



CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Antibody tests face key test

They're crucial to taming pandemic, but doctors wary of accuracy of devices



SETH WENIG/AP

A woman's blood is collected to test for coronavirus antibodies at a drive-thru testing site Tuesday in Hempstead, New York.

BY HAL DARDICK

To determine when Americans can safely venture out of their home bunkers, scientists must first understand who has already contracted the new coronavirus that causes COVID-19.

Nasal swab tests can detect the active virus, but the lack of widespread testing in the United States to date has left scientists with only a fraction of the information they need to understand the scope of the pandemic. Getting the full picture, they say, will require a reliable test that can detect antibodies to the virus in people's blood.

The blood tests — which doctors call serology tests — may ultimately answer the questions needed to contain the pandemic and set the nation on a path toward normalcy: How many people have recovered from the disease without ever being tested? How common is it to have the disease without suffering symptoms? Can a person with antibodies safely return to work without fear of infecting others — or being reinfected?

With these urgent questions looming, the Food and Drug Administration has allowed scores of serology tests onto the market without the usual approval process, provided they met certain criteria. But doctors and public health officials say the result is a dizzying array of test options and uncertainty about their accuracy.

The FDA has given emergency approval to one company's serology test, strictly for laboratory use in helping to diagnose COVID-19 cases. "The results obtained with this test should only be interpreted in conjunction with clinical findings, and the results from other laboratory tests and evaluations," the FDA stated in its notice on the Cellex test.

Dr. Stephen Hahn, commissioner of the FDA, spoke over the weekend about the importance of

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VULNERABLE POPULATION

37 immigrant kids in local shelters positive for virus

Heartland Alliance describes symptoms as mild

BY ELVIA MALAGÓN

More than half of 69 immigrant children living at three Chicago-area shelters have tested positive for the coronavirus, but the organization running the facilities said the prognosis for the minors is "very good."

As of Tuesday, 37 children had tested positive, but the Heartland Alliance said the number could increase in the coming days because it is waiting for results of other tests. Heartland did not give the ages of those who tested positive, but minors in the organization's care range up to 17 years old.

A Heartland spokeswoman said none of the children are hospitalized and described their symptoms as mild.

When unaccompanied children come to the United States, they are placed in the custody of the Office of Refugee Resettlement and placed in shelters while waiting to be released to a relative or legal guardian, or while waiting for the outcome of

their immigration case. An estimated 2,500 children are in the custody of the federal agency.

The number of cases reported by Heartland exceeds the number of confirmed cases counted by the Office of Refugee Resettlement. The agency reported that, as of this week, there were 21 presumptive positive or confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Texas and Illinois. Six others had already recovered from the virus and two others were waiting for results.

There was no immediate explanation for the discrepancy.

The agency stopped placing children in shelters in California, New York and Washington state because of concerns surrounding COVID-19. Heartland said it hasn't taken in any new children since March 20.

The outbreak at the Heartland shelters was first reported Monday by ProPublica Illinois.

Maryville Academy, another Chicago-area organization that runs similar shelters, has not had

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President Barack Obama endorsed former Vice President Joe Biden.

Obama backs his former VP, calls out GOP's vices

Ex-president endorses Biden to take on Trump

BY BILL RUTHHART

Barack Obama endorsed Joe Biden for president Tuesday, calling him the best person to lead the nation amid the coronavirus pandemic while also offering a pointed critique of Republican President Donald Trump's leadership and his response to the health crisis.

Obama called for a "great awakening" among the American people to fight Trump's

divisive politics while seeking to unite the Democratic Party's progressive left behind the more moderate Biden by calling his campaign "the most progressive platform of any major party nominee in history."

"Choosing Joe to be my vice president was one of the best decisions I ever made, and he became a close friend," the former president said. "And I

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Married Oak Park lawyers dead in 'suspicious circumstances'

Police probing death of prominent couple found in their home

BY STEVE SCHERING, JEREMY GORNER, ANNIE SWEENEY AND JOHN KEILMAN



Johnson



Jones

Two prominent attorneys were found dead in their Oak Park home Monday night under what authorities called "suspicious circumstances," though police Chief

LaDon Reynolds said there was no reason to think that others in the community are at risk.

The Cook County medical examiner's office identified the vic-

tims as Thomas E. Johnson, 69, and his wife, Leslie Ann Jones, 67. They have three adult children, but a neighbor said they lived by themselves in a home in the 500 block of Fair Oaks Avenue.

Johnson was particularly well-known for his work as a hearing officer for the Chicago Police Board, but those who knew the couple said they were as devoted to their community as they were to the law.

"They were the best neighbors," said Jeanne Gallo, who lived

across the street from the family for more than two decades. "They were compassionate, they were welcoming and they were interested in helping people. They were not 'me' or 'I' people. They were 'you' and 'we' people."

Reynolds said police were called to the home about 7:30 p.m. Monday for a welfare check. Officers found the couple dead inside, he said.

"Preliminary information gathered at the scene indicates that the deaths occurred under suspicious

circumstances," he said in a video released by the village. "However, none of the injuries appear to be self-inflicted."

He added that police "have no information to suggest that there's any risk to the neighborhood or community. However, in an abundance of caution, we've increased patrols and police visibility in the area."

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THE STORY BEHIND 'CHICAGO' MUSICAL



"He Had It Coming: Four Murderous Women and the Reporter Who Immortalized Their Stories" "Chicago The Musical" has played on Broadway for more than 9,600 performances since it premiered on Nov. 14, 1996, yet not many people know the characters of Roxie Hart, Velma Kelly and others are inspired by real women. Their stories were captured

by Tribune reporters including Maurine Watkins, who worked at the newspaper for just eight months in 1924. Watkins drew on her access to women accused of murder inside Cook County Jail to write a three-act play that later became "Chicago." For the first time in almost a century, see photos of these real women that were discovered by Tribune photo department. This new book also includes original newspaper clippings, Watkins' stories and new analysis written by Tribune reporter Kori Rumore, film critic Michael Phillips, theater critic Chris Jones and columnists Heidi Stevens and Rick Kogan.

'Prisoner of Her Past': 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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MALACHI BARRETT/ANN ARBOR NEWS

Some Michigan residents are unhappy with edicts made by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer during the pandemic.



JOHN KASS

Hell freezes over with embrace of federalism

If there is one benefit from the coronavirus pandemic, it is that the establishment news media — which is overwhelmingly liberal and loathes President Donald Trump and his more than 60 million voters with a passion — has finally done something quite counterintuitive.

They consulted an old document they'd long forgotten: the Constitution.

And now they embrace federalism.

Members of the Washington-based Democratic Media Complex have insisted for years that Trump was a dictator. Yet when the coronavirus hit, weren't these TV show ponies whimpering that he wasn't enough of a dictator?

As Trump's daily White House coronavirus briefings keep the focus upon him, much to the dismay of newsmen of the left, it is the governors and some mayors who are acting like true coronavirus dictators.

Many local officials of both political parties offer reason and restraint in combating the virus. But some use a heavy hand, issuing edicts and executive orders without benefit of laws written by state legislatures.

In the Michigan of Gov. Gretchen Whitmer — the new poster child of capricious authoritarian rule — you can't buy tomato plants for your backyard garden. You may float along in a sailboat or kayak, but if a laid-off auto worker dares take his motorized bass boat out for some solitary fishing, he is in violation.

Whitmer's bitter whimsies have triggered growing statewide protests. This is what happens when people are bossed around on whim.

Without benefit of written law, voted upon by state legislators and signed by governors, executive fiat leaves too much open for interpretation. It is disastrous for the protection of civil liberties.

And perhaps most importantly right now, executive whim breeds uncertainty and undermines public confidence in effective social-distancing policy at exactly the wrong time.

Whitmer and other governors are the sideshow now. Trump's daily coronavirus news briefings in Washington are the main event. Millions of

Americans watch in fascination as Trump brushes past his administration's initial slow response to the virus, and those White House reporters eager for the spotlight play their endless juvenile game of "gotcha," repeating the same questions over and over, fanatics in pursuit of Orange Man Bad.

Yet even frenzied hysterics are sometimes right.

It was that recent Trump-media brawl at a White House briefing a few days ago that led them to it. Trump rolled clips of cable news pundits dismissing the threat of coronavirus early on. Some networks cut away with great shrieking and pearl clutching.

It seems that it was then that a new admiration for the Constitution began to blossom.

"When somebody's president of the United States, the authority is total, and that's the way it's gotta be," Trump said, absurdly. That is categorically wrong.

Tribal Republicans who defend this do themselves no favors. If President Barack Obama had said the same, Republican and conservative heads would have exploded from sea to shining sea. Unemployed janitors would have been deemed "essential" to scoop up the remains.

But Trump's announcement did compel some journos to look at the Constitution. Some may have even been forced to reexamine their faith in the power of the federal government, which they've cleaved to and reinforced for decade upon decade, as the federal authority and its unelected bureaucracy grew and grew, becoming (dare I say it?) the leviathan we know today.

The antidote, of course, is found in the 10th Amendment, which tells us that the powers not delegated to the federal government by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are reserved to the states and to the people.

But then in Mississippi, the powers ruled that going to church on Easter Sunday — sitting in your car in a parking lot — was subject to a fine. In Kentucky, U.S. District Court Judge Justin R. Walker had to intervene to

stop Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer from ordering Christians not to attend Easter services, even though they, too, planned to remain in their cars.

"An American mayor criminalized the communal celebration of Easter," wrote Walker. "That sentence is one that this Court never expected to see outside the pages of a dystopian novel, or perhaps the pages of 'The Onion.'"

The mayor's decision, Walker wrote, "is stunning," and "beyond all reason."

In Colorado, a man was arrested for playing catch with his daughter. A Philadelphia man was hauled off a train for not wearing a mask, though there was no law about masks.

In Illinois, Gov. J.B. Pritzker remains busy, ripping on the White House, reinforced by supportive media, worrying about his badly mismanaged state's lack of a rainy day fund and downplaying questions about a poll worker in the March 17 primary — which Pritzker had insisted on holding — who later tested positive for the coronavirus and died.

Unfortunately for Pritzker, he's spent much time posing for news cameras and less time getting his state government in order. Illinois is unprepared to handle the rush of unemployment claims.

As a federalist myself, I'm pleased that media high priests have a newfound appreciation for limited federal powers. I predict this will last up until the minute a Democrat is elected to the White House.

In the meantime, there is real need for state legislatures and for Congress, to write laws rather than rely on executive whim. The people are becoming tired of whim. They want to work. They want their lives back.

They are getting ready to bolt. And if they do, the governors and the mayors can point the fingers at themselves, whimsically.

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To nag or not to nag those social distance violators?



MARY SCHMICH

OK, runners. Time to step up. Or, rather, step aside, way aside. The coronanag is watching you.

She sees you when you're spitting. She hears you while you pant. She wonders how you can in good conscience blithely breeze past other people so closely that you rustle their forearm hairs.

"!@#\$\$!" curses the coronanag. "Six feet, people!"

But you, dear runners, don't hear her because you have your earbuds in and you are in "the zone." Besides, when the coronanag curses it's not loud enough for anyone to hear because she's reluctant to be branded a "social distance shamer."

To nag or not to nag?

That has become a question for many Americans during this stressful time, as we're all nudged to change our behaviors to prevent transmission of the novel coronavirus.

"Hold your friends and family accountable," I heard some public official say publicly a few days ago, meaning: If they're inclined to go to church on Sunday, tell them don't. If they're playing basketball in the park, make them stop. If they want to go shopping despite that dry cough, lock them in a closet and tell them you'll unlock them after you go to the store for them.

The idea behind the admonition to hold others accountable makes sense: We have to help each other do the right thing during this dangerous time, even as we ourselves are learning day by day what the right thing is.

Unfortunately, helping each other learn can be fraught with all the things that always confuse human relationships — shame, blame, self-righteousness, defensiveness, pride, misunderstanding.

When it comes to the coronavirus, do your friends and relatives really want your advice? Do you really want to disrupt a friendship, or invite a fight with



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When it comes to the coronavirus, do your friends and relatives really want your advice? Do you really want to disrupt a friendship, or invite a fight with strangers, by telling others how to behave?

strangers, by telling others how to behave? Are your own behaviors so good that you're qualified to advise, which is likely to be construed as nagging?

No? Maybe? Sometimes?

These conflicting feelings are

what turn some of us into silent coronanags — I'm one — the kind who think but don't speak their strong feelings:

Hello, sir? Yes, you, the guy wearing the face mask in the grocery store? Good start. But you've pulled it down to your chin so your nose and mouth are exposed. The coronavirus does not enter and exit through the chin, my friend.

Um, ma'am? Did you really just lick your fingers to open that plastic produce bag and then change your mind and lay the bag down on the pile of apples?

Hi, bicyclist. It's great to be out, isn't it? But get away from other people!

And, hey, you. Mr. Speedy Driver? Just because the streets are empty doesn't mean you can race down them at 80 miles an hour. You may not kill someone by breathing on them but you're gonna run somebody over.

I confess to having had all these thoughts, but I've kept them to myself because I'm not convinced speaking them would serve a purpose. And, besides, who knows what unconscious, irresponsible thing I'm doing that provokes other coronanags?

There are, of course, coronanags who do speak out publicly.

"Six feet!" I heard someone holler at a runner the other day, after the runner raced up from behind. I silently cheered, though the runner huffed on, oblivious.

Many coronanags reserve their chiding for social media, free of the risk of physical confrontation.

Facebook, Twitter and Nextdoor have become gathering grounds for social distance shamers — and for those who shame the shamers. I've heard about comments that have been shut down because the disputes have grown so tense.

I know a woman who gets testy with the social media posts by coronanags. "I find them annoying because they seem like a way for the nagger to point out publicly how COVID-woke they are, and how stupid/unwoke others are," she says. "It's obnoxious."

At the same time, she is conscientious in her own behavior and woke enough to add: "Now, that said, I definitely judge, say, the governor of South Dakota for not putting the state on lockdown. So I guess it's all relative!"

Exactly. Who and how we judge is all relative in this time when almost everyone is tense and at least a little scared. Our social interactions are altered by fear, and as we figure out the new codes of conduct it's good to remember the ancient rule:

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

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A racially charged police shooting. A city on edge.
Chicago's likely next police leader has been there before.

To reputed peacemaker, fire familiar

BY JEREMY GORNER

It was a police shooting that roiled the city: a white officer shooting a young African American man in a neighborhood on edge, leaving a police leader to tamp down rumors and prevent an eruption along racial lines.

In this case, the city was Dallas, and the police leader was then that city's chief, David Brown, who is expected to soon become the police superintendent in Mayor Lori Lightfoot's Chicago.

It was 2012, just a few years before Chicago's police brass would struggle to handle the aftermath of the shooting of black teenager Laquan McDonald by a white officer, setting off a series of events that would upend Chicago politics. Brown is credited with bringing calm to an area that was on the verge of unrest after the Dallas shooting, helping to give rise to his reputation as a neighborhood peacemaker.

Just two years earlier, Brown had endured his own tragedy when his son was involved in a shootout with police and was killed after gunning down an officer and another man.

"We were rooting for him, man," Delaneius "Def" Calhoun, a community activist who lived at the time in the troubled Dixon Circle neighborhood in Dallas, said of Brown. "We wanted to see him do good. Life is life, and he had a hard job to begin with. Things happen."

In a video given to the Chicago Police Board as part of his police superintendent application, Brown recounted how the crowds that had gathered in Dixon Circle finally dissipated in the hours after the shooting when he dispelled rumors that the man killed, 31-year-old James Harper, had been shot in the back and released other key information, including the name of the officer.

"The rumors are never kind to police," Brown, who was Dallas' chief from 2010 to 2016, said in the video. "I immediately knew this was a flashpoint, that I better get my butt in front of a camera and be honest to people about what we knew, and what we didn't know."

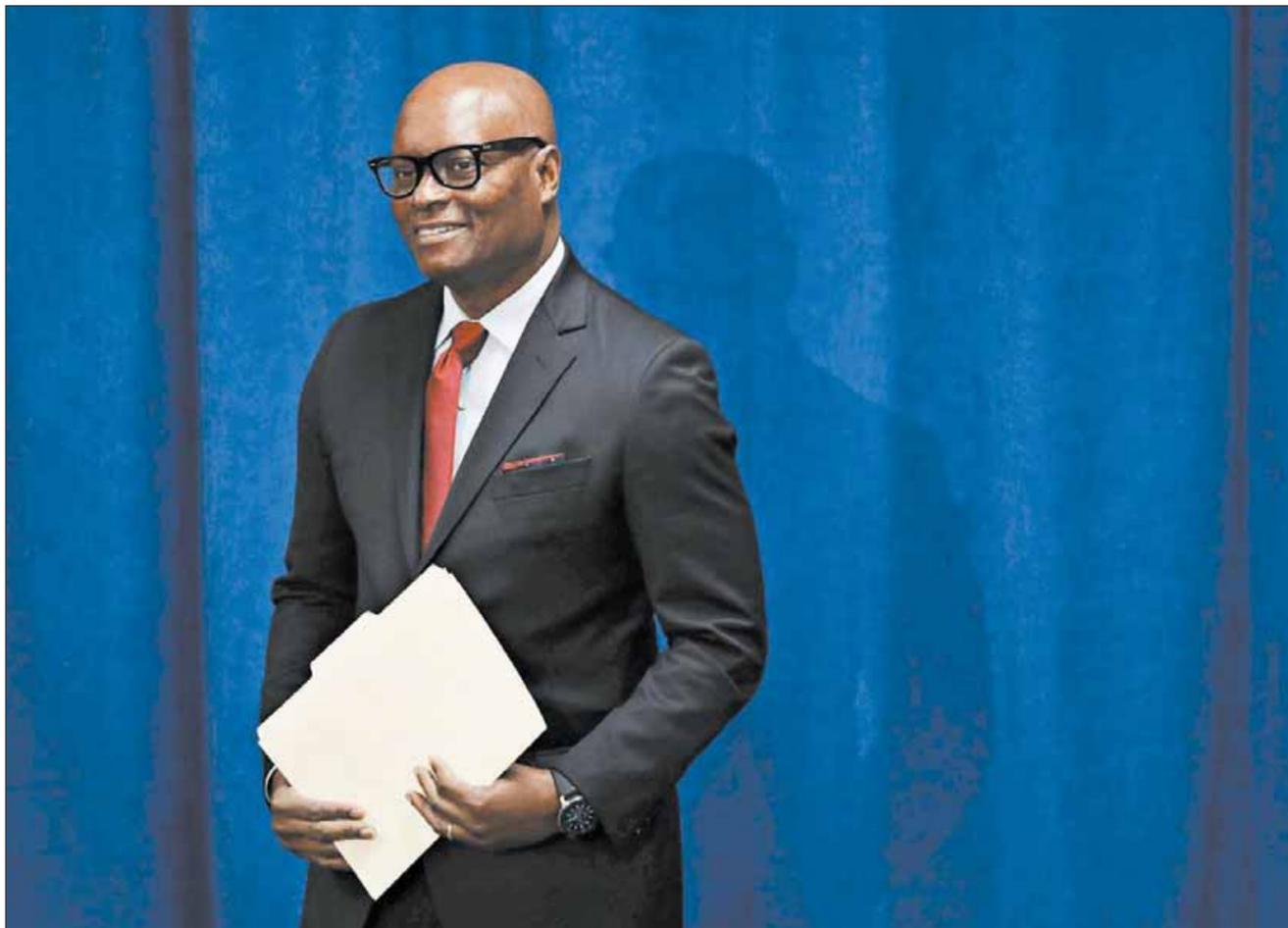
A debatable success level

Brown was praised by some observers for his transparency in a critical moment, a key attribute for a leader about to head the nation's second largest Police Department through a federally mandated consent decree to improve its practices.

If he's confirmed by the City Council — a vote that could come later this month — Brown will be challenged to help CPD reduce violence and other crime as pressure ratchets up to enact reforms to further professionalize the department. Accomplishing both tasks may come if the department can find ways to win over the hearts and minds of neighborhoods that feel alienated by law enforcement.

After the Dixon Circle shooting, Brown saw an opportunity to improve police-community relations there, a goal that goes a long way in any city's quest to reduce crime. But some felt the success of those efforts debatable for areas of a city that struggled with violence and saw other fatal police shootings throughout Brown's tenure as Dallas' chief.

"You're going to have some people that always trust police officers because they haven't had any confrontation with the officers," the Rev. Paul Freeney, a minister at the Dixon Circle Missionary Baptist Church, told the Tribune.



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David Brown smiles as he hears Mayor Lori Lightfoot announce him as the new Chicago police superintendent at City Hall earlier this month.



GETTY

Dallas police Chief David Brown places his hand on the casket of slain police Sgt. Michael Smith during a visitation at Mary Immaculate Catholic Church in Dallas on July 12, 2016.

"And then you're going to have those that think that the officers are still harassing them."

In his Police Board video, Brown discussed how he brought into Dixon Circle a program called "Chief on the Beat," where the police engaged with children at their schools. There was also some enforcement action taken on drug spots.

Freeney recalled the police's drug enforcement missions and also how police officers would play basketball with youths at the Larry Johnson Recreation Center — named after the former NBA star who grew up in Dixon Circle. But neither of those efforts appeared to last.

"That's one thing," said Freeney, now 67. "Once you get a situation straightened out, you disappear. The officers just plainly disappeared from the neighborhood."

Calhoun, the community activist, estimated the heightened police presence in the neighborhood lasted about 60 days, though he said it made the neighborhood more "orderly" at the time.

In those days, Calhoun said he was involved in the street life and avoided officers at all cost. He said Dixon Circle had a more positive impression of Brown himself than his officers.

Today, nearly eight years after the shooting, Calhoun said, Dixon Circle still struggles with high crime and other issues. In general, he said, officers on patrol should take a softer approach to build relation-

ships in the community and concentrate on larger issues.

"Everybody you're going to come in contact with probably's got warrants," he said. "So (don't) make them ... run from you and hide because they've got a couple of tickets as opposed to letting them talk to you, because there's some other real stuff (violence) going on in the community."

Steps toward transparency

The Dixon Circle shooting prompted Brown to regularly publish on a website officer shooting data to build trust. In Chicago, data on police shootings are only posted regularly on the city's Civilian Office of Police Accountability website, not by Chicago police.

"For a long period of time, you could not get data from the city of Dallas," said Alex Piquero a criminologist from the University of Texas at Dallas, who said Brown changed that. "He was very forward-looking. He's like, 'Look folks, we have to get this data out' to reporters ... to researchers like me, and to Joe and Jane Citizen."

Those records, though, show how the Dallas Police Department under Brown's leadership struggled to keep police-involved shootings down.

During the seven-year period that covered nearly all of Brown's time as chief, Dallas officers averaged nearly 17 shootings a year, according to Dallas police officer-involved shooting data from that department's

website. In the previous seven-year period, there were just over 15 shootings a year.

In 2012, the shooting in Dixon Circle was among 23 police-involved shootings by Dallas officers that year, the data show. There were 22 the following year, and 20 in 2014, according to the data. But in 2015, police shootings dropped way down to 11.

By comparison, Chicago's officers, from a police force more than three times the size, fired their weapons more than four times more often than Dallas' cops from 2010 through 2016.

John Fullinwider, a Dallas-based community organizer and co-founder of the group Mothers Against Police Brutality, noted that while police shootings went down during Brown's tenure, there were still too many. From 2010 through 2014, which covered most of Brown's time as chief, Dallas had the third highest rate of fatal police shootings of the 10 largest U.S. cities, according to Chicago's Better Government Association.

In his video to the Chicago Police Board, Brown said the Dixon Circle shooting prompted him to implement a foot pursuit policy — something the Chicago department still doesn't have in place — that required officers to not engage suspects alone during foot chases. Harper's shooting by Officer Brian Rowden took place after such a pursuit.

But in the video, as noted by Fullinwider, Brown did not mention the policy was relaxed a few years later in 2015.

"In spite of the best of intentions, Chief Brown was not able to institute his reforms effectively," Fullinwider said. "He was not able to control his officers, particularly concerning the issue of the day, which is police use of deadly force."

While Chicago police fell under a U.S. Department of Justice investigation following the McDonald shooting scandal, the Dallas department never had federal oversight.

Aside from the foot pursuit policy and publicizing more data, the shooting prompted Brown to have all officer-involved shootings reviewed by the FBI. Brown also eventually incorporated implicit bias training in Dallas PD's curriculum as well as rigorous training in de-escalation, a change praised by the Texas chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, a group normally critical of law enforcement.

That still didn't stop one group from seeking federal oversight during Brown's tenure.

In 2015, the group Dallas Communities Organizing for Change filed a complaint with the Justice Department alleging Dallas police officers were shooting and killing too many African Americans. But the effort never gained traction, said Shayan Elahi, a civil rights lawyer for the group.

"Dallas has a disproportionate number of black and brown people getting killed by the police," Elahi said. "Now, one can say, 'Well, that happens in every big city.' That's what the problem is. That's what ties them together."

Shooting and its aftermath

The Harper shooting was touched off when officers responding to a 911 call about a kidnapping found a group of people in the living room of a house, along with narcotics and a gun. Among those in the group was Harper, a reputed drug dealer who went by the street name "G-Code."

The group scattered, and someone from the group grabbed the gun. The officers chased after them, though they weren't sure who fled with the weapon. Harper eventually was shot in a nearby barn.

As the day progressed, a crowd formed. Tensions flared. A rumor widely circulated that the officer shot

"We were rooting for him, man. We wanted to see him do good. Life is life, and he had a hard job to begin with. Things happen."

— Delaneius "Def" Calhoun, a community activist who once lived in the troubled Dixon Circle neighborhood in Dallas

the unarmed man in the back during a foot chase.

Brown in his 2017 autobiography said he knew he'd have to address the media with the facts, though preliminary, to dispel any rumors.

Among the details he released: the identities of Rowden and Harper; the revelation that the 911 call was a false kidnapping report; that Harper was unarmed; and that he appeared to have been shot in the stomach, not in the back.

Last year, a federal jury ruled in the city's favor in a lawsuit over the shooting, a decision that puzzled Daryl Washington, a lawyer for Harper's family. Officer Rowden was never criminally charged in the shooting but he resigned from the department.

"It was probably the worst officer-involved shooting investigation that I've seen in my career," Washington said.

Washington also said the lawsuit was weakened by the city being allowed to paint Harper as part of the drug trade and as having fought with Rowden.

"We live in a society, especially in Dallas, if you don't have a perfect background, if you happen to have been involved in incidents in the past, then you don't receive the same protection," Washington said. "And that is my concern with (Brown) going to an area like Chicago."

"Would (Brown) have protected a kid like (McDonald) because, you know, Laquan may have not had a perfect background, or may have been involved in something?"

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Obama emerges from shadows with reminder of what we lost



DAHLEEN GLANTON

Barack Obama emerged from the political shadows on Tuesday in a role we had not yet seen. He is an elder statesman now, rife with experience and wisdom — and a voice America so desperately needs.

Most Democrats have been waiting patiently for him to endorse Joe Biden. Sensible people knew that once the field narrowed to one, he would give his all-out support to the man he chose to join him on the ticket to victory in 2008.

Let's be clear, though. Every sensible person expected that. Unfortunately, every American doesn't fall into that category.

For some Donald Trump supporters, a holdout from the former president was all they had to cling to in order to keep the fantasy alive that Obama didn't want Biden to be the Democratic nominee because they both have something to hide.

Trump has been touting that notion for months, most recently at a coronavirus briefing last week. Responding to a question, Trump suggested that Obama didn't come out in support of Biden months ago because he "feels something is wrong."

"It does amaze me that President Obama has not supported Sleepy Joe. It just hasn't happened. When is it going to happen?" Trump said. "He knows something that you don't know. That I think I know. But you don't know."

There are lots of conspiracy theories floating around as to what the secret actually is. Most are based on the misguided notion that the Obama administration was so corrupt that he



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"Our country's future hangs on this election," former President Barack Obama said in his endorsement of Joe Biden.

could not risk having Biden in the political spotlight.

Or it could be based on the rumor Trump and his people have been promoting that Biden is senile. Who knows? Conspiracy theories come a dime a dozen from this White House. And Trump's supporters buy them by the barrel.

Back in August, one of them texted this to me:

"I know of nobody who thinks Obama is supporting Biden. I will go a step further and say he will make sure that Biden does not become the nominee."

Anyone who knows anything about politics understands that no former president endorses a candidate during the primaries. They wait until the voters have made their choice and come in full force as the campaign heads into the general election.

Endorsing Biden when there were two dozen or even just one other candidate vying for the nomination would have been unfair, irresponsible and a disservice to democracy.

That would have been clear to a sitting president who actually believes in democracy. But not Trump. He saw something sinister in Obama's silence. Or, at least, he tried to convince the public of that.

Trump was right about one thing, though. He said

Obama "certainly doesn't want to see me for four more years."

Obama made that clear on Tuesday. Without mentioning Trump by name, he ripped the president's handling of the pandemic and accused him and the Republican Senate of mishandling America's interests, in general.

"One thing everybody has learned now is that the Republicans occupying the White House and running the U.S. Senate are not interested in progress," Obama said in the 11-minute video. "They're interested in power."

He talked about the lack of honesty, humility, empathy and grace this White House has shown, not just in the face of a health crisis, but throughout Trump's presidency.

"Repeatedly, they've disregarded American principles of rule of law and voting rights and transparency, basic norms that previous administrations observed regardless of party, principles that are the bedrock of our democracy. "So our country's future hangs on this election," he told us.

Obama was speaking to every Democrat — whether progressive or moderate — every Independent and every Republican who fears that America has taken a detour from its basic values.

Though the Democratic Party needed Obama to endorse Biden and open the door to those who might be shy about coming in, many Americans looked to him for something else.

Hearing Obama's voice in a time of crisis reminded us of what we have missed since he left office. He seemed to speak the words that each of us was thinking. He channeled our frustration, validated our fears and did what he always has done best, which is to restore our hope.

In just a few words, he commissioned us to change the things we dislike. As Americans, we always have had the indelible right to chart our own future and to reverse course, even when it appears we have gone too far.

In the midst of a crisis that has gripped the nation with a force unseen before, such power is easy to forget. It is in Trump's best interest that we never remember.

Those who despise Obama, of course, will tune him out. But those who are thirsty for truth, honor and hope will embrace every word.

There is no reason to believe that Obama can swing this election in Biden's favor on his own. Trump's army of believers remains strong, and as Obama mentioned, the president's war chest is huge.

His propaganda machine is gearing up to run overtime. Though his supporters can no longer hold Obama up as a prop for their campaign of misinformation, there are many other tricks waiting at the bottom of the barrel.

The elder statesman came to us bearing good news — that truth always has a way of rising to the top.

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"We need to stay the course for now, for our efforts to truly remain effective," Gov. J.B. Pritzker said Tuesday.

Pritzker says trend shows Illinois 'bending the curve'

Cites virus growth rate slowing, ICU bed use stabilizing

BY LISA SCHENCKER AND DAN PETRELLA

Gov. J.B. Pritzker on Tuesday said Illinois is "bending the curve" on the coronavirus pandemic, citing a slowdown in the growth rate of new cases and stability in the number of patients using intensive care unit beds.

A key barometer is how quickly the state is doubling the number of new COVID-19 cases. About two weeks ago, cases were doubling every 3.6 days, he said. As of Sunday, that was stretched to about 8.2 days.

The same trend can be seen with the rate of deaths. At the beginning of April, COVID-19 deaths doubled every 2.5 days, but now they're doubling every 5.5.

"To be clear, there is nothing good about twice as many people having this virus or, worse, dying from it, no matter how long the increase takes," Pritzker said during a daily news briefing Tuesday. "But we won't get to zero cases overnight. The fact that our doubling rate continues to increase in every metric is a clear demonstration that there is a deceleration of virus transmission."

"We are, in fact, bending the curve," he added.

Still, the number of confirmed cases continues to grow by more than 1,000 each day. On Tuesday, the state announced 1,222 additional cases of COVID-19, bringing the total to 23,247. Officials announced another 74 deaths for a total of 868.

Along with the governor's optimistic words came a reminder for residents to continue to stay home. The state has been working to flatten the curve to ensure that hospitals don't become overwhelmed with severely ill patients. Most people who get COVID-19 don't require hospitalization, but those who are older and/or have underlying health conditions may develop severe cases that require overnight care.

"This curve may not flatten, and it may go up again if we don't adhere to the stay-at-home order," Pritzker said. "We need to stay the course for now, for our efforts to truly remain effective."

Pritzker's comments came as pressure is expected to mount in the coming weeks to ease up on his directive, which is scheduled to expire April 30. President Donald Trump has empaneled an economic task force packed with business people, and on Tuesday he indicated he was hopeful some states without large outbreaks would reopen before May 1. In Illinois, the Senate Republican leader asked to start discussions on reopening the state's economy.

Pritzker has suggested he'll be cautious so that the state's positive trends continue. Statewide, Illinois hospitals still have room for more patients. As of Monday, 4,283 COVID-19 patients and patients with suspected cases of the illness were hospitalized in Illinois, up from 4,091 Sunday.

Though the number of hospitalized COVID-19 patients has increased, so has hospital capacity, Pritzker said. Many hospitals have

been working in recent weeks to add beds. The state's hospitals have about 4,600 more beds than they did in August, he said.

In all, about 37% of Illinois' 30,134 beds were available Monday, compared with a week earlier when 43% of 28,139 beds were available.

Intensive care unit beds are another top metric. As of Monday, about one-third of the state's 2,987 ICU beds were available. A week earlier, about 35% of 2,709 ICU beds were open.

COVID-19 patients occupied about 40% of the state's ICU beds as of Monday, down from 43% a week earlier. COVID-19 patients also were using 25% of the state's 3,140 ventilators on Monday, compared with 29% of 2,791 ventilators a week earlier.

No region of the state had less than 15% availability of ICU beds or ventilators as of Tuesday, Pritzker said.

The southwest suburbs had the lowest percentage of available ICU beds, at 16.6% of 427 beds open, down from 20.7% of 372 beds open a week earlier. The next lowest percentage was in the city, which had 22.6% of 916 ICU beds available, down from 24.7% of 774 beds a week earlier.

A week ago, the northeast suburbs also had a low percentage of available ICU beds at 16.7% of 150 beds open. But this week, numbers there improved, with 26% of 150 beds open.

Pritzker did, however, note that "there are individual hospitals operating at or near maximum capacity."

Roseland Community Hospital, on the Far South Side, had filled its 10 ICU beds with patients as of

Tuesday, though not all of them had COVID-19, said President and CEO Tim Egan. Some patients needing ICU care were being treated in the emergency department, he said.

The governor said hospitals are mostly doing "a great job of directing patients amongst themselves," but he would step in to direct ICU patients to hospitals that are more available if needed.

A number of alternate care sites also are being set up should Illinois need more beds than hospitals can provide, including at convention center McCormick Place, and the previously closed Westlake, MetroSouth and Advocate Sherman hospitals.

Also Tuesday, Pritzker said he's had conversations in recent days with leaders in neighboring states about coordinating efforts to eventually ease stay-at-home restrictions. On Monday, groups of Democratic governors in the Northeast and on the West Coast announced that they were in such discussions.

"Our goal, of course, for this is to start to think about what are the preconditions for beginning to allow certain kinds of businesses to open their doors again, to expand the definition of those who can work or those businesses that can have the doors open?" Pritzker said.

The other governors he's spoken with have "all been thinking about it individually for their states and understand that speaking with a common voice might be a positive move," he said.

A spokeswoman did not respond immediately to a request for comment on which neighboring gover-

Illinois coronavirus tracker

Data from Illinois Department of Public Health and Chicago Tribune reporting as of April 14.

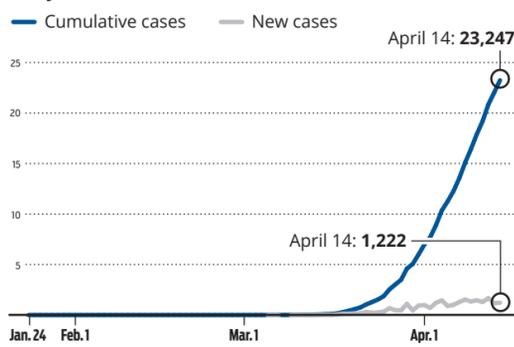
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Reported coronavirus cases and deaths

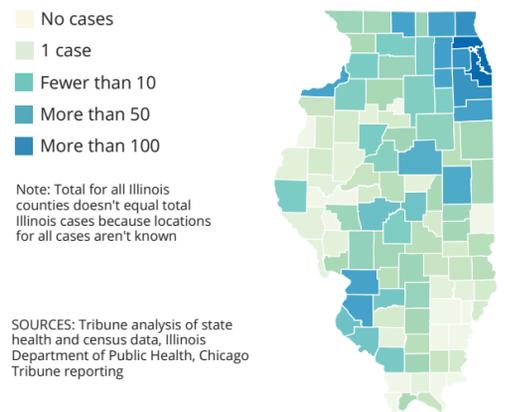
Geography (Population)	Number positive tests	Rate per 100,000 residents	Deaths
Chicago (2.7M)	9,616	355.4	328
Suburban Cook (2.5M)	6,707	271	249
Lake (700,832)	1,621	231.3	58
Will (692,310)	1,350	195	77
DuPage (928,589)	1,312	141.3	61
Kane (534,216)	448	83.9	24
McHenry (308,570)	257	83.3	8
Kendall (127,915)	114	89.1	2

Note: 2018 population figures

Reported Illinois coronavirus cases: Daily vs. cumulative cases



Reported Illinois coronavirus cases by county



Note: Total for all Illinois counties doesn't equal total Illinois cases because locations for all cases aren't known

SOURCES: Tribune analysis of state health and census data, Illinois Department of Public Health, Chicago Tribune reporting

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nors Pritzker has spoken with about reopening plans.

A day earlier, Pritzker said "it's likely adjustments will be made" to his stay-at-home order in the coming weeks. He suggested, for example, that public health departments could issue rules for how many people can be in a store at a given time if more businesses are allowed to open.

"What we have to do is to design a new normal way of life to carry us to the other side," Pritzker said Tuesday. "And while that day is not here yet, my team and I are working to bring that about, as are experts around the state and across the globe."

With just over two weeks remaining on the current order, Illinois Senate Republican leader Bill Brady of Bloomington is urging Pritzker to convene a meeting with the four legislative

leaders "to share what planning is underway as it relates to the reopening of our state."

"I believe we need to begin discussions on an eventual, responsible opening of our state's economy," Brady said in a statement. "And while I appreciate the governor's willingness throughout this crisis to talk with me one-on-one, it is important for the leaders to meet."

Asked about Brady's request, Pritzker said he's in regular communication with Brady as well as Senate President Don Harmon, House Speaker Michael Madigan and House Republican leader Jim Durkin.

"We can convene a Zoom conference or a teleconference, all of that," Pritzker said.

"I'm happy to do that anytime with any of them."

Ill. virus response costing \$168.5M and counting

Expenses include flying protective gear from China

BY JAMIE MUNKS AND DAN PETRELLA

SPRINGFIELD — Gov. J.B. Pritzker has spent more than \$1.7 million in state money on two flights from China to bring back millions of pieces of personal protective equipment in the coming weeks as Illinois fights the coronavirus outbreak, the administration confirmed Tuesday night.

The flight purchases are listed in a new state comptroller online portal aimed at showing how money is being spent during the COVID-19 pandemic.

There are two prepayment invoices of \$888,275 apiece to FedEx Trade Network Transport Inc. for aircraft charter flights to Shanghai, China "for COVID19 response." The invoices list dates of Wednesday and Thursday, as well as April 19-20.

Pritzker spokeswoman Jordan Abudayyeh issued a statement saying the governor "has clearly outlined the challenges this administration has faced as we've

worked around the clock to purchase PPE for our healthcare workers and first responders.

"The supply chain has been likened to the Wild West, and once you have purchased supplies ensuring they get to the state is another herculean feat," the statement continued. "These flights are carrying millions of masks and gloves our workers need. They're scheduled to land in Illinois in the coming weeks and the state is working to ensure these much needed supplies are protected and ready for distribution around the state."

Illinois' Democratic governor and other governors have criticized Republican President Donald Trump for what they say is a failure to provide enough personal protective equipment. Trump, in turn, contends it's the individual governors' responsibility to procure such items.

Extraordinary steps have been taken to secure the coveted masks and gloves. In Massachusetts, the New England Patriots' team plane brought 1.2 million N95 protective masks from China to Boston.

The Chicago Sun-Times

first reported Pritzker's China flight payments.

The FedEx flight costs are part of the more than \$168.5 million on purchases related to its coronavirus response as of Monday, a figure that begins to provide a clearer picture of the pandemic's implications for the state budget.

An online portal launched Tuesday by Comptroller Susana Mendoza's office shows both daily state spending on the coronavirus response and a running total of expenses on contracts for items including ventilators, masks, gloves and hand sanitizer.

Pritzker has not offered many specifics to date about how big a hole coronavirus-related spending has carved out of the state's \$40 billion spending plan, or said how those expenses and anticipated lower revenue will change the budget proposal he laid out in February. He said during his daily briefing on Tuesday that he'll be addressing those issues later this week.

"No one should mistake the fact that this is going to be a very, very difficult fiscal, financial challenge for the state of Illinois," Pritzker said.

The governor will need to work with state lawmakers on a plan to plug the hole for the current budget year and the one that begins July 1.

Pritzker made clear that he will be looking to the federal government for financial help beyond the \$2.7 billion the state is receiving from the stimulus package Congress approved last month.

"I think all of us should be communicating with our federal representatives here to work hard to get the government in Washington, D.C., to help all of the states because we really have this problem in common with all the states," he said.

"It's nobody's fault," he said. "It just is where it is, and we're going to have to deal with it."

At the same time, the governor said the lack of coordination at the federal level and President Trump's reluctance to use the full powers afforded him in the Defense Production Action has resulted in higher prices for the equipment states need to combat COVID-19.

Had the president directed American companies to produce more masks, ventilators and other



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Two days after an empty Thompson Center was photographed March 22, the state had spent an estimated \$5.1 million on its response to the coronavirus pandemic.

equipment, "we wouldn't be paying \$5 or \$6 sometimes for an N95 mask that in a normal circumstance costs 85 cents or a dollar," Pritzker said.

The \$168.5 million in coronavirus-related expenses already rung up far exceeds the \$114 million surplus the state expected to have at the end of its budget year.

The payments made through the comptroller's office for personal protective equipment and other coronavirus-related supplies have largely been paid out of a Disaster Response and Recovery fund that's administered by the Illinois Emergency Management Agency.

On March 24, when the statewide case count was 1,535, the state had spent an estimated \$5.1 million on its response to COVID-19.

A week later, the statewide case count stood at 5,994, including 99 deaths, and the state had spent nearly \$54 million.

On April 7, with 13,549 cases of the new coronavirus known statewide and 380 deaths, the state had spent more than \$110 million.

Daily spending related to the new coronavirus spiked on Friday, with the state spending \$34.7 million.

The state COVID-19 spending site will be updated daily.

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'HE CARES FOR THE ANIMALS AND THEY RESPOND IN KIND'

With Chicago's agricultural high school closed amid pandemic, a former student is keeping the farm running

BY HANNAH LEONE

Angel the goat is due in May to give birth at the same high school where she was born three years ago, on a sprawling 78 acres in Chicago's Mount Greenwood.

Students had been looking forward to delivering the baby goat — or goats — themselves, an accomplishment they've been working toward at Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences. But like prom and other milestones, it's a moment they may miss while schools are closed amid the coronavirus pandemic.

During the teachers strike in October, students kept a rotation to care for the school's animals: a dairy cow, a potbelly pig, a turkey pardoned by an alderman back in November for the school's annual Thanksgiving dinner, 60 chickens, two alpacas, four pygmy goats and Angel. Sometimes the students also raise cattle and pigs. But in the spirit of social distancing, they're leaving their charges in the hands of Shane Blake, a 24-year-old neighbor who attended Chicago Ag and Southside Occupational Academy.

Blake became familiar with the farm on grade school field trips. He always knew he wanted to go back after finishing high school; it's become his favorite place. Now he gets a ride in the morning from his father, Pat Blake, and walks home in the afternoon. He brings back eggs every now and then. Pat, a retired firefighter, said working with animals has been meaningful for Shane, who has autism and would keep more to himself before.

"It's been therapeutic for him, without a doubt. He really came out of his shell," Pat said. "Coming from introverted to outward expression, it's like night and day (since) starting to work with animals."

Shane Blake's dream is to have his own farm someday. "Farmer in the Dell," Shane said. His mom used to call him that. "I'd raise my own animals and grow my own food."

He's already a Special Olympics gold medalist in horse riding and past Illinois Outstanding Rider of the Year.

Blake said he enjoys spending time outside and finds being around animals "very soothing." He knows Angel, but the pigs and horses are his favorite. Last year he watched the birth of more than a dozen piglets, and when the school gets more, he's going to name them. He has some names



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Shane Blake, formerly a student and now an employee at Chicago High School for Agriculture Sciences, fills a basket with eggs at school's chicken coop.



Goats climb atop a step stool Friday at the Chicago High School for Agriculture Sciences. While the school is closed, the animals are under the care of Shane Blake.

picked out already: Daisy, Rex, Jake.

Principal William Hook said the school was supposed to get pigs this month, including a pregnant sow, so the students could deliver and inoculate piglets.

"Unfortunately, they may not get a chance to do that if we don't come back in the spring," he said. But whenever they do, he said, "I could get a pregnant sow on a moment's notice." The school partners with a farm in Sugar Grove that donates the animals, he said.

Blake takes pride in his

work and was honored when Hook asked him about taking responsibility for the animals during the school closures. "Great feeling," he said.

When Blake was a student at Chicago Ag, Hook noticed him excel in animal science. "He was a rock star there," Hook said. "He's a conscientious worker and I'm lucky to have him. ... When he came here as a freshman, he was very introverted, he spoke very little, but you can really now see him open up."

Hook described Blake's

way with animals: "They love him. He's got a real gentle way about him, pretty nonchalant. He walks in, the little goats flock to him. ... He cares for the animals and they respond in kind."

When Blake went on to Southside Occupational, which teaches transitional and vocational skills, he kept going back to the farm school, which paid him as a student worker. He's now on staff. Of the nine agriculture teachers, seven are also former students, Hook said.

When Hook took over as principal 13 years ago, he

learned animal care along with the students. He was a senior at Bogan High School when Chicago Ag opened in 1985, and went on to study economics at Northwestern University.

About a third of the students end up pursuing careers in agriculture, Hook said. Students in the food science pathway make pesto with basil from their aquaponics lab and zucchini bread with their own produce and eggs.

For their capstone project, students in the horticulture pathway designed a garden for the Chicago Flower and Garden Show that was due to take place at Navy Pier in March but was canceled. Hook is hoping to figure out a way that students can still build the garden they envisioned.

In the meantime, the school's greenhouses are filled with more plants than he's ever seen before, and he's not sure if the school will be able to hold its annual Mother's Day plant sale. The ag school also has a seasonal farm stand and a 3-acre market garden where students grow peppers, onions, tomatoes and other vegetables.

Proceeds from sales directly support students for things like college trips and study abroad opportunities. Every summer, Hook said the school flies students to

an engineering camp at California Polytechnic. It gets students to Nebraska each year for a cattle drive. This spring, students were booked on trips to South Korea, Panama and Europe, but those were called off.

On a typical school day, students rotate farm responsibilities, but during nonschool hours, student workers are paid.

Though the hands-on elements of the school can't be replicated online, the school, like the rest in Chicago Public Schools, began official remote learning Monday.

"It's difficult," Hook said. "We miss our students, we miss our staff. ... Maybe they miss being at school. It's a big part of their lives. It's a difficult time, trying to make a remote learning plan that still has value when they return, not to have to go back over stuff that they missed."

It remains to be seen whether school will resume before Angel gives birth.

Angel mated with a goat from Vincent High School of Agricultural Sciences in Milwaukee.

"We said, 'We'll just leave them out in the field and see what happens,'" Hook said.

A science class tested Angel and found out she was pregnant.

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Test

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serology tests, which he called "one of the keys" to managing the pandemic, while also expressing concerns about the accuracy of tests not yet approved by his agency.

"I am concerned that some of the antibody tests that are in the market that haven't gone through the FDA scientific review may not be as accurate as we'd like them to be," Hahn said on ABC's "This Week" news show. "No test is 100% perfect. But what we don't want are wildly inaccurate tests. Because, as I said before, that's going to be much worse."

In Chicago, Public Health Commissioner Allison Arwady said last weekend that a serology test her department was using had a higher rate of false negatives and positives than the nasal swab tests it also uses. The health department did not respond to questions about which blood test that was.

But, as she has before, Arwady stressed the essential nature of serology tests to taming the pandemic, saying they are "such an important thing." She

added that she was anxious to see which tests the FDA would eventually clear for use.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, the federal government's point person on the pandemic, told The Associated Press that most of the serology tests on the market have not been proved to work well. The infectious disease chief at the National Institutes of Health, Fauci said his staff is working with the FDA to validate the tests.

Some local institutions are already using the tests for diagnostic purposes. At a drive-up testing facility set up at Roseland Community Hospital on Chicago's South Side, hundreds of people a day are getting the nasal swab, a blood test or both, said Dr. Terrill Applewhite, chairman of the hospital's COVID-19 task force.

Applewhite said he's confident in the accuracy of the test the hospital is using.

With the goal of understanding the true scope of the pandemic, the National Institutes of Health has developed an in-house test that scientists plan to use as part of a new study announced last week. The study's main objective is to determine how widespread the disease is and which communities have been hit

hardest.

Part of the inquiry will involve trying to ascertain what percentage of the population that contracted the virus never got sick, a phenomenon that was discovered through previous testing.

People infected but free of symptoms were found on cruise ships, living in Italy and playing for the NBA. But just how many of those fortunate people exist is not known, and scientists are trying to pinpoint the real number. It's a key question, given that asymptomatic patients may be silent spreaders of the virus.

The study involves collecting up to 10,000 blood samples from adult volunteers who don't have COVID-19 symptoms and were not previously diagnosed with the disease. The blood will be collected either at designated labs or through mail-in kits.

Similar smaller studies exist but are not sufficient to give scientists a complete picture of the pandemic here in the United States, said Kaitlyn Sadtler, chief of immuno-engineering at NIH's National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering.

The data from the NIH study will be combined over



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A test for antibodies to the coronavirus is performed at a site in Poland last week.

time with that from other research projects, Sattler said. "This will be a giant team effort, with all scientists across the country," she said.

Gigi Gronvall, a senior scholar at Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security, said her institution is advocating for widespread use of antibody tests as part of a broader strategy to fully understand, manage and eventually end the pandemic.

"There's a lot we need to know about this disease, so finding the prevalence in the population will be a big deal to (help people) know where you are more or less at risk, more or less likely to bump into someone who is infected," she said. The testing, she added, also will be "part of a larger strategy for how people will go back to

work and so forth."

Gronvall said serology testing also could eventually answer trickier questions, such as what level of antibodies a person needs to be protected and how long those antibodies last.

"This is a new virus," Gronvall noted. "We don't know exactly what level of immunity you would need to protect against this infection. ... Probably people who have had it are going to be immune for some time, but we don't know what the expiration date is on immunity. And it'll probably be different for different people, but we don't know the range."

In addition, Gronvall said, identifying antibodies that ably neutralize the virus could help lead to treatments or, ideally, a vaccine.

But, for now, the testing is being done mostly in an effort to understand the scope of the pandemic and help determine when it's safe for people to venture out — at least until there's a more sweeping solution.

"The best solution here is going to be a vaccine ... and so whatever we can do to test as many people until that time comes is a bridge," Gronvall said.

Doctors on the ground say they are eager for the

day when the FDA certifies the accuracy of tests that can be widely used. Part of the attraction is that serology tests are less expensive and simpler to process than the nasal swab tests.

"It's a fairly cheap test, which is good, and it will tell you if you have your antibodies to the coronavirus, and that's a very helpful piece of information," said Dr. Rahul Khare, founder and CEO of Innovative Express Care, an immediate care facility on the North Side. "I think there's going to be, in late May or June, two types of people: those who have been exposed and are immune and those who have not who may get it."

"What we really want to know is of the people who have chronic conditions, who are elderly — have they gotten it and do they have to be extremely careful until there's a way they can get antibodies to this somehow — be it by vaccine, be it by plasma transfusion — we don't know yet," he added. "But there will hopefully be a mechanism to develop those antibodies so the reaction of the body won't be so great, causing all these illnesses that we're seeing."

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Stephanie Turcios, who graduated Friday from the University of Illinois College of Medicine, stands Tuesday in front of a new mural in Logan Square.

Med students graduate early, readying them for pandemic

After hectic few weeks, many jump at the opportunity

BY ARIEL CHEUNG

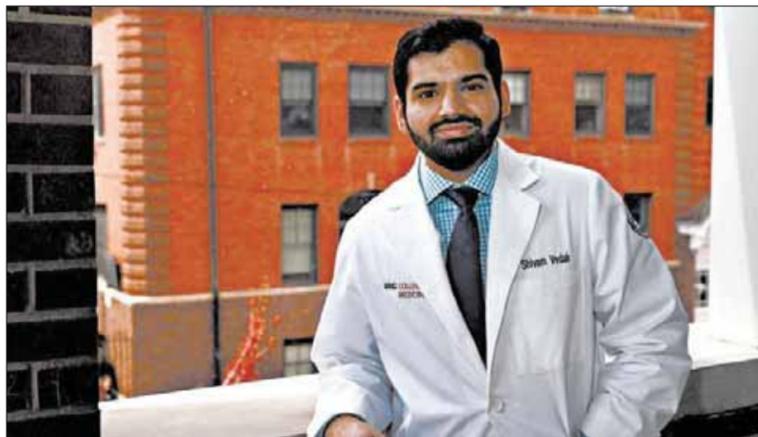
For years, Shivam Vedak had pictured the day when his father and sister, both physicians, would drape over his shoulders a long-coveted ceremonial hood, signifying his own graduation from medical school.

Instead, Vedak marked his early graduation from the University of Illinois College of Medicine on Friday by logging on to a Zoom call. He and some of the 191 other early graduates made their solemn pledge to dedicate their lives to the service of humanity, and although the medium made it hard to recite their oath in sync, “the symbolism was still there,” Vedak said.

“I’ve never felt so validated in my decision to become a physician,” he added.

The coronavirus pandemic has radically altered daily life, and the final weeks of medical school were no different. Match Day — when graduating students generally find out where they are accepted for their residencies and celebrate with family and classmates — was moved online. Many students were pulled from their clinical rotations out of concern for their health.

Commencement ceremonies across the University of Illinois system have been canceled, and



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Shivam Vedak is among University of Illinois medical students who graduated early as the demand for health care workers grows amid the pandemic.

school officials have promised to host virtual celebrations come May. But the College of Medicine, seeing the urgent need for health care workers to combat the COVID-19 pandemic, joined with other medical schools nationally in offering students the option to graduate early.

Early graduates could get a head start in their residency programs, or have the credentials to do more work in Illinois until their residency begins.

“When we saw the way the pandemic was affecting the nation, we asked how we could provide physicians to the workforce as quickly as possible,” said Dr. Mark Rosenblatt, executive dean of the college. “And when you look at the type of students we have and why they went to med school in the first place, it’s

to help people.”

Rosenblatt said he wasn’t surprised that two-thirds of the class of 2020 decided to graduate early. For students like Jonathan Lee, it was an easy choice to make.

“Rarely in life do you know 100% what the right thing is to do,” Lee said. “I was locked in on medicine (as a career), so what better time would there be for working on the front lines as a physician?”

Lee will move to New York in June for an internal medicine residency at the New York University Langone Medical Center. He feels ready to head to the state with the highest concentration of coronavirus cases in the U.S., and although his parents are worried for him, they also couldn’t be prouder.

“My parents came to the

States from China when they were 20-year-olds,” Lee said. “One suitcase, no money.”

His parents worked in the restaurant industry to make a life for their family of four, and Lee’s graduation — no matter the circumstances — “represented their sacrifice and hard work,” he said.

“There’s an M.D. after my name, but my parents were with me every step of the way,” said Lee, who added that his father spent the weekend calling his son “Dr. Lee” whenever possible.

For Stephanie Turcios, who grew up in Waukegan, the virtual commencement was just one in a series of rough disappointments brought on by the pandemic. A two-week study-abroad trip to Ethiopia, planned as part of a global

health program, was canceled. Her May 20 wedding in Spain had to be postponed.

And after a decade of working her way from community college to Loyola University to a job as a medical case manager to finally getting her medical degree, she was devastated to not celebrate the special day with her family.

As the child of Honduran immigrants, Turcios grew up understanding the complexities of the health care system for non-English speakers and people without health insurance.

“In my family, that symbol of graduating is the thing they look forward to, when you walk across the stage in your regalia,” Turcios said. Instead, she put on her cap and gown and had her fiancée take photos of her in front of murals depicting an anatomically correct heart and a health care worker.

Her family still found a way to celebrate in their Waukegan backyard over the weekend. While they used a measuring tape to ensure they stayed far enough away to avoid potential exposure to the coronavirus, Turcios popped Champagne with her parents, fiancée and four sisters, who decorated the yard for her.

“It was a little piece of joy in this time,” Turcios said. “It’s a day for my family as much as it is for me.”

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Big jump reported in checks on gun deals

More than 60,000 inquiries in March, establishing record

BY DAN PETRELLA

The Illinois State Police received a record number of background check requests for potential firearms transactions in March, with the vast majority coming in the last two weeks of the month as concerns over the new coronavirus heightened and Gov. J.B. Pritzker’s state-wide stay-at-home order took effect.

The state police Firearms Transfer Inquiry Program processed 60,332 inquiries — which don’t all necessarily represent a sale — in March, with 52,173 requests coming in the final two weeks of the month. That’s a 35% jump over the number of requests processed in March 2019 and nearly double the 33,605 processed in February.

The Firearms Transfer Inquiry Program allows federally licensed gun dealers to conduct checks on potential buyers before making a sale. Gun shops are one of the categories of “essential” businesses allowed to remain open under Pritzker’s stay-at-home order, which went into effect March 21.

“We wanted to make sure that people had the ability to protect themselves if they needed to,” Pritzker said at a news conference earlier this month when asked why gun stores were allowed to remain open. “There are a number of things that I think one person might not consider essential and somebody else would consider essential.”

The Illinois State Police also announced last week an emergency rule easing renewal requirements for fire-

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— Gov. J.B. Pritzker

arm owner’s identification cards and concealed carry permits during the coronavirus pandemic.

Effective immediately, FOID cards and concealed carry permits will remain valid during the duration of Pritzker’s disaster proclamation and for 12 months after if the holders submit renewal applications, even if they weren’t submitted before the expiration date.

Concealed carry permit holders will not have to submit proof of the required three-hour training with their renewal applications and will have 12 months after the end of the disaster proclamation to submit proof of completing the training. The state police will continue to enforce FOID card and concealed carry rules, and card holders who receive revocation notices are required to comply.

The disaster proclamation extends through April 30. Even before the outbreak of COVID-19 in Illinois, gun rights groups were suing the state police for delays in processing FOID card and concealed carry permit applications.

One of the plaintiffs in the lawsuit is the Illinois State Rifle Association, which negotiated the new rules with the state police.

“The upshot is FOID card holders will be able to keep their FOID cards current during the coronavirus crisis and for one year after termination of the disaster,” the group’s executive director, Richard Pearson, said in a statement. “These emergency rules help ensure that honest gun owners will not be blocked from making firearm purchases. It has taken some time to get to this point, but we are pleased with the end result.”

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Children

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any confirmed cases of COVID-19 among the children or staff members at its shelters, said Megan Bisasco, the director of development.

Heartland did not provide a timeline of when the first child fell ill to the virus, but the organization said it soon sought testing for all of the children, including those who weren’t showing any symptoms. Since then, the organization said, it started contracting with a cleaning service and added nurse practitioners to each shift.

The organization said workers at the shelters are being screened for any

symptoms and are being given supplies like N95 masks and gloves. Workers who were in contact in the past week with children who tested positive were asked to stay home with pay for the next two weeks.

This past weekend, the shelters also increased social distancing efforts to limit contact among children and staffers.

Heartland did not say how many workers have tested positive for COVID-19. Nationally, 53 workers in seven states who work with unaccompanied children have tested positive for coronavirus, according to the federal agency.

Ashley Huebner, the associate director of legal services for the Chicago-based National Immigrant

Justice Center, said it has been pushing for children to be released to sponsors. The center is part of Heartland Alliance, under a separate division that operates the shelters.

Changes made in recent years to the process of releasing a child to a sponsor are now “exasperating” the current situation, Huebner said. For example, the federal agency started requiring home studies, and it appears that no efforts have been made to shift these to virtual visits, she said.

Most unaccompanied children have a relative or parent who lives in the country, Huebner said. For children in Chicago, some might have relatives in other parts of the country, but not in the immediate



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The Heartland Alliance runs this shelter housing immigrant children on Chicago’s South Side.

surrounding area.

The federal agency has also shared information about sponsors with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security leading to arrests, she said.

“We continue to see and feel the effect and the fear in the community,” Huebner said.

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believe Joe has all the qualities we need in a president right now.”

Much of Obama's 12-minute speech directly acknowledged the coronavirus pandemic and what he portrayed as a lack of compassionate leadership in the White House, though he never invoked Trump directly by name.

“If there's one thing we've learned as a country from moments of great crises, it's that the spirit of looking out for one another can't be restricted to our homes, or our workplaces, or our neighborhoods, or our houses of worship. It also has to be reflected in our national government, the kind of leadership that's guided by knowledge and experience, honesty and humility, empathy and grace,” Obama said. “That kind of leadership doesn't just belong in our state capitals and mayors' offices. It belongs in the White House. And that's why I'm so proud to endorse Joe Biden for president the United States.”

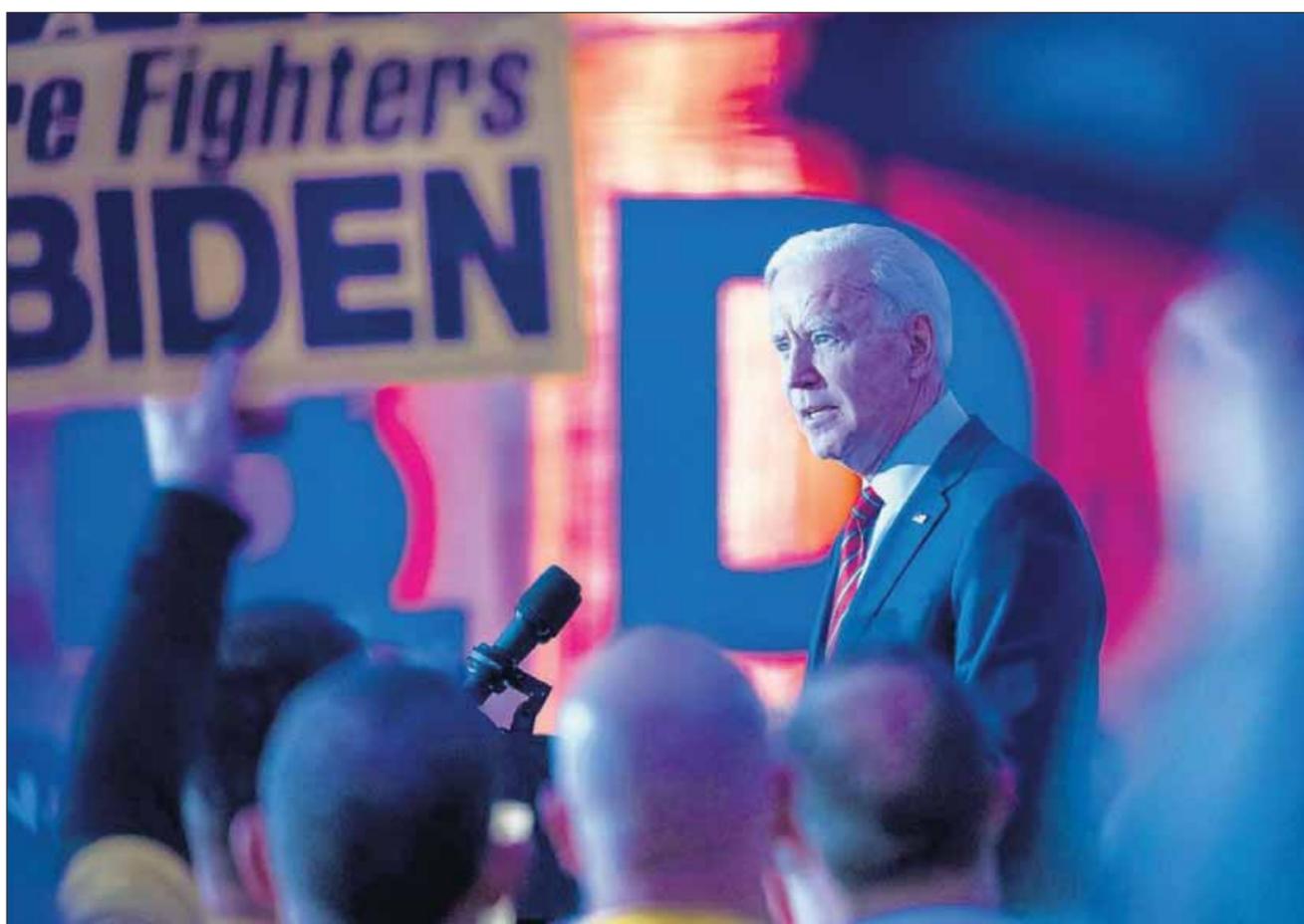
Perhaps no issue will be greater in the November election than Trump's handling of the coronavirus pandemic, which has killed more than 25,000 people in the U.S. and sickened more than 597,000. As the pandemic unfolded in recent months, Obama encouraged Americans to stay safe and listen to health experts but had stopped short of criticizing Trump.

That changed Tuesday, when Obama offered a sharp contrast to Trump's White House and took square aim at the GOP, signaling the official start to what is sure to be months of political sparring between the president and his predecessor.

“One thing everybody has learned by now is that the Republicans occupying the White House and running the U.S. Senate are not interested in progress,” Obama said. “They're interested in power.”

The former president criticized the Trump administration and Republicans for wanting to kick millions off their health insurance, eliminate protections for preexisting conditions, giving \$1 trillion in tax cuts to the wealthy, loosening environmental restrictions on polluters and denying “the science of climate change just as they denied the science of pandemics.”

“Repeatedly, they've disregarded American principles of rule of law and voting rights and transparency — basic norms that previous administrations observed, regardless of



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Former Vice President Joe Biden, seen here with Iowa supporters in November, has repeatedly leaned on his experience working with Barack Obama.

party, principles that are the bedrock of our democracy,” Obama said of Republicans. “Our country's future hangs on this election.”

Trump's campaign responded by portraying Obama as a reluctant supporter of Biden, tweeting “hard day for Obama!” without offering any facts to support that contention.

“Now that Biden is the only candidate left in the Democrat field, Obama has no other choice but to support him,” Trump cam-

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— Barack Obama endorsing Joe Biden

paigned spokesman Brad Parscale said. “Even Bernie Sanders beat him to it. Obama was right in the first place: Biden is a bad candidate who will embarrass himself and his party. President Trump will destroy him.”

In a historically large and diverse primary field, Biden repeatedly leaned on his experience working for Obama, often referring to the former president with phrases such as “Barack and I” to refer to their work together in the White House. Biden owes his stat-

us as the party's presumptive nominee largely to African American voters who stood by Obama's vice president as he badly lost the first nominating contests in Iowa, New Hampshire and Nevada.

When the race narrowed to just Biden and Sanders, Obama stayed out of the primary fray, positioning himself to help unite the party once Democrats had settled on a nominee. Sanders suspended his campaign last week and officially en-

life to giving voice to working people's hopes, dreams and frustrations.”

“He and I haven't always agreed on everything, but we've always shared a conviction that we have to make America a fairer, more just, more equitable society,” Obama said of Sanders. “We both know that nothing is more powerful than millions of voices calling for change, and the ideas he's championed, the energy and enthusiasm he inspired — especially in young people — will be critical in moving America in a direction of progress and hope.”

In making that case, the former Illinois state senator and U.S. senator from Chicago emphasized that if he were on the ballot in 2020, he would not run on the same platform as his historic 2008 campaign, saying, “The world is different. There is too much unfinished business for us to just look backwards.”

While invoking Sanders, Obama also offered a play on Massachusetts U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren's campaign catchphrase of “big structural change.”

“Even before the pandemic turned the world upside down, it was already clear that we needed real structural change. The vast inequalities created by the new economy are easier to see now, but they existed long before this pandemic hit health professionals, teachers, delivery drivers, grocery clerks, cleaners, the

people who truly make our economy run,” Obama said. “They've always been essential, and for years, too many of the people who do the essential work of this country have been underpaid, financially stressed and given too little support.”

The former president also emphasized Biden's working-class roots and referenced the tragedies he's endured, including the loss of his first wife and daughter in a car accident early in his life and the death of his son Beau during his tenure as vice president.

“Through all his trials he's never once forgotten the values, or the moral fiber that his parents passed on to him, and that made him who he is,” Obama said of Biden. “That's what steels his faith in God, in America, and in all of us. That steel made him an incredible partner, when I needed one the most.”

Obama, who tapped Biden as his running mate 12 years ago, will give an immediate jolt to the campaign and bring his fundraising prowess to the general election contest against Trump. But the Republicans and Trump remain far better funded with a campaign apparatus that is more organized.

Obama warned of the difficulties ahead, saying the campaign “won't be easy,” noting that the “other side has a massive war chest. The other side has a propaganda network with

little regard for the truth,” in an apparent reference to Fox News.

“On the other hand, pandemics have a way of cutting through a lot of noise and spin to remind us of what is real and what is important,” Obama said. “This crisis has reminded us that government matters. It's reminded us that good government matters, that facts and science matter, that the rule of law matters, that having leaders who are informed and honest and seek to bring people together, rather than drive them apart — those kinds of leaders matter. In other words, elections matter.”

To win, Obama said, Democrats will need to build an unprecedented movement.

“We need Americans of goodwill to unite in a great awakening against a politics that too often has been characterized by corruption, carelessness, self-dealing, disinformation, ignorance and just plain meanness,” Obama said. “And to change that, we need Americans of all political stripes, to get involved in our politics and our public life like never before.”

“For those of us who love this country and are willing to do our part to make sure it lives up to its highest ideals, now's the time to fight for what we believe in.”

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Deaths

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of police officers from west suburban Cook County, is investigating the case. The medical examiner's office scheduled autopsies for Tuesday.

Johnson and Jones, both graduates of Harvard Law School, were partners in the downtown law firm Johnson, Jones, Snelling, Gilbert & Davis. Jones, who also had degrees from Yale, the University of Chicago and Northwestern, specialized in health care, civil rights and real estate law, while Johnson worked on issues of social justice and corporate accountability, litigating cases all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court.

“Tom and Leslie were both exceptionally gifted lawyers,” said Anne Davis, a partner at the firm. “Part of their gift was to keep it simple. Each of them could process complicated information with exceptional speed and agility, but they each had interests far beyond the law and each had a profound gift for friendship.”

Among Johnson's clients were coal miners seeking black lung benefits and children from Chicago's Austin neighborhood who sued the state for tighter regulation of gun sales, saying they had suffered trauma from wit-



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An Oak Park police officer walks up to a house Tuesday in the 500 block of Fair Oaks Avenue as police conduct a death investigation.

nessing shootings. Cook County Chief Judge Timothy Evans said he knew Johnson for about 40 years. Johnson represented Evans when he was a South Side alderman in the 1990s during a hotly contested reelection bid against challenger Toni Preckwinkle, who ultimately prevailed.

Johnson also represented the late Mayor Harold Washington for a time; Evans was Washington's floor leader in the City Council.

“He was one of the brightest lawyers I had ever met,” Evans said. “He was

thoughtful and generous at the same time. He met people who were just people on the street who were happy to support Harold with the same kind of vigor (with which) he met others much higher in terms ... of titles.”

But Johnson was perhaps best known for his role on the Police Board. Since 1991, he served as a quasi-judge presiding over disciplinary hearings — trials for Chicago police officers fighting the most serious allegations of misconduct that could lead to firings or lengthy suspensions — that included some of most

high-profile in the city's history.

Last year, he oversaw the hearings for four officers accused of covering up the investigation into the 2014 Laquan McDonald shooting. He presided over the hearing of an officer who shot and killed 55-year-old Bettie Jones and 19-year-old Quintonio LeGrier during a confrontation with LeGrier in 2016.

Johnson also oversaw the hearings for four officers involved in the 1999 killing of LaTanya Haggerty, a 26-year-old computer programmer who was fatally shot by an officer who

thought she was raising a gun.

“Tom was an outstanding hearing officer and a wonderful man,” Police Board President Ghian Foreman said in a statement. “All of us on the board admired and respected Tom's deep knowledge of the law and commitment to fairness. His work was of the highest caliber. Most importantly, he was in our eyes and by all accounts a thoughtful, kind, and caring man.”

Daniel Herbert, a lawyer who represents Chicago police officers, defended numerous cases in front of Johnson. The two became friends, Herbert said, especially through their affinity for the sport of wrestling.

Herbert said Johnson used to watch over young people from broken homes who were part of wrestling and baseball programs in the Chicago area.

“He literally saved their lives from just helping them out financially, legally,” Herbert said. “He became a father figure for a lot of these kids.”

“There were a lot of kids that he saved that were just at the end of their rope in high school,” Herbert added. “These kids turned out to be amazing human beings with great jobs and great families, great community leaders. His tentacles have reached into so many great areas with his philanthropic work. The

world is a much better place because of him.”

Herbert also described Johnson as an avid White Sox fan who had a brilliant legal mind and was “absolutely fair.”

“Me and him had a good friendship, but it never affected his fairness when doing his job or his judgment in any way,” Herbert said.

Jones was also known for her charitable efforts. Philip S. Snelling, one of her law partners, said she was involved with the arts council in Oak Park and was a longtime board member of Hephzibah Children's Association, a nonprofit that provides intensive therapeutic care for severely traumatized children.

“When my husband coached baseball with Tom, they made sure we had a Hephzibah kid on the team,” Gallo said. “That's who they were. They were just so about other people.”

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Trump steps back on power stance

President halts funding to WHO pending a review

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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump said Tuesday that he's open to some states "reopening" before federal social distancing guidelines expire at the end of month, as he appeared to back off his claim of absolute authority to decide when the time was right to act.

Hours after suggesting that the bipartisan concerns of governors about his assertion of power would amount to an insurrection, Trump reversed course — in substance, if not in rhetoric — saying he would leave it to governors to determine the right time and manner to reopen activity in their states.

Trump said he would be speaking with governors, probably on Thursday, to discuss his plans.

"The governors are responsible," Trump said Tuesday. "They have to take charge."

Still, he insisted, "The governors will be very, very respectful of the presidency."

Democratic and Republican governors had sounded the alarm after Trump asserted that he and he alone would determine when and how to reopen the economy, despite clear constitutional limitations on federal powers.

Trump said Tuesday he would be "authorizing each individual governor of each



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President Trump and Vice President Mike Pence make their way to the daily briefing on the coronavirus outbreak Tuesday.

individual state to implement a reopening — and a very powerful reopening — plan of their state at a time and in a matter as most appropriate."

Trump added he would support moves by states that haven't been hit hard by the outbreak to ease restrictions even before his own guidelines expire April 30.

It's unclear if any states are actively considering reopening their economies before May 1.

It was the latest twist in Trump's dispute with governors over who has primary responsibility for preserving public health in their jurisdictions. After weeks of saying he would leave major

decisions about imposing restrictions in the hands of states, Trump claimed his power to ease them was absolute.

"When somebody is president of the United States, the authority is total," Trump said Monday at the White House. "The governors know that."

He declined to offer specifics about the source of his asserted power, claiming he would provide a legal briefing at a later date.

But governors in both parties made clear they saw things differently, and said they would decide when it's safe to begin a return to normal operations, just as they were the ones who

closed things down.

"The president's position is just absurd," said New York Democratic Gov. Andrew Cuomo in an appearance Tuesday on "CBS This Morning."

"It's not the law. It's not the Constitution," Cuomo said. "We don't have a king. We have a president."

Arkansas Gov. Asa Hutchinson, also a Republican, said he, too, expected the call to remain with the states. "I welcome national guidance and assistance," he said. "But we will do what is needed in the best interest of Arkansans and I think that's what the people expect."

Trump on Tuesday also directed his administration

to freeze funding to the World Health Organization, pending a review of its warnings about the coronavirus and China, claiming the international body didn't deliver adequate early reports on the virus and cost the U.S. valuable response time.

"The WHO failed in this basic duty and must be held accountable," Trump said.

Trump initially indicated he was relishing the fight with state officials — particularly Democrats in hard-hit states — who have voiced fears that the president's ambitious timetable could lead to a resurgence of a virus that is still killing more than 1,000 Americans a day.

"A good old fashioned mutiny every now and then is an exciting and invigorating thing to watch, especially when the mutineers need so much from the Captain," Trump tweeted earlier Tuesday, adding, "Too easy!"

While the crisis is far from over in the U.S., with more than 25,000 dead and nearly 600,000 confirmed infections by Johns Hopkins University's count, the doomsday scenarios that were predicted two weeks ago have not come to pass.

While Trump has issued national recommendations advising people to stay home, it has been governors and local leaders who have instituted mandatory restrictions, including shuttering schools and closing non-essential businesses. Some of those orders carry fines or other penalties.

Cuomo told CNN that if Trump ordered him to reopen New York's economy before he thought it was ready, he would refuse, setting up a "constitutional challenge between the state and the federal government."

Trump accused Cuomo of "calling daily, even hourly, begging for" lifesaving supplies. "I got it all done for him, and everyone else, and now he seems to want Independence!" he tweeted. "That won't happen!"

Trump appeared to soften his approach later Tuesday as he met with people who have recovered from COVID-19.

"I'm going to be making a decision pretty quickly," he said, "and it's being done in conjunction with governors."

New Trump panel will explore how to reopen US

President says he will make decision on economy soon

BY JONATHAN LEMIRE, KEVIN FREKING AND AAMER MADHANI
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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump said Tuesday that he's enlisting advisers from nearly all sectors of American commerce, the medical field and elected office to help shape his plans to reopen the coronavirus-battered economy.

The panel of advisers, whom Trump said he will consult by phone, will operate separately from the White House Task Force that's leading the administration's public health strategy to contain and mitigate the pandemic, though there is expected to be some overlap.

The panel, which the White House has dubbed the Great American Economic Revival Industry Groups, includes more than 50 executives and leaders from agricultural, defense and financial service industries, as well as leaders from unions, professional sports, think tanks and more.

The list of executives includes Apple's Tim Cook, New England Patriots owner Robert Kraft and hedge fund manager Ken Griffin, all individuals with whom Trump has longstanding relationships. Trump also named some individuals who have been critical of him in the past, including former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and billionaire entrepreneur Mark Cuban.

Trump added that he would likely announce on Wednesday the names of elected officials, including governors and members of Congress, whom he would also consult.

"I'm confident that these respected people will give us some great ideas in addition to what the governors have learned," Trump said.

Trump has insisted that he has "total" authority to decide how and when to loosen restrictions in the country — although the Constitution largely delegates such matters to the states. The president added on Tuesday that he plans to take action "in conjunction with governors."

He also signaled that he is ready to push for big swathes of the country to get back to business soon.

He noted that some states have been less affected by the virus and will be ready to "open very very shortly, if not, almost immediately."

More than 25,000 Americans have been killed by the virus outbreak.

Before Trump announced the people with whom he'd be consulting, AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka stressed that the White House needed to make sure to include "voices of working people." Trumka was among the union officials included on the list.

The global economy is projected to shrink by 3% during 2020, a falloff that would mark the steepest downturn since the Great Depression of the 1930s, according to the International Monetary Fund.

With the country barreling toward a likely recession ahead of November's election, Trump is eager to spur an economic revival, hoping to steady financial markets and restore some of the 16 million jobs already lost because of the pandemic. He originally hoped to have the country stirring again by Easter but now wants at least a partial reopening by the end of the month.

Many medical experts in



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A sign of the times hangs Tuesday at Locust Tattoo in Salt Lake City. The global economy is projected to shrink by 3% during 2020, according to the International Monetary Fund.

the government, including Dr. Anthony Fauci and Dr. Deborah Birx, have cautioned that easing up on social distancing too soon could lead to a new wave of the disease that would require shuttering the economy again, with disastrous results.

Fauci said Tuesday the U.S. does not yet have the critical testing and tracing procedures needed to begin reopening the economy.

Some ethics experts and participants in past councils created by Trump voiced concerns that the president may not be open to using the new panel to explore diverse viewpoints and

hard truths about the best path forward.

"It doesn't work if you bring in the hallelujah chorus," said Thea Lee, president of the Economic Policy Institute, a left-leaning Washington think tank. Lee served on a short-lived manufacturing council that Trump established early in his presidency.

Among the executives with whom Trump said he will consult are representatives from Cisco Systems, Tyson Foods, Archer Daniels Midland, Bank of America, JPMorgan Chase, Goldman Sachs, Citigroup, Wells Fargo, US Bank, Morgan Stanley, Grand Rapids

State Bank and Southern Bank Corp.

Trump said he would also consult with union leaders including the International Union of Operating Engineers president James Callahan, North America's Building Trade Unions president Sean McGarvey, International Brotherhood of Teamsters president James Hoffa, and Trumka.

Among the sports world emissaries he said he planned to consult are the WWE's Vince McMahon, NASCAR board chairperson Lesa Kennedy, NHL commissioner Gary Bettman and Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones.



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American Airlines, one of the nation's six biggest carriers, will reportedly take part in the federal deals.

US, airlines reach tentative deals on \$25 billion in aid

BY DAVID KOENIG
Associated Press

Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said Tuesday that the nation's major airlines have tentatively agreed to terms for \$25 billion in federal aid to pay workers and keep them employed through September.

The deals aren't final, but the assistance is almost certain to be a mix of cash and loans, and the government could take a small ownership stake in the leading

airlines.

The airlines did not want to give up equity, but Treasury demanded compensation for taxpayers. The airlines have little leverage — their business has collapsed as the COVID-19 pandemic reduces air travel to a trickle and they face mass layoffs without the federal aid.

The nation's six biggest airlines — Delta, American, United, Southwest, Alaska and JetBlue — along with four smaller carriers have told the Treasury Department they plan to take part

and discussions are continuing with others, Mnuchin said.

"We look forward to working with the airlines to finalize the necessary agreements and disburse funds as quickly as possible," Mnuchin said.

The airlines had expected to begin receiving the aid — entirely in cash that didn't have to be repaid — from the government to cover their payrolls by April 6, the deadline set by Congress. Instead, they found themselves locked in sev-

eral days of tense negotiations with the Treasury Department, which insisted that only 70% of the aid should be in cash, with the rest in loans that airlines must repay.

In addition, Treasury demanded that to compensate taxpayers, the largest airlines must turn over warrants that, if exercised, could give the government ownership stakes ranging from 1% to 3%, according to calculations by a Raymond James analyst.

The warrants total 10%

of the loan amount, and Mnuchin can exercise them at each airline's closing stock price on April 9, according to airline officials.

The nation's airlines entered 2020 riding a decade-long hot streak in which together they earned tens of billions of dollars due to strong travel demand. That success came crashing down in a few weeks, as governments restricted travel to slow the spread of the new coronavirus, and people feared contracting the illness on a plane.

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Dr. Anthony Fauci, left, spends hours each week participating in White House briefings.

Fauci: 'We're not there yet' on steps to reopen economy

BY LAURAN NEERGAARD AND JULIE PACE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Dr. Anthony Fauci, the government's top infectious disease expert, said Tuesday that the U.S. does not yet have the critical testing and tracing procedures needed to begin reopening the nation's economy, adding a dose of caution to optimistic projections from the White House.

"We have to have something in place that is efficient and that we can rely on, and we're not there yet," Fauci said in an interview.

Fauci's comments come as President Donald Trump and others in the administration weigh how quickly businesses can reopen and Americans can get back to work weeks after the fast-spreading coronavirus halted the U.S. economy. Trump has floated the possibility of reopening some areas by May 1 and said he could announce recommendations as soon as this week.

Fauci said a May 1 target is "a bit overly optimistic" for many areas of the country.

Any easing of the strict social-distancing rules in

place in much of the country would have to occur on a "rolling" basis, not all at once, he said, reflecting the ways COVID-19 struck different parts of the country at different times.

Among Fauci's top concerns is there will be new outbreaks in locations where social distancing has eased, but health officials don't yet have the capabilities to rapidly test for the virus, isolate new cases and track down everyone that an infected person came into contact with.

"I'll guarantee you, once you start pulling back there will be infections. It's how you deal with the infections that's going count," Fauci said.

Key is "getting people out of circulation if they get infected, because once you start getting clusters, then you're really in trouble," he added.

At the same time Fauci is directing crucial government research, he's also one of the administration's leading spokespeople on the virus, spending hours each week by Trump's side during his lengthy, daily White House briefings.

Fauci said his public role is important but conceded that the duration of those

briefings — Monday's ran for nearly 2½ hours — was "really draining" and that doesn't even count preparation and waiting for it to start.

"If I had been able to just make a few comments and then go to work, that would have really been much better," he said. "It isn't the idea of being there and answering questions, which I really think is important for the American public. It's the amount of time."

Much of Fauci's time outside of the White House briefing room is focused on analyzing progress on blood tests that aim to tell who was exposed to the coronavirus — whether they knew they were sick or not — by spotting antibodies their immune system formed to fight back. Those tests will be crucial in determining when and how people can go back to work.

The problem is most of the tests have not yet been proven to work well, Fauci said.

Fauci, infectious disease chief at the National Institutes of Health, said his staff is working with the Food and Drug Administration to validate tests.

Navy pulls 116 off hospital ship; 7 test positive for virus

BY JULIE WATSON AND JOHN ANTCAK
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The Navy has removed 116 medical staff members from its hospital ship docked off Los Angeles after seven of them tested positive for COVID-19, an official said Tuesday.

The personnel from the USNS Mercy were taken to a nearby base and remain under quarantine. None so far has needed hospitalization, said Lt. Rochelle Rieger of the 3rd Fleet. Rieger initially said 126 medical crew members were taken off the ship but later corrected the number to 116.

It's unclear where or how the sailors became infected, Rieger said.

The ship left San Diego on March 23 when all were screened before they boarded, Rieger said. It arrived in Los Angeles four days later to provide relief to the city amid the pandemic by accepting patients from hospitals who were not infected with the virus.

None of the more than 1,000 personnel aboard were allowed to leave the ship once it departed San Diego.

"The only people going on and off the ship are the actual patients we've been treating so it's very hard to trace where this came from," Rieger said.

The first case emerged last week as the ship was preparing to receive elderly patients from skilled nursing facilities in Los Angeles to protect them from being exposed to the virus.

So far the ship, with 1,000 beds, has taken in only 20 patients from hospitals and none has tested positive for the coronavirus or showed any symptoms of the illness, Rieger said. Two medical personnel from the ship who tested positive



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Seven crewmembers of the USNS Mercy have tested positive for the coronavirus, the Navy said.

came in close contact with a small number of the patients but they were wearing full protective gear, including gloves, N95 masks and goggles.

The removal of the 116 crew members will not affect the ship's ability to treat patients, Rieger said.

The Navy is also planning to send some of its staff who have been screened and completed a 14-day self-quarantine period to work at Los Angeles medical facilities at some point but that has not happened yet, Rieger said.

The Navy has strictly followed the guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for hospitals, Rieger said. It also has done deep cleaning of the ship, including sanitizing spaces where any of the infected staff may have been.

Those on board are practicing social distancing as best as possible, and the Navy has added tables to its flight deck to allow people to go up top to eat when mess decks become too crowded.

Meanwhile, three medical staff members who had tested positive for the virus aboard the USNS Comfort hospital ship that is docked in New York City returned to work. A fourth crew

member who also was infected is still recovering.

Unlike the Mercy, the Comfort is treating COVID-19 patients on board as well as patients who do not have the virus. The ship has treated more than 120 people since it arrived March 30, and about 50 of those have been discharged, said Lt. Mary Catherine Walsh. The ship removed half of its 1,000 beds so it could isolate and treat coronavirus patients.

The Navy has struggled to contain the virus once it comes aboard a ship. About 12% of sailors aboard the USS Theodore Roosevelt, an aircraft carrier with a crew that has largely been moved ashore in Guam, are infected with the virus. On Monday, the Roosevelt reported its first death, a sailor who had tested positive on March 30.

For most people, the virus causes mild or moderate symptoms, such as fever and cough that clear in two to three weeks. For some, especially older adults and people with existing health problems, it can cause severe life-threatening illness, including pneumonia.

Los Angeles County public health authorities have reported more than 9,400 virus cases and 320 deaths.

Diabetics who lost coverage get insulin aid

BY LINDA A. JOHNSON
Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J. — Diabetes patients struggling to afford insulin, especially those losing health insurance because of the coronavirus pandemic, can get it at sharply reduced prices — even for free.

All top three insulin makers are now offering programs to help patients.

On Tuesday, Novo Nordisk announced a new program offering free insulin for at least three months for those who have lost insurance. Last week, rival Eli Lilly began offering most of its insulins for a \$35 monthly co-payment. Sanofi already had multiple programs offering insulin for free or very little.

The companies have all been criticized for huge price increases over the

past decade that have led some patients to ration their insulin.

"The economic situation has changed dramatically the last few weeks" for patients, said Doug Langa, head of Novo Nordisk's U.S. operations.

Meanwhile, people with chronic conditions like diabetes are more vulnerable to complications if they become infected with the coronavirus.

For the Novo Nordisk program, patients must show that because of the pandemic they've lost their job and their health insurance, or they've started paying for insurance under the COBRA program. Patients can apply starting online Wednesday.

The new Lilly Insulin Value Program provides Humalog and most other Lilly insulins for \$35 a



NOVO NORDISK

Novo Nordisk will offer free insulin for at least three months for those who have lost their health insurance.

month to people with private insurance or without insurance. Lilly hasn't set a time limit on the program.

Sanofi's copay assistance lets most patients with private insurance get Lantus and other insulins for free or \$10 monthly.

Qualified low- and middle-income patients can get insulin for free through the Sanofi Patient Connection program.

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Battle for medical gear features risks

Forced to fend for themselves, states face high prices, fraud potential

BY ANNA M. PHILLIPS, DEL QUENTIN WILBER AND JIE JENNY ZOU
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — The text messages and emails come in the middle of the night from strangers claiming to be middlemen and manufacturers. Deals are cut quickly; millions of dollars are wired overseas. Sometimes the supplies arrive; other times, the too-good-to-be-true offers prove to be just that.

When President Donald Trump told governors last month that the federal government was “not a shipping clerk,” he left states and local governments to fend for themselves in a global market for protective gear in which sellers have all the power, and confusion and chaos dominate.

State and local officials around the country depicted a market that even the most seasoned say has astonished them by its logistical challenges, lack of transparency, and potential for fraud.

Prices of surgical gowns, gloves and N95 masks have skyrocketed. The masks, which used to sell for between 50 cents and \$1 apiece, are now on offer for \$5 or \$6, officials said.

Government employees have been told that if they don't pay 50% of the cost upfront, and the rest before the shipment has even arrived, they will lose deals to other bidders. Fearful of having orders seized by the federal government, desperate city and state officials have called members of Congress and other elected officials to ask them to sweet-talk U.S. customs officials.

The experience has been an emotional roller coaster



Jose Gonzalez makes face masks April 6 at Ortho Mattress in Phoenix, which repurposed its factory amid the pandemic.

for state and city officials. Working on the scantest of information and often with brand-new suppliers, they have had to disregard long-standing rules to act quickly. Too much hemming and hawing, and they could wind up with nothing to show for their efforts.

But without careful investigation, they might buy defective equipment, endangering hospital workers, police officers and paramedics.

“It has been crazy,” Illinois Assistant Comptroller Ellen Andres said.

Late last month, working through a broker, officials in her state thought they had secured 1.5 million N95 respirator masks, only to learn that they would lose the first shipment to another bidder if they didn't pay within 24 hours. With a check for \$3.5 million in hand, Andres sped north in her car from Springfield,

Illinois, to meet the broker at a McDonald's parking lot. She completed the transaction with little time to spare.

“By doing things this way, we are driving up costs for taxpayers,” Andres said. “We have lost ventilators, at the last minute, to the state of New York. And I know that Illinois has probably swooped in on some other states. It's not the way to do this.”

One of the many hurdles states face is the emergence of middlemen and brokers who hold themselves out as specialists in connecting American buyers to foreign manufacturers. Some are legitimate actors working around the clock to track down supplies; others are opportunists cashing in on a pandemic.

The task of telling them apart has fallen to hundreds of government procurement employees who are

trained to take their time and typically have little experience navigating China's manufacturing industry.

To protect themselves from fraud, some states and cities have refused to work with sellers they don't know or those who demand payment upfront. Others said they don't have that luxury.

In late March, when Nevada's governor realized the federal government was not coming to his aid, he assembled a public-private task force to scour the globe for masks, goggles and surgical gowns. Headed by former MGM Resorts CEO Jim Murren, the COVID-19 Response, Relief and Recovery Task Force drew on the connections of the state's politicians, casino moguls and Nevada's largest electric utility, NV Energy.

Armed with health officials' wish list, the group has chased leads all over

China, competing with larger states, hospital chains and, at one point, India — the second most populous country in the world.

“The market is completely opaque,” said task force member Alex Dixon, who leads West Coast operations for PureStar, a major linen supplier to Vegas hotels.

“This is in many cases dealing with several middle people who then have another relationship who has a relationship with someone in China, who then has a relationship with an actual manufacturer,” he said. “Whenever you get a lead, you're like, ‘Hold on, who's the actual person producing this?’”

To avoid scams, the Nevada task force runs all purchase orders through state health officials and checks potential respirator shipments against the Centers for Disease Control and

Prevention's list of counterfeit face masks. Dixon said the group encounters fake or unapproved personal protective equipment, known as PPE, every day.

Had the federal government had taken charge, centralizing the entire process, the result might have been less chaotic, Dixon believes. Fewer competitors in the market would have meant fewer transactions and less room for error.

“All of us on the task force want to be engaged and involved. It's meaningful work. It's great,” he said. “But at some point you kind of shake your head and say, ‘There's a better way to do this.’”

Some governments and hospitals have hired lawyers and consultants to help them vet suppliers.

Hartford HealthCare, a network of seven hospitals in Connecticut, is working with Dan Harris, an attorney who specializes in doing business with China, to help verify potential brokers. Since the pandemic unfolded, Harris said his inbox has been flooded with dubious would-be brokers and middlemen looking to offload supplies.

Harris said he suspects that the rising cost of medical supplies is mostly a result of price gouging and profiteering, not an increased cost of doing business. Prices are expected to continue to increase following new export protocols enacted by the Chinese government this month, which will likely limit the number of companies cleared to send medical goods to the U.S.

“Every hospital is dealing with this on their own. There's really no coordinated effort to weed out these bad actors,” said Dan C. Pak, the network's vice president overseeing procurement, who has been calling Chinese factories to vet his orders with middlemen. “We are literally at the mercy of these brokers.”

Groups known for serving poor nations helping US

Work by charities exposes lackluster response to crisis

BY MARTHA MENDOZA AND JULIET LINDERMAN
Associated Press

In Santa Barbara, California, forklifts chug through the warehouse of Direct Relief, hustling pallets of much-needed medical supplies into waiting FedEx trucks. Normally those gloves, masks and medicines would go to desperately poor clinics in Haiti or Sudan, but now they're headed to Stanford Hospital in Palo Alto, California, and the Robert Wood Johnson Hospitals in New Jersey.

Direct Relief is just one of several U.S. charities that traditionally operates in countries stricken by war and natural disaster that are now sending humanitarian aid to some of the wealthiest communities in America to help manage the coronavirus pandemic.

“We are responding to the greatest unmet needs,” said Direct Relief CEO Thomas Tighe.

He is organizing flights of supplies from the group's

manufacturers in China to the Santa Barbara warehouse, and coordinating shipments from other producers around the world. After spending two decades providing relief to disaster zones, Tighe exudes calm in the midst of this emergency.

The medical charity Doctors Without Borders spent months fighting coronavirus around the world and is now trying to save lives just down the street from their New York offices. The group is supporting soup kitchens, setting up hand-washing stations, and training local officials how to prevent the spread of infection. Samaritan's Purse International erected a 14-tent field hospital with an intensive care unit in Central Park.

That international aid groups are supporting the U.S. healthcare system shows how dire the need is domestically — and how inadequate the federal response has been.

“We now see nonprofits that traditionally help weak governments coming in to substitute for our national government,” said Evelyn Brodtkin, political scientist and professor emerita at the University of Chicago.

“We're lucky they're here. But it tells you something about the abdication of the federal role in this crisis.”

U.S. blunders related to testing have hindered efforts to contain the virus' spread, and the government was late to respond to critical shortages as imports of medical supplies plummeted.

“Clearly, we have been caught flat-footed,” said Dr. Ashish Jha, director of Harvard University's Global Health Institute. “The fact that resources from these organizations are coming to the U.S. is, on one hand, helpful to Americans, but pathetic in terms of what it says about American responsiveness.”

President Donald Trump, by contrast, has said the administration has done a “really good job” responding to the outbreak.

CARE, a 75-year-old humanitarian group, is sending relief packages to medical workers, caregivers and individuals in need.

“CARE has never delivered in the U.S. before now, but this pandemic has meant a scale up in our response internationally and here at home as well,” said CEO Michelle Nunn.



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A Samaritan's Purse crew erects privacy tents at a 68-bed emergency field hospital specially equipped with a respiratory unit March 31 in New York's Central Park.

Feed the Children, meantime, is distributing aid to all five of its hubs across the country.

Experts say charities can't substitute for a coordinated national response. But they're trying.

For the first time, MedShare, an Atlanta-based nonprofit that repacks surplus medical supplies and sends them to clinics around the world, is delivering protective gear to major U.S. hospitals including Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles and Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta.

“It's very unusual, but there's a clear need and we want to help,” said spokeswoman Nancy Hunter.

Still, hospitals across the country are running short of supplies, and have to ration gear such as masks and gowns, a common practice in medical facilities in less stable countries.

Dr. Rasha Khoury, who's been on surgical missions in Sierra Leone, Lebanon, Cote d'Ivoire, Iraq and spent more than a year in Afghanistan as a member of Doctors Without Borders, is back at her regular job in a Bronx, New York, hospital. But she's using lessons learned in her overseas experiences every day.

“This is the first time I've ever felt a parallel between my work in precarious situations and my work here in the U.S.,” she said.

Abroad, for example, she gets one N95 respirator mask every two weeks, so she's accustomed to rationing protective gear. In humanitarian medicine, she says, she quickly trains specialists to practice areas of medicine they're not used to. High patient volumes, blood shortages and teams in crisis are all familiar challenges.

And she worries that if New York, one of the most heavily resourced health care systems in the world, is struggling to get what it needs to care for COVID-19 patients, then infection control, triage and providing basic care are all going to be that much more of a crisis in impoverished countries.

China moves to block new coronavirus flare-up on Russian border

BY KEN MORITSUGU
Associated Press

BEIJING — China is facing a new coronavirus flare-up along its remote northern border with Russia, far from the epicenter of Wuhan, where it has all but declared victory in the battle against the pandemic.

The frontier has been sealed and emergency medical units rushed to the area to prevent travelers from bringing the virus back from overseas. The virus originated in China, which

is now striving to keep it out while the U.S. and other countries struggle to bring their own epidemics under control.

The long, porous border of sprawling Heilongjiang province and neighboring Inner Mongolia has much less travel than major cities like Beijing and Shanghai. But it is a popular alternative route into the country. Many Chinese live and work in Russia, where China has major investments encouraged by warm ties between Beijing and

Moscow.

By Monday night, a field hospital was operating in the city of Suifenhe along the Russian border, equipped with a negative pressure lab to diagnose new cases. Staffed by 22 experts from the National Institute for Viral Disease Control and Prevention under the Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention, it will conduct nucleic acid tests and other forms of research to aid in virus control and prevention, allowing the city to test up to

1,000 cases per day, according to the China CDC.

Suifenhe, a city of just under 70,000 that is frozen-in for much of the year, has at least 243 imported COVID-19 cases out of nearly 1,000 confirmed and suspected cases, according to official figures. More than 100 people in the area have tested positive for the virus but showed no symptoms. Recent arrivals from Russia account for nearly half of China's imported cases.

“We are facing a truly

grave situation in the northeast as represented by Suifenhe,” National Health Commission expert Wang Bin said Monday at a news conference. “Up to now our medical resources in the area have just not been sufficient.”

China CDC said the field hospital has been supplied with negative pressure tents, nucleic acid extractors, virus detection kits, throat swab sampling tubes and thermal cyclers used to enhance segments of DNA via the polymerase chain

reaction.

Suifenhe is roughly 800 miles northeast of Beijing. Its markets, selling warm clothing, cellphones and daily items, usually do a thriving business with Russian visitors starved for choice on their side of the border.

That trade has gone quiet in recent weeks, dimming prospects for a sparsely populated region whose residents have been migrating to major cities seeking jobs and better living standards.

CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Feeling 'guilty staying at home' sick

Medical workers, once healed, rush back to front lines

By JOHN LEICESTER
Associated Press

PARIS — “Be strong, mum, we really love you,” is what Dr. Aurelie Gouel's kids tell the ICU physician when she sets off for long hospital shifts trying to save critically ill coronavirus patients.

At just 4 and 6, Gouel's children are acutely aware of how dangerous the disease can be not only because their mother has briefed them but also because she is among the more than 1.9 million people worldwide who have fallen sick.

Telltale symptoms — fever, cough, intense fatigue, difficulty breathing — floored Gouel in March.

“It was very tough for three, four days,” she said.

But as soon as she felt well enough, she plunged straight back to work at her Paris hospital that treated Europe's first fatal case.

“It was quite frustrating being at home and seeing how badly the hospitals needed help,” Gouel, 38, said.

“We were trained for this,” she added. “The world needs us.”

In the brutal months since France reported Europe's first coronavirus cases in January and then, in February, the first death on the continent, the scourge has infected thousands of doctors, nurses and other health workers in Europe that some have now recovered and are going from their sick beds back to the front lines.

“It's a bit like what happened in the First World War. People were wounded and came back to the battlefield,” said Dr. Philippe Montravers, head of anesthesiology and critical care



JOHN LEICESTER/AP

Dr. Aurelie Gouel, who was infected with the coronavirus in March, takes a break in her shift treating patients in Paris.

at Bichat-Claude Bernard Hospital in Paris.

The hospital treated the 80-year-old Chinese tourist who in mid-February became the first person outside Asia to die from COVID-19.

“They feel very guilty staying at home,” Montravers said. “As soon as they are feeling better, they come back to help.”

As scientists race to unravel the new coronavirus' mysteries, as yet unsure of how resistant people become to reinfection after exposure, health workers hope that those among them who recovered and

are returning to hospitals are now armed not only with a deeper, more personal understanding of the virus but with some degree of immunity.

That armor against possible reinfection could make them especially useful in the drawn-out battle until a vaccine is found.

“It helps a lot for them to return to work, and especially for them to return with immunization. That's really fantastic because it takes away the fear that we have for a second wave of infections,” said Dr. Julio Mayol, medical director of the San Carlos Clinical Hos-

pital in Madrid.

Nearly 15% of its 1,400 staffers have been infected.

For most people, coronavirus symptoms clear up in two to three weeks. But for some, especially older adults and people with existing health problems, it can cause more severe illness, including pneumonia, and death.

In Italy, those back on duty include Elena Pagliarini, a nurse who was photographed before her diagnosis slumped exhausted next to a computer keyboard, an image that came to symbolize the plight of the hard-hit country.

In Paris, the returnees include Sebastien, an intensive care medic at Bichat, the hospital where Gouel also works.

Sebastien doesn't want his surname published because he fears that his already “very scared” neighbors will freak out if they learn that he and his wife, a surgeon who is 5 months pregnant, both fell ill from the new coronavirus.

His infection was so severe that he spent three days “nailed to my bed. I was so exhausted by the symptoms that I couldn't get up.”

Yet he was back at the

hospital less than two weeks later, even as his wife's symptoms worsened.

“She was really in a bad way and she was hospitalized on the day that I went back to work,” he said.

“I felt useless. I had to work. I would have been completely stressed out had I stayed home,” he added. “I wanted to help my colleagues.”

Assuming that he may have developed some immunity, Sebastien says he now volunteers for ICU tasks that carry a higher risk of infection, such as taking viral swabs and inserting bronchoscopes into patients' diseased lungs so they can be inspected.

“I prefer to expose myself than colleagues who haven't been infected,” he said.

Gouel also says the possibility of immunity reassured her when she went back to dealing with the crush of patients.

“I feel that I'm now a durable strength,” she said. “If there are things that need to be done with heavily infected patients, things that are risky, I'm easier with me doing them, rather than my colleagues.”

Despite being “very worried” when she was sick, Gouel's husband supported her return to work, she said.

“He knows that I will be careful, that I won't take risks, that I will wear masks and gloves and that I won't put myself and our family in danger,” she said.

And although her kids “know all about the coronavirus, that it is serious and people die of it,” they also understand that her drive to fight it means she can't always be with them.

“They give me a kiss and say, ‘Be strong, mum, we really love you,’” she said. “Even though they are small, they know that my rightful place is with the sick.”



MARK HUMPHREY/AP

Workers carry boxes to a storm-damaged home Tuesday in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Virus muddles aid efforts in tornado-battered states

By JAY REEVES
Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — For people who lost homes to the deadly tornadoes that rampaged across the South, there are no comforting hugs from volunteers or handshakes from politicians. There are no Red Cross shelters for homeless families, who are staying instead in hotel rooms to avoid large gatherings.

The disaster response reflected how the coronavirus pandemic has changed relief efforts: Workers are still trying to provide all the comfort they can, but from a distance.

Within hours of the tornado onslaught, which began Sunday, church groups were out in affected communities, and Southern Baptist volunteers were told to avoid holding hands with people as they pray, said Sam Porter, director of disaster relief for the nearly 15 million-member denomination.

Hugs also are out.

“It's agonizing,” Porter said Tuesday. “Jesus touched people all through his ministry. He created us as emotional beings. But we are trying to comply with

the guidelines.”

About 550 people in four states were staying in hotel rooms funded by the Red Cross since mass shelters were not an option during the pandemic, said Brad Kieserman, a vice president of the organization.

People are being fed catered meals delivered to the hotels instead of through a mass kitchen, he said, and workers are wearing masks, gloves and other gear when dealing with people affected by the storms. Other agencies are making similar provisions, he said.

“How ironic is it that the very thing that may unify people and unify communities is the condition in which we have to remain 6 feet apart,” Kieserman said.

The death toll from the outbreak rose to at least 34 as officials said a 12th person had died in Mississippi. There, Gov. Tate Reeves, who toured damaged areas, said the pandemic was making a bad situation worse.

“The fact that the coronaviruses exist is complicating the recovery from the tornado, while the tornadoes are complicating our efforts to make sure that we do everything in our power to stop the

spread of the virus,” Reeves said during a stop in tiny Soso.

A twister left shingles, insulation and other debris strewn across Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Almost every official on a tour of storm damage wore a protective mask, and some wore gloves.

Instead of hugs and handshakes, Gov. Bill Lee and Mayor Andy Berke offered elbow bumps while talking to affected residents.

“We need money! We need that stimulus check now!” a person in a passing pickup yelled to Lee.

The storms claimed lives in at least six states, and the National Weather Service said preliminary assessments found evidence of at least 27 twisters. The strongest confirmed was an EF-4 tornado that devastated southeastern Mississippi with winds as strong as 170 mph.

Hundreds of homes and businesses were damaged or destroyed across the region, and heavy rains caused flooding in some areas.

Damage occurred up the East Coast, with a flurry of tornado warnings issued in Delaware after storms left the Southeast.

EPA won't tighten clean air rules, defies its own findings

By CORAL DAVENPORT
The New York Times

WASHINGTON — Disregarding an emerging scientific link between dirty air and COVID-19 death rates, the Trump administration declined Tuesday to tighten a regulation on industrial soot emissions that came up for review ahead of the coronavirus pandemic.

Andrew Wheeler, head of the Environmental Protection Agency, said his agency will not impose stricter controls on the tiny, lung-damaging industrial particles, known as PM 2.5, a regulatory action that has been in the works for months. The scientific evidence, he said, was insufficient to merit tightening the current emissions standard.

“We believe the current standard is protective of public health,” Wheeler said Tuesday morning. “Through the five-year review process we've identified a lot of uncertainties. Through those uncertainties we've identified that the current standard does not need to be changed.”

The published proposal says that Wheeler places “little weight on quantitative estimates” of the mortality risk associated with fine soot pollution.

The decision brought praise from Republican lawmakers and the nation's oil companies and manufacturers, which had said a tighter regulation on smokestack emissions of fine soot would harm their economic viability — even before the global health crisis cratered the global economy.

But public health experts say that the move defies scientific research, including the work of the EPA's own public health experts, which indicates that PM 2.5 pollution contributes to tens of thousands of premature deaths annually and that even a slight tightening of controls on fine soot could save



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Environmental Protection Agency chief Andrew Wheeler said the agency will not tighten rules on soot emissions.

thousands of American lives.

Just last week, researchers at Harvard released the first nationwide study linking long-term exposure to PM 2.5 and COVID-19 death rates. The study found that a person living for decades in a county with high levels of fine particulate matter is 15% more likely to die from the coronavirus than someone in a region with one unit less of the fine particulate pollution.

“The timing of this is unbelievable,” said Richard Lazarus, a professor of environmental law at Harvard. “There's this big study that just came out linking this pollutant to COVID. This seems like a colossal mistake on the administration's part.”

Paul Billings, a senior vice president of the American Lung Association, noted that the Harvard study came on top of other reports that linked the pollutant to premature deaths.

“This pollution already kills tens of thousands of Americans every year. This is an affirmation of a standard that already does not provide adequate safeguards to public health,” he said.

Because the Harvard study was only published last week, after White House lawyers had already

largely completed a lengthy review, Wheeler said its findings were not included in the EPA's legal rationale.

Lazarus, the Harvard lawyer, said he expected that EPA would ultimately be legally forced to incorporate the findings of the Harvard study into the rationale for the rule before it is made final, likely later this year.

“It will eventually be part of the legal record,” he said. “Historically, Harvard's public health studies have been central to EPA public health rules.”

The proposed rule retains a standard enacted in 2012, which limits industrial fine soot particles to 12 micrograms per cubic meter.

By law, the EPA is required every five years to review the latest science and update that standard.

When EPA scientists conducted that mandatory review, many concluded that if the federal government tightened the standard to about 9 micrograms per cubic meter, more than 10,000 American lives could be saved a year.

After the publication of that report, numerous industries, including oil and coal companies, automakers and chemical manufacturers, urged the Trump administration to disregard the findings and not tighten the rule.

CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

El Salvadoran gangs enforce the rules

Bats, threats ensure social distancing is taken seriously

BY KATE LINTHICUM, MOLLY O'TOOLE AND ALEXANDER RENDEROS
Los Angeles Times

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador — El Salvador recently celebrated a historic feat: For two days in a row last month, the country recorded not a single homicide.

In a nation that for years led the world in per capita killings, the 48 hours without a murder came amid a sudden drop in violent crime. Homicides fell from 114 in February to 65 in March.

Driving the decline was not a gang truce or a new police strategy but a weeks-long national quarantine to slow the spread of the coronavirus.

The street gangs that have long terrorized El Salvador have now turned their attention from extortion and killing to a more pressing matter: enforcing social distancing restrictions, often with threats and baseball bats.

The gangs assumed their role as public health thugs after President Nayib Bukele ordered a 30-day lockdown on March 22.

In many parts of the country, the gangs are more effective than government authorities, with tactics that include circulating recordings on messaging applications threatening people who break the rules.

"We don't want to see anyone in the street," says one recording. "If you go out, it better be only to the store, and you better be wearing a mask."

The gangs have also produced videos showing masked members hitting people for not adhering to the quarantine.

Other countries in Latin America and the Caribbean



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Police presence isn't the reason for fewer murders in El Salvador. Street gangs are enforcing a coronavirus quarantine.

have seen similar reductions in killings since stay-at-home orders were issued.

In Colombia, where guerrilla leaders ordered a one-month cease-fire timed to a nationwide quarantine, homicides have fallen by half.

In Guatemala and Honduras, homicides have dropped by about a third, in large part because there are fewer people on the streets to threaten and kill.

In a part of the world where widespread poverty and low investment in public health could make the coronavirus especially devastating, the reduction in killings is a welcome bit of positive news.

It is also a rare respite for a region that is home to just 8% of the world's population but nearly a third of its homicides.

El Salvador has been dominated by organized crime since the 1990s, when deportees from the United States brought back with

them two gangs, Barrio 18 and Mara Salvatrucha, also called MS-13.

The government has said that in a nation of just over 6 million, nearly 500,000 people are connected to the gangs, which make money by extorting small businesses as well as smuggling and selling drugs.

In recent years, the government has taken what it calls an "iron fist" approach to criminal groups, sending soldiers armed with automatic weapons and dressed in black balaclavas into gang-controlled areas.

The country's leaders say their strategy is working, pointing to a decline from peak homicide rates in 2015. Human rights organizations, though, blamed gangs for an uptick in forced disappearances, suggesting they were simply changing their tactics. Many believe the gangs have formed pacts with the government to keep bodies out of the streets.

"The gangs have retained

their territorial control, and in many areas surpass the power of the state," said Celia Medrano, the director of programs at human rights group Cristosal.

The fact that gangs appear to be enforcing the quarantine "just confirms that they are in control," she said.

In San Salvador, the nation's capital, the streets are eerily empty.

On the day the national lockdown began, gang members in one Mara Salvatrucha-controlled neighborhood warned residents to obey the rules. "They said, 'We don't want the virus here,'" said a 25-year-old delivery driver from the neighborhood who out of fear asked to be identified only by his first name, Miguel.

"People are not afraid of the police, but of the gang," he said.

He said the gangs worry that high rates of infection could do long-term damage to their business and bring

unwanted attention from government authorities.

For now, the gangs appear willing to accept some losses.

In a neighborhood controlled by an offshoot of the Barrio 18 gang in San Salvador, hit men have told small-business owners and taxi drivers that they are exempt from paying extortion fees, known as *renta*, while the quarantine lasts.

But it is unclear how long the newfound peace will last.

"Once the quarantine ends, they'll have to pay what they owe," said a barber in the neighborhood, who asked to be identified only by his first name, Rafael. "I think that homicides are going to increase after the quarantine because the gang is not going to forgive the debt, and they are going to kill whoever does not pay."

Across Latin America, which last year saw a wave of protest movements in several countries over in-

coming inequality, there are growing concerns about possible social unrest if lockdowns continue.

"El Salvador's fragile economy could collapse," said Jeannete Aguilar, a security analyst in San Salvador. Half the nation's population works in the informal economy, she said, and few have savings.

Remittances from abroad — which account for roughly 20% of the country's GDP — are already falling, she said.

"A quarantine is a different thing if your refrigerator is empty," she said. "There could be a huge increase in robberies and other crime because people are desperate and hungry."

She is among a growing number of experts who believe a global recession — and the likelihood of attendant violence — might fuel new waves of migration to the United States.

"The economic predicament that will be left by this crisis when it's over will just fuel and feed into the structural conditions that lead thousands of people to flee their countries," said Tiziano Breda, a Guatemala-based analyst for the International Crisis Group.

He said gangs in Guatemala were already evolving in the face of coronavirus-related restrictions, including the suspension of bus routes, that have deprived them of income.

Some gangs have shifted to extorting people in their homes instead of their places of business, he said.

He worries that gangs may also have their sights on the \$130-per-family subsidies promised by the government to counter the economic devastation that the coronavirus is expected to bring to one of the world's poorest countries.

"They are in a wait-and-see mode, to try and figure out which source of income they can replace," Breda said.

NEWS BRIEFING

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President's rollback of school nutrition rules vacated by court

NEW YORK — After making a brief comeback on school lunch menus, white bread and other refined grains may be vanishing again when schools reopen after a federal court vacated the Trump administration's rollback of school nutrition standards.

The district court in Maryland said the administration did not give adequate public notice of the change, which had gone into effect for this past

school year. The ruling was in response to a lawsuit brought by the Center for Science in the Public Interest and Healthy School Food Maryland and represented by Democracy Forward.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture said it does not comment on ongoing litigation and it's unknown how the agency will proceed. The agency oversees the national school lunch and breakfast programs.

North Korea fires barrage of missiles from ground and air

SEOUL, South Korea — A barrage of North Korean missiles fired from the ground and fighter jets splashed down on the waters off the country's east coast Tuesday, South Korea's military said, a show of force on the eve of a state anniversary in the North and parliamentary elections in the South.

The back-to-back launches were the latest in a series of weapons tests that North Korea has con-

ducted in recent weeks amid stalled nuclear talks and outside worries about a possible coronavirus outbreak in the country.

North Korean troops based in the eastern coastal city of Munchon first launched several projectiles Tuesday morning, South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said in a statement.

The weapons flew at a low altitude off the North's east coast, a South Korean official said.

Judge gives state of Alabama ownership of last US slave ship

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — The last slave ship known to have landed in the United States more than 150 years ago has a new owner: The state of Alabama. A federal judge granted ownership of the Clotilda shipwreck to the Alabama Historical Commission in a one-page order released Monday.

The decision by U.S. District Judge Kristi DuBose means the state will have final say over rem-

nants of the ship, found on a muddy river bottom north of Mobile and publicly identified last year.

The Clotilda, a Gulf schooner, sailed to West Africa on an illegal trip financed by a white businessman as a nation divided over slavery was building toward Civil War. It delivered 110 kidnapped Africans to Mobile before it was burned in a bayou in 1860 to hide evidence of the crime.



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A Libyan man stands Tuesday at the site of shelling on the Arada residential area in Tripoli. The forces of Libyan military strongman Khalifa Haftar rained rockets on Tripoli after being ousted by government loyalists from strategic towns west of the capital.

Court: Medication abortions allowed in Texas in pandemic

AUSTIN, Texas — A federal appeals court panel ruled that medication abortions, in which pills are taken to terminate a pregnancy, can be provided in Texas during the coronavirus pandemic.

The ruling Monday from a three-judge panel of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals was among several developments in Republican-led states where governors have sought to prohibit almost all abortions by classifying them as elective procedures that should be put off during the virus outbreak.

Texas Republican Gov.

Greg Abbott issued an executive order last month that bars nonessential medical procedures so that health resources can go to treating coronavirus patients. Texas' Republican attorney general has said that providing abortions other than for an immediate medical emergency would violate the order.

But a three-judge panel of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said that medication abortions can go forward.

In a concurrence, Judge James L. Dennis wrote that Texas' move to ban medication abortions "is a strong

indication that the enforcement is pretextual and does not bear a 'real or substantial relation' to the public health crisis we are experiencing."

Also Monday, a 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals panel upheld a lower-court order that overturned an Oklahoma ban.

The 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals also declined to hear an appeal by Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost seeking to reverse a judge's temporary restraining order allowing abortion facilities in the state to continue performing surgical abortions.

Cardinal links corruption to child abuse charges

CANBERRA, Australia — Cardinal George Pell has linked his fight against corruption in the Vatican with his prosecution in Australia for alleged child sex abuse.

Pell was regarded as the third highest-ranking Vatican official in 2018 when he became the world's most senior Catholic to be con-

victed of child sex abuse.

He served 13 months in prison before Australia's High Court last week acquitted him of molesting two choirboys in St. Patrick's Cathedral in Melbourne while he was archbishop of Australia's second-largest city in the 1990s.

Pope Francis' former finance minister said in a television interview broadcast Tuesday that some church officials believed he was prosecuted by Australian authorities because of the trouble he had caused in the Vatican by his implementation of financial reforms.

Congress delays return to DC until at least May 4

WASHINGTON — The Senate on Tuesday joined the House in delaying its next meeting in Washington, citing the need to protect members from the coronavirus pandemic.

The delay also gives lawmakers more time to consider ways to deliberate while social distancing, amid ongoing talks about how to prop up the hard-hit economy.

Congress is stalled over the followup to the largest rescue bill in U.S. history.

Progress is complicated by the ongoing need to stay apart, the advanced ages of many lawmakers and by President Donald Trump's insistence that social distancing be eased soon.

On Monday, House leaders announced they would not meet before May 4. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell on Tuesday did likewise, saying the move was based on advice from experts.

In the Persian Gulf:

Armed men boarded a Hong Kong-flagged tanker ship Tuesday off the coast of Iran near the crucial Strait of Hormuz, holding the ship for a short time before releasing it amid heightened tensions between Tehran and the U.S., authorities said.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the seizure, though suspicion fell on Iran's paramilitary Revolutionary Guard. Iranian officials and state media did not acknowledge the incident and the U.S. Navy's Bahrain-based 5th Fleet did not respond to a request for comment.

The incident comes after a private maritime intelligence firm warned of suspicious incidents in recent days near the strait.

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United Airlines aircraft are idle at O'Hare International Airport last month during the coronavirus pandemic.

Why government bailouts for United and Boeing are a bad idea

Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin has struck a deal in principle to deliver billions in financial assistance to United Airlines and other carriers to protect them from coronavirus fallout. A similar package appears to be in the works for Boeing. These exercises in corporate favoritism are a bad idea.

We're not rooting for any company's failure, nor for hardship to befall employees of any industry. Rather, we're opposed to the idea of the federal government using portions of the \$2 trillion coronavirus rescue package to support and protect major players in specific industries.

The entire country has been knocked on its heels temporarily by the pandemic. Millions of Americans have lost their jobs, been furloughed or taken pay cuts. Small business owners, notably restaurateurs, are suffering, and some will seek access individually to emergency loans. The retail, resort, sports, arts and energy industries are getting crushed. Again, who isn't besides Amazon?

Yet Boeing and the airlines — and by extension, their shareholders — get singled out for dispensation? Hmm, now announcing the departure of free-market principles from the airline industry.

The deal in principle for Chicago-based United and other airlines, announced Tuesday, would offer up a mix of taxpayer grants and loans to help the companies keep operating and make payrolls. A similar offer is under discussion for Chicago-based Boeing. President Donald Trump and members of Congress appar-

ently want to attach conditions to the aid, including requirements that the companies hold off on layoffs. Another significant demand: giving the government an option to take an ownership position in exchange for the financial assistance.

Final terms of the United aid package weren't released as of Tuesday afternoon. Assuming the Trump administration must go forward with bailouts, extracting ownership stakes so taxpayers might benefit from the economic recovery would make these unsavory transactions fairer. But wouldn't you know it, Boeing and the airlines hated that idea. They'd much rather receive the money as a blank check, thank you very much.

Boeing, a government defense contractor and one of two global airplane manufacturers, is the country's largest overall exporter. Air travel is critical to the economy. No question, the aviation industry is important. But if high status is an argument for government intervention, it is also a reason why these companies should be able to manage COVID-19 headwinds with their own bank loans and other sources of capital. We're remembering back to the dark days of the 2008 financial crisis, when Warren



TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Chicago-based Boeing is requesting a massive aid package from the federal government to deal with the COVID-19 economic slowdown.

Buffett stepped in to protect Goldman Sachs by investing \$5 billion. Both sides benefited. That type of private transaction is available to Boeing, United and the others, assuming they are healthy enough to survive. If they aren't, why should taxpayers save them?

Boeing CEO David Calhoun has addressed some of these issues in television interviews, but his responses have been contradictory. That has left the impression he wants to negotiate a favorable deal or would be willing, and able, to seek money elsewhere. "We're a little better off than most people think," he told CNBC last month. "If we need to pursue other options in private markets that are a little more unusual, we will. I don't think we'll get to that,

but we'll do what we have to do, and we'll protect the long-term outlook for our shareholders."

Indeed, this negotiation is about the shareholders. They should be rewarded for the risks they take investing in public companies, but they also should suffer the consequences for failures. Competition creates stronger companies that provide more valuable products and services to customers. Competition also weeds out the weak. Since airline deregulation in 1978, individual carriers have succeeded and failed, but the public overall has benefited from lower fares, more destinations and safer skies.

A government rescue destroys the competition pro-

position. In this case it potentially helps companies overcome mistakes that predate coronavirus. Boeing's aircraft business already was struggling last year due to the disastrous development of the 737 Max jet, which has been grounded after two fatal accidents since 2018. The airline industry spent billions to pump up share prices through stock repurchases when it could have socked that money away for a rainy day.

We aren't eager to see bankruptcies. But they may be inevitable because we don't want Washington lawmakers using taxpayer dollars to pick private-sector winners and losers. In today's treacherous circumstances, Boeing, United and the others need to find their own ways forward.

Why did the airlines appear to get their way? Capitol Hill operates on a system of clout and fear, and the airline industry can leverage both. This ends up being bad for the American free-market system. If Congress and the administration swoop in as savior, they are absolving executives of past mistakes. They are telling them they are free to take more big risks and not fret about the consequences because they'll be backstopped by the government.

Boeing, United and the airline industry should be forced to do what millions of entrepreneurs and mom-and-pop businesses are doing: adapting to a traumatic but necessary shutdown of the economy and figuring out how to survive — without a generous rescue from taxpayers.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING



ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Chances are there is a company within short driving distance from where you are that has recently gotten into the personal protection equipment business. I know, because my inbox is flooded with pitches from their PR agencies.

Eclipse International, a New Jersey bedding maker, and Aunt Flow, an Ohio-based tampon producer, are among them. They're making face masks using materials, factories or supply chains used for mattresses or maxi pads.

British vacuum cleaner giant Dyson Inc. designed the CoVent ventilator in 10 days and is one of several industrial heavyweights committing to make thousands of them. Pittsburgh's Thar Process Inc., a carbon dioxide extraction and purification company, is bottling a new hand sanitizer that a staff chemist ginned up practically overnight.

Corporations worldwide have moved fast in the fight against new coronavirus. It's laudable. And, to be honest, it's a bit perplexing.

If these companies can suddenly pivot on a dime in a crisis, why are so many of them flat-footed in ordinary times?

John D. Stoll, The Wall Street Journal

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PERSPECTIVE



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Interim police Superintendent Charlie Beck views the scene where five people were shot, at least one fatally, in the 1200 block of East 79th Street on Feb. 25.

CPD's Charlie Beck to Chicago:

Unite to end gun violence as you have united to slow the coronavirus

BY CHARLIE BECK

The people of Chicago welcomed me with open arms when I arrived five months ago from Los Angeles. It is now with an elbow bump that I leave this city that I have come to appreciate for its friendly and genuine demeanor.

I never imagined a pandemic would mark my tenure as interim police superintendent. Burying a Chicago police officer and firefighter both stricken with the disease was a heartbreaking experience I will not soon forget.

And yet, the coronavirus has brought out what is truly best about Chicago. This is a city that pulls together in times of crisis. If there is a lesson to be learned from COVID-19, it is that Chicago needs to unite behind the cause of ending gun violence in the same way it has united to flatten the curve.

Chicago is a city of great beauty and shared identity. Those who live within the city limits and surrounding suburbs both lay claim to its magnificent skyline, its sports teams and its breathtaking lakefront. Ask anyone living within 100 miles of downtown where they are from, and they will proudly say, "Chicago."

And despite this overwhelming sense of big-city pride, Chicago still has the charm of thinking like a small town. People know grocery store clerks and postal carriers by name. Amid the coronavirus pandemic, police districts were flooded with cleaning supplies that were donated by schools, church groups and non-

profit organizations.

Girl Scouts brought cookies to hard-working officers. Other volunteers delivered coffee or disinfectant wipes to help clean police vehicles. Small businesses, large corporations and philanthropists, including Ken Griffin, stepped up too.

It is within these gestures both big and small — as well as the dedication of the city's more than 13,000 police officers — that I found Chicago's true character. This is a city of hard work and generosity.

Everybody also has an opinion about everything, and they are all willing to share it.

Politics consume the shared conversation. And I think that this is because of the mutual belief that they love their city as is, but they desperately want it to change.

And change it must.

The racial and economic divide in Chicago is staggering. This leads to an enforcement and victimization rate in communities of color that eclipses their more well-off neighbors by a factor that should concern us all.

That's the bad news. This is the good news: There is a path forward, and we are on it.

Chicago needs to take a public health approach to the problem of violent crime. Just as we universally sought to halt the progression of COVID-19, the people of Chicago should take the same approach to ending the gunfire that plagues too many of its neighborhoods. Violence

in Chicago is everyone's problem, just as COVID-19 is not just the concern of the elderly or the sick.

Chicago has been under a consent decree for just over a year, and I believe this can serve as a road map for improving the department and making our neighborhoods safer. The consent decree spells out a series of changes meant to improve trust between CPD and the communities we are sworn to serve and protect.

The COVID-19 outbreak has slowed some of the progress behind implementing these reforms, as community meetings can no longer be held in the same way. But fulfilling a consent decree was never going to be a quick or easy process.

It took Los Angeles 12 years to fulfill its consent decree, and I believe a stronger department emerged from the process. I have no doubt the same will happen here.

Chicago also has a strong leader in Mayor Lori Lightfoot. I want to thank her for having faith in me to fill the role of interim superintendent. Her commitment to public safety was never more evident than in her selection of Chief David Brown.

Chief Brown has the practical knowledge needed to build on the gains in public safety Chicago has seen over the past three years. He also has the personal experience needed to understand the feelings of a tired beat cop, a grieving parent and a troubled teen alike.

I have tried my best to set Chief

Brown up for success by reorganizing the department to break down silos, aligning detectives and patrol officers together under a shared geography.

The spirit of this new structure is to make officers on the street and the detectives beholden to people living within a specific neighborhood. The reorganization also gives district commanders more tools to not just fight crime, but to hold offenders accountable.

I also eliminated the controversial merit selection process for sergeants, detectives and lieutenants. Chicago cops told me the process was unfair and lacked transparency. So, I ended it.

I worked with the Mayor's Office of Violence Reduction to bolster violence interrupters, block clubs and street outreach organizations to keep residents safe. These groups work independently of CPD, but our mission is the same. We both want a city free from the violent crime that has taken its toll on poor and minority communities. We both want to end the gunfire that pierces the night sky.

All of this can only be done by rebuilding the trust between the people of Chicago and the Chicago Police Department.

It's a tall order, but the most important ingredient is already there. People love this city. And as the coronavirus has shown, they are willing to take action to make things better.

Charlie Beck is interim superintendent of the Chicago Police Department.

Federalism flip-flop shows Trump has no ideological framework

There is no Trumpism, only Trump.

One of the most vexing things for both fans and foes of President Donald Trump is that he has a gift for being neither the hero nor the villain people like to cast him as. In 2016, when Trump refused to answer a question about whether he would accept an election defeat, New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio said: "The words that you heard from Donald Trump are what you'd expect from a Third World dictator, what you'd expect from a military leader about to attempt a coup in a foreign country, not from an American presidential candidate."

Four years, and a litany of similar denunciations later, with Trump firmly in office, the same Mayor De Blasio excoriated the president for refusing to use his powers to deploy the U.S. military on the streets of his city to combat the pandemic.

This damned-if-you-sound-like-a-dictator, damned-if-you-don't-act-like-one dynamic is just a small example of why our politics are so disorienting.

And not just for Trump's foes.

To the surprise and perhaps disappointment of many a self-declared nationalist in



JONAH GOLDBERG

the MAGA mold, the man who vowed "I alone can fix it" has very much led from behind in his "war" on the pandemic, insisting that federalism required him to let state and local officials lead.

"We have a thing called the Constitution," Trump huffed at one of his news conferences, defending governors who hadn't issued stay-at-home orders yet. "I want the governors to be running things."

His supporters have cheered him for that. "Why States 'Governing Themselves' During the Coronavirus Outbreak Is a Good Thing," proclaimed the headline on one typical piece in *The Federalist*.

Trump was largely correct about the Constitution, even though he certainly could have done more than he did. Governors hold most of the "police powers" in our country. The president, at least without the authorization of Congress, cannot ban interstate travel, shutter businesses or force people to stay in their homes, nor can he (or governors either) force people back to work if they don't think it's safe to leave their homes.

The problem, as is so often the case, is

that Trump's motivations are virtually never rooted in any overarching theory or principle. Trump's invocation of federalism was never grounded in constitutional fidelity but in a desire to avoid blame and have local officials he could second-guess or scapegoat.

"Gov. (Jay) Inslee, that's the state of Washington ... and you know, he's always complaining," Trump told Fox News host Sean Hannity. "And your governor of Michigan, I mean, she's not stepping up. I don't know if she knows what's going on. But all she does is sit there and blame the federal government. She doesn't get it done. And we send her a lot."

As transparently annoying as that strategy was, it was playing well with many conservatives — both those in the MAGA camp, who liked to watch Trump beat up the libs, and the genuine believers in the Constitution's federalist principles.

But then, Monday morning, starting with a tweet and ending with a stemwinder at a bombastic news conference, the president threw all that away. He now insists the president has "total" authority to restart the economy, open businesses, end quarantines, etc.

He doesn't have that power, not remotely. But he wants people to think he does.

The story of the Trump presidency has been one of a man making off-the-cuff decisions based on his instincts. He's bragged for years about this being his method, but that doesn't stop fans and foes alike from concocting grand theories of ingenious foresight or villainous plotting. Trumpism must be something more than one guess after another, they assume.

It isn't.

Trump's reversal on federalism makes no sense if you think Trumpism is a coherent ideological framework. It makes complete sense if you work from the assumption that Trump is guided by a craving for importance and an insatiable need to be the center of attention.

This is the true constant of the Trump administration. Trump stakes out a seemingly clear position, making it the party line for his followers on the right and the focus of derision across the left. But the moment a policy detracts from his gut-level needs, the policy is tossed. Because there is no Trumpism. There is only Trump.

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PERSPECTIVE

Democrats might not fall in love with Biden, but they'll need to fall in line



CLARENCE PAGE

"Special guest" Sen. Bernie Sanders endorsed his rival for the Democratic presidential nomination, former Vice President Joe Biden, during a livestreamed video conference Monday. But will the Bernie supporters care?

Any hopes that the heartfelt endorsement would end the long-boiling tensions between the party's liberal and moderate wings quickly went up in steam as a couple of prominent Sanders supporters tweeted out their dissatisfaction.

"With the utmost respect for Bernie Sanders, who is an incredible human being & a genuine inspiration, I don't endorse Joe Biden," tweeted Briahna Joy Gray, Sanders' former national press secretary. "I supported Bernie Sanders because he backed ideas like #Medicare-ForAll, cancelling ALL student debt, & a wealth tax. Biden supports none of those."

No, but he does support more moderate alternatives to all three of those goals. For example, Biden would offer a choice between private health insurance and a "public option." Sanders would exclude the choice of private insurance, for which he was opposed by labor unions that are trying to protect the plans they have won through many years of negotiations with management.

Gray, by contrast, called it "almost insulting" for Biden to suggest lowering the Medicare eligibility age to 60, in lieu of adopting universal health coverage.

Progressive journalist-activist Shaun King, a Sanders surrogate, also chimed in with this criticism: "In his conversation with @BernieSanders, @JoeBiden is clearly reading from a TelePrompTer. It's supposed to be a CONVERSATION. I've never seen this happen in my entire life."

Considering how Biden is running against President Donald Trump, for whom the teleprompter has not always been a friend, you might think the left would be relieved. Not King. He posted an opinion piece outlining a list of requirements for his endorsement, and alleging that Biden "blatantly lied" about his past participation in the civil rights movement.

These are the sort of attacks from one's own side that are hardly unique to Democrats. Remember RINOs? Short for "Republicans in name only," that was a right-wing put-down of the party's moderates



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Now that Sen. Bernie Sanders has dropped out of the presidential race, will his supporters back former Vice President Joe Biden?

who supposedly were not conservative enough. Today, there's little doubt that the party has moved to the right with Trump's rise, which is what progressive-wing Democrats want their party to do in the other direction.

All of which brings up an adage I first heard from Democratic consultants in the early 1990s: Republicans fall in line, Democrats fall in love — or want to.

We've seen that maxim in action most recently in the 2016 presidential race. Remember how fiercely Trump's rival candidates opposed the interloper who trolled his opponents with insulting nicknames, scoffed at "political correctness" and refused to swear loyalty to the party's nominee unless it was him? Remember how rapidly their opposition evaporated after he began to win primaries?

Remarkably, the party bigwigs fell in line behind Trump, albeit begrudgingly. Sen. Ted Cruz, the last major holdout, was literally booed off the stage at the party's Cleveland convention for refusing to give a full-throated endorsement of Trump, who had insulted members of Cruz's family.

Democrats have their family feuds, too, but a bigger factor these days may well be their quest for another Barack Obama, who endorsed Biden on Tuesday in a video message. Remember how he captured the party's hearts in their 2004

convention when, by his own account, he was better known as "the skinny kid with the funny name?"

He was a tough act to follow, as Hillary Clinton found in 2016 after Trump's widely unexpected victory.

Now it's Joe Biden's turn to try his third attempt to win the White House and hope it's a charm. After winnowing down the field from more than two dozen initial candidates, the Democratic Party has ended up with one of its most familiar — and longest-tenured — figures, who has to contend with speculation that he's too old for the job.

Well, as Trump likes to say constantly, we'll see what happens. After all the flash and excitement of the racially, gender and ideologically diverse candidates who entered the race, Biden's victory shows a general consensus that he represents, at least, a return to a traditional presidency after years of the colorful, changeable reality-TV Trump.

In that sense, Trump has become as unifying of a figure for Democrats as Clinton was for Republicans.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Chicago theater needs support

Tribune critic Chris Jones once indicated that actors like me shouldn't also be critics. But actors who are also critics know when it's time to hold our tongues. I know that other actors largely aren't working and the future of the theater industry is filled with question marks. Many small theaters won't make it through, and many large ones will constrict operations. Jones — one of the few very fortunate creatives still receiving a salary — is demanding that the unemployed rush to perform. Someone who is both an actor and a critic knows that now is the time to let everyone gather their bearings. This isn't the time to be a critic. This is the time to be a compassionate human.

In his most recent review ("Second City, we need you," April 11), Jones illustrates that he has forgotten that "critic" is just a title, and criticism is only one of the tools in our tool kit. At this unprecedented time, we are called upon to also be witnesses who translate what this means for future generations.

Chicago has yet to hit the peak of the pandemic. Before we can return to "normal," we must first bear witness to the deaths that will hurt our community. Then, the financial wave of desperation: The most vulnerable will be forced out of Chicago, back to their hometowns and out of the industry. Then we will face closures of the smaller theaters, and some midsize. And then the largest theaters will limp back on a skeleton crew, providing space for only the top echelon of theater-makers, exacerbating the inequities that existed far before COVID-19.

We don't need a critic now; we need a witness. We need a midwife.

In our new virtual reality, all theater is improv, and critics who hang their hats on seeking "perfection" and "polish" in production quality will be woefully unprepared to evaluate art centered in process and collaboration in the moment. Rebirthing our artistic community in the face of a pandemic is collaboration in the moment.

Chris, be a witness. Our role as critics must change just as radically as the art form itself is changing. How arrogant must we be to stand in the ivory tower looking down as the city burns and not have our hearts inexorably changed?

Come down from the tower and join us in rebuilding a new artistic Chicago.

— Sheri Flanders, actor and freelance theater critic for the Chicago Reader

Tax would be truly devastating?

In an April 11 letter ("Remove graduated tax from ballot"), former Illinois state Comptroller Leslie Munger says the proposed increase in the Illinois income tax "will devastate Illinois businesses." One of the tax changes to take effect if the graduated tax amendment passes will raise the corporate tax rate from 9.5 to 10.49%. For example, that means a corporation with \$1 million of pretax profits will pay \$9,900 more.

How devastating is that?
— David May, La Grange

What US should ask of China

China is responsible for creating this global pandemic and shocking death toll and economic wreckage. When this pandemic finally subsides, U.S. corporations will rush to reopen the trade doors to China. Great importers like Apple, Walmart and other companies that manufacture in or import from China nearly everything they sell will pressure our government to quickly resume normal relations in their relentless pursuit of profits. These companies have long turned a blind eye to brutal labor conditions, rampant pollution creating "cancer villages" on rivers and government seizure of homes to make way for subsidized new factories. They promote the view that China is like a democracy rather than a brutal communist dictatorship. This is a government that tried to cover up COVID-19 when it was discovered last winter and kicked out foreign journalists because of negative news stories.

Our relationship with China should not even begin to return to normal until the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the World Health Organization can confirm that all exotic meat markets have been closed and they receive unfettered access to inspect any new viral "hot spots." Establishing this openness, and beginning to act like a responsible global citizen, will be in China's best interests as well.

— Jonathan M. Adams, Chicago

Wis. shows that expanding vote-by-mail opportunities deserves a stamp of approval



ERIC ZORN

Wisconsin has given a double boost to the prospects for a robust expansion of mail-in voting this fall.

The first boost came from the dismaying images April 7 of long lines of voters in homemade masks waiting at a safe distance from one another for hours outside of scarce polling places. They were lined up to participate in a primary election that Republicans insisted go forward during the COVID-19 pandemic over the objections of Democratic Gov. Tony Evers.

And to think it was just a primary, with about 35% turnout. What will happen, you had to wonder, if the country is still (or once again) mostly in disease-fighting lockdown mode during the Nov. 3 general election when turnout is likely to be some 20 percentage points higher?

How can we be sure that we don't once again — or ever again — make citizens choose between protecting their health and exercising their franchise?

How about making it easier to let people mail in their ballots?

Republicans, who had gone to court to overturn Evers' order to postpone the Wisconsin primary, largely brushed off the idea.

"Mail ballots are a very dangerous thing for this country," President Donald Trump said on the day of the Wisconsin primary. "They're fraudulent in many cases." The following day he tweeted, "Republicans should fight very hard when it comes to (expanding) state wide mail-in voting. ... for whatever reason, doesn't work out well for Republicans."

Illinois House Republican Leader Jim Durkin of Western Springs told Tribune chief political reporter Rick Pearson that efforts to enhance vote-by-mail opportunities were unnecessary "government overreach" to accomplish a goal "that can be accomplished through the traditional ways."

Simply voting absentee is the "traditional way" of voting by mail — Trump himself now does so — and 34 states including Illinois now allow voters to do so



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Claire Woodall-Vogg, a business systems administrator with the city of Milwaukee Election Commission, carries absentee ballots on Monday.

without providing any excuse whatsoever. You don't have to be out of town, medically indisposed, scheduled to work during the entire time the polls are open or otherwise unavailable to cast a vote on Election Day to request and have mailed to you an absentee ballot.

That's not good enough, said Amber McReynolds, CEO of the National Vote at Home Institute. Her nonpartisan organization promotes the idea that election officials should mail ballots to all registered voters in advance of Election Day, making "absentee" voting the default method.

"There's no reason to make voters jump through hoops by filling out forms to get mail-in ballots," she said in an interview Tuesday. "People are busy. Circumstances get in the way. They forget or miss the deadline to apply."

Postage costs go up under such a system, of course. But McReynolds said that states that have converted to vote-by-mail — Washington, Oregon, Colorado, Hawaii and Utah — find that overall costs of administering elections goes down by about 40% as numerous precinct-level polling sites are consolidated into regional voting centers for those who prefer to vote the old-fashioned way on Election Day.

Fears or claims that mail-in voting is vulnerable to fraud are, like all fears and claims about individual vote fraud, so wildly overblown as to be false. As are claims that it's part of a Democratic plot.

The second boost out of Wisconsin for an expansion of mail-in voting came Monday, when results from the chaotic primary were finally released.

The GOP's insistence of going ahead with voting April 7 despite the stay-at-home orders was widely seen as an effort to suppress turnout and assure the reelection of conservative Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice Daniel Kelly, a Trump-endorsed conservative facing a long-shot challenge from liberal judge Jill Karofsky.

Republicans frequently argue against liberalizing voting rights, usually piously citing fears of fraud. But Trump let slip the real reason during a March 30 interview on "Fox & Friends" when he referred to Democratic requests to vastly increase funding for vote-by-mail as part of pandemic relief as "crazy" because it would lead to "levels of voting that, if you ever agreed to it, you'd never have a Republican elected in this country again."

Thing is, though, Kelly lost. Despite the GOP attempt to hold down turnout by conducting an election during plague time, the effort backfired when liberal Karofsky trounced the Trump-backed conservative by nearly 10 percentage points. This highlighted the fact, reported over the weekend in a New York Times report that Trump and his fellow Republican alarmists are wrong; that academic studies show that while mail-in voting slightly increases turnout, it doesn't result in consistent partisan advantages.

These boosts promise to turbocharge the efforts of state Sen. Julie Morrison, D-Lake Forest, who's currently writing legislation that would enact a one-time change in state law that would have ballots mailed to all voters prior to the November election "just to be on the safe side," she said. "We just don't know right now what our world's going to look like then. Science tells us this is an unpredictable war."

With luck, COVID-19 won't be warping our daily lives by then, and the change in how we vote won't feel important or urgent. Either way, though, it should be permanent.

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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

Navistar prepping for a tough road ahead



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An International ProStar high-rise sleeper tractor is parked at the Navistar manufacturing plant in Melrose Park.

Manufacturer institutes temporary pay cuts, postponing big projects

BY CORILYN SHROPSHIRE

Navistar International is instituting temporary pay cuts, postponing big projects and delaying pension contributions to preserve cash as economic uncertainties tied to the coronavirus pandemic extend into more industries.

The Lisle-based manufacturer said U.S.-based salaried, non-unionized employees will take temporary pay cuts of 10% to 30%, beginning April 20 through Dec. 31, with the deferred pay reinstat-

ed with interest by March 15, 2021.

Navistar also will defer \$162 million in pension contributions until 2021, reduce contractors' work weeks by 20% and postpone 30% of capital expenditures, among other actions.

It also is extending the closure of its truck assembly plant in Springfield, Ohio, announced in March, through early May as a result of component supplier constraints. The moves, announced Tuesday, follow previous decisions to defer merit salary increases and 401(K) company match contributions until next year.

With increasing frequency, companies in industries other

than those directly affected by the coronavirus pandemic — retail, hospitality and services — are preparing for financial hits to their bottom lines as workers lose jobs, spending is curtailed and people and companies have trouble paying their bills. Nationally, 6.6 million people filed initial claims for unemployment insurance benefits during the week ended April 4, on top of 6.8 million claims a week earlier.

Last week, JPMorgan Chase CEO Jamie Dimon predicted “a bad recession” in his widely read letter to shareholders. On Tuesday, the bank reported a plunge in

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Amid concerns of the spread of COVID-19, a meat counter worker hands an order to a customer at El Rancho grocery store Monday in Dallas.

Coronavirus closes some US meat processing plants

Moves raise fears of market shortages of beef, pork, poultry

BY JOSH FUNK
Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — Some massive meat processing plants have closed at least temporarily because their workers were sickened by the new coronavirus, raising concerns that there could soon be shortages of beef, pork and poultry in supermarkets.

The meat supply chain is especially vulnerable since processing is increasingly done at massive plants that butcher tens of thousands of animals daily, so the closure of even a few big ones can quickly be felt by customers. For instance, a Smithfield Foods plant that was forced to close in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, after nearly 300 of the plant's 3,700 workers tested positive for the virus produces roughly 5% of the U.S. pork supply each day.

In addition, conditions at plants can be ripe for exploitation by the virus: Workers stand shoulder-to-shoulder on the line and crowd into locker rooms to

change their clothes before and after shifts.

The virus has infected hundreds of workers at plants in Colorado, South Dakota, Iowa, Pennsylvania, Mississippi and elsewhere. The capacity of plants that remain open has also been hurt by workers who are sick or staying home because of fears of illness — though it's not clear by how much.

While company owners promise to deep clean their plants and resume operations as quickly as possible, it's difficult to keep workers healthy given how closely they work together.

“There is no social distance that is possible when you are either working on the slaughter line or in a processing assignment,” said Paula Schelling, acting chairwoman for the food inspectors union in the American Federation of Government Employees.

The reduced production so far has been offset by the significant amount of meat that was in cold storage, said Glynn Tonsor, an agricultural economist at Kansas State University. Producers are also working to shift meat that would have gone to now-closed restaurants over to gro-

cery stores.

Whether shoppers start to see more empty shelves or higher prices will depend on how many plants close and for how long.

At least half a dozen plants have closed temporarily, but that's across the pork, chicken and beef sectors, and Tonsor said the industry can manage for now.

“You could shut multiple plants down for a day or two, and we've got wiggle room to handle that,” Tonsor said. “But if you took four or five of those big plants... and they had to be down for two weeks, then you've got a game changer.”

Still, the reduced meat processing capacity is already driving down the prices farmers and ranchers receive for cattle, hogs and chickens.

“It's like people on an escalator. Stopping the pork chain at the top of an escalator is just going to cause all sorts of tragedy and disaster all the way back up the system,” said Dermot Hayes, professor of economics and finance at Iowa State University.

Farmers are being forced to kill baby pigs because the space in the barns where they were supposed to go is still filled by

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the pigs that should have been slaughtered last week, Hayes said. The meat from those baby pigs cannot be sold.

That has driven prices for those feeder pigs — which generally are fattened over the course of six months — to zero, Hayes said. The value of those big enough for the market is down about 50% from a month ago. The value of the meat is down about 30%.

Lower prices for producers

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Printing firm LSC files for Chapter 11

Company notes severe drop in demand for magazines, catalogs

BY JOCELYN ALLISON

Chicago-based LSC Communications has filed for bankruptcy less than a year after calling off a \$1.4 billion planned merger with rival printing firm Quad/Graphics.

The company, which prints magazines, catalogs, directories and books, has suffered from a shift to online advertising and experienced an “unprecedented” drop last year in demand for magazines and catalogs, Chief Financial Officer Andrew Coxhead said in a filing in support of the bankruptcy petition. The Chapter 11 case, filed Monday in New York federal court, will allow LSC to reorganize its debts while it continues to operate.

The drop-off in the company's business last year came as it was fighting an antitrust lawsuit from the U.S. Department of Justice over its planned combination with Wisconsin-based Quad/Graphics, which the government claimed would lead to increased prices for books, catalogs and magazines.

The companies called off the merger in July, but uncertainty surrounding the deal took a toll on LSC, according to the filing. Some customers canceled contracts while the merger was pending, and the company had difficulty retaining employees who were concerned about how it would affect their jobs, Coxhead said in the filing. LSC also saw its book sales decline more than 20% in the fourth quarter over the same period from the prior year.

The economic disruption from the COVID-19 pandemic further stifled demand for LSC's products and caused its liquidity position to “substantially worsen,” according to the filing.

CEO Thomas J. Quinlan said in a news release the “situation related to COVID-19 continues to evolve and impact our people, our communities, our clients and our vendors.”

“Our leadership continues to take the necessary steps to fortify our operations and effectively execute our critical role during this time while making sure the health and safety of our employees remains our top priority,” he said.

After calling off the merger,

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Worker layoffs looming at ArcelorMittal as demand drops

Steelworkers union, company to continue talks on plan's details

BY CAROLE CARLSON

United Steelworkers and ArcelorMittal officials return to the bargaining table this week to hash out the company's plan to lay off about 200 workers at its Indiana Harbor plant in East Chicago because the coronavirus pandemic

has wracked the economy.

Steve Wagner, USW Local 1010 president, said the union plans to counter the company's layoff plan, which targets employees with less than two years of service, with its own offer.

“We're hoping we can avoid forced layoffs with voluntary layoffs,” he said. The union is proposing voluntary layoffs taken by senior workers who are vulnerable to the pandemic that's crushing the steel market and the economy.

“Business conditions are dictat-

ing they have to cut back every week. Customers are pulling back on orders,” Wagner said.

The mill has already shut down two blast furnaces on its west side, Wagner said.

The company has terminated 30 probationary employees. Wagner said the union will bargain to get them rehired as conditions improve.

Meanwhile, Wagner said social distancing needs to be improved and the company should do more to protect workers. In a letter to

union members, he said:

“We have been working to get the Company to provide non-respirator face masks/covers for several weeks. Now, there is an availability issue due to the lack of action on the Company's part. The Company now states that masks are on order.”

He recommended workers wear their own face covers until supplies become available.

Last week, U.S. Steel said it temporarily idled its No. 8 blast furnace at Gary Works because of

the economic crisis and lack of demand for products.

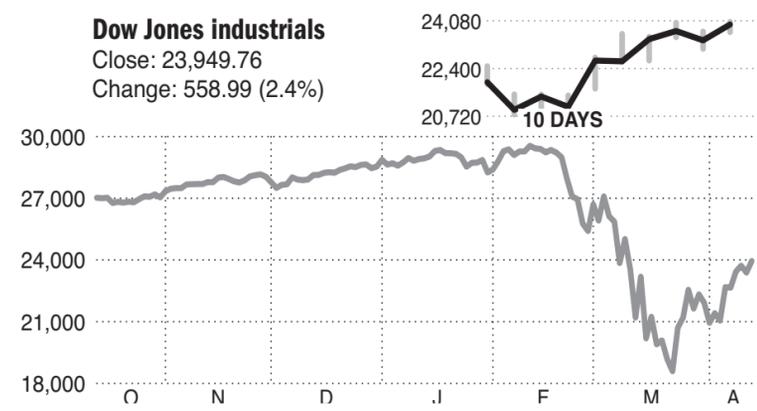
The No. 4 blast furnace was already idled for planned maintenance in a release. The company said it would remain idle until the market picks up.

It's also stalled a \$750 million hot strip improvement project at its flagship Gary mill, the company's largest plant that manufactures sheet, strip mill, and tin products.

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MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow High: 24,040.58 Low: 23,683.44 Previous: 23,390.77



Nasdaq	S&P 500	Russell 2000
+323.32 (+3.95%)	+84.43 (+3.06%)	+25.29 (+2.09%)
Close: 8,515.74	Close: 2,846.06	Close: 1,237.33
High: 8,531.11	High: 2,851.85	High: 1,251.88
Low: 8,338.08	Low: 2,805.10	Low: 1,224.15
Previous: 8,192.42	Previous: 2,761.63	Previous: 1,212.04

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
... to .75%	+11.90 to \$1,756.70	-.34 to 107.18/\$1	-.0048 to .9108/\$1	-2.30 to \$20.11

Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW +5.72	NASD +7.97	S&P +7.02	DOW +12.77	NASD +16.10	S&P +12.53	DOW -9.46	NASD +6.44	S&P -2.10

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 20	555.75	556.75	546	548.75	-6.25
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 20	331.25	332	325.75	326	-5.50
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 20	854.75	856.50	845.75	847	-7.25
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	May 20	26.95	27.11	26.62	26.74	-1.16
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	May 20	288.60	288.80	285.10	287.50	-1.10
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	May 20	22.36	23.08	19.95	20.11	-2.30
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	May 20	1.725	1.737	1.634	1.650	-.074
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	May 20	.7203	.7676	.6992	.7200	+.0167



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STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	89.14	+3.65	Dover Corp	N	87.71	+1.34	Littelfuse Inc	O	136.72	+2.53
AbbVie Inc	N	82.13	+3.01	Equity Commonwealth	N	33.07	+5.57	McDonalds Corp	N	183.99	+3.87
Allstate Corp	N	102.44	+4.44	Equity LifeStyle Prop	N	64.23	+2.64	Middleby Corp	O	54.00	+1.65
Anixter Intl	N	90.35	-.25	Equity Residential	N	68.92	+2.42	Mondelez Intl	O	54.51	+2.49
Aptargroup Inc	N	104.02	+1.67	Exelon Corp	O	39.07	+1.32	Morningstar Inc	O	128.24	+4.64
Arch Dan Mid	N	37.24	+1.17	First Indl RT	N	36.36	+1.11	Motorola Solutions	N	152.79	+6.55
Baxter Intl	N	88.25	+2.25	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	46.15	-.71	NISource Inc	N	26.62	-.91
Boeing Co	N	141.00	-6.33	Gallagher AJ	N	86.54	+2.97	Nthn Trust Cp	O	83.39	+1.16
Brunswick Corp	N	37.97	+2.62	Grainger WW	N	287.63	+13.27	Old Republic	N	16.93	+2.23
CBOE Global Markets	N	100.51	+7.20	GrubHub Inc	N	41.80	+2.12	Packaging Corp Am	N	88.50	-.36
CDK Global Inc	O	35.77	+1.17	Hub-Rom Hldgs	N	113.26	+2.52	Paylocity Hldg	O	99.98	+4.89
CDW Corp	O	106.75	+2.87	Hyatt Hotels Corp	N	54.71	+2.95	RLI Corp	N	86.14	+1.14
CF Industries	N	30.05	+1.14	IAA Inc	N	32.53	+5.59	Stericycle Inc	O	50.34	+4.43
CME Group	O	188.07	+5.39	IDEX Corp	N	150.22	+3.59	TransUnion	N	72.34	+4.52
CNA Financial	N	33.43	+9.96	ITW	N	156.06	+4.13	US Foods Holding	N	18.00	+0.1
Cabot Microelect	O	126.23	+7.57	Ingredion Inc	N	81.55	-.08	Ultra Salon Cosmetics	O	205.00	+2.40
Caterpillar Inc	N	116.48	+2.34	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	109.80	+1.83	United Airlines Hldg	O	30.90	+1.99
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	33.34	+1.38	Kemper Corp	N	71.48	-.16	Ventas Inc	N	33.18	+6.2
Deere Co	N	138.13	-1.67	Kraft Heinz Co	O	28.45	+5.2	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	46.38	+2.27
Discover Fin Svcs	N	35.53	-.65	LKQ Corporation	O	21.44	+1.0	Zebra Tech	O	206.88	+8.97

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Chesapck Engy	.13	-.03
Gen Electric	6.93	-.09
Bank of America	23.73	-.19
Carnival Corp	12.51	+1.01
Ford Motor	5.29	+1.13
Wells Fargo & Co	30.18	-1.25
Delta Air Lines	24.54	+1.29
Marathon Oil	4.25	-.14
JPMorgan Chase	95.50	-2.69
Transocean Ltd	1.54	+0.8
Occid Petl	14.90	-.43
Citigroup	45.42	-1.26
Norwegian Cruise Ln	12.35	+9.9
Virgin Galactic Hldg	19.03	+3.57
MFA Financial	1.83	-.03
Halliburton	7.63	-.22
Aurora Cannabis Inc	.75	-.01
Boeing Co	141.00	-6.33
Yamana Gold Inc	4.19	+0.3
Barrick Gold	24.43	+0.6
Energy Transfer L.P.	6.14	+1.8
Uber Technologies	27.75	-.24
Kinross Gold	6.14	-.11
Royal Caribbean	37.84	+4.47

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Aikido Pharma	.82	+1.5
Adv Micro Dev	54.93	+3.99
American Airlines Gp	11.95	+3.9
Microsoft Corp	173.70	+8.19
Biocept Inc	.45	-.15
Apple Inc	287.05	+13.80
MEI Pharma	2.50	+8.3
Guardian Health Sci	.48	+0.1
Seanergy Maritime	.15	+0.1
Taronis Technologies	.12	-.01
Sabre Corp	6.08	+1.3
NeuroMetrix Inc	3.00	+1.11
TOP Ships Inc	.28	+0.1
ToughBuilt Inc	.15	-.01
Tesla Inc	709.89	+58.94
Sonnet BioTherap	7.99	+3.05
United Airlines Hldg	30.90	+8.19
Aytu BioScience Inc	1.57	+1.8
Micron Tech	47.62	+1.45
Intel Corp	60.66	+1.96
Sirius XM Hldgs Inc	5.42	+3.0
Amarin Corp	6.38	-.01
Opko Health Inc	1.71	+2.3
Biocryst Phar	2.76	+4.1

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	0.17	0.28
6-month disc	0.23	0.25
2-year	0.21	0.23
10-year	0.75	0.75
30-year	1.41	1.39

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1756.70	\$1744.80
Silver	\$16.072	\$15.479
Platinum	\$815.70	\$745.80

INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	3.25
Discount Rate Primary	0.75
Fed Funds Target	0.00-0.25
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.31

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

A U.S. Dollar buys ...

Argentina (Peso)	65.4108
Australia (Dollar)	1.5541
Brazil (Real)	5.1815
Britain (Pound)	.7920
Canada (Dollar)	1.3910
China (Yuan)	7.0492
Euro	0.9108
India (Rupee)	76.028
Israel (Shekel)	3.5843
Japan (Yen)	107.18
Mexico (Peso)	23.4938
Poland (Zloty)	4.12
So. Korea (Won)	1213.30
Taiwan (Dollar)	30.07
Thailand (Baht)	32.64

FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	/.	/.
Stoxx600	333.91	+2.1/+6.1
Nikkei	19638.81	+595.4/+3.1
MSCI-EAFE	1605.10	-5.2/-3.3
Bovespa	79918.40	+1082.6/+1.4
FTSE 100	5791.31	-51.4/-9
CAC-40	4523.91	+17.1/+4

Meat

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could mean higher prices for consumers eventually, if production falls off, according to Chad Hart, an agricultural economist at Iowa State University.

Tyson, Cargill and other major meat processing companies say they are adopting several measures: taking the temperature of everyone entering plants, adding clear plastic shields between work stations and erecting tents to allow workers to spread out more at lunch. But critics worry that workers too often continue working in close proximity and that measures are being adopted piecemeal.

The League of United Latin American Citizens recently asked federal regulators to establish uniform rules after a number of immigrant workers complained to the rights group about tight quarters.

The new coronavirus is highly contagious. For most people, it causes mild or moderate symptoms, but for some, especially older adults and people with

health problems, it can cause more severe illness and lead to death.

Federal health officials do not consider COVID-19 to be a food safety concern, but they recommend that workers maintain a safe distance from one another.

But Lily Ordaz Prado, who recently quit her job at the Smithfield plant in Sioux Falls, said she didn't see those recommendations being put into practice, noting the crowded conditions in locker rooms and on assembly lines. The 30-year-old called her decision to leave "the best decision that I have ever made."

Smithfield officials have defended operations in Sioux Falls and said the company is taking "the utmost precautions and actions to ensure the health and wellbeing of our employees."

Meanwhile, Hector Gonzalez, senior vice president of human resources at Tyson Foods, said the food giant is making important changes for its roughly 140,000 workers, such as slowing down production lines and adding plastic barriers between work stations.

Other meat companies say they have stepped up the cleaning of their plants and prohibited visitors. Several major meat companies are also paying workers more for continuing to work during the pandemic.

For instance, JBS USA is paying workers a one-time \$600 bonus. Cargill has temporarily boosted pay by \$2 an hour.

Most major meatpacking companies also have relaxed attendance and sick leave policies to ensure that workers can receive at least some pay if they have to stay at home after testing positive or coming in contact with someone who has.

"Most of the employers that we deal with right now are really making a solid attempt to try and fix stuff," said Marc Perrone, president of the United Food and Commercial Workers union. "We're just working as hard as we can to protect as many people as possible right now and make sure that we keep the food supply open."

The AP's David Pitt in Des Moines, Iowa, and Stephen Groves in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, contributed.

Navistar

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first-quarter profits and said it was setting aside billions of dollars to cover potential loan losses from credit cards and loans to businesses.

On Monday, Ford Motor Co. said it expects a \$600 million first-quarter loss.

Navistar's cutbacks will save roughly \$300 million in cash through the end of its fiscal year on Oct. 31, the company said in a news

release. It did not respond to requests for comment.

"Navistar is not immune to the reality of the COVID-19 pandemic," Troy Clarke, Navistar CEO and president, said in the news release.

Clarke will have 35% of his base pay, which was \$1.05 million in 2019, deferred until next year, when he will get it back with 6% interest, according to regulatory filings. Clarke's total compensation in 2019, including performance-based incentives, was \$7.8 million,

according to regulatory filings.

In late March, Navistar withdrew its 2020 financial and industry guidance of revenues in the range of \$9.25 billion to \$9.75 billion. Also last month, the company reported a first-quarter net loss of \$36 million.

Earlier this year, Volkswagen's commercial truck unit, Traton, made an unsolicited \$2.9 billion cash offer to take over Navistar.

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Drop

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LSC restarted a cost-cutting plan and is closing nine manufacturing facilities, including one in Mattoon that

is slated to close by July 1. LSC warned the state earlier this year the closure would result in 796 layoffs.

LSC was formed in 2016 in a spinoff from Chicago printing company R.R. Donnelley and has more than 15,000 employees in

the U.S.

The company, which has \$972 million in debt, has secured commitments from its lenders for \$100 million in debtor-in-possession financing and will continue to operate during the bankruptcy.

IMF sees global growth at worst level since 1930s

Grim assessment has US economy sliding 5.9% this year

By PAUL WISEMAN
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WASHINGTON — Beaten down by the coronavirus outbreak, the world economy in 2020 will suffer its worst year since the Great Depression of the 1930s, the International Monetary Fund says in its latest forecast.

The IMF said Tuesday that it expects the global economy to shrink 3% this year — far worse than its 0.1% dip in the Great Recession year of 2009 — before rebounding in 2021 with 5.8% growth. It acknowledges, though, that prospects for a rebound next year are clouded by uncertainty.

The bleak assessment represents a breathtaking downgrade by the IMF.

In its previous forecast in January, before COVID-19 emerged as a grave threat to public health and economic growth worldwide, the international lending organization had forecast moderate global growth of 3.3% this year. But far-reaching measures to contain the

pandemic — lockdowns, business shutdowns, social distancing and travel restrictions — have brought economic activity to a near-standstill across much of the world.

“This is a crisis like no other,” Gita Gopinath, the IMF’s chief economist, said.

Gopinath said the cumulative loss to the global gross domestic product, the broadest gauge of economic output, could amount to \$9 trillion — more than the economies of Germany and Japan combined.

The IMF’s twice-yearly World Economic Outlook was prepared for this week’s spring meetings of the 189-nation IMF and its sister lending organization, the World Bank. Those meetings, along with a gathering of finance ministers and central bankers of the world’s 20 biggest economies, will be held virtually for the first time amid the coronavirus outbreak.

In its latest outlook, the IMF expects economic contractions this year of 5.9% in the United States, 7.5% in the 19 European countries that share the euro currency, 5.2% in Japan and 6.5% in the United Kingdom. China, where the pandemic

originated, is expected to eke out 1.2% growth this year. The world’s second-biggest economy, which had gone into lockdown, has begun to open up.

Worldwide trade will plummet 11% this year, the IMF predicts, and then grow 8.4% in 2021.

Last week, the IMF’s managing director, Kristalina Georgieva, warned that the world was facing “the worst economic fallout since the Great Depression.” She said that emerging markets and low-income nations across Africa, Latin America and much of Asia were at especially high risk. On Monday, the IMF approved \$500 million to cancel six months of debt payments for 25 impoverished countries.

The IMF cautioned that its forecast is shrouded by unknowns. They include the path that the virus will take; the effectiveness of policies meant to contain the outbreak and minimize the economic damage; and uncertainty over whether, even many months from now, people will continue to isolate themselves and depress spending as a precaution against a potential resurgence of the virus.

French court limits Amazon’s deliveries

Associated Press

PARIS — A French court has ordered Amazon to stop selling, storing or delivering nonessential goods for the next month to protect its employees from the virus.

The emergency ruling Tuesday requires Amazon to evaluate health risks at all its facilities nationwide and negotiate new safety measures with worker representatives, according to lawyers for unions that launched the legal proceedings.

The court stopped short of halting all Amazon activity, as unions had sought.

Amazon must suspend its nonessential trade within 24 hours of Tuesday’s ruling or face \$1.1 million in fines per day, said lawyer Judith Krivine. Sales of food, medicine and hygiene supplies are still allowed.

Amazon did not immediately comment. The head of Amazon France, Frederic Duval, said last week that the company was doing everything it could to put safety measures in place.

Unions hailed the ruling. “It is a great victory for us,” said Tatiana Campagne of union SUD, which filed the legal complaint alongside environmental group Amis de la Terre. “We feel that the health of workers was taken into account.”

Amazon has seen demand explode in the U.S. and around the world since virus confinement measures were imposed.

In New York last month, Amazon fired a worker who organized a walkout to demand greater virus protection, saying the employee himself flouted distancing rules and put others at risk.

The Seattle-based company said it has taken aggressive steps to protect its employees from the virus, including cleaning and distancing measures.

Several walkouts and protests have drawn attention to fear and discontent among low-wage workers on the front lines of the pandemic, particularly those packing and delivering groceries and other essentials.



WONG MAYE-E/AP

A road in the Bronx, New York sits nearly empty. Reported traffic crashes in the state fell 30% last month compared to March 2019.

Cut in driving elicits discounts

With less traffic and fewer accidents, insurers give back to customers

By TOM KRISHER
Associated Press

DETROIT — Interstates and city streets are empty and cars are quarantined in their owners’ garages, so consumer advocates argue that it only makes sense for auto insurance rates to reflect that.

In the states of Washington and New York, the number of traffic crashes reported to state police fell about 30% in March compared with a year ago, as the states were on lockdown for part of the month to stop the spread of coronavirus.

Other states are reporting similar declines in traffic and crashes, and consumer advocates are calling on insurance companies to cut premiums or give refunds by a like amount.

Some companies have responded, but the Consumer Federation of America reports that discounts may be too small and aren’t being applied evenly.

Many insurance premiums are based on driving 1,000 miles per month, but customers may be driving only one-tenth of that, the federation said.

“The risk exposure is not nearly the same now as when the policy was first priced,” Doug Heller, an insurance expert with the federation, said Monday.

Companies that sell 82% of the auto policies in the U.S. have announced refunds or credits to drivers worth more than \$6.5 billion during the next two months, the federation said.

Some, like State Farm, the country’s largest auto insurer, are giving credits starting in June that amount to a 25% reduction in bills from March 20 through May 31. That’s about \$20 per month per vehicle, the company says.

Yet many are offering only 15% discounts and one, Geico, won’t get the money to customers until their policies are renewed.

Along with American Family Insurance, the federation gave State Farm an “A” for its credit program.

But Geico got a “D-minus.” Messages were left Monday seeking comment from Geico.

The only company ranked worse was Erie Insurance, according to the federation. Erie only promised to reduce rates in the future, the federation said.

Erie Insurance said its rate reductions equate to a 5% discount on premiums for at least 12 months when policies are renewed. The federation’s report, the company said, is based on an immediate impact for

consumers. The lower rates are “designed to offer more impactful relief to customers — now and in the future,” the company said in a statement.

But that doesn’t help drivers “who are paying premiums and need the relief now,” said Heller.

Many smaller insurers aren’t offering any discounts or credits, especially those that target lower-income or minority drivers, Heller said. The federation called on state insurance regulators to force insurers to cut rates or give refunds.

The federation suggests calling your insurer and asking for a reduced rate because you are driving less, and raising questions about discounts on social media.

Insurers and the federation don’t recommend canceling your insurance if your company won’t offer credits or discounts. In many states, companies can raise rates if there’s a gap in insurance coverage.

Liberty Mutual Insurance says it’s unwise to cancel because most states require minimum liability insurance, and even if you use the vehicle only to go to the store or other essential errands, you’ll still need coverage.

“Comprehensive coverage provides insurance for things like theft and weather, so you will want to retain that coverage as well even if the car is garaged at home,” a company statement said.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

Michigan to buy back bars’ liquor

LANSING, Mich. — Michigan will offer cash-strapped bars and restaurants relief by buying back their liquor inventory during the coronavirus pandemic.

Democratic Gov. Gretchen Whitmer signed an order authorizing the program in a flurry of moves late Monday.

Michigan’s 8,500 on-premises liquor licensees will have until Friday to request that the Liquor Control Commission buy back spirits purchased before March 16. Participating businesses are expected to keep their bottles for now to limit the risk of COVID-19 spreading.

Whitmer said the program will help bars and restaurants “weather the storm through this challenging time in our history.”

Fiat Chrysler set to fix wiper defect

DETROIT — Fiat Chrysler is recalling more than 550,000 pickups and SUVs worldwide because the windshield wiper arms can come loose and stop the wipers from working properly.

The recall covers certain 2019 and 2020 Ram 1500 pickups, 1500 Classic pickups and Jeep Compass SUVs. Documents posted Tuesday by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration say loose wiper arms can reduce a driver’s visibility.

Fiat Chrysler said it has no reports of crashes or injuries from the problem. Most of the recalled vehicles are in the U.S. and Canada.

Owners will be notified later this month and dealers will tighten the wiper nuts to fix the problem.

Stocks higher as hope restrictions will ease

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Associated Press

Technology companies led stocks higher on Tuesday as investors focused on how and when authorities may begin to ease business shutdowns and limits on people’s movements imposed to slow the spread of the coronavirus.

Big companies also started reporting their first quarter earnings, giving investors an early peek into how the outbreak was affecting them. Traders will be poring over companies’ quarterly report cards over the next few weeks to learn how the outbreak has affected corporate America’s prospects for profit growth this year.

The S&P 500 index climbed 3.1%,

erasing its losses from a day earlier. The technology-heavy Nasdaq rose 4%, aided by strong gains in Microsoft, Apple and several chipmakers.

“Wall Street is encouraged simply by the conversation of a reopening of the economy,” said Sam Stovall, chief investment strategist, CFRA.

The S&P 500 rose 84.43 points to 2,846.06. The benchmark index surged 12% last week, though it remains about 16% below its all-time high set in February. The Dow Jones Industrial Average gained 558.99 points, or 2.4%, to 23,949.76. The Nasdaq climbed 323.32 points, or 3.9%, to 8,515.74.

Technology stocks powered much of the gains. Microsoft climbed 4.9% and Apple rose 5.1%.

Johnson & Johnson climbed 4.5% after

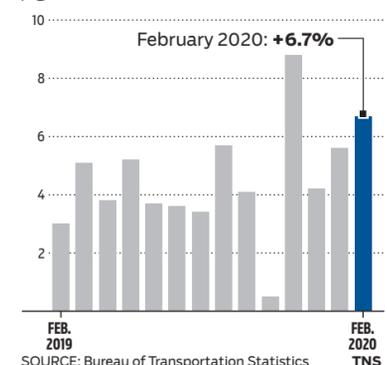
reporting a stronger profit for the first three months of the year than Wall Street expected. It also raised its dividend, bucking a broader trend as companies try to conserve cash, even though the health care giant also had to slash its outlook.

JPMorgan Chase and Wells Fargo fell after saying they were bracing for losses on loans as millions of Americans became unemployed. Their results missed analysts’ forecasts. JPMorgan dropped 2.7% and Wells Fargo fell 1.3%.

Oil prices fell sharply, despite an agreement reached over the weekend by OPEC, Russia and other oil producing nations to cut output starting May 1 by nearly 10 million barrels a day, or a tenth of daily global supply. Benchmark U.S. crude fell \$2.30, or 10.3%, to settle at \$20.11 a barrel.

Airline traffic

Annual percentage change in U.S. airline passengers on domestic and international flights



SOURCE: Bureau of Transportation Statistics

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OBITUARIES

Remembering the lives of those in Illinois who died from coronavirus

They were mothers and fathers, daughters and sons. Many were proud grandparents. Two were sisters from a tight-knit South Side family. All were loved, relatives say, and will be forever missed. As the number of deaths attributable to the coronavirus ticks upward, the Tribune is working to chronicle those who have lost their lives in the Chicago area or who have connections to our region. These are some of those victims.

LEROY PERRYMAN JR., 74

From Hazel Crest, died March 26.



FAMILY PHOTO

For nearly two decades, the Fantastic L/Roy & the Bulletproof Band brought back old-school blues on Monday nights at Linda's Place in Chicago.

The man behind the powerful voice and flamboyant charisma was Leroy Perryman Jr., who died March 26 as a result of pneumonia from a COVID-19 infection.

Perryman, 74, gave his final performance March 9 at the Back of the Yards staple on the city's South Side.

He worked as a contractor and electrician for most of his life. But, relatives say, music was his true passion.

His second wife, Linda Perryman, the bar's owner since 1988, said her husband was the ultimate entertainer. "He was a beautiful person," she said. "He just loved to entertain people."

He grew up in a large, musical family in Clarksdale, Mississippi, home to such legendary blues singers as John Lee Hooker and Muddy Waters. The second oldest of 12 children, his education was delayed while he picked cotton and soybeans to help support his family.

Perryman also performed in churches, at parties and in talent shows in high school before moving to Chicago in 1966 after graduation.

He and his first wife, Ruby, with whom he attended high school, married in 1968. The two had moved to Chicago separately and reconnected.

The former couple had four children, including twin boys and two daughters, during their 30-year marriage.

Damaris Perryman-Garrett said her father was loving but strict when it came to education.

"He used to always tell us school is our only job," said Perryman-Garrett, a Georgia lawyer. "I think because he grew up in such poverty, he wanted us to do better."

She said her father read the newspaper religiously, instilling in her a deep love for reading.

"I believe that's how I learned to read," she said. "I would look up at him and say, 'What's that word. What's that word.' One of my fondest memories is sitting at the table reading with him."

Though he was well known on Chicago's South Side, cutting demos at various local studios over the years, Perryman was never signed by a major record label. The fact he was never discovered was noted in a 2002 Chicago Reader article that said it was "yet another indication that the Chicago blues recording industry's legendary star-finding machinery is in sad disrepair."

The author noted Perryman's prowess for R&B, soul and even jazz as well.

It read, "When he hits the stage the line between sincerity and showmanship dissolves; his ample repertoire of vocal tricks and techniques — lugubrious vibrato, glissandos, dips, soaring upper-register wails, and aching, tight-throated ascents — embellishes rather than masks his earnestness."

At Linda's Place, Perryman sang mostly blues classics with a wireless mic, leaving him free to roam the bar to interact with the crowd. Besides its faithful regulars, the tavern draws a wide crowd during live performance nights, especially when occasionally included in the Chicago Blues Tour.

Leroy and Linda Perryman married in 2005. The two, impeccably dressed and often wearing a matching color, were inseparable. He often dedicated the song "My Lady" to her in his performances, his wife said.

She said it was about five years ago that she handed over daily business operations to her daughter, LaTonia Herron, and a grandson so that she and her husband could spend more time together in their Hazel Crest home. But they returned each Monday for another Fantastic L/Roy & the Bulletproof Band performance.

Last year, his wife said, he was diagnosed with multiple myeloma. And so, when he felt tired and feverish about a week before his death, Linda Perryman assumed it was related to his cancer. He tested positive for COVID-19 days after hospitalization.

She cherishes a final text.

"I told him I loved him," she said. "He said, 'I love you more and more and more.'"

"We had a happy life," his wife said.

Leroy Perryman Jr. is survived by seven children.

His daughter, Damaris Perryman-Garrett, said the family put together a recording of many of their voices and asked the hospital staff to play it for their father in his final moments. She repeated the phrase he often told her, "I love you and there's nothing you can do about it. I believe he knew he was loved and was not alone. We take comfort in that."

— Christy Gutowski

JOSE VAZQUEZ, 51

From Chicago, died March 30.



FAMILY PHOTO

As a passenger service agent at one of the world's busiest airports, Jose Vazquez found himself surrounded by thousands of people each day as the coronavirus began its rapid spread.

The Chicago man worried he might catch the virus at work and bring it back home to his wife and two daughters. He had diabetes, an underlying health condition making him particularly vulnerable. But, at 51, he was strong and healthy — or so he thought.

He died March 30 in a Chicago hospital.

He was the oldest son of Salomon and Maria Vazquez,

a hardworking Wicker Park couple who shared their deep Pentecostal faith with their five children.

Though the oldest, his younger sisters didn't easily relinquish control to him. He was their fun-loving playmate and protector, said sister Marisol Vazquez Edmonds, who recalled the day her brother taught her to ride a bike. They called him "Milkey."

It was his senior year at Wells Community Academy High School that he met his future wife. Maria Vazquez said she remembers the exact moment in 1986 in her drama/speech class that she noticed him.

"I looked back and all I see was this guy's huge smile," she said. "I can still visualize it. That moment is just always in my memory."

The teenagers dated about seven years as they grew up and he saved for a ring. When he finally proposed, the perfect plan of a romantic boat trip along Lake Michigan was foiled by his motion sickness.

"That didn't stop him," his wife said. "He kept leaning over the boat but when he felt a little better he proposed. ... It was beautiful."

They were opposites, in a sense, who balanced each other out. She is quiet and reserved. He was outgoing and a people person. The couple married in May 1994 and had two daughters whom they raised in Logan Square.

His wife said he doted on Marissa, 24, and Sarina, 18, both part of the nonprofit Chicago Cuatro Orchestra in Humboldt Park. Whether a school event or orchestra performance, he proudly posted videos on social media of their achievements.

Marissa recalled special memories of her father, like how he often invented a new sandwich recipe or made an old favorite, pollo guisado, or chicken stew, when left in charge of meals.

He was a sports fanatic, especially football. A flag supporting a Chicago team always flew outside their home. On Sundays, extended family would gather to watch the game and eat Lou Malnati's pizza, his favorite.

"Whenever I brought friends over he was very welcoming and made sure they were comfortable," Marissa Vazquez said. "Whenever we wanted to go somewhere, he'd always be happy to drive us. He was just that kind of a dad and my friends would always say, 'Your parents, your dad, they're awesome.'"

To support his family, Jose Vazquez worked for nearly 25 years at Precision Plating Co. in Chicago as a quality engineer. But, in 2016, he began a new job at O'Hare International Airport as a customer service agent for Envoy Air, a subsidiary of American Airlines.

His last day at work was March 11. A few days later, his wife said, he started to cough. At first, they assumed, it was his allergies. He was hospitalized that next week as his condition worsened and died March 30 as his wife, sister and daughters rushed back to the hospital to be near him in his final moments.

In the days that followed, the Vazquez family tried to give him a proper memorial. Dozens of relatives and friends watched the visitation services on video.

His hearse next drove down his block, with tearful neighbors standing outside holding signs. Many began walking behind it in procession. It passed the family home and stopped in the parking lot of nearby Darwin Elementary School, where mourners formed a circle but did not hold hands. They prayed.

Jose Vazquez was buried under the reaches of a large tree. His family will hold a larger celebration, one where they may all be together and embrace, when it is safe to do so.

Until then, they are heeding social distancing guidelines, and encouraging others to do as well. After all, they said, too much is at stake.

— Christy Gutowski

COBY 'TERRELL' ADOLPH, 44

From Chicago, died April 3.



TESE PORTER

Coby "Terrell" Adolph was an adventurer whose idea of a good time was to ride his Harley Davidson to the Mexican border or jet off to Europe. But he was also an entrepreneur who built two entirely different businesses, as well as a gentle-hearted mentor and friend.

"He was a chameleon," said his friend April Edwards. "He could just operate in so many circles."

Adolph, a Chicagoan, died April 3 from causes associated with COVID-19, according to the Cook County medical examiner. He was 44.

Adolph grew up on the West Side, and as an adult got into the real estate business, renovating houses. He also started a successful trucking business, Edwards said, all the while keeping a bubbly personality.

"He always had this half-grin, and if I were to describe his voice, it was like he was almost giggling," she said. "My husband said, 'I've never seen him angry.' That's just his personality. Very light-hearted."

Adolph's his true love was travel. Edwards said he once spent a month in Africa, and recently went to England and Germany. His childhood friend Tese Porter said he also took long trips on his Harley with like-minded buddies; the cover photo of his Facebook page shows him cruising near the rocky plateaus outside Lupton, Arizona.

"He enjoyed his life to the fullest," Porter said.

Adolph is survived by his parents, children and a grandfather. A private memorial service is planned.

— John Keilman

NANCY FERGUSON, 77

From Chicago, died April 2.

If you needed something to get done on Chicago's West Side, you just had to head toward the house on Polk Street by Cicero Avenue, the one with the swing-set in the backyard. There, Nancy Jacqueline Ferguson would leap to your side.

"My mom was a true community activist and there were people in and out of our house all the time," said Michelle Ferguson, one of Nancy Ferguson's four children. "She was just this go-to person. She was always helping someone apply for this, helping someone else to do that. She worked on food deserts, health disparities, getting peoples' light turned back on, all kinds of issues. She just loved everything about Chicago, and especially the people of the West Side."

Nancy Ferguson, 77, died in a Berwyn hospital on April 2 from complications from COVID-19.

With four children and eight grandchildren (not to mention a great-grandchild and another on the way), Ferguson, a graduate of John Marshall Metropolitan High School, was revered by her large family and a huge circle of people she had helped with the pressing details of their lives.

Professionally, her daughter said, Nancy Ferguson worked in administrative and secretarial functions for a variety of local politicians, including former 28th Ward Ald. Ed Smith, the late former 24th Ward Ald. Michael Chandler and, for a time, Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley.

Along with Michelle Ferguson of San Antonio, Texas, survivors also include daughters Janeine and Andrea; and a son Derek; Nancy Ferguson was formerly married to Lamar Ferguson, who also survives her.

With large funerals not permitted under current guidelines, Michelle Ferguson said the family was planning to hold a big memorial on Nov. 12, which would have been Nancy Ferguson's 78th birthday.

"We had very little growing up," wrote Derek Ferguson, the chief of police at Benedictine University, "but we never felt poor. We had each other. The Fergusons' house was a house of love."

— Chris Jones

ROBERT DUGAL, 58

From Oak Park, died April 9.



FAMILY PHOTO

Robert Dugal lived in an exotic, Frank Lloyd Wright-designed house in Oak Park, just down the street from the master architect's Home and Studio.

Mr. Dugal, who suffered from a rare degenerative disease and was an advocate for others with disabilities, died April 9, at West Suburban Medical Center in Oak Park. He was 58.

The Cook County medical examiner listed acute respiratory failure as the primary cause of death.

Contributing factors were COVID-19 and Friedreich's ataxia, an inherited disease that causes progressive nervous system damage and movement problems, according to the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke.

"He just fought the fight. And he wasn't taking guff from anybody," Mr. Dugal's sister, Kathy, an administrative assistant in the Cook County Department of Public Health, said Friday.

People who suffer from Friedreich's ataxia, she added, "have to be stubborn to make it through life."

Born in south suburban Evergreen Park, Mr. Dugal grew up in Wright's Nathan Moore House, a large 1895 Tudor Revival home on Oak Park's Forest Avenue.

After a 1922 fire burned down the house to the top of its first floor, Wright redesigned the house for the original client, giving it a combination of Gothic, Mayan and Sullivanesque decoration that departed from the simplicity of his Prairie Style.

"It was a great house to grow up in," Kathy Dugal said, recalling hide-and-seek games as well as Wright's intricate wood features and art glass.

Mr. Dugal, who lived in the house until his death, graduated from Oak Park and River Forest High School in 1979 and from Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana, in 1984. In high school, he was on the wrestling team.

"Things were hard for him, but he always had a positive spirit," Matt Courtney of Michigan City, Indiana, who went to grade school and high school with Mr. Dugal, said Friday. "I was always amazed by that ... and I think that kind of spilled over to the rest of our friends."

Mr. Dugal began using a wheelchair in his 20s, his sister said, but for years, he was an active member of his community, participating in local politics, coaching girls' softball and soccer teams and conducting a survey of elementary schools to ensure that they complied with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

He belonged to the Democratic Party of Oak Park and served as a co-chair of an Oak Park community festival called A Day in Our Village.

He was a member of St. Edmund Catholic Church in Oak Park and a founding member of the Progress Center for Independent Living, a social services organization in west suburban Forest Park.

"He was a very sweet, gregarious soul and will be missed by many," said Chicago resident Susan Montgomery, who grew up with Mr. Dugal in Oak Park.

In addition to Kathy Dugal, survivors include two brothers and two sisters. Another brother previously died of complications from Friedreich's ataxia.

— Blair Kamin

WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

ILLINOIS	
April 14	Mega Millions
29 47 65 69 70 / 07	
Mega Millions jackpot: \$145M	
Pick 3 midday	2977 / 0
Pick 4 midday	9693 / 6
Lucky Day Lotto midday	01 08 29 37 41
Pick 3 evening	008 / 4
Pick 4 evening	5652 / 4
Lucky Day Lotto evening	06 09 10 16 39

April 15 Powerball: \$22M
April 16 Lotto: \$8.75M

WISCONSIN	
April 14	Pick 3
788	
Pick 4	0604
Badger 5	02 08 21 25 26
SuperCash	04 05 20 21 33 38
INDIANA	
April 14	Daily 3 midday
863 / 5	
Daily 4 midday	6726 / 5
Daily 3 evening	320 / 6
Daily 4 evening	0102 / 6
Cash 5	06 08 16 17 20

MICHIGAN	
April 14	Daily 3 midday
346	
Daily 4 midday	9898
Daily 3 evening	934
Daily 4 evening	4398
Fantasy 5	07 16 20 21 30
Keno	01 04 05 06 08 09
	12 18 20 22 24 26 28 32
	35 44 53 54 56 61 66 72

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ON APRIL 15 ...

In 1865, President Abraham Lincoln died, several hours after being shot at Ford's Theater in Washington by John Wilkes Booth. Andrew Johnson became the nation's 17th president.

In 1912, the British luxury liner Titanic sank in the

North Atlantic off Newfoundland, less than three hours after striking an iceberg. About 1,500 people died.

In 1945, during World War II, British and Canadian troops liberated the Nazi concentration camp Bergen-Belsen.

In 1967, a jury in Chicago convicted Richard Speck in the July 1966 murders of eight student nurses in their South Side dormitory.

In 2013, twin explosions near the finish line of the Boston Marathon killed three people and injured 264, the first terrorist bombing in the U.S. since Sept. 11, 2001. President Barack Obama vowed, "We will find out who did this."

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Balow, Frank Archie

On Tuesday, March 31, 2020, Frank Archie Balow passed away at age 79. Frank was born on April 10, 1940 in Chicago, Illinois to Frank Wills Balow and Katherine Theresa Benzinger Balow. He grew up in Oak Park with his brother Eric and four sisters Pam, Holly, Kyle, and Sherry. He received his engineering degree from the University of Cincinnati where he was a proud member of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity before going on to work for Goss International eventually retiring as Chief Engineer. In addition to being a loving father, grandfather, and an avid golfer, Frank was known to all as a generous, loyal, and kind man that was quick to smile. Throughout his life he was the consummate engineer, always building something, trying to figure out how something worked, or trying to make something better. Frank is survived by his two children Stephanie and Tony, all of his siblings save Pam who recently lost her battle with cancer, Elaine his loving companion of many years, and her family who adopted him as one of their own. Frank will be missed by all those that knew him, and we know that wherever he is right now he is trying to see when the next Cubs game is on. Due to the current COVID situation, memorial services will be held at a future date. For those wishing to do so, donations can be made in Frank's name to the charity of your choice to combat Parkinson's Disease.

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Berg, Debbie

Debbie Berg, 67, beloved wife of the late Abraham Berg, passed away April 8, 2020. Beloved daughter of the late Milton and Muriel Ruben, sister of Philip Ruben and Alison Marcus (Ruben) and Loving aunt to all her nieces. Debbie was deeply loved and will be sorely missed by all who were fortunate to have known her. Donations may be made to Alzheimer's Association in memory of Muriel Ruben or the charity of your choice. Funeral Information and condolences can be given at www.GlueckertFuneralHome.com or (847) 253-0168.

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Blink, Tybe

With great sadness, we mourn the loss of our precious Tybe Ziff Blink. She was devoted to her family and brought comfort, kindness and deep friendship to many.

Born on June 20, 1920 in Chicago, she died in Los Angeles. She was the youngest of seven children of the late Molly Denison and Benjamin Ziff, and was predeceased by her siblings and her beloved husband, Milton M. Blink. Cherished by her daughters, Barbara Zisook (Bruce) Schimberg, Joan Zisook (Michael) Dry, and Robin Blink (Larry) Gordon, she treasured her grandchildren, Brian Hodes, Valery Hodes (Mark) Lodato, Randy (Amy) Dry, Terry (Leslie) Dry, Jeffrey (Akiko) Gordon, Randy (Mardeen) Gordon, and Marcy Jill Gordon Abrahams, Geoffrey Schimberg and Kate Schimberg, as well as her nine great-grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren. She will be missed also by her adoring nieces and nephews. May her memory be a blessing.

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Carroll, Phyllis E.

Phyllis E. Carroll, 84, of Geneva, formerly of Naperville, passed away April 10, 2020. Funeral Arrangements by Malone Funeral home, Malonefh.com 630-232-8233.

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Castelnuovo, Theresa M.

Theresa M. Castelnuovo, nee Van Haren, age 91, of Schererville, and Rensselaer, IN, formerly of Dolton, IL, passed away peacefully Saturday, April 11, 2020. Loving wife of the late Dominick C. Castelnuovo. Devoted mother of James (Karen) Castelnuovo. Dearest sister of the late Dorothy (late Charles) Dean, and late Bernard (Lorraine (Robert) Meyer) Van Haren. Kind aunt of Charles (Marilyn) Dean, Mary Pat (Steve) Benz, and Barbara (Joe) Krafka, and great-aunt to many. Preceded in death by her parents Bernard and Henrietta Van Haren, and In-Laws Philip and Madalena Castelnuovo. Private family graveside service Thursday, April 16, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. directly at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery - Alsip, IL. In lieu of flowers, please consider Masses to St. Michael the Archangel Church, Schererville, IN or Christ Our Savior Church, South Holland, IL or Unity Hospice of Northwest, IN. For further information, arrangements entrusted to **Smits Funeral Home**, James E. Janusz Director, please contact 219-322-7300 or visit our online obituary and guest book at www.SMITSFH.com

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Fergus, John H.

John H. Fergus; beloved husband of the late Sarah nee McGill; cherished father of Kathy, Jim, Bill (Courtney), Bob (Diane), JoAnn, Brenda, and the late John (Bettina); loving grandfather of Brendan, Matthew, Michael, Aiden, Kelly, and Megan; fond brother of Eddie (Francis), Peter, Mary (Dennis), Ann (Denis), and Sarah (David); John was predeceased by his brothers Joe and Paddy and his sisters Bea (the late Harry) and Kathleen; dear uncle of many; Native of Dernadiva, Castlebar, Ireland; Proud member of Structural Iron Workers Local #1. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Misericordia. Arrangements entrusted to **Gibbons Family Funeral Home**. For info 773-777-3944 or www.GFFH.com

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Gaweda, Frank R.

Age 88, late of Plainfield passed away peacefully at St. Joseph Medical Center, Joliet on Friday, April 10, 2020.

Frank was a proud United States Marine Corps Sergeant, serving during the Korean War conflict. Member of the Lockport American Legion John Olson Post #18 and the De LaSalle Alumni Association. Survived by his wife, Judith Gaweda; two devoted children, Laura (Dan) Pesavento and Frank M. (Susan) Gaweda; four grandchildren, Olivia and Wyatt (Lindsey) Gaweda and Ryan Jarema and Laurenn (Brian) York; one great-granddaughter Macie York and great-grandson, Jackson York. All Services are being privately held and full Military Honors by the United States Marine Corps and inurnment will be held at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery at a later date.

Arrangements under the care and direction of O'Neil Funeral Home

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Goodhart, Bruce J 'Goody'

Bruce Jay Goodhart (Goody), age 82, passed away on April 14th, 2020. Beloved father of Jennifer (Benjamin) and Adam (Debbie). Proud Zeyda to Tybie, Gabriel, Eli, Maxwell, and Jordan. Loving brother of Terry (Ann) and Marc (Paula). He also leaves behinds long time supportive partner, Diana. He was also a celebrated uncle, cousin, and best friend to many.

Bruce grew up in Chicago and attended Evanston Township high school. He was a proud alum of Colgate University where he was member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity. He returned home to obtain his law degree from Northwestern University. He practiced law for over 50 years in the Loop. Bruce loved his family and friends unconditionally. He loved to have fun, laugh, and he had a "Good" heart He will be deeply missed. "Goodnight Gracie" Due to the current restrictions as a result of COVID-19, a celebration of life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Bruce's name can be made to One Tail at a Time [chicagotribune.com/one-tail-at-a-time](http://www.chicagotribune.com/one-tail-at-a-time) or gifs-and-memorials.com.

Heklowski, Kathleen

Beloved wife of Ken. Loving mother of Stephanie (Chris) Lee. Devoted grandmother of Morgan Lee. Dear aunt and friend of many. She will be dearly missed. Visitation, service, and mass to be held at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, Countryside. 708-352-6500 or HJfunerals.com

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Jablonski, Linda M.

Linda Mae Jablonski, 60, of Avon, CT passed away away at John Dempsey Hospital on April 12, 2020. Linda was born on July 5, 1959, in Chicago, a daughter of Carl Olesen and the late Patricia (Bashton). Linda was the beloved wife of Jay J. Jablonski for 39 years.

Linda was loving and devoted wife, mother, nana, daughter and sister. She enjoyed sewing, quilting, bowling, traveling, attending British car shows with Jay, baking delicious treats and making beautiful quilts for her family. She and Jay and their family lived previously in Munich, Germany, Chicago IL and Houston TX. She had a love of the mountains in Colorado and Mickey Mouse. She and Jay would frequent Colorado on many vacations. She leaves behind to cherish her memory her husband Jay, son Kevin Jablonski and his wife Amanda and their son Alex of Houston, TX, her son Brian Jablonski of Houston, TX, her father Carl Olesen of Chicago, IL, brother Greg Olesen and his wife Theresa of Marietta, SC.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Linda's memory can be made to Susan G. Komen, 5005 LBJ Freeway, Suite 526, Dallas TX 75244 or to Honor Flight, Box L-4016, Columbus OH 43260-4016. Calling hours will be held Thursday, April 16, 2020 5-7 PM, with a prayer service to follow at 7:00PM, all to take place at Carmon Funeral Home & Family Center, 301 Country Club Rd, Avon CT. Burial is private. The service will be TribuCast and can be attended remotely using the following link: <http://client.tribucast.com/tcid/34140375>

To leave an online condolence, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com

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Kalinowski, Josephine

Josephine Kalinowski passed away peacefully April 13, 2020 in Glenview. She was born May 26, 1924 in Chicago to Joseph and Stella Pluta. Josephine was married to Richard Kalinowski May 26, 1945 and they were married 73 years. They lived in Prospect Heights for 60 years. She loved spending time with her family and enjoyed art, painting, and reading. Josephine is survived by her children, Richard Jr. (Libby), Nancy (Scott) Bohbrink, Marcia (Paul) Webb, and Donna (Bruce) Reid; grandchildren, Rick, Scott, Maya, Devin, Tanner, Gabriel, Isaac, Nicole, and Zach; brother Edward (Jane) Pluta. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Richard, and siblings, Helen, Lottie, Richard and Ted. A memorial service will be held at a later date due to the current Covid-19 restrictions. Arrangements entrusted to **Davenport Family Funeral Home**, Lake Zurich, 847-550-4221. Please visit www.davenportfamily.com for updated service information and to leave condolences.

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Karlin, Daniel Irving

Daniel Irving Karlin, 88, returned to his Creator on April 10th, at his Glenview home.

Sylvia Wiczorek, her husband Gary, and their two sons Cameron and Daniel will miss him terribly and will only find comfort in the good memories he left behind. Until we meet again!

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Kennelly, Mariann T.

Mariann T. Kennelly passed away early on Easter Sunday morning, April 12, 2020, of pneumonia. She was 95 years old. Mariann was born on June 21, 1924, in Saugatuck, Michigan to Roy and Margaret Bedore. She was preceded in death by her sister, Winnifred (John) McDonnell, her brother John (Dolores) Bedore, and her husband Robert. Mariann is survived by her six children: Patrick (Julie) Kennelly, Marikay Slosar, Peter Kennelly, Richard Kennelly, Raymond (Carlene) Kennelly, and Margaret Kennelly; seven grandchildren: Ryan Kennelly, Timothy (Christina) Kennelly, Patrick John Kennelly, Margaret (Kristopher) Schrader, Kathleen (Timothy) O'Daniel, Kayla Kennelly, and Connor Kennelly; and five great-grandchildren: Maizy Schrader, Beckett Schrader, Molly O'Daniel, Anne O'Daniel, and Lucas Kennelly. Mariann's life was buttressed by the twin pillars of faith and family. She was raised in Chicago and spent her married life in Hometown, Illinois where she was an active member of Our Lady of Loretto Parish, but it was Saugatuck, Michigan that remained her favorite place and the home of her heart's desire.

A memorial service for Mariann will be held at St. Peter's Church in Douglas, MI, once Covid restrictions permit. In lieu of flowers, we request a donation in her memory to the Land Conservancy of West Michigan [<https://naturenearby.org/>].

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Koehler, LaVerne P

LaVerne P. Koehler, age 95, of Carol Stream, formerly of Lombard. Fond sister of the late Charles (the late Audra) and the late Geraldine Koehler; devoted aunt of Diana (Timothy) Hoyne, John V. (Sharron Herbert) Koehler, and Pamela (Michael) Spera; cousin, relative, and friend of many. LaVerne was president of Women's Life Member Club and a Chicago Chapter Life Member Representative. Memorial Service pending. Interment private. Memorials to Covenant Living at Windsor Park, Attn: Kathy Cornell, 124 Windsor Park Drive, Carol Stream, IL 60188, IL 60077-1036 (Memo: Benevolent Care Fund) are appreciated. For more info: www.knollcrest.net or 630-932-1500.

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Kowalczyk, Dorothy Marianna

Dorothy Marianna Kowalczyk, age 77, of McCullum Lake, passed away peacefully at home on Easter Sunday afternoon, April 12, 2020, surrounded by her loving family. Dorothy was born March 19, 1943, in Chicago, the daughter of Leon and Helen (nee Swierzbinski) Nowotnik. On September 10, 1961, Dorothy married the love of her life, Ronald Kowalczyk in Chicago.

Dorothy worked for many years as a graphic artist, a passion she truly enjoyed. She was a proud member of the McHenry Garden Club, and enjoyed baking, cooking and gardening. Dorothy loved holidays with the family, dancing while enjoying her occasional martini and working up creative Facebook posts for her loved ones.

Dorothy will always be remembered as a Beloved Wife. Further, she will be remembered as a Fun, Caring, Selfless, and Nurturing Mother, Generous Grandmother, Fond Aunt, and a Cherished Friend to many.

Dorothy is survived by her loving husband: Ronald G. Kowalczyk; children: Timothy (Tham) Kowalczyk, Debbie (Steve) Higgin, Michele (Scott) Whyte, Tony (Wen-Jie) Kowalczyk, Lisa Kowalczyk, and Nicole Kowalczyk; grandchildren: Brittany, Nicholas, Kylie, Alexandra, Ethan, Samantha, and Scott, Jr. She is further survived by her brother, Richard (Mary Lou) Nowotnik and sister-in-law, Helen Losacco. In addition to her parents Leon and Helen Nowotnik, Dorothy is preceded in death by sons: Thomas and David Kowalczyk; in-laws: Ted and Frances Kowalczyk; brother-in-law: Frank Losacco; and her fur baby, Rufus.

Due to the current public health crisis, a private family visitation and mass will be held on Thursday, April 16, 2020, at The Church of Holy Apostles, 5211 W. Bull Valley Road, McHenry, IL. Interment will follow in St Adalbert Cemetery, 6800 Milwaukee Avenue, Niles, IL.

To celebrate Dorothy's life, Dorothy would wish that everyone practice acts of kindness to one another. For further information, please call **Colonial Funeral Home** in McHenry, 815-385-0063 or visit www.colonialmchenry.com

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Kurowski, Bonita C.

Bonita C. Kurowski was called to Heaven on 4/13/20. Bonnie was born 11/12/43 to the late Edwin and the late Irene Szelung. Bonnie was a strong, devoted, wonderful, loving, wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother who may have had some hard knocks in life but she managed to overcome and live her best life on her own terms, which could be trying at times, but she would have it no other way but on her terms. She is survived by her husband of 51 years, Dennis, her sister, Gail, her daughters Karen (Phil), Pamela (Curt) and Debra (Al). Her grandchildren Denise, Meagan, Julie, Annmarie, Kathryn, Heather, C.J., Natalie and Madison. Her great-grandson Lucas. Many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. She was preceded into Heaven by her granddaughter Samantha. Services will be private due to current circumstances. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Cubs Care in Bonnie's name. www.tews-ryanfh.com or 708-798-5300,

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Liska, Maryrose J.

Maryrose (Doll) Liska nee Prochaska of Berwyn, IL; beloved wife of 71 years to the late George J Liska. Loving Mother of George (Pat) and Richard (Sharon) Liska. Proud Grandmother of Jennifer (Keith) Marasovich, Amy (John) Matthews, Alison, and Keith Liska. Great Grandmother of Kyle, Nicholas, and Anthony Marasovich; Lily and Lexi Matthews. Loving Daughter of the late John and Lillian Prochaska. Dear Sister of the late Lillian (Ray) Thuerk, late John (Marion) Prochaska and late Jerome Prochaska. Member of St. Leonards Altar Rosary Society and Minister of Care.

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Matuszak, Cris T.

Cris T. Matuszak, age 66, of Chicago, IL passed away at home Saturday, April 11, 2020. Beloved son of the late Leonard and the late Elaine Matuszak; loving brother of the late Peter (the late Joyce), David (the late Linda), Jonathon (Susan), Andy (Debbie), Matthew (Oleksandra); cherished uncle to many nieces and nephews. For more info please visit www.lawrencefh.com

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Offer, Marjorie Kaiz

Marjorie Kaiz Offer, 77, of Mercer Island, Washington, passed away from lung cancer on Tuesday, April 7th. She was born in Waukegan, Illinois on April 29th, 1942. Margie graduated from Waukegan High School. She then earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Journalism from the Medill School at Northwestern University.

She was married twice - first to Louis Abraham in 1968 until his passing on June 8, 1975, and then to Dr. Daniel Offer. Daniel and Margie were wed on August 19, 1979 and shared 34 happy years together until his death on May 13, 2013.

Margie enjoyed a successful career both as an entrepreneur founding Famous Stores International, a customized corporate gift-giving business, and as a non-profit marketing executive for the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, The Second City and Lambs Farm, in Libertyville, Illinois.

Later in life Margie pivoted to become an academic researcher, co-authoring the resulting book "Regular Guys" with Daniel Offer (Springer Publishing, 2004). Subsequently, she wrote "Dialysis Without Fear: A Guide to Living Well on Dialysis for Patients and Their Families" with Daniel whom she lovingly cared for over his fourteen years on dialysis and their daughter Susan Offer Szafir (Oxford University Press, 2007). She then self-published a photographic autobiography entitled "Saving My Life."

Margie was a member of the board of directors for various charities, most notably the American Associates of Ben-Gurion University, where she worked tirelessly to support scientific and adolescent research. When not supporting causes, Margie hiked and travelled the world - no corner left untouched! Throughout those trips and in her adopted late-in-life home of Mercer Island, Margie also made and cherished countless friends. This was a fundamental part of her DNA and her family knew of no-one who took more of an interest in, and bonded with, people faster. She made it her mission to help the world and spread good cheer and touched many lives in the process.

Of her many accomplishments, she was most proud of the family she had built. She is survived by her children, Raphael Offer and his wife Stacey, Tamar Yehoshua and her partner Ilya Elashberg, Susan Szafir and her husband Ariel and her grandchildren Shir and Ron Yehoshua, Isabelle and Chloe Offer and Liliana and Stella Szafir. Margie is also survived by her brother Gerald Kaiz and his wife Geraldine. If you wish to make a donation in memory of the deceased, the family requests you give to American Associates, Ben Gurion University of the Negev.

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Phillips, Beverly Jean

Beverly Jean Fraker Phillips, much-loved wife, mother, sister, aunt and Grammy, died March 29 at home with her family after a year-long battle with cancer. She was 84.

Born September 22, 1935 to Mildred and Jesse Fraker in Marshalltown, Iowa, she graduated from Iowa State University and moved to Kansas City, where she met her husband of 53 years, James S. Phillips, who preceded her in death last year. Together they raised a family in Wilmette. One of her last wishes was to visit his grave on the one-year anniversary of his death.

Bev was actively involved in local community theater, always behind the scenes, which was how she operated. She was a skilled painter but preferred not to share her work publicly. She could bring the house down when she spoke publicly but generally let others enjoy the spotlight. She was private and stoic. She didn't want a funeral and only asked that her large extended family would celebrate her life by vacationing somewhere together.

She will be missed immeasurably by many friends and family, including her children, Mark Ribisi (Mary Basick), James Phillips (Carol Wang), Thomas Phillips (Emily), Daniel Phillips, and Janeen Savage (Rex); her sister, Cindy (Don); her grandchildren, Zac Ribisi Basick, Abby Ribisi, Tara Ribisi, Blake Ribisi, Allison Savage, Lucy Savage, Caroline Phillips, James Phillips, and Eleanor Phillips; and many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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Poulos, Nick

Nick Poulos, age 94, went to Eternal Life on April 12, 2020. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife Georgia, his loving parents Thomas and Martha Gianacopoulos, and his brothers, Gus Ganas and Jim Ganas. He is survived by his sister-in-laws, Andrea Ganas, Francine Ganas and Katherine Pazoles and many nieces and nephews. During WWII, Nick joined the US Navy, and served in the Pacific Theater. Following his military service, he attended the University of Illinois, and graduated with a degree in journalism. He started his career with the Chicago City Bureau, and from there he went to the Chicago Tribune where he became Financial Editor. During this period, he also served as President of the Chicago Press Club. From the Tribune, he went to the First National Bank of Chicago, as Vice President in charge of Domestic and International Press Relations. From the bank, he went back to his roots as Business Editor of the Atlanta Constitution, where he worked until his retirement. A special thanks to Nick's caretakers, Maria and Sally, for their devoted care. Due to COVID19, the Funeral and Interment Services are private. Memorial tributes may be made in Nick's name to the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 1017 N. LaSalle Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60610. Arrangements made by **John G. Adinamis Funeral Director, Ltd.**

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Prokopeak, Michael Philip
 Michael P. Prokopeak, loving father, grandfather and husband, passed away April 13 at age 82. He died as he lived, surrounded by family and thinking of others' needs over his own until the end. Mike was born on March 27, 1938 to Michael and Susan Prokopeak of South Chicago. He attended St. Patrick's School, Mount Carmel High School and Quincy College before starting a 30-plus year career in management at Sears and White Hen Pantry. There was no greater joy in his life than caring for others, whether building a toy for his grandchildren in his wood shop, sending a word of support to friends old and new, or putting a smile on the face of another with a joke even in his last moments. Being part of Mike's life was like hitting the lottery, a game he planned to win until he died. But the reality is those who knew him are the lucky ones, benefitting from his wisdom, kindness and humor not once but throughout their time with him. Mike is survived by Jean, his wife of 57 years, daughter Susan, daughter Amy Peick (Bob), son Michael (Gina) and grandchildren Joshua, Ryan, Mikey and Eva. He was preceded in death by his sister Susan, nephew Peter, mother Susan and father Michael. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a food pantry of your choice in his name. A memorial mass and celebration of life will be held at a later date.

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Schmit, Anita Marie
 Anita Marie Schmit nee Paus, 78 of Arlington Heights, beloved wife of Jerome Schmit; loving mother of Michael and Christopher Wahle; dear sister of William Paus. Funeral service will be held at a later date. Funeral information and condolences www.GlueckertFuneralHome.com or (847) 253-0168.



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Sharp, Arlene M.
 Arlene Sharp (nee Dubowy), age 76. Beloved wife of Jim for 51 years. Loving mother of Erin (Jerry DeSimone), Brian (Gina), Jim (Danielle) and the late Michael (Rebecca). Adored Nonnie of Riley, Nathan, Samantha, Anthony, Ann, Zack, Steven and Ruby. She served as a public health nurse for more than 50 years and she loved her family and friends fiercely. Her generous, caring and giving spirit will be deeply missed by all who knew her. Arrangements by **Modell Funeral Home**, 7710 S. Cass Avenue, Darien. For info. 630-852-3595 or www.modelldairn.com. Funeral services will be private for family only, and a celebration of Arlene's life will be held in the future.



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Spano, Thomas D.
 Thomas D. Spano, 71, passed away on April 10, 2020. Born November 20, 1948 in Chicago. Devoted father of Damian. Loving brother to Claudia Suarez (nee Spano), the late Russell Spano and the late Kirk Spano. He will be laid to rest at Queen of Heaven Catholic Cemetery, Hillside, IL. Funeral services and interment private. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to American Brain Tumor Association, www.abta.org.

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Thiede, Margaret
 Margaret Thiede nee Staub, age 92, born 4-16-1927. Beloved wife of the late Lester E. Thiede. Loving mother of Bradley, Pamela (Joseph) Capcik, and Anita (Bruce) Bernacchi. Cherished grandmother of Joseph and Jason Capcik and Amanda and Nicholas Bernacchi. Longtime Mayfair Lutheran Church parishioner and choir member 30 years. Tupperware Regional Sales Manager. Arrangements entrusted to PETERSON-BASSI CHAPELS. Services Private

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Voss, Peter Jr.
 Peter Voss, Jr, age 90, of Elmhurst. Beloved husband of the late Gladys Voss, nee Triezenberg; loving father of Robert (Lynn) Voss, Cheryl (Richard) Miedema, and David (Kathryn) Voss; devoted grandfather of Marissa and Jeffrey Voss, Ryan, Rebecca and Chad Miedema, and Luke and Julia Voss; fond brother of Jeanette (the late John) Bierma, the late Clarence Voss, and the late Jacob Voss; uncle of many nieces and nephews. Lifelong member of the Christian Reformed Church. Memorial Service pending. Interment private. Memorials to Timothy Christian Schools, 188 W. Butterfield Rd, Elmhurst, IL 60126, are appreciated. For more info: www.knollcrest.net or 630-932-1500.

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Zawada, Bernice
 Zawada, Bernice nee Szczupaj) Formerly of Chicago and the last 11 years Florida Keys with daughter Sandi. Beloved wife of the late Joseph Zawada. Loving Mother to Jeffrey and Sandi. Grandmother of Stephanie, Gregory and Valerie. Dearest Sister, Aunt, Great Aunt and Friend to many. Lifelong Parishioner of St. Bruno Church Chicago and San Pedro Catholic Church Islamorada, Florida. Member of; PMA/Polish Museum of America, IPA/International Polka Association, PNA/Polish National Alliance, St. Bruno School Mothers Club and many other Charitable and Community Organizations. Bernice is being brought back to Chicago and will be buried next to her beloved Husband Joseph at Resurrection Cemetery Justice Illinois. Memorial visitation Thursday 4/16/20 from 1 to 5 pm at Szykowny Funeral Home 4901 S. Archer Ave Chicago, Illinois (at Szykowny Blvd) Jonathan F. Siedlecki Director, Liturgical Service 4 pm. Graveside service at Resurrection Cemetery Friday 4/17/20 at 11 :00am. Both visitation and cemetery service will follow current guidelines. Only 10 people at a time for the visitation and 10 people for the graveside service. Your co-operation is appreciated. Funeral info; 773-735-7521 or www.Szykowny.com

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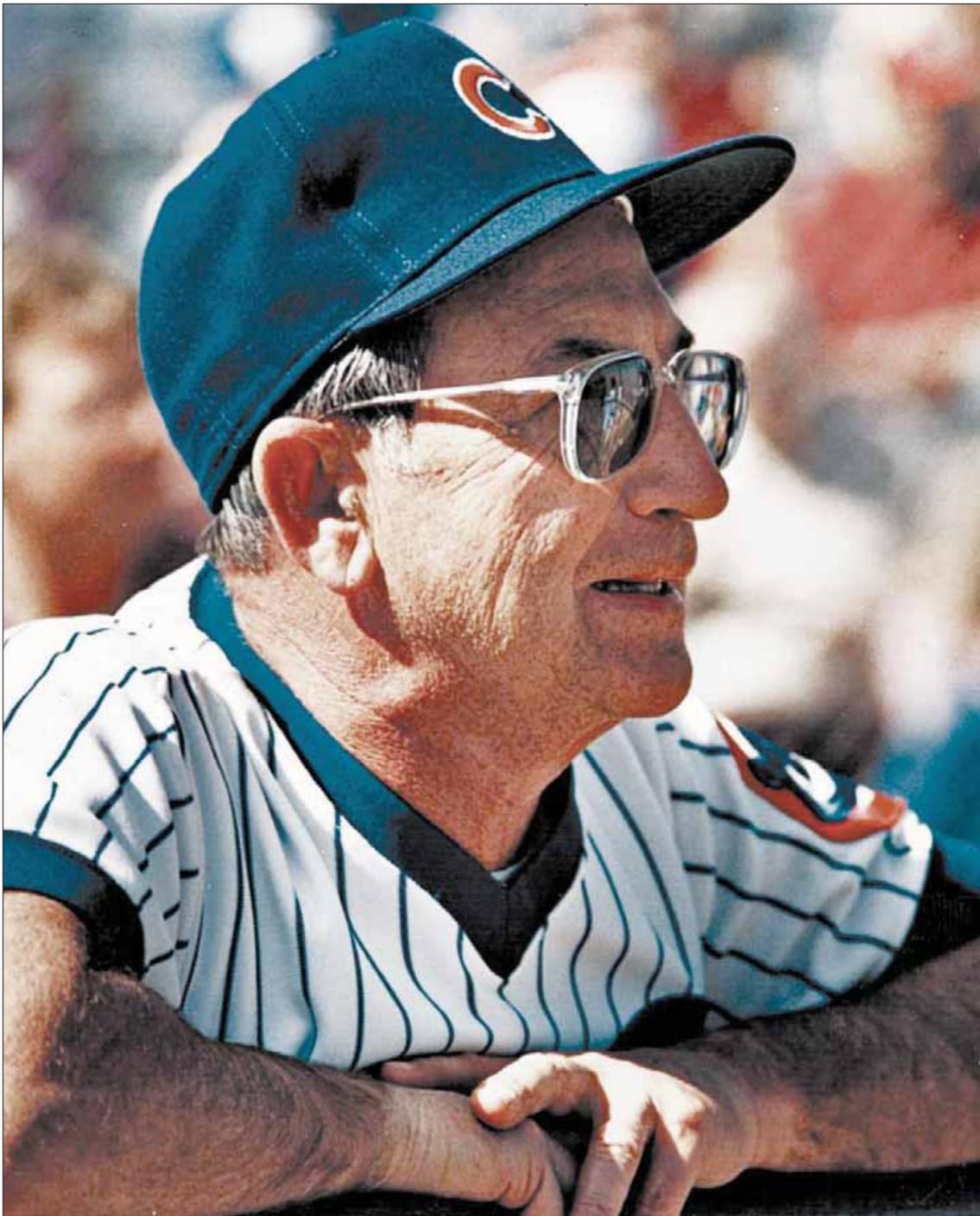
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JIM FREY 1931-2020

Power broker

Frey led '80s Cubs to division titles as manager and GM while setting Sandberg on path to Hall of Fame career

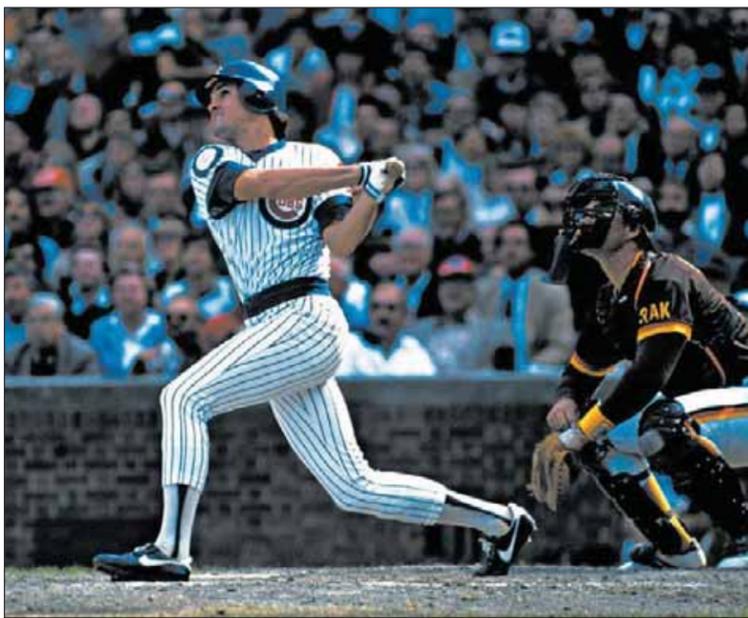
BY MARK GONZALES

The Cubs legacy of Jim Frey, the former manager and general manager who died this week, includes two National League East titles and a questionable decision that might have prevented the Cubs from putting away the Padres in the 1984 playoffs.

Less known but no less significant was an observation that unlocked Ryne Sandberg's power and helped him become one of the greatest players in franchise history.

"Don't you think you can hit the ball out of the park now and then?" Sandberg recalled Frey suggesting during spring training in 1984 after watching the 24-year-old second baseman spray the ball to all fields to take advantage of his running skills.

Frey devised a drill that Sandberg used to work on his power during the second half of spring training, and he more than doubled his home-run total to 19 while winning the 1984 NL Most Valuable Player Award and finished with 282 homers in a Hall of Fame career.



RONALD C. MODRA/SPORTS IMAGERY/GETTY 1984

Former Cubs manager Jim Frey, top, helped Ryne Sandberg incorporate more power.

Sandberg reflected fondly on Frey's influence Tuesday, two days after Frey died at 88. The cause of death wasn't disclosed, although former Cubs executive and longtime friend Ned Colletti visited Frey at his home in Florida in December and said Frey's health had declined in recent years.

"The Chicago Cubs are saddened to learn of the passing of Jim Frey, a central figure in our club's most memorable moments of the 1980s," the Cubs said in a statement.

Turn to **Frey, Page 5**

If watching esports becomes the new norm, could esportswriting be that far behind?

It appears some fans have turned to watching athletes play video games this spring because there's nothing else to watch during the sports shutdown.

As the Tribune's Colleen Kane reported Tuesday, local favorites such as Tarik Cohen, Lucas Giolito, Ian Happ, Carlos Rodon and Zach LaVine are among dozens of professional athletes whose video-game skills can now be watched and critiqued in real time, whether they're playing "Call of Duty," "Madden NFL 20," "NBA 2K20," "MLB The Show" or some other game.

To many of us Boomers, nothing could be as boring as watching someone else play



PAUL SULLIVAN
In the Wake of the News

a video game, even if it's a famous athlete, a celebrity chef or Mayor Lori Lightfoot. (OK, maybe I'd watch Mayor Lightfoot, but only to see her yell at the video characters as she mows them down for not observing social-distancing etiquette.)

Unless you're a video-game aficionado, it doesn't make much sense to watch someone do something you have no interest in doing yourself. All of this sudden interest in esports is perplexing to those of us who prefer watching violent movies, TV shows or cartoons to watching others performing faux acts of violence in a computer game.

But I'm not here to judge anyone else's interests. So play on, gamers, and best of luck to all you athletes brave enough to put your video-game skills on the line for public consumption.

Turn to **Sullivan, Page 2**

WHEN SPORTS STOOD STILL

Keeping an eye on the impact of the coronavirus crisis:



CHRISTOPHE ENA/AP

Tour de France gets pushed back

After weeks of holding out hope that the Tour de France would be able to go ahead as planned, the world's most famous cycling race was finally added to the list of sporting events postponed by the coronavirus pandemic.

The three-week race could still take place this year, however, with French newspapers reporting late Tuesday that a new start date has been set for August. Both L'Equipe and Le Parisien said organizers are now hoping to stage the race from Aug. 29-Sept. 20.

That new time slot would see the race end on Champs-Elysees just as the rescheduled French Open tennis tournament starts a few miles away in western Paris.

The Tour was set to start June 27 in Nice. But that effectively became impossible Monday night when French President Emmanuel Macron announced in his speech to the nation that all public events with large crowds have been canceled until at least mid-July.

"Given that it's now impossible that the Tour starts at its planned date, we are consulting with the (International Cycling Union) to try and find new dates," ASO had said earlier Tuesday.

The last time the Tour wasn't held was in 1946, with the nation still emerging from World War II.

Holding the race without legions of fans on the roadsides and mountain passes of France — an idea previously proposed by French Sports Minister Roxana Maracineanu — is not something organizers are likely to favor.

Millions of fans watch each year's race in a festive atmosphere across many regions. This year's event has 21 stages, with the longest of them stretching 218 kilometers (135 miles). Thousands of police officers are needed to keep crowds under control and help negotiate safe passage for riders.

— Associated Press

THE QUOTE

"With some conversation with the governor's office ... they were deemed an essential business. Therefore, they were allowed to remain open."

— Orange County (Fla.) Mayor Jerry Demings on the WWE Performance Center in Orlando

THE NUMBER

35%

Major League Baseball is cutting the salary of senior staff by an average of 35% for this year and is guaranteeing paychecks to its full-time employees of its central office through May.



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:

Ripken reaches 3,000

(APRIL 15, 2000)

This published when the Orioles shortstop collected his 3,000th hit in a 6-4 win over the Twins on April 15, 2000. At the time he was the 24th player to complete the feat.

By PHIL ROGERS
Chicago Tribune

MINNNEAPOLIS — Holding court on the dugout steps, Cal Ripken Jr. seemed very much a man at peace with his place and time. Another game would begin in about an hour, but Ripken was in no hurry to go screw on his game face.

His inexorable march on 3,000 hits would reach its conclusion Saturday night when he lined a single to center field off Minnesota's Hector Carrasco in the seventh inning of Baltimore's 6-4 victory over the Twins at the Metrodome, his third hit of the game. In the days prior, there was time for reflection about baseball and life.

Ripken once considered them one and the same, but that has changed in recent years. The death of his father and a new understanding of his mortality have given the 39-year-old Maryland native a new appreciation of every day he wears a Baltimore Orioles uniform.

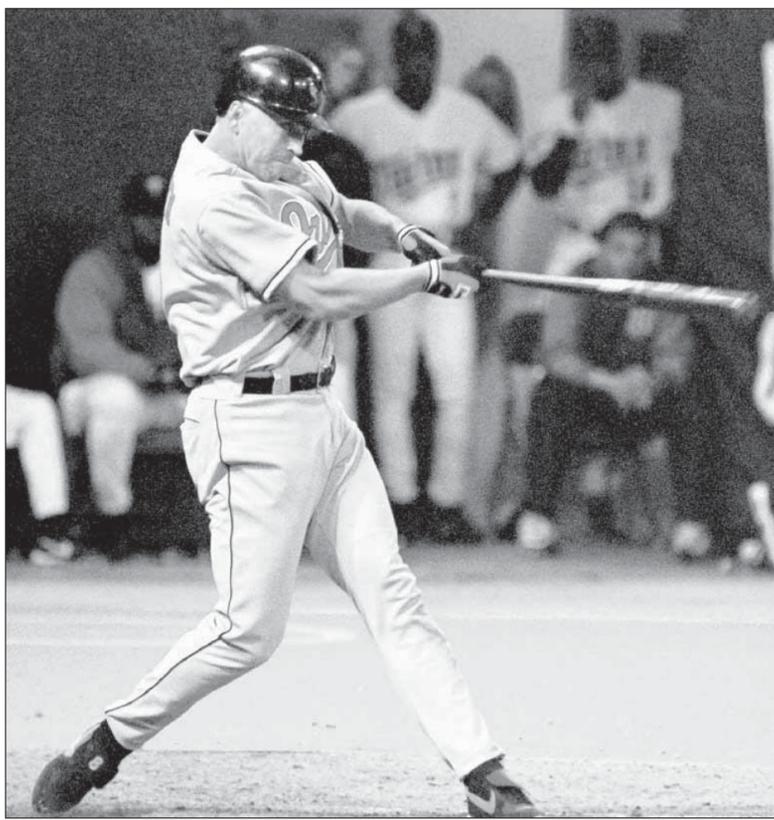
"So many good things have happened to me in the game of baseball," Ripken said. "When I do allow myself a chance to think about it, it's almost like a storybook career. You feel so blessed to have been able to compete this long."

Ripken is baseball's iron man. And then some.

There is so much more to Ripken, it's almost a shame that his career will be defined by his tireless pursuit of the late Lou Gehrig.

Long before Ripken's victory lap around Camden Yards, the dozens of handshakes and stops to chat with fans he knew by name, Ripken was one of those rare guys who could do it all, and Saturday's achievement underscores that. He became the 24th player to reach 3,000 hits.

Ripken always has been among baseball's smartest, most dedicated players. Some believe he is the best shortstop ever. But the



CRAIG LASSIG/AFP-GETTY

The Orioles' Cal Ripken Jr., gets his 3000th career hit against the Twins on April 15, 2000.

one distinction nobody can question is the streak of 2,632 consecutive games.

Now he has another that says at least as much about him as a ballplayer.

"I was relieved," Ripken said after Saturday's game. "I felt a weight was lifted from my shoulders."

He's only the seventh member of the ultra-select 3,000-hit club also to have 400-plus home runs. The others are Hank Aaron, Willie Mays, Eddie Murray, Stan Musial, Dave Winfield and Carl Yastrzemski. Think about those names a moment.

Baltimore natives will talk all day long about Ripken as a complete player. But those who don't remember baseball before the Clinton presidency may think of him only as the guy whose ego wouldn't allow him to take a day off even if he was hurting and the Orioles were out of contention.

The latter perspective overlooks the achievements that got Ripken started on his road to the Hall of Fame. Among them:

■ He led the AL with 211 hits, 47 doubles and 121 runs scored when he was only 23, leading the Orioles to the world championship.

OTHER APRIL 15 MOMENTS

1918: Babe Ruth pitches a four-hitter for Boston in the season opener and drove in two runs in a 7-1 win over Philadelphia.

1947: Jackie Robinson, baseball's first black major league player, makes his official debut with the Brooklyn Dodgers on opening day at Ebbets Field.

1993: Sparky Anderson earns his 2,000th victory as a manager as the Detroit Tigers rally to beat the Oakland Athletics 3-2.

1993: Andre Dawson becomes the 25th player to hit 400 home runs as the Boston Red Sox beat the Cleveland Indians 4-3.

1998: The first-ever AL-NL doubleheader is held in New York's Shea Stadium. The Yankees beat the Anaheim Angels 6-3 and the Mets edge the Chicago Cubs 2-1.

■ He hit between 21 and 34 homers a year from 1982 to '91, when the Orioles were based at Memorial Stadium, not their current ballpark. Although never regarded as a power hitter, he outslugged Cecil Fielder and Ken Griffey Jr. to win a home run contest at the '91 All-Star Game in Toronto.

■ He committed only three errors in 161 games at shortstop in '90. That's one fewer than White Sox shortstop Jose Valentin committed last Saturday. Ripken handled 428 consecutive chances without an error at one point in '90. Ripken led AL shortstops in double plays eight times, another record.

If not for these kind of contributions, Ripken would not have had the chance to become baseball's greatest fixture.

When Ripken arrived at the Orioles' camp this spring, no one knew how he would hold up. But longtime teammates immediately noticed changes both in Ripken and in the way he is perceived.

Ripken probably would have joined Tony Gwynn and Wade Boggs in reaching the 3,000-hit milestone last season if not for back surgery. But he might not have appreciated it as much as he will now that the chance to play the game he loves was almost taken away.

"The big picture is I love doing what I do," Ripken said. "I love being a baseball player. I want to be a baseball player as long as I can."

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 - 17 All over
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 - 21 ___ a grudge; remains resentful
 - 22 Rope loop
 - 24 Polite person's word
 - 25 Contemptuous writing
 - 27 ___ City, MO
 - 30 Grown-up
 - 31 ___ of cake; easy task
 - 33 Boycott
 - 35 Assassinate
 - 36 Baseball's Jeter
 - 37 Symbol of peace
 - 38 Command to Rover
 - 39 Basket for fish
 - 40 Relocates
 - 41 Grieve for
 - 43 Opposite of vain
 - 44 Stylish
 - 45 Chocolate pod
 - 46 Up and about
- DOWN**
- 1 "A stitch in time saves ___"
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 - 4 Travolta/Newton-John movie
 - 5 Musical variety show
 - 6 Becomes older
 - 7 Be adventurous
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 - 9 Finds odious
 - 10 Rod and ___; fishing gear
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53 Driv. licenses & Soc. Sec. cards

55 Womanizer

56 On the ___; fleeing

Sullivan

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Still, if this becomes a thing — and by "a thing," I mean if it remains popular even after we return to our normal sports-watching mode when the shutdown ends — we're going to need something to appease the millions of fans who aren't at all interested in watching athletes play video games.

So I came up with a solution that combines the love of real sports with the voyeurism associated with esports. For lack of a better name, let's call it esportswriting.

Can you imagine the thrill of watching sports writers in press boxes across the nation performing our jobs under immense deadline pressure while trying to shut out the cacophony of noise created by tens of thousands of screaming fans? Hearing us yelling profanities when the press box Wi-Fi is down or our laptops act up? Lying to copy editors calling to ask when we're filing our stories? Shaking our heads and disputing the calls of official scorers?

This could become reality. All it would take is a few cameras set up in the right positions — some pointed at the writers themselves and others showing the game — to provide fans with an up-close and personal view of the madness that takes place on a daily basis, no matter the sport, the city or the writers.

Wouldn't you love to hear sports writers' responses in real time when Bulls coach Jim Boylen calls an unnecessary timeout at the end of a blowout and their stories are due in two minutes? Or watch the Bears press box erupt in disbelief after Cody Parkey's double doink against the Eagles in the 2018 playoffs?

Of course you would because chances are you were reacting the exact same way in your living rooms while watching on TV. Press boxes are full of interesting characters, which is why so many sports writers wind up working in television and getting paid much more money just to be themselves — guys such as ESPN's Stephen A. Smith and Fox Sports' Ken Rosenthal.

My former Tribune colleague Skip Bayless has made a small fortune being a professional contrarian on his own TV show, FS1's "Undisputed." None of us could've predicted that when Bayless was working in Chicago, where he was widely mocked by the press-box brethren at Wrigley Field for bringing rice cakes in ziplock bags for lunch while the rest of us munched on hot dogs and stale popcorn.

In fact, sports writers mocking each other is a sport unto itself. If players think sports writers are too critical of them, they would love to hear what we say about each other at work.

Nothing is taboo in a press box when it comes to abusing your peers, and in all the years I've been working in Chicago, the only sports writer I can recall taking offense was a former Sun-Times columnist whose teammates piled on him more than the writers from other papers.



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Sports writers work in the press box at Wrigley Field.

If esportswriting had been available in the '90s, it would've preserved for history one of the classic episodes in the annals of Chicago sports. The moment occurred on Sept. 23, 1998, when the late Tribune baseball writer Jerome Holtzman was finishing a column in the press box of Milwaukee's old County Stadium.

Holtzman sent in his column on his bulky, old-school computer just as Cubs left fielder Brant Brown misplayed a fly ball with two outs in the bottom of the ninth to allow three runs to score in a devastating 8-7 loss to the Brewers. The column was a nice feature story but had nothing to do with Brown's error, which cost the Cubs an important game in the final week of a crazy race for the National League wild-card spot.

While everyone worked on their stories after the game, the press-box phone rang. It was a call for Holtzman from a Tribune copy editor, who informed "The Dean" the column he had just sent for editing had to be rewritten to account for Brown's gaffe and its place in Cubs history.

"The column is fine," Holtzman replied. The editor asked again, telling Holtzman it was an order from above. The rest of the writers could hear the editor's voice rising in anger, and some of us stopped writing.

Holtzman stood still while holding the phone and silently listened to the editor's order. When the editor was done, Holtzman calmly replied: "I've done this for many years. The column is fine, and I'm not rewriting it, thank you."

The Dean promptly slammed down the phone and began packing up his computer to leave. The entire press box burst into applause as Holtzman walked out the door.

Forget about athletes playing "Call of Duty" or "Madden." Isn't this the kind of real-life drama you really want to see?

If a new norm awaits us in the post-pandemic sports world, hopefully esportswriting will be a big part of it.

SPORTS

Day 35

Since the sports world went mainly dark



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PHOTO OF THE DAY

Green with envy

While the PGA Tour, European Tour, LPGA and nearly every other sanctioned golf circuit currently is suspended due to the coronavirus pandemic, the Outlaw Tour powers on. The tour features a lot of players fans have never heard of. But this week, former PGA and European tour winner Alex Cejka, seen above putting, finds himself in third place at the Arrowhead Classic in Glendale, Arizona. Cejka is two strokes back of the lead after 36 holes have been played in the 54-hole event.

Ex-exec Polian, Kirwan look ahead to unusual NFL draft

BY BARRY WILNER
Associated Press

Bill Polian ran many an NFL draft, making him the main man in the room for several successful franchises.

Next week, the Pro Football Hall of Famer knows who the guys in demand will be for all 32 teams: the techs.

"I would say simply, I-T I-T I-T," Polian explains. "Make sure from the outset your communication is seamless and flawless. If you can get the name of the pick in on time and can effectuate trades, the rest of it is relatively easy.

"If there are glitches in communications, for example as we saw in the early stages of the pandemic, with Zoom and other platforms, that is a problem. What happens if you can't communicate and the clock is running out? It's up to the I-T guys at both the club and league to make sure that everything works — and that they have a fail safe.

"If I were running a club," adds the man who built the Bills, Colts and Panthers through the draft, "I'd take a little more time to make sure I rehearsed everything for the actual draft. We would always make sure all the communications work and everything lines up, but do it all in spades now. Don't take for granted they will work."

The league and teams say they are ensuring that everything will run smoothly, and a mock draft will be held soon as a test. But really, this is uncharted territory. NFL teams are in a sea of uncertainty as they prepare for a draft like no other.

The collection of information has been strong, but hardly as thorough as in normal times. Cancellations of pro days, in-person visits and workouts at team headquarters, and in-depth medical exams by team doctors adversely affect preparation for each franchise.

That said, Polian and former NFL executive Pat Kirwan point directly to team scouts who, like every other year, were on the road gathering data since last summer.

ON THE CLOCK

8 Days until the NFL draft, which will be held in a virtual setting from 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	

So clubs with the strongest personnel staffs, who usually have an edge heading into the draft, could have an even bigger advantage.

But as Kirwan points out, the logistical limitations caused by the coronavirus pandemic could outweigh some of that diligence — particularly in attempting to make trades.

"Trading, which has become a bigger part of the draft than ever, becomes problematic," says Kirwan, who like Polian is an analyst for SiriusXM, which will cover every selection in the seven rounds on April 23-25.

"Say we are all in a room and three guys are working phones, trying to get the best deal. The decision maker, he is not going to have the visual contact with them that he usually has. How fast can they respond to make the move?"

"Take Pete Carroll and John Schneider (in Seattle). They're in separate rooms and they have three guys making phone calls in other places and a salary cap guy in their ear. There's a lot of pressure that goes into that when we had a system when we were under normal circumstances.

"I think when it all gets cleared up, you'll only be trading with your best friends who you can pull off a deal with."

One topic Polian and Kirwan disagree on is actually staging the draft next week. Several general managers had sought a delay into May at least, something the owners shot down quickly. Could there be competitive advantages for some teams by maintaining the status quo?

"It's largely moot because it isn't being pushed back," Polian says. "In a certain sort of offbeat sense, it is probably a good thing to have now. While it is trivial in the extreme compared to what is going on everywhere, it takes people's minds off the news they are hearing.

"There is an argument that players getting these rich contracts is unseemly, I get that, but it provides a respite from the terrible news that comes repeatedly, and in lots of cases has changed the lives of our fellow citizens. Anything you can do to lighten the burden is probably a good thing."

From a football sense, though, why wasn't a potential delay in the NFL's game plan, Kirwan wonders.

"Doing a first-time draft with a coach and GM together, and they don't know each other that well, and now adding all of these technical elements will add more pressure," he says. "I thought we could have moved the draft back until the middle of May and not affected it (adversely)."

"I think it wrecks too much of people who never ran a draft. I respect that we are in an entertainment business. But the GMs were told to shut up, basically. I want to know where the impetus was, who thinks the show must go on? It shows a lack of real understanding of the moment.

"If I hear level playing field one more time. ... Take two teams where the biggest decision maker gets the virus and can't make the decisions. What is the thought process and policy if that happens? That part of it does not create a level playing field."

IN BRIEF

Arizona open to hosting MLB games

Associated Press

Arizona governor Doug Ducey says his state is willing to host all 30 major league teams at the time public health concerns allow, which eventually could lead to the start of the baseball season primarily in empty spring training ballparks.

MLB and the players' association have had preliminary discussion of potential ways for the season to start if given the go-ahead by federal, state and local governments and health officials. Having all teams based in the Phoenix area is among the contingency plans being examined. There are 10 spring training parks plus the Diamondbacks' Chase Field, which has a retractable roof, and several college facilities.

"Arizona, at the right time, is very open minded to hosting whatever Major League Baseball would like from the state," Ducey, a Republican, said Tuesday. "At the time that it would be appropriate for public health, if Arizona were in a position to reopen, we have the facilities that are here."

"We have the hotel space that is here," he said. "We all want to make certain that the metrics and the data are proper before we're able to go forward, but I think two words that would allow the country and the state of Arizona to know that things were headed back to normal would be: Play ball!"

Ducey said he had spoken with Commissioner Rob Manfred about the all-Arizona option.

"There's a number of different scenarios," the governor said. "I think the first scenario that was talked about was the idea of these clubs coming, being in hotels and in a way, having their own stay-at-home orders whether it either be at the hotel, or inside the stadium, without fans. It's something that Arizona is open minded to, and I'm open minded to."

■ The Giants, Diamondbacks and A's are three of the MLB teams participating in a study of the coronavirus that will test hundreds of people — including players — from the various clubs for antibodies. Stanford University is one of the institutions running the study. ... Hank Steinbrenner, the oldest son of George Steinbrenner and one of the four siblings who own the controlling shares of the Yankees, died at age 63. The team said he died at home in Clearwater, Florida, due to a long-standing health issue. ... Jim Frey, who managed the Royals to the 1980 AL pennant and the Cubs within one win of the 1984 World Series, died Sunday. He was 88. Frey died Sunday at his home in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida. The cause of death wasn't released.

Auto racing: As sponsor after sponsor dropped Kyle Larson after he used a racial slur during a live-streamed virtual race Sunday, his NASCAR team owner was backed into a corner. Chip Ganassi could let McDonald's and Credit One Bank and Chevrolet pull their funding and bankrupt his team or he could cut ties with the driver he had plucked from sprint car racing and groomed into an elite stock car driver. It was essentially out of Ganassi's hands. He fired the 27-year-old Larson on Tuesday in what he described as "an emotional call" — the only move possible to stabilize his organization. Larson's stunning downfall took less than 48 hours, unusual in its details and coming with sports everywhere basically shutdown during the coronavirus pandemic. The most coveted upcoming free agent in NASCAR lost almost every sponsor he had in what could ultimately be an eight-figure blunder.

Colleges: Cincinnati eliminated its men's soccer program as other colleges weighed cutbacks because of budget problems resulting from the coronavirus pandemic. Cincinnati began offering men's soccer in 1973. Earlier this month, Old Dominion eliminated wrestling as part of its response to the pandemic. On Tuesday, Baylor said the Big 12 school will delay building a new basketball facility that was supposed to open in time for the 2022-23 season.

High schools: Emoni Bates of Ypsilanti Lincoln High School in Michigan was named Gatorade's national player of the year in high school basketball, becoming the first sophomore to win the award. The 6-foot-9 guard averaged 32 points this year.

Soccer: MLS says the chances of returning in mid-May look extremely unlikely and that achieving its goal of getting in a full 34-game regular season is also becoming increasingly difficult.

SPORTS



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They're a work in progress

Stadium construction mostly ongoing, although altered due to pandemic

BY TIM BOOTH
Associated Press

SEATTLE — Workers are still showing up in Inglewood, California, Las Vegas, Seattle and Columbus, Ohio, and making progress on stadium and arena projects.

At Belmont Park on Long Island, and in Austin, Texas, the work has mostly come to a halt.

New stadiums and arenas mean revenue for pro teams and construction often falls under suffocating timelines so the doors open on time and the buildings can start making a return on investments that run into the millions or billions of dollars.

But there aren't any blueprints for dealing with a pandemic. So, work has stopped in some locations, while construction has continued in others under strict guidelines.

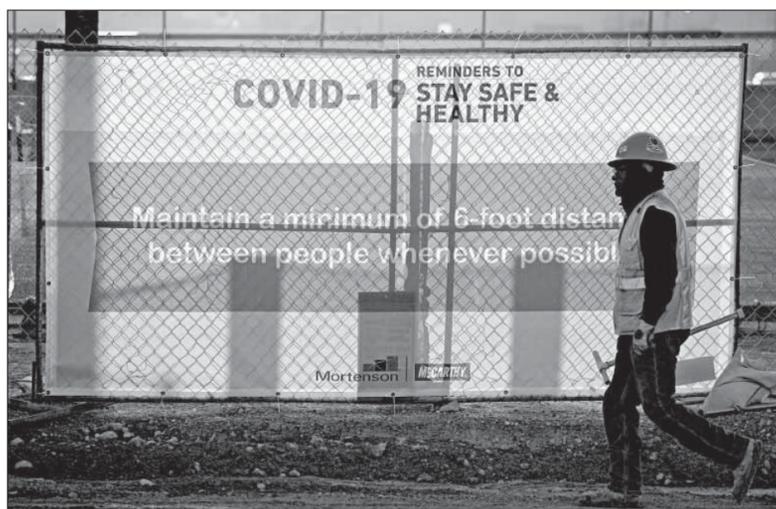
"Safety and health are the priority, but that's always been there," said Ken Johnson, the construction executive overseeing the NHL arena project in Seattle. "The real thing was to get to really smart people who have built a lot of big projects to say, we've got to do it differently."

Eight stadiums or arenas are under construction or about to break ground in the five major professional sports in North America.

NHL projects are underway in Seattle and New York with expected opening dates in 2021. MLS has four stadiums in the works, three of them for expansion teams in Austin, Sacramento, California, and St. Louis.

The most pressing are the NFL stadiums being built in Los Angeles for the Rams and Chargers and in Las Vegas for the relocating Raiders.

SoFi Stadium in Los Angeles is scheduled to host its first event on July 25 before the Rams and Chargers move in sometime in August. Allegiant Stadium in Las Vegas doesn't have an event scheduled until an



JOHN LOCHER/AP

Work continues at Allegiant Stadium in Las Vegas — the future home of the NFL's Raiders.

Aug. 22 concert, but deadlines are still looming.

Both projects have been given the OK to continue while California and Nevada are under stay-at-home orders because of COVID-19. But the coronavirus has infiltrated the LA project with two workers testing positive and Turner AECOM Hunt, the company overseeing SoFi Stadium, has reportedly begun daily temperature checks for workers on site along with social distancing measures.

Rams COO Kevin Demoff recently raised the possibility of the stadium being delayed in an interview with the Los Angeles Times.

"This is not the time you want to be finishing a stadium, in this environment as you prepare," Demoff told the Times. "Because it's when you need to be all hands on deck, walking through the building every day, meeting with your staff, working out the kinks and planning for it. So when you've been building something for a few years, you would love an optimal environment to finish it."

Two workers have also tested positive at the Las Vegas site, but construction has

continued with the hopes of completion in late July.

Seattle is also under a stringent deadline. The city's expansion NHL team should have time to get the building open for it to begin play there during the 2021-22 season, but the team also wants to host the expansion draft and potentially the 2021 league draft next summer.

An issue is the complex nature of the construction and the lack of a fallback option if there are major delays. Initially, work stopped on the site for several days after a stay-at-home order was issued, but construction was allowed to resume under safety precautions.

Johnson said the workforce has been broken into groups of 10 or less. All equipment and tools are cleaned immediately after use. All workers are also checked when they arrive on site and the overall number of workers there has been reduced by about 20% for now.

"These are really important rules that we all need to follow to get that buy in and so far, that's what we've seen on site," Johnson said.

"This is not the time you want to be finishing a stadium, in this environment as you prepare. Because it's when you need to be all hands on deck, walking through the building every day, meeting with your staff, working out the kinks and planning for it."

— Rams COO Kevin Demoff

The urgency for the Seattle project is mainly associated with the roof, which weighs 44 million pounds and is currently resting mostly on temporary supports. The roof is what remains of the original KeyArena, once the home of the SuperSonics, and it will stay in place because of its status as a historical landmark.

While that project presses on, work on the new home for the New York Islanders came to a stop on Long Island. The building is scheduled to open in 2021, though the Islanders can play additional games at Nassau Coliseum if the new arena falls behind schedule.

The league with the most ongoing construction projects is MLS.

Austin FC is joining the league in 2021, but the timeline for its stadium could be altered after construction was stopped. There are temporary options for Austin FC and the league has adjusted schedules in the past around team's stadium situations.

St. Louis and Sacramento — both set to join in 2022 — have yet to break ground on their stadiums, although when that happens they may be facing delays. Both teams were expected to start their projects this spring.

Columbus has been allowed to continue construction on its new downtown stadium with completion tentatively set for summer 2021, midway through the MLS season.

AP Sports Writers Greg Beacham and Josh Dubow contributed to this report.

SCOREBOARD

NBA				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Toronto	46	18	.719	—
Boston	43	21	.672	3
Philadelphia	39	26	.600	7½
Brooklyn	30	34	.469	16
New York	21	45	.318	26
SOUTHEAST				
Miami	41	24	.631	—
Orlando	30	35	.462	11
Washington	24	40	.375	16½
Charlotte	23	42	.354	18
Atlanta	20	47	.299	22
CENTRAL				
Milwaukee	53	12	.815	—
Indiana	39	26	.600	14
Chicago	22	43	.338	31
Detroit	20	46	.303	33½
Cleveland	19	46	.292	34
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
SOUTHWEST				
Houston	40	24	.625	—
Dallas	40	27	.597	1½
Memphis	32	33	.492	8½
New Orleans	28	36	.438	12
San Antonio	27	36	.429	12½
NORTHWEST				
Denver	43	22	.662	—
Utah	41	23	.641	1½
Oklahoma City	40	24	.625	2½
Portland	29	37	.439	14½
Minnesota	19	45	.297	23½
PACIFIC				
L.A. Lakers	49	14	.778	—
L.A. Clippers	44	20	.688	5½
Sacramento	28	36	.438	21½
Phoenix	26	39	.400	24
Golden State	15	50	.231	35

NHL						
EASTERN CONFERENCE						
ATLANTIC	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	44	14	12	100	227	174
Tampa Bay	43	21	6	92	245	195
Toronto	36	25	9	81	238	227
Florida	35	26	8	78	231	228
Montreal	31	31	9	71	212	221
Buffalo	30	31	8	68	195	217
Ottawa	25	34	12	62	191	243
Detroit	17	49	5	39	145	267
METRO.						
Washington	41	20	8	90	240	215
Philadelphia	41	21	7	89	232	196
Pittsburgh	40	23	6	86	224	196
Carolina	38	25	5	81	222	193
Columbus	33	22	15	81	180	187
N.Y. Islanders	35	23	10	80	192	193
N.Y. Rangers	37	28	5	79	234	222
New Jersey	28	29	12	68	189	230
WESTERN CONFERENCE						
CENTRAL						
St. Louis	42	19	10	94	225	193
Colorado	42	20	8	92	237	191
Dallas	37	24	8	82	180	177
Winnipeg	37	28	6	80	216	203
Nashville	35	28	6	78	215	217
Minnesota	35	27	7	77	220	220
Chicago	32	30	8	72	212	218
PACIFIC						
Vegas	39	24	8	86	227	211
Edmonton	37	25	9	83	225	217
Calgary	36	27	7	79	210	215
Vancouver	36	27	6	78	228	217
Arizona	33	29	8	74	195	187
Anaheim	29	33	9	67	187	226
Los Angeles	29	35	6	64	178	212
San Jose	29	36	5	63	182	226

SOCCER						
MLS						
Eastern	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Atlanta	2	0	0	6	4	2
N.Y. Red Bulls	1	0	1	4	4	3
Montreal	1	0	1	4	4	3
Toronto FC	1	0	1	4	3	2
Columbus	1	0	1	4	2	1
D.C. United	1	1	0	3	3	3
Chicago	0	1	1	1	2	3
New England	0	1	1	1	2	3
Orlando City	0	1	1	1	1	2
Philadelphia	0	1	1	1	3	5
Cincinnati	0	2	0	0	3	5
Inter Miami CF	0	2	0	0	1	3
N.Y. City FC	0	2	0	0	0	2
Western						
Sporting KC	2	0	0	6	7	1
Minnesota	2	0	0	6	8	3
Colorado	2	0	0	6	4	2
FC Dallas	1	0	1	4	4	2
Los Angeles FC	1	0	1	4	4	3
Seattle	1	0	1	4	3	2
Portland	1	1	0	3	2	3
Vancouver	1	1	0	3	2	3
Real Salt Lake	0	2	2	1	1	2
LA Galaxy	0	1	1	1	1	1
San Jose	0	1	1	1	4	7
Houston	0	1	1	1	1	5
Nashville SC	0	2	0	0	1	3
3 points for victory, 1 point for tie						
Tentative date for the MLS All-Star Game						
July 29 vs. La Liga MX All Stars						
Banc of California Stadium in Los Angeles						

NFL	
DRAFT EARLY ENTRANTS	
Alabama (6)	James Pierre, CB
Florida State (2)	Henry Ruggs III, WR
Baylor (3)	Jedrick Willis, OT
Fresno State (1)	Jerry Jeudy, WR
Georgia (5)	Terrell Lewis, LB
Arizona State (1)	Tua Tagovailoa, QB
Appalachian State (1)	Xavier McKinney, S
Arizona (1)	Darrynton Evans, RB
Arizona State (2)	J.J. Taylor, RB
Arkansas (1)	Eno Benjamin, RB
Auburn (3)	Jake Fromm, QB
Alabama (6)	Solomon Kindley, G
Arkansas (1)	Kamren Curl, S
Auburn (3)	Arryn Siposs, P
Alabama (6)	Nick Coe, DT
Alabama (6)	Noah Igbinoghene, CB
Baylor (3)	Toren Young, RB
Kentucky (1)	Tristan Wirfs, OL
LSU (9)	Lynn Bowden Jr., WR
Boise State (2)	Clyde Edwards-Helaire, RB
Boise State (2)	Grant Delpit, S
Boise State (2)	Jacob Phillips, LB
Boise State (2)	Justin Jefferson, WR
Boise State (2)	A.J. Dillon, RB
Boise State (2)	K'Lavon Chaisson, EDGE
Boise State (2)	Lloyd Cushenberry III, C
Boise State (2)	Patrick Queen, LB
Boise State (2)	Saadique Charles, OT
Boise State (2)	Thaddeus Moss, TE
Louisiana Tech (1)	Isiah Simmons, LB
Louisiana Tech (1)	Amik Robertson, CB
Louisville (1)	Mekhi Becton, OT
Maryland (2)	Anthony McFarland, RB
Florida (1)	CJ Henderson, CB
Miami (4)	DeeJay Dallas, RB
Miami (4)	Jeff Thomas, WR
Miami (4)	Jonathan Garvin, DT
Miami (4)	Trajan Bandy, CB
Michigan (3)	Netane Muti, OG
Michigan (3)	Donovan Peoples-Jones, WR
Michigan (3)	Josh Uche, LB
Michigan State (2)	Cody White, WR
Michigan State (2)	Joshua Scott, CB
Minnesota (1)	Antoine Winfield Jr., S
Mississippi State (2)	Cam Dantzler, CB
Mississippi State (2)	Willie Gay Jr., LB
Iowa (4)	Albert Okwuegbunam, TE
Iowa (4)	Jordan Elliott, DT
Iowa (4)	Trystan Colon-Castillo, OT
Notre Dame (3)	Alohi Gilman, S
Notre Dame (3)	Cole Kmet, TE
Notre Dame (3)	Tony Jones Jr., RB
Ohio State (3)	Chase Young, EDGE
Ohio State (3)	Jeff Okudah, CB
Ohio State (3)	J.K. Dobbins, RB
Oklahoma (2)	Laviska Shenault Jr., WR
Oklahoma (2)	Shaquille Leonard, RB
Oklahoma (2)	Patrick Queen, LB
Oklahoma (2)	Isiah Hodjins, WR
Oklahoma (2)	Isiah Simmons, LB
Oklahoma (2)	KJ Hamler, WR
Oklahoma (2)	Yetur Gross-Matos, DE
San Diego State (1)	Keith Ismael, C
South Carolina (1)	Kyle Markway, TE
South Carolina (1)	Southern Miss (1)
Quez Watkins, WR	Stanford (1)
Colby Parkinson, TE	Syracuse (1)
Trishon Jackson, WR	TCU (2)
Jalen Reagor, WR	Ross Blacklock, DT
Temple (2)	Harrison Hand, CB
Matt Hennessy, C	Texas A&M (4)
Deb Renfro, S	Justin Madubuike, DT
Kendrick Rogers Jr., WR	Quartney Davis, WR
Texas Tech (1)	Houston Miller, DL
UCF (1)	Gabriel Davis, WR
UCLA (2)	Darnay Holmes, CB
Devin Asiasi, TE	USC (1)
Austin Jackson, OT	Utah (2)
Javelin Guidry, DB	Jaylton Johnson, CB
David Woodard, QB	Dalton Keene, TE
Deshaun McCleave, RB	Washington (3)
Jacob Eason, QB	Hunter Bryant, TE
Salvon Ahmed, RB	Wisconsin (3)
Jonathan Taylor, RB	Quintez Cephus, WR
Tyler Biadasz, C	

SPORTS

Coach's fate in Karnisovas' hands

New Bulls executive offers no hints on Boylen's future

BY JAMAL COLLIER

Arturas Karnisovas has been busy since becoming the Bulls executive vice president of basketball operations, a title that didn't become official until Monday.

He already has fired general manager Gar Forman, started to search for Forman's replacement and beefed up the front office with two new hires in J.J. Polk from the Pelicans and Pat Connelly from the Nuggets.

While the front-office shake-up is well underway, one area Karnisovas still is determining is the future of coach Jim Boylen and his staff. The two have been in contact, which is expected to continue as Karnisovas begins evaluating the organization, and Karnisovas didn't want to place a timeline on when he would determine Boylen's future.

"I already started this process," Karnisovas said during a conference call Monday.

"I'm going to do my comprehensive evaluation of every department and make sure I give the right time because, as we all know, we're limited right now in what we can do. Instead of being in the practice facility and being in Chicago, we are at home and on an audio call. So it makes it difficult."

A few weeks before the NBA suspended its season, Boylen was confident in his position.

Those feelings weren't inspired by his record — 39-84 (a .317 winning percentage) since taking over after Fred Hoiberg was fired in December 2018 — but by knowing he had the support of the previous front office. He went as far as saying it would surprise him if his record were used against him at the end of the season and instead expected to be judged on how he had developed the Bulls' young core by trying to install a system, even if the results were painful.

The restructuring of the front office, however, has clouded Boylen's future. New executives usually like to hire their own staff, from the front office down to the coaching staff.

The Bulls followed the announcement of Karnisovas' hiring Monday with three separate press releases: one announcing the firing of Forman, one on the transition of John Paxson into a new role as a senior adviser and a third with a statement from Boylen congratulating Karnisovas without revealing any information about his future.

"I want to welcome Arturas to the Chicago Bulls," Boylen said in the statement. "He has a wealth of experience as a player and executive and a strong reputation within the basketball community. I commend Jerry and Michael (Reinsdorf) for bringing Arturas on board."

"I am thankful for the support that John and Gar provided me and my staff when I became our head coach. Their commitment and belief in our team played a key role in helping me establish a foundation for how I wanted to coach our team. I cannot overstate how much I appreciate that. I wish them and their families nothing but the best."

Karnisovas said he has had conversations with Boylen laying out the style he wants

his teams to play: high pace, good passing, multipositional players with high basketball IQs. But he didn't offer much to read into regarding Boylen's future.

"For now we're going to be evaluating, communicating and see how I can help them," Karnisovas said.

The uncertainty of the calendar due to the coronavirus pandemic makes the process more difficult, considering the Bulls don't know when their next game will be. But it does give Karnisovas time to gather intelligence for his evaluation process.

"In some ways, this gives him a better opportunity to talk to people and really get to know the organization," Bulls Chief Operating Officer Michael Reinsdorf said. "He can spend hours and hours on the phone with Jim Boylen. He can talk to all the scouts. He can have very in-depth conversations with the players."

"Because normally after the season, the players are off and they're gone. This actually allows him to gather as much information as he can so that when we start back up, it's seamless."

Frey

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"Upon being named manager for the 1984 season, Jim took over a club that had not had a winning record since 1972 and immediately helped return the Cubs to postseason play, leading the team to the NL East title and first playoff appearance in 39 years, earning NL Manager of the Year honors along the way. As our general manager, he constructed a playoff club in 1989 to again land the Cubs in the postseason five years later.

"We join the baseball community in mourning Jim's passing and send our condolences to his family and friends."

Returning the Cubs to the postseason in his first year as their manager was a crowning achievement for Frey, who had guided the Royals to the World Series four years earlier.

"This ballclub has suffered for 39 years, and that's long enough," Frey said after the Cubs clinched the division title. "Everybody said this club had a monkey on its back. Now the monkey's off."

Frey was criticized for his handling of the pitching staff after the Cubs took a 2-0 lead in the best-of-five NL Championship Series. Specifically, he was questioned for not moving up Rick Sutcliffe and Steve Trout, the Games 1 and 2 winners, to pitch Games 4 and 5.

The Padres rallied to win the next three games and advance to the World Series.

The loss gnawed at several players, including left fielder Gary Matthews. At the 2014 Cubs Convention, Matthews shared a recent discussion he had with Sandberg.

"I asked (Sandberg), 'How often do you think about that '84 loss at San Diego?' " Matthews told the crowd. "He said, 'Every day.' It's something that doesn't leave you. You can be having the greatest time, and that moment will pop up."

Sandberg marveled over Frey's teachings, which he sculpted in the Orioles organization as a scout, instructor and minor-league manager before joining Earl Weaver's coaching staff in 1970.

"Jim watched me that spring (in 1984) for about seven to 10 games before he took me aside and made changes to take advantage of my 6-foot-2, 185-pound frame," Sandberg said.

To prove a point, Frey conducted a batting-practice drill in which, if a fastball was down the middle or on the inside part of the strike zone, Sandberg was instructed to pull the ball 20 feet over the tarp down the left-field line.

The drill made Sandberg less susceptible to low, inside fastballs, and veterans Larry Bowa, Ron Cey and Bill Buckner implored him to trust Frey because of his background with the Orioles and Weaver, who adored the three-run home run.

In the second game of the season, Sandberg homered on an inside fastball off stingy Giants closer Greg Minton to secure an 11-7 victory.

"That went a long way with me," said Sandberg, adding that Frey managed George Brett when he batted .390 for the Royals in 1980 and was Darryl Strawberry's hitting coach during his Rookie of the Year season with the Mets in 1983. "I was all ears listening to him."

Sandberg produced 74 extra-base hits in 1984 to go with a .314 batting average and a league-leading 114 runs.

Frey, hampered by an injury-plagued pitching staff, was fired midway through the 1986 season and served as a radio commentator the next season.

In a stunning development, the Cubs in November 1987 named Frey to replace Dallas Green as general manager, and he quickly hired Don Zimmer, a childhood friend from Cincinnati, as manager.

Frey put his stamp on the Cubs roster, but some of his early moves backfired. He traded Hall of Fame closer Lee Smith to the Red Sox for pitchers Al Nipper and Calvin Schiraldi. And he dealt outfielder Keith Moreland to the Padres for Hall of Fame reliever Goose Gossage, whose best days were behind him.

Undeterred, Frey traded young slugger Rafael Palmeiro and pitcher Jamie Moyer to the Rangers in a blockbuster deal that brought hard-throwing left-handed reliever Mitch Williams to the Cubs.

Williams saved 36 games in 1989 and helped the Cubs win their second division title in six seasons before the Giants eliminated them in the NLCS in five games.



JOHN SWART/AP

Jim Frey became the Cubs general manager following the 1987 season.

"This ballclub has suffered for 39 years, and that's long enough. Everybody said this club had a monkey on its back. Now the monkey's off."

— Jim Frey after the Cubs clinched the NL East title in 1984

Williams struggled the next season and eventually was dealt to the Phillies, while Palmeiro and Moyer blossomed in the American League. The Cubs replaced Frey with Larry Himes after the 1991 season.

Seven years later, Frey became involved with the Somerset (N.J.) Patriots of the independent Atlantic League and served as vice chairman during their formative years.

"Jim had countless contributions to the Somerset Patriots as one of our first supporters over two decades ago," Patriots Chairman Emeritus Steve Kalafer said in a statement Tuesday. "We wouldn't be who we are as an organization without his guidance early on."

Colletti, who was working in Philadelphia as a hockey writer in the 1970s, would make the quick trip to Baltimore to visit Frey, who would return the favor.

"Dallas Green was instrumental in getting me started (as a Cubs public relations official in 1982) with my dad dying and giving me a chance to come home," said Colletti, who went on to become general manager of the Giants (1996-2005) and Dodgers (2006-14). "Two years later, Jim comes along."

"From that moment on, Jim gave me more opportunities (in transitioning from

media relations to baseball operations). At some point in life you're going to need help and someone who believes in you and trusts you. No one believed in me more than Jim Frey."

Born in Cleveland on May 26, 1931, Frey was a high school teammate of Zimmer's at Western Hills in Cincinnati before playing 14 minor-league seasons for six organizations as a left-handed-hitting outfielder. He won two batting titles and was the 1957 Texas League MVP but never reached the majors.

Frey would have earned a spot on the Cardinals' 1958 opening-day roster had it not been for a left shoulder injury. That spot went to Curt Flood, who became a staple of the Cardinals' three World Series teams in the 1960s.

According to Cincinnati freelance writer Gary Schatz, Frey had a real estate license and was ready to shift careers until his wife, Joan, whom he dated in high school, persuaded him to accept an offer from the Orioles in 1964 as a minor-league instructor, manager and scout.

Frey replaced Whitey Herzog as Royals manager in 1980 and led them to their first World Series appearance in his first season. They lost to the Phillies, managed by Green, in six games.

The Royals fired Frey weeks after play resumed in August following the 1981 strike.

"If there was a player who did something he didn't like, he had no problem telling him what he thought," recalled Colletti, now a scout with the NHL's San Jose Sharks.

Frey had a 323-287 managerial record, including a 196-182 mark in 2 1/2 seasons with the Cubs.

The Cubs gave Frey the home plate from the 1984 and 1989 seasons, and Frey gave his 1984 prize to Colletti with a signed message: "To the Colletti Family, Remember the good times, Jim Frey."

Sox prepared for whatever changes come

Roar of crowd may muted by empty parks for safety reasons

BY LAMOND POPE

Lucas Giolito was locked in. The White Sox ace went the distance Aug. 21, allowing just three hits while striking out 12 in a 4-0 victory against the first-place Twins in front of 31,389 at Target Field in Minneapolis.

It was a big-time performance in front of a big audience.

If there is baseball in 2020, there is a good chance games will take place without any fans in the stands as a precautionary step to combat the spread of COVID-19.

While the preference always is to play in front of a crowd, Giolito said players would make the necessary adjustments.

"For me, personally, I really love to feed off the crowd's energy, whether that's at home and everyone's rooting for me or if we're on the road and I want to shut all the other fans up," he said during a March 31 conference call. "I like that part of the game. It's a big part of the game. The more fans that are packed into a stadium, the more exciting a game can be, the more it adds to it."

"But at the same time, we're all used to playing those back-field games, chain-link fence league games. We've done it coming up through the minor leagues. We even do it in spring training at times. I don't think it has too much of an effect, if games matter. I think we'd be able to go and get it done with or without fans in the stadium. But I'd definitely prefer to have fans. We'll see what we'll be able to make happen."

Major League Baseball is considering "numerous contingency plans" for 2020, it said in a statement April 7.

The statement came after multiple reports of MLB exploring the possibility of beginning play in May or June without fans in attendance at the 10 spring training ballparks in the Phoenix area and Chase Field, home of the Diamondbacks. MLB said in the statement it had not "settled on that option or developed a detailed plan."

"The health and safety of our employees, players, fans and the public at large are paramount," the statement read in part, "and we are not ready at this time to endorse any particular format for staging games in light of the rapidly changing public health situation caused by the coronavirus."

That plan reportedly could include sequestering teams in hotels for up to 4 1/2 months away from their families.

Another option surfaced Friday in a report by USA Today's Bob Nightengale that would send teams back to their spring homes in the Cactus (Arizona) and Grapefruit (Florida) leagues. That proposal, which features major realignment, also includes no fans in the stands.

Giolito, left fielder Eloy Jimenez, shortstop Tim Anderson and catcher James McCann discussed the scenario of playing in empty stadiums during recent conference calls.

"For me, playing with fans is motivating," Jimenez said April 7. "That's why I want to play every single day hard for them and I enjoy talking to them. I don't know what it's going to be (like) to play without fans there."

McCann recalled a small crowd and quiet ballpark for a makeup game last season. "Every player comments on how strange that feels not to have fans in the stands," McCann said Friday. "Talking about an entire season? That was one game (last season). That would be very odd."

Still, McCann said he thinks he'd be up for it.

"Players have to be understanding and a little bit lenient, as well as MLB," McCann said. "If there was a situation where we start the season without fans with plans to bring fans in, that would be the best-case scenario."

Anderson is using part of baseball's current pause to mentally prepare for the possible change.

"We know that's going to be a possibility, so I'm prepared now," Anderson said April 3. "I'll just have to go out of the way to bring energy and just put yourself in a different mind frame. It will be different, but now that we have time to think about it, I'm sure I'll be prepared when the time does come."

MEDIA

'BRINGING SPORTS BACK WILL BE EXTRAORDINARILY GOOD FOR PSYCHE'

ESPN's **MIKE GREENBERG** SAYS BEING 'ALL-IN' ON SPORTS CAN PROVIDE A MUCH-NEEDED LIFT DURING THE PANDEMIC

By **TEDDY GREENSTEIN**

ESPN's Mike Greenberg opened the April 6 edition of "Get Up!" with this heartfelt message: "First, foremost and forever, thank you to all the medical professionals and first responders who are working so hard, so bravely, to keep us safe and healthy. This program is for you. If it helps you get 10 to 15 minutes of relaxation, then it was well worth our effort."

As Greenberg put it later during a 45-minute interview with the Tribune, "I feel like doing our show right now is valuable. We're not saving lives, but we are providing some outlet."

"Get Up!" launched two years ago against the backdrop of an April blizzard in New York. It fit. The start was messy, and critics questioned Greenberg's decision to split with Mike Golic, his radio partner of 18 years.

Michelle Beadle exited, and the show pivoted away from fashion and pop culture. "If I walk into McDonald's and they say, 'We're not doing hamburgers right now,' I would say: 'What the hell are you talking about? That's what you do,'" Greenberg said. "We made the wrong assumption and corrected it within a couple of weeks."

"What I heard loud and clear on social media and from friends was: 'Greeny, we put on ESPN because we want the sports.'" February was the 12th consecutive month of ratings growth for the show, which airs from 7 to 9 a.m. Chicago time.

"I asked (fellow Northwestern alumnus) Seth Meyers: How long did it take before you felt like you really knew what you were trying to do on 'Late Night'? He said two years," Greenberg said. "I think it took us a year to where I thought: What we're doing is right; now we just have to get better at it. If you and I are having this conversation 12 months from now, hopefully we'll be much better still."

More from our conversation with Greenberg:

Do you feel your role has changed at all during the pandemic?

We had these conversations after 9/11 and after (the U.S.) invaded Afghanistan. My thinking: If you're turning on your television to ESPN, it is because you want an escape from that. You want to get away, whether it's 10 minutes or, God bless you, the whole two hours. That's my job and our job, to provide that respite.

And it's only appropriate during this time to point out there are freaking heroes among us. Right now if I walked into a room and someone sneezed, I would get uneasy. You have doctors and nurses and EMTs who are doing their jobs in the most unimaginable conditions. It only feels appropriate to acknowledge that.

Your conversation April 3 with Doris Burke was touching. She was amazing on your air.

I exchanged notes with her right when I first heard she had been diagnosed (positive for the coronavirus). By the time the world knew about it, she was already doing much better. But the unknown is frightening. I think you heard her talking as a parent. *I'm fine but I have this fear: Is this going to end differently for someone that I really care about?* And I think that's probably how most of us feel right now.

I think people feel they can come on our show and be their authentic selves. They're not going to be asked a couple of quick formula questions and go. It was a memorable conversation.

As was Dan Orlovsky's hummus joke Monday. (Orlovsky's joke was: My ex-girlfriend tried to steal my hummus once. I told that chick peace.)

That is Dan to a T. He's such a sweet guy, and if you follow his social media, you see he's got four little kids in his house with triplets. I will confess, I love hummus. So I had all these things in my head I wanted to say because I am a firm believer that hummus is the world's best sandwich spread. If you give me a turkey sandwich and I'm offered mustard or mayo, I will ask: Do you have hummus? That's what I wanted to say, but he threw me off completely with that joke.

With the NFL draft approaching, you had a lot of practice pronouncing Tua Tagovailoa's last name.

He's 22-2 as a starter and that doesn't even count his most memorable game, which of course was the three touchdowns he threw to win the championship in '18. As far as risk-reward, he's one of the most interesting storylines I can remember in recent draft memory. Would I be willing to bet my children's college tuition that he will be healthy? My answer is no, but I'll root like crazy for him and everyone who has a chance to make a living.



PRESLEY ANN/TNS

"I don't think it does anybody any good for me to go on TV and say: Hey, I don't think we're going to have sports again for a really long time. What purpose is that serving? I am going to be optimistic because it costs the same as being pessimistic. But I'm also going to be realistic. I'm not going to lie to my audience."

— Mike Greenberg

How much has the NFL bailed us all out?

I've seen criticism saying it's bad optics to be carrying on as though it's business as usual. My response to that would be, so long as they are not diverting doctors, nurses, EMTs, police officers, anyone like that from doing their jobs, I think they should carry on. And certainly in providing content for broadcasters and writers and all of us who cover sports, that kind of entertainment and diversion for people who are sports fans, I think they're doing the right thing by holding the draft when they are (April 23-25).

Who should our Jets take?

I want the Jets to build an offensive line. They also need an explosive playmaker on the outside. So if there's a D'Brickshaw Ferguson at 11, please take him. If not, a Jerry Jeudy or CeeDee Lamb kind of receiver.

When did this all become real for you? For me it was covering the Big Ten Tournament and seeing Fred Hoiberg get sick and getting the news of Nebraska's players being quarantined.

I have quite a few friends who do business in China and I've been hearing about this for months. I remember reading about all those passengers who were on that cruise ship and I had long conversations with friends in mid-February. It was clear to me and a lot of people that this had the potential to be very disruptive.

From an American sports perspective, one night I went to sleep and we had an NBA season, and the next morning I looked at my phone and the headline was: NBA suspends season.

What has been the quote-unquote best thing to come out of this for you?

My daughter, Nikki, went from living her very independent life at Northwestern to being with her parents 24 hours a day. I don't know that this has been great for her, but she and I have taken a long walk literally every day since she's been home. We talk about anything and everything: What were your three favorite TV shows growing up? Tell me about your new friends and sorority sisters. When do you declare a major?

My son, Stephen, is also home all the time. We have not allowed them to hang out with friends or anything. We have taken shelter-in-place very seriously. In Connecticut it's been no joke. We live in Westport, and that was one of the first hot spots. We're watching shows we liked watching when our kids were growing up: "Modern Family," "Glee," "Hannah Montana," "The Suite Life of Zack and Cody," "iCarly." It's been fun.

I'm driving home now and the first thing I'll ask Nikki is, when is our walk?

You are a celebrated metrosexual. Who is doing your hair?

No one is doing my hair or makeup. I am all alone. Our show unit is normally 18 people — not counting the on-air people. The objective is to have as many people as possible do their jobs from home, so we have only three (on site in Bristol, Conn.). It's unlike any on-air experience I've ever had. The least of it is that we don't have hair and makeup. I know how to do it. I started at CLTV, and we didn't have anyone doing our hair and makeup then. But trying to put together a compelling television show under these circumstances has been a wonderful challenge, and I think we are doing a really good show.

Did the show move to Bristol to make the production potentially smoother or because New York is a corona hot spot?

All of the above. It just made sense.

The other day you lost Buster Olney's audio. You rolled with it.

I think we just accept that now. If three months ago I'm talking to Buster Olney and we can't get the signal to work and I can't hear what he's saying, I would be upset about it. Right now everyone gets it. The audience recognizes we're doing the best we can with what we have.

And this is where experience comes in. I started hosting shows in 1995 on CLTV and I've been on air just about every day since. There are very few things that can happen that I won't be fine with. If the biggest problem we have in a given day is that Buster's signal goes down, that's a pretty good day.

You showed Korean baseball players Monday in an empty stadium with many players wearing masks. Can you envision that here?

We better because I think it's the most realistic possibility. Here is the position I've taken: I don't think it does anybody any good for me to go on TV and say: Hey, I don't think we're going to have sports again for a really long time. What purpose is that serving? I am going to be optimistic because it costs the same as being pessimistic. But I'm also going to be realistic. I'm not going to lie to my audience.

I believe the most realistic option is that sports come back without (live) audiences. Let's start with a tennis match. That strikes me as the easiest thing to do. Two competitors, a couple of line judges, a couple of ball kids, if you even need those, and some security. It will be a lot easier to get those people somewhere than to put 20,000 people in Arthur Ashe Stadium. Golf is another one, a non-contact sport that's easier to bring back. Have the competitors tested and all that without crowds.

So that's why I was so excited about the story that Jeff (Passan) and Alden (Gonzalez) did. I really want to give our audience an idea of what sports will look like when they come back. I will be delighted to watch golf, tennis, baseball, basketball, whatever it is that they could come back with. The sooner the better. I'm all-in. I think bringing sports back will be extraordinarily good for psyche.

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Sarah Cobey of the University of Chicago's Department of Ecology and Evolution is part of a team working on modeling for the coronavirus pandemic. Here in her South Loop apartment with her dog Copper.

Longing to return to theaters, shows?

Home groan: Chicago ecologists are working to let us know when we'll enjoy our 'normal' activities

BY CHRISTOPHER BORRELLI

Sarah Cobey, like you, isn't sleeping. She is working from home, and by now the routine has become fairly predictable: She wakes up and does a little yoga, she showers and pours a cup of tea, she logs into work and then she stays there, for a long, long while. Her makeshift office is in the guest bedroom of her South Loop apartment, overlooking the lake. She conducts about eight Zoom meetings, every day, and her days, these days, have been running from early morning until midnight.

Because Cobey is working to get you back to work, school, concerts, brunch, theater, church, birthday parties, book signings and binge shopping — you remember socializing?

So, she is creating something you've heard about. She is creating predictive models. Which she then presents to the governor's office so they can decide ultimately when you no longer have to stay home, attend school in pajamas or work in a guest bedroom. She is predicting the impact on hospitals, and even the amount of supplies those hospitals might need. She is pooling and

assessing data, running it through models and saying, do this, this and this — or don't do this, this and this — and this happens and life returns. She, along with a group of current or former lab members from University of Chicago, specifically the Department of Ecology and Evolution, are running scenarios, daily, constantly, to understand how coronavirus will spread or ebb, depending on the conditions.

The questions they're fielding, and concerns they're hearing, seem endless.

They, the state, the hospitals, the schools, the Lyric Opera, the Hideout, Chicago Comics — us — everyone wants to know a lot of stuff. The state, in particular, wants to know: if social distancing is working; if we social-distance until this date, will things get better; how soon before we can reopen schools; how long before we can lift stay-at-home orders; how many hospital beds will Cook County need; how many ventilators; could restaurants open before stores, or could stores open before restaurants; without shelter-in-place, what happens to hospitals; if interventions stop, the death rate will do ... what?

Modeling is not the sexiest job, and often hard to grasp, but since we're all trying ...

"In an ideal world the average person would not have to think very deeply about (scientific) modeling," she says, "in a perfect world, for a crisis like this, that information would get parsed by someone charged with a

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LEON BENNETT/GETTY

Fran Drescher on acting: "There's a lot of rejection in this business and you really have to have a profound belief in yourself."

MY WORST MOMENT

'Nanny' may have found earlier level of 'Fame'

Drescher won part in latter series, then saw it disappear

BY NINA METZ

On the NBC comedy "Indebted," which airs its season finale this week, a late-in-middle-age married couple played by Fran Drescher and Steven Weber move in with their son and daughter-in-law, played by Adam Pally and Abby Elliott.

If Drescher had it her way, she would be cohabitating with extended family in real life as well.

"I would love my parents to come live with me," she said. "They don't want to, but I would love them to. When we go on vacation, I usually get a two-bedroom suite so we're all together."

"I like the experience of us being all together and living under one roof. I genuinely do."

During the coronavirus quarantine Drescher has been spending her days training her new dog and working on her next book, but she took a break from those activities last week to reunite with her old castmates from "The Nanny" for a Zoom-assisted table read of the show's 1993 pilot episode.

"It was a great show that became classic TV," Drescher said of "The Nanny's" continued popularity, especially via social media gifs.

But a decade before she would play the iconic nanny from Flushing, Queens, Drescher almost became a household name on another TV series — "Fame," based on the 1980 movie of the same name set at the New York High School of Performing Arts.

Alas, that job didn't quite work out as planned.

My worst moment ...

"Many years ago, I auditioned to play a student on the television series 'Fame.' I had to sing for the audition, and the feedback I got was that I was great. They loved me and I was going to be in it. And it was a big deal, really, because we had all seen the movie and loved it."

"They were actually going to work in a part for me that didn't already exist; I think I was going to play a beautiful student who maybe wasn't as talented or something, I don't know. So I got hired and it was all very exciting."

"In the pilot I was going to sing a song similar to the one in the audition. They told me to practice, learn this new song and sing it a couple of times with the music coordinator so that when it came time to shoot everything would go smoothly."

"When the day came for me to do my song, the director started screaming, 'Cut!' and came running onto the set. And I said, 'What's the matter?' And he said, 'What are you doing?' And I said, 'I'm singing. I practiced all week!'"

"And he said, 'No, we want you to sing off-key, like you did at the audition.'"

"(Laughs) And needless to say, they ended up not picking up my option."

Was Drescher able to sing it off-key in subsequent takes?

"No! I don't have an ear. But they shouldn't have ever put me through the motions of rehearsing with the musical director. You know, maybe nobody told him I was supposed to sing off-key because he got me to memorize it the right way. So it was really their bad."

"They should have told the musical director, 'We don't want her to sound

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SERIES REVIEW

'70s women's movements put into focus

FX's 'Mrs. America' examines dueling agendas of Schlafly, progressive liberal groups

BY MICHAEL PHILLIPS

Does the nine-part FX miniseries "Mrs. America," premiering Wednesday on Hulu, treat Phyllis Schlafly like a conservative downstate Illinois she-devil?

No, it doesn't. It couldn't sustain nearly nine hours of story if it did.

Nor does "Mrs. America" whitewash or romanticize what we know of Schlafly's words, actions and ideology from the historical record. It's safe to say this bracing, exceptionally crafty portrait of a savvy political organizer, the thwarted Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and a decade of warring women's movements, right and left, amounts to something rare. It is serious fun, full of wit, fully invested in the humanity and hypocrisies of everyone on view.

And judging from the first five episodes, it does all this without settling for bland neutrality — the enemy of all biopics.

"Mrs. America" boasts more first-rate actresses going to town than can possibly be praised in a single review without sounding like an FX press release. The directing team of Anna Boden and Ryan Fleck handle four of the nine episodes, including the first two.



SABRINA LANTOS/FX

Cate Blanchett plays conservative activist Phyllis Schlafly in the miniseries "Mrs. America," an FX original series premiering April 15 on Hulu.

Best known for "Mad Men," the creator and executive producer Dahvi Waller serves as showrunner and, for several episodes, screenwriter. Cate Blanchett, who anchors the project as Schlafly, is among the executive producer ranks as well. It's her show, but the story belongs to

many women.

"Panoramic" is one word for the 1970s; plain old "wide" is another, applying to so many particulars of the decade, from the AMC Pacer to men's shirt collars to

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CELEBRITIES

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Jon Bon Jovi sings to kindergartners

A Florida kindergarten teacher took his virtual classroom to new levels Monday when rock icon Jon Bon Jovi popped in on a lesson about life in the coronavirus pandemic.

Last month, the former Bon Jovi frontman released an incomplete version of "Do What You Can," a ballad about the nation's battle to contain the virus, and asked fans to submit verses to help complete it. Teacher Michael Bonick sent along his students' writings about being stuck at home.

"Mr. B got you guys writing, and I was very excited to hear that," Bon Jovi told the students, "because if you get to put your feelings down on paper, sometimes they'll turn into songs, sometimes they'll turn into stories, and you never know where it might lead you."

The singer has received thousands of proposals, some of which he works into performances of the song he broadcasts online from his New Jersey home.

As the 20 kindergartners and their parents watched, Bon Jovi strummed an acoustic guitar and sang out three kindergartners' writing prompts about life in quarantine, each one touching on themes of idleness and isolation.

Pitbull drops new 'anthem' to raise relief funds: Pitbull has a new song out with a message of hope and proceeds going toward coronavirus relief. On Monday, the new track, "I Believe That We Will Win (World Anthem)," was released, with lyrics that speak of not letting fear overcome you and coming together during difficult times. The Grammy Award winner, whose real name is Armando Christian Perez, said all the proceeds from the song will go to various charities around the world.



JORDAN STRAUSS/INVISION 2018

Jon Bon Jovi popped onto the laptop screens of Florida kindergartners Monday as part of their virtual class.

Zac Efron joins 'High School Musical' reunion: The original East High Wildcats will reunite Thursday for the "Disney Family Singalong" on ABC. And, yes, Troy Bolton, played by Zac Efron, will be there — sort of.

"High School Musical" director Kenny Ortega said ABC and former Disney CEO Bob Iger asked him to participate. He invited a few "High School Musical" friends — Vanessa Hudgens, Ashley Tisdale, Corbin Bleu, Lucas Grabeel and Monique Coleman — to join him for an updated rendition of "We're All in This Together," which has become somewhat of an anthem amid the coronavirus crisis. Efron was a little harder to reach, according to Ortega, but agreed last minute to send a message along for the program.

Alex Trebek memoir to debut July 21: Alex

Trebek, diagnosed last year with stage 4 pancreatic cancer, has written a memoir. Simon & Schuster announced Tuesday that "The Answer Is...: Reflections on My Life" will come out July 21, the day before his 80th birthday.

According to the publisher, the longtime "Jeopardy!" host will share "illuminating personal anecdotes" and other thoughts on a range of topics. "I want people to know a little more about the person they have been cheering on for the past year," Trebek writes in his book.

April 15 birthdays: Actress Lois Chiles is 73. Actor Sam McMurray is 68. Actress Emma Thompson is 61. Guitarist Ed O'Brien is 52. Singer Chris Stapleton is 42. Drummer Patrick Carney is 40. Actor Seth Rogen is 38. Actress Samira Wiley is 33. Actress Emma Watson is 30. Actress Maisie Williams is 23.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Mom's political rants create family rift

Dear Amy: My mom has gotten very political over the last four years. She posts up to 25 articles a day on social media, each one containing commentary about how deranged, stupid, unethical and/or ignorant the other side is.

While I lean toward the center, my views align toward the people she is calling deranged and stupid. She views "allowing" me to attend college as one of her greatest mistakes because they "brainwashed me" (I'm not even sure how that's possible). This university is an academically great school that's known to be at the other extreme of the political spectrum from her current position.

She also has regrets about my upbringing and not indoctrinating me toward her views.

I unfriended her on social media, as have many other family members who don't want to see her ranting. Because of her extreme views, we have almost no relationship anymore.

Now, she's telling people that she doesn't understand why I've cut her off (she used to enjoy seeing my pictures on social media). She also mentioned to my sister that it's sad that I won't talk politics with her. She doesn't see any correlation between her hourly rantings about how deranged my views are and my not wanting to be around her.

Is there anything I can do? Am I wrong for not wanting to subject myself to this?

— Annoyed

Dear Annoyed: My reaction is: Yep, you're good!

Look at it this way: If your mother posted 25 times a day about knitting, or cats, or her Lego projects — and then shamed you for not engaging with her specific interests at her volume and on her timetable, then you'd probably find it prudent to back away.

This might be less about political ranting than about ranting plus personal put-downs.

You're making rational choices about distancing yourself from someone who seems to have lost interest in you as a person.

In addition to this rational distancing on social media, you should very politely decline to engage with others who want to pass along your mother's views about you.

I do not think you should completely shut yourself off from your mother, however. I hope you will continue to contact her and attempt to engage in more neutral topics. (You could email her some of the same photos you are posting on social media.)

Nor do I think that you should declare politics off the table.

However, if she escalates into "ranting," you can say, "Well, Mom, I've enjoyed our conversation, but it looks like you're done listening, so I'll catch up with you later."

Dear Amy: My husband and I now have our three young-adult children living with us — all refugees from living in densely populated cities where we all believe they would have been more at risk for contracting COVID-19.

We live in a suburban

area and (so far) have not dealt with many severe cases of the virus in our county.

Our problem seems dumb, considering how serious things are right now, but my husband and I are both working full time from our home offices, while our kids have all (unfortunately) been furloughed from their jobs.

We understand that they have all been very thrown by recent events, but overall — as a group — they aren't stepping up at home.

I end my workday and enter the main part of the house to be greeted by three adults, all lounging and comfy, and waiting for dinner. The sink is full of snacking dishes. You get the picture.

What can we do to turn this around?

— Overworked

Dear Overworked: It's time to have a family meeting.

Because of the (so-far) fairly open-ended aspect of our mutual national confinement, you should all assume that it will last longer than you think. This is not a vacation. It is not spring break from college. This is real life.

Develop a chore chart. Ask people to volunteer for various tasks, including cooking dinner, on a schedule. Tell them all quite clearly that they have until 5 p.m. to lie in their own filth, but that at the end of each workday, you expect to emerge from your office into a tidy house.

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Ecologists

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public health response, and the state has shown some leadership there — they are synthesizing the competing models and trying to present the best information. But — you know, everyone is just scrambling right now.”

She sighs, she looks worried.

She runs a University of Chicago lab that focuses, in more normal times, on the co-evolution of pathogens and their hosts; she considers stuff like the spread of influenza across age groups, how vaccination affects transmission and how immunity impact the evolution of influenza. All of their work is being done remotely now. Her coronavirus team of 10, in their late 20s and 30s — picture Ph.D.s on laptops, in dining-room tables and bedrooms across Chicago (and California) — are handling data, not COVID-19 patients. They are building mathematical models to test hypothetical coronavirus situations. Cobey is quick to note: “We’re not the ones out there with the highest risk to health, we’re not doctors and nurses.”

At the same time, she adds, “it does get challenging, reading in newspapers about misguided ideas about pandemics, and seeing officials talking about models — like certain ones touted by this White House — and wondering how we are fitting into actual policy.”

Not to mention, said Jaline Gerardin, an assistant professor of preventive medicine at Northwestern University, deadlines for predictive models “always seem to be yesterday.”

Gerardin runs another, smaller team modeling virus transmission and providing scenarios to the state, Illinois Department of Public Health and Northwestern hospitals. There are actually a handful of groups in Illinois producing predictive models, including at Argonne National Laboratory and Nigel Goldenfeld and Sergei Maslov from the physics department at University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. And they are all being asked similar questions:

“Last week they wanted to know the number of ventilators we’ll need,” Gerardin said. “This week they will want to know



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Sylvia Ranjeva is a member of a team of ecologists and epidemiologists at the University of Chicago who are building predictive modeling that will help the state decide when to lift the stay-at-home order. The team members are all working from their homes.

about procuring supplies, going as far in advance as we can tell them to act. Then there’s that much hazier question of when they can lift social-distancing.”

Cobey’s team is modeling about a month into the future, sometimes longer. And again, they’re not always certain how their work is being interpreted by bureaucracies. But the fact that a phrase like “flattening the curve,” born out of a data-based, epidemiological principle, “is so commonplace now in culture is actually pretty encouraging,” said Sylvia Ranjeva, a member of Cobey’s team. “It speaks to how people are trying to understand things, and how a lot of work that goes into fighting a virus does go on under the table.”

Cobey is best described as an epidemiologist, mathematical ecologist, evolutionary biologist. She works with computations to understand the relationship between viral diseases and people. She grew up in Silicon Valley, and when I ask how someone gets interested in mathematical ecology, she appears stumped by the question, as if answers are obvious.

“I suppose I was just excited by the realization

that pathogens, undoubtedly a source of suffering in the world, evolve incredibly fast, and that our own day-to-day evolutions affect that evolution. So this is a way to do good. And there is so much to study here. I would love to know, for instance, what is regulating the diversity of flus in the world. We don’t even understand yet why a flu starts and why a flu ends.” As she once told NPR, “I’m really interested in the question of whether we can drive the flu extinct in humans.”

Cobey is not the only mathematical ecologist, of course. Among her department colleagues at the University of Chicago, Greg Dwyer also focuses on the evolution of pathogens, though with an emphasis on insects. (He’s one of the country’s leading researchers on the boom-and-bust cycles of gypsy moths.) He said that Cobey “realized before a lot of people just how important, and biologically realistic, computational epidemiology can become. To the extent that expertise like that may go unrecognized by the public during a pandemic? Your guess is as good as mine. But I think someone like Sarah, she’s probably feeling she has been preparing

a lifetime for this moment.”

Indeed, Cobey said by late January, “everyone in my field knew what would happen.” She said “spillover events” — watersheds in epidemiology when a virus spills into a population (though doesn’t necessarily transmit) — “are hard to predict but those who study them had a coronavirus at the top of their lists.” She remembers sitting in on a meeting between modeling groups and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and seeing the magnitude. She contacted the provost’s office at her university, sent messages to the Chicago Department of Public Health — she was alarmed at how delayed the response was. (She said that the Department of Public Health didn’t respond to her for a couple of weeks.)

After Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker mentioned the modeling (from UIUC’s physics department) that helped inform his order for a state quarantine, Cobey gathered another modeling team, one with a background in infectious diseases from the Department of Ecology and Evolution.

How, you might wonder, does ecology and evolution inform disease control?

The simplest explana-

tion, Cobey said, is to consider the flu, and that we are asked annually to get vaccinated because strains evolve quickly, and that a large part of ecology is the study of the dynamics that move and shape interacting populations of living things, including us.

The trouble with this coronavirus, at least now, is that we still don’t know basic information about it. Dwyer said “a pandemic can play like a hideous experiment, but one you learn from.”

So, for the time being, Cobey and Co., spread throughout across the city — the South Loop, Uptown, Hyde Park — meet each morning on Zoom, then pick away at the future.

They question the assumptions built naturally into predictive modeling.

They discuss other models, outlooks, that day’s priorities, the next day’s hopes. Earlier this week, at their regular meeting, they looked stunned and exhausted. As much data as they are receiving — often a patchwork of aggregated information from official sources such as hospitals and health departments — methods of gathering and conveying data are spotty. Frank Wen, who was a Ph.D student in Cobey’s lab

and now works on data for her, said they still don’t know enough about who’s dying at home or changes made in who gets tested.

“It’s also just hard to figure out what is going on the start of an epidemic,” he said, “there are fewer data points, but gradually as (an epidemic) goes on, that picture gets clearer.”

Phil Arevalo, a postdoctoral researcher for Cobey, said the result is so many competing ideas that “I’ve heard someone say this is what climate scientists feel like all the time.”

They don’t know how long they’ll be doing this.

Maybe weeks, maybe months. They suspect that you want to know the future. They get asked for quick takeaways. Cobey, asked for the future, says it’ll be great if they find out (and they expect to find out) that sheltering in place is slowing the pace of transmission. “But as for the future, and how much life returns to normal, I’m worried, right now, it’s very little.” You can hear a wariness in her voice, and maybe the slightest of hopes for all of this to be over.

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Moment

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good. Let her just learn the song and don’t correct her.”

“That’s a true story. And I was very taken aback because I thought I did well in the audition. But I did well in a bad way and that’s what they wanted me to preserve. Nobody told me that, though.

“It was a disappointment. But I never felt like I was an ensemble player and I never felt like I wanted to make a career out of playing a teenager; I was already in my 20s and married.

“So I was in the pilot, but I really didn’t have that much to do and I didn’t get picked up to do the series, which I’m actually very grateful about because it’s really hard to play a teenager when you’re an adult. And the show ended up going for a couple of years (it ran for six seasons from 1982-1987), so I was better off skipping over that.”

How did Drescher push through the rejection?

“Well there was another one, even earlier. I was cast as the daughter in ‘The In-Laws’ (from 1979). And the director called me and said, ‘We’re going to have to let you go. It’s not working for us.’ And that time I was absolutely devastated. I couldn’t get out of my bathrobe for two weeks.

“It was about a year later, I was at a party and the casting director for the movie was there. She said, ‘If it’s any consolation, the stars of the movie thought you were too funny.’ It made me feel vindicated that they were threatened



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Fran Drescher and Charles Shaughnessy in “The Nanny.”

by my comedic skills.

“My manager’s husband was a well-known character actor at the time, Allan Rich, (and he) told me a story about an actor that was performing on stage, or rehearsing, for a play. And the director said, ‘I don’t know what you’re doing calling yourself an actor, but this isn’t working. Pack your things. I have to replace you.’

“That actor was Lawrence Olivier. And that kind of recalibrated my perspective.”

The takeaway ...

“I feel like you’re going to be challenged in your career as an actor. There’s a lot of rejection in this business and you really have to have a profound belief in yourself.

“I was watching ‘Ameri-

can Idol’ and there was this girl, very cute but not the greatest singer. They let her go through from the first audition because she seemed to have something, but she didn’t make it past the next thing.

“Afterwards, they always interview some of the people who were rejected and she said, ‘Well, if they were judging me on performing instead of singing, I’d still be in it. I know that I’m a star and I’m going to make it and somebody’s going to know how to harness my talent.’

“And you know, she may end up making it! Because she has the kind of fortitude and tenacity and belief in herself that one needs — probably even more than supreme talent.”

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FX

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everyone’s hair. The FX miniseries covers a wide swath, dealing with how ’70s politics and culture were shaped by the frustrated efforts to ratify the ERA, which enjoyed broad support from Richard M. Nixon on down.

In Alton, Illinois, we meet Schlafly, her lawyer husband (John Slattery) and their six kids. Six is a key number here; dinner each night is at six, sharp.

Schlafly’s own political ambitions have been blocked six ways till Sunday, until she strikes gold with her self-printed and distributed newsletter attacking the ERA as a sinister movement against traditional, patriarchal gender roles and decent, God-fearing homemakers everywhere.

In New York, meantime, Ms. magazine gets going in late 1971, with Gloria Steinem at the helm. Rose Byrne plays her, with a major assist from a major wig. Steinem’s a conspicuous example of the “libbers” Schlafly is up against.

The FX series does an unusually deft job of toggling between Schlafly’s political rise on the national scene and the key characters in Steinem’s orbit, the founders of the National Women’s Political Caucus. Among them: U.S. Representative Bella Abzug (Margo Martindale, fabulously dry in her zingers); ’72 presidential candidate Shirley Chisholm (laser-focused Uzo Aduba); and “Feminine Mystique” author Betty Friedan (Tracey Ullman), a

passionate, short-tempered pain when it comes to coalition-building.

What I admire about “Mrs. America” from a writing standpoint is that it doesn’t reduce the Schlaflys to caricature. It allows Schlafly some complexity, at least emotional.

There’s a fine scene in episode one when Schlafly meets with her old mentor Barry Goldwater and other Washington power brokers, and within seconds she’s reduced in status to the role of stenographer while the men work out matters of national security policy. Blanchett comes close to overstressing that moment of casual humiliation, but not quite. It’s a period piece, and she stays mostly in period because the real Schlafly would have done so.

Full disclosure: Sometimes Blanchett is a little much for me, even when she’s as good as she is here. Her dazzling technical facility as a performer sometimes renders her characterizations as slightly mannered, as if performing in a ’70s idea of a Restoration comedy. Byrne’s offhand charisma courts a different problem: a lack of emotional differentiation and rhythmic change-ups.

Even so, this is one miniseries where the contrasting, enormous personalities actually feel as if they belong to the same project. The cast is full of sly comic wizards, fierce dramatic pros and performers who can switch from one mode to another in a look or a pause.

I suppose first among equals belongs to Ullman’s withering Friedan. The actress has been stealing

scenes her entire career, but here she eases up and into a prickly character’s soul.

We know where the story is heading. This is a challenging biopic in that it challenges its antiheroine’s perspective throughout without denying how it helped shape modern conservatism.

The series gets its juice and spirit from the thrill of community organizing and grassroots politicking, liberal and conservative, straight and gay, white and black. Laced with archival footage of the time, Boden and Fleck’s direction works simply and well. Schlafly’s life and surroundings are depicted visually with a fixed camera and neat, sharp compositions, while the Steinem/Chisholm/Abzug/Friedan scenes are handheld, swirling, but not in a way that distracts.

You could call the results “The Plot Against America,” if that particular title hadn’t already been taken: Schlafly and Steinem view one another as the culprit hatching the plot against their country. The last book Schlafly co-wrote before her death in 2016 was “The Conservative Case for Trump.”

We all live in different Americas. “Mrs. America” is a first-rate dramatization of recent social and political history, and of just how wide the gaps between our Americas were, are — and maybe always will be.

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BONUS PUZZLE PAGE

An extra array of word games, search, Jumble and other tests to help you pass the time at home

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WORD SEARCH

LET'S DANCE

Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, even diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.

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BOGGLE



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ACROSS

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- 5 Ames and Asner
- 8 "The Oh in ___"; film for Parker Posey
- 9 "Tic Tac ___"; game show of old
- 12 "Siskel & ___"
- 13 Geraldo
- 14 Big ___; 18-wheelers
- 15 "The ___ Show with Stephen Colbert"
- 16 "The ___ Arden Show"
- 18 Not long ___; recently
- 19 Buzzi of "Laugh-In"
- 20 Prepares Easter eggs
- 21 "___ Who's Talking"; John Travolta/Kirstie Alley film
- 23 "The Man Who ___ There"; Billy Bob Thornton movie
- 24 Headfirst plunge
- 25 ___ Turner
- 26 James ___ of "Benson"
- 28 Alda or Rickman
- 29 "The Crazy ___"; Robin Williams series
- 30 "___ Away"; movie for Tom Hanks
- 32 "One Day ___ Time"

DOWN

- 35 Street paver's goo
- 36 Actress Markie
- 37 "The ___ Ant Show"; cartoon series of old
- 38 "The Night of the ___"; Richard Burton film
- 40 Marcia of "Desperate Housewives"
- 41 Q's followers
- 42 "When My Baby Smiles ___"; Betty Grable movie
- 43 Actor Ron ___
- 44 "___ sow, so shall ye reap"
- 1 Jane Wyman western drama film
- 2 Series for George Segal
- 3 Broadcasts
- 4 Go bad
- 5 "All in the Family" role
- 6 "Lonesome ___"; Robert Duvall miniseries
- 7 Johnny Cash's "A Boy Named ___"
- 10 Medical drama series
- 11 Refuge
- 12 Historical period
- 13 Long-tailed rodent
- 15 ___ Skywalker; Mark Hamill role
- 17 Suffix for bold or cold
- 19 Karl ___; TV political analyst
- 20 Plato or Carvey
- 22 Lubricates
- 23 Mr. Disney
- 25 "___ Man Standing"
- 26 "What ___ to Wear"
- 27 Walking ___; elated
- 30 Game show host Bert
- 31 "Not ___ Stranger"; Frank Sinatra movie
- 33 "We're off ___ the Wizard..."
- 34 Mornings, for short
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- 37 Carney and Garfunkel
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- 40 Pres. Arthur's initials

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Find all the words from the word list (ignore spaces and dashes, if any):

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WATCH THIS: WEDNESDAY



Will Arnett

"LEGO Masters" (8:01 p.m., FOX): Eliminated contestants return, joined by friends and loved ones of the two remaining duos, as they go head-to-head to create the most impressive builds yet, as Season 1 culminates in the "Finals." Both teams have proven they had the right stuff to get this far, but now only one duo will get to take home the cash prize, the ultimate LEGO trophy and the grand title of LEGO Masters. Will Arnett is the host.

"Chicago Med" (7 p.m., NBC): Fans who have been thinking Dr. Crockett Marcel's (Dominic Rains) backstory has quite a few holes in it may start to get some answers in the new episode "A Needle in the Heart," which sees a pair of detectives from New Orleans arriving in Chicago, with a few questions for the good doctor about his years in the Big Easy. Elsewhere, Dr. Charles (Oliver Platt) has some paternal advice for his young daughter.

"Married at First Sight" (7 p.m., 10:03 p.m., 11:01 p.m., 2:04 a.m., Lifetime): Season 10 of this unique social experiment comes to a close in a finale called "Until Decision Day Do We Part," as all five couples sit down with the panel of experts to decide whether to stay married or begin divorce proceedings. As they reflect on their experience, some couples have their eyes set on their future, while others are determined to find some elusive answers about the past.

"Chicago Fire" (8 p.m., NBC): When one of 51's own members gets injured on a dangerous call, Severide (Taylor Kinney) becomes unduly obsessed with helping out in a new episode called "51's Original Bell." Meanwhile, Foster (Annie Ilonze) ponders a major decision, while Kidd (Miranda Mayo) is becoming concerned about one of her high-school trainees.

"American Housewife" (8 p.m., ABC): This acclaimed family sitcom inherits the hallowed time period previously occupied by the dearly departed "Modern Family" starting with tonight's new episode "All Is Fair in Love and War Reenactment" in which Katie (Katy Mixon) encourages youngest child Anna-Kat (Julia Butters) to start standing up for herself with big sister Taylor (Meg Donnelly).

"What We Do in the Shadows" (9 p.m., 10:03 p.m., 12:07 a.m., FX): A breakout hit in its first season, this wild horror comedy series returns for its sophomore session that will deal with the big revelation in last season's cliffhanger: Guillermo (Harvey Guillen), the put-upon mortal minion of the show's vampire characters, is a distant descendant of fabled vampire hunter Abraham Van Helsing.

TALK SHOWS

"Conan" (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Comic-actor Russell Brand.*

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): Singer Pharrell Williams; actress Millie Bobby Brown; best of Fallon.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): Shaquille O'Neal; astronaut Jessica Meir; Matt Berninger performs.*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live!" (10:35 p.m., ABC): TV host George Stephanopoulos.*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live!" (11:36 p.m., ABC): Celebrity guests and comedy skits.*

* Subject to change

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WEDNESDAY EVENING, APR. 15

	PM	MOVIES								
		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00		
BROADCAST	CBS 2	Survivor: "The Full Circle." (N) ©	Chicago Fire: "51's Original Bell." (N) ©	(8:01) SEAL Team: "Edge of Nowhere." (N)	Chicago P.D.: "Silence of the Night." (N) ©	S.W.A.T.: "Vice." (N) ©	News (N) ♦			
	NBC 5	Chicago Med: "A Needle in the Heart." (N) ©	Schooled (N) ©	Am Housewife (N)	Single Parents (N)	Who Wants to Be a Millionaire (N) ©	News at 10pm (N) ♦			
	ABC 7	The Goldbergs (N)	black-ish (N) ©	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	WGN News at Nine (N) ©	WGN News at Ten (N) ©			
	WGN 9	Alice ©	Alice ©	3's Comp. ©	3's Comp. ©	Johnny Carson ©	Coach ©			
	Antenna 9.2	† Closing Arguments (N)	Chicago Tonight (N)	Nature: "Naledi: One Little Elephant." ©	Blood Sugar Rising (N) ©					
	Court 9.3									
	PBS 11									
	CW 26.1	Riverdale (N) ©	Nancy Drew (N) ©	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©				
	The U 26.2	Dr. Phil ©	Tamron Hall ©	Steve Wilkos Show (N)	Cops ©					
	MeTV 26.3	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle	Green Acres	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett		
	H&I 26.4	Star Trek ©	Star Trek: Next	Star Trek: Deep Space 9	Star Trek					
	Bounce 26.5	In the Cut	Family Time	Deliver Us From Eva (R,'03)	LL Cool J. ©					
	FOX 32	The Masked Singer (N)	(8:01) LEGO Masters: "Finals." (N) ©	Fox 32 News at Nine (N)	Modern Family ©					
	Ion 38	Blue Bloods ©	Blue Bloods: "Mob Rules."	Blue Bloods ©	Blue Blood					
	Telem 40	Cennet (N) ©	La Doña (N) ©	Operación Pacifico (N) ©	Chicago (N)					
	MNT 44	Chicago P.D.: "Sanctuary."	Dateline: "Unspeakable."	Chicago						
	UniMas 60	¿Qué culpa tiene	Nosotr.	Nosotr.	Noticiero (N)	Vas con todo				
	WJVS 62	Salem Baptist Church	Joyce Meyer	Robison	Sin Piedad	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.			
	Univ 66	Ringo (N)	Amor eterno (N)	Sin miedo a la verdad	Noticias (N)					
CABLE	AE	Ghost Hunters ©	Ghost Hunters (N) ©	Ghost Stories (N)	Ghost					
	AMC	Major League (R,'89) ♦♦ Tom Berenger, Charlie Sheen. ©	The Karate Kid Part II ♦							
	ANIM	Lone Star Law: Uncuffed: "Alligator Showdown." (N)	Lone Star Law							
	BBCA	Ghost (PG-13,'90) ♦♦♦ Patrick Swayze, Demi Moore. ©	Outsiders ♦							
	BET	† When the Bough Breaks	Tyler Perry's Sistas (N)	Twenties (N)	Boomeran.	Sistas ♦				
	BIGTEN	Big Ten Elite ©	Ohio State	The Journey	BTN Football	in 60 ©				
	BRAVO	Real Housewives (Season Premiere) (N)	Summer House (N) ©	Real Housewives/Beverly	Watch (N)					
	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Cuomo Prime Time (N)	CNN Tonight (N)	Tonight (N) ♦					
	COM	South Park	South Park	South Park	Yankers (N)	Daily (N)				
	DISC	Expedition Unknown: Uncovered (N) ©		Legends of the Wild (N)	Expedition ♦					
	DISN	Bunk'd ©	Bunk'd ©	Raven	Roll With It	Gabby	Coop	Sydney-Max		
	E!	Botched ©	Botched ©	Botched ©	Funny Dnc					
	ESPN	† (6) 2009 NBA Finals		2010 NBA Finals From June 17, 2010. ♦						
	ESPN2	† ESPN Orig Rookie	Rookie	UFC Unleashed (N) ©	UFC 249 ♦					
	FNC	Tucker Carlson (N)	Hannity (N) ©	The Ingraham Angle (N)	Fox News					
	FOOD	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games (N)	Guy's Grocery Games	Grocery ♦					
	FREE	† National Treasure: Book	Motherland (N)	Motherland: Fort Salem	700 Club ♦					
	FX	† (6:30) Deadpool (R,'16) ♦♦♦ Ryan Reynolds. ©		What We Do (Season Premiere) (N)	Shadows ♦					
	HALL	Fashionably Yours (NR,'20)	Kendrick Sampson. ©	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls				
	HGTV	Property Brothers	Property Brothers (N)	Hunters (N)	Hunt Intl (N)	Celebrity ♦				
	HIST	Forged in Fire (N)	Forged in Fire (N)	Eating (N)	Eating	Forged ♦				
	HLN	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic				
	IFC	† (6:45) Caddyshack (R,'80) ♦♦ Chevy Chase. ©	Brockmire	(9:31) Caddyshack ♦♦♦						
	LIFE	Married at First Sight (Season Finale) (N) ©	Bride & Prejudice (N)	Married ♦						
	MSNBC	All In With (N)	Rachel Maddow Show (N)	The Last Word (N)	11th Hour (N)					
	MTV	The Challenge: "A Hard Jay's Night." (N)	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.				
	NATGEO	Borderforce USA: Bridges	Borderforce USA: Bridges	Borderforce USA (N) ©	Borderfor ♦					
	NBCSCH	Chicago Bulls Classic NBA Final, Game 6. From June 9, 1996.		Chicago Bulls Classic ♦						
	NICK	Danger	SpongeBob	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©			
	OVATION	† (6) Everybody's Fine ♦♦	The First Wives Club (PG,'96) ♦♦♦ Goldie Hawn, Bette Midler.							
	OWN	20/20 on OWN ©	20/20 on OWN ©	20/20 on OWN	20/20 ♦					
	OXY	† Method of a Serial Killer	License to Kill ©	Snapped ©	Snapped ♦					
PARMT	† (6) Tommy Boy (PG-13,'95) ♦♦ ©	Tommy Boy (PG-13,'95) ♦♦	Chris Farley. © ♦							
SYFY	† Mad Max	The Fast and the Furious (PG-13,'01) ♦♦	Vin Diesel.	(9:45) Lake Placid ♦♦ ♦						
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Full (N)	Conan ©				
TCM	Dark Victory (NR,'39) ♦♦♦ Bette Davis. ©		No Way Out (NR,'50) ♦♦ ♦							
TLC	My 600-Lb. Life: "Leneatha's Story." (N)		Dr. Pimple Popper	Save-Skin ♦						
TLN	Baptist	King	Focus on	The Three	Life Today	Prayer	Baptist ♦			
TNT	All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite (N) (Live) ©		Justice League (PG-13,'17) ♦♦ ♦							
TOON	Home Movie	Burgers	Burgers	Rick, Morty	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Family Guy			
TRAV	Ghost Adventures ©		True Terror (N)	True ♦						
TVL	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Two Men	Two Men	King			
USA	WWE NXT (N) (Live) ©		Law & Order: SVU	Law-SVU ♦						
VH1	Black Ink Crew (N) ©	Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out				
WE	Law & Order ©	Law & Order: "Ego." ©	Law & Order: "White Lie."	Law ♦						
WGN America	Married	Married	Married	Married	Married	Married	Married			
PREMIUM	HBO	Bridesmaids (R,'11) ♦♦♦ Kristen Wiig. ©	Insecure ©	(9:40) Westworld © ♦						
	HBO2	Westworld ©	Atlanta's Missing	The Little Stranger (R,'18) ♦♦ ♦						
	MAX	Enemy of the State (R,'98) ♦♦♦ Will Smith. ©	(9:15) Mr. Brooks (R,'07) ♦♦ ♦							
	SHO	Indecent Proposal (R,'93) ♦♦ Robert Redford.	Wild Things (R,'98) ♦♦ Kevin Bacon. ♦							
	STARZ	† Once Upon a Time	Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance ♦ ©	(9:38) Escape Room ♦						
STZNC	† Sicario-Soldado	In the Line of Fire (R,'93) ♦♦♦ Clint Eastwood.	Hellboy ♦							

Miss the Wiener's Circle?

Infamous Chicago hot dog stand serves up profane, funny 'Wiener's Circle News'

BY JENNIFER DAY

If the constant stream of news about the novel coronavirus is getting to you, click over to The Wiener's Circle News. In a little over a minute featuring no fewer than 18 words unsuitable for a family newspaper, a video posted on YouTube by the notorious North Side hot dog stand, with its staffers as news anchors, makes quick work of our current moment. The staffers upbraid White House adviser Jared Kushner, invoke Mayor Lori Lightfoot's social distancing memes and mock reports of athletes making cookies with their kids since "there ain't no (ex-

pletive) sports anymore!"

The video (filled with profanities) can be found on the new Wiener's Circle TV channel. Poochie Jackson, a 22-year Wiener's Circle veteran, leads the faux broadcast with advice for Kushner, which includes "stop using so much Botox."

The nearly 40-year-old Wiener's Circle is known for serving up hot dogs with a steaming side of insults. It's also used its sign on North Clark Street to troll celebrities and politicians from both sides of the aisle; President Donald Trump has offered a lot of material. David Kaplan, asset manager of The Wiener's Circle, said the hec-

toring is equal opportunity and that the restaurant itself is neutral.

"It's a funhouse mirror that warps the reflection of the world," he said. "Our goal is not to pick sides."

Jackson, reached at home by phone, said her riff in the video was unscripted. "I'm just not a politics person, but now this stuff is going on, it's got me more aware," she said. "Botox is to keep your face from being wrinkled, but at the end of the day, once a person reaches a certain age, you cannot stop it. Now you're running around looking crazy. ... It looks like he has a bad headache."

Kaplan said the video evolved during a brainstorming session with Catherine Merritt, CEO of the Evanston-based mar-

keting and communications firm Spool. Merritt, Kaplan and Ari Levy — one of the five investors who bought the Lincoln Park stand in 2015 — all frequented The Wiener's Circle during high school.

Merritt said she called in Steve Delahoyde, a local filmmaker and producer who had been posting weather reports during the coronavirus lockdown delivered by his children. Jackson and co-workers Cheyanne Ford and Yolanda Smiley taped their segments at home. Delahoyde edited and added graphics.

"This has been so damn fun," Merritt said, adding that she told Kaplan, "I may not even end up invoicing you at the end of the day. This has been a beacon of light in these crazy times."



THE WIENER'S CIRCLE NEWS CHANNEL

The Wiener's Circle News video can be found on YouTube.

Given the response — nearly 14,000 page views over a holiday weekend with no paid promotion — Kaplan said he's inclined to continue.

Anyone craving a Wiener's Circle hot dog will have to wait a while, though. The restaurant shuttered in March and will likely remain closed as long as social distancing orders remain in place. Kaplan said they are con-

tinuing to pay Wiener's Circle staff during the shutdown.

In the meantime, Jackson offered this advice: "Everybody stay in the house. This stuff is serious," she said. "And just know that no one is welcome in my house. Just stay in your own (expletive) house. And be safe."

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TV doctors step into bigger spotlight

Medical correspondents working overtime during coronavirus crisis

BY ELIZABETH WAGMEISTER
Variety

Hollywood's new normal means movie theaters are closed across the country, 120,000 crew members have lost their jobs and production has shut down. Most individuals within the entertainment business are out of work. If they're lucky, they're forced to work from home.

But for TV doctors, times have never been busier.

What the Super Bowl is to sports broadcasters, the coronavirus crisis is to medical correspondents — except they're not in it for ratings, advertising dollars or entertainment value: Television doctors are working overtime to educate their viewers and keep audiences calmly informed

during the biggest global pandemic in history.

"It's a little bit like internship in medicine, which was actually the busiest time in my life," Dr. Mehmet Oz says of his schedule in light of the coronavirus. "Swine flu was not close to this — even Katrina was not close to this," he says of the devastating 2015 New Orleans hurricane that he covered on the ground when he was a regular contributor on Oprah Winfrey's show.

As news organizations scramble to add more hours of COVID-19-related programming, viewership is surging, signaling the public's desperate desire for continuous information on the deadly virus. The three broadcast networks are seeing the highest ratings in more than 15 years

for their nightly newscasts, with ABC's David Muir, NBC's Lester Holt and CBS' Norah O'Donnell all breaking records. In March, Fox News clocked its highest viewership of 2020, and its town hall about the virus, which aired in the middle of the day when viewers typically aren't home, brought in 4.4 million viewers, making it the largest town hall in cable news history. CNN's viewership is up more than 150% from last year, while MSNBC has seen a 45% increase.

With widespread interest, news programs have put the spotlight on their medical correspondents, who typically don't get much airtime.

At ABC News, chief medical correspondent Dr. Jennifer Ashton, an OB-GYN with her own practice in New Jersey, has become the network's most in-demand star and a household face. Most days, Ash-

ton wakes up with viewers on "Good Morning America" and addresses them before they go to sleep on "Nightline," with back-to-back appearances in between on "World News Tonight," the digital livestream "ABC News Live," affiliate hits, podcast recordings, radio interviews and the network's new daytime series, "Pandemic: What You Need to Know," anchored by Amy Robach.

"What has been dramatic with this story is my coverage on other ABC shows. The requests from other shows have been massive and unprecedented," Ashton says of appearing on programs such as "The View" and "Live With Kelly and Ryan."

With so much information to go around, networks are cross-pollinating in a way they never would have before in the competitive fight for ratings.

"I'm touched deeply by

how much coronavirus has forced people to wake up to the realities of life and breakdown the barriers," Oz says. "I was talking to a very senior leader at Fox about doing a show that would involve me participating in a different network, that would involve me going on a different platform, that I normally wouldn't do, and he said, 'We are all in this together. You go do what you need to do.' Every other executive and producer I've spoken to has said the same thing," Oz says, noting that both Ashton and his friend Dr. Sanjay Gupta, the chief medical correspondent at CNN, recently appeared on his syndicated show.

As America's most plugged-in medical experts during this time, TV doctors have turned to politics. In early March, Gupta was one of four medical correspondents who met with Vice President Mike Pence

to discuss the crisis, along with Dr. Michael Chrupain, the medical unit chief of staff at "The Dr. Oz Show," and Dr. Jonathan LaPook, the chief medical correspondent at CBS News.

With many medical professionals turning to virtual business, people are increasingly looking to TV doctors as trusted experts. "Being informationally embedded in this has become a necessity. Unlike any other story, this has evolved and changed literally by the hour," Ashton says. "It's made it absolutely imperative that someone knows what's going on."

"The most important thing I do is to serve as field guide — you don't have to know everything, but my biggest job is to tell you what you need to know and what you don't need to know," Oz says of the unparalleled interaction with his 1 million social media followers.

Horoscopes



Today's birthday (April 15): Enjoy your career blastoff this year. Work closely with talented teams. Summer trips could change direction with all roads leading to home and family. Take advantage of changing markets before winter creative challenges lead you toward bold discoveries.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Friends provide essential support with an unexpected change. Experience pays off. Share support and adapt together.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 8. Career opportunities flow through your networks. Keep communication channels open. Share support where you can.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 7. An obstacle may block the road. Reassess the situation. Communication unlocks many doors. Find another way to get where you want to go.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. Changes necessitate budget revisions. Travel or transportation delays could alter your cash flow rate and velocity. Confirm intuition with data.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Coordinate and strategize with your partner to manage a challenge. Keep your cool. Focus on short-term essentials. Collaborate and pull together for the common good.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 9. Physical action gets results. Don't push past a limitation or risk accidents. Talk with respected coaches for effective treatments and strategies.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Relax and enjoy time with people you love. An obstacle may block the action. Change plans to adapt. Communication is your lucky key.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 7. Domesticity proves seductive. Savor lounging with family, sharing something delicious. Reduce stress or worry at home; hunker down with a great story and food.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Get into creative projects. Stick to what you know works, for now. Practice your skills and talents. Polish your communications with powerful words and images.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. You can resolve a financial challenge. Monitor the budget and stay in communication with partners, vendors and creditors. Discipline pays off.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Personal circumstances could change, requiring quick action. Take charge for the result you want. Get help when needed. Avoid risky business.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 7. Allow yourself time to process a transition or change. Enjoy nostalgic reflection. Indulge your favorite rituals. Meditate on the outcomes you would love to see.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn



Bliss By Harry Bliss



Bridge

North-South vulnerable, South deals

North		East	
♠ 76	♠ A Q 9 2	♠ A Q 9 2	♠ 8 7
♥ J 10 9	♥ 8 7	♥ 8 7	♥ Q 9 8 6 3
♦ 2	♦ Q 9 8 6 3	♦ Q 9 8 6 3	♦ 10 3
♣ K 9 8 7 6 4 2	♣ 10 3	♣ 10 3	♣ 10 3
South		West	
♠ K J 10 8	♠ 5 4 3	♠ 5 4 3	♠ 5 4 3
♥ A K 6 4 2	♥ Q 5 3	♥ Q 5 3	♥ Q 5 3
♦ J 10 7 4	♦ A K 5	♦ A K 5	♦ A K 5
♣ Void	♣ A Q J 5	♣ A Q J 5	♣ A Q J 5

South in today's deal was 15-year-old Christian Lahrman from Denmark, who has been building a strong reputation since he was 11!

The ace of diamonds held the first trick and West shifted to the four of spades, won by East with the ace. The trump shift was won with declarer's ace. In quick order, Lahrman ruffed a diamond in dummy, ruffed a club in his hand, and ruffed a diamond with dummy's last trump. Lahrman led a spade to his jack, cashed the king of trumps, and put West on lead with the queen of trumps. This was the position:

The bidding:	
South 1♥	West 1NT
North 2♥	East Dbl*
South Pass	West 3♣
North Pass	East 3♦
South 3♥	West Dbl
North All pass	East All pass

*Takeout

Opening lead: Ace of ♠

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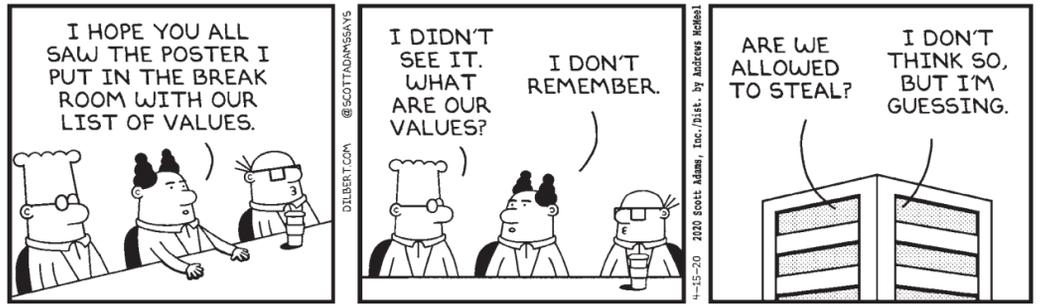
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North		East	
♠ Void	♠ Q 9	♠ Q 9	♠ Q 9
♥ Void	♥ Void	♥ Void	♥ Void
♦ Void	♦ Q 9	♦ Q 9	♦ Q 9
♣ K 9 8 7	♣ 10 3	♣ 10 3	♣ 10 3
South		West	
♠ K 10	♠ 5	♠ 5	♠ 5
♥ 6	♥ Void	♥ Void	♥ Void
♦ J	♦ Void	♦ Void	♦ Void
♣ Void	♣ A Q J	♣ A Q J	♣ A Q J

West led the ace of clubs, as good as anything. East was helpless. A spade discard would have been instantly fatal, so he shed the nine of diamonds. Lahrman ruffed and led the jack of diamonds to East. Lahrman then took the marked spade finesse to make his contract. Well done!

— Bob Jones
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Dilbert By Scott Adams



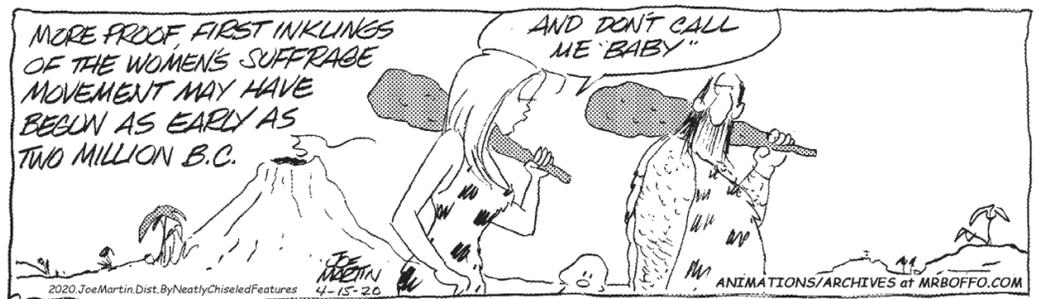
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Zits By Jerry Scott and Jim Borgman



Mr. Boffo By Joe Martin



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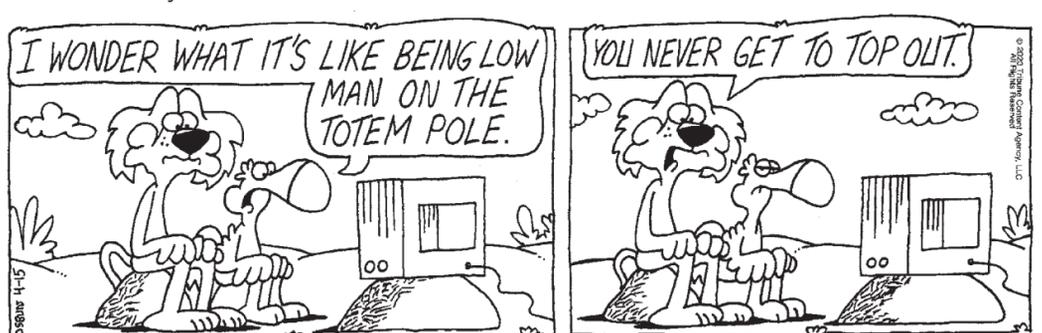
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Dustin By Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker



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Blondie By Dean Young and John Marshall



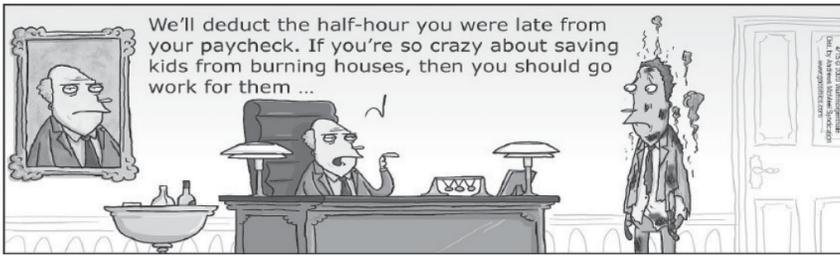
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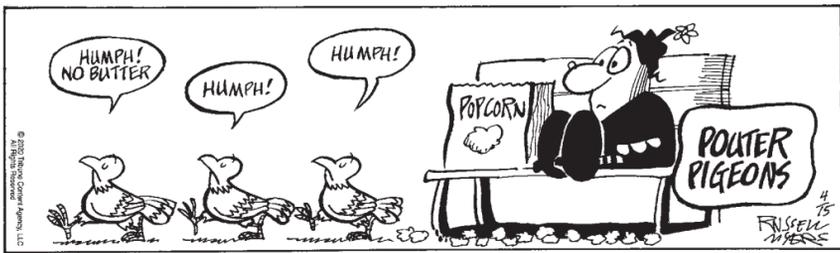
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Brewster Rockit: Space Guy! By Tim Rickard



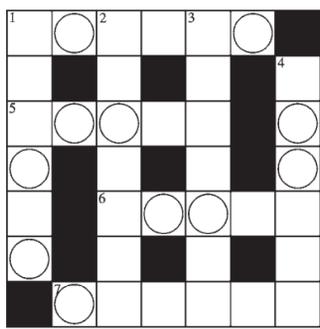
Broom-Hilda By Russell Myers



Trivia Bits

Who squared off against Muhammad Ali at the 1974 "Rumble in the Jungle" boxing match in Zaire?
A) George Foreman
B) Joe Frazier
C) Ken Norton
D) Leon Spinks
Tuesday's answer: Bleach is indicated by a triangle on clothing care labels.

Jumble Crossword



CLUE ACROSS
1. Gaudy, vulgar
5. Muffler
6. Nonsense, rubbish
7. "Murder on the ___ Express"
ANSWER
SHRGA
FRSAC
IREPT
ONEITR

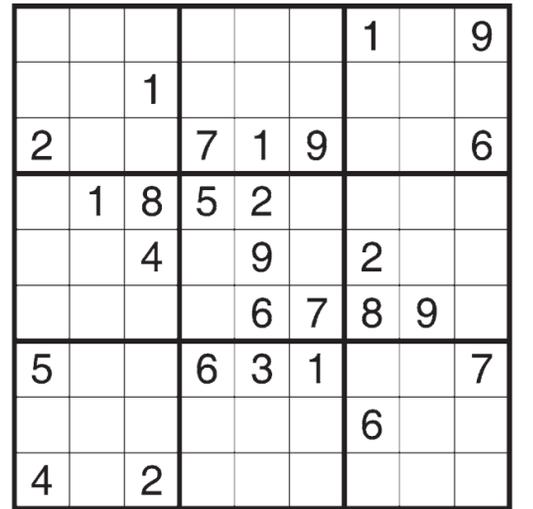
CLUE DOWN
1. ___ singer
2. Oven
3. Do
4. Director
ANSWER
SPGLOE
TSROREA
ECUSFIF
GRETE

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.

BONUS [Grid of 15 circles]
CLUE: The Malay ___ is the largest ___ in the world.
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ANSWERS: 1A-Garish 5A-Scarf 6A-Trip 7A-Ortiz 1D-Cooper 2D-Roaster 3D-Surface 4D-Foghorn 5D-Archipelago
By David L. Hoyt.

Sudoku 1 2 3 4

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1	9	3	5	2	7	6	4	8
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7	5	1	2	6	8	4	9	3
9	6	4	3	1	5	8	2	7
2	3	8	4	7	9	1	6	5
3	2	9	8	4	1	7	5	6
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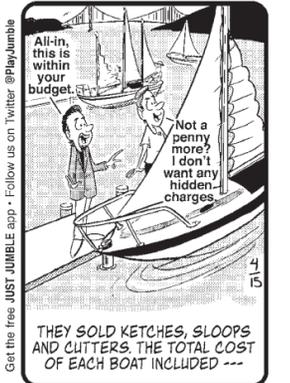
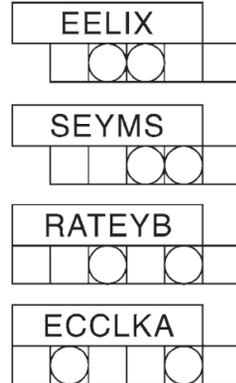
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Tuesday's solutions

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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.



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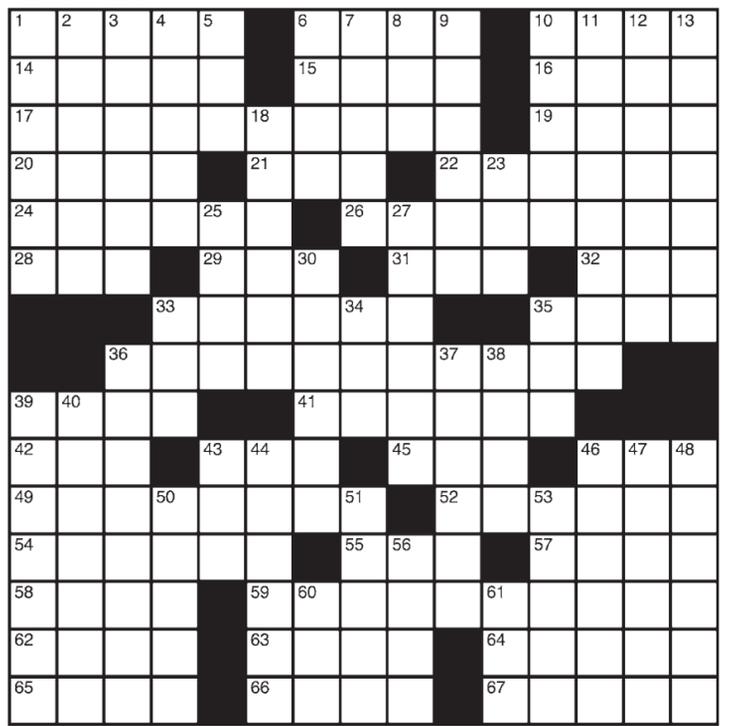
Tuesday's answers

Jumbles: HIPPO BLISS PEANUT GLOOMY
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Crossword

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Across

- 1 Novelist — Carol Oates
- 6 Frittata ingredients
- 10 "___ baby!"
- 14 They might be common
- 15 Christmas purchase
- 16 El Misti's land
- 17 *Necessary road trip stop
- 19 Thrice dos
- 20 Part of CPU
- 21 Honey, in slang
- 22 Where to see sites
- 24 Court great Andre
- 26 *Place for a sleeper hit, maybe
- 28 "Losing My Religion" band
- 29 And so on: Abbr.
- 31 Young ___: kids, in dialect
- 32 Palme ___: Cannes award
- 33 Frat house greeting
- 35 Top-notch
- 36 *Wild West impresario

- 39 Bog buildup
- 41 Bagel choice
- 42 Olive ___
- 43 Tramcar filler
- 45 "How Easy Is That?" cookbook writer
- 46 National econ. stat
- 49 "Once and Again" actress
- 52 Key with one flat
- 54 Robin's family
- 55 Here, on Metro maps
- 57 Grandkid spoiler, often
- 58 Word before ring or swing
- 59 Crossroads concern, and where you might find the answers to starred clues' ending words
- 62 H.G. Wells race
- 63 The Bosphorus borders it
- 64 Infuriated
- 65 Pixar clownfish
- 66 Hägar the Horrible's daughter
- 67 "Ciao!"

- 8 1990s Chevrolet subdivision
- 9 Submitted
- 10 Areas for religious statues
- 11 Young star
- 12 Tested for size
- 13 Forbidding
- 18 Minimal
- 23 Officejet Pro printers
- 25 Feudal drudge
- 27 Horror legend Bela
- 30 Beer after bourbon, say
- 33 Save
- 34 Suffix meaning "little"
- 35 Smithwick's product
- 36 Dance venue
- 37 Western baddie
- 38 Mosque holy man
- 39 Male carriers?
- 40 Hotel door feature
- 43 Pained sounds
- 44 Gung-ho
- 46 Bother incessantly
- 47 Campaign website button
- 48 Grace, e.g.
- 50 Transcriber's source material
- 51 "Let's eat!"
- 53 Red head?
- 56 Cardamom-infused tea
- 60 Classified ad shorthand for "seeking"
- 61 Olive ___

Tuesday's solution



Down

- 1 Automaker with a feline logo
- 2 Marmalade fruit
- 3 Positive reply
- 4 Finds players for
- 5 Toronto winter hrs.
- 6 1993 Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee James
- 7 "Good ___!"

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Shirley King and her dog Nella on the porch of their Englewood neighborhood home after PAWS Chicago workers delivered pet food to them earlier this month.

PAWS stretched quite thin

Coronavirus has stressed Chicago shelter's resources

BY NINA METZ

Over the past several weeks during the Illinois coronavirus stay at home order, pet owners have had to stock up on food and supplies for their animals in addition to their own provisions. But what about people who live in neighborhoods lacking stores that sell these basics?

The animal shelter PAWS Chicago typically fills some of the gap with its pet food pantry. And with the quarantine in effect, the organization has pivoted. "Our team is going out into the community and bringing pet food to the doorstep of our clients," said director of community outreach Laurie Maxwell.

"These are pet owners who are at higher risk," she said. "They might be immunocompromised or they're elderly folks. And they were already struggling to get what they needed before this, so we're just adapting. I had one client say to me, 'This is the first time in this whole situation that we're in that anybody has asked about how my pet is doing.'"

Even before the coronavirus pandemic, pet owners in certain parts of the city were at a disadvantage. "There are zero veterinarians in some neighborhoods," Maxwell said.

Twenty years ago PAWS opened a spay and neuter clinic in Little Village to provide the service either at a low cost or



PAWS worker Yasmine Pacheco delivers pet food in Chicago's Englewood neighborhood.

free to those who qualify. "We're not going to be able to adopt our way out of this," Maxwell said of the ongoing issue of pets in need of homes. PAWS then added a door-to-door outreach program — first in Englewood, and later expanded to include West Englewood and Back of the Yards — to better connect with pet owners, get a sense of their needs, provide information and offer free transport of the animal to and from the clinic to be spayed or neutered. As Maxwell put it: "You can't bring a big 60-pound dog on a bus."

Perhaps inevitably, "People started turning to us when they had concerns about their animal's health," Maxwell said, and PAWS has since become the de facto vet service available to pet owners in those three neighborhoods, offering scheduled house calls once a month. And now, because of the pandemic, "we've had to be creative, so we're moving to telehealth wherever we can. With people staying home, they're noticing things about their pet they didn't see before. Everyone's anxiety is high anyway, so telehealth is a great

way to assess the situation and see if further treatment is needed."

For now, those assessments are being done by phone (with photos or videos sent in) rather than FaceTime or Zoom because in some cases, their clients may not have access to the latter.

"We want them to know that we're still here for them," said PAWS community outreach veterinarian Dr. Rachael Wooten. "A lot of our patients have skin issues or an ear infec-

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Chicago therapists make switch to teletherapy

Safe alternative to in-person meetings fills a real need

BY NARA SCHOENBERG

A front-line health care worker, wracked with fear.

An international student stranded in the U.S.

A Chicago Public Schools teacher aching for her students.

They all want therapy, but with the novel coronavirus descending on Illinois, face-to-face meetings are, in many cases, too dangerous. Instead, Chicago-area therapists are turning to an option that some hadn't even tried before the pandemic. They're using teletherapy, in which the therapist and the patient communicate through

videoconferencing platforms including Zoom, TokBox, FaceTime and Doxy.me, with computer screens allowing both sides to read visual cues such as wincing, half-smiles and eye rolls.

"It's been a much better process of doing therapy than I ever could have imagined," said Pamela Brand, a licensed marriage and family therapist in Andersonville who had steered clear of

teletherapy before the crisis.

"Clients that I already know, I see them, they see me," she said. "There's not a lot of interference and delay. It's interesting to see clients in their own spaces, with their animals and their children. They have been so cooperative in carving out time and space to do this."

The transition to teletherapy has been more of a tidal wave

than a trickle, with therapists, who generally prefer person-to-person interaction, saying that it's a safer way to serve their clients.

"Almost everybody's doing it. I don't know anyone who's going in (to the office)," said Annie Rosenthal, a licensed clinical social worker on the North Side.

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tion or upper respiratory infection. Maybe the pet isn't eating as well. So in an initial phone call I might ask the owner to really monitor things over the next couple of days. Are they not eating at night? Are they not eating during the day? How much are they eating? What are you noticing? And that kind of gives me a baseline and we're able to go a lot further in our next phone appointment," she said.

"Or we'll get concerns from people who have found a lump or mass on their pet — we're seeing that a lot because people are with their pets so much more and they're noticing things. Depending on the animal's age I'll ask different questions. I'll ask them to take photos from multiple angles. I'll ask if it's painful. Is it soft or is it hard? And I'll ask them to take a common household item like a quarter and put that next to it when they take the picture so I have a better reference for size. And then going from there, I might ask them to monitor it — is it growing? Is it growing fast? Is it ulcerated? And because we don't know how long this quarantine is going to last, I have to decide, do I need to see this right away? It's all dependent case by case."

If Wooten decides she needs to see an animal in person — be it for an emergency to use diagnostic tools including a blood draw or X-ray — PAWS will either provide transportation to its clinic, or the owner can bring the pet themselves. "But they (the humans) do not come inside," Maxwell said. "A technician in PPE comes out and retrieves the pet while maintaining social distancing and brings it into the clinic where the vet is able to do the exam. Then we speak to the client via cellphone and bring the pet back out with any medication or instructions."

Wooten said many private vet practices are using the same protocols.



After performing surgery on a cat, Dr. Rachael Wooten makes notes on the procedure at the PAWS clinic. She will later consult with the pet's owner via telephone instead of in person in order to maintain distance due to the COVID-19 virus pandemic.

Social distancing from animals has not been considered a concern when it comes to COVID-19. According to the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine, "Experts believe that dogs and cats are not easily infected with this virus, and the risk of transmission to humans is negligible compared to the risk of human-to-human transmission."

However the vet school also notes "this situation is continually being evaluated as new information comes to light." Recently, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Veterinary Services Laboratories confirmed that a tiger at the Bronx Zoo in New York has the coronavirus and recommends "anyone sick with COVID-19 should restrict contact with animals out of an abundance of caution, including pets, during their illness just as they would with other people."

Pet care in the age of coronavirus

Despite the quarantine, Maxwell said they are still accepting new clients. She reiterated that the veterinary services and pet food

pantry offered by PAWS are available only to pet owners who live in Englewood, West Englewood and Back of the Yards and this is specifically because these areas are so underserved. To inquire about enrolling call 773-217-9113.

Even so, the pandemic is hitting everybody hard, with many reeling from recent layoffs.

Ten million people filed for unemployment in March. Everyone is nervous about money. It can feel like a dire situation for pet owners who may have questions or concerns but do not have an established relationship with a vet practice they can call or email. And unfortunately there does not appear to be a publicly or privately run free hotline — or a resource similar to the one PAWS provides — available to people living in other parts of Chicago.

Even if Chicago-area vets are willing to help new clients pro bono by fielding questions remotely, the Illinois Veterinary Practice Act puts limits on those good intentions: Vets are prohibited from providing medical advice for animals they have not previously examined in person. There are sound reasons for this



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Wooten performs surgery on a cat at the PAWS Chicago Lurie Clinic on West 26th Street earlier this month.

policy and it is to protect everyone's well-being, both doctors and patients alike. The current state law did not anticipate allowing for exemptions in the unusual circumstance of an extended quarantine. But this restriction puts many pet owners lacking a vet in a tough place: Without anyone to talk to, they are faced with either bringing their animal to an emergency clinic — which could be expensive — or do nothing. That's an untenable choice for many.

"Some private practices are allowing curbside service," Wooten said, referring to the social distancing protocols she described above.

So even if they are not a preexisting client, pet owners can reach out to a practice to see if it will agree to accept new patients and see the animal if the concern is great enough. Wooten recommends calling ahead rather than just showing up. But as with visiting an emergency clinic, the exam will likely come with a bill.

On a personal note, Wooten said this has been a challenging time but also one that has been enor-

mously gratifying. "When I'm on the phone, I can tell some of these people are just worried about their pet and me being able to provide advice — whether it's a big issue or a small issue — you can tell right away that their level of anxiety goes down. We already have financial hardships happening and no one wants to get the coronavirus, so everyone's in a heightened state of anxiety to begin with. So it's really nice to be able to ease some of that and say, 'We are here for you and we can help you and we are figuring out ways to do that.'"

"We want to let all our pet owners know that we're not just going to forget about them. When I was doing a telehealth call a few weeks ago, the person told me, 'I want to thank you so much for just talking to me right now.' And that right there — *that's* what this is about. The human animal bond is a real thing. These pets mean the world to people."

As an animal shelter, PAWS is especially concerned about what happens if the quarantine remains ongoing. The question on

Wooten's mind: "Are people going to return their pets because they can't afford it? I know a lot of shelters have been talking about this and it's definitely something I've been thinking about."

"Obviously that would be a difficult decision for that owner. But at the same time, if they can't afford to eat themselves, they're going to feel another type of turmoil internally: Is this even a good home for this animal anymore? There are going to be so many different factors that cause these decisions. So we're trying to find ways we that can help keep the pet in the home."

Outreach director Maxwell said donations are the "No. 1 thing we need. We need pet food donations. But especially with our community medicine programs, we purchase the supplies and the medications, so monetary donations are very, very welcome and we would love any support people can manage."

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Therapy

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Association, chief knowledge and learning officer Lynn Linde said that she suspects a significant number of counselors nationwide are meeting with their clients via videoconferencing: "What choice do you have?"

Several Chicago-area therapists said that requests for services by new patients have risen in recent weeks and that teletherapy was filling a real need.

Trina Armstrong, a licensed marriage and family therapist in Evanston and Chicago, said she recommends that her teletherapy clients try to find a quiet space to talk. In some cases, spouses care for young children during therapy.

"A couple times the kids will run into the room because they miss mommy, but we kind of just push through it," Armstrong said.

Therapists report that stress, sadness and a sense of loss are common among clients, and anxiety is an overarching theme.

"The level of anxiety overall is through the roof," said Rosenthal. "There are so many rabbit holes: What if? What if? What if?"

Some people are finding they lose track of time, a phenomenon highlighted by "What day is it?" jokes on social media. And some are angry, particularly about the hoarding of items such as toilet paper and what they perceive as poor social distancing practices by friends and neighbors.

Chicago psychologist Steven Nakisher said there's a lot of fear among clients, compounded by the many unknowns surrounding the virus and the accelerated news cycle.

"In the beginning, every half-day felt like a whole new world as new information came in," he said.

To Rosenthal, both the anger people are feeling



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Therapist Trina Armstrong holds a session with a client via videoconferencing April 6 from her home in Niles.

and the strange ways we're experiencing time make sense in light of trauma and loss. Trauma doesn't just happen when a tornado hits or a child is abused, she said; more broadly, it happens when we experience something terrible that wasn't supposed to happen.

That definition lines up with our experience of the coronavirus, she said. In addition, many of us are grieving: for lost jobs and graduation ceremonies, for our hobbies and our time with friends, for the simple freedom to get in a car and drive to a restaurant.

The virus is particularly difficult for clients who have underlying conditions, such as diabetes or lupus, that put them at higher risk, Brand said. Some are extremely worried about the virus.

"I can't really tell them that they're going to be OK," said Brand. What she can offer is empathy, as well as advice about how to care for your mental health by exercising, following a schedule, returning to a hobby or activity you enjoy, and setting small, achievable goals, such as cleaning the closet or mending a pair of ripped pants.

Not all therapists are using teletherapy exclusively. Ralph Whetstine, a

clinical psychologist in Schaumburg, said that he was still seeing some high-risk patients in person, including those who are suicidal.

Whetstine, who had a teletherapy client in a remote area of Canada before the coronavirus crisis started, said the approach allows him to reach out to areas that are underserved: "That's a great plus." On the negative side, he said some social cues can be lost in video: "I'm asking more questions, being more pointed" during online sessions, he said.

Over 80% of communication is nonverbal, Nakisher said.

He asks his teletherapy clients to step back a bit from the camera, so he can get a fuller picture of how they're feeling.

Several therapists said this is a potential turning point for teletherapy, not as a replacement for in-person sessions in a post-pandemic world, but as a reliable alternative when in-person is impractical.

"This is not only doable," Brand said of teletherapy, "this may be a great tool to use when a client needs to talk to us and they're out of town."

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Tips for being a patient advocate during the coronavirus pandemic

By JENNIFER DAY

Talking to doctors and navigating the health care system can be challenging — even when we aren't facing a pandemic. As the number of people seeking care for COVID-19 continues to swell, we spoke with patient advocacy experts for tips on how to get the help you and your loved ones need. Here's what they told us.

Involve a trusted family member or friend.

This is complicated now by the need to isolate COVID-19 patients to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus, said Elizabeth Bailey, author of "The Patient's Checklist: 10 Simple Hospital Checklists to Keep You Safe, Sane & Organized," but it's still essential. Bailey offered these suggestions: ■ The vast majority of COVID-19 patients will be treated at home. Caregivers should plan to sit in on telemedicine sessions, while maintaining safe quarantine, to help communicate the patient's needs and ask follow-up questions. If the patient lives alone, ask the health care provider to see if teleconferencing is an option or use a speakerphone on another line to allow a loved one to participate. ■ If a patient is isolating at home alone, video chat regularly, both for emotional support and so that someone who knows you can physically see how you're doing. "If I'm eyeballing someone and it's someone I know well, there are just gut feelings — instinctively, you know this person is sick, but OK," Bailey said — or it could be a flag to call a doctor if a patient's condition is deteriorating. ■ Work with this trusted

caregiver to keep a diary of your changing symptoms.

Plan for conversations with health care providers.

Caitlin Donovan, spokeswoman for the National Patient Advocate Foundation, said:

- Write down a bullet-pointed list of subjects you want to cover, starting with the most important thing first. Be succinct, since providers' time will be even more limited than usual due to the pandemic.
- Be assertive, yet diplomatic. Advocate for yourself as you would for your child.
- If you are a relative of the patient, view yourself as part of your loved one's health care team.
- You are the expert about your own body. If you're feeling something, don't be talked out of it.
- At the same time, building trust is important. "The doctor should be listening to you, but you should also listen to the doctor," Donovan said.

Talk about end-of-life care.

Make sure your family knows where you stand and don't depend on medical professionals to raise this question. "A lot of doctors are very uncomfortable around death, and so when I worked in ICU for 30 years, it was always the nurses that had the conversation," said Teri Dreher, president of the Chicago-based NShore Patient Advocates and founder of Seniors Alone Guardianship & Advocacy Services.

For many, these conversations are difficult, not only due to the emotion involved but because it's difficult to envision what the outcome of medical intervention might be. This

anecdote from Atul Gawande's 2014 book, "Being Mortal," may help to focus the discussion: A daughter asked her father not only what sort of medical care he was willing to go through, but also "what level of being alive is tolerable to you." He responded, "Well, if I'm able to eat chocolate ice cream and watch football on TV, then I'm willing to stay alive. I'm willing to go through a lot of pain if I have a shot at that."

Organize paperwork.

- "The Patient's Checklist" suggests the following: ■ Sign a power of attorney for health care form to allow those closest to you to make medical decisions on your behalf, should you become incapacitated.
- Make a living will to document your health care preferences, Donovan said. Ask your medical provider about a POLST form — practitioner orders for life-sustaining treatment — to document your choices in your medical record.
- Make a list of all the medications you're taking, including the drug's name, what it looks like, why it was prescribed, the name of the doctor who prescribed it, and the dose and time at which it's taken.
- Make a contact list, including all your regular health care providers as well as family and friends who are supporting you as caregivers.
- Carry your insurance card and photo ID.

Prepare a go-bag for the hospital.

Bring chargers for cell-phones or tablets. "That phone is going to be especially important, if people can't be there for you," Donovan said.

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Coronavirus answers for seniors

How to stay safe, and how to help those who are the most vulnerable

BY STUART LEAVENWORTH
Los Angeles Times

The United States is home to roughly 49 million people who are 65 years or older. Many are at risk for severe illness with COVID-19, meaning that they must be extra vigilant to prevent being exposed to the coronavirus. Their families and caregivers must also be especially careful.

Seniors wrestle with numerous questions each day, including how to safely access essential services and cope with store hoarding, isolation and other challenges. Here are some answers to many of these questions.

Q: What precautions should seniors take to prevent being infected?

A: Seniors should take the same precautions as everyone else. That means staying inside, avoiding contact with sick people, limiting contact with others and ensuring that people you live with do the same.

People should wash their hands regularly, clean indoor surfaces and wear gloves if they are handling anything outside their residence.

Q: What can people do to support seniors?

A: Regular communication with seniors — from a distance — is extremely important. Family and caregivers need to know what medications seniors are taking, and make sure they have an adequate supply of other essentials, such as food and cleaning supplies.

As for seniors, the AARP and other groups recommend seeking out a “buddy” — someone who will check on you, help you prepare and stock up on

supplies, and help care for you if needed.

Numerous neighborhood groups and nonprofits are working to organize efforts for seniors, and deliver services and essential goods safely.

Q: How can I help my older friends and family deal with loneliness?

A: Take time each day to call an older person you know, especially if he or she is living alone, as do 28% of seniors nationwide, according to a 2017 federal report. If they're tech savvy, use Facetime, Skype, Zoom or another app to do a video call.

As the writer Pearl Buck said during an earlier age, “Our society must make it right and possible for old people not to fear the young or be deserted by them.”

Q: How can I care for an elderly person without putting them at risk?

A: Caregivers, friends and family must follow all the precautions listed above. Be aware that you could be a “silent spreader” unknowingly infecting other people.

Nancy McFadden, state director of the AARP, recommends that neighbors help with the networking needed to help an elder living alone. “If you have an elderly neighbor who lives alone, offer to give your phone number to their children who live out of town, so they can have another contact on the same street as their parent,” McFadden said.

At times, caregivers may have to also need to exercise “tough love,” discouraging elders from unnecessary visits to markets and other crowded spaces. These can be difficult conversations, but until the contagion ebbs, they can't be avoided.



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Patty Sagert, right, delivers some groceries March 25 to her elderly mother, Janet Nemmers, who lives in a senior living community in Maplewood, Minnesota. Because of Sagert's ovarian cancer, Patty meets her outside the building and does not hug her out of fear of exposing her to COVID-19.

Q: Why are seniors at high risk from COVID-19?

A: Not all seniors are at high risk, but older Americans tend to have weakened immune systems, and most have at least one risk factor, such as diabetes, hypertension or a previous bout of pneumonia, according to Dr. Louise Aronson, 56, a geriatrics professor at UC San Francisco School of Medicine.

Because of these risk factors, “old people are more likely to get very sick, need hospitalization, require breathing support and to die,” Aronson recently told Times columnist George Skelton.

Last week, the CDC released a report examining U.S. coronavirus cases through March 16. The report found that 80% of deaths associated with COVID-19 were among adults 65 and older, with the highest fatality rates involving persons 85 and older.

Q: How can I tell if I might be infected with the coronavirus? How can I spot it in a loved one?

A: COVID-19 symptoms include fever, cough and trouble breathing. New research adds to the evidence that those infected can lose their sense of

smell.

Apple and the CDC recently released an app to help identify symptoms.

If you think you are infected, call your doctor. Physicians can schedule telephone and “telehealth visits” to reduce the potential spread of the virus to other patients and health care workers.

Q: What about shopping for essentials?

A: Numerous grocery stores have set “senior hours” to help the elderly assess stores without long lines.

In Los Angeles, the city approved an ordinance requiring stores to dedicate

the first hour of business to seniors, the disabled and those who care for them.

Q: What will the stimulus bill mean for seniors?

A: The \$2-trillion economic stimulus package passed by Congress contains several important relief provisions for retirees.

People now receiving Social Security retirement and disability benefits will be getting the same one-time \$1,200 stimulus payments that are being sent to most adults, subject to the same income limitations (\$75,000 in adjusted gross income for single filers and \$150,000 for joint filers).



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Why health experts aren't warning about coronavirus in food

By CANDICE CHOI
Associated Press

Why aren't health officials warning people about eating food contaminated with the new coronavirus?

The answer has to do with the varying paths organisms take to make people sick. Respiratory viruses like the new coronavirus generally attach to cells in places such as the lungs. Germs like norovirus and salmonella can survive the acid in stomachs, then multiply after attaching to cells inside people's guts.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other experts say there's no evidence yet that COVID-19 sickens people through their digestive systems, though the virus has been detected in the feces of infected people.

Respiratory viruses like the flu and new coronavirus spread mainly through person-to-person contact and air droplets from coughing or sneezing.

When it comes to food and COVID-19, experts say the biggest risk is contact in grocery stores with other customers and employees, rather than anything you

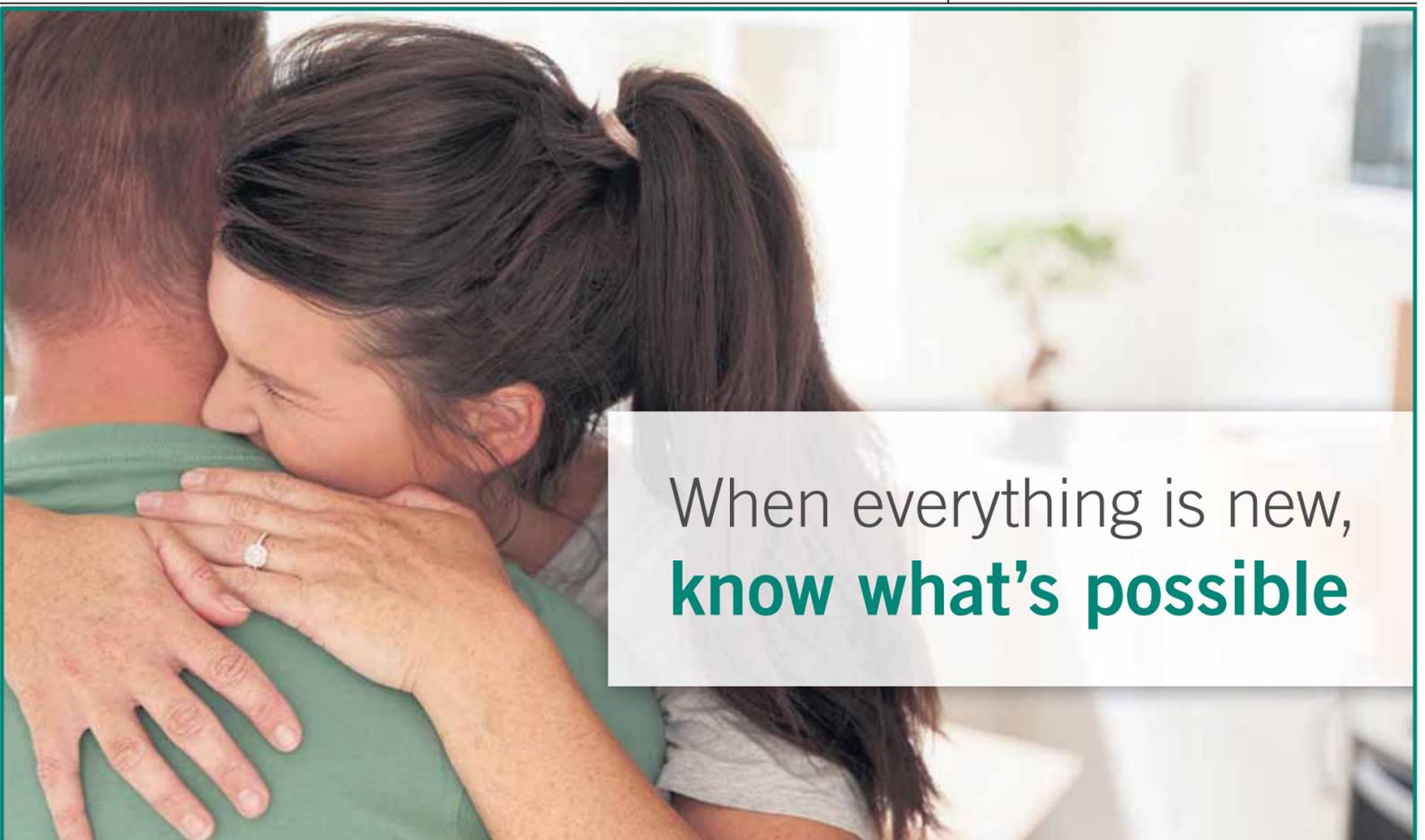
eat. It's why stores are limiting the number of people they let in, asking customers to practice social distancing and using tape to mark how far apart people should stand.

The new virus can survive on some surfaces, so experts say to keep your hands to yourself as much as possible and avoid touching your face when shopping. After unpacking your groceries at home, the CDC suggests washing your hands.

It may be harder for viruses to survive on food itself.

"It's a porous surface, (so) the chances of anything surviving or coming out of it are small," said Alison Stout, an expert in infectious diseases and public health at Cornell University.

As for the coronavirus being found in the stool of infected people, the CDC notes that it's not known whether the germs found there can actually sicken someone. Stout said the presence of the virus in the stool is more likely a reflection of systemic infection rather than its ability to survive the digestive tract.



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PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

In tough times, take care to work on sleep hygiene

BY JOE GRAEDON AND TERESA GRAEDON
King Features Syndicate

Q: I have been having a terrible time falling asleep. The nonstop grim news stories about the virus have me on edge. I am tempted to go back on Ambien even though I had a hard time getting off it last year. Do you have any other suggestions?

A: We completely understand why you and millions of other people are feeling anxious. Finding some quiet time to relax before bed is more important now than ever before. That means no news or video at least an hour before bed. Devoting that time to a hot bath instead can help your body prepare for sleep. Magnesium and melatonin may also be beneficial.

Q: My husband and I like to stay active despite the various aches and pains that come from celebrating a bunch of birthdays. What we worry about most, though, is our brain health. We would like to stay sharp for at least a few more decades. Are there any natural remedies that could help?

A: There are many natural compounds



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Trouble sleeping? Limit scrolling through the news before bedtime, or take a hot bath to help you relax.

that show some promise for keeping your brain working well. We don't have any research demonstrating that foods, herbs or spices can ward off dementia, though.

You might want to consider drinking a glass of rosemary water daily. A study in 80 healthy adults showed that they performed better on cognitive tasks after consuming 250 ml (about a cup) of rosemary water

than after drinking mineral water (Journal of Psychopharmacology, December 2018).

Turmeric, the yellow spice in yellow mustard and curry powder, is another promising compound for both inflammation and cognitive function. Preliminary research suggests that curcumin, the active ingredient in turmeric, may help prevent cognitive decline with aging (Brain Research, Dec. 15, 2019).

Q: Fast soup products are often packaged in a plastic foam cup. You add water, nuke it and have a hot lunch in seconds. Even healthy organic brands of rice come in pouches suitable for a hot microwavable lunch.

I recently noticed the noodle soup package says NOT to microwave the product in the plastic foam cup. That defeats the convenience factor!

The rice products instruct you to cook the product in the pouch. But now health coaches on some TV news shows tell you NOT to cook products in the pouches, because microwave heat releases some undesirable chemical from the pouches.

What is unhealthy about microwaving the soup in the plastic foam cup?

And why not cook the rice in the package, or even eat from the package?

A: We consulted with Dr. Linda Birnbaum, one of the country's leading toxicologists. She was formerly director of the National Institute for Environmental Health Sciences and the National Toxicology Program.

Dr. Birnbaum has studied endocrine-disrupting chemicals for decades. The compounds alter the way our hormones function and are found in many plastic products. Heating the contents in the microwave could conceivably increase the amounts of these chemicals that leach into the food.

Most of the experts we have consulted over the past 20 years recommend glass, ceramic or paper instead of plastic products in the microwave oven. One study reported that heating food in plastic containers in the microwave increases migration of endocrine-disrupting compounds into the food (Journal of Agricultural and Food Chemistry, Aug. 9, 2017).

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Chicago doctors see hike in home-related injuries

By Tracy Swartz

Margie Naatz laughs when she recalls how she injured her heel last month: Trying to execute a difficult gymnastics routine with her boyfriend for a TikTok social media video.

Naatz, who lives in south suburban New Lenox, said she knew immediately she hurt her right foot after jumping off her boyfriend's shoulders. She visited Midwest Orthopaedic Consultants in Oak Lawn for an examination, and now she uses a knee walker to get around.

"The silver lining in all this is I don't have to take any extra time off work," said Naatz, a 34-year-old hair stylist, whose salon has been closed since mid-March because of the new coronavirus.

Dr. David Garras, a foot and ankle surgeon who counts Naatz among his patients, said typically around this time of year, he's treating gunshot victims and runners who try to do too much too fast when it gets warm outside. Now he's seeing an uptick in people injured while fixing up their homes or trying new activities out of boredom during the pandemic.

"I've had about four Achilles ruptures in the last two weeks. I would probably get maybe two a month before this, and I've had four in the last two weeks, and it's people that are either trying to play basketball with their kids outside or they're trying to do something new that they're watching on YouTube," said Garras, who treats patients at Midwest Orthopaedic Consultants' offices in Orland Park and Oak Lawn. "There's nothing extremely different from what I would normally see. It's just the mechanisms have all shifted toward these, basically, weekend warriors

trying to do something new and hurting themselves."

Dr. John Fernandez, who treats hands, wrists and elbows, said he's seen a "dramatic drop" in the overall number of injuries because people are not working or traveling. But like Garras, Fernandez has noticed a shift in the reason for the injuries.

"I've seen three flexor tendon injuries in the last two days, all from people who cut themselves with a knife because they're cooking more. They're jokingly saying that, but it's probably true," Fernandez said recently.

Doctors are shifting their priorities as well. The Illinois Department of Public Health recommended surgeons cancel non-urgent surgeries and procedures to lower the risk of coronavirus exposure and to free up medical workers so they can provide care for coronavirus patients when hospitals become overwhelmed. Fernandez said the focus is on emergencies, such as car accidents, and procedures where if the damage is not fixed immediately, such as fractures or tendon injuries, there could be a worse outcome.

So what's the best way to avoid injuries? Garras recommends starting slow, especially if it's a new activity, and stretching before and after exercises. Research a sport before trying it and use the proper equipment when performing work around the house, he said.

Fernandez said he's noticed some people have not been seeking medical assistance immediately, which makes treatment more difficult. He recommends calling a doctor instead of heading to the emergency room if the injury is not severe.

He said he's engaging more in telemedicine, the practice of treating patients

remotely. Fernandez said before the pandemic, it could take two to six weeks to get an appointment at his office.

"We're a little less busy now with all the elective" surgeries being postponed, said Fernandez, who works at Rush University's Oak Brook facility and its Midwest Orthopaedics office on the Near West Side. "When you call me now and you have an injury, I'll see you today, I'll see you tomorrow."

And extra precautions are being taken at medical offices because of the coronavirus. Lindsay Easom said she had her temperature checked — fever is a symptom of COVID-19 — when she went to see Fernandez last month. She said her family's dog, Lambeau, took off while his leash was wrapped around her right pinkie.

The 24-year-old New Yorker, who was quarantining with her family in Chicago at the time, said she texted and FaceTimed with Fernandez before going to his office to get an X-ray and a splint. She said she had never broken a bone or met with a doctor virtually before this incident.

"To be able to have a doctor just text me in that short amount of time, and then have me come in, is something I haven't experienced. Even my mom was saying, 'This is so great, I never knew that you could get answers this quickly,'" Easom said.

Naatz, meanwhile, said she has checkups every two weeks to make sure she doesn't need surgery. She doesn't plan to try that TikTok routine — known as the "stand-up challenge" — again. She said her boyfriend did end up posting a video of one of their attempts.

"It's one of our fails, but we almost had it," she said.

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Margie Naatz at home in New Lenox last week. Naatz was helping her boyfriend make a TikTok video when she fell and hurt the heel of her foot.

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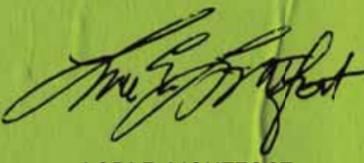
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A typical Turkish breakfast spread includes a bevy of cheese, olives, local honey, fruits and baked goods, such as pogaca, center.

Turkish delights

Kahvalti, or breakfast in Turkey, is a ritual akin to American brunch — and it's every bit as delicious

BY LISA FUTTERMAN

It's a wonder tables don't break constantly in Turkey — they tend to be so laden with breakfast dishes, I wouldn't expect them to be able to bear the weight.

While weekdays tend to start with tea and simple fare at home, weekend breakfast is an all-out feast of the country's freshest produce, expertly cured meats and a few unique bites that help define Turkish breakfast as a meal that should never be missed.

Known in Turkish as kahvalti — literally “before coffee” — Turkish breakfast finds its joy in the bounty of choices. As Turkish tour operator Murat Ozguc told me during a trip last year, “First, your eyes should be satisfied — then your stomach.”

Gather tomatoes, olives, cheese and honey to re-create a version of this spread at home for a fun, yet leisurely brunch option — and a bit of armchair travel especially distracting during the COVID-19 shutdown. A typical spread will be accompanied by many tulip-shaped glasses of steaming hot black tea, but thick, chocolaty Turkish coffee — which requires a ritual all its own — is often served separately from the morning meal. Here is a Turkish breakfast roll call of delights to display at your table:

■ A plate of sliced cucumbers and ripe



Menemen is a classic Turkish breakfast dish similar to Indian shakshuka.

tomatoes — from the garden or farmers market when in season.

■ Olives of all colors: Explore a Middle Eastern market and look for grilled olives, a unique choice, or buttery castelvetranos.

■ Fresh and aged cheeses: Turkey has dozens of native and local cheeses — from beyaz peynir, a brined white cheese similar to feta, to mozzarella-like string cheese, to tulum and aged kashkaval. Breakfast is a great time to show off a selection.

■ Yogurt: Plain or fruit-flavored — or try ayran, the popular, lightly salted yogurt beverage.

■ A rainbow of chunky fruit preserves made from cherries, apricots, figs or rose petals. You'll also need honey, preferably still dripping from its comb.

■ Kaymak, a wondrous, spreadable clotted cream often made from water buffalo milk. It makes butter seem obsolete (although top-quality butter is a great addition).

■ Grape molasses: Pekmez is made

from grapes and must be boiled gently to create a sweet syrup. For breakfast, it is typically served in ramekins next to pots of toasted sesame tahini. When spread together on bread, they make for the best PB&J you've never had.

■ Hazelnut spread: Serve a plain hazelnut butter or a decadent one that contains cocoa, like Nutella.

■ Acuka, a flavorful spread of walnut and roasted red pepper.

■ Fresh fruit like figs, apples and grapes, or whatever is in season at the market.

■ And bread. Oh, the bread! Stacks of warm pide and other flatbreads; simit, the sesame seed-encrusted bagel sold on every Istanbul street corner; country loaves; and savory breakfast pastries like flaky pogaca, layered borek, acma — a soft, ring-shaped bun topped with poppy seeds; and crisp gözleme filled with cheese, lamb or potatoes.

Then come the egg-and-meat dishes such as sucuklu yumurta, which boasts sunny side-up eggs fried in a crock with sizzling sucuk, a mouthwatering beef salami spiced with fenugreek and cumin. Another popular dish features eggs scrambled with dry-cured, jerky-like meat called basturma. And then there's the classic menemen, a satisfying shakshuka-like scramble of eggs and aromatic vegetables, often seasoned with a bit of Turkish red pepper.

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A dream deferred

Art of Dosa regroups after coronavirus closed its promising new Chicago restaurant

BY NICK KINDELSPERGER

Remember what you were doing before the coronavirus shut down regular life? I was just days away from updating my guide for where to eat lunch in the Loop. Usually, I revisit the post every year to add new openings and remove any closed establishments, but after six months, there was so much turnover that I felt like I had to check in. Plus, I was extremely excited about a new place in the Revival Food Hall called Art of Dosa.

Last year I became slightly

obsessed with dosas, a South Indian dish made from a batter of ground rice and lentils that's left to ferment. Once ready, the batter is spread thin on a circular griddle, cooked until crisp, and then usually folded up into a comically large cylinder. Most of my favorite versions are either on Devon Avenue or out in the suburbs, so I was astonished to find such an excellent version of the dish suddenly available smack dab in the middle of the Loop.

It seemed like owner Ravi

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A South Indian dosa plate from Art of Dosa in the Revival Food Hall, which has temporarily closed.

The sourdough secret

Don't tell anyone, but baking bread — one of the biggest lockdown pastimes — is easy

BY NICK
KINDELSPERGER
Chicago Tribune

Doesn't it feel like everyone is baking bread right now? And not just staid, white loaves in aging bread machines, but gorgeous sourdough with crackly brown crusts. My social media feeds look like every other person had secretly interned at the most prestigious Parisian boulangerie before they had to self isolate.

As someone who has regularly baked bread for the past two years, I must admit something. Baking bread is easy — even sourdough or bread made with natural yeast. How else do you think most of humanity ate bread for thousands of years without instant dry yeast? Some people refer to this natural leavening agent as a levain, a starter or even a mother, but it's nothing more than flour and water that's transformed into a bubbling mass thanks to naturally occurring yeast.

I know those loaves look like someone toiled for years to perfect, but you too can inspire jealousy on Facebook or your social media network of choice with minimal effort. All you need is one book. (I'd reprint the full recipe here, but the directions go on for several pages. I believe there's a difference between a recipe that's simple and one that's easy to follow.) You'll also need some very basic equipment and a whole lot of time. Don't most of us have an excess of the latter right now?

The only drawback is that you'll have to turn into a bread person, the kind who cares passionately for a container of uncommunicative, multiplying yeast. You'll find that your kitchen will always be covered in a dusting of flour, even after wiping down all the counters for the third time. Dried-out dough will permanently cling to your fingernails, but you won't even care. You bake bread, and whatever the dough wants, it gets.

Mostly that means keeping a strict levain feeding schedule. This dedication may set you apart from other members of society. That's OK! Though marked as an eccentric outcast among regular folk, soon you'll be able to suss out all the other bread bakers in the wild just by their crazed stare. Together you'll be able to discuss the finer points of life, like



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what brand of flour to use and your preferred dough hydration level.

I wasn't always this way. I became a bread baker by accident. I initially got into making pizza at home, before realizing that I should probably learn about bread first. After some simple overnight loaves, I decided to try one made with a levain. Each loaf looked like I swiped it from an adorable French bakery, with a gorgeous crackly crust and a tender, almost custardlike interior. Yet, nothing about the cooking process took much effort.

And the compliments didn't hurt. I've been cornered at parties and admired online. (You have to Instagram every loaf, right?) A French couple sampled a slice at a dinner party and declared that they haven't tasted bread this good since moving to the States. Sometimes I feel momentarily invincible.

But whenever I get too full of myself, I just remember that I'm only following the exact directions laid out in Ken Forkish's incredible cookbook, "Flour Water Salt Yeast." Seriously, it's all there. I don't really care about the specifics of what is happening in the dough. I just know that if I follow the simple directions, I'll have some drool-worthy bread. As I mentioned above, while the recipe is easy to follow, it's also extremely long. That's why I'm not including it here. But trust me, the book is worth the purchase.

You'll need some basic kitchen gear. The most important is a Dutch oven.

The best European bakeries have steam-injected ovens, a luxury most home kitchens don't have. But start your loaf in a closed Dutch oven, and the steam trapped inside helps the bread rise.

But mostly, you just need time. Don't have a levain? You don't have to politely ask for some from a superstar baker. Forkish explains how you can make your own in five days from flour and water. That's all it takes. While this may have sounded like an absurdly long time to wait before, now that we are stuck in a purgatory of self-isolation, a week doesn't seem that bad. What about keeping the

levain alive? To do that you'll need to feed it. If that word brings back nightmares of trying to coax your toddler to eat vegetables, the process is nothing more than discarding some of the levain, and then adding in more flour and water. It takes about a minute each day. And if you're not planning to bake bread for a few days, you can stash it in the fridge for a week.

When I want to bake bread on a Sunday, I remove the levain from the fridge on a Friday and feed it. I feed it again on Saturday morning. On Saturday afternoon, I mix together a bit of the levain

with flour, water, salt and the tiniest bit of instant yeast. Now I have dough. I leave this to rise for a few hours, before shaping it and then stashing it in the fridge overnight. On Sunday, all I must do is plop some dough in a preheated Dutch oven and bake.

There are a number of recipes to follow in "Flour Water Salt Yeast," but I'm partial to the pain de campagne. I realize it sounds fancy because the name is French, but Forkish writes that it's really just a "rustic country bread that has a golden color to its crumb, subtle round flavors from fermentation, and a chewy delicious crust." Doesn't that sound great?

I was amazed at the first loaf of pain de campagne I pulled from the oven. Sure, that one loaf had taken more than a week of planning, but with little more than flour, water salt and time, I'd created something truly exceptional.

Fun twist on mac and cheese is meal game changer

BY MEGHAN SPLAWN
TheKitchen.com

Is there anything better than creamy, crispy, baked mac and cheese? It's the ultimate comfort food, but it's certainly not short on steps. Classic mac and cheese casseroles require cooking pasta, making a roux, turning that roux into a cheese sauce and then combining it all and baking until bubbly. It's a project, which is why it's often reserved for special occasions or weekend cooking.

This sheet pan mac and cheese changes that. It uses a smart shortcut of cooking the noodles directly in the cheese sauce, then cuts down the cook time by baking everything in a single layer in a hot oven. Even better, it boasts the best ratio of creamy noodles to crispy topping.

This recipe will bust you out of your boxed mac and cheese rut with minimal effort and maximum flavor. Plus, you can make this cheesy sheet pan dinner from kitchen staples, and you can serve it as either a cozy main dish or superb side. These tips will set you up for success.

Use a hearty, tubular pasta. A sturdy pasta shape, such as cavatappi or elbows, will hold up best in



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this dish. Skip mini shells and other small, delicate shapes.

Don't drain the pasta. Cooking the pasta for just six minutes in a combina-

tion of dairy and water releases the pasta's starches into the cooking liquid and thickens it right up. This is your sauce, so don't drain it. All you have to do is fold in the cheese.

Pair sharp cheddar and Parmesan for maximum cheesy flavor. Speaking of cheese, a sharp cheddar for the cheese sauce and Parmesan for the crisp topping yields the best flavor.

Crispy sheet pan mac and cheese

Makes: 4 to 6 servings

Cooking spray

2 cups half-and-half

1 cup water

½ teaspoon kosher salt

1 pound sharp cheddar cheese

1 ounce Parmesan cheese

1 cup dry, fine breadcrumbs

1 pound dried cavatappi or tube pasta

1 tablespoon Dijon mustard

1 teaspoon onion powder

½ teaspoon garlic powder

1. Arrange a rack in the middle of the oven and heat the oven to 375 degrees. Coat a rimmed baking sheet with cooking spray.

2. Place 2 cups half-and-half, 1 cup water and ½ teaspoon kosher salt in a medium saucepan. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Meanwhile, shred 1 pound sharp cheddar cheese (you'll need about 4 cups total) and grate 1 ounce Parmesan cheese (about ½ cup). Combine the Parmesan with 1 cup breadcrumbs in a small bowl and set aside.

3. Once the liquid is boiling, reduce the heat to medium and add 1 pound dried cavatappi or tube pasta. Simmer, stirring occasionally, for 6 minutes.

4. Remove the pot from the heat. Add the cheddar cheese, 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard, 1 teaspoon onion powder and ½ teaspoon garlic powder, and stir until the cheese is melted. Pour the pasta mixture onto the rimmed baking sheet and spread into a thin, even layer. Sprinkle with the breadcrumb mixture.

5. Bake until the edges are browned and the sauce is bubbling, about 15 minutes. Let cool for 5 minutes before serving.



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15 wines under \$15

Inexpensive bottles for stay-at-home drinking

By ERIC ASIMOV
The New York Times

Where I live in Manhattan, wine retailers appear to be experiencing a sales boom, even though many shops are in delivery- or pickup-only mode.

While these are financially difficult times for many people, the desire for wine and spirits remains strong.

People want to drink away the coronavirus blues, at least that's part of it. But people are also finding comfort in good food, an intriguing bottle of wine, a new cocktail. That's part of it too.

So I thought I would put together an inexpensive case of wine, six whites and six reds that I highly recommend and that won't break the bank. I threw in a few extras, a couple of sparklers and a sherry look-alike. Let's call it 15 under \$15.

Loxarel Amaltea Penèdes Cava Brut Nature, 2016, \$13.99

This is fresh, dry sparkling wine, appropriately herbal and citrus-flavored, but with unexpected depth and a toasty, yeasty undertone. Loxarel uses

only the traditional cava grapes, xarello (Loxarel is an anagram), macabeu and parellada, grown biodynamically or organically. There's a lot of mediocre cava around, but this superb bottle stands out.

Bohigas Cava Rosat, NV, \$14.97

It's nice to have a rosé sparkler as well, and this copper-colored example from Bohigas is excellent, rounder and a bit fruitier than the Loxarel, with which it offers a nice contrast. This rosat, the Catalan form of rosado, which itself is the Castilian word for rosé, is made from trapat, an indigenous Catalonian grape, with a touch of pinot noir.

Alta Alella Alella PB, 2018, \$14.99

PB stands for pansa blanca, which in Catalonia is another name for xarello, the leading grape in good cava. But this white gives an idea of how good xarello can be in still wines. It's got appetizing aromas and flavors of grasses, herbs and orchard fruits.

Standing Stone Vineyards Finger Lakes Farm Red, NV, \$14.99

Farm Red takes standard

Bordeaux grapes, cabernet sauvignon, merlot and petit verdot, and adds a good dose of saperavi, a red grape indigenous to the country of Georgia. The result is a juicy, slightly exotic, earthy blend.

Gini Soave Classico, 2018, \$14.97

This is a superb Soave, made entirely from organic garganega grapes, rich and herbal, with lingering nut-like, mineral flavors. And a steal for around \$15. It's not always priced that low. If you find it, you might be asked to pay \$17 or \$18. But for this beautiful wine, that's still a great value.

Filipa Pato & William Wouters Bairrada Dinamica Baga, 2018, \$12.97

With its distinctive terroirs, Portugal over the last few years has blossomed as a source of fresh, balanced, unusual wines made from indigenous grapes found almost nowhere else. The bright, lively, slightly chalky Dinamica is an entry-level bottle from Filipa Pato and William Wouters, a husband-and-wife team.

Casale Marchese Frascati Superiore, 2018, \$13.99

Frascati is a popular

white wine made in the vicinity of Rome. It used to epitomize the stereotypical Italian white wine — fresh, thin and neutral at best. Nowadays, the quality of Italian whites is light-years better, and with so much to choose from, Frascati has had to up its game as well. This one is still fresh, but richer, with more character than in the Frascati I remember.

Domaine de Fenouillet Vin de Pays de Vaucluse, 2018, \$14.99

This juicy, stony red comes from the Southern Rhône Valley. It's labeled Vin de Pays de Vaucluse, because the blend of merlot and marselan falls outside of the appellation rules. You already know merlot, and marselan you may get to know. It's one of seven grapes now permitted in certain Bordeaux appellations as winemakers begin to plan ahead for profound climate change.

Loimer Kamptal Lois Grüner Veltliner, 2018, \$13.97

Loimer is one of my favorite producers in the Kamptal region in Austria. Fred Loimer is a leader in biodynamics, and even his inexpensive wines like this Lois grüner veltliner, made from purchased grapes, are organic. Lois is fresh and easygoing, deliciously spicy, herbal and peppery.

Clos la Coutale Cahors,

2017, \$13.47

Malbec is now considered the red grape of Argentina, but it bears reminding that it originally comes from southwestern France, where it continues to be used to make very good wines. This Cahors from Clos la Coutale, malbec with a little merlot blended in, is gently fruity with earthy, rocky flavors threaded through, very different from the Mendoza expression of malbec.

Schiavenza Dolcetto d'Alba, 2018, \$13.99

Dolcetto is a terribly underrated grape, and I'm not sure why. Good inexpensive bottles, like this one from Schiavenza in Serralunga d'Alba, are fresh, fruity, rich and joyous. For a little more money, you can find deeper, more complex and expressive wines. But good dolcetto requires a producer to take it seriously rather than treat it as a cheap, throwaway wine.

Benito Santos Rías Baixas Albariño Igrexario de Saia, 2018, \$12.97

A lot of insipid albariño is out there. Those wines tend to be slightly sweet, with flavors of tropical fruits. This one from Benito Santos, made with organic grapes, is not one of them. It's tense, alive and vibrant.

Bodegas Ponce Manchuela Clos Lojen Bobal, 2018, \$10.87

Of the three red grapes

that have dominated wine production in southeastern Spain forever, two are now found all over the world, garnacha and monastrell. The third, bobal, stayed home as primarily the basis for indifferent wines sold in bulk. But its champions, like Bodegas Ponce, have demonstrated how good bobal can be when grown and made with care.

A to Z Wineworks Oregon Chardonnay, 2018, \$12.97

Oregon has emerged as a source of some of the best American chardonnays. Mostly, they are from the Willamette Valley and priced on the high end. But this one, from the reliable A to Z Wineworks, is rich yet crisp, fresh and textured, slightly neutral in flavor yet intriguing enough to demand the next sip.

Pérez Barquero Verbenera Montilla-Moriles Fino, NV, \$11.99

This wine raises several questions. Montilla-Moriles? It's a region in the Andalucía region of Spain, not far from Jerez, and the wines are reminiscent of sherry, though the operative grape is Pedro Ximénez, not palomino, and the wines achieve 15% alcohol without fortification. Verbenera? It's an imprint of Pérez Barquero, one of the region's best producers. This wine is a superb value.

Dosa

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Nagubadi had finally achieved his goal of creating a successful dosa restaurant. Just a few years before, Nagubadi had been a software engineer with an ambitious idea. "I wanted to make dosas widely available," Nagubadi says. "Dosas should be a dining category like sushi. It should be something people instantly recognize. Dosas have that status in India, but not here, yet."

Thanks to his family and a little tweaking on his own, he had a recipe he loved. And for three years he'd been searching for a brick-and-mortar space. A location in the Loop looked perfect, but fell through due to some disagreements with the landlord. In the meantime, he'd started offering delivery and pickup out of a commissary kitchen in the West Loop that was gaining business. Eventually, he worked out a deal with the Revival Food Hall. "It was a roller coaster," Nagubadi says. "It took us four to six months to get that Revival Food Hall open because we needed the right kind of ventilation."

Even though it had just opened in late December, it was busy. "Lunch rush was pretty insane at Revival," Nagubadi says. "We typically did 200 dosas a day, though sometimes it was 300." That was even though most of his customers hadn't heard of the dish before. "I'd say that 90% of the people that weren't Indian didn't know it," he says. "But once they tried it, they'd come back again later that week."

Food writers were noticing too. Fellow Food & Dining reporter Louisa Chu raved about the masala dosa, which features the dosa served with a potato curry, in February during our examination of spicy food. The restaurant was also getting ready to be profiled by Steve Dolinsky for his "Hungry Hound" segment on ABC 7.

Of course, we all know what happens next.

"Dosas should be a dining category like sushi. It should be something people instantly recognize."

— Art of Dosa owner Ravi Nagubadi

"Unfortunately, the 'Hungry Hound' segment aired on Friday, March 13th," Nagubadi says. "Over the weekend, all the restaurants had to close." Revival Food Hall shut down. And now Nagubadi is back in his commissary kitchen trying to regroup. He had discontinued the delivery business while working at the food hall, so he feels like he's starting from scratch again. "We started last Monday, but it's been a bit slow," he says. "We only had one order for the first lunch."

But Nagubadi hasn't given up on his dosa ambition. And he's convinced that he can also make the dish work for delivery. Nagubadi admits that the dish doesn't traditionally travel well because it

steams in the packaging and gets limp. "But we figured out how to deliver crispy dosas," he says. "It took a lot of tricks to get it perfect."

He explains that he developed an extra crisp batter and got creative with the wrapping. "We found a good package and started MacGyvering holes into it," Nagubadi says.

Indeed, even after picking up my order and driving 15 minutes home, the masala dosa wrap (\$11) and the 65 dosa wrap (\$12) were surprisingly crisp. (That latter dish is a vegan version of a genuinely spicy Chinese-Indian dish. Without making a huge deal of it, everything at Art of Dosa is both vegan and gluten-free.)



NICK KINDELSPERGER/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The 65 dosa wrap from Art of Dosa (\$12) is a vegan version of a spicy Chinese-Indian dish.

While dosas still aren't that popular in Chicago, Nagubadi knows that if he can get people to try it, they'll like it. "The few people who have ordered it, have raved about it," he says. "We just need more business right now."

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Turkish

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A tradition that crosses cultural and geographic borders, kahvalti is taken daily at home, but is frequently enjoyed with friends or family at a restaurant — like American brunch, it has become a Sunday ritual. Dining outside is common in good weather, and Istanbul hotels like the luxurious Raffles put out a particularly copious spread — Raffles includes a local cook preparing gozleme to order.

The recipes offer a couple of homemade Turkish pastry options and an easy recipe for menemen, the ubiquitous egg dish presented in a cast-iron pan. Make it the centerpiece of a relaxing weekend meal, or introduce the basics to your table — along with plenty of hot tea.

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Pogaca

Prep: 20 minutes **Cook:** 15-25 minutes **Makes:** 16 buns

Traditionally these breakfast buns are made with yeast, but they come together very easily and deliciously when made with a biscuitlike dough leavened with baking powder. They can be round or crescent-shaped, but always have a shiny egg glaze.

Filling:

- ½ cup feta or white cheese, crumbled
- 3 tablespoons roughly chopped fresh dill or flat leaf parsley, or a combination

Dough:

- 2 cups flour, plus more if needed
- 2 ½ teaspoons baking powder
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 2 cups plain yogurt
- 1 cup melted unsalted butter
- 2 egg yolks, lightly whisked with a pinch of salt
- 2 tablespoons nigella seeds or sesame seeds

- 1. Heat** oven to 350 degrees. Combine cheese and herbs in a small bowl. Set aside
 - 2. For the dough,** combine 2 cups flour, baking powder and salt in a large bowl. Stir in the yogurt and melted butter until the dough comes together. Turn out onto a floured board; knead gently until very smooth.
 - 3. Cut** dough into 16 pieces. Roll each piece into a little ball, then flatten and make a hole in the middle. Fill with a small amount of filling. Gently pinch to close; place seam side down on a parchment-lined baking sheet. Repeat with remaining dough and filling. Brush generously with egg wash; sprinkle with the seeds.
 - 4. Bake** until firm and golden, 15 to 25 minutes. Serve warm or allow to cool.
- Nutrition information per bun:** 202 calories, 14 g fat, 8 g saturated fat, 60 mg cholesterol, 15 g carbohydrates, 2 g sugar, 4 g protein, 226 mg sodium, 1 g fiber

Gozleme

Prep: 40 minutes **Cook:** 30 minutes **Makes:** about 6 large pastries

If you cannot find yufka (it is available at Turkish grocers like Sahar International in Chicago, or online) you can use packaged filo. If you use filo, which is much thinner, be sure to thaw it well and brush it generously with melted butter in between layers before filling and folding.

- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 2 cups cleaned fresh spinach, roughly chopped
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil, plus more as needed
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt, plus more as needed
- 1 cup crumbled feta cheese
- 2 medium potatoes, peeled, cooked, mashed, about 2 cups
- Black pepper
- 1 package yufka (Turkish pastry leaves)

- 1. Combine** the onion, spinach, oil and 1 teaspoon salt in a bowl; massage thoroughly with your hands to combine. Add cheese and mashed potatoes, mix well, and season with pepper and more salt to taste.
 - 2. Lay out** each sheet of yufka and cut if necessary. You are looking for sheets about the size of a standard 8 ½-by-11-inch sheet of paper, but they don't need to be perfect or even rectangular. Place a trimmed sheet on a work surface with one corner facing you. Place one-sixth of the filling in the center. Fold the corners in to create a square envelope-shaped parcel. It is OK if there is lots of dough overlap but you want one side to be flat. Repeat with remaining sheets and filling.
 - 3. Heat** a large griddle or nonstick skillet and add a splash of oil to coat the surface but not create a puddle. Add a gozleme, flat side down, and cook over medium heat until golden. Flip and brown the other side until heated through. Keep warm while you finish the remaining parcels. Serve at once.
- Nutrition information per pastry:** 319 calories, 13 g fat, 5 g saturated fat, 22 mg cholesterol, 41 g carbohydrates, 4 g sugar, 9 g protein, 1,004 mg sodium, 2 g fiber

Menemen

Prep: 10 minutes **Cook:** 15 minutes **Makes:** 6 servings

- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 yellow onion, chopped
- 2 medium peppers, chopped (mild green ones like anaheims, cubanelles or banana peppers work well, but sweet red peppers work too)
- 2 medium tomatoes, chopped
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1 teaspoon Turkish red pepper flakes (optional)
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 6 large eggs

- 1. In a large** cast-iron skillet, heat the oil until it shimmers. Add the onion and peppers; cook gently over medium heat until softened.
 - 2. Add** the tomatoes and seasonings; cook a bit more, 2-3 minutes. Whisk the eggs in a bowl, then add to the vegetable mixture. Cook, stirring and scraping gently with a spatula, until soft-set. Serve at once directly from the pan.
- Nutrition information per serving:** 91 calories, 6 g fat, 1 g saturated fat, 62 mg cholesterol, 6 g carbohydrates, 4 g sugar, 3 g protein, 28 mg sodium, 2 g fiber

DRINK

The 140-year-old Puerto Rican rum you probably don't know about

By LISA FUTTERMAN
Chicago Tribune

A lot of people have never heard of Ron del Barrilito, though it's been around since 1880.

The aged Puerto Rican rum is the oldest produced on the island. Pedro Fernandez started making it when he returned from a journey to France — with some side trips to observe cognac production. Inspired, Fernandez went home to his family's hacienda in Bayamon, near San Juan, and set his unique, small batch production in motion. And it's been made there ever since. Priced by locals, until a few years ago it could be hard to find in the States. Though lately that is changing with some new influence. More on that in a bit.

Ron del Barrilito starts with a clear liquid distilled from molasses. A portion of that distillate goes into each of 25 wooden tanks, individually loaded with a locally sourced flavoring ingredient (stone fruits, spices, etc), to macerate for several months. These secret macerations are carefully blended with more distillate in a large tank, "proofed down" with rainwater collected on site, and set to age in oversized oak Oloroso sherry barrels shipped over from Spain.

The age profile on these rum blends really sets them apart. "The three star contains no rum under six years old, but many over 10 and even up to 17 years old," says Eduardo Bacardi, sales and marketing director. Additionally, the dark amber color of the spirit is



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Ron del Barrilito, an aged Puerto Rican rum, is the oldest produced on the island.

obtained solely by aging, not additives. "If the master blender needs to color correct, he finds a barrel of dark 16-year-old rum to correct it."

In 2017, three Puerto Rican investors convinced the Fernandez family to sell the company with the promise that their artisanal legacy would continue. One of those investors, Joaquin Bacardi, who worked for Bacardi Rum for 30 years, hired his son Eduardo, now 26, to bring the brand into the 21st century.

The Bacardis opened a visitor center in February 2019 on the grounds of the

original distillery. They offer tours, tastings and hands-on mixology classes. (Right now they are offering free tours to folks who reschedule their canceled March or April trip to Puerto Rico — details at rumcheckpr.com).

When the new investors took stock of the hacienda, they came across dozens of barrels that had been aging since the 1960s, '70s and '80s. Many of them were close to empty, the spirits inside almost completely evaporated over time. They collected the remaining precious drops — "inherited assets" as the younger

Bacardi calls them — and Master Blender M. Luis Planas created a one-time batch of 200 bottles of Five Star Ron del Barrilito that are pricey (\$750 and up) and hard to find.

Visitors and locals alike love the traditional Two Star and Three Star versions, with their classic gold and black labels. The Three Star drinks like fine whiskey — a couple of drops of water or an ice cube are all it needs to open up its brown sugary, slightly funky flavors.

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