



CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Illinois short on testing goal

'Not there yet,' Pritzker says; case count climbs past 15,000



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Gov. J.B. Pritzker said the state isn't near the goal he set for coronavirus testing.

By JAMIE MUNKS AND ANGIE LEVENTIS LOURGOS

Gov. J.B. Pritzker acknowledged Wednesday that Illinois has fallen far short of a goal he laid out late last month to process 10,000 tests a day for the new coronavirus, an effort officials have said is essential to understanding

how far the highly contagious virus has spread.

"Ten days ago, I said to you, 'Every day we aren't hitting 10,000 tests or more is another day that we're not able to get the answers that help us get past the current crisis,'" Pritzker said at his

daily COVID-19 briefing. "So today I'm standing in front of you and saying we are not there yet."

When Pritzker set the 10,000 daily test goal on March 29, the state was processing about 4,000 tests a day. On Wednesday, Pritzker said the state has surpassed 6,000 tests a day

but will not reach the 10,000 mark this week.

The testing shortfall comes as the number of known people confirmed to have the disease continues to rise, with 1,529 new cases announced Wednesday, pushing the state's total to 15,078. Another new daily high in deaths from

COVID-19 was also set, with 82 fatalities bringing that total to 462 since the outbreak began.

Pritzker's goal of reaching the 10,000 daily test mark by Wednesday relied on the addition of new laboratory automation

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ELECTION 2020



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Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., acknowledges the crowd last month at Grant Park. "The path toward victory is virtually impossible," he said Wednesday.

Sanders ends presidential run

Against backdrop of COVID-19, presumptive Dem nominee Biden to challenge Trump

By WILL WEISSERT
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Sen. Bernie Sanders ended his presidential bid Wednesday, making Joe Biden the presumptive Democratic nominee to challenge President Donald Trump in a general election campaign that will be waged against the backdrop of the co-

ronavirus pandemic.

Sanders initially exceeded sky-high expectations about his ability to recreate the magic of his 2016 presidential bid, and even overcame a heart attack last October. But he couldn't convert unwavering support from progressives into a viable path to the nomination, with "electability" fears fueled

by questions about whether his democratic socialist ideology would be palatable to general election voters.

"The path toward victory is virtually impossible," Sanders told supporters Wednesday. "If I believed we had a feasible path to the nomination, I would certainly continue the campaign, but it's just

not there."

He called Biden a "very decent man" but didn't offer an explicit endorsement of the former vice president. Sanders said his name would remain on the ballot in states that have not yet held primaries so he can gain more delegates and "exert significant influence" on the Democratic platform.

Biden, who is backed by much of the party's establishment, told supporters at a virtual fundraiser that he had a "short conversation" with Sanders.

"He didn't just run a political campaign. He created a movement," Biden said. "That's a good thing for our nation and our

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THE SPREAD

1 person may have led to 16 with virus

Chicago case study, in which 3 died, shows transmission

By TONY BRISCOE

Before shelter-in-place orders and social distancing measures had been implemented in Illinois to curtail the spread of the coronavirus, a man with a mild respiratory illness shared a takeout meal with a couple of close friends mourning the death of a relative in Chicago.

The next day, the man attended the funeral. A few days later, he joined another family for a birthday party.

The man later tested positive for the coronavirus.

Within a matter of days, he had close contact with several people at these family gatherings and apparently infected 10 people, according to an investigation by the Chicago Department of Public Health. Once those individuals went home and attended other social functions, health officials suspect at least 16 people, between the ages of 5 and 86, had contracted the

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GUN VIOLENCE

Officials say spike draining pandemic resources

5-year-old girl among at least 21 shot Tuesday

By GREGORY PRATT,
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Mayor Lori Lightfoot and interim police Superintendent Charlie Beck decried Tuesday's spike in gun violence in Chicago, saying the shootings strain the city's health services at a time when hospitals need to focus on the coronavirus pandemic.

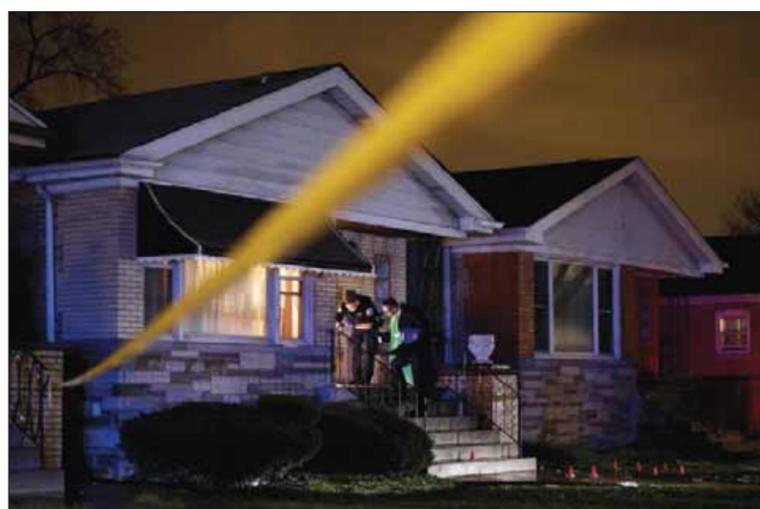
"Violence of any kind is never acceptable," Lightfoot said. "But the fact that this is especially urgent now as our ability to treat all Chicagoans is being stretched to the breaking

point, we cannot allow this to happen and we will not allow this to happen."

At least 21 people were shot Tuesday, including a 5-year-old girl who was sitting on a porch on the South Side. A man with her was killed. Six other people were shot to death across the city, the deadliest day from gunfire in nearly two years. During a five-hour span on Wednesday, another nine people were shot — one reported as accidental — and two people were killed, including a 15-year-old boy.

The slayings and shootings come as Chicago also struggles to curb the spread of the new coronavirus. Chicago has accounted for

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Police work the scene Tuesday where four people were shot, including a 5-year-old girl, in the 8600 block of South Damen Avenue. A 27-year-old man died in the shooting.

Bulls are zeroing in on Nuggets general manager

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Father says slain son 'didn't want to fight'

Marine pushed off platform at Jackson Red Line stop, killing him. **Chicagoland, Page 4**



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'PRISONER OF HER PAST': CELEBRATING AN 89TH BIRTHDAY AMID A PANDEMIC

The 10th annual broadcast of "Prisoner of Her Past" will feature Tribune arts critic Howard Reich's mother Sonia Reich, who is in a nursing home and cannot see her son. The documentary will honor the Holocaust Remembrance Day as well as how much has changed in the past month, seeing as how the film's director Gordon Quinn has been hospitalized with COVID-19. In 1939, Sonia Reich lived in Dubno, Poland, near the border of Ukraine. In September of that year, as Hitler and Stalin agreed to divide Poland between them, German soldiers invaded from the west and Soviet troops from the east. Russian officers moved into the home of Reich's family, pushing everyone into a single room in back, facing the outhouse in the yard. The film talks about her experience during World War II and how it affects her and her son's life today, especially during this hard time and her 89th birthday. "Prisoner of Her Past," produced by Kartemquin Films in association with the Chicago Tribune, will air at 4 p.m. April 19 on WTTW-Ch. 11.

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■ A display quote on the front page of the Sunday Sports section incorrectly attributed a quote about the effects of the coronavirus on a Swedish soccer club. The comments were made by Krister Azellus, the president of the club. The Tribune regrets the errors.

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BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Mayor Lori Lightfoot speaks at City Hall on Wednesday during the coronavirus pandemic.



JOHN KASS

Liquor curfew might rile some, but Lightfoot right

The last thing Chicago needs right now is a bunch of drunken small-government libertarians shrieking about Mayor Lori Lightfoot's curfew on liquor sales that goes into effect at 9 p.m. Thursday.

Yet shriek they will, while arguing that our mayor is taking this coronavirus business much too far. They'll say that even if they don't tend to drink outside liquor stores, they just might start now, opting to live free or die.

"Is there any pushback to what she's doing?" asked an editor around here.

Wait, I said. I know their ways. But just to be bipartisan about it, Chicago also doesn't need a bunch of drunken big-government Democrats complaining that they're being oppressed and that it's their right to hang out and drink on the sidewalk too.

And they, too, will complain, saying Lightfoot is ruining all their quality outdoor recreational activities, like drinking out of a paper bag until they run out of whiskey and have to panhandle more change.

Regardless of their political persuasions, people who hang outside liquor stores, drinking from brown paper bags or sipping from a can, are most apt to complain when the booze stops flowing.

"Hey, at least I'm not getting my hair styled like Lori did," a drunk might say. "I'm just standing here drinking my cheap whiskey. I'm not bothering anybody. I didn't even start singing yet. But can I ask you a question? Could you give me 87 cents so I can take the bus home?"

The beneficiaries of Lightfoot's 9 p.m. liquor curfew are all those people who won't contract the virus from those who congregate outside liquor stores.

And there's another class of beneficiaries: the people who live around those stores. They've long complained about drinkers hanging out on the sidewalk, drinking outside liquor stores, and exhibiting all the behavior that comes with drinking on the cor-

ner.

Neighborhood residents don't like it. They shy away from walking their dogs down the street. They go out of their way to avoid those corner liquor stores. They've been complaining to mayor after mayor in Chicago for years, to Mayors Byrne, Washington, Sawyer, Daley, Emanuel and now Lightfoot.

But she's doing something. And she's using the threat of coronavirus transmission to get it done. That's great.

When I was a kid, there was a drunk in Gage Park, on 55th Street, named "Whitey." He'd sleep out back of the tool rental place. He did his drinking in the morning in the alley. He didn't bother anybody. He didn't even sing. He just staggered. Then he'd sleep.

But that was long before the coronavirus. Who can legitimately argue that Lightfoot is going too far? She's not going too far. Congregation means transmission. And infection can mean death. You read the news. You know that some communities, in particular African American communities, are at greater risk for a variety of reasons, including lack of proper nutrition, poverty and bad health care.

But in transmission, the virus doesn't really care about skin pigment, whether you drink out of a paper bag or sit at home in the suburbs sipping an especially nice 18-year-old single malt scotch. If you come in contact with someone who's infected, you could catch it.

Lightfoot's trying to save lives. That's her job. She's doing her job. Let her do her job.

"I want to be clear on this," she said at her coronavirus briefing to reporters Wednesday. "Like our closure of the lakefront two weeks ago, this is not punitive. It's protective. Nonetheless, as with our lakefront closure, we are putting this curfew in place because too many individuals and businesses have been violating the stay-at-home order. An order that was put in place in this pandemic to save lives."

She's closed the lakefront, and scolded people who congregate in the parks. She closed The 606 trail. And yet, as a Chicago Tribune editorial pointed out the other day, people are still hanging out in the parks, together, playing softball, basketball, soccer, as if they've never heard of Lori Lightfoot. This peeves the mayor.

She hasn't yet closed down the CTA, but have you seen photos of people congregating on buses, without masks on their faces?

Though her marketers have helped develop a personality cult around her, there are some things she really can't do. She can't shut down public transportation. She can't lock up the people in the parks. That might be seen as too severe and "draconian." And she's not really going to haul the sidewalk drinkers to jail. She might have cops give them a ticket, which they'll ignore, but jail them?

Long before the coronavirus, Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx, County Board President Toni Preckwinkle and Cook County Chief Judge Tim Evans were working to not put people in jail, allowing the allegedly violent who had been arrested for multiple crimes to be released out on low cash bonds, or no bond at all. Now the social justice warriors are using the risk of coronavirus transmission in jail to release even more.

But congregating on the sidewalk, drinking long into the night — this Lightfoot will not abide. No liquor store owner will dare complain. She'll take their liquor license away. This is how the government hammer can change behavior.

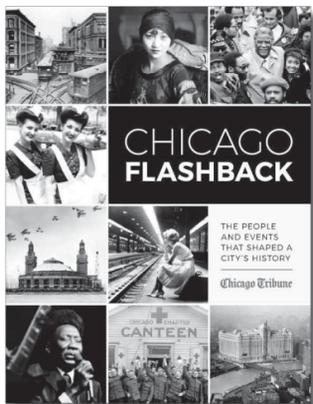
And the sidewalk drinkers? They'll just have to line up outside the liquor stores in the morning, like they used to.

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Trump doesn't want Sanders endorsing Biden



DAHLEEN GLANTON

There will be no President Bernie Sanders.

The democratic socialist was the last roadblock to a showdown in November between Joe Biden and Donald Trump. Americans are anxiously waiting for the moment to cast their votes and have their voices heard.

In dropping out of the race on Wednesday, Sanders said he realized that he could not win the Democratic nomination. What was missing, though, was an endorsement of Biden.

That's what America needs most at this moment. And it's the last thing Trump wants to hear. Democrats rallying around a single candidate six months before the election is Trump's scariest nightmare.

Even before the coronavirus pandemic struck, most Democratic voters had signaled to Sanders that they didn't want him as president. Since the South Carolina primary in February, they had formed a united front behind Biden.

On Wednesday, Sanders indicated that he had gotten the message.

"We are now some 300 delegates behind Vice President Biden, and the path toward victory is virtually impossible," he said in a livestream video to his supporters.

Having pursued the White House before, Sanders is not a candidate known for bowing out of a presidential race gracefully. Something much stronger than the realization that he could not win compelled him to step aside.

It was Trump himself. "As I see the crisis gripping the nation, exacerbated by a president unwilling or unable to provide any kind of credible leadership and the work that needs to be done to protect people in this most desperate hour, I cannot in good conscience continue to mount a campaign that I cannot win and which would interfere with the important work required of all of us in this difficult hour," Sanders said.

Sanders likely watched Trump



MATT ROURKE/AP

Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., left, and former Vice President Joe Biden talk before a Democratic presidential debate in Charleston, S.C., on Feb. 25.

bungle the coronavirus response and decided that the American people deserved better. Maybe he chose to remove himself from the equation after watching Trump's daily campaign events disguised as press briefings.

Perhaps he saw the long lines of people in Wisconsin on Tuesday braving the rain and risking exposure to the deadly virus to cast their vote in the Democratic primary and realized that enough is enough.

Whatever his reason, Democrats should be grateful. But his withdrawal from the race is not enough.

Sanders acknowledged that some of his supporters would disagree with his decision. Some want to see him continue fighting until the last ballot is cast at the Democratic convention, he said.

Those are the people Trump is depending on.

As long as Sanders appears ambivalent about Biden as the party's nominee, Trump has an opening to try and convince Sanders' supporters that Biden and the entire Democratic Party are their enemies. Sanders has the

power to shut down Trump's divisive message before it does irreparable harm, if he wants to.

While Sanders conceded that Biden is the nominee, he plans to remain on the ballot in states that have yet to hold primaries and continue to collect delegates. The move would give him a stronger voice in setting the Democratic platform, but it also allows him to hold the party hostage until he gets what he wants.

A diversity of ideas is important in establishing how the party will move forward. But if Sanders really wants to make sure that Trump doesn't get another four years in the White House, he needs to urge his supporters to go to the polls in droves to vote for Biden.

Nothing short of an early, all-out endorsement would suffice — and it still might not work.

Sanders' supporters are the type of people who march to their own drummer. They aren't easily persuaded to throw their support behind whoever wins the Democratic nomination, just because everyone wants them to.

And they shouldn't. Candidates

have to earn the votes of every American.

Biden is experienced enough to know that it will be tough to recruit these essential voters. He has to somehow convince them that he's willing to fight for some of the things they think are crucial, even though he might not entirely believe in them.

But he cannot do it unless Sanders' supporters are willing to listen.

The biggest threat to his campaign right now is those Sanders supporters who would rather see Trump in the White House another four years than vote for Biden. He is helpless in gaining the support of anyone who refuses to vote for him out of spite. He cannot convince sore losers that they should take one for the team.

In 2016, 1 in 10 people who voted for Sanders in the primaries against Hillary Clinton voted for Trump in the general election, according to an analysis of exit polls by Tufts University's Cooperative Congressional Election Study.

That amounted to about 1.5

million votes, including about 216,000 in Michigan, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin, formerly Democratic states that went for Trump, the study found.

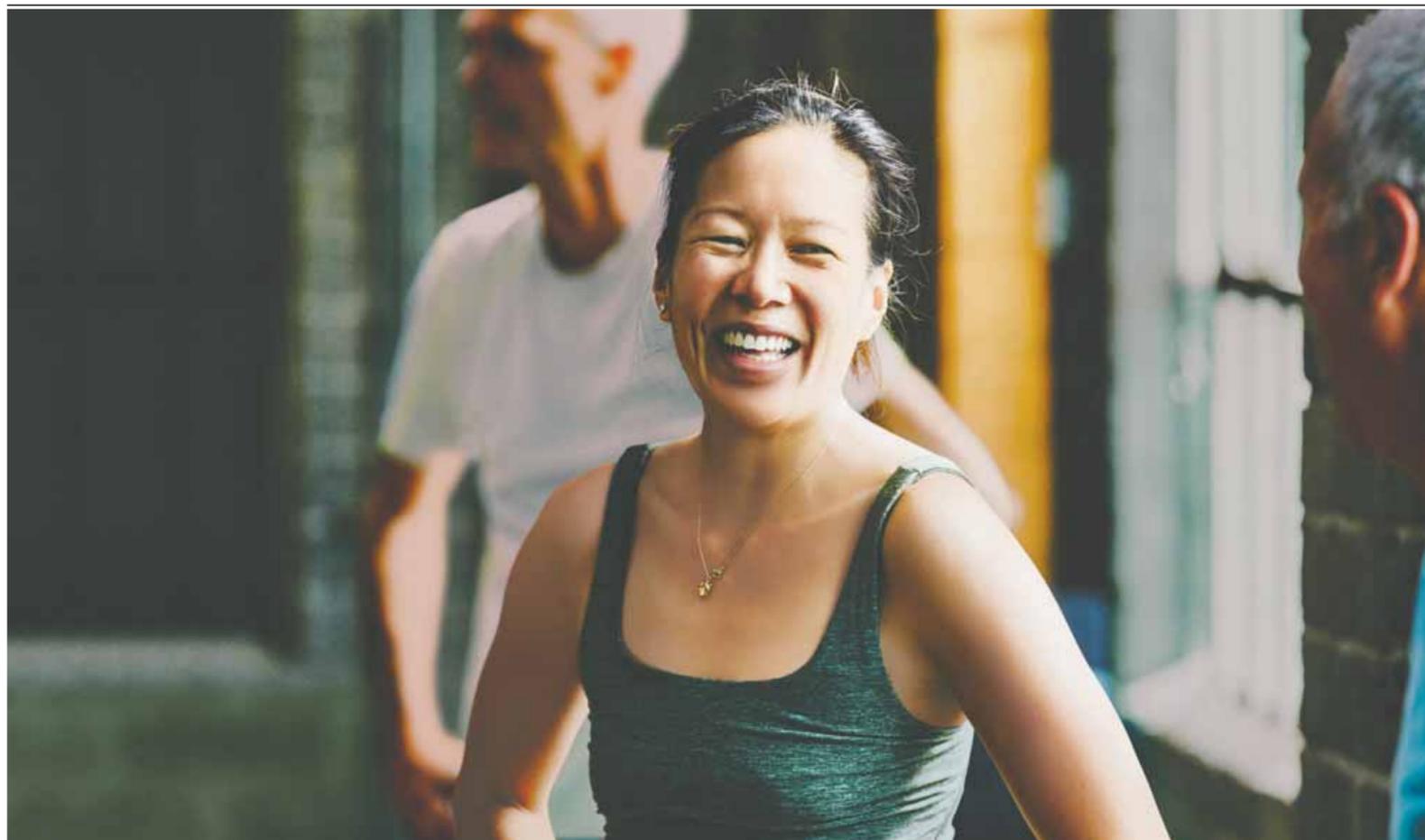
While the Democratic Party did a poor job of welcoming Sanders' supporters to the fold four years ago, some of the dissonance was directly related to Sanders' actions.

He stayed in the race too long, though it was obvious he could not win. By the time he came around and endorsed Clinton, many of his supporters were too angry and disappointed to care.

The good news for Democrats is that 80% of Sanders' supporters said they would vote for Biden over Trump, according to an ABC News poll taken nearly two weeks ago. The bad news is that 15% said they would support Trump, in addition to those voters who might decide to sit the election out.

Nothing short of canceling the election altogether would make Trump happier.

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CHICAGOLAND

Father says slain son 'didn't want to fight'

Marine, 29, pushed off CTA platform after confrontation

BY ROSEMARY SOBOL AND WILLIAM LEE

Mamadou Balde grew up tough. He lost his mother to cholera when he was 3, moved from West Africa when he was 9, joined the Marines when he was 18 and served two tours in Afghanistan.

Tuesday evening, he was waiting for a train at the Jackson Red Line stop when three men started arguing with him, according to Chicago police. Surveillance video apparently shows him walking away from the confrontation when one of the three ran up and pushed him off the platform and into a moving train, killing him. He was 29.

"He didn't want to fight," his father Al Balde said he was told by officers who saw the video. "Yes, I am mad, that is correct. ... This guy gave his life for his



Al Balde, left, father of Mamadou Balde, and Mamadou's sister, Fatoumata, talk to reporters outside the Cook County medical examiner's office Wednesday.

country and three people throw him on the train."

Chicago police say Mamadou Balde fell between two cars of a train that was pulling away from the station and was dragged to his death about 5 p.m. Police

have identified three people of interest, and at least one of them has been involved in crimes in the Chicago downtown area, according to a law enforcement source. No arrests have been reported.

The Jackson platform and an adjoining commuter tunnel have been the scene of several violent attacks recently, including a fatal shooting and a stabbing earlier this year. The increase in violence led to an

increased police presence at CTA stations.

The attack was among eight homicides recorded in Chicago Tuesday, the deadliest violence the city has seen in a single day for nearly two years.

The second youngest of four children, Mamadou Balde attended Armstrong Elementary School and went to Lane Tech High School, where he graduated in 2008. "He liked it here," said his father, who drove a cab on the North Side after moving his family from the Republic of Guinea. "He was very smart."

He joined the Marines as soon as he got out of high school. He was dispatched to Afghanistan, where he served as an infantryman. After a year, he returned to Chicago to spend a few months with his family before being sent back a second time.

"He told me that they (Marines) made him a



Balde

man," Al Balde said. "He never called me sir, and when he came back home he called me sir."

After his second tour ended in 2015, Mamadou Balde struggled with PTSD, his father said. "It was crazy over there," he said. "He told me a lot. He told me things had haunted him."

"As an infantryman, he told me it was bad," his father said. "It was too much. Most of his friends died at one time in front of his eyes. ... He told he had seen things ... with children killed. He remembers looking at the mothers crying and he remembered that he didn't even know his mom that much."

He started taking medication for PTSD but it didn't seem to help, his father said. "He didn't get the help he needed," Al Balde said. "I lost my boy."

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Seniors take on mask kits project

Assisted living home residents volunteer time

BY SOPHIE SHERRY

Each day, 98-year-old Lorraine Kozak sits at a table in her nursing home and carefully cuts out swatches of fabric and places them into plastic bags with elastic and instructions on how to turn them into face masks.

Then these kits are placed outside The Birches Assisted Living in Clarendon Hills for someone to pick up and distribute to neighbors who need them during the coronavirus outbreak. Each kit can make up to 10 masks.

"I feel like I'm helping," Kozak said by phone. "I can't be out there with the health care workers, but at least I feel like I'm doing something."

The executive director of The Birches, Jackie Sander, said she knew hospitals were not accepting home-made fabric masks but thought other nursing homes in the area could use them. Sander said she put a call out for donations of materials for residents to make masks and was overwhelmed by the response.

She had originally planned on residents making the masks, but the facil-



E. JASON WAMBSGANS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Jacqueline Sander, executive director, and Lorraine Kozak, resident, of The Birches Assisted Living in Clarendon Hills, have been assembling mask kits.

ity received so many donations they couldn't sew fast enough. So they decided instead to create the kits.

"It's been a wonderful response," Kozak said. "There's a lot of people involved in the Clarendon Hills area, donating the material and then picking up the kits to make the masks

with."

Those picking up the kits are encouraged to distribute them to elderly neighbors and at nearby assisted living centers. "People have been religiously coming by to pick up kits every night," Sander said.

With the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

now encouraging everyone to wear a mask while outside, Sander said she has seen many more people picking up kits to sew for their own family and children. The residents can put together 10 to 15 kits a day.

There are no cases of coronavirus at The Birches, but the outbreak still weighs

on residents, Sander said. Visitors are no longer allowed inside, so the center is doing what it can to keep residents connected with friends and family.

"They are concerned for what's going on in the world," Sander said. "This has been giving them some sort of purpose to keep them

positive."

Kozak has been a resident at The Birches for three years, and before that lived in the Hinsdale area. "I've always done a lot of volunteering when I was younger, and I feel like I have to keep doing that," she said. "I'm 98 years old, so I'm trying to do my best."

Coronavirus Pandemic Weight Loss Plan will flatten curves



REX W. HUPPKE

As the country remains on coronavirus lockdown, Americans have divided into two distinct groups: People who write Facebook posts that say "I'm actually LOSING weight during this pandemic!" and people who hate that first group.

National unity is crucial right now, so allow me to do what I can to bridge this chasm.

Along with being a beloved newspaper columnist and the only person to appear on the cover of *Sexy Man-Calves Quarterly* more than twice, I'm also a highly regarded instructor in the evolving field of "nontraditional fitness."

Since the publication of

my first book, "Stay on the Couch: The Fitness Will Come to You," there have been possibly hundreds of theoretical "people" who have benefited from my guaranteed (LEGAL DISCLAIMER: guarantee is not guaranteed) tips for losing weight without exercising or eating less.

My plan revolves primarily around calories burned by surviving the stress and worries of every day life. It's an angst-based gateway to ripped abs.

The coronavirus pandemic has made this approach even more effective, giving everyone the opportunity to leverage their existential fears into new levels of physical prowess!

So join me now as I teach you how to flatten your curve with my guaranteed (not guaranteed) 100%-Effective Coronavirus Pandemic Weight Loss Plan (results may vary).

Step 1: Wake up. If you've

done this, you're off to a great start.

Step 2: Remember there's a global pandemic that has upended most aspects of modern life and you're about to spend another day indoors with your family. Feel the burn as your brain performs 17 worst-case-scenario reps at once. Go back to sleep for an hour. You've earned it!

Step 3: Eat a breakfast. Doesn't need to be healthy. You've got a big day of dread ahead of you.

Step 4: Power through your morning yells. Yell at the kids to get up and start e-learning, then yell at them three more times, making sure to "max-out" each set by adding, "DO I NEED TO GET YOU GUYS HEARING AIDS OR SOMETHING!" Get some water when you're done. Hydration is key.

Step 5: Walk to work. The trip from the kitchen to the living room is a solid

calorie burn on its own, but when you realize you have another Zoom meeting coming up and add in at least a half-dozen belabored sighs, you'll wipe out the breakfast calories, and then some.

Step 6: You want to give your body some recovery time before you tackle "get morning doughnut," so settle in and do some work while regularly flexing your amygdala, keeping steady anxiety signals firing to your brain's dorsal anterior cingulate cortex. NO EMOTIONAL PAIN, NO GAIN!

Step 7: Get morning doughnut.

Step 8: Rip out some midmorning yells upon realizing your oldest kid ate all the doughnuts and another food delivery isn't coming until the weekend. Continue cardio by rummaging through the pantry for anything doughnut-like.

Step 9: Return to your home workspace and en-

gage in 10 minutes of High-Intensity Interval Weeping.

Step 10: Lunch! Eat feelings.

Step 11: Stare out the window and become irrationally angry at people walking by enjoying themselves, as if life has meaning. Call police. (Bonus "Flatten Your Curve" points if you use a rotary phone.)

Step 12: Stretch fingers then begin a 15-minute rage-tweeting session. Remember, if you feel like you can't make it, push yourself harder. THE WORLD NEEDS YOUR POINTLESS ANGER!

Step 13: Get afternoon doughnut. Yell at older kid again.

Step 14: Attend Zoom meeting. Turn off your computer's camera so you can do five vigorous sets of eye rolls. Turn the camera back on for five minutes to rest extraocular muscles, then repeat.

Step 15: Chase your chil-

dren from the house into the backyard. (If you're more than two weeks into the Coronavirus Pandemic Weight Loss Plan, add extra cardio to this step by forcefully locking the door.)

Step 16: Open meditation app. Close meditation app after 30 seconds. Allow fear to consume you. Feel pounds melt away.

Step 17 (Optional, and not recommended for beginners): Watch President Donald Trump's daily coronavirus press briefing. Break workout into 10 sets of face-palming, 20 sets of disquieted scowls and no less than 15 minutes of screaming into the void.

That's it, folks. Are you ready to flatten your curve? Just follow these simple steps and I promise (promise not valid in any states) that you'll panic-attack your way to a healthier you!

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CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Does grade policy kill students' incentive?

Grades can't count against kids during school shutdown

BY HANNAH LEONE AND KAREN ANN CULLOTTA

When e-learning began for three of her five children following the coronavirus school shutdown, St. Charles resident Krista Badani was delighted by their diligence. They all have Chromebooks, and for the first few days, it was going well.

But then, her kids got the memo.

"There was an email that went out to parents telling us the e-learning was non-graded, and the kids got wind of it," Badani recalled. "It's become really hard now, because there's no motivation."

Her son Antonio Badani, 17, says he typically puts in his best effort at school, has a B+ average and enjoys most of his classes.

But he admits that when he found out schoolwork wouldn't be graded during the first weeks of the shutdown, that "made me not want to do it. I did do the assignments eventually, but if they want students to take this seriously, don't tell me it doesn't count."

Antonio's schoolwork may start counting, though — but only if he does well. That's because of guidelines newly issued by the state that strongly advise districts not to give Fs or use any measurement that would lower a student's overall grades.

Since schools were shut down statewide on March 17, they've taken a variety of approaches to educating homebound students, with the majority of the work not graded. But with Illinois' 800-plus school districts now making the formal transition to remote learning, they're tasked with figuring out how to fairly and equitably assess students' work.

To help, the Illinois State Board of Education has issued guidelines. They call for teachers to use a pass-incomplete system that doesn't give failing grades, doesn't punish kids for lack of participation and gives all students opportunities to redo or make up any assignments, with more chances to raise their grades over the summer or next fall.

"The emphasis for schoolwork ... during the remote learning period is on learning, not on compliance," the guidelines state. "A focus on keeping children emotionally and physically safe, fed, and engaged in learning should be our first priority during this unprecedented time."

Chicago Public Schools is expecting students to participate once it shifts to official remote learning on April 13, after spring break, and teachers will be allowed to assess students' work — but in line with the state guidelines, that can't bring down their grades. They could, however, be expected to finish incomplete assignments once classrooms reopen. At this point, the statewide shutdown lasts until the end of April, unless it's extended again.

Though some parents are having a harder time getting their kids to buy in to doing work when they face no immediate repercussions for blowing it off, others question grading at all during this unprecedented time of remote learning and social isolation.

"Being in the house all day is not normal," said Tracey Robinson, of Bronzeville, whose children attend Fuller Elementary and Dyett High School. "You have been quarantined sitting in the house for weeks at a time, your body and your mind needs air. They can't sit in the house all day and you put a piece of paper in their face and expect them to focus. I think parents should push them to wanting to do the work, but they shouldn't be graded off that."

Robinson's children don't have laptops or tablets, but heading into spring break, she hadn't heard if they're getting them. Because they are in a temporary living situation and one of her



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Chuck Anderson checks on his daughter Graciela as she works on homework outside of their Streamwood home.

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— Denise Clark Pope, a senior lecturer at the Stanford University School of Education

children has a special education plan, they're a priority for CPS, which is aiming to distribute more than 100,000 devices to the students who need them most. But for now, they have been making do with paper packets picked up from their schools.

CPS Chief Education Officer LaTanya McDade has said leaders "do recognize we will have to give more detailed grading guidance in the future." Though CPS has said attendance won't be counted and hours won't be logged, ISBE is advising schools to track attendance to help identify students who need extra outreach.

As an assistant principal at Wildwood Elementary in Chicago, Kimberly Henderson sees the grading issue from multiple angles. She must be a sounding board for teachers while managing her own three children who are still in school: a junior at Lindblom Math and Science Academy; a freshman at Leo High, a boys' Catholic school; and an eighth grader at Lenart Elementary. From their time in CPS, Henderson knows well how resources vary throughout the city.

"There are too many moving pieces, and you have to plan for both those who do have technology resources and those who don't," Henderson said. "When you think about all those things, I think the no-harm rule is the only one that makes sense, and the focus can be on trying to continue the learning versus worrying about the grades."

Michael Shea, who teaches civics to seniors at Chicago's Kenwood Acad-

my, also agrees with the approach.

"If we were to require grades, ultimately we would just be reinforcing the same inequalities that COVID-19 is exposing in the rate of mortality among African Americans in Chicago," Shea said. "It's appropriate to not penalize students who don't have access, but at the same time, you want to make sure kids are doing work and they aren't doing work for nothing."

In the spirit of doing no harm, students with the e-learning tools they need should be able to do what they can, though equity remains a serious issue, he said.

"If a student can boost their grade because they have access, that doesn't by itself harm the next kid," Shea said. While it's important to make sure students are getting feedback, that doesn't have to mean a grade, an ongoing conversation at Kenwood as it relates to remote learning, Shea said.

He said it's still too early to assess whether the district's approach to grading will affect students' motivation.

"There's still a lot of anxiety," he said. "I have seniors, so they have the ability to differentiate, and little kids don't know what's going on, they don't understand why they can't see their friends."

For April Soristo Anderson, her 9-year-old twin daughters' online learning provided by Elgin-based Community Unit School District 46 has been fraught with challenges. So far, the district has only provided the family with one tablet, while it awaits a shipment of additional computers. Anderson said the family has its own Chromebook, so she gave that to her daughter Graciela.

Her other daughter, Guilianna, is using the tablet provided by the district. Born with short bowel syndrome, Guilianna is on a waiting list for an organ transplant, her mother said. She was briefly hospitalized last week with an infection, but continued her e-learning from her bed at Lurie Children's Hospital.

"I'm really worried, because Guilianna has already missed a lot of school, and

I'm afraid she'll have a full regression backward," Anderson said. "And I'd really like it if Graciela's work was graded, because she would take it more seriously. It's gotten to the point where I just have to tell her, 'Do the work.'"

Extensive data underscores the negative impact of the so-called summer slide on students, especially those from economically disadvantaged or underserved communities, said Denise Clark Pope, a senior lecturer at the Stanford University School of Education.

This school year, with the prospect of children spending another two to three months away from the classroom, "we could see even more of a slide, particularly with that population," Pope said.

But Pope said there are many benefits to "do no harm" grading policies such as the one recommended by ISBE.

"It really isn't possible to use grades in a manner that is equitable or fair with remote learning, given the digital divide," Pope said. "Everyone is more stressed right now, with parents worried about losing their jobs, and their family's health, so it can be a huge win if we can draw upon the positives, like listening to our kids and focusing on relationships right now, instead of grades."

Likewise, New Trier High School Superintendent Paul Sally said the temporary de-emphasis on quantitative assessments could put an increased focus on qualitative feedback.

Even without the traditional assessment metrics in place, Sally said the roughly 4,000 students at New Trier "know what they're learning now matters for future classes."

Since Henderson started teaching in Chicago in 1998, grading itself has been an area of growth and progression, she said. "It's probably one of the No. 1 areas that we talk about and are constantly refining," she said. "To have a time where we can say, 'We are doing this just to further your knowledge, just to help you grow in an area you aren't as strong in,' I think it can be a relief to students. Some think it will make kids not want to do the work, but I think for my kids, it's, 'I can do that work and I don't have to have the same stress under me.'"

Henderson's two daughters are more self-driven with schoolwork, while her freshman son tends to rely on more oversight, she said. She checks his Google Classroom assignments, to make sure he's turning them in. His teachers have also been helpful by emailing her in advance of a deadline, rather than after he's missed it. Each time, she makes sure he gets the message.

"I just holler up the stairs, 'Don't forget to turn in your geometry,'" Henderson said.

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College tuition refunds over virus unlikely

But it won't be for lack of trying from students in Illinois

BY ELYSSA CHERNEY

In a bold campaign, hundreds of University of Chicago students are threatening to skip a key payment due this month. Student government leaders at Northwestern University have endorsed calls to slash the cost of remote classes. And thousands studying at the University of Illinois at Chicago have signed a petition demanding money back.

Underlying all the efforts, students aim to make the case that colleges should refund a portion of tuition this year because of unexpected changes spurred by the coronavirus pandemic. Some argue that lectures delivered through Zoom are not as valuable as learning in person, while others say universities should be doing more to accommodate families hurting financially.

Though many colleges have offered reimbursements on room and board charges and changed grading policies for the spring term, they are remaining firm on tuition. Experts say most colleges can't afford to pay back tuition, their main source of revenue, despite protests from students or their parents. Though wealthier private schools have access to large endowments, they are limited in how they can spend the money.

"The reasons that colleges are unlikely to be able to provide (tuition refunds) is not that they are greedy or unsympathetic to the interest of students," said Brendan Cantwell, an associate professor at Michigan State University's department of educational administration. "It is more expensive to run a college or university today than it was before the pandemic."

The coronavirus outbreak required colleges nationwide to undergo a massive transformation on short notice. As classes moved online and schools urged students to return home for the remainder of the semester, many schools had to invest in new software or technology to support remote learning, Cantwell said. Add onto that the cost of canceled



TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

University of Chicago student Livia Miller, shown on campus Wednesday, is part of an effort to get tuition refunds because of the financial impact of the coronavirus pandemic.

events, stalled research grants and constant disinfecting of campus buildings.

In Illinois, the state's 12 public universities estimate suffering an initial loss of \$224 million — a figure expected to grow for the remainder of the crisis. For the three campuses in the University of Illinois System, expenses from refunding room and board for students who left dorms early totaled \$37 million. On Tuesday, presidents of the universities wrote to members of Congress appealing for more federal aid.

Richard Vedder, a distinguished professor emeritus of economics at Ohio Uni-

versity, said the pandemic has thrust colleges into an "awkward position" as they try to maintain positive relationships with current and prospective students.

Though schools need to exhibit empathy and do what they can to support students, they also must avoid going broke, he said. While schools can manage to refund costs of services no longer being performed, like housing and meal plans, paying back tuition money would be "devastatingly costly and fatally costly" in some cases, Vedder said.

"Schools are making a good-faith effort to provide educational services, and

they are doing so online, even though, in some cases, that online education is not qualitatively equal to what you were getting before," he said. "Students have a right to be upset, but my guess is they won't win any lawsuits on it."

For Livia Miller, a second-year student at U. of C., the inaction has been unacceptable.

Miller, a 20-year-old New Yorker studying anthropology, has worked from her off-campus apartment to draft a petition urging U. of C. to cut spring quarter tuition in half for all students. She's also organizing a possible "tuition

strike" for April 29, when spring payments are due.

With the group UChicago for Fair Tuition, Miller is advocating for students to be allowed to enroll part time, for graduate student fees to be waived and for more budget transparency from school leaders.

"We were hearing stories of people who were worried about taking out loans and worried about having to drop out of school because they couldn't pay," Miller said. "We realized we needed to start a campaign around this because it was unthinkable that so many people were in this terrible position when it came to paying tuition for the quarter."

According to data collected by UChicago for Fair Tuition, about 800 students are considering withholding the upcoming tuition payment. The group has posted guidance online to help students discuss the option with parents, many of whom foot the bill. Without fees for living on campus, U. of C. tuition nears \$58,000 and ranks among the most expensive in the country.

Miller said administrators at U. of C. had not responded to the petition as of Tuesday afternoon. She also pointed to the school's well-publicized reserves — which included an endowment of \$8.2 billion in 2019 and a recent fundraising campaign that netted \$5.43 billion — as proof that the school can afford tuition refunds.

In response to a Tribune inquiry, a U. of C. spokesman said the school will continue to charge regular tuition rates since "Spring Quarter courses will count fully toward completion of all degree programs."

The spokesman, Gerald McSwiggan, also highlighted the school's financial aid program, which doesn't require students in need to take out loans.

Since 2018, U. of C. has guaranteed free tuition for families making less than \$125,000 per year and also pays room and board for students with families making less than \$60,000, McSwiggan said.

At Northwestern, an online petition seeking a partial tuition refund has garnered nearly 5,000 signatures since it was published several weeks ago. Tuition

costs \$56,232 for this year, according to NU.

The petitions lists a number of activities — including prototype design for engineering students, research opportunities in labs and participation in intramural sports — that fell to the wayside because of online instruction. The Associated Student Government executive board also endorsed the petition and posted it on Facebook, encouraging others to support the movement.

"Due to the COVID-19 crisis, students paying for the Northwestern experience will no longer have access to invaluable face-to-face interaction with faculty, resources necessary for specific programs, and access to facilities that enable learning," the petition said.

Northwestern spokesman Jon Yates said the school has no plans to adjust tuition rates.

"Northwestern will continue to provide a high-quality education, whether remotely or in person," he said in an email.

The petition for UIC students asks the school "to refund all students the difference between the costs of in-person and online instruction, including fees that are no longer applicable." For Illinois residents, UIC tuition costs about \$10,000, according to a spokeswoman.

UIC Chancellor Michael Amiridis said in an emailed statement that he is trying to be sensitive to student needs and recently hosted a virtual town hall to address concerns.

"Since UIC continues to teach all courses remotely, we have not considered a partial refund on tuition," he said. "However, we are considering a partial refund of the fees for interrupted services (recreation, student centers, student programming, athletics, etc.), as well as of some lab fees associated with specific courses. We will finalize the decision this week."

Looking ahead to next year, DePaul University has announced tuition freezes, locking in the price of attendance for upcoming semesters. City Colleges of Chicago also rolled back a proposal to increase tuition by 3% next year.

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Orders a 'godsend' for suburban greenhouse

Montgomery facility stuck with 10,000 lilies

BY DAVID SHAROS

Less than a week ago, owners of Schaefer Greenhouses in Montgomery had 10,000 Easter lilies on their hands with little hope of selling them, due to the cancellation of Easter church services and other events planned for the weekend because of the coronavirus pandemic.

But by the end of this week, those lilies may be as scarce as toilet paper on store shelves, thanks to businesses and community members stepping up to buy the plants.

"There was an article that was published in The Beacon-News over the weekend (about the greenhouse's situation), and by Monday — the phone was ringing off the wall and it hasn't stopped," said Mary Ann Kutnick, 69, co-owner of the venerable greenhouse that opened back in 1926. "Honestly, it's been exhausting and I've only had time to eat one meal a day. I was telling my husband that I just have to get through this week."

Kutnick's cousin Mike Schaefer, 63, the production manager and grower, said by Wednesday morning "we have maybe 1,500 to 2,000 left."

"That's probably an estimate on the high side," he said. "You see holes in the benches all over the place where the pots stood, and to see these flowers being sold

has been a godsend. To be perfectly honest, I was ready this past weekend to load them up and take them to the Dumpster."

Another cousin, garden center manager Brett Schaefer, 61, said in addition to a steady stream of cars picking up lilies with curbside service, huge orders of as many as 500 lilies have come in which has resulted in hiring back a handful of employees who were released after the shelter in place orders came down from the state in March.

"Prisco's Family Market ordered 200 plants, and folks at Central DuPage Hospital in Winfield ordered 500 that they plan to give away to nurses and other medical staff," he said. "We loaded them up and brought them over Tuesday afternoon."

Central DuPage Senior Vice President and Chief Medical Officer Dr. Kevin Most said "an individual on staff saw the story about local businesses and their need for support, and we brought it to the attention of our physician leadership."

"We decided to do two things which was help support a local business and show staff our appreciation for what they are going through as we head into the stressful days ahead," Most said. "For the next two days as people leave work, we're going to give them a lily which is a relaxing plant and something they can put in their house and get some respite and as a reminder we are all in this together."

Most confirmed that 500 lilies were ordered already



DAVID SHAROS/BEACON-NEWS

Joe Kolich of North Aurora buys a lily plant from Schaefer Greenhouses Tuesday at Prisco's Family Market in Aurora.

and that "the hospital would get more as needed."

"We're going to be giving them to everyone from the nurses to the respiratory therapists, the environmental services and the food staff," he said. "All of this is coming from the doctors' own pockets — it's not the hospital that's paying for it. We also have a medical staff that has organized a band that's going to play here Friday as well as have a luncheon for everyone to keep morale up."

According to staff at the greenhouse, other orders have come from word-of-mouth as well as social media. Brett Schaefer said a subdivision in North Aurora known as Tanner Trails posted a sign-up and payment option on its Facebook page and ordered more than three dozen plants.

Kutnick believes a number of residents are buying plants and leaving them on neighbors' doorsteps.

"For some, this is a way to show kindness and love to neighbors as well as co-workers and employees," she said. "I also think some are having fun with this and leaving plants and ringing doorbells and playing ding-

dong-ditch."

At Prisco's, employees like Amanda Snyder, 34, of Aurora, was seen arranging a display of lilies on Tuesday afternoon as she posted the price tag which included the Schaefer name on it.

"I think it's good to support others at this time and have something like these lilies, which is something we normally want to celebrate the Easter holiday," she said.

Owner of Prisco's Beth Guzauskas agreed it was "important to help local businesses" and that the purchase of 200 lilies was well beyond the store's normal order for flowers.

"I wouldn't ever buy that many at one time, but there is a need to help another business and people have said they want to keep the tradition of Easter," Guzauskas said. "Even though buildings are closed, church is the people, not the building."

Kutnick said she is reminded of "the power of flowers" and that the feedback she is getting shows how much they mean to people.

David Sharos is a freelance reporter.

Illinois mayor's wife cited for violation

Citation part of stay-at-home order crackdown

BY JEREMY KOHLER

St. Louis Post-Dispatch

ALTON, Ill. — The mayor told his police department to crack down on anyone violating the Illinois "stay-at-home" order. The police did just that — and cited the mayor's wife at a downtown tavern.

Alton Mayor Brant Walker revealed in a Monday Facebook post that one of several people cited at a downtown bar early Sunday was his wife, Shannon Walker.

Walker said the Alton police chief contacted him about 1 a.m. Sunday to say they were investigating and stopping a gathering at a bar downtown that was in violation of Illinois' stay-at-home order.

"I was also made aware that my wife was in attendance at this prohibited social gathering," Walker wrote. "I instructed the Police Chief to treat her as he would any citizen violating the 'Stay At Home' order and to ensure that she received no special treatment."

Alton police said they had received several complaints that Hiram's Tavern, 219 West 3rd Street, was continuing to operate.

The police said a complaint for "reckless conduct," a class A misdemeanor, was signed

against every person at the bar, and each will be summoned to court. The department did not release the number of citations it issued or the names of those cited.

A reporter's request for comment from Shannon Walker was answered with a statement that the mayor had no further comment on the matter.

The bar's owner, Hiram Y. Lewis, was found to have a warrant out of Madison County for domestic battery and was taken into custody, the police said. He could not be reached for comment.

Walker wrote: "My wife is an adult capable of making her own decisions, and in this instance she exhibited a stunning lack of judgment. She now faces the same consequences for her ill-advised decision as the other individuals who chose to violate the 'Stay At Home' order during this incident."

Walker said he was "embarrassed" by the incident and apologized for Alton residents. "My first and most important priority is the safety and well-being of the citizens of Alton," he wrote. "We are in the midst of a national public health crisis, and I will continue to do everything in my power to ensure that your health is protected, including enforcing the Governor's statewide 'Stay At Home' order," he said.



Walker

CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Experts weigh in on pet concerns

With Bronx Zoo tiger catching virus, should pet owners worry?

BY JAVONTE ANDERSON

As the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases continues to surge worldwide, scientists and health experts, including University of Illinois researchers who helped diagnose a New York zoo tiger with the disease, are now looking into how animals are affected by the new coronavirus.

Earlier this week, the Bronx Zoo revealed that a 4-year-old Malayan tiger tested positive for the new coronavirus after she and six other tigers and lions developed a dry cough. And despite the tiger and a few other animals abroad testing positive for the virus, health officials are dispelling fears that people can contract COVID-19 from their pets.

"There's no evidence that pets, including cats and dogs, can spread COVID-19 to people," said Dr. Casey Barton Behravesh, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's One Health Office in the National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases.

Barton Behravesh noted that there was "no reason to think" that the skin or fur of pets can spread the virus to people.

But while health experts say there is no evidence to suggest pets can transmit coronavirus to humans, they are encouraging people who have the disease or are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 to remain socially distant from their pets.

"If somebody has been diagnosed with COVID-19 in a household, or they have been exposed to someone who was and are in quarantine, they should treat their pet just like any other human in their family," said Dr. Rustin Moore, dean of Ohio State University's College of Veterinary



Dog owners gather at Miller Meadow Off-Leash Dog Area on Tuesday in suburban Maywood.

"We're trying to understand how this virus might be spread or transmitted between different animal species. ... and how it might be spread between humans and animals."

— Dr. Karen Terio, chief of the Zoological Pathology Program at the University of Illinois veterinary college

Medicine.

He added, "that means maintaining social distancing, no touching, petting, cuddling, or hugging."

Dr. Karen Terio, chief of the Zoological Pathology Program at the University of Illinois veterinary college, where tests for the Bronx tiger were done, said she and other scientists are now looking at what other types of animals are susceptible to the virus.

"We're trying to understand how this virus might be spread or transmitted between different animal species. ... and how it might be spread between humans and animals," she said.

It's possible wild cats might be more susceptible to COVID-19 than domestic cats, as other viruses can hit wild cats hard, but not affect domestic cats as much,

according to the University of Illinois. But it's not yet known what differences there might be in the effect of COVID-10 on house cats and wild cats.

"To date, a large number of humans have been infected by the virus and become sick and many people have pet cats," Terio said. "The fact that the first confirmed case in an animal in the United States is from a tiger suggests that even among cat species there may be differences in susceptibility to the virus."

Barton Behravesh said the CDC is not recommending routine pet testing.

"We don't want a lot of people rushing out to veterinary clinics right now trying to get their pets tested; that would increase the exposure," she said.

There's a strict criterion that must be met before an animal can

get tested by a veterinary lab, Terio said.

"Just because we have a test doesn't mean we'll accept samples from anybody's cat or dog," she said. "There has to be approval at multiple levels between both animal and public health officials to have an animal tested."

The Anti-Cruelty Society started reducing their animal population weeks ago in anticipation of needing more cage space to help people across the Chicago area who may be quarantined or hospitalized because of COVID-19.

"We've spent the last several weeks preparing for the upcoming weeks to make sure that we have the capacity to have a safe place for people's animals to go," said David Dinger, vice president of operations for the Anti-Cruelty Society.

And the Anti-Cruelty Society's efforts have been successful.

The society's animal population has been reduced from roughly 600 animals to 135 in the last few weeks, Dinger said, which has freed up hundreds of slots for pets that may need a home while their owner has COVID-19.

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Stations of the Cross to air online for Good Friday

BY JAVONTE ANDERSON

With people unable to gather at church because of the statewide stay-at-home order, Chicago's Catholic Church is working with leaders from other churches and the community to offer an online experience of one of Good Friday's most visible traditions — the Stations of the Cross.

"As we respond to the threat to the health and safety of our neighbors by social distancing, we also find ourselves carrying each other's crosses and joining together in common prayer," Cardinal Blase Cupich said in a short interview Wednesday.

The Stations of the Cross trace the suffering and crucifixion of Jesus. Stations of the Cross celebrations often draw thousands of people across the country, including on Chicago's West Side.

In addition to Catholic clergy, the video will feature Mayor Lori Lightfoot, police, firefighters, teachers, health care professionals, and religious leaders from other denominations, according to archdiocese officials.

"We're just trying to get people to focus on being together by praying together," Cupich said. "I think we can build unity throughout the city."

The video will air at noon Friday on the archdiocese's website. The people participating submitted their individual parts of the video, and the archdiocese created the final video.

Even as Easter approaches, Cupich said the archdiocese had established a "phone tree" to keep communication lines open among Chicago's Catholic clergy.

"We are calling every priest once a week, and they, in turn, are calling their people just to keep in touch with them to see how they're doing," he said.

"There's a lot of conversations going on within the parishes in the communities just to let people know they are not alone and that we really do think of them at this time. ... The buildings may be closed, but the churches aren't."




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CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Are virus fears behind the drop in heart attack cases?

Some Chicago-area doctors think some are wary of the ER

BY LISA SCHENCKER

Many people are trying to avoid emergency rooms as the novel coronavirus continues to spread, but there's at least one group of people whose recent disappearance from hospitals is worrying doctors: heart attack patients.

Chicago-area doctors say they've seen dramatic decreases in the numbers of those patients in recent weeks as state and federal officials have urged most people to stay home.

It's possible fewer people are having heart attacks because they're stuck inside, sitting on their couches all day. But doctors say people who are suffering symptoms may also be avoiding hospitals out of fear of catching the coronavirus or consuming precious medical resources. And that may put some at greater risk of dying.

"My worry or concern is that patients are very wary of going to the emergency room," said Dr. Mark Ricciardi, director of interventional cardiology for NorthShore University HealthSystem. "It's possible when we look back on this and gather general mortality data, we might find a lot of people passed away at home. People may not even get to the ER because they're delaying going. They delay to the point that they end up having a fatal heart attack before they get to the hospital."

In New York City, the number of people dying at home has surged in recent weeks to about 200 a day, compared with about 22 to 32 deaths during the same time frame last year, according to the New York City Fire Department's data on cardiac arrest calls. It's unclear how many of those deaths are related to COVID-19, a disease that can also be associated with heart attacks.

Last month, NorthShore's hospitals in Evanston, Skokie, Glenview and Highland Park saw about half as many patients experiencing serious heart attacks as the system typically does in a month, Ricciardi said. NorthShore averaged about 55 heart attack patients a month for most of last year and early this year. In March, it saw 26. So far this month, the system has seen only about four or five cases, he said.

Amita Health Alexian Brothers Medical Center Elk Grove Village and Amita Health St. Alexius Medical Center Hoffman Estates have seen only two heart attack patients since the stay-at-home order was put in place March 21, said Dr. Andrei Pop, medical director of the cardiac catheterization lab at Alexian Brothers. In normal times, the two hospitals typically see about 13 or 14 serious heart attacks a month.

Northwestern Memorial Hospital usually has about



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Dr. Mark J. Ricciardi, director of interventional cardiology for NorthShore University Health System, is shown in Evanston on Wednesday.

15 to 25 patients in cardiac intensive care, said Dr. James Flaherty, medical director of Northwestern's coronary care unit. Over the last two to three weeks, that number has consistently been less than 10, he said.

The drop-off has become a topic of discussion among cardiologists across the nation and world. A Connecticut doctor wrote an article for The New York Times describing a similar situation at his hospital. Nearly 68% of cardiologists who responded to an informal Twitter poll posted this month by Angioplasty.org, an online community of cardiologists, said they have been seeing at least 40% fewer cases.

Some patients may be staying home because they don't think what they are experiencing is that serious, doctors say.

Heart attacks can have a range of symptoms. One person may sweat profusely and feel like an elephant is sitting on his chest. A different person might have some chest pain and shortness of breath. People can also experience pain or tingling in their shoulders, arms or jaws, and nausea.

"The problem is there's no way for a patient staying at home to know whether the chest pain he's having is a small heart attack or a major heart attack," Pop

said. "That's why people with heart attacks should come to hospitals for us to figure out what the best solution is."

Typically, people experiencing heart attacks in which an artery is completely blocked will undergo a procedure called an angioplasty to reopen the artery. In other cases, the artery is only partly blocked, and those people may be treated with angioplasties or, sometimes, medication, Pop said.

Not everyone who stays home during a heart attack — missing the chance for an angioplasty — will die, Pop said. But people who experience heart attacks and don't get immediate treatment will likely end up with weaker hearts and may experience complications down the road, he said.

Without first conducting tests, such as an electrocardiogram, even cardiologists can have a hard time telling who might die without an immediate angioplasty and who might be OK, Pop said.

That's why doctors say it's important for people who think they may be having a heart attack to seek medical attention by calling 911 or going to a hospital.

"If you're having a heart attack, go to the emergency room, period," Ricciardi said.

If people are not sure whether their symptoms in-

dicade a heart attack, and they're worried about visiting hospitals, they should call their doctor for advice or take advantage of telehealth services.

Doctors say they still want to treat people who are having heart attacks despite the pandemic and despite worries over limited supplies of personal protective equipment.

Hospitals are taking precautions to prevent patients and doctors from catching the coronavirus.

"We're still prepared to deal with these people," Pop said of patients experiencing heart attacks. "We're not in such dire straits that we wouldn't be taking care of these people. We want to take care of them."

In response to the shrinking number of heart attack patients, some area hospitals have redeployed doctors and other workers who usually take care of cardiac patients. Other specialists are doing more telehealth. And still others are at home.

In a sign of the times, an area where cardiac patients stayed before and after procedures at Alexian Brothers Hospital has now been transformed into a negative-pressure intensive care unit, Pop said.

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Testing

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machines "to add a multi-thousand-unit daily increase to our state labs," he said.

The state received new technology to run additional tests from Thermo Fisher, a scientific instrument company, but the machines are not producing "the level of output that we want to see from these machines," Pritzker said.

"More importantly, these tests are not producing valid results in a way that meets our exacting standards," he said.

Illinois is one of many states across the country that has struggled to test for the new virus amid a national shortage of testing kits and supplies. Pritzker previously has blamed the Trump administration for repeatedly pledging to coordinate mass COVID-19 testing but failing to follow through.

So far, about 75,000 tests have been performed statewide, according to the Illinois Department of Public Health; that is less than 1% of the state's population of about 12.7 million.

To increase testing capacity beyond Illinois' three state labs, researchers are working to get more equipment to more institutions. In addition, Illinois universities and institutions are developing and distributing materials needed for coronavirus testing locally.

Hospitals and laboratories that are running low on those supplies will be able to access them through their local emergency management agency, Pritzker said.

Many Chicago-area patients have also reported lengthy delays — some waiting as long as 11 days or more — before receiving test results. Similar wait periods have been described in other cities across the country as overwhelmed labs face a backlog of tests.

The turnaround time for test results at the three state labs is on average two days, from when specimens are collected to when results are produced, officials said Wednesday.

Abbott Laboratories in north suburban Lake Bluff last month announced a new rapid COVID-19 test that could produce results in minutes. While some of these tests will be used in Illinois, Pritzker said they tend to go to private labs or private hospitals.

"Some of those machines will end up in Illinois, so that's good," Pritzker said at the news conference Wednesday. "But not what we expected, and we won't have as many as we expected."

Pritzker said Abbott "dedicated the supplies to support more than 88,000 tests a month, or around 3,000 tests a day here in Illinois."

"Unfortunately, it is our understanding now

that the federal government redirected most of these early tests to private systems without our state input about where the tests would make the most impact," Pritzker said. "That said, we believe this new test capacity will begin to show up in our numbers as soon as these labs start to utilize their full capacity."

Illinois Department of Public Health Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike said the state is bringing in antibody testing, which is a blood test that detects antibodies in people who have been infected with the new coronavirus, developed an immune response and recovered.

"Results from antibody testing will identify individuals who we assume will be no longer susceptible to the infection and can return to work," Ezike said, adding that the test could also determine who could donate plasma that could potentially serve as a treatment for people who are seriously ill with COVID-19.

Testing more people for coronavirus remains the bigger priority, however, she said.

"We need to know where there are large numbers of cases, hotspots, if you will, so that we can try to do more targeted efforts to stop the spread in those high-risk areas," Ezike said.

The epidemic has now spread across 78 of Illinois' 102 counties. Ezike did sound a note of optimism in announcing Wednesday's latest case numbers.

"These are our highest numbers to date, and although the numbers are still increasing, I will tell you that the rate at which they're increasing is less, and that is a good sign," Ezike said. "We're not seeing the exponential growth that we were seeing before."

National Guard Brig. Gen. Richard Neely, the adjutant general for the state of Illinois, announced that later on Wednesday two Illinois Air National Guard cargo aircraft will move 250 negative pressure tents from Oregon to Chicago, the first of three deliveries over the next few weeks, as the build-out of the alternate health care facility at McCormick Place continues.

Patients who have tested positive for the virus can be isolated and treated within negative-pressure tents and rooms, which prevent disease by allowing air in but preventing it from escaping.

The Illinois National Guard has more than 575 service members from both the Air National Guard and the Army National Guard working to support the COVID-19 response, including assisting with testing facilities and emergency operations centers around the state and with the build-out of the alternate health care facility at McCormick Place, Neely said.

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Spread

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coronavirus (seven confirmed through testing, nine with suspected symptoms). Three died after catching the virus, according to the report published Wednesday.

"This just signals that any type of gathering, when you put a bunch of people together — and everyone is vulnerable because we're not vaccinated and we've never seen this virus before — there's potential for spread," said Jennifer Layden, chief medical officer for the Illinois Department of Public Health. "It really reinforces the message that social distancing and the cancellation of large gatherings are very important tools and steps we can use to reduce transmission to other individuals."

Much of the research

involving the coronavirus transmission has concentrated on contact between members of the same households, medical professionals and clusters within communal living facilities, such as hospitals, nursing homes and jails. But the Chicago case study, highlighted in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's weekly mortality report, explains how gatherings — large or small — can lead to a proliferation of coronavirus cases between households in a community. The patient identified as the original carrier in the cluster didn't live with any of the patients he's believed to have spread the contagion to.

These "super-spreading events" underscore the importance of adhering to social distancing and self-isolation principles as Illinois' coronavirus caseload is expected to peak sometime this month, according

to state officials.

Since March 20, when Gov. J.B. Pritzker announced a statewide stay-at-home order urging residents to stay indoors except for essential activities, the number of Illinois cases has jumped from 585 cases and five deaths to 15,078 cases and 462 deaths.

The order remains in effect until April 30, but authorities have still encountered noncompliant residents. Since March 31, Chicago police have issued more than 2,033 dispersal orders, 11 citations and made five arrests of those in violation of the stay-at-home order, according to spokesman Tom Ahern.

The suspected original carrier cited in the CDC report had recently traveled out of state and become slightly sick before visiting the home of two close friends whose family member had recently died. The day be-

fore the funeral, the three had dinner, each eating food from common serving dishes.

The following day, the man went to the funeral, where he hugged several family members and expressed his condolences. Relatives also took part in a potluck-style meal.

The two family members who initially hosted the man for dinner tested positive. Though one recovered, the other was hospitalized more than a week later, placed on a ventilator and died from acute respiratory failure. Another person at the funeral who had contact with the man showed symptoms consistent with the coronavirus.

Three days after the funeral, the first man — still enduring mild cold symptoms — went to a birthday party. There, he embraced a few relatives and shared food.

Of the nine other people

at the party, health officials say seven likely developed the coronavirus (three tested positive and four had virus-like symptoms). One of the confirmed coronavirus patients apparently infected another family member and a home health care professional, both of whom were caring for that person without personal protective gear.

Two party attendees developed severe symptoms and wound up in the hospital. They were placed on respirators and ultimately died. Six days after the birthday celebration, three partygoers attended a church service. They had conversations with and touched the same offering plate as a congregant who subsequently tested positive for the coronavirus.

During the fatal 28-day ordeal, the original patient only experienced mild symptoms and didn't seek medical attention. He was

only tested after health officials launched an investigation, tracing contact between confirmed coronavirus patients back to him.

At the time, each of the gatherings — the funeral, birthday party and church service — wasn't in violation of local or state orders. They occurred before the statewide stay-at-home directive, before social distancing became routine etiquette and the CDC recommended against gatherings of more than 10 people. However, if the Chicago investigation yields any insight, it's that there is no safe number for outside gatherings, given the original meeting started with a dinner for three. It illustrates that severe symptoms aren't a prerequisite for transmission. And it punctuates the executive order from Pritzker prohibiting all public and private gatherings with individuals outside a single household, regardless of the size.

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Interim Chicago police Superintendent Charlie Beck walks to speak about a shooting Feb. 9.

Beck reflects on his time in Chicago

Battled virus, city's violence as interim head of the CPD

BY JEREMY GORNER

When Charlie Beck was picked to temporarily lead the Chicago Police Department, he quickly made some of the most sweeping changes in recent department history.

He announced plans to shift more police resources to patrol commanders to better combat violence. He launched a leadership shake-up involving more than 30 police officials. And a reform bureau was created to ensure the department's compliance with a federally mandated consent decree aimed at improving officer training and supervision.

But suddenly last month, Beck found those changes placed on hold. The worldwide COVID-19 outbreak found its way to Chicago, a catastrophic pandemic that has sickened officers and is poised to change the direction of CPD for the foreseeable future.

"It slowed down, not the design of the new structure but the implementation of the new structure," Beck said in an interview Wednesday at his fifth-floor office at police headquarters.

"Closing the (police) academy down. And not being able to put the recruits into the field and not being able to do the promotions... It's out there on paper," Beck said of his changes.

Chicago was off to a rocky start already in 2020, with homicides and total shootings up by double-digit percentages when the coronavirus appeared. But despite Gov. J.B. Pritzker's weeks-old stay-at-home order, intractable street violence has persisted, evidenced by 21 people shot across Chicago on Tuesday, seven of them fatally.

"The people that are doing these shootings are not likely or willing to comply with social norms in any regard," Beck said. "Obviously if you're willing to go out of your car with the intent to take somebody else's life, then you're not going to really care about social distancing."

Beck said he hopes part of his legacy is that the changes he has sought in his four months of leadership start to take hold.

"I certainly put some things in place that I hope will address that," Beck said as he reflected on his time here. "And I think the city is doing some really good things about that. But they take time. And you're dealing with something that is generational, that is, to a certain point, cultural... It's not going to be overnight."

Beck's appointment late last year by Mayor Lori Lightfoot was an unusual move.

Typically, the first deputy superintendent, CPD's second-in-command, temporarily leads the department before the mayor names a permanent replacement, which Lightfoot eventually did last

week by tapping former Dallas police Chief David Brown.

But Beck was not a typical police leader.

For nearly nine years he led the Los Angeles Police Department. He helped that department emerge from its own court-ordered consent decree that lasted more than a decade.

He started in Chicago in early December, the same day Lightfoot fired Eddie Johnson as her top cop, alleging he lied about his conduct during a late night out in the fall in which he was found asleep in his city-issued SUV.

Right off the bat, Beck wasted no time trying to make his mark.

In just his second day on the job, Beck demoted a commander whom the city's inspector general's office once recommended for possible firing for being dishonest about allegations that he directed on-duty officers under him to babysit his son with special needs. In late January, Beck unveiled his massive restructuring plan for the entire department by moving hundreds of detectives, narcotics and gang officers from specialized units to the city's 22 police districts, shifting resources to area deputy chiefs and district patrol commanders to better combat violence.

Wesley Skogan, a Northwestern University emeritus professor of political science who has studied policing in Chicago, said the reorganization going forward should be crucial for top brass who

need more cops at the drop of a hat when crime flares up.

"Every superintendent I've known has wanted to put resources in the hands of the area deputies so that they can move them around from district to district within their jurisdiction, and so they can respond quickly," said Skogan. "Here, (Beck) was pursuing a dream that several superintendents have dreamed, which was to try to decentralize this quickly responsive resource reallocation and push it down to the area level."

The reorganization also created a new office to carry out policing reforms required by a federal consent decree, the Office of Constitutional Policing and Reform, headed by Barbara West, making her the highest-ranking African American woman in the CPD's history.

When Beck took over in the department he said there were some from within who were resistant to the reforms.

"I saw a Police Department that on some fronts didn't believe in the efficacy of the consent decree, and I think that while not everybody will agree with me, they all know that there's no option," he said.

University of Chicago law professor Craig Futterman, who studies police accountability issues, said Beck was "a consistent voice" to the police and public about the importance of the consent decree. But Futterman said the department under

Beck's leadership seemed to be more interested in appearing to be in compliance with the decree rather than "embrace the decree for needed change."

But Beck has had to shift gears in recent weeks, developing unprecedented plans for the department to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic. As of Wednesday, about 100 Chicago cops had tested positive for the coronavirus and one of them, 50-year-old Marco DiFranco died from the disease last week.

When asked where he thought he fell short, Beck cited some decisions, which may be unpopular with some, to protect Chicagoans through the pandemic.

"I closed the restaurants. I closed the bars. I closed the parks. I closed the playgrounds. I closed the lakefront. Oh yeah, and I shut the liquor stores down, so, yeah, there was a couple of things I wish I hadn't had to do," he said. "But every one of those was necessary. Every one of those is the hallmark of a city that's willing to do the right thing, even when it's the hard thing."

Beck plans on leading the department through April 15 when the City Council could confirm Lightfoot's appointment of Brown as her next permanent top cop. After that, Beck said he plans on heading back to his home in Ventura County, California, to be with his wife and three grandchildren, his horses and his motorcycles.

Lightfoot supports delay of requests

Mayor OK with suspending FOIA deadline amid virus

BY JOHN BYRNE

Efforts by reporters and others to get information from the city of Chicago through freedom of information requests should take a back seat to saving lives during the coronavirus pandemic, Mayor Lori Lightfoot said Wednesday.

Lightfoot is supporting a move by the Illinois Municipal League to get Attorney General Kwame Raoul to suspend deadlines for government bodies to respond to public records requests for as long as Gov. J.B. Pritzker's stay-at-home order remains in effect.

Though Chicago government has thousands of workers on its payroll, the mayor defended her stance.

"That's the mission. Saving lives," Lightfoot said. "And when I think about, for example, the public health department where we've got epidemiologists and those are doctors who are trained in looking at patterns and viruses and other things that are relevant to this time who are crunching data, providing analysis and helping generate the information that is the foundation for our modeling and predictions about what the slope of this virus is, I want to ask the average Chicagoan: Would you like them to do their job or would you like them to be pulled off to do FOIA requests?"

The mayor invoked the Passover story of God sending the angel of death to kill the firstborn sons of the Egyptians in making her case.

"I think for those people who are scared to death about this virus, who are worried every single day that it's going to come to their doorstep, and I'm mindful of the fact that we're in the Pesach season, the angel of death that we all talk about is the Passover story, that angel of death is right here in our midst every single day," she said.

"So what I think most people want is for us to be focused on saving people's lives so that we don't have to bury another grandmother, another mother, father, a policeman, a fireman, a city worker. That is what we are focused on and in this time where we are all straining, where we are pared down to just the essential services, it is difficult, it is difficult for many city agencies to be able to respond to the FOIA requests that have heightened."

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Violence

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6,099 of the state's 15,078 known cases and 177 of Illinois' 462 deaths since the outbreak started.

Beck underscored Lightfoot's dire message on Wednesday, declaring "there are two pandemics in Chicago, and only one is virus induced."

"Every one of those beds, everyone of those ER beds, taken up by a gunshot victim could be somebody's grandmother, somebody with preexisting conditions, somebody that is in danger of losing their lives because of the pandemic," he said.

"Every one of those cops, and there are dozens, who are pulled off the street in order to work one of these crimes cannot enforce social distancing, can't do security at our public safety venues and our health safety venues," Beck added. "They can't watch over your home, and they can't watch over your children."

Violence has been generally down in the city in the weeks since Gov. J.B. Pritzker imposed a stay-at-home order last month to

try to curb the coronavirus outbreak. Chicago recorded its fewest fatal shootings for March in at least five years, according to data kept by the Tribune.

Tuesday, however, saw the most shootings in the city in at least a month and the most people killed by gunfire since August 2018, when nine were shot to death.

The burst of violence coincided with temperatures in the upper 70s, several degrees shy of breaking a 127-year-old record. On Monday, 13 people were shot in Chicago and three of them died, according to Chicago police.

Since the Tribune began tracking homicides in 2013, there have been eight days with seven homicides, seven days with eight homicides and four days with nine homicides.

"Unfortunately, the epidemic of gun violence continues to plague us every day, every hour of the day," Lightfoot said during a morning news conference Wednesday. "Just taking yesterday as an example, a warm day where people came outside. Individual trigger-pullers slaughtered



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Police investigate the scene in the 8600 block of South Damen Avenue on Tuesday.

people in a totally heinous way. This level of violence is never acceptable. Never, ever."

She said gunmen "shooting into crowds without any regard for the consequences is the most heinous form of cowardice."

"I've directed the Police Department to spare no expense or resource to bring the perpetrators to justice, and we already have some promising leads," Lightfoot said.

The mayor made an appeal to the public to turn in the gunmen. "People know who the shooters are. You know who you are. These

cowards cannot be given any shelter," Lightfoot said. "In the middle of this worldwide pandemic, our precious health resources need to be treating COVID patients and those needing acute care."

"Every day we are measuring our precious health care resources — the number of beds that we have in hospitals, ICU capacity," Lightfoot added. "To be blunt, if our ICUs are filled with gunshot victims, our ability to respond to this COVID-19 crisis will necessarily be compromised."

The shooting that wounded the 5-year-old

happened in the Auburn Gresham neighborhood, where two other fatal shootings occurred over seven hours.

Chicago police say the 5-year-old girl was sitting on a porch in the 8600 block of South Damen Avenue with three men in their 20s when a black sedan drove past about 7:35 p.m. Two people in the car opened fire, and someone on the porch may have shot back, Sgt. Rocco Alioto said at the scene.

The girl was shot in the left foot and taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital in Evergreen Park in good condition.

One of the men, 27, was shot twice in the chest and taken to Advocate Christ Medical Center in Oak Lawn, where he was pronounced dead. A 22-year-old man was shot several times in the right leg and was taken to Christ in good condition. A 24-year-old man was shot twice in each arm and was in good condition at Little Company of Mary.

At least 10 evidence markers could be seen in front of the home. There were also markers on the lawn of a neighboring

home. "Evidence shows the group may have returned fire," police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi tweeted late Tuesday.

No one was in custody.

About an hour after the shooting, a 19-year-old man was found dead, a gunshot wound to the head, in the front seat of a car about 2 miles away, police said. Officers found the man about 8:30 p.m. after getting a call of shots fired in the 8000 block of South Carpenter Street, also in the Auburn Gresham neighborhood. No one was in custody.

Hours earlier, about 1:30 p.m., someone shot at a 28-year-old man and a 19-year-old man in the 7700 block of South Throop Street in Auburn Gresham. The older man was hit on the left side of his chest and was taken to the University of Chicago Medical Center, where he later died.

The younger man suffered a graze wound to the head and was taken to the U. of C. Medical Center in good condition, police said.

Two people were taken in for questioning, police said.

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Nations charting path to normalcy

Orchestrated end to virus restrictions is key, officials say

BY MARINA VILLENUEVE AND LORI HINNANT
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Even as coronavirus deaths mount across Europe and New York, the U.S. and other countries are starting to contemplate an exit strategy and thinking about a staggered and carefully calibrated easing of the restrictions designed to curb the scourge.

“To end the confinement, we’re not going to go from black to white; we’re going to go from black to gray,” top French epidemiologist Jean-Francois Delfraissy said.

At the same time, politicians and health officials warn that while deaths, hospitalizations and new infections may be leveling off in places like Italy and Spain, and even New York has seen encouraging signs amid the gloom, the crisis is far from over, and a catastrophic second wave could hit if countries let their guard down too soon.

“We are flattening the curve because we are rigorous about social distancing,” New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo said. “But it’s not a time to be complacent. It’s not a time to do anything different than we’ve been doing.”

In a sharp reminder of the danger, New York state on Wednesday recorded its highest one-day increase in deaths, 779, for an overall death toll of almost 6,300.

“The bad news is actually terrible,” Cuomo lamented.



A nurse takes a sample at a mobile test site in Asuncion, Paraguay. Some countries are looking at easing restrictions.

Still, the governor said that hospitalizations are decreasing and that many of those now dying fell ill in the outbreak’s earlier stages.

In the U.S., with more than 14,000 deaths and 420,000 infections, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention was considering changing self-isolation guidelines to make it easier for those exposed to someone with the virus to return to work if they have no symptoms.

Under the proposed guidance, aimed at workers in critical fields, such people would be allowed back on the job if they take their temperature twice a day and wear a mask, said a person who was familiar with the

draft but was not authorized to discuss it and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, the nation’s top infectious-diseases expert, said the Trump administration has been working on plans to eventually reopen the country amid “glimmers of hope” that social distancing is working to stop the virus’s spread.

“That doesn’t mean we’re going to do it right now,” he said on Fox News. “But it means we need to be prepared to ease into that. And there’s a lot of activity going on.”

The U.S. is seeing hot spots in cities such as Chicago, Detroit and Washington, and in states such as

Colorado, Louisiana and Pennsylvania. The New York metropolitan area, which includes northern New Jersey, Long Island and lower Connecticut, accounts for about half of all virus deaths in the U.S.

In Europe, Italian Premier Giuseppe Conte is expected to announce in the coming days how long the country’s lockdown will remain in place amid expectations that some restrictions could be eased. Discussions are focused first on opening more of the country’s industries.

Proposals being floated in Italy include the issuing of immunity certificates, which would require antibody blood tests, and allow-

ing younger workers to return first, as they are less vulnerable to the virus.

Italy, the hardest-hit country, recorded its biggest one-day jump yet in people counted as recovered and had its smallest one-day increase in deaths in more than a month. Nearly 18,000 have died there.

In Spain, which has tallied more than 14,000 dead, Budget Minister Maria Jesus Montero said that Spaniards will progressively regain their “normal life” from April 26 onward but warned that the “de-escalation” of the lockdown will be “very orderly to avoid a return to the contagion.”

Without giving specifics, French authorities have

likewise begun to speak openly of planning the end of the country’s confinement period, which is set to expire April 15 but will be extended, according to the president’s office. The virus has claimed more than 10,000 lives in France.

Earlier this week, Austria and the Czech Republic jumped out ahead of other European countries and announced plans to relax some restrictions.

Starting Thursday, Czech stores selling construction materials, hobby supplies and bicycles will be allowed to reopen. Only grocery stores, pharmacies and garden stores are up and running. The reopened businesses will have to offer customers disinfectant and disposable gloves and enforce social distancing.

Austria will begin reopening small shops, hardware stores and garden centers Tuesday, and shopping malls and hair salons could follow two weeks later.

People will have to wear face masks.

British government officials, beset with a rising death toll of more than 7,000, said there is little chance the nationwide lockdown there will be eased when its current period ends next week.

Worldwide, more than 1.4 million people have been confirmed infected and more than 87,000 have died, according to Johns Hopkins University. Nearly 320,000 people have recovered.

The true numbers are almost certainly much higher because of limited testing, different rules for counting the dead and concealment by some governments.

Direct deposits to begin next week, Mnuchin says

Standoff emerges over passage of next aid package

BY LISA MASCARO
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Congress is rushing headlong into a conflict over the next coronavirus aid package as the White House wants to pump \$250 billion into a small business fund but opposes Democrats’ proposal to tack on billions for protective gear, food stamps and support to state and local governments.

An attempt for a Thursday vote in the Senate will pose a first test.

President Donald Trump urged passage of the small business funds “ASAP.”

Despite the urgency to act, the breakdown over what all sides agree is the need for federal help as the pandemic crisis roars through communities large and small, and Washington prepares to go beyond the \$2.2 trillion package approved two weeks ago.

Still, signs of potential progress emerged in Washington’s effort to push cash out the door to out-of-work Americans and shuttered businesses.

The first tranche of \$1,200 direct payments to Americans are set to begin next week, Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin told House Democrats during a conference call with the administration’s coronavirus task force.

Mnuchin also told the lawmakers that \$98 billion in loans for small businesses has been approved under the program that the Trump administration wants Congress to bolster in Thursday’s vote, according to a person unauthorized to discuss the private call and granted anonymity.

But the White House opposes a proposal from House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer to add another \$250 billion for other needs, according to a senior administration official granted anonymity.

The White House prefers quick passage of infusion for small business payrolls, the official said.

That leads to the standoff because without bipartisan cooperation, no proposal is likely to be approved as Congress is all but shuttered amid the virus outbreak.

Pelosi said the Republican-only proposal would face objections in the

House. “We have to spend what we need,” Pelosi told NPR, when asked if there were limits on federal aid.

Vice President Mike Pence convened private conference calls Wednesday with House Republicans and Democrats — in separate sessions with Mnuchin and the task force — to brief far-flung lawmakers on the response to the crisis.

Lawmakers heard from Dr. Anthony Fauci, Dr. Deborah Birx and other task force officials who outlined the difficult week in the U.S. with the rising number of coronavirus cases and deaths.

In the morning call with Republicans, Pence and the GOP leaders made a push for boosting the small business Paycheck Protection Program, according to a Republican aide unauthorized to discuss the call and granted anonymity.

The GOP leaders were in agreement about quickly approving more funding for the program, the aide said.

Part of the \$2.2 trillion package that became law two weeks ago, the \$350 billion Paycheck Protection Program has been swamped as businesses



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Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said the first portion of direct payments to Americans will start arriving next week. Above, Mnuchin at a March 25 briefing at the White House.

rush to apply for up to \$10 million in forgivable loans to keep paychecks flowing amid the stay-at-home shutdown.

In the call with Democrats, Mnuchin appeared to address head-on concerns that the small business aid was riddled with problems and not getting into the hands of those who need it most.

He told them that the loans have been approved so far by 3,600 lenders. It was not clear, however, how much of that money was actually out the door.

But Democrats want assurances the small business funds go to minority-owned

and other companies that may be under-banked without easy access to financial institutions.

It’s an issue that has been raised by Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., and others who said millions of small-business owners struggled to access the aid.

Lawmakers have raised concerns that the \$1,200 direct payments to Americans could be delayed for months for those who do not have direct deposit through Treasury.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell’s decision to rush Trump’s request for small business aid to a vote without input from

Democrats threatened a fragile alliance for bipartisan action.

The Democrats say they support the \$250 billion in assistance to small businesses. But they’re also calling for an additional \$100 billion for hospitals and community health centers to provide testing supplies and protective equipment like masks and gowns. They are seeking another \$150 billion for state and local governments to manage the coronavirus crisis.

They also want a 15 percent increase to the maximum Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program food stamp benefits.

US stockpile of protective supplies nearly empty, HHS says

BY MICHAEL BIESECKER
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WASHINGTON — The Strategic National Stockpile is nearly out of N95 respirators, surgical masks, face shields, gowns and other medical supplies desperately needed to protect front-line medical workers treating coronavirus patients.

The Department of Health and Human Services said Wednesday that the federal stockpile was in the process of deploying all

remaining personal protective equipment in its inventory.

The HHS statement confirms federal documents released Wednesday by the House Oversight and Reform Committee showing that about 90% of the personal protective equipment, or PPEs, in the stockpile has been distributed to state and local governments.

HHS spokeswoman Katie McKeogh said the remaining 10% will be kept in reserve to support federal response efforts.

House Oversight Chairwoman Carolyn Maloney, D-N.Y., said in a statement that the Trump administration is leaving states to scour the open market for scarce supplies, often competing with each other and federal agencies in a chaotic bidding war.

“The President failed to bring in FEMA (the Federal Emergency Management Agency) early on, failed to name a national commander for this crisis, and failed to fully utilize the authorities Congress gave him

under the Defense Production Act to procure and manage the distribution of critical supplies,” Maloney said. “He must take action now to address these deficiencies.”

Trump has faulted the states for not preparing better for the pandemic and has said they should only be relying on the federal stockpile as a last resort.

The AP reported Sunday that the administration squandered nearly two months after the early January warnings that

COVID-19 might ignite a global pandemic, waiting until mid-March to place bulk orders of N95 masks and other medical supplies needed to build up the stockpile. By then, hospitals in several states were treating thousands of infected patients without adequate equipment.

Trump spent the first two months of the outbreak playing down the threat. He derided warnings of a pandemic as a hoax perpetrated by Democrats and the media, predicting as late as Feb.

26 that the number of U.S. cases would soon drop to zero.

The stockpile was created in 1999 to prevent supply-chain disruptions for the predicted Y2K computer problems.

It expanded after 9/11 to prepare for chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear attacks. Congress provided money in 2006 to prepare for a potential influenza pandemic, though much of that stock was used during the H1N1 flu outbreak three years later.

CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Poor suffer even more during crisis

Pandemic cuts off billions sent to underprivileged

BY GISELA SALOMON, SONIA PEREZ D. AND MICHAEL WEISSENSTEIN
Associated Press

MIAMI — Until a month ago, Diana Leticia Hernandez sold face cream door to door in Miami. Her husband painted houses. The money fed their family and at least six relatives in Honduras.

Hernandez has sold nothing since last month due to fear and social-distancing restrictions in South Florida. Her husband hasn't worked either. This month, for the first time since shortly after their arrival in the United States 16 years ago, they weren't able to send home about \$300 to help their families with food, rent, medicine and school bills.

In the Honduran town of Villa Nueva Cortez, Hernandez's mother Teonila Murillo is running out of money to buy insulin for her diabetes, and Hernandez's brother doesn't know if he'll be able to make his \$60 rent next month.

"I'm doing really badly," Murillo told The Associated Press. "There's no money, and no work. If you get sick here, you die."

The devastation wrought by COVID-19 across the developed world is cutting into the financial lifelines for people across Latin America, Africa and Asia.

The World Bank estimates that a record \$529 billion was transferred to developing countries through official channels in 2018, the latest year for which figures are available. Billions more moved unrecorded in cash. Many of those remittances are sent home by people who work in service jobs or occupations, like day labor, that



Women wait for food assigned to their children outside a school in Guatemala. Many residents depend on remittances.

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have no monthly paycheck and are worst affected by the global downturn. Some also comes from illegal immigrants ineligible for part of the massive aid packages uncorked by advanced economies.

With coronavirus shutting down industries, many earners in Miami, Las Vegas, London and other economic centers can no longer afford to send their monthly \$50, \$100 or \$200 to Honduras, Somalia or India. The shock waves are pushing their relatives to desperation.

"I'm in anguish," said Hernandez, 45. "They're counting on me. I'm trying to get anything I can send, \$30, \$50, whatever."

Across Africa, where remittances have grown to surpass foreign aid and direct foreign investment and some \$82 billion flowed in during 2018 alone, untold millions of people are already feeling the pinch. One money-transfer company in Europe sending funds to

Africa saw an 80 percent drop in volume in a single week, the Washington-based Center for Financial Inclusion said last month.

In Somalia Abdalla Sabdow, a former security guard and a father of six, made his way through Mogadishu last week to check on the \$200 he receives monthly from his cousin Yusuf Ahmed, a taxi driver in the U.S. But the money was late. His cousin, like many in the U.S., had been confined to his home for almost three weeks, unable to work.

"I came back empty-handed," an anxious-looking Sabdow said, after peering under the partition as workers, one wearing a face mask and gloves, fanned through stacks of crisp \$100 bills. "I asked the counter to double-check my name, but nothing has been forthcoming. Time is running out. It is very distressing."

With three of his small children piled onto his lap at home, he worried about

falling behind in rent, no small thing in a city where camps of hundreds of thousands of internally displaced people are a constant reminder of the fragility of circumstances.

"This month we had a big problem," his cousin, Ahmed, later explained by phone. He hoped to send the money the following week.

Remittances make up more than 5% of GDP in at least 13 African nations, sometimes far more, the Brookings Institution said last month. Kenya's remittances are now its largest source of foreign exchange, its president said in December.

More than a third of all remittances to Africa come from the European Union, and other significant sources are North America, Gulf nations and other African countries.

Informal remittances, though not tracked in World Bank and other data, are estimated to be the

source of billions of dollars more.

"We're going to begin to see a contraction in the economy," Olayinka David-West, a professor at the Lagos Business School in Nigeria, said in a recent seminar held by the Center for Financial Inclusion.

Africa's top oil producer is also the biggest recipient of remittances in sub-Saharan Africa, with the money exceeding its revenues from petroleum.

Central America, a region heavily dependent on remittances from the United States, could see a 20 percent drop, from \$23.9 billion last year to \$19.12 billion this year, said Jonathan Menkos, director of the Central American Institute of Fiscal Studies.

Across all of Latin America and the Caribbean, remittances from the U.S. could drop between 7% and 18% this year, from last year's \$75 billion total, according to the Washington-based Inter-American Dia-

logue.

"It is a wide range, and the largest drop may be more accurate unfortunately," said Dr. Manuel Orozco, director of migration, remittances and development at the think tank.

In the largely indigenous Guatemalan town of Joyabaj, half of the 100,000 residents depend on remittances — almost all from the U.S.

Rosa Lopez, 18, left a money-transfer office last week holding her 2-year-old son and \$100 sent by her sister, who works at a dairy in Texas. The dairy has cut working hours in half, forcing the sister to cut back the money she sends.

The money that came last week will allow Lopez and seven other relatives to buy rice, beans and other basics, but they may have to stop paying the light and water bills, she said.

"We need to figure out a way not to die of hunger," Lopez said. "She's the only one who's helping the entire family."

One of the most remittance-dependent countries in the world is Haiti, where \$3 billion in money sent from abroad makes up about 30 percent of the gross domestic product.

Juliette Andre, a 25-year-old nursing student in Port-au-Prince, used to receive \$150 monthly from her aunt who cares for elderly people in Brooklyn, New York. In March, Andre received a total of \$50.

"That doesn't represent anything in Haiti because the cost of living quadrupled," she said last week. "We are going to be struggling for a while."

Asia is the top recipient of remittances in the world, with India getting the largest amount in the world in 2018 at \$79 billion, followed by China at \$67 billion, according to the World Bank. The Philippines is also in the top five recipients of remittances.

Feds seizing virus supplies without a word, hospitals say

BY NOAM N. LEVEY
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — Although President Donald Trump has directed states and hospitals to secure what supplies they can, the federal government is quietly seizing orders, leaving medical providers across the country in the dark about where the material is going and how they can get what they need to deal with the coronavirus pandemic.

Hospital and clinic officials in seven states described the seizures in interviews over the past week. The Federal Emergency Management Agency is not publicly reporting the acquisitions, despite the outlay of millions of dollars of taxpayer money, nor has the administration detailed how it decides which supplies to seize and where to reroute them.

Officials who've had materials seized also say they've received no guidance from the government about how or if they will get access to the supplies they ordered. That has stoked concerns about how public funds are being spent and whether the Trump administration is fairly distributing medical supplies.

"In order to have confidence in the distribution system, to know that it is being done in an equitable manner, you have to have transparency," said Dr. John Hick, an emergency physician at Hennepin Healthcare in Minnesota who has helped develop national emergency preparedness standards through the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine.

The medical leaders on the front lines of the fight to control the coronavirus and keep patients alive say they are grasping for explanations. "We can't get any answers," said a California hospital official who asked not to be identified for fear



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President Trump and adviser and son-in-law, Jared Kushner, insist distribution of supplies is driven by data.

of retaliation from the White House.

In Florida, a large medical system saw an order for thermometers taken away. And officials at a system in Massachusetts were unable to determine where its order of masks went.

"Are they stockpiling this stuff? Are they distributing it? We don't know," one official said.

PeaceHealth, a 10-hospital system in Washington, Oregon and Alaska, had a shipment of testing supplies seized recently. "It's incredibly frustrating," said Richard DeCarlo, the system's chief operating officer.

Trump and other White House officials, including his adviser and son-in-law, Jared Kushner, have insisted that the government is using a data-driven approach to procure supplies and direct them where they are most needed.

In response to questions from the Los Angeles Times, a FEMA representative said the agency, working with the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Defense, has developed a system for identifying needed supplies from vendors and distributing them equitably.

The representative said the agency factors in the populations of states and major metropolitan areas and the severity of the

coronavirus outbreak in various locales. "High-transmission areas were prioritized, and allocations were based on population, not on quantities requested," the representative said.

But the agency has refused to provide any details about how these determinations are made or why it is choosing to seize some supply orders and not others. Administration officials also will not say what supplies are going to what states.

The Defense Production Act also empowers federal agencies to place orders for critical materials and to see that those get priority over orders from private companies or state and local governments.

Experts say judicious use of this authority could help bring order to the medical supply market by routing critical material from suppliers to the federal government and then to areas of greatest need, such as New York.

Yet there is little indication that federal officials are controlling the market, as hospitals, doctors and others report paying exorbitant prices to get what they need.

Hospital and health officials describe an opaque process in which federal officials sweep in without warning to expropriate supplies.

Some doctors cut back on ventilators for virus patients

BY MIKE STOBBE
Associated Press

NEW YORK — As health officials around the world push to get more ventilators to treat coronavirus patients, some doctors are moving away from using the breathing machines when they can.

The reason: Some hospitals have reported unusually high death rates for coronavirus patients on ventilators, and some doctors worry that the machines could be harming certain patients.

The evolving treatments highlight the fact that doctors are still learning the best way to manage a virus that emerged only months ago. They are relying on anecdotal, real-time data amid a crush of patients and shortages of supplies.

Mechanical ventilators push oxygen into patients whose lungs are failing. Using the machines involves sedating a patient and sticking a tube into the throat. Deaths in such sick patients are common, no matter the reason they need the breathing help.

Generally speaking, 40% to 50% of patients with severe respiratory distress die while on ventilators, experts say. But 80% or more of coronavirus patients placed on the machines in New York City have died, officials say.

Higher-than-normal death rates also have been reported elsewhere in the U.S., said Dr. Albert Rizzo, the American Lung Association's chief medical officer.

Similar reports have emerged from China and the United Kingdom. One U.K. report put the figure at 66%. A very small study in Wuhan, the Chinese city where the disease first emerged, said 86% died.

The reason is not clear. It may have to do with what kind of shape the patients were in before they were infected. Or it could be



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Medical staff check a ventilator at a hospital in Budapest, Hungary. Doctors are concerned that ventilators can make COVID-19 patients worse.

related to how sick they had become by the time they were put on the machines, some experts said.

But some health professionals have wondered whether the breathing machines might actually make matters worse in certain patients, perhaps by igniting or worsening a harmful immune system reaction.

That's speculation. But experts do say ventilators can be damaging to a patient over time, as high-pressure oxygen is forced into the tiny air sacs in a patient's lungs.

"We know that mechanical ventilation is not benign," said Dr. Eddy Fan, an expert on respiratory treatment at Toronto General Hospital. "One of the most important findings in the last few decades is that medical ventilation can worsen lung injury."

The dangers can be eased by limiting the amount of pressure and the size of breaths delivered by the machine, Fan said.

But some doctors say they're trying to keep patients off ventilators as long as possible, and turning to other techniques instead.

Only a few weeks ago in New York City, coronavirus patients who came in quite sick were routinely placed on ventilators to keep them breathing, said Dr. Joseph Habboushe, an emergency

medicine doctor who works in Manhattan hospitals.

But increasingly, physicians are trying other measures first. One is having patients lie in different positions — including on their stomachs — to allow different parts of the lung to aerate better.

Another is giving patients more oxygen through nose tubes or other devices. Some doctors are experimenting with adding nitric oxide to the mix, to help improve blood flow and oxygen to the least damaged parts of the lungs.

"If we're able to make them better without intubating them, they are more likely to have a better outcome — we think," Habboushe said.

There are widespread reports that coronavirus patients tend to be on ventilators much longer than other kinds of patients, said Dr. William Schaffner, an infectious diseases expert at Vanderbilt University.

Experts say that patients with bacterial pneumonia, for example, may be on a ventilator for no more than a day or two. But it's been common for coronavirus patients to have been on a ventilator "seven days, 10 days, 15 days, and they're passing away," said New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo.

CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Fleeing Afghans may create hot zone

Iran returnees in danger of sparking outbreak of virus

By TAMEEM AKHGAR
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KABUL, Afghanistan — Mahdi Noori, a young Afghan refugee in Iran, was left jobless when the factory where he'd worked cutting stone was shut down because of the coronavirus outbreak. He had no money, was afraid of contracting the virus and had no options. So he headed home.

He joined a large migration of about 200,000 Afghans and counting who have been flowing home across the border for weeks — from a country that is one of the world's biggest epicenters of the pandemic to an impoverished homeland that is woefully unprepared to deal with it.

At the border, Noori lined up with thousands of other returning refugees earlier this month, crowded together waiting to cross. "I saw women and children on the border, and I was thinking, 'What if they get infected now, here?'" the 20-year-old said.

The returnees, who are going back untested and unmonitored to cities, towns and villages around the country, threatens to create a greater outbreak in Afghanistan that could overwhelm its health infrastructure wrecked by decades of war.

As of Wednesday, Afghan authorities have confirmed 444 cases of the new coronavirus, more than 210 of them in people who returned from Iran. Four deaths have been recorded.

Afghan Health Minister Ferozudin Feroz says the virus has spread because of the returnees.

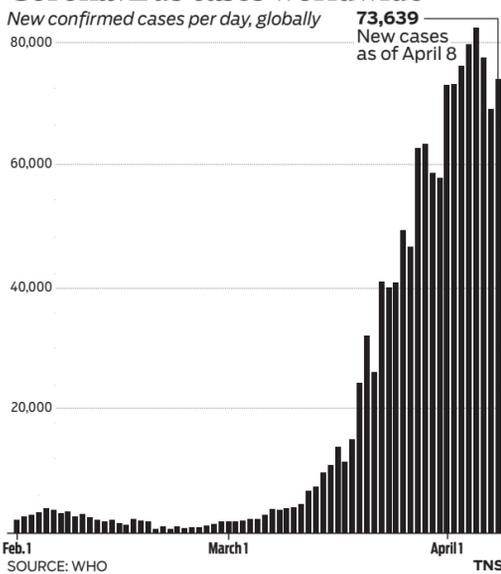
"If the cases increase, then it will be out of control and we will need help," he said.



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Workers bury the bodies of coronavirus victims March 27 on the outskirts of Herat province near Kabul, Afghanistan.

Coronavirus cases worldwide



He and other Afghan officials expressed concern that Iran would push out the more than 1 million Afghans working illegally in the country. Iran has already barred entry from Afghanistan, preventing any who left from coming back. Iran has had more than 64,000 coronavirus cases and more than 3,900 deaths.

So far, the International Organization of Migration has recorded more than 198,000 Afghans returnees from Iran this year, more than 145,000 of them in March as the outbreak in Iran accelerated. At the height of the influx, 15,000 people a day were crossing the border; according to Repatriation and Returnees Minister Sayed Hussain Alimi Balkhi.

At the border, the IOM gives tents and blankets to

returnees who have nowhere to go and transportation money to others. But the Afghan government and independent agencies don't have the capacity to test, take temperatures or quarantine the returnees. Almost all go back to their home provinces using public transportation, around a quarter of them to Herat province, bordering Iran.

Noori's experience mirrors that of many other returnees.

He quit school to go work in Iran when he was 15, bouncing between multiple jobs, most recently cutting stone in a construction materials factory in the central Iranian city of Isfahan. He earned enough to send \$180 a month back to his impoverished family of eight.

When the factory shut, he lost his income. He

feared that, if infected, he would get no treatment because Afghans are far down in priority. He tried to get tested in Iran but was refused, he said.

He traveled back with other workers, not knowing if any of them were infected. Once in Afghanistan, he took buses across almost the entire breadth of the country to reach the capital, Kabul.

On the buses, he was met with hostility from other Afghans who told him, "Fear of coronavirus brought you home to kill others with it," he said.

He reached his home in Kabul on March 17 and isolated himself for two weeks from his family, fearing he could infect them. "I experienced the worst moment of my life, meeting my parents, sisters and brothers from a distance after such a long time," he said, speaking by phone.

The government ordered a lockdown on March 28 in Kabul and Herat province, shutting down businesses, restaurants and wedding halls, just as the traditional spring season for weddings was beginning.

But the response has been hobbled by a government crisis that has seen two candidates claiming to have won recent presidential elections and by continued violence.

On Monday, neighboring Pakistan said it would reopen its border for four days so that Afghans wishing to return home can go back. On the other side of the border, which closed nearly a month ago, the Afghan government has set up a quarantine camp for the returnees.

Pakistani nationals stranded in Afghanistan will also be allowed to go back. According to the IOM, 1,827 undocumented Afghan refugees had returned from Pakistan between Jan. 1 and mid-March.

During pandemic, Cuba offers medical diplomacy

Island's doctors help worldwide to the chagrin of US

By ANDREA RODRÍGUEZ
Associated Press

HAVANA — For two years the Trump administration has been trying to stamp out one of Cuba's signature programs — state-employed medical workers treating patients around the globe in a show of soft power that also earns billions in badly needed hard currency.

Labeling the doctors and nurses as exploited workers and agents of communist indoctrination, the U.S. has notched victories as Brazil, Ecuador and Bolivia sent home thousands after leftist governments allied with Havana were replaced with ones friendlier to Washington.

The coronavirus pandemic has brought a reversal of fortune for Cuban medical diplomacy, as doctors have flown off on new missions to battle COVID-19 in at least 14 countries including Italy and the tiny principality of Andorra on the Spanish-French border, burnishing the island's international

image in a global crisis.

"I am aware of the position of the United States, but we are a sovereign country and we can choose the partners with which we are going to have cooperation," Andorran Foreign Minister Maria Ubach said.

In the city of Crema in the hard-hit Lombardy region of northern Italy, 52 Cuban doctors and nurses set up a field hospital with 32 beds equipped with oxygen and three ICU beds.

"This is a strongly symbolic moment because the Crema hospital has been going through an extremely complicated situation, Lombardy's top social welfare official, Giulio Gallera, said at the inauguration last week. "The number of patients who have filled and continue to fill the emergency room and departments has truly put the medical personnel to a hard test."

The Trump administration has sought to cut off income to Havana as part of a long-term tightening of sanctions. And it continues to discourage countries from contracting Cuban medical workers despite the pandemic, arguing that their pay and conditions fall short of industry standards.

"The government of #Cuba keeps most of the salary its doctors and nurses earn while serving in its international medical missions while exposing them to egregious labor conditions," the State Department said on Twitter last month. "Host countries seeking Cuba's help for #COVID-19 should scrutinize agreements and end labor abuses."

Cuba has about 37,000 medical workers in 67 countries, most in long-standing missions. Some doctors have been sent as part of free aid missions, but many countries pay the government directly for their services. In some other cases international health bodies have paid.

The most recent deployments of at least 593 doctors from the Henry Reeve Brigade — founded by Fidel Castro in 2005 and named after a 19th-century American volunteer who fought for Cuban independence from Spain — have also been to Suriname, Jamaica, Dominica, Belize, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, St. Kitts and Nevis, Venezuela and Nicaragua, some of them reinforcing existing medical missions.

All have been billed as



ANTONIO CALANNI/AP

A group of 52 doctors and paramedics from Cuba arrived March 22 in Milan, Italy, to help that country handle a coronavirus outbreak that's sickened over 10,000 medical workers.

tied to the coronavirus epidemic, even though some of the countries have few confirmed cases so far. None of the agreements or financial terms have been made public.

Havana has said it receives about \$6 billion a year from the export of public services, and medical services make up most of that. When Brazil expelled Cuban doctors in 2018, a few details emerged including that the country had been paying \$3,100 per month for each doctor with 70% of that going into the pockets of the Cuban government.

Doctors typically make

less than \$100 per month working on the island, so doing an overseas mission means a significant pay hike even if those salaries remain low by international standards.

Andorran newspaper Diari d'Andorra reported last week, citing Health Minister Joan Martínez Benazet, that one of the 39 Cuban doctors in the country had tested positive for coronavirus and was quarantined in a hotel. The Cuban government did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Infection is a serious risk for those on the front lines. In Italy, over 10,000 medical

workers have contracted the coronavirus and at least 69 doctors have died.

Cuban officials have been proudly posting videos of doctors being applauded as they arrive to begin work, and blasting the Trump administration.

"Shame on you. Instead of attacking Cuba and its committed doctors, you should be caring about the thousands of sick Americans who are suffering due to the scandalous neglect of your government and the inability of your failed health system to care for them," Josefina Vidal, Cuba's ambassador to Canada, wrote on Twitter.

Mexican authorities urge end to attacks on health workers in pandemic

By CARLOS RODRÍGUEZ
Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — They are the first line of defense against the COVID-19 pandemic, but in parts of Mexico, doctors, nurses and other health workers are being harassed to the point that federal authorities have pleaded for Mexicans to show solidarity.

While tributes to courageous medical personnel putting themselves in the virus' path circle the globe, Mexico and some other places have seen disturbing

aggression born of fear.

Recently, hospital staffers in Guadalajara — Mexico's second-largest city — were told to wear civilian clothes to and from work rather than their scrubs or uniforms because some public buses refused to allow them to board.

Other medical personnel have reported attacks and this week someone threw flammable liquid on the doors of a new hospital under construction in the northern border state of Nuevo Leon.

"There have been cases,

you could say isolated, but all outrageous," Mexican undersecretary of health Hugo Lopez-Gatell said Monday night. "Fear produces irrational reactions, reactions that make no sense, have no foundation and have no justification when they have to do with respecting the dignity and the physical integrity of people."

It also comes as the Mexican government has embarked in a massive recruiting drive to bolster the thin ranks of its public health system before the

virus hits with its full force.

"It's even more outrageous when it concerns the health professionals that we all depend on in this moment, because they are on the front lines facing this epidemic," Lopez-Gatell said. "The declaration is of indignation and a demand that this not occur because it is completely punishable, sanctionable and won't be allowed."

Mexico has more than 2,700 confirmed COVID-19 infections and at least 141 deaths.

Authorities were moved

to speak out publicly because the incidents have continued spreading. Harassment of medical personnel in the western city of Guadalajara became a daily occurrence in recent weeks.

But the attacks haven't been limited to that city.

A nurse in the city of Merida, Yucatan, wrote on Facebook of a recent attack.

"While I was waiting for my ride, two people on a motorcycle threw an egg at my uniform," wrote Rafael Ramirez, who works at a public health clinic in Merida. "I felt powerless

not being able to do anything while they rode on laughing."

"We don't deserve it," he wrote. "Am I afraid to go to work? Of course I am."

In the central state of Morelos late last month, residents of rural community Axochiapan protested outside their local hospital, which they feared might be used to treat coronavirus patients. When the hospital director came out to say nothing had been decided, a man shouted that they would burn the hospital down.

India's free press attacked by Modi

Journalists laid off amid interference from government

BY VINDU GOEL AND JEFFREY GETTLEMAN
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NEW DELHI — Media One anchorman Vinesh Kunhiraman went on air as usual March 6, ready to tell the station's 5 million viewers in India's Kerala state about the anniversary of the death of a beloved comedian and the latest on the coronavirus pandemic.

Just a few minutes into the broadcast, he saw the managing editor rush to the studio floor, gesturing wildly. "I realized something was not right," Kunhiraman recalled.

The station's uplink suddenly went dead. Kunhiraman's image dissolved into a blue screen. A bland message told viewers there was no signal. "We regret the inconvenience," it said.

The station had been cut off by an order from India's Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. The government decided to block the channel for 48 hours because it had covered February's biggest news story — mob attacks on Muslims in New Delhi that flared into broader unrest — in a way that seemed "critical toward Delhi Police and RSS," the order said.

The RSS is a Hindu-nationalist social movement with close ties to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Bharatiya Janata party.

"It was shocking the central government took such a decision," said R. Subhash, an editor at Media One. "It was an attack on the freedom of the press."

India's free press has played a crucial role in protecting the country's democracy since its independence from Britain in 1947. But journalists here now feel under attack.

Since Modi came to power in 2014, they say, his government has tried to



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New Delhi's NDTV has laid off hundreds of journalists after what executives say was government pressure on advertisers.

control the country's news media, especially the airwaves, like no other prime minister in decades. Modi has shrewdly cultivated the media to build a cult of personality that portrays him as the nation's selfless savior.

At the same time, senior government officials have pressed news outlets — berating editors, cutting off advertising, ordering tax investigations — to ignore the uglier side of his party's campaign to transform India from a tolerant, religiously diverse country into an assertively Hindu one.

With the coronavirus pandemic, Modi has gotten more blatant in his attempt to control coverage and, as with other difficult stories, some Indian news executives seem willing to go along.

Right before he announced the world's largest coronavirus lockdown, on 1.3 billion people, Modi met with top news executives

and urged them to publish "inspiring and positive stories" about the government's efforts. Then, after the lockdown stranded a half-million migrant workers, with some dying along the highways, his lawyers persuaded the Supreme Court last week to order all media to "publish the official version" of coronavirus developments, although outlets are still allowed to carry independent reporting.

An association of leading broadcasters was quick to praise the court decision, which many intellectuals said was yet another attack on India's constitutionally guaranteed freedom of speech.

India's media universe is vast, perhaps the biggest in the world: more than 17,000 newspapers, 100,000 magazines, 178 television news channels and countless websites in dozens of languages. Thousands of Facebook pages call themselves

news publishers, and YouTube is filled with local bulletins on everything from real estate trends to police raids.

But Modi's ministers have leaned on business leaders to cut off support to independent media, slowly strangling their operations. His government has pressured media owners to fire journalists who have criticized the prime minister and told them to stop running features like hate-crime trackers that have embarrassed Modi's party.

Modi is backed up by an army of online allies who discredit and harass independent journalists; female ones, in particular, have been besieged with abuse and rape threats. And police say Hindu nationalists were behind the 2017 murder of Gauri Lankesh, a female newspaper editor hailed as one of India's most crusading journalists.

Like other populist leaders, Modi and his ministers

bristle at any public criticism.

For the most part, Indian news outlets have knuckled under, concluding that because much of the public supports the prime minister, they should, too. Even skeptical journalists censor themselves, afraid to be branded anti-national by a government that equates patriotism with support for Modi.

The business model in India doesn't help. Well before Modi first became prime minister, newspapers and television stations have relied on government advertising, allowing politicians to reward friendly outlets and punish critics.

And media owners often run other businesses for which they need the government's favor, making them reluctant to take on those in power.

With the pandemic dampening advertising and restricting newspaper circulation, news organiza-

tions are now sliding into crisis.

One of the most independent, The Indian Express, just decided to cut salaries.

Even as Modi constantly touts India as the world's largest democracy, its ranking on the Reporters Without Borders press freedom index is 140 out of 180.

No TV channel has come under more pressure from Modi's government than NDTV, an influential network that airs in English and Hindi. Modi's grudge goes back to 2002, when he was chief minister of Gujarat state, and NDTV journalists reported that his government stood by while hundreds of Muslims were massacred in religious-driven violence.

When Modi became prime minister, his administration began a full-scale assault on NDTV. The government accused it of laundering money through a deal with NBC, the U.S. TV network. The accusations have dragged on for years, and NDTV denies any wrongdoing.

"The thing in India is, you can file a case and win it 10 years later," said Pranroy Roy, one of NDTV's founders. "The process is the punishment."

The effort to brand NDTV as unpatriotic has been devastatingly effective. In one 2016 email, luxury automaker Daimler told NDTV it would not proceed with a marketing campaign because "there are people associated with the channel that are linked to anti-India stuff, by the public at large."

A Daimler spokeswoman said Friday that the email did not reflect the company's views and that the campaign had been rejected for economic reasons.

As money dried up, the station laid off hundreds of journalists. NDTV now gets much of its advertising from state governments, many controlled by opposition parties.



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An ultra-Orthodox Jew burns leavened items Wednesday in Bnei Brak, Israel.

Passover in isolation helps dull Israel's holiday mood

BY ILAN BEN ZION
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Each year, Patricia Sheerit and her family gather with in-laws for the first night of Passover, bringing together some 20 people for the holiday's main event, the festive meal known as the Seder.

But like most Israelis, Sheerit and her husband will be stuck at home this year — holding a barebones Seder for two.

"Everyone is sad and alone, and everyone is worried about one another," Sheerit said.

As a modern pandemic afflicts the globe, Israeli Jews are being forced to scale back or cancel beloved traditions and rituals marking Passover, the holiday celebrating Israelites' freedom from Egyptian bondage and referencing biblical plagues.

Communal preparations have been canceled. Police are enforcing stay-at-home orders and a general lockdown through Friday morning. Families are turning to videoconferencing in hopes of capturing a slice of the holiday spirit.

"There's a lot of families, a lot of seniors, a lot of

singles who will be having Seder alone, and that's very challenging because this is really the family holiday," said Rabbi Kenneth Brandler, president of Ohr Torah Stone, a network of 27 modern Orthodox institutions.

The weeklong festival began Wednesday night with the Seder, a large meal that retells the Exodus story. A highlight of the joyous dinner is the chanting of the 10 plagues — the biblical afflictions that pushed the Egyptian pharaoh to free the Israelite slaves.

Ordinarily, most Israeli Jews — religious and secular alike — spend the Seder with extended family in an experience akin to Thanksgiving. It also is customary to invite strangers such as lone travelers or students.

But this year, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has ordered a general lockdown, telling Israeli Jews that "every family will sit down for Seder night on its own."

Police set up checkpoints in neighborhoods and on major highways to enforce travel restrictions.

Israel has more than 9,400 confirmed infections and 73 deaths.

Jews make up about 80% of Israel's population. The pandemic is also disrupting other faiths' celebrations this month, including the Christian holiday of Easter and the start of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan.

Despite growing anxiety over spiking unemployment, and political paralysis after three inconclusive elections in the past year, Israeli Jews are still trying to salvage some holiday spirit.

Jewish tradition prohibits the consumption of leavened goods and instead requires eating matzo, a crisp, unleavened flatbread.

Many religious neighborhoods around the country set up gigantic cauldrons of boiling water for dunking kitchenware to make them suitable for use on Passover. On the morning before the holiday commences, it's traditional to burn leftover bread outdoors.

This year, the Health Ministry has banned both communal activities as a precaution. On Wednesday, residents in an ultra-Orthodox neighborhood in Jerusalem defied the orders and burned their leavened bread in a dumpster.

LINDA TRIPP 1949-2020

Ex-White House employee key in Clinton impeachment

BY ANITA GATES
The New York Times

Linda Tripp, the former White House and Pentagon employee whose secret audiotapes of Monica Lewinsky led to the 1998 impeachment of President Bill Clinton, died on Wednesday. She was 70.

Joseph Murtha, a former lawyer for Tripp, confirmed the death. No other details were given.

When Lewinsky completed her testimony about the scandal, she was asked if she had any final comments. According to CNN, she answered, "I hate Linda Tripp."

Tripp always contended that she had revealed Lewinsky's private confession of a sexual relationship with Clinton out of "patriotic duty." She had worked in the White House under President George H.W. Bush and stayed on to work briefly in the Clinton administration. She was transferred to the Pentagon and its public affairs office.

Lewinsky, who had been a White House intern, was transferred there, too, and the women, despite a 24-year age difference, became friends.

When Lewinsky confided in Tripp that she had a physical relationship with the president, Tripp got in touch with Lucianne Goldberg, a literary agent who had once reached out to her for information on Vincent Foster, the White House lawyer who committed suicide in 1993.

More recently, Tripp had been working on a book proposal tentatively titled "Behind Closed Doors: What I Saw Inside the Clinton White House." Now she had a hook.

Goldberg suggested, among other things, that Tripp tape her telephone conversations with Lewinsky. That was legal in the



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Linda Tripp's secret audiotapes of Monica Lewinsky led to the 1998 impeachment of President Bill Clinton.

District of Columbia and in 39 states, but not in Maryland, where Tripp was living.

More than 20 hours of audiotapes were turned over to Kenneth Starr, the independent prosecutor handling the Clinton investigation.

After four years and \$30 million, Starr's investigation had stalled, lost in stale allegations involving the Whitewater land deal in which the Clintons had lost money. Tripp's tapes suddenly provided a fresh, rich avenue for exploration, galvanizing the investigation almost overnight as they carried the potential to bring down the president.

The tapes revealed a complicated relationship between Tripp and Lewinsky. Lewinsky seemed grateful to be able to confide in the older woman, talking with her regularly and for hours at a time about everything from their diets and exercise routines to Lewinsky's secret romance with the president — all while Tripp was milking her young friend for incriminating information against him.

Linda Rose Carotenuto was born Nov. 24, 1949, in Jersey City, New Jersey. Her father, Albert Carotenuto, was a high

school math and science teacher who met his wife, Inge, when he was an U.S. soldier stationed in her native Germany. The Carotenutos divorced in 1968 after Linda's mother learned that her father was having an affair with a fellow teacher.

Linda graduated from high school in East Hanover, New Jersey, and went to work as a secretary in Army Intelligence in Fort Meade, Maryland.

In 1971 she married Bruce Tripp, a military officer. In a 2003 interview, she described herself as "a suburban mom who was a military wife for 20 years." The couple divorced in 1990.

Tripp married Dieter Rausch, a German architect, in 2004. In later years she worked with him in his family's retail store, the Christmas Sleigh, in Middleburg, Virginia, a Washington suburb.

In addition to Rausch, her survivors include a son, Ryan Tripp, and a daughter, Allison Tripp Foley.

On Twitter on Wednesday, Lewinsky had written: "no matter the past, upon hearing that Linda Tripp is very seriously ill, I hope for her recovery. I can't imagine how difficult this is for her family."

NEWS BRIEFING

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Pope creates new commission to examine women as deacons

ROME — The Vatican said Wednesday that Pope Francis has created a new commission of experts to examine whether women can be deacons, an ordained role in the Catholic Church currently reserved for men.

The 10-member commission, the second of Francis' pontificate to study the issue, includes equal numbers of men and women representing the United States and six European countries.

Deacons are ordained ministers who perform many of the same functions as priests. They preside at weddings, baptisms and funerals. They can preach but cannot celebrate Mass. Married men can be ordained as deacons. Women cannot, but historians say women served as deacons in the early Christian church.

The church reserves the priesthood for men, saying Christ chose only men as his 12 apostles.

VP talk could intensify after fundraising moves by Harris

California Sen. Kamala Harris made two fundraising moves Wednesday that are sure to fuel speculation about her prospects to be Joe Biden's running mate on the Democratic presidential ticket.

Harris, who dropped out of the race in December, set up a joint fundraising operation with the Democratic National Committee, an arrangement that is typically reserved for nominees trying

to attract large donations from the party's biggest boosters. Hours later, she made a surprise appearance on a virtual fundraiser, introducing Biden to donors.

Harris, 55, will host her own virtual fundraiser Thursday. The deal allows contributors to give a maximum of \$357,800, with \$2,800 going to retire Harris' presidential campaign debts and the rest going to the national party.

US charges 2 with terror crimes over threats to spread disease

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department charged two men with federal terrorism offenses Wednesday for allegedly claiming they were intentionally trying to spread the coronavirus.

The charges, in cases in Texas and Florida, come about two weeks after Deputy Attorney General Jeffrey Rosen instructed federal prosecutors across the country that they could charge people who

threaten to spread the coronavirus under the terrorism statutes because the Justice Department considers it a "biological agent" under the law.

Both men remained in federal custody Wednesday, and it was not clear if either had an attorney to comment on the allegations.

Authorities have reported an uptick in hate crimes and virus-related scams.



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Debris from a bridge collapse rests on a river bed Wednesday in Aulla — between the regions of Tuscany and Liguria — in northern Italy. There were two trucks on the provincial road at the time. Italian news reports said one of the drivers was hospitalized.

Watchdog: Syrian air force behind sarin, chlorine attacks

THE HAGUE — The global chemical weapons watchdog issued a report Wednesday blaming the Syrian air force for a series of chemical attacks using sarin and chlorine in late March 2017 on the central town of Latamneh.

The report marks the first time the Investigation and Identification Team, set up in 2018 by the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, has apportioned blame for an attack in Syria and will likely lead to fresh calls for accountability for the regime of President Bashar Assad.

OPCW Director-General Fernando Arias said it is now up to the organization, "the United Nations Secretary-General, and the international community as a whole to take any further action they deem appropriate and necessary."

U.N. spokesman Stephane Dujarric said Secretary-General Antonio Guterres "has taken note of the report," but he said questions about the content and conclusions should be directed to the OPCW.

German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas said Germany will push for ac-

countability at the U.N. Security Council, where it is a nonpermanent member, and at the OPCW.

In a statement, U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo called the report "the latest in a large and growing body of evidence that the Assad regime uses chemical weapons attacks in Syria as part of a deliberate campaign of violence against the Syrian people."

Syria is not a member state of the International Criminal Court, meaning crimes committed on its territory by Syrian nationals cannot be prosecuted at the global court.

Russia to prosecute damaging of war monuments

MOSCOW — Russia's defense minister called on law enforcement officials Wednesday to consider filing criminal charges against representatives of other countries where World War II memorials commemorating the actions of the Soviet Union are demolished.

Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu made the appeal to Russia's top criminal investigation body.

Russia takes offense at any criticism of the Soviet role in the war. The Soviet Union had the most casualties, but its occupation of territory resulted in decades of Moscow-backed

Communist regimes in Eastern Europe.

Russia prepares to mark the 75th anniversary of the defeat of Nazi Germany on May 9. President Vladimir Putin on Tuesday signed a law that made damaging such memorials a criminal offense punishable by up to five years in prison.

UK trucker pleads guilty in deaths of 39 migrants

LONDON — A truck driver accused in the deaths of 39 Vietnamese migrants whose bodies were found inside a refrigerated container that had been hauled to England pleaded guilty to manslaughter Wednesday.

Maurice Robinson, 25, of Craigavon in Northern Ireland, entered the plea at Central London Criminal Court. Robinson appeared in court via video link alongside four co-defendants.

The bodies of the 39 people were found in the container at the back of the truck Oct. 23. Investigators found the 31 male and eight female victims were all from Vietnam and ranged in age from 15 to 44.

The truck discovered in the town of Grays, east of London, had arrived in England on a ferry from Zeebrugge in Belgium.

Other defendants denied charges.

In Yemen: Saudi officials said the coalition fighting Iran-backed Houthi rebels in Yemen will begin a cease-fire starting Thursday.

The officials told journalists Wednesday night that the decision was in response to U.N. calls to halt hostilities amid the coronavirus pandemic. They said the cease-fire will be for two weeks.

Yemen, the Arab world's poorest nation, has been convulsed by civil war since 2014. That's when the Houthis took control of the country's north, including the capital Sanaa. A Saudi-led military coalition intervened against the Houthis the following year.

Despite relentless Saudi airstrikes and a blockade of Yemen, the war has stalemated.

Sanders

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future. His campaign has ended, but I know his leadership will continue."

Trump sought to foment the tension among Democrats by tweeting Wednesday that the party stacked the race against Sanders. The president said the senator's supporters "should come to the Republican Party."

Sanders began his latest White House bid facing questions about whether he could win back the supporters who chose him four years ago as an insurgent alternative to Hillary Clinton. Despite winning 22 states in 2016, there were no guarantees he'd be a major presidential contender this cycle.

But Sanders used strong polling and solid fundraising — collected almost entirely from small donations made online — to quiet early doubters.

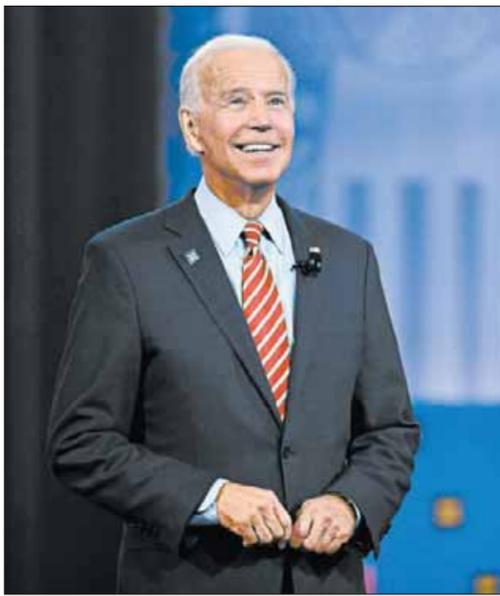
Like the first time, he attracted widespread support from young voters and made new inroads within the Hispanic community, even as his appeal with African Americans remained weak.

Sanders amassed the most votes in Iowa and New Hampshire, which opened primary voting, and cruised to an easy victory in Nevada.

But Biden won a crucial endorsement from influential South Carolina Rep. Jim Clyburn and a subsequent, larger-than-expected victory in South Carolina, which propelled him into Super Tuesday, when he won 10 of 14 states.

In a matter of days, Biden's former Democratic rivals lined up to endorse him. His campaign had appeared on the brink of collapse after New Hampshire but found new life as the rest of the party's more moderate establishment coalesced around him as an alternative to Sanders.

Things only got worse the following week when Sanders lost Michigan, where he had campaigned hard and upset Clinton in



ROBYN BECK/GETTY-AFF

Joe Biden made an appeal to Sanders' followers after the Vermont senator dropped out of the presidential race.

"He didn't just run a political campaign. He created a movement."

— Joe Biden, about Sanders

2016. He was also beaten in Idaho, Mississippi and Missouri the same night, and the results were so decisive that Sanders headed to Vermont without speaking to the media.

The coronavirus outbreak essentially froze the campaign, preventing Sanders from holding the large rallies that had become his trademark and shifting the primary calendar. It became increasingly unclear where he could notch a victory that would help him regain ground against Biden.

Though he will not be the nominee, Sanders was a key architect of many of the social policies that dominated the Democratic primary, including a "Medicare for All" universal, government-funded health care plan, tuition-free public college, a \$15 minimum wage and sweeping efforts to fight climate change

under the "Green New Deal."

Sanders began the 2020 race by arguing that he was the most electable Democrat against Trump. He said his working-class appeal could help Democrats win back Rust Belt states that Trump won in 2016, including Michigan, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.

Sanders, 78, also faced persistent questions about being the field's oldest candidate. Those were pushed into the spotlight Oct. 1, when he was at a rally in Las Vegas and asked for a chair to be brought on stage so he could sit down. Suffering from chest pains afterward, he underwent surgery to insert two stents because of a blocked artery, and his campaign revealed two days later that he had suffered a heart attack.

A serious health scare that might have derailed other campaigns seemed only to help Sanders as rising stars on the Democratic left, including New York Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, endorsed him.

With Sanders now out of the race, Biden moved to appeal to the leading progressive's supporters Wednesday. "I hope you will join us," Biden, 77, said. "You are more than welcome. You're needed."

Democrats try to hit Trump delicately on virus, economy

BY ALAN FRAM
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democrats are wrestling over how best to assail President Donald Trump for his handling of the coronavirus pandemic and the economy's shutdown, even as the country lurches into an unpredictable campaign season during its most devastating crisis in decades.

Trump has provided Democrats with plenty of political fodder, including leading a slow-footed federal response to an outbreak that has caused profound economic, health and social disruption. Democrats are already using reams of video of Trump denying and playing down a crisis now killing hundreds of Americans daily, erasing millions of jobs and closing countless businesses.

Underscoring a Democratic consensus that Trump's own words will be a potent weapon, Rep. Mark Pocan, D-Wis., said, "Donald Trump does have the biggest bully pulpit. But fortunately for Democrats, Donald Trump has the biggest bully pulpit."

Yet seven months from Election Day, Democrats have not matched the attention Trump can command with daily, nationally televised briefings that can exceed two hours.

And they're juggling conflicting instincts: attack Trump aggressively now and risk accusations of using a catastrophe for political reasons, or wait until society starts returning to normal.

That might give him time to define himself as a wartime president battling a virus that's enveloped the globe.

"There has been gross incompetence" by Trump, and that's "a huge vulnerability," said Jim Margolis, a leading Democratic communications consultant. "But Democrats must take care not to gratuitously



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Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi have tangled with President Trump.

attack the administration or look like they are playing politics with a crisis."

"A purely partisan attack is inappropriate for the times we're in," said former Rep. Steve Israel, D-N.Y., who once headed the House Democrats' campaign organization.

Both approaches — strike vigorously now or later — are being tested in real time.

Former Vice President Joe Biden, the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee, has faulted Trump's response. But he's avoided the sharpest attacks while trying to project an image as a steady, experienced crisis manager.

"Trump keeps saying he's a wartime president. Well, start to act like one," Biden has said.

His path to the nomination cleared Wednesday when his only viable rival, Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., dropped out.

Congressional leaders including House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., and Democratic governors like New York's Andrew Cuomo and Michigan's Gretchen Whitmer have tangled with Trump. But they've mostly stressed legislation and other steps they're taking to bolster the economy and the over-

whelmed health care system.

They've also presented themselves as calming alternatives to Trump, whose briefings have been marred by false and confusing assertions that often contradict public health professionals' views and angry outbursts at reporters whose questions he dislikes.

"This moment is exactly wrong for President Trump because he can't distract people from a pandemic with a provocative tweet," said Sen. Brian Schatz, D-Hawaii.

Yet at the same time, Democratic political groups are spending millions on television and online ads around the country that pull few punches.

Democrats' efforts to enter the spotlight have been complicated by the nation's lockdown, which has prevented public rallies and interactions with voters that are normally the lifeblood of politics.

"Trump's press conferences blot out the sun," said Adam Jentleson, a Democratic strategist.

Trump has noticed. He tweeted Wednesday that "Radical Left Democrats have gone absolutely crazy" over his daily briefings and boasted of "Monday Night Football, Bachelor Finale" type ratings.

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EDITORIALS

Mayor Lori Lightfoot puts a curfew on booze sales. Good.

The instructions from Gov. J.B. Pritzker and Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot to combat the spread of the coronavirus sound simple enough. Stay home.

Yet again on Wednesday, Lightfoot and interim police Superintendent Charlie Beck during an afternoon news conference reprimanded violators. A lot of them. From the Far North Side's 50th Ward, where Lightfoot said she drove around Tuesday dispersing groups gathering in parks, to patrons congregating late night at liquor stores, thousands of Chicagoans are ignoring the message.

"I told people I saw gathering in clusters not abiding by social distancing rules to break it up. Yes, I'll continue to do that," Lightfoot said.

Because so many people are snubbing their noses at the health risks of COVID-19, Lightfoot on Wednesday announced a 9 p.m. curfew on liquor sales throughout Chicago, effective Thursday. Good.

The numbers back her up.

Since March 25, a few days after Pritzker's stay-at-home directive, the Chicago Police Department has broken up more than 2,000 groups violating the order, including 345 gatherings on Tuesday alone, the Police Department said.

That's an astonishing drain on precious Police Department resources — and yet necessary. Those who violate social distancing protocols put everyone else at risk. The rebels should be cited.

In addition to growing numbers of COVID-19 cases and fatalities in Illinois, Chicago police and area hospitals are dealing with the city's other epidemic — gun violence. Police handled 17 shooting incidents on Tuesday that killed seven people



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Mayor Lori Lightfoot speaks at City Hall on Wednesday during the coronavirus pandemic.

and injured a 5-year-old girl in the foot, a department spokesman said.

These are police officers still reporting for work, remember, trying to protect themselves and their families during a highly contagious global pandemic. While it's foolhardy to expect criminals who shoot into crowds

to care about police officer safety or overrun intensive care units, it seems especially galling for violence to pick up during an international health emergency. Yet here we are.

Cracking down on gatherings and closing public spaces have earned Lightfoot and Pritzker their fair shares of pushback,

particularly from critics who question restrictions on civil liberties. We get it. We fully expect extra enforcement regulations during the COVID-19 crisis to be rescinded when public health concerns abate. And if those restrictions don't roll back, we'll be among the voices calling for restored liberties.

But look at these numbers. The violators are the problem, not an overzealous government intent on restricting the rights of its citizens. Announcements like Wednesday's curfew on liquor sales are likely to continue as a measure to protect the health of the rule-abiding. We're just fine with that.

Baseball without fans? It's possible in 2020, 'The Year of the Asterisk'

Sports stories about Major League Baseball thinking outside the batter's box had us so perturbed at first that we wanted to boo.

Extend the 2020 baseball season into December? What, with ball girls and batboys in little elf costumes?

Start sooner but move all games to Arizona with no hometown advantage? Imagine games played in that hellish heat, in empty stadiums. How about MLB just sends players wandering alone into the desert and whichever team reports the fewest snake bites wins?

Then reality beamed us: With the country suffering through the coronavirus pandemic, maybe we

should stop thinking 2020 should somehow get back to normal. Instead, in countless realms, we should exploit this forced interruption. Why don't we let 2020 become the year of experimentation and exploration?

Put short: In many parts of our lives — including work, recreation and social obligations — let's accept 2020 as The Year of the Asterisk in which we embrace, rather than deny, the upended reality.

Because what's wrong, really, with a reinvented baseball calendar? Get ready for that oddity, along with a packed fall calendar when, hopefully, parties and celebrations can be rescheduled. Embrace that wedding on a

Wednesday in October, the only date available at the banquet hall. A relationship commitment is essential. The day and time a cake gets cut? Not so much.

And why not organize a major family reunion — you know, the one that never happens because the West Coast clan won't travel east and vice versa. In 2020 you can make it happen via videoconferencing because people crave connection and are in a more flexible frame of mind. Hello, cousin Pete (and please mute your microphone while washing dishes).

Defeating COVID-19 is Job One. The health and safety of Americans is at stake. But for nonessential parts of our lives,

let's declare an attitude adjustment. Because the longer our stay-at-home protocol continues, the more we're hearing variations of complaints that begin, "But we always ..."

But we always go to Aunt Rose's for Easter.

But we always have the NBA Finals in June.

But we always rough out next year's budget in September.

Each of these priorities is understandable. None is essential. Hey, if federal and state treasuries can live with later income tax deadlines, then a company's vice president for finance can — just this once — truncate or eliminate some steps in the budgeting run-up to 2021. Maybe in The Year of

the Asterisk, we cut the number of meetings in half.

Yes, our traditions, routines and good habits bind friends, families, workplaces, organizations. But giving ritual a rest liberates the imagination and invites ingenuity.

For example, just suppose Major League Baseball went ahead with a proposal to start the season in May, with all teams playing in Arizona's spring training ballparks plus Chase Field, home of the Diamondbacks. It would be a safer alternative. It would be weird. And it would mess with player statistics. But it would be baseball. And in 2020 it could be just the thing to help restore normalcy — with an asterisk, obviously

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

At the moment, we have effectively shut down almost the entire economy to prevent the premature deaths of hundreds of thousands of our fellow citizens by a virus. We've made a decision to sacrifice wealth for life. ... It's the right call. In my view, it's the only call a decent society can make. It's what it really means to be pro-life.

But then you look at the unemployment numbers, and gulp. There are costs to this collective exercise in empathy and compassion. You contemplate the rising chances of a long and devastating global depression. You look ahead to months and months more of quarantine, empty streets, crippled businesses, shrinking retirement savings and rising poverty. And you realize that our choice for life over wealth is a little more complicated. There will come a point at which we will have to risk some lives to reopen and save the economy. ... The question is simply when that crossover occurs, and how we can get there soonest.

If we declare victory before we achieve it, we could have the worst of both worlds — a burst in new infections leading to a second shutdown, a collapse of faith in the authorities, more deaths and a deeper depression. ... At the same time, if quarantine and social distancing are stretched out too long, we could be losing more lives in the aggregate than we would be saving. We could also be risking evermore extremist politics or even civil disorder. Gun sales are, somewhat ominously, through the roof.

Andrew Sullivan, New York Magazine

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Acting Navy Secretary Thomas Modly testifies during a hearing of the Senate Armed Services Committee in December on Capitol Hill.

The Navy secretary's subservience couldn't save him



STEVE CHAPMAN

The trick to surviving in Donald Trump's administration is being a shameless toady, willing at any moment to lavish praise on the president. But acting Navy Secretary Thomas Modly found that staying on Trump's good side can be impossibly tricky. He resigned Tuesday in the apparent realization that his strenuous self-abasement was not enough to appease the president.

Last week, Modly relieved the commander of the USS Theodore Roosevelt, who had emailed higher-ups pleading for the evacuation of sailors aboard the aircraft carrier because of an outbreak of COVID-19. After the letter was leaked to the press, Modly sacked Capt. Brett Crozier for showing "extremely poor judgment" and letting the situation "overwhelm his ability to act professionally."

Then the secretary flew to Guam to deliver a denunciation of Crozier, whose own sailors had cheered him as he left the ship. Modly boarded the carrier and used its public address system to inform the crew that the captain was "was either too naive or too stupid to be a commanding officer of a ship like this."

Why would Modly go to such trou-

ble and use such inflammatory language to excoriate an officer who was trying to protect his personnel — and to implicitly rebuke the sailors who thought highly of him? Probably because Trump had expressed dissatisfaction with Crozier and Modly wanted to demonstrate his utter devotion to the president.

The fate of his predecessor was not lost on him. Richard Spencer burned his bridge to Trump after a military court voted to convict Navy SEAL Eddie Gallagher, who had been charged with murder, on a single count of posing with an enemy corpse. Trump was furious to see Gallagher held accountable, and when Spencer tried to dissuade him from intervening, Trump showed him the door.

The lesson was that it's best to monitor the president's wishes and make sure they are fulfilled. By traveling halfway around the world to denounce Crozier (and the news media), Modly must have figured he would cement the president's loyalty.

What he failed to account for is the mercurial nature of his boss. On Monday, Trump described Modly's speech as "rough," reported hearing "good things" about Crozier and said, "I'm going to get involved and see exactly what's going on there, because I don't want to destroy somebody for having a bad day."

By Monday evening, Modly was scrambling to show that Trump's every wish is his command. Having lambasted the captain in a transparent attempt to make points with the presi-



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Navy Capt. Brett Crozier, then-commanding officer of the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt, on Nov. 15.

dent, he quickly retracted his words in another transparent attempt to make points with the president.

Modly issued an extraordinary statement apologizing not only to the Navy but also to "Captain Crozier, his family, and the entire crew of the Theodore Roosevelt for any pain my remarks may have caused." He said, "I do not think Captain Brett Crozier is naive nor stupid. I think, and always believed him to be the opposite."

It would be nice to believe that Modly had reflected on his intemperate response, realized his error and concluded that he had a solemn duty to make amends. But his remarks on the Theodore Roosevelt were not made without forethought. He had castigated Crozier days before, accusing him of failing to show "sober and professional judgment under pressure."

We were left with two possible explanations for Modly's gross mistake. The first is that — how should I put it? — he let the situation overwhelm his ability to act professionally. Having accused Crozier of cracking under pressure, Modly may have cracked under pressure.

The other possibility is that Modly saw he had misinterpreted Trump's feelings and decided that prostrating himself before the dismissed captain was his best hope. He knows from the experience of other administration subordinates that to differ with the president, even unintentionally, is usually fatal. So he may have decided — like so many other Trump aides — that humiliation was preferable to banishment.

It wasn't enough. Fawning subservience is necessary to stay in Trump's good graces, but it didn't save former White House chief of staff Reince Priebus, former Health and Human Services Secretary Tom Price or former Attorney General Jeff Sessions. Modly apparently saw he had no future in this administration.

His abrupt departure confirms what was obvious from the start: If you work for Trump, humiliation is certain. But banishment is always possible.

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Dr. Monica Maalouf outside her office on the Loyola University Medical Center campus in Maywood on Tuesday.

Collateral damage in a doctor's fight against COVID-19: Personal connection

BY MONICA MAALOUF

When people ask me why I chose a career in primary care, I tell them it's because of the stories. The best days in my practice are when I see a patient I know well, when I see their health improving, when they ask if they can refer a family member to see me.

My practice allows me to care for people, and not just manage disease. Despite the daily challenges, I find it both humbling and nourishing. I feel empowered and motivated when I can find time to talk to my patients about their homes, their lives and their sexual health. When a patient opens up to me about their time in prison or in addiction treatment, I know I have succeeded in creating a safe space for those who need it.

In the blink of an eye, the things I love about my profession have been chiseled away. My patients are now nothing but potential carriers. I have become a faceless provider in a mask, and every visit is about COVID-19, even when it's not.

I am doing video visits more than ever. The physical exam is gone. I can no longer hug my patients who are looking for an embrace, can no longer physically comfort my ailing patients when they need it. My patient's son recently lost his battle with cancer, and as I leaned in to place a consoling hand on her knee, I hesitated. Not COVID acceptable.

Every patient has become a possible source of contagion, screened repeatedly at every checkpoint for fever, cough or shortness of breath. The only thing that matters now is their COVID status and how far away they are standing from me and my staff. Nurses are avoiding checking vitals, emergency personnel are refusing to enter homes. Our health care system is now a surveillance system — geared toward capturing, screening and flagging symptoms rather than caring for the individual patient.

It matters because the death tolls are rising. Every day I see my staff, my family and my friends watching the gruesome ticker — global counts above 1 million, local counts above 7,000. Every patient is a number. There aren't names or faces or stories attached to the counts. Just numbers.

And every patient is alone. They are sequestered from the loved ones, in hospital wards being cared for by people in space suits, communicating through layers of plastic and paper and glass. Their families are begging and pleading for visits that won't be allowed.

Doctors are being called heroes. But nothing feels heroic about this work.

The path of least resistance is one where we acquiesce to these changes for the sake of fighting the pandemic with as minimal collateral damage as possible. But there are stories that need telling.

So, I have committed to dig deeper. I have decided that once I reach the bottom of my compassion reservoir, I will search for even more. I once had a personal policy against giving my cellphone number to patients. I changed that because of the pandemic. I need to open pathways for communication, not close off more of them.

I used to arrive home and force myself to talk about nonwork things, but now we talk about COVID-19 and the lives that have been touched by it.

I used to text my friends, fellow physicians across the country, about everything and anything. Now we text about our shared experiences. I ask them about their mental health. I ask them if they need support. I ask them what the worst part of their day has been.

None of us will survive this pandemic unscathed. In some way or another, every American will be touched by it. We must acknowledge the human experience in this tragedy and give each other space to share our stories. Perhaps one of the most underrated human attributes is perseverance. I know that we will persevere, but we can do more than simply that.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Assessor's reforms misguided

I've been a commercial broker for 40 years and own several neighborhood commercial and multifamily properties. I know we're in the midst of a global pandemic with far-reaching economic consequences. But the residents of Cook County are facing another economic crisis caused by the way Assessor Fritz Kaegi determines property assessments for commercial properties.

The assessor is trying to fix corruption and create a simpler, fairer and more transparent system, which is commendable. But his methods are not working. He is using a one-size-fits-all approach to assess commercial properties by using data from third-party sources and assigning a cap rate (net income divided by the value) algorithm to each property he's assessing. If a property is partially vacant, instead of making an allowance for vacancy, he is imputing what the rents should be, based on his data sources. If the rents are lower than his data says they should be, he is imputing higher rents and therefore assessing a higher value.

What his approach fails to consider is that there are many variables when evaluating commercial properties. Usually, no two commercial properties are alike. And these variables greatly impact a property's value. Age of building, condition, quality of construction, amenities, building size, lot size, percentage of occupancy, rent levels, type of tenant (AAA credit-rated or local merchant), location, etc., are all variables that impact values and should not be ignored.

By ignoring these variables, the result is inaccurate and often unreasonably high assessments. This causes property owners to hire tax attorneys to appeal their assessments, putting a tremendous strain on the Board of Review. The Board of Review has been rolling back assessments an average of 32%. Had the assessments been more accurate in the first place, we could have saved a lot of time, effort and taxpayer money.

The assessor's inaccurate valuations are threatening the stability of our economy and hurting small businesses and jobs. Restaurants and retail shops are being hammered right now by the triple threat of "the Amazon effect," high property taxes and COVID-19. All these factors will cause some stores to close their doors. This results in fewer jobs, less commerce and less tax revenue for Cook County.

The time has come for Kaegi to recognize his approach isn't working and needs to be modified so it's more supportive of small business and commercial property owners.

— Jerry Ettinger, Ettinger Realty, Lincolnwood

Giving thanks during Passover

We are in the midst of a dire time in our lives. We are living with a modern-day plague.

As Passover begins, we can thank God that many of us are blessed to be here to celebrate Passover.

My husband and I wish for all of us, our country and our world God's continued blessings and protection from this horrific sickness and death. May there soon be discovered and implemented the answer to end this plague that is reaching humanity in all aspects. We are bound by love and caring, but we survive by God's will.

We say prayers for their families and for those souls who have died a lonely, agonizing death.

We offer profound thanks that we are here to say thank you
Blessings for a thoughtful and profound Passover to all.

— Elynne and Richard Aleskow, Chicago

Parents seeing value of teachers

During this crisis, people are beginning to appreciate those on the front line, especially the doctors, nurses, police and paramedics. Another group that has long been taken for granted, but is now greatly appreciated, are teachers.

With home schooling, parents are beginning to understand the job of a teacher. Many are having a hard time keeping one or two kids interested and on task, and yet we teachers managed 20-plus students every day with the same resources that the parents have now — books, computers, paper and pencils.

Students, too, are beginning to realize that learning can be fun and that the school is not so bad. Let's hope that this mutual admiration and respect continues long after the schools have reopened.

— Mary Ann McGinley, Wilmette

We can't rush vaccine, drug fix

One word for those who propose we ignore or shorten the approval process for allowing medications or vaccines for COVID-19: thalidomide.

— Bill Burns, South Elgin

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Is America a roaring giant or crying baby?



VICTOR DAVIS HANSON

Marshal Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto commanded the Imperial Japanese Navy in World War II until he was killed in April 1943. Despite the dialogue from the 1970 WWII film "Tora! Tora! Tora!" Yamamoto probably did not say in the aftermath of the Pearl Harbor attack, "I fear all we have done is to awaken a sleeping giant and fill him with a terrible resolve."

But Yamamoto likely either wrote or said something similar: "I can run wild for six months. After that, I have no expectation of success."

Yamamoto summed up a general feeling among the Japanese admirals that the huge industrial capacity of the U.S. — which had been asleep during the Great Depression — along with the righteous anger and frenzy of an aroused American democracy would ensure the destruction of the Japanese empire in short order.

They were right.
In 1940, there were fewer than 500,000 service members in the U.S. military. At the time of the Pearl Harbor attack, that number had grown to nearly 2.2 million. By 1945, more than 12 million Americans were in the armed services. It was an astonishing mobilization for a nation of fewer than 140 million people.

The U.S. started the war with seven fleet aircraft carriers and one escort carrier. By war's end, it was deploying 27 fleet and 72 escort carriers.

The U.S. Navy ended the war with a fleet eight times larger than it was at the time of the attack on Pearl Harbor. The American armada would become larger in total tonnage than all the world's fleets in 1945 combined.

More incredibly, by the end of 1944, the American gross domestic product exceeded the economic output of all the major belligerents on both sides of World War II put together: the Soviet Union, the



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A scene on July 5, 1943, inside the \$20,000,000 Amertorp Corp. factory in Forest Park, Ill., where rows of shiny torpedoes are turned out for the Navy.

United Kingdom, Japan, Italy and Germany.

As we struggle to defeat the coronavirus, an aroused America is talking grandly of restructuring the U.S. economy.

Politicians promise that major industries — pharmaceuticals, medical supplies, rare earths, military technologies — will return home to create millions of new jobs and better protect the population in times of crisis.

There are other vows to recalibrate our relationship with China to ensure that when the next successor to SARS and COVID-19 hits, American lives will not be jeopardized by the duplicity of the Chinese government. At the beginning of the outbreak, Beijing hid the origins, nature and transmissibility of the virus, then lied about its supposedly brilliant control of the epidemic.

The American public is already asking tough questions.

Does the U.S. really need almost 15,000 people flying in from China each day? At a time when American students owe \$1.5 trillion in student loans, is it smart to have some 360,000 Chinese students enrolled in U.S. colleges? Is it safe to fund hundreds of labs on university campuses that con-

duct joint research with Chinese academics?

Does the United States really wish to curtail fracking, which has made it the largest producer of natural gas in the world and ensured that a quarantined America has plenty of fuel?

Is it prudent to release precious irrigation water out to the Pacific Ocean when California is the richest and most diverse producer of food in America?

Post-virus America can awake from this epidemic and economic shutdown in one of two different ways.

One, we can wake up as we did on Dec. 8, 1941, to ensure that Americans control their own fundamentals of life — food, fuel, medicine and strategic industries — without dependency on illiberal regimes. The military can refocus our defenses against nuclear missiles, cyberwarfare and biological weapons. On the home front, diversity is fine, but in a national crisis as serious as this one, the unity that arises from confidence in shared American citizenship saves lives.

Our other choice is to keep bickering and suffering amnesia, remaining as vulnerable as we were in the past.

We can scapegoat and play the blame game. We can talk not of an America in crisis, but of the virus's effects on particular groups. We can decide that it is mean or even racist and xenophobic to hold the Chinese government accountable for its swath of viral destruction — and so we will not.

We can ridicule the idea of Americans again making their own things and call it protectionism or economic chauvinism. We can conduct endless congressional inquiries about who said what and when about the virus, and perhaps reopen impeachment.

Or we can have bipartisan commissions decide how best to return key industries to the U.S., prepare for the next epidemic and pay down the enormous debt we have incurred to defeat COVID-19.

In other words, the choice is ours whether America awakens as a roaring giant or a crying baby.

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Thank you to our everyday heroes

We'd like to express our profound gratitude to all the medical professionals, first responders and other essential workers keeping our families and communities safe during the coronavirus crisis.

We know the hours are long, the stress intense, the fear all too real. Your commitment and bravery are admirable beyond words.

As our medical professionals and first responders continue battling on the front lines of this outbreak, we commend your endless perseverance, resilience and hope.

To the local grocery store workers, delivery drivers, restaurant staff, educators and everyone else keeping our lives as normal as possible during this difficult time, we deeply appreciate your dedication and strength.

We will make it through this together –
thanks in large part to you.

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CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Gig workers waiting for unemployment benefits

At issue: State agencies evaluate claims based on W-2; self-employed get different tax form

BY MARY WISNIEWSKI

Self-employed Illinois workers like Uber drivers and piano teachers who have lost income because of the coronavirus pandemic will have to wait weeks before they can apply for financial assistance under the federal relief law.

The \$2.2 trillion Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act, which includes benefits for the self-employed, was signed into law March 27. Late Sunday, the federal government provided 79 pages of instructions to states for administering unemployment assistance under the relief act, including aid for the self-employed.

On Tuesday, Illinois was unable

to provide any guidance on when applications will open. Creating a system for the self-employed, who are not usually eligible for unemployment benefits, will take time, Rebecca Cisco, a spokeswoman for the Illinois Department of Employment Security, said in an email.

The issue is this: State agencies are set up to evaluate unemployment insurance claims using the W-2 tax form filed by companies to report wages, tips, and other compensation paid to employees. But the self-employed receive a different tax form, a 1099-MISC, and may also have to present past income tax returns and other records.

Under the stimulus law, ben-

efits for the self-employed will be calculated based on previous income, and like other jobless workers, they will also be eligible for an additional \$600 weekly payment.

To help the self-employed, state systems have to be modified to change how they review claims. The wait could affect hundreds of thousands of Illinois workers — 18% of the state's workforce is part of the so-called gig economy, according to a report from the ADP Research Institute.

"I think getting the benefits is going to feel real challenging for the self-employed ... " said Andrew Stettner, senior fellow with the New York City-based Century Foundation, a progressive think tank. "I went from cautiously excited when (the relief) bill

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Uber driver Kelly Pacheco made about \$1,000 a week prepandemic.



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Chef Aram Reed, left, and his friend John Cicora prepare for a party at the Hatchery, where he rents kitchen space.

Taking a different approach

Coronavirus creating business models for a future consumers won't likely leave

BY JOSH NOEL

Chef Aram Reed spent a decade walking into customers' kitchens to create dinner parties for groups ranging from two to 125 people. He'd do three or four dinners a week, infusing his own buoyant personality into the affairs, stepping from the kitchen to narrate each course.

"We built a nice little niche business over the years," he said.

COVID-19 ended it.

For a few days after business ground to a halt, Reed wondered if the pandemic was his cue to learn a trade and start a less grueling career. But then one of his regulars, who wanted to connect with friends during the pandemic, suggested a tweak to Reed's approach: a virtual dinner party where the host and guests share a meal while sitting in front of their computers instead of

across a table.

Reed accepted the challenge, stocking up on to-go packaging and crafting a four-course meal divided into 13 portions that was delivered to eight homes. Since he wasn't going to be on hand to serve and introduce the courses, he also cut the price: from \$100 per person to \$60.

That first virtual dinner party, shared on social media, led to

four more virtual dinner parties last weekend. Three more have been booked for this weekend, and two more are lined up for later this month.

Reed's business is down 70% during the coronavirus pandemic, but he no longer thinks about leaving the kitchen for another job. He also has a new business model he plans to employ well beyond the health crisis.

He acknowledged he never would have thought to offer virtual dinner parties even a month ago: "It's like out of a 'Black Mirror' episode," he said, referring to the dystopian science fiction TV series. But Reed now envisions a long-term future for the model, even when life inches back toward normalcy.

"It's just another way to do business," he said. "This allows me to be at several parties on a night."

The obvious question is

whether customers will continue to want virtual dinner parties. Reed is betting they will, at least to some degree. He envisions a slow return to social form, and people becoming comfortable with gatherings at their own speeds. As technology becomes a more common means to interact — and currently as *the* means to interact — socializing may never quite go back to the way it was. That may create a long-term place for virtual dinner parties.

"People are resilient in terms of wanting to hang out, and if the best option is FaceTime or Zoom, let's go with it," Reed said.

From dining to medicine to music lessons to selling beer, coronavirus has created new business models that have hurtled consumers into a technological future they likely won't leave even after the pandemic passes.

With nearly 420,000 con-

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Shoppers buying groceries online

But Illinois' 1.8M food stamp recipients are unable to do the same

BY ALLY MAROTTI

David Hensel, a single father of six and a food stamp recipient, has cut back on the number of trips he makes to the grocery store each week. He also wears gloves and a mask each time he goes.

Still, he worries.

"Every time you walk out of your house and go somewhere, the potential of bringing it back is there again," said Hensel, 57, of Chicago's West Rogers Park neighborhood.

Being able to order groceries online and have them delivered would mean he could avoid that risk, he said. But that's not an option.

Online grocery delivery has become vital for many in Illinois who are trying to stay home during the coronavirus outbreak. But food stamp recipients — who advocates say are at greater risk of contracting COVID-19 — can't shop that way in Illinois.

The federal food stamps program, administered by the states, is intended to help low-income families, the elderly and the disabled buy groceries.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, which runs what's officially called the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, has long required customers using those benefits to pay for purchases at the time and place of sale.

Select retailers, such as Walmart, allow recipients to shop online and pay for their orders using SNAP benefits when they pick them up. Others, like Schwan's, allow online shopping and take SNAP payment when they deliver the order.

But food stamps can't be used to pay for groceries online and have them delivered.

Jeremy Rosen, director of economic justice at the Chicago-based

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McDonald's execs take pay cuts as March sales plunge

Fast food giant joins effort other companies have already taken

BY ALEXIA ELEJALDE-RUIZ

McDonald's president and CEO Chris Kempczinski will cut his base salary by half as restaurant sales plunged last month due to COVID-19, the fast food giant said Wednesday in a regulatory filing.

Sales declined significantly starting mid-March as many governments instituted stay-at-home orders and banned restaurants from dine-in service. While 99% of McDonald's restaurants in the U.S. remain open for delivery, drive-thru and pickup, globally

only 75% remain open in some capacity as a result of complete closures in several markets including Italy, France and Spain.

Sales at U.S. restaurants open at least a year dropped 13.4% in March compared with a year earlier, after rising 8% during the first two months of the year. Globally, sales were down 22.2% in March, the company said.

Kempczinski, who took the helm of the Chicago-based chain in November and has an annual base salary of \$1.25 million, said in a note on the company's Web site that he volunteered for the 50% pay cut because "this was the right thing to do."

Other executives including Chief Financial Officer Kevin Ozan, McDonald's USA President

Joe Ehrlinger, McDonald's International President Ian Borden and General Counsel and Secretary Jerry Krulewicz, agreed to reduce their base salaries by 25%, Kempczinski said.

The pay cuts will last through at least Sept. 30.

Executives at numerous large companies have announced pay cuts during the coronavirus crisis as many of their workers face layoffs, with airline and hotel executives among the first to take those steps. Yum Brands last week announced that CEO David Gibbs won't take his \$900,000 base salary this year and will use those funds to pay out \$1,000 bonuses to general managers at company-operated Taco Bell, Pizza Hut and KFC restaurants. Columbia

Sportswear president and CEO Tim Boyle reduced his salary to \$10,000 so all 3,500 of the company's employees can continue to receive their regular paychecks.

Base salary is often the smallest part of executives' total compensation, which also includes stock options.

The world's largest burger chain, which has nearly 14,000 U.S. restaurants and 38,000 globally, said it has granted certain rent and royalty deferrals for franchisees in nearly all markets and is working with suppliers and lenders to extend franchisee payment terms. It has also suspended its share repurchase program.

Some McDonald's workers and activists have called on the company to provide hazard pay for

employees who continue to work, as other companies have done.

"Everything is on the table at this point, we are looking at a lot of things," Dave Tovar, vice president of U.S. communications for McDonald's, said in an interview last week. "We are in uncharted waters so we're meeting three times a day as a senior leadership with all these things."

McDonald's said it secured \$6.5 billion in new financing during the first quarter, including \$3.5 billion in bonds and a \$1 billion short-term line of credit.

The company withdrew its guidance for the year, but said the full economic impact of the crisis on its business is not yet known. It is scheduled to release first quarter earnings April 30.

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firmed cases of COVID-19, the disease caused by the new coronavirus, and more than 14,000 deaths in the U.S., health care has seen a particularly rapid embrace of telehealth — pairing doctors and patients by secure video internet connections. The practice was previously in startup mode for many health care providers.

Telehealth got a push into the mainstream on March 17, when the federal government's Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services decreed that the practice be covered for reimbursement "on a temporary and emergency basis." Many governors followed suit, including Gov. J.B. Pritzker, who issued an executive order March 19 mandating that telehealth services be covered by insurance companies.

With that push, telehealth usage surged. Since launching video sessions in September, Rush University Medical Center averaged about 50 to 100 "visits" per month. In March, the number spiked to about 2,500 — a level Rush had envisioned reaching in about five years.

Anthony Perry, a Rush physician and the hospital's vice president of ambulatory transformation, said he marveled on a recent Sunday night during the coronavirus outbreak as six

Rush health care providers tended to patients while everyone was at home.

"We are learning a ton from it and learning a ton about how to deliver services, how to meet needs, and the technology is getting a bunch of exposure," Perry said.

Perry is a believer in its potential. Discussion of symptoms, as well as visual cues such as sweatiness or rate of respiration, can be as effective as many in-person visits, he said.

Its broad use after the health crisis, however, will depend in part on whether insurance companies continue to cover the service.

Physical therapy is undergoing a similar revolution; as much as 80% of appointments nationally have been online during the pandemic, said Eric Robertson, an associate professor of physical therapy at the University of Southern California and spokesman for the American Physical Therapy Association. Before coronavirus, he said, less than 10% of physical therapy visits happened online.

"One of the more fascinating things, and not in a negative sense, is health care reform is happening in real time as people are innovating and responding to a crisis," Robertson said. "Over history, you see revision and reform in health systems happen in times of crises."

He said all physical therapy students should be

trained in virtual care "as patients are getting used to it and providers are learning on the fly."

The Old Town School of Folk Music had been weighing the idea of holding classes online, but it didn't happen until coronavirus forced the issue. More than three-quarters of nearly 7,000 students have transitioned to online classes, said Dave Zibell, the school's director of marketing.

"Technology can be a barrier if a student doesn't have a good setup or a way to balance a phone or angle camera down," Zibell said. "But majority of folks are able to do it and we're not getting a ton of complaints."

The school still sees its main function as collaborating in person in the folk music tradition, Zibell said. But after stitching together online lessons with a newly created Zoom account, the school likely will invest more heavily in remote lessons, perhaps building studios with high-quality audio and video capabilities.

"We would do it if for no other reason than to give us the flexibility to be able to react in case these types of situations happen again," Zibell said. "People outside the state and around the world have asked to take our classes for years and we haven't had a strong opportunity to move it along until now."

The craft beer industry, which has grown from a

handful of breweries 40 years ago to more than 8,000, has thrived in part due to the in-person experience, and the ability for breweries to serve beer in their own taprooms.

But stay-at-home orders have shuttered the vast majority of taprooms, which has thrown many brewery business models into chaos. According to data released this week by the Brewers Association, nearly 60% of breweries say they can't survive three months of social distancing.

In an effort to stay top of mind, breweries and state brewers guilds have adopted virtual festivals, tastings and happy hours in recent weeks. Among the largest was the Iowa Brewers Guild hosting the Socially Distant Beer Festival on March 28, a "BYOB virtual beer festival" which the guild said attracted 750 participants from 15 states and raised \$20,000 for employees of Iowa breweries.

Julia Herz, director of the Brewers Association's craft beer program, expects technology to remain central as breweries connect with audiences going forward.

"Many people will continue to physical distance much longer than others, and those that do will need more and more ways to connect than ever before — and that's looking on a screen," Herz said.

"There are all sorts of pivots going on right now, and with 3.1 million barrels

of beer sold at taprooms in 2018, breweries are going to be looking for ways to connect with beer lovers and make them comfortable with buying it," she said.

Among the efforts in the Chicago area was a virtual tasting hosted last Friday by Eric Schmidt, founder of Orange and Brew Bottle Shop and Taproom in Downers Grove, with Ricky Cervantes, owner of tiny suburban Foreign Exchange Brewing.

Three days before the event, Schmidt promoted Cervantes' latest beer, a hazy IPA called Foreign Chemistry, along with the chance to taste the beer "with" Cervantes over a Zoom connection. Schmidt sold 10 cases of the beer from his store — 60 4-packs, priced at \$14.99 each — before the hourlong event, which 35 people joined.

Schmidt admits he never considered the business model before. But he figures the virtual tasting helped sell about half of those 10 cases of Foreign Exchange beer quicker than they would have otherwise sold, and quickly arranged another virtual tasting for Friday, with Logan Square's Hopewell Brewing.

The model likely will endure for a few reasons, Schmidt said. For one, it's convenient — doing an event with Hopewell at the shop would have required at least four hours of the brewery's time, including travel to the suburb. Another is expo-

sure, allowing the smallest brands to reach broader audiences.

Yet virtual tastings offer a novel experience: tasting a beer in real time with the person who made it and the ability to ask questions — just not in the same room.

"I don't think it'll disappear," Schmidt said. "It will just supplement some of the things we did before all this craziness."

The host of Reed's virtual dinner party, Steve Smith, an artist manager and winery owner who lives in Bucktown, said he was unsure how well the event would work. But it was mostly seamless, he said, as people warmed up dishes in unison and took their first bites of each course together — just as they would have in person.

"I was slightly skeptical about how fresh the food would seem and whether we would get the same experience as having Aram there, but it was pretty damn close," Smith said.

One challenge, he said, was conversation: "A Zoom dinner gets challenging with everyone trying to talk, but if you keep the numbers low it's pretty great."

He and his guests were online together for four hours. They had so much fun that the next day, Smith decided to book another virtual dinner party for the next weekend to celebrate his 44th birthday.

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passed to now worried about its implementation. I'm worried about it fulfilling its promise."

In an information sheet posted on its website, the Illinois Department of Employment Security asks residents not to contact it about benefits from new federal programs.

The department received a record 178,000 unemployment insurance benefit claims in the week ending March 27, and many applicants had a hard time getting through the system.

Until the system is oper-

ational, a self-employed worker who applies for benefits may receive a letter denying the application, Cisco said.

Cisco did not respond to questions about when the system will be up and running and how the department plans to notify people that they can apply.

Jeremy Glenn, managing partner of Cozen O'Connor's Chicago law office, predicted the delay could last several weeks, in part because states can apply for federal funds to implement the program.

States have to figure out who qualifies, and the federal guidance isn't clear, according to employment experts. For example, a

music teacher who gives private lessons and has kept records for years may be able to show how your nonessential business has been affected by the pandemic, Stettner said.

But it may not be easy for ride-share drivers, because while fewer people are looking for rides, the roads are still open, and not all drivers can get a doctor's note saying they can't work, Stettner said.

Kelly Pacheco, an Uber driver who made about \$1,000 a week before the pandemic, tried applying online for unemployment benefits last month, even though no process was in place for the self-employed. Her application

was declined.

She then was told to fax information from her 1099 tax form to show past earnings, and talked with someone at the state review board who said she could receive \$484 a week, plus the stimulus law's additional \$600 a week. But Pacheco said she hasn't gotten anything in writing verifying the benefits.

"I honestly don't know what's going on," said Pacheco, 40, who lives with her adult son in Chicago's Austin neighborhood. He had been helping financially, but is now also laid off.

Chicago Rideshare Advocates, which represents ride-share drivers, has

been working on the benefit issue for weeks and trying to get answers from the governor's office, said co-founder and driver Eli Martin.

"It's really up in the air," Martin said. "It's so obvious that the system is overwhelmed and unprepared and there's no plan yet."

There are about 115,000 ride-share drivers in the Chicago area alone, of which about 40% are full time, and it is "terrifying" that they have no way to get benefits, he said.

Complicating the issue is that many drivers are afraid to stop working, even if it poses a threat to their health or to others, because they have bills to pay and

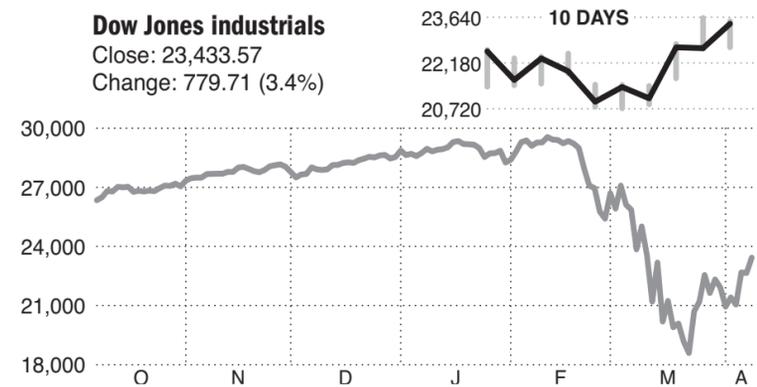
don't know when they'll get help, Martin said. He said many drivers have switched to doing grocery, prescription and alcohol deliveries, rather than carrying passengers, to be safer.

Cory Davis, 40, of South Holland, is one of the many ride-share workers who also worked another job before getting laid off due to the pandemic. He said he is able to submit his W-2 information to the state for his non-Uber marketing job, but hasn't pressed "complete" yet on his application, because he doesn't want to stop doing food deliveries.

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MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow High: 23,513.40 Low: 22,682.99 Previous: 22,653.86



Nasdaq
+203.64 (+2.58%)

S&P 500
+90.57 (+3.41%)

Russell 2000
+52.49 (+4.61%)

Close: 8,090.90
High: 8,114.43
Low: 7,901.94
Previous: 7,887.26

Close: 2,749.98
High: 2,760.75
Low: 2,663.30
Previous: 2,659.41

Close: 1,191.66
High: 1,197.17
Low: 1,147.26
Previous: 1,139.17

10-yr T-note
+0.03 to .76%

Gold futures
+0.60 to \$1,665.40

Yen
-0.01 to 108.84/\$1

Euro
+0.0035 to .9206/\$1

Crude Oil
+1.46 to \$25.09

Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P
+11.89	+9.92	+11.31	-5.1	+1.75	+3.1	-10.41	+1.59	-4.79

FUTURES							
COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 20	551	554.50	545	548.25	-1
		Jul 20	548.75	553.25	544.25	548.50	+1
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 20	332	334	328.25	330	-1.50
		Jul 20	337.75	339.50	333.50	335.50	-1.75
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 20	855.75	860.50	851.75	854.50	-.25
		Jul 20	862	867.50	858	861.75	+7.5
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	May 20	27.48	27.57	27.06	27.18	-.30
		Jul 20	27.81	27.88	27.41	27.53	-.28
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	May 20	293.80	297.30	292.20	292.80	-1.00
		Jul 20	297.60	300.60	297.00	297.80	+1.00
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	May 20	24.30	26.45	23.74	25.09	+1.46
		Jun 20	29.21	31.05	29.05	30.17	+1.48
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	May 20	1.905	1.918	1.771	1.783	-.069
		Jun 20	2.000	2.007	1.884	1.896	-.053
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	May 20	.6500	.7115	.6252	.6780	+0.0298
		Jun 20	.7089	.7780	.6947	.7452	+0.0304

Source: The Associated Press

LOCAL STOCKS

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

Exchange key: N=NYSE, O=NASDAQ

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	84.95	+3.02	Envestnet Inc	N	55.41	+5.46	Littelfuse Inc	O	138.00	+2.87
AbbVie Inc	N	78.56	+3.17	Equity Commonwealth	N	32.17	-.08	McDonalds Corp	N	177.49	+1.90
Allstate Corp	N	97.25	+4.72	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	60.06	+2.42	Middleby Corp	O	55.87	+1.99
Anixter Intl	N	87.72	+2.22	Equity Residential	N	65.25	+4.57	Mondelez Intl	O	51.79	-.01
Aptargroup Inc	N	104.11	+2.99	Exelon Corp	O	37.59	+1.80	Morningstar Inc	O	123.20	+4.39
Arch Dan Mid	N	36.48	+5.50	First Indl RT	N	34.28	+1.11	Motorola Solutions	N	147.77	+5.33
Baxter Intl	N	84.48	+1.97	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	47.29	+3.64	NISource Inc	N	25.47	+1.36
Boeing Co	N	146.87	+5.29	Gallagher AJ	N	85.04	+2.76	Nthn Trust Cp	O	83.38	+7.8
CBOE Global Markets	N	95.70	+2.20	Grainger WW	N	270.40	+12.47	Old Republic	N	16.33	+1.11
CDK Global Inc	O	35.39	+1.69	GrubHub Inc	N	43.74	+1.65	Packaging Corp Am	N	87.84	+2.84
CDW Corp	O	102.27	+3.64	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	112.53	+4.15	Paylocity Hldg	O	93.73	+7.56
CF Industries	N	29.84	+8.88	Hyatt Hotels Corp	N	51.40	+2.57	RLI Corp	N	85.17	-1.04
CME Group	O	180.97	+4.16	IAA Inc	N	28.83	+7.3	Stericycle Inc	O	47.93	+3.10
CNA Financial	N	32.38	+1.53	IDEX Corp	N	151.00	+4.91	TransUnion	N	69.50	+3.26
Cabot Microelect	O	120.98	+2.44	ITW	N	158.80	+6.53	US Foods Holding	N	18.08	+1.35
Caterpillar Inc	N	127.40	+5.48	Ingredion Inc	N	80.17	+1.01	Ultra Salon Cosmetics	O	200.57	+13.02
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	31.31	+8.86	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	111.25	+9.14	United Airlines Hldg	O	27.51	+3.03
Deere Co	N	146.77	+3.95	Kemper Corp	N	68.04	+4.07	Ventas Inc	N	30.15	+3.07
Discover Fin Svcs	N	37.22	+2.22	Kraft Heinz Co	O	27.32	+7.1	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	43.09	+2.8
Dover Corp	N	89.60	+4.09	LKQ Corporation	O	22.00	+1.06	Zebra Tech	O	196.65	+4.29

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE		
STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Ford Motor	5.03	+3.2
Carnival Corp	11.99	+6.9
Gen Electric	7.30	+2.7
MFA Financial	1.77	+5.2
Chesapeake Energy	.17	+0.1
Bank of America	23.45	+1.31
Delta Air Lines	23.23	+9.8
Marathon Oil	3.95	+2.7
Carrier Global Corp	14.26	-.99
Ocoid Petal	15.56	+1.72
Wells Fargo & Co	30.28	+1.51
Boeing Co	146.87	+5.29
AT&T Inc	29.89	+3.3
Energy Transfer LP	5.65	+0.7
Analy Capital Mgmt	5.75	+1.30
Uber Technologies	26.94	+1.20
Apache Corp	7.58	+1.06
Aurora Cannabis Inc	.85	+0.5
Exxon Mobil Corp	43.85	+2.61
Citigroup	44.26	+3.01
Petrobras	6.81	+4.9
Twitter Inc	27.86	+2.25
Callon Petrol	.49	+0.1
MGM Resorts Intl	15.00	+1.37

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization		
STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alibaba Group Hldg	195.98	-2.02
Alphabet Inc C	1210.28	+37.77
Alphabet Inc A	1207.00	+24.44
Amazon.com Inc	2043.00	+31.40
Apple Inc	266.07	+6.64
Berkshire Hath B	191.01	+5.76
Facebook Inc	174.28	+5.45
HSBC Holdings prA	25.16	+0.4
Intel Corp	58.98	+5.8
JPMorgan Chase	94.30	+3.66
Johnson & Johnson	143.26	+5.78
MasterCard Inc	270.95	+12.27
Microsoft Corp	165.13	+1.64
Procter & Gamble	115.10	+2.33
Taiwan Semicon	50.27	+5.5
UnitedHealth Group	267.83	+19.79
Verizon Comm	57.80	+8.2
Visa Inc	174.94	+6.35
WalMart Strs	121.84	-.15

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets				
FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR	%RTN
American Funds AmrcnBalA	m	26.00	+5.0	
American Funds CptWldGrncA	m	43.08	+9.1</	



MAX WHITTAKER/THE NEW YORK TIMES

Wells Fargo, the nation's fourth-largest bank, was penalized in 2018 for opening millions of fake accounts in its customers' names.

Fed gives boost to Wells Fargo

Lending curb lifted so bank can aid more small businesses in pandemic

BY KEN SWEET
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Citing the coronavirus pandemic and an unprecedented need for loans and assistance for small businesses, the Federal Reserve is lifting its lending restrictions on Wells Fargo.

The Fed has had Wells on a tight leash due to the bank's prior scandalous behavior.

Two years ago, the Fed imposed growth limits as a penalty after Wells Fargo, the nation's fourth-largest bank, revealed it had opened millions of fake accounts in its customers' names, charged some of them unnecessary mortgage fees and forced others to buy auto insurance they did not need.

The Fed will now allow Wells to grow its assets, but only for loans that fall under the \$349 billion Paycheck Protection Program and the Fed's upcoming own small business lending program.

The PPP launched Friday. Wells, one of the largest small business lenders in the country, quickly hit its Fed-imposed \$10

billion threshold on loans. Wells customers who tried to apply for a loan this week were told that Wells was unable to accept more applications, leaving them to scramble to find another bank that would lend to them under the program.

Wells had been pushing hard to have its asset cap removed, and its new CEO, Charles Scharf, had made it his top priority to clean up Wells' poor culture and allow it to move forward.

Bank executives first approached the Fed about lifting the growth restrictions last month, before the small business aid program was created. The discussions intensified over the past week as the problems processing the avalanche of loan requests have grown, said people who spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the matter publicly.

Thousands of companies are at risk of failure without a cash infusion. Even those that have laid off their staffs face bills like rent, mortgage payments, insurance, utilities and taxes. Many companies that are still working have lost revenue as their customers turned cautious and canceled orders or projects.

SBA spokeswoman Carol Wilkerson said Tuesday afternoon that there have been more than 275,000 applications received for loans valued at \$75 billion

since the program launched. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin had predicted last week that loans could be turned around and money transferred to businesses' bank accounts the same day as applications were received.

The loans offer forgiveness if the proceeds are used for workers' pay, and payments can be deferred for six months.

But many small business owners seeking quick help from the government have been unsuccessful amid reports of computer problems at the Small Business Administration.

Some owners have also run into problems applying to banks. Some banks, including JPMorgan Chase and Citibank, two of the nation's largest, were still telling customers Tuesday that they weren't ready to accept applications.

Many banks refused applications unless companies were established customers — some were requiring companies to have deposit accounts and loans in order for the application to go through. The banks have come under criticism that they are making loans just to existing customers, but bankers have said the documents required to verify new customers' identities require time and resources they currently do not have.

The New York Times contributed.

EU economies brace for worst since WWII

BY LIZ ALDERMAN AND JACK EWING
The New York Times

PARIS — Cavernous factories devoid of workers. Cranes frozen in midair over construction sites. Millions of people confined to their homes, spending a fraction of what they used to before the coronavirus hit.

Europe's pandemic-induced lockdowns were widely expected to throw the continent into a deep recession.

On Wednesday, Germany and France, the largest economies, showed just how bad it's about to get, warning that they were headed toward their sharpest downturns since World War II.

France officially slid into a recession after suffering one of the worst quarterly

contractions in more than 50 years. Growth tumbled an estimated 6% from January to April, from the fourth quarter, when the economy shrank slightly because of nationwide strikes, the central bank said. For every two weeks the population remains under confinement, the economy shrinks by at least 1.5%, it added.

And Germany is sliding toward its deepest recession on record, with growth expected to plunge almost 10% from April through June, five leading economic institutes said Tuesday.

Together, the reports underscored how quickly the situation is snowballing, putting pressure on governments as they scramble to calculate timetables for reopening their economies and weigh bil-

lions more in fiscal support to blunt the damage — beyond trillions already pledged in recent weeks.

"The worst growth that France has seen since 1945 was after the great financial crisis of 2008," the French finance minister, Bruno Le Maire, told the Senate earlier this week. "We will probably go far beyond that."

In Italy, where a lockdown has been in place for more than a month as the country logs one of Europe's highest death tolls from the virus, the economy will shrink 9.6% in the second quarter, according to forecasts by economists at the Dutch bank ING.

Spain, one of the hardest-hit countries, will see its economy decline by 8.9% in the same period, ING said.

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Shriver Center on Poverty Law, would like to see that changed.

"Every message you hear from the government and every other public official is that we want people to be out and about as little as possible right now," Rosen said. Allowing online grocery shopping would be crucial for recipients to stay home, he said.

Retailers in six states accept SNAP payments online as part of a pilot program that launched last year, and on Wednesday, the Agriculture Department announced requests from Arizona and California to do the same.

Illinois is not involved in the program, but the state's Department of Human Services is working with the federal government on a plan to make online grocery delivery possible for SNAP recipients in the state.

"We are still in the process of understanding how long the implementation of the Online Shopping program will take," said Patrick Laughlin, a spokesman for Illinois' Human Services Department. "We are trying to expedite this process as much as possible in light of COVID-19 and social distancing recommendations."

Making changes to a program as far-reaching as SNAP takes time, said Angela Odoms-Young, associate professor of kine-



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David Hensel outside his family's home April 7 in Chicago.

siology and nutrition at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

More than 37 million Americans receive SNAP benefits, according to USDA data. Roughly 1.8 million of them are Illinois residents.

"We can't have a pandemic and then all of a sudden we change in a matter of days," Odoms-Young said. "USDA is working on it, and that is really all we can ask."

Odoms-Young said the inability to have groceries delivered is one of the many inequities SNAP recipients face, especially during a pandemic.

Many recipients work in low-wage jobs that can't be done remotely, she said. They might have been laid off as businesses shut down after the state issued a stay-at-home

order. Or maybe they work at an essential business, like a grocery store or health care facility, and have been exposing themselves to the virus at work, she said.

"Families that are low-income or living on the margins ... continue to be at risk, because they need to work," Odoms-Young said. "They don't have the benefits of working at home."

More than 450,000 Illinois households are set to receive additional SNAP benefits to help buy food during the coronavirus pandemic. The increased benefits are a result of the federal Families First Coronavirus Response Act, which gives states the option to provide SNAP households with the maximum allotment.

The extra help is needed now more than ever, said Dr. Monica Peek, associate professor of medicine at University of Chicago and a member of the Greater Chicago Food Depository's board of directors.

Not only has the coronavirus pandemic made trips to the grocery scary, but it has increased food insecurity. The food depository has seen an influx of new clients, as schools have closed and thousands of workers have lost their jobs.

"A lot of people need food and just basic things," she said. "(For) people who have been living paycheck to paycheck, this is a disaster, and not just a financial disaster."

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Google will waive fee for its cloud video games

BY SETH SCHIESEL
The New York Times

Google is removing the \$130 entry fee for its Stadia cloud gaming service indefinitely, the company said Wednesday, making free high-end video games available to just about anyone with a computer during the coronavirus pandemic.

The move gives millions of people in 14 countries access to big-budget video games without spending hundreds of dollars on a gaming console or a powerful PC. With much of the world urged to stay at home during the virus outbreak, interest in playing video games has surged. The World Health Organization has been supporting a game industry initiative called #PlayApart-Together to encourage social distancing and gaming.

By making Stadia free now, Google is not only seizing a market opportunity but also trying to extend its lead in cloud gaming over rivals like Amazon, Microsoft and Nvidia, which are building their own platforms.

"Keeping social distance is vital, but staying home for long periods can be difficult and feel isolating," Phil Harrison, Google's vice president for Stadia, said in a blog post announcing the change. "Video games can be a valuable way to socialize with friends and family when you're stuck at home."

Traditionally, the complex calculations required to power a video game have been performed on the computer, game machine or mobile device used by the player. But with cloud gaming, those calculations are performed on corporate servers far away.

That means complex games can be played on even inexpensive laptops that don't have powerful processors, just as long as the player has sufficient internet bandwidth. Google, which released Stadia in November, recommends at least 10 megabits per second, though more speed is always useful.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

365K Fiat Chrysler vehicles recalled

DETROIT — Fiat Chrysler is recalling more than 365,000 vehicles mainly in North America because the rear view camera image can stay illuminated longer than allowed.

The recall covers certain 2019-20 Ram pickups and Chrysler Pacifica, Dodge Durango, Jeep Grand Cherokee, Jeep Wrangler, and Jeep Renegade vans and SUVs.

Also included are certain 2020 Jeep Gladiator and Cherokee SUVs, and 2019 Dodge Challengers. All have 8.4-inch or 12-inch radio displays.

The displays can stay illuminated for more than 10 seconds after the vehicles are shifted out of reverse.

Owners will be notified starting May 22. Dealers will update the software.

Airline-data ruling a setback for DOJ

WASHINGTON — A federal judge has rejected a government attempt to block Sabre Corp. from buying Farelogix Inc. in a \$360 million deal combining two companies that provide information about airline tickets to travel agents.

U.S. District Court Judge Leonard Stark in Delaware said in a ruling late Tuesday that the Justice Department had failed during an eight-day trial to prove that the deal would substantially reduce competition.

The Justice Department sued to block the deal in August. It accused Sabre of buying Farelogix to eliminate a competitor who had more modern technology, and said a merger would lead to higher prices.

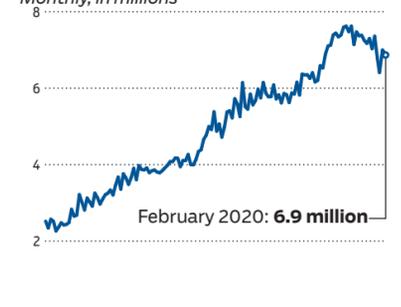
The government is reviewing the ruling.

Job openings

There were 6.9 million job openings on the last business day in February.

JOB OPENINGS

Monthly, in millions



SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics
TNS

OBITUARIES

Remembering the lives of those in Illinois who died from coronavirus

They were mothers and fathers, daughters and sons. Many were proud grandparents. Two were sisters from a tight-knit South Side family. All were loved, relatives say, and will be forever missed. As the number of deaths attributable to the coronavirus ticks upward, the Tribune is working to chronicle those who have lost their lives in the Chicago area or who have connections to our region. These are some of those victims.

RICHARD MOENNING, 83

From Evanston, died March 30.



FAMILY PHOTO

Richard Moenning was a one-man law office for decades, taking every sort of case that came his way.

He worked well past the normal retirement age, and might even have been exposed to COVID-19 during a recent trip to the courthouse, his family believes.

Moenning, of Evanston, a devotee of crossword puzzles and World War II history, an Apple technology fan who didn't know how to order an Uber, died Monday from causes related to the virus, according to the Cook County medical examiner. He was 83.

Moenning grew up in Indianapolis but came to the Chicago area to attend Northwestern University, said his daughter Megan Moenning Landwerlen. He went to law school there as well, then hung out his shingle in downtown Chicago, doing general practice law and arbitration.

He and his wife, Margot Rathje Moenning, were involved in the March of Dimes and the Young Republican Club, and were active at Moody Church in Lincoln Park. Moenning ran for Cook County Circuit Court judge twice, but was not elected.

Moenning was also involved in the Northwestern University Alumni Association and was a faithful trombone player for the Northwestern University Marching and Band Alumni.

He fell ill toward the end of March and was hospitalized. Moenning Landwerlen and her sister, Renee Moenning, both doctors who practice in Indiana, tried to get him enrolled in a clinical trial for experimental medications, but the hospital staff was resistant, Moenning Landwerlen said.

Moenning's condition worsened over the weekend and he died Monday, his daughter said.

"He just really was proud of us and loved us," she said. "With any father-child relationship, there's always ups and downs, but I will remember all the things I loved about him."

Aside from his wife and two daughters, Moenning is survived by his brothers John and Phil and five grandchildren. A celebration of life is planned for the summer.

— John Keilman

LUCIUS HALL, 87

Died April 2.



REV. ROLAND CHAPMAN

As he marked his 87th birthday on Friday, March 27, Archbishop Lucius Hall had every reason to look back with pride on a colorful life that made him a beloved figure on Chicago's South Side.

He had founded his own church, organized gospel music concerts for the likes of Mahalia Jackson, hosted radio and television broadcasts, and been courted by would-be mayors and governors.

He even had been dubbed the "pistol-packing preacher" when he shot an intruder in his church.

But on March 27, one of Hall's caretakers noticed that the archbishop was breathing irregularly and brought him to Chicago's Mercy Hospital & Medical Center.

Hall, who lived in the Regents Park apartment complex in Chicago's Hyde Park neighborhood, died at the hospital Thursday.

The cause of death was a heart attack, but the medical staff said Hall had COVID-19, according to the Rev. Douglas Powell, an assistant pastor at the church.

Years earlier, an amputation had confined Hall to a wheelchair.

"Even in his wheelchair, he never missed a beat," 16th Ward Ald. Stephanie Coleman, who grew up in Hall's church, said Friday. "He had an impeccable work ethic."

Born in Chicago in 1933, Hall graduated from DuSable High School, home of the legendary band director Walter Dyett.

Dyett's emphasis on music stuck with him. Later in life, Hall helped organize gospel concerts and festivals even though he was not particularly musical himself.

"He couldn't sing," Powell said. "Mahalia Jackson used to tease him: 'How you get all these people in here and you can't hold a tune?'"

Still in his teens, Hall became the radio announcer for the Rev. Clarence Cobbs' First Church of Deliverance at 4315 S. Wabash Ave. The church had begun its own broadcasts in the 1930s, showcasing its 200-member choir to a national audience.

Hall would go on to mix religion and electronic media in many ways, most notably when he hosted the gospel show "Rock of Ages" on WCIU-TV, 26 during the 1960s. He was active in the Broadcast Ministers Alliance of Chicago.

Hall founded the First Church of Love & Faith, located in Chicago's Auburn Gresham neighborhood, in 1980. A 425-car motorcade reportedly marked the church's move to its current home at 2140 W. 79th St.

In 1997, Hall, who had served as an Army police officer, made national news when he shot a burglar in the

chest, injuring the intruder. Before the shots were fired, the intruder fell through ceiling panels over the church's dining hall and lunged toward Hall and his assistant, Roland Chapman.

"We're not happy that this happened, but we have to protect ourselves and the interests of the church," Chapman told United Press International at the time. "We aren't in the business to hurt people, we're here to help people."

Hall was charged with failing to register the church's handgun with the city, a misdemeanor, but the charges were dropped, Powell said Friday.

Hall was among the first of Chicago's African American religious leaders to support former Mayor Richard M. Daley. Daley later appointed him to Chicago's Human Resources Board, which hears appeals from fired or punished city workers.

"He was a good man, a great friend and a wonderful supporter," former U.S. Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr. wrote on his Facebook page Thursday. "There is not a single minister on the South Side of Chicago that didn't know Bishop Hall."

Funeral arrangements had not been made Friday, but Coleman said she expects Hall's life will be celebrated in the future.

— Blair Kamin

MARCO DIFRANCO, 50

Died April 2.

Marco DiFranco had the gift of gab.

It was a trait that served him well when he went to some of Chicago's most dangerous neighborhoods to win the trust of bad guys and buy drugs from them.

Little did they know, DiFranco was actually one of the good guys, a veteran Chicago police officer assigned to the department's citywide narcotics unit.

"He was so witty and able to talk to people on the street. He was never at a loss for words," said Chicago police Cmdr. Matthew Cline, who once supervised DiFranco. "There were times that to move a longer-term investigation forward you'd want to generate conversation, and if you needed that type of guy, Marco was the guy that we were able to send in that was able to do these more complex investigations because he could engage these people."

A Chicago cop since 1998, the 50-year-old DiFranco lost his life early Thursday morning, his death linked to COVID-19. As of Thursday, he was among 74 Chicago police officers to contract the coronavirus, and was the department's first fatality.

Cline was DiFranco's lieutenant for five years in the narcotics unit. But before that, when Cline was a sergeant in a specialized gang unit, he used to borrow DiFranco for undercover work even though he wasn't assigned there because, Cline said, he was that good.

"We would reach out to Marco to take some of these tougher assignments because he was so quick on his feet," said Cline. "He did an unbelievable, good job of the work he was able to do. Fearless."

For DiFranco, being a cop was in the family. His brother, Sal, also works in the narcotics unit.

But aside from being the police, DiFranco had a great sense of humor, was survived by a wife and two children, and always worked side jobs to support them, said Cline. He recalled DiFranco talking about his son's interests in soccer and martial arts, and his daughter playing the piano.

DiFranco also talked about a time when he put on his best suit to accompany her to a daddy-daughter dance, said Cline.

As friends, Cline and DiFranco played fantasy football together. It was in a league with about 10 cops formed roughly a decade ago.

"It would be one of those things that we'd tease each other about. Who's team was doing better," said Cline. "Marco's team often did much better than mine. ... I think he won the championship a couple of times, so it was something that we often joked about and it was one of the fun things that we all did together," Cline also said.

As a police officer, DiFranco knew the risks of his job, including the virus. And while it's unclear how DiFranco contracted COVID-19, police leaders said it is certain he made a life out of putting himself in dangerous situations for the greater good.

— Jeremy Gorner

WILLIAM HOLLAAR, 71

From Orland Park, died March 30.

Bill Hollaar spent most weekdays over the last 65 years attending Elim Christian Services, a south suburban school for the disabled.

His parents, William and Lois, were farmers in North Dakota, but they moved to the Chicago area so their son could begin attending the school in 1955, said his sister, Vivian Sytsma.

Hollaar, who was developmentally disabled, learned at his own pace there. When he grew older, he worked with the school to do small jobs and went on group outings. The school gave him structure and a place to be social, important for a person who thought everyone



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was a friend.

"It was pretty much his whole life," Sytsma said. "He really liked it a lot."

Hollaar contracted coronavirus after Elim first reported an employee in the adult services program tested positive for it, his brother Ken Hollaar said.

Lois cared for her son for 71 years and helped him with everyday activities such as dressing. She could tell he didn't feel right one weekend, but the family didn't immediately realize what was wrong. Lois, Ken, brother David and sisters-in-law Heather and Debbie fell ill after that, but they didn't require hospitalization and are recovering, Ken said.

The most difficult part for his family was they couldn't be with Hollaar at the hospital. When he broke his hip several years ago, Lois shadowed him throughout the rehabilitation, but this time he was alone.

"He didn't have a clue what was going on," Ken said. "He was used to his mother being there by his side all the time. ... Now, all of the sudden, here he is in a hospital quarantined, and I could just imagine what kind of thoughts must have been going through his mind."

The family was able to talk to him on the phone several times, singing him songs and reciting with him the Bible's Psalm 23, which he had memorized.

"In typical fashion, he had to ask about everybody," Ken said. "How's this person doing? How's that person doing? He wasn't worried about himself. He sure was worried about everybody else."

That was in their brother's nature.

"He was always so compassionate," Sytsma said. "And he would cry with you or laugh with you because he just had a lot of feelings that way."

Hollaar most loved to put together jigsaw puzzles, and if a guest visited for dinner, he expected them to help. He enjoyed music, filling in the letters in crossword puzzles, adding baseball caps to his collection and going to church. He was a part of a mentorship program at Palos Heights Christian Reformed Church called "Friendship Club," in which he was paired with a church member to share in Bible study, crafts, activities, songs and snacks.

His family often went on vacation to reunions in North Dakota, and if the group had a musical event, Hollaar had a favorite request.

"He was all about the Chicken Dance," Ken said. "He would have to lead everybody in it."

Along with his mother and siblings, Hollaar is survived by many nieces and nephews.

— Colleen Kane

CRYSTAL CANTRELL-BARBEE, 63

From Hazel Crest, died March 30.

Jerry Cantrell had been encouraged to hear that his older sister Crystal's condition had improved last week after she had been hospitalized suffering from shortness of breath.

A diabetic, Crystal Cantrell-Barbee checked herself into Advocate South Suburban Hospital last week and was found to have pneumonia. But her condition had improved after she was put on a ventilator and treated with antibiotics.

"They gave her some antibiotics, she was breathing a lot better and she called me on the phone and told me she was feeling better and told me to tell my wife she'd be OK," Cantrell, 62, recalled Thursday. "That was the last time I talked to her."

But he said her condition deteriorated after she was given the drug for treatment and had to be resuscitated three times. She died Monday afternoon at the Hazel Crest hospital.

The Cook County medical examiner's office ruled that Cantrell-Barbee, of Hazel Crest died from the COVID-19 viral infection, along with pneumonia, hypertension, diabetes and asthma.

Cantrell said he had concerns about the drugs administered to her sister. "She was one of the backbones of the family. She's almost irreplaceable and for something like this to happen ... this is a travesty."

Cantrell-Barbee worked in the medical field, having been an information and referral specialist for Advocate Health Care for 17 years.

To Cantrell, it made sense that his older sister would get into the medical field.

"She would give you her last," said Cantrell, of Harvey. "She loved her job. She had the best handwriting ever."

The oldest of four children, Cantrell-Barbee's family were among the first black families to move into the racially segregated portion of south suburban Phoenix.

"The Cantrells and the Wilsons were the first families to move there," Cantrell said.

Cantrell-Barbee graduated from Thornridge High School and later South Suburban College, where she earned a medical certification and degrees in business administration and management.

Cantrell-Barbee is survived by her siblings and her son and daughter, who were planning her funeral.

— William Lee

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Pick 4 evening 03331 / 8
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15 16 17 33 39

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April 8
Megabucks 06 09 19 30 40 42
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Badger 5 05 10 17 21 25
SuperCash 03 06 13 25 31 33

INDIANA
April 8
Lotto 04 08 13 19 38 45
Daily 3 midday 160 / 3
Daily 4 midday 6054 / 3
Daily 3 evening 381 / 2
Daily 4 evening 3798 / 2
Cash 5 02 16 24 38 42

MICHIGAN
April 8
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In 1866, Congress passed the Civil Rights Act of 1866 over the veto of President Andrew Johnson. It gave blacks citizenship and was the basis for the 14th Amendment.

In 1940, during World War II, Germany invaded Denmark and Norway.

In 1942, American and Philippine defenders on Bataan capitulated to Japanese forces; the surrender was followed by the Bataan Death March, which claimed nearly 10,000 lives.

In 1983, the space shuttle Challenger ended its first mission, landing at Edwards Air Force Base in California.

In 1996, Dan Rostenkowski, the once-powerful House Ways and Means chairman from Chicago,

pleaded guilty to two mail-fraud charges in a deal that brought with it a 17-month prison term.

In 2001, American Airlines' parent company acquired bankrupt Trans World Airlines, becoming the No. 1 U.S. carrier.

In 2003, jubilant Iraqis celebrated the collapse of Saddam Hussein's regime, beheading a toppled statue of their longtime ruler in downtown Baghdad.

In 2008, the Olympic torch was rerouted away from thousands of demonstrators

and spectators who had crowded San Francisco's waterfront to witness the flame's symbolic journey to the Beijing Games during its only North American stop.

In 2013, a mass stabbing injured 14 people at the Lone State College at Cy-Fair campus near Houston.

In 2017, Twitter footage of a passenger being forcibly removed from a United Airlines flight at O'Hare International Airport after the flight was overbooked caused outrage and weeks of PR fallout for the Chicago-based carrier.

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Death Notices

Berliant, Estelle

Estelle Marsha Berliant, nee Abrams, age 84, beloved wife of Marvin White, Jr.; loving mother of Allan (Kim) Berliant and Alyse (Steve Volberding) Poteszman; adored Grammy of Danielle Poteszman, Jillian (Michael Jacoby) Poteszman, Alexa (Bryan Garneau) Poteszman, Sterling Berliant and Taylor (Tracy) Berliant; proud great grandmother of Macky and Max; devoted daughter of the late Leo and the late Bess Abrams; treasured friend to many. Estelle had unconditional love for her family and friends, she will live on in all of our hearts. Contributions may be made to the Hypoparathyroidism Association, Inc, www.hypopara.org. Info: The Goldman Funeral Group, www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com (847) 478-1600.



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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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Burnett, Joshua J.

Joshua Joseph Burnett, age 41, passed away on April 8, 2020. Beloved son of Jeanie and Jack Bress. Cherished brother of Fawn (Mark) Schultz, Lyssa (Gary) Bernstein, and Heather (Rory) Margulis. Adoring and proud uncle of Ethan, Ben, Zach, Tyler, and Samantha. Loving nephew, cousin, friend to many and best-friend to Trey, his rescue dog that had been orphaned during Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Services are private by necessity. A virtual funeral will be held on Friday, April 10th at 11am via Zoom/Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home, <https://zoom.us/j/608636589>; Meeting ID: 608 636 589; Phone#: 312-626-6799. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Orphans of the storm, <https://orphansofthestorm.org/> or Lambs Farm, <https://lambsfarm.org/>. For additional information, please contact Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home at: 847-256-5700.



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Colloton, Elizabeth Ann

Elizabeth Ann Rosenthal Colloton, 77, on March 31, 2020, at OSF Little Company of Mary Medical Center, Evergreen Park, IL. Born August 26, 1942 in Oshkosh, WI, to Burton J. and Louise Sontag Rosenthal. Graduate of Boston University, Boston, MA, University of Iowa College of Nursing, Iowa City, IA and Menasha High School, Menasha, WI. A nurse and an instructor of nursing for over fifty years in the United States and in Germany, she concluded her career as a public health nurse with the City of Chicago Department of Public Health. Served in the United States Navy Reserve, where she attained the rank of Commander. Long time volunteer with and officer of AIDS of Illinois, Inc. Active supporter of Women in Military Service for America. Her marriage to Michael J. Colloton ended in divorce. Survived by her three sons, John Colloton, Chicago, IL; Mark Colloton, Salt Lake City, UT; and Daniel Colloton, Minneapolis, MN; grandson, Harold Colloton, Salt Lake City, UT; and granddaughter Louise Colloton, Salt Lake City, UT; sister, Carolyn Cornell, North Bergen, NJ; and brother and sister-in-law, Burton and Julie Rosenthal, Neenah, WI; nieces, Cydney Cornell, East Durham, New York; Amy Randall, Neenah, WI; and Katie Rosenthal-Mayer, Neenah, WI; and nephew, Richard Cornell, Mustang, OK; three great-nieces and four great-nephews. Preceded in death by sister and best friend, Nikki Rosenthal. Plans are pending for a graveside service and interment of Ms. Colloton's ashes at the site of her parents' graves in Neenah, WI.

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Gertie, Frances R.

Frances R. Gertie nee Tader, beloved wife of the late John; loving mother of Jeff, Rita, Lynn (Joe) and the late David (Ronnie); cherished grandmother of John, Lisa, Dominique, Brian, Jack, Julia, Megan, Billy, Danny and Emma, and granddog Bear; fond sister of Rose (Norman) Fang, Irene (the late Jim) Mazzanti, Bill (Maggie) Tader, the late Anna (the late Adolph) Eichberger, Emmerich (Mary) Tader, Otto (Terry) Tader, Frank (Pat) Tader and Margie Mazzanti (Carl); dear aunt and friend to all who knew her. Fran was an Uber-mom and grandma before the term was popular. She was the biggest cheerleader in her kids' and grandkids' lives, always thrilled to see and hear about the good things they were doing and excited about their accomplishments. Fran was a staple in every community of which she was a part, and a loving grandma to anyone lucky enough to know and be loved by her. Fran was not a woman of many hobbies; her one true hobby was her family and loving them fiercely. She had a very strong faith in God, and that faith carried her through many difficult times. She always put her trust in God. Fran enjoyed a 25+ year career with Jewel Corporate as an Administrative Assistant. Services private with a Memorial Service at a later date. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Gibbons Family Funeral Home. For info 773-777-3944 or www.gffh.com.

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Jenz, Roger W.

Roger Jenz, age 86, of Carol Stream (formerly of Lombard), died on April 5th, 2020. He passed peacefully with his family at his side. A private service is planned at **Brust Funeral Home** in Lombard with burial to follow at Wheaton Cemetery. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Roger was the beloved husband of Marian nee Streufert; loving father of David (Judith) Jenz and Lisa (Jeff) Siblik; fun Papa to Sophie, Nick, Michael, Ella and Audrey; and cherished brother, uncle and friend to many. For more information www.brustfuneralhome.com or call 888-629-0094.

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Levin, Annette

Annette Levin, nee Fond Beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother April 16, 1920 - April 5, 2020. She was the devoted matriarch of our family and all of us will dedicate ourselves to making her proud. We love you All funeral arrangements are private

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Mitchell, Jane Howard

Jane Mitchell, age 95, of Wilmette & Deerfield, Illinois, died peacefully April 4, 2020 surrounded by her family. She was born on February 3, 1925 in Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey. She graduated from HH High School in 1943, Syracuse University in 1947. She is survived by her husband of 69 years, George Mitchell, as well as her three children David Mitchell (spouse Beth Douglass), Peter Mitchell (spouse Laurel Tyler) and Kate Mitchell Huskin (spouse David Huskin), as well as her eight grandchildren: Sarah Mitchell, Stuart Mitchell, Emma Mitchell, Charlotte Mitchell, Meg Huskin, Ian Mitchell, Elizabeth Huskin and Clara Huskin. She worked in human resources for the University of Chicago, Solo Cup and Leaf, Inc. She was a museum docent for the Terra Museum of American Art in Chicago and enjoyed teaching children about art through the Art Lady program in Deerfield. A private memorial service at a later date will be planned. In lieu of flowers, donate to the American Red Cross.

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Rose, Margaret

Margaret Rose nee Gilch; beloved wife of the late Paul E.; loving mother of Christopher, Gerard (Susan), Mary (Bruce) Hamming, Peggy, Barbara, Greg (Susan), Tim (Peggy), and John (Sandy); cherished grandmother of 23 and great grandmother of 16; fond sister of Marie (late Bruce) Kindgren; also loving aunt and friend of many. Private interment at St. Joseph Cemetery was held Thursday, April 9, 2020. A Celebration of Life at St. Tarcissus Church will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers donations, to Catholic Charities, 721 N. LaSalle Drive, Chicago, IL 60654 appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to COLONIAL-WOJCIECHOWSKI FUNERAL HOME. Info 773-774-0366 or www.colonialfuneral.com



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Sisto, Vito

Sisto, Vito, age 77, passed away peacefully on April 5, 2020. Vito was the beloved husband for 54 years to Dianne (Danzico); loving father to Vito Jr. (Linda) and Jeffrey (Nicole); dearest papa to Drew, Gabriel, Nathan, Joseph and Jeffrey; dear brother to Carmie (Irma), the late Tony (the late Bobbie), the late Angelo (Carmella), the late Louie (Elaine), the late Guy (the late Laverne), the late Paulie (the late Dottie), the late Mikey (Josephine), the late Angie (the late George) Pappas; fond uncle and great uncle to many. Vito will be missed dearly. Anyone that knew him would say that Vito was a wonderful man with a big heart. Vito was a friend to everyone and loved by all. Services will be private. Interment at Queen of Heaven Cemetery. A memorial mass in honor of Vito will be held at a later date. Arrangements by Ralph Massey Funeral Director, LTD. For info 773-889-1700.

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Uba, Eileen M.

Eileen Uba nee Walega, beloved wife of the late Stanley Uba. Loving mother of Stanley (Colleen) Uba. Cherished grandmother of Jonathan, Matthew and Olivia. Dear daughter of the late Jan and Aniela Walega; fond sister of the late Gene (Dorothy), Joe (Sally) and Christine Walega. Also survived by brother-in-laws, sister-in-laws, nieces, nephews and cousins. Chapel Service Friday, 10:00 a.m. at **Modell Funeral Home**, 7710 S. Cass Ave. Darien. Int. St. Adalbert Cemetery. For info. 630-852-3595 or www.modelldarien.com Private FAMILY ONLY. In lieu of flowers donations to the Susan G. Koman or the National Kidney Foundation



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**CITY OF EVANSTON
NOTICE TO BIDDERS**
Sealed bids will be received by the City's Purchasing Office in Room 4200 of the Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center located at 2100 Ridge Avenue, Evanston, Illinois 60201, until 2:00 P.M. local time Tuesday, May 5, 2020 and will be publicly read thereafter in room 2404. Bids shall cover the following:

2020 MFT STREET RESURFACING PROJECT
Bid Number: 20-26

Work on this project includes: The resurfacing of various streets with minor utility repairs, concrete curb and sidewalk replacement and all incidental work including all materials, labor and equipment. Bidders must be pre-qualified by Illinois Department of Transportation and present IDOT issued "Certificate of Eligibility" with proposal.
The above item shall conform to the invitation for Bids on file in the Purchasing Office. The bid document, including all necessary plans and specifications, will be available on the City's Bids and Proposal website on April 9, 2020. Parties interested in submitting a bid should contact the Purchasing Office to receive a copy of the bid or see the City's website at: www.cityofevanston.org/business/bids-proposals/ or Demandstar at: www.demandstar.com.
The City of Evanston (the City) in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois, hereby notifies all Bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that the contract(s) entered into pursuant to this Notice will be awarded to the successful Bidders without discrimination on the ground of race, color, religion, sex, age, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, familial status or national origin. The State of Illinois requires under Public Works contracts that the general prevailing rate of wages in this locality be paid for each craft or type of worker hereunder. This requirement is in accordance with The Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130) as amended. The City of Evanston reserves the right to reject any or all submittals or to accept the submittal(s) deemed most advantageous to the City. The Evanston City Council also reserves the right to award the contract to an Evanston firm if that firm's bid is within 5% of the low bid.
Each Bidder shall be required to submit with their bid a disclosure of ownership interest statement form in accordance with the provisions of City Code Section 1-18-1 et seq. Failure to submit such information will result in the disqualification of such bid.
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Bid packages include: BP12 Casework.

Provide all work per Contract Documents dated 03/10/20 prepared by FGM Architects Inc. 1211 W. 22nd St. Oakbrook, IL 60523 project no. 19-2781.01, Bid Manual dated 04/07/20 prepared by Vision Construction & Consulting, Inc. 1733 N. 33rd Ave. Stone Park, IL 60165 project no. 19-129, and Asbestos Project Design documents dated 03/10/20 prepared by Weaver Consultants Group 33 E. Wacker Dr. Chicago, IL 60601. Additional Details pertaining to the construction project are set forth in the Bid Documents, available on or after 04/09/20.

All bidders must procure a current set of drawings, specifications, bid manual and asbestos project design documents from Vision Construction and Consulting, Inc. or from BHF Digital Imaging, 80 W. Seegers Rd. Arlington Heights, IL 60005. Contact BHF at 847-593-3161.

Bidders may rely only on information contained in the bid documents and provided in written tenders issued by Vision Construction and Consulting, Inc. during this bid process, and shall not rely on any oral information or interpretations given by any representatives or agents of Cicero School District #99, FGM Architects Inc., Engineers, Consultants or Vision Construction and Consulting, Inc.

There will be a non-mandatory Pre-Bid meeting held on 04/15/20, 1 PM local prevailing time located at Morton East High School 2423 S. Austin Blvd., Cicero Illinois 60804. After the meeting, a tour of the work areas will be conducted. Additional tours may be conducted by contacting Vision Construction & Consulting, Inc. attn.: Matt Brokenshire, 708.488.1926, email: matt@visionconstruction.us. All bidders and their subs are invited to attend the pre-bid meeting.

Sealed bids will be received by J. Sterling Morton HS District #201, 580 West Belmont Road, Cicero, Illinois 60804 until 11:00 AM local prevailing time, 04/20/20. Immediately thereafter the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. No immediate decision will be rendered. Bids will be tabulated, studied, and presented to the Owner. Contracts will be awarded, if at all, by J. Sterling Morton HS District #201 at the next Board meeting. All questions concerning the bid must be submitted to Vision Construction & Consulting, Inc. in writing.

All trade contractors must pay prevailing wages in accordance with IDOL requirements for Cook County, Illinois.

All bidders are required to submit a bid security with their bid. The amount of bid security shall be ten percent (10%) of their total bid amount. The bid security may be in the form of a bid bond issued by a surety licensed to do business in the State of Illinois, a cashier's check, or a certified check payable to the School District.

The District reserves the right to defer the award of the contract(s) for a period not to exceed sixty (60) calendar days from the date bids are received, and to accept or reject any or all bids, and to waive technicalities.
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FORECLOSURES

STATE OF ILLINOIS FIRM NO: 40466
COUNTY OF COOK IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS - CHANCERY DIVISION - WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY FSB, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE OF HOME PRESERVATION PARTNERSHIP TRUST Plaintiff, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF BUD L BROWN; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF CLARICE E BROWN; GERALD NORDGREN, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR BUD L BROWN AND CLARICE E BROWN; GREGORY ALAN BROWN, BETTIE DIANE BRACKSON; JOCELYN BERNICE BROWN; THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS Case No. 2019 CH 10430 Cal: 61 Property Address: 9134 S LOWIE ST CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60620 Defendants). NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF BUD L BROWN, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF CLARICE E BROWN, GREGORY ALAN BROWN, BETTIE DIANE BRACKSON, JOCELYN BERNICE BROWN, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, defendants in the above entitled cause, that suit has been commenced against you and other defendants in the Circuit Court for the Judicial Circuit by said plaintiff praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: ALL OF LOT 1 THE NORTH 17 FEET OF LOT 2 IN BLOCK 4, IN BROUSE'S SUBDIVISION OF THE NORTH 40 ACRES OF THE SOUTH 95 ACRES OF THE WEST 110 ACRES OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 37 NORTH RANGE 14, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Commonly Known As: 9134 S LOWIE ST, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60620 Property Index Number: 25-04-302-059 VOL 448 and which said Mortgage was made by BUD LUTHER BROWN and CLARICE E BROWN as Mortgagor(s) to SENIOR INCOME REVERSE MORTGAGE CORPORATION as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 99392243 and for other relief; that Summons was duly issued out of the above Court against you as provided by law and that said suit is now pending. NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Cook County on or before April 27, 2020, a default may be taken against you at any time after that date and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Date: March 24, 2020 Gersilda Baci, Attorney Eric Feldman & Associates, P.C. Firm: No: 40466 Eric Feldman & Associates, PC | Attorneys for Plaintiff 123 W. Madison, Suite 1704 | Chicago, IL 60602 P: 312.344.3529 | F: 877.571.4228 Firm No: 40466 | paralegal@efalaw.com 3/26, 4/2, 4/9/2020 6640913

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FORECLOSURES

MANLEY, DEAS, KOCHALSKI LLC One East Wacker - Suite 1250 Chicago, IL 60601 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff, v. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OR BENEFICIARIES OF DOUGLAS KOENIG AKA DOUGLAS M. KOENIG, DECEASED; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; HEATHER KOENIG; DOUGLAS KOENIG, JR., Defendants, Case No. 2020CH02737 The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, The Unknown Heirs or Beneficiaries of Douglas Koenig AKA Douglas M. Koenig, deceased, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, and the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Clerk of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois, on or before April 27, 2020, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/faq/gethelp.asp> or contact the Clerk of this Court, Alan S. Kaufman (6289893) MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601 Phone: 312-651-6700; Fax: 614-220-5613 Atty. No.: 48928 Email: sef-askaufman@manleydeas.com One of Plaintiff's Attorneys 3/26, 4/2, 4/9/2020 6640921

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A CHILD IN NEED OF SERVICES CHILD IN NEED OF SERVICES HEARING

AND
SACHEL EDWINA JACKSON (MOTHER)
REGINALD MCCRAY (FATHER) AND
ANY UNKNOWN ALLEGED FATHERS

TO: Reginald McCray and
Any Unknown Alleged Father
Whereabouts unknown

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the above noted parent whose whereabouts are unknown, as well as Any Unknown Alleged Fathers, whose whereabouts are also unknown, that the Indiana Department of Child Services has filed its Verified Petition Alleging the child to be in Need of Services, in accordance with I.C. 31-34-9-3, and that an adjudication hearing has been scheduled with the Court.

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Judge of the Marion Superior Court, 2451 N. Keystone Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46218, 317-327-8318 for a(n) Default Hearing on 7/10/2020 at 1:30 PM in JUVENILE COURT ROOM 08, ANNEX A at said hearing, the Court will consider the Petition and evidence thereon and will render its decision as to whether the above named minor child is child in need of services and shall enter adjudication accordingly. Your failure to appear after lawful notice will be deemed as your default and waiver to be present at said hearing.

UPON ENTRY OF SAID ADJUDICATION, A DISPOSITIONAL HEARING will be held in which the Court will consider (1) Alternatives for the care, treatment, or rehabilitation for the child; (2) The necessity, nature, and extent of your participation in the program of care, treatment, or rehabilitation for the child; and (3) Your financial responsibility for any services provided for the parent, guardian or custodian of the child including child support.

YOU MUST RESPOND by appearing in person or by an attorney within thirty (30) days after the last publication of this notice, and in the event you fail to do so, an adjudication on said petition, judgment by default, may be entered against you, or the court may proceed in your absence, without further notice.

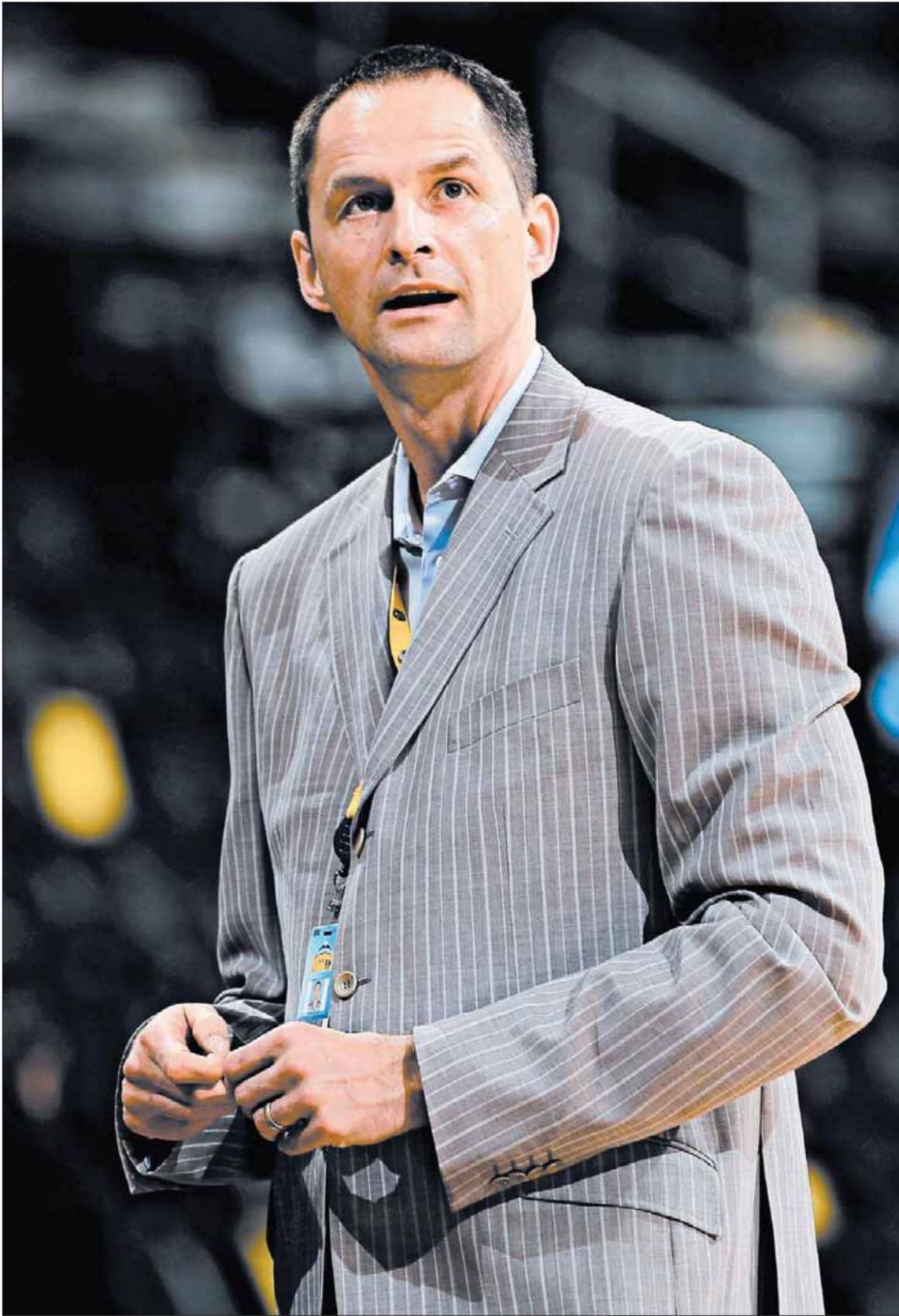
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BULLS



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Arturas Karnisovas, general manager of the Nuggets, is considered the front-runner to become the Bulls' new GM.

Is search over?

New roles can't change GarPax's faulty legacy

It's comforting to know that when the NBA season returns, we'll still have GarPax around to do whatever it is they want to do.

The two-headed monster of the Bulls front office, also known by their given names — Gar Forman and John Paxson — have worked together for 18 years, slowly and methodically squandering the reputation of a brand Michael Jordan helped turn into an unparalleled global success story.

Since Bulls Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf gave his son, team President Michael Reindorf, the go-ahead to find a new boss to pick up the shattered pieces of the ongoing rebuild, one might have surmised it would spell the end of GarPax.

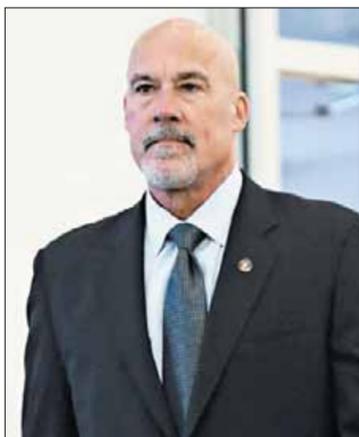
That's normally the way the sports world works. You get a chance, or maybe even a second chance, to build a successful team that's competitive enough to go to the playoffs annually and keep fans coming through the turnstiles.

Once that ends, you're usually toast. But we all know that's not Jerry Reinsdorf's style, and Michael is his father's son. So GarPax will simply move to new roles in the organization, according to reports.

Paxson likely will become an "adviser," "special assistant" "consultant" or some other ambiguous title to be named later. Forman seems destined for some sort of scouting role, though hopefully not



PAUL SULLIVAN
In the Wake of the News



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The Bulls haven't produced sustained success during John Paxson's tenure as vice president of basketball operations.

scouting the next head coach.

Firing one of them and not the other isn't a realistic option because GarPax is inseparable, so it makes sense for Michael Reinsdorf to keep both in jobs where they don't have to make any key decisions or deal with the media. This is good news for Twitter, where the #FireGarPax hash tag will live on.

I'm not an expert in Bulls etymology, so I asked a veteran Bulls writer about who invented the ubiquitous GarPax nickname that has defined an era. The earliest mention I found in the Tribune archives was a letter to the editor in 2010 pleading for "GARPAX" to consummate a deal bringing Carmelo Anthony to the Bulls. But the Bulls writer informed me it was a mystery, and I couldn't find anyone taking credit, so perhaps we'll never know.

Turn to **Sullivan**, Page 4

Karnisovas clear front-runner to become new GM

By **JAMAL COLLIER**

Maybe a search for a new top basketball executive in the middle of a suspended season amid a global pandemic was always going to be a bit strange, but it would have been difficult to predict things playing out as they did Wednesday for the Bulls.

As the Bulls expanded their search to include a trio of candidates with large question marks, a clear front-runner emerged, along with criticism for a lack of diversity among the candidate pool. Meanwhile, a current NBA player offered suggestions for how to fix the Bulls with himself as player-general manager.

At the end of it all, the Bulls appeared to be zeroing in on Nuggets GM Arturas Karnisovas, who had a second interview that included Bulls Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf and Chief Operating Officer Michael Reinsdorf, according to ESPN's Adrian Wojnarowski.

The Bulls began laying groundwork for the search during All-Star weekend in February, so it's no surprise they are looking to move this process along quickly. They want to give the new hire ample time to begin evaluating the organization before the next game, the date of which is unclear.

ESPN reported that the Bulls have not extended a formal offer, but Karnisovas' candidacy has gained momentum.

Karnisovas built a strong draft record with success in player development during his seven years in the Nuggets front office and was coveted for front-office roles with the Nets, Bucks and 76ers in recent years before deciding to stay in Denver.

Turn to **Bulls**, Page 4

WHEN SPORTS STOOD STILL

Keeping an eye on the impact of the coronavirus crisis:

NFL draft will benefit charities

The NFL is turning the league's 2020 draft into a three-day fundraiser to help six charities dealing with the coronavirus pandemic.

The "Draft-A-Thon" announced Wednesday will benefit COVID-19 relief efforts and pay tribute to healthcare workers and first responders.

The fundraiser will be featured during the draft April 23-25 to raise money for non-profits selected by the NFL Foundation: the American Red Cross, CDC Foundation's All of Us, Feeding America's COVID-19 Response Fund for member food banks, Meals on Wheels COVID-19 Response Fund, the Salvation Army, and United Way's COVID-19 Community Response and Recovery Fund.

"The Draft-A-Thon will deliver much-needed funding to many who are suffering as well as those on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic," Commissioner Roger Goodell said in a statement.

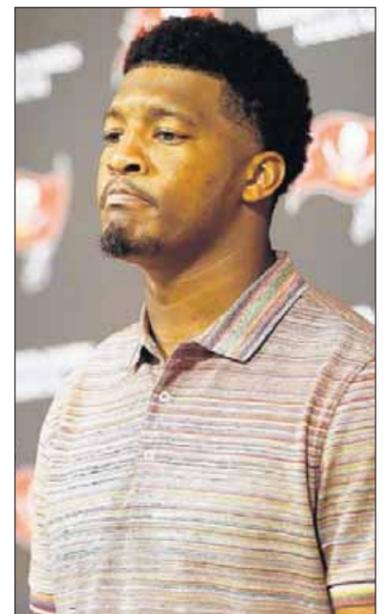
"Conducting this event virtually, and taking all necessary precautions while doing so, underscores the importance of staying home and staying strong during this unprecedented moment in our history."

— Associated Press

THE QUOTE

"For you to get replaced by Tom Brady in a city that you love so much, I guess that's kudos to me."

— Free agent QB Jameis Winston on the Buccaneers signing Brady



OCTAVIO JONES/TNS

THE NUMBER

\$141M

The All England Club will still make a profit this year, despite canceling Wimbledon for the first time since World War II because of the coronavirus outbreak. The venue was insured in case of a pandemic, and should make about \$141 million, according to reports. The All England Club had paid \$2 million a year over the last 17 years in pandemic insurance.



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



NCAA
Spring sports schedule canceled

Others: PGA Tour suspended until at least May 21.
NASCAR suspended until at least May 9.
WTA, ATP suspended through at least July 13.

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:

Historic rout for Huskies

(APRIL 9, 2013)

This story published after UConn defeated Louisville, 93-60, in the most lopsided victory in a NCAA women's basketball championship game.

Reuters

NEW ORLEANS — Don't look now, but they're back. In steamrolling through the NCAA Tournament for its record-tying eighth national championship, the Connecticut Huskies pummeled six opponents by an average margin of 34.7 points.

On Tuesday night at New Orleans Arena, the Huskies saved their most dominating performance for last.

Fueled by freshman Breanna Stewart's 23 points and nine rebounds, UConn used a 19-0 blitz in the first half to bury outclassed Louisville 93-60, giving coach Geno Auriemma his eighth national championship to tie him with Tennessee legend Pat Summitt record for the most titles in NCAA history.

"It feels great because when you see the reaction on these kids' faces, they've been through a lot," Auriemma said. "The fact that I've tied Pat Summitt's record puts me in a category with one of the greatest women's basketball coaches. To be there in that spot with her means a lot to me."

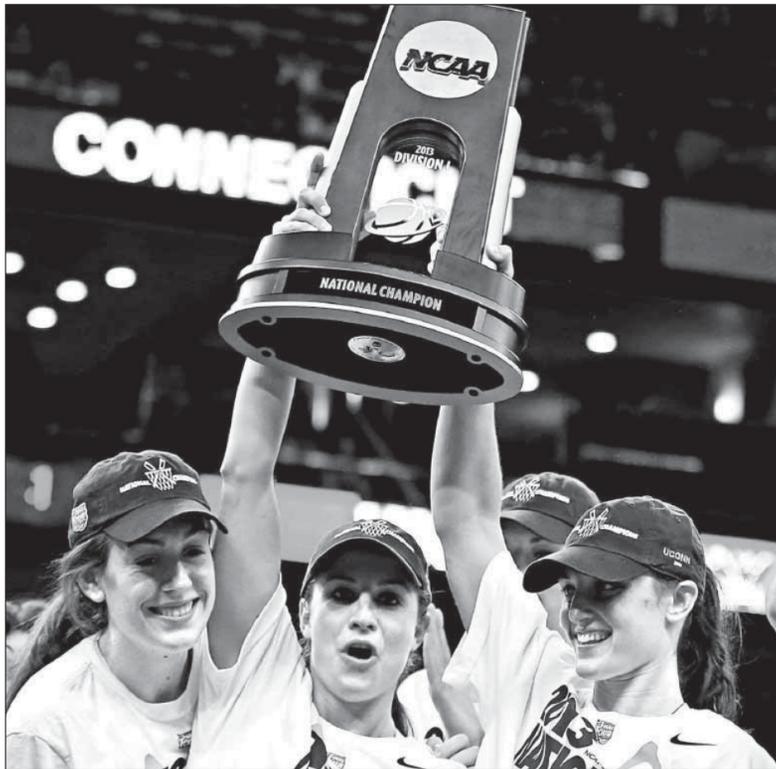
Keeping alive Auriemma's perfect record in national championship games, the Huskies (35-4) have won eight titles since 1995. The others came in 2000, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2009 and 2010.

The Huskies' 33-point margin in the championship game was yet another record, eclipsing Tennessee's 23-point victory over Louisiana Tech in 1987.

Connecticut placed five players in double figures. Stewart was voted the Final Four's most outstanding player -- the third freshman in NCAA history to get the honor and the first since Tennessee's Tonya Edwards in 1987 -- but she was far from alone.

In addition to Stewart's 23, Kaleena Mosqueda-Lewis had 18, Kelly Faris 16, Bria Hartley 13 and Stefanie Dolson 12. The Huskies shot 63 percent from the field in the second half (17 of 27) and had 24 assists on 35 made baskets.

"What makes them so unique is their



Breanna Stewart, left, Caroline Doty, middle, and Kelly Faris hold up the national championship trophy after defeating the Louisville on April 9, 2013 in New Orleans.

ability to score from all five positions on the floor," said Louisville coach Jeff Walz said, whose fifth-seeded Cardinals had posted dramatic upset victories over No. 1 seed Baylor and No. 2 seeds Tennessee and California before collapsing under the weight of UConn's relentless defense and sharp-shooting in the championship game. "That's what happened tonight."

Connecticut's scoring balance was particularly evident whenever Louisville tried to make a run.

After trailing 48-29 at halftime, the Cardinals opened the second half with two 3-pointers, but Faris answered with consecutive 3-pointers of her own to stem the

tide. "I thought Kelly Faris was great," Walz said. "She may not always be the high scorer, but she defends so well, and then she goes off from the 3-point line and comes down with back-to-back 3s to counter any kind of run we could make. They're a tough matchup for anyone."

Auriemma said he was proudest of his team's turnaround after the Big East Tournament, when it lost for the third time this season to Notre Dame in the championship game.

"For the last month and leading up to that, it was a little bit of a struggle," Auriemma said. "It was a struggle for us

OTHER APRIL 9 MOMENTS

1947: Leo Durocher, manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers, is suspended for one year by Commissioner A.B. "Happy" Chandler for "conduct detrimental to baseball." Durocher is linked to gambling interests.

1978: Denver's David Thompson, battling San Antonio's George Gervin for the NBA season scoring title, scores 73 points against Detroit. It's the third-highest total in an NBA game. Gervin, not to be outdone, later scores 63 against New Orleans. It's just enough to give Gervin the scoring crown, 27.22 points per game to Thompson's 27.15, the tightest 1-2 finish.

1993: The Penguins beat the Rangers 10-4 for their 16th straight win to break the NHL record of 15 held by the Islanders.

2001: Australia sets a record for the most one-sided international win in FIFA history, beating Tonga 22-0 in an Oceania Group One qualifying match for the 2002 World Cup.

2005: The U.S. beats Canada 3-1 in a penalty shootout after a scoreless regulation and 20-minute overtime to win the Women's World Hockey Championship. The win ends the defending champions' run of eight straight titles.

internally to get connected and be the type of team we could be.

"But this last month has been everything and more that I could hope for. Sometimes you stumble upon a championship. This group, especially Kelly, deserved it, because they competed for the national championship every day."

Faris said after the Big East championship game loss that Auriemma told his players in the locker room: "You know what? When we get back together, I'm going to show you how to win the national championship."

The Huskies broke open the game with a stunning 19-0 explosion in a 4:06 span of the first half, turning a 14-10 deficit into a 29-14 lead on their way to a 48-29 halftime advantage.

During the decisive run, Stewart scored seven points -- including a 3-pointer from the left wing, an 18-foot jumper near the top of the key and a layup -- and Mosqueda-Lewis and Hartley added six each.

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 - 22 Groups of cattle
 - 23 Post or Procter
 - 25 Mr. Franklin
 - 26 Make less tense, as a situation
 - 28 Shores
 - 31 Enlarges a hole
 - 32 Stanford Univ.'s location
 - 34 Walk-; some NYC apartments
 - 36 Forms a curve
 - 37 From the neighborhood
 - 38 Nest location
 - 39 Neckwear
 - 40 Fiesta
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 - 42 James Olmos
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 - 45 Animal carrier
- DOWN**
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 - 4 Geologic time unit
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 - 6 Like a chimney flue
 - 7 into; attacked
 - 8 Koch & Bradley
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- 29 Do a 180
- 30 Empty one's wallet
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- 35 Bering & Caspian
- 37 Ground-dwelling songbird
- 38 Yarn
- 40 Hooded jacket
- 41 Big; fast-food burgers
- 43 President Harding
- 44 Was impudent
- 46 Mailman's beat
- 47 Ponz scheme
- 48 Make a list; survey one's tasks
- 49 Anise-flavored aperitif
- 50 Rubber tube
- 52 Ran away
- 53 Be persnickety
- 55 Clinton's successor, for short
- 56 Pinna's location
- 57 Bronx tourist stop

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

DePaul's Coleman-Lands gets 6th year from NCAA

By SHANNON RYAN

DePaul guard Jalen Coleman-Lands recently received a waiver for a sixth year of eligibility, the program announced Wednesday.

Coleman-Lands, an Indianapolis native who was a top-40 national recruit in the Class of 2015, sat out the 2017-18 season after transferring from Illinois and played only nine games in 2018-19 before breaking his left hand.

He returned from the injury to start every game this past season, averaging 11.1 points and hitting 32.1% of his 3-pointers. He was the star of the Blue Demons' 65-60 win over Texas Tech on Dec. 4, making a game-tying 3 with eight seconds left and scoring eight points in overtime.

Including his first two seasons at Illinois, Coleman-Lands is averaging 9.7 points for his career with 235 3-pointers (36.4% on 3s). He surpassed the 1,000-point mark for his career last season.

After starting the season 12-1 in nonconference play, the Blue Demons went 3-15 in the Big East, finishing last in the conference for the fourth year in a row, and ended the season 16-16 overall after a first-round



JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

DePaul guard Jalen Coleman-Lands, who averaged 11 points last season, was granted a sixth year of eligibility by the NCAA.

victory over Xavier in the Big East Tournament. Postseason play was canceled the next day because of concerns about the spread of the coronavirus.

Coach Dave Leitao received a contract extension through 2023-24 last week.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Full schedule could be played even with an October start

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

Associated Press

BRISTOL, Conn. — Texas A&M Chancellor John Sharp said Wednesday that officials believe a 13-game college football schedule would be possible even if the start of the season was delayed until October because of the new coronavirus.

The season is scheduled to begin with seven FBS games Aug. 29 before the majority of teams open the following week.

Speaking in a live video discussion with the Texas Tribune, Sharp addressed the football season in answering a question about the university system's lost revenue due to college sporting events getting canceled because of the COVID-19 virus.

Sharp said he has received many questions about football and whether it will return on time this season, if at all.

"In some conversations with SEC officials and the NCAA, I think they've come to the conclusion that you can probably start football as late as October and still

have a 13-game schedule," Sharp said.

Sharp added there are many unknowns about football season because of the pandemic that has killed thousands and shut down sports across the globe.

"We don't know when this thing is going to end," he said. "For all we know, we may have football where we have coaches and players and referees on a field with a TV camera and nobody in the stadium."

SEC spokesman Herb Vincent said he was not familiar with the conversations Sharp referred to, but he addressed the conference's hopes for the upcoming season.

"Our focus is on preparing to play the season as scheduled," Vincent said in an email to the Associated Press. "As we have done in recent weeks, using the best available information from public health officials, at an appropriate time we will make decisions about the future."

The NCAA didn't immediately respond to a request seeking comment about Sharp's remarks.

SPORTS

Day 29

Since the sports world went mainly dark



PATRICK SMITH/GETTY

Charting the path forward

Amid coronavirus outbreak, NBA, NHL, MLB start to tinker with restart options

Associated Press

While the world wrestles with the coronavirus pandemic, the three biggest U.S.-based sports leagues currently affected by the crisis are trying to figure out if, how and where games can be safely played again this year.

The NBA, NHL and Major League Baseball have some similar constraints: Public and player health are the most pressing issues and any decisions would have to come with widespread federal, state and local support. But there are also individual challenges for each league, which have unique schedules and playing arrangements that could affect logistics.

All three have discussed the possibility of essentially quarantining their players in cities for long periods to play games in a safe environment.

Dr. Patrick Mularoni, who is the medical director of sports medicine at Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital, says it's possible, at least on paper.

"You'd have to completely isolate the players, staff, coaches, medical staff and likely food-service workers until 14 days. They'd all have to be willing to do that," Mularoni said. "And the logistics of having that number of people not make a mistake is the difficulty there. But once you do that, if they are all together and working together, once they're together, you should be fine because essentially what you created is an oasis where people who have proven that they do not have COVID can be."

A Q&A prepared by some of AP's beat writers on where leagues are with their plans:

NBA

If safe, how would play resume and when?

The NBA is looking at countless restart options, but a consistent theme throughout them calls for a training camp of at least two weeks for teams to get back into some sort of basketball shape. It would seem likely that teams would be quarantined at that time. No decision has been made about whether to resume some of the regular season or go right into the playoffs, and NBA Commissioner Adam Silver has said his league won't decide anything definitively until at least May.

Where would games be held?

The idea of having one or two sites for games has been discussed, with Las Vegas and Los Angeles among them. The league has explored several possible sites, for

preparation purposes, but has not entered into any concrete deals anywhere.

Would fans be allowed?

Almost certainly not, at least not at first, unless social distancing guidelines are lifted and public health officials say it is safe.

Could they shorten the playoffs?

Absolutely. The best-of-seven format could be abandoned for a best-of-five or possibly less, though the NBA seems adamant at this point that — if the season is going to resume — it wants as legitimate a champion as possible.

What other precautions would the NBA take?

The ball itself could be a major issue. NBA players sweat, and sweat a lot. That sweat gets on the floor, gets on other players, but the one thing in the game that everyone is touching is the same ball.

Tim Reynolds reporting from Miami.

NHL

If safe, how would play resume and when?

The NHL could target a late June or early July resumption of the regular season or beginning of the playoffs. League officials, coaches, general managers and players expect at least a two week re-training camp before resuming play. If the NHL goes directly to playoffs, either 16 or 24 of the 31 teams would likely be involved.

Where would games be held?

The NHL would like to use home arenas but is also considering hundreds of places to hold games at neutral sites, if need be.

Would fans be allowed?

It would take CDC and Public Health Canada clearance for large gatherings for fans to be allowed.

What would be among the upsides in resuming play?

The playoffs could be the most competitive, with teams icing nearly complete rosters, given most players dealing with injuries will have had time to heal. NHL's two key broadcast partners, NBC and SportsNet/CBC, have a huge hole to fill in their broadcast schedules with the Summer Olympics being postponed.

How late could hockey be played?

Potentially into September. NHL officials are focused on staging a full 82-game 2020-21 season that could start as late as mid-November with the Stanley Cup awarded in late June. At least a month's break would be required to allow for the draft and a free-agency period, and to provide players a chance to rest.

John Wawrow reporting from Buffalo, New York, and Stephen Whyno from Washington.



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Arenas, stadiums and ballparks throughout North America remain empty due to the coronavirus pandemic. There's no clarity yet on when the games and fans will return.

MLB

If safe, how would play resume and when?

Games likely would start about three weeks after teams return to training. Teams and players have looked at the end of the 1994-95 strike as a possible model. Teams accepted the players' unconditional offer to return to work on April 2, which was the original start of the season, and opening day was pushed to April 25.

Where would games be held?

MLB's first choice would be to play in regular-season ballparks. Uncertain whether that will be possible, teams and the players' association have discussed possibly basing all 30 teams in the Phoenix area, where they would be sequestered for an indeterminate time. There would have to be agreement on economic and logistical issues, and medical and government approvals.

Would fans be allowed?

At regular-season ballparks, the decision likely would be a city-to-city determination, made by local and state governments. At spring training ballparks in Arizona, there likely would not be any fans and games would be played for television, streaming and radio audiences.

How long of a season is needed for it to be considered legitimate?

There is no one answer, but the early consensus appears to be about 81, half the usual length. Teams played 103-111 games in the strike-interrupted 1981 season and 123-131 in 1918, shortened due to World War I.

How would the season change?

Players and teams want to play as many games as possible, which would increase revenue. Look for more games per week and more doubleheaders.

Ronald Blum reporting from New York. AP Sports Writer David Brandt contributed to this report.

IN BRIEF

US soccer's fair pay trial pushed back

Associated Press

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The trial date for a gender discrimination case filed by the U.S. women's national soccer team has been pushed back to June 16.

Players for the team filed a lawsuit against U.S. Soccer last year under the Equal Pay Act and the Civil Rights Act of 1964. They allege that they have not been paid equitably when compared to players on the men's team and have asked for more than \$66 million in damages.

The trial date was originally set for May 5 in U.S. District Court in Los Angeles. Additionally, the April 20 pre-trial conference was moved to June 1.

Both sides had sought guidance from the court in light of the coronavirus outbreak. California Gov. Gavin Newsom has issued a stay at home order in his state because of the global pandemic.

Baseball: With new cases of the coronavirus falling in South Korea, the country's baseball league is targeting an early May restart, with teams ready to play preseason exhibition games as early as April 21. On Wednesday, the country recorded 53 new infections, marking the third consecutive day that has seen new cases around the 50-mark. The downward trend from a Feb. 29 peak of 900 is increasing the chances of the 10-team league not only starting in May but also playing a full 144-game season.

Colleges: North Carolina State accepted a recommendation for its NCAA case involving recruiting violations tied to former one-and-done star Dennis Smith Jr. to go through the new independent investigation process for complex cases. In a statement, Chancellor Randy Woodson questioned whether the school "can receive an objective or fair hearing" in a typical infractions-committee route. Woodson said the Independent Accountability Resolution Process (IARP) is "the only remaining option." The NCAA created the IARP following reform proposals from the commission led by former U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice in the wake of a federal corruption investigation into college basketball. It includes independent investigators and decision-makers with no direct ties to member schools. Rulings cannot be appealed. NC State's response to the NCAA's recommendation stated the university "does not concede its substantive right to appeal," referencing remedies "within and outside of the NCAA structure." A committee reviews referral requests before accepting cases into the IARP. NC State was charged last summer with four violations, including ex-coach Mark Gottfried individually under the provision of head-coach responsibility for violations within his program. Notably, a government witness testified he delivered \$40,000 to ex-assistant Orlando Early for Smith's family in 2015.

Golf: A Florida man filed a lawsuit against Tiger Woods and caddie Joe LaCava, claiming he suffered injuries from the caddie pushing him out of the way during the Valspar Championship two years ago. The civil complaint alleges Brian Borruso tried to take a selfie as Woods approached his tee shot left of the 13th green in the third round, and that LaCava "intentionally shoved" Borruso and caused him to stumble and fall into the crowd. The lawyer representing Borruso said the lawsuit was filed two years after the tournament to get a better understanding of the injuries, which were described in the suit as "either permanent or continuing."

ON THE CLOCK

14 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	

BULLS

Bulls

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He remained the Bulls' top target despite three additional reported interviews with former Cavaliers and Hawks GM Danny Ferry, former Hawks GM Wes Wilcox and former 76ers President Bryan Colangelo. Some of those interviews were considered less formal for either informational purposes or for other potential front-office roles, according to NBC Sports Chicago.

While each member of the trio has experience running basketball operations, they also all exited under rocky circumstances.

Ferry helped build the Hawks into an Eastern Conference contender, including a 60-win season and appearance in the conference finals in 2014-15. But he was dismissed in June 2015 after reading a racist scouting report verbatim during a conference call about former Bulls player Luol Deng, who was then with the Heat.

Ferry took a nearly 10-month sabbatical after the comments before the Hawks parted with him.

"He has a little African in him, not in a bad way, but he's like a guy who would have a nice store out front but sell you counterfeit stuff out the back," the report said.

Ferry was a special adviser for the Pelicans for three years and served as their interim GM for the last two months of the 2018-19 season, and he was a finalist for front-office openings with the Wizards and Pelicans in recent years.

Wilcox, currently an analyst for NBA TV, was Ferry's assistant GM in Atlanta and took over upon his dismissal. Wilcox spent two seasons as Hawks GM (2015-17), and they made the playoffs both years.

However, in 2017, Wilcox made a racist joke at a season ticket holders event, which he later apologized for after the team disciplined him. He was removed from the GM job after the season.

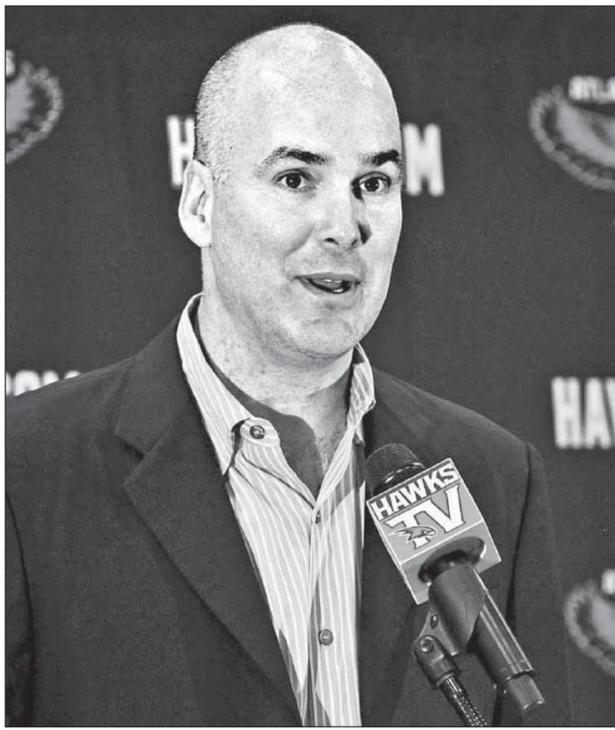
"I know you guys may be angry with me," he told the season ticket holders, "but I'm used to it because I have a black wife and three mixed kids. So I'm used to people being angry and argumentative."

Colangelo, the son of Chicagoan and longtime sports executive Jerry Colangelo, has been out of the NBA for two years but has experience as a top basketball executive with the Suns, Raptors and 76ers.

His tenure with Philadelphia ended after he and his wife were linked to several burner social media accounts that revealed team information, trashed people within the organization, including players, and defended Colangelo.

He resigned in June 2018.

What all five executives the Bulls have interviewed — including Jazz GM Justin Zanik — have



Former 76ers President Bryan Colangelo, top, and former Hawks general manager Danny Ferry were reportedly interviewed by the Bulls.

in common is they are white in a league in which about 75% of the players are African American. It has left a few black executives around the NBA frustrated about their inability even to secure an interview, as they told ESPN's Marc Spears in an article for The Undefeated.

Just as Karnisovas began surfacing as the front-runner, Nets guard Spencer Dinwiddie — who was in Bulls camp in 2016 and played briefly for the Windy City Bulls before he broke out in Brooklyn — jokingly laid out his plan to execute a rebuild as the Bulls' first player-GM.

The plan included steps such as trading Tomas Satoransky for Dinwiddie (and including a draft pick because "Dinwiddie gets buckets"); a sign-and-trade to bring Anthony Davis to Chicago; and filling out the rest of the rotation with veterans, some questionable fan favorites and the lottery pick the Bulls will have in the next draft.

The Bulls didn't begin this search in earnest until Friday, and it already has featured its share of twists and turns.

It also appears to be nearing the end with Karnisovas emerging from the pack.

Sullivan

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All we do know is Paxson and Forman have been joined for at least a decade and might last another one at this rate. As former Tribune Bulls writer K.C. Johnson wrote when Forman took over for Paxson as general manager in 2009: "About the only change the public will notice from the Bulls' front-office tweaks is that John Paxson no longer will be the voice of the organization and won't spend as much time traveling with the team."

To some Bulls fans, keeping GarPax around under new management is an outrage. That reaction is understandable, but no one should be surprised.

Just look across town, where Ken Williams was named GM of the White Sox in 2000 to replace Ron Schueler, who was promptly named special consultant to Jerry Reinsdorf. Williams had a good run, building the team that won a championship in 2005, but when the wheels fell off, he was kicked upstairs.

Williams was promoted from GM to executive vice president in 2012 after a Sox team that was 16 games over .500 in late August went 14-22 down the stretch to blow the American League Central and miss the postseason. The 2012 Sox also were a box-office bomb, failing to draw 2 million fans for the first time since 2004.

But not Williams. When promoting Williams and naming Rick Hahn the GM, Reinsdorf pointed to the organization's overall success the previous 12 years, even though it had been seven years since that championship season and four years since the Sox's last playoff appearance.

At the time, many weren't sold on the idea Williams would allow Hahn to have complete control



Since Rick Hahn, left, became general manager and Ken Williams was named executive vice president in 2012, the Sox have underperformed.

and thought he would serve as a de facto GM.

"He has to find his own sea legs," Williams said at a news conference announcing the moves. "But I challenge you to find anyone over the years to say I'm a meddling kind of management person. You hire people you trust and let them do their job. Because we have a 12-year relationship, I know where his strengths lie and he knows where mine lie."

The two executives have coexisted since, though in a candid admission while defending Hahn and manager Robin Ventura in the summer of 2015, Williams said: "I take full responsibility for the underperformance right now. Believe me when I tell you this: The first phone call when the chairman is upset, it isn't to any of those guys. It's to me."

"No Hahn?" I asked.

"Not (Hahn) hasn't graduated to that point yet, and I've told him that," Williams said. "There are some (instances where) I may have removed myself a little bit too much from the equation."

That led to some brief friction between the two, but they both blamed the messenger instead of the message and quickly got over it.

'90s items drawing collectors' interest

Experts believe it's tied to 'The Last Dance'

By PHIL THOMPSON

A "Dream Team" jersey Michael Jordan wore during the 1992 Olympics has jumped from a \$25,000 opening bid to \$33,000 in four days.

Some top-quality Scottie Pippen rookie cards have doubled in value since November.

Even Dennis Rodman memorabilia are experiencing a renaissance.

With live games shut out and sports fans shut in because of the novel coronavirus, online conversations and TV programming often turn to nostalgia.

And on April 19, ESPN and Netflix launch a 10-part documentary series on the Jordan Bulls' sixth and final championship run called "The Last Dance," which industry experts say is having a ripple effect in the collectibles market.

"I've talked to so many people that are just craving something," said Jason Koonce, owner of OTIA Sports in Michigan. "When you're starving and somebody puts a steak in front of you, it's like it's as good as it gets."

"It's kind of like the perfect storm. Because before (the shutdown), if this (documentary) was going to come out in June, you're competing with the NBA Finals. ... It just kind of resets everyone back to their childhood."

According to Google Trends, searches for "Michael Jordan poster" rose 100% in the U.S. over the last week, while searches for "Michael Jordan book" shot up 180%.

Rich Mueller, editor and founder of Sports Collectors Daily, agrees that "The Last Dance" has given many 1990s Bulls collectibles a huge boost.

"Any time you have a program like that or any national story that puts the focus back on that time, then you see people tend to gravitate toward memorabilia because they want a tangible item to remember that," Mueller said. Ryan Friedman, owner of AuctionReport.com, said a major event such as a TV docuseries that has been buzzed about for months tends to draw out casual collectors too.

"Colleagues, friends, we joke that this is probably going to be the most-watched TV event in the history of television given the complete lack of sports and the popularity of Michael Jordan," said Friedman, who lives on the North Side. "It's quite possible that, because there's literally nothing of sports that's new that's coming out, that this 'Last Dance' might actually have an even a bigger impact on people."

"It doesn't have to be expensive (collectibles). ... It could be anything."

Not every athlete has experienced the bull market for memorabilia that Jordan and Co. have enjoyed, Koonce said.

"For LeBron (James), his best card would be a 2003 Topps Chrome, and that's kind of like the gold standard that everybody wants," Koonce said. "And that card, graded at 9 or 10, is down roughly 20%. That was one of the hottest cards in the world leading up to the coronavirus."

Conversely, Koonce estimates that Jordan cards graded by Santa Ana, Calif.-based Professional Sports Authenticator (PSA) are up 20% across the industry.

"For Jordan to be up 20% and LeBron James to be down 20%, that's pretty big," Koonce said. "So to see that difference, there's really only one explanation. And to me it's the excitement around the 'Dance.'"

Here are some examples of 1990s Bulls items in recent months:

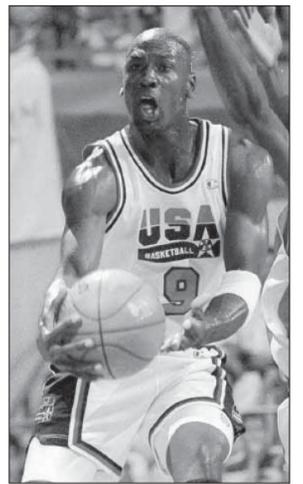
Robert Edward Auctions (REA) has launched bidding on Jordan's game-worn 1992 Olympic "Dream Team" jersey: It was first sold that September for \$17,500 to benefit Jordan's charity. In 2013, it was auctioned again through REA and fetched \$53,325.

Jordan's foundation has vouched for the jersey's authenticity.

Five years ago, a game-worn jersey from 1997-98, Jordan's final season, sold for \$102,000, and a letter of authenticity from the Bulls made a big difference in the price it was able to command, Mueller said.

"So I would probably put that Dream Team jersey at least in that (price) neighborhood" when bidding ends April 19, he said.

"That's an amazing piece," Friedman said.



MIKE POWELL/GETTY

Michael Jordan's Dream Team jersey from the 1992 Olympics has gone up for auction and could draw bids as high as six figures.

Purely by coincidence, Friedman launched a niche auction site called MJAuthentic23.com in February: Bidding on the first 23 lots opens Thursday and runs through April 23.

"It's more of just a fun thing" for fellow Jordan fans, he said.

The site has some rare items, including a personal check signed by Jordan (Bank of Glenbrook, if you're wondering) that has a minimum bid of \$500 and a Jordan-autographed Chicago street banner promoting the 1988 NBA All-Star Game that starts at \$2,000.

Jordan's rookie cards are seeing eye-popping spikes in the last five to six months: This includes some cards that were regarded as off-brand oddballs in their day.

"The biggest jump is in a PSA 10," said Koonce, referring to the highest grade PSA gives cards. "Two of them sold (late last month on eBay) for \$48,000 and \$45,000."

"That's a card in November that I sold two of them for \$30,000 apiece."

Koonce said he's shocked the most by the sudden appetite for all things Pippen, particularly the 1988-89 Fleer rookie card.

"Let's say last year I maybe had four or five requests all year for someone asking for a Scottie Pippen PSA 10 rookie (card), and last week I had five or six requests in one day," he said.

Koonce laughed while talking about one friend and fellow collector who is "like the biggest Pippen hater in the world, but with that being said he still is like, 'Pippen's still undervalued.'"

"When we knew that this documentary was coming ... we just started stocking up on Bulls stuff," Koonce said. "It hasn't even happened yet and we've had a huge rush."

One sector is booming that you might not expect: photographs. We're talking original, mostly black-and-white hard copies with crop marks drawn on the front and captions pasted on the back.

Many are photos that once collected dust in newspapers' archives.

Friedman, who will have several Jordan photos on MJAuthentic23, estimates the value of those photos has increased tenfold over the last two years: "It's really popped."

In August, Heritage Auctions sold a Jordan photo from his first game, shot by the Chicago Sun-Times' Don Bierman, for \$22,200.

Mueller said companies are doing a better job of authenticating photos, and collectors are beginning to see them as art pieces.

"The photo market has really picked up a lot of steam in just the last few years," he said. "Much of it is vintage baseball, but Jordan is right there, especially the early rookie era or North Carolina photos."

Tickets are another emerging category. "The prices for tickets for (Jordan's) opening game are just crazy when they come to auction, which is kind of unusual," Mueller said. "Although I guess at the time there wasn't quite the consciousness of people wanting to save that (item)."

"Nobody knew he was going to be who he came out to be. As good as he was as a rookie, there was a lot of anticipation, (but) nobody thought he would be like this worldwide icon."

"I suppose a lot of the tickets just got lost or left in the arena."

SPORTS

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— Tom Brady on his former coach Bill Belichick



FRANK VICTORES/AP

Tom Brady, who turns 43 in August, won six Super Bowls as quarterback of the Patriots. He'll suit up next season for the Buccaneers after signing a two-year, \$50 million contract.

It was ‘just time’ to leave

In interview, Brady discusses move to Bucs, host of other topics

BY FRED GOODALL
Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Tom Brady entered his final season in New England with a strong inkling that it would be his last with the Patriots.

The six-time Super Bowl champion who signed with the Buccaneers in free agency last month said Wednesday on SiriusXM’s “The Howard Stern Show” it was “just time” for a change, reiterating he has no hard feelings about coach Bill Belichick not making him a Patriot for life.

“I think he has a lot of loyalty, and I think he and I have had a lot of conversations that nobody’s ever been privy to...” Brady told Stern during a wide-ranging interview lasting more than two hours.

“So many wrong assumptions were made about our relationship, or about how he felt about me. I know how he feels about me,” the four-time Super Bowl MVP added.

“Now I’m not going to respond to every

rumor or assumption that’s made other than what his responsibility as coach is to try to get the best player for the team, not only in the short term, but in the long term.”

With Brady and Belichick leading the way, the Patriots won 17 division titles and appeared in nine Super Bowls and 13 AFC championship games over the last 20 years.

Brady, who’ll turn 43 in August, said he entered “unchartered territory as an athlete” when continued to perform at a high level in recent years.

“I was an older athlete, and he started to plan for the future, which is what his responsibility is. And I don’t fault him for that,” Brady said of Belichick. “That’s what he should be doing. That’s what every coach should be doing.”

Brady signed a two-year, \$50 million contract with the Bucs last month, joining a team with the worst winning percentage in league history.

The Bucs haven’t made the playoffs since 2007 and doesn’t have a postseason win since their lone Super Bowl championship run 18 years ago.

“I never cared about legacy. ... I never once, when I was in high school, said, ‘Man, I can’t wait for what my football legacy looks like.’ I mean, that’s just not me. That’s

not my personality. So why would I choose a different place? It’s because it was just time. I don’t know what to say other than that,” Brady said.

“I had done everything. I accomplished everything I could in two decades with an incredible organization, an incredible group of people. That will never change,” the three-time NFL MVP said. “And no one can ever take that away from me. No one can ever take those experiences or Super Bowl championships away from us.”

Brady also talked about moving his family into a furnished mansion he’s renting from Derek Jeter in Tampa, as well as his marriage to supermodel Gisele Bündchen, trying marijuana and alcohol as a teenager but not enjoying the lifestyle, and his college career at Michigan.

The quarterback also spoke in detail about his decision to skip OTAs in recent years with the Patriots after reading a letter from his wife, who at the time was unhappy with some aspects of their marriage.

“What was important to her, what was important to me was our family and our relationship, and at different times, like any married couple, things need to be changed,” said Brady, who said he kept the letter.

“A couple years ago she didn’t feel like I

was doing my part for the family. ... She felt like I would play football all season, and she would take care of the house, and then all of a sudden when that season would end I’d be like: ‘Great, let me get into all my other business activities, let me get into my football training,’ and she’s sitting there going, ‘Well, when are you going to do things for the house? When are you going to take the kids to school?’ Brady said.

“I had to make a big transition in my life to say, ‘I can’t do all the things that I wanted to do for football like I used to,’ he added. “I’ve got to take care of things with my family,’ because my family ... the situation wasn’t great. She wasn’t satisfied with our marriage.”

Brady was asked several questions about his relationship with Belichick, who selected him in the sixth round of the 2000 draft — No. 199 overall.

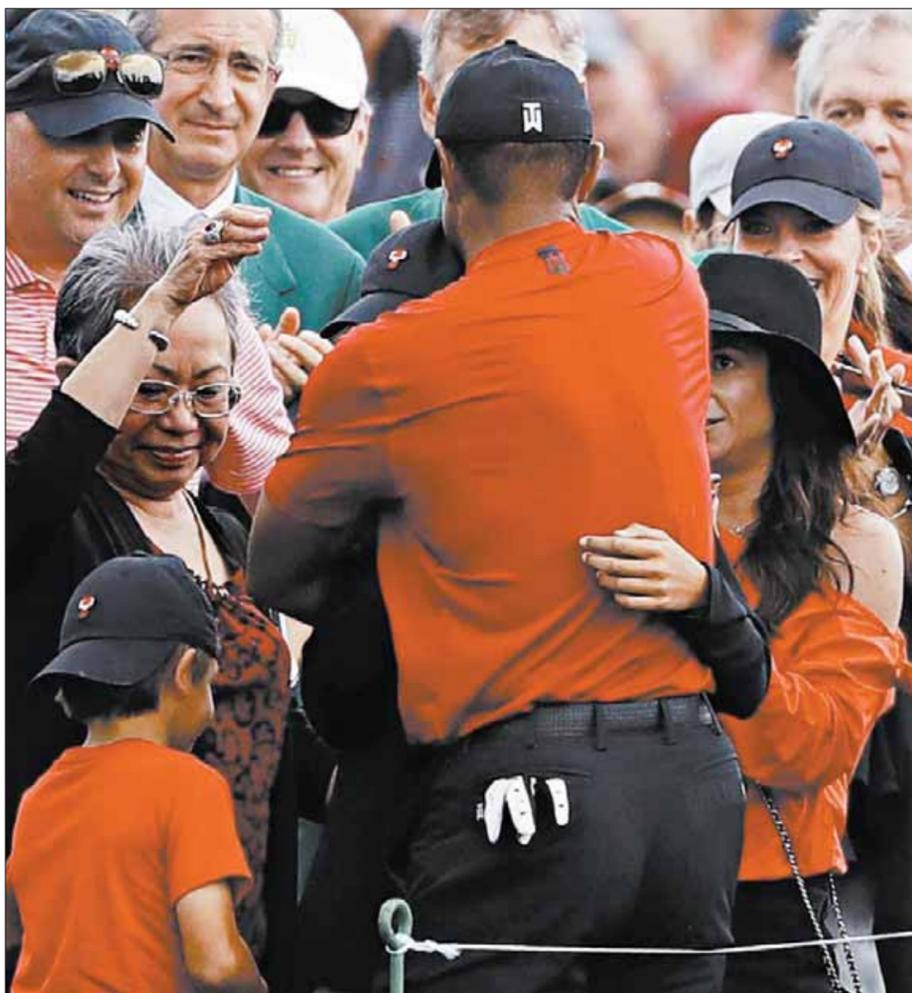
The quarterback insisted there has never been a rift between him and the coach over who was most responsible for the Patriots’ success.

“I can’t do his job and he can’t do mine. So you could say: ‘Would I be successful without him, the same level of success?’ I don’t believe I would have been. But I feel the same in vice-versa as well,” Brady said.

SCOREBOARD

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Detroit	20	46	.303	33½	13. Stephen Ross, Miami Dolphins	\$7.6B	Los Angeles FC	1	0	1	4	4	2	Joachim Niemann	12	704	1	2	Ricky Stenhouse, Jr.	4	0	0	88	New Jersey	28	29	12	68	189	230
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Tiger Woods hugs his family after winning the Masters in 2019.

Masters moments

With 2020 event delayed till fall, here are some past memories to share

A boring day at the Masters is like sushi at McDonald's — it doesn't exist. I remember thinking, "Not much going today," during the opening round in 2016. And then Ernie Els — World Golf Hall of Famer Ernie Els — six-putted the first green at Augusta National.

The place produces memories unlike any other.

This would have been Masters week, featuring a Champions Dinner menu selected by Tiger Woods. Instead we're settling for greatest-hits TV coverage, Kevin Na's Instagram feed and the promise of a one-of-a-kind fall Masters. Proposed dates: Nov. 12-15. I've covered every Masters since 2009.

Here are my 11 strongest memories from those 11 events, a mix of much-celebrated accomplishments and some inside-baseball stuff.

1. The hug heard 'round the world

Feel free to accuse me of recency bias, but after Tiger Woods completed perhaps the greatest career comeback in sports history last April, he embraced son Charlie by the 18th green. It was a mirror image of Woods' 1997 bear hug with his father, Earl.

Side note: I didn't actually witness the hug, as thousands of spectators horseshoed the green. One fan put it like this: "At least we're going to hear the ending."

2. No Jordan-esque finish

After Jordan Spieth birdied No. 9 to take a five-shot lead in the final round in 2016, a spectator cracked: "He has to shoot left-handed to lose this one."

The defending champion went from green jacket to straitjacket on the back nine, dumping two balls into Rae's Creek on No. 12 and handing the title to little-known Danny Willett. "Buddy," Spieth told caddie Michael Greller, "it seems like we're collapsing."

3. A ful-Phil-ling story

The 2010 Masters opened with the focus on the philandering Tiger Woods. It closed with Phil Mickelson winning his third green jacket while deriving inspiration from wife Amy, who was battling breast cancer.

The signature moment in Mickelson's final-round 67 came when caddie Jim "Bones" Mackay tried to talk Lefty into laying up on No. 13. Mickelson instead threaded a 6-iron off the pine straw through trees for what CBS analyst Nick Faldo immediately called "the greatest shot of his life."

4. Better than powerball

I won the media lottery in 2010, receiving an invitation to play Augusta National on the Monday after the Masters with a couple of friendly reminders: 1) Wear pants, not shorts, and 2) Don't drive down Magnolia Lane more than an hour before my tee time.

I hit a decent 3-wood on my first drive, but it ended up in the deep fairway bunker. I was there for a while. Long story short: It's the only round I've ever played where I didn't keep score or bet even a buck.

Side note: When I called my sports editor, Mike Kellams, to tell him the good news, he

replied: No, we need you back Monday to help cover the Cubs home opener. As I pleaded my case, ESPN's Gene Wojciechowski, a former Tribune sports writer, began to chuckle. Nice practical joke, boys.

5. Say cheese

The pimento cheese sandwich is as iconic as the green jacket, and patrons can get one for a mere \$1.50. I explored this tangy tradition in 2017 and came away with a quote I never will forget. NBC's Jimmy Roberts said that in decades of covering the Masters, he never had tried one. But as for the peach ice cream sandwiches, "They are like cocaine to me."

6. Rule No. 1: Know the rules

Saturday mornings are normally a time to decompress after 14-hour workdays. Not in 2013. We woke up to social media postings that Tiger Woods faced disqualification after an illegal drop one day earlier.

The craziest part: Tournament officials allowed Woods to sign for a 71 even after he acknowledged having violated a rule by moving 2 yards back before dropping on No. 15. It took a TV viewer, later revealed to be former Champions Tour player and USGA and PGA Tour official David Eger, to point out the infraction.

Many felt Woods should have done the honorable thing and withdrawn. Instead red-faced club officials docked him two shots.

7. Like Tiger Stadium on a Saturday night

Augusta National has no electronic scoreboards, and cell phones are banned.

Reliable scoring updates often come from other spectators or your own ears. I was walking along the No. 1 fairway during the final round in 2012 when I heard a roar that could have knocked down an oak tree.

"Someone made eagle," I told my walking mate, the Sun-Times' Rick Morrissey.

"I think he did one better," he replied.

That last line might be embellished (I wasn't taking notes), but Louis Oosthuizen really did make a double eagle on No. 2, knocking home a 4-iron from 253 yards. And it gave him the tournament lead. But it wouldn't last ...



TEDDY GREENSTEIN
On golf

8. The happy hooker

Oosthuizen lost to Bubba Watson in a sudden-death playoff after the lefty defied the laws of physics from the right of the 10th fairway. He curved his ball about 40 yards, using a gap wedge off the pine straw from 144 yards.

"If I have a swing," Watson told caddie Ted Scott as they approached his ball, "I have a shot."

9. The power of negative thinking

In 2009 Sergio Garcia complained that Augusta National was too tricky and the wet turf yielded an excess of mud balls: "I don't care. I just come here, play golf and go home."

After a third-round 75 in 2012 he whined: "I'm not good enough. In 13 years, I've come to the conclusion that I need to play for second or third place."

Oh, really? Garcia somehow won the 2017 Masters, his first major in 74 tries.

"Now maybe I'm the best player to win only one major," he said with a grin.

10. A sojourn to paradise

Berckmans Place is golf's equivalent of behind the velvet ropes. A weekly pass costs \$6,000, but once inside your money is no good. The menus at the five restaurants do not have prices, and don't try to tip the caddies guiding you on the replica greens: "Play this out to the left. There's 11 feet of break."

In 2016 I got a taste of the VIP hospitality off the fifth fairway, a spot where Augusta National members Lynn Swann and Condoleezza Rice have appeared to spread good cheer. As one visitor put it: "It's Xanadu. We came for a cocktail and stayed for 3 1/2 hours."

11. Local flavor

Patrick Reed is nicknamed "Captain America" for his superhuman Ryder Cup play. He led neighboring Augusta State to two NCAA golf titles. Yet his 2018 victory was met with tsk-tsks and golf claps, not hooting and hollering.

The galleries were well aware of his complicated backstory, which includes estrangement from his parents and the scarlet letter "C" for cheating. Playing partner Rory McIlroy of Northern Ireland received louder ovations, and Reed took note.

"Fueled my fire," he said.

BASEBALL

WHITE SOX

No matter where, Jimenez is there

OF eager to play, even if baseball season gets moved to Arizona

BY LAMOND POPE

White Sox left fielder Eloy Jimenez is one of the players featured in the city's "We Are Not Playing" ad campaign, which stresses the importance of taking precautions to combat the spread of COVID-19.

"It was pretty good to help the community to understand this is not a joke," Jimenez said during a conference call Tuesday afternoon.

Jimenez wrapped up his video, which was released Monday, in the same style he ends many of his television interviews, waving to the camera and saying, "Hi, Mom!"

He's doing his part to pitch in while baseball is on pause. How long the break will last remains uncertain, but reports surfaced late Monday of Major League Baseball exploring the possibility of playing games in Arizona starting in May or June.

"I just want to play baseball," Jimenez said when asked about the floated plan. "If they decide to play here (in Arizona), I'm going to enjoy it. But we want to play (a) normal regular season, like travel and all that, and play for our city."

According to reports by the Associated Press, The Athletic and ESPN, the plan includes the option of playing without fans in attendance at the 10 spring training ballparks in the Phoenix area and Chase Field, home of the Diamondbacks.

The plan reportedly could include sequestering teams in hotels for up to 4 1/2 months, away from their families. Another potential challenge could be playing in outdoor parks in temperatures that regularly hit 100 degrees.

"It's going to be hard because you're going to be away from your family," Jimenez said. "One hundred degrees is really hot. But if that's the plan, I'm going to do it. I just want to play."

Meanwhile, Jimenez is working out, playing video games and resting as he awaits the next steps.

He has remained in Arizona since MLB first suspended spring training March 12. His workouts include pushups, jumping rope and hitting in his backyard.

Jimenez is also keeping in touch with teammates such as first baseman Jose Abreu and center fielder Luis Robert. The opportunity to bond is just one of the experiences he misses about baseball.

"Being with my teammates, being with the fans and just being out there and playing no matter what," Jimenez said. "That's why right now it's a little bit hard because with all of this, I can't do (that)."

Jimenez led American League rookies with 31 home runs and 79 RBIs in 2019. He's eager to help the Sox again, whenever the clearance comes.

"It's a little bit hard because the team that we have right now, it was ready to go," Jimenez said. "But (the delay) happened for a reason. This is not in our hands."

"It's time to be healthy right now. Because if we play, we will still have a chance."



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Eloy Jimenez is eager to play baseball, even if that means the White Sox wind up joining 29 other major-league teams in Arizona.

Could Phoenix house 30 teams for a full season?

BY MARK GONZALES

The Valley of the Sun has been the spring training home for 15 major-league organizations since the Reds arrived from Sarasota, Fla., in 2010.

But how would the Phoenix area be able to double that total — and who would get to stay in the best hotels — if Major League Baseball follows through on a plan to play the entire 2020 season in front of empty stadiums in Arizona?

Here are three major issues that would need to be resolved for a respectable regular season to be played.

Facilities: The Diamondbacks have the advantage of training 20 minutes from Chase Field, their regular-season home where many games would be played.

When Salt River Fields opened in 2011, a few Diamondbacks players were so impressed with the spacious, well-appointed facility that they joked about performing pregame work at Salt River before driving to Chase Field to play home games.

In this case, would the Diamondbacks and the co-tenant Rockies remain at Salt River? That would open Chase Field to two teams that could occupy the home and visiting sides.

Five teams — the Cubs, Brewers, Giants, Angels and Athletics — train at single-team facility sites, and the visiting clubhouses at four of those parks weren't built to house a sizable visiting team.

In addition, few of the spring training stadiums have clubhouses or batting cages adjacent to the dugouts.

There are some temporary solutions, such as using Phoenix Municipal Stadium (with the permission of Arizona State, which moved into the A's former spring training home in 2014) and perhaps Grand Canyon University.

Lodging: The Valley has plenty of quality hotels that would gladly welcome major-league teams because many vacationers choose cooler climates in the late spring and summer.

Players might feel more comfortable lodging at the same hotels where they reside during spring training. But this is about health and safety. It might be a case where more than one team stays at the same hotel for proximity and security reasons.

Considering the teams could be sequestered for several months, there would be a premium on hotel suites.

Security: It's expected that the games will be played with no fans. MLB and teams will take no chances.

After 9/11, resident security agents traveled with their teams through the end of the 2001 season. During NATO's 2012 Chicago Summit at McCormick Place, security was beefed up at Wrigley Field for the Cubs-White Sox City Series.

Some foreign players are accustomed to being away from their families for as long as eight months. But for players who live in the Phoenix area, the temptation to see spouses and children might be high. A wave or blowing kisses from the car to the hotel room or bus might not cut it for some couples.

Claims in Emanuel's book being seen now

Local government's role growing in importance during pandemic

BY JENNIFER DAY

In February, when the novel coronavirus pandemic seemed a distant, abstract threat, former Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel published "The Nation City."

It argues that local governments have stepped up to devise innovative policy solutions when the federal government failed to provide leadership. In a nutshell: As our national political conversation has devolved into a rancorous, never-ending partisan feud, mayors are digging in to do the real work of governing.

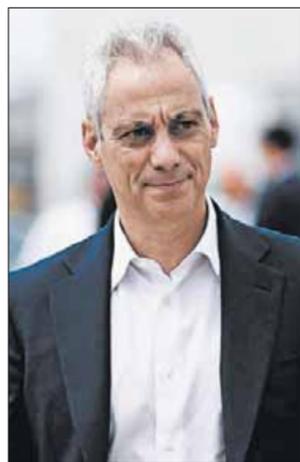
Emanuel's book largely glossed over the role of governors, but it still came to mind this weekend as Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker sparred with President Donald Trump over the federal government's response to COVID-19. States have been leading efforts to thwart the disease, blanketing much — but not all — of the country with a patchwork of stay-at-home orders and seeking out critical medical supplies on their own.

"The president does not understand the word 'federal.' ... Individual states can't possibly do what the federal government can do," Pritzker said on CNN's "State of the Union" on Sunday. "If they had started in February building ventilators, getting ready for this pandemic, we would not have the problems that we have today, and frankly, very many fewer people would die."

We called Emanuel at his Chicago home to talk about how "The Nation City" relates to this pivotal moment. Here's an edited transcript of our chat.

Q: The government response to the novel coronavirus pandemic seems to prove the thesis of your book. I'm wondering how you feel about that.

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ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Former Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel's book, "The Nation City," talks about local government's increased importance.



JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

John Prine, who grew up in Maywood, performs at the Chicago Theatre on April 27, 2018. Prine died Tuesday at the age of 73.

No shortage of Prine essentials

Songwriter's vast catalog contains numerous gems

BY STEVE JOHNSON

When Angelo Varias was on the road with John Prine, as a drummer in Prine's late 1970s backup band, it was a good vibe.

Varias remembered a bunch of Chicago guys and a bandleader "who was probably the easiest-going but nicest and most supportive band person I've worked with."

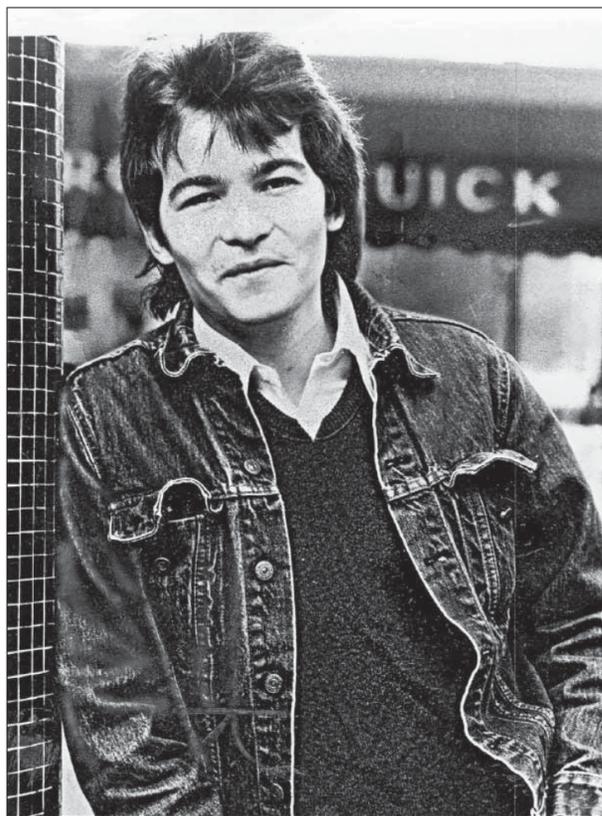
But then the tour would land someplace like LA, and Varias and bandmates would see their compatriot in a new light as people such as Kris Kristofferson and Phil Spector came backstage at the Roxy to pay their respects.

"When we'd enter a room and there'd be somebody like Roger Waters (of Pink Floyd) there, and he'd be on his knees in front of John telling him how great he was, it was really a revelation to us that this guy was something special," Varias said.

Prine, who grew up in Maywood and composed some of his earliest and best-known songs while walking a west suburban postal route, died Tuesday at 73 in a Nashville hospital, one of the thousands of Americans felled in the coronavirus pandemic.

Tributes from fellow songwriting greats poured in. Bruce Springsteen recalled that "John and I were 'New Dylans' together in the early '70s" and called him "a true national treasure and a songwriter for the ages."

Old Town School of Folk Music, where Prine learned guitar in



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Singer-songwriter John Prine from a 1972 promotional photo. In 1972, Prine opened a five-night stay at the Brown Shoe at 1355 N. Wells St. in Chicago.

the '60s, planned a virtual sing-and play-a-long Wednesday night to his debut album.

Attempts to capture his life felt so rich yet, necessarily, left so much out. And a whole lot of people Tuesday night pulled some of Prine's large catalog of

studio and live records out of their album collection or typed his name into Spotify to conduct a private memorial service in the most fitting way possible.

Eleven essential Prine songs are recommended at the end of this story, but you could pick 25

others and not be wrong. You could pick almost every one of the 13 tracks on his self-titled 1971 debut album and not be wrong.

Varias first connected with Prine through a mutual friend, the late songwriter Steve Goodman, who, circa 1976 or '77, put together a "Rolling Blunder" tour of Chicago folk scene regulars, a spoof on Bob Dylan's big Rolling Thunder tour.

"There were, like, 11 people in the van playing a few places in the Midwest," Varias said. "John was one of many."

Out of that, Varias joined the band backing Prine for his 1978 LP "Bruised Orange," and the band on its own would play around Chicago in the early 1980s as the Famous Potatoes.

Prine loved to perform his music, the drummer recalled, even the songs he'd played thousands of times, even after his great final album, 2018's "The Tree of Forgiveness," when the singer had to take oxygen before going on stage and couldn't play more than two nights in a row.

Varias has a few favorites of his own from the Prine catalog.

"There were certain songs that emotionally got me every time," he said. "When we played 'Bruised Orange,' that always got me. We played 'Mexican Home' — it was a ballad, but we played it as a big, blistering song with a lot of anger. We used it as a closer. It would go on 10 or 12 minutes.

"And 'That's the Way the World Goes Round' — you looked out, the whole audience was smiling and happy and singing. It was a uniform feeling. He was like Mr. Rogers singing that song."

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The history of pandemics in Chicago



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Adam Selzer, a local historian, leads a group of people on a historical grave robbing tour of Lincoln Park in 2016. Selzer has taken his tours online during the coronavirus pandemic.

Historian gives tours via livestream about 1866 cholera, 1918 flu

BY NINA METZ

Despite urging from the city and state, the coronavirus stay-at-home order hasn't been universally followed. Would it surprise you to learn that during the 1918 influenza pandemic there were Chicagoans flouting similar rules as well?

The city had banned large gatherings because of health concerns, but Chicago's upper crust continued to host parties anyway, according to author and historian Adam Selzer. A Tribune society column went so far as to name names, specifically that of Joan Pinkerton Chalmers, the daughter of Pinkerton National Detective Agency founder Allan Pinkerton.

I was curious about the column's tone: Was it scolding? Or did it view Chalmers' party — which was held at the tony Casino Club, an exclusive members-only club on East Delaware Place — as some kind of act of wealth-fueled resistance? Turns out it was neither.

"It was a very neutral column overall," Selzer said. "It opens with: 'Fear of the "flu" doesn't seem to be affecting gatherings at the Casino much and small parties are still being given there.' It then proceeds to list the parties and their hosts in much the same way the society column usually would."

Chalmers was lucky and did not fall victim to the pandemic; she died in 1940 at the age of 84. She's buried in Uptown's Grace-land Cemetery, which is where Selzer recently gave his "Health Scares Through History" tour, virtually.

Typically his walking tours are given to groups in person. Because of the quarantine, he's switched to livestreaming his tours — now solo endeavors, with the occasional assistance of his stepson Aidan — and making them available on his Mysterious Chicago Facebook page.

With social distancing in effect "and all my school group clients canceling, clearly it wasn't going to be a good idea to do in-person tours," he said. "But I felt like I had to figure something out, even if it's just to keep myself busy."

Selzer's videos are available for free — he has more tours scheduled this month on topics ranging from the 19th-century serial killer H.H. Holmes to unsolved Chicago mysteries — but because the walking tours are his usual source of income, he is asking for people to chip in with donations (at his

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CELEBRITIES

Tribune news services

BET plans coronavirus benefit

DJ Khaled, Charlie Wilson, Chance the Rapper, Kirk Franklin, Fantasia and Melvin Crispell III are slated to perform in a special BET show that will assist people of color in dealing with the coronavirus.

The "Saving Our Selves: A BET COVID-19 Relief Effort" broadcast special will air at 8 p.m. EDT April 22.

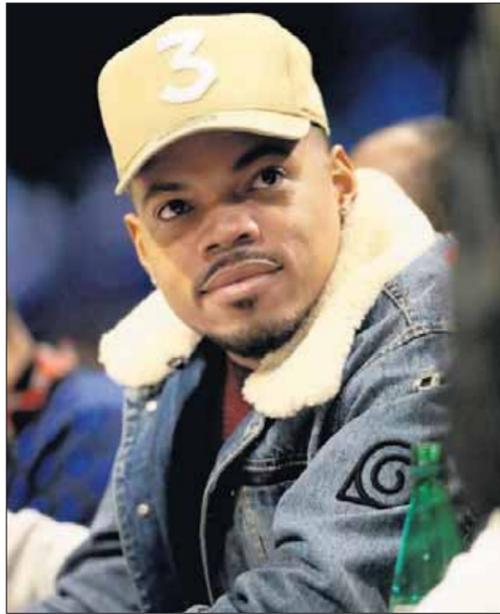
The special will be hosted by singer and actress Kelly Rowland, TV personality Terrence J and actress Regina Hall. The special will give up-to-date information and drive viewers to needed resources.

"Every day, there are new reports of how this pandemic is killing African Americans at much higher rates than other communities," said Scott Mills, BET president. "BET is using all of our resources — our capital, our media platforms, our relationships with the creative community, sponsors, businesses and charitable organizations to support our community in this time of crisis."

Celebrity guests will give up-to-date information and drive viewers to needed resources during this unprecedented time, and in partnership with United Way, proceeds are being donated to African American communities severely impacted by COVID-19.

Broadway to stay dark: Broadway producers have extended the suspension of all shows on the Great White Way, saying musicals and plays will stay shuttered through June 7 in accordance with the latest medical guidance.

Broadway abruptly closed March 12 and announced plans to reopen the week of April 13. But that timetable was increasingly looking too optimistic



JONATHAN DANIEL/GETTY

Chance the Rapper is among those set to perform on a BET special to help people of color dealing with the virus.

as the city saw an alarming surge in deaths.

"Our top priority continues to be the health and well-being of Broadway theatergoers and the thousands of people who work in the theater industry every day," said Charlotte St. Martin, president of the Broadway League.

Already some shows scheduled to open this spring have abandoned plans of ever returning, including "Hangmen" and a revival of Edward Albee's "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" Others — like revivals of "Caroline, or Change" and "Birthday Candles" — have been moved to the fall.

'SNL' music supervisor dies: Hal Willner, 64, a music producer and longtime "Saturday Night Live" music supervisor, has died.

Blake Zidell, a representative for Willner, said the producer died Tuesday. Zidell said Willner had symptoms consistent with

those caused by the coronavirus, but he had not been diagnosed with the virus.

Willner had selected music for skits on "Saturday Night Live" since 1980. He produced albums for Lucinda Williams, Lou Reed and Marianne Faithfull, who is currently being treated for the coronavirus in a London hospital.

Willner is also known for curating a host of tribute albums starting off with "Amarcord Nino Rota" in 1981.

Birthdays April 9: Actress Michael Learned is 81. Actor Dennis Quaid is 66. Talk show host Joe Scarborough is 57. Actress-model Paulina Porizkova is 55. Actress Cynthia Nixon is 54. Actress Keshia Knight Pulliam is 41. Actress Annie Funke is 35. Actor Jordan Masterson is 34. Actress Kristen Stewart is 30. Actress Elle Fanning is 22. Musician Lil Nas X is 21.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Mom questions boyfriend's orientation

Dear Amy: My daughter, "Lauren," is in her early 30s and has had a handful of long-term, serious relationships over the years. Recently, she met a guy online. She fell for him instantly (and he, for her).

She says she's never met someone so thoughtful and that he is unlike anyone she's ever met before.

He brings her flowers each week, cooks for her, makes lunch for her to take to work (with little notes inside), buys her gifts, etc.

Jokingly, I said, "He's so thoughtful and nurturing, he sounds like a woman — just like me!"

After meeting and spending an evening out with them, I can't help but feel he may not be totally heterosexual. He seems like a nice enough person, but he exhibits more female or womanly characteristics and mannerisms, acting more like a girlfriend than a boyfriend.

He has recently changed his first name and has also removed all traces of social media online, so there are no pictures or other clues into his past relationships or life before meeting my daughter.

I hate to have her hurt or deceived again, and would never volunteer my suspicions to her unless she asked, but my intuition is rarely wrong.

What do you think?
— *Trusting my Gut*

Dear Trusting: You seem to think that "not totally heterosexual" is a bad thing. Or that thoughtfulness and nurturing are exclusively female traits.

I know many people who would very happily be with someone who wasn't so locked into a specific

sexual or gender identity. Nor can I imagine why your revelation or insight would necessarily shock your daughter. Surely, she has noticed the same lovely characteristics.

"Lauren's" current partner might have transitioned across the gender spectrum, to land on a comfortable spot where he is a beautiful combination of female and male traits. If so, unless there is some sort of undue deception or manipulation involved, the sort of thoughtfulness and loving kindness he displays should be celebrated.

I do agree that his lack of an online "footprint" raises a red flag, and Lauren should be aware of this and do her own due diligence. She should proceed slowly and thoughtfully.

However, she is an adult. She may be much more aware of gender subtleties and complications than you realize. She may be on her own gender journey.

Regardless, this is the very definition of "mind your own business."

Dear Amy: I recently lost my life partner of 40 years, as well as my last sibling.

In each instance, at the hospitals and mortuaries in different states, each were referred to as "the body" or even worse, "the remains."

Is this coldness something new? Why couldn't they say the name of the person? I hope people in these fields will take notice and pass the word.
— *Still Grieving*

Dear Grieving: I am so sorry you have endured these painful losses. My own experience with death is that the experience heightens awareness and

sensitivity to many interactions surrounding loss.

One reason to use this impersonal terminology would be because many people are known by a different name than is on their death certificate. And professionals might not always know the relationship of the person they are addressing to the deceased.

This is from the Health and Human Service (HHS.gov): "The HIPAA Privacy Rule protects the individually identifiable health information about a decedent for 50 years following the date of death of the individual." This covers identifiable health information; professionals might run with this, through an (over)abundance of caution.

I completely agree with you that referring to a loved one's body as "the remains" is cold, hurtful, and upsetting. I'm sorry this happened to you.

Dear Amy: A recent response to "Lea, in Santa Cruz, CA" explored the stigma of adults living with their parents.

The stigma is not so much of living WITH your parents as much as it is leeching off the parents.

The adult living in the parent's basement caring only for their own needs is judged differently than an adult who is working and paying rent and contributing to the household.
— *Been There*

Dear Been There: Yes, I completely agree.

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History

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website adamchicago.com) if they can manage it. "I'm not making as much as I normally would with a sold-out tour, but people are being very generous."

He gave his first virtual tour in Graceland Cemetery on a gusty, overcast day at the end of March and it's a charmingly low-fi operation shot on his phone. "I've got a steady-cam mount coming in the mail, so future tours won't be quite as shaky." Ironically, he was readying his "Health Scares Through History" tour through Graceland before the coronavirus outbreak, and the stories he has compiled are timelier than ever. (He will be doing the same tour again live at 11 a.m. Saturday.)

Though Graceland Cemetery opened in 1860, there are headstones with earlier dates. That's because graves were relocated to the site, either from small country cemeteries, family plots in people's yards or the city cemetery that once existed in Lincoln Park around North Avenue. Burials in Lincoln Park ended in the early 1860s, said Selzer. "It just wasn't sanitary. They were worried that the bodies were affecting the drinking water; they didn't realize just yet that that was spreading cholera, but they knew it was gross."

Multiple cholera epidemics would occur in the city during the 19th century and those stories make up a good chunk of Selzer's tour. "In 1832 we had our first major cholera epidemic, brought in on a ship by Gen. Winfield Scott, who'd arrived in town with soldiers from the Black Hawk War. Dozens died as they



Author and "Mysterious Chicago" tour guide Adam Selzer focuses on the city's historical figures and oddities. During the quarantine, he is giving his tours virtually via video.

occupied the old Fort Dearborn and Scott later said the disease scared him more than any enemy because there was no way to fight it; he couldn't fortify his walls against it or even offer terms of surrender."

A military commander sounding the alarm about a disease spreading among those under his watch? Sounds familiar. Want more echoes to today? The causes of cholera weren't well understood at the time and ugly xenophobic speculation "blamed it on immigrants coming into the city," according to Selzer.

A thousand people in Chicago would die in the next cholera epidemic of 1866, "including Dr. Daniel Brainard, the founder of Rush University, who had studied cholera quite a bit himself." The Tribune called the disease "the grim destroyer" and it killed about a third of the people who caught it. "It was after

this wave that the city began working to fight it. They still didn't understand quite where it came from, but they'd figured out that good sanitation would help."

Before the advent of antibiotics, brandy was a common treatment for cholera. "Most of the medicines given really only functioned as sedatives," Selzer said. "In one case in 1866 it worked too well — a patient was knocked out so thoroughly that the family thought he was dead and called for the undertaker. The coffin arrived just as he woke up. The same may have happened in 1832; when Philo Carpenter, Illinois' first pharmacist, was digging graves for victims of the epidemic, one of the men he was about to bury stirred back to life."

Let's fast-forward to the 1918 influenza pandemic again and the Casino Club,

which was established four years earlier in 1914.

Author and Tribune correspondent Michael Kilian wrote about the club in 1993 and noted wryly that its "initial raison d'être ... was to provide an oasis for Lake Foresters who, after a hard day shopping, tea dancing or captaining industry, just couldn't bear to drive or train all the way back to the North Shore to change into evening finery for nocturnal gavottes in the city."

Despite its name, the club is not a gambling spot. In Kilian's words: "Social amusements at the Casino run to lurching, dining, napping (sometimes while lurching and dining), gossiping and the occasional dancing. Mostly, they run to what F. Scott Fitzgerald described in 'The Great Gatsby' as 'the rich being rich together.'" Originally the club was at 167 E. Delaware Place before moving a



During his tour of Graceland Cemetery, Adam Selzer uses his iPad to pull up the front page of the Chicago Sunday Tribune from Oct. 6, 1918, above, during the flu pandemic.

few doors over in 1928 to its current location at 195 E. Delaware Place, behind what used to be called the John Hancock Center.

Here's Selzer: "Though several members of Chicago's high society in 1918 became sick, the only Casino Club member I know of to die was Kenneth Sawyer Goodman, the playwright and son of a prominent lumber dealer, who contracted it in an army camp, not at the club. He's the namesake of the Goodman theater."

During his tour of Graceland, Selzer pulls up on his iPad a page from the Chicago Sunday Tribune dated Oct. 6, 1918, and the headlines are eerily similar to those in the newspaper today, including a guide to making your own face mask, aka a "germ screen."

"I've spent untold amounts of time digging through microfilms of newspapers and trying to find new information about old stories, or stories that fell through the cracks," said Selzer. "And random pages from the Tribune in October of 1918 could practically be airlifted onto the

page of the newspaper today. It's a lot of the same stuff: Recommendations to wash your hands and cough into your sleeve. There's a guy quoted saying, 'Only one in 200 people will die if they get this disease, so even if you get it it's nothing to get in a funk about.' There are people saying the exact same stuff now."

So many of us have been stuck at home for weeks, staring at the same four walls. The beauty of Selzer's virtual tours is that they fill a primal need to see the city in which we live.

On Sunday, Selzer was in the Loop where he hosted an Al Capone livestream, always careful to stay at a distance from anyone he might encounter. "After the tour I kept the livestream up while I made my way back to my car and a lot of people commented that it's just nice to see the city."

Adam Selzer's next live stream is a lecture on H.H. Holmes scheduled for 8 p.m. Thursday. For a full list of upcoming virtual tours go to mysteriouschicago.com.

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Prine

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Here then, with help from a guy who should know and the implicit blessings of Waters, Kristoffer-son and Springsteen, are 11 essential John Prine songs:

"That's the Way the World Goes Round" (1978):

Five albums in to a major-label music career, this was Prine's response, he said, to cynicism in himself and others. It's a jaunty acknowledgment that life is going to bounce you around a bit. "You're up one day, and the next you're down."

But even amid the song's comic sunniness, Prine tosses off an unforgettable simile: Stuck in ice in a bathtub, his narrator is

"naked as the eyes of a clown."

"Angel from Montgomery" (1971):

Covered by Bonnie Raitt and countless others, taught to guitar beginners at places such as the Old Town School, "Angel" is a near-miracle of perspective and precise, intangible imagery.

It elevates the yearning and regret of an old woman in a lonely marriage into a spiritual quest. And it was written by a single guy in his early 20s.

"Summer's End" (2018):

"The moon and stars hang out in bars just talking / I still love that picture of us walking." Another Prine tune that sounds as if it's always been there, it also sounds like a summary of a life, and career, with its

chorus repeating "Come on home" and its acknowledgment that "Summer's end came faster than we wanted."

"Lake Marie" (1995):

Half-spoken, half-sung, somewhere between mystical poetry and gritty realism, telling of Native Americans naming a lake and the narrator falling in love beside it, "Lake Marie" is surely too odd a concoction to work. Ha! It's among the Prine tunes Bob Dylan cited in naming him a favorite songwriter.

And it was the first thing I wanted to hear on news of the singer's passing because of its peculiar, visionary alchemy and the way Prine sings repeatedly of "standing by peaceful waters."

"Bruised Orange (Chain

of Sorrow)" (1978): One of Prine's more Dylanesque tunes and the title track of his 1978, Goodman-produced LP, this is the sadder take on the "That's the Way" sentiments: "A heart stained in anger grows weak and grows bitter / You become your own prisoner as you watch yourself sit there."

"Jesus, The Missing Years" (1991):

The title track, sort of, to the first of what would be a string of superb "comeback" albums, it's a sort of hallucinogenic talking blues and a typically wry take on what the lord and savior was up to during a largely unchronicled period of his life.

A lot happened, including recording with the Stones and opening for George Jones.

"Speed of the Sound of Loneliness" (1986):

Prine in a country vein, this might be his most eloquent, straightforward broken-heart song: "How can a love that'll last forever / Get left so far behind."

"Hello In There" (1971):

Another gem from the debut record, this drew attention — and endures — for its empathetic portrait of an older couple, kids moved away or lost in the war, unseen by the broader society. Again, he wrote it in his early 20s.

"Mexican Home" (1973):

Varias described it as a passionate barnburner in those late '70s concerts, but on record it's a heartfelt ballad, a meditation on mortality occasioned by Prine's father dying while sitting on

the family front porch.

"Paradise" (1971):

Another instant classic fueled by Prine's memories of family trips back to Kentucky, where his parents were from. Its lyrics overlay the remembrance of rural simplicity with a sophisticated rant against what the coal company did to his ancestral hometown.

"In Spite of Ourselves" (1999):

The only song of Prine's on the album of that title, it's a sheer delight to hear performed. He and Iris DeMent trade funny, deeply lived-in verses about their long and (mostly) happy life together in testament to the intimacy of marriage.

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Emanuel

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A: Part of the premise was the federal government was dysfunctional. I don't think it's healthy. That said, it forces governors and mayors to take on responsibilities and be in a leadership role that they didn't do 10, 15, 20, 30 years ago. All of a sudden this is in sharp focus: the total dysfunction — and it's total dysfunction in the federal government under President Trump. I won't mince my words: He is leading from behind. There's a famous quote, outside Richmond, when President Lincoln says to Gen. McClellan, (to paraphrase) "If you don't plan on using the Army, do you mind if I follow up to see what it could do?" And that's what all the governors are doing. If you're not going to use the leadership — and they're begging him — we'll do it.

And it's not just governors. Up in Boston, Mayor Marty Walsh hired (retired) Gen. Stanley McChrystal to augment and lead the city's charge. As Americans, we get Jared Kushner; Boston gets Gen. McChrystal. Now who do you think, based on background and capability, is going to be better prepared and better organized?

Q: Pandemics don't respect state lines, though. How does a

state-by-state response work in a situation like this? Or not work?

A: Even if the president would just take one of those things, like the state shut-down. If another state like Iowa doesn't do it — you know, Chicago and Illinois can have one that's pretty strong, but it doesn't have barriers or boundaries. It's permeable. And so, to me, this is an example of where a governor can't do what the federal government only can do. With our governor, we're lucky. We're ahead of the curve because he issued the stay-at-home order way before Illinois saw the numbers that were happening in Washington state, New York, New Jersey, etc. And I think his leadership on that front was very strong. On the other hand, you are only as good as you are comprehensive in a pandemic.

Q: Your book was centered on mayors; has your thinking evolved on governors?

When I wrote the book, I was looking at how power vacuums get filled, and mayors were filling up more and more of that power vacuum. You've seen governors in this crisis, in particular, move forward. And that's a good thing. I was writing it from the perspective of the seat I was sitting in, not to exclude governors but also about unique leadership. But it's also governors. Again, I want to be clear:

There are limits. The power authority and the capability you have in a pandemic is different. But there's a lot of stuff that you would never have done before (on a local level) that you're going to do now because you have to. You have no other choice.

Q: So do governors need to start coordinating among themselves? New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo has said, "It's like being on eBay with 50 other states, bidding on a ventilator."

A: There are things that you can do on a regional basis, but at the end of the day, when there's "X" amount of ventilators, "X" amount of retired nurses and doctors — you know there's only one math. There's only the truth. There's a reason President Clinton (in 1998) set up the federal reserve of health-care supplies. And in 2005 President Bush really put the key in the ignition and really augmented it. Those are two presidents who saw around the corner.

You look at the memo that (White House trade adviser) Peter Navarro wrote President Trump in January. He didn't say, "the way to respond to this is just let the 50 states go out and do it themselves." He was talking about what the national government had to do because it was uniquely qualified on a national level to do what was required for the public well-being. He

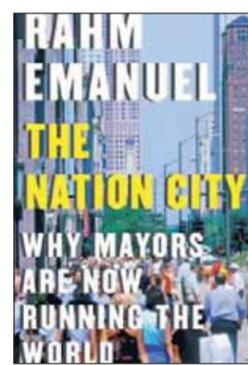
was recommending that in a memo to the president in January when President Trump was saying, "This is not a problem; poof, it will just go away."

Q: Let's address the president's role in this. He's called governors complainers and has said he wants them to be appreciative. He's directed Vice President Mike Pence not to call certain governors in the midst of the crisis. How does this factor in?

A: Let me just say that incompetence and ignorance are a real toxic cocktail. And we're seeing it in real time. Those first eight weeks, nine weeks are not like any other nine weeks. That lost time of urgency and mobilization and deployment is why we're playing catch-up in such a dramatic way. That ignorance is costing people their lives and their livelihoods. And that's wrong.

Q: You wrote an op-ed for The Washington Post recently in which you reflected on what you told President Barack Obama during the 2008 financial meltdown: "Never allow a good crisis to go to waste. It's an opportunity to do the things you once thought were impossible." Help us look ahead to how we should act on the lessons we'll learn from this pandemic.

A: We've talked for decades about a major



"The Nation City: Why Mayors are Now Running the World"

by Rahm Emanuel (Knopf, 2020).

infrastructure investment. We have the opportunity to finally make massive investments in broadband, in wifi. You're never going back to work the same way; you're never doing medicine the same way. Elementary schools, high schools, colleges are going to do a lot more online learning. If you're going to have equity and fairness, you're going to have to have universal broadband.

The third piece is, in my view, is our public-health system. We have starved our public-health system from critical investment.

Q: But you need political will to do all of that.

A: There's this great Warren Buffett quote: (to paraphrase) "When the tide goes out, you see who's swimming without their shorts on." And our public health and our infrastructure and our internet are really exposed for being weak. We have a patchwork across the system, so we need to upgrade them. I guarantee you that there will be some of the critical investments made going forward.

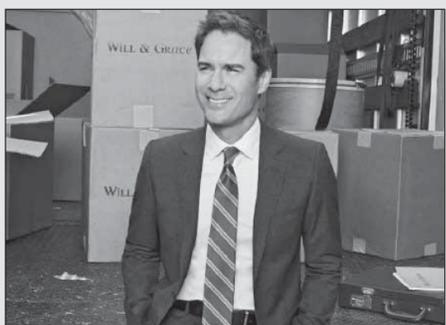
Q: How do you think the public anger you're seeing right now — about lack of testing and protective equipment, about significant disparities in health outcomes for African Americans — will translate into political action?

A: This is the wealthiest country, a country that every time there's a problem anywhere in the world, people turn to America. They turned to it first for its capacity, its capability, its compassion. This was a country that had a Kansas spirit and could do anything and do it well.

What Americans cannot believe is that every night and every day there are nurses who are literally risking their lives, begging for gowns. That's not the America projected around the world. And it surely is not the America that people expect here at home.

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WATCH THIS: THURSDAY



Eric McCormack

"Will & Grace" (8 p.m., NBC): In the new episode "We Love Lucy," after Will (Eric McCormack) tells Grace (Debra Messing) that living with her makes him feel like Ricky Ricardo with wife Lucy, Jack and Karen (Sean Hayes, Megan Mullally) each insist that they are the Lucy in this group dynamic. The notion sends Grace, Karen and Jack into little daydreams in which each plays Lucy, with Will as their long-suffering Ricky.

"Man With a Plan" (7:31 p.m., CBS): After Andi (Liza Snyder) catches Adam (Matt LeBlanc) in a fib, he solemnly vows never to lie to her again in the new episode "Adam's Big Little Lie." As usual, the universe laughs at this promise and immediately lands Adam in an impossible situation where he must lie to protect his dad, Joe (Stacy Keach). Kevin Nealon, Swoosie Kurtz and Kali Rocha also star.

"Swamp People" (8 p.m., 11:03 p.m., History): On a sweltering day that is shaping up to be the hottest of this season, Troy Landry and Terral Evans try to lure monster gators into shady areas using cold-blooded beef melt in the new episode "Swamp on Fire." In another area, when the beasts refuse to bite, Willie Edwards teaches his son to hunt with a treble hook, and Ashley Jones tries to fill her boat despite Ronnie Adams' struggles avoiding heat stroke.

"Mark of a Killer" (8 p.m., 11 p.m., OXY): This harrowing but engrossing true crime series, which examines the disturbing behaviors of serial killers by letting viewers step into the minds of some of the worst mass murderers to date, opens its second season with the premiere "Killer Caller." Minnesota police hunt for a killer who confesses by phone to a string of murders.

"Marriage Boot Camp: Reality Stars" (8 p.m., 10:14 p.m., 12:14 a.m., 2:14 a.m., WE): Season 16 ends on an explosive note in a finale called "Hip Hop Edition: Put a Ring on It," in which lie detector results turn the house into a battle zone, as tensions boil over. Trying to restore order, Dr. Ish Major ultimately makes a difficult choice in a shocking twist that stuns the campers.

"Vegas Chef Prizefight" (9 p.m., 12 a.m., Food): In the finale of this competition, "And the Head Chef Is," the final three chefs are quickly reduced to two semi-finalists after the first test. Those two then move to the Caesars Board Room to plead their case before the Caesars executives, then create a tasting menu for their final dinner service, showcasing their dream restaurant concept.

TALK SHOWS

"Conan" (10 p.m., 11:30 p.m., TBS): Comic Tig Notaro.*

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): Musicians Mike D and Ad-Rock; actress Anna Kendrick; magician Dan White; best of Fallon.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): The comic interviews guests and introduces musical performances.*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live!" (11:05 p.m., ABC): Actor Don Cheadle.*

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'SORRY WE MISSED YOU' ★★★ 1/2

An all-too-real look at the precarious working-class life

BY WESLEY MORRIS
New York Times

I'll never forget the pleading that goes on in "Sorry We Missed You." It's desperate but futile. Life goes on, they say. So does the global marketplace. If you order a shower curtain or diapers or a new phone, you probably need it yesterday. Ken Loach's brutally moving agitprop drama demands a thought be spared for the anonymous souls who drop this stuff off. That shower curtain might be the death of them.

It's an easy movie at first. Ricky Turner (Kris Hitchen) has done blue-collar labor all his life. Now he's through with bosses breathing down his neck, so he takes a job as an owner-driver for a third-party delivery company out of Newcastle in northern England. (The title refers to those door tags you get when a package needs a signature and you're not home.) Gig-economy freedom appeals to him. But anybody watching Ricky natter on about blissful independence, in these opening scenes, can already sense the bad news rising — maybe even before his new not-boss, a big bruiser named Maloney (Ross Brewster), tells him, "Like everything around here, it's your choice."

First of all, Ricky has no van to transport the parcels. A new one costs about \$18,000, and he doesn't have that kind of money, not even for the \$1,200 down payment. When he strong-arms his wife, Abby (Debbie Honeywood), into selling the family car that she also depends on for her own job taking care of the disabled, elderly and infirm, you feel the movie starting down a track that will, at some point, make you get



JOSS BARRATT

Kris Hitchen and Katie Proctor in "Sorry We Missed You."

MPAA rating: None

Running time: 1:41.

angry, then consider terminating your Amazon Prime membership.

Except this is a Loach movie, and along with being one of Earth's most venerable and venerated directors, he's almost without peer as a filmmaker formidably committed to exposing the sins of our wages. For six decades, his film and television work has looked at regular working folks and, often, what that work costs them. He knows you're unlikely to cancel anything. But he damn sure wants you to think long and hard about that next one-click buy.

Paul Laverty has written many of Loach's scripts, including this one. He's attuned to seeding problems early so that they sprout distress later. Abby's employment becomes as central to the drama as Ricky's. With the car sold, she has to take the bus, and like her husband, she works for a subcontractor that has no evident concern for her humanity.

The Turners have two kids, a teen angel named Liza Jane (Katie Proctor) and an older, adolescent punk called Seb (Rhys Stone), whose rebellious

street art compounds the household stress and jeopardizes Ricky's ability to meet his relentless delivery quotas.

For everything to go right with this family, not one thing can go remotely wrong. No one can afford to get sick, attend an unscheduled school meeting, miss a bus, be robbed. It's all too precarious, which is to say it's all too real.

There's no way for Loach to have gone smaller. When the movie's over, you have, indeed, witnessed a tragedy, just not the usual kind. But life: that's the tragedy, what it takes to get by, what it takes to get a little bit happy — for one lousy meal. The stakes of the film are simultaneously huge and small. The Turners don't need much. Some stability; a steady income, of course; more time would be a dream. Really, though, the most precious thing they have is each other. But there's no time for that because then there'd be no money.

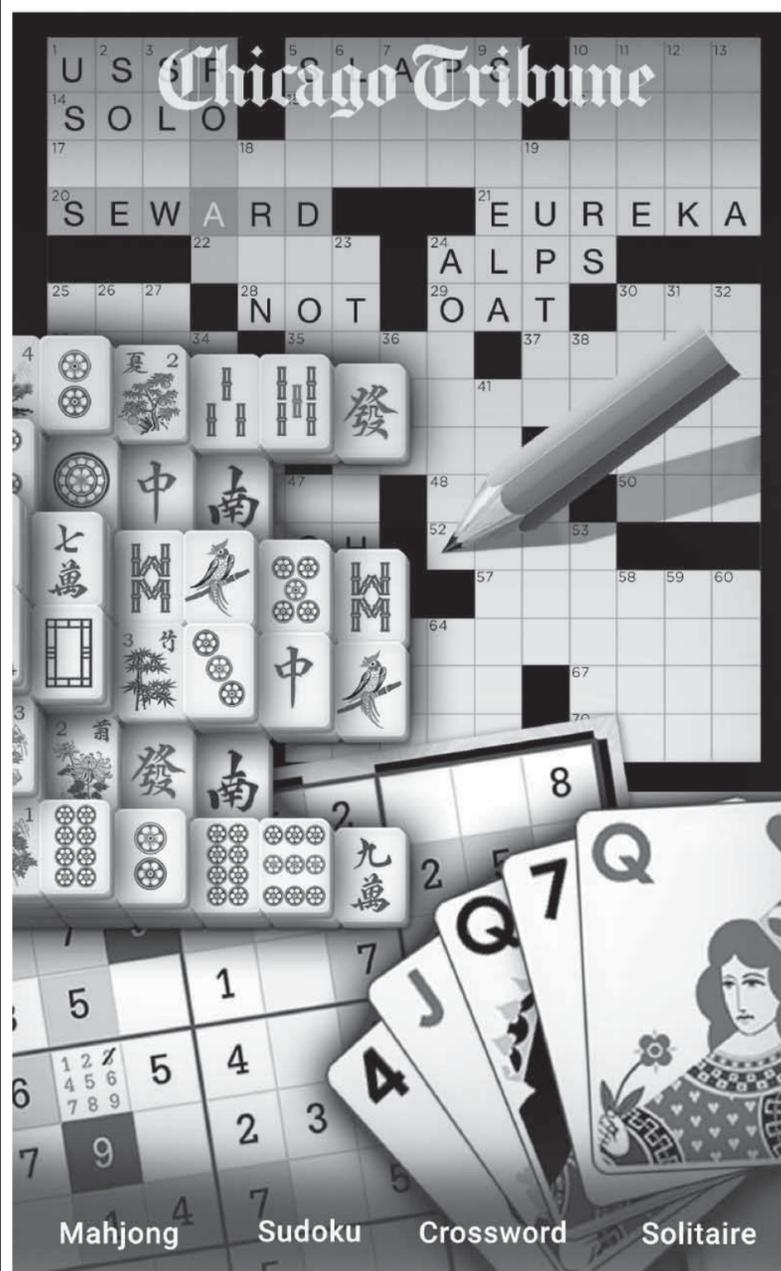
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THURSDAY EVENING, APR. 9

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	ABC	7	Station 19: "I'll Be Seeing You." (N) ©	"I'll Be Seeing You." (N) ©	Grey's Anatomy: "Put on a Happy Face." (Season Finale) (N) ©	(9:01) How to Get Away With Murder (N) ©	News at 10pm (N) ♦	
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	AMC		♦ (6) Top Gun (PG,'86) *** Tom Cruise.		Under Siege (R,'92) *** Steven Seagal. © ♦			
	ANIM		The Last Alaskans: Arctic Refuge (N)				Yukon Men ©	Yukon ♦
	BBCA		Planet Earth: Life ©		Planet Earth: Life: "Fish."		Planet Earth: Life: "Birds."	Earth ♦
	BET		The New Edition Story: "Part Two." © (Part 2 of 3)				The New Edition Story: "Part Three." ♦	
	BIGTEN		♦ Divided	Michigan State Classic		BTN Basketball in 60 ©		BTN Basketball in 60 ©
	BRAVO		Housewives/NYC		Housewives/NYC (N)		Top Chef (N) ©	Watch (N)
	CNN		Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		CNN Tonight (N)	Tonight (N) ♦
	COM		The Office		The Office		The Office	Daily Show
	DISC		Rob Riggle Global Inves		Rob Riggle (N)		Moonshiners ©	Moonshine ♦
	DISN		Zombies 2 (NR,'20) Meg Donnelly. ©		Fam Jam		Sydney-Max	Gabby ♦
	E!		The Kardashians (N)		Total Bellas (N) ©		The Kardashians	Total ♦
	ESPN		To be announced					SportsC. (N)
	ESPN2		♦ (6) College Hockey		College Hockey			Hockey ♦
	FNC		Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)	Fox News
	FOOD		Food Truck Race		Food Truck Race (N)		Vegas Chef Prizefight (Season Finale) (N)	Diners, Drive
	FREE		♦ (6:30) The Jungle Book (PG,'16) *** Neel Sethi. ©				Siren: "Survivor." (N) ©	700 Club ♦
	FX		♦ (6) Furious 7 (PG-'15) *** Vin Diesel. ©				Better (N)	Breeders
	HALL		The Last Bridesmaid (NR,'19) Rachel Boston. ©				Golden Girls	Golden Girls
	HGTV		Flip or Flop		Flipping (N)		Flipping 101	Hunters (N)
	HIST		Swamp People ©		Swamp People (N)		(9:03) Swamp People	Swamp ♦
	HLN		Forensic		Forensic		Forensic	Forensic
	IFC		♦ Ace Ventura: Nature Calls		Ace Ventura: Pet Detective (PG-'13,'94) ** ©			Jumanji ** ♦
	LIFE		Married at First Sight (N) ©				King	King
	MSNBC		All In With (N)		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)	11th Hour (N)
	MTV		Jersey Shore (N)		Families of the Mafia (N)		Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.
NATGEO		Alaska State Troopers		Alaska State Troopers (N)		Alaska State Troopers (N)	Troopers ♦	
NBCSCH		♦ (6) To be announced		TBA		SportsTalk Live ♦		
NICK		Where the Wild Things Are (PG,'09) *** Catherine Keener. ©				Friends ©	Friends ©	
OVATION		♦ (6) The Talented Mr. Ripley (R,'99) *** Matt Damon.				Total Recall (R,'90) **** ♦		
OWN		20/20: Homicide		20/20: Homicide		20/20: Homicide	20/20 ♦	
OXY		Killer Couples (N) ©		Mark of a Killer (Season Premiere) (N) ©		Green River Killer (N) © ♦		
PARMT		♦ (6) Next Friday ('00) **		Wife Swap (N) ©		Friday After Next (R,'02) * Ice Cube. ♦		
SYFY		♦ xx: Return		(8:05) Edge of Tomorrow (PG-'13,'14) *** Tom Cruise. © ♦				
TBS		Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan © ♦	
TCM		Annie Hall (PG,'77) **** Woody Allen. ©				Manhattan (R,'79) **** Woody Allen. ♦		
TLC		Dr. Pimple Popper		Save My Skin (Season Finale) (N)		My 600-Lb. Life (N) ♦		
TLN		Wealth		Wretched		Everlasting Love	Life Today	
TNT		♦ Guardians 2		Shaq Life		Shaq Life (N)	It (R,'17) *** Jaeden Lieberher. ♦	
TOON		Home Movie		Burgers		Rick, Morty	Amer. Dad	
TRAV		Ghost Adventures ©		Ghost Adventures (N) ©		The Dead Files (N) ©	Dead Files ♦	
TVL		Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Two Men	Two Men	
USA		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Chicago P.D. ©	Chicago ♦	
VH1		Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	
WE		Marriage- Reality Stars		Marriage-Stars (Season Finale) (N)		Waka & Tammy (N) ©	Marriage ♦	
WGN America		Married	Married	Married	Married	Married	Married	
PREMIUM	HBO		Good Boys (R,'19) ** Jacob Tremblay.		Westworld ©		Euphoria: "Pilot." ©	
	HBO2		The Plot Against America		High Main.		(8:35) Yesterday (PG-'13,'19) ** Himesh Patel. © ♦	
	MAX		Innerspace (PG,'87) *** Dennis Quaid. ©				Traffic (R,'00) *** Michael Douglas. ♦	
	SHO		♦ (6:15) The Best of Enemies ('19) **		Kobe Bryant's Muse ©		Desus (N)	
	STARZ		♦ Zombieland: Double Tap		Once Upon a Time... In Hollywood (R,'19) *** © ♦			
STZNC		♦ Are We There Yet? **		Anger Management (PG-'13,'03) ** Adam Sandler.			Green Hrn ♦	

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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (April 9): Grab lucky professional breaks this year. Grow and succeed thanks to your powerful community. New directions this summer with travels and education motivate a home beautification phase before work requires your attention.

Creative changes next winter reveal an exciting long-distance exploration. Enjoy a valuable career surge.
Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 7. Don't make big financial changes yet. Articulate dreams and align on one vision. Craft the mission statement. Adjust budgets to reflect that vision.
Taurus (April 20-May 20): 8. Share your heart with your partner. Imagine what could be possible. Talk about dreams and fantasies. Speculate. Some ideas seem within reach.
Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. Listen to your body. Modify routines for what you need. Uncover the underlying motivations. Nurture your energy.
Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. Consider romantic possibilities. Discuss dreams, fantasies and plans with someone who makes your heart beat faster. Imagine perfection.
Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 7. Home and family have your attention. Keep promises. Do what you said you would. Share the load with household chores. Enjoy domestic comforts.
Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Let your imagination run wild. Get into writing and artistic projects. Express your dreams, hopes, wishes and fantasies into words and images.
Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Imagine the financial results you want to generate. Set targets and goals. The impossible seems newly accessible. Share and invite participation.
Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 9. Envision what you want and articulate it clearly. Get help building a dream. Avoid lies like the plague. You can get what you need.
Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 7. Review where you've been and consider what's ahead. Revise plans for recent changes. Recharge batteries. Allow time for dreaming, meditation and introspection. Envision a possibility.
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Discuss team visions, goals and objectives. Listen to intuition on timing. Coordinate your moves closely. Connect and share. Celebrate and support your friends and community.
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Design a professional dream. Plot key elements and potential resources and access. Everything seems possible. Share your ideas with potential partners. Invite participation.
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. Plan the trip you've been dreaming about. Plot an educational itinerary. Background research shows you what to include. Don't miss the local excitement.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn



Bliss By Harry Bliss



Bridge

Both vulnerable, South deals

North
 ♠ Q2
 ♥ A Q 10 6 4
 ♦ 82
 ♣ A 8 5 3

West
 ♠ 10 9 4
 ♥ 92
 ♦ 7 6 5 3
 ♣ J 10 6 4

East
 ♠ A J 7 5
 ♥ J 8 7 3
 ♦ 10 9 4
 ♣ 97

South
 ♠ K 8 6 3
 ♥ K 5
 ♦ A K Q J
 ♣ K Q 2

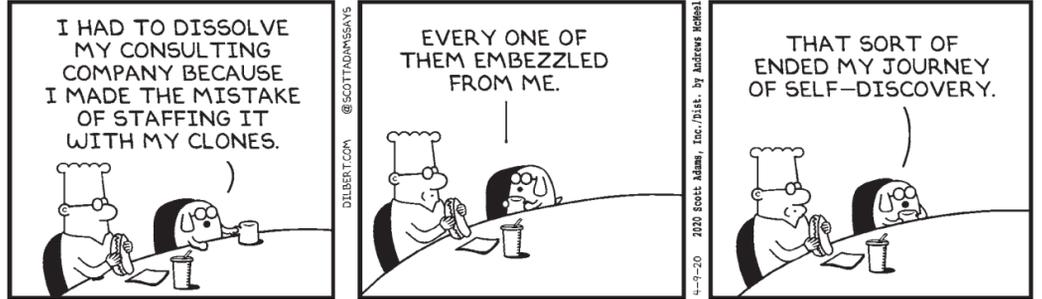
South in today's deal was multiple world champion and American expert, Jill Meyers, from California. The actual auction is not known to us, just the play, but the given auction is reasonable. Had North wanted to ask for aces, he would have started with a Texas transfer of four diamonds and then bid four no trump over partner's four heart bid. That's a little sophisticated, but it is standard for today's experts, and Jill Meyers is certainly an expert.

Other declarers facing the same lead rose with dummy's queen of spades at trick one. East won with the ace and returned a spade, leaving declarer with no winning line. Meyers did better by ducking the spade lead in dummy and winning in hand with her king. Meyers cashed four rounds of diamonds, discarding a heart and a spade from dummy. The king, queen, and ace of clubs were next, hoping for a 3-3 split.

The clubs did not split favorably, but East, who had to keep all four hearts, discarded the seven of spades on the fourth diamond and the jack of spades on the third club. This painted a roadmap for a player of Meyer's ability. She cashed the king of hearts and led a spade, shedding the last club from dummy. East won with the ace but was forced to lead a heart into dummy's ace-queen-10 and Meyers landed her slam. Well done!

— Bob Jones
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Dilbert By Scott Adams



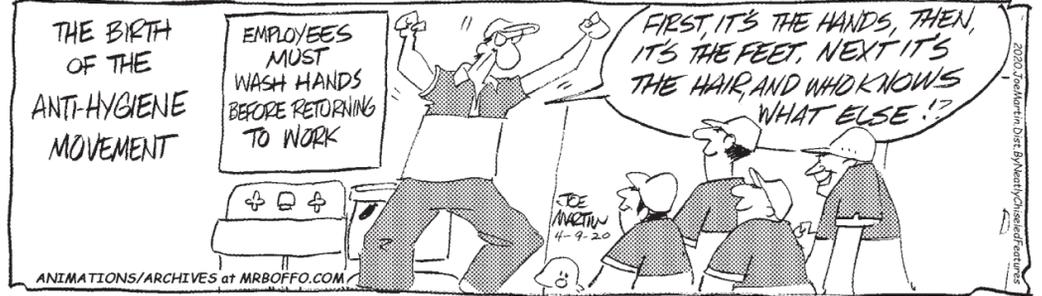
Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott



Zits By Jerry Scott and Jim Borgman



Mr. Boffo By Joe Martin



Frazz By Jef Mallett



Classic Peanuts By Charles Schulz



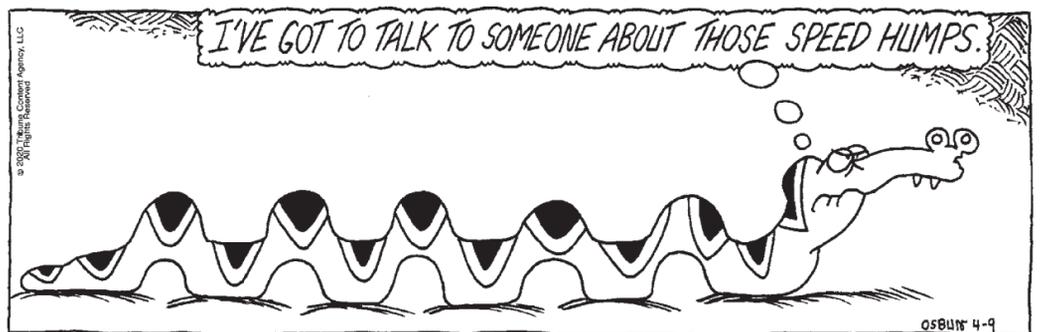
Pickles By Brian Crane



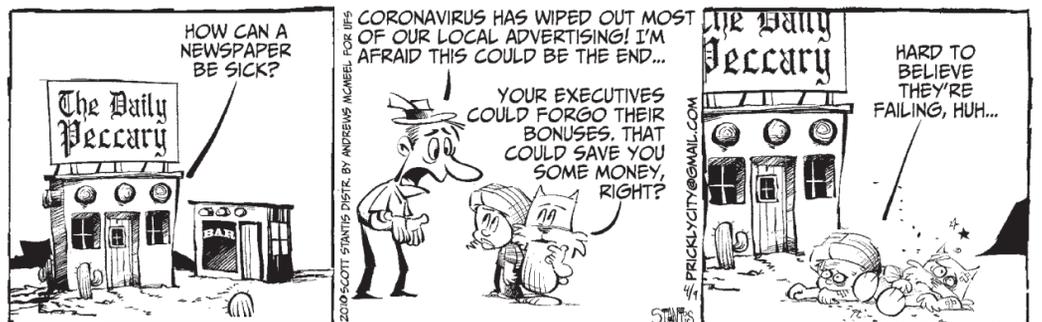
Dick Tracy By Joe Staton and Mike Curtis



Animal Crackers By Mike Osburn



Prickly City By Scott Stantis



Dustin By Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker



For Better or for Worse By Lynn Johnston



Blondie By Dean Young and John Marshall



Hägar the Horrible By Chris Browne



Mutts By Patrick McDonnell



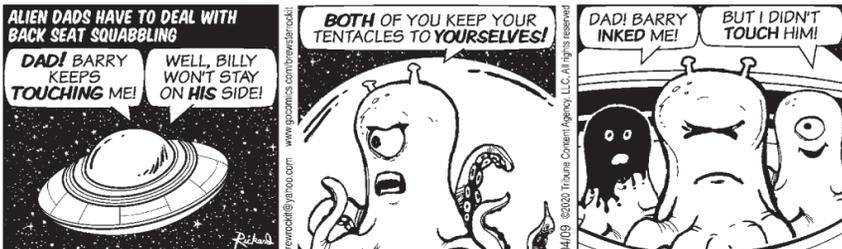
WuMo By Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler



Sherman's Lagoon By Jim Toomey



Brewster Rockit: Space Guy! By Tim Rickard



Broom-Hilda By Russell Myers



Trivia Bits

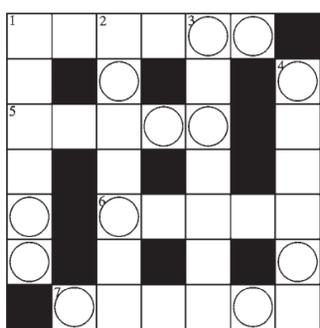
Which of these guitarists was never a member of the Yardbirds?

- A) Jeff Beck
- B) Eric Clapton
- C) Peter Frampton
- D) Jimmy Page

Wednesday's answer: Administered by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the Granite Mountain Records Vault near Salt Lake City is the world's largest repository of genealogical documents.

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Jumble Crossword



4-9-20

CLUE: _____ Island became a British colony in the 1760s.

BONUS



CLUE ACROSS

- 1. Fleishy root
- 5. Flinch
- 6. Blue _____
- 7. _____ Brooks

ANSWER

- PITRUN
- NCWIE
- AEWHL
- TRALEB

CLUE DOWN

- 1. In the direction of _____
- 2. Urban _____
- 3. Emphasize
- 4. Respectable

ANSWER

- DRTWAO
- EWRELAN
- TRITAE
- DNTEEC

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

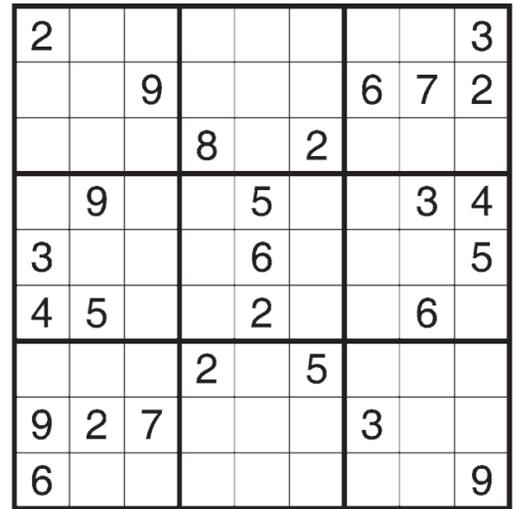
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ANSWERS: 1-A-Turnip 5-A-Whine 6-A-Whine 7-A-Turnip 8-A-Whine 9-A-Whine 10-Turnip 11-Turnip 12-Turnip 13-Turnip 14-Turnip 15-Turnip 16-Turnip 17-Turnip 18-Turnip 19-Turnip 20-Turnip 21-Turnip 22-Turnip 23-Turnip 24-Turnip 25-Turnip 26-Turnip 27-Turnip 28-Turnip 29-Turnip 30-Turnip 31-Turnip 32-Turnip 33-Turnip 34-Turnip 35-Turnip 36-Turnip 37-Turnip 38-Turnip 39-Turnip 40-Turnip 41-Turnip 42-Turnip 43-Turnip 44-Turnip 45-Turnip 46-Turnip 47-Turnip 48-Turnip 49-Turnip 50-Turnip 51-Turnip 52-Turnip 53-Turnip 54-Turnip 55-Turnip 56-Turnip 57-Turnip 58-Turnip 59-Turnip 60-Turnip 61-Turnip 62-Turnip 63-Turnip 64-Turnip 65-Turnip 66-Turnip 67-Turnip

By David L. Hoyt.

Sudoku 1 2 3 4

4/9



6	1	4	7	8	9	5	2	3
3	8	9	1	2	5	7	6	4
7	2	5	3	4	6	9	8	1
9	5	2	4	6	8	1	3	7
1	6	3	2	5	7	8	4	9
4	7	8	9	3	1	6	5	2
5	4	7	6	9	2	3	1	8
2	9	6	8	1	3	4	7	5
8	3	1	5	7	4	2	9	6

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

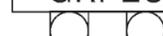
Wednesday's solutions

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Jumble

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.

GRPEU



SEPRS



DHOYSD



MISLDA



Answer here



Wednesday's answers

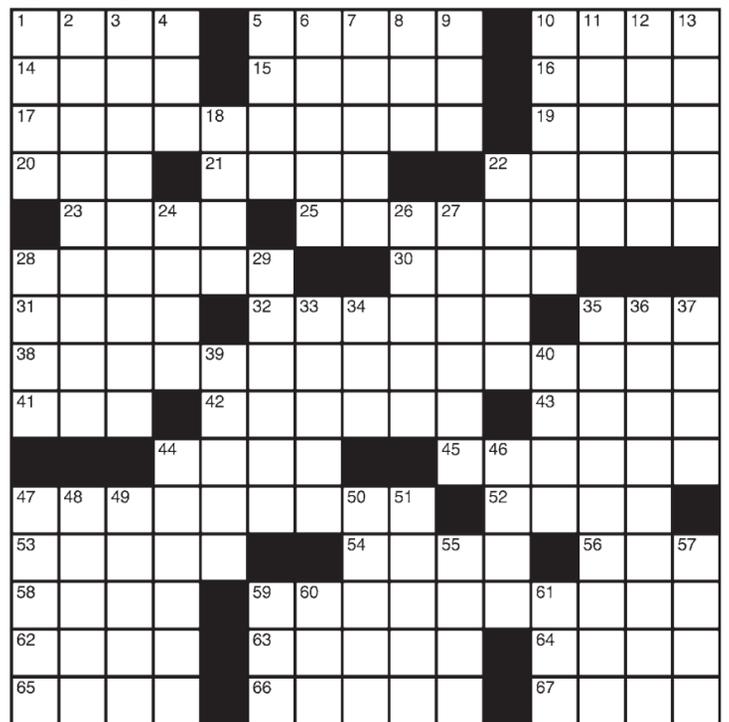
Jumbles: AGENT PROXY MILDEW DARKER
Answer: He felt he was destined to become a priest, and going to the seminary was — PREORDAINED

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Crossword

4/9



Across

- 1 Mind
- 5 Old lemon
- 10 What's under a beret
- 14 Oxford tightener
- 15 Pledge drive gifts
- 16 YouTube journal
- 17 Getting on in years
- 19 Lobed organ
- 20 Web pioneer
- 21 Polish place
- 22 Couldn't help it
- 23 Document feature with size options
- 25 Gets plastered
- 28 "See You on the Radio" essayist Charles
- 30 Dull sound
- 31 Transplanting need
- 32 Some allergy symptoms
- 35 "So that's what's going on here!"
- 38 Owns part of
- 41 Well-suited
- 42 With enthusiasm

- 43 Ronnie in the Pro Football Hall of Fame
- 44 Rtes. often numbered
- 45 Pack animals
- 47 Classified item
- 52 "Let's do it!"
- 53 European toast
- 54 Chucklehead
- 56 Atlanta-based health agcy.
- 58 Document settings
- 59 Holmes' comment about the ends of the four other longest Across answers?
- 62 "Return to Mayberry" grown-up
- 63 Frost-resistant flower
- 64 Golfo contents
- 65 Ice cream buy
- 66 _-Japanese War
- 67 One of the Ivies

- 18 "What have I gotten myself _?"
- 22 _ cat
- 24 Mardi Gras acronym
- 26 Musical star Merman
- 27 Grammy winner Crow
- 28 Hazmat monitor
- 29 Rot
- 33 Sambuca flavoring
- 34 Avg.
- 35 Period spawned by the Manhattan Project
- 36 Baseball strategy for a contact hitter
- 37 Little marchers
- 39 Maritime
- 40 Bridge feat
- 44 How china is sold
- 46 Fuzzy film coward
- 47 Shooter's setting
- 48 Congo critter with striped legs
- 49 Dick Grayson's alter ego
- 50 Does some fencing, maybe
- 51 Stadium toppers
- 55 Terrible test score
- 57 Ink cartridge color
- 59 Corn serving
- 60 2020 NCAA FBS champs
- 61 Touch-screen touch

Down

- 1 "Quantum of Solace" actress Kurylenko
- 2 Cake on a dish
- 3 EPA scientist
- 4 Longbow wood
- 5 Italian smoker
- 6 Slack off
- 7 Skyy shelfmate, familiarly
- 8 _ sauce: sushi condiment
- 9 Trippy '60s drug
- 10 Cable network with classic sitcoms
- 11 Get past
- 12 Jay Silverheels role
- 13 Prod

Wednesday's solution



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THURSDAY, APRIL 9 NORMAL HIGH: 56° NORMAL LOW: 37° RECORD HIGH: 80° (1887) RECORD LOW: 20° (1989)

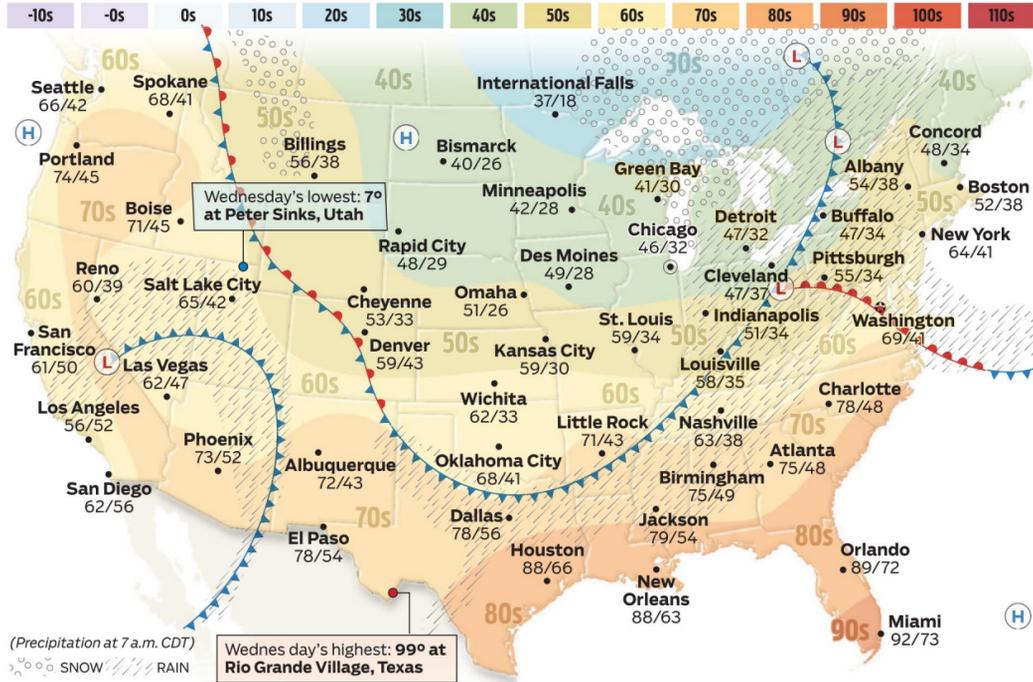
Much colder Thursday with huge temp drop

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 46 **LOW** 32

- The leading edge of cold high pressure builds into the Midwest/Chicago area.
- Much colder with the 7 a.m. temp some 35-degrees colder than Wednesday's afternoon high of 74-degrees.
- Some sun during the forenoon, but clouding-up again by midday with a chance of afternoon rain showers, possibly mixed with a little graupel.
- Strong gusty NW winds 20 to 35 mph-plus.
- Clearing skies and cold overnight – lows upper 20s to lower 30s.

NATIONAL FORECAST



Strong NW winds gusting over 35 mph at times will usher in much colder Canadian-source high pressure into the Midwest and Chicago area Thursday. High temps during the afternoon will struggle to reach the middle 40s, some 30 degrees colder than Wednesday's mild 74 degree high at Chicago's official O'Hare observing site. Looking at normal daytime high temps, it will feel like going from early June back to mid-March. Chilly weather will follow on Friday then modify slightly with highs in the 50s over the weekend. But another strong cold front will sweep through from the NW on Sunday directing what appears to be an even colder air mass - with highs next Monday struggling to reach the 40 degree mark and we may get a few snow showers. Temps should modify back into the 50s later next week.

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

HIGH 48 **LOW** 37

A sunny morning – partly cloudy in the afternoon. Breezy NW winds 15-25 mph. Continued cool. High in the upper 40s. Partly cloudy overnight. Winds diminish, becoming light from the SW.



SATURDAY, APRIL 11

HIGH 53 **LOW** 44

Mostly cloudy. High in the low 50s. Good chance of showers. SW winds 8-15 mph. Overnight showers.



SUNDAY, APRIL 12

HIGH 54 **LOW** 38

Breezy and cloudy with scattered rain showers. Highs 50-55 with readings in the 40s along the lakefront. E to NE winds 12-22 mph. Light rain possibly becomes mixed with snow overnight before ending from the west.



MONDAY, APRIL 13

HIGH 39 **LOW** 28

Mostly cloudy and cold with a chance of a few wet snow showers. Chilling NW winds gusting to 30 mph. Clearing skies overnight.



TUESDAY, APRIL 14

HIGH 42 **LOW** 32

Partly cloudy and continued cold with a high 40-45 nearly 15 degrees below normal. Scattered clouds overnight. Light northerly winds.



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

HIGH 45 **LOW** 34

Partly sunny, continued cold with afternoon highs in the middle 40s. Partly cloudy overnight. Westerly winds.



ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
I recently read about the size of raindrops, and they can be as small as a few hundredths of an inch in diameter. How is such small size measured? How is it done?

James Lafred, Chicago

Dear James,
Droplet size is what separates drizzle from rain, and the threshold is two hundredths of an inch, or 1/50 inch in diameter. Drizzle lies as the smaller end of the scale and rain at the larger end.

Measuring raindrops these days is a high-tech matter. Researchers employ a variety of techniques: high-speed photographs of falling drops, microscopic photography of tiny drizzle droplets (and even smaller fog droplets), specially designed "raindrop radars" and electric sensors that determine the force of the impact of a drop on a metal sheet (larger drops hit harder).

Write to: ASK TOM
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WGN-TV meteorologists Mark Carroll, Steve Kahn, Richard Koeneman, Paul Merzlock and Paul Dailey, plus Bill Snyder, contribute to this page.

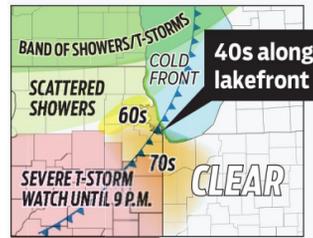
Hear Demetrius
Ivory's weather updates weekdays 3 to 6 p.m. on WGN-AM 720 Chicago.

Temps dive as cold air hits Wednesday night/Thursday

WEDNESDAY 4 P.M. SNAPSHOT

Cold front moved southeast through the Chicago area

Scattered showers and t-storms at either side of the cold front, with a Severe T-Storm Watch to the south



- Gusty winds shifted north
- Temperatures were falling north behind the cold front range from 40s at the lakefront to 70s south of I-80

SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

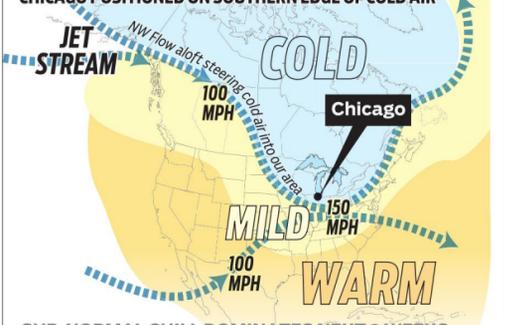
24-HOUR TEMP DROP

Chicago-O'Hare

W 3 P.M.	74°
E 4 P.M.	63°
D 5 P.M.	57°
N 6 P.M.	55°
E 7 P.M.	53°
S 8 P.M.	52°
D 9 P.M.	51°
A 10 P.M.	50°
N 11 P.M.	49°
MDNT.	48°
1 A.M.	47°
2 A.M.	46°
3 A.M.	44°
T 4 A.M.	42°
H 5 A.M.	41°
U 6 A.M.	40°
R 7 A.M.	39°
S 8 A.M.	40°
D 9 A.M.	41°
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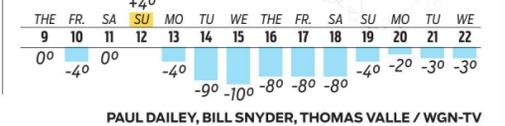
THURSDAY'S SET-UP

CHICAGO POSITIONED ON SOUTHERN EDGE OF COLD AIR



SUB-NORMAL CHILL DOMINATES NEXT 2 WEEKS

April 9-22 forecast departures: How far from normal?



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CHICAGO DIGEST

WEDNESDAY TEMPERATURES

LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
Aurora	74	49	Midway	69	50
Gary	57	48	O'Hare	74	51
Kankakee	78	51	Romeoville	75	51
Lakefront	51	45	Valparaiso	74	49
Lansing	72	49	Waukegan	62	43

CHICAGO PRECIPITATION

PERIOD	2020	NORMAL
Wed. (through 4 p.m.)	0.01"	0.11"
April to date	0.12"	0.84"
Year to date	7.17"	6.86"

CHICAGO SNOWFALL

PERIOD	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Wed. (through 4 p.m.)	0.0"	0.0"
Season to date	30.1"	30.2"
Normal to date	35.7"	36.6"

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS

THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Wind	NW 16-36 kts. NW 12-26 kts.
Waves	4-6 feet 2-4 feet
Wed. shore/crib water temps	47°/46°

TUESDAY'S PEAK POLLEN LEVEL

POLLEN	LEVEL
Tree	High
Grass	0
Mold	Low
Ragweed	0
Weed	0

SOURCE: Gottlieb Memorial Hospital Allergy Count, Dr. Rachna Shah

CHICAGO AIR QUALITY

Wednesday's reading	Good
Thursday's forecast	Good
Critical pollutant	Particulates

THURSDAY RISE/SET TIMES

Sun	6:19 a.m.	7:25 p.m.
Moon	9:38 p.m.	7:32 a.m.



THURSDAY PLANET WATCH

PLANET	RISE	SET
Mercury	5:41 a.m.	5:25 p.m.
Venus	8:03 a.m.	11:31 p.m.
Mars	3:27 a.m.	1:04 p.m.
Jupiter	2:45 a.m.	12:09 p.m.
Saturn	3:05 a.m.	12:38 p.m.

BEST VIEWING TIME DIRECTION

MERCURY	NOT VISIBLE
Venus	8:30 p.m. 30.5° W
Mars	5:00 a.m. 13.5° SE
Jupiter	5:00 a.m. 18.5° SE
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Renters can add personality to their space with temporary decorations, including removable wallpaper, tile and window decals, and plug-in wall sconces **PAGE 4**

HOME REMEDIES

Important cleaning tips to halt spread of COVID-19

BY JENNA SCHUSTER
Angie's List

As you're caring for your household, you may be wondering what extra steps you can take to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 in your home. To help, we've put together a list of cleaning recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to keep in mind during your daily routine.

Clean and disinfect surfaces. To prevent the spread of disease, it's important to both clean and disinfect hard surfaces in your home, which means doing more than the usual wipe-down. First, clean surfaces with a rag and a mixture of detergent or soap and water. This will remove impurities, dirt and germs from the area. Then, disinfect the clean surface using an EPA-registered disinfectant. You can find a list of disinfectants for use against COVID-19 on the Environmental Protection Agency's website.

If you're struggling to



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Follow CDC recommendations to clean and disinfect the surfaces in your home.

find name-brand disinfectants to clean your home, it is possible to make your own disinfectant. A solution of $\frac{1}{3}$ cup of bleach per gallon of water is effective in killing germs around the home, the CDC says. Alcohol solutions with at least 70% alcohol should also do the trick. Take care to never

mix bleach with ammonia or any other cleanser, and be sure to launder or dispose of any rags before your next cleaning.

Pay extra attention to frequently touched items. Chances are, there are areas (and items) in your house that get more

use than others, so be sure to clean and disinfect these areas frequently. Make sure you're paying extra attention to tables, hard-backed chairs, doorknobs, light switches, remotes, gaming consoles, handles, desks, toilets, toilet handles, sinks and faucets. Placing disinfecting wipes or cleaning

supplies in multiple areas throughout your home will remind you to wipe down these surfaces regularly.

Don't forget to clean soft surfaces. Though it's trickier than cleaning hard surfaces, there are ways to keep soft surfaces like rugs and blankets as germ-free

as possible during this time. For this project, you'll want to first remove any visible blemishes from the fabric. Then, clean the material with the appropriate solution according to manufacturer instructions. If possible, throw items in the laundry with water on the warmest appropriate setting and then allow them to dry.

Wash your hands. In addition to taking precautions to clean and disinfect regularly around your home, one of the most effective ways to protect yourself is to wash your hands often. Use soap and water and scrub for at least 20 seconds, the CDC says. This step is especially important after grocery shopping, blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing. Be sure to avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth as much as possible, but especially with unwashed hands. If soap and water aren't readily available, hand sanitizer will do in a pinch. Make sure the sanitizer contains at least 60% alcohol.

Tips for creating a calming home office

BY CATHY HOBBS
Tribune News Service

With so many people working from home, one challenge may be in how to create an adequate and productive work environment. So where do you begin? Here are our top tips.

Create your home office in a room with a window, if possible. Natural light plays a role in creating the ideal work environment.

Try to create a separate

work room if possible. Additional privacy may be needed.

Ventilate your space periodically throughout the day. Fresh air goes a long way in creating a healthy environment.

Incorporate textures to make you feel calm.

Choose a comfortable work chair.

Store documents away from your work surface

when possible. Keeping your work area neat and tidy will help keep the creative juices flowing.

Integrate colors you love into your space. Does the color orange make you happy? Does the color blue make you calm and relaxed? Color can help create the right mood.

Looking for space-saving solutions? Consider creating your workspace in a currently occupied area of your home,

such as a bedroom, or use a slim or convertible piece of furniture, such as a table that transforms into a desk.

Ditch the guest bedroom. So often guest bedrooms go unused except for a few times a year. Why not turn every room of your home into a productive space?

Bring in living elements, such as plants and trees. Greenery will help bring life to your space as well as circulate oxygen.



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Giving a rental space personality

Go bold (and still get your security deposit back)

BY MELISSA
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Associated Press

Noelle Daumeyer and her roommates knew they needed a big, bold art piece to decorate the bland, white walls in the living room of their rented apartment, but they also worried about damaging the paint.

They solved the problem by painting their own version of Henri Matisse's "Dance" and using hooks with removable adhesive to hang the canvas.

"We wanted to give the space more personality," said Daumeyer, of Columbus, Ohio. "All of our friends comment on the painting. It really brightens up the room."

Many renters who are hoping to get back their security deposits can still pursue ambitious decorating ideas thanks to a growing number of landlord-friendly products. In addition to removable hooks, temporary decorating updates include removable wallpaper, tile decals and easy-to-install light fixtures.

"There is definitely a growing interest in designing rented spaces," said Lee Mayer, CEO and co-founder of Havenly, an online interior design service. "People have more access than ever to inspiring homes and creative interiors, which has stimulated the desire to improve and optimize our own spaces."

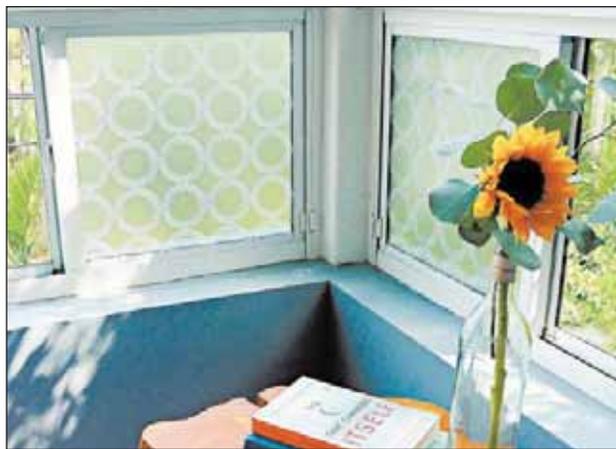
Like Daumeyer, Mayer is a proponent of art and, when necessary, adhesive hooks.

"Nothing makes a space feel more 'you' than artwork. It's a highly personal item in the first place — it cues to your style, your



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StickPretty's Azul Mosaic tile decals can transform any tiled space into an artful eye-fel of color and pattern.



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StickPretty window film creates privacy without having to install curtain rods or blinds.

interests and your unique sensibilities," Mayer said. "You can dramatically makeover a blank wall with a large statement canvas, create a gallery wall of your photos or even curate an eclectic collection of pieces picked up on travels and over time."

For the more adventurous renter, she recommends removable wallpaper. "It sounds complicated, but I promise, it's very doable and goes a long

way to completely transform and tailor a space to your tastes," Mayer said.

The product is aimed at renters and homeowners who like changing up their decor, said Christiana Coop, co-founder of Hygge & West, which sells traditional and removable wallpaper.

"So many people want wallpaper to be a part of their design. It's an easy way to add pattern and color to a room," she said.



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Renters have traditionally been limited in how boldly they can decorate and still get their security deposit back. But new products such as the Otomi Shower Curtain in Turquoise are making renters' decorating dreams more doable.



JANET KWAN/MITZI

Patti Sconce by Mitzi.

"People aren't afraid of it anymore."

Renters also can perk up boring tile with waterproof decals in an array of colors and patterns, said Roxie Mae Lackman, creative director and founder of

StickPretty.com. The decals allow people to create a dramatic backsplash in their kitchen or give a face-lift to outdated bathroom tile, she said. "People like a space that reflects their personality," she said.

Her company also sells removable window film, which can add pattern and create wow factor, she said. It's also a way for renters to get more privacy without installing curtain rods or blinds.

"It's definitely an easy-on, easy-off quick fix," she said.

Lighting that doesn't require new wiring is another way "to immediately add ambiance to a space without risking your security deposit," Mayer said.

Use plug-in wall sconces to flank a bed or accent a living room scene, she

suggested. The lights — which must be mounted on the wall but don't require help from an electrician — can customize a space, added Ben Marshall, creative director at Hudson Valley Lighting Group.

"Renters, just like homeowners, are looking for impactful upgrades that can be easily swapped and changed as new trends emerge," he said.

Traditional ways to upgrade a space in a "non-invasive" way include using table lamps, floor lamps and task lighting as decor elements that evoke style and visual interest. Other very temporary improvements include shower curtains, draperies, rugs and bedding.

"It's a way to bring color and pattern to your space," Coop said.

You can sharpen and clean tools indoors. Keeping blades sharp makes garden tools easier to use, with less damage to plants.



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Sharpen gardening tools to benefit your plants' health

BY BETH BOTTS

Sharpening tools is an important gardening task that can be completed indoors. If your tools are sharp, your plants will benefit, said Julie Janoski, Plant Clinic manager at The Morton Arboretum in Lisle.

"A sharp blade will slice cleanly through the stem or root without crushing it," she said. That clean cut will seal up faster and is less likely to admit disease compared with a messy cut from a dull tool.

Sharpening also makes tools easier to use. Pruners with sharp blades will glide more easily through a branch, requiring less force. The same is true of a sharp shovel cutting through soil and roots.

Many people don't realize that shovels ought to be sharp. "They are sold dull for safety's sake," Janoski said. "You're expected to sharpen a new shovel when you get it home."

To sharpen a digging tool such as a shovel or spade, use a medium-toothed file such as a bastard-cut mill file. Clamp the tool in a vise. Locate the bevel — the angle at which the inner surface of the tool meets the back surface along the edge.

"Your goal is to maintain that angle, but to make the edge sharp," she said.

Grasp the file's handle in your stronger hand and use your other hand to steady its tip while you draw the file along the inside edge of the shovel in long, even strokes. Keep the file at the same angle as the bevel. Each stroke should draw the file in one direction along the blade; don't scrub it back and forth.

On a round-point shovel, sharpen all around the curve, but not the sides. Draw each stroke of the file from the point, or the center of the curve, toward one side or the other. On a rectangular spade, sharpen the straight bottom edge, drawing the file along the edge from one side to the other.

"Pruners and loppers need a smaller file," Janoski said. Some gardeners use a small whetstone with sharpening oil. But it's easier to use a diamond file, made of industrial diamond particles embedded in metal. Or buy a tool for sharpening pruners, sometimes called a sharpening stick and essentially a small metal bar with a honing edge at one end.

On bypass pruners, you'll sharpen only the wider top blade. Wearing

sturdy gloves, open the pruners as wide as possible and grasp the tool with one hand to hold it open. With your other hand, swipe the file along the beveled edge of the wide blade, starting at the inside and moving outward toward the tip. As on a shovel, keep the surface of the file at the same angle as the existing bevel.

"A swipe or two of the file along the back of the blade will remove any metal burrs left behind," Janoski said.

Handle your pruners or loppers carefully to avoid cutting yourself with the sharp blades.

After sharpening your tools, disinfect them by wiping them with 70% alcohol or dipping them in a 10% bleach solution. Then dry them carefully. Lubricate the joints with lightweight household oil and wipe the tools all over with the same oil to preserve them from rust. "Now you're ready to go," Janoski said.

For tree and plant advice, contact the Plant Clinic at The Morton Arboretum (mortonarb.org/plantadvice or plantclinic@mortonarb.org).

Beth Botts is a staff writer at the Arboretum.

Violas, pansies brighten up gardens in the early season

BY TIM JOHNSON

I am in desperate need of some color in my garden as we all stay home or quarantine. I need to be cheered up! What can I do at this early time of year to perk up my garden?

— Beth Gunderson, Highwood

Two of the best plants to add early season color to your garden are pansies and violas, which are readily available in a wide variety of colors.

Pansies and violas are some of the toughest cool-season annuals. If they're planted in the early fall, they'll begin blooming that season, through the winter and into the spring.

The Chicago Botanic Garden usually begins planting pansies and violas on the first Monday in April, though the date is pushed back when temperatures below 30 degrees are forecast in the near future.

What are the differences between pansies and violas, and which will work best in your garden?

Pansies were actually derived from violas, so technically all pansies are violas, but not all violas are pansies. Violas are often called Johnny jump-ups in the United States, as they tend to self-seed and can spread throughout your garden on their own.

Violas are tougher in the winter than pansies, so they're quicker to recover after hard freezes. Because of this, violas have more blooms in January and February than pansies.

Though pansies are a more popular option than violas, they're not necessarily the better option. If you're looking for the toughest cool-season bloom that will produce throughout winter and into spring, violas are a good choice.

Do you want full coverage of color over your



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Two of the best plants to add early season color to your garden are pansies and violas, which are readily available in a wide variety of colors.

flowerbed? Go with violas. If you're looking for the brightest pop of color with large, bold blooms, pansies are your best bet.

I like to buy well-established plants in full flower and plant them densely, as they do not grow much during the short spring season. These plants begin to decline once summer temperatures return on a regular basis, typically in late May. You do not need to fertilize them.

If you purchase your plants from a greenhouse, harden them off by gradually acclimating them to outdoor growing conditions over a week or so. Introduce the plants to full sun for partial days and bring the plants in at night when temperatures drop below 35 degrees. Pansies and violas can take a solid frost when properly hardened off and acclimated to being outside.

These plants are some of the toughest cool-season plants and easiest for you to grow. Garden pansies (*Viola wittrockiana*) can grow to about 6 inches tall and will have flowers that are 2 to 3 inches wide in single and pattern colors. Pansies generally give you a more dramatic color impact than violas, and they come in a greater

variety of colors ranging from orange, yellow, pink, and red, to violet, blue and white.

Violas (*Viola tricolor*) have smaller blooms than pansies in purple, yellow and white, but have more blooms per plant and also provide a good spring show. They are a bit shorter — about 4 inches — than pansies and trail across the ground or over the edge of a container.

Both pansies and violas perform best in full sun to partial shade, requiring four or more hours of direct sunlight each day. They prefer the cool growing temperatures in spring between 40 and 70 degrees, and will tolerate frost once hardened off.

Both of these beauties thrive in full sun, though violas may bloom longer with partial shade. Want the best of both worlds? Pansies and violas together are sure to make your garden a more colorful place.

For more plant advice, contact the Plant Information Service at the Chicago Botanic Garden at plantinfo@chicagobotanic.org.

Tim Johnson is senior director of horticulture at the Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe.

ASK THE BUILDER

Concrete repair that's a close match

BY TIM CARTER

Tribune Content Agency

Q: I need to replace a cracked-off section of my concrete driveway. My primary concern is I want the color and texture of the new patch to match as closely as possible to the existing driveway. It doesn't need to be perfect, just close. How does one accomplish this? I've read your past concrete repair columns at AsktheBuilder.com, so I understand how to mix, place and finish the concrete. Also, what do contractors use to paint the concrete to make it white?

A: You may be facing the same conundrum at your own house. Maybe you're trying to match a wall stucco patch. Or, perhaps you want to repair the mortar between brick on your home.

I'm sure you've seen garish repairs where the new patching material stands out like a red wine stain on a white blouse. While it's possible to get close when doing these types of masonry repairs, it's next to impossible to get a perfect match. If you've got patience — and many don't — you can really come very close to achieving perfection.

My advice is to do a thorough cleaning of the concrete before you start. You can accomplish this using a pressure washer equipped with a 15-degree tip at the end of the wand. Cleaning the concrete allows you to see exactly what you'll be matching.

After your clean concrete is dry, get on your knees and really look at it. Odds are you'll be amazed. You're going to see the individual pieces of sand and tiny stones that were used to make the artificial rock. Your first task is to go to local gravel pits and find sand that looks just like



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You should do a thorough cleaning of the concrete using a pressure washer before beginning any replacement or repair work.

what you see.

Pay attention to the different colors of the sand as well as the grain size. You may have to mix sand from different sources and blend them to get a close match. You have to get the sand right.

Now it's time to look at the cement paste that's in between the grains of sand in the concrete. What color is it: gray, buff, off-white? It's likely to be some shade of gray. Gray is good and it's the easiest to match.

Remember when I talked about patience? You can only achieve perfection or get close to it by practicing. You're going to mix up a test batch of concrete yourself. Don't

buy the bagged concrete from the home center or local hardware store. Visit a local building supply store and get a bag of pure Portland cement.

You'll need some clean gravel with stones ranging in size from grapes to green peas. Mix three parts of the gravel with two parts of the sand and 1.5 parts cement. Blend all this dry and add water until the concrete is the consistency of stiff applesauce. You can watch a video at AsktheBuilder.com called "Mixing Concrete," in which I show the perfect consistency.

Pour this mixture in a small 1-foot by 1-foot form and finish it where the top texture matches the exist-

ing concrete as close as possible. Cover the test patch with a new plastic garbage bag and secure it so it doesn't blow off. Wait for two weeks.

At the end of the waiting period, mix 1 part of muriatic acid to 10 parts water. Read the warnings on the label of this powerful acid and follow all instructions. Remove the plastic from the test patch, spritz the concrete with a small amount of water and brush on the acid solution. It should immediately start to fizz. Brush on more acid solution and let it work for about 10 minutes, never allowing it to evaporate. Use an old scrub brush to brush the concrete patch,

rinse with plenty of clear water and allow it to dry.

The acid will wash off the sand on your new patch, allowing you to see the color of the sand grains. If you don't do this step, you'll have a monolithic color gray for years on end. You're just doing in minutes what Mother Nature has done since the day the driveway was poured.

There's a great chance you'll have a close match. If so, celebrate and proceed to duplicating your efforts on the actual driveway.

Are you like a few of my friends and lack this patience? Clean your entire driveway and just patch

the area as I state in the columns at AsktheBuilder.com. A month later, buy some penetrating colored masonry stain and colorize your entire driveway. I've got a video at AsktheBuilder.com that shows how to colorize Mexican tile. It's the same process for your concrete driveway.

The white paint that the reader asked about in their question might be a traditional hydrated lime whitewash. It's a great way to make your driveway one color. You can make whitewash any color using dry pigments. Do you want to know how to do that? Well, just go read all my past whitewash columns.

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If you'll need coronavirus mortgage relief, communication is vital

The CARES Act passed last month offers some relief to homeowners struggling to pay their mortgage due to coronavirus impacts. The tricky thing is that, so far, the relief is not one size fits all. So talking to your lender sooner rather than later is imperative.

The CARES Act has so far provided two kinds of mortgage relief: a moratorium on any foreclosures until at least the middle of May, and the option for homeowners suffering income or job loss due to the pandemic to postpone mortgage payments for 6-12 months.

But whether you qualify for this relief, and when you'd need to repay the missed payments, depends on who owns your mortgage. The CARES Act applies to federally backed mortgages, which account for about 70% of U.S. home loans. Meanwhile, non-government loans may offer their own relief terms.

But it's not always obvious which type of loan you have, as federally

backed mortgages can be serviced by a bank. In addition, banks also service loans they own themselves. So the first step is figuring out who actually owns your mortgage.

The second confusing issue is that, so far, uniform rules have not been specified on when homeowners must pay back their postponed payments, which is called forbearance. So while some lenders are willing to tack those payments onto the end of the loan, others are requiring a balloon payment after 90 or 180 days.

Then there is also the wild card of not knowing whether Congress will approve or extend additional mortgage relief. Only passing time will answer that question.

As a result, if you think you may need mortgage relief, it is critical that you call your lender as soon as possible to begin the conversation, with long phone wait times being an additional reason to not delay.

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