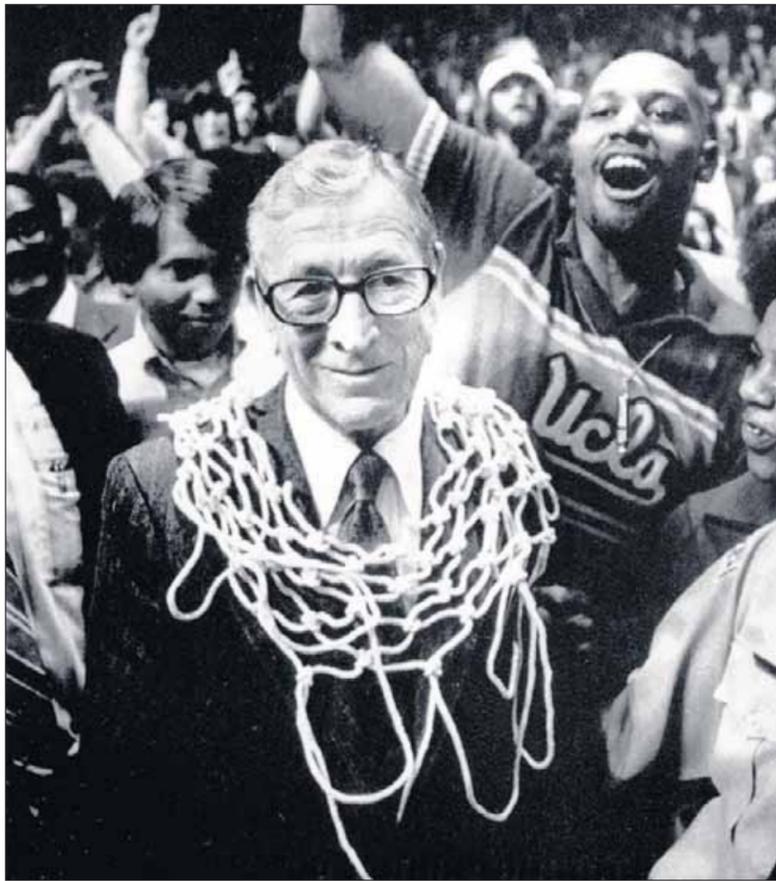
In increasing their record of national basketball titles to 10 in the last 12 years and 8 in the last 9, the Bruins beat the school closest to them in national titles. The Wildcats have four.

Although he would not admit it, this victory in his final game of 27 seasons as the UCLA coach may have been Wooden's most satisfying. This was a team not as strong as many of his former national champions—one not rated certain of the crown when the season began.

Wooden said following the thrilling triumph, "To say [we] thought we would win [the title] back then would be stretching a point."

But Dave Meyers, the senior star of the team, said: "I wanted to do it for Coach all season. He's done a masterful job with the team that lost [Bill] Walton and [Keith] Wilkes," stars of the three preceding seasons.

Most unexpected of all, however, was the fact that UCLA beat Kentucky using only six players. This was the first time Wooden used only six players in a national championship game. It paid off as the half-dozen slim, tall men kept up an unusually fast pace and achieved what UCLA teams in 1964 and 1965, and from 1967 through 1973, had achieved. And those teams had such star players as Walt Hazzard, Lew Alcindor,



ASSOCIATED PRESS

UCLA basketball coach John Wooden wears a net around his neck after his team won the NCAA Tournament championship over Kentucky 92-85 on March 31, 1975, in San Diego.

Sidney Wicks and Bill Walton.

The mighty six who won this year's crown were Meyers, Marques Johnson, Rich Washington, Pete Trgovich, Andre McCarter and Ralph Drollinger, the man who came off the bench and had the finest game of his career.

The running Bruins took off against the strong but slower Wildcats and managed to

go through 40 minutes of hard physical action without losing one man through personal fouls. However Meyers, Washington, Trgovich and Drollinger finished with four fouls each—one short of banishment.

The victory allowed the Bruins to forget some things, such as a 22-point loss to the University of Washington during the regular season that was the third worst defeat the

OTHER MARCH 31 MOMENTS

1973: Ken Norton scores a stunning upset by winning a 12-round split decision over Muhammad Ali to win the NABF heavyweight title. Norton, a 5-1 underdog, breaks Ali's jaw in the first round.

1986: Freshman center Pervis Ellison hits two free throws with 27 seconds left to seal Louisville's 72-69 victory over Duke in the NCAA basketball championship.

1991: Tennessee edges Virginia 70-67 in overtime for its third NCAA women's basketball title. It's the first overtime in the NCAA's 10-year history.

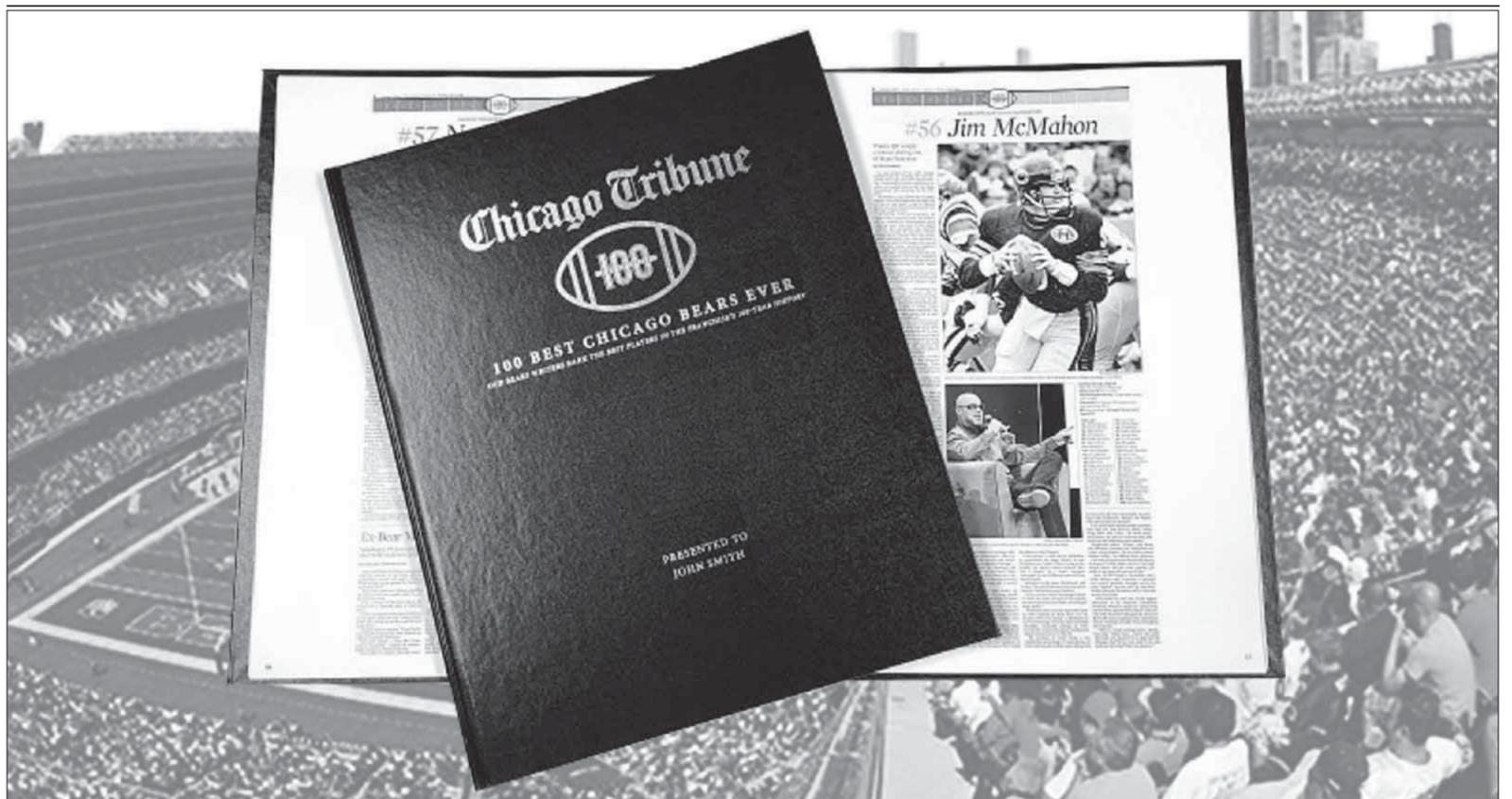
1997: Martina Hingis becomes the youngest No. 1 player in tennis history. The 16-year-old Swiss sensation, who claimed her fifth title of 1997 at the Lipton Championships on March 29, supplants Steffi Graf in the WTA Tour rankings.

2013: In one of the biggest upsets in the history of the NCAA women's tournament, sixth-seeded Louisville stuns defending national champion Baylor in the regional semifinals, 82-81. It's the end of a remarkable college career for Baylor's Brittney Griner, a record-setting 6-foot-8 post player who ended up as the second-highest scoring player in NCAA history. Also, Louisville overcomes Kevin Ware's gruesome injury and advances to the Final Four with a 85-63 win over Duke. Ware broke his leg in the first half of the Midwest Regional final when he landed awkwardly after trying to contest a 3-point shot, breaking his leg in two places.

64-year-old Wooden suffered in his 40 years as a head coach in high school and college ranks. For his last season Bruins won 28 and lost 3.

Indiana University was the favorite to win the tournament. It was the first time since 1966, when UCLA was not in the tourney, the Bruins were not picked to take the title.

UCLA had difficulty getting to the title game, winning a first-round game with Michigan in overtime, another game over Montana by just 3 points and the semifinal thriller with Louisville, 75-74, in overtime when Washington sank the winning basket with four seconds remaining.



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Reds catcher Tucker Barnhart worries that cramming in games this season may make players more susceptible to injuries.

BASEBALL

The boys of fall?

With MLB season potentially drifting into November or December, players express concern over injuries

BY HOWARD FENDRICH
Associated Press

As Major League Baseball and the players' union contemplate various ways to create a schedule for whenever the coronavirus pandemic subsides, Reds catcher Tucker Barnhart raised a concern that is surely shared by others around the sport: Could trying to cram in games, and maybe extend the season into late November or December, lead to injuries?

"The player safety piece is a big thing," Barnhart, a union representative, said Monday on a conference call with reporters.

That involves how many off-days are salvaged in 2020, how many times teams are told to play in any given week and how 2021 could be affected if there is a shorter-than-usual offseason.

"Moving forward, I don't think you can do things that are going to compromise the integrity of next season, as well. What I mean by that is forcing the issue of getting so many games in that you risk injury, and you risk major injury to players, because you are trying to get in as many games as you can," Barnhart said.

"This is all assumptions and thoughts from me specifically — it's not from the union — but you're going to have to protect us as players," he continued. "And if you can't do that, I think that would be where I personally would kind of draw the line."

That's also top of mind for Pirates pitcher Jameson Taillon, who already has been ruled out for 2020 while recovering from a second reconstructive surgery on his right elbow. He's brought up the idea of trying to return if the season goes into November, but said that's been "shut down pretty quickly."

Speaking more generally about the effect an altered season could have on guys

around the majors, Taillon said: "This is a unique situation. We're going to have to be careful health-wise."

No one knows when baseball and other suspended sports will resume, because no one knows when life might return to normal in the aftermath of the COVID-19 outbreak. Three-quarters of a million people around the world have become infected and over 35,000 have died, according to a running count kept by Johns Hopkins University, counts that include more than 140,000 infections and more than 2,500 deaths in the U.S.

Spring training was halted March 12; opening day was supposed to be last week and won't happen any earlier than mid-May.

"At this point, it's hard to say what can or should be done. MLB is exhausting all of their brainpower and manpower, along with the 30 clubs, to come up with some ideas and what's the best way to play a regular season in as many games as possible and get to a playoff scenario," said Nationals GM Mike Rizzo, whose team has turned over the grounds of its spring facility to public testing for the coronavirus.

"As the commissioner said, we're going to need to get creative," Rizzo added. "But beyond that, we're just speculating on all of these things."

MLB and its players are hoping to complete initial discussions on scheduling by April 10, and among the proposals under consideration: pushing back the end of the season, even if it involves using neutral sites and domes to avoid colder weather in many cities; increasing doubleheaders to get more games in per week than usual; playing games without spectators; changing the postseason format.

"We've been told," said Taillon, a union rep, "there's no such thing as a bad idea

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— Reds catcher Tucker Barnhart

right now."

Rangers shortstop Elvis Andrus, also a union rep, described a recent call about scheduling options with other players this way: "We were basically talking about potential scenarios and how crazy this season will be, how challenging it will be."

Barnhart, for one, is realistic about what is going to drive the ultimate decisions about what a season might look like.

"It goes without saying that, as players, we want to play as many games (as possible), not only because we love playing, but also we want to make as much money as possible. That's the God's honest truth about it," he said. "And the same goes with ownership and all of that. So everybody wants to make money."

AP Sports Writers Will Graves, Stephen Hawkins and Joe Kay contributed to this report.

OLYMPICS

Dates set for Tokyo

Officials opt against starting '21 Games in spring, choose July 23 opening ceremony

BY STEPHEN WADE
Associated Press

TOKYO — The Tokyo Olympics will open next year in the same time slot scheduled for this year's games.

Tokyo organizers said Monday the opening ceremony will take place July 23, 2021 — almost exactly one year after the games were due to start this year.

"The schedule for the games is key to preparing for the games," Tokyo organizing committee president Yoshiro Mori said. "This will only accelerate our progress."

Last week, the IOC and Japanese organizers postponed the Olympics until 2021 because of the coronavirus pandemic.

This year's games were scheduled to open July 24 and close Aug. 9. But the near exact one-year delay will see the rescheduled closing ceremony on Aug. 8.

There had been talk of switching the Olympics to spring, a move that would coincide with the blooming of Japan's famous cherry blossoms. But it would also clash with European soccer and North American sports leagues.

Mori said a spring Olympics was considered but holding the games later gives more space to complete the many qualifying events that have been postponed by the virus outbreak.

"We wanted to have more room for the athletes to qualify," Mori said.

After holding out for weeks, local organizers and the IOC last week postponed the Tokyo Games under pressure from athletes, national Olympic bodies and sports federations. It's the first postponement in Olympic history, though there were several cancellations during wartime.

The Paralympics were rescheduled to Aug. 24-Sept. 5.

The new Olympic dates would conflict with the scheduled world championships in track and swimming, but those events are now expected to also be pushed back.

"The IOC has had close discussions with the relevant international federations," organizing committee CEO Toshiro Muto said. "I believe the IFs have accepted the games being held in the summer."

Muto said the decision was made Monday and the IOC said it was supported by all the international sports federations and was based on three main considerations: to protect the health of athletes, to safeguard the interests of the athletes and Olympic sport, and the international sports calendar.

"These new dates give the health authorities and all involved in the organization of the Games the maximum time to deal with the constantly changing landscape and the disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic," the IOC said. "The new dates ... also have the added benefit that any disruption that the postponement will cause to the international sports calendar can be kept to a minimum, in the interests of the athletes and the IFs."

Both Mori and Muto have said the cost of rescheduling the Olympics will be "massive" — local reports estimate billions of dollars — with most of the expenses borne by Japanese taxpayers.

Muto promised transparency in calculating the costs, and testing times deciding how they are divided up.

Japan is officially spending \$12.6 billion to organize the Olympics. However, an audit bureau of the Japanese government says the costs are twice that much. All of the spending is public money except \$5.6 billion from a privately funded operating budget.

ON THE CLOCK

23 Days until the NFL draft, which is still scheduled for April 23-25.

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IN BRIEF

Reid promotes probe, re-vote over CBA language

Associated Press

Free agent safety Eric Reid wants the NFL's new collective bargaining agreement invalidated over language added following ratification of the pact earlier this month.

He's calling for an investigation and a re-vote.

In a letter to the NFLPA on Monday, Reid's lawyers said language posted on the players association's website after passage of the agreement by a 1,019-959 vote on March 15 contains different language than the one players signed off on.

The new CBA is set to begin with the 2020 season and extend through 2030.

The letter highlights a difference in

wording in the section about the league's disability plan that affects hundreds, and potentially thousands, of ex-players who applied for Social Security disability insurance payments before Jan. 1, 2015. In the version the players received and approved, those offsets applied only to players who applied after Jan. 1, 2015.

In tweets Monday, Reid, a vocal opponent of the agreement, provided screenshots of the CBA that showed the language added after players approved the deal.

Colleges: A woman who said she was sexually assaulted by a Michigan State basketball player is asking the Michigan attorney general's office to investigate,

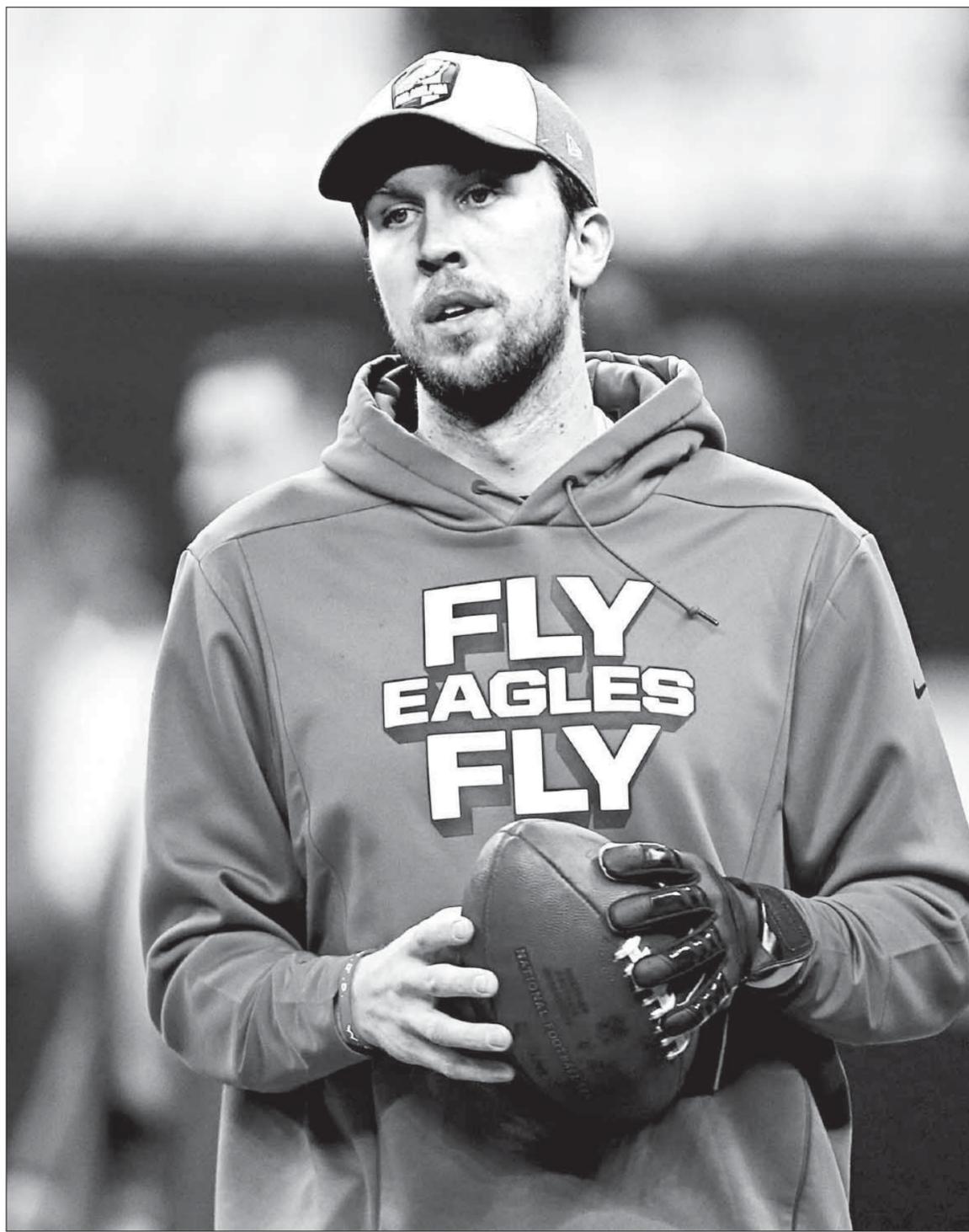
according to a published report.

ESPN, citing a police report and emails obtained through a public records request, reported that Michigan State University police told prosecutors they had probable cause that sophomore guard Brock Washington raped the woman on Jan. 19 while she was too intoxicated to consent. Police referred the case to county prosecutors, who declined to file charges this month.

An MSU police spokesman told ESPN on Monday that the attorney general's office requested the case file and the department was cooperating.

After a game Jan. 23, coach Tom Izzo announced that Washington had been suspended. He didn't elaborate.

BEARS



BUTCH DILL/AP

Foles

Continued from Page 1

The story of Foles' return to football is one of several in the book, co-written with author Joshua Cooley, that give insight into what makes the new Bears quarterback tick. The Bears acquired Foles from the Jaguars for a fourth-round pick earlier this month.

The book was released just months after Foles led the 2017 Eagles on their improbable run to the franchise's first Super Bowl championship, and it has a fair amount of football play-by-play for Eagles fans wanting to relive that fairy tale. But for Bears fans looking for some light reading in an odd time without live sports, Foles' story also details the challenges he has faced during a wild eight-year NFL career.

In the book, Foles gets right to the heart of the questions that even now linger as he comes to Chicago to compete with or replace 2017 No. 2 pick Mitch Trubisky. Foles lists the many labels he has been given.

"I'm able to light up a scoreboard. I'm a game manager," he writes. "I'm a building block. I'm a stopgap. I'm a franchise quarterback. I'm an insurance policy. I'm a Pro Bowl MVP. I'm a career second-stringer. I'm dependable. I'm a fluke. I'm a Super Bowl MVP. I'm trade bait."

Foles, 31, has been all of those things. The book doesn't provide the answer to which one he will be in Chicago after signing a big contract with the Jaguars and then losing all four games he played with them in 2019. Instead his story is about how he came to grips with the highs and lows of his life and career with the guidance of his faith and family.

He is candid about the most challenging moments, including during his second season with the Eagles in 2013, when he replaced the injured Michael Vick.

Foles had the season of his career, throwing 27 touchdown passes and just two interceptions in 10 starts. But while he was earning a Pro Bowl invitation on the field, Tori, then his girlfriend, became ill with postural orthostatic tachycardia syndrome (POTS), a blood-flow disorder that was at times debilitating. Foles struggled with being away from her and wondered if playing football was what he was supposed to be doing.

Foles prayed before a Week 9 game against the Raiders for a sign he was on the right path — and courage if he was not. He threw for 406 yards and seven touchdowns in that game.

A little more than a year later, after he broke his left collarbone midway through the 2014 season, the next big obstacle came calling. Eagles coach Chip Kelly informed Foles during a brief phone call he was being traded to the Rams.

"When I saw that the call had lasted only a minute, I was really shaken," Foles writes. "I'm a pretty relational guy, and the fact that I'd been cut loose so quickly and without warning was difficult to absorb. You give everything you have to your team, you struggle through adversity, you work hard to come back from trials on and off the field, and then, in less time than it takes



JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

QB Nick Foles has experienced crunch time as a member of the Eagles, top, and Rams.

to order a pizza, your coach tells you that you've been traded."

His career took a dive with the Rams during the 2015 season, when Case Keenum eventually replaced him. A brief foray into retirement followed. But after a season with the Chiefs, in which he rediscovered his love of the game under Reid and then-co-offensive coordinator Matt Nagy, Foles was back with the Eagles in 2017.

Foles knew he was going to be the backup to Carson Wentz when he resigned, but he was honest about the difficulties of stepping into that role. He often had to walk by the 2013 Pro Bowl photo of himself hanging in the Eagles training facility.

A coffee connoisseur — his go-to drink is Bulletproof butter coffee — Foles became the team's barista each morning to remind himself "that the best way to lead is to serve."

"For me, this fight would be a season-long inner conflict with my pride," Foles writes.

About half of the book is spent on the 2017 season as Foles suddenly was thrust back into the spotlight when Wentz injured his left knee in December. He properly captures the wackiness of his run from backup to Super Bowl MVP.

After the game in which Wentz was hurt, Foles went out to lunch with his family at a burrito joint and heard a fan tell another, "I guess we'll just have to wait another year for the Super Bowl." Weeks later, after the Eagles beat the Vikings in the NFC championship game, Foles had an uninterrupted dinner out with his family,

only to have the entire restaurant give him a standing ovation as he walked out.

The Super Bowl narration includes how he turned down every marketing opportunity leading up to the game for fear it might affect his play. He drew inspiration in the days before from the Bible's Book of Psalms, many of which have been linked to King David, of David and Goliath.

He spends pages on the retelling of the "Philly Special" play, the touchdown pass from Trey Burton to Foles. He writes of the memories of holding his 7-month-old daughter during the Super Bowl celebration, predicting that in the future he'll tell her, "The real trophy in my arms that night was you." And he talks about feeling slightly guilty about accepting the MVP award because his teammates and coaches did so much to help him.

As he wraps up the book, Foles is preparing to be the backup again to Wentz for the 2018 season, a role change he calls "a tangible reminder that we are called to humility and to a life of service."

As he ruminates about his story, he wonders if readers might see "a person like yourself — someone who struggles daily. Someone who doesn't have all the answers. Someone who has failed many times and says, 'Failing is okay. But what am I supposed to learn from it?'"

Likewise, Bears fans aren't likely to find their answers about whether Foles, coming off the down year in Jacksonville, is what the team needs at quarterback. But they'll find a player who has been through the extremes of a career and has been able to pick himself back up from failure.

His next chapter awaits.

BASEBALL

Teams should honor our new band of heroes

MARK GONZALES
On baseball

The Cubs home opener usually starts shortly after Hall of Famers Billy Williams, Ferguson Jenkins and Ryne Sandberg throw ceremonial first pitches to the delight of fans from all generations.

The last regular-season home game often concludes a couple of innings after tireless grounds-crew workers lead fans in "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" with late September shadows hovering over a large portion of the field.

These traditions represent bookends of the Wrigley Field season, which was scheduled to start Monday until the coronavirus pandemic caused an indefinite suspension of play. But like the large video boards the Cubs installed before the 2015 season that modernized one of baseball's shrines, some traditions must buckle slightly as everyone awaits that first pitch.

Here's one idea, mentioned on social media, for a new "tradition": Just as the Cubs and White Sox have done so well in honoring members of the military, when baseball resumes, teams should recognize the health care professionals risking their lives to treat COVID-19 patients.

Whether it's the ceremonial first pitch or a salute between innings, the medical workers spending countless hours saving the lives of thousands of patients deserve to be honored. Those doctors, nurses and other personnel are saving much more than baseball fans.

Similar recognition should be accorded to those providing or donating meals to the needy, as well as those supplying and distributing preventive equipment such as surgical masks. The creativity of sports apparel company Fanatics in shifting their emphasis from producing baseball uniforms to medical masks and gowns can't be overlooked.

The services provided by law enforcement and fire departments also are crucial to coping with the pandemic. Those workers deserve a tip of the cap as well when play resumes.

It's impossible to forecast how many — if any — games will be played this season.

Nevertheless, whenever play resumes, there will be plenty of opportunities to recognize those whose contributions run deeper than baseball and who will have played a significant role in allowing the sport to return.

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1. Stop passing beers and hot dogs down the line.

Yes, it's a fan-friendly thing to pass concessions from the vendor in the aisle to the fan in the middle of the row. Of course there's always one wise guy during the procedure who pretends as though he will keep the beers before laughing at his joke and passing them down. And the fan who ordered them then has to pass down the money. Since this involves too many people touching things, we're all better off going to the concession stands.

2. Turn off the old Comiskey Park shower at Guaranteed Rate Field.

Many fans used the center-field shower at old Comiskey back in the day to cool off under a hot sun. It was another of Bill Veeck's great ideas, and the Sox later brought it over to new Comiskey and installed it in the left-field bleachers. As much as we love the idea of a shower at a ballpark in the summer, it's not feasible to disinfect it after every fan uses it.

3. Close the Chase Park swimming pool.

In early March, the Marlins announced the closing of the Cleveland Club beyond left field at Marlins Park, which featured a swimming pool, dancers and DJs. It had nothing to do with the pandemic but was simply part of a ballpark makeover. The only other major-league park with a pool is Chase Field in Phoenix, which opened in 1998. As popular an attraction as a swimming pool is, Diamondbacks fans will have to watch the game without going for a dip.

4. Alter pregame dugout routines.

Over the last few years, players from almost every team have adopted personal pregame routines in the dugout with a separate set of hand or body gestures for different teammates. This is a lot of fun to watch and definitely should continue — just without the touching and high-fiving.

5. Man the exits of washrooms with health inspectors.

This shouldn't be necessary, but we all know it is. Someone has to stand at the exit and say, "Go back and wash your hands, sir, or you're not leaving."

6. Enforce social distancing in the Miller Park Sausage Race.

As a former Sausage Race participant during a Cubs-Brewers game in 2003, I'm all for keeping this great Milwaukee tradition alive. But times change, and we need to keep the Racing Sausages at least 6 feet apart at the starting gate, even if it means having one of them start inside the foul line. Better to have safe sausage racing than no sausage racing at all. Remember, all sausages are in this together.

7. Ban the spitball.

Oh, wait. Spitballs already are banned. No further action is necessary. Never mind.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Illini find fresh ways to stay fit

From standing jumps onto recycling bins to pushing vehicles, they're doing it all

BY SHANNON RYAN

Doug Kramer pushed a Dodge pickup truck. Josh Imatorbhebhe performed standing jumps onto a recycling bin and squatted with water-cooler jugs.

Wide receiver Kendall Smith did lunges with two cartons of water bottles hoisted on his shoulders. Defensive back Kerby Joseph repeated long jumps in the sand. Offensive lineman Alex Palczewski pulled a Land Rover with a harness around his waist.

"You can do it all day," Palczewski's dad encouragingly yelled in the background. "Next time you're going to pull it to Champaign. All the way."

All of these were videos Illinois football players posted on social media, tagging strength coach Lou Hernandez. Creativity and accountability are at an optimum these days when it comes to working out during the coronavirus pandemic.

Social-distancing squats. Quarantine calf raises. Shelter-in-place shuttle runs. Bring them on.

"There was a day where our athletes went home for the summer," Illinois coach Lovie Smith said Friday on a teleconference. "We had a weight program, a strength and conditioning program we had to follow. We had to find ways to get weight workouts in. There's no weights (but) there's situps, pullups, pushups. You can always go out and run 6 feet away from anyone else out there on the street. There's ways to get by."

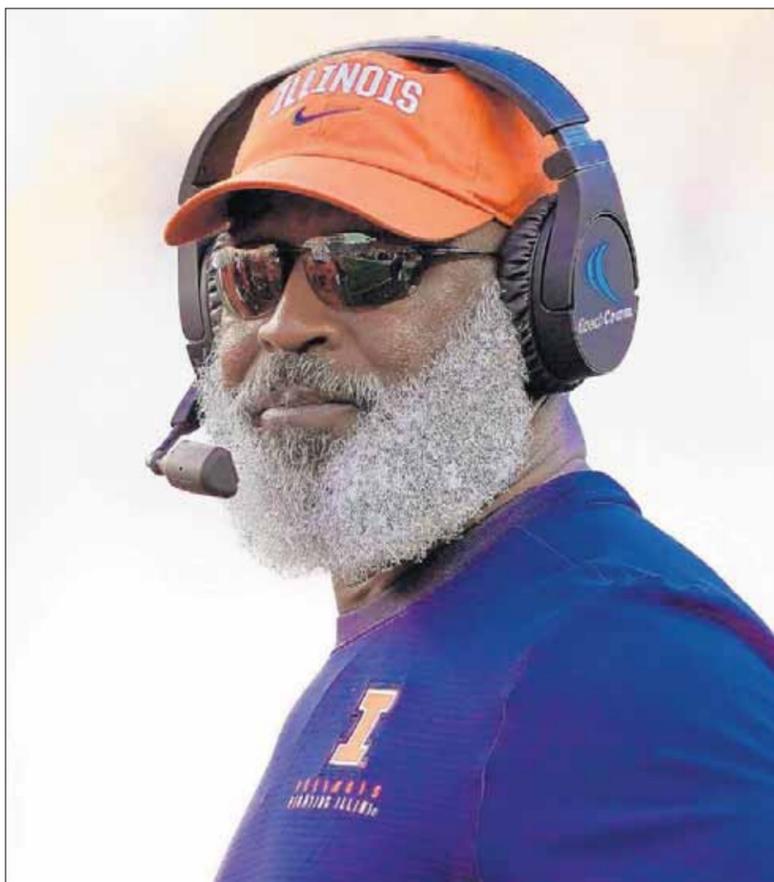
Illinois had its last spring workout March 12. Before players made it back from break, the Big Ten suspended spring athletic activities to help contain the spread of COVID-19. The conference announced Friday it would extend the suspension through May 4 before evaluating again.

Spring football games have been canceled, and the hope for most programs is they can fit in summer conditioning before fall football resumes.

"Eventually we're going to play football," Smith said. "We want to be ready when we're told to turn the lights back on and go back to work."

That means meshing old-school methods with new-school technology.

Players have returned to their homes with the university shut down except for online learning. Gyms and high schools have closed. The state government has mandated most people to stay home and



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Lovie Smith and his staff have given players workout routines they can do from home.

recommended remaining at a distance from others outside those they live with.

Hernandez has customized workouts for players, finding ways they can use household items to stay fit. Video conference calls allow him to check on some players' weights, and video texts from players of their workouts help keep them accountable.

"You're scanning your house and seeing what can be of use," Imatorbhebhe said. He loaded his backpack with 60 pounds of old textbooks and other items he found in his family garage to serve as a weight vest.

"Those water-cooler jugs, they felt like 80 pounds in each of my hands. It felt like squats. You're trying to look to see what can be of use. If there's a will, there's a way."

In the last week, Illinois has started to mail supplements to certain players to help them with their nutrition plans. Hernandez

said he is thinking of introducing some CrossFit routines.

"(Trainers and coaches are) drawing back on things we have done ourselves back in the day when we didn't have incredible facilities," he said. "Unfortunately there are a few guys who don't have anything at the house. That's where the creativity comes along. Can you find a sledgehammer in the garage? Can you go out and skip the lines on the cement and get footwork drills out of that?"

"The biggest thing is we want our guys to be active. Go for a run. Find a field, work on strides. It doesn't always have to be about lifting. We'll take what we can get at this point."

Shared workout videos motivate the players. Palczewski wanted to pull his family car after seeing Kramer's video. "I thought that would be fun to try," he

said. "But I pushed it 10 times and my legs were kind of shot."

Smith conceded Illinois is losing a valuable developmental period in spring football, but he noted the Illini are "adjusting like everyone else."

He can hold team meetings for up to eight hours a week. He splits that into four two-hour meetings. He appreciates how he can see every player's face in video conference calls just like he can in meeting rooms.

"If we were in the building, what would we be doing?" he said. "We're providing the same thing at home. You still get the same things done."

Smith, 61, has shared his own fitness training with recruits.

"A lot of you are tired of hearing me talk about how many pushups I can do," Smith told reporters. "It's pretty neat going through recruiting right now, asking some of the young guys how many pushups they can do. Of course I can beat most of them. You can come up with a lot of different ways to stay in shape by yourself."

Smith is encouraging players to listen to experts when it comes to protecting themselves and helping contain the spread of the coronavirus.

Smith said his sister-in-law in Louisiana and daughter-in-law in Champaign work in the health care field.

"There's a lot of health care people out there who are doing so much to keep this country safe," he said. "Talk about some MVPs. Those are two MVPs we have in the Smith family."

Smith said as a coach he's prepared for "curveballs," and even something as unexpected as a pandemic has to be met with an ability to adjust. He wants the nation to be "coachable" when it comes to stopping the spread of the virus.

"Eventually we're going to beat this," he said, "if we do what the experts tell us to do. I'm constantly telling our players to be coachable. I — and we — have to be coachable. It's what my family is doing and what we're asking our players to do."

Illini players said they're trying to use this unusual time to their advantage, hoping maybe some opponents are loafing during their time away from campus. Maybe it will pay off in the fall.

"I feel like the discrepancies between players are going to be bigger than ever," Imatorbhebhe said. "You're either going to be the player shining or the player left behind. Guys might look like at this like an extended spring break. There's opportunity to separate ourselves. Those are the guys who will be the ones who shine in the fall. I intend to be one of those guys."



APRIL GAMIZ/THE MORNING CALL

College and high school stadiums across the county are eerily empty during the pandemic.

Recruiting expert Lemming: Campuses look like 'ghost town'

BY MARK GONZALES

Tom Lemming fell 2,000 miles short of his average of 60,000 miles driven around the United States, interviewing the top college football prospects for his annual yearbook.

After interviewing 75 recruits in Chandler, Ariz., and at UCLA, Lemming realized two weeks ago that the coronavirus pandemic was too much of a health threat for him to continue planned visits to the Bay Area, Oregon and Washington.

Lemming changed course instead and headed East, where he made a brief pit stop at the Billy the Kid grave in Fort Sumner, N.M., before eventually returning to his Chicago-area home.

"I noticed the expressways were empty," said Lemming, a history buff who also plans summer trips that coincide with home games at a Cubs minor-league affiliate or near the home of a former Cubs great, such as Don Kessinger in Oxford, Miss., between player interviews in Memphis, Tenn., and Starkville, Miss.

Fortunately for Lemming, who has produced his Prep Football Report since 1979, he already met his top 100 prospects in person and estimated he has spoken to 295 of the top 300 players who will be featured in his 2020 book, which likely will fill 270 pages and include bios on each prospect and their favorite colleges.

But his last large organized gathering March 14 at the famed Janss Steps on the UCLA campus was an omen.

After arriving from Arizona — where he caught up with longtime friend and third-base coach Brian Butterfield after watching an Angels game in Tempe — Lemming arrived on the UCLA campus at 6 a.m. with his questionnaires and clipboards.

Two hours later, about 60 invited players and their parents arrived, but that was the extent of movement on the spacious campus. "I'd never seen a campus look like a ghost town," said Lemming, adding the campus was virtually empty as he and two friends

completed their interviews around 11 a.m.

During the UCLA trip, Lemming noticed several parents started to greet him with elbows instead of handshakes.

The largely barren campus convinced Lemming it would be wise to bypass the bulk of his remaining journey as well as a scheduled lunch in Westlake Village, Calif., with Dick Butkus, White Sox announcer Ed Farmer and actor Jim Caviezel, who wanted to meet the Hall of Fame Bears linebacker.

As a consolation to his postponed trip, Lemming said he already visited the Bay Area, Oregon and Washington last fall and eventually called the players he planned to meet in person. Concerns regarding the virus and a potential snowstorm also swayed him from a side trip to Colorado.

Lemming estimates he already has interviewed 75% of the top players for the 2021-22 class.

"I don't want to take a chance" on catching the virus, said Lemming, who estimates he has suffered food poisoning five times in his 41 years of traveling through thousands of towns around the US.

If the coronavirus subsides to the point that people can resume their normal lives, Lemming plans to make separate trips to Michigan and South Carolina.

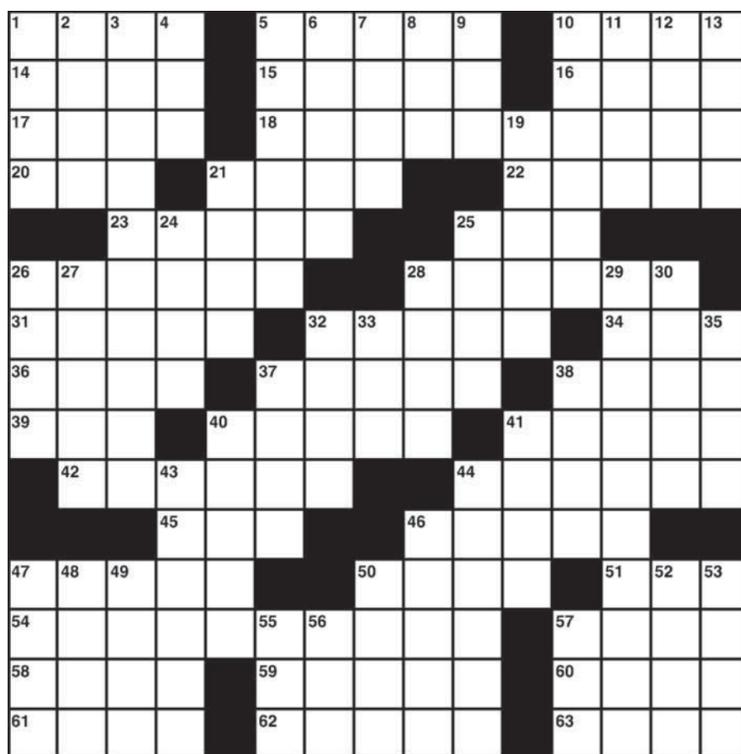
The latter visit is extremely important to Lemming because he often watches Cubs prospects when his schedule permits.

For instance, Lemming hopes he can watch Class A Myrtle Beach before stopping in Columbia, S.C., and then make a stop near Knoxville, Tenn., to see top pitching prospect Brailyn Marquez and prized catcher Miguel Amaya for Double-A Tennessee.

Lemming was one of the first to find out the Cubs agreed to terms with sixth-round pick Ethan Hearn, the top high school catcher in the 2019 draft.

It turned out Lemming had a longtime association with Ronnie Cottrell, who helped build Florida State into a national football power in the 1990s as chief recruiter and happened to coach Hearn, a linebacker, at Mobile (Ala.) Christian.

Crossword



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ACROSS

- 1 Use a drill
- 5 Funt of "Candid Camera"
- 10 Sleeve fillers
- 14 Committed perjury
- 15 Depart
- 16 Enticement
- 17 Troubles
- 18 Largest city in Morocco
- 20 Letter for Plato
- 21 "Hogwash!"
- 22 Playful swimmer
- 23 Word with Korea or Carolina
- 25 Corn's place
- 26 Declare not guilty
- 28 At __; haphazardly
- 31 Skydiver's need
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- 36 Muumuu accessories
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- 39 Start of a navy ship's name
- 40 Intended
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- 42 Unproven explanation
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- 47 Colorado resort
- 50 Black card
- 51 Apex
- 54 Indirect
- 57 Costa __
- 58 Lawn mower brand
- 59 Actress Burke
- 60 Kitchen appliance
- 61 Fret; worry
- 62 Train track material
- 63 Knight & Koppel

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- 1 Radar screen image
- 2 Manet's paintings
- 3 Hand over
- 4 Sullivan's namesakes
- 5 "Little Women" author
- 6 Fido's restraint
- 7 Word attached to whip or eye
- 8 Sra. Perón
- 9 Lincoln's place: abbr.
- 10 Eased up
- 11 Go on a tirade
- 12 Mickey & Minnie

Solutions



- 13 Play the lead role
- 19 Nuts
- 21 Soft cheese
- 24 Pitcher's delights
- 25 Diplomacy
- 26 Rights org.
- 27 Storage trunk
- 28 Geologist's fault?
- 29 Hyper
- 30 Make fun of
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- 33 Clothing fastener
- 35 Have a snack
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- 38 Night light
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- 43 Prior to today, in poetry
- 44 Ruthless
- 46 Musical instrument
- 47 Ballet & painting
- 48 Chimney residue
- 49 Unsullied
- 50 "Old King __ was a merry..."
- 52 Frosted
- 53 Cookware
- 55 Commercial
- 56 Gamble
- 57 Deteriorate

THE BEST SPORTS MOVIES OF ALL TIME

Field of scenes



HANDOUT

"Brian's Song"



20TH CENTURY FOX

"Breaking Away"



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Robert De Niro won a Best Actor Oscar for 1980's "Raging Bull."



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"A League of Their Own"



HANDOUT

"The Hustler"

There are a lot of fight films among the greatest sports movies and still more fights about them — not just concerning which sports movies are truly the greatest and where each ranks but over what even constitutes a sports movie. We ranked the top 20 non-documentaries in the hope of giving fans something to both enjoy and debate in the absence of actual games being played due to the coronavirus pandemic. Some of your favorites undoubtedly are missing or ranked lower than you think they should be. That's just how these things work. Let's see what made our cut.

By PHIL ROSENTHAL | Chicago Tribune

1. "Raging Bull" (1980)

"So give me a stage / Where this bull here can rage / And though I could fight / I'd much rather recite / That's entertainment." Robert De Niro won the only Best Actor Oscar of his career with his portrayal of boxer Jake LaMotta in Martin Scorsese's tour de force. (De Niro won a Best Supporting Actor Oscar as Vito Corleone in "The Godfather Part II.") This film that first paired De Niro with Joe Pesci is about boxing the way "2001" is about space travel. Unlike most of the entries on this list, it is not much fun to watch. But it's as visceral as it is cerebral and emotional, and by the end you sense you know what it feels like to stagger away after losing a championship fight. As a meditation on toxic machismo, violence, insecurity, self-sabotage and pain, it's unmatched, a true work of art.

2. "Brian's Song" (1971)

Just a few bars of Michel Legrand's "The Hands of Time" is enough to make grown men weep and talk about how Ernest Hemingway said all true stories end in death, and this bromance tear-jerker about a pair of Bears running backs might be their favorite true story. Burt Reynolds was the network's choice to play ill-fated Brian Piccolo, and he wanted the role that ultimately went to James Caan (before his turn in "The Godfather"). Billy Dee Williams got the part of Piccolo's teammate Gale Sayers only because Louis Gossett Jr. tore his Achilles tendon while he trained. Clearly this TV movie was touched by magic. Jack Warden is outstanding as George Halas, even more convincing than Abe Gibrone as Abe Gibrone. But the real miracle may be William Blinn's script, which packs so much into just 73 minutes.

3. "Breaking Away" (1979)

Victories large and small require sacrifice, determination, hard work and no small amount of faith. That's the underpinning of this tale of four young men — played by Dennis Christopher, Dennis Quaid, Daniel Stern and Jackie Earle Haley — coming to terms with their place in the world and what can and can't limit them going forward. It's sweet and sage and often quite amusing. No one deadpans like Stern. Paul Dooley, always a great choice to play a movie or TV dad, ensures you'll never hear the word "refund" the same way again.

4. "A League of Their Own" (1992)

"I have seen enough to know I have seen too much." If all you remember is Tom Hanks saying, "There's no crying in baseball," and Geena Davis catching the ball one-handed or doing the splits, you need to rewatch Penny Marshall's classic about the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League. How good is this film? Madonna plays off her outsized rep and still disappears into her role. The cast, top to bottom, is terrific from Hanks, Davis and Lori Petty all the way down to smaller, memorable turns by Jon Lovitz, Rosie O'Donnell, Megan Cavanagh, Garry Marshall, David Strathairn, Bill Pullman and David L. Lander. In the end, there are some unknowable (or at least debatable) points: Do we think the ball was dropped on purpose, and what exactly happened to the Hinson sisters' relationship after their playing days ended?

5. "The Hustler" (1961)

Paul Newman, Jackie Gleason, George C. Scott and Piper Laurie give stellar performances in this dark drama about the kind of trouble (with a capital "T") you can get into at a pool hall. Newman's self-centered Fast Eddie Felson (a role he would reprise 25 years later opposite Tom Cruise in Martin Scorsese's "The Color of Money") is all talent and ambition. He's too blind and naive to see the game that's really being played and what he's losing along the way. By the way, the real Jake LaMotta of "Raging Bull" fame plays a bartender.

6. "BULL DURHAM" (1988)

Yes, there are two men and a woman at the center of this smart, warm and funny film about minor league baseball, love and life, but theirs is no mere romantic triangle. Veteran catcher Crash Davis (Kevin Costner), young pitching sensation Nuke LaLoosh (Tim Robbins) and ardent fan Annie Savoy (Susan Sarandon) have another shared love — baseball — appropriately making this more of a romantic diamond, if you will. Writer-director Ron Shelton (who also gave us "Tin Cup," "Cobb," "Blue Chips," "White Men Can't Jump" and the underrated "The Best of Times") gets the details right in so many ways.

7. "HOOSIERS" (1986)

This could have been a Western. A man with a murky past is eyed with suspicion and outright resentment by his new community as he shows the locals the errors of their ways, leading them to triumph against common enemies and earning redemption, respect and love. The cast — with Gene Hackman as the outsider, Dennis Hopper the town drunk and Barbara Hershey the librarian who warms to Hackman — would have worked either way. But here it's Hackman's note-perfect performance as basketball coach Norman Dale in this story loosely based on a team from tiny Milan, Ind., that sweeps you up into the film's 1950s mindset and methodically wins you over.

8. "SLAP SHOT" (1977)

From screenwriter Nancy Dowd comes what some consider the ultimate guy movie. Inspired by her brother's experiences as a minor league hockey player, it's the gloriously profane story of the Charlestown Chiefs, a failing team in a failing mill town. (That's Ned Dowd as Syracuse rookie goon Ogie Ogilthorpe in the Chiefs' final playoff game.) Paul Newman's charisma fuels the believability of player-coach Reggie Dunlop, a shrewd manipulator who, faced with the prospect of his team folding, does whatever he can to save it.

9. "ROCKY" (1976)

This film and the next one are essentially the same movie — the story of a boxer given a shot at the champ and showing his mettle through his determination to endure. Common threads include Sylvester Stallone and flag-inspired shorts. The original "Rocky," a Best Picture Oscar winner, was a revelation when it launched the movie series and Stallone's superstardom in 1976, but in many respects the remake/reboot 39 years later is more impressive in that it manages to make the whole thing fresh.

10. "CREED" (2015)

See No. 9 ...

11. "THE PRIDE OF THE YANKEES" (1942)

It's hard to think of Lou Gehrig without thinking of Gary Cooper, whose screen recitation of No. 4's Yankee Stadium farewell ("I consider myself the luckiest man ...") in this sentimental favorite is probably why baseball fans know it so well today. It matters little that Cooper, born two years before Gehrig, is far too old to convincingly play him as a Columbia University student and up-and-coming pro ballplayer. Babe Ruth, Bob Meusel, Bill Dickey and announcer Bill Stern play themselves, but that's where the concern for verisimilitude largely ends.

12. "MAJOR LEAGUE" (1989)

Wild thing, you make our hearts sing. A classic underdog story, a great cast and a fun script from "The Sting" screenwriter David S. Ward (who also directed) add up to an unbeatable combo. Charlie Sheen, Tom Berenger, Corbin Bernsen, Wesley Snipes, Rene Russo, Dennis Haysbert, Chelcie Ross, Margaret Whitton, gravel-voiced James Gammon and the great Bob Uecker are all in peak form.

13. "THE KARATE KID" (1984)

The TV series "How I Met Your Mother" advanced a theory a few years ago that Daniel (Ralph Macchio), the putative hero of this film, is actually the villain, and the real victim is Johnny (William Zabka), whom he vanquishes in the All-Valley Karate Tournament. The film

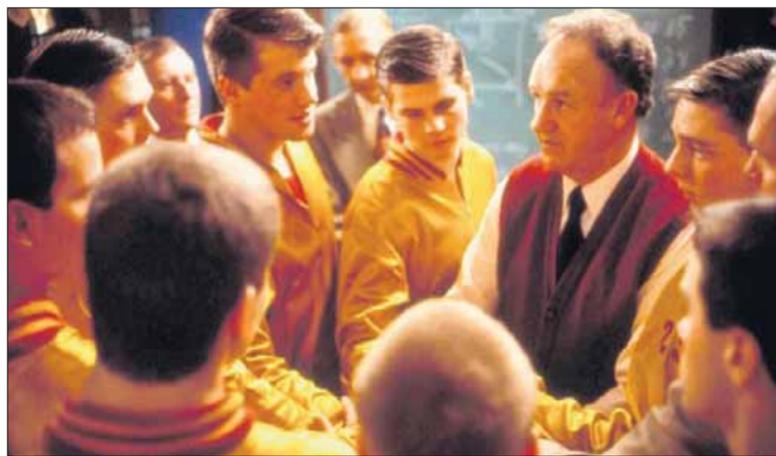
would be just as engaging, but that scenario doesn't track with "Rocky" director John G. Avildsen's sensibility. It also would undercut the quiet heroism of Pat Morita as Mr. Miyagi, a still-waters-run-deep mentor to young Daniel-san.

14. "THE WRESTLER" (2008)

The trajectory of star Mickey Rourke's career lends power to director Darren Aronofsky's film about a professional wrestler, decades removed from his glory days, coming to terms with the consequences of time and bad choices. A bid to reclaim his past imperils whatever shot he has going forward to repair his frayed relationship with his daughter (Evan Rachel Wood) and pursue romance with an aging stripper (Marisa Tomei). Pro wrestling may be as fake and scripted as most movies, but the people in them can be very real indeed — and never more so than here.

15. "THE HARDER THEY FALL" (1956)

This boxing film is based on a novel by Budd Schulberg, and like other Schulberg works (including the novel "What Makes Sammy Run?" and screenplays for "A Face in the Crowd" and "On the Waterfront"), a fair amount of cynicism is laced through it. Humphrey Bogart, in his final film, plays an out-of-work columnist whose desperation leads him to become a tout for a corrupt boxing promoter. He's stuck talking up a no-talent South American fighter who becomes a heavy-weight contender through a string of fixed bouts.



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Gene Hackman plays coach Norman Dale in 1986's "Hoosiers."

16. "MONEYBALL" (2011)

No screenwriter is better at taking complex concepts and making them easy to digest than Aaron Sorkin. Adapting Michael Lewis' book on the A's under general manager Billy Beane, Sorkin and Steven Zaillian demystify analytics so anyone can understand why they've become the lifeblood of not just sports but any competitive endeavor seeking greater efficiency and effectiveness.

17. "GIRLFIIGHT" (2000)

Writer-director Karyn Kusama twists a lot of boxing movie clichés — but not all — in this story of a female high school student who finds catharsis in channeling her fury and other issues in the ring. (A particularly fun changeup: Her romantic interest and fellow boxer is named Adrian, a nod to Talia Shire's role in the "Rocky" films.) Michelle Rodriguez's Diana Guzman faces resistance in and out of the ring.

18. "THE NATURAL" (1984)

Robert Redford, definitely too old for the teenage version of wonder boy Roy Hobbs and pushing the edge of the envelope on the middle-aged iteration, in something resembling Arthurian legend. Hobbs' first at-bat for the New York Knights in which he literally hits the cover off the ball should let you know realism is not a concern.

19. "MIRACLE" (2004)

If all this film had going for it was Kurt Russell's stirring delivery of Team USA coach Herb Brooks' "Great moments are born from great opportunity" speech, this movie might well have made this list. But the story of how the "Miracle on Ice" 1980 U.S. men's hockey team came together and not only jelled but triumphed beyond the world's expectation is an unbelievably compelling narrative told exceptionally well. You can't improve on the true story, but there are a lot of ways this could have been screwed up. This film didn't.

20. "HAPPY GILMORE" (1996)

It's a little bit stupid, a little bit sly and all heart. Adam Sandler is a winner in this story of a hot-tempered but inherently sweet failed hockey player whose powerful slap shot somehow translates to driving a golf ball exceptionally well. The scene with lovable game-show host Bob Barker is a show-stopper, but Christopher McDonald's arrogant antagonist Shooter McGavin, Carl Weathers' patient mentor and Julie Bowen as the romantic interest are the glue that holds it all together.

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CHICAGO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

A screen grab from the virtual concert performed by the Civic Orchestra of Chicago and posted on Sunday. The performance marked the 100th anniversary of its inaugural concert.

Virtual virtuosity

Civic Orchestra celebrates centennial with online concert

BY HOWARD REICH

On March 29, 1920, Chicago Symphony Orchestra music director Frederick Stock stood onstage in Orchestra Hall to conduct the inaugural concert of the Civic Orchestra of Chicago.

Exactly 100 years later, on Sunday evening, the Civic — which still flourishes as the CSO's training orchestra — played its anniversary concert. Online.

Like all concerts in Illinois and beyond during the coronavirus pandemic, the Civic's long-planned centennial performance had to be canceled. But that didn't stop these gifted young musicians from being heard.

In a 40-minute, prerecorded concert that streamed on Facebook and YouTube, Civic principal conductor Ken-David Masur led 62 musicians in excerpts of Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 5. Each musician appeared in a small rectangle on a screen platform designed by engineer Christopher Bill. This was followed by the audio-only world premieres of seven compositions commissioned a few days ago for the high-tech occasion.

"The musicians are playing Tchaikovsky's Fifth Symphony, which is very significant to us," Masur told viewers in introducing the virtual concert. "It was going to be performed today in Orchestra Hall, because 100 years ago, to this day, Tchaikovsky's Fifth Symphony was on the program for the inaugural concert of Civic."

Masur then pointed to the significance of the new compositions that would follow the Tchaikovsky.

"The works represent not just our honoring of the past — the storied past of this orchestra — but also our looking forward into the future and the next 100 years," he said.

Finally, Masur addressed the peril the world now is in, finding a measure of hope via music.

"The crisis caused by this virus is heartbreak-



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Ken-David Masur, leading the Civic Orchestra of Chicago in Helen Grime's "Near Midnight" on Oct. 21, 2019, at Symphony Center, also led the prerecorded virtual concert presented online Sunday.

ing," he said. "But I know that we will get through this."

"In 1918, the worldwide pandemic caused by the influenza virus killed millions of people, and only one year later, the Civic Orchestra was founded. There was a yearning for music to bring people back together again, and I know that we are able to do this now as well."

The musicians indeed did so when they launched into excerpts from the last movement of Tchaikovsky's Fifth. To see these young artists — each in his or her own home, most wearing Civic Orchestra of Chicago shirts — was to appreciate anew what the music means to these individuals.

Though no one will claim that the sound equaled, or even approached, what one hears in a concert hall, the music making proved pas-

sionate, technically assured and surprisingly nuanced. Tonal shadings, crescendos and decrescendos were easy to discern and made musical sense.

Visually, too, the performance proved engaging, with certain musicians enlarged on the screen when their parts became more prominent. All the while, a flood of emojis floated up from the screen's bottom, as hearts and thumbs-ups and other signifiers were posted by listeners out there in cyberspace.

The socially distanced audience also posted hundreds of comments during the performance:

"Go brass!"
 "This is amazing!"
 "Kinda teary now."

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OVERDUE FILM FESTIVAL

The small-town suds bubble iconically in 'Peyton Place'

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 movie-going lives?

Here's the second installment in the Tribune Coronavirus Overdue Film Festival.



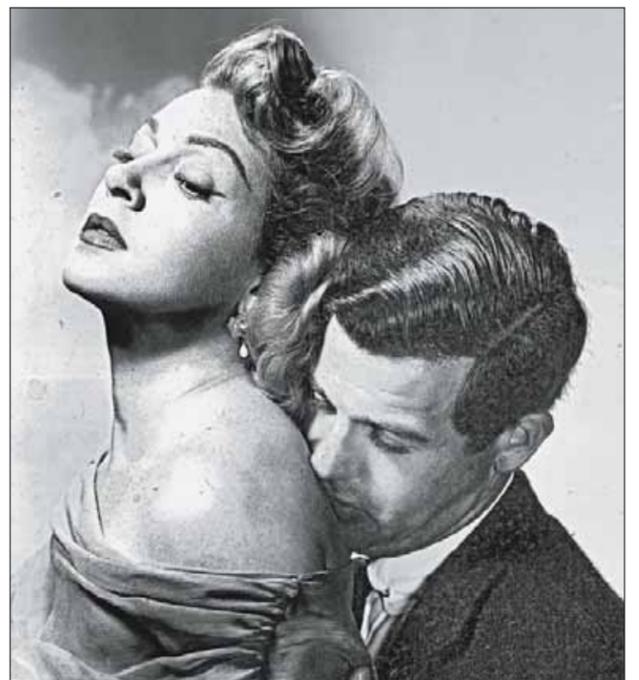
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 Talking Pictures

By the time it became a twice-weekly ABC-TV prime-time smash in 1964, "Peyton Place" had already entered the pop lexicon, its title used by millions as shorthand for overheated soap operatics. "Sounds like a regular 'Peyton Place,'" people would say when I was growing up, after hearing some gossip about someone running off with his secretary, or going to jail for some reason or other. When I was a kid, my ortho-

dontist went to prison for a non-violent crime (tax evasion, I think), and they'd let him out during the day so he could go to his office and put braces on someone's crooked teeth — mine included. By our standards that meant one thing only: West Racine, Wisconsin, was turning into a regular "Peyton Place."

Novelist Grace Metalious wrote the notorious 1956 bestseller, the one that tore back the scabby, hypocritical facade of a scandal-ridden fictional New England town. I don't remember seeing the TV show, on which Mia Farrow and Ryan O'Neal, among others, became famous alongside an older generation of familiar faces. The show sprang from the success of

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Lana Turner and Lee Phillips star in the 1957 movie "Peyton Place."

CELEBRITIES

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Stars sing from home, raise money

Billie Eilish, Mariah Carey, Alicia Keys and Dave Grohl opened their doors — literally — as the musicians performed from their homes for an hour-long benefit concert to raise money for those affected by the coronavirus crisis.

Keys kicked off the Sunday event — which also honored health professionals and first responders — singing her song “Underdog” from a piano in her home. Carey, one of the last performers, sang “Always Be My Baby” from her home studio in New York.

Elton John sang and also hosted the special that aired on Fox and iHeart-Media radio stations; he said he hoped “this entertainment will feed and fuel your soul.”

Brother-producer Finneas strummed along as Eilish sang her No. 1 hit “Bad Guy” from their couch. Dave Grohl sang “My Hero” from his studio in Hawaii.

The artists were filmed with cellphones, cameras and audio equipment in their homes. The event took place during the time slot that was to belong to the iHeartRadio Music Awards, which was canceled due to the pandemic.

Viewers watching Sunday’s concert special were asked to support two of the charitable organizations aiding victims and first responders during the pandemic: Feeding America and First Responders Children’s Foundation.

Schramm, veteran of the stage and TV’s ‘Wings,’ dies: David Schramm, the veteran stage actor best known for playing rival airline owner Roy Biggins on “Wings,” died over the weekend in New York. He was 73.

The news was confirmed by the New York-based The Acting Company, of which Schramm



Alicia Keys, shown at the 2019 iHeartRadio Music Awards, sang from her home Sunday to start the concert.

was a founding member. The cause of death is not yet known.

“We mourn his loss and will miss him,” said Acting Company co-founder Margot Harley in a statement.

Besides his eight seasons on the ‘90s NBC comedy “Wings,” Schramm also appeared in the TV movie “The Dreamer of Oz: The L. Frank Baum Story” in 1990 and the 1983 miniseries “Kennedy” (as Robert McNamara). His film credits include “Let It Ride,” “Johnny Handsome” and “A Shock to the System.”

‘I Love Rock ‘n’ Roll’ co-writer dies of virus complications: Alan Merrill — who co-wrote the song “I Love Rock ‘n’ Roll” that became a signature hit for fellow rocker Joan Jett — died Sunday in New York of complications

from the coronavirus, his daughter said. He was 69.

Laura Merrill said on her Facebook account that he died in the morning. Merrill said her father was in good spirits recently. She went to a show of his about two weeks ago and had taken a photograph of him for his new album, Merrill said.

Jett scored a major hit with “I Love Rock ‘n’ Roll” in 1982. Alan Merrill wrote the song for his band The Arrows and recorded it in 1975.

March 31 birthdays: William Daniels is 93. Shirley Jones is 86. Christopher Walken is 77. Mick Ralphs is 76. Gabe Kaplan is 75. Rhea Perlman is 72. Ed Marinaro is 70. Angus Young is 65. Ewan McGregor is 49. Kate Micucci is 40. Melissa Ordway is 37. Jack Antonoff is 36. Jessica Szohr is 35.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Brother estranged over late dad’s gift

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.

Dear Amy: For years before my dad died, he repeatedly told his four adult kids that he would leave his (small, rundown) family home to Brother No. 1. Sister and I agreed with him, as this brother had need of it (low-income, with children) and the rest of us didn’t.

Brother No. 2 was livid and hasn’t spoken to us for three years. (By the way, he is wealthy and had no need for the home.)

Fast-forward to now. Brother No. 1 (now in the house) has a seriously ill newborn. I flew home from Europe; Sister traveled across the country to be there.

We did school runs, grocery shopping, etc. to allow my brother and his wife to spend time in the hospital. (The baby is still in the hospital, but is getting better.) Brother No. 2 — who lives 15 minutes away — did nothing. He sent a short text message when my brother told him about this health crisis, but no phone call, no offer to help — nothing!

I respect Brother No. 2’s wishes, and I try not to judge him. Yet, I am astonished that even a gravely ill newborn didn’t elicit a different response.

Now, I am starting to judge him. I think that he’s just a jerk and not worth a moment’s further thought. I don’t like having

something akin to hate on my heart. Am I missing a way forward here?
— *Confused Brother*

Dear Brother: One way forward would be for you to reach out in a more proactive way, where you would be hopeful of receiving some clarity, while remaining realistic about a murky outcome.

You could send an open-ended communication: “Hey, I’m in town with Graham and his family. Their little newborn is still in the hospital. Can we talk while I’m here?”

Your brother will either not respond at all, or he will wait until just before you leave and then give you a brief, noncommittal response. Then you can ask, “Are you OK? Is there something going on that you could tell me about?”

He may respond to these nonjudgmental queries in a way that gives you more to go on. When people withdraw and don’t explain why, it is tempting to jump to the harshest conclusion. You can certainly write off your brother as a selfish jerk, but you might as well wait until you have at least tried to connect.

Dear Amy: A former co-worker has moved into my area and wants to have a friendly relationship with my husband and me.

We had lunch one time, and my husband and I were uncomfortable with the conversation.

Politically, this person is conservative and vocal. We are not.

We have had no contact for many months until yesterday when I received an email saying they would like to get together “sooner

rather than later.”
How can I tactfully decline and not hurt their feelings?
— *Wondering*

Dear Wondering: Many months after seeing you one time, this person has reached out and expressed the desire to get together at some point. They are not issuing a specific invitation or even asking a question, but basically putting out a vague feeler.

If you don’t want to forge a relationship, you can start the distancing process by not replying quickly. Wait a few days and respond with a non-committal, “I’m so happy spring has finally sprung! I hope you’re doing well and adjusting to life here.”

If they issue a specific invitation, you could respond by saying, “I’m sorry, but I don’t think that would work out. I wish you all the best, but we don’t seem to have much in common to build an active friendship upon.”

Dear Amy: I was so cheered reading your “Best of” column devoted to the stuffed animals from childhood that many of us have carried with us through life. Coincidentally, this column was published on the day that news of the coronavirus pandemic broke. It comforted me during a tough time.
— *Comforted*

Dear Comforted: I wish I still had my childhood “Teddy.”

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When the six-minute excerpt ended, a round of applause ensued — not from the listeners but drawn from recordings of previous concerts.

The anniversary program originally was to have featured four CSO horns — all Civic alums — playing Schumann's *Konzertstück*. Instead, Daniel Gingrich, David Griffin, James Smelser and Oto Carillo played a few notes, then wished everyone well.

For the concert's finale, listeners heard short pieces by young composers who took "musical inspiration from the Civic musicians' individual recordings of Tchaikovsky's *Symphony No. 5*," according to a CSO statement.

With the screen black

but for the name of the composer and the work, we heard minimalist gestures and otherworldly tones in Nathalie Joachim's "Glitch Oasis"; low-string growls and high-pitched tremolos in LJ White's "Shall I Throw Myself Into the Arms of Faith?"; layered sounds and mystical moods in Ted Moore's "Hold!"; Samuel Barber-like lyricism in Josh Fink's "Civic 100"; Tchaikovsky's themes swathed in other sounds in Liza Sobel's "Reverse Forward"; a sonic collage in Peter Shin's "PSA: #650+"; and a vast acoustic-electronic soundscape in Martha Tiesenga's "Old New Room."

Not an ideal way to celebrate the centennial — but certainly ingenious.

Music note: To watch the Civic Orchestra anniversary concert, go to: <https://www.youtube.com/>

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The CSO has posted music videos by individual members. Among the highlights: CSO percussionist Cynthia Yeh persuading her cat to play the rhythmic motif that runs through Ravel's "Bolero"; CSO principal clarinetist Stephen Williamson leading his family in a chamber version excerpt of Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue"; and CSO assistant concertmaster Yuan-Qing Yu and CSO assistant principal cellist Kenneth Olsen performing Johan Halvorsen's *Passacaglia* for Violin and Viola, a testament to each musician's virtuosity. These are available at <https://csosoundsandstories.org/category/cso-from-home/>.

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DREAMSTIME/TNS

Maybe your favorite artist hasn't broken into the mainstream quite yet. Your listens and posts also help these artists make a living if they've chosen to monetize their tracks.

Wondering what music streamer sounds the best?

By KEVIN WILLIAMS

The good thing about being trapped at home due to the novel coronavirus is that you can play music while you work. The bad thing is that you can play music while you work. The sound from streaming services just isn't all that it can be. We listened to the same song on the four main free streaming services through computer speakers and headphones.

How we did it: The computer speakers are the UFI UCube (\$150), the best-sounding computer speaker you have ever heard that is, sadly, no longer made. Headphones used are the Grado RS-1 (\$695) over-the-ear cans. The same track was used on all four services, "Tinseltown" by Billy Woods, mostly because it's a deep cut by just about the best rapper extant right now. So go listen. Rap is also the nation's predominant pop cultural influence. We also listened with a civilian, because audio nerds hear stuff that regular folks don't really care about. Differences were consistent between nerd and regular person, who needed even less time to

discern differences.

No iTunes? Nope. Or anyone else you have to pay for. Times are hard enough without having to pay for streaming, even though you can, and the algorithm will fling a few pennies the artist's way for every time you play something. Bancamp is best for that, and if you really like someone on that platform, buy the music if you can. It's like putting \$10 or so right in the pocket of your favorite artist.

Here's the breakdown, from worst to first.

YouTube: Tinny, hollow and sucked out, like Bose speakers sound to audiophiles. Woods sounded nasal, the music compressed overall like somebody jammed it all into a smaller space. The world lives on YouTube because it's easy and universal. We get so used to listening to stuff here that we don't question it. We should. The only thing good about YT is the ease. Bass? Nah. Midrange? Hardly. Soundstage? Like angels on the head of a pin.

Spotify Web Player: Imagine someone playing the music through one of

those horn things, or shouting it at you from between cupped hands. There you go. If you want your web tunes to sound like one of those old transistor radios, this is the place for you.

SoundCloud: Better. If you think of YouTube as a funnel, SoundCloud lets through much more of the music. Woods' voice has more body, the chime-like intro rings pure. Bass also better. Now we're getting somewhere. As the civilian said, "People get used to hearing music through those bad go-with headphones, so they don't care."

Bandcamp: The clear winner in every way. Best tonal balance, and you can just hear more of the music, from the sleigh-bell-like aftereffect of the intro to the producer's atmospheric undertones. Woods' voice rings clear and true, and everything isn't smeared together as it is on the worst of the services. And there is a real soundstage even as this is an artificial construct, especially with rap.

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the two films preceding it: the 1961 "Return to Peyton Place" and, before that, director Mark Robson's 1957 film, which I'd never seen. Until now.

Even with most of the novel's racier stuff gone, the film tantalized a huge movie-going audience. And I enjoyed it, partly for inadvertent camp purposes, I suppose, but partly — largely — because its discreet but multidirectional horniness is all over the thing. Lana Turner stars as the town secret, waiting to be toppled off her pedestal by the eager-bellied high school principal (Lee Philips, miscast) who likes what he sees. The Turner character's daughter (Diane Varsi) is inexperienced in the ways of sex, but in the context of the story's pre-World War II sequences, that's just the way the older generation likes 'em: ignorant and sheltered.

"Peyton Place" was hardly the first commercial American hit to work this

fertile, febrile small-town territory. "Kings Row" (1942), similarly bowdlerized, helped pave the way, with Ronald Reagan asking "Where's the rest of me?" after the sinister small-town surgeon amputates with no good medical reason. "Kings Row" preceded a string of Broadway stage successes turned '50s films ("Picnic" among them, with Kim Novak and William Holden providing the hubba and the hubba, respectively). It's a miracle anyone in America during the Eisenhower era could get any work done.

From the 2020 rearview, "Peyton Place" remains refreshingly, untragically sex-positive within the Production Code strictures of the day. "It's about time you learned that girls want to do the same things as boys," Varsi says to Russ Tamblin, after a walk in the woods has turned to the topic of brown-paper-wrapped sex manuals arriving at their respective, pent-up homes. Women, she says, "have the right to know how. ... I think we should help each other."

The scene's effectiveness

is undermined by Tamblin's interpretation of his browbeaten teenaged character, the wormiest Norman fixated boy named Norman outside of "Psycho." Even when it's stiff and staid in moviemaking terms, "Peyton Place" has every kind of performance working for it, or against it. Over here, there's Turner's gliding charisma; over there, you get the powerful skill of Oscar nominee Varsi and Hope Lange. Through it all, Lloyd Nolan anchors the frothy seas as the sensible, seen-it-all town doctor, the one who knows all and tells some, depending on the needs of the story.

I'm glad I finally saw it. The soap suds practically ooze out of the screen, even now, which is useful for housecleaning during a pandemic lockdown.

"Peyton Place" is streaming now, \$3.99 on YouTube, Amazon Prime, Google Play and Vudu.
Next: "Capricorn One."

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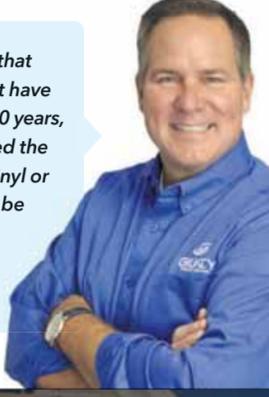
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WATCH THIS: TUESDAY



Bob Harper

“The Biggest Loser” (8 p.m., 10:52 p.m., USA): This reboot of the long-running NBC weight-loss competition series has charted a kinder course for its first season. That doesn’t mean the 12 men and women in the mix this season haven’t struggled, however, and in tonight’s finale, they return to the campus where it all started with host Bob Harper and trainers Steve Cook and Erica Lugo, to reflect on their journey before the winner is announced.

“Empire” (8 p.m., FOX): Teri’s (Meta Golding) concerns about Andre’s (Trai Byers) erratic bursts of temper only escalate as their wedding day arrives in the new episode “Love Me Still.” Meanwhile, Cookie (Taraji P. Henson) angrily confronts Giselle (Nicole Ari Parker) after the former makes a shocking discovery while digging into Bossy’s finances. Yana (guest star Kiandra Richardson) starts to fall for Lucious (Terrence Howard) again.

“The Scheme” (8 p.m., 2:05 a.m., HBO): Filmmaker Pat Kondelis’ sports documentary chronicles the unprecedented two-year undercover investigation into corruption in college basketball, an undertaking that reached a dramatic climax in late 2017 when Adidas executives and assistant coaches at some major college sports programs were arrested in a pay-for-play scheme. No head coaches were charged.

“Little People, Big World” (8 p.m., 12 a.m., TLC): So much has changed since viewers first met and fell in love with the Roloff family 14 years ago, and as this hit reality series returns for Season 20 (!), the familiar characters are swept up in everything from a pregnancy to a major farm renovation. Matt partially buys out Amy’s stake in Roloff Farms.

“If Loving You Is Wrong” (9 p.m., 12 a.m., 2 a.m., OWN): As this soapy melodrama opens its fifth and final season, producers promise fans they can look forward to the most explosive story lines ever, packed with one mystery after another before ultimately arriving at an unforgettable series finale. In tonight’s season premiere, “An Old Skeleton,” a family secret comes dancing out of a local closet.

“7 Little Johnstons” (9:02 p.m., 1:02 a.m., TLC): The hit reality series returns for — hey! — its seventh season, once again picking things up at a pivotal time for the clan, as the oldest children are navigating that emotionally intense transition period from adolescence into young adulthood. Jonah’s struggling with his grades as he nears the end of his college freshman year.

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 Demi Lovato; 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.*

* Subject to change

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LIFE	Tyler Perry’s Madea Goes to Jail (PG-13,09) ♦♦♦ ©				Tyler Perry’s The Single Moms Club ♦			
MSNBC	All In With (N)		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)	
MTV	Teen Mom OG ©		Ridiculous. ©	Ridiculous. ©	Ridiculous. ©	Ridiculous. ©	Ridiculous. ©	
NATGEO	Life Below Zero: Port		Life Below Zero: Port (N)		Life Below Zero: Port		Life Below ♦	
NBCSCH	Pregame (N) To be announced						Postgame	
NICK	Young Dylan ©	SpongeBob ©	SpongeBob ©	SpongeBob ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	
OVATION	† (6) Lethal Weapon 4 (R,98) ♦♦♦	Mel Gibson. ©			Legally Blonde (PG-13,01) ♦♦♦			
OWN	If Loving You Is Wrong ©		If Loving You Is Wrong ©		Loving You (Season Premiere) (N)		Loving ♦	
OXY	Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago ♦	
PARMT	† (6) Shooter (R,07) ♦♦♦	Mark Wahlberg. ©			Ink Master (N) ©		Shooter ♦♦♦	
SYFY	Twi. Zone ©	Twi. Zone ©	Twi. Zone ©	Twi. Zone ©	Twi. Zone ©	Twi. Zone ©	Twi. Zone ©	
TBS	Big Bang ©	Big Bang ©	Big Bang ©	Big Bang ©	Big Bang ©	Miracle ©	Conan (N)	
TCM	The Shocking Miss Pilgrim (NR,47) ♦♦		(8:45) Adventure in Baltimore (NR,49) ♦♦♦ ©					
TLC	Little People, World (N)		Little People, World (Season Premiere) (N)		7 Little Johnstons (Season Premiere) (N)		Sextuplets ♦	
TLN	Way-Master ©	Studio 5 ©	Dream Motel ©	GEN Voices ©	Life Today ©	Insights ©	Paid Prog.	
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TOON	Home Movie ©	Burgers ©	Burgers ©	Rick, Morty ©	Amer. Dad ©	Amer. Dad ©	Family Guy ©	
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VH1	Wild/Out (N) Wild ‘n Out ©		Wild ‘n Out ©		Wild ‘n Out ©		Wild ‘n Out ©	
WE	Law & Order: “Shield.” ©		Law & Order: “Juvenile.” ©		Law & Order ©		Law ♦	
WGN America	† (6) Black Hawk Down (R,01) ♦♦♦	Josh Hartnett. ©			Black Hawk Down (R,01) ♦♦♦ ♦			
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	HBO2	Westworld ©		Friend (Subtitled-English) ©		(9:05) Quantum of Solace (08) ♦♦♦		
	MAX	The Stepford Wives (PG-13,04) ♦♦♦ ©		(8:35) Biloxi Blues (PG-13,08) ♦♦♦ ©				
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	STARZ	† (6:06) After the Wedding ©		Outlander ©		(9:02) Drunk Parents (R,19) ♦		
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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (March 31): Your professional performance lights up this year. Share support with a strong team. Ride a professional rocket before focusing on home and family. Summer travel twists lead you into your cozy nest. Resolve a communications puzzle next winter, before an exciting exploration beckons.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Cook up something delicious. Take advantage of great conditions for a domestic project. Get feedback on your ideas for changes.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 9. Get creative with a professional challenge. Study the situation. Ask questions, listen and learn. You can develop the skills you need. Polish your promotional materials.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 9. Develop a lucrative venture. Opportunities for travel and research entice you out to investigate. Stick to the budget. Find ways to mix business with pleasure.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 9. You know what you want to accomplish. Ask for what you've been promised. Make payments, send invoices and collect outstanding funds. Manage financial paperwork.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 7. Consider all possibilities before committing. A collaboration is heating up; finish old projects to make space for new. Imagine the fun and make plans.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 9. Teamwork can win an incredible prize. Practice your moves on your own before you get together. Share the load for a major accomplishment.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Your work is in demand. Rely upon a careful work schedule. Avoid double-booking. Delegate what you can. Prioritize time with the people you love.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Expand your territory and teach as you learn. Explore, research and investigate. Home recharges you for the journey ahead. Relax in domestic comforts.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Contribute to grow shared accounts. Handle administrative tasks and chores. File, sort and organize documents. Your efforts support a project's financial success. Chip in.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 7. Your partner keeps you grounded. Profitable plans develop. Follow your intuition. Negotiate and compromise. Discover a win-win situation and work together for shared gain.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Refine your physical techniques and moves. The pace is picking up; find small efficiencies. Nurture your health with good food and rest.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 7. Prioritize fun with someone special. Share an intimate moment together. Relax in a peaceful setting and settle into a fine romance. Share a restful ritual.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn



Bliss By Harry Bliss



Bridge

North-South vulnerable, North deals

North
 ♠ Q
 ♥ 8765
 ♦ AK
 ♣ A98732

West
 ♠ 42
 ♥ 1043
 ♦ J10854
 ♣ J64

East
 ♠ AJ763
 ♥ AK92
 ♦ 63
 ♣ 105

South
 ♠ K10985
 ♥ QJ
 ♦ Q972
 ♣ KQ

It is sometimes surprising how simple little choices can have a huge effect on what happens later in a bridge hand. For example, what would you bid over a one club opening with the East hand? Today's deal is from a tournament in Aqaba, Jordan, late last year. At one table in a team competition, the East player chose to overcall one spade, as shown. West led the four of spades to East's ace and South couldn't be prevented from taking six club tricks, two diamonds, and a spade for nine tricks. This seems like a routine result, as most players, we believe, would also choose the one spade overcall.

At the other table, however, the East player chose to make a takeout double. The South player bid spades before driving to three no trump, and the West player never considered leading a spade. The actual lead was the three of hearts. East won with his king and continued with the ace of hearts, felling the queen and jack from South. A low heart was led to West's 10 and West had no trouble finding the spade shift to East's ace. East cashed the nine of hearts for the setting trick.

Despite this result, we still like the one spade overcall. We are just not as confident about it as we used to be.

— Bob Jones
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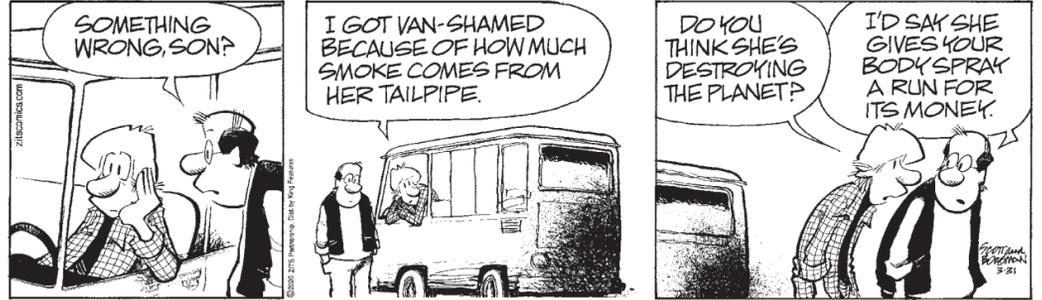
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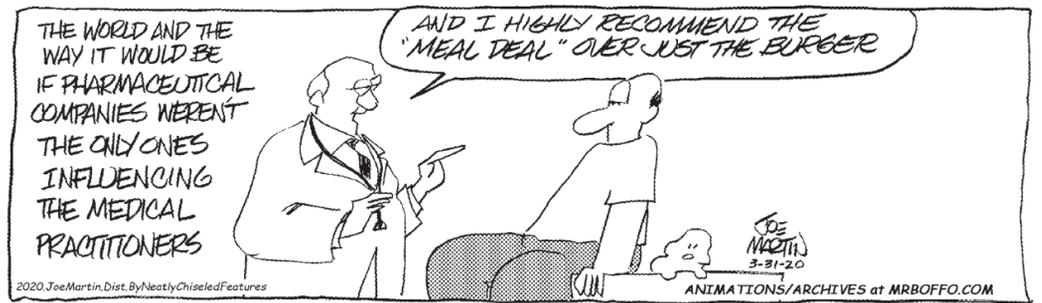
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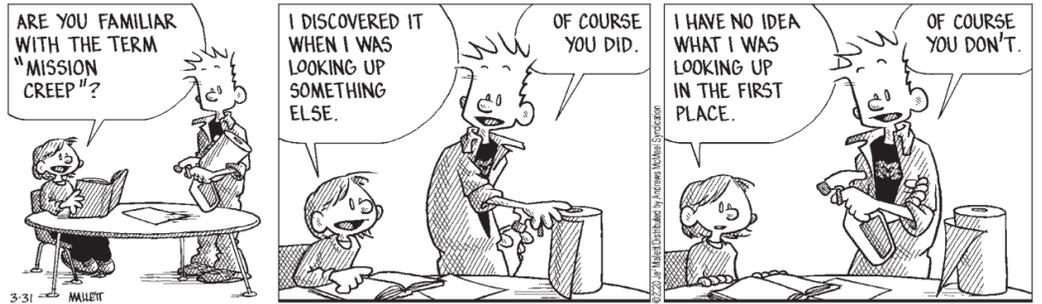
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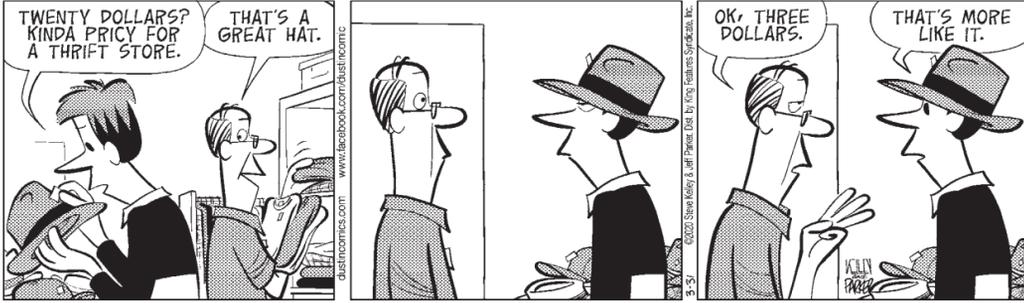
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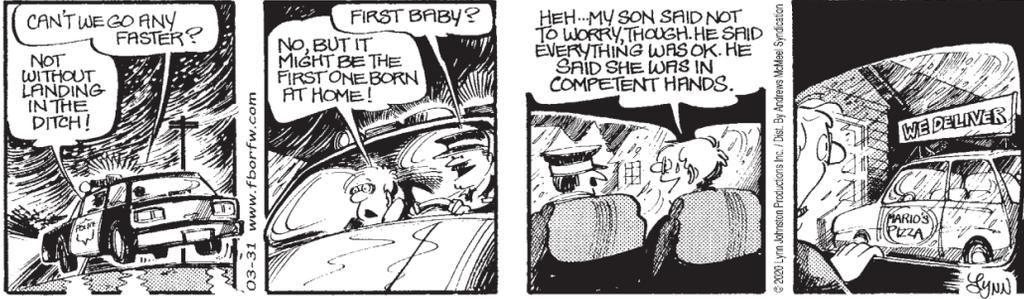
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Dustin By Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker



For Better or for Worse By Lynn Johnston



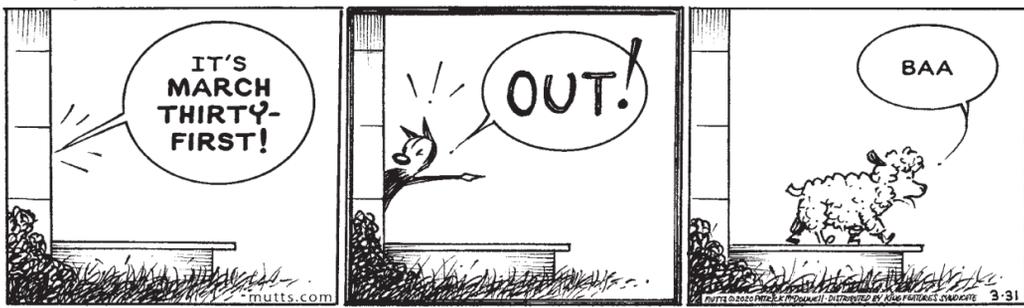
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Mutts By Patrick McDonnell



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Sherman's Lagoon By Jim Toomey



Brewster Rockit: Space Guy! By Tim Rickard



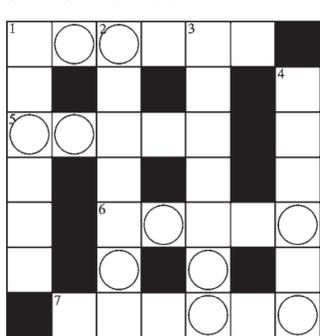
Broom-Hilda By Russell Myers



Trivia Bits

Filet of beef coated with pate and mushrooms and then wrapped in puff pastry is known by what name?
 A) Beef bourguignon
 B) Beef stroganoff
 C) Beef Wellington
 D) Rouladen
 Monday's answer: Most residents of Pitcairn Island can trace their roots to the crew of the HMS Bounty.
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Jumble Crossword

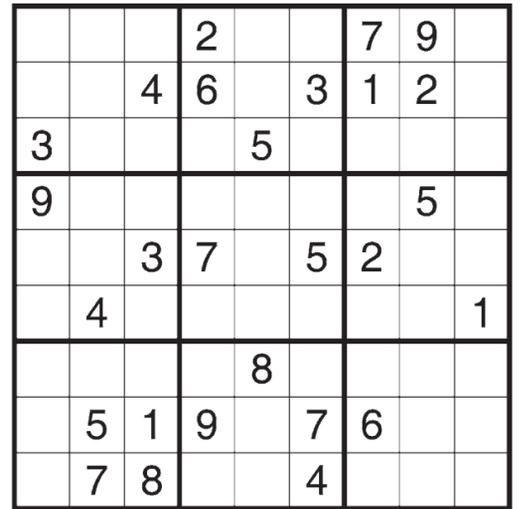


CLUE ACROSS
 1. Most recent
 5. Horse relative
 6. Greek epic poem
 7. Large lizard
CLUE DOWN
 1. Spout
 2. Network, screen
 3. Endurance
 4. Fast treeless plain

CLUE: _____ became the first country to give women the right to vote in 1893.
BONUS _____
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 ANSWERS: 1-Norway 2-Webbing 3-Dreaming 4-Tundra 5-New Zealand 6-By David L. Hoyt.

Sudoku 1 2 3 4

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1	5	6	9	3	2	7	4	8
4	7	3	5	6	8	9	1	2
8	2	9	1	7	4	6	5	3
5	1	2	6	4	7	8	3	9
7	9	8	3	2	1	5	6	4
3	6	4	8	9	5	1	2	7
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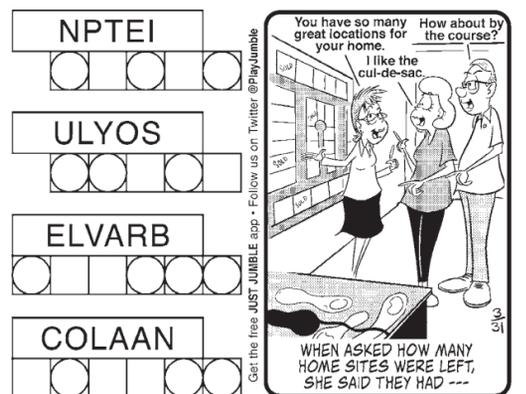
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Monday'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



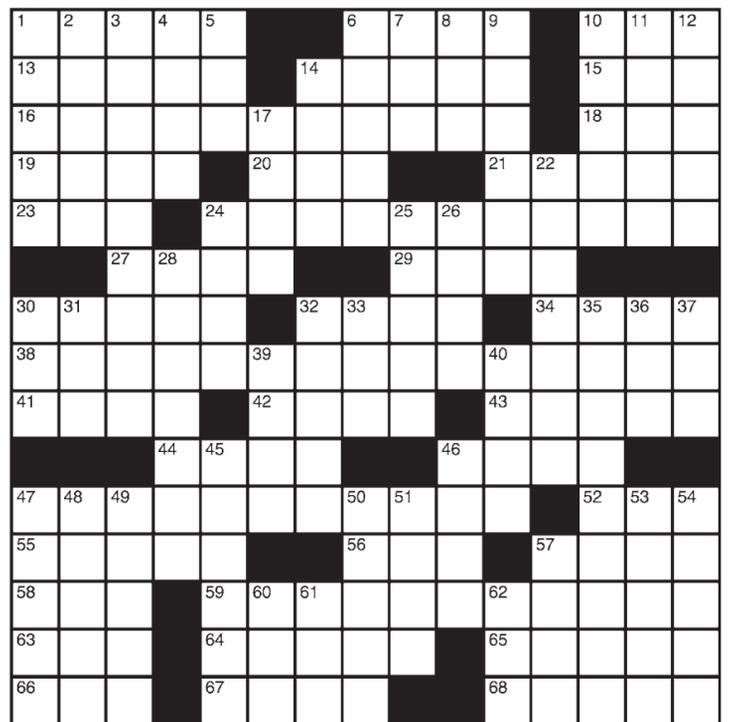
Monday's answers

Jumbles: VENOM HUMOR WEAKEN CANDID
 Answer: When the tourists used Sydney's metro to get around, they were — DOWN UNDER

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Crossword

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Across
 1 Fords and Chevys
 6 Trick
 10 Electric guitarist's need
 13 "When _ we three meet again": "Macbeth" opening line
 14 Baseball card transaction
 15 "You think I did it?!"
 16 Sweetened, as something harsh to hear
 18 Had a bite
 19 Culturally pretentious
 20 Coffee container
 21 _ nerve
 23 Daisy _; Li'l Abner's wife
 24 Variety, idiomatically, with "the"
 27 Amazes
 29 "A," in pilot shorthand
 30 Bulova competitor
 32 Give a hoot
 34 Credit in a footnote
 38 Loaded bakery item
 41 Surrender, as land
 42 "Star _; The Rise of Skywalker"
 43 Molecule parts
 44 Recipe instruction
 46 Aid in crime
 47 "Don't make any sudden moves"
 52 "No more sharing," briefly
 55 Island in "Jaws"
 56 Bethesda research org.
 57 Mythical man-goat
 58 Cacophony
 59 What the starts of 16-, 24-, 38- and 47-Across make?
 63 Ltd., across the pond
 64 Sooner State natives
 65 Jump for joy
 66 In the past
 67 Rump
 68 Brainy bunch
Monday's solution
 AFOUL REPO PIE
 MANNER OBOE ANY
 ECHOCHAMBER RTE
 CIO HOSE AHAH
 HALF COINUMBER
 ELDERLY HISTORY
 MAA RAGU LEE
 PHANTOMTHREAD
 PRO DIAS TEN
 TENDONS BYRONIC
 ALOYMATEY LOCI
 MERE MESS RIP
 MAE HOMESTRETCH
 UTE HAIR PIAOLE
 MISS STAY SAINER

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TUESDAY, MARCH 31 NORMAL HIGH: 53° NORMAL LOW: 34° RECORD HIGH: 87° (1981) RECORD LOW: 12° (1969)

Milder days ahead as calendar flips to April

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 43 **LOW** 32

■ High pressure to north, and low to the south maintain a flow of chilly air.

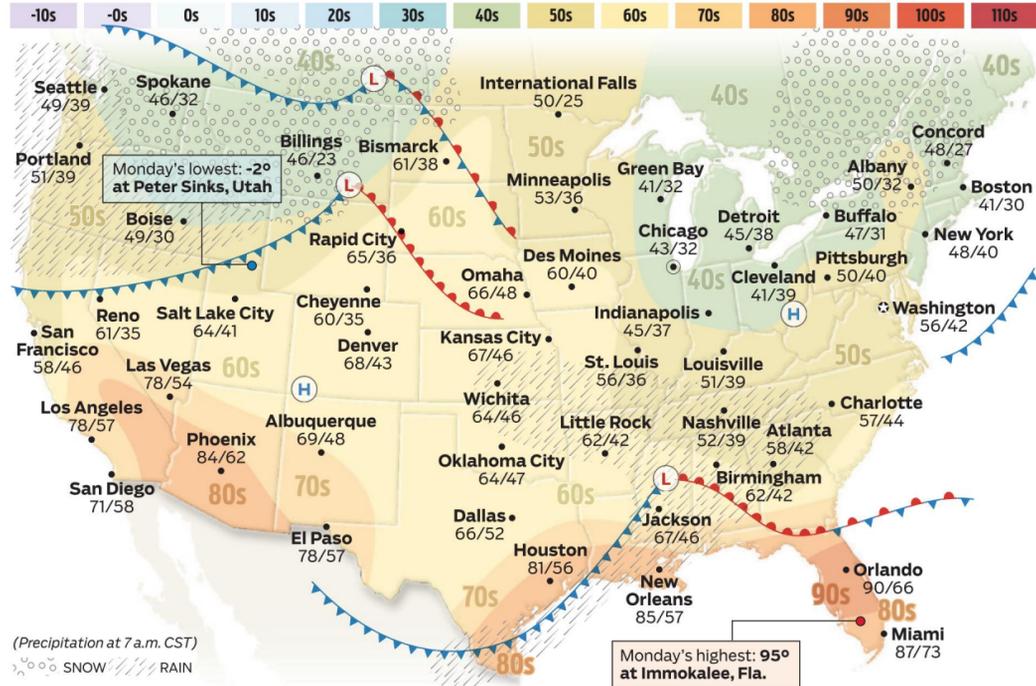
■ Patchy morning cloudiness, but dry. Sunrise temps generally in the 30-35 degree range.

■ Clouds dominate the day though periods of sun break through at times.

■ Temps stay on the cold side, running about 10 degrees below normal. Daytime readings peak in the mid 40s far W and hover near 40 lakeside.

■ Clouds break up overnight. Lows upper 20s to mid 30s.

NATIONAL FORECAST



Normally, our high temperature on the last day of March reaches 53 degrees. Considerable cloudiness combined with a brisk northeast wind will keep readings some 10 to 12 degrees below normal Tuesday. Changes are expected as we head into early April. Satellite imagery shows a massive low pressure area off the coast of British Columbia. This feature is forecast to slowly shift onshore across southwest Canada in the coming days. In response, jet stream winds are to buckle, becoming predominantly southwest across much of central and eastern North America. For the Chicago area, this means a warming trend is likely to evolve during early April. Forecasts suggest that our chilly air will transition to near-normal readings in the middle to the late part of the week.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

HIGH 52 **LOW** 35

High pressure brings improving weather for the start of April. Increase in sun helps bring temps closer to normal. Highs 50-55 inland, mid 40s near the lake. NE winds 10-15 mph.

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

HIGH 58 **LOW** 42

Partly-mostly sunny to start the day, then next front approaches from the west bringing a gradual increase in mid-high clouds. Temps moderate. Highs low 60s S to upper 40s N Shore. SE winds 10-20 mph.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

HIGH 61 **LOW** 47

Filtered sun in the morning gives way to thickening clouds. Spotty showers possible late in the day, but more likely overnight. Milder. Temps peak around 60 degrees. S-SE winds build to 15-25 mph.

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

HIGH 55 **LOW** 39

Cold front passes through the area accompanied by clouds and spotty showers. Winds become N-NE around 10 mph limiting high temps to the mid 50s inland, upper 40s lakeside.

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

HIGH 58 **LOW** 43

High pressure builds across the Midwest making for pleasant weather. Lingering morning clouds thin, leaving skies partly-mostly sunny by midday. Temps reach the upper 50s. Light NW-W winds.

MONDAY, APRIL 6

HIGH 55 **LOW** 48

Showers possible in the morning, becoming likely later in the day. Turning windy. Temps range from mid 50s W-S, to mid 40s near the lake. SE winds 15-25 mph. Milder, chance of t-storms overnight.



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,
With subfreezing highs behind us, Chicago has officially logged 23 days with subfreezing highs at O'Hare International Airport this season. How does that stack up to long-term averages?
Thanks,
Pat Byrne
Hoffman Estates

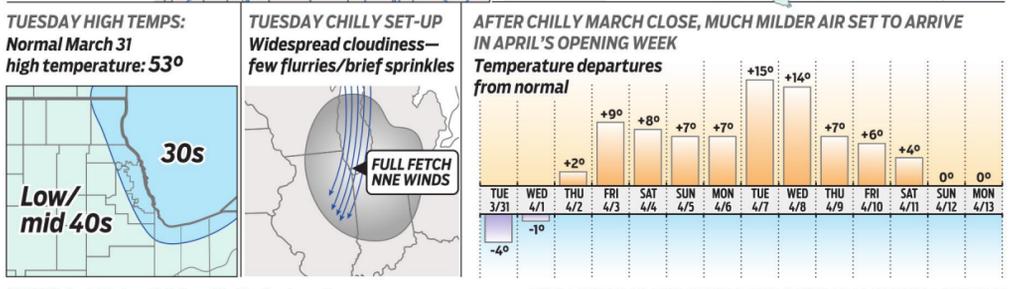
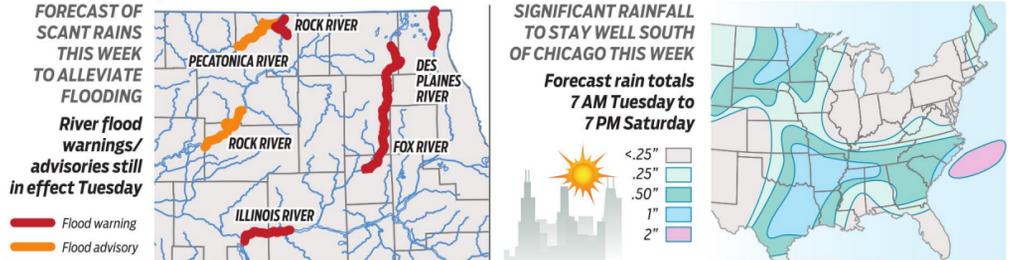
Dear Pat,
It is definitely on the low side. Chicago climatologist Frank Wachowski informed us that the city's long-term average for days with subfreezing highs is 40 with the extremes ranging from just eight in the winter of 1877-78 to a maximum of 78 in 1903-04. This year's total of 23 days ranks as the city's eighth-lowest dating to the winter of 1871-72 and the least since just 14 were logged in the winter of 2011-12. While it is highly unlikely that there will be any additional subfreezing highs this spring, the city has logged one as late as April 17, 1875, when the high was 26.

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WGN-TV meteorologists Mark Carroll, Steve Kahn, Richard Koeneman, Paul Merzlock and Paul Dailey, plus Bill Snyder, contribute to this page.

Hear Demetrius WGN 720
Ivory's weather updates week-days 3 to 6 p.m. on WGN-AM 720 Chicago.

Chilly, dry end to March; warmer pattern locks in late week



SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

MIDWEST CITIES					OTHER U.S. CITIES					WORLD CITIES																									
TUES./WED.	FC	HI	LO	FC HI LO	TUES./WED.	FC	HI	LO	FC HI LO	TUES./WED.	FC	HI	LO	FC HI LO	TUESDAY	FC	HI	LO	TUESDAY	FC	HI	LO													
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Carbondale	sh	43	31	su	52	36	Albuquerque	pc	69	48	cl	71	46	Fargo	pc	56	39	sh	50	30	Palm Springs	cl	86	62	pc	89	58	Algiers	pc	78	53	Lima	cl	78	69
Champaign	sh	46	33	su	52	36	Amarillo	pc	71	49	pc	77	52	Flagstaff	pc	62	36	pc	58	37	Philadelphia	sh	48	37	cl	55	37	Amsterdam	su	49	31	Lisbon	sh	55	48
Decatur	cl	46	33	su	54	40	Anchorage	pc	31	18	cl	36	26	Fort Smith	sh	67	43	pc	73	54	Phoenix	cl	84	62	pc	87	60	Ankara	pc	60	38	London	pc	51	33
Moline	cl	46	33	su	57	41	Asheville	rn	48	37	pc	50	34	Fort Myers	pc	86	74	pc	83	59	Pittsburgh	sh	50	40	pc	51	33	Athens	pc	68	47	Madrid	rn	51	46
Peoria	cl	46	33	su	54	40	Austin	pc	53	34	pc	50	34	Fresno	su	74	50	sh	70	44	Portland, ME	pc	45	30	cl	45	37	Barcelona	sh	58	51	Moscow	sn	29	18
Quincy	pc	57	34	su	62	46	Aspen	rn	58	42	su	62	42	Grand Jun.	pc	66	41	pc	70	44	Portland, OR	rn	51	39	sh	49	37	Baghdad	pc	80	65	Mexico City	sh	85	54
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