



CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Months wasted in pandemic prep

Review: US failed to bolster stockpile after alarms raised

By **MICHAEL BIESECKER**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — As the first alarms sounded in early January that an outbreak of a novel coronavirus in China might ignite a pandemic, the Trump administration squandered nearly two months that could have been used to bolster the federal stockpile of critically needed medical supplies and equipment.

A review of federal purchasing contracts by The Associated Press

shows federal agencies largely waited until mid-March to begin placing bulk orders of N95 respirator masks, ventilators and other equipment needed by front-line health care workers.

By that time, hospitals in several states were treating thousands of infected patients without adequate equipment and were pleading for shipments from the Strategic National Stockpile. That federal cache of supplies was

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President Donald Trump listens during a briefing by the White House Coronavirus Task Force Sunday in Washington.

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An aerial view of flooding caused by the damaged Len Small levee, upper left, on the Mississippi River near Cairo, Ill. last November.

'You never know what the river is going to do'

As spring rains arrive amid the coronavirus crisis, towns prep for flooding

By **PATRICK M. O'CONNELL**

In Rock Island, public works crews are staggering their hours. In central Illinois, dredging work continues at the confluence of the Illinois and Sangamon rivers, though the main focus has been on making sure local restaurants in the river town of Beardstown are able to weather the coronavirus crisis. In Chester, on the Mississippi River south of St. Louis, the river already is at flood stage,

affecting downtown's Water Street. But levels are nowhere near where they were last summer, and the river is expected to drop in coming days.

Throughout the state, with the ramifications of coronavirus shutdowns changing life for Illinois communities large and small, the preparations for spring flooding, which ravaged large swaths of the state last year, have continued despite the abnormal circumstances. As local, state and federal agencies

scramble to react to the public health needs of COVID-19, cities and towns throughout Illinois must also keep one eye on the weather forecast and river levels.

Spring rains, arriving in earnest throughout much of the region in recent days, will not wait for the coronavirus. Public works departments, emergency management officials and those who live in Midwestern communities along the Mississippi, Illinois and smaller regional

ivers are continuing to prepare if, or when, water levels rise again.

In mid-march, the National Weather Service's spring flood outlook forecast that the southern Great Lakes and Midwest will likely see above normal precipitation for the April through June period.

"This unfortunately includes the Missouri, Mississippi, and Ohio River basins," the weather

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New test detects person's immunity

Blood sample can show if it contains antibodies that fight coronavirus

By **HAL DARDICK**

A new, different type of coronavirus test is coming that will help significantly in the fight to quell the COVID-19 pandemic, doctors and scientists say.

The first so-called serology test, which detects antibodies to the virus rather than the virus itself, was given emergency approval Thursday by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. And several more are nearly ready, said Dr. Elizabeth McNally, director of the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine Center for Genetic Medicine.

"You'll see many of these roll out in the next couple of weeks, and it's great, and it will really help a lot," said McNally, noting doctors and scientists will be able to use it to determine just how widespread the disease is, who can safely return to work and possibly how to develop new treatments for those who are ill.

The serology test involves taking a blood sample and determining if it contains the antibodies that fight the virus. A positive result indicates the person had the virus in the past and is currently immune.

That kind of test will be far easier to roll out and use than the complex nasal swab tests now being used to detect the active virus that causes COVID-19, she added, saying it's possible that the antibody tests could be conducted in the confines of one's own home, much like a pregnancy test.

"They will come in a variety of shapes and sizes," McNally said. "The simplest would be one that you do at home, that you would poke your finger and squeeze out a little blood and put it on a little strip, and it'll be the plus-minus whether you've developed anti-

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State backs down from promise to ban prone restraint in schools

Instead, Illinois Board of Education aims to phase out practice by mid-2021

By **JENNIFER SMITH RICHARDS AND JODI S. COHEN**

This story is a collaboration between ProPublica Illinois and the Chicago Tribune.

Five months ago, when Illinois schools Superintendent Carmen Ayala learned students were being shut inside small

rooms alone as punishment and physically held down on the floor, she said she cried. She vowed it would never happen again.

But Illinois State Board of Education officials negotiated with a key legislative rule-making committee to allow schools to use prone restraint for one more school year, aiming to phase out its use by July 2021. The decision last week came after a few small schools — including one whose advisory board includes state lawmakers — mounted letter-writing campaigns and direct appeals to

government leaders.

State education board members already had relaxed the emergency ban that prevented children from being secluded by themselves, though with clearer direction on when isolated timeouts can and can't be used and, for the first time, state oversight. The board, however, had remained firm on not allowing face-down, or prone, floor restraints because they are too dangerous.

"It is surprising that all of a

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When Illinois schools Superintendent Carmen Ayala learned students were being shut inside small rooms, she vowed it wouldn't happen again.



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David Brown stands with Mayor Lightfoot Thursday at City Hall, where she announced he's the city's next police superintendent.

Coronavirus, the new police superintendent and the murderous underbelly of Chicago



DAHLEEN GLANTON

The coronavirus pandemic seems to have given us a reprieve from worrying about the daily shootings and killings in Chicago. With so much sickness and death around us, it is hard to think of anything else.

But we must not forget the violence.

Even in the midst of a pandemic, the murderous underbelly of our city remains as much a part of our societal fabric as it always has been. We should not be fooled by the apparent hiatus. The violence is anxiously awaiting the right moment to rise again.

Last week, we were introduced to Chicago's new police superintendent, who will attempt to lead us on yet another journey toward peace and reconciliation. He will answer to a mayor who believes in reform, but he will serve the ranks of a Police Department that does not. It is an arduous task.

An outsider, David Brown comes to us from Dallas unknown and untested.

He does not yet know our city well enough to fully understand the cultural roots of the violence here. He cannot possibly understand how total disregard for another person's life became so ingrained in the minds of young black men who are standing at the ready to strike each other down.

There is no way he could know these things about us, because we don't understand them either.

On the same day Mayor Lori Lightfoot introduced the retired Texas police chief, details surrounding 18-year-old Treja Kelley's 2019 killing unfolded in a Cook County courtroom. The underbelly put a \$5,000

bounty on her head because she'd had the guts to testify against the killer of her 17-year-old cousin, prosecutors say.

We've also learned how far-reaching the underbelly is. Late last month, 10 members of a South Side street gang were indicted on federal racketeering charges in connection with more than a decade of violence.

One of the innocent victims was an Urban Prep High School senior, Deonte Hoard, a promising college athlete, who was fatally shot while walking to a pickup basketball game.

The problems in our city run deep, and we are tired. We have seen police chiefs come and go for decades, unable to penetrate the thick wall of distrust that separates communities of color from the police officers sworn to serve them.

We are reluctant to put our faith in anyone, regardless of their credentials, because we have been disappointed too many times to count. Still, we are forever hopeful.

Brown brings experience to the job, as well as passion. There is sadness in his history that sets him apart from others who sought the job. He knows the excruciating pain of violence. He has felt it from both sides of the wall.

He lost a brother to violence in 1991, and his son in 2010. Brown had not been chief in Dallas two months when his 27-year-old son killed a suburban police officer and another man before officers responded with more than a dozen shots.

In the aftermath, Brown reached out to his son's victims, not as a police officer but rather as a grieving father. He reportedly hugged them, and told them he was sorry.

As a police officer in 1998, Brown's former partner was killed in the line of duty. The mass shooting of police officers in Dallas in 2016 catapulted the chief into the national spotlight.

Five officers were killed and nine others were injured when a sniper, angry over a series of police shootings across the country involving black

men, targeted the officers during an otherwise peaceful Black Lives Matter protest.

Brown emerged as a strong leader during the crisis, bringing the city together and garnering a standing ovation at the memorial service.

He brought about sweeping reforms in Dallas, including redirecting how officers respond to incidents that require the use of force. But there were critics, too, particularly within the Police Department. Several police officers quit the force under his tenure, and police union groups called for his ouster.

Reform is never popular among those who need to be reformed. But Brown brings to Chicago a wealth of knowledge. His life experiences likely have also taught him something about compassion too.

Pain and fear of the unknown run deep in Chicago's communities. The same is true of our Police Department. But we will take hope, in whatever form it comes — even in a pandemic.

Only three homicides were reported in Chicago during the first week of the statewide stay-at-home order — 10 fewer than the same period a year ago. But there were 41 total shootings that week, just one short of last year's.

We don't know whether any of it is related to social distancing. Even if it is, it's temporary. Eventually, life will return to normal, and the underbelly will still be there.

The city's shutdown will give Brown a little extra time to get to know Chicago and its people. And it will allow us to get accustomed to having a new superintendent in town.

If Chicago is to thrive, we must give him a chance. So when we emerge from the haze of the coronavirus, we will embrace Brown with our eyes wide open and hearts poised to receive a leader worthy of our trust.

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The Sterigenics plant in Willowbrook, top, and Medline Industries in Waukegan, above.

Watchdog says EPA still not disclosing cancer-risk areas

Trump-appointed chief wants report on ethylene oxide rescinded

BY MICHAEL HAWTHORNE

Nearly two years after the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency identified hot spots of ethylene oxide across the nation, the Trump administration still hasn't told thousands of Americans they face elevated cancer risks from breathing the toxic pollution.

Trump appointees have failed to schedule public meetings or provide information about ethylene oxide in 16 of the 25 communities where the lifetime risk of developing cancer exceeds agency guidelines, according to a new report from the EPA's inspector general.

The findings mirror reporting by the Chicago Tribune since August 2018, when the Trump EPA released the latest National Air Toxics Assessment without notice and left it up to state and local officials to decide for themselves whether to draw attention to elevated cancer risks in their communities.

Some have demanded aggressive action, most notably Willowbrook, a wealthy, predominantly white Chicago suburb where local officials hastily organized a community forum after learning about the pollution assessment.

Concerned about ethylene oxide emissions from a Sterigenics sterilization plant in the DuPage County village, residents and elected officials enlisted a bipartisan coalition that pressured the EPA to monitor air quality and take their concerns seriously.

"Our task force found independent experts to help us understand what we were dealing with," Willowbrook Mayor Frank Trilla said this week. "Having the EPA hold public forums in communities is key. It is not a community's responsibility to translate the EPA. Communities aren't qualified to do that."

More than a half-million Americans exposed to toxic air pollution face unacceptable cancer risks, according to EPA data mapped by the Tribune last year. Ethylene oxide is the chief chemical of concern.

Yet none of the other communities exposed to the toxic gas have received the same level of attention Willowbrook got from the EPA, including Lake County neighborhoods near a Medline Industries sterilization plant in north suburban Waukegan.

Other places highlighted in the inspector general's report are

poor, African American and Latino communities in Louisiana and Texas near chemical plants that manufacture ethylene oxide.

EPA officials didn't break any laws, the report concluded. But the agency's lack of outreach runs counter to one of the priorities outlined by Administrator Andrew Wheeler soon after he ascended to the top job.

"Risk communication goes to the heart of EPA's mission of protecting public health and the environment," Wheeler told EPA employees in a July 2018 speech. "We must be able to speak with one voice and clearly explain to the American people the relevant environmental and health risks that they face, that their families face and that their children face."

Wheeler sharply disagreed with the inspector general's report. The former Republican congressional aide and coal company lobbyist took the unprecedented step of urging the independent office to rescind its findings.

Among other things, Wheeler said, the EPA has held public hearings in Houston and Washington, D.C., about proposed updates to regulations for chemical plants that make ethylene oxide and commercial sterilization plants that use it.

"The tone and substance of this report indicates a disconnect in the U.S. EPA IG's office," Wheeler said in a statement.

Wheeler's response prompted a rebuke from U.S. Sen. Tammy Duckworth, an Illinois Democrat who has criticized the administration's response to hazards posed by ethylene oxide, also known as EtO.

"I'm disappointed that Administrator Wheeler is trying to bully the inspector general into rescinding this report," Duckworth said. "I also urge Administrator Wheeler to reverse course on EPA's recently proposed rule that fails to adequately reduce EtO exposure and protect public health."

The Tribune reported in December that under increasing pressure from industry lobbyists, Wheeler and his aides agreed last year to reconsider how dangerous the toxic gas is to Americans.

Agency leaders adopted a stringent safety limit during the last days of the Obama administration, based on decades of research that determined ethylene oxide is harmful at extremely low concentrations. But drafts of the Trump

administration's proposed rules open the door to overruling career EPA scientists and two panels of independent scientists.

Redrafting the EPA's evaluation to deem ethylene oxide less harmful would make the elevated cancer risks abruptly disappear on paper. Chemical companies and their customers would avoid government mandates to spend millions of dollars on pollution-control equipment, or perhaps stop using ethylene oxide altogether.

Absent federal action, some state and local officials have taken steps to protect their constituents.

In Illinois, a law crafted by Gov. J.B. Pritzker and state legislators requires industries to dramatically reduce emissions. Medline recently resumed operations after overhauling its Waukegan facility; Sterigenics closed its Willowbrook plant in September, citing an unstable regulatory landscape and a failure to broker a new deal on its lease amid opposition from community groups and local politicians.

Another Sterigenics facility in suburban Atlanta shut down last year under pressure from state and local officials. The company installed new pollution controls and this week a federal judge allowed the plant to temporarily reopen.

Neighbors remain concerned about pollution from the Atlanta facility. So are community groups in Waukegan now that Medline has started using ethylene oxide again.

"The intentional neglect of the U.S. EPA will continue to have irreparable consequences not only for identified environmental justice communities but also for the members of the most vulnerable communities across the nation," said Celeste Flores, a Gurnee resident who grew up in the area and now lives a mile from Medline.

Flores is the Lake County outreach coordinator for Faith in Place, a nondenominational coalition of religious leaders that focuses on environmental issues. Her advice:

"Since the EPA has chosen to abdicate its responsibility to the American people," she said, "community members must advocate at every level of government for the basic human rights of safe and clean water and air."

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Gov. Pritzker frustrated by federal action

'It's wrong' the way Trump administration has handled virus pandemic, he says

BY PATRICK M. O'CONNELL AND GRACE WONG

Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker expressed frustration Sunday at the federal government's response to the coronavirus pandemic, saying the way top officials have handled the lead-up to the crisis and the current emergency situation is "just wrong."

"The idea that the United States federal government did nearly nothing for quite a long time is now being visited upon us," Pritzker said during his daily news conference at the Thompson Center in Chicago. "... If action had been taken earlier, a lot fewer lives would be lost."

The governor, who wore a mask as he walked to the podium in the briefing room, said states are now competing against each other, and other countries, for medical supplies and equipment.

The governor's critical comments came as Dr. Ngozi Ezike, the state's public health director, announced 899 new confirmed coronavirus cases and 31 more deaths across the state, a drop in both categories compared with the previous day.

So far, the state has a total of 11,256 known cases, including 274 deaths. A week ago, on March 30, Illinois had reported 5,057 cases and 73 deaths. The daily reported cases in Illinois have generally gone up and down over the past week, with four days reporting more than 900 new daily cases and three days under that threshold. On Friday and Saturday, the daily new case count was more than 1,000. Ezike has cautioned it is too early to draw conclusions about the overall statewide trend from the daily numbers.

On Sunday, there were 19 new deaths in Cook County, four in DuPage County and three in Kane County.

New counties reporting cases were Boone, Calhoun and Gallatin counties, bringing the total number of counties affected to 71. The age of those with known cases ranges from younger than 1 to more than 100 years old.

The widespread nature of the virus has meant medical facilities across the state need masks for nurses and doctors and ventilators for patients. But the lack of equipment, Pritzker said, and the way the federal government squandered late winter intelligence briefings, reports and advice from medical advisers that the virus was heading to the U.S. has meant that Illinois is "competing against the very people who are supposed to be your allies."

A review of federal purchasing contracts by The Associated Press shows federal agencies largely waited until mid-March to begin placing bulk orders of N95 respirator masks, ventilators and other equipment needed by health care workers. By that time, hospitals in several states were treating thousands of infected patients without adequate equipment and were pleading for shipments from the Strategic National Stockpile.

Pritzker said he has "given up on the federal government, honestly, really showing up in a way that I think we all would have expected them to."

Pritzker's pointed remarks about Washington's response to the pandemic during the afternoon news conference came after he criticized federal officials during a morning interview on CNN's "State of the Union" program with Jake Tapper.

On the show, the governor said Illinois needs thousands more ventilators than the federal government plans to give it. Pritzker requested 4,000 ventilators from the federal government last Tuesday, and Vice President Mike Pence responded, saying Illinois only needed 1,400, according to the interview. Pritzker said Pence was

looking at a model from the University of Washington that, while good, was not intended for resource allocation. He said Pence pulled from a central data point that didn't account for worst-case scenarios, which actually indicated a need for "5 or 6 or 7,000 more" than what the federal government has given Illinois.

"We're looking at all of the numbers and everybody is taking an educated guess because we really don't know — this virus is unpredictable," Pritzker said in the interview.

The state is looking "everywhere and anywhere across the world to get ventilators," Pritzker said, expressing frustration about President Donald Trump's deferred deployment of the Defense Protection Act, a point Pritzker has made numerous times. One of the companies deployed, General Motors, won't have ventilators ready until May or June, which may be too late if the virus peaks in April in Illinois as predicted by some models the state is using.

In his evening news conference, as he detailed the number of ventilators being sent to states, Trump called out Pritzker repeatedly: "Amazingly 600 (ventilators) will be gone or have gone to Illinois. And, I mean there's a governor I hear him complaining all the time, Pritzker. I hear him. He's always complaining."

Trump also pointed to federal contributions to helping to convert McCormick Place into an alternative care facility that will eventually be able to hold 3,000 beds for patients, most of whom would have mild symptoms and not require intensive care.

The overhaul will be paid for in part by \$15 million in federal funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to support the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers project.

At his afternoon news conference, Pritzker also said he is "deeply concerned" by health statistics that show the coronavirus disproportionately affecting African Americans in the state. Illinois health officials report that 30% of positive coronavirus cases in Illinois are African Americans. According to census figures, 14.6% of the Illinois population is African American.

"I've seen these stats, not just for Illinois, but also for Michigan and for a couple of other states where it's also true," Pritzker said.

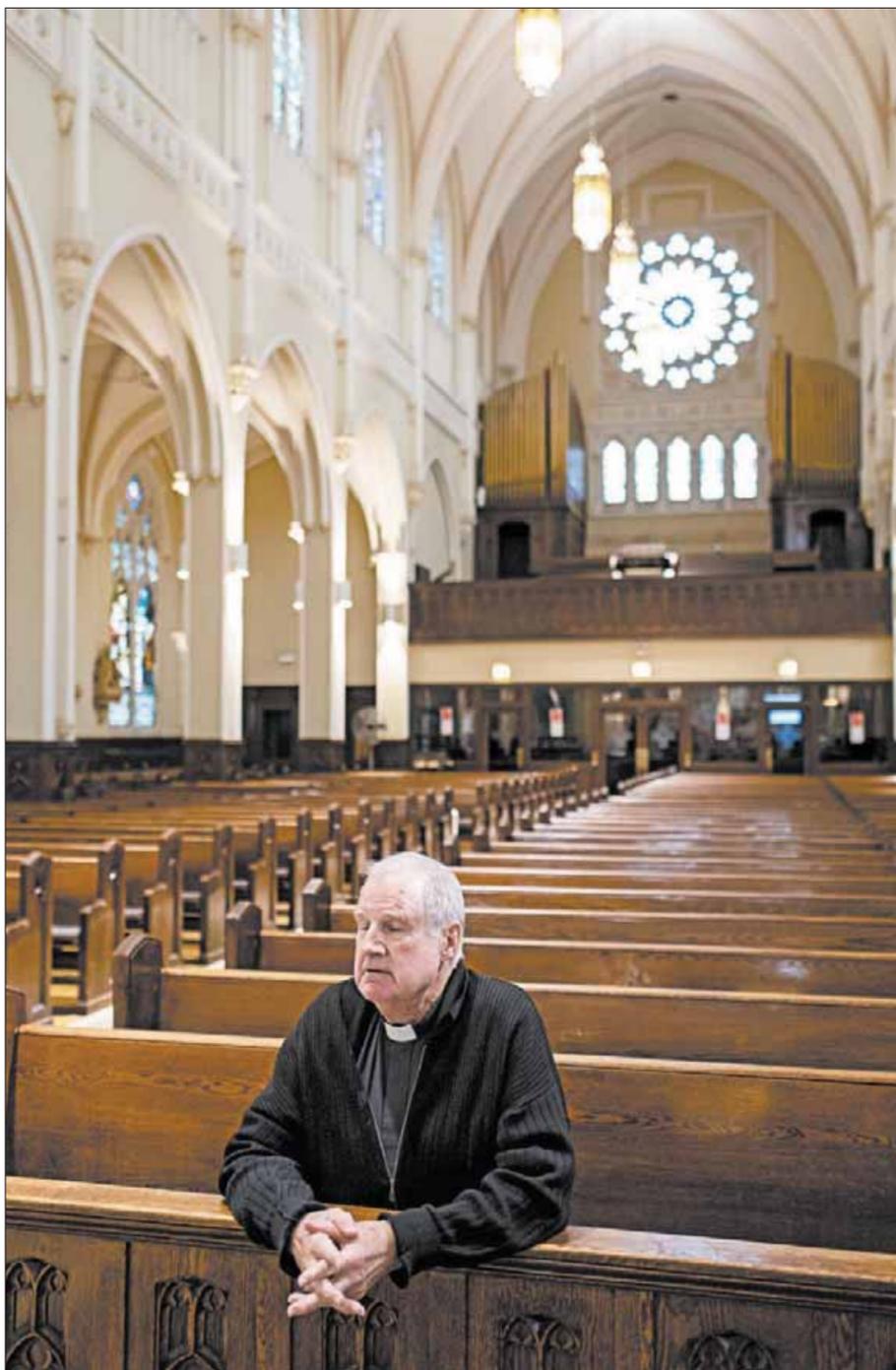
The governor said that opening previously shuttered hospitals during this pandemic is one way to help serve communities of color.

"But it is a much broader problem than over the course or three or four or five weeks here where we've been dealing with this pandemic," Pritzker said. "That it's hard to make up for decades, frankly, maybe centuries, of inequality of application of health care to people of color."

The governor also announced the expansion of support for essential workers' child care needs and an increase in financial support for emergency child care centers and homes. All essential workers in health care, human services, essential government services and essential infrastructure now qualify for the state's Child Care Assistance Program, which will cover most of the cost of care provided by emergency child care centers and homes. The eligibility expansion includes nurses and doctors, hospital support staff, grocery store workers and food producers.

Emergency child care centers and homes also will receive enhanced reimbursement rates, effective April 1, which will be 30% above the usual rate. Details and applications for assistance are available at dhs.illinois.gov/helpishere and coronavirus.illinois.gov.

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ISOLATED OBSERVANCE

Rev. Bill Vanecko, a retired pastor, prays on Palm Sunday during a live-streamed service in a nearly empty Saint Columbanus Catholic Church in Greater Grand Crossing during the coronavirus pandemic.

Bo Jackson promotes social distancing

BY KIMBERLY FORNEK

Former professional baseball and football player Bo Jackson hopes his name recognition will reinforce the message that people can stop the spread of the coronavirus by following health experts' instructions to remain at home or staying at least 6 feet apart if they do go outside.

Jackson is part of a group promoting "The Cure is US" social media campaign, that encourages individual responsibility and collective action as the most effective way to combat COVID-19.

The Cure is US website, thecureisus.com, states a vaccine for the virus is a year or more away. Therefore, "We need to stop

waiting for someone else to figure this out and start doing what we can, each one of us, today, to stamp out COVID-19."

Jackson, who lives in Burr Ridge, hung a banner with "The Cure is US" slogan and website address at the entrance to the Burr Ridge Village Center.

Similar banners have been placed at the intersection of Plainfield and County Line roads and some area McDonald's restaurants, said Lisa Stafford of Stafford Communications.

"It's just simple. We have to get control of this," said Jackson, who in the 1980s and '90s played for the Chicago White Sox, Kansas City Royals and the California Angels in Major League Baseball and for the Oakland Raiders in

the National Football League.

Jackson said a few of his friends, including Oak Brook resident Matt Cook and Jeff Graham, contacted him about an idea to rally people together and help the country get through the coronavirus crisis.

Jackson said staying at home is not hard for him.

"I don't socialize that much," Jackson said. "I like my privacy."

"What worries me is finding out if my friends and family are safe."

Other athletes and celebrities, such as Olympic gold-medal winning skier Mikaela Schiffrin and Ben Higgins from the Bachelor television show, have posted YouTube videos supporting the Cure is US campaign.

As humans move indoors, are coyotes and other wildlife entering the void?

BY STEVE JOHNSON

On March 24, in the first week of Illinois' new stay-at-home protocol, Brian Roe was driving to work when he saw what he thought was a big dog moving down the middle of a quiet Roscoe Village street.

"It wasn't a dog. It was a coyote," said Roe, a stand-up comic whose day job is in construction. He followed the coyote, shot a distant video of it through his car window and posted it to Twitter. "I've heard people talking about how, in Italy, animals are returning to certain areas, and then that thing kind of appeared."

"It's the Wild West out here now," he wrote in the tweet, above the video.

Eight days later, Peter Mott was up early, making coffee in his Northbrook kitchen, when he saw what he knew immediately was not a dog on his back porch.

"I looked up. I saw the coyote there," said Mott, who works in financial software sales. "I was like, 'Holy cow!' I had seen coyotes in the neighborhood but never when they had come that close."

"Maybe," he said, "the animals are a bit more emboldened."

Social media these days would have you believe the wild animals are stepping into the void left by humans as they stay indoors more to try to slow the person-to-person spread of COVID-19.

We've heard about wild goats venturing onto town streets in Wales, bears and mountain lions entering Colorado backyards, coyotes on the streets of San Francisco.

And there's been a smattering of social-media coyote reports around Chicago, too, although not nearly as many as the number of posts from people assuming there must be more coyotes now. Animals looking to take over is an attractive story, and one that fits with the current dystopian mood.

The most profound shift in animal behavior, though, is easily spotted by venturing into your bathroom and looking at the reflection, sweatpants, bed head and all. Just as in those old zoo mirrors labeled, "The most dangerous predator on Earth," the critter that has most changed under self-isolation policies is the one with two legs, opposable thumbs and a lot of anxiety about the future.

Simply put, wildlife experts around the area say, homo sapiens is the species occupying new territory, at new times, and it has gotten a lot better at noticing its fellow animals.

"We're hearing from clients where all the members of the household formerly went off to work or school on a daily basis: 'I didn't realize I had squirrels in my attic,'" said Rebecca Fyfe, urban wildlife manager and director of research for ABC Wildlife and Landmark Pest Management in Schaumburg. "They didn't necessarily hear the activity before of animals in their attic who are diurnal."

"I haven't really seen evidence of that myself," said Stephanie Touzalin, a naturalist at the DuPage County Forest Preserve District's Willowbrook Wildlife Center. "The reality is these animals are already living so closely with us and are able to survive in very urban areas already."

Plus, it's spring. "This is a very active time already for a lot of wildlife because they're gearing up for baby and breeding season," she said. "Once they actually have their pups and they're taking care of them in the den then we start to see less activity for a bit until the fall."

Stan McTaggart, Wildlife Diversity Program manager for the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, responded to queries via email. "First, I wouldn't describe coyotes being observed in places where people aren't as 'brazen,'" he said. "I would describe that as normal coyote behavior. Coyotes are intelligent and adaptable animals that generally avoid close encounters with people, so it's not at all surprising that they (and other wildlife) are in places where people aren't."

"Second, it's also likely that since more people are staying home from work, they are observing wildlife and noticing things that may be happening (every day or week) while they are normally at work. Changes in our behavior may alter the daily movements of some wildlife, but the wildlife have been nearby all along."

This just-now-noticing theory was widely popular with experts, although some did allow that animals may be testing boundaries a bit. After all, more than 2,000 coyotes are believed to live



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A coyote spotted in Jackson Park walks through a golf course.

in Cook County alone, and it was just January when a coyote bit a 6-year-old boy in Lincoln Park, the first coyote-on-human attack in more than a decade. The Tribune wrote of an area coyote "explosion" almost a decade ago.

"It's very difficult to separate the myths from the reality," said Seth Magle, director of Lincoln Park Zoo's Urban Wildlife Institute. "I think that it's definitely the case that we would expect to see animals changing their daily behaviors and using parts of the city that they don't normally use. But I think some of it is also just that we have a lot more free time right now to look out our windows."

As for hard evidence, Urban Wildlife is housebound like everyone else, not going out and setting or collecting data from its over 100 camera traps in Chicago and surrounding counties.

"Like everyone else, we're honoring the mayor's requests," said Magle. "But once we are able to get back out and about, we'll be able to compare our previous data to new data and see if there are any major changes."

"I anticipate that these are probably just kind of temporary animals that are noticing that certain streets, certain blocks are not as trafficked as before. And maybe they're expanding their foraging a little bit into those areas. But I don't really expect that animals are moving into new areas from miles around. Those kind of changes don't happen that quickly."

One possibility, he said, is that some animals may be shifting their patterns in time to some extent. With raccoons and coyotes, he said, "we think the reason most of those animals are so nocturnal is to avoid cars mostly. Certainly there are fewer people on the roads."

One group that is still collecting coyote data is the Cook County Coyote Project, also known as the Urban Coyote Research Project, and at 20 years old, it's the longest running American coyote study, said Chris Anchor, principal investigator for the project and a wildlife biologist with Cook County Forest Preserve District.

And his answer sounds definitive, because the project has tracking collars currently on about 100 coyotes. "Based on our radio telemetry data, in other words the animals that have radio transmitters on them, we've not noticed a discernible change in their behavior, at least not yet," said Anchor.

For other animals, though, it's a different story.

"What we have noticed is a lot more people are going to the forest preserves," with the lakefront and many other outdoor recreation spaces now shut down, he said. "More people are in the forest preserves than used to be. They're noticing things they're not used to seeing."

His answer is also pretty definitive on humans paying closer attention to their surroundings now.

Typically, the preserves don't start getting people till May. That has changed this year and among the things people are reporting, he said, as they visit in a different time of year and before the leaves are out to provide some camouflage, are: Giant Sandhill cranes migrating north overhead; bald eagles and ospreys in the preserves; the carcasses of dead animals that didn't survive the winter.

Some of the interpretation is "a little bit nebulous," Anchor added. His department has taken "reports of mass animal poisoning or some such thing" he said. Nope. That's just dead animals that in the past might have been scavenged or covered by foliage by the time the people showed up.

"It's not that they haven't been there before," he said. "It's just there are a lot more eyeballs."

But whatever is or is not happening on the ground and in the alleys, the speculation can be valuable, said DuPage County's Touzalin.

"It causes us to reflect on our impacts on these animals," she said, "and it's nice to think that with less traffic, human or vehicle, that nature can recover a bit."

Test

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bodies or not?"

There are several benefits to having the test, including:

Determining how much of the population is infected.

"One of the questions we are going to be asking ... is, 'How widespread was this virus?'" McNally said. "I think we have a lot of indication that it's much more widespread than we know, because most of the younger people who get this get it relatively mildly, recover and do OK. And we're not tracking any of those people right now."

Interestingly, the more people who have had it, the safer everyone is, under the concept of "herd immunity."

"The people who are already covered can actually provide protection to the people around them, just because it's hard for the virus to spread," McNally said. "The virus can't spread anymore, so people are less likely to get it."

Figuring out who can go back to work, particularly sidelined doctors and nurses, police officers and firefighters.

If a person is positive for antibodies, which likely show up two to six weeks after infection, they're not going to get sick or spread the virus, because their

bodies are killing it off. "Once the antibodies come up in your system, that means your body fought it off, and you don't have active virus," McNally said.

It may also be important to test grocery store workers, McNally added, noting that buying food is one of the things that's still forcing people out of their homes. "That's one of the major points of contact, so where we can reduce that, especially in the next few weeks, I think that's going to be really critical," she said.

Getting a sense of how long immunity lasts.

Other coronaviruses that have been studied trigger antibodies that typically last one to three years. So the immunity likely isn't forever.

"Are we seeing a sustained response that's going to help us prepare better for when this happens again, and it will happen again," McNally said. "That's what happens with viruses."

Possibly learning more about how to fight the disease, using antibody treatment.

"Maybe these people that really did poorly (when they had COVID-19), maybe they were slow to develop antibodies, in which case this concept of giving them antibodies is actually a good concept to help treat people," McNally said. "So, there's so many things we will learn from the immune response to this virus."

Approval of the antibody test is something that public health officials have been talking about for weeks, saying it couldn't come fast enough.

"When we have antibody testing, trust me, we'll be using that a lot, because we'll be looking to see if people have been exposed to coronavirus," Dr. Allison Arwady, Chicago's public health commissioner, said in a recent interview before the test was approved. "Are they recovered? Will they be safe ... for working and caring for people?"

Likewise, Dr. Robert Gallo, co-founder and director of the Institute of Human Virology at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, described development of the test as "imperative."

"It allows the public health officials to better follow the epidemic," Gallo said. "Without the antibody test, it's very hard to follow the epidemic with convenience of any kind."

"Research wise, wouldn't it be really important to know if there's some aspect of the immune system that makes it worse, or if there are people correlating with some type of immune response that was really correlated with the symptoms being virtually nothing," he added. "You would just be able to make really important conclusions, so we need the antibody test rather desperately."

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Reason #3: Dealing with your knee pain is important for your self-care. Right now the best thing you can do for you and your family is to take care of yourself. Washing your hands, practicing social distancing, all of that is to keep yourself safe and healthy. Yet, if you are in constant pain, you're not going to be in the best mood - and



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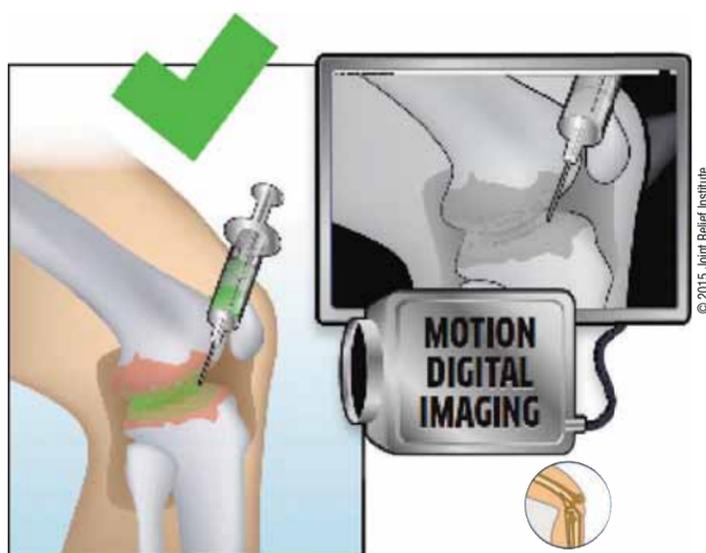
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CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Mental health groups mobilize virtual community

BY ALICE YIN

While seemingly everyone retreated to their homes amid the global pandemic, Kaitlin wondered about the 15 people she saw every Thursday.

They all lived with depression or bipolar disorder, and they would gather in a downtown Chicago church where they cried, divulged hidden thoughts, encouraged one another or silently listened. But as the coronavirus outbreak forces an unprecedented distancing of human contact, Kaitlin worries the loneliness and isolation will undo the progress they have made.

"For a lot of people, they feel like they are flashing back to these traumatic times by isolating, even though it's for a different reason," said Kaitlin, 29, who did not want her last name used in order to speak openly. "It reminds them of being isolated because of depression rather than because of the global pandemic."

Kaitlin serves as a facilitator for the Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance. Last month, the group transitioned all meetings to the videoconferencing platform Zoom, joining a network of other support groups and therapy sessions in the Chicago area moving to virtual gatherings to stay connected.

"This is a lifeline for people," said Betsey O'Brien, communications director for the alliance. "Being able to meet with people who understand what you are going through — who you don't have to explain how you feel because they already know, they are in the same place — that is the value of a support group, whether face-to-face or online."

Outbreaks such as the coronavirus inflict an emotional as well as physical toll. With the caveat that everyone reacts differently, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention warns that mental health issues during



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Regina Rodriguez-Martin in her home on March 30, in Chicago. Rodriguez-Martin, the leader of an online depression support group on the platform Meetup, has been hosting online video chats with her weekly group.

an outbreak can range from fear over the health of yourself and others to increased substance abuse. A 2015 study found social isolation leads to depressive symptoms, cognitive decline and even early mortality.

Mental health experts say Americans are grieving over the way of life that's gone, at least for now. People have lost jobs, canceled milestones and taken on additional caregiver responsibilities. Unemployment claims have skyrocketed in the U.S., and in Illinois nearly 133,800 people have filed claims as of mid-March.

"The one that keeps coming up for so many teens is really this sense of loss," said Brandon Combs, executive director of Erika's Lighthouse, a nonprofit that runs school programs on teenage depression. "This feeling that we're all feeling, this stress and uncertainty — it's grief."

The Chicago chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness operates a free helpline that

has fielded 30% more calls in the past month, according to chapter Executive Director Alexa James. More than 900 calls were projected for March.

The rise in messages to the Crisis Text Line, a free nonprofit texting service for those suffering from a mental health crisis, ranged from 47% to 116% this month, with most texters reporting stress and anxiety surrounding the coronavirus, said communications chief Ashley Womble.

Earlier this month, Regina Rodriguez-Martin sat in her home and was ready to suspend meetings of her "Depression: Friends Supporting Each Other" group, which was built using the social network website Meetup.

Health officials had been pressing for social gatherings to cease. She thought it was impossible to replicate the human connection of face-to-face meetings but decided to give virtual meetings a try.

"I just could not bring myself to

cancel," Rodriguez-Martin, 53, said. "The biggest way that this support group has helped me is that it gives me a place to go where I can just be me, exactly as I am feeling right now."

When Rodriguez-Martin's depressive symptoms flare, she switches to a state she likens to becoming a "zombie" — slumped over, muted, staring into space without meeting people's eyes. During her worst episodes, she wished she didn't exist anymore.

"If I am with friends or if I'm working, I have to pretend like I'm OK and do my best to just act as normal," Rodriguez-Martin said. "But in the depression support group, they all understand."

Demand for virtual mental health resources has been growing. The Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance national online support meetings, which can be joined from anywhere, have more than doubled to 11. The Chicago chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness has increased virtual support meetings from a few per month to about one every day.

Instead of a spring gala, Erika's Lighthouse pushed an online "We're in This Together" campaign to provide resources to teens and parents. Combs said unique page views have risen fourfold in the past two weeks.

Camesha Jones, founder of Sista Afya Community Mental Wellness, a business that provides community support to black young women, moved its monthly Sister Support groups to Zoom and found that new people are tuning in.

Mental health care organizations are also finding ways to reach audiences online. At Mind-Path Care Centers, an outpatient behavioral health organization based in North Carolina, lead therapist Shantel Sullivan hosted a Facebook Live video session last week to share coping mechanisms and answer questions.

"It reminds them of being isolated because of depression rather than because of the global pandemic."

— Kaitlin, a facilitator for the Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance

More than 1,000 viewers tuned in, watching Sullivan demonstrate breathing exercises by placing one hand over her heart and the other on her stomach as she gradually inhaled. She taught a lesson on mindfulness by guiding listeners to focus on the soothing sound of water falling during a shower or the aroma of dinner cooking.

"Anything that can bring people together in real time, in the moment, to connect, to listen, to laugh, allows us to fill that void," Sullivan said in an interview. "It certainly allows for connection that would otherwise not be possible."

For Kaitlin, the group leader with the Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance, the current crisis reminds her of how far she's come from three years ago, when she warily walked into a meeting after moving to Chicago and falling into depression. Though she is now greeting new members through a computer screen, she hopes they will return like she did and find healing.

"When I first started going, I desperately needed connection with people," Kaitlin said. "It's really important for people to have others in their life that they know and understand them, that they can talk to about these things and just connect with. That's what makes life worth it."

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Flooding

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service reported. "These precipitation probabilities have increased from previous outlooks."

The good news, said Bob Smerbeck, senior meteorologist with Accuweather.com, is that this spring likely will be drier throughout the Midwest compared with the "perfect storm" of 2019 that started with a snowy winter in the upper Great Plains, followed by big rains in March and a dip in the jet stream that fueled lots of moisture for weeks throughout the Mississippi River Valley.

"That pattern was relentless," Smerbeck said. "Last year, everything went wrong. ... Although we will see some flooding this year, we don't think it'll be as bad as last year."

Flooding on the Mississippi River and its tributaries throughout Illinois and the Midwest caused an estimated \$6.2 billion in damage in 2019, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The floods, which overwhelmed towns, farms, roads, bridges, levees and dams, contributed to the deaths of four people across 13 states.

The flooding in Illinois and the surrounding states last year was the costliest since 2008, when Midwest states suffered \$12.1 billion in damage. The Quad Cities, along the Mississippi River on the Illinois-Iowa border, was particularly hard hit.

But so far, the coronavirus has had minimal effect on flooding preparations in Rock Island on the banks of the Mississippi. The city has been rotating shifts for the city's three dozen public works field employees in order to minimize social interactions. Crews are now rotating on a one-day-on, one-day-off schedule, Rock Island city manager Randy Tweet said.

Sandbags are already prepared if needed, with more materials on hand if spring rains lead to a swelling of the river like a year ago. Last week, the Mississippi River registered about 15 feet, Tweet said. At 18 feet, Rock Island moves to install its portable flood wall.

"We've obviously been dealing with this for decades, so we have a pretty good organization plan that we follow," Tweet said.

Last year, Rock Island needed to rent pumps in order to get water out of the city at a cost of \$10,000 per month. The river was above flood stage for nearly 90 days in 2019. This year, Tweet said the city has applied for federal flood relief so the city can buy its own pumps to have onsite when the river rises. This type of response, Tweet said, was once needed only every few years. Now, he said, "it's pretty much every year, and sometimes multiple



A levee near New Canton, Illinois, on May 15, 2019.

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times per year."

Farther to the south, in Beardstown, a town of about 5,500 on the Illinois River about 75 miles southwest of Peoria, Mayor Leslie Harris said they are mostly focused on how the coronavirus has been affecting local restaurants and businesses.

A year ago, downtown Beardstown was swamped with floodwaters. But it's still early in spring, and the river was at 17 feet last week, well below the 32- to 34-foot height of the town's flood wall, Harris said. Paving work to repair Main Street along the river and other downtown roads damaged by last year's floodwaters continues, the mayor said, and she hopes the municipal sewers have recovered from the aftermath of 2019's heavy rains.

"We're all working together and taking (the coronavirus) seriously," Harris said, though spring flooding is always on the radar. "Last year was really scary. You never know what the river is going to do."

At the state level, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency began flood preparation outreach in January and then held statewide meetings with local jurisdictions in February to make sure communities were tracking supplies and updating their plans in the wake of massive flooding throughout Illinois one year ago. Rebecca Clark, a spokeswoman

for IEMA, said the coronavirus has not changed operations or preparations.

"As we move into the spring months, we work hand-in-hand with the National Weather Service and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to evaluate river levels, forecast outlooks and to monitor levee health and frost depth," Clark said via email. "There have been minimal requests for state assistance as it pertains to flooding."

The Federal Emergency Management Agency plans, trains and runs exercises in order to be ready to support local and state agencies in the event of a disaster that stretches beyond their capabilities. If a local jurisdiction becomes overwhelmed, said Cassie Ringsdorf, spokeswoman for FEMA Region 5, it can reach out to the state, and if the damage is beyond state resources, the governor can request help from FEMA.

Allen Marshall, spokesman for the Rock Island District of the Army Corps of Engineers, said most of the levee inspections in the district are done well in advance of spring rains and have already been completed, so the coronavirus outbreak has not dented that work.

The pandemic also has not yet changed any plans for the scheduled summer closures of a series of locks and dams on the Illinois

River to allow for long-needed repairs and upgrades.

Even as conditions and restrictions shift as the state and region cope with the spread of the virus, Marshall said the Army Corps will do its best to balance its mission with the reality of the situation.

"Public safety is always highest on our list of priorities, and I don't see that changing," he said.

In early March, the offices of U.S. Sens. Dick Durbin and Tammy Duckworth announced that \$4.1 million in emergency federal funds will be directed to the Illinois Department of Transportation, the Army Corps and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for infrastructure repairs caused by last year's rains and flooding.

A warmer spring and less snow on the ground in the upper Midwest are the main differences between this year and a year ago, Smerbeck said, although the soil throughout the region is still packed with moisture, meaning that new rain will more easily run off into streams and rivers. Moderate-to-major flooding is still a concern for portions southern Illinois through May, he said, with higher risks toward southern Missouri and the Mississippi Delta regions.

The forecast for April calls for above-average precipitation for central and southern Illinois, Smerbeck said, while areas to the north near Chicago should be in

for average rainfall.

One trend keeps coming to the forefront: storms with higher available moisture and more intense rains, Smerbeck said, dropping several more inches than in the past.

"There are more hard-hitters," Smerbeck said. "It makes sense to expect more intense rain events."

A year ago, flooding began to plague Illinois in late spring. Persistent rains caused widespread damage to cities and towns along the Mississippi and Illinois rivers, particularly in the western and southern parts of the state. The flooding left communities waterlogged for months, delaying or wiping out the planting season of corn and soybeans for farmers.

In Beardstown, Mayor Harris is hopeful that her goal of rehabilitating the town marina will be able to go on as scheduled this year. With the river not yet a concern, the town has been focused on the governor's stay-at-home order and its effect on local businesses.

Last weekend, local churches came together to pass out sandwiches to the community, and one of the local banks held a drive-thru candy bag drive.

"We have no fear yet," Harris said. "We're just trying to help our current businesses that are essential, and for people to keep calling in their food orders and picking up food and giving them some business."

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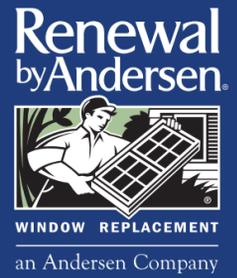


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For the homeless, struggle to stay safe compounded

BY CECILIA REYES
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Missy Lee's nerves are shot.

She's had bronchitis for about a month and is feeling increasingly helpless as the coronavirus outbreak grows wider and wider. Unlike a lot of people, she can't isolate herself at home. She doesn't have one.

She lives with about 40 other women in a shelter in Chicago. Their beds are about 2 feet apart, even after many residents, including Lee's partner, were moved to comply with the 6-foot social distancing guidelines.

Lee has trouble sleeping. "There's so many women that are coughing," she said. "We don't know if any of them have the coronavirus because nobody's been tested. One breathes, we feel it."

The Tribune interviewed Lee and a dozen other homeless people in the Chicago area who are struggling through a health crisis that threatens the services they rely on to survive.

Those in shelters worry that conditions are ripe for contagion, while others are trying to hold on to their current accommodations as their income dries up. In the last few weeks, Chicago has readied beds in five locations to transfer current shelter residents and meet additional demand. The state has set aside \$8 million toward isolation housing and homeless assistance.

Advocates say efforts to limit exposure among a vulnerable population are promising, but they are not yet enough to meet increasing needs as the pandemic destabilizes more and more people.

Lee has been at her shelter on and off for the past four months, and lately has taken to sleeping near



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Missy Lee, who lives with about 40 other women in a shelter in Chicago, says she's worried about getting coronavirus.

the front of the dorm to stay clear of others. The shelter now operates around the clock, allowing residents to leave for short breaks throughout the day. It has stopped accepting drop-ins for more than a week, and staff have drawn up lists to track capacity as people wait to get in.

But Lee says she can't wait to get out. "The minute it starts warming up, I'm ready to start sleeping outside," she said. "I've got a better chance of not catching the stuff out there than in here."

Lisa Morrison Butler, head of the city's Department of Family and Support Services, said she sympathizes with Lee and that the situation at most shelters is changing every day as the city focuses on "decompressing" them. As of last Friday, the city had moved 164 people younger than 60 and with no preexisting

conditions out of shelters and into alternate locations.

A spokeswoman for the department said it is done thinning out the shelters and that 665 of the 900 new beds announced last week are now ready. The department said the additional locations will take in new referrals from 311 because city shelters are now full.

Hotel rooms for people in need of isolation — announced at the same time as the additional shelter space — will only be available to those with confirmed cases or known exposure to the coronavirus, a restriction advocates say does not take into account the lack of testing among those needing a place to stay.

Morrison Butler said the city is also looking for isolation housing alternatives for the homeless "to be ahead of the curve," adding that the city does not need the space yet.

There has been one confirmed case of the coronavirus in a shelter, a staff worker, and one resident at another shelter was hospitalized awaiting results. Both facilities remain open.

Julie Dworkin, director of policy at the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless, said there has always been a need for more beds in Chicago and the coronavirus outbreak is exacerbating the problem. "I don't think we can paint a really rosy picture where everything's great," she said.

She pointed out that under the city's own guidelines, shelters are supposed to have separate bathrooms for people experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19. "There will need to be more emergency shelters, and that's not the focus right now."

Dworkin said the coalition is working with the city to recruit people to staff the

new locations. "People are working very hard and moving as quickly as they can," she said. "The thing that strikes me the most about the whole situation, it wasn't enough of a crisis that fellow human beings were sleeping on cardboard in the sidewalks before."

While Chicago has worked to enact social distancing in the shelters it funds, a resident at the Pacific Garden Mission, the city's biggest shelter, told the Tribune preventive measures are still falling short.

"We're in a close environment here ... self-distancing, it doesn't exist," said the 65-year old resident, who did not want to be identified for fear of being kicked out of the shelter. "We sleep on top of each other. We sit on top of each other. We eat on top of each other."

Men's dormitories have bunk beds stacked in twos

and threes, the man said, with no room to spread them farther apart.

Two days into the state's stay-at-home order, the food plant where Leo, 54, worked for the past weeks told him not to come in anymore. He had heard rumors from other workers that several people had tested positive for the coronavirus, and soon afterward he got a call telling him to take the rest of last week off.

Leo got that shift through a staffing agency and worked nights, which meant most overnight shelters were out of the question. He says he left South Suburban PADS just before it moved about 60 people into a hotel in response to coronavirus closures.

Homeless for about five years, Leo says shelters are "chaotic" and has mostly stayed in hotels for the last few years. But on Monday, his stay was up, and he wasn't able to get into the SSPADS hotel.

"I'm basically out on the street until I figure something out," he said. "This is a nightmare that I can't wake up from."

The number of unemployment claims has skyrocketed in Illinois, mirroring the rest of the country, with nearly 115,000 claims filed during the week ending March 21 alone. And those represent the lucky people who have gotten through to make their claims. Leo says he has been trying in vain to certify for unemployment benefits for most of last week.

As the situation worsens, the pandemic is highlighting a social order Leo is long familiar with. "If you're in a situation where you're poor or disabled, you're catching more hell than anybody else."

Restraint

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sudden another group that has the final say would put all of that feedback from citizens and good research and good data to suggest that is not safe or healthy for children aside," said Kevin Rubenstein, president of the Illinois Alliance of Administrators of Special Education.

The initial changes, including a declaration by Gov. J.B. Pritzker that "isolated seclusion will end now," came in response to a Chicago Tribune-ProPublica Illinois investigation, "The Quiet Rooms," that documented the misuse and overuse of seclusion and restraint in Illinois schools.

Those emergency measures were set to expire this month. Permanent rules must be approved by the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules, which reviews new and existing rules proposed by state agencies. The bipartisan committee is made up of 12 legislators, including some of the state's most powerful politicians.

The committee met Tuesday in Springfield amid the coronavirus pandemic in a room closed to the public. Audio was streamed on the committee's website; the meeting lasted 12 minutes and there was no discussion.

Legislation pending in the House and Senate, which would supersede ISBE's rules, still could ban prone restraint and isolated seclusion, and state education officials said they would review the use of prone restraint during the next year. They hope to eliminate it after that.

ISBE spokeswoman Jackie Matthews confirmed that the decision to allow prone restraint came after some schools, most of them private, said they were concerned they didn't have enough time to transition to other methods. She said the restraint should be used rarely and with the idea that it will be phased out.

"ISBE absolutely will resist the use of prone restraint either through legislation or future rulemaking before the one year-extension expires," she wrote in an email.

The ProPublica Illinois-Tribune investigation docu-

mented more than 35,000 seclusion and restraint incidents involving students in 100 school districts over a 15-month period beginning in the fall of 2017. Although state law then allowed seclusion and restraint when students were in danger of harming themselves or others, reporters found that in one 1 of every 3 incidents of seclusion, school workers hadn't cited a safety reason; for incidents of physical restraint, the ratio was 1 in 4.

About 24 hours after the investigation was published, ISBE imposed an emergency ban on secluding students alone and on floor restraints, and pledged to make it permanent. Advocates for students with disabilities saw the bans as a victory; real change seemed imminent.

The new rules still provide more protections for students than the state law that had governed the practices for 20 years. Seclusion rooms can no longer have locks, and employees can't hold the doors shut to keep children inside. Rules now specify that timeout and restraint can be used only when there's an "imminent danger" of serious physical harm. Schools now are required to report every incident to the state and provide more employee training.

But at least three suburban Chicago schools — two private, one public — mobilized to lobby state officials, flooding them with comments supporting isolated timeout and prone restraint.

Through a Freedom of Information Act request, the Tribune and ProPublica Illinois obtained more than 325 public comments filed with ISBE in response to its proposed rules.

At least 101 of the 149 letters that advocated keeping prone restraint — nearly 70% — came from two private schools, Giant Steps and Marklund Day School, and the A.E.R.O. Special Education Cooperative, a public school.

"As a staff member at Marklund Day School, I have personally performed a safe prone restraint more times than I can count," began each of the 350-employee Marklund, a suburban school for students with autism, filed with the state.

The nearly word-for-word letters — sent by



Rubenstein

teachers, aides and other workers — urged ISBE to allow prone and supine, or face-up, restraints at school and touted the improvements shown by Marklund students with "maladaptive" and aggressive behavior because employees were allowed to physically restrain them. State enrollment data shows that Marklund Day School serves about 70 students.

Marklund workers worried that ending prone restraint immediately would harm students who "needed that momentary brief, required relaxation to help them calm and regain their composure," Marklund's director of education, Paula Bodzioch, said in an interview. Workers weren't trained to use other restraint systems.

More than 60 letters — the most from any school — were written on behalf of Giant Steps, a 160-student school in suburban Lisle for students with autism.

Parents, employees, siblings — even friends of parents — sent identical letters, sometimes without personalizing the suggested language: "I am a (parent, staff member, friend of/ describe su nombre aqui) Giant Steps Therapeutic Day School in Lisle, IL and I am contacting you to submit the following comment (s) on the proposed final rules."

The letters urged ISBE to remove the ban on face-down restraints, which both Giant Steps and Marklund say can be safe. More than 30 states have banned prone restraint in schools because the risk of asphyxiation is believed to be greater when adults put weight on students in that position.

Among those who advanced Giant Steps' argument was the chief of staff for one of the Illinois House's most powerful members, Republican leader Jim Durkin. The



Durkin

school's suggestions were emailed to ISBE and the legislative rule-making committee by House staff, records show.

Durkin and two other Illinois lawmakers sit on Giant Steps' eight-member advisory board, along with three former legislators and two lawyers. The school's director, Sylvia Smith, said in a recent interview that she regularly speaks to Durkin and other legislators and has made building relationships with them a priority.

"When you know them and have their cellphone numbers, they will take your call," Smith told reporters during a tour of the school in February.

Smith held an open house for lawmakers in January to make her case for seclusion and restraint, she said, and a dozen attended. The school, the first licensed therapeutic day school in Illinois for students with autism, aims to help children until they can transition to public schools.

"When (seclusion and restraint) came up, leader Durkin called and said, 'What do you think?'" Smith said. "I told them we need help."

Durkin did not respond to requests for comment.

Prone restraint is one strategy the school uses to help students "maintain stable behavior and return to the classroom," Smith said last week.

Rep. Keith Wheeler, a North Aurora Republican and co-chairman of the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules, also listened to Giant Steps and Marklund. Both schools are in his district.

Wheeler said he visited Marklund recently and saw employees use prone restraint on a student. They explained why they preferred it. Wheeler described learning about challenging students who bit or gagged

themselves and who bite staff members, even through Kevlar gloves.

"They made it very clear to me that not only are we trying to protect the student from harming themselves or other students, but also to protect them from harming the staff," Wheeler said. "I want to pause before we eliminate this option. How can we limit this enough to just these specific students who may benefit from it until we find an alternative that's better for them?"

At least 13 comments came from workers at A.E.R.O., a public special education cooperative in suburban Burbank, which lobbied ISBE more than any other public school to keep prone restraint. A.E.R.O. is one of the few public schools that used the restraint regularly, according to "The Quiet Rooms," which found that about two dozen districts used floor restraints nearly 1,800 times in the 15-month period analyzed.

A.E.R.O. executive director James Gunnell declined to comment.

ISBE's change of course last week surprised educators who, just weeks ago, heard the board vote to eliminate prone restraint. In response to public comments from Giant Steps, Marklund and others asking to keep prone restraint legal, ISBE wrote: "It's best practice to prohibit prone physical restraint." That echoed Ayala's earlier comments to reporters: "Under my watch, I cannot — I will not — allow it to continue."

While prone restraint will be allowed next school year, ISBE told school officials in an email they should "actively pursue" alternatives and training.

In a December interview, Heather Calomese, ISBE's executive director of programs, said prone restraint was too dangerous to use. Staff could be injured, she said, and the safety risk to students is too high. Staff members "could potentially block an airway. They could put pressure on a part of a body that would restrict airflow," she said.

The rules include a "sunset" provision that means the permission to use prone restraint in schools will expire on July 1, 2021. ISBE will have to go through the rule-making process again unless legislators ban it in the meantime, Matthews said.

Until then, schools can use both prone and supine restraints in narrow circumstances and only when "less restrictive" interventions have not succeeded. A trained adult must observe the restraint, and extra review will be required if a student is restrained on the floor twice within 30 days. The restraints must end as soon as the threat of serious physical harm ends.

Wheeler, who co-chairs JCAR, also said he hopes to collect data about the use of prone restraint over the next year.

Chris Yun, who oversees education policy for AccessLiving, a Chicago disability-rights group, questioned what data needs to be collected to understand whether prone restraint is too dangerous to use in schools.

"They want to see if somebody dies? That's the data?" Yun asked. "I'm really speechless."

State Rep. Jonathan Carroll, a Northbrook Democrat, said he is working on amendments to a proposal he made in November that would address seclusion and prone restraint. He said he is sympathetic to schools that would have to find other ways to manage challenging student behavior. But Carroll, who was secluded as a child, said he also is focused on the harm that seclusion causes.

"We recognize that there's a lot of work to be done in this area and we're willing to work with everyone on solutions," said Carroll, a former special education teacher. He said it was "upsetting" that schools lobbied for their position through the rule-making process and that he is "disappointed in JCAR."

Amber Patz said her hope for change has diminished. Her son, Dalton, 11, was repeatedly restrained and put in seclusion at The Center, an elementary school in East Moline for children with disabilities.

"We are coming up on almost six months into this and already (Pritzker) is backpedaling or allowing those around him to backpedal," Patz said. "He made a promise to the children."

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CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

True virus death toll in US likely much higher

Lack of resources, faulty protocols eyed in undercount

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WASHINGTON — A coroner in Indiana wanted to know if the coronavirus had killed a man in early March but said that her health department denied a test. Paramedics in New York City say many patients who died at home were never tested for the coronavirus, even if they showed telltale signs of infection.

Across the United States, even as coronavirus deaths are being recorded in terrifying numbers — many hundreds each day — the true death toll is likely much higher.

More than 9,100 people with the coronavirus have been reported to have died in this country, but hospital officials, doctors, public health experts and medical examiners say that official counts have failed to capture the true number of Americans dying in this pandemic, as a result of inconsistent protocols, limited resources and a patchwork of decision-making from one state or county to the next.

In many rural areas, coroners say they don't have tests needed to detect the disease. Doctors now believe some deaths in February and early March, before the coronavirus reached epidemic levels in the United States, were likely misidentified as influenza or only described as pneumonia.

With no uniform system for reporting coronavirus-related deaths in the United



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Lina Evans, the coroner of Shelby County, Alabama, receives the body of an individual Thursday at the morgue.

States and a continued shortage of tests, some states and counties have improvised, obfuscated and at times backtracked their counts.

"We definitely think there are deaths that we have not accounted for," said Jennifer Nuzzo, a senior scholar at the Johns Hopkins University Center for Health Security, which studies global health threats and is closely tracking the coronavirus pandemic.

Late last week, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued new guidance for how to certify coronavirus deaths, underscoring the need for uniformity and reinforcing the sense by health care workers and others that deaths

have not been consistently tracked. In its guidance, the CDC instructed officials to report deaths where the patient has tested positive or, in an absence of testing, "if the circumstances are compelling within a reasonable degree of certainty."

In infectious outbreaks, public health experts say that under typical circumstances it takes months or years to compile data that is as accurate as possible on U.S. deaths. The reporting system during an epidemic of this scale is particularly strained. And while experts say they believe that virus-related deaths have been missed, the extent of the problem is not clear.

But as mayors and governors hold daily news con-

ferences reporting the latest figures of infections and deaths related to COVID-19, Americans have paid close attention to the locations and numbers of the sick and dead — one of the few metrics available for understanding the new and mysterious disease threatening their communities.

Public health experts say that an accurate count of deaths is an essential tool to understand a disease outbreak as it unfolds: The more deadly a disease, the more aggressively authorities are willing to disrupt normal life. Precise death counts can also inform the federal government on how to target resources, like ventilators from the national stockpile, to the areas of the

country with the most desperate need.

For families who have lost a loved one in the midst of this epidemic, there is an urge simply to know: Was it the coronavirus?

The work of counting deaths related to the coronavirus falls to an assortment of health care providers, medical examiners, coroners, funeral homes and local health departments that fill out America's death certificates. Those documents typically include information on the immediate cause of death, such as a heart attack or pneumonia, as well as information on any underlying disease.

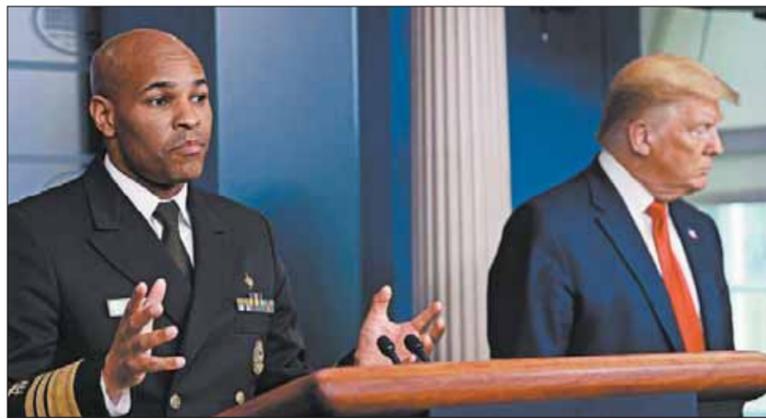
The federal government does not expect to produce

a final tally of coronavirus deaths until 2021, when it publishes an annual compilation of the country's leading causes of death.

Susan Perry, a funeral director in Virginia, said that she was told by health workers and families that three recently deceased people who were handled by her funeral home had tested positive for the coronavirus so that she and her staff could take necessary precautions with the bodies. The virus was indicated on only one death certificate.

"This probably happens all the time with different diseases, but this is the first time I'm paying attention to it," Perry said. "If we don't know the numbers, how are we going to be able to prepare ourselves and protect ourselves?" Early in the U.S. outbreak, deaths may have been overlooked, hospital officials said. A late start to coronavirus testing hampered hospitals' ability to detect the infection among patients with flu-like symptoms in February and early March. And doctors at several hospitals reported treating pneumonia patients who eventually died before testing was available, and when providers didn't yet know the disease was circulating in their area.

"When I was working before we had testing, we had a ton of patients with pneumonia," said Geraldine Ménard, chief of general internal medicine at Tulane Medical Center in New Orleans, a city battling one of the country's most potent outbreaks. "I remember thinking it was weird. I'm sure some of those patients did have it. But no one knew back then."



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U.S. Surgeon General Jerome Adams gestures while being flanked by President Donald Trump during a briefing Friday at the White House.

Surgeon general: 'Saddest week' of outbreak to come

BY WILL WEISSERT
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WASHINGTON — The U.S. surgeon general said Sunday that Americans should brace for levels of tragedy reminiscent of the Sept. 11 attacks and the bombing of Pearl Harbor, while the nation's infectious disease chief warned that the new coronavirus may never be completely eradicated from the globe.

Those were some of the most grim assessments yet for the immediate future and beyond. But hours later, President Donald Trump and Vice President Mike Pence tried to strike more optimistic tones, suggesting that hard weeks ahead could mean beginning to turn a corner.

"We're starting to see light at the end of the tunnel," Trump said at an evening White House briefing. Pence added, "We are beginning to see glimmers of progress."

The president also insisted that both assessments from his administration — they came within 12 hours of each other — didn't represent an about-face or were even "that different."

"I think we all know that

we have to reach a certain point — and that point is going to be a horrific point in terms of death — but it's also a point at which things are going to start changing," Trump said. "We're getting very close to that level right now."

The president added that he thought the next two weeks "are going to be very difficult. At the same time, we understand what they represent and what that time represents and, hopefully, we can get this over with."

Earlier Sunday, Surgeon General Jerome Adams told CNN, "This is going to be the hardest and the saddest week of most Americans' lives, quite frankly."

"This is going to be our Pearl Harbor moment, our 9/11 moment, only it's not going to be localized," said Adams, the nation's top doctor. "It's going to be happening all over the country. And I want America to understand that."

The number of people infected in the U.S. has exceeded 337,000, with the death toll climbing past 9,600. More than 4,100 of those deaths are in the state of New York, but a glimmer of hope there came on Sunday when Democratic

Gov. Andrew Cuomo said his state registered a small dip in new fatalities over a 24-hour period.

Still, Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards said his state may run out of ventilators by week's end.

Trump angrily deflected questions regarding the slow pace of the federal government's response to the pandemic, praising federal officials he has elevated in recent weeks to coordinate the distribution of hard-to-find supplies.

"The people that you're looking at, FEMA, the military, what they've done is a miracle," Trump told reporters. "What they've done is a miracle in getting all of this stuff. What they have done for states is incredible."

Also Sunday, Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, said the toll in the coming week is "going to be shocking to some, but that's what is going to happen before it turns around, so just buckle down."

Fauci said the virus probably won't be wiped out entirely this year, and that unless the world gets it under control, it will "assume a seasonal nature."

No virus home tests yet, but quick options may be coming

BY MATTHEW PERRONE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Home testing for the new coronavirus may sound like a good idea, but U.S. regulators say it's still too risky.

They've stopped companies that quickly launched home-testing kits until they can show their products can accurately detect the virus.

For now, the only way Americans can get tested is at hospitals, clinics or drive-thru sites, with a doctor's order.

After a botched rollout, testing in the U.S. has ramped up thanks to high-volume testing machines and new rapid tests. Last week, federal officials said total tests topped 1.4 million, and labs are processing nearly 100,000 tests daily. That's the threshold many experts say is needed to track the virus.

Still, testing continues to be constrained by shortages of medical supplies, while widespread drive-thru testing proposed for parking lots at chains like Walmart, Walgreens and Target has barely gotten off the ground. The Food and Drug Administration is also aggressively pushing new options onto the market.

Faster results: Genetic tests are the gold standard for detecting COVID-19 infections. New, quicker ones are replacing the original laboratory tests that have to be manually mixed and developed.

The idea behind both tests is the same: chemical solutions are used to isolate the virus from the patient sample, grab its genetic material and then reproduce it millions of times until it's detectable with a computer.

New rapid tests such as the one by Abbott Laboratories automate the process, cutting the time from four to six hours to about 15 minutes.



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Medical technicians handle a vial with a nasal swab at a drive-thru testing site Tuesday in Wheat Ridge, Colorado.

"Essentially all of the reactions are squeezed into a little cartridge, so it's a very nice, self-contained system," said Dr. Bobbi Pritt, lab director at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.

The cartridges from Abbott and other companies run on small, portable electronic machines found in thousands of U.S. hospitals, clinics and doctor's offices. That's expected to increase testing beyond large universities, government and commercial labs.

Abbott said it plans to begin shipping 50,000 tests per day this month. U.S. officials said they'd go first to remote areas with less access to labs.

For now, only a health care professional can order a coronavirus test. Under current guidelines, priority is given to people with COVID-19 symptoms who fall into several high-risk groups, including hospitalized patients, health care workers and the elderly.

"If you're not sick, you don't need to be tested," has been the mantra for weeks.

Don't try this at home: Accurately testing for coronavirus involves several steps, including carefully swabbing the nose or throat to collect a sample, placing it in a sterile tube, storing it below 46 degrees Fahrenheit and then ship-

ping it to a lab within three days.

Health officials warn a number of things could go wrong if consumers try to swab, store and ship their own samples, potentially resulting in testing errors and undetected infections.

The FDA is talking to companies working on at-home kits, but they'll be required to show that their results are comparable to those of people under professional care, agency spokesman Jeremy Kahn said in a statement.

Many proposed at-home tests aren't like home pregnancy tests — they won't provide instant results. The samples still need to go to a lab.

After several companies began shipping test kits last month, the FDA intervened. No home tests have been approved and the products sent to U.S. consumers were frauds, regulators said.

Several companies were caught off guard including San Francisco startup Nurx, which initially built its business around prescribing birth control drugs via brief online consultations.

On March 20, the company announced plans to ship 10,000 testing kits to customers for \$181 each. Within 24 hours, the FDA warning went out and Nurx's plan was off.



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CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Esper defends Navy captain's firing

Diagnosed positive, Crozier sought help with virus on ship

By HOPE YEN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With the military under broad pressure to step up its coronavirus response, Defense Secretary Mark Esper on Sunday defended the firing of an aircraft carrier commander who sought help for sailors during an outbreak as a matter of holding leaders “accountable.” He also said the matter was under review.

In two television interviews, Esper said acting Navy Secretary Thomas Modly made a “very tough decision” Thursday to oust Capt. Brett Crozier of command of the USS Theodore Roosevelt, which was docked in Guam, and that he supported the decision.

“It was based on his view that he had lost faith and confidence in the captain, based on his actions. It was supported by Navy leadership,” Esper said.

Still, the Pentagon chief declined to explicitly say he agreed with Modly’s assessment, noting that there is “an investigation ongoing.”

“This could ultimately come to my desk,” he said. “I think Secretary Modly laid out very reasonably, very deliberately the reasons why. And I think, when all those facts come to bear, we will have a chance to understand why Secretary Modly did what he did.”

Crozier circulated a memo to Navy leaders last week that was obtained by news media in which he urged speedy action to evacuate the ship of nearly 5,000 sailors as the coronavirus began to escalate. Modly said Crozier “demonstrated extremely poor judgment” in the middle of a crisis, although Navy officials later announced they would offload 2,700 sailors



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Capt. Brett Crozier was relieved of command of the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt last week.

in the coming days.

Videos went viral on social media over the weekend, showing hundreds of sailors gathered on the ship chanting and applauding Crozier on Thursday as he walked off the vessel, turned, saluted, waved and got into a waiting car.

His firing comes amid pressure on the military as it seeks to step up its response to the outbreak, including sending two Navy hospital ships to New York and Los Angeles. On Sunday, Esper said the Pentagon was sending over 1,100 additional doctors, nurses and other medical staff to New York as part of a COVID-19 operation that would have the military in charge of “the largest hospital in the United States,” with 2,500 beds at the Jacob Javits Convention Center.

Crozier has tested positive for COVID-19, according to two Naval Academy classmates of Crozier’s

who are close to him and his family.

A Navy spokesman declined to comment on Crozier’s COVID status.

The commander began exhibiting symptoms before he was removed from the warship, his classmates said. Crozier was fired following a leak to The San Francisco Chronicle of a letter he had emailed to Navy leaders that detailed the failures on the service’s part to provide the necessary resources to swiftly move sailors off the carrier and disinfect areas on board as the virus spread through the ship.

The news of Crozier’s diagnosis is likely to fuel further skepticism of the Navy’s handling of the carrier outbreak, which has already received notable criticism from the rank and file.

Esper issued new requirements for those visiting or working on Department of Defense installa-

tions regarding the use of cloth face coverings. He said that “to the extent practical,” all individuals on department property “will wear” the coverings when they cannot maintain 6 feet of social distance from others. The guidance, outlined in a memo to senior military leaders Sunday, is effective immediately.

As the coronavirus pandemic worsens and the country turns increasingly to the military for help, America’s armed services have been struggling to get new recruits as families and communities hunker down. The services, as a result, could fall thousands short of their enlistment goals if the widespread lockdowns drag on, forcing them to pressure current troops to stay on in order to maintain broader military readiness.

Asked over the weekend about whether Crozier’s firing could hurt morale in the military, President

Donald Trump said he was not involved with the decision but agreed with it “100 percent,” calling his letter “not appropriate.”

“I thought it was terrible what he did to write a letter,” he told reporters Saturday. “I mean, this isn’t a class on literature. This is a captain of a massive ship that’s nuclear powered. And he shouldn’t be talking that way in a letter. He could call and ask and suggest.”

Esper insisted it was not unusual for the Navy to relieve commanders so quickly without first completing a full review into their actions. But he also declined to say what will happen to Crozier, citing the current ongoing investigation. Esper said he backed Modly’s decision after also receiving advice from the chief of naval operations and Gen. Mark Milley, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

“It’s just another exam-

ple of how we hold leaders accountable for their actions,” Esper said.

He said over half the sailors aboard the ship had now been tested. About 155 sailors had tested positive for COVID-19, exhibiting “mild and moderate” symptoms with “no hospitalizations whatsoever.”

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.

Esper said not all the sailors will be evacuated because the ship has sensitive equipment and weapons on board, and a new commander will be arriving there soon to assess the crew’s safety.

On Sunday, Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden called the Trump administration’s handling of the case as “close to criminal.”

“The idea that this man stood up and said what had to be said, got it out that his troops, his Navy personnel were in danger,” he said. “The guy should have a commendation rather than be fired.”

Tweed Roosevelt, the great-grandson of former President Theodore Roosevelt, called Crozier a “hero.”

“In this era when so many seem to place expediency over honor, it is heartening that so many others are showing great courage, some even risking their lives. Theodore Roosevelt, in his time, chose the honorable course,” Tweed Roosevelt wrote in an op-ed Friday in The New York Times. “Captain Crozier has done the same.”

Esper appeared on CNN’s “State of the Union” and ABC’s “This Week,” and Biden also was on ABC.

The New York Times contributed.

US military commanders adjust elite unit missions

By THOMAS GIBBONS-NEFF AND ERIC SCHMITT
The New York Times

WASHINGTON — U.S. military commanders are using the restrictions imposed by the spread of the coronavirus to reshape the deployment of Special Operations troops all over the world, according to military officials. The decisions mean the withdrawal of elite commandos from some conflict zones and shuttering long-standing missions.

The directives, officials said, serve two purposes: to reduce the strain on a small but often-deployed portion of the U.S. military after more than 18 years of war, and to contend with the risk of operating alongside local forces in countries flooded with the coronavirus.

These initiatives, started by a handful of generals, provide a preview of what the entire U.S. military might look like in the aftermath of the crisis. The actions also reflect the thinking of some commanders who see the uncertainty surrounding the pandemic as an opportunity to

streamline their forces, cut missions they view as unnecessary and reorient commandos to higher priority operations.

“The crisis is a good opportunity to review our priorities and the value and opportunity costs of all of our efforts,” said Col. Mark E. Mitchell, a retired Green Beret commander who until November was the Pentagon’s top Special Operations policy official.

The moves align with the philosophy of Defense Secretary Mark Esper, who has long pushed for ending U.S. missions in far-flung parts of the globe to better focus forces toward Russia and China. But it has created strains within commands reluctant to lose troops.

Gen. Austin S. Miller, the commander of U.S. forces in Afghanistan, is looking to cut down troops even more from the current goal of 8,600 by withdrawing some of those assigned to train and work with Afghan forces. Nearly a half-dozen Special Forces teams — each with roughly 12 Army Green Berets — have been cut since February.

The move was prompted by expectations that cases

of the coronavirus would most likely continue to emerge within the Afghan ranks for an indefinite period, presenting a danger to U.S. troops and their relatively small medical infrastructure that was not worth the risk, military officials said.

In Iraq, the U.S.-led coalition has handed over three bases to Iraqi security forces in recent weeks, allowing commanders to pull Special Operations forces back to a handful of larger bases or assign them outside the country.

In a statement, the coalition headquarters in Iraq attributed the drawdown to threats from the growing pandemic and a winding down of efforts to train Iraqi forces in the fight against pockets of remaining Islamic State fighters throughout much of the country’s west and northwest.

“To prevent potential spread of COVID-19, the Iraqi security forces have suspended all training,” the coalition said in a statement March 20. “As a result, the coalition will temporarily return some of its training-focused forces to their own countries in the coming



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U.S. Special Forces personnel practice shooting in February in Atar, Mauritania. Restrictions imposed by the spread of the coronavirus is reshaping deployment of some troops.

days and weeks.”

Months before the pandemic, U.S. commanders in Iraq, at the urging of Esper, had drawn up plans to cut U.S. presence in the country to about 2,500 troops from more than 5,000 now.

Those plans took on greater urgency after Iranian-backed militias stepped up deadly rocket attacks against U.S. forces on Iraqi bases, leading to the drone strike in early January at Baghdad International Airport that killed Gen. Qassem Soleimani, a top Iranian commander. Soleimani’s killing prompted many in Iraq’s parliament to call for an ouster of U.S. troops from the country and spurred the

Shiite militias to again ramp up their rocket attacks.

Against this backdrop of increased security risks, a pandemic and political tensions, U.S. commanders are taking hard looks at what “mission critical” tasks still remain for their forces in Iraq.

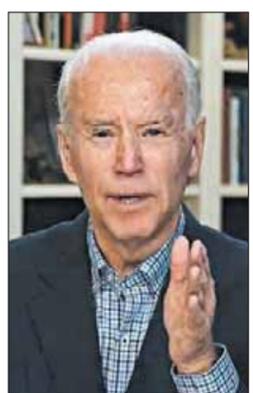
The question of prioritizing Special Operations missions, and not wanting those elite troops idled by a pandemic or political tensions, is one U.S. commanders worldwide are weighing in secure video conferences with staff on a weekly basis, one senior U.S. general said. The discussions are an inevitable byproduct of a 60-day global no-travel order, issued by the Pentagon, that

has allowed many commanders to look at their array of missions and question which are worth continuing.

But some operations with local security forces continue.

In Somalia, for instance, U.S. Special Operations forces are conducting airstrikes and helping Somali security forces carry out ground raids against al-Shabab militants aligned with al-Qaida, considered the most dangerous terrorist threat on the continent.

“We are not taking our focus off our operations,” said Brig. Gen. Dagvin R.M. Anderson, who commands all U.S. Special Operations forces in Africa.



BIDEN FOR PRESIDENT

Former Vice President Joe Biden seen March 25.

Biden floats idea of Dems holding a virtual convention

By WILL WEISSERT
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Joe Biden said Sunday that the Democratic National Convention, already delayed until August because of the coronavirus, may need to take place online as the pandemic continues to reshape the race for the White House.

The party “may have to do a virtual convention,” the former vice president said. “The idea of holding the convention is going to be

necessary. We may not be able to put 10, 20, 30,000 people in one place,” he told ABC’s “This Week,” calling an online convention “very possible.”

Biden has a commanding lead over Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders in the number of delegates needed to secure his party’s presidential nomination at a convention in Milwaukee, originally scheduled for July. Democrats hoped an early gathering would give the party more time to unify around a nominee who

could defeat President Donald Trump in November. But officials announced Thursday they were taking the unprecedented step of postponing the convention until August.

Biden publicly endorsed delaying the convention before the move to do so was announced, and said Sunday that the extraordinary measure of holding one all online is still not a certainty.

“What we do between now and then is going to dictate a lot of that as well,” he said. “But my point is

that I think you just got to follow the science. Listen to the experts.”

Biden also said he planned to wear a mask in public, heeding new federal guidelines that Americans use face coverings when venturing out. That contradicts Trump, who says he’s choosing not to do that.

“He may not like how he looks in a mask,” Biden said of the president, adding that it was a matter of following science. “That’s what they’re telling us.”

Speaking on “Fox News

Sunday,” Surgeon General Jerome Adams offered some of the starkest warnings about the virus yet, saying, “This is going to be the hardest and the saddest week of most Americans’ lives.”

But he appeared to play down the mask issue, saying that Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines emphasize that such coverings are voluntary and shouldn’t substitute for “social distancing” that has kept millions at home.

CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Pandemic warning program ended

Administration let \$200M in funding cease before spread

BY EMILY BAUMGAERTNER AND JAMES RAINEY
Los Angeles Times

Two months before the novel coronavirus probably began spreading in Wuhan, China, the Trump administration ended a \$200 million pandemic early-warning program aimed at training scientists in China and other countries to detect and respond to such a threat.

The project, launched by the U.S. Agency for International Development in 2009, identified 1,200 different viruses that had the potential to erupt into pandemics, including more than 160 novel coronaviruses. The initiative, called PREDICT, also trained and supported staff in 60 foreign laboratories — including the Wuhan lab that identified SARS-CoV-2, the new coronavirus that causes COVID-19.

Field work ceased when the funding ran out in September, and organizations that worked on the PREDICT program laid off dozens of scientists and analysts, said Peter Daszak, president of EcoHealth Alliance, a key player in the program.

On Wednesday, USAID granted an emergency extension to the program, issuing \$2.26 million over the next six months to send experts who will help foreign labs squelch the pandemic. But program leaders say the funding will do little to further the initiative's original mission.

"Look at the name: Our efforts were to predict this before it happens. That's the part of the program that was exciting — and that's the part I'm worried about," Daszak said.

"It's absolutely critical that we don't drop the idea of a large-scale, proactive, predictive program that



ALEX BRANDON/AP

President Trump speaks about the coronavirus during Thursday's briefing at the White House.

tries to catch pandemics before they happen. Cutting a program that could in any way reduce the risk of things like COVID-19 happening again is, by any measure, shortsighted," he added.

It is unclear whether another five-year grant would have dulled the effect of the current pandemic. But the Trump administration has come under increased criticism for its past moves to downgrade global health security, including proposals to slash funding to science agencies and the elimination of the National Security Council's key global health post.

A spokesman for USAID said PREDICT was "one component of USAID's global health security efforts and accounted for less than 20% of our global health security funding." He also said a new initiative to stop the spillover of viruses

from animals to humans is scheduled to be awarded in August.

The PREDICT project, which operated on two five-year funding cycles that formally concluded last September, enrolled epidemiologists and wildlife veterinarians to examine the types of interactions between animals and humans that researchers suspect led to the current outbreak of COVID-19.

The pandemic "didn't surprise us, unfortunately," said Jonna Mazet, executive director of the One Health Institute in the University of California, Davis School of Veterinary Medicine, who served as the global director of PREDICT for a decade. "The work had been ongoing for some time. And when the crisis hits, everybody stands up and takes notice and says, 'OK, we believe you.'"

The PREDICT project,

launched in response to the 2005 H5N1 "bird flu" scare, gathered specimens from more than 10,000 bats and 2,000 other mammals in search of dangerous viruses. They detected about 1,200 viruses that could spread from wild animals to humans, signaling pandemic potential. More than 160 of them were novel coronaviruses, much like SARS-CoV-2.

They also took blood samples from people in rural China, and learned that, in living among wildlife, they had been exposed to coronaviruses — a clear sign that, if those viruses spread easily among humans, they could take off. That "raised the red flag," said Mazet.

"Coronaviruses were jumping easily across species lines and were ones to watch for epidemics and pandemics," she said.

The program also trained nearly 7,000 people across

medical and agricultural sectors in 30 countries in Asia, Africa and the Middle East to help them detect deadly new viruses on their own. One of those labs was the Wuhan Institute of Virology — the Chinese lab that quickly identified SARS-CoV-2, Mazet said.

The Wuhan lab received USAID funding for equipment, and PREDICT coordinators connected the scientists there with researchers in other countries in order to synchronize tracking of novel viruses before SARS-CoV-2.

The project's second funding cycle concluded on Sept. 30, less than two months before the new coronavirus probably began spreading. It was granted a zero-dollar six-month extension — through March 2020 — to write up final reports.

Dennis Carroll, a widely respected scientist who

headed USAID's emerging threats division, oversaw the initiative for its duration, but retired around the time it was shut down. Carroll did not respond to an inquiry from the Los Angeles Times, but told The New York Times last year that by January 2019, the program had "essentially collapsed into hibernation," and that its conclusion was because of "the ascension of risk-averse bureaucrats."

Other members of the consortium included Columbia University's Center for Infection and Immunity and several institutes that manage major U.S. zoos.

Earlier this year, as COVID-19 took off, U.S. lawmakers expressed frustration over the program's end.

"Addressing and preventing the spread of coronavirus and potential pandemic disease outbreaks is a serious matter that requires adequate resources for and cooperation between experts throughout the federal government," Sens. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., and Angus King, I-Maine, wrote in a letter to USAID's administrator earlier this year, asking for details on the decision.

On Wednesday, the PREDICT program was extended through September to offer emergency technical assistance to foreign labs battling the coronavirus pandemic. To date, PREDICT-supported labs in Malaysia, Thailand and Indonesia are actively testing for coronavirus cases, Daszak said, and he has been sending reagents and other supplies to assist them.

Meanwhile, in Rwanda, scientists who had been trained in the PREDICT program triggered early social distancing measures, Mazet said. "I do think that what we were doing has changed the outcomes for a lot of countries," she said.

"But unfortunately, not our own," she added.

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created more than 20 years ago to help bridge gaps in the medical and pharmaceutical supply chains during a national emergency.

Now, three months into the crisis, that stockpile is nearly drained just as the numbers of patients needing critical care is surging. Some state and local officials report receiving broken ventilators and decade-old dry-rotted masks.

"We basically wasted two months," Kathleen Sebelius, secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services during the Obama administration, said.

HHS did not respond to questions about why federal officials waited to order medical supplies until stocks were running critically low. But President Donald Trump and his appointees have urged state and local governments, and hospitals, to buy their own masks and breathing machines.

"The notion of the federal stockpile was it's supposed to be our stockpile," Jared Kushner, the president's son-in-law and adviser, said at a White House briefing Thursday. "It's not supposed to be state stock-

piles that they then use."

Because of the fractured federal response to COVID-19, governors say they're bidding against federal agencies and each other for scarce supplies, driving up prices.

"You now literally will have a company call you up and say, 'Well, California just outbid you,'" Gov. Andrew Cuomo, D-N.Y., said Tuesday. "It's like being on eBay with 50 other states, bidding on a ventilator."

For nearly a month, Trump rebuffed calls from Cuomo and others to use his authority under the Defense Production Act to order companies to increase production of ventilators and personal protective equipment.

Trump finally relented last week, saying he will order companies to ramp up production of critical supplies. By then, confirmed cases of COVID-19 within the United States had surged to the highest in the world.

Trump spent January and February playing down the threat from the new virus. As the World Health Organization declared the outbreak a global public health emergency on Jan. 30, Trump assured the American people that the virus was "very well under control."

On Feb. 24, the White

House sent Congress an initial \$2.5 billion funding request to address the coronavirus outbreak. The next day, federal health experts at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention warned that the virus was spreading quickly in the U.S. and predicted that disruptions to daily life could be "severe."

At the start of the crisis, an HHS spokeswoman said the Strategic National Stockpile had about 13 million N95 respirator masks — a small fraction of what hospitals need to protect their workers.

Federal contracting records show that HHS had made an order March 12 for \$4.8 million of N95 masks from 3M, the largest U.S.-based manufacturer, which had ramped up production weeks earlier in response to the pandemic. HHS followed up with a larger \$173 million order on March 21, but those contracts don't require 3M to start making deliveries to the national stockpile until the end of April.

On Thursday, Trump threatened in a Tweet to "hit 3M hard" through a Defense Production Act order, saying the company "will have a big price to pay!" He gave no specifics.

HHS declined last week to say how many N95 masks it has on hand. But as of



JOHN MINCHILLO/AP

Medical supplies at the Jacob Javits Convention Center, now a field hospital, in New York City.

March 31, the White House said more than 11.6 million had been distributed to state and local governments from the national stockpile — about 90% of what was available at the start of the year.

Experts are worried the U.S. will also soon exhaust its supply of ventilators.

The White House said

Tuesday that it had already distributed nearly half the breathing machines in the stockpile, which at the beginning of March had 16,660. An additional 2,425 were out for maintenance.

It wasn't until last week that Trump finally said he would use that power to order General Motors to begin manufacturing venti-

lators — work the company had already announced was underway.

Cuomo predicted on Friday that New York would run out within days. With the death rate surging, the governor vowed to use his authority to seize ventilators, masks and protective gear from private hospitals that aren't using them.



JOHN HART/WISCONSIN STATE JOURNAL

Police probe the fatal shooting of a doctor and her husband Tuesday near the University of Wisconsin arboretum.

2nd teen held in killing of Wis. doctor, spouse

Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — A University of Wisconsin physician and her husband whose bodies were found at the school's arboretum near the Madison campus were shot to death, and a second suspect in the killings has been arrested, police said.

Police said Ali'jah Larrue, 18, was arrested Friday night and booked on two counts of party to the crime of first-degree intentional homicide.

UW police spokesman Marc Loviccott said Sunday that Larrue is an acquaintance of the other suspect, Khari Sanford, 18, who was arrested earlier Friday and booked on the same charges.

"We are confident these are the two guys," Loviccott told The Associated Press, although the investigation remained active.

A jogger found the bodies of Dr. Beth Potter, 52, and her husband, Robin Carre, 57, last Tuesday in a ditch at the university's

arboretum, a research and popular recreational area.

Loviccott said the couple had been shot at the arboretum overnight before their bodies were found, but that police were not ready to discuss a motive.

Police have said the couple was targeted and that Sanford was known to the victims' family.

The suspects have not been formally charged but are expected to make their initial court appearances this week, Loviccott said.

Potter worked at the

Wingra Family Medical Center, run by the UW-Madison Department of Family Medicine and Community Health and Access Community Health Centers. She also was medical director of UW Health's Employee Health Services.

Carre headed up a Madison youth soccer club. Carre's professional consulting work involved helping high school students best prepare themselves for college admissions.

The couple is survived by three children.

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ALBERTO PIZZOLI/AP

Pope Francis holds a palm branch as he celebrates Palm Sunday Mass behind closed doors in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican during the lockdown caused by the pandemic.

Palm Sunday services go on minus public; some on roofs

BY FRANCES D'EMILIO
Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Pope Francis celebrated Palm Sunday Mass in the shelter of St. Peter's Basilica without the public because of the coronavirus pandemic, while parish priests elsewhere in Rome took to church rooftops and bell towers to lead services so at least some faithful could follow the familiar ritual.

Looking pensive and sounding subdued, Francis led the first of several solemn Holy Week ceremonies that will shut out rank-and-file faithful from attending, as Italy's rigid lockdown measures forbid public gatherings.

Normally, tens of thousands of Romans, tourists and pilgrims, clutching olive tree branches or palm fronds would have flocked to an outdoor Mass led by the pontiff.

Instead, Francis celebrated Mass inside St. Peter's Basilica, which seemed even more cavernous than usual because it was so empty.

Besides his aides, a few invited prelates, nuns and laypeople were present, sitting solo in the first pews and staggered far apart to reduce the risks of conta-

gion. A male choir, also practicing social distancing, sang hymns, accompanied by an organist.

Francis is also the bishop of Rome, and some of the parish priests in the Italian capital went to unusual lengths — or, more precisely, unusual heights — so their parishioners could follow Mass without resorting to streamed versions on TV or computers. The priests celebrated Mass on rooftops so faithful who lived nearby could watch from balconies or terraces. In one church, a priest marked Palm Sunday with Mass from his church's bell tower.

Social-distancing requirements affected Palm Sunday practices around the globe. In Jerusalem, where thousands of pilgrims usually participate in the march, this year was limited to a handful of participants. Clerics and faithful went door to door often throwing the branches to Christians looking on from their balconies.

"This year because of the new situation we are trying to come to all the Christians in our Christian Quarter to bring these branches of olives, the sign of new hope," said the Rev. Sandro

Tomasevic, a Catholic clergyman at the Latin Parish of Jerusalem.

Palm Sunday commemorates Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.

In the United States, Rhode Island Gov. Gina Raimondo directed churches not to make palm branches available in a kind of "grab and go" pickup strategy.

In a tweet, Roman Catholic Bishop Thomas Tobin urged parishes to comply with the order by the governor.

Wearing red robes to symbolize the blood shed by Jesus in the hours of his crucifixion, Francis blessed braided palms.

"Today, in the tragedy of a pandemic, in the face of the many false securities that have now crumbled, in the face of so many hopes betrayed, in the sense of abandonment that weighs upon our hearts, Jesus says to each one of us: 'Courage, open your heart to my love,'" Francis said.

Francis urged people to hold fast to "what really matters in our lives."

Earlier during the pandemic, Francis has praised medical staff, transport workers, supermarket clerks and others for their sacrifices to help lives.

Europe seeing signs of hope as virus curve drops in Italy

BY FRANCES D'EMILIO
Associated Press

ROME — Europe is seeing further signs of hope in the coronavirus outbreak as Italy's daily death toll was at its lowest in more than two weeks and health officials noted with caution Sunday that the infection curve was finally descending. In Spain, new deaths dropped for the third straight day.

But the optimism was tempered by Britain's jump in coronavirus deaths that outpaced the daily toll in Italy.

Angelo Borrelli, the head of Italy's Civil Protection agency, said Sunday there were 525 deaths in the 24-hour period since Saturday evening. That's the lowest such figure in the country since 427 deaths were registered March 19.

Italy has 15,887 deaths and nearly 129,000 confirmed COVID-19 cases.

A day shy of one month under a national lockdown that the Italian government ordered, the lower count of day-to-day deaths brought some encouragement.

The number of intensive care unit beds occupied by COVID-19 patients has also showed a decrease in the last few days, including in northern Lombardy, Italy's most stricken region.

Borrelli also noted with a measure of satisfaction that the number of those hospitalized but not in ICU beds also has decreased.

Italy recorded 4,316 new cases Sunday. Earlier in the outbreak, daily increases in caseloads topped the 6,000 mark.

"The curve, which had been plateauing for days, is starting to descend," national health official Silvio Brusaferrero told reporters, referring to graphs indicating daily numbers of confirmed cases.

But Borrelli warned:



ANNA SURINYACH/AP

Health care workers monitor a COVID-19 patient in Spain, where 6,023 new infections were confirmed Sunday.

"This good news shouldn't make us drop our guard."

For days, anticipating a possible downward slope in the curve, government and health authorities in Italy have cautioned that restrictions on movement would likely last in some form for weeks.

The virus causes mild to moderate symptoms in most people, but for some, especially older adults and the infirm, it can cause severe pneumonia and lead to death.

As warm, sunny weather beckoned across Europe, Queen Elizabeth II appealed to Britons to exercise self-discipline in "an increasingly challenging time."

Britain recorded 708 new coronavirus deaths Saturday while Italy reported 631 deaths that day. With 621 more deaths reported Sunday, Britain has 4,934 virus deaths overall among 47,806 cases. Those coming down with the virus in the U.K. include Prime Minister Boris Johnson, the health secretary, England's chief medical official and Prince Charles, heir to the British throne.

There are wide fears that Johnson's Conservative government didn't take the virus seriously enough at first and that beautiful spring weather will tempt Britons and others to break social distancing rules.

Restrictions on movement vary from country to country. In Germany and Britain, residents can exercise and walk their dogs, as well as go to the supermarket and do other essential tasks.

Swedish authorities have advised the public to practice social distancing, but schools, bars and restaurants are still open.

Spain announced 6,023 confirmed new infections Sunday, taking its national tally to 130,759 but down from an increase of 7,026 infections in the previous day. Spain's confirmed new virus deaths dropped for the third straight day, to 674 — the first time daily deaths have fallen below 800 in the past week.

"We are starting to see the light at the end of the tunnel," Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez said.

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UK Prime Minister Johnson in hospital due to virus symptoms

LONDON — British Prime Minister Boris Johnson was admitted to a hospital Sunday for tests, his office said, because he is still suffering symptoms, 10 days after he was diagnosed with COVID-19.

Johnson's office said the admission to an undisclosed London hospital came on the advice of his doctor and was not an emergency. The prime minister's Downing Street office said it was a "precautionary step" and

Johnson remains in charge of the government.

Johnson, 55, has been quarantined in his Downing Street residence since being diagnosed with COVID-19 on March 26 — the first known head of government to fall ill with the virus.

Johnson has continued to preside at daily meetings on Britain's response to the outbreak and has released several video messages during his 10 days in isolation.

Tiger at NYC's Bronx Zoo tests positive for coronavirus

NEW YORK — A tiger at the Bronx Zoo has tested positive for the new coronavirus, in what is believed to be the first known infection in an animal in the U.S. or a tiger anywhere, federal officials and the zoo said Sunday.

The 4-year-old Malaysian tiger named Nadia — and six other tigers and lions that have also fallen ill — are believed to have been infected by a zoo employee who wasn't yet

showing symptoms, the zoo said. The first animal started showing symptoms March 27, and all are doing well and expected to recover, said the zoo, which has been closed to the public since March 16.

The finding raises new questions about transmission of the virus in animals. The U.S. Department of Agriculture says there are no known cases of the virus in U.S. pets or livestock.

Virus cancels anniversary event for deadly W.Va. mine explosion

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — A planned public gathering was shelved on the 10th anniversary of the worst U.S. mining disaster in decades.

Heartfelt speeches gave way Sunday to silent remembrances and individual prayers for the 29 men who died at the Upper Big Branch mine in West Virginia.

The coronavirus pandemic prompted the decision weeks ago to cancel

the event. Instead, mourners were allowed to lay wreaths from dusk to dawn at a memorial site in Whitesville, not far from the mine.

Worn and broken cutting equipment created a spark that ignited accumulations of coal dust and methane gas at the mine. Broken and clogged water sprayers allowed what should have been a minor flare-up to become an inferno.



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A family in the village of Hartley Wintney, west of London, watches Queen Elizabeth II deliver a special address to the UK and Commonwealth Sunday.

Queen recalls WWII sacrifices, urges Britons to show strength

Queen Elizabeth II urged Britons to adopt the same discipline and resolve that the U.K. showed during World War II as she sought to comfort the public during the fight against coronavirus.

In a rare televised address, the 93-year-old monarch insisted that the sacrifices made during the national lockdown will be worth it, and added that families and friends will be reunited.

"I hope in the years to come everyone will be able to take pride in how they responded to this challenge," she said. "And those

who come after us will say that the Britons of this generation were as strong as any."

The Queen thanked National Health Service staff and other key workers tackling the pandemic. Other than her annual Christmas address, she rarely makes such public pronouncements.

She recalled her first broadcast in 1940 as a teenager growing up during World War II, alongside her sister Margaret. "We, as children, spoke from here at Windsor to children who had been evacuated from their homes and sent away

for their own safety. Today, once again, many will feel a painful sense of separation from their loved ones. But now, as then, we know, deep down, that it is the right thing to do."

The speech was recorded at Windsor Castle by a single cameraman wearing personal protective equipment and keeping a safe distance from the monarch.

"We should take comfort that while we may have more still to endure, better days will return," she said. "We will be with our friends again; we will be with our families again. We will meet again."

3rd person held in deadly knife attack in France

PARIS — A third person has been detained in a anti-terrorism investigation in France over a knife attack south of Lyon that left two people dead, authorities said Sunday.

The third arrest was made Saturday, and that all three suspects are Sudanese, the anti-terror

prosecutor's office said.

On Saturday, a man attacked residents with a knife in the small town of Romans-sur-Isere, injuring several people in addition to the two fatalities. Residents, who were in lockdown amid the coronavirus pandemic, were carrying out their permitted daily

food shopping.

France's counterterrorism prosecutor's office said the assailant was arrested minutes after as he was kneeling on the sidewalk praying in Arabic. It said one of his acquaintances also was detained.

Prosecutors didn't identify the suspect.

Rwanda finds genocide grave in a valley dam

KIGALI, Rwanda — A valley dam that authorities in Rwanda say could contain about 30,000 bodies has been discovered more than a quarter-century after the country's genocide in which 800,000 ethnic Tutsi and Hutus who tried to protect them were killed.

The discovery is being called the most significant in years, and 50 bodies have been exhumed so far in efforts that are challenged by the nation's coronavirus lockdown.

Rwanda on Tuesday marks the 26th anniversary of the genocide, but because of the lockdown the country will follow events on television and social media as gatherings are banned.

Other information on the dam came from nearby residents.

Authorities said the dam was dug years before the genocide to provide water for rice farming.

In South Sudan: South Sudan has announced its first case of COVID-19, making it the 51st of Africa's 54 countries to report the disease.

A U.N. worker who arrived in the country from Netherlands on Feb. 28 is ill with the disease, confirmed First Vice President Riek Machar and the U.N. mission in South Sudan. The patient, a 29-year-old woman, first showed signs of the disease on April 2 and is recovering, said officials.

South Sudan, with 11 million people, currently has four ventilators and wants to increase that number, said Machar, who emphasized that people should stay three to six feet apart from others.

"The only vaccine is social distancing," said Machar.

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EDITORIALS

You love your local businesses. Coronavirus is punishing them.

Shops and restaurants need attention, less regulation to keep economy flowing

By late last week, Wall Street was showing signs of a rally. Against alarming unemployment figures, a short-term bump driven by a rise in oil prices was a welcome sliver of good news.

History demonstrates that Wall Street rebounds from severe economic crises. It's Main Street that is more concerning.

Look around your neighborhood, your community "downtown," if one exists. The mom-and-pop jewelers, hardware stores, dry cleaners and restaurants — the establishments strained pre-coronavirus pandemic by online shopping and the competition of a virtual marketplace — are going to be in trouble. Some already are. Shutting down might have seemed like a temporary inconvenience when Gov. J.B. Pritzker ordered a shutdown March 16 closing order for bars and restaurants statewide.

But the prospect of a monthslong snooze button on local economies means reality is settling in. Be prepared: Your neighborhood — the quality-of-life accouterment of a quaint retail corridor, the mechanic down the street, the day care center on the corner, the local pizza place — are in jeopardy of permanent closure if virus spread continues to jeopardize public health.

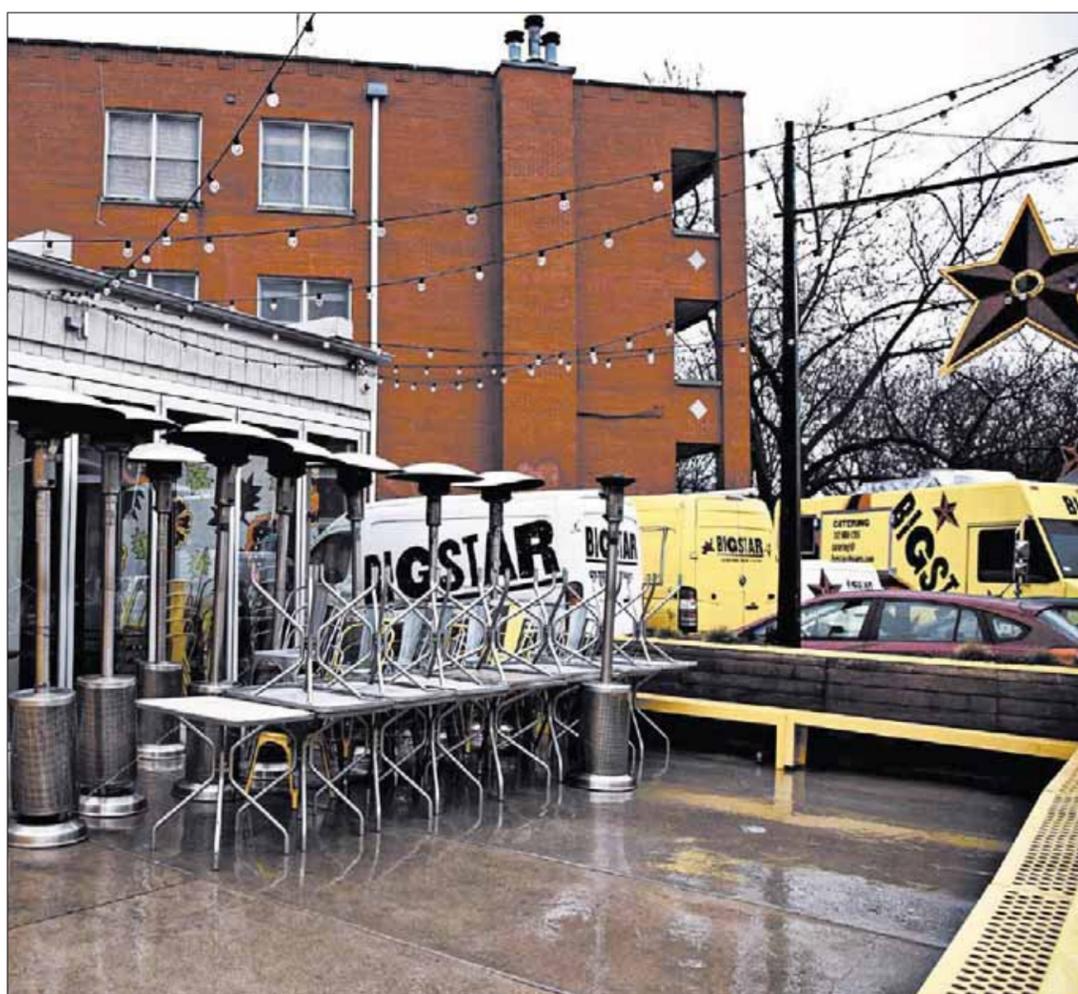
Here's where local governments need to step in, even if for emotional support and advice to business owners. The federal government's stimulus bill will be a life saver for some. But reviving local businesses where employees left, where they found other work or where there was no margin for revenue loss are micro block-by-block complications.

In Chicago that means aldermen with the resources of City Hall should be planning, all hands on deck, for the other end of this pandemic. Only local officials know, or should know, the dress shops and bakeries suffering through canceled weddings and First Communions. Aldermen know, or should know, the dentists and foot doctors with no patients to see. They know the shoe store operating on a shoestring.

Same with suburban and small-town government throughout Illinois. Local officials are best suited to identify problems and coordinate help. That can't be on the federal government.

Business owners are doing their part. A.J. Castillo, owner of Americanos, a modern Mexican American restaurant and bar in Chicago's Morgan Park neighborhood that opened in March 2018, is trying to ride out the uncertainty. "It's been a roller coaster with lots of ups and downs," he said of opening a restaurant, his family's lifelong dream.

When Pritzker ordered all bars restaurants across Illinois to close their



An empty restaurant patio and parked food trucks at Big Star in Wicker Park on March 18 during the coronavirus pandemic.



A sign on the end of dine-in on a closed restaurant Wednesday in Lakeview.

doors. "I was upset at first," he said. "But as I've learned more about the virus, it seems like the right thing to do. There are always going to be forks in the road. That doesn't scare me."

To survive, Castillo laid off several employees and ramped-up pickup and delivery service. For a time, he marketed and sold premixed margarita bottles of freshly squeezed citrus and tequila that patrons could pick up with their food. It helped keep revenue

flowing. But then liquor commission authorities intervened and objected to containers that weren't sealed to regulation standards. He now is trying to devise a "kit" of ingredients that would meet the standards.

And yet, isn't this a time government should be loosening restrictions, not tightening them?

"I think they should look at the full situation here," Castillo said. In the meantime, he'll continue to count on

local support, which has been generous in sustaining carryout orders and including much-appreciated tips.

After 9/11, New York City and a devastated Manhattan rebounded slowly with a targeted approach to getting the city humming again. A 2004 study that measured the economic impact of 9/11 determined the city lost 143,000 jobs a month and \$2.8 billion in revenue in the three months following the terrorist attack. Industries most impacted included finance, banking and insurance. Only intense coordination of resources ameliorated the devastation.

For Chicago and Illinois, the same focus will be required. We can multitask. We can prioritize health care and safety while planning for an economic recovery. What outside-the-box proposals, preparedness measures, are underway to restart our economies and get paychecks flowing to families again?

It's something city and state leaders should be vigorously planning too. Not later. Now.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

America's taxpayers lend out money to many students who simply are not suited for college. ... The federal government must get out of the lending business, which means a return to the pre-1965 system where private lenders fund the education of those whom they believe will be able to repay their loans. ... It should also, as was the case before 1965, not guarantee private loans. No private lender would give money for a degree in grievance studies that costs \$300,000. ...

One solution for preserving liberal education for the best students is currently being employed by Purdue University. Purdue lends money directly to students whom it believes can successfully complete their educational programs; the university therefore has a stake in the students' success. That Yale's \$30 billion endowment goes untouched while students borrow from taxpayers is unconscionable. ...

Reforms like these would be catastrophic for key elements of the existing model of higher education in America. But they could be enormously helpful to forms of higher education that actually serve the nation and fulfill the purpose of the university. Addicted as they are to federal funding, the administrators of our flagship universities may become more obliging, while mid-tier schools, having enriched themselves for too long from student loans, will close their doors.

If large parts of the current system collapse, donors can regenerate colleges in new forms. ... Hillsdale College, for example, has raised nearly \$1.3 billion over the past 20 years, entirely from private funds, and it does not accept federal student aid. It is likely that such private funding will be found to buy bankrupted colleges in order to make them anew.

Arthur Milikh, National Affairs



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A Passover Seder in New York on April 23, 2016. The Seder typically brings family and friends together, but in 2020 some downsizing and spacing may be necessary.

A Zoom Seder? We're adjusting, and there are options for Passover

BY PEGGY WOLFF

Today I should be pulling out the Seder plates, the afkoman bag, the best dishes, the silver goblet for the prophet Elijah's wine and 12 Haggadahs. This is the written story of the Exodus, our ancestors' long journey out from under the oppressive Egyptian pharaoh to the promised land.

We've invited family and friends, and if someone wanted to bring a friend or two, we've an open-door policy. A Seder is a lot of people in a pretty close space.

What now? Spread out the seating? Limit capacity?

In keeping with stay-at-home orders to reduce the spread of the novel coronavirus, people are self-quarantining, not traveling, not gathering. To observe the rich feast together is a dangerous tightrope walk. We would be risking life.

There are multiple options.

We're recasting the first night of Passover to a bare minimum, our home unit, as it's now called, plus our millennial son who's working from home in Bucktown. What about our daughter in Oakland? "Invite" her in via Zoom?

"That's weird, Passover is about the food," our son said, referring to the feast but also the symbols such as parsley, horseradish, the roasted egg

and more on the Seder plate.

I reached out for some rabbinic wisdom. Rabbi Sidney Helbraun said that he was just starting to make the transition himself into how to do Passover during this pandemic. Helbraun is the senior rabbi of reform Temple Beth-El in Northbrook and president of the Chicago Board of Rabbis. People are viewing Passover through a different lens, he said.

"We're using Zoom a lot. I could invite 100 people to share the Seder with us ... I don't know if we will, but we have those options in the reform community, to bring more people with us to our table." Passover via teleconferencing software. Or Skype. Or FaceTime. Or livestream. I wondered, does rabbinic tradition mandate the kind of innovations that are appearing this year? Is technology a one-off dispensation granted in view of the extreme current circumstances?

"In the days of the Talmud, the rabbis taught that there was a principle called *dina d'malchuta dina*, which means the law of the land is the law. And we're living in a time where the law of the land is that it's not safe to be coming together in gatherings."

Yet COVID-19 is not stopping Jews from having their holiday.

Traditional Passover dinner orders for four, six, eight, 12 and a la carte, have come in to delis for curbside

delivery. Just call, your matzo ball soup is waiting. Bette Dworkin, owner of Kaufman's in Skokie, said that although she is getting calls for dinner-to-go, "my sense is that a lot of people aren't going to do anything. The fear factor is huge."

Yet ... you don't have to skip Passover, even if you are solo.

Rabbi Emeritus Harold Kudan, of Glencoe's Am Shalom, said that to fulfill the mitzvah of Passover, "the Torah commands the Jewish people to have these three things: matzo, maror (bitter herbs) and a shank bone."

"And what does each one mean? Well, matzo, to remember this is the bread of affliction. Who has been afflicted? During this time of coronavirus? You could dwell on that." And the bitter herbs?

"The bitterness of us being solitary during this time. You hear about people being in hospice and no one can be near them. Or people who have funerals and you can't comfort them. This is the bitterness."

"And the shank bone is sacrifice. What is it that we have learned of this coronavirus that sacrifices something? The medical workers, emergency workers, first responders, all these people have done sacrificial things. What have we done, what have we been called upon to sacrifice?"

We have some time to think about

that because we have a second chance to observe Passover, to have the Seder we wanted to have.

Passover Sheni, literally "Second Passover," is a day that occurs exactly 30 days after the first night. That's May 7. Google it or read the Torah, Numbers chapter 9:1-14.

One year after the Exodus, it was time again for the Jewish people to bring the Passover offering, the Paschal lamb. But there was a problem. Those in charge of carrying the coffins of Jacob's sons to their final burial place in Israel were ritually unclean by reason of being near a corpse, and thus unable to offer the Paschal lamb. They asked Moses and Aaron, why must we be forbidden from presenting the Lord's offering with the rest of the Israelites?

Moses said, stand by, and let me hear what instructions the Lord gives. "The Lord replied when any of you who are defiled by a corpse, or are on a long journey would offer a Passover sacrifice to the Lord, they shall offer it in the second month (of the Jewish calendar), on the fourteenth day of the month, at twilight."

If COVID-19 is under control, we will have a Seder and together take a leap of solidarity back into the founding event of Jewish nationhood.

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'Church' is so much more than a building — and other lessons

BY SYLER THOMAS AND MIKE WOODRUFF

On Sunday, Sept. 16, 2001, churches across the country were packed. The tragic, history-altering events of the prior Tuesday had turned what should have been a normal Sunday into a standing-room-only event. No one was surprised by this. In times of turmoil, many people return to God for hope and direction.

But things are different today. Global pandemics come with social distancing instructions and stay-at-home orders. Consequently, over the past month, churches have been empty.

Is this a problem? We'd be lying if we said it wasn't a challenge. But the church has never been a building, and COVID-19 is helping make that clear.

What is happening?

Churches have gone virtual. Over 2,000 years ago, Jesus told a group of also-rans that he would use them to turn the world upside down. He did. And the early church did it without buildings. In some ways, this highlights the fact that it has never been about the building — at least, it was never supposed to be. Whether it was grass huts in a jungle, a basilica in Europe or a movie theater in a suburban center, the church was always supposed to be about gathering people together who want to be formed by the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. For the first 300 years there were no buildings. People met in homes, often around a meal. We are back to where we started, although this time we are in front



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Michael May videotapes Father Ramil Fajardo during a livestream at Saint James Chapel on March 20 in Chicago.

of TVs and computer screens, leveraging tech where it helps.

Christians are processing. It's too soon to tell if COVID-19 is an earthquake, a disruptive event that leaves little lasting change, or a glacier, something that forever alters the landscape. But the virus is helping make other things clear.

For starters, it highlights our mortality. While this particular virus doesn't increase the likelihood that we will die — we all will — it makes our mortality harder to ignore. It also points out that it's easy to put our hopes in things that are less stable than we think — like our 401(k) plan or capitalism in general. Reflecting on what is truly lasting is good for your soul.

So what are pastors doing?

Pastors are mobilizing volunteers.

Though many think otherwise, when the church is leaning into her assignments, she is an engine for the common good. A study out of the University of Pennsylvania estimated that a congregation of 200 generates \$2 million dollars in value to the community around it. So in our context, we're doing our best to match people with needs with those who have an ability to help meet them.

Pastors are providing care. Even if we flatten the curve enough to avoid the worst-case scenarios, people will continue to die from COVID-19. Already, two related things have become obvious to us: 1) many will die alone; and 2) some who survive will suffer knowing that they are the ones who infected their loved one. It's our job to step in and provide comfort and encouragement in this time of tragedy.

Pastors are asking if they should risk infection. The time may come when we're asked to minister to someone infected with COVID-19. Because walking into that room triggers a 14-day quarantine, we're wondering if it's the right thing to do.

Five hundred years ago, Martin Luther provided guidance in a letter he wrote during the bubonic plague: After stating that no Christian is required to stay in a village being overrun by the plague, he wrote, "But if my neighbor needs me ... I shall not avoid place or person but will go freely." In Matthew 25, Jesus tells his followers that when you serve "the least of these," you are serving Him. In this way, Luther says: "If you wish to serve Christ and to wait on him, very well, you have

your sick neighbor close at hand. Go to him and serve him, and you will surely find Christ in him." We can be wise with our own social distancing, but there may come a time when our calling must exceed our own personal safety.

And then ... we wait like everyone else to see when we can meet together again, the absence making our hearts grow fonder toward one another.

It is certainly hard to make sense out of new realities in church work, but throughout history, it seems that the harder it is, the better the church does. In fact, the church has never done well with power and it tends to shine when things are hard and simple.

On bad days the church is a self-absorbed institution filled with self-righteous hypocrites — like us. Often it's the needs of hurting people around us that will pull us out of our self-focus and onto what's most important. It's on our better days, then, that the church is a group of people seeking to follow the example of Jesus, which means caring for widows, orphans and those pushed to the fringes of society.

Perhaps this is our moment to shine for the sake of others right now in this season of Lent, when we remind ourselves of the sacrificial death of a Savior, who not only died for us, but calls us to pick up our own cross and follow him daily.

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After people flocked to Lake Michigan on a warm day, Chicago police officers on March 25, limit access to the Lakefront Trail.

Public safety during pandemic requires a full-capacity CPD

BY JASON JOHNSON

The tragic death from COVID-19 of Chicago police Officer Marco DiFranco, announced Thursday, underscores the urgent need for law enforcement agencies across the country to take aggressive and unprecedented action. This type of extraordinary response is necessary not only to protect officers from illness, but also to ensure sufficient resources are available to continue to protect the public.

Public safety depends on the ability of our law enforcement agencies to continue to operate at a minimum of full capacity. The Chicago Police Department, already under the pressures of a federally mandated consent decree, has been in a state of transition over the past several months. On the same day DiFranco's death was announced, Mayor Lori Lightfoot announced the selection of former Dallas police Chief David Brown as the next Chicago police superintendent. Brown takes over CPD in the middle of this coronavirus pandemic.

Most recent reports indicated that more than 70 Chicago police officers and two civilian department employees have tested positive for COVID-19. As of Friday, about 1,000 CPD officers and civilian employees combined were on sick leave, which is about 7% of the department.

The situation will almost certainly get much worse before it gets better — the New York Police Department has had over 1,400 officers test positive and has over 17% of its workforce on sick leave, an alarming number in itself.

The most important ingredient to maintaining readiness is a healthy work-

force able to deliver services that are essential to maintaining even a basic level of public safety. Due to challenges recruiting a sufficient number of officers in recent years, most agencies do not have sufficient staffing to lose many officers to illness or quarantine before public safety is challenged.

In order to protect officers and allow officers to continue to protect the public, every law enforcement agency in the country must adopt a comprehensive COVID-19 plan. At a minimum, the plan must incorporate training, protective equipment, operational response, pre-shift health screening, post-shift hygiene and contingency plans if staffing levels are depleted below a safe minimum.

Maintaining even the minimum level of police protection in many cities will only happen if police leaders take unprecedented, proactive steps to protect officers and other essential employees from infection, then identify and quarantine infected employees. Police executives must immediately implement ways of protecting their officers from infection and, at the same time, identify officers who are infected as early as possible. A few promising strategies are being implemented in some cities.

The Miami Police Department has led the way on carefully screening employees when they report for duty, including taking the employees' body temperatures. This approach is being used widely by hospitals and other health care facilities. The idea is to identify infected employees as early as possible to have them further evaluated before they are exposed to other employees, in hopes of preventing

spread.

Seattle opened the nation's first COVID-19 testing facility dedicated to testing first responders, health care professionals and others in essential frontline roles in this emergency. In addition to protecting the health of those who are protecting us, we must ensure, to the extent possible, that infected individuals are removed from their professional roles and placed in quarantine before spreading infection.

No matter how many proactive measures are implemented, every agency must also plan for unthinkable contingencies. How many officers could be sick at one time? How many will be quarantined? Most agencies cannot tolerate even a loss of 10% of their essential workforce at one time. The only way to rapidly grow the ranks of a law enforcement agency with properly trained and vetted officers is to temporarily rehire recently separated or retired officers. The time is now to implement this strategy.

Based on what we have already seen overseas — as well as in Chicago, Seattle and New York City — this virus spreads exponentially and doesn't discriminate in any way. Law enforcement leaders are writing the book right now on how to maintain continuity of law enforcement operations by maintaining the health of these committed public servants.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Support for the arts essential

Recently, Republican politician Nikki Haley bemoaned that the \$2 trillion coronavirus relief package included millions in arts funding, tweeting, "How many more people could have been helped with this money?" What she should have found fault with was the abysmally low amount that the arts received.

In 2018, the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis and the National Endowment for the Arts released a report saying that the arts contribute \$763.6 billion to the U.S. economy. That's more than 4 percent of the GDP — more than agriculture, transportation or warehousing. The report further states that the arts employ nearly 5 million workers, who earn \$372 billion in compensation. Because of COVID-19, museums, theaters and concert halls have had to close their doors indefinitely, which will greatly hurt their bottom line.

The issue also hits me personally. As a musician, I can tell you that many colleagues and I have lost hundreds of thousands of dollars in income that cannot be made up. The money in that stimulus package not only will sustain us individually, but also affirms that our performance halls, theaters and museums will survive long enough to welcome us back.

If anyone has any doubts as to how important the arts are, consider what we've turned to for comfort during our shelter-in-place: dramas to watch, songs to listen to, art to contemplate and music to play.

— Sharon Jones, Naperville

Illinois' child care challenges

As a recent article points out ("Emergency day care centers to stay open," March 26), child care facilities serving more than six children at a time have been shut down to reduce the spread of the coronavirus in Illinois.

This difficult but necessary step has spotlighted the ongoing importance of affordable, high-quality child care for parents who are working or in school full time. These programs — which are imperative even in normal times in order to start children on the path toward productive, crime-free lives — are crucial to allow law enforcement, health providers and other essential workers to meet community needs during this pandemic.

But there is some good news: First, the state of Illinois is in the process of ramping up child care options, in small settings, for these needed workers. Essential workers seeking child care can call 888-228-1146 or visit emergencycare.inccrra.org/.

Second, the latest COVID-19 legislation provides sorely needed relief for child care providers. Federal money provided to Illinois will help fund emergency care in the short-term, and will allow providers to remain viable and reopen when the worst is behind us. Furthermore, child care centers will be eligible for immediate emergency loans and larger, forgivable loans through the Small Business Administration.

My fellow law enforcement leaders and I who are members of Fight Crime: Invest in Kids commend state and federal leaders for remembering the needs of families and children during this crisis. Such investments help us in the battle against disease today, and will aid us in the battle against crime tomorrow.

— Michael Nerheim, Lake County state's attorney

Without Obamacare, the crisis would be far worse

BY CHRISTOPHER ROBERTSON AND WENDY NETTER EPSTEIN

In the midst of a global pandemic, President Barack Obama's signature health care reform, the Affordable Care Act, turned 10 years old. It has been under fire that entire time, with more than 70 legislative attempts to repeal or otherwise limit the law, not counting executive and judicial action to chip away at it. In its 2020-21 term, the U.S. Supreme Court will again decide whether to strike down the law in its entirety. But consider how much worse the fight against COVID-19 would be without the ACA.

To start, a lot more of us would be uninsured. In 2010, almost one-fifth of the population lacked health insurance — over 46 million people. The ACA endeavored to address that problem. Insurers now cannot turn down people for coverage because of preexisting conditions, nor charge them more. More people now qualify for Medicaid coverage, tax credits to help them purchase insurance on the exchanges or to stay on their parents' plans until they turn 26. Taken together, these efforts led to 20 million more people now having coverage if they need treatment for COVID-19.

Without insurance, research shows that many would lack the sort of relationship with a primary care physician that is essential for getting early advice about whether to get tested, whether to self-quarantine and whether to present at the hospital for emergent care. Disease would spread, and costs would go up for everyone.

But it's not just about who gets coverage. The ACA also has helped with the quality of coverage, by lowering out-of-pocket costs through subsidies and annual limits, and by requiring many plans to cover essential benefits, including doctors' services, inpatient and outpatient hospital care, and prescription drug costs. Without the ACA, more plans would refuse reimbursement for the cost of COVID-19 treatment.



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Supporters of the Affordable Care Act outside of the Supreme Court after a ruling protecting the law in Washington.

In the next 12-18 months, we hope that a vaccine for COVID-19 will be available. Even then, the world would look very different without the ACA. The law requires almost all private plans to cover preventive health services such as vaccines with no cost-sharing. Non-ACA plans, such as the short-term policies that the Trump administration has been promoting, are exempt from this requirement.

Still, the picture is far from perfect. Over 10% of the population lacks insurance coverage, and a recent survey found that 66% of the uninsured are worried that they will not be able to afford COVID-19 testing or treatment if they get sick.

Too many people still have to pay too much to get care. The Commonwealth Fund estimates that 44 million people are "underinsured" with huge deductibles, copays and coinsurance beyond their ability to pay. As one of us has shown in a new book, deductibles for employer plans have grown by 212%, or 10 times the rate of inflation. Just as with the uninsured, a 2013 study found that these costs can deter patients from accessing needed care.

On March 11, President Donald Trump said the insurance industry has "agreed to

waive all copayments for COVID-19 treatment," but it was not true. In fact, as Vice President Mike Pence later tried to clarify, they only agreed to waive costs for tests, not treatments. Some health systems are stepping up to waive deductibles and copays on treatments; however, that scope remains to be seen.

Also, health insurers paying the high costs for COVID-19 testing and treatment will respond the only way they can, by raising premiums in 2021. California's ACA exchange has warned that premiums could go up by as much as 40%.

Nonetheless, we are certainly better off in the fight against COVID-19 with the ACA than we would have been without it. Some states are even now turning to the ACA for solutions. Since the pandemic began, more than nine states have announced that they will reopen their exchanges to allow uninsured residents to enroll. The Trump administration considered offering a special enrollment period specifically designated for COVID-19. After waffling on the issue, it came out the wrong way, deciding not to give the uninsured the opportunity to enroll.

Looking forward, the pandemic illustrates the dire need to focus on a rational health policy. We cannot move backward. A modest start would be to immediately pass legislation recreating a small penalty for those lacking health insurance. That would moot the pending Supreme Court case and save the ACA. Even better, Congress could address the uninsurance and underinsurance problems that don't exist in other developed countries. When the dust from the crisis settles, it will be time to get serious about health care reform.

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Virus won't break America

As COVID-19 assumes an unavoidable chokehold on everyday life, America's liberties and collective patience are truly being put to the test. When will Americans go back to work? When will social distancing mandates be lifted?

In spite of this, it's vital that Americans not lose sight of the attributes that make our country the world's best. It's vital that Americans remain pragmatic in their approach, minimizing the impact manufactured hysteria possesses on their daily routines.

Together. Intelligence. Patriotism. American values will propel us to conquer this pandemic. Petty partisanship and sensational media coverage have no place. Americans have gotten through far worse, together.

Optimistically, life will return to normal in the approaching weeks. But nobody can be for sure. The virus sets the timetable.

But what I can be sure of is that Americans, when all is said and done, will emerge stronger and more united than ever before.

A mere virus, without a doubt, won't alter America's characteristic perseverance and quick wit. Because, in the end, America will find a way to bind together and win.

— Grant Gierhahn, Chicago

True social justice warriors?

Now is the time that we see whom the true social justice warriors are and who are not.

The true social justice warriors are the doctors, nurses, grocery store employees, etc. Those who crowded the lakeshore bike path, The 606, the parks, etc., aren't, even if they say they belong to the "woke."

— Neil Spun, Chicago

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Congress tries to ease pandemic pain

A pandemic lifeline has been flung from Congress. The crushing financial impact from the coronavirus crisis has prompted the government to provide a \$2 trillion stimulus package.

Congress voted to give individuals, small businesses, corporations and municipalities money to cope with the economic fallout from the pandemic. And there's likely to be more ahead. President Trump on Tuesday urged Congress to pass a \$2 trillion infrastructure bill as the next legislation to spur the economy.

For those getting money from the government, direct deposit is how it will arrive, if that's how you got your tax refund. Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin said direct deposits should begin by April 17. Checks in the mail will come after that, but that will take longer, perhaps a few months.

Treasury also announced late Wednesday that Social Security beneficiaries who typically do not file a tax return will automatically get the payment. The move was a pullback from early last week when the IRS said everyone would need to file some sort of return, even those whose low incomes do not require them to file returns. That requirement drew anger from several members of Congress.

Here are some highlights from the massive stimulus bill:

Individuals: Those with an adjusted gross income of \$75,000 or less will be eligible for \$1,200 (\$2,400 for joint filers) and \$500 for each qualifying child under age 17. The payments will start to phase out for those who earn more than \$75,000 or \$150,000 for a joint return.

Additionally, the government will enhance unemployment benefits, which are administered by individual states. Benefits are generally a percentage of income over the past year, up to a certain maximum of lost income (about 45%), and most states pay benefits for 26 weeks. The government will provide out of work Americans with an additional \$600 per week on top of what state unemployment programs pay and will extend payments for four months.

Importantly, the emergency lifeline will expand unemployment eligibility to include self-employed — independent contractors, freelancers, gig workers, temporary and part-time workers, estimated to be 57 million of the U.S. workforce, or more than a third of the working population who collect \$1 trillion in income.

Small businesses: The government will provide 30 million small businesses (those who have fewer than 500 employees) that employ 60 million workers with a pool of loans, including: \$350 billion in the form of federally guaranteed loans that would be forgiven over time (if businesses keep workers on payroll during the crisis) and \$17 billion for the Small Business Administration to cover six months of payments for small businesses with existing loans.

These loans will be made by banks and financial institutions to qualifying small businesses and would be guaranteed by SBA. No one loan can be over \$10 million and firms will need to certify employee retention.

Large corporations: The legislation will provide \$450 billion in loans or in loan guarantees to eligible businesses, states and municipalities. Banks and financial services companies will become agents of the US Treasury to make the loans to qualified businesses. There will also be \$58 billion in loan guarantees to U.S. passenger and cargo airlines, a portion of which could convert to a grant, and \$17 billion for businesses important to maintaining national security.

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UP IN SMOKE

More older Americans will have to rely on Social Security as retirement savings dwindle

BY BEN STEVERMAN | Bloomberg

Ceci Dominguez celebrated her 67th birthday alone in her home in Los Angeles. The threat of coronavirus kept her from friends and family — and from the part-time jobs and informal gigs that keep her frugal budget balanced.

As her few investments were plunging in value, she'd thought about driving to the Census Bureau, where a job was waiting. The Census Bureau would pay \$25 an hour, almost \$11 more than the rate she earned working 19 hours a week at a private school that abruptly closed the week before. But the news of the virus spread persuaded her to stay in.

"I'm always looking for a job. Always," she says. "This time, I think I'm going to pass." Once a middle manager at a food company, Dominguez used to consider herself upper middle class. But she lost her job and, at 59, discovered no one would hire her for comparable work. She never thought that in her late 60s she'd be contemplating risking her health for the chance at a part-time job.

"I'm right there at the edge," Dominguez says.

For older people, the coronavirus crisis has been especially shocking. Many can't go anywhere or see grandchildren. Even buying groceries is a risk. Their life savings are melting as the economy shuts down and financial markets plummet. The pain may be particularly acute in the U.S., where Americans rely on a retirement system that was broken before the pandemic.

Almost half of U.S. households 55 and older have nothing saved for retirement. Many of the rest were already doing worse than earlier waves of retirees. After a 40-year-long shift from traditional pensions to individual 401(k) retirement accounts, Americans' financial security is now defenseless against whatever crisis comes along.

Just before the markets tumbled, Alicia Munnell, a professor and director of Boston College's Center for Retirement Research, and her colleagues examined the retirement savings of late Baby Boomers, now 55 to 60 years old, the first cohort to spend their careers with 401(k) accounts rather than pensions. What she found was "really horrifying," she says.

With just a decade or more to retirement, late boomers had far less saved in 401(k)-style defined contribution plans than older cohorts did at the same ages. Middle-income late boomers had less than \$30,000 saved in their early 50s,

vs. \$55,787 for early boomers and \$50,787 for mid-boomers.

The more time Americans spent in the 401(k) system, the less they were managing to save. The prime culprit, researchers concluded, was the Great Recession, which hit the 401(k)-reliant late boomers harder than older cohorts. The younger boomers were actually doing a good job of saving until their mid-40s.

Then the 2008 financial crisis destroyed their wealth just as the resulting recession derailed millions of careers. In the aftermath, they earned less and saved less than older boomers had at the same ages. The study warns that Generation X and millennials seem to be on a similar trajectory.

Now, another economic shock is putting livelihoods and retirement savings in jeopardy. The ultimate damage is impossible to predict, with U.S. stocks more volatile than at any time since the start of the Great Depression.

The sell-off highlights "the vulnerability of workers relying on defined contribution plans, where they absorb all the risk," Munnell says. It also highlights the importance of Social Security, the economic lifeline created during the similarly grave crisis of 90 years ago.

"Those checks are going to go out every month and continue no matter what happens to the stock market," she says. "That really is the backbone of the retirement system."

Social Security can be credited with creating the very notion of retirement. For centuries before the program was launched in 1935, only the wealthy could afford to stop working. As the U.S. recovered from the Great Depression and then boomed, a new retirement system for the middle class took root.

Employers attracted workers with pensions that, like Social Security, guaranteed income for life. Starting in the 1980s, however, the 401(k) — almost an accident of the tax code — began replacing pensions, pushing more risk and responsibility onto the shoulders of American workers.

The system was a boon for many thrifty upper-middle-class professionals, but showed flaws early on. Many amateur investors made big bets on high-promise, zero-profit tech stocks in the 1990s and got slammed when the bubble burst. Wide swaths of the workforce never got access to a 401(k) at all.

Even affluent Americans faced a persistent problem with the 401(k) system — one that's hitting hard right now. It's known as sequence of return risk. For anyone about to retire, what matters to their financial well-being is not just the long-term return their portfolio can deliver, but also what happens in the markets in those first years after they stop working.

A big blow at the start, even if it's followed by a rally, can set people off course for good.

"Savings are important for short-term needs," says Nancy Altman, a former pension lawyer who co-founded the advocacy group Social Security Works in 2010. "But what you need for retirement is insurance, and that's what Social Security provides."

But according to calculations by the system's trustees last year, the program's income and reserves won't be enough to pay for scheduled benefits by 2035, forcing the U.S. to reduce benefits by about 20%, unless changes are made. The coronavirus pandemic makes those calculations worse, though no one can fathom by how much right now. As unemployment rises, there will be fewer workers to support the system through their payroll taxes.

As things get tighter, many Americans may have to cancel a big chunk of their retirement. A couple years of extra work can dramatically lower the risk of running out of money later.

But this crisis was perfectly designed to throw a wrench into such plans. Jobs dealing with the public are unsafe for those over 60, who are likelier to die if they catch the virus. Now, Baby Boomers like Dominguez have little to fall back on beyond Social Security.

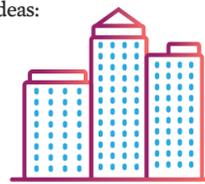
Finding a job amid coronavirus crisis

Unemployment is high right now, and likely will get worse. But there are jobs out there. Here are some ideas:



Think about what you can do today, or during the next 30, 60, and 90 days. This is not about forever, it's about right now. No one will penalize you for taking a job outside of your field or career path. It could even make you more marketable when the crisis is over. Use this time to explore jobs you may have not considered in the past.

Get creative about how you can leverage your skills virtually. Do you have a hobby or talent that you can turn into a short-term business? Can you provide individual lessons or consulting online or create an online course?

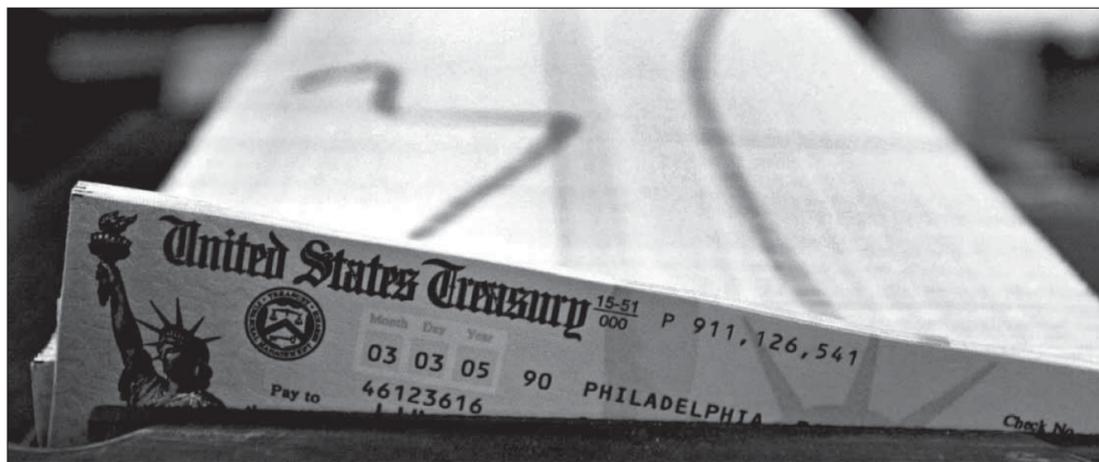


Consider the sectors that are ramping up their hiring to meet current demands. Many of these national brands, such as Blue Apron, Amazon, Trader Joe's, and Zoom, are looking to fill positions throughout the country.



Local businesses may require assistance, but are too overwhelmed to post jobs. Take the initiative and ask them what they need. Perhaps they need someone to create or enhance their website to handle their online orders or even someone to stock shelves or package goods for shipping.

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Explore your options

Seniors should understand survivor benefits



BY ELLIOT RAPHAELSON
The Savings Game

The coronavirus pandemic spreading across the United States has put the elderly in our population at the greatest risk. There will be many new widows and widowers, and it is important that they understand their Social Security options.

Widows and widowers are eligible for Social Security survivor benefits as early as age 60. At 60, they are eligible for 71.5% of their deceased spouse's full benefit amount. (The full benefit amount includes benefits the spouse was receiving if he/she postponed filing for benefits after their full retirement age.)

At full retirement age, a surviving spouse is entitled to 100% of their deceased spouse's full benefit amount. If the deceased worker had applied for Social Security benefits prior to his/her full retirement age, then the widow would be entitled to receive the larger between what the deceased worker collected or 82.5% of the worker's full-retirement-age benefit.

If the widow(er) is currently receiving

a benefit based on his/her work record or is receiving a spousal benefit, he/she is entitled to choose between that benefit and a survivor benefit, whichever amount is higher.

The requirements are that the surviving spouse must be currently unmarried or have remarried after age 60. The marriage to the deceased worker had to be for at least 9 months at the time of death.

If you were divorced after 10 years of marriage, as a divorced spouse you are entitled to the same survivor benefit as long as you are single or remarried after age 60. Accordingly, you may be entitled to more survivor benefits as a divorced spouse than you are entitled to if your current spouse dies. It does not matter whether your ex is remarried or not.

It is very important for you to understand that filing for a survivor benefit is independent from filing for benefits based on your work record. This means that, even if you file for a survivor benefit, you can postpone filing for your own work benefit and allow that benefit to increase by waiting until age 70 to file.

When you file for Social Security based on your work record, you will receive whichever amount is greater: your survivor benefit or the benefit based on your work record.

It is also important to understand that anyone who collects any form of Social Security benefit — retirement,

spousal or survivor — is subject to earnings restrictions before full retirement age. In 2020, you will lose \$1 in Social Security benefits for every \$2 you earn over \$18,240. In the year you reach your full retirement age, the penalty is reduced; you can earn up to \$48,600 without any loss in Social Security benefits.

Earnings over \$48,600 will reduce benefits by \$1 for every \$3 earned over that limit. Eventually you will receive back from Social Security the lost benefits after you reach your full retirement age, but you will receive those benefits back gradually, not in one lump-sum.

As you can tell from the prior discussion, decisions as to when, or if, you should apply for survivor benefits or benefits based on your work record can be complex. You should not be making these decisions without a full understanding of what your benefits, both as a surviving spouse and based your work record, would amount to now and at full retirement age, as well as what your work benefit would be if you deferred filing for it until age 70.

Don't hesitate to review all your options with a Social Security representative. If your situation is complex, consider reviewing your options with a financial planner who has a full understanding of Social Security benefits. The wrong decision can cost you thousands of dollars.

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New sick leave policy

How it works for those affected by virus

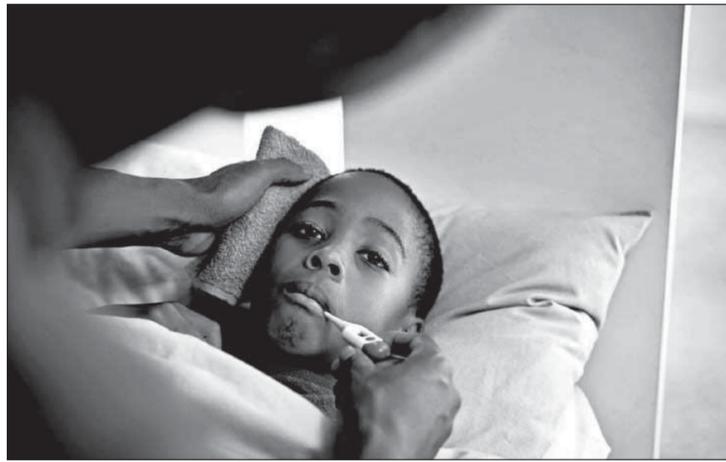
BY ROCKY MENGLE
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Q: I heard that a new law grants paid sick leave to workers affected by the coronavirus. What are the details?

A: The Families First Coronavirus Response Act requires private employers with fewer than 500 workers and all public employers to provide paid sick leave to employees affected by the coronavirus (exceptions for health care providers, emergency responders and certain small businesses are allowed).

Full-time workers get up to 80 hours of sick leave, while part-time workers get sick leave for the average number of hours they work over a two-week period. A worker is only able to take paid leave if he or she is:

- Subject to a federal, state or local coronavirus quarantine or isolation order.
- Advised by a health care provider to self-quarantine due to coronavirus concerns.
- Experiencing coronavirus symptoms and seeking a medical diagnosis.
- Caring for someone else who is subject to a coronavirus-related federal, state or local quarantine or isolation order, or who has been advised by a health care provider to self-quarantine due to coronavirus-related concerns.
- Caring for a son or daughter if the



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child's school or daycare has been closed, or the child's care provider is unavailable, due to coronavirus precautions.

■ Experiencing any other substantially similar condition specified by the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Workers who are sick or quarantined get full pay while on coronavirus leave, up to \$511 per day (\$5,110 in total). Workers caring for another person or on leave because of an HHS-specified condition get two-thirds of their normal pay while on leave, up to \$200 per day (\$2,000 in total).

The new law also extends the existing Family and Medical Leave Act to cover a worker's absence (including an inability to telework) to care for a minor son or daughter if the child's school or daycare has been closed, or the child's care provider is unavailable, because of the coronavirus.

Workers receive two-thirds of their

regular salary while on coronavirus-related FMLA leave, but compensation is capped at \$200 per day and \$10,000 in total. However, this leave does not kick in until after 10 days. (During that time, workers are presumably able to take sick leave as described above.)

The expanded FMLA provisions apply to employers with fewer than 500 employees, but not to certain health care providers and emergency responders. Exemptions are also available for small businesses with fewer than 50 employees if the new requirements jeopardize the business's viability.

Any wages paid as coronavirus sick or family leave aren't subject to Social Security (or Railroad Retirement) payroll taxes paid by employers.

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Is college still worth the cost?

BY KAITLIN PITSKER
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Douglas Webber, an associate professor in the economics department at Temple University in Philadelphia, discusses investing in a college education.

Q: A recent study from the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis suggested that the value of a college education has declined. Is college still worth the cost?

A: For the average person, college is still overwhelmingly a good decision. But like any investment, there are risks. The potential negative consequences are greater now than they were for previous generations. Not only are you taking time out from the labor market, but you're paying more to attend college. Plus, many students are taking out debt that's nearly impossible to discharge in bankruptcy. But the biggest risk is not graduating, because you still have the debt but don't have a degree.

Q: Do workers who graduate with a bachelor's degree still out-earn workers without a college degree?

A: Yes, but the price of attending college has gone up, so the net return of a college degree has gone down a little bit. Still, over a lifetime, college graduates earn about \$900,000 more relative to high school graduates. Even if you discount that figure to take into account the types of students who go to college, the opportunity cost of not being in the labor force and other factors, the net value of a college degree is still about \$350,000 over your lifetime compared with a high school degree.

Q: How does the major a student selects affect the outcome?

A: The choice of a major may be the single biggest financial decision people will ever make. If you list majors from top to bottom based on earnings, it's roughly a \$2

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million differential. But lifetime earnings shouldn't be in the top three things that you base your decision on, in part because job satisfaction matters.

Q: How does student borrowing factor into the equation?

A: Debt is a huge factor. If you take out a lot of debt for a low-earning major, the chances that it's going to pay off are less than 50-50. If you're an engineering major with a generous financial aid package, the chances it will pay off are virtually 100%.

And there are huge differences between federal student loans and private student loans. The protections that exist within the federal Stafford loan program are very strong and limit the consequences if you're unable to repay your debt. Private student loans don't have those protections. (Note: The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act suspends principal and interest payments on federally held student loans through Sept. 30.)

Q: What should students and families consider when choosing a school?

A: It's important to look up a school's graduation rate, average earnings of graduates and other statistics on CollegeScorecard.gov to see if the school does a good job of getting students through to graduation and helping them find good jobs.

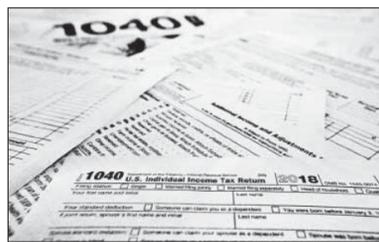
Students should make a list of the majors they're considering and then look at the projected earnings for each. Understanding that won't change a lot of decisions, but they should be aware of the labor market they'll be going into.

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Paying taxes on investments

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Q: During 2019, my wife and I liquidated substantial investments to create a bucket of money from which to pay the whopper entrance fee into the retirement community where we moved during October. From our financial adviser, I understand that we are required to pay income tax on the entire amount of difference between the figure invested originally and the figure at which the investments were liquidated and we must pay that entire tax this



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year, rather than stretching it out over several subsequent years. Correct?

A: Your financial adviser is generally correct. When you sell appreciated investments, you must generally pay income tax on the difference between the sales price less your adjusted basis (meaning what you originally paid plus/minus other potential adjustments).

Note that if you sold some investments at a gain and others at a loss, you might be

able to net the gains and losses. Let's assume your investments are capital assets, such as stocks, mutual funds and exchange-traded funds. If that's the case, then the gain from the sale is a long-term capital gain if you held the investments for more than a year before selling them and short-term capital gain if you held them a year or less.

Long-term capital gains are taxed at a 0% capital gains rate, 15% capital gains rate or a 20% capital gains rate (plus a potential additional 3.8% tax), depending on the amount of the gains and your other income and deductions. Short-term capital gains are taxed at ordinary income tax rates.

You would have to pay the tax when you file your 2019 return (filing this year has been postponed until July 15, but you must file for an extension). You might be subject to an underpayment penalty, depending on the circumstances. Also, depending on where you live, you may have to file a state tax return and pay state taxes.

You should find a CPA or enrolled agent to help you prepare your return.

Q: I am receiving my Social Security benefits and my wife is 62 years old but has not worked and does not have Social Security credits of her own. When can she receive Social Security benefits from my Social Security, and how much?

A: Your spouse can receive a reduced spousal benefit as early as age 62. The amount is based on half of your Primary Insurance Amount, which is equal to your benefit at your full retirement age. If your spouse begins benefits before her full retirement age, her benefits will be reduced. The amount of the reduction is based on her age when she files.

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Finding space for beauty

Necessity was mother of invention for hair-care entrepreneur

BY JORIE GOINS
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Grace Eleyae's foray into entrepreneurship began with a bald spot.

While traveling with her family in Kenya one summer, Eleyae found herself in a bind, when, after eight hours of riding in a car, with her chemically straightened hair exposed to a rough headrest, she discovered a 2-inch bald spot on the back of her head.

"That was just traumatizing. ... I remember that on the trip, my mom even suggested, 'You might want to wear a scarf; it does get dry out here,' " she recalled during a phone call. "I was on vacation, wanted to look cute and refused her suggestion. ... And that's kind of where the wheels started turning. (I thought), there has to be a stylish way to protect your hair."

That spawned the invention of the Satin-Lined Cap, or "Slap" to protect and nourish hair and to help keep it free of tangles. Eleyae created the prototype Slap in January 2014, and over the next year, the Grace Eleyae brand launched on Etsy, then on its own website, graceeleyae.com. The brand began modestly with \$60,000 in sales its first year.

Eleyae's team grew to include her sister, Angel Eleyae, the company's CMO, and Neema Eleyae, Grace's mother and the company's CFO. Moving to the world of e-commerce was a departure for Neema Eleyae, who was an accountant and had held previous positions as an auditor for the state of California and a controller for Azusa Pacific University, where she also obtained her master's degree.

"E-commerce is very fast, so I don't think any accountant is really ready for e-commerce. ... There are no books out there that tell you how to do it and so this is just a matter of adapting," she said.

Around this time, the company also branched out into influencer marketing. Grace Eleyae recounts her sister's early efforts to reach



online beauty influencers, then known simply as YouTubers, to share the virtues of the Slap.

"I think we emailed 100, we only got three responses... One said 'no,' one said 'not now' and another said, 'Maybe. I've never heard of sleeping with satin, but go ahead and send it to me,'" Grace said.

That response came from influencer CloudyApples (whose channel is now defunct). CloudyApples, whose real name is Kassima "Kassie" Isabelle, was skeptical but intrigued by the new product.

"I wasn't sure how comfortable it would be sleeping in a (beanie) ... but she was clearly a very impassioned new entrepreneur and I took her up on giving it a try," she said in an email.

Isabelle featured the product in her "Hair and Body Beauty Routine," video in November 2014. "It's so versatile. ... I wear it every single night that I wash my hair," she said in the video.

Isabelle's faith in the product led to more growth for the startup beauty company.

A "month later we suddenly had a little spike in sales. ... That's kind of how we used influencers for the next couple of years to help explain what the product was and get it out there because we realized that it was something that affected more than just me," Grace said.

Though the idea took off relatively quickly, Grace Eleyae and her family never set out to start their entrepreneurial journeys



GRACE ELEYAE PHOTOS

Founder Grace Eleyae created satin-lined caps to protect hair.

together. In fact when she began her business, Grace had just started graduate school at Northwestern University and had recently left a job in customer development at a startup.

As the business became more viable, the company became even more of an Eleyae family affair when Grace's brother Emmanuel stepped in full-time to help run the business. But though many members of the Eleyae family hold crucial roles in the business'

success, Grace's mother, Neema, maintains that it is not necessarily a "family business," but a business in which all members of the family play a part.

"We definitely never thought we would work together and we still think we will end up independent in some way... because we're all different," she said.

Since its founding, Grace Eleyae has increased its revenue to \$18 million in total sales. Products include the satin-lined caps

for \$19.99, all-silk turbans, (\$77) and silk headbands (\$35). The company inked a deal with Ulta, which is set to bring wholesale Grace Eleyae products to Ulta's brick-and-mortar locations this spring. But this success hasn't come without a few growing pains over the years.

Suddenly "we had to figure out how many employees we needed to make sure that everything was going out and going out correctly," said Neema Eleyae.

"It's a delicate dance... to not let the operation kind of outpace you and outgrow you but ... it's just more problems that need solving really at the end of the day," Grace said.

And the changes will continue for the Grace Eleyae brand as Neema plans for retirement.

"The way I'm transitioning is to slowly analyze the processes and step back. Assign the responsibilities to different people within the organization and step back and see where the holes are," Neema said. "I think I'm going to be the guinea pig for this on how we transition out."

Despite the upcoming departure of the company's CFO, Grace Eleyae continues to push forward, developing new products, including pillowcases and hair care products.

Grace Eleyae plans to branch further into the natural hair industry with a new single-ingredient hair care brand featuring natural materials like rhassoul clay and rose water.

And as her brand evolves and gets amplified by media outlets like daytime talk show "The Real" and "Good Morning America," Grace hasn't lost sight of why she started her company and says she plans to continue to pursue opportunities without being hindered by fear.

Business "is about solving problems. That's the No.1 thing, to not be afraid of failure, because when you get into the fear of failure, you get into analysis paralysis and that to me in and of itself is failure," Grace said. "That's why I try to live life with no regrets."

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OBITUARIES

REMEMBERING THE LIVES OF THOSE IN ILLINOIS WHO DIED FROM CORONAVIRUS

COVID-19 already has claimed the lives of dozens across Illinois. Behind the grim statistics, many of those lost were people who called the Chicago area home: members of local families caught up in a global pandemic. The Tribune is attempting to gather as many of their stories as possible, compiled by reporters from across the newsroom.

JOSEPH GRAHAM, 67 Custodian, dancer and 'symbol of hope,' died March 24



FAMILY PHOTO

Joseph Graham, who went by the nickname "Joe Moe," grew up in a rough South Side neighborhood and was a well-known figure on the streets before kicking a drug habit and becoming a source of strength for others traveling the same path, those who knew him recalled.

Graham, a school custodian, steppin' aficionado and longtime resident of Chicago's South Shore neighborhood, died March 24 after contracting COVID-19. He was 67.

He grew up in the Woodlawn neighborhood, according to longtime friend Michael Parker. It was a tough childhood, Parker said, with inadequate schools and no father figure to rely on, but Graham's friendship was constant.

"(He) cared about other people," Parker said. "His whole life was based on the uplifting of people who were less fortunate than himself."

Graham developed a drug addiction that lasted deep into his adulthood, but in 1995, he entered treatment at New Beginnings, a South Side recovery program. CEO Otis Williams said Graham's success in achieving sobriety served as an example to others who knew him from the street.

"He was a symbol of hope for a lot of guys who couldn't quit," Williams said. "He showed that it could be done, that you could lead a productive life, have a family and be respected."

Alaina Graham, his wife of 12 years, said he was a custodian for a company that worked in Chicago Public Schools. He was also a devoted stepper, whose smooth turns on the dance floor are captured on a YouTube video (he's the tall guy with the white hat).

"Joe Moe was a very debonair stepper with a classic smooth style which he frequently displayed with whoever he partnered with on the dance floor," said Iary Isaiah Israel of Word of Mouth Entertainment, which in 2016 honored Graham for being part of the steppin' scene for 30 years. "He had a flair for being dressed sharp — what we call 'suited and booted' — which stood out from the crowd."

Parker said Graham made "thousands of friends" throughout his life. Alaina Graham said his magnetic personality prompted people to remember him fondly.

"If you met him, you would love him," she said. "He never met a stranger. He had a smile that would light up the whole place. Wherever he went, North Side, West Side, South Side, people knew him."

Aside from his wife, Graham is survived a daughter, Joniece Graham. A memorial is tentatively scheduled for June.

— John Keilman

ANGEL ESCAMILLA, 67 Assistant pastor was a 'spiritual giant,' died March 29



ALBERTO ARTEAGA

An assistant pastor of Calvary Español in Naperville, Angel Escamilla spent more than 40 years working in ministry, serving as a pastor, missionary, and teacher, and his passion for the church deeply influenced those around him, his family said.

Escamilla died March 29, a week after it was confirmed he contracted COVID-19 and was hospitalized with pneumonia. He was 67.

Escamilla worked with Calvary Church Naperville's Calvary Español, whose mission is "helping the Hispanic community connect faith with life to establish or improve their relationship with Christ."

Marty Sloan, Calvary Church's lead pastor, said Escamilla was "a man of strong faith in the Lord."

"If anyone ever spoke into the heavens in prayer, it was Pastor Angel. He will be forever missed on our team and in the church family," Sloan said.

In his biography on Calvary Church's website, Escamilla described the dedication he had for his work and family. "I am passionate about living life without regret or fear, fulfilling God's desire for my life and seeing all of my grandchildren in ministry," Escamilla wrote.

Escamilla's son, Michael, also works at Calvary Church Naperville serving as a pastor of small groups and discipleship, a testament to the legacy the elder Escamilla leaves behind.

Michael Escamilla said his dad was a "spiritual giant" whose imprint has affected many and will long outlast his time on earth.

"Just a few days ago, one of his grandkids said to Papi: 'You gave us a legacy and life to strive to be like,'" Michael Escamilla wrote in a message from the church. "Our family will be shaped and blessed because of the legacy of our dad. Future generations will love, bless others, minister and lead their families well because dad started a new legacy for the Escamillas."

In addition to Michael, Escamilla had another son and 10 grandchildren, according to Calvary Church. Escamilla's wife, Becky, to whom he was married for more than 40 years, thanked church members for their support and prayers.

"We cry, but we are not hopeless," Becky Escamilla said. "The impression of his life has affected many. It's impossible to count the lives he impacted. He will live in our hearts forever."

— Erin Hegarty

MELVIN PUMPHREY, 80 'Funny but serious, kind but stern,' died March 29

Kelli Pumphrey is the assistant principal at the Michelle Obama School of Technology and the Arts, where students who had met her father, Melvin, would often tell her:

"Miss Pumphrey, I bet you couldn't do anything when you were growing up. I bet you had to stare straight ahead and look him in the eyes."

It wasn't quite that bad, Pumphrey told the Tribune.

"My father was funny but serious. He was kind but stern," she said. "He didn't play. What he gave to me he gave to everyone else. They just didn't get the honor of living with him every day."

Melvin Pumphrey died from COVID-19 complications at St. James Hospital in south suburban Olympia Fields on March 29.

"The doctors and the nurses were completely awesome," Kelli Pumphrey said. "They made my father's last days peaceful. I'm blessed for that."

Pumphrey is survived by his wife Doris and three children — Kelli and brothers Melvin Jr. and Curtis.

Pumphrey worked in the Park Forest-Chicago Heights School District, where he served on the school board and relished his role as a mentor.

"He had high expectations of every student he came into contact with," Kelli said. "His message: Believe in yourself."

— Teddy Greenstein

Chicago Daily Tribune

ON APRIL 6 ...

In 1823 Chicago Tribune publisher Joseph Medill, who also would be elected the city's mayor one month after the Great Chicago

Fire, was born near St. John, New Brunswick, Canada.

In 1830 the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was organized by Joseph Smith in Fayette, N.Y.

In 1896 the first modern Olympic Games formally opened in Athens, Greece.

In 1909 explorers Robert Peary and Matthew Henson became the first men to reach the North Pole. (The claim, disputed by skeptics, was upheld in 1989 by the Navigation Foundation.)

In 1917 Congress approved a declaration of war against Germany.

In 1983, saying rock 'n' roll bands attracted "the wrong element," Interior Secretary James Watt declined to invite the Beach Boys to perform at the Washington Fourth of July celebration — a stand he later reversed.

In 1995 the Senate unanimously approved a \$16 billion package of cuts in social programs.

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Death Notices

Benson, Sherwood

Sherwood Benson, age 95. Beloved husband for 65 years to Helga Stern Benson; cherished father of Dr. Leon (Karyn) Benson and the late Dr. Michael (survived by Bonnie) Benson; loving grandfather of Jordan Benson (fiancée Yelena), Arielle (Adam) Lipetz, Julia Benson, Naomi Benson, Jessica Benson and Rebecca Benson; dear brother of the late June (Rudy) Esses; fond brother-in-law of Dr. Mark and Renee Stern; special thanks to caregivers Anna & Ronald Ortega. Navy Veteran of World War II. A small private family funeral is necessary, but this may be viewed on Sherwood's webpage at www.mitzvahfunerals.com on Monday April 6th at 11:30 AM live, or after the funeral. Info **Mitzvah Memorial Funerals** 630-MITZVAH 630-648-9824



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Bernaski, Ted J.

Ted Bernaski, age 80, of Lemont, IL passed away peacefully at his home, Friday, April 3, 2020. Devoted son of the late Stanley Bernaski, and the late Angelina Smalley; loving husband of Carol nee Banas; cherished father of Ann (Jack) Hamilton, Mary (Jack) Tschannen, and Carrie (Dr. Joe, D.V.M.) Abrassart; adored grandfather of Brian, Kevin, Matthew, Phillip, and John; dearest brother of Dolores (the late Jerry) Daciolas, Emily (Edward) Wiecezorek, the late Louise (John) Dorcak; fond uncle of many nieces & nephews. A longtime member of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 710, Pioneers Club. Burial will be done privately, with a celebration of his life to be held at a future date. In lieu of flowers donations to the Shriners Hospital for Children - Chicago at www.shrinershospitalforchildren.org/chicago then click on donate, or mail to Shriners Hospitals for Children, Attn: Office of Development, 2900 Rocky Point Dr. Tampa, Florida 33607 Info: **Markiewicz Funeral Home, P.C.** www.markiewiczfh.com
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Brower, Marcy

Marcy Brower, nee Gordon, 91, died of heart failure on Friday, April 3. Loving wife of Bob Brower for 71 years, cherished mother of Todd (Steve MacIsaac) Brower, Aaron (Nancy) Brower and Adam Brower, adored grandmother of Jake (Katya Tepper) Brower and Nat Brower, dear sister of Sheldon (Danna) Gordon, fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Beyond her deep love for her family, Marcy had three passions, her love for children, her love for equality and her love of painting. Marcy taught elementary school in Chicago; La Mesa, Calif.; and Wheeling, Ill. She and Bob founded and operated Circle M Day Camp in Wheeling for 45 years, one of the first private camps to hire minority staff and enroll minority children. Her interest in opportunities for children eventually influenced the whole of private camping in the national organization of private camps. Marcy was active in the civil rights movement and in the struggle for the rights of the LGBTQ community. She raised funds for civil rights groups and labor unions by sponsoring folk music concerts on the campgrounds during the 1960s, and marched with Martin Luther King Jr. in Washington in 1963. She was a gifted artist, and painting was one of her lifelong passions. She started painting at the age of 12 under the direction of teachers at Hull House in Chicago and at the Art Institute of Chicago. She had a natural eye for bold color, design and composition and was a master in non-objective painting. Private burial was held on April 5th at Memorial Park, Skokie. In lieu of flowers, memorials in her honor can be made to the American Camp Association - Illinois Section, 5 S. Wabash, Suite 1406, Chicago, IL 60603. Specify: Marcy and Bob Brower Campership Fund on the memo line.
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Dishkin, Harriet

Harriet Dishkin, nee Kaplan, age 92. Beloved wife of the late Isadore. Loving mother of Jodi (Jeffrey) Cohen and Robin (Henry) Kelin) Dishkin. Proud grandmother of Bradley (Bari) Cohen, Ryin (David) Fettner and Justin (Danielle) Dishkin. Cherished great grandmother of Maddy and Beckett Cohen, Emersyn and Nolan Fettner and Mason Dishkin. Dear sister of the late Ruth (the late Albert) Greene, the late Eleanor (the late William) Barnett and the late Jack (Eleanor) Kaplan. Due to the Pandemic, a private family graveside will be held. Arrangements by Chicago Jewish Funerals - Buffalo Grove Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com



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Frainey, Patrick J.

Age 85, a resident of Frankfort, passed away peacefully on Saturday, April 4, 2020 with his loving family at his side. Beloved husband of 36 years to Karen Frainey; proud father of James (Suzanne), late Patrick, Thomas, and Dawn (Eric); cherished grandfather of 11 and treasured great-grandfather of 7. Patrick was born in Chicago in 1934, he attended Mt. Carmel High school and was on the wrestling team. He was a proud United States Navy Veteran and serving from 1953-1960. Due to the Covid-19 virus, funeral services will be private for the family. Info www.kurtzmemorialchapel.com or 815-806-2225.
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Frishman, Marshall Howard

Marshall Howard Frishman, age 81, beloved husband of the late Andrea Frishman (nee Weiss), happily married for 56 years; loving father of Heidi Sabitt and Jordan (Marie O'Connell) Frishman; cherished "Papa" of Jeremy, Benji, and Zachary Sabitt, Kylie and Conlan Mueller; adored brother of the late David (Carel) Frishman. Marshall adored his children and grandchildren with great love. 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 Dementia Society of America. For information and condolences **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**: 847-255-3520 or www.shalom2.com



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Heinz, John Henry

John Henry Heinz, 89, passed away peacefully on Friday morning, April 3, 2020, at Highland Park Hospital, Highland Park, Illinois. He was born at St. Francis Hospital in Evanston, IL, on July 22, 1930 to Harry William Heinz and Alpha Clarissa (Kindt) Heinz. John grew up in Skokie, IL and moved to Morton Grove in 1950 when he married Dorothy Alice Sherman. John spent his last years in Arlington Heights, Illinois. John was preceded in death by his loving wife of 64 years, Dorothy Alice (Sherman) Heinz, his sister Eileen (Fred) Ernst, and his three brothers, Jerry (Katherine) Heinz, Daniel Heinz, and Robert Heinz. John is survived by his children and their spouses: Kathleen (Glenn) Bennett, Thomas (Dawn) Heinz, William Heinz, Ted (Joan) Heinz, Andrew (Jacki) Heinz, Barbara (the late Robert) Weber, Joan (David) Bruns, Jane Fiore, and Susan Boyd. He will be dearly missed by his grandchildren: Mark (Tara) Bennett, Laura (Scott) Gamble, Andrea (David) Marrinson, Amber Haitjema, Allison (Tyler) Smith, Matthew (Lindsey) Heinz, Christine (Aaron) Loomer, Elizabeth (Steven) Morris, John Heinz, Eileen Heinz, Daniel Heinz, Jeanna (Kyle) Brant, Andrew Heinz, Alexander (Kristen) Heinz, Victoria (Chad) Busse, Robert (Dana) Weber, Stephanie Weber, Jennifer (Ryne) Bandoik, Barrett Bruns, Conner Bruns, Derek (Keating) Bruns, Michael (Patricia) Fiore, Nicholas Fiore, Katie Heinz, Aaron Boyd, and Christopher Boyd; and by his great-grandchildren: Cade, Adam and Harper Bennett; Arkyn and Kael Marrinson; Escher Smith; Jack and Charlie Loomer; Camryn, Haley, Maverick and Sadie Morris; Chase Brant; Clara, Charlie and Henry Busse; Rose Weber; Rose Bruns; and Allison, Emily and John Fiore. Visitation and Mass will be held at St. Peter Catholic Church, 8100 Niles Center Road, Skokie, IL 60077, at a later date, with interment of ashes to follow at St. Peter Catholic Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #9273, c/o Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church, 2411 Bagnell Dam Blvd, Lake Ozark, MO 65049. Funeral info: 847-673-6111 or www.habenfuneral.com to sign guestbook.



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Kaplan, Edward 'Eddie'

Edward "Eddie" Kaplan, age 85, owner of K & K Abrasives, Chicago, was founded by his father Harry and brother Carl in 1948. K & K Abrasives is a leading manufacturer of superior quality abrasive products. Beloved husband for 47 years of the late Bella "Barbara" Kaplan, nee Shooster; loving father of Dylan Steve Jordan; adored grandpa of Lauren Rose Spelman Jordan; devoted son of the late Harry and the late Anna Kaplan; cherished brother of the late Carl Kaplan; treasured uncle, friend, and colleague to many. Due to the pandemic virus and our concern for our extended family and friends, the Tuesday graveside service and shiva will be private. The service will be live streamed at 12 Noon CT at www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com, then go to LIVE STREAM on the menu bar. Contributions to the American Lung Association, 55 W. Wacker Dr., Suite 1150, Chicago, IL 60601 www.lung.org would be appreciated. For assistance with the live stream before or during the service, please contact The Goldman Funeral Group (847) 478-1600.



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Kroll, Steven M.

Steven M. Kroll age 66, of Chicago, Illinois. Beloved husband of Sue (nee Januszewski); devoted father of David and Eric (Anita); cherished grandfather of Eliana; loving son of Betty (nee Paprocki) and the late Dennis Kroll; dear brother of Jeff (Mary) Kroll, Susan (Wayne) Rybarczyk and Julie (Kevin) Cooke; kind uncle and dear friend of many. Services are being held privately with his family. **Willow Funeral Home** in Algonquin is entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be expressed at willowfh.com or for additional info: (847) 458-1700
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Rickert, Richard

Loving husband of Carol. Devoted father to Maria Rickert (Ron Wozny). Beloved son of the late Adolph and the late Gertrude. Valued son-in-law to Anna McGarity. Cherished cousin to Alan (Bev) and Donna (Will) Rickert. Surrogate father and grandfather to Rob, Lauren, Rory, Bennett, and Graham Hass. Dearest friend to Ron and Joy Micheletto. During WWII Richard worked with Douglas Aircraft and served with the Illinois Civil Air Patrol. As a Construction Superintendent, Richard worked for Enger Vavra and Sievert Corporation and was a Local 1 Carpenters Union, Chicago, for 68 years. Richard was a long time member of Grace United Church of Christ, Northbrook Sports Club, Arlington Heights Rifle & Pistol Club, "The Herd" Impala Car Club, and Experimental Pilot Association (EAA). Services will be private. For more information please contact Sax-Tiedemann Funeral Home & Crematorium at 847.678.1950 or www.sax-tiedemann.com.

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Wilburn, Jean

Jean Ellen Wilburn passed away at the age of 88 in North Prairie, WI. She was preceded in death by her husband, William, and her son, Brian. Jean was born in Hortonville, Wisconsin on June 16, 1931 to Dale Osmond Farmer and Mary Ellen Steffen Farmer.

Jean was the loving mother of Karen Nelson (Lynn), Michael, Steven, and Mark; and the caring grandmother of Sara and Irene Wilburn, and Brittnay Hilton.

Jean spent most of her life living in Chicago, eventually moving to South Holland and still later to Lisle, Illinois. Jean was an artistic soul that loved decorating and painting on canvas. She was a creative seamstress and loved to crochet. Jean was a talented baker and enjoyed teaching her skills to her daughter and grandchildren. Throughout her life she was an avid reader.

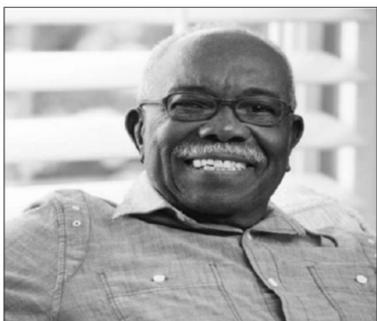
Our love for her will be eternal, forever in our hearts. A private burial and interment is at Oakland Memory Lane Cemetery in Dolton, IL.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the American Heart Association.

All are asked and welcome to share a story or memory and sign the guest registry for Jean at www.thelenfh.com.

Thelen Funeral Services of North Prairie/Genesee is honored to be assisting the Wilburn family.

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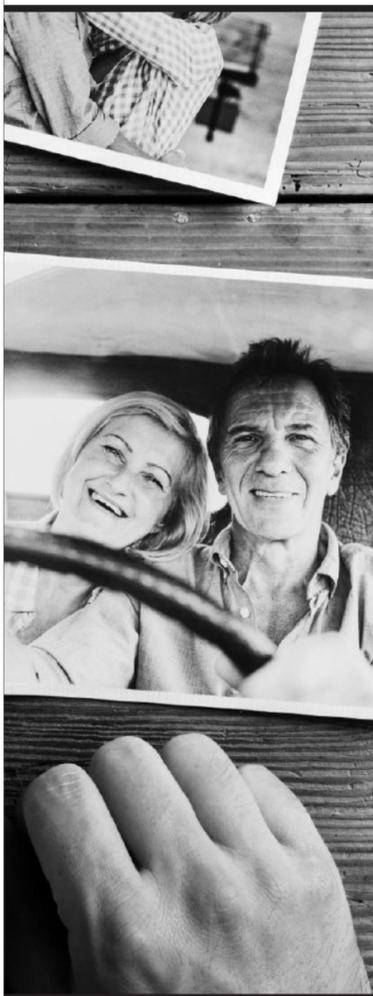
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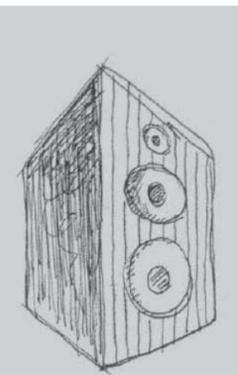
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST'S FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS (MAY 1, 2020 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2021)

The Village President and Board of Trustees of the Village of River Forest ("Village") will conduct a public hearing to consider the proposed budget and appropriations for the Village's fiscal year 2020 / 2021, for the period of May 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021, on April 13, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., in the Community Room located in the River Forest Village Hall, 400 Park Avenue, River Forest, Illinois 60305.

Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the public's access to, and participation at, this public hearing shall be as follows:
(a) Physical attendance at the public hearing is limited to 10 individuals, with priority given to Village officials, Village staff and consultants;
(b) The public is encouraged to stay at home and watch and listen to, and participate in, the public hearing via electronic means;
(c) Public comments and any responses will be read into the public hearing record;

(d) Public comments may be submitted via email in advance of the public hearing, by 5:00 p.m. on April 13, 2020, to sphyfer@vrf.us; and
(e) You may listen to the public hearing by dialing in to a telephone conference call. The telephone conference call number and access code will be made available at <https://www.vrf.us/events/event/1633> and by emailing sphyfer@vrf.us. Copies of the proposed budget and appropriations are available for inspection by the public at the Village Clerk's Office at River Forest Village Hall, 400 Park Avenue, River Forest, Illinois 60305 and on the Village's website at <http://www.vrf.us>. The proposed budget and appropriations have been available at the Clerk's Office since at least April 3, 2020.

The above public hearing restrictions are authorized by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention directive that no more than 10 persons be in attendance at group meetings and the Illinois Governor's Executive Orders number 2020-07, dated March 16, 2020, number 2020-10, dated March 20, 2020 and number 2020-18, dated April 1, 2020. If you have questions, please contact Village Finance Director Rosemary McAdams at 708-366-8500. VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST Kathleen Brand-White, Village Clerk 04/06/20 6649298



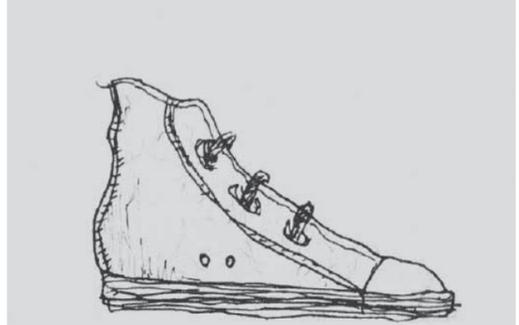
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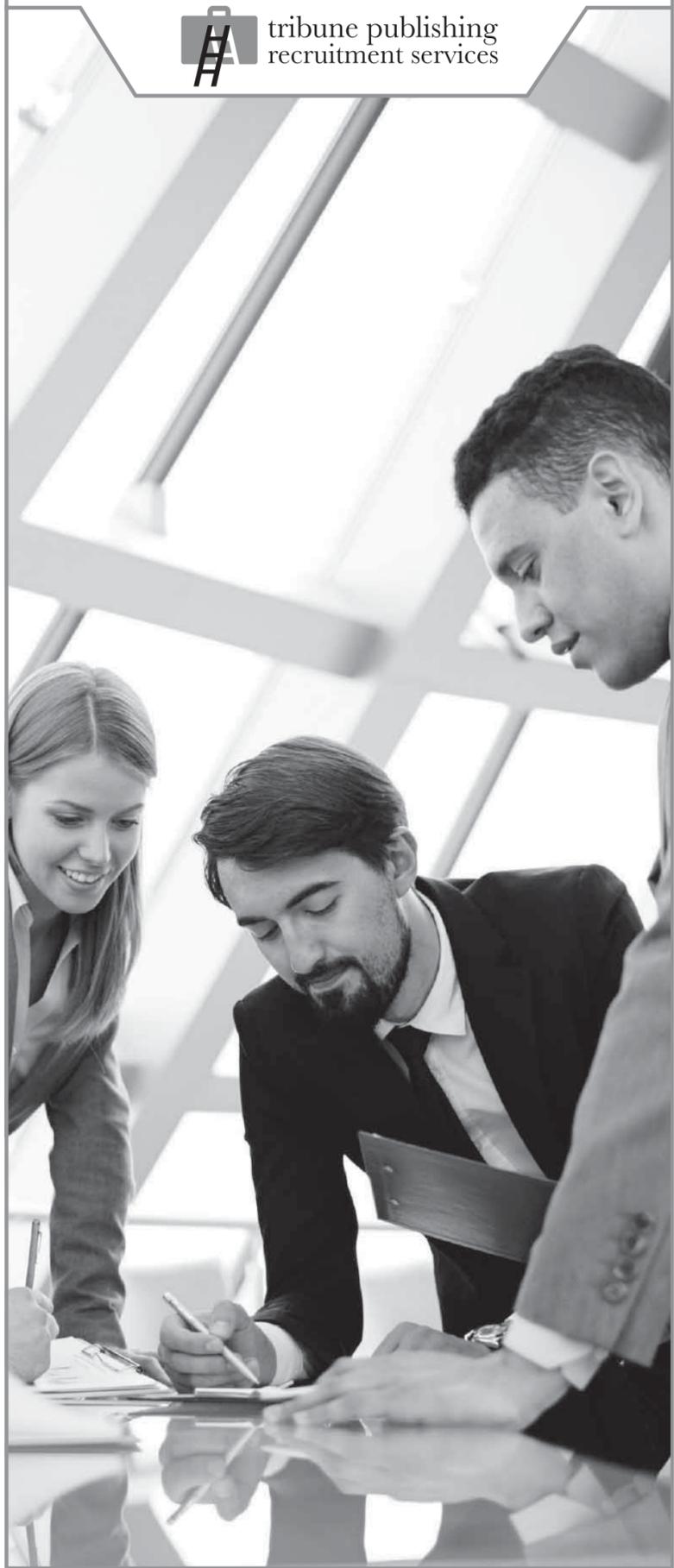
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A sports broadcaster's life in 3 chapters

How *Tim Doyle* bottomed out, put the Kendall Gill fracas behind him and emerged a better man

By **TEDDY GREENSTEIN**

Tim Doyle takes a break from cooking breakfast as he notices his 5-year-old son walking toward him. Joe, pretending it's Halloween, is wearing a police officer's uniform.

"Are you a good cop, Joe?" Doyle asks. "Or do you take money from the mob?" Doyle laughs loudly enough to rattle the plates. He grins, devilishly.

The sausage and eggs can wait. Laughter is the nourishment he craves, especially from others.

Doyle is 6-foot-5 with an even bigger personality.

His wife, Susie, works in radiation oncology at a cancer center in west suburban Warrenville.

"Every time I see a patient," she says, "I put on gloves and a mask. I try not to touch anything I don't have to."

"Including me!" Tim cracks.

This is Doyle. Anything to get a rise or cackle from those listening. It's in his DNA.

But that same trait is what derailed a promising career in sports broadcasting.

Doyle was Charles Barkley without the cred. He shot from the hip without considering the carnage.

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WHEN SPORTS STOOD STILL

Keeping an eye on the impact of the coronavirus crisis:

Ex-Saints kicker Dempsey dies

Former NFL kicker Tom Dempsey, who played in the NFL despite being born without toes on his kicking foot and made a record 63-yard field goal, died late Saturday while struggling with complications from the new coronavirus, his daughter said. He was 73.

The Times-Picayune/The New Orleans Advocate first reported Dempsey's death. Ashley Dempsey said Sunday that her father, who has resided in an assisted living home for several years after being diagnosed with dementia, tested positive for the coronavirus a little more than a week ago.

Dempsey's game-winning field goal against the Lions on Nov. 8, 1970, stood as an NFL record for 43 years until the Broncos' Matt Prater broke it with a 64-yarder in Denver in 2013.

Dempsey spent 11 seasons in the NFL. His first two with the Saints (1969-70), the next four with the Eagles, then two with the Los Angeles Rams, one with the Houston Oilers and the final two with the Bills. He retired after the 1979 season.

"Tom's life spoke directly to the power of the human spirit and exemplified his resolute determination to not allow setbacks to impede following his dreams," Saints owner Gayle Benson said in a statement. "He exemplified the same fight and fortitude in recent years as he battled valiantly against illnesses but never wavered."

Dempsey was born without four fingers on his right hand and without toes on his right foot. He kicked straight on with a flat-front shoe.

In 1977, the NFL passed what is known as the "The Dempsey Rule," mandating that shoes worn by players with "an artificial limb on his kicking leg must have a kicking surface that conforms to that of a normal kicking shoe."

— Associated Press

THE QUOTE

"Some things are different but a lot of things are similar and this is a track I've always enjoyed coming to."

— NASCAR Cup driver William Byron on winning Sunday's iRacing event at virtual Bristol Motor Speedway



CHRIS GRAYTHEN/GETTY

THE NUMBER

10,000

Colts owner Jim Irsay has obtained more than 10,000 N95 respiratory masks that he plans to distribute to medical people, he announced Sunday. Irsay is donating the masks to the Indiana State Department of Health so that they can be distributed to hospitals. The N95s help protect doctors and nurses working with COVID-19 patients.



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 July 13.

Letterman Game was a 'classic' clunker

To err is human: Cubs, Padres combined for 11 gaffes in 1989



PAUL SULLIVAN
In the Wake of the News

While harking back to great moments in sports is certainly a great way to pass the time during this lull in action, I prefer to flash back to not-so-classic moments that are mostly forgotten for one reason or another.

In the first of our series on non-classic moments, here's a recap of the Cubs-Padres "David Letterman Game" on April 29, 1989, at Wrigley Field.

Don Zimmer put it bluntly after a season-high crowd of 34,748 watched the Cubs lose 5-4 to the Padres on a rare Saturday night game at Wrigley Field.

"Had to be one of the worst baseball games ever," the Cubs manager said.

It surely was a comedy of errors, with a famous comedian taking it in.

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CHARLES CHERNEY/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The Padres' Randy Ready and Cubs first baseman Mark Grace await a call April 29, 1989.

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:

Duke reigns, denies Feb 5

(APRIL 6, 1992)

This story was published when Duke defeated Michigan, 71-51, to win consecutive national championships, the first time a team went back-to-back since 1973.

By **SKIP MYSLENSKI**
Chicago Tribune

They never retreated from the glare of the spotlight, never denied a reality that was as stark as their skills. They were good, Duke's talented Blue Devils knew that, and always they talked openly of what that meant, of what expectations that raised.

They did not fear discussing, as so many do, their pursuit of a second consecutive title, and with it a line in their sport record book. It was instead a challenge that excited them, a quest that stimulated them, and forward Brian Davis spoke for them all when he said, "We love the idea that we can do something no one has done for a long time."

Finally, on Monday night in the Metrodome, their chase ended when they defeated Michigan 71-51 and firmly stamped themselves with the label of greatness. Not since UCLA won the last of its seven consecutive titles in 1973 had a champion repeated, but here Duke did just that by turning back the young and hungry Wolverines.

They turned them back when both confronted this game's crucible, turned them back after they together had offered up 33 minutes as taut as a tax audit. Now the championship would be settled when legs were searing and stomachs were knotted and sweat was soaking all involved, and here is when Duke offered up its grit and mettle for all to view.

Its lead with 7 minutes 7 seconds remaining was only 48-45, but the Blue Devils surrendered but six more points to Michigan's explosive bunch, and held the Wolves to their lowest point total of the season and the second-lowest total in a championship game since 1949.

They gave up but two more field goals to a team that loves to gambol and run, and held them to 29 percent shooting (9 of 31) in



JONATHAN DANIEL/GETTY

Duke's Bobby Hurley dribbles the ball down the court against Michigan in the NCAA men's basketball championship game April 6, 1992, at the Metrodome in Minneapolis.

the second half, to 38 percent for the game. They themselves scored on their last 12 possessions, and ended it with an astounding 23-6 run.

Their leading scorers were Christian Laettner with 19, Grant Hill with 18 and Thomas Hill with 16, but they won this championship with their will as well.

Duke ignored the sprained ankle Davis suffered Saturday, an injury that limited him to 10 minutes Monday. It ignored a truly miserable first half by Laettner, who was yanked three times before ending it 2 of 8 from the field with seven turnovers. It ignored the year-long battering they had

collectively absorbed as the bull-eye on every opponents' target, and it ignored the searing heat of the moment to finally break Michigan.

"We don't think much of mental fatigue," Davis said. "Coach puts it in our mind-set that we're not tired. We're not even allowed to feel fatigue."

"To win," said Michigan coach Steve Fisher, "we had to play a spectacular game. We were far from that. The reason was Duke."

Duke held Chris Webber to 14 points and Jalen Rose to 11. Duke forced Michigan into 20 turnovers and outrebounded the taller

OTHER APRIL 6 MOMENTS

- 1896:** The first modern Olympic Games begin in Athens, Greece. James B. Connelly wins the first event — the hop, step, jump.
- 1973:** The Yankees' Ron Blomberg becomes the first major league designated hitter, in an opening-day game against the Red Sox.
- 1987:** Sugar Ray Leonard returns to the ring after a three-year layoff to upset Marvelous Marvin Hagler in a 12-round split decision for the middleweight title, becoming boxing's 10th triple champion.
- 2004:** UConn's championship sweep is complete. Led by Diana Taurasi, UConn beats Tennessee 70-61. The win makes Connecticut the first Division I basketball school to sweep men's and women's titles.
- 2008:** Graham Rahal, in first IRL start in the Grand Prix of St. Petersburg, holds off Helio Castroneves to become the youngest winner (19) in major open-wheel history.
- 2010:** New Jersey's Martin Brudeur gets his 600th career win with his second straight shutout in a 3-0 win over Atlanta.

Wolves as well. But the biggest reason had little to do with numbers. Again, it was its tempered will that allowed the Blue Devils to absorb the Wolverines' best shot and never buckle.

Michigan delivered that shot in the first 20 minutes when Laettner was clearly struggling, and twice it built four-point leads. But never, not even with their star comatose, would the Blue Devils fall any further behind, and when the half ended they were down only 31-30.

There had been four ties and 12 lead changes. There had been a dozen turnovers by Duke, and 10 by Michigan. There had been no blood here, no welts raised, but this one was a back-alley brawl.

Still, in his team's locker room, Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski jumped seniors Laettner and Davis, ripped into them while using words like "soft" and "satisfied."

"I couldn't think about what had happened," Laettner said. "Too many things were being yelled at me. I was obviously frustrated. But you can't put the weight of the world on your shoulders. You have to just keep playing."

Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 At present
 - 4 Went public with
 - 9 Carve in glass
 - 13 Short note
 - 14 Unrefined oil
 - 15 Song for one
 - 16 Wyman or Seymour
 - 17 Disastrous
 - 19 When to yell "TGIF!": abbr.
 - 20 Tribal pole
 - 21 Hotel employee
 - 22 Church topper
 - 24 Study of plant life: abbr.
 - 25 Hallowed
 - 27 Soup container
 - 30 Señora's sayonara
 - 31 Tastelessly showy
 - 33 Goalie's place
 - 35 Took part in a contest
 - 36 Sage & thyme
 - 37 File drawer, perhaps
 - 38 Ending for an adolescent's age
 - 39 Despises
 - 40 Oyster gem
 - 41 Says out loud
 - 43 1 of 10 sent to Egypt in Exodus
 - 44 "___ I but known..."
- DOWN**
- 1 Close by
 - 2 All-knowing
 - 3 Misery
 - 4 Honda sedan
 - 5 More than annoyed
 - 6 ___ the roost; have authority
 - 7 Red-coated cheese
 - 8 Wilson or Obama: abbr.
 - 9 Ritz residence
 - 10 Gift for a handyman
 - 11 Detective's lead
 - 12 Party-giver
 - 13 Actor Fox's initials
 - 18 Bar soap brand
 - 20 Suit accessories
 - 23 Incite to action

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24 Future flowers

25 ___ face; avoid embarrassment

26 "Bye, Jacques!"

27 Bathroom features

28 Reason to buy a ring

29 India's first Prime Minister

31 ___ it; understands

32 "Diamonds ___ Forever"; 007 film

34 Floor covering

36 Like rocket science

37 Amazing act

39 Ledger, for one

40 Sink stopper

42 TV's "The Big Bang ___"

43 Breathed heavily

45 Burn slightly

46 Isn't well

47 Quick cut

48 Lasting mark

49 Stumble

50 "I'm outta ___!"; quick farewell

52 Walk back & forth

53 Green or gray

55 Begley & McMahon

56 Deadly squeezer

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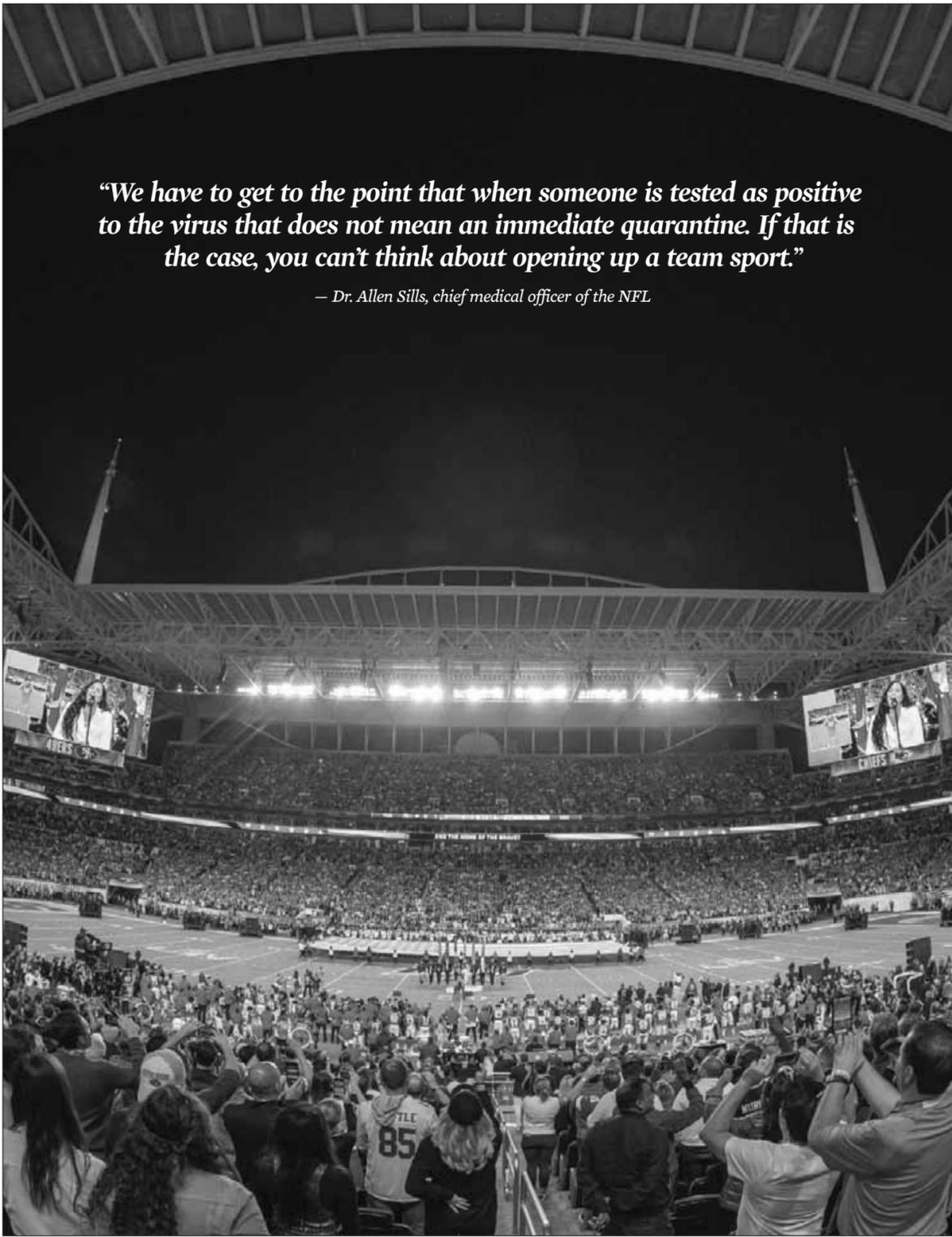
SPORTS

Day 26

Since the sports world went mainly dark

“We have to get to the point that when someone is tested as positive to the virus that does not mean an immediate quarantine. If that is the case, you can't think about opening up a team sport.”

— Dr. Allen Sills, chief medical officer of the NFL



JEFF LEWIS/AP

The Super Bowl has been played every year since the first game at the end of the 1966 season. That streak may now be in jeopardy.

COMMENTARY

No end in sight

More and more, looking like sports sidelined rest of year

BY TIM DAHLBERG

Associated Press

The unthinkable, at least for sports fans, already has happened.

The games, as we know them, are shut down. We'll never know if San Diego State was a Final Four contender or if Tiger Woods would have defended his green jacket at the Masters.

There was no opening day in baseball. The odds are increasingly good there will be no Stanley Cup Final or NBA champion in the year 2020.

And now it's time to consider the unimaginable, at least when it comes to fun and games as we once knew them.

That means no college football this fall. No Super Bowl next February.

No sports at all as long as the new coronavirus keeps killing people across the country.

Presumably, the commissioners of this country's major sports leagues already know that. They understand the kind of things — immediate widespread testing tops the list — that would have to happen to allow play to begin again.

If not, a brief review of what the chief medical officer of the NFL told Barry Wilner of The Associated Press is in order.

Read between the lines — actually, just read the lines — and the prospects of an NFL season later this year seem bleak, no matter how much the president of the United States would like to see sports come back quickly.

“We have got to get a much better handle on the actual spread of this virus and how many new cases there are,” said Dr. Allen Sills, a neurosurgeon who has been with the NFL since 2017. “How it is transmitted and how we can mitigate it. We have to get to the point that when someone is tested as positive to the virus that does not mean an immediate quarantine. If that is the case,



SARAH SILBINGER/GETTY

President Donald Trump held a conference call with major sports leaders Saturday.

you can't think about opening up a team sport.”

That is not how President Donald Trump sees it. He convened a conference call of major sports leaders on Saturday to give them a pep talk on sports coming back and indicated he would like to see it happen by September which, not coincidentally, is the scheduled start of the NFL season.

“I want fans back in the arenas,” Trump said later in a briefing at the White House. “I think it's ... whenever we're ready. As soon as we can, obviously. And the fans want to be back, too. They want to see basketball and baseball and football and hockey. They want to see their sports.”

On that, most everyone can agree, no matter their political persuasion. Sports offers a pleasant diversion in ordinary life, and it becomes even more important during a time of crisis.

It's why baseball continued during World War II. It's why the NFL played two days after President John F. Kennedy was assassinated and why both Major League Baseball and the NFL rushed to get back on the field in the wake of the terrorist attacks of 9/11.

The new coronavirus, though, is as sneaky as it is deadly. Even experts have a hard time figuring out the different ways it spreads and how to protect against it.

And no amount of banging on the bully

pulpit is going to stop it from coming to a stadium or arena nearest you.

Imagine going to a NFL game in September. Do they scan your forehead when they scan your ticket? Will you have to present evidence of a negative virus test? Do you really want to sit next to a stranger and worry for three hours about what he or she might be carrying?

The beer lines would be scary and waiting to use the urinal even more frightening.

Indeed, the logistics of simply holding a game would be staggering. And playing in one might be a risk that even NFL players won't want to take.

Everyone from players to the ball boy in a locker room would have to be tested, that's a given. But the tests would have to be plentiful and they would have to be instantaneous. Everyone would need to be tested at least once a week, at minimum, and even that might not be enough.

And if someone tests positive, then what? Do you cancel the game? The season? Does an entire team go into quarantine just as the playoffs near?

And what if the governor of one state won't allow games even as the governor of another does?

There's too much that isn't known to even take the risk. And in California, where three NFL teams play and a new \$5 billion stadium is nearing completion in Los Angeles, Gov. Gavin Newsom is already on the record as expressing skepticism the season will open on time.

“I'm not anticipating that happening in this state,” Newsom said.

A statement like that would have been unthinkable just a month or so ago. But as the death count rises, the idea of an NFL season this year will seem even more fanciful a month from now.

The virus will make the timeline, as Dr. Anthony Fauci, the U.S. government's foremost infection disease expert, has been saying to anyone who will listen.

Unfortunately, it's becoming increasingly clear that timeline won't include any more games this year.

IN BRIEF

Pro Football Hall of Famer Mitchell dies

Associated Press

Bobby Mitchell, the speedy late 1950s and '60s NFL offensive star for the Browns and Redskins, has died. He was 84.

The Pro Football Hall of Fame said Sunday night that Mitchell's family said he died in the afternoon. The Hall of Fame didn't provide other details.

“The entire Pro Football Hall of Fame family mourns the passing of Bobby Mitchell,” Hall of Fame President & CEO David Baker said in a statement. “The Game lost a true legend today. Bobby was an incredible player, a talented executive and a real gentleman to everyone with whom he worked or competed against. His wife Gwen and their entire family remain in our thoughts and prayers.”

“The Hall of Fame will forever keep his legacy alive to serve as inspiration to future generations.”

After starring in football and track at Illinois, Mitchell spent 11 seasons in the NFL.

He played halfback for the Browns from 1958-61 and was a flanker for the Redskins from 1962-68. Mitchell was a three-time All-NFL selection and played in four Pro Bowls.

Mitchell was enshrined into the Hall of Fame in 1983.

The Hall of Fame flag on the museum's campus will be flown at half-staff in Mitchell's memory.

Mitchell grew up in Hot Springs, Arkansas, also earning starring in baseball in high school.

Colleges: Texas moved quickly to hire a new women's basketball coach, luring Vic Schaefer away from powerhouse Mississippi State. Texas AD Chris Del Conte announced the move by tweeting a picture of himself with Schaefer and his family holding up the “Hook 'em Horns” hand signal. The move comes just two days after Texas dismissed eight-year coach Karen Aston, who had only one losing season in her tenure and had led the Longhorns to the Sweet 16 or farther four times. Aston had reached the end of her contract and it was not renewed. Schaefer will inherit a Texas program that went 19-11 last season but will lose four of its top six scorers next season. Schaefer, 59, was 221-62 games at Mississippi State and the Bulldogs lost in the NCAA Tournament championship game in 2017 and 2018. Mississippi State was 27-6 and ranked No. 9 before last season was cut short and the tournament canceled because of the coronavirus pandemic. He also led Mississippi State to one of the greatest upsets in women's basketball history when the team beat UConn in the Final Four in 2017, ending the Huskies 111-game winning streak.

Soccer: England defender Kyle Walker is facing disciplinary action from Premier League team Manchester City after appearing to break lockdown conditions during the coronavirus pandemic. The 29-year-old Walker apologized after it was widely reported he held a party involving two sex workers at his home last week, breaking the government's rules on social distancing. The country is in the middle of a three-week lockdown. City said it will now look into Walker's conduct. Walker, who has made 48 appearances for England, is the second high-profile EPL player to have been caught flouting the government's guidelines after Aston Villa's Jack Grealish. The Villa captain went to a party last weekend and was pictured next to a road in slippers, just hours after he posted a video urging fans to stay safe at home on social media. As of Sunday, Britain has recorded more than 4,900 virus deaths overall among nearly 48,000 reported cases.

ON THE CLOCK

17 Days until the NFL draft, which is still scheduled for April 23-25.

The top 5



Complete first-round order

1. Bengals	12. Raiders	23. Patriots
2. Redskins	13. 49ers	24. Saints
3. Lions	14. Bucs	25. Vikings
4. Giants	15. Broncos	26. Dolphins
5. Dolphins	16. Falcons	27. Seahawks
6. Chargers	17. Cowboys	28. Ravens
7. Panthers	18. Dolphins	29. Titans
8. Cardinals	19. Raiders	30. Packers
9. Jaguars	20. Jaguars	31. 49ers
10. Browns	21. Eagles	32. Chiefs
11. Jets	22. Vikings	

SPORTS



RICHARD SHIRO/AP

Tee Higgins lifts weights during Clemson's pro day last month. The coronavirus pandemic led to the cancellation of many other pro days ahead of the NFL draft.

NFL

Change to the game plan

With no more pro days, teams alter prep for draft

BY MICHAEL MAROT
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Bill Polian simplified the NFL's draft process years ago. He studied film, relied on medical experts, checked the numbers and interviewed players.

With the flurry of pro days canceled because of the new coronavirus, the Hall of Fame executive who constructed multiple Super Bowl teams during his 32-year career believes it's time for a return to his throwback approach.

"Really all you need, and it's especially true in a time like today, you need the game film, the physical exam, which may be difficult to get right now, and the measurables," he told The Associated Press. "So if a player has been to the combine, that's all you really need. If a player hasn't been to the combine or is from a small school, then you've just got to go on the game film and you'd be slightly less accurate."

"And the people who haven't done it as long as I did are probably a little discomfited about that right now."

Younger scouts, front-office executives and even coaches find themselves coping with a whole new draft process with Americans hunkering down and doctors overwhelmed by the mounting cases of COVID-19.

Gone for the most part this year are access to in-person interviews, on-campus workouts and visits to team headquarters. Also gone are some of the numbers garnered at pro days that decision-makers like to crunch as they becoming increasingly reliant on advanced metrics.

That combination has forced everyone to

rethink how they do business.

■ Zoom and Skype meetings have become commonplace.

■ Draft prospects are offering to send homemade videos of workouts and drills to NFL teams.

■ Some college coaches are making a more concerted effort to sell the players who didn't get a chance to work out in front of NFL scouts.

■ Even agents find themselves playing new roles.

"I feel like more of a mental health counselor than ever before because some of these kids have been so stressed out to not have the opportunity to showcase what they've worked for their whole life," said David Moreno, who represents about 10 pro prospects.

Everybody agrees that top-tier players such as Heisman Trophy winner Joe Burrow of LSU or defensive end Chase Young of Ohio State won't be hurt by the cancellations. They did enough in their college careers — and it's all on tape. Plus, they met with team officials and went through the medical checks at the NFL's annual scouting combine in Indianapolis.

Some players with medical concerns, such as Alabama's Tua Tagovailoa, the 2018 Heisman Trophy runner-up, or Colorado receiver Laviska Shenault Jr. probably won't see a precipitous drop in their stock either.

And those who competed in college all-star games but didn't receive a combine invite, like Indiana receiver Nick Westbrook, also have the advantage of performing in front of scouts.

Many others find themselves in limbo. "I just feel horrible for all these kids that



GENE J. PUSKAR/AP

Hall of executive Bill Polian says teams that have "good scouts" are in a strong position.

aren't combine guys and put in all this work and now they're just kind of stuck," agent Ron Slavin said.

The stories are endless. Slavin represents eight draft-eligible players, including Houston punter Dane Roy, who returned home to Australia for his wedding before the school's March 31 workout was called off. Roy doesn't know when he'll be back in the U.S.

Westbrook was working out in Seattle — until the pandemic started shutting down the city. So the Indiana receiver moved in with his parents in Florida but has struggled to find a workout facility.

Lehigh's top receiver, Devon Bibbens actually missed out on three pro days — two at Temple and one at Delaware. He is back home in Pennsylvania, using his old high-school regimen to stay in shape.

"I'm lucky enough that I have some equipment in my garage — dumbbells, a barbell, a pull-up bar, field equipment. My high school has a hill," Bibbens said. "These are the workouts I did in high school, so

getting back to those things is honestly kind of fun."

Still, nothing can really replace missing time in front of NFL scouts. So coaches are pitching in.

Illinois was one of the few major schools to conduct a pro day before travel restrictions were imposed, so coach Lovie Smith has spent his days responding to follow-up questions.

At Georgia, coach Kirby Smart said he's been contacted personally by five NFL teams and answers text messages daily in an effort to help his players, especially those under the radar.

"The guys that didn't get to go to the combine that are really football players, I worry for them, for their sake," Smart said. "You feel good when you go out there and you go perform, whether you perform good or bad, you feel good that you got your opportunity."

It's not just the football component that disappoints players, it's the uncertainty.

"Not knowing what's going to happen and even if the draft takes place on time, whether the minicamps start and all those unknowns is probably the hardest thing to deal with right now," Westbrook said.

But Polian has a reassuring message for borderline prospects: NFL teams have been unearthing talent for decades — many years with no combine and no pro days.

"That's why we have scouts," he said. "They've seen the player up close and can do a pretty good assessment of all the measurables and the physical. If they need additional information, I'm sure the school will give it to them. ... If you have good scouts, you're in great shape."

AP Pro Football Writer Schuyler Dixon and Sports Writers Charles Odum and Andrew Seligman contributed to this report.

SCOREBOARD

NBA				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Toronto	46	18	.719	—
Boston	43	21	.672	3
Philadelphia	39	26	.600	7½
Brooklyn	30	34	.469	16
New York	21	45	.318	26
SOUTHEAST				
Miami	41	24	.631	—
Orlando	30	35	.462	11
Washington	24	40	.375	16½
Charlotte	23	42	.354	18
Atlanta	20	47	.299	22
CENTRAL				
Milwaukee	53	12	.815	—
Indiana	39	26	.600	14
Chicago	22	43	.338	31
Detroit	20	46	.303	33½
Cleveland	19	46	.292	34
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Houston	40	24	.625	—
Dallas	40	27	.592	1½
Memphis	32	33	.492	8½
New Orleans	28	36	.438	12
San Antonio	27	36	.429	12½
NORTHWEST				
Denver	43	22	.662	—
Utah	41	23	.641	1½
Oklahoma City	40	24	.625	2½
Portland	29	37	.439	14½
Minnesota	19	45	.297	23½
PACIFIC				
L.A. Lakers	49	14	.778	—
L.A. Clippers	44	20	.688	5½
Sacramento	28	36	.438	21½
Phoenix	26	39	.400	24
Golden State	15	50	.231	35

NHL						
EASTERN CONFERENCE						
ATLANTIC	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	44	14	12	100	227	174
Tampa Bay	43	21	6	92	245	195
Toronto	36	25	9	81	238	227
Florida	35	26	8	78	231	228
Montreal	31	31	9	71	212	221
Buffalo	30	31	8	68	195	217
Ottawa	25	34	12	62	191	243
Detroit	17	49	5	39	145	267
METRO.						
Washington	41	20	8	90	240	215
Philadelphia	41	21	7	89	232	196
Pittsburgh	40	23	6	86	224	196
Carolina	38	25	5	81	222	193
Columbus	33	22	15	81	180	187
N.Y. Islanders	35	23	10	80	192	193
N.Y. Rangers	37	28	5	79	234	222
New Jersey	28	29	12	68	189	230
WESTERN CONFERENCE						
CENTRAL	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	42	19	10	94	225	193
Colorado	42	20	8	92	237	191
Dallas	37	24	8	82	180	177
Winnipeg	37	28	6	80	216	203
Nashville	35	28	8	78	215	217
Minnesota	35	27	7	77	220	220
Chicago	32	30	8	72	212	218
PACIFIC						
Vegas	39	24	8	86	227	211
Edmonton	37	25	9	83	225	217
Calgary	36	27	7	79	210	215
Vancouver	36	27	6	78	228	217
Arizona	33	29	8	74	195	187
Anaheim	29	33	9	67	187	226
Los Angeles	29	35	6	64	178	212
San Jose	29	36	5	63	182	226

SOCCER													
MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER													
Eastern	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA	Western	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Atlanta	2	0	0	6	4	2	Sporting KC	2	0	0	6	7	1
N.Y. Red Bulls	1	0	1	4	4	3	Minnesota	2	0	0	6	8	3
Montreal	1	0	1	4	4	3	Colorado	2	0	0	6	4	2
Toronto FC	1	0	1	4	3	2	FC Dallas	1	0	1	4	4	2
Columbus	1	0	1	4	2	1	Los Angeles FC	1	0	1	4	4	3
D.C. United	1	1	0	3	3	3	Seattle	1	0	1	4	3	2
Chicago	0	1	1	1	2	3	Portland	1	1	0	3	2	3
New England	0	1	1	1	2	3	Vancouver	1	1	0	3	2	3
Orlando City	0	1	1	1	1	2	Real Salt Lake	0	2	2	1	1	2
Philadelphia	0	1	1	1	3	5	LA Galaxy	0	1	1	1	1	2
Cincinnati	0	2	0	0	3	5	San Jose	0	1	1	1	4	7
Inter Miami CF	0	2	0	0	1	3	Houston	0	1	1	1	1	5
N.Y. City FC	0	2	0	0	0	2	Houston	0	2	0	0	1	3

Tentative date: MLS All Star Game July 29 vs. La Liga MX All Stars at Banc of California Stadium in Los Angeles.

GOLF									
CHAMPIONS TOUR STATISTICS									
Scoring									
1, Fred Couples, 67.42. 2 (tie), Ernie Els and Robert Karlsson, 68.00. 4, Bernhard Langer, 68.07. 5, Brett Quigley, 68.17. 6 (tie), Bob Estes and Kevin Sutherland, 68.33. 8, Woody Austin, 68.40. 9, Scott Parel, 68.60. 10, Miguel Angel Jiménez, 68.87.									
Driving Distance									
1, John Huston, 299.8. 2, Retief Goosen, 298.8. 3, Darren Clarke, 298.0. 4, John Daly, 297.6. 5, Brandt Jobe, 297.1. 6, Scott McCarron, 297.0. 7, Robert Karlsson, 296.3. 8, Kenny Perry, 296.2. 9, Fred Couples, 295.9. 10, Ángel Cabrera, 293.8.									
Driving Accuracy Percentage									
1, Bart Bryant, 86.51%. 2, Fred Funk, 82.74%. 3, Hale Irwin, 81.75%. 4 (tie), Olin Browne and Colin Montgomerie, 80.95%. 6, Jerry Kelly, 80.36%. 7, Stephen Ames, 79.46%. 8, Joe Durant, 79.17%. 9, 5 tied with 78.57%.									
Greens in Regulation Pct.									
1, Tom Lehman, 77.31%. 2, Ernie Els, 77.16%. 3, Kevin Sutherland, 76.85%. 4, Stephen Leaney, 74.69%. 5 (tie), Marco Dawson, Scott Parel and Brett Quigley, 74.07%. 8, Fred Couples, 73.61%. 9, Robert Karlsson, 73.46%.									
Total Driving									
1, Rod Pampling, 21. 2, Stephen Ames, 26. 3 (tie), Darren Clarke and Bob Estes, 37. 5 (tie), Robert Karlsson and Kenny Perry, 41. 7, Kevin Sutherland, 47. 8 (tie), Retief Goosen and Tom Lehman, 48. 10, Bernhard Langer, 50.									

GOLF									
Putting Average									
1, Bernhard Langer, 1.647. 2, José María Olazábal, 1.657. 3, Miguel Angel Jiménez, 1.669. 4, Woody Austin, 1.671. 5, Brett Quigley, 1.675. 6, Fred Couples, 1.679. 7 (tie), Chris DiMarco and Wes Short, Jr., 1.683. 9, Bob Estes, 1.684. 10, Olin Browne, 1.687.									
Birdie Average									
1, Brett Quigley, 5.42. 2, Bernhard Langer, 5.20. 3, Woody Austin, 5.00. 4, Kevin Sutherland, 4.93. 5, Fred Couples, 4.92. 6, Stephen Ames, 4.91. 7, Ernie Els, 4.89. 8, Miguel Angel Jiménez, 4.87. 9, Robert Karlsson, 4.78. 10, 3 tied with 4.67.									
Eagles (Holes per)									
1, Ernie Els, 40.5. 2 (tie), Woody Austin and John Huston, 54.0. 4 (tie), Retief Goosen and Ken Tanigawa, 67.5. 6 (tie), Darren Clarke, Fred Couples and Gene Sauer, 72.0. 9, 2 tied with 81.0.									
Sand Save Percentage									
1, Olin Browne and Chris DiMarco, 80.00%. 3 (tie), Lee Janzen and Billy Mayfair, 75.00%. 5, Fred Funk, 72.73%. 6, José María Olazábal, 70.00%. 7, Loren Roberts, 69.57%. 8, Tim Herron, 69.23%. 9, Paul Broadhurst, 68.75%. 10, Miguel Angel Jiménez, 68.42%.									
All-Around Ranking									
1, Fred Couples, 118. 2, Bernhard Langer, 129. 3, Miguel Angel Jiménez, 130. 4, Ernie Els, 133. 5, Darren Clarke, 137. 6, Kevin Sutherland, 146. 7, Woody Austin, 153. 8, Brett Quigley, 156. 9, Robert Karlsson, 161. 10, Scott McCarron, 164.									

HORSE RACING			
ROAD TO KENTUCKY DERBY POINTS			
HORSE	TRAINER	PTS	
Tiz the Law	Barclay Tagg	122	
Wells Bayou	Brad Cox	104	
Ete Indien	Patrick Biancone	74	
Modernist	Bill Mott	70	
Authentic	Bob Baffert	60	
Mr. Monomoy	Brad Cox	52	
Nadal	Bob Baffert	50	
Mischievous Alex	John Servis	50	
Ny Traffic	Saffie Joseph Jr.	50	
King Guillermo	Juan Carlos Avila	50	
Shivaree	Ralph Nicks	40	
Enforceable	Mark Casse	33	
Storm the Court	Peter Eurton	32	
Sole Volante	Patrick Biancone	30	
Major Fed	Greg Foley	30	
Thousand Words	Bob Baffert	25	
Silver Prospector	Steve Asmussen	21	
Field Pass	Mike Maker	20	
Excession	Steve Asmussen	20	
Azul Coast	Todd Pletcher	20	
Honor A. P.	John Shirreffs	20	
Untitled	Mark Casse	20	
Shotski	Jeremiah O'Dwyer	19	
Independence Hall	Mike Trombetta	14	
Gouverneur Morris	Todd Pletcher	14	
Silver State	Steve Asmussen	14	
Shoplifted	Steve Asmussen	13	
Anneau d'Or	Blain Walsh	12	
Maxfield	Brendan Walsh	10	
Eight Rings	Bob Baffert	10	
Dennis' Moment	Dale Romans	10	
Gold Street	Steve Asmussen	10	
Max Player	Linda Rice	10	
As Seen On Tv	Kelly Breen	10	
Attachment Rate	Dale Romans	10	
Texas Swing	Todd Pletcher	10	
source: drf.com			
Kentucky Derby: Sept. 5, Louisville, Ky			

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Three chapters of Doyle's life

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He said enough outrageous stuff for the Big Ten Network not to renew his contract. A scuffle with former Bulls guard Kendall Gill left him without a role on Comcast SportsNet, now NBC Sports Chicago. Doyle also lost a full-time job with Stadium, the multiplatform national sports network based at the United Center, but that was due to a change in its programming strategy.

That came in 2018. And as a result the guy who lives to make people laugh cried himself to sleep and hid foreclosure notices from Susie.

"Dark times," he says.

What saved him was sports betting.

But it's not what you think.

'It came so easily to him'

A 2006 Tribune story described Doyle as "a native New Yorker whose hairstyle makes him look as if he just stepped out of the cast of 'Grease.'"

Said Doyle, then a 24-year-old senior at Northwestern: "Back on the East Coast, everyone gels their hair a little. I'm a product of my environment, but it's a product-free environment out here."

Doyle transferred to Northwestern after a season glued to the bench at St. John's. He started 67 games for Bill Carmody and set the program's single-season assists record (157), which Bryant McIntosh later shattered.

Before a game against Ohio State, Doyle cracked of teammate Vince Scott: "Greg Oden's going to be a pro, and Vince is going to be an investment banker."

The reporter said thanks and pointed to the court. Practice was starting. Doyle said he'd rather stay and keep talking.

He became a local media darling within weeks of his college basketball career ending, appearing on WSCR-AM 670, WGN-AM 720 and "Chicago Tribune Live" on CSN.

"The Score says they're going to pay me," Doyle said. "They took my Social Security number."

And: "Maybe with the Big Ten Network starting, I'll have the opportunity to do some games."

Within months of the network's launch in 2007, producers were using Doyle for studio work — basketball and football. That's a rarity for an analyst. BTN had him on site for its coverage of Michigan State's loss to North Carolina in the 2009 national championship game.

"This guy comes into BTN and has pretty nice deal right out of college, a premier player," says Jordan Cornette, one of Doyle's best friends in sports media. "Maybe he doesn't understand how lucky he is to be in that position, how to carry himself humbly, the nuance of relationships. There was an arrogance because it came so easily to him."

Doyle grew up on Long Island listening to New York sports talk radio, specifically "Mike and the Mad Dog" on WFAN. A space for shouting and wisecracks.

"Early on many of the executives at BTN were from New York, and they liked a little bit of friction," Doyle says. "Let's have some fun. Let's have some debate. I always found that to be good television. I didn't go into every segment trying to be Stephen A. Smith, but if I saw something, I was going to say it. But I wasn't mature enough to understand how to say it."

He would insist a team was a lock to make the NCAA Tournament when it wasn't. Or make a crack about a team being like "the Kardashians — getting everything they want."

Harmless stuff, but he also delivered lines that offended some.

He called Iowa forward Aaron White a "ginger" while describing a three-point play. "The ginger with the finish!"

Doyle never viewed that as a derogatory term for a redhead. But White's father did and let network executives know.

Doyle rankled Michigan State officials by dismissing the Spartans' chances of being invited to a bowl game over Michigan, "a national brand."

He thought he was being cute when he said of Penn State: "You can't spell Nittany without 'N-I-T.'"

Cornette warned him: Good luck having a working relationship with that school.

Says BTN Senior Vice President Mark Hulsey: "Tim was in a different place in his life when he worked at BTN and he had some lapses in judgment on the air. He was new when he came to the broadcast business and probably trying to make his mark a little too soon."

In 2017, BTN dropped him.

"The worst thing that happened was I lost my job there," Doyle says. "The best thing that happened was I lost my job there."



Former Northwestern player Tim Doyle and Joe, his 5-year-old son. His proud father says "Chicago Joe" is "a natural entertainer."

'My approach has changed'

The new Doyle, 37 with graying sideburns and a job with NBA TV, reported for work at the United Center on Nov. 5. He spotted Kendall Gill on the floor before the game.

His heart raced.

Had it been six years?

Doyle and Gill clashed the day after a controversial Bulls loss to the Nuggets in March 2013. Joakim Noah appeared to tip in the game-winner, setting off a celebration. But officials used video replay to uphold their ruling of offensive interference.

It was a tricky call because of questions regarding whether the ball was in the cylinder and if it was on a downward trajectory with a chance to hit the rim.

Game analyst Stacey King bemoaned the call. So did Gill, working as a studio analyst for CSN. He said a superstar such as LeBron James would have gotten the benefit of the doubt from officials.

One day later on the same network, Doyle let loose during a guest stint on "SportsTalk Live," saying: "The call on Noah was 100% correct. I do not know what Stacey King was thinking (or) Kendall Gill. Both of you are my friends, but I unfollowed you on Twitter because you were 100% wrong."

So absolute. So personal. And given that King and Gill played for the Bulls, an implication they were being homers.

Still, no one could have expected what happened next.

Gill and Bulls/NBA expert Mark Schanowski watched the show from the office of CSN executive Kevin Cross. They were meeting to discuss a new project, but after Gill grew agitated listening to Doyle, he said he would go to the East Bank Club to blow off steam.

Gill, also 6-5 and a trained boxer, returned to the CSN newsroom about 25 minutes later "in a sullen mood," Schanowski said. "It blew up almost instantly. Kendall confronted Tim nose to nose. Tim didn't back down. He said some choice words, and then Kendall threw a punch."

Schanowski and senior producer Ryan McGuffey got between them, with Doyle being shoved into Cross' office.

Gill declined to be interviewed on the topic, texting: "I'd rather nothing be written about it at all and I hope (Doyle) told the truth. Particularly what he said to me right before I punched him in the face. Other than that, I have nothing to add."

Doyle also was reluctant to address it, saying he's "embarrassed" about what transpired. He never again appeared on the network. Gill returned to CSN (rebranded as NBC Sports Chicago in 2017) as the Bulls studio analyst in December 2015 after a gap of almost three years.

Doyle spotted Gill on the United Center floor Nov. 5 and said to himself: Now is the time.

He walked over, extended his hand and said: "I wish it never happened. I'm sorry."

Doyle says now: "That was not easy for me because I always looked at it as not being my fault. But I really wanted to squash this."

They chatted and asked about each other's families.

At the time, Doyle thought he was being edgy and creating "good television."

"I'm ruffling feathers," he says. "I'm taking a hard opinion. He's going the other way. Now my approach has changed."

Asked what the current-day Doyle would have said in 2013, he replied: "I understand where Kendall Gill is coming from. LeBron James plays by different rules. I just thought the call was pretty concise, that it was goaltending."

A modern-day Jimmy the Greek

Doyle was at church in Glen Ellyn when a man he didn't know made eye contact. His first thought: Ugh, an Illinois State fan was about to hassle him for his call on a Redbirds game.

The man approached Doyle and asked: "Are you Chicago Joe's dad?"

Doyle replied: "Yeah, five bucks to take a picture with him."

Chicago Joe is Doyle's Mini-Me, a natural entertainer who likes to pick the ponies and took the Chiefs to win the Super Bowl. Minus the 1½ points, of course.

After Joe was born, Tim and Susie noticed his long fingers. And as Joe started growing, his back curved and his chest protruded. At that point Susie, with her medical background, was not surprised to learn he had Marfan syndrome, a connective tissue disorder with varying symptoms.

Joe is thin and struggles with stairs. He could grow to be 7 feet but cannot play contact sports and takes two medications that lower his blood pressure.

"You can live with it and have a regular life," Susie says. "You just have to go to a lot of doctors appointments."

The 7-1 Isaiah Austin was diagnosed with Marfan syndrome in 2014, and doctors told him his abnormally large arteries made playing basketball too big of a risk. NBA Commissioner Adam Silver made Austin a ceremonial pick to fulfill his dream of being drafted. Austin has played in China and Lebanon since getting medically cleared to compete overseas.

Joe's diagnosis made sense to Doyle. His father, Dan, is 6-8, and a brother is just 5-9.

Dan played briefly in the NBA for the Pistons in 1962-63 before turning to his next full-time job — sports betting. Big. Typically \$500 to \$2,000 ("two dimes" in betting parlance) per game.

"My dad was a gambler for a long time," Doyle says. "One day you'd root for the Mets and the next day you'd root against the Mets. That was our normal household."

They ate dinner at 5 o'clock because as 7 approached, the elder Doyle made his picks through three bookies. Tim and his dad would go to Jones Beach on summer nights and eat Double Stuf Oreos as they fiddled with the radio to pick up games as far west as Cleveland.

"We never went to the zoo," Doyle says, "but my dad said: 'I took you to the park. Belmont Park.'"

By 12, Doyle says he had his own off-track betting account.

So it fits that when he was at his lowest point, Doyle returned to his roots.

He asked Hulsey to lunch, apologized for the "immature" things he said on BTN and sought career advice, asking: What's the next big thing?

The answer: sports betting.

"Tim saw an opportunity," Hulsey says now, "and maybe I helped to reaffirm that."

Doyle is a fantasy expert for NBA TV, doling out advice on lineups from the comfort of his basement. He picks games and horses for CBS HQ and Sportsline.com. He also calls college basketball games for CBS Sports and was slated to work 18 days in March before the coronavirus pandemic.

"Tim has done a brilliant job of recalibrating and reshaping who he is," says Cornette, who recently left Chicago to become an ACC Network host for ESPN.

Doyle was part of the NBA TV crew at All-Star Weekend, during which Isaiah Thomas told him he could become a modern-day Jimmy the Greek.

"I'll say this about Turner: If there are 38 people on the roster, I'm the backup punter," Doyle says. "But I'm on the team."

Doyle's No. 1 job, though, is to be the father of Joe and Rose, 3. They sat next to him a few weeks ago as he made harness racing selections online. Seconds after Tim rubbed his hands together in anticipation, Joe, wearing a fedora, did the same.

Then Doyle joked with Rose about being a "mush" — bringing negative mojo.

They recorded this from what Doyle calls "Studio A" in his basement, beneath a sign proclaiming that while at Northwestern he had "the best hair in the Big Ten."

"I originally started doing the videos with Joe as a way to boost his confidence," Tim says. "I want him to speak loud, look up."

Says Susie: "My initial thought was I don't want Joe to start a horrible addiction. But Joe loves it and Tim loves it, and it's fun when we're out. The other day our neighbor told him: Joe, I didn't know you were famous!"

Challenges lie ahead for Joe, who will need heart and back surgeries.

In normal times, Tim and Susie encourage him to hit the jungle gym and build his strength.

"He looks at it as he's training for the police academy," Susie says. "He has made the comment: 'I'm really brave, like the policemen. If I fall, I get up and keep going.' He's the coolest kid."

Will Joe develop his dad's sense of humor? Will he one day have his dad's willingness to evolve?

How could he not?

The Doyles have strong traits.

As Tim was talking about Joe, calling their sports betting videos "therapy for me," his son walked into the room.

"Got the mail?" Tim asked him. "Any checks?"

Sullivan

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The Cubs and Padres combined for 11 errors, including a club-record-tying six by the Padres. The Cubs' five errors gave them a league-leading 30 for the season in only 22 games, and they also had two wild pitches and a costly balk.

Surprisingly, two of the biggest offenders were future Hall of Famers: Padres second baseman Roberto Alomar committed three errors, giving him 11 on the young season, while perennial Cubs Gold Glover Ryne Sandberg made two, including his first throwing error in 248 games dating to June 10, 1987.

The game began to fall apart in the second when Sandberg let a double-play grounder off Benito Santiago's bat go through his legs for an error, giving the

Padres a quick lead.

"I misplayed it, but the field was as hard as a rock," Sandberg said. "If that's how the field is going to be, someone's going to break a nose."

Alomar concurred, saying the infield was "hard ... like a rock."

Back in the 1980s, the media could talk to the groundskeepers at Wrigley Field without having to submit a request through the business operations department. It was a simpler time.

So after talking to Sandberg and Alomar, I grabbed Wrigley grounds crew foreman Roger O'Conner and asked him to respond to the allegations.

O'Conner admitted the field hadn't been watered because of a threat of rain but added: "It was the same as it was three days ago when (Greg) Maddux said it was great. We didn't water it that day either."

After Sandberg's error, umpire Harry Wendelstedt called Cubs starter Mike

Bielecki for a balk after he whirled, faked a throw to third and then to first. The balk brought home a run, and Zimmer was livid, though it should be noted it didn't take much to upset him.

"An absolute joke," Zimmer said of the balk. "You'd have to be a ballet dancer."

Managers actually talked like that back in the day, especially the man called "Pop-eye."

The headline on my game story in one edition of the next day's Tribune read: "TO ERR IS HUMAN, BUT THIS IS PUSHING IT; PADRES TOP CUBS IN A TRUE COMEDY OF ERRORS — 11."

The '89 Cubs, who eventually adopted the nickname "The Boys of Zimmer," went on to win the National League East before losing to the Giants in five games in the NL Championship Series.

Sandberg made only four more errors the rest of the year and won his seventh of nine straight Gold Gloves. Alomar, traded

to the Blue Jays in 1991, went on to win 10 Gold Gloves and joined Sandberg in Cooperstown, N.Y.

In hindsight it was amazing two fielders as great as Sandberg and Alomar suffered meltdowns on the same night.

So why is it remembered as the David Letterman Game?

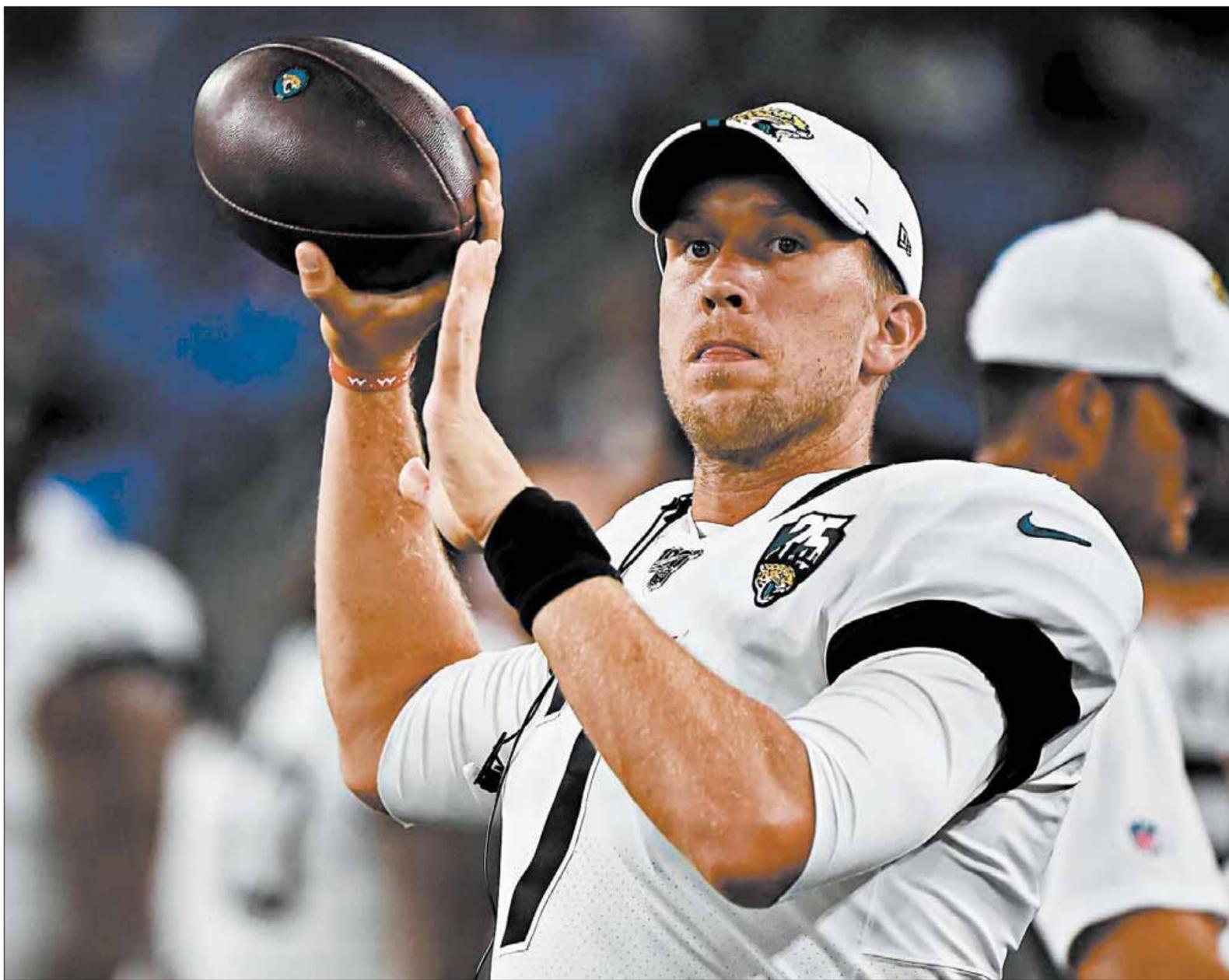
Because the late-night talk-show host was in the stands watching the parade of errors.

This was well before we had the internet, much less social media, so no one bothered Letterman in his seat or made a big deal that the Indiana native was attending a Cubs game.

If it happened today, he would be a trending topic on Twitter.

The simple fact Letterman was an eyewitness to "one of the worst baseball games ever" makes it easier to remember that strange night, even if we'd just as soon forget it.

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WILL NEWTON/GETTY

Quarterback Nick Foles had his contract restructured so he could leave the Jaguars. "A crazy restructure was necessary to allow me to go play for Coach Nagy and the Bears," Foles said.

Crazy, but it makes sense

Restructured contract cuts base value of Foles' pact by more than half, but he gets big free-agent carrot

If he only followed the numbers, Nick Foles would not be a Bear. The former Super Bowl MVP trusted his instinct, however, and that's what led to his arrival last week after the trade with the Jaguars became official.

The numbers Foles agreed to in a "crazy" restructuring of his contract might not be ideal, but the new deal gives the 31-year-old upside and freedom if he leads the Bears to heights they believe are achievable in the near future.

Without reworking his contract to facilitate the trade, in which the Bears sent the Jaguars a fourth-round draft pick, Foles would have remained in Jacksonville, possibly as the backup to Gardner Minshew.

Instead he's using video to learn nuances of an offense he's familiar with as he prepares for what Bears coach Matt Nagy and general manager Ryan Pace termed an open competition between Foles and Mitch Trubisky for the starting job.

Thirteen months ago, Foles signed the NFL's largest contract during 2019 free agency: \$88 million over four years. He pocketed \$31 million from the Jaguars last year, leaving \$57 million in base value remaining. That figure has been slashed to \$24 million.

What's unchanged is the fully guaranteed amount remaining that Foles would receive in the event he's cut: \$21 million, which the Bears have spread over three years.

"If I don't agree to a restructure, I'm not traded, so therefore I'm back in Jack-



BRAD BIGGS
On the Bears

sonville," Foles said during a conference call Friday. "This situation works best for the Jaguars and for the Bears and for me. This is ultimately what I thought was best, based on a lot of information from this last season, to where agreeing to a crazy restructure was necessary to allow me to go play for Coach

Nagy and the Bears. "It's probably not the logistical move if you're looking at numbers and contracts and moving and all that stuff. But it was necessary based on my heart and a lot of prayer and thinking."

Complicating matters for Foles is having to move his family with his wife, Tori, due in June with the couple's second child. They put down roots in Jacksonville and were excited about the latest phase of his career.

Then Foles suffered a broken collarbone on the second series of the season opener when Chiefs defensive lineman Chris Jones hit him just after he released a 35-yard touchdown pass to D.J. Chark. When Foles returned from injured reserve in November, he made three starts before coach Doug Marrone replaced him with Minshew, effectively turning the page for the franchise.

"It was obviously a struggle," Foles said. "We went to Jacksonville with a lot of hopes. I will say this: I don't have any regrets. We gave it every single thing we had the entire year. My wife and I, we gave everything we had and we made a lot of amazing relationships in Jacksonville and we learned a lot. We grew a lot as human

beings by the trials we faced there. But ultimately it was time to make a change.

"It really worked best for both parties because I love Gardner. Jacksonville can build around Gardner and now I have an opportunity to play for a team that I played a couple of years ago (in the Eagles' playoff victory over the Bears) that was honestly one of the best teams I've played against. To be with a coach that was there for me from the beginning like Doug Pederson was, I got Matt Nagy. ... Everything about that was intriguing to where the restructure was a necessary move to make it happen."

The restructured contract lowers Foles' 2020 base salary from \$15.125 million to \$4 million, giving him a considerably smaller salary-cap hit of \$5.33 million. Here is how the money breaks down in his new deal (all money is fully guaranteed with the exception of the 2022 base salary, which is guaranteed for \$1 million):

- **2020:** \$4 million base salary, \$4 million signing bonus.
- **2021:** \$4 million base salary, \$4 million roster bonus.
- **2022:** \$4 million base salary, \$4 million roster bonus.

If Foles wins the starting job, there is considerable room for more earnings with incentives and escalators, according to a source with knowledge of the parameters. Foles can earn an additional \$6 million annually for reaching playing-time thresholds combined with factors such as passer rating, postseason appearances and awards such as Pro Bowl, All-Pro, MVP and Super Bowl MVP.

If, say, Foles takes 80% of the offensive snaps, has a passer rating above 95 and the Bears qualify for the playoffs, he would earn a \$2.5 million incentive. That's just one of many scenarios in which he can

earn more money, and the way the restructure is designed, any incentive earned in 2020 doubles as an escalator for his 2021 base salary. In other words, if he earns \$2.5 million in incentives this year, he would be paid that figure and his 2021 base salary would rise to \$6.5 million. Incentives earned in 2021 would double as an escalator for his 2022 base salary.

Besides the appeal of reuniting with Nagy, what else did Foles receive in exchange for reducing the base value of his contract by more than half? He can become a free agent as soon as next March if the Bears make the kind of playoff run they believe was cut short when Foles and the Eagles defeated them 16-15 in the wild-card round after the 2018 season.

The final two years of the contract would automatically void if Foles is on the field for at least half of the Bears' offensive plays during the regular season and postseason and they reach the NFC championship game. The deal can be voided after two years if similar provisions are met in 2021.

Foles will boost his pay if he plays well, and he stands to become a free agent if he plays well and the team is very successful. The Bears aren't on the hook for much more than the \$21 million in guarantees that remained in Foles' contract with the Jaguars if things don't materialize, so the contract wouldn't hamstring the team moving forward.

Both sides have protection, and in that sense, it's not so crazy if he was determined to be in Chicago.

"Ultimately, it came down to the restructure," Foles said. "But it took every single party to be on the same page and allowing this to happen. So I'm very excited about this opportunity. There is a lot that had to happen."

RECRUITING NOTES

Let's play 2: Illinois offer could seal deal

Illini give Florida star chance to play football and basketball

BY SHANNON RYAN

Terrion Arnold isn't one to limit himself, he said. That's why the Florida high school athlete was excited to get a chance to play both sports he loves in college.

Illinois last week became one of the first schools to offer Arnold a scholarship to compete in football and basketball.

"It motivates me to go harder," Arnold said. "I'm showing people can do both."

Arnold, a 6-foot-2, 187-pound junior from Tallahassee, Fla., is rated as a four-star safety and has dozens of football scholarship offers from programs such as Alabama, Auburn, Florida, Florida State, Georgia, LSU and Notre Dame.

He said Illinois and Georgia Tech have offered him the opportunity to play basketball as well. By NCAA rule, if an athlete plays football, he cannot be on scholarship for another sport (the so-called "Bear Bryant rule," after the legendary Alabama

coach supposedly would stash football players on other teams to circumvent scholarship limits).

"I'm exploring all of my options," Arnold said. "I'm seeing what the best fit is for me. I don't have any favorite schools."

Arnold believes playing both sports in college is feasible. He could accept a football scholarship and join the basketball team as a walk-on guard.

It's rarely done in college athletics, but some famous athletes have accomplished both — including Arnold's former high school basketball coach at Florida State University School.

Charlie Ward won the 1993 Heisman Trophy as a Florida State quarterback and started at point guard for the 1992-93 Seminoles basketball team that reached the Elite Eight of the NCAA Tournament. He went on to play 11 seasons in the NBA.

"He said the main thing you have to do is make a lot of sacrifices and devote time," said Arnold, who now attends John Paul II Catholic in Tallahassee. "He said I reminded him of himself."

Arnold said he has played football since

he was 5 and basketball since he was 7. Illinois, he said, was impressed with his dedication to both sports.

"They like the confidence I have," he said, "that I'm a clean-cut guy, a guy they can build their program around basketball-wise and football-wise."

NU lands Lake Forest LB: Four-star Lake Forest linebacker Mac Uihlein committed to Northwestern on Friday, becoming the fourth — and highest-rated — member of the Wildcats' 2021 recruiting class.

The 6-1, 215-pound Uihlein is the No. 5 recruit in the state and the No. 10 inside linebacker prospect in the country, according to the 247Sports.com composite rankings. He chose Northwestern over offers from Wisconsin, Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota and Virginia, among others.

Uihlein had 111 tackles, 14 tackles for a loss and two sacks for the Scouts last season, according to 247.

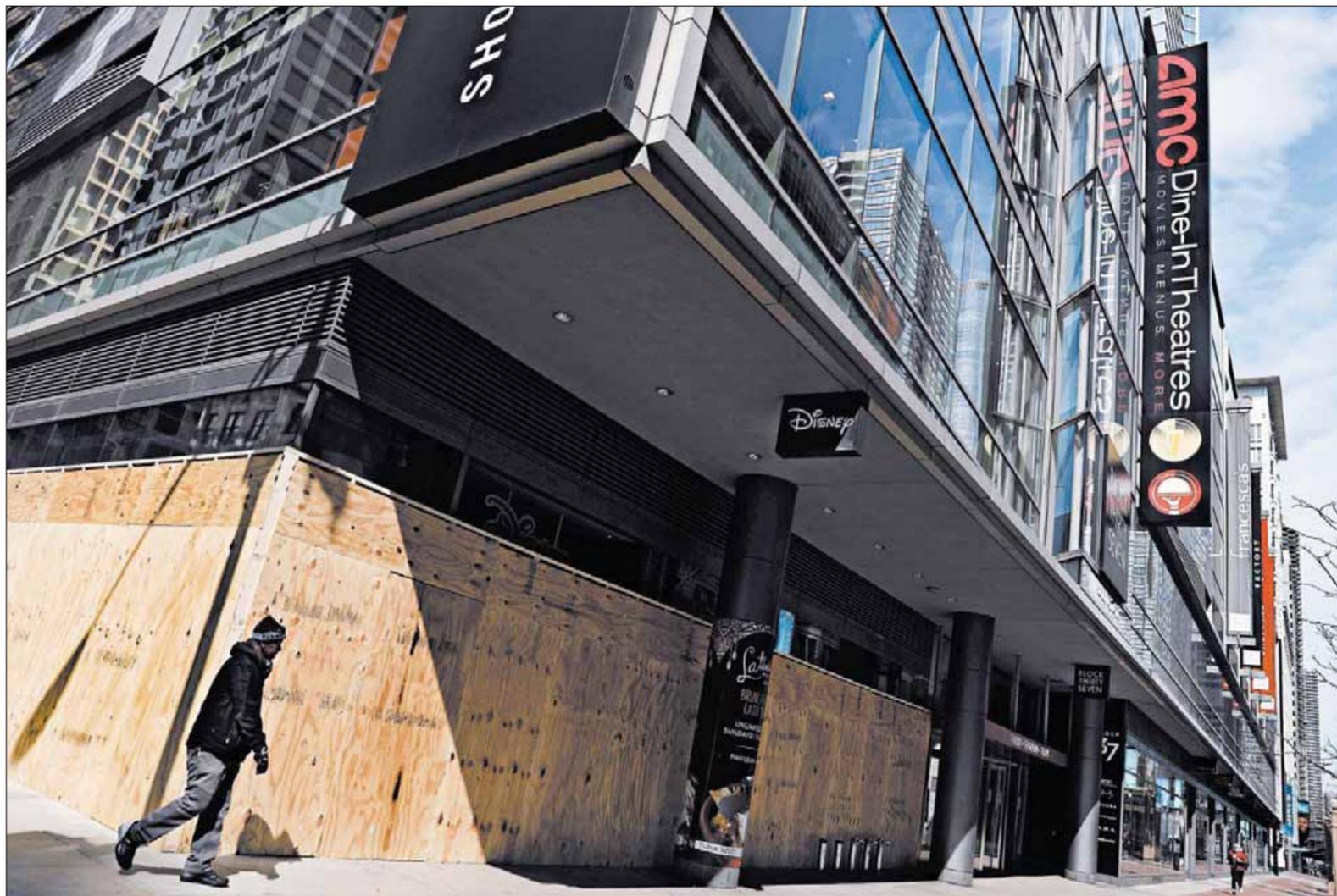
All four members of the Wildcats' 2021 class, which ranks 35th in the national composite, committed in the last four weeks. Uihlein joins three-star Michigan



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Mac Uihlein, a four-star linebacker from Lake Forest, has committed to play for NU.

offensive linemen Caleb Tiernan — who picked Northwestern over Ohio State, Penn State and Michigan — and Josh Thompson and three-star wide receiver Donnie Gray from Massachusetts.



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The AMC theaters at Block Thirty Seven on State State remain closed because of the pandemic. Two weeks ago, AMC CEO Adam Aron announced a chain-wide shutdown.

If AMC folds, are we done going to the movies?



MICHAEL PHILLIPS
 Tribune movie critic

In times of pandemic crisis and economic catastrophe, we look for words of encouragement.

Here are seven words wholly unqualified for that job: “Default imminent, with little prospect for recovery.”

On April 2, Standard & Poor’s Global financial analysts downgraded the already discouraging credit rating of the world’s largest movie theater chain, AMC Entertainment, to a CCC — “Default imminent, with little prospect for recovery,” in other words.

Does this hold true for moviegoing itself?

When AMC’s 11,000 screens in 15 countries worldwide reopen for business, along with the company’s competitors Regal, Cinemark and other currently shuttered venues, will millions of rattled customers return to moviegoing after months of moviestaying?

Two weeks ago, AMC Enter-

“Movie attendance is still pretty massive. I don’t think it’s going away.”

— Classic Cinemas CEO Chris Johnson

tainment CEO and President Adam Aron announced a chain-wide shutdown. “It seems like an eternity ago,” he said Friday, at home in Kansas City. Aron is one of 600 AMC corporate employees furloughed on March 25. Like everyone below him on the command chain, he’s wondering when he’ll be back in business.

Initially AMC announced a

six-to-12 week shutdown, “and we knew six weeks was the optimistic case,” Aron said. “Even then a three-month shutdown certainly seemed possible.” Now, he said, “mid-June seems possible but optimistic. The closure could extend beyond that.”

Aron declined to discuss S&P’s recent downgrading and a possible, widely speculated Chapter

11 bankruptcy restructuring for AMC. “We’re one among many companies all across the U.S. who still have costs and literally have no revenues,” he said. With the help of the federal \$2.2 trillion coronavirus relief package on the way, he said, “we’ll see together how the economy builds back up.”

In the meantime, multiplexes such as the AMC South Barrington 30, or the AMC River East 21, like their Regal or Cinemark or Kerasotes counterparts, remain dark. And not in an enticing, romantic, cinematic way. Just dark.

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‘Hamilton’ star on closing of Broadway, life under lockdown

BY CHRIS JONES

After more than three years in the Chicago company of “Hamilton,” Miguel Cervantes moved to Broadway to play Alexander Hamilton in the hit Lin-Manuel Miranda musical there.

He began his new gig March 3. On March 11, “Hamilton” shut down along with the rest of Broadway, and Cervantes returned to Chicago’s Bucktown neighborhood to rejoin his wife, Kelly, and their son, Jackson.

On Sunday morning, he talked about his life over the last few weeks.

Q: How many Broadway performances did you actually get to do?

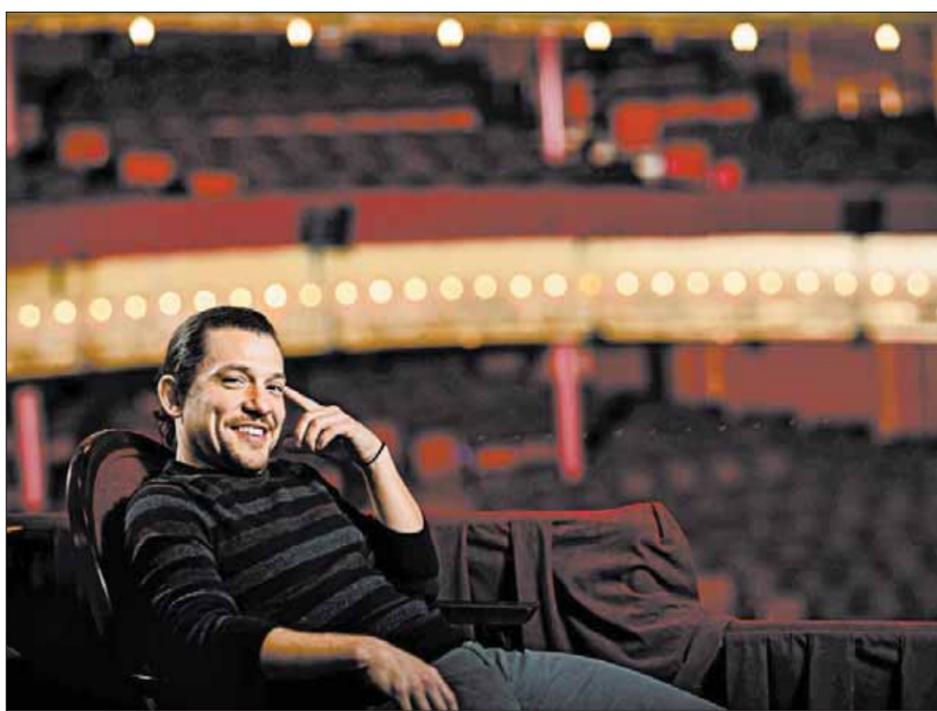
A: Ten! I still had boxes of stuff from Chicago all over my dressing room. The cast had been going through a lot of changes over the last six months, and I was kind of the last piece. It was feeling great. I was showing everyone what I had been doing in Chicago. My voice felt great because I had been getting those weeks of rest. Now I am going to be getting a lot more weeks of rest.

Q: What were the last days like for you?

A: They had already announced that no one but the cast would be allowed on stage, or backstage. And they had stopped the stage door greetings.

On that last Wednesday, we had done an #EduHam in the afternoon, and I had been talking to the hair and wardrobe people and saying it felt like we were not going to remain open for very long. I have a TV in my dressing room and at intermission I was watching the NBA talking about shutting down, and then the NCAA was getting involved. I went out for the second act and thought, wow, things were going crazy. And then Tom Hanks happened.

I had just come off from doing “It’s Quiet Uptown,” and I said to Daniel Breaker, who plays Aaron Burr, “Dude, I don’t think we’re coming back tomorrow.” That night, I went to the house of a friend of mine who is in “Beetlejuice.” And I said, “who are we that we think we are so special that we are going to be able to perform?” The next day, Broadway closed and I changed my



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Miguel Cervantes got to do 10 performances of “Hamilton” before Broadway was shut down March 11. “It was feeling great,” he said. “I was showing everyone what I had been doing in Chicago. My voice felt great.”

flight and came back to Chicago.

Q: When do you think “Hamilton” will start up again?

A: Who knows? Clearly, April 11 is not going to happen. Is May? June? July? I can’t wrap my head around it. Maybe July 1 will be a possibility. Maybe there will

be a test we will be able to take. Maybe the audience will wear masks. We just don’t know.

Q: And there is no social distancing for actors.

A: Correct. I kiss two different women in the show. And even if you do everything you possibly

can in the theater, people still have to work and go home.

Q: You will be back?

A: Our situation at “Hamilton” is singular in that we are almost

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CELEBRITIES

Tribune news services

Pink says she had COVID-19, donates \$1M to relief funds

Pink, who said Friday she had tested positive for COVID-19, announced she is donating \$500,000 each to two emergency funds.

In a pair of tweets, the singer said she and her 3-year-old son were displaying symptoms two weeks ago, and she tested positive after getting tests through a primary care physician. Her family had already been sheltering at home and continued to do so, she said. They were tested again “just a few days ago” and were negative.

“It is an absolute travesty and failure of our government to not make testing more widely accessible,” Pink wrote. “This illness is serious and real. People need to know that the illness affects the young and old, healthy and unhealthy, rich and poor, and we must make testing free and more widely accessible to protect our children, our families, our friends and our communities.”

She announced she’s donating \$1 million across two coronavirus-related relief funds, with \$500,000 each going to the Temple University Hospital Fund in Philadelphia and the COVID-19 response fund run by the Mayor’s Fund for Los Angeles. The Temple University donation honors her mother, who worked at the hospital for nearly two decades.

More roar: The “Tiger King” phenomenon is not over yet. Netflix is releasing an extra episode of the hit docu-series next week, according to zoo owner Jeff Lowe from the show. He revealed the details about a new episode in a Cameo video posted on Twitter by Justin Turner of the Los Angeles Dodgers. “Netflix is adding one more



SUZANNE CORDEIRO/GETTY-AFP 2019

Pink said she and her son, 3, were displaying COVID-19 symptoms two weeks ago, and she tested positive.

episode. It will be on next week. They’re filming here tomorrow,” Lowe said in the video. It’s unclear whether the new episode will be a follow-up to the show’s seven-episode run or more of a reunion. Netflix did not respond to a request for comment.

Gomez reveals she’s bipolar: Selena Gomez opened up about being diagnosed with bipolar disorder during a social media chat with Miley Cyrus. Gomez spoke about her diagnosis Friday on Cyrus’ “Bright Minded” series on Instagram. The singer says she “realized that I was bipolar” after she recently visited a mental hospital. Gomez, 27, said understanding her disorder more “took the fear away. And so when I got to know more information, it actually helps me. It doesn’t scare me once I know it.”

‘Flash’ actor dies: Actor Logan Williams, who appeared in CW’s “The

Flash” as the young Barry Allen, has died. He was 16. Williams’ agent, Michelle Gauvin, said he died Thursday. She did not give the cause of his death, but said his sudden death comes as a “shock.” “The Flash” star Grant Gustin posted a photo of him with Williams and actor Jesse L. Martin on Instagram that was taken during the filming of a series pilot in 2014. Gustin called the news of Williams’ death “devastating.” Williams, who started acting at the age of 10, appeared in other television shows, including “When Calls the Heart” and “The Whispers.”

April 6 birthdays: Actor Billy Dee Williams is 83. Director Barry Levinson is 78. Actor John Ratzenberger is 73. Actress Marilu Henner is 68. Singer-guitarist Frank Black is 55. Actor Paul Rudd is 51. Actor Zach Braff is 45. Actress Candace Cameron Bure is 44. Actress Eliza Coupe is 39.



ASK AMY

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COVID-19 pushes spouse out of bed

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.

Dear Amy: I live in a small town in Tennessee. I love my wonderful husband, but lately he is being too dramatic about COVID-19. He reminds me five times a day to wash my hands. He is also putting disinfectant wipes in my car.

What really bothers me is that he is telling me to sleep in a different room! We have been happily married for 16 years, and we have always slept in the same bed — even when one of us was sick.

He is telling me to wear rubber gloves when I cook meals for us. He’s telling me not to leave the house.

In my opinion, everybody is making too big a deal about COVID-19. Is my husband overreacting?
— Frustrated in Tennessee

Dear Frustrated: You seem to be underreacting. This could be why your husband is so anxious about your — and his — hygiene and health. Your own attitude and behavior could be influencing an overcorrection on his part.

This is from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC.gov): “The virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person, between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet).”

As of this writing, the virus has not swept

through your region. Perhaps you will get lucky, and it will somehow diminish before it gets to you.

Where I live, people are not leaving their houses. The entire region is locked down.

You have the individual right to be lax, or foolish. You could get lucky and not get this virus. Or you could contract the virus and not have symptoms, so you would never know it.

You don’t have the right to potentially expose other people with impunity.

Do I think you should necessarily wear rubber gloves while you prepare dinner? No. But if your husband was confident that you washed your hands and had washed surfaces you’d touched, he might not freak out quite so much. (He can also make dinner, by the way).

Bottom line: If you took this more seriously, your husband might feel more comfortable sleeping with you. It’s time for you to dial in to the reality of what is happening. Don’t just react with annoyance to your husband. Talk to him about his anxieties and see if you can approach this menace as a loving team.

Dear Amy: Many readers write in with questions concerning their spouse or siblings without ever revealing anyone’s gender — including their own.

Why do you suppose that is? As a gay man, I waited 23 years to legally marry my husband. Now married, I can’t imagine referring to him as anything other than my husband.

Spouse, partner, significant other, etc., just seem less honest and less

concise and like I’m somehow diminishing his importance.

Can you explain this?
— Proud Husband

Dear Proud: I don’t assign gender to people who write to me, unless they make it clear within their question.

Gender isn’t always germane to the issues between couples. Surely, even in your own relationship you can see that some issues that crop up between couples are somewhat universal, regardless of gender or sexuality.

I suspect, also, that some people deliberately mask their gender in order to mask their own identity and create a further shield, protecting their own anonymity and that of other family members. And, of course, I respect that, too.

Dear Amy: My son is an RN in the emergency room at Alaska Regional Hospital in Anchorage.

The emergency room is seeing multiple cases of probable COVID-19 every day. They are reusing masks, as someone stole a number of masks from the nearby hospital.

Can you urge people who have supplies to donate them to first responders, including fire departments and hospitals?

I worry for my son and his family (as he has two very young children).
— Distant Mother

Dear Mother: This is absolutely heartbreaking.

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MUSIC REVIEWS

Nine Inch Nails face pandemic; Simone unleashes raw honesty

Nine Inch Nails — which currently means Trent Reznor and his partner in film scoring, Atticus Ross — released a pair of albums free online: “Ghosts V: Together,” and “Ghosts VI: Locusts.” They’re collections of music without words, numbered as sequels to “Ghosts I-IV,” the album Nine Inch Nails released in 2008.

The new “Ghosts” albums set out to address what Reznor and Ross describe in a statement as “Weird times indeed. As the news seems to turn ever more grim by the hour, we’ve found ourselves vacillating wildly between feeling like there may be hope at times to utter despair.”

The two albums push toward each polarity. “Ghosts V: Together” is largely meditative, circling through melodic patterns and touching down in consonance. The music is not entirely soothing but it hints at some possibility of eventual resolution. But “Ghosts VI: Locusts” offers no such sanctuary. It is harrowing from end to end, stoked with rhythmic tension, dissonance and



“Ghosts V: Together,” “Ghosts VI: Locusts”

Nine Inch Nails
(The Null Corporation)

amorphous noise.

These are not new elements for Nine Inch Nails. Reznor has juxtaposed melody and abrasion, structure and deterioration, since he released the first Nine Inch Nails album in 1989. There’s even stronger continuity between the new “Ghosts” albums and the film scores Reznor has lately been making with Ross — particularly “Gone Girl,” “Bird Box” and parts of “Watchmen.”

“Ghosts V: Together” has



prettier, warmer ingredients. There are serenely elegiac piano melodies, counterpoint in plinking bell tones and choirs of sampled voices. “Ghosts VI: Locusts” thrusts the anxiety upfront. Tracks tick and pulse with the tenses kind of minimalist repetition, and when piano and bell tones appear, they’re usually brittle, not cozy.

Sometimes cacophony drowns out whatever the instruments are doing; and sometimes — as in the album’s finale, “Almost Dawn” — a shard of melody peeks out to take its chances against noise and oblivion. On both albums, as in so many lives right now, there’s no way to wall off aspiration from dread.

— Jon Pareles,
The New York Times

Nina Simone’s “Fodder On My Wings” is an album of contrasts and extremes — personal traumas and world sounds, joy and despair, harmony and defiance, the carnal and the spiritual.

Recorded in Paris in 1982, as Simone’s enduring restlessness and creeping mental illness kept her life seemingly barely tethered to anything but her music, it’s a considerable triumph of personality and genius.

The album opens with the gleeful “I Sing Just To Know That I’m Alive,” a horn-filled tune in which Simone bids farewell to the year gone.



“Fodder On My Wings”

Nina Simone (Verve/UMe)

“Fodder In Her Wings” appears to depersonalize the album title, but the references to self are clear and the weariness deeply

intimate. With an African-inspired introduction ceding to harpsichord and piano, her worlds appear together but separate.

The repetitive, direct approach of “Vous etes seuls, mais je desire etre avec vous” — You are alone, but I want to be with you — leaves no room for doubt, while “Il y a un baume à Gilead” and “Heaven Belongs To You” are the spiritual expressions in the equation.

“Fodder On My Wings” shows how clearly Simone could fold her inescapable anguish and raw honesty into her art.

— Pablo Gorondi,
Associated Press

‘Modern Family’ promises satisfying end to 11-season run

BY LYNN ELBER
Associated Press

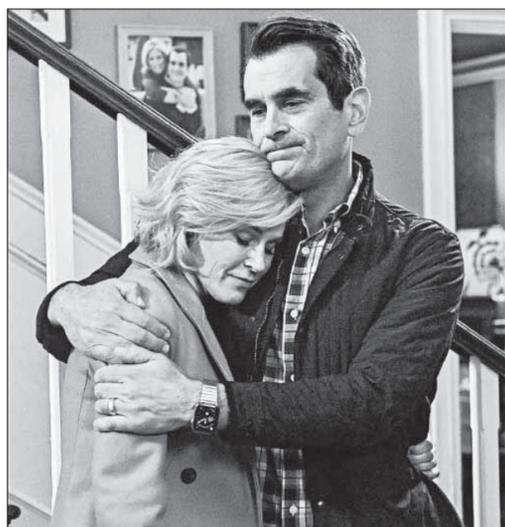
Writer-producers Steven Levitan and Christopher Lloyd were mulling ideas for the 2009 TV season when they landed on an intriguing sitcom approach, one revolving around an extended family and done in the “mockumentary” style made popular by “The Office.”

“All these things are familiar enough, but different enough that we have a shot with this one,” Lloyd recalled thinking as he and Levitan tackled the first “Modern Family” script. “Having said that, I didn’t believe in it. I was at a party with one of my ‘Frasier’ friends, and said, ‘I think it’s a good piece of writing, but I’d sell the thing to you for 10 bucks because I don’t think it’s going anywhere.’”

Then the ensemble cast of familiar TV faces such as Ed O’Neill (“Married With Children”) and Julie Bowen (“Lost,” “Ed”) and relative newcomers was gathered. Once the first episode was shot, Lloyd moved “all the way to hopeful,” as he put it.

ABC’s “Modern Family,” which ends its 11-season run with an hourlong finale Wednesday, went on to earn five best comedy Emmy Awards to equal the record set by “Frasier.” The critically lauded series proved to be an increasingly rare TV bird: It gently pushed at social boundaries while remaining a treat that kids and parents could enjoy together, even as the explosion of screens and edgier fare drove solitary viewing.

Largely living up to its title, “Modern Family” built its comic storytelling around a mix of characters and couples — young and older, straight and gay, mostly white but not entirely — that reflected the change in American households while acknowledging that tolerance and under-



Julie Bowen and Ty Burrell in the series finale of “Modern Family,” which airs Wednesday.

standing still lagged.

The show’s creators tip their hats to “Will & Grace” for being first to bring gay characters to the forefront. Cameron and Mitchell, played by Eric Stonestreet and Jesse Tyler Ferguson, were a devoted couple and loving parents to Lily (Aubrey Anderson-Emmons).

“As someone who’s a LGBTQ equality activist, it was a job that I took very seriously,” said Ferguson. “And I am so proud to say that Mitch and Cam have become pop culture touchstones for the fight for marriage equality and brought a gay couple into so many people’s living rooms.”

Rico Rodriguez, who played precocious son Manny to Sofia Vergara’s exuberant Gloria, also takes pride in what he helped bring to TV.

“Portraying a Latino on screen was the biggest honor. Growing up, you didn’t see too many people who looked like me or who related to my family. I have a bunch of Glorias and a bunch of Mannys in my family,” Rodriguez said.

Wrapping a long-run-

ning show may not be the hardest thing to do in TV, but it’s got to be close, given the weight of fan expectations and the hovering ghosts of great endings (“Cheers,” “The Mary Tyler Moore Show”) and widely panned ones (“Seinfeld”).

“I personally like finales where there is some sense of characters experiencing what the audience is experiencing, which is having to say goodbye,” said Levitan, who wrote the finale’s first half-hour. “It’s an emotional thing for many people. They spend a lot of time with these characters, so giving them the emotionally satisfying ending that they seek/want is, for me, the best way to go.”

For Lloyd, who wrote part two, the ending of a family show “really needs to be a beginning.”

“It felt like a better approach to me was to set people off on new journeys and sort of turn the stewardship of these characters over to the audience at that point,” he said. “Hopefully, the audience will be happy imagining the characters off on new adventures, new challenges.”



Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot, center, presents a proclamation to Miguel Cervantes, right, and the “Hamilton” cast after the show’s final Chicago production in January.

Cervantes

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definitely going to come back. We are privileged. So many of our friends in the theater didn’t get to open, will never get to open or were only open for a little while. We will have to take care of our community.

Q: What have you been doing since you got back to Chicago?

A: We have these “Hamilton” check-ins with Lin and Tommy (Kail), our director. They are on Face-time, checking in how we all are doing, and you’ve got 50 people chiming in. Those are great. Then Kelly and I are tag-teaming on Jackson’s school. I send all the props in the world to people who are still trying to work while dealing with math problems they have not thought about in 20 years. And I pick up my guitar and noodle around once in a while.

We feel oddly relieved and guilty and sad that Adelaide is no longer with us. We think a lot about other parents who have special-needs kids, and Kelly is checking in with a lot of folks. It is important they do not get lost in all of this.

Q: And you’ve been working with Broadway in Chicago to help get an online audience for high school kids?

A: Yes. You know, actors, athletes. So many kids are not getting to do something that they worked long and hard for this year. We just want to shine a light on people who can’t do their thing this year — give them a chance to perform in front of other people, maybe even more people on Instagram than would have been there in real life. They get to be seen and be heard.

Q: And they will be fun to watch.

A: We all need to take a break from CNN. Seeing people smiling and laughing is very important right now. I sometimes want to crawl into a hole and stew, so it’s good for me to watch a talented kid sing. It helps me remember there is life outside of the house. I heard this girl doing “I am waiting for life to begin” (the song “Waiting for Life”) from “Once On This Island,” and I thought “Yes! That is exactly what we all are doing.”

New York magazine was doing a photo shoot, and they wanted some Broadway people to get all

dressed up and then just sit on the couch. I said fine, and that was the first time I had put on some pants that didn’t have a stretch waist for a while. OK. The “isolation 10.” Gotta keep moving. Gotta keep reminding people that we gotta keep moving.

Q: Once you’re back, everything in “Hamilton” will have a new meaning. We all have a new understanding about how nothing is inevitable. And that crises can explode.

A: Right. In my mind, I was waiting for the election in America, for that to happen. But now we realize better that the characters in “Hamilton” were often scared and isolated, and that they were all sometimes sheltered at home fearing what was happening. There were leaders bumbling and fumbling around back then, too, and some of them turned out to be great and some of them not so great at all.

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“Here’s my guess,” said Classic Cinemas CEO Chris Johnson, whose Downers Grove-based regional chain includes the Downers Grove Tivoli Theatre. “The earliest theaters can reopen in a meaningful way? I’d say June 15. If that’s the case it’ll be throwbacks, classics, old movies people love, since it’ll be another few weeks at least before the (fresh) studio product comes into play.”

The Warner Brothers summer title “Tenet,” the latest brain-bender from Christopher Nolan, remains on the studio release schedule for a July 17 launch.

For now, Johnson said, the Classic Cinemas ushers and concession counter staff are on furlough, though office staff and managers remain salaried even though, “as I like to say, I’m 100 percent revenue-free at present.”

Asked to contemplate a longer shut-down period, well into summer or into the fall, Johnson said that a strong late 2020 rebound would be crucial. Otherwise, he said, “it could be devastating, even though we’re in a better position for a comeback than most. Let’s just say my hope is the holiday season will be bigger than ever, because people will have been cooped up a long time.”

Johnson takes heart from longtime customers who’ve bought gift cards as a gift to the movie theaters, as much as to any one friend or relative.

“They have faith we’re going to be here when the movies return,” he said.

Since last month, the U.S. COVID-19 crisis has wreaked cinematic havoc like a ‘70s disaster movie, featuring a villain visible only by microscopes. But the film industry, begun in the late 19th century, has been courting death, dying and ruthless adversaries ever since.

“You can tick off the years when the industry

went from death to life overnight,” said Columbia College associate professor Ron Falzone. “Nineteen twenty-seven, sound comes in. Nineteen forty-eight, United States v. Paramount Pictures: The U.S. Supreme Court rules against the studios owning their own theaters. Nineteen fifty-two, that was the year the impact of television really hit hard, and Hollywood’s response was to go bigger with CinemaScope and stereophonic sound. Today it’s IMAX.”

Falzone’s crystal ball envisions “the coronavirus speeding up the process I thought was 10 years away, the point at which the movies are basically going to be either IMAX in theaters or streaming at home, straight to Netflix or the equivalent. We may not have the collective audience experience. But we’ll have the work itself.”

Needless to say AMC’s Aron disagrees. “Not the likely scenario,” he said. “Movie theaters will resume operation. The question is when and how they’ll reopen. There are so many films in the pipelines right now, there’ll be a tremendous amount of product in theaters.”

Clearly, Aron said, “social distancing is going to remain an important consideration when we reopen.” That suggests “we ought to put (the new movies) in more auditoriums, so that we can lessen the density of moviegoers in any one theater, so they’re not shoulder to shoulder with a stranger.”

Once it’s “safe to be communal again,” Aron said, “I think people are going to flock to venues away from home. They can only do that when it’s safe. But there’s going to be pent-up demand.”

Like Falzone, Northwestern University associate professor Ariel Rogers, who teaches in the Department of Radio, Television and Film, takes heart from cinema history’s “Perils of Pauline”-style death defiance. The early days of television, the mass consumption of VHS and home video — somehow

the movies survived as a brick-and-mortar destination experience.

“As much as people get something from watching at home,” Rogers said, “there’s an appeal to theatrical exhibition that endures. Maybe it’s the big screen. Maybe it’s the communal experience. I think both will be especially appealing once we get out of this moment.”

On the other hand, Rogers said, during the nickelodeon era of moviegoing, “the fear of unsanitary surroundings was everywhere. And then came the so-called Spanish flu. The ‘picture palace’ era of moviegoing that flourished in the 1920s was partly a response to those fears.”

Rogers’ books include “On the Screen: Displaying the Moving Image, 1926-1942,” an examination of various exhibition environments. “I’m someone who values cinematic experiences,” Rogers said.

Yet she spends a lot of her life teaching students for whom, as she said, “the standard way of experiencing movies isn’t in a theater. I think that’s why I wonder how much of a difference this (pandemic) will make to them.”

Classic Cinemas CEO Johnson imagines a post-pandemic reopening this way: Of his traditional audience, “I bet one-third comes back strong. One-third doesn’t. And one-third, somewhere in between.” Once the big studio pictures open, many of them postponed for earlier in the year, that should improve, he said.

Johnson added: “Even in our little chain of 15 theaters, we have more attendance than the Cubs. We sell 3.6 million tickets a year. The Cubs do 3.1 million. Movie attendance is still pretty massive. I don’t think it’s going away.”

There’s this, though. The numbers Johnson cites belong to the pre-pandemic era of entertainment. The numbers for 2020 and beyond have yet to be tallied.

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		3		9	6	2		
1	4						3	9

Level: **1 2 3 4**
 Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

6	3	5	8	2	9	7	4	1
1	2	9	6	7	4	3	5	8
7	7	8	1	3	9	2	6	9
5	4	3	9	6	2	8	1	7
8	6	7	5	1	3	4	9	2
2	9	1	4	7	8	5	3	6
9	5	4	2	8	6	1	7	3
7	1	2	3	9	4	6	8	5
3	8	9	7	5	1	6	2	4

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WORD SEARCH

ONE TO ONE

Can you find all the words containing ONE? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, even diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.

ALONE ANYONE BALLOONED BARITONE BARONESS BONES CLONE COLONEL CORONET CRONE CROONER CYCLONE DRONE EXPONENT FALCONER GONE HONEST HONEY HORMONE IRONED LIONESS MONETARY MONEY ONEROUS OUTDONE OZONE PHONED PHONETIC PIONEERS PRISONER PRONE SCONE SHONE SOONER SPOONERISM STONED SWOONED TELEPHONED TONES UNDONE

BOGGLE

Boggle BrainBusters!
 By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

E	O	U	L
S	T	R	C
N	I	A	
T	U	Q	P

INSTRUCTIONS: Find as many words as you can by linking letters up, down, side-to-side and diagonally, writing words on a blank sheet of paper. You may only use each letter box once within a single word. Play with a friend and compare word finds, crossing out common words.

BOGGLE POINT SCALE
 3 letters = 1 point
 4 letters = 2 points
 5 letters = 3 points
 6 letters = 4 points
 7 letters = 6 points
 8 letters = 10 points
 9+ letters = 15 points

YOUR BOGGLE RATING
 151+ = Champ
 101-150 = Expert
 61-100 = Pro
 31-60 = Gamer
 21-30 = Rookie
 11-20 = Amateur
 0-10 = Try again

Boggle BrainBusters Bonus
 We put special brain-busting words into the grid of letters. Can you find them?
 Find AT LEAST FIVE FIVE-LETTER COUNTRY CAPITALS in the grid of letters.

WordWheel

Insert the missing letter to complete an eight-letter word reading clockwise or counterclockwise.

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TV CROSSWORD

1	2	3	4		5	6	7				
	8				9		10	11			
12					13						
14					15			16	17		
18					19			20			
		21	22			23					
			24			25					
26	27					28					
29						30	31		32	33	34
35						36			37		
		38		39					40		
		41							42		
									43		
									44		

Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews 5/6/18

- ACROSS**
 1 Harper of "The Good Doctor"
 5 "What ___ to Wear"
 8 "___ Rock"; Simon & Garfunkel song
 9 Actor Ballard
 12 Gray and Moran
 13 Stephanie ___ of "S.W.A.T."
 14 Johnny Carson's successor
 15 Actress Ward
 16 Recipe amt.
 18 "Love ___ Many Splendored Thing"
 19 Sara and Wasikowska
 20 Attack with a dagger
 21 "The ___ McCoy"
 23 Late Madeline & her family
 24 One of the boys on "Home Improvement"
 25 Autry or Kelly
 26 Tinker Bell, for one
 27 "Star Wars: Episode IV ___ Hope"
 29 Colony members
 30 Prefix for space or dynamics
 32 "___ This Morning"
 35 FBI crime lab evidence
- DOWN**
 1 Justin of "MacGyver"
 2 Actor on "Young Sheldon"
 3 Center of the alphabet
 4 "___ Vegas"
 5 Manicurist's focus
 6 Gymnast Korbut
 7 Dan Bakkedahl's role on "Life in Pieces"
 10 Role on "Chicago Fire"
 11 "I Left My Heart ___ Francisco"
 12 Actor Marienthal
 13 "Voyage to the Bottom of the ___"
 15 "___ Stalkings"; series for Rob Estes
 17 "Sesame Street" network
 19 ___ Alice Young; role on "Desperate Housewives"
 20 Not bananas
 22 Dumbo's "wings"
 23 Game similar to lotto
 25 "___ Unmarried"; Jay Mohr sitcom
 26 Passing craze
 27 Paquin and Faris
 30 Actress Susan ___
 31 Sullivan and Bradley
 33 Arrests
 34 Sylvester Stallone, to friends
 36 ___ up; put chips in the pot
 37 Kelly of "Live! with Kelly"
 39 "Please Don't ___ the Daisies"
 40 ___ Hanna; role on "NCIS: Los Angeles"

S	A	V	W		N	E	L				
I	E	D	V		O	L	V	E	S		
A	S	S	I	S	S	J	N	E	O	V	
T	N	V	H	A	D	O	V	V	N	D	
S	B	O	O	R	E	V	S	I	N	V	
	M	E	N	V		A	R	I	V	J	
	E	N	E	G		K	H	V	W		
S	N	H	V	K		T	V	E	H		
B	V	I	S	S	V	I	W	V	S	I	
J	S	I	L	V	T	E	S	O	N	E	T
N	V	W	O	I	S	S	N	I	E		
I	W	I	T	V		V	W	V	I		
	L	O	N			T	L	I	H		

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

CAHWK
 MHYET
 GHYET
 GDISIN

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

This will be great on my next business trip. "Namaste" to you too!

THE APP THAT COULD TRANSLATE "HELLO" INTO ANY LANGUAGE WAS ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print answer here: "___" - "___"

Jumbles: WHACK THYME EIGHTY SIDING
 language was "___" - "HI"-TECH
 Answer: The app that could translate "hello" into any

ARROW WORDS

Fill in the grid using the clues provided in the direction of the arrows. When complete, unscramble the letters in the circles to reveal a mystery word.

Switching device	Pacific ray	Empty talk	Fr. holy women	Sparkle	Audio system	Arabic ruler	Cherokee or Tahoe, e.g.
		Sets apart					
Feeble	Dad's sister		Type of spray	Big bird			
Talked up	Treaty goal	Campus bigwig		Gun Slender			
		Eating regimen				Author Hite	
Startles	Tranquil	German industrial region	Actor Connery	Medium-sized sofa	d'ouvoirs ill temper		
			Kimono tie			Fed. property agency	Set afire
Type of angle			Unwed				
		GI offense				Knight's address	
'Yuck!'	Stimpoy's pal		Papal envoy				

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

KIDNEWS FUN & GAMES

Fruit and Berry

R	A	S	P	B	A	P	R	C	R
M	Y	R	R	E	P	L	I	H	A
A	O	E	P	A	P	U	C	E	E
N	G	A	C	H	P	M	O	R	P
O	E	U	L	B	L	E	T	R	Y
R	B	E	R	R	Y	P	I	N	E
A	E	B	A	N	E	L	P	P	A
N	G	A	N	A	N	O	L	E	M
T	I	U	R	F	W	A	T	E	R
G	R	A	P	E	N	O	M	E	L

Find all the words from the word list (ignore spaces and dashes, if any):

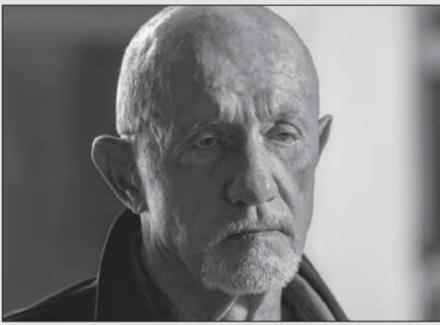
APPLE PEAR
 APRICOT PINEAPPLE
 BANANA PLUM
 BLUEBERRY RASPBERRY
 CHERRY WATERMELON
 GRAPEFRUIT
 LEMON
 MANGO
 ORANGE
 PEACH

This is zigzag word search puzzle. Words go left, right, up, down, not diagonally, and can bend at a right angle. There are no unused letters in the grid, every letter is used only once.

Find 12 Differences!

The right answer

WATCH THIS: MONDAY



Jonathan Banks

"Better Call Saul" (8 p.m., 10:15 p.m., 12:30 a.m., 2:45 a.m., AMC): When what looks to be a very simple errand for a client goes totally sideways, Jimmy (Bob Odenkirk) finds himself pushed to the limit in the new episode "Bagman." Meanwhile, Mike (Jonathan Banks) takes dramatic steps to keep a lid on the wrath of the ruthless cartel. Elsewhere, Lalo (Tony Dalton) gets an unexpected visitor. Rhea Seehorn and Giancarlo Esposito also star.

"Spring Baking Championship" (8 p.m., 11 p.m., Food): The new episode "Trolls World Tour" revolves around the release of a new Dreamworks computer-animated jukebox musical of the same title. Accordingly, the seven remaining bakers are tasked with making tiny, colorful troll treats. Next, the competitors are challenged to create cakes inspired by the Troll tribe in the movie, and receive all-access VIP passes to a Troll rock concert.

"Where's My Roy Cohn?" (8 p.m., Starz): Matt Tyrnauer's 2019 documentary profiles notorious attorney Roy Cohn, who was known for many years primarily as legal counsel for disgraced Wisconsin Sen. Joseph McCarthy during his "witch hunt" for covert Communists in America. Cohn died of AIDS in 1986, and since then he has often been more closely associated with the work he did in the 1970s and early '80s with a New York real estate developer named Donald Trump.

"Breeders" (9 p.m., 10:19 p.m., 1:21 a.m., FX): Over the half-term holiday, Luke (George Wakeman) is entrusted with taking Lenny the class bear on an adventure in the new episode "No Exit." Luke's ursine charge is exceptionally well traveled, having visited Italy, Peru and beyond, so the pressure is on. Daisy Haggard also stars.

"Torn From the Headlines: New York Post Reports" (9 p.m., 12 a.m., ID): The new episode "Slumlord Millionaire" opens with a crime caught on tape, wherein Hasidic landlord Menachem Stark is seen trying to fend off unknown assailants during a fierce New York blizzard. After Stark's body is found the next day, the New York Post covers the NYPD's search for the killers.

"Manifest" (9:01 p.m., NBC): Michaela and Ben (Melissa Roxburgh, Josh Dallas) put everything, including their lives, on the line to attempt a daring rescue as Season 2 concludes with a finale called "Icing Conditions." As the final hours of Zeke's (Matt Long) final hours tick down, Saanvi and Vance (Parveen Kaur, Daryl Edwards) make a desperate Hail Mary attempt to The Major (Elizabeth Marvel), who may well be the only person who can save Zeke from his Death Date.

TALK SHOWS

- "Conan"** (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actor Kevin Bacon.*
- "The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon"** (10:34 p.m., NBC): Singer Justin Timberlake; singer Lady Gaga; Billie Joe Armstrong performs; 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!"** (10:35 p.m., ABC): Celebrity guests and comedy skits.*

* Subject to change

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MONDAY EVENING, APR. 6

	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00
BROADCAST	CBS 2	The Neighborhood (N)	Bob Hearts Abishola (N)	All Rise: "In the Fights." (N) ©		Bull: "Off the Rails." (N) ©		News (N) ♦
	NBC 5	The Voice: "The Battles Part 3." (N) ©				(9:01) Manifest: "Icing Conditions." (Season Finale) (N) ©		NBC 5 News (N) ♦
	ABC 7	Celebrity Family Feud ©	Celebrity Family Feud ©			Who Wants To Be A Millionaire? Secrets (N)		News at 10pm (N) ♦
	WGN 9	black-ish ©	black-ish ©	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	WGN News at Nine (N) ©		WGN News at Ten (N)
	Antenna 9.2	Alice ©	Alice ©	3's Comp.	3's Comp.	Johnny Carson ©		Coach ©
	Court 9.3	Court TV Live (N) (Live) ©						Court TV (N)
	PBS 11	Chicago Tonight (N)		Antiques Roadshow: "Treasure Fever." (N) ©		Antiques Roadshow: "Spokane." ©		Broken Places (N) ♦
	CW 26.1	Whose? (N)	Whose Line	Roswell, New Mexico (N)		Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©
	The U 26.2	Dr. Phil ©		Tamron Hall ©		Steve Wilkos Show (N)		Cops ©
	MeTV 26.3	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle	Green Acres	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett
H&I 26.4	Star Trek ©		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9 (Live) ©		Star Trek ♦	
Bounce 26.5	Brooklyn's Finest (R,'09) ♦♦	Richard Gere, Don Cheadle. ©			Dead Presidents (R) ♦♦♦			
FOX 32	9-1-1: "Pinned." ©		The iHeart Living Room Concert for America		Fox 32 News at Nine (N)		Modern Family ©	
Ion 38	Criminal Minds ©		Criminal Minds: "Roadkill."		Criminal Minds ©		Criminal ♦	
TeleM 44	Exatlon EE. UU. (N)		La Doña (N) ©		Operación Pacifico (N) ©		Chicago (N)	
MNT 50	Chicago P.D. ©		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Chicago ♦	
UniMas 60	Date Night (NR,'10) ♦♦	Steve Carell, Tina Fey.			Noticiero (N)	Vas con todo ♦		
WJYS 62	J. Savelle	K. Hagin	Joyce Meyer	Robison	Blakeman	Wonderen	Paid Prog.	
Univ 66	Ringo (N)		Amor eterno				Noticias (N)	
CABLE	AE	Garth Brooks: The Road I'm On: "Part 1." ©				Garth Brooks: The Road I'm On © ♦		
	AMC	*(6) Caddyshack ('80) ♦♦	Better Call Saul (N) ©			Dispatches From (N)		Call Saul ♦
	ANIM	Alaska- Last Frontier	Alaska- Last Frontier (N)			Bush People (N)		Bu. People
	BBCA	A League of Their Own (PG,'92) ♦♦♦	Tom Hanks, Geena Davis. ©					League ♦
	BET	College Hill	College Hill	College Hill	College Hill	College Hill: Atlanta ©		College Hill
	BIGTEN	Big Ten Elite ©		Ohio State (N)		Big Ten	Big Ten Elite ©	
	BRAVO	Below Deck Sailing Yacht		Below Deck (N)		Below Deck Sailing Yacht		Watch (N)
	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N)		CNN Tonight (N)		Tonight (N) ♦
	COM	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Daily Show
	DISC	Street-Memphis (N)		Driven (N) ©		(9:01) Fast N' Loud (N)		Fastest ♦
	DISN	Shook ©		Fam Jam	Dance	Coop	Sydney-Max	Bunk'd ©
	E!	Botched: "The Boobinati."		Botched ©		Botched ©		Botched ♦
	ESPN	NFL Football From Sept. 25, 2006.						SportsC. (N)
	ESPN2	MLS Soccer From Oct. 21, 2001. (N)				MLS Soccer From July 21, 2007. (N) ♦		
	FNC	Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News
	FOOD	Spring Baking		Spring Baking (N)		Chopped Sweets (N) ©		Chopped ♦
	FREE	Charlie	Grown Ups (PG-13,'10) ♦	Adam Sandler, Kevin James. © (SAP)				700 Club ♦
	FX	Pitch Perfect 3 (PG-13,'17) ♦♦	Anna Kendrick. ©			Breeders (N)	Better	Breeders
	HALL	Royal Matchmaker (NR,'18)	Bethany Joy Lenz. ©			Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls
	HGTV	Home Town (N) ©		Home Town (N) ©		Hunters (N)	Hunters	Home ♦
	HIST	American Pickers		American Pickers (N) ©		(9:03) American Pickers		Pickers ♦
	HLN	Forensic	Forensic	Sex & Murder (N) ©		Forensic	Forensic	Forensic
	IFC	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men
	LIFE	The First 48 ©		(8:03) The First 48 ©		(9:03) The First 48 ©		First 48 ♦
	MSNBC	All In With (N)		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)
	MTV	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.
	NATGEO	Cosmos: Possible (N)		Cosmos: Possible (N)		(9:03) Drain the Ocean		Drain ♦
	NBCSCH	Short List (N) TBA		To be announced				
	NICK	Young Dylan	SpongeBob	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ♦
	OVATION	*(6) Demolition Man (R,'93) ♦♦	©	Blue Crush (PG-13,'02) ♦♦	Kate Bosworth. ♦			
OWN	Dateline on OWN		The Real Story w/Salinas		Deadline: Crime		Dateline ♦	
OXY	Cold Justice ©		Cold Justice ©		Cold Justice ©		Snapped ♦	
PARMT	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops (N) ©	Cops ©	Cops ♦	
SYFY	Mad Max: Fury Road ♦♦♦		Hansel & Gretel: Witch Hunters (R,'13) ♦♦	©			Futurama	
TBS	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Conan © ♦	
TCM	The Outlaw (G,'43) ♦♦	Jane Russell, Jack Buetel. ©			(9:15) The Paleface (NR,'48) ♦♦♦♦			
TLC	90 Day Fiancé		90 Day Fiancé (N)		sMothered		sMothered ♦	
TLN	Supernatural	IMPACT	Faith Chi	Faithwire	Robison	Billy Graham	Ask God ♦	
TNT	*(6:45) Black Panther (PG-13,'18) ♦♦♦	Chadwick Boseman.				Movie © ♦		
TOON	Home Movie Amer. Dad		Rick, Morty	Rick, Morty	Rick, Morty	Rick, Morty	Rick, Morty	
TRAV	Beyond the Unknown (N) ©				Beyond the Unknown (N)		Unknown ♦	
TVL	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Two Men	Two Men	King	
USA	WWE Monday Night RAW (N) (Live) ©						Briarpatch	
VH1	Love, Hip Hop (N)		Love & Hip Hop Miami (N)		Love & Hip Hop: Atlanta		Hip Hop ♦	
WE	Criminal Minds ©		Criminal Minds ©		Criminal Minds ©		Criminal ♦	
WGN America	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Almost Paradise (N) ©		Last Man	
PREMIUM	HBO	*(5:40) A Star Is Born (R)		Plot Against America (N)		Friend (N Subtitled-English)	Plot-Amer. ♦	
	HBO2	The Plot Against America		Scary Movie 3 (PG-13,'03) ♦♦	©	Alien (R,'79) ♦♦♦♦		
	MAX	Strike Back: "Episode 8."		(7:50) The Pledge (R,'01) ♦♦♦	Jack Nicholson.		Dopplng ♦	
	SHO	Black Mon	Black Mon	Homeland: "In Full Flight." VICE ©		Black Mon	Desus (N)	
	STARZ	*(6:14) Searching ♦♦♦	©	Where's My Roy Cohn? (PG-13,'19)		After the Wedding ('19) ♦		
STZNC	*(6) The Grey (R,'12) ♦♦♦		Schindler's List (R,'93) ♦♦♦♦	Liam Neeson. © ♦				

JUMBLE

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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (April 6): Rack up career accomplishments this year. Coordination between friends and allies can realize what seems impossible. Discoveries change your summer view, before your home life blossoms. Reassess professional directions and adjust before a creative challenge next winter leads to an educational breakthrough. Step into rising influence.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. A partner's opinion is important. Avoid surprises and stay in tight communications. Provide discipline and experience to a shared concern.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 9. Disciplined action gets satisfying results. Get physical and move; score extra outside. Eat delicious healthy meals. Consider aspects of your work that you love.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. Love can take you by surprise. Align words and actions with your heart. Study and practice your arts. Your objective is within reach. Get creative.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. Get into home improvement and beautification projects. Consider long-term plans and take steps in that general direction. Dig in the garden. Plant trees.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 9. Communication channels seem wide open. Craft your message and refine. Keep or change promises and agreements. Gain strength from the past.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Pursue lucrative opportunities. Tap new revenue sources. You're a powerhouse; apply disciplined action and get farther than expected. Generate and advance exciting possibilities.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 9. Step into the spotlight and shine. Take leadership for the results you want to generate. Dress the part. Share an inspiring vision and invite participation.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 6. Let your imagination run wild. Meditation, nature walks and introspection let your mind unwind. Reflect and contemplate timeless mysteries.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 9. Have fun with friends and associates. Expand your networks. Socialize and enjoy parties and gatherings. Participate with conferences, meetings and on committees. Teamwork wins.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Advance your professional priorities by leaps and bounds. Disciplined action gets results. Take advantage of an unexpected opportunity.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Expand your boundaries and push limitations. Test your theories. Experiment with potential outcomes. Make an amazing discovery.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 9. Collaborate to meet financial deadlines. Coordinate actions to generate positive cash flow. Fill out applications, make deals and sign contracts.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

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LEAST SUCCESSFUL VIDEO GAMES VOL. 37

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I'M SUPPOSED TO AVOID ROADKILL? YEP. WATCH OUT FOR THAT MARSUPIAL, MATE!

WAIT... WHAT'S THAT SMALL? WHAT DO YOU MEAN THE ENTIRE CAPITALS BEEN STOLEN, EH?

FARTNITE GRAND THEFT OTTAWA

WHOA! BO JACKSON JUST DEMOLISHED THAT SPARE! WE'LL HAVE TO FREEZE IT OFF.

TECMO BOWLING WORLD OF WARTCRAFT

MORTAL WOMBAT

Bliss

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I DON'T KNOW HOW I'D MAKE IT THROUGH THIS WITHOUT YOU.

FOOD.

Bridge

Here are the answers to the weekly quiz:

Q.1—Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ AK J7 ♥ J10 82 ♦ AK 63 ♣ 5

With the opponents passing, you open 1D and partner responds 1NT. What call would you make?

A.1—A bid of 2NT would show 18-19 and this hand isn't strong enough. Good 4-4-4-1 hands are often hard to bid. We think Pass is the correct call.

Q.2—North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ Q2 ♥ Q10 632 ♦ A96 ♣ K105

North	East	South	West
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♥	Pass	?	

What call would you make?

A.2—We think this hand is too good for a game invitation. Bid 4H.

Q.3—East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ QJ10 654 ♥ AJ3 ♦ 10 ♣ 1054

West	North	East	South
2♥	3♦	Pass	?

What call would you make?

A.3—3S would be forcing and this hand isn't good enough to force. Pass and hope for the best.

Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ Q64 ♥ AQ9863 ♦ 74 ♣ 85

North	East	South	West
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	?	

What call would you make?

A.4—3NT does not show a balanced hand. It shows a long, strong diamond suit in a hand hoping to take nine tricks if you have a heart stopper. Pass.

— Bob Jones
tcaeditors@tribpub.com

Dilbert

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THE MARKETING GENIUS

MY GENIUS ALONE WILL NOT BE ENOUGH TO FIX THE PROBLEMS AT THIS COMPANY.

THIS LOOKS LIKE A FIVE-DOGBERT SITUATION. THAT IS WHY I ARRANGED TO CLONE MYSELF FIVE TIMES.

WHAT'S THE EXTRA CLONE FOR?

THAT ONE TAKES THE BLAME.

Baby Blues

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LOOK, WREN! SEE THE BUNNY?

MAYBE IT'S THE EASTER BUNNY.

BUNNY!

SNATCH!

GASP!

NOPE, DEFINITELY NOT THE EASTER BUNNY.

NOT ANYMORE, ANYWAY.

Zits

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I PICKED UP MY CLOTHES AND MADE MY BED.

THAT'S IT! I SWEAR!

I THOUGHT WE HAD BEEN BURGLARIZED!

SON, DON'T SCARE YOUR MOTHER LIKE THAT.

Mr. Boffo

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PICK THE FIGHTS THAT YOU CAN WIN AWARD

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKIN' AT?!

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MISERY MAY LOVE COMPANY...

BUT COMPANY SURE KEEPS ITS DISTANCE FROM MERE MISFORTUNE.

I MEAN, I'M NOT THE ONE WHO WALKED HER DOG AND DIDN'T PICK UP AFTER IT.

IT'S ONLY MISFORTUNE UNTIL YOU GET TO SCHOOL AND DON'T CLEAN OFF YOUR SHOE.

Classic Peanuts

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BALL FOUR!

WE WON! WE WON! CHARLIE BROWN!!

WE WON OUR FIRST GAME OF THE SEASON! WE FINALLY WON!! WE WON!! WE WON!!!

I THINK I'M GOING TO CRY..

Pickles

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I MEANT TO CONGRATULATE YOU ON THE 30th ANNIVERSARY OF THAT PICKLES COMIC STRIP OF YOURS, LEON.

WHO'D HAVE GUESSED YOU'D GROW UP TO BE A SUCCESSFUL CARTOONIST?

I MEAN, GROWING UP YOU WERE NEVER VERY FUNNY, AND EVEN NOW YOU HARDLY EVER SAY ANYTHING AMUSING.

WHY IS THAT?

IT'S TOO MUCH LIKE WORK.

Dick Tracy

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THERE'S MY GUN! NOW LOWER ME DOWN!

SHAKY YOU'RE UNDER ARREST FOR ASSAULT.

HELLO THERE, QUIVER. I'M AFRAID YOU'RE UNDER ARREST AS WELL.

WHAT FOR?

FRAUD.

Animal Crackers

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I USED TO EAT BUGS.

NOW I GO TO BIRD FEEDERS.

FREELOADER.

Prickly City

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NOT FUNNY, WINSLOW!

TOO SOON?

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MONDAY, APRIL 6 NORMAL HIGH: 55° NORMAL LOW: 36° RECORD HIGH: 84° (1929) RECORD LOW: 15° (1982)

Nice warm-up then a big cool-down this week

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 62 **LOW** 52

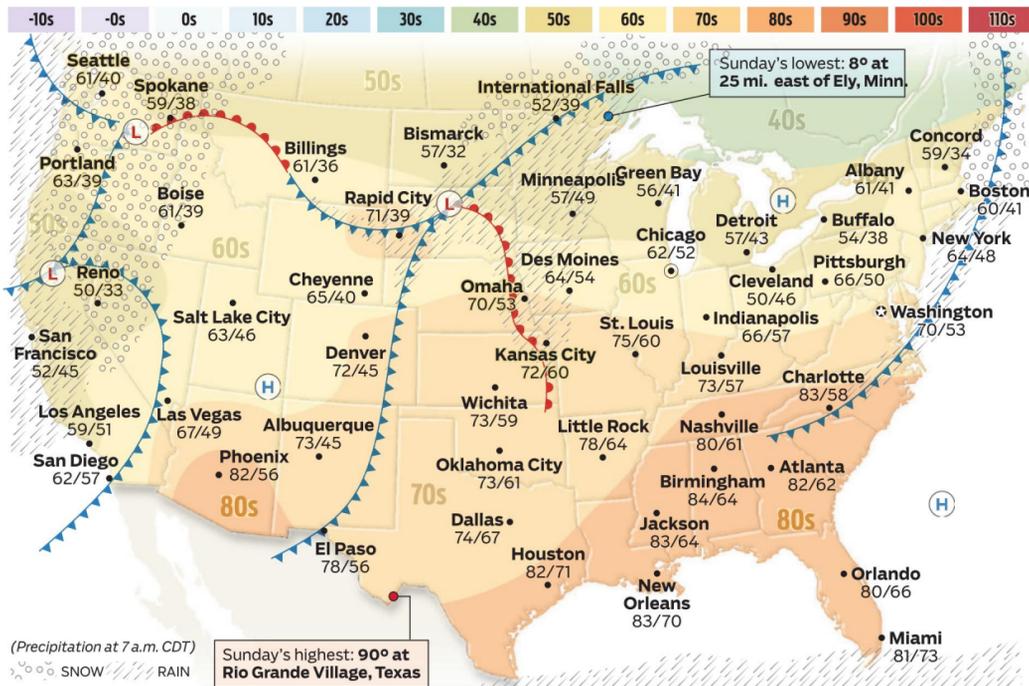
■ As high pressure moves off to the east and low pressure approaches out of the Central Plains, cloudiness will gradually spread over our area with increasing chances of rain toward evening.

■ Thickening clouds with an increasing chance of showers or thunderstorms later in the afternoon.

■ Highs 60 to 65 with cooler readings right along the lakefront.

■ South to southeast winds. Showers and t-storms overnight.

NATIONAL FORECAST



Temps make it into the lower 60s Monday before showers arrive in the afternoon. Our warmest readings so far this year look to occur Tuesday, as winds pick up out of the southwest and a warm front moves north of our area – afternoon temperatures could reach well into the 70s area-wide. A few strong storms are possible late afternoon-evening Tuesday.

Mild conditions continue into the forenoon Wednesday under increasingly cloudy skies with showers likely and sharply falling temperatures as a cold front sweeps through from the northwest that afternoon. Cooler conditions should then exist into the following weekend and may well continue – the National Climate Prediction Center calls for temperatures to average below normal the last half of the month.

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

HIGH 76 **LOW** 52

A mix of clouds and sun, breezy SW winds. Probably the warmest day of the year so far with highs reaching well into the 70s area-wide. Chance of showers/t-storms into the early overnight hours – winds shifting northwest.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

HIGH 65 **LOW** 40

Some sunshine but clouds increase later in the morning. A good chance of showers possibly even t-storms in the afternoon/evening hours. Highs occur around midday then temps turn sharply colder during the afternoon.

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

HIGH 46 **LOW** 34

More clouds than sun and much colder – afternoon highs in the mid to upper 40s. Scattered clouds overnight and chilly – lows 30 to 35. NW winds.

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

HIGH 48 **LOW** 33

Weak high pressure overhead gives mostly sunny skies. Still cool with highs 45 to 50. Clear skies at night with lows in the 30s. A NW breeze.

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

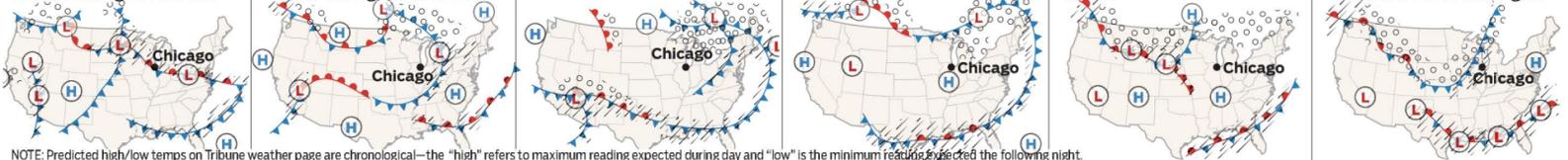
HIGH 52 **LOW** 38

Clouds increase and lower during the day with a chance of light showers – highs in the upper 40s north to mid 50s south. Cloudy with a chance of showers overnight. Southwesterly winds.

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

HIGH 49 **LOW** 36

Mostly cloudy, cool with a chance of showers possibly mixed with a little wet snow far north. Highs mid 40s north to low 50s south. A chance of showers possibly mixed with a little wet snow north overnight.



ASK TOM

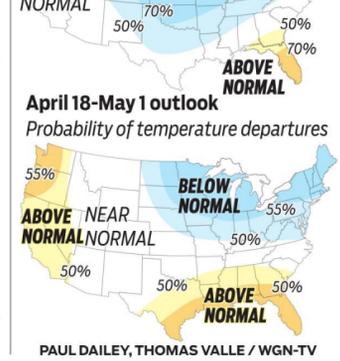
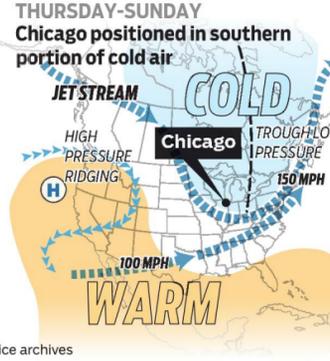
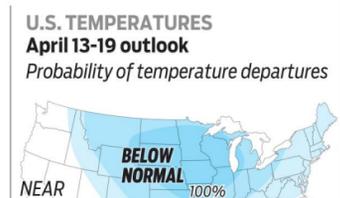
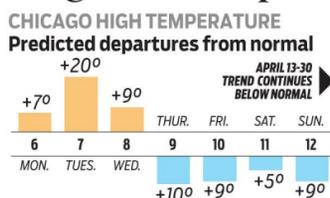
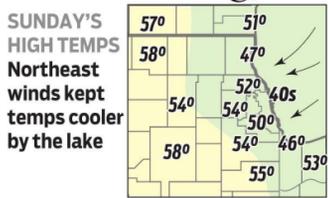
Dear Tom,
Hi Tom, I was born in Chicago on June 10th, 1944. It seems that it rains more often than not on my birthday. Do the records support that?
Carol Zilic Naperville

Dear Carol,
Actually, they don't. Chicago climatologist Frank Wachowski checked June 10 rainfall records back to 1944 and found that measurable rain fell in 29 of 76 years or 38% of the time. By comparison May 11 (50%) and April 20 (51%) are the only dates that have logged measurable precipitation in half of more of the years since 1944. Your first birthday was the wettest with 1.76 inches falling in 1945. Your wet perception is likely a result of more recent birthdays. Since 2000, measurable rain has occurred in 11 of the 20 years, including from 2002-2006. In 2014, 1.26 inches fell and 1.34 was logged in 2018.

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Hear Demetrius
Ivory's weather updates week-days 3 to 6 p.m. on WGN-AM 720 Chicago.

Brief warming, then long-term temperature downturn



MIDWEST CITIES				OTHER U.S. CITIES				WORLD CITIES							
MON./TUES.	FC	HI	LO	MON./TUES.	FC	HI	LO	MON./TUES.	FC	HI	LO	MONDAY	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	pc	75	59	pc	81	60	46	Albany	pc	73	45	pc	72	53	38
Carbondale	pc	65	56	pc	81	60	46	Albuquerque	sh	70	63	pc	86	75	58
Champaign	cl	65	56	pc	75	52	38	Albany	su	73	45	su	72	53	38
Decatur	cl	68	58	pc	75	52	38	Amarillo	pc	77	51	pc	83	61	47
Moline	ts	61	55	pc	75	52	38	Anchorage	pc	31	17	pc	34	19	4
Peoria	sh	65	57	pc	74	49	35	Aspen	pc	54	33	pc	54	32	18
Quincy	cl	71	60	pc	76	51	37	Atlanta	pc	82	62	pc	78	56	42
Rockford	sh	58	51	pc	73	45	31	Atlantic City	pc	57	44	pc	57	48	34
Springfield	cl	69	59	pc	75	52	38	Austin	sh	78	68	pc	87	71	55
Streator	cl	59	53	pc	74	45	31	Baltimore	pc	68	52	pc	64	57	43
Indianapolis	pc	68	57	pc	76	59	45	Billings	ts	61	36	pc	65	29	15
Bloomington	pc	74	58	pc	80	62	48	Birmingham	pc	84	64	pc	75	66	52
Evansville	pc	61	51	pc	69	51	37	Bismarck	sh	57	32	pc	61	33	19
Fort Wayne	pc	66	57	pc	73	58	44	Boise	pc	60	41	pc	61	43	29
Madison	cl	67	58	pc	76	55	41	Boston	pc	60	41	pc	61	43	29
Lafayette	cl	67	58	pc	76	55	41	Brownsville	cl	87	73	pc	91	73	59
South Bend	sh	62	51	pc	71	45	31	Buffalo	pc	54	38	pc	60	46	32
Green Bay	cl	56	41	pc	62	40	26	Burlington	pc	53	37	pc	53	36	22
Kenosha	sh	53	44	pc	70	45	31	Charlotte	pc	83	58	pc	77	61	45
La Crosse	sh	55	50	pc	70	42	28	Charlottesville	pc	75	64	pc	77	65	51
Madison	sh	55	43	pc	74	43	29	Charlottesville	sh	55	54	pc	76	60	44
Milwaukee	cl	54	42	pc	69	46	32	Chattanooga	pc	81	60	pc	77	63	49
Wausau	cl	54	43	pc	61	36	22	Cheyanne	pc	65	40	pc	64	40	26
Chicago	pc	62	51	pc	71	45	31	Cincinnati	pc	67	54	pc	77	63	49
Indianapolis	pc	68	57	pc	76	59	45	Cleveland	pc	50	46	pc	60	46	32
Bloomington	pc	74	58	pc	80	62	48	Colorado Spgs	pc	69	40	pc	70	41	27
Evansville	pc	61	51	pc	69	51	37	Columbia MO	cl	74	60	pc	79	64	50
Fort Wayne	pc	66	57	pc	73	58	44	Columbia SC	pc	83	62	pc	75	64	50
Madison	cl	67	58	pc	76	55	41	Columbus	pc	63	52	pc	71	58	44
Lafayette	cl	67	58	pc	76	55	41	Daytona Bch	pc	77	62	pc	82	64	50
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La Crosse	sh	55	50	pc	70	42	28	Fairbanks	ss	17	10	cl	24	3	-11
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