



CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

For state, peek at grim peak

NATION

Senate OKs \$483B virus aid package

House members headed back for Thursday vote

BY LISA MASCARO AND ANDREW TAYLOR
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A \$483 billion coronavirus aid package flew through the Senate on Tuesday after Congress and the White House reached a deal to replenish a small-business payroll fund and provided new money for hospitals and testing.

Passage was swift and unanimous, despite opposition from conservative Republicans, and President Donald Trump tweeted his support, pledging to sign it into law.

“The Senate is continuing to stand by the American people,” said Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky.

It now goes to the House, where lawmakers have been summoned back to Washington for votes Thursday.

After nearly two weeks of negotiations and deadlock, Congress and the White House reached agreement Tuesday on the nearly \$500 billion package — the fourth as Washington strains to respond to the health and economic crisis.

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer said the bill was made “better and broader” after Democrats forced the inclusion of money for hospitals and testing.

A copy of the measure was provided to The Associated Press by a GOP aide.

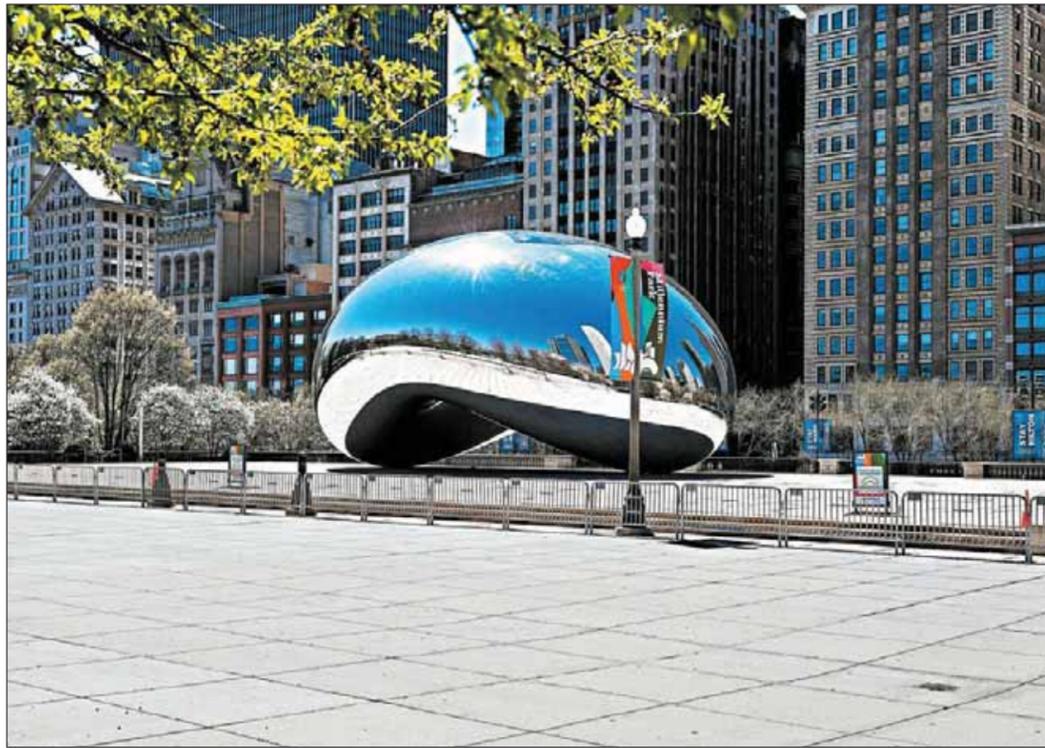
Most of the funding, \$331 billion, would go to boost a small-business payroll loan program that ran out of money last week. An additional \$75 billion would be given to hospitals, and \$25 billion would be spent to boost testing for the virus, a key step in building the confidence required to reopen state economies.

Missing from the package, however, was extra funding for state and local governments staring down budget holes and desperate to avert furloughs and layoffs.

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Crowds mill around Millennium Park's Cloud Gate, top, exactly a year ago. On Tuesday, the famed sculpture was devoid of visitors and people amid a stay-at-home order imposed by authorities to curb the current coronavirus pandemic.

ILLINOIS

Pritzker: Virus may not wane until May

BY JAMIE MUNKS, ANTONIA AYRES-BROWN AND GREGORY PRATT

Gov. J.B. Pritzker is now saying the new coronavirus pandemic may not peak in Illinois until mid-May, while Mayor Lori Lightfoot on Tuesday predicted the state's stay-at-home order could extend into June.

Previous projections had put the virus's peak in mid-to late April. But Pritzker told national news outlets this week that the date has been pushed back in part because people have been adhering to his stay-at-home order.

The restrictions, according to the administration, prevented a steeper spike in cases, while at the same time pushing back the time it will take for the curve to start a downward trajectory. “So it's been pushed out

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PREP ATHLETICS

‘This was supposed to be their time’

BY TONY BARANEK

The news did not come as a shock.

In his head, Lincoln-Way East boys volleyball player Trevor Lewis was actually expecting it.

But that didn't dull the pain in his heart Tuesday when the official word was delivered by the Illinois High School Association.

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the state tournaments for spring sports have been canceled.

It was a tough day for coaches and players.

“Honestly, it's devastating for not just me but our whole team in general,” Lewis said. “A lot of us have worked so hard to make it to the point where we're at.

“We're going to get together on Zoom and have a

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The Portage Lakefront and Riverwalk in Indiana was shut after a 2017 spill of hexavalent chromium by U.S. Steel.

EPA's enforcement of clean-water laws sinks

Under Trump, the agency cuts back in Great Lakes region

BY MICHAEL HAWTHORNE

Two months after President Donald Trump took office, U.S. Steel dumped a plume of cancer-causing metal into a Lake Michigan tributary 20 miles away from a Chicago drinking

water intake.

The company reported another spill of hexavalent chromium six months later, around the same time public interest lawyers dug up records documenting scores of other clean water violations at the northwest Indiana steel mill.

Yet Trump appointees at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency declined to punish the company, rebuffing career staff who con-

firmed U.S. Steel had repeatedly, and illegally, released harmful pollution into the region's chief source of drinking water.

“It makes me want to weep,” said Susan MiHalo, who has lived in nearby Ogden Dunes for more than 30 years and chairs the town's environmental advisory board. “In the back of my mind I'm always worried they are dumping pollution into the lake and

nobody is going to tell us about it.”

The lack of enforcement against one of the biggest polluters on the Great Lakes marked an early example of the Trump administration's more lenient approach to policing industrial pollution.

Well before the administration suspended a range of EPA enforcement activities

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■ A story Tuesday about the 4/20 marijuana celebration incorrectly stated that Sunnyside dispensary in Chicago had previously suspended sales of recreational marijuana due to COVID-19. Sunnyside maintained its recreational sales throughout the crisis.

■ In the evening e-edition Monday, an incorrect photograph of a nursing home accompanied an article about reaction to Illinois beginning to list COVID-19 cases at nursing homes. The photograph has been replaced with a picture of a facility included in the article. The Tribune regrets the errors.

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A tale of 2 governors: Fearless Pritzker and Wimpy Kemp



DAHLEEN GLANTON

I am a Georgia girl, though I have lived in Chicago for decades. My relatives are there, and so are many of my friends.

It is sad to see what is happening in the state I love, the place I still run to when I long to feel the comfort of home. It is painful to know that the people I care for most are in danger because the governor refuses to do what it takes to protect them.

I am lucky to be in Illinois right now. Even with more than 33,000 diagnosed cases of COVID-19, ours is one of the best states in the nation to ride out the pandemic. That's because our governor is committed to saving lives. He has said he will rely on science, not the White House, to tell him when it is time to reopen the state.

There are many things for which Pritzker deserves praise in the wake of the pandemic. One of the most impressive is how he has fearlessly stood up to Donald Trump's bullying.

When Trump fell through on promises to provide personal protective equipment for frontline workers, our badass governor defied the president and had a stockpile of gloves, masks and other gear secretly flown to Illinois from China. He has to constantly battle Trump on Twitter and each time comes out unscathed.

That's what leadership is supposed to look like. Unfortunately, a wimp is in charge of Georgia. Gov. Brian Kemp is too afraid of Trump stand up and do the right thing.

Trump took the unusual step of endorsing Kemp in the tight gubernatorial primary runoff in 2018, helping him secure the Republican nomination and eventually the office. In effect, Kemp made a deal with the devil, and now it's payback time.

So with more than 20,000 cases, 800 deaths and the numbers continuing to rise in Georgia, Kemp has decided that it is time to get things up and running again, beginning Friday.

The move comes despite concerns by health officials that Georgia has not even met the benchmarks for reopening that Trump is promoting. Using the modeling often cited by the White House, Georgia shouldn't even be thinking about removing social distancing requirements until after June 15.

This begs the question: Does Kemp know something that public health officials and the rest of the country don't? Or is he a fool? Given that he says he only learned a little over two weeks ago that people who do not show symptoms could spread COVID-19, the answer seems obvious.

Health officials as well as a lot of Georgia residents are shaking their heads. Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms indicated that she was blindsided by the announcement, adding, "I don't see that it's based on anything that's logical."

Of course there isn't. Nothing Kemp has done during the pandemic is logical.



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Gov. J.B. Pritzker has stood up to bullying from President Trump even as his counterpart from Georgia, David Kemp, stands with Trump "unapologetically."



BRYNN ANDERSON/AP

There's nothing Bottoms can do about it, though. Kemp's latest directive overrules the stay-at-home order she put in place weeks before his. All she can do now is what most Southerners tend to do when they are out of options — put it in God's hands.

Republican governors across the country are feeling pressure from Trump to get the economy going again sooner rather than later. Southern states, in particular, have found themselves in a precarious situation.

South Carolina, Florida and Tennessee also have taken steps to reopen, but not with the same urgency as Kemp. He appears to be blatantly defying social distancing requirements by reopening businesses that require nearly face-to-face contact.

Among the businesses reopening Friday are tattoo shops, barbershops, hair salons, nail shops and massage services. Gyms, fitness centers and bowling alleys will also reopen on Friday. In addition, in-person church services will be allowed to resume.

Movie theaters and restaurants will be back in business on Monday. The statewide stay-at-home order will expire next week. And on Wednesday, May 13, the state's public health emergency will be declared over.

In these perilous times, it's hard to imagine why any governor would be willing to take the risk of reopening too soon. Surely, if things don't go well, the blame from a deadly resurgence of the virus will come down on him hard.

But with just about everything in red states, it's all about Trump. In Kemp's calculation, the wrath of Trump apparently is much more devastating than the possibility of a state devastated by coronavirus.

Trump has Kemp between a rock and a hard place. But the two men have a lot in common.

Kemp, who was serving as Georgia's secretary of state, came in second to then-Lt. Governor Casey Cagle in the primary two years ago. Kemp's hardline conservative campaign, in which he ran ads wielding a shotgun and talked about rounding up illegal immigrants, weren't enough to push him over the threshold. Trump's endorsement turned momentum in his favor. He went on to defeat Cagle in a runoff and then Democrat Stacey Abrams in the general election.

After his runoff victory, Kemp promised to "unapologetically stand with President Trump to secure our border, deport criminal aliens, crush gangs and ensure a bright and promising future for our families." He should have included being the president's

flunky.

Kemp's controversial move to reopen Georgia comes just a month after he ordered businesses closed and just under three weeks after he became one of the last governors in the country to issue a shelter-at-home order.

It also comes as some doctors and nurses are complaining about the lack of protective gear. Testing, of course, is abysmal in Georgia, just as it is across the country due to a lack of leadership from the White House.

Smart governors such as Pritzker are just as eager to get things going again. But they understand the risks of moving too quickly. At a news conference Tuesday, Pritzker warned that while Illinois has made progress due to sheltering in place, the numbers could quickly shoot up if the restrictions are removed prematurely.

Pritzker also said the coronavirus pandemic won't peak in Illinois until mid-May. Mayor Lori Lightfoot has suggested that the state's stay-at-home order could extend into June, but Pritzker hasn't been that specific.

He has indicated that the order likely will be modified as we get closer to the April 30 expiration date, but he is quick to point out that any decisions would be based on the advice of health officials who are knowledgeable about the situation.

The last thing Pritzker wants to see in Illinois is a resurgence of the virus that would take the lives of even more residents than we are seeing during the first wave.

Most Illinoisans are willing to live with the restrictions for as long as it takes. Of course, we're tired of being cooped up in the house. We're worried about the economic future of our state and nation. And we're ready to get back to work, while hoping that we still have a job waiting.

Like most Americans, we understand the importance of patience at a time like this. We are thankful that Pritzker gets it too.

But most of all, we are grateful to have a governor who doesn't owe his election to Trump.

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Amid pandemic, concern can orbit around one



MARY SCHMICH

Who do you worry about most right now?

During this strange, uncharted moment, as the coronavirus creeps into every aspect of our lives, most of us are worrying about other people as well as for ourselves. We worry for strangers we hear about on the news or encounter in passing, the ones who deliver our packages, ring us up at the grocery store, take care of the elderly and the sick.

But there's likely to be someone dear to you whose well-being worries you above all. I receive a lot of email from readers telling me who that person is for them.

For some, it's a parent isolated in a nursing home. One woman wrote to say she worries about her 28-year-old daughter who lives alone and just lost her job. A man wrote to say he worries for his grandkids, who are missing school and friends: What kind of future will they face?

Almost everyone worries about someone, and the other day I put the question to the person I worry about most.

"Who do you worry about most, Gina?"

"I worry so much about the bus drivers," Gina said.

Gina is the youngest of my eight siblings and she has always struggled with various physical and mental challenges. Until our mother died 10 years ago, the two of them always lived together. Since then, Gina has been as surprised as anyone that — except for a few dramatic bumps in the road — she has navigated an independent life.

But her life remains complicated, and when COVID-19 hit, my first thought was: What about Gina?

Gina, who lives in Eugene, Oregon, is 55 and survives on disability payments, with help from her siblings. She has diabetes. Her balance is weak. She doesn't drive or have a job. To buy groceries and pick up her medica-



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Linda Lamberty and her dog, Roxie, watch a parade of cars driving by to thank staff and greet Smith Village Senior Living residents in Beverly.

tions, as well as for the adventure of traveling around, she rides the city bus almost every day, often for hours, always eager to visit the grocery clerks, pharmacists and bus drivers she counts as close friends. The psychiatrist she long depended on retired a while ago, and she still feels the loss.

"I've come so close to breaking down and sobbing over not being able to ride the bus," she said when I talked to her right after the stay-at-home order went into effect.

I remember those words because I wrote them down. They felt so specific to her life, and yet universal. Who among us isn't newly intimate with the dread of being cut off from movement, freedom, people?

By choice, Gina doesn't have a TV or a smartphone or a computer, machines that confuse and

agitate her. She loves words but finds reading hard. Whatever official news she gets comes from the radio, and in the first days of the pandemic, what she heard panicked her.

But then, as she so often does, she shook off the fear and faced the challenge.

"I have learned a lot of lessons having to stay home," she said when we talked on Tuesday.

I asked her what the lessons were.

"I've been very good with my flossing and brushing," she said. "I've been eating better."

She said music has been good company. Mostly she listens to her favorite old CDs, which include the Bee Gees, Dionne Warwick and Alan Jackson.

"And I've gotten much better and more interested in doing

word searches," she said. "I've been working on them every day for the past few weeks. I've definitely gotten better."

Gina collects word search books, and nothing satisfies her more than ferreting words out of the grids of letters. She often recognizes words she insists she's never heard.

The other day she discovered "arrogant" and when she learned what it meant, she was elated.

"It means you're full of yourself and you think you're better than everybody else," she said. She laughed loudly. "That's a good word!"

I asked Gina if she'd mind my writing about the fact that she feels she's learning things in the pandemic, and she said sure. But she wanted to add something. "It's been a very trying time for

all of us," she said. "No matter how we cope and deal with this issue, the one thing we all have in common is that this situation has had all of us really scared. I worry about you too."

I still worry about Gina, but less than I did when the pandemic started. A friend in Oregon has set her up on Instacart for groceries. One of her neighbors recruited a young person to pick up her medications. Online from Chicago, I found a place that, after a temporary shortage, could deliver toilet paper in Eugene.

And I take some comfort in the thought that for all of us in this anxious time, worrying about each other is one way we share both burdens and love.

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The casket of Chicago police Sgt. Clifford Martin is prepared for burial at Lincoln Cemetery in Blue Island on Tuesday.

Veteran cop who lost his life to virus is laid to rest

Death due to COVID-19 seen as in line of duty

BY JEREMY GORNER

Chicago police Sgt. Clifford Martin Sr. was viewed by his daughter as a superhero, almost like Batman.

"He was Bruce Wayne by day and the Caped Crusader by night," his daughter, Chicago police Officer Shannon Martin, said as she remembered her father at his funeral service Tuesday. "And even though Gotham City was always in some kind of peril, some kind of trouble, my dad was always there for us."

Sgt. Martin, 56, died April 10 due to complications of COVID-19, making the 25-year CPD veteran one of three Chicago officers to die of the disease. The sergeant in the Area Central detective division is also survived by a wife and two other children, one of whom is also a Chicago police officer.

Scores of Chicago police cars stretched for a few blocks along busy Halsted Street in the South Side's Englewood neighborhood

as the department honored Martin.

But it wasn't a typical honors funeral. Most officers were not allowed to leave their cars due to social distancing restrictions.

Wearing a button on his lapel to honor Martin, acting Superintendent David Brown talked to reporters briefly outside the funeral home, expressing his condolences to the sergeant's family and imploring all officers in the department to follow strict guidelines to stay safe during the pandemic, including washing their hands and wearing masks.

Department leadership wants to do "everything we can do to protect these officers and recognize the sacrifice that they make, and recognize the sacrifice (of) their families," Brown said.

Martin's death was considered in the line of duty by the department, a designation that entitles his family to special financial benefits and Tuesday's honors funeral — the same distinction afforded to officers shot and killed on the job.

But unlike typical hon-



Martin

ors funerals, the COVID-19 pandemic has prevented the police superintendent, the mayor and governor from their public addresses at the service. Only

Martin's family was allowed inside the funeral home, though the department allowed a local TV station to livestream the service.

Kimberly Lewis-Davis, one of CPD's chaplains, led the sergeant's family in prayer at a lectern in the funeral home. This was followed by appearances by Martin's three children, including Shannon Martin and her brother, Clifford Jr., also a Chicago officer. All of them wore masks.

Sgt. Martin's other daughter, Kaysee Hayes-Martin, read aloud a letter to her dad, calling him a "confidant, protector, fort-builder, best friend ... and more."

"We appreciate every special moment God has allowed us to have with you. Although you might not be here physically, the values that you have instilled in us will go on to touch thousands more just

as you did," Hayes-Martin said.

Two other Chicago police officers have died of the coronavirus, and their deaths were also considered to be in the line of duty.

At the service, Shannon Martin lowered her mask and recounted to mourners how she remembered when her father graduated from the police academy when she was a kid.

Dabbling tears from her eyes, Shannon Martin told mourners that her father believed she could become "whatever kind of officer I wanted to be."

"I didn't have to be ... tough, strong, insensitive," she said. "I could be the emotional cupcake that I am."

In closing, she thanked other officers who have helped her along the way and expressed gratitude for making her, her sister and brother "the functioning adults that we are."

"I'm going to take care of Nightwing and Catwoman. I'm going to take care of Robin," she said, drawing some laughter with more Batman references. "Thank you, Daddy. I love you so much. Love, your Batgirl."

How to survive isolation: Drives, hope and Adele

Quad Cities man who did decades in solitary shares tips

BY STACY ST. CLAIR

Anthony Gay knows what it's like to have his freedom restricted, to crave human interaction and to feel despair.

But he survived his decadeslong ordeal. And, in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, he wants Illinois residents to know they will survive theirs too.

Gay, who spent 20 years in solitary confinement after being convicted of stealing a hat and a dollar bill, recently launched a blog aimed at helping people cope with feelings of desperation and isolation amid the state's stay-at-home order.

His message is simple: Don't lose hope.

Cranking up Adele's biggest hits never hurts either.

"I endured isolation in the extreme, so I understand how people feel right now," Gay said in a telephone interview from his Quad Cities home. "You've got to zone in on the good aspects of life to survive."

For the past month, Gay has buoyed his spirits by taking long drives, videoconferencing with family members and reading stories about people who triumph over adversity. He's also watching a lot of Adele videos on YouTube, mesmerized by both the website and a voice he had never heard until shortly before he left prison two years ago.

"Like Adele setting fire to the rain," he wrote in his first blog entry, "hope must set fire to the pain."

And while it might seem incongruous to compare Gay's experience to people who complain on social media about finding decent sushi delivery and having already watched everything on Netflix, he is earnest. His desire to help is genuine, even as he acknowledges that pain to him is not just a song lyric, but something that was a constant companion for years.

The Rock Island native entered prison in 1994 as a young man, convicted of robbery after brawling with another teen who told police that Gay took his hat and stole \$1. Gay expected to serve as little as 3½ years.

Instead, a fight with a fellow inmate led to Gay's first stint in segregation, pushing him into a downward spiral that resulted in 22 years in solitary confinement. Shortly after the isolation started, Gay began self-mutilating and attempting suicide.

Alone for 23 hours a day and starved for human contact, Gay took extreme steps to get attention. He cut himself hundreds of times in his 7-by-12-foot cell, slicing open his neck, forearms, legs and genitals. Once, he packed a fan motor inside a gaping leg wound; another time he cut open his scrotum and inserted a zipper.

As his mind began to deteriorate, Gay became antagonistic toward his guards and occasionally threw urine or feces at them, unlawful acts of defiance that stretched his original sentence into more than two decades behind bars in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

"The objective was for me to die there," he writes in his blog. "However, I survived. The most compelling reason I survived is because I refused to relinquish hope."

As attorneys petitioned again and again for his release, Gay began to feed off their optimism and often turned to them for reassurance. He also found comfort in Guideposts magazine, a publication started in 1945 by religious leader Norman



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Anthony Gay, a former Illinois inmate who was in solitary confinement for decades, started a blog.

Vincent Peale and filled with stories of inspiration.

"I never fully closed the door to hope," he said. "It's the only way a miracle can walk through."

It's much the same for people struggling with the stay-at-home order, Gay said. They need to cling to whatever buoys their spirits, whether it's a conversation with a good friend or good read.

"People need to remember that social distancing doesn't have to mean social isolation," he said.

The order comes at a particularly cruel moment for Gay, who had been out of prison for only 18 months when Gov. J.B. Pritzker implemented the statewide restrictions. A proposed state law limiting how long an Illinois prisoner can stay in solitary confinement just had been named in his honor and appeared to be gaining momentum in early March when Illinois skidded to a stop.

The Anthony Gay Isolated Confinement Restriction Act — which would bar the Illinois Department of Corrections from placing an inmate in isolation for more than 10 days in a six-month period — is now in limbo as the legislative session has been suspended because of the outbreak. Though he understands the reason, the slowdown disappointed Gay, who believes he has an obligation to help people in near-hopeless situations.

"It drives me like a heart-beat," he said.

If he can't be assisting inmates in solitary confinement at the moment, Gay decided he could still help people struggling with isolation. Romanucci & Blandin, the Chicago-based law firm representing Gay in a civil rights lawsuit against the IDOC, agreed to publish his pandemic blog on their website to help spread his message.

"Anthony's blog is so impactful because he, more than anyone else, knows the challenge of being isolated and the power of person's mind in that situation," his attorney Nicolette Ward said. "The hope he had during his years of solitary confinement helped him survive and gave him a vision of better days when he had his freedom. He wants to encourage all Americans to stay hopeful at this challenging time and let people know that things will indeed get better."

Like all Illinois residents, Gay has struggled at times with the stay-at-home order and the challenges it presents. He had been working at his cousin's barbershop, which closed in adherence to Pritzker's order, and has not been able to find another job. He's currently living with his mother.

He has leaned heavily on his church since his release, but has not been able to worship in person with the congregation for nearly a month. On Easter, however, he went to his cousin's church, where he says people were allowed to come in groups of 10 and pray together several pews apart.

It gave Gay the dose of hope he needed.

"Trying to abandon hope and achieve success is like trying to get water without the wet," he writes. "You can't have one without the other."

Relief fund to cover tuition increase for new U. of I. students

Grants to offset distance learning costs also offered

BY ELYSSA CHERNEY

The state's largest public university system is giving new in-state students a break on costs next year: Using an emergency coronavirus relief fund, University of Illinois schools will pay for tuition increases supposed to go into effect in the fall for undergraduates.

The \$36 million fund — created with private donations, federal stimulus money and the university's own reserves — is dedicated to helping students struggling with finances during the pandemic, said University of Illinois System President Tim Killeen.

"We stretched to make sure that we can provide emergency relief, as much as we can, in the near term," Killeen told the Tribune. "We want to do everything we can so that our doors are wide open to students in this time of crisis and financial chal-

lenge by continuing to offer world-class access to affordable high-quality education."

U. of I.'s announcement comes about two weeks before the May 1 deadline that requires many prospective students to decide where they want to attend college. Tuition increases of 1.8% for the Chicago and Urbana-Champaign campuses and 1% for the Springfield campus were approved by the board of trustees last year.

The rate hikes being covered — the first for Illinois residents in six years — would have affected only freshman and transfer students. The increases will be reinstated for the 2021-22 school year and beyond. Increases for nonresidents and graduate students will proceed as planned in the fall.

Killeen said it remains unclear what changes will be necessary for campuses in the fall.

In addition to paying for the tuition increases, U. of I.'s new emergency fund will also assist those currently enrolled with every-



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Tuition hikes for University of Illinois campuses in Chicago and Urbana-Champaign, above, were approved in 2019.

thing from housing costs to technology needs, said Barbara Wilson, executive vice president and vice president for academic affairs.

"There's a lot of unforeseen costs that are associated with this kind of dramatic shift to distance education and some of it may fall on the shoulders of our students," Wilson said.

Students seeking help can apply for grants of up to \$1,000 through their school's financial aid office. Those who lost wages from jobs curtailed by the pandemic are also eligible.

A portion of the money in the emergency fund comes from the CARES Act, the recently passed federal stimulus bill that set aside \$14 billion in aid

for higher education.

U. of I. had not received the money as of Monday morning but expects to collect about \$63 million from the relief bill — half of which must go directly toward emergency financial aid grants for students.

Public and private universities across the country reeling from the pandemic are petitioning Congress for more monetary help. Schools have spent millions of dollars refunding students for room and board and preparing for remote learning away from campuses, while also losing revenue from athletics and canceled events.

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Uncertainty for Lake County boating season

Tensions high as launch approaches amid pandemic

BY KARIE ANGELL LUC

For the Lake County boating community, COVID-19 is having a ripple effect.

"We're all in the same boat, no pun intended," said Joseph S. Keller, executive director of the Fox Waterway Agency (FWA) of Fox Lake. "There is certainly a lot of anxiety out there."

May and the Memorial Day weekend typically launch the summer boating season.

"People are itching to get outside to enjoy the system," Keller said.

But posted on the FWA website is also Keller's April 16 open letter, warning Chain O' Lakes users who possess a FWA sticker: "The Fox Waterway Agency has kept the waterways open during the state's stay-at-home order. But that could change quickly if users don't abide by safe social distancing rules. The FWA and law enforcement are keeping a close eye on the waterway."

Mark Willer, owner of Turtle Beach Marina in Antioch on Channel Lake, said, "That's my biggest fear. If they decide to shut the chain down, that's going to kill businesses on the water."

"These marinas are dying right now, us included," said Willer, who owns the Turtle Beach Marina and Thirsty Turtle restaurant.

Dave Buss of unincorporated McHenry stored his pontoon boat last winter at the Turtle Beach Marina.

"Definitely don't close the chain," Buss said.

On Lake Michigan at North Point Marina in Winthrop Harbor, boaters wanting to stock their boats can't due to COVID-19. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR), "is working with North Point Marina management to al-



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Mark Willer, owner of Turtle Beach Marina on Channel Lake, fears what will happen if Chain O' Lakes is not kept open.

low access to boat owners so they may relocate vessels as necessary," said Rachel Torbert, IDNR deputy director.

"While consistent with closures of Illinois' state parks, fish and wildlife areas, recreational areas and historic sites, and other marina closures in the area, the department does not want to deprive Illinoisans of access to their private property," Torbert said.

At Waukegan Harbor & Marina, there are 645 boat slips with 327 rented as of April 20, about 50 fewer than last year.

Owners cannot access boats overwintered at Lake County commercial storage facilities due to COVID-19, said Joe Seidemann, marina general manager of Waukegan Harbor & Marina.

These closed facilities are identified as non essential businesses, "which is unique to Illinois, because Wisconsin and Ohio have both deemed marinas as essential services," Seidemann said.

New this year at Waukegan Harbor & Marina is a longer boating season, which began March 1 and ends Nov. 30.

"Yes, this COVID has affected us," Seidemann said.

Jim Goebel of Waukegan, a charter boat captain, can't access his 33-foot boat because it's locked in

Waukegan commercial storage along Lake Michigan.

"I need my boat to make a living, but I can't put it on the water," Goebel said. "My season ended last year in November, so I haven't worked. My savings are gone."

Commercial boat storage facilities, "should be open," he added.

Boat owners are inquiring about new and stored watercraft at Munson Marine, a closed Fox Lake boat dealer and marina.

"We're screwed," said Craig Munson, the owner and president of Munson Marine. "We closed down on March 21 at 5 p.m. The car dealers are able to operate, which seems silly, but all of us are shut down."

Munson Marine has 100 rental slips with lost renewals.

"It's just been a mess," Munson said.

At Turtle Beach Marina, Willer said 50 of 56 boat slips were rented.

"I got a call from a gentleman who's not sure he wants to bring the boat," Willer said. "He's holding off to wait to see what happens. Unfortunately, those calls might keep coming. I hope not."

On Thursday, Brice Bauske of Ingleside and his brother Brock, co-owners of Bauske Boat Basin in Fox Lake, went to a local bank to get a COVID-19 small busi-

ness loan, but had no luck. "Guess what? I'm not putting up any collateral," Brice Bauske said. Bauske Boat Basin has a tax installment of "\$42,000 in June and I don't have anything, barely, I got maybe 10 grand right now," he added.

"Waterfront property will kill you. Ask anybody who lives on the water. Taxes are outrageous," Bauske said with a laugh.

About coronavirus fears, "If you came here, got in your boat, you're not going to see anybody," he said. "The only Corona you're going to catch is the one you drink out there, and that's it."

Bauske Boat Basin, in business for 61 years, also has had slip cancellations.

Keller, who remains upbeat about the season, said he's spoken with local restaurateurs and bar owners.

"They're excited about the possibility of being able to open their doors to customers to eat their food," he said. "Hopefully, there will be safe ways to do that."

Larry Phillips of Lake Villa owns the Captain's Quarters Marina, a six-acre property in Antioch on Fox Lake.

Approximately 30 summer wait staff hires are on standby. His outdoor patio accommodates 237 people.

"I'm worried about when we can open our business," he said.

The Captain's Quarters Marina has 75 boat slips, 15 of which are reserved for docking boaters who dine at the restaurant, leaving 60 slips for rental.

"I've had three people back out due to coronavirus," Phillips said about slip reservations.

His marina stores nearly 200 boats.

"I have about \$15,000 and \$20,000 out in winter storage that I haven't collected," he said. "This is going to be worse than the Great Depression."

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Mother questions procedures after death of teen son

Claims student at Wheeling wasn't properly treated

BY KATHERINE ROSENBERG-DOUGLAS AND KAREN ANN CULLOTTA

The family of a 16-year-old Wheeling High School student who died earlier this month expressed frustration this week, saying that the teen was not properly treated prior to his death.

Zach Leviton, 16, of Wheeling, died April 13 at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge, according to the Cook County medical examiner's office. An autopsy was conducted, but the cause and manner of death have yet to be determined, said spokeswoman Natalia Derevyanny.

It's unknown whether his death was related to COVID-19, but a week after his death, he was not among the known Cook County deaths related to COVID-19.

Officials with Township High School District 214 declined to comment on whether Leviton was the teen whose death was announced in a Saturday email from district Superintendent David Schuler, informing parents that a student had died, likely from complications of COVID-19, and that a second student was hospitalized with the virus. Officials did not name the school or schools attended by these students, but Wheeling High School is one of the district's schools.

But Leviton's mother, Julie Leviton, said Schuler was referencing her son in his email, although her son was tested for COVID-19 and the test came back negative.

She said the "medical community thinks COVID-19 is a possibility," but she reiterated that it remains unknown until autopsy results are released.

"Zach tested negative for it but myself and his dad think it's a (different) strain of COVID and maybe doesn't register on these test kits," she wrote in a message. "All arrows point to that."

She also said she believes concerns in the health care system about coronavirus hindered her ability to get treatment for her son.

"I want answers about what happened to him," Julie Leviton said. "A perfectly healthy child just up and has some weird little symptoms. And in 24 hours

he's gone."

Julie Leviton said she first tried to get an appointment with her son's primary care doctor about three weeks ago after he threw up and "complained of some lightheadedness, felt a little more tired," she said. The receptionist told her that her son could not be seen because it was possible he had COVID-19. Leviton says the receptionist didn't offer any alternatives or suggest what the family should do.

"Why don't they say, 'We highly recommend you take them to urgent care,' so at least that's in my mind?" Julie Leviton said. "I'm kind of stuck with no good options because the message is to stay away from the hospitals unless you can't breathe."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, as of April 2, about 1.7% of COVID-19 cases had occurred in children younger than 18.

Among all the reported COVID-19 cases in children younger than 18, nearly one-third occurred in children 15 to 17 years old, with 27% in children 10 to 14 years old, according to the CDC.

Leviton said she wondered at times whether her son's condition was psychological, because he'd been lethargic and a little more withdrawn, including no longer playing video games online with his friends.

"I thought he was having anxiety because his world's turned upside down," she said. "The way he's acting it seems to me, that yeah, that he's having a hard time. He's anxious, he doesn't know what this virus thing is and everybody's life is turned upside down. And I'm not thinking that he's sick, I'm thinking this is psychological."

Still, she said, she thought he needed to see a doctor and she wasn't able to arrange a visit because she thought she was supposed to keep him away from the hospital unless he was in distress.

"I want him seen, but I don't want him catching a virus. So I'm kind of at a loss here," she said.

Alex Jaleca, one of Zach's friends, said Tuesday that it was "hard to put into words how much Zach meant to so many people."

"I think that's why this is so hard to process and understand, because it's impossible to see why one of the few people capable of spreading such happiness would be taken from us so soon," Alex added.



Leviton



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Northwestern University professor Julius Lucks is leading the effort to produce a new rapid coronavirus test.

Scientists at NU working on new kind of rapid test

Would be easy to administer; rollout in fall targeted

BY HAL DARDICK

Northwestern University scientists are racing to develop a new kind of rapid test to detect the novel coronavirus that would be inexpensive, easily mass produced and simple to administer.

Their work involves creating a synthetic molecule designed to quickly identify SARS-CoV-2 from a nasal swab or saliva sample, as well as detecting the virus in water or on surfaces. Results would come in less than an hour, at the location where the test was taken, according to the team.

If all goes well, the test could be rolled out this fall, when the nation is expected still to be grappling with the COVID-19 pandemic. It could help inform decisions about reopening the economy or be deployed en masse in the event of a resurgence of cases, the lead researcher said.

"All these articles are saying we need orders of magnitude more testing, either to inform what's happening now, or if there's a resurgence in the fall," said Julius Lucks, a Northwestern chemistry and biological engineering professor who's heading up the research. "In my view, testing provides this critical piece of information that's kind of the linchpin behind almost any strategy used to combat" the disease.

"So we're trying to do

this as fast as possible," Lucks added. "We see it as a major piece of life as we know it from now on."

The work of Lucks and his colleagues at the university's Center for Synthetic Biology is being funded with a National Science Foundation rapid response research grant of \$200,000. It was awarded Friday and is among scores of efforts the federal government has fast-tracked to hasten research into the SARS-CoV-2 virus, which causes COVID-19.

The Center for Synthetic Biology has pioneered the use of rapid, on-site tests that find contaminants in the environment, according to scientists there. Now they hope to use those methods to bridge gaps in COVID-19 testing.

They are working closely with Stemloop Inc., which was spun off from the Center for Synthetic Biology to commercialize tests developed by the center and is run by a former postdoctoral fellow in Lucks' lab. Lucks and one of his center colleagues working on the new test have financial interests in Stemloop, the university disclosed.

To create the test, the NU scientists are trying to produce a molecule that would "identify" the virus — just as certain natural molecules do in the human body to perform any number of biological functions.

"Natural organisms all around us have ways of sensing and monitoring their own environments, and the way that they do

that is through molecular machines that can recognize specific targets," Lucks said. "So, what we are doing is kind of repurposing nature's molecular machines to detect what we're interested in."

Although other similar efforts are underway elsewhere, Lucks believes NU can improve on the efforts to make the tests "easier and more powerful."

Widespread testing is something scientists agree is needed to get the pandemic under control. It will help determine who's had the virus and may be safe to return to work, as well as help get a much better sense of how far and wide the virus has spread across the nation.

A Harvard University study released Monday concluded that 20 million tests will be needed each day by midsummer, although others have given much lower estimates. Even those lower estimates have yet to be achieved, and that's where Lucks thinks the NU test could come in.

"The main point is we can make testing to scale, make it easier, cheaper, get more tests out there," he said. "That's what we need to do."

Most of the current testing methods used in the United States require specimens to be sent to a lab for analysis. On Tuesday, the company LabCorp announced it had secured emergency use authorization from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for a test in which nasal swab samples could be collected

at home with a doctor's order. But the samples would still have to be sent to labs.

The FDA also has given emergency authorization to four blood tests designed to detect antibodies to SARS-CoV-2, and the agency has let many more go to market without validation. But questions remain about the accuracy of the tests and about how many antibodies people need in their system to make them immune for some period of time.

The goal of the Northwestern scientists is a test that would not require lab analysis and would deliver results in less than an hour, Lucks said.

In addition to human testing, the new process could be used to detect the virus in waste water, which could help determine how far the virus has spread, or swabs from a hard surface, which would be helpful in health care settings.

"We're trying to design a test that only takes a single step ... and doesn't need any equipment," Lucks said. "One of the major issues with testing today is a lot of the gold-standard methodologies require laboratory equipment that has to be located somewhere, takes expertise, reagents and so on."

"We're trying to design them to be as simple to use as a pregnancy test," he added. "Just apply the sample, wait for the result and you can do them anywhere."

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Shelters showing varying levels of infection

Advocates for the homeless say better housing is crucial

BY CECILIA REYES

Increased coronavirus testing in Chicago homeless shelters has revealed varying levels of infection, with some locations having as many as half of its staff and residents test positive, city health officials say.

Most of the people testing positive showed no symptoms but were checked because there had been confirmed cases of COVID-19 in their shelters, according to Deputy Public Health Commissioner Megan Cunningham. Some locations had no positive cases among staff and residents.

"We were finding those places where spread had already occurred to a greater extent," Cunningham said. "Now that we're able to do more widespread testing, we are hopeful that we will see much lower rates out there."

The city ramped up testing last week, starting with homeless shelters more likely to have outbreaks. People with confirmed

cases are eligible to move into city-rented hotel rooms or an isolation wing set up by A Safe Haven, city officials said.

As of April 20, there were 100 open slots at hotels and the isolation wing, according to Family and Support Services Commissioner Lisa Morrison Butler.

The Chicago Department of Public Health has not conducted testing in all communal shelters funded by the city, but Cunningham said the priority is to check all of them, starting with places that have suspected cases. The city funds about 140 beds at 15 congregate-style shelters.

Julie Dworkin, policy director at the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless, said the city should enact universal testing at shelters and place people in apartments rather than hotel rooms since rental costs mount as stay-at-home orders lengthen.

"At the rest of the shelters, I think we can assume there are high percentages of people who have it but they just haven't been tested and we don't know," she said.

Following earlier reports of COVID-19 infection in

homeless shelters, housing advocates called for a protest at City Hall to press the use of more than 2,000 vacant units managed by the Chicago Housing Authority.

"It was like a slap in the face," Kevin Reynolds said of apartments standing empty during the pandemic.

During a video news conference, Reynolds said he's waited for an apartment on CHA's waitlist for three years and is an organizer for the CCH. "In a time of crisis, placing the homeless in these units should be their top priority."

Homeless advocates say housing shortages, combined with outbreaks at homeless shelters with overburdened staff, make it even more necessary to use whatever housing stock is available.

Last month, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development noted that while housing agencies cannot bypass their waitlist to occupy vacant units, they can amend existing guidelines to prioritize seniors or individuals experiencing homelessness. HUD has since issued waivers to grant more flexibility for

housing authorities. CHA reported a waitlist of 161,939 people on its latest quarterly report and said it already prioritizes the homeless when taking people off its list.

Asked about the vacant apartments, Morrison Butler said the number of units ready to move into may be lower than reported, and added that the CHA was not "uniquely responsible" for housing people adversely affected by COVID-19. "It is something that all of the sectors here, including private sector landlords — we have to work together," she said.

The city's Department of Family and Support Services is working with other city agencies to match homeless people most affected by the virus with permanent housing, she said. "In a city this size, we will find housing options that are available for us as we get to that point of this process."

In a statement, the CHA said its units "are not a viable option for these temporary shelter sites due to the fact that nearly all vacant units across the portfolio are either reserved for meeting the high demand



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A vehicle circles Chicago's City Hall during a rally Tuesday to raise awareness to the city's housing crisis.

for our CHA applicants or are being prepped for new tenants or undergoing capital improvements."

To date, the city has set up an "emergency shelter network" of 699 beds distributed over five YMCA and Salvation Army locations, both to thin out existing shelters and take in new referrals. There, beds are spread out more than 6 feet apart in large gymsnasiums or other open spaces. Morrison Butler said there is still capacity at four of the locations.

"It's still not ideal," countered Dworkin. "They're moving them from a congregate setting to another one."

Advocates also say 311 is slow to respond on week-

ends and information about openings is inconsistent.

Omar Alexander, 49, said he called the line last week and was routed to a location on Sunday evening. He said keeping his phone charged and staying put in case he got a call back was difficult over the three days it took to get a response because most public places have now closed.

"It was a very uncertain situation," Alexander said, "I was just trying to keep my feet on the earth and stay sane and motivated and persistent with the calling. And be patient with myself and the agencies that are going through a lot as well, trying to help us."

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CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Lightfoot a step closer to having a freer hand

Aldermen advance mayor's emergency powers proposal

BY JOHN BYRNE

Mayor Lori Lightfoot's move to codify the extraordinary powers she has to spend city money and sign contracts to deal with the coronavirus fallout cleared a City Council test Tuesday after she promised to give regular reports to aldermen on expenditures, which are expected to surpass \$150 million by the end of June.

The mayor's emergency powers ordinance got push-back from aldermen who wanted more say on how the Lightfoot administration spends huge amounts of money to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic.

Budget director Susie Park said the city already has budgeted \$65 million and spent \$5.6 million in response to the virus. Park expects the city to spend more than \$150 million before July, she told the City Council Budget Committee.

Much of that will be reimbursed through the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Park said, and the city likely will be able to cover a lot of the rest using money the federal government distributed to Chicago as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act.

The mayor's ordinance codifies an emergency order she signed in March to give her administration the authority to move money within the city budget and to sign contracts under \$1 million without aldermanic approval if the funds are to be spent in response to the virus.

A day after dozens of



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Dozens of aldermen had signed letters raising concerns about Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot's proposal.

aldermen signed letters raising concerns about Lightfoot's proposal, the committee approved it 23-10 following amendments to require weekly reports to the council on how the money is spent. The full City Council will consider it Wednesday.

Lightfoot also pulled out of her final plan a package designed to help businesses at Chicago airports. And she built in a June 30 end date unless aldermen approve an extension. The ordinance as passed clarifies what city officials can do without the council signing off, saying funds "shall be used solely and exclusively for COVID-19-related response costs."

Still, council members expressed misgivings. Black aldermen in particular said as their neighborhoods get hit with especially high rates of coronavirus cases and deaths, they want to make sure struggling African American-owned companies and residents don't also get cut out of the city's spending to cope with the pandemic fallout.

Black Caucus Chairman Ald. Jason Ervin, 28th, said the ordinance "begs the question of our role as legislators to provide oversight on these various matters."

"We can't let expediency totally wreck us, because in that way we get killed in

two ways, we physically die and economically die," Ervin said.

Several aldermen said Tuesday they would rather meet weekly to appropriate spending than get reports after the fact. But city attorney Jeff Levine pointed to "the need to act quickly enough when it is needed to respond effectively to the pandemic," saying the council process would slow things down.

Budget Committee Chairwoman Ald. Pat Dowell, 3rd, said she would look to create a City Council working group on the virus response to give aldermen a forum to voice their concerns about it.

On a conference call with reporters Tuesday, Lightfoot downplayed the aldermanic dissent.

"Aldermen always push back," Lightfoot said. "That's part of what their job should be."

Lightfoot said she doesn't want a rubber-stamp City Council, and the administration took steps to add clarifying language and make changes to appease aldermen.

"It's standard fare back and forth," Lightfoot said.

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City directs \$7.5M to groups blunting COVID-19, violence

Rise in homicides, shootings coincides with virus spread

BY MADELINE BUCKLEY

Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot on Tuesday announced awards of \$7.5 million to local organizations working to reduce violence in city neighborhoods, sending funds to community groups battling both the spread of COVID-19 and an uptick in homicides so far this year.

The announcement marks the first allocation of dollars after Lightfoot last year pledged to support the work of nonprofit groups that provide job training, counseling and street outreach in disinvested neighborhoods, mostly on the South and West sides.

The funding comes as the organizations confront the disproportionate effect of COVID-19 on black Chicagoans and a 14% increase in homicides over the same time period last year, according to Police Department data. Through Monday, the city had seen 137 killings, compared with 120 in 2019.

Shootings have increased by nearly 25% so far this year, with 564 incidents compared with last year's 460 up to this point.

"Doing this in the middle of COVID-19 and the pandemic brings home the point that the communities on the South and West sides lack public health infrastructure for COVID and violence," Susan Lee, deputy mayor for public safety, told the Tribune. "We're trying to approach both of these issues from an informed public health approach."

The money will go toward expanding street outreach and trauma-informed victim services, ac-

ording to the mayor's office.

Metropolitan Family Services, a social services organization, will receive \$6 million to distribute among 11 community groups working in 15 city neighborhoods for street outreach, crisis intervention services and violence interruption training. Through the Chicago Department of Public Health, independent experts reviewed four applications before landing on Metropolitan Family Services, Lee said.

"The support provides a level of security, knowing people don't have to worry about their jobs in terms of a resource perspective," said Vaughn Bryant, executive director of CP4P and the Metropolitan Peace Initiatives of Metropolitan Family Services.

Bryant said the community has to be part of the solution to gun violence, "working to improve from within."

An additional \$1.5 million will be allocated to six groups that offer services to victims of trauma, including Breakthrough Urban Ministries in East Garfield Park, New Life Ministries in Little Village and the Institute for Nonviolence Chicago in Austin and West Garfield Park. The groups will be eligible for awards of up to \$150,000 for each community area they serve.

Tara Dabney, director of development and communications for the Institute for Nonviolence Chicago, said the funds will allow them to add staff to provide services for victims of violence, such as counseling and help working with funeral homes and filing victim compensation claims.

Street outreach workers in recent months have adapted to act as public health educators in addition to serving in their normal

roles, which involve gang mediation, responding to homicide scenes and recruiting high-risk men to programs that offer them other opportunities.

"Clearly there has been a level of violence we are concerned about," said Norman Livingston Kerr, director of the city's Office of Violence Prevention. "Workers dealing with violence are trying to message around COVID-19 as well."

The funding, which is distributed through the office headed by Kerr, marks a new partnership between the city and the nonprofit groups.

The nonprofit groups and community stakeholders banded together in 2016 to provide a more cohesive infrastructure for violence prevention. The work has been mostly funded by private donors and philanthropic organizations, but the groups have clamored for city funding over the past year.

"We are making an investment to strengthen those networks," Lee said.

Lightfoot last year committed \$11.5 million in the 2020 budget to be distributed to community groups, though some community leaders have said the pledge needs to increase substantially in coming years to maintain the level of work happening in neighborhoods.

Since 2016, violence has trended downward each year, but this year's increase thus far has community stakeholders concerned, especially going into the summer.

"We're saddened," Dabney said. "We are fearful. Historically, as the weather heats up, we do see an increase in shootings and homicides."

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big team meeting online. We'll talk about what the plan is for whatever awards or events we'll have going on."

The IHSA's decision came in response to Gov. J.B. Pritzker's announcement on Friday that Illinois schools would be closed for the remainder of the academic year.

"We support the decision by Governor Pritzker and the Illinois State Board of Education," said Craig Anderson, executive director of the IHSA. "Given the logistics, we simply felt we could not conduct state tournaments that meet the expectations of our member schools this spring.

"As disappointing as it may be for students, it is the right decision for their health and safety, as well as for the health and safety of the general public, as we cope with this unprecedented pandemic."

Anderson also announced summer contact days are suspended, pending a decision by state government and medical leaders that gatherings are safe.

"Once it is determined safe to return, we will provide a detailed outline to our schools on the plan for summer contact days and possibly some kind of spring athletic events," Anderson said. "Including if the number of days and dates that coaches can meet with athletes has been altered."

The IHSA said it will continue to communicate with state officials and monitor briefings. Based on those timelines, the IHSA will provide updates to member schools about potential participation and summer contact days.

"The possibility of playing a spring sport game this summer is about closure," Anderson said. "If we are able to offer this opportunity, no student-athlete would be restricted by having already practiced or competed with a nonschool team."

The impact of the IHSA's



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Home plate is partially covered at Lake Zurich High on Tuesday after spring sports were canceled.

decision will be felt in different ways. Lower-level athletes have to wait to play their first varsity season.

Seniors had their high school careers abruptly ended. For those not playing in college, they will miss out on experiencing the emotions of a "last" game.

Plano senior Kaylee Read was preparing for her fourth varsity softball season when it all came to a sudden halt. She needed two home runs to tie the all-time program record.

Read will attend University of Illinois at Chicago in the fall, but she has decided not to play sports. She wants to become a dermatologist.

"It's heartbreaking," Read said. "I won't be able to play with so many girls on the team that I'm connected to in different ways. That and not getting to play one more time on my home field will be tough.

"I'm trying not to stress about it. I'm trying to keep a positive mindset and stay active. The most important thing is my family's safety

and the safety of everyone else's family. It's forcing us to face things with a more mature outlook."

Antioch senior Charlie Smith won the Class 2A boys cross country state title in November. This spring, the Georgia Tech commit was looking to break program records in the 1,600 and 3,200 meters and win a state title in the 1,600.

"I've been expecting this decision for the last couple of days," Smith said. "I definitely was hoping for the best, to maybe have some of the season salvaged and to have state.

"It certainly has been emotional, just to think about not being able to represent Antioch for one more season, not to race in Charleston at state. I have a lot of emotions, frustrations and bittersweet feelings."

Still, Smith wants to keep things in perspective.

"It's justifiable why all this is happening," Smith said. "We can't complain because people are losing their lives. It's disappointing to have spring sports canceled, but it's not as bad

as what others have been through in losing friends and family members."

Last June, Benet soccer player Mia Tommasone scored two goals in a Class 2A semifinal victory. The Redwings went on to win the state title.

Now a senior, her soccer career is over. She will not play in college.

"It's difficult," Tommasone said. "I think everyone was looking forward to this season, just finishing off a great chapter in our lives.

"It's definitely super exciting we achieved our goal last year, but I think each year it's important to set new goals. I was really looking forward to doing that. It kind of felt like I wasn't done with what I needed to do."

The impact of the pandemic first struck high school sports in March when the boys basketball state tournament was halted.

Class 1A and 2A teams had already arrived in Peoria for the weekend of the state finals, while 3A and 4A teams were competing in

the sectional.

Spring sports were still in the preseason as Pritzker announced schools would be closed starting March 17.

The IHSA responded by putting the spring season temporarily on hold.

West Aurora baseball coach John Reeves was already preparing for the worst on March 13.

"When we left that practice, I kind of had a feeling we wouldn't be coming back because the NCAA had already canceled everything as far as spring sports," Reeves said. "Looking at that, I was thinking there was no way we're coming back.

"We were holding out hope, but realistically, it didn't look good. I know what the IHSA was trying to do, but when the governor tells you school is out and there's a pandemic..."

The school closings were followed by Pritzker's stay-at-home order, with the IHSA expressing a willingness to extend the spring season into late June or even July. Those options ran out on April 17.

The possibility of playing a limited amount of spring games during the summer, however, appeals to St. Charles North baseball coach Todd Genke.

Genke has 12 graduating seniors. He wouldn't mind seeing them get some closure.

"You just feel bad for the seniors — there's no way around it," he said. "They've lost a lot already with prom and graduation.

"In that respect, if we were able to play a few games, maybe have a conference tournament or something, they can get back on the field. There's some hope for that."

Waubonsie Valley senior Will Jaynes, a Western Illinois baseball recruit, would like to have a short summer season. If not for himself, for athletes near the end.

"From my perspective, my senior year is shot," Jaynes said. "I'm lucky enough to get to look forward to college baseball. I feel for the seniors who are not pursuing college sports. There is no closure. There is always going to be a what if for the class of 2020."

As a high school senior in 1989, Marist baseball coach Kevin Sefcik helped Andrew to the Class AA Elite Eight in Springfield. He played in the major leagues with the Philadelphia Phillies and Colorado Rockies.

He will say goodbye to 11 seniors.

"I can't imagine losing my senior season," Sefcik said. "It was one of the most fun seasons I've ever had. It's so disappointing for these seniors. A lot of them didn't play much as juniors. This was supposed to be their time.

"Fortunately, seven of our 11 seniors are going to play in college, so they're going to get a chance to keep playing. Three of the other four are done by their own choice. They'll never play in an organized game again.

"I feel horrible for them. I feel bad for everyone."

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now, according to the models, to maybe mid-May, but at a lower level," Pritzker said during an online interview Tuesday with The Washington Post.

Later, during his daily briefing in Chicago, Pritzker declined to identify the models used to come up with the mid-May projection of a COVID-19 peak.

Pritzker said "you have to actually get to the peak and start down the other side of it before you know you've hit a peak."

"We'll be talking more about our models in the coming couple of days, but suffice to say that we're working hard to try to make changes to the stay-at-home order," he said.

Pritzker again made clear that the stay-at-home restrictions are not likely to be lifted in their entirety on April 30.

"We will be making some changes to the stay-at-home order as it is, but it is true that it is working," Pritzker said. "So to pull it off, the stay-at-home order ... to remove it entirely, is to simply open everything back up to infection."

The numbers released Tuesday showed no ebb in the virus's hold on the state. Illinois Department of Public Health Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike reported an additional 1,551 known cases of COVID-19 and 119 more deaths. The state-wide totals stand at 33,059 known cases, affecting 96 of 102 counties, and 1,468 deaths.

Lightfoot offered her thoughts on the stay-at-home order during a teleconference with reporters, when she was asked whether a June 30 deadline for an ordinance giving her extended powers signals anything about when the city expects restrictions to be lifted.

The mayor said the date is simply when the city might have a better view of

the future. But she said that the April 30 end to the stay-at-home order is no longer viable, reiterating her previous prediction that the order would go into May, then adding it could go into June.

The June timeline meshes with guidance the White House released last week for states to consider when working to reopen their economies. The guidance recommends states experience a 14-day period of a downward trajectory before moving to the second phase, when social distancing will still be encouraged with gatherings limited to 50 people, and travel is allowed to resume.

Lightfoot said the city will be guided by data, science and the Chicago Department of Public Health "to let us know when we have a comfort level of coming out of this period of the COVID process."

"But we've been very clear that we have to see a lot of things in place before we're going to have a comfort level that we can come back into congregate settings. Obviously, the cases not only have to slow, as they have, they have to decrease dramatically, and we haven't seen that yet and we're not near there," Lightfoot said.

In his Washington Post interview, Pritzker again said he is looking at regional differences across Illinois' 102 counties as he weighs adjustments to the state's stay-at-home order.

"We put in stay-at-home orders that were really across-the-board very effective, and now we've looked at what the infection rate has been — different in Cook County than it is in our collar counties, and different in our Cook and collar counties than it is in other counties across the state," Pritzker said. "And now I think we can make some adjustments based upon hospitalization rates, based upon ICU bed availability, based upon infection rates."

Also Tuesday, Pritzker announced relief options for

those with privately held student loans or commercially owned federal Family Education Program loans who weren't helped by the initial federal relief package.

More than 138,000 residents could be eligible for options that include the waiver of late payment fees, borrower-assistance programs and a 90-day hold on debt collection lawsuits. Eligible borrowers can contact their loan providers for relief, Pritzker said.

Also, Illinois was granted its request for additional benefits for households in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP, and have school-age children. An additional \$112 million in food assistance will benefit more than 300,000 families, Pritzker said. The increased benefits will automatically be added to the Link cards of families who are already in SNAP, he said.

Pritzker, who repeatedly has been critical of President Donald Trump and his administration's response to the new coronavirus, was asked by the Post about Trump's tweets that have seemed to support protests against stay-at-home orders.

Pritzker said Trump is making "a political maneuver in the middle of a national emergency, and he should stop it."

Pritzker said in Illinois, Democrats and Republicans "share the common goal of opening our economy and getting people back to school and back to normal as fast as we can, but with the overriding concern for people, safety and health."

"That doesn't seem to be the message coming out of the president when he tweets out 'Liberate Michigan' or 'Liberate Minnesota' or 'Liberate Virginia.' He's fomenting protest, and I hate to say, that is fomenting some violence, and I'm very concerned about what that might mean for the country if he keeps doing things like that. We should be bringing people together, not dividing people now."

There have been a wave

of protests of state stay-at-home orders over the past week outside statehouses, including one in Springfield on Sunday when about 50 people gathered around the Abraham Lincoln statue in front of the statehouse chanting "Open Illinois" and "Recall Pritzker."

Trump on Monday took aim at Pritzker over COVID-19 testing, saying the governor "did not understand" the state's capacity for testing.

Pritzker on Tuesday said Trump "doesn't seem to understand the difference between testing capacity and getting testing results," noting a "worldwide shortage" of some of the materials needed to run the tests.

"Testing capacity, what he's referring to is — hey, you've got enough machines in each of your states to run tests that will give you hundreds of thousands of results. Well, he may be right. And he is right in Illinois. But what he's not right about is we don't have the supplies to run those tests," Pritzker said.

While multiple states have reported incidents of the federal government seizing shipments of PPE, Pritzker said Illinois' efforts to obtain PPE abroad have not been interrupted. The state chartered two private flights that have already returned from China with protective gear, which is now held in the state stockpile, Pritzker said.

The state inspects imported equipment in its warehouses before distributing it to front-line workers, the governor said.

"You can't go through every single mask, but you take samples from each of the, you know, shipments that have come over — to make sure that we got what we paid for, and also that it's effective and can be used where we need it," Pritzker said.

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Illinois coronavirus tracker

Data from Illinois Department of Public Health and Chicago Tribune reporting as of April 21.

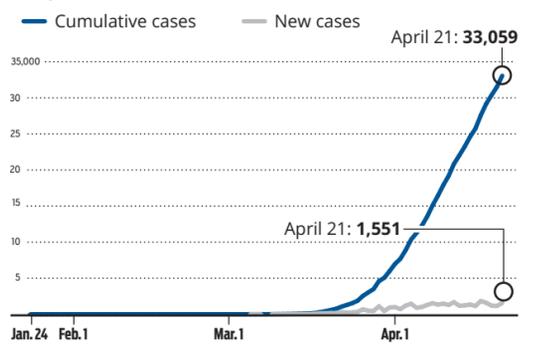
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Reported coronavirus cases and deaths

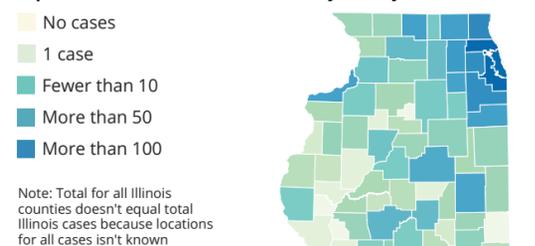
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Chicago (2.7M)	13,554	500.9	569
Suburban Cook (2.5M)	9,627	389	433
Lake (700,832)	2,287	326.3	87
DuPage (928,589)	1,864	200.7	98
Will (692,310)	1,736	250.8	105
Kane (534,216)	684	128	33
McHenry (308,570)	368	119.3	20
Kendall (127,915)	146	114.1	3

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 isn't known

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

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Reputed gang member released by judge

Inmate on same floor as R. Kelly tests positive

By JASON MEISNER

The chief federal judge in Chicago on Tuesday released a reputed gang member convicted of a weapons charge to home confinement, saying overcrowding at the Metropolitan Correctional Center could “exacerbate the problem” of containing the spread of coronavirus.

Meanwhile, on the same day that prosecutors confirmed an MCC inmate on the same floor as indicted singer R. Kelly has tested positive for COVID-19, a federal judge denied Kelly’s latest attempt to be released on bond while he awaits trial on racketeering and sexual abuse charges.

In allowing Jose Flores,

an alleged member of the Latin Saints street gang, to be released to the custody of his wife while he awaits sentencing, U.S. District Chief Judge Rebecca Pallmeyer said Flores was being “returned into a world that is quite different from the one that existed” when he was arrested two years ago.

“Right now, all of us are on home detention,” Pallmeyer said to Flores, who participated in the hearing via a jailhouse telephone. “It happens that I’m sitting in a courtroom right now, but most of the time I’m at home.”

Flores pleaded guilty in 2018 to being a felon in possession of a firearm. Prosecutors said he paid \$1,100 to a known member of the Ambrose street gang for two assault-style rifles that he was instructed to deliver back to the Latin

Saints. When he was arrested a short time later, Flores was carrying a loaded handgun with an obliterated serial number, prosecutors said.

Flores had been held without bond since U.S. District Judge Edmond Chang found that he was a danger to the community.

In asking for his release, Flores’ attorney, Piyush Chandra, said Flores was just a middleman and was unaware that he was purchasing dangerous weapons before the deal went down.

Chandra also cited in his motion the sharp increase in confirmed cases of COVID-19 at the jail, which according to court filings have spiked from zero inmates a week and a half ago to as many as 23 as of Monday.

Flores suffers from mild to moderate asthma and is at elevated risk of having

serious complications from the virus, Chandra said.

In court Tuesday, Chandra argued that while the MCC is “no doubt doing its best” to contain the spread of the virus, reducing the population of the jail by releasing prisoners who do not pose a threat could only help authorities manage the situation going forward.

Flores’ release marked the latest in what has become a fast-moving situation at the MCC, which houses about 700 inmates, most of whom are awaiting trial and have been denied bond because they’ve been deemed a flight risk or a danger to the community.

Among the inmates is R. Kelly, who has been held there since his arrest last July on separate federal indictments in Chicago and New York stemming from his alleged sexual abuse of minors.

In asking for his release pending trial, Kelly’s attorneys have said stress levels have skyrocketed throughout the inmate population — which has been on a near-total lockdown for weeks — since news hit that the virus was spreading.

“Inmates are reportedly banging on doors, walls, and windows begging for help,” Kelly’s attorney, Michael Leonard, stated in the motion. “The only thing the MCC has done is lock things down, making the situation feel more like solitary confinement and possibly, because of the nature of this virus, locking in healthy inmates with those who may already have the virus but who may not yet be symptomatic.”

Prosecutors in New York have argued against Kelly’s release, saying he “still has the financial means” to flee and is a continued threat to

tamper with witnesses in his case.

In a letter to the judge on Tuesday morning, prosecutors confirmed that an inmate on Kelly’s tier was recently taken to a hospital, where he tested positive for coronavirus.

U.S. District Judge Ann Donnelly late Tuesday once again denied Kelly’s request for bond, writing in a brief ruling that he faces serious charges in multiple jurisdictions and remains a flight risk.

The judge also wrote that “given the ongoing pandemic, where the judicial system’s oversight capabilities are curtailed,” there are no viable measures to ensure Kelly — who has a history of trying to interfere with witnesses — will not do so again.

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John Wilcox takes pictures as he walks with his dog “Cindy Lou” at West Beach in the Indiana Dunes National Park in Porter last May.

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during the COVID-19 pandemic, the downturn under Trump has been striking.

In Illinois, Indiana and the four other Midwest states surrounding the Great Lakes, the number of water pollution cases filed by the EPA has declined during each of the past three years, according to a new analysis of agency records by the nonprofit Environmental Law and Policy Center.

The president’s political hires also have purged dozens of career employees from the agency.

“Tough but fair enforcement requires knowledgeable, experienced staff with the backing of EPA headquarters in Washington,” said Howard Learner, the center’s executive director. “Without a strong expectation of environmental law enforcement, facilities are more likely to violate the law and avoid accountability.”

Trump’s EPA administrators, first Scott Pruitt and now Andrew Wheeler, have led the president’s rollbacks of clean air and water protections. But they have insisted their anti-regulatory agenda hasn’t affected the agency’s enforcement priorities.

“I am proud of our accomplishments, and I know that none of it would be possible without our talented and dedicated EPA career staff,” Wheeler, a former coal industry lobbyist who served as assistant administrator under Pruitt, said during his January 2019 confirmation hearing.

In a statement Monday, the EPA said cleaning up the Great Lakes remains a priority. “EPA’s enforcement program is concerned with outcomes, not outputs. We don’t set quotas for enforcement

cases,” the statement said.

The agency’s own numbers document the decline in environmental cops on the beat and the drop in cases against polluters.

Last year the EPA filed 208 water cases in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin, compared with 319 during President Barack Obama’s last full year in office, agency records show.

At the same time, the number of chronic violators in the heavily industrialized states has skyrocketed under Trump, who as a candidate vowed to abolish the EPA.

Another northwest Indiana steel mill, ArcelorMittal’s Burns Harbor complex, is among 209 facilities across the region on the agency’s high-priority list of companies in “significant noncompliance” with the Clean Water Act.

Others include municipal sewage plants that have failed to prevent the release of untreated human and industrial waste into the Great Lakes, the source of drinking water for 30 million people in the United States and Canada.

During Obama’s last year in office, 125 facilities were on the same high-priority list. (Michigan isn’t included on the list because of data-sharing problems between the state and EPA.)

EPA documents show the enforcement decline coincided with policies adopted by the Trump administration at the behest of industry lobbyists, in particular those representing oil, gas and corporate agriculture interests.

The slowdown became more apparent as Trump appointees reduced the size of the EPA. There are now 940 career staff at the Chicago-based regional office, which for most of the agency’s history has been an aggressive enforcer of clean air and water laws.

In December 2015, there were 1,103 employees as-

signed to the Chicago office.

Pruitt required even routine requests for information by the EPA to be cleared by political appointees in Washington. Under previous administrations, led by both Democrats and Republicans, regional EPA offices like the one based in Chicago were given wide latitude to investigate polluters.

“It’s a maxim in environmental protection that the polluter pays,” said Mary Gade, who led the Chicago office during Republican President George W. Bush’s administration. “During the Trump administration, the public pays.”

There are exceptions in almost every administration.

“It makes me want to weep. In the back of my mind I’m always worried they are dumping pollution into the lake and nobody is going to tell us about it.”

— Susan MiHalo, who has lived in nearby Ogden Dunes for more than 30 years and chairs the town’s environmental advisory board

Gade cracked down on Indiana’s attempts to relax clean water regulations for U.S. Steel’s Gary Works and the BP oil refinery in Whiting, but Bush aides fired her after she took on Dow Chemical’s legacy of toxic pollution dumped into Michigan rivers. President Bill Clinton vowed as a candidate to take action against an Ohio hazardous waste incinerator near an elementary school; the Democrat’s administration largely failed to follow up after taking office.

Today current and former EPA employees say morale at the agency’s regional offices is the lowest in memory. Among other things, they described a staff with deep knowledge of local pollution problems

blocked repeatedly by political appointees who are reluctant to move forward with cases, even when the evidence is overwhelming.

“This is all part of their move to neuter the agency for their friends in the oil and gas and steel industries,” said Nicole Cantello, an EPA lawyer who has worked in the Chicago office for nearly three decades.

Cantello spoke with the Chicago Tribune because she is protected as president of the local union of EPA employees.

Often it takes outside pressure from nonprofit groups, including Learner’s team of lawyers, before the EPA takes action.

For instance, the agency announced a settlement

decide which environment and public health initiatives should be a priority. At the same time, the Trump White House has proposed deep cuts in federal grants that account for a large share of the funding for state environmental programs.

“A lot of happy talk about ‘cooperative federalism’ isn’t going to fix this problem, especially coming from an administration that spends most of its time trying to unravel environmental laws that it should be enforcing,” said Eric Schaeffer, a former top EPA enforcement official who leads the nonprofit Environmental Integrity Project.

Like the EPA, many state environmental agencies have fewer employees with less money to do their jobs than a decade ago. In Illinois alone, the inflation-adjusted budget for the state EPA declined 25% between 2008 and 2018, records show.

But water pollution remains a problem across the nation, exacerbated by climate change that federal and state agencies largely aren’t equipped to address.

MiHalo, the Ogden Dunes resident, said it has been difficult to watch the responses to pollution spills at the region’s steel mills. By her count, Lake Michigan beaches in the area have been closed and the local water intake shut off at least three times since 2017, compared with once during the previous three decades.

“Without the threat of citizen enforcement (of the Clean Water Act) in our back pocket, these companies likely would just keep polluting the lake,” MiHalo said. “We’ve been taught to remain eternally vigilant by people who fought years ago to hold the steel mills and other industries accountable. That’s just as true today as it was then.”

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Disparity in busts for pot, ACLU study finds

Arrest rate of blacks 7 times higher than whites in Illinois

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Blacks in Illinois were seven times more likely than whites to be arrested for marijuana possession, despite similar rates of usage, the American Civil Liberties Union found in a new study announced Monday.

Arrests for marijuana in the state declined drastically after lawmakers decriminalized possession of small amounts in 2016, but prior disparities in arrest rates remained, the study found. The imbalance was even more pronounced in Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake and McHenry counties, where blacks were at least 10 times more likely to be arrested.

The study also found a nationwide disparity in arrests, with blacks almost four times more likely to be arrested for pot. Law enforcement made more than 6 million marijuana-related arrests from 2010 to 2018, according to the FBI’s uniform crime reporting data. Illinois had the third highest rate of disparity in marijuana arrests in the U.S., according to the study. The findings do not consider changes since Illinois legalized possession of small amounts of cannabis, effective this year.

The study updates a similar study by the ACLU in 2013 that found blacks were also about four times more likely to be arrested for weed. That disparity was one of the main arguments for legalizing the drug in Illinois, and for social equity provisions intended to help minorities, the poor, and those arrested for minor pot offenses to get licenses to open legal cannabis businesses.

Ezekiel Edwards, director of the Criminal Law Reform Project at the ACLU and one of the primary authors of the report, cited the study as further reason to end the war on drugs and legalize cannabis nationwide. “Criminalizing people who use marijuana needlessly entangles hundreds of thousands of people in the criminal legal system every year at a tremendous individual and societal cost,” he said.

Conversely, Smart Approaches to Marijuana, or SAM, which supports decriminalization but opposes legalization, cited the study as evidence that ending prohibition does not end racial injustice in law enforcement, noting that arrest disparities increased after legalization in half a dozen states. SAM also noted on its website that minorities own only a tiny percentage of the legal marijuana industry, entering years after large white-owned businesses have “cornered the market.”

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CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Pandemic shuts down iconic events

Still, some states join a global push to reopen in stages

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ATLANTA — Spain called off the Running of the Bulls in July, the U.S. scrapped the National Spelling Bee in June and Germany canceled Oktoberfest five months away, making it clear Tuesday that the effort to beat back the coronavirus and return to normal could be a long and dispiriting process.

Meanwhile, top diplomats from China, where the virus first began to spread, officially handed over a donation of medical supplies to hard-hit New York City on Tuesday to help tackle the pandemic, while also indirectly sending a message to President Donald Trump to stop criticizing the Asian nation over its handling of the pandemic.

Amid growing impatience over the shutdowns that have thrown tens of millions out of work, European countries continued to reopen in stages, while in the U.S., one state after another — mostly ones led by Republican governors — began taking steps to get back to business.

Business owners in the U.S. who got the go-ahead weighed whether to reopen, and some hesitated, in a sign that commerce won't necessarily bounce back right away.

With deaths and infections still rising around the world, the push to reopen has set off warnings from health authorities that the



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Revelers this year won't get to celebrate the San Fermin Festival and the Running of the Bulls in Pamplona, Spain.

crisis that has killed more than well over 175,000 people globally — including more than 43,000 in the U.S. — is far from over and that relaxing the stay-at-home orders too quickly could enable the virus to come surging back.

The economic damage mounted as oil prices suffered an epic collapse and stocks registered their worst loss in weeks on Wall Street.

With demand for petroleum plummeting because of the economic shutdown and producers running out of room to store crude, the price of a barrel of U.S. oil to be delivered in June plunged 43% to just under \$12. The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell more than 630 points, or 2.7%.

In Europe, meanwhile, Austria, Denmark, Germany and Spain began allowing some people back to work, including hairdressers, dentists and construction workers, and some stores were cleared to reopen or will soon get the OK.

Spain, among the worst-hit countries, will also begin allowing children out of their homes for brief periods next Monday. Denmark's Tivoli Gardens, the Copenhagen amusement park that inspired Walt Disney, will reopen May 11.

But in an indication that it will be a long time before life returns to normal, Spain canceled its Running of the Bulls in Pamplona, the more than 400-year-old event made world-famous by

Ernest Hemingway's 1926 novel "The Sun Also Rises." It was also called off during the Spanish Civil War in the 1930s.

The Scripps National Spelling Bee in the U.S. was canceled. The competition has been held since 1925 and was last scrubbed in 1945, during World War II.

The bee will return next year, Scripps said, but that's little comfort to the eighth-graders who are missing out on their last shot at the national stage. Scripps will not change eligibility requirements for the next bee, which is scheduled for June 1-3, 2021.

Germany called off the centuries-old Oktoberfest beer festival in Munich, which draws about 6 million visitors each year. It

was previously canceled during the two world wars; during a period of hyperinflation in Germany in 1923; and twice because of cholera outbreaks in the 1800s.

In Italy, Premier Giuseppe Conte confirmed that businesses can start reopening May 4 but dashed any hopes of a full end to the country's strict lockdown any time soon, saying: "A decision of that kind would be irresponsible."

In the U.S., some states, including Tennessee and West Virginia, announced plans this week to begin reopening in stages in the coming days.

Sunbathers quickly flocked to the sand after some South Carolina beaches reopened with the governor's backing.

Political tensions were high globally and in the U.S.

During an online ceremony Tuesday to donate masks, ventilators and other desperately needed medical supplies to hard-hit New York City, Chinese Consul-General Huang Ping indirectly appealed to Trump to tone down his recent rhetoric against the Asian country where the virus first emerged.

After weeks of elaborate praise of Chinese President Xi Jinping's response to the pandemic, Trump has turned to blaming China and halting U.S. contributions to the World Health Organization, accusing it of parroting misinformation from Beijing.

"This is not the time for finger-pointing," Huang said. "This is the time for solidarity, collaboration, cooperation and mutual support."

Some sheriffs in Washington state, Michigan and Wisconsin said they won't enforce stay-at-home orders. Angry protesters demanding the lifting of restrictions marched in North Carolina and Missouri with signs like "Enough is enough."

And Wisconsin Republicans asked the state's high court to block an extension of the stay-at-home order there.

Governors and local leaders from some states have said that before they can relax the social distancing restrictions, they need help from Washington in expanding testing to help keep the virus in check.

"If some of these reopenings are done the wrong way, it's going to affect all of us," New York Mayor Bill de Blasio said on CNN.

ANALYSIS

Pandemic fallout tracks nation's political divide

BY JULIE PACE
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WASHINGTON — America's entrenched political divide is now playing out over matters of life and death.

Republican governors, urged on by President Donald Trump, are taking the first steps toward reopening parts of their states' economies in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic, and without adhering to the president's own guidelines. Democratic governors are largely keeping strict stay-at-home orders and nonessential business closures in place, resisting small pockets of Trump-aligned protesters and public pressure from the president.

The fault lines are familiar, exposing many of the same regional and demographic divisions that have increasingly come to define U.S. politics, as well as the stark differences in the ways the parties view the role of government in American life. But the stakes go far beyond the normal risks and rewards of an election cycle, instead putting the health

and well-being of millions of Americans in the balance.

"We do imagine that in times of crisis, that will alleviate some of the political divisions we see in normal times. But every time we go through a crisis, small ones and severe ones, the political divisions reemerge right away," said Julian Zelizer, a professor of political history at Princeton University.

It could be months before the ultimate consequences of the various shutdowns and reopen orders are known. Public health officials concede no one-size-fits all approach exists, and the decisions being made by states are dependent on factors such as the density of major population areas, the capacity of medical resources and the availability of testing.

Yet there's also an undeniable political tenor to the debate over when and how states should begin easing restrictions. And much of that has been shaped by Trump, who began agitating to reopen businesses almost as soon as they were shuttered, well aware that his reelection prospects in No-

vember likely hinge on the strength of the economy.

Democrats say they, too, care about the nation's economic health and getting millions of Americans back on the job. But most are heaving closely to the warnings of top public health officials, who argue that sending people back to work and into their communities prematurely would lead to more outbreaks of the virus and many more deaths.

"The worst thing would be for us to spike the football and think we are outside of the danger zone and to reengage and find another peak of COVID-19," Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer said Tuesday in an interview with The Associated Press.

Whitmer's comments came a day after Republican governors in Georgia, South Carolina and Tennessee — all staunch Trump allies — outlined steps to begin opening businesses within a matter of days.

They are a few steps ahead of other GOP governors who also have moved toward reopening businesses. One exception is Colorado, where Demo-



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Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer said about the pandemic, "The worst thing would be for us to spike the football and think we are outside of the danger zone."

cratic Gov. Jared Polis plans to let shelter-in-place orders across the state expire on Sunday.

"Every business is essential. Everything people do is essential," Polis said. "That's what's so frustrating, to try to put things in essential and nonessential buckets. Nobody thinks like that and the world doesn't work like that."

Polling shows the majority of Americans support stay-at-home restrictions to ease the pandemic — 78% in an Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research poll this month. But politicians in both parties recognize that the

public's patience may wane in the coming weeks and months as more job losses and other economic hardships take hold.

The ways Americans are experiencing the pandemic have already been shaped by where they live. Many of the hardest-hit areas, where stay-at-home restrictions have been the tightest, are in dense cities in liberal states, including New York and California. Many less populous states, which tilt conservative, have seen lower rates of infection so far and have often had fewer restrictions.

But the virus has not spread along perfectly parti-

san lines. According to data compiled by Johns Hopkins University, the top 15 states by infection and death rate include Democratic-leaning states, Republican-leaning states and states that swing between the two parties in presidential and statewide elections.

Among them: Georgia, which has recorded nearly 20,000 infections and more than 770 deaths. On Monday, Republican Gov. Brian Kemp announced that gyms, hair salons, bowling alleys and other businesses could start opening at the end of this week, with more restrictions set to be lifted in coming days.



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There were more deaths among 368 male VA patients given hydroxychloroquine versus standard care.

VA study: No gain from malaria drug lauded by Trump

BY MARILYNN MARCHIONE
Associated Press

A malaria drug widely touted by President Donald Trump for treating the new coronavirus showed no benefit in a large analysis of its use in U.S. veterans hospitals.

There were more deaths among those given hydroxychloroquine versus standard care, researchers reported.

The nationwide study was not a rigorous experi-

ment. But with 368 patients, it's the largest look at hydroxychloroquine with or without the antibiotic azithromycin for COVID-19.

The study was posted on an online site for researchers and has not been reviewed by other scientists. Grants from the National Institutes of Health and the University of Virginia paid for the work.

Researchers analyzed medical records of 368 male veterans hospitalized with confirmed coronavirus in-

fection at Veterans Affairs medical centers who died or were discharged by April 11.

About 28% who were given hydroxychloroquine plus usual care died, versus 11% of those getting routine care alone. About 22% of those getting the drug plus azithromycin died too, but the difference between that group and usual care was not considered large enough to rule out other factors that could have affected survival.

Hydroxychloroquine

made no difference in the need for a breathing machine, either.

Researchers did not track side effects, but hinted that hydroxychloroquine might have damaged other organs.

The drug has long been known to have potentially serious side effects, including altering the heartbeat in a way that could lead to sudden death.

Earlier this month, scientists in Brazil stopped part of a study testing chloroquine, an older drug similar to hydroxychloroquine, af-

ter heart rhythm problems developed in one-quarter of people given the higher of two doses being tested.

Many doctors have been leery of the drug.

At the University of Wisconsin, the Madison, "I think we're all rather underwhelmed" at what's been seen among the few patients there who've tried it, said Dr. Nasia Safdar, medical director of infection control and prevention.

The NIH and other groups have more rigorous tests underway.

CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Virus leaves Detroit cops devastated

Law enforcement agency is among hardest hit in US

BY JOHN ELIGON AND NEIL MACFARQUHAR
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DETROIT — At the “Police and Pancakes” breakfast sponsored by the 9th Precinct on Detroit’s east side, about 90 uniformed officers, activists and students mingled inside a community center. They squeezed into line to reach a long table where four aluminum chafing dishes brimmed with food.

Marlowe Stoudamire, a neighborhood organizer, posted a cheerful Facebook video the day after the March 6 event, saying, “The whole conversation was about how to create a better community experience with the Detroit Police Department.”

As he spoke, Stoudamire mopped sweat from his bald pate repeatedly. Within a little more than two weeks, he was dead from COVID-19. The disease also sickened three department employees who had attended the breakfast and forced 25 into quarantine.

The coronavirus has cut a devastating path through the Detroit Police Department, making it one of the hardest-hit law enforcement agencies in the country. The head of the homicide department died. So did a 911 operator and a volunteer police chaplain. As recently as Thursday, nine people from the department remained hospitalized, fighting to survive.

The pancake breakfast was likely one of many points of infection. Out of about 2,800 uniformed officers and civilians who work for the department, at least 180 had tested positive for the virus by late last week, with more than 1,000 quarantined at some point.

“Officers were going out



Detroit Police officers Marc Perez, center, and Nelson Hammons, right, hand out masks and gloves April 14.

left and right,” said a veteran with more than 20 years of experience, who asked that his name be withheld because he was not authorized to speak to reporters.

As the department succumbed to the virus, so did the city it polices. With widespread poverty and a largely African American population that suffers from elevated rates of diabetes and high blood pressure, Detroit has been one of the worst-hit places in the country. The city with a population of 672,000 had at least 7,605 known coronavirus cases and 605 deaths.

Chief James Craig, a Detroit native, tested positive on March 27 and stayed isolated at home until Thursday.

The chief, who spent 28 years with the Los Angeles police before taking the top job at the department where he started as a patrol officer, said that nothing in his long career — not mass shootings, not earthquakes,

not the 1992 riots that followed the Rodney King beating — had prepared him for the pandemic.

“This unknown enemy that we fight is real,” he said at his first news conference after leaving his sick bed. “None of us have had to deal with anything like this.”

Officers patrolling the streets and investigating crimes said the virus had ratcheted up stress and disrupted all the standard rhythms of police work. Instead of roll call, officers get temperature checks and an envelope with the day’s orders. They give arrested people masks and wipe down patrol cars after every encounter.

“I have to come into work concerned about whether I’m going to be the next victim or not,” said Officer Marc Perez, fresh out of the police academy, after a patrol shift through Northwest Detroit. “There’s only so much an officer can do to prevent himself from coming into contact with that

actual virus. Every day is stressful for me.”

Detectives used to sitting across a table from suspects are now doing interviews on the phone, unable to read clues like body language, mannerisms and facial expressions, said Lt. Rebecca McKay, an investigator with the major crimes unit. Even in-person interviews at the jail now have to be distant.

“It’s hard to build a rapport or any kind of relationship with an offender,” she said, “when you have a glass between you, and you have to yell back and forth to get a statement.”

At the best of times, Detroit wrestles with its crime rate. The city and its police force have improved markedly since Detroit declared bankruptcy in 2013. At the time, the police took so long to respond to 911 calls that some people didn’t bother phoning.

The pandemic has complicated things. Crime, on an upward trajectory this year, appeared to stall ini-

tially in March as more people stayed home. But it escalated during the first week in April, with eight homicides and 27 nonfatal shootings.

For the force to cope as the virus swept through the city, the chief modified the rule book in late March to reduce encounters between officers and the public. Smaller misdemeanors like running a red light could be let go, he said — enforcing them wasn’t worth the health risk for both officers and perpetrators.

That didn’t mean officers were turning a blind eye to crime, McKay said. They just made more judgment calls. “We have been told to use caution and discretion wherever possible with regard to lower-end crimes,” she said, “basically for our own safety.”

The new policy, combined with fewer officers on the streets and a stay-at-home order issued by Michigan’s governor, Gretchen Whitmer, on March 24,

resulted in a marked drop in arrests. From March 24 to April 14, the police made approximately 736, according to official figures — less than half the 1,518 arrests in the same period last year.

But they have had to ramp up responses to medical calls and take steps to enforce the stay-at-home order, which was reinforced April 2 with a \$1,000 fine for violators. On April 8, to take just one day, the police answered 952 complaints about inappropriate gatherings and issued 56 citations, Deputy Chief James White said at a news conference.

Officer Nelson Hammons, who has three years on the force, said tensions between police officers and the community seemed to have eased somewhat.

“Normally, you see people whenever they’re having a really bad day,” he said. “Now people want to ask questions all the time. People are concerned, and they look to us for answers.”

Throughout the past few weeks, as more officers were infected or exposed and pulled from duty, the workload seemed to double overnight, officers said, and a sense of dread swept through the department.

“When it first jumped off, there was nothing but fear,” said the 20-year veteran, adding that everyone was especially worried about taking the virus home.

Craig said that when he first got sick, he thought it was seasonal allergies. But soon, fever, chills, a loss of appetite and lethargy knocked him out of commission for a few days. “Just talking on the phone was a bit of a challenge,” he said.

Things in the department have started to improve in recent days. The development of a 15-minute diagnostic test allowed more than 700 quarantined employees to return to work after they tested negative, Craig said. But more than 300 remain isolated.



Protesters march past the governor’s mansion Tuesday in Jefferson City, Missouri.

Online groups spur protests, spread virus misinformation

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CHICAGO — Hundreds, sometimes thousands, of posts fly in the new Facebook groups daily.

The coronavirus numbers are fake, some of the social media videos claim. “Social distancing is the new way to control you, your family and your behavior,” another commenter warns. Others say the pandemic is an overblown hoax.

The loose network of Facebook groups spurring protests of stay-at-home orders across the country have fast become a hotbed of misinformation, conspiracy theories and skepticism around the coronavirus pandemic. Launched in recent weeks by pro-gun advocacy groups and conservative activists, the pages are repositories of Americans’ suspicion and anxiety — often fueled by notions floated by television personalities or President Donald Trump himself and amplified by social media accounts.

In a matter of days, the Facebook pages have mobilized protests at state capitols and collectively gained an audience of nearly 1

million followers on Facebook, according to The Associated Press’ analysis of the groups.

The coronavirus has infected millions of people worldwide, and the U.S. has recorded over 43,000 deaths — more than anywhere else in the world, according to a Johns Hopkins University count.

But the power of suspicion is apparent in the Facebook groups. A private group was key in enlisting people for a “Liberate Minnesota” march outside Democratic Gov. Tim Walz’s home Friday, despite his order limiting large gatherings. Trump backed the protesters on Twitter, calling to “LIBERATE MINNESOTA” right before the protest kicked off.

Under pressure after a spate of nationwide protests organized on its site, Facebook said Monday that it would ban events that don’t follow social distancing rules.

“Events that defy government’s guidance on social distancing aren’t allowed on Facebook,” the company said in a brief statement.

Facebook said it removed postings for events

in California, Nebraska and New Jersey.

Users on the platform are still promoting future stay-at-home protests in Illinois, Virginia and Wisconsin.

The movement is also becoming increasingly partisan online.

Twitter users are also pushing YouTube video links that describe the coronavirus as a hoax or promoting far-flung theories that it was created in a lab, using the hashtags *ResOpen* or *Gridlock*, said Kathleen Carley, a researcher at Carnegie Mellon University’s CyLab Security and Privacy Institute. Trump has also floated the idea that the virus is man-made.

Nearly identical claims are also being posted across multiple platforms — from Twitter to Reddit to the Facebook groups — suggesting that the misinformation is orchestrated on some level, she added.

“There are some people in these groups that have legitimate concerns about the economy, but they’re being overwhelmed,” Carley said. “There’s a lot of these conspiracy theories, linked right into these removed groups.”

Trump announces 60-day pause for certain green cards

BY JILL COLVIN AND BEN FOX
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump announced Tuesday that he will be placing a 60-day pause on the issuance of certain immigration green cards in an effort to limit competition for jobs in a U.S. economy wrecked by the coronavirus.

“To protect American workers I will be issuing a temporary suspension of immigrating into the United States,” Trump said at a White House briefing after tweeting about the order late Monday.

Trump said that the move would not affect those in the country on a temporary basis and would apply only to those looking for green cards in hopes of staying.

An administration official familiar with the plans had said earlier the order would be focused on preventing people from winning permission to live and work in the U.S. That would include those seeking employment-based green cards and relatives of green card holders who are not citizens. Americans who wish to bring immediate family to the country would still be able to do so, according to the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity before the plan was announced. About 1 million green cards were issued last year.

While a hard stop on immigration would normally affect millions of people, much of the immigration system has already ground to a halt because of the pandemic. Almost all visa processing by the State Department has been suspended for weeks. Travel to the U.S. has been restricted from much of the globe. And Trump has used the virus to effectively end asylum at U.S. borders, including turning away children who arrive by themselves



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President Donald Trump has often turned to the divisive issue of immigration when he’s under criticism.

and putting a hold on refugee resettlement — something Congress, the courts and international law hadn’t previously allowed.

Criticism of Trump’s announcement was swift, especially his timing during the pandemic.

Ali Noorani, president of the National Immigration Forum, noted that thousands of foreign-born health care workers are treating people with COVID-19 and working in critical sectors of the economy.

Andrea Flores of the American Civil Liberties Union said Trump seemed “more interested in fanning anti-immigrant flames than in saving lives.”

But Jessica Vaughn, director of policy studies at the Center for Immigration Studies, which favors lower rates of immigration, said that eliminating millions of work permits and visas would “instantaneously create” new jobs for Americans and other legal workers — even though most businesses are shuttered.

Trump has often pivoted to his signature issue of immigration when he’s under criticism. It’s one he believes helped him win the 2016 election and one that continues to animate his supporters heading into what is expected to be a brutal reelection fight. It has also served as a useful tool for distracting from

news he’d prefer removed from the headlines.

As is often the case, Trump’s late-night tweet caught many across the administration off-guard. Though ideas had been discussed at the State and Homeland Security departments, officials said they had received no heads-up that action was coming.

In a statement, White House press secretary Kayleigh McEnany described the order as aimed at protecting both the “health and economic well-being of American citizens as we face unprecedented times.”

Though travel restrictions around the globe have dramatically reduced immigration, Trump could have used his executive authority to restrict it further, including slashing the number of foreign workers allowed to take seasonal jobs in the U.S. Before the outbreak, the administration had planned to increase the number of H-2B visas, but the Department of Homeland Security put that old in early April.

Sarah Pierce, a policy analyst at the Migration Policy Institute, said Trump could end the processing of immigrant and nonimmigrant visa applications under the same legal authority he used to impose the travel ban that was upheld by the Supreme Court.

CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Pandemic hurts finances of Dem grassroots donors

Poor, middle class among hardest hit; rich must step up

BY BRIAN SLODYSKO AND BILL BARROW
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Well-to-do donors gathered last August at the sprawling Charlotte, North Carolina, home of Erskine Bowles, a former chief of staff to President Bill Clinton, where they nibbled finger food, sipped wine and listened to Joe Biden.

Last week they again joined Bowles and his wife, Crandall. But this time it was for a far less intimate affair: a fundraiser held by video conference that Biden, the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee, joined from the makeshift studio in the basement of his Delaware home.

The coronavirus shutdown has forced Democratic donors to forgo the opulent fundraisers that allow them to rub shoulders with powerful elected leaders and candidates.

During the Democratic primary, progressive candidates and activists condemned big-dollar affairs. But they have become a practical necessity for Bid-

en that is sure to rankle progressives, who point to an army of grassroots donors contributing small amounts online as the antidote to big money in politics.

As the coronavirus punishes the economy and swamps the health care system, the poor and middle class are among the hardest hit, all but ensuring that Democrats' wealthiest donors will have to bear the cost of the party's effort against President Donald Trump in November.

Bowles said the pandemic has delivered "economic hits to everybody, regardless of their station," but that the Democratic donor class remains engaged.

"When I say raising this money was easy, it really was," he said of the virtual event.

Some deep-pocketed Democrats embrace the turnaround.

"There's nobody more patriotic than Democratic donors who write large checks, because they are giving against their own self-interest," said Kirk Wagar, a Democratic donor, former ambassador and fundraiser who was Florida finance chair for Barack Obama's campaign.

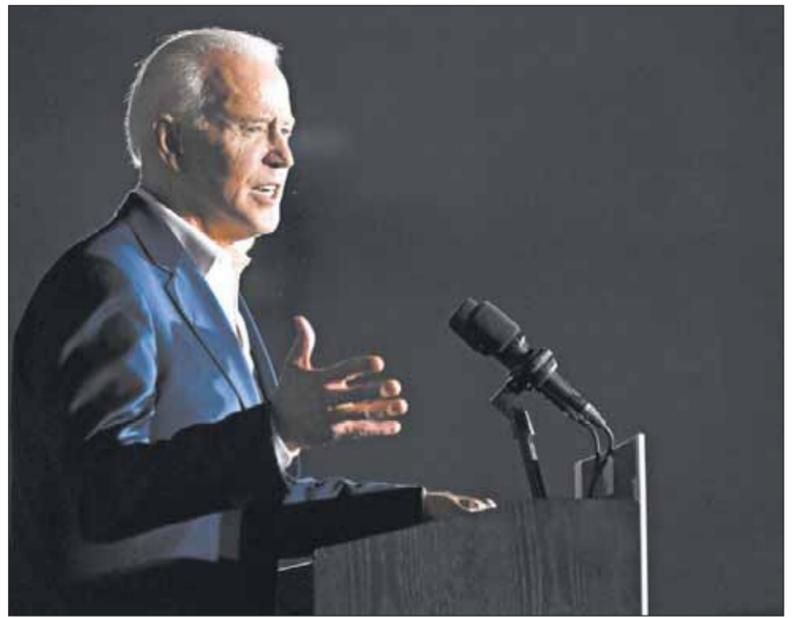
The role money will play in the presidential campaign is complicated and may not be the arms race that it has been in previous contests.

But just how much of it will be needed in an abbreviated campaign that has been ground to a halt by the virus is not clear, especially in a contest between a president who dominates the news media landscape and a former vice president with near universal name recognition.

Wealthy donors were always going to play a major role financing the general election. But Biden did a poor job raising money during the primary and was running perilously low on funds before his big victory in the South Carolina primary upended the race.

He's now up against Trump and a Republican National Committee that have already stockpiled \$240 million as of the end of March.

Social distancing and the resulting economic uncertainty took hold just as Biden had taken command of the primary and begun to corral more donors — big and small. He's enjoyed a surge in online fundraising, with the campaign saying it raised more than \$5 million



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Joe Biden's campaign and top donors are racing to reimagine the ways they raise money as worries grow that the coronavirus could choke off contributions, big and small.

in the days surrounding endorsements from former President Barack Obama and progressive former rivals Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren.

But Biden's financial concerns are enough that he's yet to announce any significant staff hires across many key battleground states.

And the campaign hasn't trumpeted months' worth of television or digital ad buys ahead of the fall campaign.

"Trump is raising hundreds of millions of dollars,

and we're definitely going to need the help of big-dollar donors to beat him — it's just the reality," said Marc Stanley, a Democratic donor and trial attorney from Dallas.

One remaining question is the extent to which former New York Mayor Mike Bloomberg invests his \$60 billion fortune in the race. Bloomberg, who spent \$1 billion on his own failed attempt at the Democratic nomination, previously committed to running an outside group that would

take on Trump. He shelved those plans, but donated \$18 million in remaining campaign funds to the Democratic National Committee.

Westly said the question for Bloomberg, 77, is how he wants to be remembered.

"I think everybody of that stature cares about his legacy," said Westly. "Does he want the narrative to be: 'I unsuccessfully spent \$1 billion on my own campaign.' Or would he rather have it be: 'I spent \$2 billion and stopped Donald Trump from winning.'"

Deal

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offs of workers needed to keep cities running.

Trump said he was open to including in a subsequent virus aid package fiscal relief for state and local government — which Democrats wanted for the current bill — along with infrastructure projects.

Not all Republicans are backing Trump on the deal.

Two conservative Republicans, Sen. Mike Lee, R-Utah, and Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., voiced opposition during Tuesday's session but did not halt passage.

Lee said it was "unacceptable" that the full Senate was not present and voting in the pro forma session, citing a strict reading of the Constitution.

Paul said no amount of federal funding will be able to salvage a shuttered economy.

"Deaths from infectious disease will continue, but we cannot continue to indefinitely quarantine," said Paul, who tested positive for the virus last month but has since recovered.

The House is being called to Washington for a Thursday vote, said Rep. Steny Hoyer, the House majority leader, on a conference call with reporters.

Hoyer, D-Md., said the House will also vote on a proposal to allow proxy voting on future business during the pandemic, a first for Congress, which has required in-person business since its founding.

"The House must show the American people that we continue to work hard on their behalf," Hoyer wrote to colleagues.

But the landmark rules change met with objections from conservative Republicans in the House.

"I don't support it at all," said Rep. Clay Higgins, R-La., one of a handful of Republicans who showed up for Tuesday's pro forma session to protest proxy votes. "Congress should be



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"The Senate is continuing to stand by the American people," said Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky.

"Deaths from infectious disease will continue, but we cannot continue to indefinitely quarantine."

— Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky.

in session." Signaling concerns, House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., wrote Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., seeking more information on plans to reopen the House.

The emerging virus aid package — originally designed by Republicans as a \$250 billion stopgap to replenish the payroll subsidies for smaller businesses — has grown into the second-largest of the four coronavirus response bills so far. Democratic demands

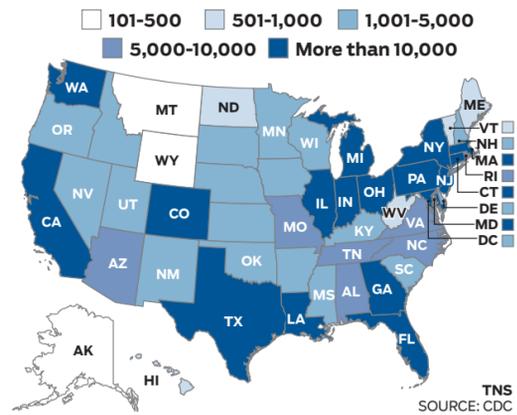
have caused the measure to balloon, though Republicans support additions for hospitals and testing.

The now \$310 billion for the Paycheck Protection Program includes \$60 billion set aside for — and divided equally among — smaller banks and community lenders that seek to focus on underbanked neighborhoods and rural areas.

Democrats have highlighted the number of smaller and minority-owned shops missing out on

Coronavirus cases across the US

Confirmed coronavirus cases by state as of April 20



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the aid. An additional \$60 billion would be available for a small-business loans and

grants program delivered through an existing small business disaster aid program, \$10 billion of which

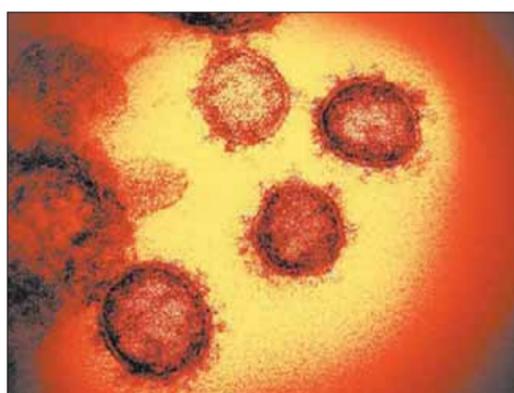
would come in the form of direct grants.

The bill provides \$25 billion for increased testing efforts, including at least \$11 billion to state and tribal governments to detect and track new infections. The rest will help fund federal research into new coronavirus testing options.

The U.S. has tested 4 million people for the virus, or just over 1% of its population, according to the Covid Tracking Project website.

While the White House says the U.S. has enough testing to begin easing social distancing measures, most experts say capacity needs to increase at least threefold, if not more.

Despite yet another big package from Congress, all sides say more aid is likely needed in the next bill.



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An electron microscope shows a coronavirus sample, which was isolated from a patient in the United States.

FDA allows 1st in-home test for coronavirus

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. health regulators Tuesday approved the first coronavirus test that allows people to collect their own sample at home, a new approach that could help expand testing options in most states.

The test from LabCorp will initially only be available to health care workers and first responders under a doctor's order. The sample will still have to be shipped back to LabCorp, which

operates diagnostic labs throughout the country.

Allowing people to self-swab at home would help reduce infection risks for front-line health care workers and help conserve protective gear.

For the home test, people are initially screened with an online questionnaire. If authorized by a physician, LabCorp will ship a testing kit to their home. The kit includes cotton swabs, a collection tube, an insulated pouch and box to ship the specimen back to LabCorp.

To take a sample, a cotton swab is swirled in each nostril. The test results are posted to a secure company website.

The company said it will make the test available in the coming weeks. Each kit will cost \$119. The kits will not be available in Maryland, New Jersey, New York and Rhode Island. Those states have laws prohibiting testing with at-home kits.

Initially, the Food and Drug Administration required health care workers in protective gear to collect

samples from potential coronavirus patients, usually by sticking a swab down the nose or throat.

More recently, the FDA has endorsed the self-swab method. LabCorp's test is the first that allows it to be done at home without supervision.

FDA Commissioner Stephen Hahn said the agency authorized the test based on data showing it is "as safe and accurate as sample collection at a doctor's office, hospital or other testing site."

CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

China hawks in Congress bare talons

Ire toward Beijing intensifies while virus rages in US

By CATIE EDMONDSON
The New York Times

WASHINGTON — When Sen. Marco Rubio released a report last February warning that the United States risked losing important components of its medical supply chain to China, it barely registered with most Americans.

A little over a year later, as the coronavirus rips across the globe, the abstract threat has become a glaring reality with life-threatening consequences as U.S. officials and consumers haggle with Chinese companies for lifesaving supplies. And Rubio, a conservative Florida Republican who has introduced a bill that aims to cut off China's chokehold on the global pharmaceutical supply chain, now has bipartisan support for his effort, including from progressives like Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass.

China hawks in Congress like Rubio, who have long pressed for a more confrontational approach to Beijing, are intensifying their efforts to enact tougher policies targeting the country. They see the coronavirus crisis as a critical opportunity to draw broader support for their push to punish and challenge China with new sanctions, mandates for domestic manufacturing and controls on American exports.

"There comes a point where, as a nation, we have to ask ourselves what are the critical goods that you must retain the ability to make even if it's not the most efficient outcome," Rubio said. "I think that's now right before us."

It is not clear whether any of the hard-line measures can quickly pass Congress, where lawmakers have focused most of their time so far to cobbling



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Sen. Marco Rubio, R.-Fla., a leading China hawk in Congress, wants a more confrontational approach toward Beijing.

together government relief packages to help families and businesses weather the pandemic and its devastating economic impact. Broader attempts to reset the U.S.'s relationship with China will probably have to wait until the crisis abates.

But those who have long railed against China's human rights abuses and warned of its dominance over the global supply chain are taking advantage of anger about the Chinese government's handling of the virus to make the case that it is time to take stronger action.

"What the virus has done," Rubio said, "is it has exposed longtime trends in a crisis situation."

In the weeks since the pandemic took hold in the U.S., several lawmakers have unveiled legislation that would aim to unwind the two nations' economies and blame Beijing for the spread of the virus.

Even before the co-

ronavirus pandemic emerged, Washington had made a series of aggressive moves in its competition with Beijing. But the severity of the virus has in recent weeks forced government officials worldwide to grapple with their approach to China across many fronts.

Like lawmakers, some Trump administration officials have used the crisis to fuel their push to encourage American manufacturing of pharmaceuticals and reduce dependence on China for the drugs and medical products that fuel the domestic health care system. White House trade adviser Peter Navarro, a longtime China hawk, has pressed to tighten "Buy American" laws and end exceptions allowing the government to purchase medical products from other countries.

U.S. military officials have recently called on Congress to authorize additional funding to bolster deterrence against China, a sign

that many in the military expected tensions between the two nations to grow. In Japan, officials have earmarked money to help its manufacturers move production out of China in an effort to offset the disruption caused by the virus and curtail their reliance on the nation.

"We would really be missing an opportunity — and frankly it would simply be a failure of leadership — if we did not take this present crisis and say, 'Now it's time to do something about this,'" Sen. Josh Hawley, R-Mo., said in an interview.

Hawley has released a three-page memo outlining policies he said should be included in the next economic stimulus package to loosen China's hold on the global supply chain. His proposal would require that manufacturers begin to use more materials from domestic suppliers, impose crisis export controls on critical American-made

equipment like ventilators, and provide investment subsidies to manufacturers to encourage them to bring their production back to the U.S.

"We need to put American workers in position to surge out of this," he said.

Sen. Tom Cotton, R-Ark., who said the Chinese government must be held accountable for its role in the spread of the virus, has unveiled legislation that would allow Congress to impose sanctions on government officials who perform "acts intended to deliberately conceal or distort information about a public health emergency of international concern" such as the virus. It is modeled after the Global Magnitsky Act, a law designed to punish individuals around the world who are accused of human rights violations or corruption.

Cotton, a hawk and one of the first lawmakers to warn of the dire effect the virus

could have on the U.S., is among the most vocal proponents of adopting a more adversarial relationship with China. He has also called for Congress to withhold funding from the World Health Organization, which has come under fire for what critics call its repeated deference to Beijing.

"The World Health Organization is in the pocket of China," he said Thursday. "We're going to have to establish our own organization and invite members of the civilized world to join us."

President Donald Trump has expressed similar views, threatening last week to cut off funding for the WHO and calling it "very China-centric."

It is not clear whether Democrats will agree with the China hawks — mostly conservative Republicans — to adopt a more aggressive stance toward Beijing. While Republican lawmakers in both the Senate and House have expressed anger at China, Democrats have been far more circumspect.

Many of the most vocal lawmakers are rising stars within the Republican Party who see China as the central foreign policy focus that will shape their time in politics. That has set off fierce jockeying behind the scenes for the role of the party's thought leader on China. Hawley, Cotton and Rubio, for example, each introduced their own versions of legislation to limit Chinese active pharmaceutical ingredients in the U.S.'s drug supply.

Bipartisan agreement has emerged in recent weeks around the urgency of that issue. The bill led by Rubio would give the Food and Drug Administration a clearer picture of how reliant drugmakers are on Chinese products. Warren, the liberal Democrat, has called it a "common sense solution."

Coronavirus accelerates decline of coal industry

Economic effects from pandemic may be death knell

By MEAD GRUVER
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Associated Press

CHEYENNE, Wyo. — Travis Deti has been working the phones to try to get government support for the U.S. coal industry during the coronavirus pandemic. Between recent calls, the head of the Wyoming Mining Association tried to unclog a sink at home.

But unlike Deti's sink, which eventually started flowing again with help from a plumber, aid remains stubbornly clogged for an industry whose already rapid decline is accelerating because of the economic effects of the virus.

"We'd take anything right now," said Deti, whose group represents companies that produce about 40% of the nation's coal.

Coal demand has tanked over the past decade amid competition from cheap natural gas and expanded renewable energy sources. Coal companies have faced a reckoning as the world

looks to combat climate change and move away from fossil fuels despite President Donald Trump's effort to revive the industry.

Now, the pandemic has made things worse. Lockdowns have shut off lights and computers in offices and schools, sapping demand for electricity provided by coal-fired power plants. Americans stuck at home binge-watching Netflix aren't coming close to making up for that drop in demand, expected to be 3% for 2020.

The safety of workers is another issue. In the most productive coal region in the U.S. — Wyoming and Montana's Powder River Basin — companies are staggering shifts and running more buses to and from mining towns to create more space between workers.

Companies have temporarily suspended operations at mines in Pennsylvania, Illinois and Virginia. Some miners are only working two or three days a week.

"There is no consistency from mine to mine, even within the same company," said Phil Smith, spokesman for the United Mine Work-

ers of America, a union representing thousands of coal miners primarily in the eastern U.S.

Even before the virus, companies were forced into bankruptcy and workers faced furloughs and layoffs. Six of the top seven U.S. coal companies have filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy since 2015 and analysts expect more as the economy dives.

In January, before the pandemic took hold in the U.S., coal production was forecast to drop 14% this year. With the coronavirus and a mild winter that meant less electricity needed to heat homes and businesses, that drop is now expected to be as much as 25% — falling to levels not seen in 55 years.

"It will simply be that renewables and gas will keep their market, and coal, being the more expensive fuel, is going to get pushed out even more than it would," said Seth Feaster of the Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis.

St. Louis-based coal company Foresight Energy, which employs 800 people, may be the industry's first coronavirus-related casu-



MEAD GRUVER/AP

Wyoming Mining Association Executive Director Travis Deti has been calling for help for the beleaguered coal industry in the form of lower federal royalties and additional aid.

ality. It filed for federal bankruptcy protection in March, citing in part "a slowdown in the global economy due to concerns over the coronavirus."

The National Mining Association last month asked Congress and the White House for \$822 million in federal assistance by reducing or eliminating royalties, taxes and fees.

"If we can stay operating, that's the big thing for us," said Deti of the Wyoming group.

Congress has shown little willingness so far to help, and none of the industry's requests were included in the \$2 trillion

coronavirus relief bill. Analysts doubt any significant aid will come.

"Typically, when you think about industries that the government has protected, it's large, strategically vital industries," said Benjamin Nelson, a senior credit officer with Moody's Investors Service. "So, in an industry that's in a steep, secular decline, I think there's less incentive to get involved."

One U.S. lawmaker from a coal state, Sen. Jon Tester, D-Mont., said mining companies could apply for relief but that there are bigger challenges for the economy than propping up coal cor-

porations. The priority should be small businesses, he said.

"They are the ones that, quite frankly, we need to make sure are able to survive through this," Tester said.

Even if the industry gets what it wants, the boost would be only temporary and leave the same fundamental problem: a lack of demand, said Feaster of the energy economics institute.

"Both royalty relief and tax relief depend on your ability to produce or make a profit," Feaster said. "If there's no demand and nobody wants to buy, that doesn't really help you."

Schooner becomes school for teens sailing home due to coronavirus

By MIKE CORDER
Associated Press

AMSTERDAM — The sailing trip that 25 Dutch high school students embarked on last month was supposed to end in Cuba, where they would trade a tall ship for a plane flight back to the Netherlands. The coronavirus pandemic forced a change in plans.

Now, the students, ages 14-17, are taking the long way home — crossing the Atlantic Ocean in a 200-foot schooner called the

Wylde Swan under the watchful eyes of 12 experienced sailors and three teachers making sure the teenagers do their school work on the way.

The organizer of the voyage expects the real lessons for the students will come from making the five-week ocean voyage of nearly 4,350 miles itself.

"These children have had to adapt to enormous change. They went from the Netherlands to the Caribbean to go sailing. That's amazing in itself, then sud-

denly you have to change the whole program and you have to cross the ocean," Mastership director Christophe Meijer, whose company arranged the excursion, said. "They're the most adaptive children of 2020."

Mastership runs five educational voyages for about 150 students in all each year. Meijer said the Wylde Swan encountered difficulties early in the trip around the Caribbean when local port authorities and islands began taking

steps in March to prevent the spread of the coronavirus.

As the virus put more and more parts of the world under lockdowns and grounded airliners, it became clear that the plan to sail the students to the final port of call in Cuba and fly them home from there would need adjusting.

Meijer and his staff held a meeting to plot a course out of the metaphorical storm and "decided the very best way of getting home was sailing," he said.

"With our hands at the helm."

The crew then had to tell the students' parents. Instead of opposition, the parents expressed relief after worrying how their children would get home during the pandemic. It helped that the virus had not infected anyone on the ship and that the crew had experience in ocean voyages with students.

Educational voyages on the ship are aimed at personal development. The goal is for students to build

up enough knowledge to be able to sail the ship on their own, "the ultimate form of cooperation," Meijer said.

The unscheduled trans-Atlantic journey required readying the ship, getting supplies and buying warm clothes for the teenagers.

Teen dynamics are another area where experience helps when 25 student sailors from multiple schools are kept together.

"As we say in the Netherlands, you can't make something shine without friction," Meijer said.

Senate panel backs findings that Russia meddled in 2016

BY MARY CLARE JALONICK AND ERIC TUCKER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A bipartisan Senate report released Tuesday affirms the U.S. intelligence community's conclusions that Russia interfered in the 2016 presidential election in a far-ranging influence campaign approved by Russian President Vladimir Putin and aimed at helping Donald Trump win the White House.

The report rejects Trump's claims that the intelligence community was biased against him when it concluded that Russia had interfered on his behalf in the election. It says instead that intelligence officials had specific information that Russia preferred Trump in the election, that it sought to denigrate Democratic opponent Hillary Clinton and that Putin had "approved and directed aspects" of the Kremlin's influence campaign.

Senators warned that the interference could happen again this presidential election year.

The heavily redacted report from the Senate Intelligence Committee is part of the panel's more than three-year investigation into Russian interference. Intelligence agencies concluded in January 2017 that Russians had engaged in cyberespionage and distributed messages through Russian-controlled propaganda outlets to undermine public faith in the democratic process, hurt Clinton and aid Trump, who ultimately became president.

Trump has repeatedly questioned the assessment, which was also endorsed by former special counsel Robert Mueller in his report last year. Mueller concluded that Russian interference was "sweeping and systematic," but he did not find a criminal conspiracy between Russia and the Trump campaign.



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Intelligence Committee Chairman Richard Burr warned of Russian interference in this year's presidential election.

Senate Intelligence Committee Chairman Richard Burr, R-N.C., said in a statement that his panel "found no reason to dispute" the intelligence community's conclusions, saying they reflected strong tradecraft and analytical reasoning. He said the agencies' conclusion that such election interference is "the new normal" has been borne out in the three years since it was published.

"With the 2020 presidential election approaching, it's more important than ever that we remain vigilant against the threat of interference from hostile foreign actors," Burr said.

The Senate report calls the agencies' assessment an "impressive accomplishment" and endorses its core conclusions that Russia had interfered on a grand scale in the election and that Putin directed the interference.

"The committee found that specific intelligence as well as open source assessments support the assessment that President Putin approved and directed aspects of this influence campaign," the Senate report states.

The panel said it found that the intelligence community had presented sufficient information to support its conclusion that Russia had developed a

preference for Trump over Clinton in the election. The report says intelligence officials "consistently" told the committee in interviews that they were under no political pressure to reach their conclusions.

The Senate investigation also delved into an internal debate at the time about how and whether to incorporate into the intelligence community assessment details from a dossier of research from a former British spy, Christopher Steele, that the FBI relied on as it sought warrants to eavesdrop on a former Trump campaign aide.

Officials eventually decided to include the information as a two-page annex to the most classified part of the assessment. The Senate says the information from Steele was not used in the body of the assessment or to "support any of its analytic judgments."

The dossier has come under additional scrutiny within the last week, as newly declassified footnotes from a Justice Department inspector general report raise the prospect that Russian disinformation could have made its way into the research files. FBI officials told the Senate committee in interviews that they "would have had a major problem if Annex A had not been included," according to the report.

SIRIO MACCIONI 1932-2020

Restaurateur served rich and powerful at NYC's Le Cirque

BY WILLIAM GRIMES
The New York Times

Sirio Maccioni, 88, a Manhattan restaurateur who made Le Cirque a headquarters for Manhattan's rich and powerful in the 1980s and '90s, and put dishes like pasta primavera and crème brûlée on the culinary map, died Monday in the town where he was born, Montecatini, in Tuscany, Italy.

His son Mauro confirmed the death through a family friend. Maccioni maintained a home in Montecatini as well as one in Manhattan.

Dash, charm and matinee-idol looks helped make Maccioni an unusual sort of celebrity from the moment he took over as the maitre d'hotel at the Colony, a darling of New York's cafe society, in the early 1960s.

Maccioni's talent for cossetting high-strung, demanding clients like Stavros Niarchos, Frank Sinatra and the duke and duchess of Windsor elevated him to the status of trusted adviser, fixer and social gatekeeper.

After the Colony closed in 1971, Maccioni, in partnership with the Colony's chef, Jean Vergnes, opened Le Cirque in the Mayfair Hotel in 1974.

It was an instant smash. Years of working in the hotel and restaurant business in Europe and the United States had won Maccioni an international following that included royalty, film stars, jet-setters and socialites.

Shrewdly, he also began courting a new clientele, the real estate tycoons, fashion-industry movers and Wall Street brokers who flourished during the Reagan years and joined, in tabloid parlance, the "bold-face names." They were the glamorous set whose doings fed the columns of the New York Post and Women's Wear Daily, and whose



JIM COOPER/AP
Sirio Maccioni, owner of Le Cirque 2000, stands inside the celebrated French restaurant in New York in 1999.

foibles Tom Wolfe satirized in "The Bonfire of the Vanities."

"Le Cirque came along at a time when fashion was important and gossip was powerful," said Gael Greene, who chronicled the ups and down of Le Cirque and its successor, Le Cirque 2000, as the restaurant critic of New York magazine. "It was the beginning of the era of dining out as theater and intrigue, when restaurants were not just a place to have lunch."

Sirio Maccioni was born April 5, 1932, in Montecatini, a spa town where the family owned a small farm. His father worked as a concierge.

When he was 6, Sirio's mother died after a throat infection had developed into pneumonia. His father died during World War II in an Allied bombing raid in 1944.

"He swore that I was never, ever to go into restaurants, or hotels, unless it was with a beautiful woman and I was staying there as a guest," Maccioni told Peter Elliot, his collaborator on "Sirio: The Story of My Life and Le Cirque" (2004). "He said he'd kill me first."

Nevertheless, as Italy began to rebuild after the war, Maccioni enrolled in the hotel school in Montecatini

and trained as a waiter.

He arrived in Manhattan in 1956 and worked as a waiter at Delmonico's, eventually managing its dining room before graduating to the Colony. The restaurant epitomized fine dining at the time, and Maccioni, within a few years, was overseeing the front of the house.

When the Colony closed, Maccioni opened La Foret, a restaurant, lounge and nightclub, at the Pierre Hotel. When the hotel was sold in 1972, William Zeckendorf Jr., a member of the Manhattan real estate dynasty and a keen gourmet, offered him space in the Mayfair, a residential hotel that the family had acquired.

Le Cirque was always open to the charge of being snobby and elitist. Maccioni, critics complained, played the courtier to his important guests but pointedly ignored the diners who were not Henry Kissinger, Donald Trump or David Rockefeller.

"I saw opening a restaurant as serious business — a profession that is respectable if you are stupid enough to do it," Maccioni told Elliot. He added, "You know, when I die, I hope that is all they say about me: that I made it respectable to be a waiter."

NEWS BRIEFING

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S. Korea downplays concerns over health of Kim Jong Un

SEOUL, South Korea — South Korean officials reported no unusual activity in North Korea on Tuesday following unconfirmed media reports that leader Kim Jong Un was in fragile health after surgery.

But the possibility of high-level instability raised troubling questions about the future of a nuclear-armed state that has been steadily building an arsenal meant to threaten the U.S. mainland amid

stalled talks between Kim and U.S. President Donald Trump.

South Korea's presidential office said Kim appeared to be handling state affairs as usual and it had no information about rumors regarding his health.

But many will be watching closely for any signs of trouble in North Korea, and whether it will address the reports — something it has not yet done.

Dutch court OKs euthanasia in advanced dementia cases

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — The Netherlands' highest court ruled Tuesday that doctors can carry out euthanasia in patients with advanced dementia if the patient has earlier made a written directive.

The Supreme Court ruling solidifies in law a practice that already was being carried out on rare occasions in the Netherlands.

Dutch euthanasia advocacy group NVVE wel-

comed the ruling, saying in a statement that the decision should help doctors "to feel strengthened and supported if they want to carry out euthanasia on a patient with dementia."

The case before the Supreme Court revolved around a district court's acquittal from last year of a doctor who in 2016 carried out a directive for euthanasia on a 74-year-old woman.

Former UCLA soccer coach to plead guilty in admissions scam

The former University of California, Los Angeles men's soccer coach will plead guilty to taking \$200,000 in bribes as part of the college admissions cheating scheme, federal prosecutors said Tuesday.

Jorge Salcedo, 47, of Los Angeles, will admit to getting bribes in exchange for helping get one male and one female student into the school as fake soccer recruits. He will plead guilty to a racketeering

conspiracy charge, according to court documents.

Salcedo was among 50 charged last year in the case that has embroiled the world of higher education. More than 30 wealthy parents, coaches at elite schools and others have already pleaded guilty to taking or paying bribes to rig college entrance exams or have students recruited to teams for sports they didn't play.



ERANGA JAYAWARDENA/AP
Sri Lankan Catholics priests stand Tuesday at the entrance of St. Anthony's church, one of the sites of the 2019 Easter Sunday attacks, on the anniversary of the bombings in Colombo, Sri Lanka. More than 260 were killed when three churches were attacked.

Canadian police say 22 victims after rampage in Nova Scotia

TORONTO — Canadian police said Tuesday they believe there are at least 22 victims after a gunman wearing a police uniform shot people in their homes and set fires in a rampage across rural communities in Nova Scotia over the weekend.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police said they have recovered remains from some of the destroyed homes. Earlier, authorities had said at least 18 were killed in the 12-hour attack.

Officials said the suspect, identified as 51-year-old Gabriel Wortman, was shot and later died Sunday. Au-

thorities did not give a motive for the killings.

The dead include a 17-year-old as well as a police officer, a police news release said. All the other victims were adults and included both men and women. There were 16 different crime scenes in five different communities in northern and central Nova Scotia, it said.

"Some of the victims were known to Gabriel Wortman and were targeted while others were not known to him," the police statement said.

Authorities also confirmed Wortman was wear-

ing an authentic police uniform and one of the cars he used "was a very real look-alike RCMP vehicle."

"This is an unprecedented incident that has resulted in incredible loss and heartbreak for countless families and loved ones. So many lives will be forever touched," the police statement said.

In an earlier news release authorities had said they believed there were 23 victims but Royal Canadian Mounted Police spokesman Daniel Brien later clarified the death toll included 22 victims and the gunman.

Missouri sues China over coronavirus pandemic

COLUMBIA, Mo. — The state of Missouri filed a lawsuit Tuesday against the Chinese government over the coronavirus, alleging that nation's officials are to blame for the global pandemic.

The lawsuit, filed in federal court by the state's top prosecutor, alleges Chinese

officials are "responsible for the enormous death, suffering, and economic losses they inflicted on the world, including Missourians."

"The Chinese government lied to the world about the danger and contagious nature of COVID-19, silenced

whistleblowers, and did little to stop the spread of the disease," Attorney General Eric Schmitt said in a written statement.

Missouri Democratic Party Executive Director Lauren Gepford called the lawsuit a "stunt" by a Republican attorney general who is up for reelection.

UAW backs Democrat Biden for president

DETROIT — The United Auto Workers union is endorsing Democrat Joe Biden for President.

The 400,000-member union says in a statement Tuesday that the nation needs stable leadership with less acrimony "and more balance to the rights and protections of working Americans."

The union says Biden has committed to reining in corporate power over workers, encouraging collective bargaining, and making sure workers get the pay, benefits and protections they deserve.

Biden also has committed to expand access to affordable health care, the union said.

Union negotiators are in talks with Ford, General Motors and Fiat Chrysler about restarting U.S. factories that have been closed for the past month due to fears of spreading the coronavirus.

In London: Britain marked Queen Elizabeth II's 94th birthday with silence Tuesday, as the nation in lockdown amid the COVID-19 pandemic forgoes the usual gun salutes and ringing of bells.

With thousands dead amid the outbreak, the monarch decided that the celebratory display of military firepower would not be appropriate.

Nor will there be a celebratory peal of bells at Westminster Abbey, as the church where the queen was married and crowned is currently closed.

The royal family took to social media to share images of Elizabeth as she marked the occasion — but in keeping with social distancing rules, there were no visits.

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A sign of progress since first Earth Day: Kayaking on the Chicago River

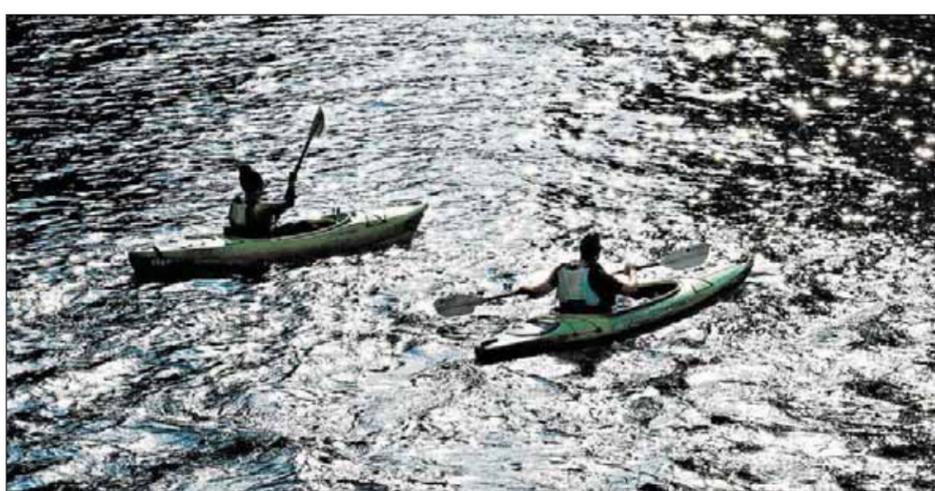
There was a time when pollution was seen as the unavoidable price of economic progress. The Cuyahoga River in Cleveland was so laden with oil and other contaminants that it caught fire in 1969 and earlier. The Chicago River, regularly fouled with raw sewage, was so dirty that few species of fish could survive. The air in Chicago and elsewhere was laced with lead and other toxins.

But in 1970, rising concern about environmental degradation culminated in the first Earth Day. On April 22, rallies in hundreds of communities across America attracted some 20 million people, making it the biggest organized event the nation had ever seen.

Until then those advocating environmental protection often were dismissed as tree-huggers who understood nothing of the needs of a modern economy. But the turnout revealed a broad constituency for the cause. President Richard Nixon was suspicious of the environmental movement, but as one top aide later said, he saw that it would be “politically dangerous if he didn’t get on board.”

The groundswell of support for a cleaner environment helped bring about the Environmental Protection Agency, the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, the Endangered Species Act and more. The nation set out on a new path, with a new commitment to reducing human damage to the natural world.

Fifty years on, Earth Day is still observed, but it no longer carries the force or attracts the



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attention of the first one. That’s partly because it helped to bring so much progress. The environmental threats we face today are harder to see and understand than the ones that aggrieved Americans in 1970. But the success of the steps taken in the subsequent years proved there could be less conflict between material progress and safeguarding the planet.

Nationally, about 99% of the lead in the air has been removed since 1980, along with 83% of the carbon monoxide and 65% of the nitrogen dioxide. Discharges of pollutants into waterways have dropped dramatically. Creatures once in danger of extinction, including the bald eagle, the northern Rocky Mountain gray wolf and the black-footed ferret, have made

impressive comebacks.

In the Chicago area, the progress is visible in the Chicago River, which is now home to some 75 species of fish. “All kinds of birds and wildlife species have returned to the river, including beavers, muskrats, mink, turtles, state-endangered black crown night herons, kingfishers, great blue herons and even the occasional river otter,” says Margaret Frisbie, executive director of Friends of the Chicago River.

People even canoe, kayak and row on it. Not to mention — at least before the coronavirus shutdown — they flock to stroll, dine or sip cocktails on the Chicago Riverwalk, a priceless attraction no one could have imagined a half century ago.

Lake Michigan also has benefited. “Fifty years ago, cities used to dump sewage into the lakes during the slightest storm event,” says Jennifer Caddick, vice president of Alliance for the Great Lakes. “For the city of Chicago, and many cities around Lake Michigan, sewage overflows have dramatically decreased or even been eliminated.” Waukegan Harbor, once notorious for its contamination by PCBs, has undergone a significant cleanup.

We face many environmental perils today, of course. Climate change already may be causing more flooding of rivers and bigger swings in the levels of the Great Lakes, three of which (including Michigan) set high water records in January. Sewage and stormwa-

ter are still discharged into the Chicago River after heavy rainfalls.

Higher summer temperatures and heavier rainfall are likely to reduce crop yields on Midwestern farms. A study from the Rochester Institute of Technology found that 11 million pounds of plastics enter Lake Michigan annually — “the equivalent of 100 Olympic-sized pools full of plastic bottles,” according to assistant public policy professor Eric Hittinger.

Environmental advocates, particularly in Chicago and the Midwest, routinely are on guard for industrial spills from steel mills and oil refineries that damage clean waterways. The city of Chicago joined a group of surfers two years ago in a lawsuit accusing U.S. Steel of failing to make proper notifications about chromium spills from the company’s Portage, Indiana, plant.

And less than two weeks ago, a developer in Chicago’s Little Village community, while detonating an old smokestack, sent a plume of debris and dust into the neighborhood, violating health and safety standards put in place to protect residents. The flare-up of environmental mistakes is a constant concern.

There are plenty of challenges ahead in the vital task of environmental stewardship, and they will require both resolve and resources. That was even more true on the first Earth Day — which stands as proof of what Americans can do when they put their minds to it.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

Have we never seen Michael Jordan like this before, or is it simply that we forgot? Anyone who lived through the Chicago Bulls’ domination of the NBA during the 1990s — even, like me, as a kid — can probably still recall the broad outlines of Jordan’s talent, the qualities that made him such an exceptional athlete: the elasticity; the hang time; the spectacular dunks. ... Jordan reigned at “the end of history,” in that curious decade between the fall of the Berlin Wall and 9/11, and for all his ability with a ball in his

hand he’s always seemed a little remote, a little above it all. He was the perfect athlete, in a sense, for the decade that fancied itself post-political...

And yet. As “The Last Dance,” the 10-part ESPN documentary shows, he was so much more. Yes, Jordan was gloriously, unironically macho. Yes, his body worked like a Swiss army knife, limbs cutting through the air in all directions at one moment then snapping back into a streamlined cylinder the next. Yes, he was capable of outrageous

things on the court. But he was also a bully, a wrecking ball, the owner of a volcanic will to win, a man of almost unbearable intensity. However much joy Jordan gave to millions throughout his career ... it’s hard to escape the feeling that being him — occupying that body, harnessing that talent, channeling that unrelenting drive to be the best — must have been incredibly hard.

Aaron Timms, the Guardian

Chicago Tribune

PERSPECTIVE



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A golfer plays at Quaker Ridge Golf Club in Scarsdale, New York, this week. The state altered its guidelines, saying that golf courses could open with some restrictions.

Anti-lockdown protests have created a juicy opportunity for Trump. He's blowing it.



ERIC ZORN

"Let my people golf!"

Those words on signs at anti-lockdown protests in San Diego and elsewhere in recent days are at once reasonable and outrageous.

Reasonable because the slogan humorously expresses the common-sense view that even at a time of viral peril, people ought to be able to engage in an outdoor activity in which it's perfectly possible to stay at least 6 feet from others and avoid contact with surfaces that may spread disease. And in fact many states, including Iowa, Wisconsin and Indiana, have relaxed earlier prohibitions on golf.

Outrageous because, like so many of these protests, it trivializes the threat of the COVID-19 pandemic by seeming to prioritize recreation over the prevention of an accelerated outbreak of an illness that has killed more than 30,000 Americans in just the last month.

I'm torn between these two sentiments.

Of course people are frustrated, angry, frightened and even desperate during the Great Distancing. Millions have lost their jobs as businesses remain shuttered and millions more — including journalists — see their livelihoods on the brink if this goes on much longer.

Though these feelings have burst forth in a series of often infuriating public demonstrations that seem animated by ignorance and selfishness, the yearning behind them for a return to normal life and a relatively robust economy is utterly relatable. And so is the impatience with some of the government-mandated restrictions designed to keep people in their homes and away from one another as much as possible.

But too many of those chafing under the restrictions see them as merely a way to save lives — a painful series of sacrifices we're forced to make in order to limit the death toll. This trade-off strikes some as cowardly and downright un-American.

Protesters have been recycling revolutionary-era slogans for their placards. "Give me liberty or give me death" is one popular sign. "Live free or die!" is another.

As if those were the choices. Public health experts tell us that liberty, freedom and death go hand in hand when

it comes to highly contagious pandemics such as COVID-19.

The actual choice is between a slow, carefully calibrated effort to return to some semblance of business as usual and a too-hasty resumption of normal activities that results in a spike in illness and death that further devastates the economy and leads to still greater limits on individual freedom.

That thought doesn't fit neatly on a sign.

Where it would fit, though, is in a presidential tweet.

The split we're now seeing open wider and wider between those who think we're locked down too tight and those who fear the consequences of reopening too quickly is a threat to the peace. It can't have escaped your notice that some of the protesters have been openly carrying military-style guns and spouting the language of rebellion.

But the split also presents an opportunity for President Donald Trump.

Protesters tend to see him as an ally, so he's well positioned to use his bully pulpit to make the case for certain temporary, painful sacrifices in aid of the war against COVID-19, and to identify the common purpose he has with blue state and red state governors to bring this nightmare to as speedy an end as possible. He could coordinate

without commanding and lead without recrimination.

Perhaps only Trump could make the protesters understand that, behind the roiling partisan split, the name-calling and the furious sloganeering, we all have the same goal right now. And though medical science hasn't been perfect in modeling the way forward, it's going to prove a lot more reliable than political philosophy.

Instead, of course, Trump has been egging on the protesters in a series of tweets urging them to "liberate" certain Democratic states, which it's hard not to read as an incitement to violence. In answer to a related question from a reporter about death threats to Democratic governors, Trump, who never seems to miss a chance to make bad situations worse, referred to the protesters as "great people" who simply "want their life back." He added, "these people love our country."

But what better way to show your love of country than to accept the judgment of experts about the best way to save it?

Admittedly, that some of these experts seem to be softening on golf does make that easier.

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Uncle Henry, two pandemics and the cohesion of family

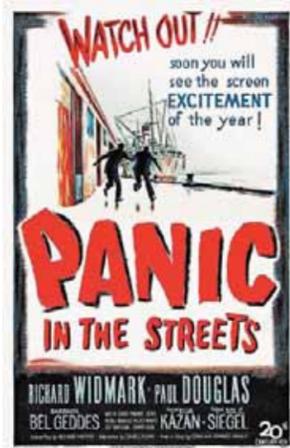
BY DAVID MAMET

I get a big kick out of seeing our surgeon general, Dr. Jerome Adams, on TV explaining the coronavirus pandemic. Dr. Adams is a vice admiral in the U.S. Public Health Service. Prior to his appearances, all I knew about this Public Health Service was its connection with the Mamet Family History, through the 1950 film, "Panic in the Streets."

In the movie, we have an epidemic ravaging New Orleans. I believe it was the pneumonic plague, and Richard Widmark as an officer of the U.S. Public Health Service has to stop it against all odds, fighting bureaucratic intransigence and the entire familiar nine yards.

So far, so good. Now, near the film's end, Widmark finds a clue to "patient zero." He was a merchant seaman. The only way to locate him is through the records of the ship he has just left. The ship has sailed and is in international waters. Widmark, as I recall, takes a helicopter out to the ship and tells the captain to return to quarantine. "Ha ha," the captain says, "you have no jurisdiction over me. Men, prevent this fellow from coming to the bridge to interfere with my lawful operations."

The bosun interposes himself between Widmark and the cap-



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tain. He is a huge, tough, bearlike man. He is my Uncle Henry.

Henry Mamet was born in 1918 in Russian Poland (Hrubestow), and came to the U.S. with my Mamet grandparents in 1922. He enlisted in the Army in World War II and served, until just before the war's end, as an Army cook.

His unit was pushing on toward Germany in December 1944, and the cooks, along with everyone else in the Ardennes, fought in the Battle of the Bulge, where Uncle Henry won a bronze star.

After the war he migrated to New Orleans and worked for a time (while still at his fighting weight) as a photo model.

Then he got work at Tulane University teaching acting and was tapped by director Elia Kazan as an extra in "Panic in the Streets." There he is, probably 5-foot-9 and 280 pounds, in a long, cutaway single, standing on the bridge and protecting the captain.

He returned to Chicago, the Mamet's Ancestral Home (since 1926), and a job as director of communications for the Chicago Board of Rabbis. Many will recall the "God ghetto," 6 a.m. Sundays, that space reserved on public television for "Religious Programming." None will recall the young Jewish kid who, now and then, portrayed, on WTTW radio and television, a Young Jewish Kid. It was I, and Uncle Henry gave me my start in show business, to which rock, pecked near to death by daws, I have been bound, now, for 65 years.

The WTTW studios were then in a sort of broom closet in the Museum of Science and Industry. The museum was the playground of us South Shore kids. We were habitués of the U-505 submarine and spent afternoons crawling around the caryatids, 40 feet off the ground.

I recall the submarine being

winched across South Lake Shore Drive one summer when the day camp was on the museum grounds, maybe it was 1955, and the polio summer of 1952, and our mothers' terror.

Uncle Henry survived Russian pogroms, immigration, the Depression (raised by a single mom), the Battle of the Bulge and the Chicago Board of Rabbis. He died in March 1991 when he was 72, my age now.

I remember him as the only easygoing member of our Mamet family.

He had a "dark, dark secret," which was never spoken of — a relationship in his bachelorhood with a Mrs. X, a married woman. He then married our beloved Aunt Esther, who came from Boston, and delighted us all by referring to the Jewish ceremony as a "Baaaa-Mitzvavarr."

Our Shabbos dinners at Nana Clara's house were notable for the lack of family friction. The uncles caught up with each other, we kids enjoyed the break from our own family's bickering. Perhaps the elder brother, Henry, set the tone, and my father followed suit.

Looking back, what had we, the second generation, seen? The cohesion, not unmarred, but of the essence to that immigrant family.

My father and my uncle grew up with Yiddish as their first

language. They survived immigration, desertion, poverty, the war and the Depression, anti-Semitic discrimination, quotas. I grew up hearing stories of all of the above. The stories were not complaints, but merely history.

The disruptions through which my generation has lived, and is living, are inevitable, confusing and unjust. Some will suffer more, some less, some not at all.

People speak of a return to normal, of "no return to normal" or of "the new normal," but, on reflection, what can the terms mean other than "getting on with it"?

The statue of Ozymandias, is always crumbling, having this in common with all other human constructions. That's why we create, inter alia, ceremonies and devotions and ideals to which we ascribe a sacramental or metaphysical importance, which is to say, a proclamation of our belief in an existence greater and more persistent than that of our own lives. See: the Constitution, the Bible, the Oath of Allegiance, the marriage vows and the unstated but understood sanctity of family, and of a necessary continuity.

God bless my family, and yours, and God bless America.

David Mamet is a playwright, screenwriter, director and author.

PERSPECTIVE



ANDREW RUSH/PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE

Armed protesters at a rally for the opening of businesses on Monday in downtown Pittsburgh.

Politicizing the coronavirus is hazardous to our national health



CLARENCE PAGE

One of the most frustrating things about the protests aimed at reopening the economy ... is that we all ultimately want the same thing. We want to resume what used to be business as usual.

The problem is that we all have different ideas about reopening times.

"I'm with everybody," said President Donald Trump when asked about it in a Sunday news conference. "I'm with everybody."

Right. That was the same day that a man and woman in Denver, who identified themselves as health care workers, dressed in full scrubs and with masks, made international news by standing silently with their arms crossed to block a line of cars and trucks.

As captured by a news photographer, Alyson McClaran, the scene echoed the iconic "Tank Man" who faced off against Chinese tanks in the 1989 Tiananmen Square protests.

Colorado, along with Ohio, Minnesota and Kentucky, among other states, saw similar protests. In Illinois, a group called Reopen Illinois plans to hold rallies in Springfield and Chicago on May 1. On its Facebook page, the group says it trusts "the people to make the best decisions on how to protect our own livelihoods and businesses."

President Trump had faced criticism from governors in both parties over tweets he posted on Friday that appeared to support the protests.

"LIBERATE MICHIGAN!," "LIBER-

ATE MINNESOTA!," and "LIBERATE VIRGINIA," he said in three of several tweets directed to states in which protests occurred.

His "LIBERATE" message was unusual for a head of state, especially since the liberation presumably would be from state governors in the nation over which he presides as chief executive. But, as we all know by now, Trump is an unusual president.

But the president insisted during the White House Coronavirus Task Force news conference that he was not taking sides. Right.

"The president's policy says you can't start to reopen under his plan until you have declining numbers for 14 days," Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan, a Republican and chairman of the National Governors Association, said on CNN's "State of the Union."

"So then to go encourage people to go protest the plan you just made recommendations on Thursday," Hogan added, "it just doesn't make any sense."

Ah, but this also is a presidential election year, which helps us make sense of a lot of White House surprises, once you put them into a timely context.

The seemingly random and organic grassroots protests, for example, resemble the rise of the tea party movement: a mix of angry individuals encouraged and summoned to public squares by activists on social networks, who also include some paid lobbyists.

Some of the largest Facebook groups stirring up the fight against the quarantine include three far-right, pro-gun provocateurs targeting Wisconsin, Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York, The Washington Post reports.

Ben Dorr, the political director of a group called Minnesota Gun Rights, and his siblings, Christopher and Aaron, had

about 200,000 members combined by this past weekend, the Post reported, noting that they seek primarily to poke the National Rifle Association as being "too compromising." Lovely.

Yes, the pandemic is a calamity that any responsible and respectable politician should try to hold above politics as-usual. But in these times and under this administration, social distancing and flattening the curve have been pulled into the culture wars, pitting the life-preserving policy of social distancing in some cases against the freedom of religion and assembly.

Is it working? Polls by last weekend were showing a slippage in approval ratings of the president's coronavirus response, compared with his initial rally-around-the-president bump. Only 36% of voters in an NBC/Wall Street Journal poll released on Sunday said they generally trusted what President Trump says about the coronavirus. That's 10 points lower than their approval of his overall performance.

Still, Trump's approval ratings among Republicans remain high, although not as high as some of the numbers he recently has tweeted. More troubling for Trump should be the overwhelming majority of voters who tell pollsters they would rather continue the lockdown than end it too soon.

With our lives and those of our families and friends at risk, most of us Americans have been willing to make reasonable sacrifices, as past generations have done, for the common good, not for politics.

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ERs are safe for emergencies

I know this is a frightening time, and as an emergency physician, I commend everyone for heeding recommendations to stay home and stay safe. Everyone's efforts are truly bending the curve, and we health care workers thank you for this.

However, I implore anyone who is having a true medical emergency (and who is not a COVID-19 patient) to please break that rule. We are still here for you 24/7, and you do not need to fear your health or safety walking through our doors if you truly need us. We will protect you.

A few days ago, I treated a polite and quiet woman who stayed at home for almost eight hours with her chest pain until she felt "absolutely sure" she needed to leave her home and seek care. Had she waited much longer, we would have been without this kind soul.

I have heard tale after tale from my colleagues of patients showing up days after suffering from stroke-like symptoms, severely high blood sugar or smoldering heart failure exacerbation.

Of course, for less emergent issues, there are other health care settings for seeking medical care, like your primary care provider or telemedicine services. But I promise you, we are here should you need us, and once you enter our doors, we will keep you safe from the coronavirus.

Chicago emergency department teams have taken every precaution to protect you while we care for you.

— Dr. Meeta Shah, Rush University Medical Center, Chicago

How businesses can do their part

As a business owner, I would love to reopen and get back to what I love doing. But I travel two to three weeks a month. And because of that, I have a responsibility not only to my family but also to my clients.

I have a responsibility to ensure that I don't bring this virus home or to the facilities that I audit.

If we are to open back up, we must first have a plan. Let's face it: Whether it's local, state or federal, government can't possibly make a plan that meets the needs of everyone. It is up to companies and businesses to do an individual risk assessment and see where they fall short. And then figure out how to fix any issues and how to implement their plans. Then, and only then, can we ensure the safety of not only visitors to those facilities but also employees and their families.

— Donald L. Reynolds, quality auditor, Chicago

Knowing where COVID-19 is

Regarding "In the battle against COVID-19, privacy can't become collateral damage" (April 21): Local public safety chiefs and mayors need to know *where* people reside who have COVID-19 in order to protect first responders and neighbors. The Tribune Editorial Board stated it right in its editorial — "the best course ... balances protection of citizens with the protection of ... privacy rights" — but respectfully got it wrong by focusing on keeping the identity of the person secret.

As a mayor, I do not need to know *who* has COVID-19 in my village, but I should be allowed to know *where* it is — in which houses, town houses and condominiums — just like we know when there are cases in a senior or congregate living center, but we do not know who has it.

"Where" allows us to use personal protective equipment without wasting it and respond faster to normal calls for police or paramedic service without suiting up unnecessarily.

"Where" allows us to tell neighbors there is COVID-19 in their area to heighten awareness of the need for social distancing, and to tell others in a home they must quarantine. "Where" allows us to police social distancing compliance.

The balance needed is to allow us to know *where* COVID-19 is, not *who* has it.

— Gary Grasso, mayor, Burr Ridge

Thoughts for this Earth Day

The virus kills and wreaks havoc on lives; climate change destroys everything. We don't yet have a cure for the virus, but the cure for climate change is pretty well known.

During this pandemic, we have seen reports of clearer skies, cleaner air, even fresher water due to the reduced burning of fossil fuels. The Earth seems to be demonstrating an ability to repair the damage we have caused and at a quicker rate than we might have expected.

When the virus is under control, must we rush to reverse this progress, returning to the orgy of fossil-fuel consumption and desecration of the oceans and land? Please, let's do whatever it takes to maintain and build on the progress toward reversing climate change — and save ourselves and the Earth!

— Rebecca Wolfram, Chicago

Earth Day during a crisis: Aldo Leopold's words resonate

BY CURT MEINE

Until an upstart bit of submicroscopic organic material upended our existence, environmentally concerned people around the world were preparing to gather Wednesday for the 50th anniversary of the first Earth Day. Things were on track for a generational passing of the torch and a call for renewed action on behalf of the Earth. Veterans of environmental campaigns past would tell their stories. Eager youth would share their ideas and determination. Speeches would be made and workshops organized and petitions signed.

Now the gatherings will be virtual, the stories shared online, the actions forced indoors and focused on our backyards. Perhaps this is not altogether unfortunate. The coronavirus pandemic is giving us pause to reflect on the trails we have taken over the last five decades. It provides a chance to look inside our own stories and consider how we have come to understand our interconnected world and our place within it.

In my case, I look back to that spring of 1970 as a time when the seeds were planted for my own commitment to conservation. Two things happened that put me on the path. The first was Earth Day itself. At Adlai Stevenson Elementary School in Des Plaines, our usual fifth-grade classes for the day were canceled. With 20 million other Americans, we took our lessons out to the parking lot and the school grounds, picked up litter and planted trees.

As an outdoorsy kid, I found this all perfectly acceptable. And in the days and weeks that followed, I earned a neighborhood reputation as a champion gleaner of discarded aluminum cans and waste paper. It was nerdy even then — but not

quite as much as it had been pre-Earth Day.

The other seed that was set that spring would not germinate, for me anyway, until a few years later. In 1970 a mass paperback edition of the book "A Sand County Almanac" by conservationist Aldo Leopold appeared just in time for Earth Day. First published in 1949, Leopold's book had sold modestly over the years. But now a new generation of baby boomer readers, learning their first lessons in ecology, seized on it. It would sell a million copies.

All of a sudden, Leopold's sharp-eyed but understated observations of what he called "the land community," and his reflections on the human role in nature, hit a mark. They did for me when I encountered the book a few years later, while a student at DePaul University. "We abuse land," Leopold wrote, "because we regard it as a commodity belonging to us. When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect." He called this philosophy of conservation "the land ethic."

Leopold's book has never stopped selling, never stopped opening hearts and minds to "the drama of the land's workings." And the land ethic has continued to grow and evolve — as he hoped it would — "in the minds of a thinking community."

That ethic is pertinent not just in rural settings such as the Wisconsin countryside that inspired Leopold. It concerns all lands, from the most remote wild places to working farmlands to the most urban cityscapes. It embraces the waters and oceans. It calls for us to get real and take action to counter the accelerating effects of climate change while we still can. In Chicago, the land ethic has informed and inspired efforts ranging from ecological

restoration in the forest preserves, to the educational programs of Brookfield Zoo and Eden Place Nature Center in Fuller Park, to urban agriculture work across the metropolitan region.

Now, to commemorate the 50th Earth Day, Oxford University Press has partnered with the Aldo Leopold Foundation in Wisconsin to release a new edition of Leopold's classic work, featuring an introduction by novelist and conservationist Barbara Kingsolver. Kingsolver was another of those eager readers of the 1970 paperback. She writes that rereading Leopold decades later "feels like contacting a revered teacher from school days and finding an adult friend." And she notes that his words are in some ways even more relevant now, as we try to talk with one another across our deep political divides: "If you've lost all hope of finding a common language for that conversation, you might well find it here."

We will, in time, reemerge from our self-isolating home caves, back into the world of green and growing things, of critters that call to us and of litter that always needs picking up. We will find an Earth that needs to be reimagined and restored with lessons learned from the coronavirus crisis.

Perhaps the musings of this Midwestern ecological sage can help us again to come together to take on this generation's great shared cause. Perhaps in appreciating our deep connections to the land and to one another, we can again move forward in what Leopold called our "search for a durable scale of values."

Dr. Curt Meine, one of the country's leading conservation biologists, grew up in the Chicago area and now serves as a senior fellow for the Center for Humans and Nature and the Aldo Leopold Foundation.

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Working with what he has

With no first-round pick and on the eve of a virtual NFL draft, Bears general manager Ryan Pace is trying to make the most of it: "The good teams right now deal with the circumstances." Chicago Sports begins on **Page 7**

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CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Small businesses being left in financial limbo



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Co-owners Carol Chambers, left, and Kimberly Krefl stand outside their lice removal salon Shiny Strands on Monday in Glen Ellyn.

High-profile loans to larger companies have fueled a backlash

BY ROBERT CHANNICK

Like many small businesses, Shiny Strands, a three-store suburban Chicago lice removal salon, has struggled during the coronavirus pandemic.

Social distancing, it seems, is a cure for lice infestations.

So Shiny Strands applied for a \$45,000 payroll protection loan through JPMorgan Chase bank, hoping to keep its employees on staff and its doors at least partially open during the shutdown.

Instead, the business did not receive approval before the \$349 billion federal Paycheck Protection Program ran out of money last week, leaving Shiny Strands facing a 70% reduction in cash flow.

"To not get any government help was very devastating," said Carol Chambers, 51, co-owner of Shiny Strands. "Coronavirus and the stay-in-place order is killing our business."

From a vintage home décor shop in Barrington to a Chicago divorce lawyer, Chicago-area small business owners who missed out on the initial round of funding under the \$2.2 trillion federal coronavirus relief package have been left in financial limbo, grow-

ing increasingly frustrated as they wait for Congress to allocate more money.

Federal lawmakers have reached a tentative agreement for an additional \$310 billion in funding for the paycheck program, part of a \$484 billion coronavirus relief bill passed Tuesday by the Senate, but there are signs even that sum may not be enough.

Michael Minnis, an accounting professor at University of Chicago's Booth School of Business, has published research calculating it will take about \$720 billion to assist all small businesses that might apply for a loan, leaving a

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Gogo will furlough 60% of workforce

Internet company expects April sales to fall by up to 70%

BY ALLY MAROTTI

In-flight internet company Gogo will furlough more than 600 employees — roughly 60% of its workforce — in an effort to cut costs amid the coronavirus pandemic.

The furloughs will vary based on workload and begin May 4, the Chicago-based company said Tuesday. Most remaining employees will have their compensation reduced.

The pandemic has rocked the airline industry, as stay-at-home orders meant to contain the spread of COVID-19, the disease caused by the new coronavirus, keep home both leisure and business travelers. Airlines are seeking billions of dollars in financial assistance from the federal government.

Chicago-based United Airlines, for example, gave a preliminary look at its financial results for the first quarter Monday and reported a \$2.1 billion loss. The company hopes to borrow up to \$4.5 billion from the federal government, on top of a \$5 billion aid package.

Gogo, in turn, has taken a hit. About 60% of the company's revenue comes from commercial airlines, the company said in a news release. Gogo expects its April sales to fall by 60% to 70% as a result.

The rest of Gogo's revenue comes from business aviation, which has also seen a drop in flights.

Gogo said it had \$216 million cash on hand as of Monday. The company plans to report quarterly earnings in early May.

CEO Oakleigh Thorne, who will take a 30% salary cut, said in a statement the company is "implementing the appropriate measures" to ensure Gogo's long-term viability.

"Based on where the market is today, we believe these personnel actions are necessary, and if conditions worsen, we have additional levers to pull if needed," he said.

Gogo previously implemented a hiring freeze, suspended merit-based salary increases for the year and deferred Thorne's 2019 bonus.

The company also applied for an \$81 million grant and a \$150 million loan under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, which Congress passed late last month.

Gogo plans to modify its cost-cutting measures if it receives the government assistance, the company said.

Gogo's shares dropped more than 9% Tuesday to close at \$1.55. For the year, the company's share price is down about 75%.

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Madison Street Books co-owner Javier Ramirez organizes books at the store in Chicago on March 20.

Dream to nightmare

New business owners open two weeks — or two days — and then coronavirus hit

BY JOSH NOEL

Matthew Abitbol got to live his dream for 17 days. The devoted marathon runner — he's up to 82 of them — saved money for 10 years while working in banks to launch the running store of his dreams. On Feb. 28, Abitbol finally opened Commonwealth Running Co. in downtown Evanston.

On March 16, he closed it due to COVID-19.

With a newborn at home and the new coronavirus spreading quickly, Abitbol decided he shouldn't risk his shop becoming a vector for spreading the virus. The state's stay-at-home order took effect five days later, which ensured Commonwealth Running would be closed for weeks to come.

"The day I closed was a sad day," Abitbol said. "I asked myself, 'Did I only get 17 days of this?'"

Now closed longer than it was open, Abitbol has shifted Commonwealth Running to online sales. But sending shoes through the mail is hardly the reason he got into the retail side of running. He prefers the camaraderie of the community, and the satisfaction of fitting someone into the right pair of shoes.

Abitbol has been buoyed by pleasant surprises, such as locals making a point to support him, even ordering products not in stock. He's been disappointed by other developments, such as the ineffectiveness of Facebook, Google and Instagram advertising, which has shown almost no return.

Every day, he said, is a balancing act: Commonwealth Running is closed and has little name recognition. Yet Abitbol paid his April rent in full and is trying to stay afloat.

"Do I spend money and try to make money by spreading the word or do I hunker down and try to wait for this thing to pass?" he said. "Doubts definitely creep in about how long I can last and how much advertising I can and should do."

Virtually all small business owners are in crisis as the coronavirus pandemic and resulting stay-at-home orders persist, but the newest businesses — those whose owners saved for years and only realized their dreams in the days or weeks before the spread of COVID-19 — face particular challenges.

The early days of a new business are less about generating revenue than generating brand awareness and attracting customers, said Linda Darragh, a clinical professor of entrepreneurship at Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management. That becomes infinitely more difficult during a



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Matt Abitbol prepares running shoes for shipping at his new store, Commonwealth Running Company on Friday in Evanston.

stay-at-home order, she said. "It's always about customer acquisition, and that's for every business," Darragh said. "It's underestimated because a lot of businesses think they've got the best product, service or solution to a problem, but they don't understand how customers will actually behave and if they'll buy."

The health crisis has turned small business customer acquisition on its head, she said. Gone are the days of hand selling and Saturday afternoon foot traffic. As a result, new businesses banking on immediate revenue could be in trouble, she said.

But, Darragh said, the current situation presents opportunity.

"This is horrible if you just opened, but on the other hand, if you're not stocking shelves and

greeting people, you can take this time to be creative to think of new ways to interact with your customer base," she said.

Examples, she said, include partnering with other companies, groups or clubs "to align your product with their product and piggyback on their customers."

In fact, Abitbol did just that. Early in the stay-home order, he arranged a scavenger hunt with Evanston Running Club, offering a shirt and hat to a randomly drawn winner for those who ran to and posted social media photos from five sites in the northern suburb.

He had hoped to draw as many as 50 people into the giveaway. Fewer than five partic-

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potential funding gap of as much as \$60 billion.

"Hopefully the number is actually less than what we're saying and this next round could get much of the way there," Minnis said.

There also is growing concern — alleged in at least a handful of lawsuits — that banks prioritized loans for larger businesses, shuffling smaller businesses to the bottom of the application pile.

The federal paycheck program offered businesses with fewer than 500 employees forgivable loans of up to \$10 million to cover eight weeks of payroll. The Small Business Administration approved more than 1.6 million loans, worth \$349 billion, in less than two weeks before the funding ran out Thursday.

In Illinois, the SBA approved 69,893 paycheck loans worth nearly \$16 billion.

A study released Monday by the nonprofit National Federation of Independent Business showed only 20% of applicants have been approved and funded, leaving 80% of small businesses

unsure of their status.

The Associated Press found at least 75 companies that received aid were publicly traded, and some had market values of more than \$100 million.

The SBA said in a statement Friday that 74% of the loans were for less than \$150,000, "demonstrating the accessibility of this program to even the smallest of small businesses."

But several high-profile loans to big-name companies have come to light, fueling backlash that "larger" small business clients took priority over smaller companies or those with less access to capital.

Potbelly and Shake Shack each received the maximum \$10 million loans, while the parent of Ruth's Chris Steak House got \$20 million for two subsidiaries. The restaurant chains, each with thousands of employees and hundreds of millions of dollars in annual revenue, qualified because the program counted only the number of employees per restaurant.

On Monday, New York-based Shake Shack said it was returning the \$10 million PPP loan it received after obtaining alternative funding through an equity

transaction.

Chicago-based Potbelly, which grew from a single store on Lincoln Avenue in 1977 to a nationwide chain with about 440 restaurants, did not respond to multiple requests for comment.

Potbelly, Shake Shack and Ruth's Chris all received their PPP loans through JPMorgan Chase.

Two lawsuits seeking class action status were filed this week in California federal court alleging Chase "front-loaded" applications for the largest loans to get larger origination fees, and concealed from small business owners they were "reshuffling the applications"

Chase spokesman Brian Hanover declined to comment on the lawsuits Tuesday, but said "larger clients were not prioritized."

Hanover said Chase processed about 18,000 loans for its "smallest" business clients and about 8,500 loans for larger small businesses. The bank said 80% of its paycheck protection loans went to businesses with less than \$5 million in annual revenue.

As of Monday, Chase had

around 40,000 fully processed applications worth \$73 billion "in the queue and ready to be submitted to the SBA," if additional funding for the paycheck program is approved, Jennifer Roberts, CEO of Chase Business Banking, said in an online post Monday.

BMO Harris approved \$4.4 billion in loans to nearly 10,700 borrowers before the first round of PPP funding was exhausted. Businesses that submitted applications in the first round will remain in the queue and do not need to submit another application, bank spokeswoman Kathleen Szot said Tuesday.

Szot said more than half of the loans approved by BMO Harris were for less than \$100,000.

"The bank did not prioritize loan applications based on the size of the loan," Szot said.

Kyla Herbes, 45, who runs a vintage home décor shop in Barrington and a popular blog under the same banner, House of Hipsters, applied for a \$40,000 paycheck loan through her business bank, BMO Harris, on April 7.

days later and she has yet to hear back from the bank.

Herbes generated \$100,000 in revenue last year through sponsorships on her seven-year-old blog, and \$50,000 in sales at her store, which she opened in April 2019 and runs on her own. Both revenue streams have ground to a halt during the COVID-19 health crisis.

She is deferring rent for her store and drawing down family savings to pay the bills. While she is in a position to receive a paycheck loan in the second round of funding, Herbes is angry that larger business got money in the first round. And she is skeptical that it will be any different this time.

"I'm thinking they're putting a lot of funding into a broken system," Herbes said. "We'll be lucky if we have some scraps at the end of all of this."

Matt Kirsh, 56, a divorce attorney from Lombard who launched a small three-lawyer Chicago firm in 2012, applied for a \$100,000 paycheck loan through Chase, where he has banked for more than 15 years.

With courts closed during the stay-at-home order, revenue has mostly dried up. "I am running through the

cash I have in my account," Kirsh said.

Kirsh said he was "ignored by Chase" during the application process, and without the paycheck loan, will soon have to consider furloughs or salary cuts for his staff, which also includes a full-time legal assistant and one part-time employee. He said the loan application was filed on April 7, per his bank's instructions.

He received an email on April 19 that Chase was reviewing his application — three days after the funding was depleted.

"It kind of upset me because it seemed like the big money people were getting their loans processed quicker," Kirsh said. "I think there were two lines, and I'm in the wrong line."

At Shiny Strands, there was some good news Tuesday, when Chambers learned she had received \$10,000 from the SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan, another depleted COVID-19 emergency relief fund.

"That was a pleasant surprise," Chambers said. "But we still need the PPP for our employees."

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ipated.

"I'm trying to raise awareness any way I can — anything I can do," Abitbol said. "It's a tough environment."

It's a situation businesses across the Chicago area are navigating. Pilsen Community Books opened March 1 under new owners before closing on March 16. The three new partners inherited a meager mailing list and scant online presence, said Tom Flynn, one of the owners.

Shutting down the shop thwarted planned events, but accelerated plans to build its online business.

Online sales have helped, but "we're still not doing as well as we could be doing or should be doing to pay ourselves and make the payments we need to make," Flynn said.

Madison Street Books, on the Near West Side, was open for two days before closing due to COVID-19.

Javier Ramirez said he and co-founder Mary Mollman had to reinvent their business plan on the fly, including a pivot to online sales. They initially charged \$1 for shipping to entice new customers, but stopped last week because the discount was eating into precious profits.

"Every book store is so used to being a social space," Ramirez said. "Now we're just getting books in and books out as quickly as possible."

He and Mollman, both veteran book sellers, tapped their personal industry networks to spread word of the business and have seen about 30% of sales come from beyond the Chicago area. Locals have gravitated to the shop, he said, making clear they want it to survive. Ultimately, being so new has helped position them to

survive, he said.

"We're lucky we didn't have a lot of stock or a lot of debt so we could move forward," Ramirez said. "We had a fresh slate to work with."

Jerry Nelson, founder of Une Annee and Hubbard's Cave breweries, spent \$2 million to build a new facility in Niles that was open to the public for one day. He nearly quadrupled his space, including a spacious taproom and a kitchen serving smoked meats.

Beer sales have been down about 75%, though after an unnerving pause, Chicago beer stores have started ordering again, Nelson said. Distributors farther afield have not. Nelson said he had planned to brew about 5,000 barrels of beer in 2020, but will be lucky to make half that much.

"We threw a lot of money at this place at the very end to make it as nice as we possibly could and if we were to open on day one, I



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Nicole Fryison and Chris "Doughboy" Fryison, wife and husband co-owners of Doughboy's Chicago at their pop-up in the South Side of Chicago.

think we would have been rocking over here," Nelson said.

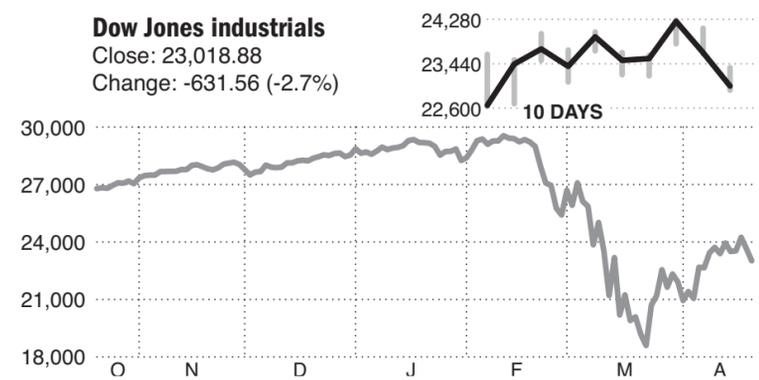
Instead, he said, "I go through a variety of emotions in a week and settle on dealing with the cards we were dealt and figuring out how to navigate this."

A handful of businesses have even opened during the stay-home order. That includes Doughboy's Chicago, a restaurant that opened April 9 in the Greater Grand Crossing neighborhood.

Co-founder Chris jbnoel@chicagotribune.com

MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow High: 23,365.25 Low: 22,941.88 Previous: 23,650.44



Nasdaq -297.50 (-3.48%)	S&P 500 -86.60 (-3.07%)	Russell 2000 -28.26 (-2.33%)
Close 8,263.23	Close 2,736.56	Close 1,185.09
High 8,480.29	High 2,785.54	High 1,195.88
Low 8,215.69	Low 2,727.10	Low 1,173.91
Previous 8,560.73	Previous 2,823.16	Previous 1,213.35

10-yr T-note -0.05 to .57%	Gold futures -23.40 to \$1,678.20	Yen +14 to 107.77/\$1	Euro +0.007 to .9214/€1	Crude Oil +47.64 to \$10.01
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Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P
-3.89	-2.97	-3.85	+11.18	+11.40	+11.82	-13.65	+1.75	-6.72

FUTURES							
COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 20	551.50	557	541.75	546.75	-2
		Jul 20	550.50	554.75	540.50	546.25	-1.25
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 20	314.25	316.25	301	309.25	-5
		Jul 20	322.25	323.25	309	317.25	-5
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 20	826	833.50	808.25	830.75	+4.25
		Jul 20	835.75	843.25	818.50	840.75	+4.50
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	May 20	25.91	25.97	24.78	25.35	-.63
		Jul 20	26.28	26.35	25.18	25.76	-.61
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	May 20	285.70	289.60	280.70	289.10	+3.50
		Jul 20	291.10	295.10	286.50	294.50	+3.70
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	May 20		13.86		10.01	+10.01
		Jun 20	21.32	22.58	6.50	11.57	-8.86
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	May 20	1.943	1.974	1.779	1.821	-103
		Jun 20	2.066	2.100	1.937	1.984	-0.65
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	May 20	.6720	.6882	.4940	.5103	-1580
		Jun 20	.7300	.7438	.5527	.5695	-1560

Source: The Associated Press

LOCAL STOCKS

Stocks listed may change due to daily fluctuations in market capitalization. Exchange key: N=NYSE, O=NASDAQ

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	94.05	-3.95	Dover Corp	N	84.51	-1.46	LKQ Corporation	O	19.93	-.41
AbbVie Inc	N	80.36	-3.63	Envestnet Inc	N	53.72	-2.25	Littelfuse Inc	O	128.88	-2.21
Allstate Corp	N	100.09	-2.63	Equity Commonwealth	N	33.01	-.04	McDonalds Corp	N	177.58	-4.07
Anixter Intl	N	89.80	-.38	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	58.97	-1.59	Mondelez Intl	O	51.08	-2.41
Aptargroup Inc	N	106.12	-.82	Equity Residential	N	63.81	-1.80	Morningstar Inc	O	134.88	+2.54
Arch Dan Mid	N	35.00	-1.34	Exelon Corp	O	35.68	-1.39	Motorola Solutions	N	144.68	-10.70
Baxter Intl	N	90.10	-4.04	First Indl RT	N	33.40	-1.42	NISource Inc	N	25.38	-1.10
Boeing Co	N	136.33	-7.28	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	42.25	-1.67	Nthn Trust Cp	O	74.43	-4.90
Brunswick Corp	N	37.16	-.72	Gallagher AJ	N	77.54	-3.24	Old Public Inc	N	15.14	-.55
CBOE Global Markets	N	100.39	-2.57	Grainger WW	N	270.09	-4.42	Packaging Corp Am	N	85.68	-.44
CDK Global Inc	O	34.05	-1.11	GrubHub Inc	N	40.93	-1.57	Paiocycle Hldg	O	85.35	-7.37
CDW Corp	O	98.85	-6.76	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	110.78	-1.09	RLI Corp	N	81.08	-1.58
CF Industries	N	26.86	-.69	Hyatt Hotels Corp	N	55.35	+6.3	Stericycle Inc	O	44.59	-2.44
CME Group	O	178.02	-6.60	IAA Inc	N	31.82	-.90	TransUnion	N	70.26	-2.59
CNA Financial	N	31.00	-.72	IDEX Corp	N	148.63	-2.95	US Foods Holding	N	17.39	+0.5
Cabot Microelect	O	105.48	-6.07	ITW	N	151.77	-3.44	Ulta Salon Cosmetics	O	201.57	-6.50
Caterpillar Inc	N	109.85	-4.75	Ingredion Inc	N	77.44	-3.36	United Airlines Hldg	O	27.88	+0.9
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	33.83	-.05	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	98.98	-.67	Ventas Inc	N	27.93	-.72
Deere Co	N	134.06	-3.24	Kemper Corp	N	65.62	-2.17	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	42.55	-.30
Discover Fin Svcs	N	34.30	-.92	Kraft Heinz Co	O	28.47	-1.70	Zebra Tech	O	192.85	-9.50

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE		
STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Ford Motor	4.77	-.21
Bank of America	21.64	-.86
Gen Electric	6.48	-.03
Occid Petl	12.34	-.25
Snap Inc A	12.44	-.48
Exxon Mobil Corp	40.96	-2.2
AT&T Inc	29.87	-1.11
Wells Fargo & Co	26.84	-.84
Marathon Oil	4.24	+0.3
Carnival Corp	11.84	-.38
Delta Air Lines	23.10	-.54
Petrobras	6.05	-2.2
Citigroup	41.57	-2.44
Halliburton	7.46	-1.17
Antero Resources	2.09	+3.8
Itau Unibanco Hldg	4.05	-2.0
Transocean Ltd	1.10	+0.7
Freoport McMoran	7.41	+6.1
Sthwstn Energy	3.14	+2.0
Energy Transfer LP	6.14	+0.6
Macy's Inc	5.22	-.09
Twitter Inc	25.75	-1.26
Boeing Co	136.33	-7.28
CocaCola Co	45.38	-1.15

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization		
STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alibaba Group Hldg	207.34	-4.79
Alphabet Inc C	1216.34	-50.27
Alphabet Inc A	1212.16	-48.99
Amazon.com Inc	2328.12	-65.49
Apple Inc	268.37	-8.56
Berkshire Hath B	183.48	-5.27
Facebook Inc	170.80	-7.44
HSBC Holdings prA	25.45	-.08
Home Depot	200.61	-5.44
Intel Corp	56.36	-2.82
JPMorgan Chase	89.05	-2.66
Johnson & Johnson	149.68	-1.99
MasterCard Inc	245.35	-6.38
Microsoft Corp	167.82	-7.24
Procter & Gamble	119.68	-.92
UnitedHealth Group	274.19	-7.95
Verizon Comm	56.82	-1.31
Visa Inc	160.53	-3.69
WalMart Strs	129.21	-.64

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets				
FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR	%RTN
American Funds AmrcnBaIa m	26.12	-.46	+	5
American Funds CptWldGrncA m	643.08	-1.16	-.95	-5
American Funds CptlncBldrA m	54.07	-1.06	-7.2	-7.8
American Funds FdmtlnvsA m	51.42	-1.54	-.47	-7.8
American Funds GfAmrcA m	46.72	-1.47	+7	+7
American Funds IncAmrcA m	19.89	-3.6	-6.0	-6.0
American Funds InvCAMrcA m	33.66	-.98	-6.2	-6.2
American Funds NwPrsctvA m	40.85	-1.25	-.39	-3.9
American Funds WAMtlnvsA m	39.61	-1.15	-.81	-8.1
Dodge & Cox Intl	14.13	-.06	+7.4	+7.4
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	30.03	-.88	-26.1	-26.1

Back to work? It might not be such an easy job.

Some companies really eager to get things going again

BY MAE ANDERSON, TOM KRISHER AND ANNE D'INNOENZIO
Associated Press

NEW YORK — As state and federal leaders tussle over when and how fast to “reopen” the U.S. economy amid the coronavirus pandemic, some corporations are taking the first steps toward bringing their employees back to work. Which in many cases is easier said than done.

Detroit-area automakers, which suspended production roughly a month ago, are pushing to restart factories as states like Michigan prepare to relax their stay-at-home orders. Fiat Chrysler has already announced a May 4 gradual restart date; General Motors and Ford don't want to be left behind.

In negotiations with the United Auto Workers union, automakers are offering to provide protective gear, frequently sanitize equipment, and to take worker temperatures to prevent anyone with a fever from entering factories. These steps, they say, have worked at repurposed factories now making medical equipment.

Matt Himes, who installs SUV doors at a GM plant in Spring Hill, Tennessee, said he's ready to get back to work. But he also fears catching the virus.

“I guess we all should worry about it, but you can't keep us closed down forever,” said Himes, who added that it's impossible to practice social distancing on his assembly line. “You work within 3 or 4 feet from everybody,” he said. “People right across from you, people right beside you.”

In line with White House guidelines announced last week, several states with Republican governors have begun restoring access to public spaces — not just beaches and parks, but in states like Georgia, hair salons, gyms, bowling alleys, restaurants and movie theaters as well.

Health officials fear that such moves, if not carefully planned, could fuel a second wave of COVID-19 infections. Some companies that never closed offer a cautionary tale: Meatpacking plants across the Midwest have reported hundreds of coronavirus cases among their tightly quartered workforces. Several have shuttered in an attempt to stem the spread.

Above all else, executives will need to be flexible, said Nicholas Bloom, an economics professor at Stanford University. “You can have a set of plans, but those plans are going to have to be updated on a rolling basis,” he said. “The forecast is incredibly uncertain.”

Retailers, restaurants and mall operators are looking at China's experience to see how they can reopen stores, said Meghann Martindale, global head of research at CBRE, a real estate services firm. Malls, for instance, probably won't open food courts and big play areas for children for a while, and shopping complexes will likely limit the number of entrances to control the flow of customers.

Amazon, which drew sharp criticism for firing an employee who led a walkout to demand greater coronavirus protection for workers, now says it is developing an internal lab that could potentially provide coronavirus tests for all employees, even those without symptoms. (Amazon says the employee in question was fired for violating social-distance guidelines and other infractions.)

Chipotle to pay \$25M fine over tainted food

BY BRIAN MELLEY
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Chipotle Mexican Grill Inc. agreed Tuesday to pay a record \$25 million fine to resolve criminal charges that it served tainted food that sickened more than 1,100 people in the U.S. from 2015 to 2018, federal prosecutors said.

The fast food company was charged in Los Angeles federal court with two counts of violating the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act by serving adulterated food at restaurants that in some instances caused outbreaks of norovirus, which causes diarrhea, vomiting and abdominal cramps. The virus is spread easily by people mishandling food.

The company admitted that poor safety practices, such as not keeping food at proper temperatures to prevent pathogen growth, sickened customers in Los Angeles and nearby Simi Valley, as well as Boston, Sterling, Virginia, and Powell, Ohio.

The Newport Beach, California-based company will avoid conviction by instituting a better food safety program.

Federal prosecutors said the fine was the largest fine in a food safety case.

“Chipotle failed to ensure that its employees both understood and complied with its food safety protocols, resulting in hundreds of customers across the country getting sick,” U.S. Attorney Nick Hanna said in a statement. “Today's steep penalty, coupled with the tens of millions of dollars Chipotle already has spent to upgrade its food safety program since 2015, should result in greater protections for Chipotle customers and remind others in the industry to review and improve their own health and safety practices.”

Outbreaks of norovirus began in August 2015 when 234 consumers and employees at a Chipotle in Simi Valley became ill. An employee who vomited was sent home, but the illness was not reported internally, as required, and food safety procedures weren't implemented until two days later.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

US home sales plunge last month

BALTIMORE — U.S. sales of existing homes cratered 8.5% in March with real estate activity stalled by the coronavirus outbreak.

The National Association of Realtors said Tuesday that 5.27 million homes sold last month, down from 5.76 million in February. The decrease was the steepest since November 2015. The situation will likely get worse, said Danielle Hale, chief economist at realtor.com.

“Already, sellers are getting less aggressive with asking price growth, and we're seeing roughly half as many new listings come up for sale this year versus last year,” Hale said.

Homebuying was steady for the first half of March because of low mortgage rates.

\$100M fund to aid dead workers' kin

NEW YORK — New York Life Insurance Co. and Cigna Corp. said Tuesday that they are setting up a \$100 million fund to support the families of health care workers who have died treating COVID-19 patients.

The philanthropic arms of the two insurers will contribute \$25 million each to the Brave of Heart Fund, which will support the survivors of fallen health care workers around the country, the companies said. The New York Life Foundation will additionally match contributions from individuals to the fund up to another \$25 million.

Cigna will offer counseling to the families by phone and online.

The Brave of Heart Fund will make its first grants of \$15,000 next month, the companies said.



DREAMSTIME

Tobacco and vaping industries are taking advantage of marketing opportunities during the pandemic, including protective gear.

No time for a marketing drag

In pandemic, tobacco and vaping industries offer freebies, donations

BY EMILY BAUMGAERTNER
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Running low on surgical masks during the pandemic? You can get two for free by ordering a Moti Piin, a battery-powered vaping pen, from the company's online shop.

Or buy sleek cartridges from Smok, another e-cigarette brand, and earn chances to win disposable gloves and up to 10,000 masks.

“COVID19 RELIEF EFFORT” blasts the ad of another online shop offering two-for-one e-liquid vials. Buyers at another shop get 19% off nicotine e-juices if they enter the code COVID-19.

As the pandemic strains the world's inventory of medical supplies, the tobacco and vaping industries are taking advantage of a unique opportunity, offering freebie protective gear, doorstep deliveries and festive pandemic-themed discounts. Some players have donated ventilators and mounted charity campaigns.

The tobacco companies insist they are simply doing their part to help during the

crisis. But the coronavirus-related marketing has been criticized by anti-smoking advocates who call it hypocritical and potentially dangerous. They note that people with lungs damaged by smoking are at an elevated risk if they catch the virus, and that vaping has been linked to a growth in tobacco use, particularly among teens.

“It's as if they don't realize they're in the business of destroying lungs,” said Matthew Myers, president of the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids. “It literally takes your breath away.”

Health officials are adding the pandemic to their long list of reasons that people should quit. E-cigarettes can be efficient carriers of the virus, they note. They are often passed around and shared; smokers frequently touch their face and mouth. The smoke and vapor that waft through the air could spread infectious particles to people and surfaces nearby, say scientists.

But the American Vaping Association circulated an editorial in March that urged state officials to lift bans of online e-cigarette sales, arguing that online sales promote safety because it keeps people from making trips outside their home. Continued access to e-cigarettes prevents people from relapsing back into smoking cigarettes, they added.

Research published in American and Chinese journals already suggests tobacco

users often fare worse with coronavirus infections. The effects of vaping on a case of COVID-19 are less conclusive, but scientists say a surge of lung infections tied to the habit last summer gives them reason for worry. “Because it attacks the lungs, the coronavirus that causes COVID-19 could be an especially serious threat to those who smoke tobacco or marijuana or who vape,” the National Institute on Drug Abuse, part of the National Institutes of Health, warned last month.

The tobacco industry has used the moment to enhance its public image. The world's biggest tobacco company, Philip Morris International, donated 50 ventilators to Greece, which has one of the highest smoking rates in Europe.

The company, which holds 40% of the Greek tobacco market, did not appear to publicize its donation and did not respond to an inquiry from The Times.

Altria, the maker of Marlboro cigarettes, announced a \$1 million relief investment to help support vulnerable residents near its headquarters in Richmond, Virginia, and other regions where manufacturing takes place.

“Caring for each other and doing what's right is core to our company,” Jennifer Hunter, the company's senior vice president for corporate citizenship, said in a statement.

States work to keep meatpacking plants open

BY RYAN J. FOLEY
Associated Press

IOWA CITY, Iowa — Governors in the Midwest are working to keep meatpacking plants operating despite coronavirus outbreaks that have sickened hundreds of workers and threaten to disrupt the nation's supply of pork and beef.

In Kansas, Gov. Laura Kelly sent personal protective equipment and testing supplies to counties with meat processing plants. Gov. Kristi Noem said she didn't think it would be difficult to fulfill federal requirements to reopen a shuttered facility in South Dakota. And Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds warned of the dire cost of closing plants, even as she acknowledged the certainty of more clusters of infection at

the facilities.

JBS USA said Monday it was suspending operations at a large pork processing plant in southwestern Minnesota because of an outbreak of COVID-19 among workers — the latest facility to be closed in the public health crisis.

Minnesota Health Commissioner Jan Malcolm said 33 JBS employees and six close relatives had tested positive as of Saturday.

Meat processing workers are particularly susceptible to the virus because they typically stand shoulder-to-shoulder on the line.

The JBS plant in Worthington employs more than 2,000 people and normally slaughters 20,000 hogs per day.

Iowa's governor has also warned of the

threat to food supply if authorities clamp down too hard on facilities with outbreaks, and has refused to shutter a sprawling Tyson Foods pork processing facility in Waterloo where dozens of workers are infected.

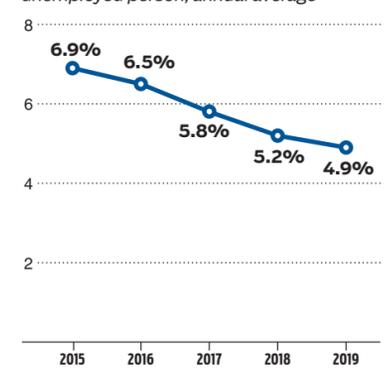
Reynolds said the state is working with meat companies to test workers and prevent outbreaks from growing too large.

Advocates for workers said Reynolds has little regard for a vulnerable workforce that includes refugees and immigrants.

“It's sickening,” said Democratic state Sen. Bill Dotzler of Waterloo, who has called for a temporary closure and stronger worker protections. Hospitals and medical clinics in his city reported a surge Monday in patients, many of whom were Tyson employees.

Unemployment in families

Percentage of families that include an unemployed person, annual average



SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics

TNS

OBITUARIES

Remembering the lives of those in Illinois who died from coronavirus

They were mothers and fathers, daughters and sons. Many were proud grandparents. Two were sisters from a tight-knit South Side family. All were loved, relatives say, and will be forever missed. As the number of deaths attributable to COVID-19 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.

MARLON ALSTON, 46

From Chicago, died April 7.



FAMILY PHOTO

Marlon Alston was an entrepreneur, a musician, a family man, a servant of his church, a politically-savvy guardian of his neighborhood and a near-constant presence at the school where he worked as a bus driver and security guard.

"He was just one of those people who say yes to anything you need him to do," said Cheryl Collins of Holy Family Ministries, which runs the North Lawndale grammar school where Alston worked. "He was phenomenal."

Alston, a Chicagoan, died April 7 of complications related to COVID-19. He was 46.

Alston grew up on the West Side and opened numerous businesses there as an adult. At various times he owned a corner store, a U-Haul franchise, a small security company and computer repair shop that started almost by accident.

"I got tired of having his (computer) parts all over the house, so we purchased a building," recalled his wife, Eliz Alston. "He was going to rent it out but I said he should take it so he can start a business fixing computers."

About five years ago, he started working as a bus driver at Holy Family, eventually becoming the head of security. Collins said he took it upon himself to cruise past the school at night when it was suffering a rash of break-ins, making sure the building was secure.

But it wasn't just a job for Alston. He also attended sporting events on his own time, accompanied eighth graders on a college tour and dressed as Santa Claus during the Christmas season and Ike Turner during a Black history program.

"He just loved the students at Holy Family," Collins said. "He mentored a lot of boys who don't have dads. No one asked. He just did it because he saw a need."

He was also a member of Evangelistic Outreach Deliverance Ministries for decades, serving as a deacon, a drummer for the church choir and a driver for Pastor Florida Jackson.

"He had us laughing all the time," Jackson said. "I pay tribute to him because he was one of a kind. He's going to be missed very much."

His wife said he also played the bass guitar, and with his son, produced his own gospel music on a computer.

"He was just an all-around good guy," she said. "He had a big heart and would help anybody, as long as they would listen to his advice."

Aside from his wife, Alston is survived by daughters Monica and Mariah; a son Khalif; stepson Jabari Faulkner; his mother, Rosa Alston Thomas and stepfather Johnnie Thomas, as well as four siblings.

Services are pending.

— John Keilman

ROSELIND 'ROSE' BARSEVICK, 100

From Oak Lawn, died April 9.

The firstborn child of Polish immigrants, Roselind "Rose" Barsevick persevered through childhood hardships to become the backbone of a large Catholic family she raised in Chicago's south suburbs.

The beloved mother of seven died two weeks after her 100th birthday. She is one of at least seven residents of Bridgeview Health Care Center who succumbed from a COVID-19-related illness and is among Illinois' oldest victims.

A daughter, Andrea Barsevick, recalled her mother's resilience, selflessness and love.

"Her life was her kids," she said.

Rose Barsevick was raised during the Great Depression with her three younger brothers in Calumet Park.

Her mother was institutionalized for a mental illness when Rose was a child. She helped raise her brothers while their father worked two jobs to keep them afloat. At 16, she had to quit high school to help support the family.

She was a teenager when she met Charles Barsevick, the older brother of a friend who lived next door. The two later dated when he was in the Army during World War II.

They had a simple wedding in 1944 with the groom, on leave, in his military uniform and bride in a sharp suit with shoulder pads and wide-brim hat.

The young couple had a shared vision for their future. He wanted to build a house of their own. She yearned to raise a large family.

During the next two decades, they raised seven children in the little brick Cape Cod home that he built in Oak Lawn.

"They each got their wish," said Andrea Barsevick,

who recalled her mother never forgot the frugalities of her youth. "She always knew how to economize. She was a pinchpenny. She had a little notebook and she would write down everything she bought, even a candy bar for 5 cents."

Charles Barsevick worked as an electrician while Rose was a stay-at-home mom who raised their children.

She made a lot of their clothing with her Singer sewing machine and prepared home-cooked meals. If she had to go out, her daughter recalled, her mother did the prep work beforehand and always instructed the children regardless of the dish to, "Put it in the oven at 350 degrees for an hour."

The Barsevicks were founding members of St. Germaine Catholic Parish in Oak Lawn. Rose was active in the women's club, cleaning the church each week and helping with funerals, for several decades.

The couple had their share of struggles in nearly 50 years of marriage. Their oldest, Joan, struggled with kidney disease since eighth grade. She died at 25 in 1972.

Andrea Barsevick said her mother held the family together during the painful loss.

"I never saw her cry," she said. "My mother was a strong woman. She took care of all of us."

At 55, with her children grown, Rose Barsevick focused on her own education and obtained her high school diploma.

Her husband died in May 1991, two years after his cancer diagnosis, in home hospice with his wife near his side.

"You could see how devoted she was to him," their daughter said. "It was a real partnership."

Her mother never learned to drive and often could be seen walking or riding her bike in her neighborhood well into her 80s.

Rose Barsevick lived comfortably in the couple's post WWII-era home until she was 99 years old.

Then, in May 2019, after she broke her arm after falling in her home, she received rehab at the Bridgeview nursing facility. Her children, worried about another fall, convinced her to stay, her daughter said.

"She took it in stride," Andrea Barsevick said. "She said, 'Oh well, we have to take the good with the bad.' I guess that was how she approached life."

She said the family, especially her two brothers, who visited their mother daily, felt she was in good care "but, unfortunately, COVID-19 got in."

Due to the coronavirus safety precautions, the family was forced to cancel a big 100th birthday celebration. Instead, in a group video chat on March 25, they sang to her and told her how very much she was loved.

She tested positive March 31, six days after her birthday and died April 9 at an area hospital.

Her daughter said it was "heartbreaking" not to be there with her in those final weeks due to lockdowns of the nursing facility and hospital.

She recalled her mom's strength, homemade apple pie and dedication to her family.

"She would often say I don't really know how to be a mother because I didn't have one but, of course, she was the best," Andrea Barsevick said. "We had many conversations where I told her, 'Mom, you were a great mother.' She really was."

Rose Barsevick is survived by six children, eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. A private graveside ceremony was held April 14. A memorial funeral Mass and celebration will be planned at a later date.

— Christy Gutowski

AUDREY MALONE, 68

From Chicago, died April 1.



FAMILY PHOTO

Audrey Malone knew how to attract a crowd.

She drew a following while singing gospel music as a member of The Malone Sisters. Shoppers flocked to the bakery at Fairplay Neighborhood Market in Markham for a whiff of her French bread.

"She lived a full life," son Andrew said. "She did it all."

Malone died from COVID-19 complications at Ingalls Memorial Hospital in Harvey. She was 68.

Andrew promised that her visitation would not feature somber background music. He collected recordings from family members to play throughout the proceedings.

"We are such a tight-knit family," he said. "Everyone will be hearing the love."

Malone grew up on Chicago's North Side with nine siblings and very little private time.

Andrew joked that she tried to make up for that later in

life. When he'd return from a national tour while playing the role of Mister in the revival of "The Color Purple," he would flock to her. After a while of mothering she'd say: "That's enough, get out of my room."

"She was very witty and could turn anything into a joke," he said. "She had a never-back-down attitude. She said: 'Be who you are, relentlessly and unapologetically. As long as you have good intentions, everything else will fall in line.'"

— Teddy Greenstein

JOHNNIE D. VEASLEY, 76

From Country Club Hills, died April 8.

LELA REED, 95

From Country Club Hills, died April 14.



FAMILY PHOTO



FAMILY PHOTO

Not very long ago, Linda Veasley-Payne was arranging a large party to celebrate her 60th birthday next month, where her beloved mother Johnnie Veasley no doubt would have been a cherished guest.

"I was planning a big ol' birthday bash," Veasley-Payne said wistfully of a happy memory only a few weeks old. In addition to taking care of her mother, who suffered from several ailments, the family was also setting up hospice care for Johnnie Veasley's own 95-year-old mother, Lela Reed.

But things took a turn when Johnnie Veasley, 76, was hospitalized at the end of March with symptoms of COVID-19. Despite her mother being placed in the hospital's intensive care unit, Veasley-Payne was hopeful she would make a full

recovery despite her underlying health problems. And indeed, there were early signs that Veasley's condition was improving.

But the hope would not last. Veasley, a grandmother of four, died early on April 8 at Advocate South Suburban Hospital in Hazel Crest, according to the Cook County medical examiner's office. An autopsy showed that she died from pneumonia, acute hypoxic respiratory failure and hypertension, medical examiner's officials said.

"It has been really hard because when the ambulance took her on March 31, that's the last time we saw her," Veasley-Payne recalled.

And no sooner were relatives mourning Veasley's death when they were hit with another bombshell: Lela Reed died six days later from a combination of the virus, Alzheimer's dementia, peripheral vascular disease and heart disease, officials said.

Veasley-Payne's family had cared for both women as their health declined. "We just got (my grandmother) set up with bed the day my mother passed," she said.

It was a devastating loss off an indomitable pair. Veasley spent the early part of life in Mississippi before Reed moved the two to Chicago when her daughter was 15.

She later married Thomas Veasley, and they would spend 45 years together until his death in 2004.

The Veasleys worked tirelessly to give their two daughters a comfortable suburban upbringing, first in Harvey in the 1970s. Reed, ever the "feisty" strong-willed southern grandma, kept herself busy as a babysitter for the family's local church.

"She babysat everybody's child at the church from my generation," said Veasley-Payne, who could recall the older woman handpicking homegrown vegetables, from beans to corn.

Thomas Veasley's job as a product engineer for Champion Parts Rebuilders took the couple to Texas, but they later returned to the south suburbs, settling in Country Club Hills in the early 1990s.

Johnnie Veasley, who had previously worked at a toy company and Campbell's Soup, worked as a bus aide and later a teacher's aide for the local school district before retiring, according to her family. She was also an active member of the Church of God's Holiness in Oak Forest.

To her family, Johnnie Veasley provided a soft, loving presence.

"My mother was a genuine person. There was nothing fake or phony about her. If she loved you, you knew she loved you," Veasley-Payne said.

In addition to Veasley-Payne, Veasley is survived by another daughter, Bridget Veasley-Stewart and four grandchildren.

The family is planning a joint service for Veasley and Lela Reed next week.

— William Lee

Chicago Daily Tribune

ON APRIL 22 ...

In 1500, Pedro Alvarez Cabral landed in Brazil, which he claimed for Portugal.

In 1509, Henry VIII ascended the throne of England following the death of his father, Henry VII.

In 1864, Congress author-

ized the use of the phrase "In God We Trust" on U.S. coins.

In 1898, with the United States and Spain on the verge of formally declaring war, the U.S. Navy began blockading Cuban ports. The USS Nashville captured a Spanish merchant ship, the Buenaventura, off Key West, Fla.

In 1944, during World War II, U.S. forces began invading Japanese-held New Guinea with amphibious landings near Hollandia.

In 1952, for the first time, an atomic explosion was shown on live network television. Los Angeles station KTLA provided the coverage of the Nevada bomb test.

In 1954, the televised Senate Army-McCarthy hear-

ings began.

In 1964, President Lyndon Johnson officiated at the opening of the second New York World's Fair at Flushing Meadow-Corona Park.

In 1970, the first Earth Day was observed in the United States.

In 1983, the West German news magazine Stern announced the discovery of 60 volumes of personal diaries purportedly written by Adolf Hitler. However, the diaries turned out to be a hoax.

In 1992, the Supreme Court heard arguments on Pennsylvania's restrictive abortion law (the court upheld most of the law's provisions the following June, but also reaffirmed a woman's basic right to an abortion).

In 1993, the U.S. Holocaust

Memorial Museum was dedicated in Washington to honor the victims of Nazi extermination.

In 1997, in Peru, government commandos stormed the Japanese ambassador's residence, ending a 126-day hostage crisis; all 14 Tupac Amaru rebels were killed, 71 hostages were rescued.

In 2000, in a pre-dawn raid, armed immigration agents seized Elian Gonzalez from his relatives' home in Miami; Elian was reunited with his father at Andrews Air Force Base near Washington.

In 2003, President George W. Bush announced he would nominate Alan Greenspan for a fifth term as Federal Reserve chairman.

In 2004, sex-abuse victims were awarded nearly \$70

million after suing part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

In 2005, Zacarias Mousaoui pleaded guilty in a federal courtroom outside Washington to conspiring with the Sept. 11 hijackers to kill Americans.

In 2014, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled 6-2 in a Michigan case that upholds the right of states to ban racial preferences in university admissions.

In 2017, an estimated 40,000 scientists and science enthusiasts descended on downtown Chicago for a "March for Science"; the global event was timed to coincide with Earth Day and was billed as nonpartisan, with researchers seeking to promote the role of science in policymaking and public life.

WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

ILLINOIS

April 21
Mega Millions
13 15 24 67 70 / 17
Mega Millions jackpot: \$164M
Pick 3 midday 281 / 3
Pick 4 midday 8948 / 4
Lucky Day Lotto midday
08 22 24 36 39

Pick 3 evening 577 / 0
Pick 4 evening 3378 / 1
Lucky Day Lotto evening
04 10 15 25 37

April 22 Powerball: \$29M
April 23 Lotto: \$9.5M

WISCONSIN

April 21
Pick 3 851
Pick 4 2289
Badger 5 08 13 19 21 23
SuperCash 02 07 10 15 33 36

INDIANA

April 21
Daily 3 midday 874 / 5
Daily 4 midday 2397 / 5
Daily 3 evening 254 / 8
Daily 4 evening 0063 / 8
Cash 5 07 10 13 30 44

MICHIGAN

April 21
Daily 3 midday 090
Daily 4 midday 9968
Daily 3 evening 968
Daily 4 evening 7951
Fantasy 5 02 05 07 27 29
Keno 02 04 09 11 14 15
17 18 21 26 27 28 29 30
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Death Notices

Almada, Emilia

Emilia Almada nee Rojas, 100, of Park Ridge, IL formerly of Northlake, IL died April 17, 2020. Wife of the late Ignacio; mother of Jeanette Almada (Tim) Tyrrell, Cynthia, Robert, Stephen, Michael David, Richard, Gloria, and the late Thomas; grandmother of Derek Almada and Anthony "Tony" Escobedo; great grandmother DJ & Hunter Almada, and Isaac & Samuel Escobedo; Sister of her late siblings John Rojas, Sophie (Robert) Keeler, Joseph Alvarez, Jessie (Joe) Vargas, & Margie (Primo) Hernandez. Emilia was a member of the West Suburban Artist's Guild. Interment at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside, IL. A Memorial Mass will be scheduled for a later date, please check the funeral home website for updates - **Elmhurst Community Funeral Home - The Ahlgrim Chapel**, Elmhurst, IL www.Ahlgrim.com or (630) 834-3515.



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Benjamin, John F.

John F. Benjamin died peacefully at home on April 20th surrounded by his loving family. Everyone loved John, who was known throughout his life affectionately as John, Johnny, Benji, Benj, JB, Dad, Grandpa, and GGGa. He had a zest for life and to the end, never lost his youthfulness. John was the ultimate champion – of his family and friends, his profession and the causes he believed in. He always saw the joy in his life, appreciating what he had but also, fully embracing the responsibilities of the community. John grew up in Glencoe, Illinois, the son of the late Jack and Alice Benjamin and brother of the late Joan (Benjamin) David. He attended North Shore Country Day School from kindergarten through 10th grade and finished his final two years of high school at Deerfield Academy in Massachusetts. From there John went on to attend Yale University where he was awarded Phi Beta Kappa. Upon graduation John joined the family business, Uhlmann Grain Company. His first work assignment took him to Texas where he was set up on a blind date with Esther Rosenthal from Fort Worth. The two quickly fell in love and were married soon thereafter. John and Esther moved together to Highland Park, Illinois, where they began to build the foundations of what would be 65 wonderful years of life together. John went on to enjoy a long and distinguished career as an executive in the futures industry and played a leading role as a bridge between the Wall Street investment banks and the Chicago exchange community through leadership positions at H. Hentz & Co., Drexel Burnham and Salomon Smith Barney. He was a director of the Futures Industry Association (FIA) from 1986 to 1992, and in 2006 he was inducted in the FIA Futures Hall of Fame in recognition of his significant contributions to the industry. He took particular pride in being able to serve two terms as Vice Chairman of the Chicago Board of Trade. In addition to his professional accomplishments John, like his father before him, believed deeply in giving back to the community. He participated extensively in community service, including his much-valued participation on and contributions to various health care-related non-profit boards. After serving on the board of the Michael Reese Medical Research Institute Council and becoming board president, John joined the board of Michael Reese Hospital and Medical Center in 1964. He served as a trustee until the hospital's sale to a for-profit corporation in 1991 after which he joined the Michael Reese Health Trust board where he served until the end of his life. John also served on the board of CommunityHealth, the nation's largest free health clinic located on the city's west side that provides care to Chicago's most underserved residents. Following the clinic's founder as president of the board, John dedicated many years to expanding its impact and in 2014, was presented with the Visionary Award for his exceptional leadership and extraordinary contributions. In addition to helping serve the Chicago area's vast health care needs, John was also a generous donor to innumerable causes including the arts and education. John loved a competitive game of almost anything. He closely followed (and suffered with) his beloved Chicago sports teams including, most notably, the Bears and Cubs. John thoroughly enjoyed playing golf although, with his signature self-deprecating humor, he would say he was "far from being an elite player." He loved to travel and spend time with people, always bringing with him his characteristically contagious laughter. John had great convening power and never more so than with his own family who he adored. He never tired of saying that, "family is everything." John's deep heart's desire was to leave behind generations of family members who remained connected, loving and mutually supportive. John is survived by his wife Esther, his children Jack Benjamin (Karen), of Colorado Springs, CO; Sally Young (Shep) of Glencoe, IL; and Alan Benjamin (Amy) of Westport, CT; his eight grandchildren – Leah Benjamin, Michelle Morgan (Josh), Josh Benjamin, Hattie Egan-Young (Brian), Margot Young, Sarah Benjamin, Max Benjamin and Alexandra Benjamin; and three great grandchildren – Lucas, Gabriel and Micah Morgan. In lieu of flowers please consider a gift to CommunityHealth (<http://www.communityhealth.org/>) or the Michael Reese Health Trust (<https://wearmichaelreese.org/>).



Richard Elster, Robyn (David) Godwin, Matthew (Jennifer) Elster, Sara Elster, Jeffrey (Amberlee Mucha) Elster, David (Susannah Maiken) Elster, Roxanne Elster, Joshua Elster and Leah Elster, and adoring great-grandfather of Jonah and Avi Elster; Fond brother of the late Hannah, Fannie, Samuel and Michael. Special uncle and great-uncle to many including nieces Laurie Rosner and the late Eileen Hirschtick. Private graveside services. Family and friends may view the funeral live on Norman's webpage at www.mitzvahfunerals.com on Thursday April 23rd at 10 AM, or any time after the funeral. Info **Mitzvah Memorial Funerals 630-MITZVAH 630-648-9824**. Contributions in Norman's name to the World Health Organization's COVID-19 Solidarity Response Fund at: www.covid19responsefund.org would be appreciated.

Elster, Norman Aaron

Norman Aaron Elster, age 91. Beloved husband and best friend of 70 years to Rita, nee Brill; devoted son of the late Isadore and Dora; cherished father of Kenneth (the late Dianne) Elster, the late Robert (survived by Julie) Elster, Lawrence (Michelle) Elster, Mark (Joanne) Elster and the late Dennis Elster; loving grandfather of



Richard Elster, Robyn (David) Godwin, Matthew (Jennifer) Elster, Sara Elster, Jeffrey (Amberlee Mucha) Elster, David (Susannah Maiken) Elster, Roxanne Elster, Joshua Elster and Leah Elster, and adoring great-grandfather of Jonah and Avi Elster; Fond brother of the late Hannah, Fannie, Samuel and Michael. Special uncle and great-uncle to many including nieces Laurie Rosner and the late Eileen Hirschtick. Private graveside services. Family and friends may view the funeral live on Norman's webpage at www.mitzvahfunerals.com on Thursday April 23rd at 10 AM, or any time after the funeral. Info **Mitzvah Memorial Funerals 630-MITZVAH 630-648-9824**. Contributions in Norman's name to the World Health Organization's COVID-19 Solidarity Response Fund at: www.covid19responsefund.org would be appreciated.

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Godley, Bridg

Bridg (Braid) Godley (nee McNulty), October 7, 1932-April 19, 2020. Native of Creeslough, Donegal, Ireland. Braid left Ireland at a young age for London, later followed by Toronto, NYC, Philadelphia, and finally Chicago, where she met her late spouse Richard. In Chicago, she bloomed into the loving mother of Richard (Mary), Mary (Jim) Sugrue, Bernadette (Mark) Keenan, and John. Grandmother of Michael and Kate, Annie and Jimmy, Bridg, Mary, and Jack, and Seamus.

After a long battle with dementia, Braid-- the last of the great 14, has been called home to her husband, her parents and her 13 siblings: Pdraig, Nora, Kit, Eamon, Maire, John, Seamus, Peter, Peggy, Denis, Manus, Nellie, and Vincent. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews (75).

We were blessed to have Mom as our first and life-long best friend. She was always so positive and pious with a magnetic, easy-going disposition. She saw the best in everyone and everything, a lovely, gentle, and kind soul. Two songs she loved were Bob Marley's "Three Little Birds" and Margo's "Destination Donegal." Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam dílis. May she rest in peace.

With the pandemic, a private family funeral will be held. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to local food depositories or The Alzheimers' Foundation of America. Arrangements by **Skaja Terrace Funeral Home**, 847-966-7302.

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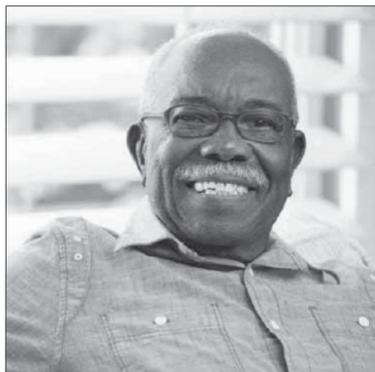
Hartler, Julie T.

Julie T. Hartler (nee Kroll), long time resident of Crestwood, Illinois passed peacefully on April 17, 2020 at Good Samaritan Hospital, Downers Grove, Illinois with loving family. She was born on April 16, 1936 to Julia & Edward Kroll, of Burbank, Illinois. She recently celebrated her 84th Birthday on April 16, 2020. She was married 61 years to her devoted and loving husband Albert Hartler. She and Albert reside for over sixty years in Crestwood, Illinois. Both were active within their community in the establishment of the local level Little League Association and ground breaking developments for boys baseball. It's there where they developed a community of great friendships and memories in support of the neighborhood children. She loved her family and friends, adored her grandchildren, always enjoyed a game of bingo, a daily dose of game show trivia and soap operas and watching her favorite baseball team The Chicago Cubs and known to all for her passion for the color, purple. Julie is survived by her loving children, Pamela (Steven) Kulovitz, Kevin (Gina) Hartler. Proud grandmother to David Hartler (fiancé Nicole Kozlowski) and Lo Hartler. Julie was a close sister to Late Mary Ann (Raymond) Johns, & Patricia Oboikovitz. Aunt to Late Rae Ann (Rich) Ellis. Jeff (Dianna) Johns & Family Jakkie (Tom) Tisa & Family, Scott Oboikovitz, Late Christopher Oboikovitz. Great Aunt to Bekki & Adam, Caitlin & Dan, Jennifer & Joe and their children. Julie had wonderful friendships and caretakers during her years as a Kidney Dialysis patient and Supported the National Kidney Foundation. Donations appreciated to the National Kidney Foundation, <https://www.kidney.org/donation>. Due to today's environment the services will be private on Thursday, April 23, 2020 at the **KERRY FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION CARE CENTER** in Palos Heights, Illinois. The family would like to thank you for your thoughts and prayers.



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Daly, Arlene J.

Arlene Joyce Daly (nee Hacko) passed away on April 17th, 2020. Born in Chicago on November 5, 1935 to the late Steve and Pauline Hacko. Dear sister of Barbara (late Charlie) Peterson and Stephen Hacko. Beloved wife of the late Thomas J. Daly, mother of Julia, Thomas (Judy), Gene (Liz), Susan (Mike), and Tim (Hollie). Loving "Grammy" to Ruby, Danielle, Darcy, Sam, Andy, Cameron, Cole, Quinn, and Rosy. Fond aunt to many nieces and nephews. In addition to raising and protecting 5 children, "Ar" was a tireless homemaker who loved baking homemade bread, fudge, and chocolate chip cookies. She was a Registered Nurse, and worked as a School Nurse for Elizabeth Seton High School in South Holland, IL. She is remembered as a friend to many and a stranger to none. She was a passionate sports fan who was never concerned about arguing with a referee and getting thrown out of a school gym. Our family gives heartfelt thanks and sincere gratitude to the health-care and hospice professionals at Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge, who provided compassionate and loving care for Arlene in her final days. Although no services are planned at this time, there will be a celebration of her life at a later date to be announced.

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Hoidas, Spiros

Spiros Hoidas, age 82, formerly of Rizes, Arcadia, Greece. Preceded in death by his wife, Fotini (nee Hryssikos). Loving father of Angela (Michael) Maglaris, Christianna (Richard) Howard and Georgia (John) Pontikes; dear son of the late John and Angela Hoidas; fond son-in-law of the late George and Christina Hryssikos. Proud Pappou of Stephanie, Zoe and Spiros Maglaris, Anna and Terry Howard, and Marianna and Charlie Pontikes; brother of the late George (Afrosini) Hoidas, the late Dimitrios (Dina) Hoidas, Christina (Paminondas) Mandronis and Tasia (the late George) Maglaris; dear uncle, cousin and friend of many here and in Greece.

Spiro arrived to America in the early '60s for a better life with only a few dollars in his pocket. He embraced this country while supporting his Greek community here and back home. Spiro was a successful restaurateur for over fifty years, most notably as the co-owner of the Blue Angel Restaurant. He worked tirelessly to model a strong work ethic and instilled the core values that his children live by today - integrity, humility and philotimo. Spiro enjoyed spending time in his garden, watching cowboy movies, attending his grandchildren's activities and cheering on the Blackhawks. Spiro will be missed by many.

Due to the ongoing pandemic, the funeral and burial services will be private. Kindly omit flowers, memorial donations to the Hellenic American Academy in Deerfield, IL appreciated <https://hellenicamericanacademy.org/ways-you-can-help>. Arrangements by NICHOLAS M. PISHOS FUNERAL DIRECTOR, LTD., Info: 847-581-0536 or www.colonialfuneral.com



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Jozwik, Stella M.

JOZWIK, STELLA M. Stella M. Jozwik, nee Walczak, age 98, long-time resident of Darien, passed away peacefully on 4/20/20. Beloved wife of the late Michael for 68 years. Loving mother of Dennis (Jeanne) and Terry (Kris), cherished grandmother of Michael (Jenny), Sara (Corey), Katie, Jessica, Rachel and step grandsons Garrett (Myanna) and the late Brad; great-grandmother of Michelle, Matthew, Grace, Kaelyn, Lilliana, and Carter; and dear sister of the late Matthew (the late Grace) Walczak. Enjoyed employment as an administrative assistant at Western Electric Co. for 30+ years. An active member and past Secretary of PNA Lodge 1919; and an involved member of the Darien Seniors Club. She treasured her family, friends and faith. She enjoyed vacations, holidays, family parties, waltzing with Mike, card games, purses and shoes, and sharing a margarita with her beloved neighbors. Due to the pandemic and out of concern for our extended family and friends, services will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. Arrangements by **Modell Funeral Home**, Darien, 630-852-3595 or modelldarien.com



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Kaplan, Stanley F.

Stanley F. Kaplan of Northbrook, IL passed away in his sleep on April 19th, 2020; he was 82. An adored and devoted husband for 18 wonderful years to Israela; loving father of Kimberlee (Joe) Axelrod, Sean Kaplan (Colleen), Kari Kaplan and the late Scott Kaplan; caring step-father of Leigh Morris, Lloyd (Madelaine) Morris and Lauren (Brian) Goldberg;



adoring and loving Grandpa/Papa to Brett, Blake and Bradley Kaplan, Natalie, Emma and Chloe Axelrod, Samuel and Danielle Morris, Morgan and Alex Goldberg, Jasper Jett Kaplan; loving brother of Zona (Bruce) Miller, and uncle to Erica (Michael) Fishman and Matt (Kelly) Miller; cousin and treasured friend of Richard Ballis, canasta pal and dear friend to Bruce Goldberg. Stanley was a graduate of Senn High School, the University of Wisconsin - Madison where he was member of the Pi Lambda Phi fraternity, and Northwestern University Law School. He was a family law attorney with 55 years of private practice and became and remained a trusted friend and confidant to his many clients and anyone he met. Known to his peers as "Stan the Man", he was charismatic, generous, empathetic, and well-liked by all. He loved being with his friends and family, laying endlessly in the sun, petting anyone's dog, and his extra cold, extra dirty martini with regular olives. A lifelong Chicago sports fan, his personal highlights were taking his children and grandchildren to Bears, Cubs and Bulls games. Stan took joy in facetimeing with his new baby grandson, Jasper, and especially horsing around with all of his grandchildren whom he could not hear half the time. He will be sincerely missed by all. Due to the pandemic and out of concern for our extended family and friends, services and Shiva will be private. A celebration of life will take place as soon as we are safe to gather. Donations in his memory may be made to <http://www.jamesjordanfoundation.com>. For information and to leave condolences: Shalom Memorial Funeral Home (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com



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Keane, James Francis

James Francis Keane, age 85, born into eternal life on April 12, 2020. Beloved husband of Alice O. Keane for 56 years. Resident of Smith Village, Chicago. Former snowbird resident of Sun City Grand, Arizona. Loving father of Brigid (Daniel Scheffler), Alice Keane (Philip Johnson), James, and Walter. Loving grandfather to Audrey, Travis, Nathaniel, Jessica, Grace, Nehama, Finn, and Cy. Beloved son of the late James and Katherine Keane. Devoted brother of Anne (Jim Gainer), Mary (Ralph Oberlin), the late Thomas, and the late John (Charlene). Fun-loving uncle to 11 nieces and nephews (including the late Patricia Keane) and 21 grandnieces and nephews. Alumnus of Quigley Preparatory Seminary. Lover of education who earned degrees from Loyola University, Chicago State University, Roosevelt University, and a doctorate in Public Administration from Nova University. Elected State Representative from the 28th District (Chicago) and served with distinction from 1979 to 1992. Widely respected on both sides of the aisle. Taught at Leo High School 1961-68. Founder and president of the American Federation of Teachers (Local 1700) who led the first teachers' strike in parochial high schools. Director of Resource Mobilization, City of Chicago, 1970-72; member of Faculty and Staff, Chicago State University 1972-75; Senior Fellow in the Institute for Government and Public Affairs, University of Illinois, 1992-1994; and board member of Little Company of Mary Hospital. Recipient of many awards and distinctions. A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at a date to be announced. Memorials to the Alzheimer's Association 8430 W. Bryn Mawr, Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60631 or Smith Village Emilie's Fund 2320 W. 113th. Pl. Chicago, IL 60643 are most appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to **Donnellan Funeral Home** (773) 238-0075 or sign guestbook at www.donnellanfuneralhome.com.



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Kluever, Sophie A.

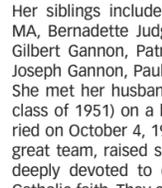
Sophie A. Kluever, age 93, formerly of Oak Lawn, passed away April 21, 2020, at Alden Estates of Naperville. She was a loving and caring wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother who devoted her life to her family. She was very sweet, quick-witted, funny, and always had a smile for everyone at any time. Her personality would brighten your day even up to the end. Beloved wife of the late Karl H. Kluever (2011); loving mother of Karen (Terry) Flanagan of Davis, Kathleen Tice of Romeoville, Gayle (Keith) Allmandinger of Crystal Lake, Sherry Kluever of Romeoville, and Karl (Mary) Kluever of Channahon; devoted grandmother of 13 and great-grandmother of eight; and loving sister of Adeline Dobis. Preceded by her parents and six brothers and sisters. A drive-thru, no contact viewing for Sophie A. Kluever will be held Friday, April 24, 2020, from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at the Fred C. Dames Funeral Home, 3200 Black at Essington Roads, Joliet. For further drive-thru instructions please click <http://youtu.be/e3c28FFZUms>. Funeral Services and interment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery will be held privately. In lieu of flowers, memorials in her memory to the Alzheimer's Association (<https://www.alz.org/>) would be appreciated. For more information please call 815-741-5500 or visit her Memorial Tribute at www.fredcdames.com



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Lavins, Catherine Gannon

Catherine (Gannon) Lavins passed away peacefully on April 17, 2020, at home. She was born on October 28, 1931, to the late Joseph and Edith Gannon and raised in Washington D.C. Known to many as "Babe", she grew up in a large Irish Catholic family as the seventh of nine children and attended Holy Cross Academy in Washington D.C.



Her siblings include; Anne Gallagher of Concord, MA, Bernadette Judge of Fairfax, VA and the late Gilbert Gannon, Patricia Gannon, George Gannon, Joseph Gannon, Paul Gannon, and Martha Gannon. She met her husband, Bernie Lavins (Notre Dame, class of 1951) on a blind date and they were married on October 4, 1953. Cathie and Bernie made a great team, raised six children together, and were deeply devoted to one another as well as their Catholic faith. They shared many interests and passions such as playing golf, tennis, bridge and always cheering on "The Fighting Irish". Throughout their marriage, they moved the family several times and lived in nearly a dozen states, coast to coast, with Bernie's career. With each move, Cathie tended to her family making each house a home, making life-long friends, and "coined" the phrase "Bloom where you're planted". After retirement, they moved to Vero Beach, FL and made many dear friends and created many happy memories through the Grand Harbor community as well as Holy Cross Parish. Cathie was involved in several charities over the years and will be remembered by her piercing blue eyes, sharp Irish wit, quick sense of humor, love of life, and never tiring compassionate love and devotion to marriage, motherhood, and God. Cathie is survived by her children Elizabeth (Terry) Fitzgerald of Laguna Beach, CA., Catherine Lavins of Denver, CO., John Clancy (Molly) Lavins of Hudson OH., Mary (Kevin) O'Bryan of West Simsbury, CT., and Thomas (Jennifer) Lavins of Hinsdale, IL. as well as her daughter in law Liz Lavins of Lexington, MA. She also leaves behind grandchildren Mamie Fitzgerald Marcuss, Thomas Fitzgerald, Tracy Fitzgerald Rodgers, Bridgette Fitzgerald Burlingame; Nora Lavins; Gannon and Megan Lavins; Joseph and Grace O'Bryan; Gillian and Lucy Lavins; as well six great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband Bernie Lavins and her son Bernard Lavins, Jr. Cathie will be missed by many nieces, nephews, and friends. A private funeral Mass will be held. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts in Cathie's name may be made to The National Christ Child Society or your local Food Bank. Arrangements by **Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale**. For more information 630-703-9131 or www.powellfuneraldirectors.com



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Leon, Rose

Rose Leon, née Bolotin, passed away on Saturday, April 18, 2020. Rose was predeceased by her loving husband of 64 years, Jules Leon. Rose is survived by two daughters, Helene (Dan) McNeive and Bonnie Brody, four grandchildren, Jeremy (Michelle) McNeive, Brad (Heather) McNeive, Scott and Dayle Brody, and four great grandchildren, Quin, Kalen, Tyler, and Addison McNeive. Nothing meant more to Rose than her family. For info: 847-256-5700.



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Luden, Bella

Bella Luden was lost by her loved ones on April 19th. She was the loving wife of Norman for 55 years; cherished mother of Lisa (Bob Flaskamp) Weinstein and Eva (Luther) Cuffy; devoted grandmother to Wendy Enger, Rena Cuffy, David (Preches) Cuffy and Arthur (Damaris) Cuffy; remarkable great grandmother to Brandon, Brook, Anaiyah, and Yeshua; endearing cousin to Laura Gamburg, Eda Chachko and Alex (Emma) Burda; cherished aunt to Sonia (Sheldon) Nahmod, Hymie Luden and Harriet (Avi) Menachem. Bella was admired and loved by all who knew her and will be remembered for her generosity, her many laughs, and her fabulous food. Services and shiva will be private. For information: 847-255-3520 or www.shalom2.com



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Mead, David M.

David M. Mead, aged 52, formerly of Riverside, IL died suddenly on April 18, 2020. Beloved by his parents Alan and Alice Mead, siblings Alan (Susan), Matthew (Rebecca), Andrea (Dan), eight nieces and nephews, and many aunts, uncles, and cousins. He was a gentle soul who loved music, books, and movies. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to your local food bank. A celebration of Dave's life, laughter, and kind heart will be scheduled when social distancing is lifted.

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Minnich, Wilbert P. 'Bill'

age 87. Veteran U.S. Army Korean War. Purple Heart Recipient. Lifetime member of Bremen VFW Post 2791 Tinley Pk. Usher with St. George Church for over 10 years. Beloved husband of Bridget "Patsy" Minnich (nee Galvin) for 63 years. Loving father of Joe (Maureen), Kathy (Neil Meyer) Minnich-Meyer, Steve (Barb) and Bill (Linda) Minnich. Cherished grandfather of 15 and great grandfather of 10. Devoted son of the late Wilbert Minnich and Josephine (Tom) Tucker. Dear brother of David, Marshall, the late Tom Tucker and the late Ethel (Frank) Atkins. Bill was a friend to anyone who crossed his path. A man who never shied away from lending a helping hand to those in need. A role model to his kids, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Always a happy smile and a quick joke or sarcastic comment with his infectious laugh, sometimes at the expense of whomever was lucky enough to be with him at the moment. Bill was meticulous with his close/drawer organizational skills, and insisted on ironing every item of clothing, right down to his famously ironed blue jeans with their crisp center crease. Loved his daily routine of buying his lotto ticket, then stopping into his favorite jaunt Teehan's Pub "The Library"; most days their first customer and always one, sometimes two beers being his limit, with a smile, a story and then back to his beloved wife Patsy. His Teehan's friends referred to Bill as "Korean War/Purple Heart Bill" and his seat at the bar is empty but his presence there and everywhere always remembered fondly. In light of the current health situation, the services for Bill will take place all in one day as a private service. He will be laid to rest along with the brave men and woman who gave their lives for our great nation at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. The Minnich family would like to thank you for understanding and greatly appreciate your prayers and gestures of sympathy during this difficult time. Most importantly they wish for you and your loved ones to be safe. In lieu of flowers donations to your local food pantry would be appreciated. To sign the guest book please visit maherfuneralservices.com. (708) 781-9212.



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Nasby, Annette I.

Annette I. Nasby, nee Turner, age 77, of Skokie. Beloved wife of James S.; loving mother of James Carl, Robert Scott (Nancy), and Genevieve Rose (Philip) England; cherished grandmother of Sophia and Eleiana Nasby, Payton England, and another grandchild soon to be born; fond sister of Carlene Nasby and Rita Turner. Graveside Service and Interment private. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at a later date. Funeral info: 847.673.6111 or www.habenfuneral.com to sign guestbook.



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Nespital, Mary "Diane"

Mary "Diane" Nespital nee Kuenster of St. Joseph, Michigan. Beloved wife of 44 years of David Nespital. Cherished mother of Jeffrey Nespital of St. Joseph, MI. & Rebecca Nespital of Grand Rapids, MI. Devoted daughter of the late Betty Jean nee Noone & Ronald Kuenster. Dear daughter in law of George Nespital of Niles, MI. Loving sister of Patricia (Kevin) Wiseman, Lois (John) O'Sullivan, Mary (Jerry) Vallos of Lakeland, FL., Donna (Pete) Lipira, Robert Kuenster & the late Susan & Charlie Lombardo. Proud aunt & great aunt of many nieces & nephews. Interment private at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. A celebration of Diane's life will be held at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to **Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home**. thompsonkuensterfuneralhome.com 708-425-0500

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Philbin, Philomena

Philomena Philbin nee Joyce, 84; beloved wife of the late Thomas; cherished mother of Eileen and Tom; adored grandmother of Daniel, Kelly, Kevin, Mary Kay, and Dylan; devoted sister of 13; loving aunt and friend to many. Services private. Interment All Saints Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to **Gibbons Family Funeral Home**. For info 773-777-3944 or www.gffh.com

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Pizza, Alyce D.

Alyce D. Pizza, wife of Frank Pizza (deceased) born June 12, 1916 gone home to God April 18, 2020. Loving mother of Dolores (Lee) Frank; grandmother of Jerry (Phyllis) Milos and Dawn (David) Reyes; great-grandmother of Candace (Karim) Talbot, Justin Milos, Jenna (Andrew) Donnal, Marisa Milos, Sierra Reyes, Madeline Milos, David Reyes, Nicco Reyes, and Jack Milos; great great grandmother of Maya Talbot, Ethan Talbot, and Noah Talbot. Interment is private. A memorial mass will be held at a later date. For more info www.cumberlandchapels.com or 708-456-8300.



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Sullivan, Kathleen Mary 'Bobba'

Kathleen Mary "Bobba" Sullivan, nee Smith, 95, died peacefully in New York City on April 6, 2020. Loving wife of the late Daniel for 67 years; devoted mother of Katie (Michael) Flanagan, Dan (Patty), Jim (Karen), Molly (Mike) Riley, Marita and Maggie; caring grandmother of Michael, Timothy, Patrick, Molly Rose, Kathleen, Daniel, Kevin, Marianne, Mike, Renee, Cole, Elizabeth and Nina; fond sister of Ann (Jim) Geraghty, Joan (Pat) Costello and the late Doda (Bill) Sherlock and James (Elsa) Smith; loyal sister-in-law of William (Margot), the late Kathleen (Jack) Searle, Sheila (Bill) Cronin, Kevin, Marita and Angela; proud great-grandmother to fourteen; fun-loving aunt and cousin to many. Kathleen was a graduate of Sienna High School, St. Xavier University and Loyola University School of Social Work. At the start of her career, Kathleen worked at Travelers Aid Society; she then worked as a school social worker in the Glenview Public Schools for 29 years. She was a resident of Deerfield and member of Holy Cross Church since 1952. Funeral services will be private at this time; she will be buried at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside, IL. Memorial contributions may be made to Mercy Home for Boys and Girls, 1140 W. Jackson Blvd, Chicago, IL 60607. For information, please contact Woodlawn Funeral Home, 7750 Cermak Rd, Forest Park, IL 60130.

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Suthers, Mildred 'Millie'

Mildred "Millie" Suthers, age 94 of Highland Park, passed away peacefully April 17, 2020. Beloved wife of the late Richard G. Suthers (2004). Beloved mother of Karen Rae Horwitz (Hector Izaguirre). Loving grandmother of Andrew and Benjamin Horwitz and also special grandmother to Reese Lawless, Taylor Lawless Jones, Eric and Amanda Izaguirre. Loving aunt, cousin, and friend to many and avid consumer of all things milk chocolate. Services private. A Celebration of Life Memorial will be held in the future when all can gather safely and stay healthy. During this time of social and physical distancing, Millie's family requests that you visit www.funerals.pro to share a condolence, a memory or a photo please. In lieu of flowers, donations to Adopt a Native Elder www.anelder.org are greatly appreciated in Millie's honor. For more information visit www.funerals.pro or call 847.537.6600.



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Ziegler, James Wyatt

James Ziegler nee, 63 of Palatine, beloved husband of Karen (nee Pinkowski); loving father of Emily Jade Hui Ziegler; loved son of Maureen (Partner Robert Maxson) and the late Robert Frank Sr.; dear brother of Robin Maureen (Craig) Lepa and Robert Jr., cherished uncle of Danielle Maureen Zemola and several other nieces, nephews and great nieces and great nephews. Funeral and interment are private. In lieu of flowers contributions to Team Gleason Foundation PO BOX 24493, New Orleans, LA, 70184 <https://teamgleason.org/> donate. Funeral information and condolences www.GlueckertFuneralHome.com or (847) 253-0168.



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Zukrow-Mackevich, Susan Ann

Susan Ann Zukrow-Mackevich. Beloved wife of Jeffrey Mackevich. Loving mother of Rani Mackevich, Stephanie (Collin Love) Mackevich and Carolyn Mackevich. Devoted daughter of the late Edward and Nita Zukrow. Dear sister of Rabbi Leonard (Karen) Zukrow and Alan Zukrow. Fond aunt of Rachel (Jonah Schein) Zukrow and Michael (Isabel Parilis) Zukrow. Private graveside service Thursday, 10:30 am at Shalom Cemetery in Arlington Heights. The service will be livestreamed at www.chicago-jewishfunerals.com and a recording of the service will also be available to view (approximately 2 hours after the scheduled service time) on the funeral home website as well. Memorials to The Union of Reform Judaism, (URJ) 633 Third Ave., New York, NY 10017 www.urj.org would be appreciated. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com



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In compliance with the Governor's Executive Orders 2020-7, 2020-10, and 2020-18, attendance at this meeting will be by remote means only, instructions for how to attend this meeting and participate in written public comment will be provided on the Cook County webpage at www.surveymonkey.com/r/3MY285H on or before April 17, 2020. The proceedings will be able to be viewed at cookcountyil.gov/service/watch-live-board-proceedings on April 23, 2020 starting at 10:00 a.m.

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Copies of the Agenda for the April 23, 2020 Board Meeting of the Cook County Board of Commissioners and items to be considered at this meeting will be made available electronically on the Cook County website on April 17, 2020 at <https://cook-county.legistar.com/>.

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Bears general manager Ryan Pace is preparing to work the NFL draft from his North Shore home beginning Thursday night.

Pace's household task most important one

Bears GM can't afford any slipups while he works draft from home



DAN WIEDERER
On the Bears

Bears general manager Ryan Pace feels comfortable and confident with the space he has carved out for his draft setup on the main floor of his North Shore home.

The dining room table is cordoned off with an array of monitors aligned to track seven rounds over three days. He'll be within feet of his kitchen with a substantial supply of tortilla chips, salsa and guacamole at the ready.

And if he wants to feel extra secure, it might not hurt to slap a handful of hand-made signs on the walls with an important household reminder.

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After what happened a few days ago, it's a no-brainer. Pace was immersed in pre-draft preparations while his wife, Stephanie, was getting some necessary tidying up done.

"I've got this amazing setup with all these screens," Pace said. "Then Stephanie's vacuuming and she hits the cord and every screen goes black."

Oops.

"So, yeah," Pace continued, "you're dealing with the at-home conditions."

Ah, yes. The at-home conditions have been a test for just about everybody over the last month-plus. But for Pace, the need for smoothness from Thursday night until Saturday evening will be elevated. The Bears enter the 2020 NFL draft with more than a few needs to bolster their roster for a possible playoff run.

Pace can't afford any at-home accidents or technical glitches. Most of all, he and his staff may have to be darn near perfect in surfing the selection process to maximize a draft the Bears enter with

only seven picks — five coming after No. 160. As it stands, the Bears are scheduled to be spectators for Rounds 1, 3 and 4. That's a lengthy timeout each day.

Adding to the pressure, the pre-draft process this spring has been, well, different. Bears scouts, coaches and chief talent evaluators haven't been making the rounds to pro days across the country. They haven't been hosting prospects at Halas Hall. They've been streamlining their reports and reviews of players in a much different manner.

On top of that, the structure of organized team activities and minicamp and possibly training camp also will be unconventional in the months ahead. So might that change the Bears' approach to the draft? Will it make them lean toward the so-called "safer" picks while having second thoughts about prospects with medical questions or character concerns or those with a longer development timeline?

"I look at it this way," Pace explained. "Football intelligence is always an emphasis for us. Maybe we're even more mindful of that this year — just (seeking) guys with a high football IQ."

"I also think we have good coaches. And that's when we lean on them too to develop these guys under unique circumstances. ... When you have intelligent football players with a high football IQ and good coaches who can develop them, you find a way to make it work."

Find a way to make it work. That has been a mantra for the Bears since the coronavirus crisis began altering routines around the NFL. No griping. No excuse-making. Just a mindset of adapting, being flexible and attacking each day's work with proper purpose.

"The good teams right now deal with the circumstances," Pace said. "They adapt to the circumstances, and if you do it better than the other teams that's a competitive advantage. That's what our guys are doing."

In 2011, Pace was director of pro scouting for the Saints during the lockout year. That draft had its obstacles. Free agency hadn't occurred yet. And similar to this year, there were no promises of when

teams would be able to reconvene for practice.

The need to identify players who could gracefully merge onto the NFL expressway became stronger.

The Saints put together a six-man draft class that year, headlined by picking defensive end Cameron Jordan and running back Mark Ingram in the first round.

"You have a shortened offseason," Pace said, noting the parallels between that year and this one. "But everybody's dealing with the same circumstances. All 32 teams are dealing with it, so it's just who deals with it best."

"And that's what we look at. Instead of complaining about the situation, it's, 'Hey these are the obstacles that we have, and let's make sure we're handling it better than other teams.'"

None of that is to say the Bears will become so inhibited by the restrictions of 2020 that they will forget to prioritize a vision for 2021, 2022 and beyond. Depending on the round, the board, the team needs and everything else, a riskier dice roll or two may be necessary.

"You do have to think a little long term with that," Pace said. "I would hate to deviate from a really talented player who is going to help us for many years to come just because the first couple of months of his development might be slowed a little bit. You have to factor that in."

"I do go back to our emphasis on football intelligence and guys who are really passionate about this game and the time they put into it. You need guys like that. We always do."

At Pace's home, meanwhile, the Bears IT team has ironed out as many logistical details as possible. For example, bandwidth has been increased to safeguard against any unfortunate interruptions or signal battles between the Bears draft channels and the family iPad.

Pace also has an incredibly long cord that runs from his router upstairs to his home base at the dining room table. Just in case.

"Hopefully," Pace cracked, "nobody trips over the cord or unplugs anything with the vacuum again. We should be in a good spot."

WHEN SPORTS STOOD STILL

Keeping an eye on the impact of the coronavirus crisis:



MIKE EHLMANN/GETTY

Trade will reunite Gronk with Brady

Four-time All-Pro tight end Rob Gronkowski has agreed to a reunion with Tom Brady.

The agent for the retired Patriots star confirmed Tuesday that pending completion of a physical Gronkowski has agreed to play for the Buccaneers, who are acquiring his rights from the Patriots.

A proposed trade that needs to be finalized before Thursday's NFL draft would bring Gronkowski and a seventh-round pick to the Bucs in exchange for a fourth-round selection.

"Pending the physical, Rob has agreed to play for Tampa this season," agent Drew Rosenhaus said.

The deal would reunite the 30-year-old Gronkowski with Brady, who signed a two-year, \$50 million contract with the Bucs last month.

Gronkowski, who'll turn 31 on May 14, retired in March 2019 after nine seasons with the Patriots, who drafted him in the second round in 2010. He has one year left on his contract at \$10 million.

"He will honor his current contract at this time," Rosenhaus said.

In addition to 521 receptions for 7,861 yards and 79 touchdowns in 115 regular-season games, the five-time Pro Bowl selection has another 81 catches for 1,163 yards and 12 TDs in 16 playoff games.

Even without the prospect of adding Gronkowski, the tight end position was considered one of the Bucs' biggest strengths, with O.J. Howard and Cameron Brate teaming with Pro Bowl receivers Mike Evans and Chris Godwin to form the best collection of targets Brady has had to work with in more than a decade.

The Bucs are coming off a 7-9 finish and missed the playoffs for the 12th consecutive season in 2019. They haven't won a postseason game since the franchise's only Super Bowl championship run 18 years ago.

Gronkowski was an All-Pro in 2011, 2014, 2015 and 2017. He had 43 receptions for 682 yards and three TDs in 2018, his final season with the Patriots.

— Associated Press

THE QUOTE

"It's always been a dream of mine since I was a little kid, since I started playing Madden. It's dope."

— Ravens QB and reigning NFL MVP Lamar Jackson on being on the cover of Madden '21

THE NUMBER

\$31.4M

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported that QB Dak Prescott will make a Cowboys-record \$31.4 million next season if he plays under the franchise tag. Prescott, who hasn't yet signed the tag, is trying to land a long-term contract extension. The two sides have until July 15 to agree on a new deal, or Prescott will have to play next season on the tag.



NBA
Season suspended indefinitely



NHL
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MLB
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MLS
Season suspended until at least June 8



NFL
Draft set to begin Thursday



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Others: PGA Tour suspended until June 11. NASCAR suspended until at least May 16. 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:

New markets for NBA

(APRIL 22, 1987)

This published when the NBA granted expansion franchises to Charlotte, Miami, Minnesota and Orlando on April 22, 1987. Charlotte and Miami joined the league in the 1988-89 season, while Minnesota and Orlando joined in 1989-90.

Tribune news services

NEW YORK —The National Basketball Association's selection process for expansion has been full of surprises, the latest coming Wednesday when both Miami and Orlando were awarded franchises.

Those cities along with Minneapolis and Charlotte, N.C., very much a darkhorse when the selection process began, will begin play during the next two years.

"The earmark of a great rivalry has already been started," Orlando General Manager Pat Williams said. "Orlando and Miami do not need a lot of spark a rivalry. It's going to be one of the classic rivalries in all of pro sports."

The Miami Heat, the Minneapolis Timberwolves and the Charlotte Spirit will begin play during the 1988-89 season. The Orlando Magic start in 1989-90. The arena here is about five months behind the one in Miami, so this extra time is very important, Williams said.

The NBA Expansion Committee had recommended that only one of the Florida cities get a franchise in the next expansion phase. The NBA owners decided Wednesday to give both Florida cities a team.

In Miami, Mayor Xavier Suarez said he was surprised.

"I don't know what did the trick, frankly," he said. "I'm just happy that it happened. We're extremely excited, we think it's just what Miami needs."

William DuPont, principal owner of the Orlando team, said the first hint that both Florida cities would get teams came "when I was called to the hotel and Ted Arison (of the Miami team) was there. I guessed then that Miami would make it, too."

NBA Commissioner David Stern said the expansion committee was unable to

choose between Miami and Orlando. He insisted it was because either city had a problem.

"Much has been written about the deficiencies in Miami and Orlando," Stern said, "when in fact the committee's problem was in deciding between those two great American cities."

The NBA Board of Governors adopted a rotating divisional alignment to absorb the expansion teams. In 1988-89, Charlotte will compete in the Atlantic Division and Miami in the Midwest Division, with the Sacramento Kings moving permanently from the Midwest to the Pacific Division.

The following season, when Minneapolis and Orlando enter, Charlotte and Minneapolis will play in the Midwest Division, Orlando in the Central Division, and Miami in the Atlantic Division. In 1990-91, Orlando will move to the Midwest, Charlotte to the Central, with Minneapolis remaining in the Midwest and Miami in the Atlantic.

Finally, in 1991-92, Miami and Orlando will both play in the Atlantic Division, Charlotte in the Central, and Minneapolis in the Midwest.

Each expansion franchise will pay an entry fee of \$32.5 million.

At least 18 of the current 23 teams had to vote to accept the expansion franchises.

Charlotte will play in a 23,500-seat Charlotte Coliseum that is under construction and is scheduled to be ready July 1, 1988. The Heat has a 15,184-seat Miami Arena also under construction and scheduled to open March 1, 1988. The Timberwolves expect to play in a downtown Minneapolis arena that would seat 18,000. Construction has not begun, and until the arena is ready, the team will play in the Metrodome, home of baseball's Twins and the NFL Vikings. It will seat 26,000 for basketball.

Orlando will play in a new 15,000-seat arena, scheduled to open in September, 1988. The NBA was known to be worried about Charlotte's population of less than 400,000, but Shinn convinced the Expansion Committee that the 5.6 million people who lived within 100 miles of the city provided a sufficient base.



PATRICK SMITH/GETTY

The Angels' Albert Pujols acknowledges the crowd after hitting a two-run home run on April 22, 2014, in Washington, D.C. The home run home was Pujols' 500th.

OTHER APRIL 22 MOMENTS

1988: New Jersey's Patrik Sundstrom sets an NHL playoff record scoring eight points — three goals and five assists — in a 10-4 rout of Washington in the Stanley Cup quarterfinals.

2007: The Red Sox tie a major league record by hitting four straight home runs in a 7-6 win over the Yankees. Manny Ramirez, J.D. Drew, Mike Lowell and Jason Varitek connect in a span of 10 pitches during the third inning against Chase Wright.

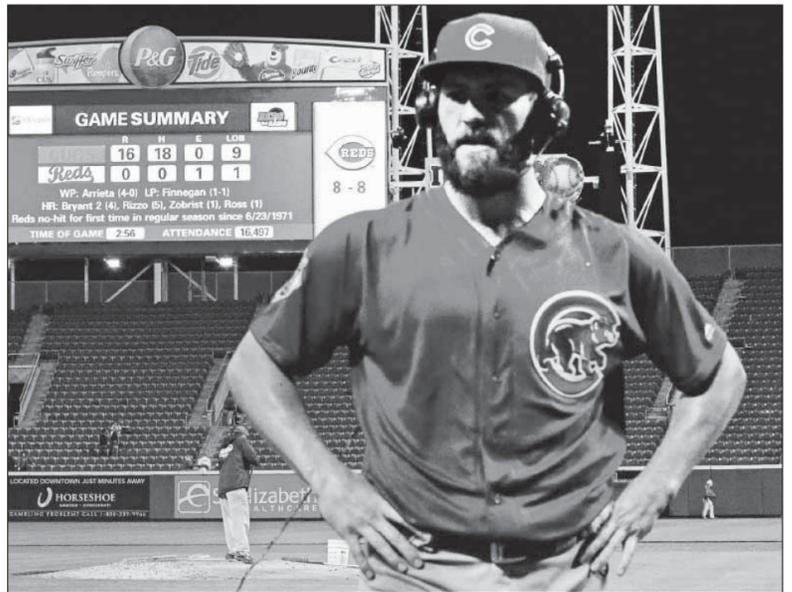
2008: John Smoltz of Atlanta becomes the 16th pitcher in major league history to reach the 3,000-strikeout plateau in the Braves' 6-0 loss to Washington.

2014: Albert Pujols becomes the first major leaguer to hit his 499th and 500th homers in the same game, driving in five runs to help the Angels beat the Nationals 7-2.



OTTO GREULE JR./GETTY

Sox pitcher Philip Humber, left, threw the 21st perfect game in major-league history on April 21, 2012, and the Cubs' Jake Arrieta pitched a no-hitter on the same date four years later.



JOHN MINCHILLO/AP

April 21 a perfect day for pair of pitching gems

BY MARK GONZALES

The White Sox and Cubs rarely care to share the spotlight, but April 21 marks a special day in the recent history of both franchises.

Eight years ago, unheralded Philip Humber pitched the 21st perfect game in major-league history as the Sox blanked the Mariners 4-0 at Safeco Field in Seattle.

Four years later, Jake Arrieta continued the dominance he established during his 2015 National League Cy Young Award season as the Cubs humbled the Reds 16-0 at Great American Ballpark in Cincinnati.

Here's a look back at those gems:

April 21, 2012: Philip Humber pitches a perfect game for the White Sox

Aside from a seven-inning, one-hit performance at Yankee Stadium nearly a year earlier, there was no inking Philip Humber possessed dominant stuff.

Humber came to the White Sox after brief and unsuccessful stints with the Mets, Twins and Royals. He hadn't lived up to his billing as the third pick in the 2004 draft (one pick behind Justin Verlander), and the Sox acquired him on a waiver claim before the 2011 season.

Humber pitched well enough in 2011 to earn the fifth spot in the rotation entering 2012 with the aid of a sharp slider.

That pitch was tremendously effective in his second start of the season against a largely nondescript Mariners lineup, with the exception of Ichiro Suzuki and Kyle Seager.

With the Sox leading 3-0 after three

innings, most of the focus was on how long Humber could sustain perfection. He threw 5 1/3 innings of one-run ball in his previous start against the Orioles but needed 115 pitches.

Against the Mariners, Humber didn't need much defensive help. Brent Lillibridge was inserted in left field in the bottom of the eighth and singled and scored an insurance run in the ninth.

Humber didn't throw three balls to any batter until running up a 3-0 count against Michael Saunders to open the ninth. Humber struck him out on a full-count slider.

Tensions reached a zenith with two out and a full count on pinch hitter Brendan Ryan.

Catcher A.J. Pierzynski called for Humber's most effective pitch, figuring he wanted to keep the no-hitter intact even if he missed outside with his slider. Ryan tried to check his swing, but plate umpire Brian Runge ruled Ryan made an attempt.

But there was one big problem — Humber's slider got past Pierzynski and rolled several feet away.

Luckily for Humber and Pierzynski, Ryan paused for a few seconds to protest the call before running to first. Pierzynski recovered in time to throw to Paul Konerko to complete the highlight of Humber's career.

"I don't know what Philip Humber is doing in this list," Humber said after joining an elite group of pitchers.

Humber and several teammates celebrated at a bar while watching mixed martial arts.

He received numerous congratulatory text messages and calls, including one from a special Sox fan — President Barack Obama. Humber also read the Top Ten list

on "Late Show with David Letterman," but his popularity was short-lived.

Humber was tagged for nine runs — including three homers — in five innings in his next start against the Red Sox and was placed on the disabled list two months later with a right flexor strain. He finished the season with a 6.44 ERA in 26 appearances, prompting the White Sox to waive him.

After brief appearances with the Astros and the Kia Tigers of the Korean Baseball Organization, Humber retired after a spring training stint with the Padres in 2016.

April 21, 2016: Jake Arrieta throws his 2nd no-hitter for the Cubs

Two factors nearly prevented Jake Arrieta from seizing the moment against the Reds.

First, Kris Bryant hit two home runs to highlight a 4-for-6, six-RBI performance.

And second, Arrieta lacked the sharpness he had possessed over a 15-game stretch dating to Aug. 4, 2015, during which he went 14-0 with a 0.57 ERA. That run included a no-hitter at Dodger Stadium on Aug. 30, 2015.

Cubs manager Joe Maddon, mindful of Arrieta's heavy workload in the second half of 2015, curtailed his ace's pitch count in an opening-night win over the Angels in which he threw seven innings of two-hit ball.

Pitching coach Chris Bosio disclosed after Arrieta's second no-hitter that before the 2016 season, the Cubs collectively agreed there would be no pitch-count restrictions if a starter had a no-hitter. In the event of a high pitch count, relievers would play catch with an outfielder

between innings instead of warming up in the bullpen, as not to distract the starter.

Even at 85 pitches and three walks through six innings, Arrieta was determined to keep the Reds hitless with plenty of movement on his pitches.

"You never want to interfere with somebody's greatness," Maddon said. "And that's really special for him and the organization to have another no-hitter being thrown. As a manager, you try to stay out of the way of those moments."

Arrieta's pitch count would have been higher had he not picked off Eugenio Suarez in the fourth after a leadoff walk and induced Zack Cozart to ground into an inning-ending double play in the sixth.

But Arrieta's most telling moment came in the bottom of the ninth after waiting for an extended period while the Cubs scored three times in the top of the inning.

He issued a leadoff walk to Scott Schebler, then retired the next two batters to set up a showdown with Suarez.

After getting ahead 0-2 on Suarez, Arrieta barely missed on a high but sharp-breaking pitch. Several thousand Cubs fans groaned after plate umpire Dana DeMuth called the pitch out of the strike zone.

Arrieta flinched briefly but induced Suarez to hit a soft fly to Jason Heyward, who squeezed the ball in right field to ignite a familiar celebration.

"I envisioned pitching like this, even when I had a 5.00 (ERA) in Baltimore," Arrieta said of his low point three seasons earlier. "I expected to get to this point."

Arrieta backed up his confidence by allowing one run in 12 innings in his next two starts to improve to 6-0 and help vault the Cubs toward their first World Series title since 1908.

SKY



JOHN LOCHER/AP

THINGS TO KNOW

Hebard got them to notice the little things

BY PHIL THOMPSON

When Sky coach and general manager James Wade was scouting Ruthy Hebard earlier this year, he wanted to see her at her worst.

"I went back and tried to catch some of her not-so-great games," said Wade, who spent the eighth pick in the WNBA draft on the Oregon power forward. He took particular interest in the intrastate rivalry game Jan. 26 at Oregon State.

"She was 5-for-10, she had 13 points," Wade said. "She was playing against two 6-7 players. We were able to see how she finished and that she could finish wide outside the lane. And her touch was just so good, even on a bad day.

"We didn't want to just get caught up in her 9-for-11s or 10-for-11s. We wanted to see why she was 5-for-10."

Beavers defenders sank in on Hebard, taking away angles for entry passes and closing in on pick-and-rolls. It wasn't going well offensively, but Wade was impressed by how she responded.

"She's giving more on the defensive end," he said. "She never hung her head; she was always talking in the pick-and-rolls, directing traffic to the guards and telling them where the screen was coming from. As much as you have a player like (Oregon teammate) Sabrina (Ionescu) directing traffic on offense, she's the one directing the defense. That sometimes goes unnoticed, but we noticed it."

Here are 10 more things to know about Hebard.

1. She excels at pick-and-roll sets and setting up teammates in closeout situations.

"She's someone that always gets behind her player on pick-and-rolls, so she's going to play well with (Sky point guard) Courtney Vandersloot," Wade said.

She also makes quick decisions from the post. "Either she's going to score or she's going to kick the ball out really fast to the people that are sinking in on her," Wade said.

In those cases, defenders can try to recover to the perimeter against players such as Diamond DeShields, Gabby Williams and Kahleah Cooper, who can shoot or attack the closeout by driving to the basket.

"Because she kicked it out to them so fast, they're not going to be able to stay in front of them," Wade said. "She probably won't get the assist for that but generates that advantageous offense for us."

2. She had a yin-and-yang relationship with Ducks teammate Sabrina Ionescu.

They're the only unanimous All-Americans in Oregon history, but they have opposite personalities.

"Sabrina is super competitive," Hebard said, "so I was always the one who would come give her a hug and make her laugh,

and she was always the one that came to me and said, 'OK, it's game time.' It was really fun to be able to play with her."

3. Wade likes the intangibles Hebard brings.

Wade called her "a giver" on and off the court.

"She's somebody who fights for position (on rebounds) all the time, offensively and defensively," he said. "She's going to go get loose balls. That's something that's not in the stats sheet — how aggressively they go for loose balls."

Hebard won the Katrina McClain Award as the nation's top power forward twice in three years.

4. Several Sky players will take Hebard under their wings.

"We've already talked to Cheyenne (Parker) because they both like to control the lane, and they both have good hands," Wade said.

Both players can guard fours and fives. Hebard will learn from all of the Sky's post players, including veteran Jantel Lavender.

"She's going to be a little sister to everybody," Wade said.

5. She'll wear No. 24.

Hebard will keep the jersey number she's had since high school, the Sky confirmed Saturday.

According to GoDucks.com, she picked No. 24 because Kobe Bryant, who died in a helicopter crash earlier this year, was her favorite NBA player.

6. Hebard is efficient but has to work on her range.

Hebard thrived playing with the nation's best point guard in Ionescu — whom the Liberty drafted with the No. 1 pick — and Wade expects similar results when she plays with Vandersloot.

Hebard is Oregon's all-time leader in field goals made (987) and No. 2 in points (2,368). She shot between 66% and 68.5% (which led the nation) her last three seasons.

"That means (nearly) seven out of every 10 shots you're making for three years," Wade said. "That's amazing."

Hebard spent a lot of time around the rim, so she'll have to prove she has range and can score over bigs at the next level.

In a pre-draft interview with ESPN's Holly Rowe earlier this month, Hebard said: "I get a lot of questions (from general managers) about my size and about matching up to the next level. ... I just answered it as hopefully I'm faster than some big post players, and I've worked really hard on being able to finish around the taller girls in college too."

On draft night, Hebard told reporters she hopes to bring the same consistency she did in college.

"Hopefully that keeps up in the league and just being able to finish strong around the rim and finish over the larger players," she said.



DAVID ZALUBOWSKI/AP

Sky draft pick Ruthy Hebard helped Oregon win the Pac-12 tournament in March.

7. Does Zoom not work out there in Alaska?

Hebard's live draft-night video feed was delayed, so she didn't budge when ESPN's hosts tried to inform her she had been picked by the Sky. And when she did finally reach, the feed cut out completely.

"Yeah, we laughed. It was just funny," Hebard said about her family's reaction to the technical difficulties. "We were kind of waiting, and I think, dang, something messed up after all the time we took to set it up."

"It was fun, and my parents were there and my brothers and my grandpa. They saw the reaction, they were happy, and that's what matters."

Speaking of Alaska, her hometown of Fairbanks staged a car parade in her honor Saturday.

8. Hebard has played with Sky players before.

In September, Hebard participated in the U.S. national team's FIBA AmeriCup training camp with Diamond DeShields and Stefanie Dolson, which was held in the Miami area.

9. She was part of Oregon's shocker against Team USA.

Hebard and the Ducks upset the U.S. women's national team 93-86 in a November exhibition in Eugene, Ore. — just the second time a college program beat the national team. Tennessee did it in 1999.

Hebard finished with a double-double — 18 points and 11 rebounds — against a roster stacked with WNBA stars, including Diana Taurasi, Sylvia Fowles and Nneka Ogwumike.

10. If you'd like to follow her on social media ...

She's @RuthyHebard24 on Twitter, @Ruthycecilia on Instagram and @Ruthycecilia24 on Snapchat.

Hebard posted a picture of herself holding a Sky cap Saturday with the caption, "@chicagosky bound! God is good #WNBA."

BEARS

WHAT WE LEARNED

Pineiro will face some competition

BY COLLEEN KANE

Bears general manager Ryan Pace spoke with reporters via video conference Tuesday morning to preview this week's NFL draft.

Here are three things we learned.

1. The Bears have another kicking competition in store whenever they return to Halas Hall.

This competition, however, should be much smaller than the one coach Matt Nagy held last year at rookie minicamp, when eight kickers faced off in a tryout.

Ryan Pace added former Nevada kicker Ramiz Ahmed to the roster last week to challenge Eddy Pineiro for the job. The Bears named Pineiro the kicker out of training camp last year, and he had ups and downs while going 23-for-28 on field goals and 27-for-29 on extra points in his rookie season. He made the winning field goal against the Broncos in Week 2 and missed a potential winner against the Chargers in Week 8.

"We see those guys competing," Pace said. "Look, we love Eddy and we think his future is very bright. We think competition is good for everyone. Don't expect the number of kickers we had in last year, but I think those two competing against each other is a really good thing."

Ahmed last kicked in 2018 at Nevada, where he made 15 of 20 field-goal attempts and 40 of 44 extra-point attempts. He made the team in 2017 in a walk-on tryout and handled kickoffs that season.

Pace said special teams coordinator Chris Tabor settled on Ahmed after evaluating him at Gary Zauner's kicking camp.

"We liked him coming out of college," Pace said. "And we feel like he's gotten better, like a lot of these young kickers do."

2. Trey Burton's 2019 injury struggles were a major factor in the Bears' decision to cut him last week.

Trey Burton's health was a problem from the first weekend of 2019 until the last.

He was a surprise inactive for the Bears' 16-15 playoff loss to the Eagles, sidelined with a groin injury. He later needed surgery to repair a sports hernia. And while the Bears emphasized caution in working the veteran tight end back during training camp in preparation for the 2019 season, Burton was never quite right.

He missed the season opener, a 10-3 home loss in prime time to the Packers. Then, after playing eight games and contributing just 14 catches for 84 yards, he was placed on injured reserve in November after being listed on the injury report with a calf injury.

Pace divulged immediately after the season that Burton had hip surgery. Last week the Bears moved on, terminating Burton's contract with a failed-physical designation and sending him packing with two years left on the four-year deal he signed in March 2018.

"Unfortunately for him and for us, the injuries kind of added up," Pace said Tuesday. "We just felt at this time that was the best course of action for our team."

The Bears are on the hook for \$4 million of Burton's base salary for 2020 and will wind up paying him \$22 million total, a hefty investment for the 68 catches, 653 yards and six touchdowns he provided over two seasons. But by designating Burton's release as a post-June 1 transaction, they cleared \$2.8 million in salary-cap space for 2020.

To strengthen the tight end position, the Bears guaranteed Jimmy Graham \$9 million in a two-year deal last month and signed Demetrius Harris to a one-year contract in March. Both players will be featured prominently in the offense, but that won't necessarily discourage the Bears from drafting a tight end this week.

"If there are guys there that we like, we'd consider it," Pace said.

3. Pace didn't rule out drafting a quarterback.

The Bears have until May 4 to pick up quarterback Mitch Trubisky's fifth-year option, and Pace, who has put off discussing the topic all offseason, wasn't about to shift from draft talk to address it Tuesday.

"Right now, our focus is all on the draft," he said. "We know we have until May 4 on that, and we'll cross that bridge once we get through this weekend."

Entering Trubisky's fourth season, the Bears traded for Jaguars quarterback Nick Foles, and Pace has declared it an "open competition" for the starting job. The Bears also have third-string quarterback Tyler Bray back under contract.

But Pace left open the possibility of adding another quarterback to the mix.

The Bears' first two picks this year are in the second round, Nos. 43 and 50. Second-round quarterback possibilities include Georgia's Jake Fromm, Washington's Jacob Eason and Oklahoma's Jalen Hurts. The Bears also could go for a developmental quarterback with a later pick.

"We're always going to take the best player available," Pace said. "If a quarterback was there and he was the highest guy on our board in a strong way, we would consider that. We'd consider every position. Let's face it, the draft is risky enough. When you deviate from taking the best player, you just increase your risk."

TV ratings for WNBA's 'virtual' draft up 123%

BY PHIL THOMPSON

The WNBA's "virtual" draft, which aired Friday night on ESPN, was the league's most-watched draft in 16 years and the second-most-watched in the cable network's history.

The draft averaged 387,000 viewers on ESPN, up 123% from last year and up 33% since last airing on ESPN in 2011. Only the 2004 draft had more viewers.

Social media videos on the WNBA and NBA handles generated 6.5 million views, up 165% from last year.

During the broadcast, WNBA Commissioner Cathy Engelbert named Gianna

Bryant, Alyssa Altobelli and Payton Chester as honorary draft picks. The three teenage girls, along with Gianna's father, NBA legend Kobe Bryant, died in a helicopter crash Jan. 26.

The draft was staged virtually because of the coronavirus pandemic, with most of the nation under quarantine. Engelbert read teams' picks from her home, and ESPN cameras showed many of the draft picks' reactions from their homes.

"All the investments in technology that have been made — I was thinking if this happened 10 years ago, even five years ago, this would be a little more difficult," Engelbert told reporters before the draft.

"But we're using a lot of remote technology. We're using conference calls, the VCs (video chats) — the good ol' telephone as a backup, by the way — and calling in the pick. I've got a variety of technology that will be in front of me in the room and then remote ESPN cameras that we've been testing over the last couple days. Everything seems good."

The draft had aired on a combination of ESPN2 and ESPN since 2012, but live sports programming has come at a premium with sports leagues shut down because of the global pandemic.

Associated Press contributed.

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Day 42

Since the sports world went mainly dark



STEVE HELBER/AP

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell will host the virtual NFL draft Thursday. The event had been scheduled to take place in Las Vegas.

COMMENTARY

Direct from Goodell's basement — the draft

BY TIM DAHLBERG
Associated Press

It was supposed to be an extravaganza only Las Vegas can bring, complete with showgirls, A-list celebs, and a stage in the middle of the Bellagio fountains.

Instead, the NFL draft will come to you Thursday night from the friendly confines of Roger Goodell's basement.

No one, of course, expected anything like this to happen. But here's a timeline of what might take place as America tunes in for a draft like no other (all times EDT):

■ **Thursday, 7:45 p.m.** Goodell leans his iPhone against a souvenir football on the folding table he found in his basement closet. Nervously, he checks the WiFi connection and tries to remember if his right side is his best side.

■ **8 p.m.** The broadcast opens with Goodell sitting alone in his basement, welcoming fans to the draft. He pulls an old stop-watch from his coat pocket and declares the draft open before answering the one question viewers really want to know. "Yes, I am wearing pants," he tells the country.

■ **8:10 p.m.** The Bengals, after a brief interruption when Goodell's dog walks into the picture, announce they will take LSU's Joe Burrow with the first pick. Goodell marks Burrow off his yellow legal pad, then scratches his dog's belly and tells him he's a good boy.

■ **8:15 p.m.** ESPN throws it to Burrow's parents' house, where he's sitting in his old room, a poster of his childhood idol Tom Brady on the wall behind him. Burrow is so excited he runs into the living room to high-five his mother. "Back off 6 feet, draft boy," she warns him.

■ **8:18 p.m.** President Donald Trump sends a tweet congratulating Burrow, Baton Rouge and the great state of Mississippi.

■ **8:25 p.m.** A roar is heard, startling Goodell. Realizing what it is, he quickly jumps up to turn off "Tiger King" on his basement TV.

■ **8:26 p.m.** The country discovers Goodell wasn't telling the truth about his pants.

ON THE CLOCK

1 Day until the NFL draft, which will be held in a virtual setting from Thursday to Saturday.

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	

■ **8:35 p.m.** The Bucs are letting Tom Brady run their draft as well as their team, and he picks the first of what will be five offensive linemen. After an awkward pause, Brady invites Buc fans to join him in chanting "Tompa Bay, Tompa Bay" and reminds them they can buy the T-shirts online.

■ **8:48 p.m.** There's a break for commercials and then a PSA from Dr. Anthony Fauci, who demonstrates the proper way for draft picks to wash their hands. He does it while singing "Wash hands, wash hands, till Brady comes home."

■ **8:49 p.m.** Goodell uses the break to answer front door, where there's a delivery from Pizza Hut, the NFL's official pizza supplier. Goodell wipes down the pizza box with disinfectant, then apologizes to the delivery person for not having any cash for a tip.

■ **9 p.m.** With just 10 minutes a pick, things are moving so fast that Goodell barely has time to wolf down a slice of pepperoni. He calls for the Bengals' pick, only to find out the team's GM can't get online because his daughter is using up all the bandwidth streaming "Tiger King" on her iPad.

■ **9:10 p.m.** As feared, the NFL feed is attacked by hackers, who send a chilling message. Instead of porn, they tease viewers with tantalizing images of grocery stores stocked full of toilet paper and cleansing wipes.

■ **9:15 p.m.** Goodell invites fans to send messages he can read on air. The first one comes from an M. Jordan, who wonders why ESPN is not airing part 8 of "The Last Dance."

■ **9:20 p.m.** The Chargers select Alabama quarterback Tua Tagovailoa, the second quarterback picked. Goodell mutters "Yes!" under his breath, then checks his pocket to make sure he still has the Vegas betting slip that pays him if Tagovailoa is picked before Oregon's Justin Herbert.

■ **9:25 p.m.** The Raiders are up and all eyes turn to the new team from Las Vegas. Mark Davis excuses his appearance, saying he hasn't been able to get to his barber lately, then selects a wide receiver from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute who isn't on anyone's draft chart. After promising fans that he's the new Fred Biletnikoff, Davis then picks up his kazoo and starts playing "Viva Las Vegas."

■ **9:28 p.m.** Goodell rips up his betting ticket on the Raiders winning more than 6 games next season.

■ **9:40 p.m.** The first dispute of the draft come as the Vikings try to make a sleeper pick at quarterback, only to find out all their information has mysteriously been wiped off their laptop screens. After pleading unsuccessfully with Goodell for more time, they switch to an alternate pick.

■ **9:50 p.m.** Picking next, the Patriots take the quarterback the Vikings wanted. Bill Belichick is seen laughing loudly from his basement while fiddling with some computer equipment.

■ **Saturday, 4:15 p.m.** It's been a draft like no other, and the NFL thought of everything, including the canned boos piped in every time Goodell sat before his mic.

Finally, after long hours in basements and kitchen tables across the country, the last pick is made.

Somehow Mr. Irrelevant seems even more irrelevant than ever.

IN BRIEF

Contraction deal close for minors

Associated Press

The minor leagues are prepared to agree to Major League Baseball's proposal to cut guaranteed affiliations from 160 to 120 next year, The AP reported, a plan that would impact hundreds of prospects and cut player development expenses.

The development was first reported by Baseball America.

An electronic negotiating session is scheduled for Wednesday.

In informal talks, parties have discussed the possibility of a radical overhaul in which MLB would take over all of many of the duties of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues, the minor league governing body.

Instead of franchise affiliations, there would be licensing agreements similar to those of hotel chains. MLB would then sell sponsorship, licensing and media rights, a switch that may lead to decreased overhead and increased revenue.

"There have been no agreements on contraction or any other issues," the National Association said in a statement Tuesday, adding it "looks forward to continuing the good-faith negotiations with MLB tomorrow."

In talks to replace the Professional Baseball Agreement that expires after the 2020 season, MLB last year proposed cutting 42 affiliates, including Double-A teams in Binghamton, New York, and Erie, Pennsylvania, along with Chattanooga and Jackson, Tennessee. The plan would eliminate affiliations for the 28 teams from four Class A Short Season and Rookie Advanced leagues that don't play at spring training complexes.

MLB said in a statement it looks forward to "continuing our discussion about how we can jointly modernize player development and continue to have baseball in every community where it is currently being played."

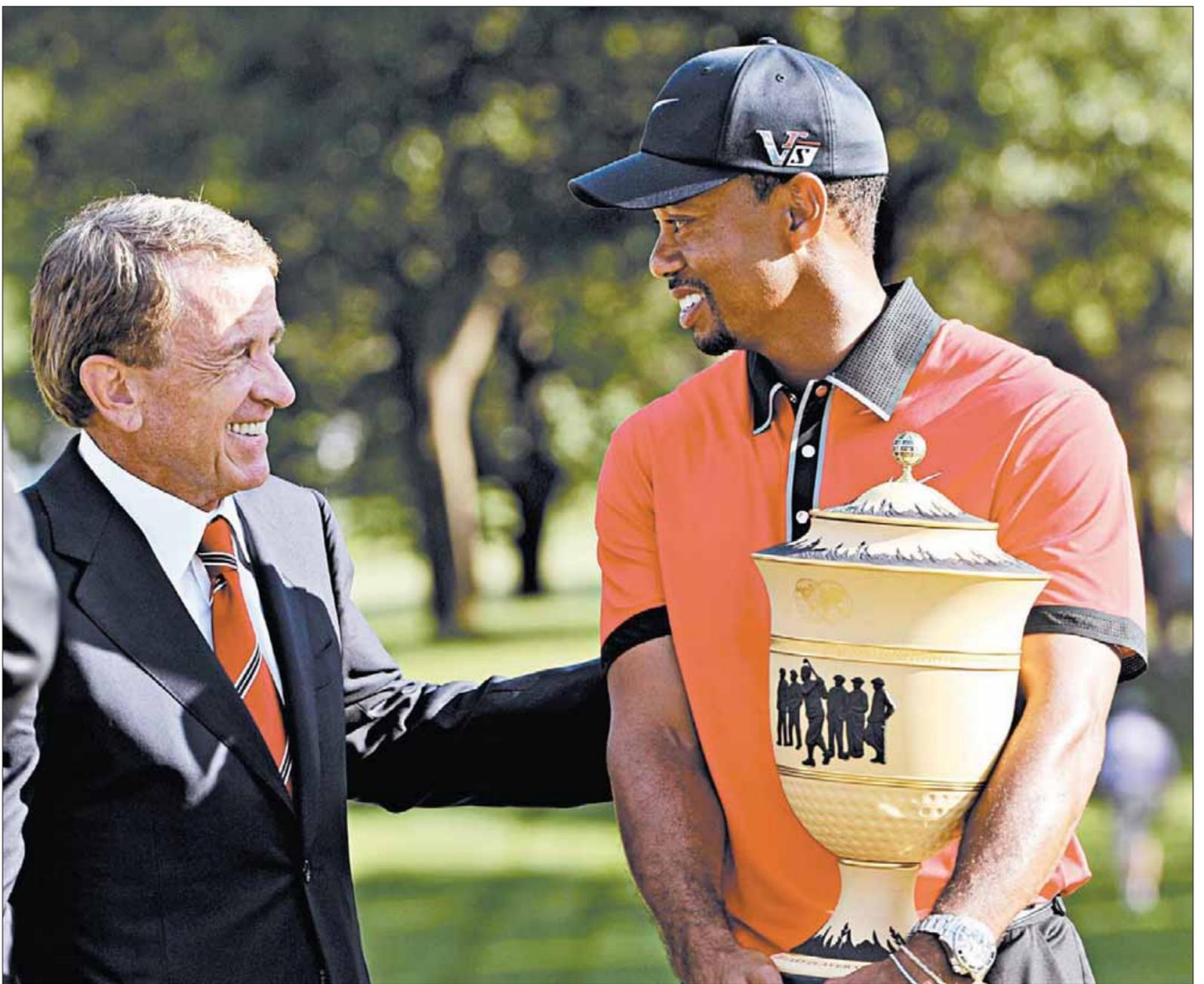
Under MLB's proposal, each franchise would have four full-season farm teams, a rookie level club at its minor league complex and prospects in the Dominican Summer League. Some franchises would be cutting their U.S.-based affiliates from seven to five.

■ A pair of fans in New York sued MLB, Commissioner Rob Manfred and the 30 teams, asking for their money back for tickets and for certification of class-action status. The lawsuit was filed Monday in U.S. District Court in Los Angeles by Matthew Ajzenman, who said he bought a partial season plan for more than 20 Mets games; and Susan Terry-Bazer, who said she purchased six tickets for a May 9 game at Yankee Stadium against the Red Sox. Ajzenman said his Mets plan cost \$1,730 and he made a first payment to the team of about \$317 last year. Terry-Bazer said she paid \$926 to Ticketmaster and planned to take her grandson to the Red Sox-Yankees game. Ticketmaster, Stubhub, Live Nation and Last Minute Transactions are among the defendants.

■ **Auto racing:** Bob Lazier, the 1981 CART rookie of the year and father of 1996 Indianapolis 500 winner Buddy Lazier, died Saturday from COVID-19. He was 81. Lazier's wife, Diane, confirmed the death in an interview with the Vail (Colorado) Daily, telling the newspaper her husband had spent 22 days in a hospital, fighting the illness.

■ **Colleges:** Players ejected from football games for targeting will be allowed to remain on the sidelines, the NCAA announced. The Playing Rules Oversight Panel approved the rules change no longer requiring players to head to the locker room after targeting is confirmed. The panel also approved a pace-of-play guideline for instant replay officials to complete video reviews in less than two minutes. Reviews that are exceptionally complicated or involve end-of-game issues should be completed as efficiently as possible. ... The Buffalo men's basketball team was placed on one-year probation and agreed to other NCAA sanctions after ex-assistant coach Hunter Jenkins was found to have forged recruiting documents.

■ **Soccer:** Barcelona will sell the title rights to its storied stadium for one year in an effort to raise money for the fight against the coronavirus. The Spanish club's executive board announced that it will donate the entire fee raised by selling the title rights to the Camp Nou to fighting the global pandemic. The Camp Nou is the biggest stadium in Europe with more than 99,000 seats. It has never had a sponsor since it opened in 1957.



PHIL LONG/AP

Tiger Woods is congratulated by then-PGA Tour Commissioner Tim Finchem after a Woods win in 2013. Woods and Finchem will be inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame next year.

Finchem gets a Tiger, and he rides it into Hall of Fame

By DOUG FERGUSON
Associated Press

Tim Finchem was in his second month as the newly appointed commissioner of the PGA Tour, not paying a great deal of attention to the U.S. Amateur being played down the street from his office at the TPC Sawgrass.

It was only when he arrived for the World Series of Golf at Firestone that he first came to appreciate Tiger Woods.

"I go up to Akron on the Sunday, and we give out the trophy and everything," Finchem said. "And then I go to the locker room, and all the tour players are gathered around the television. And they're watching Tiger Woods play in the Amateur. I've never seen tour players interested in watching any other golf on a day they were finishing a tournament."

This was 1994, a few months after Woods had graduated high school and was headed to Stanford. He rallied to win the first of three straight U.S. Amateurs that day.

"It was amazing to me that this kid generated that level of focus," Finchem said. "I mean, it was the beginning of understanding the Tiger Woods phenomenon."

The occasion for this memory on Monday was Finchem being elected to the World Golf Hall of Fame. He will be part of the 2021 induction class that includes Woods.

Of course.

Finchem was in charge of unprecedented growth during his 22 years as commis-

"It would have been a much more difficult job."

— Former PGA Tour Commissioner Tim Finchem on if Tiger Woods had played a different sport

sioner, and it's no coincidence that 20 of those years featured Woods.

Prize money, the ultimate barometer in sports, more than tripled. Finchem negotiated the first of four television contracts about a year after Woods set golf ablaze with his watershed win at the 1997 Masters. Finchem developed the World Golf Championships, 18 of them won by Woods.

Woods lobbied for a shorter season, and Finchem found a way to better define the sprawling calendar by creating the FedEx Cup, now in its 14th year under the same sponsor. Woods won the first one in 2007.

Most telling was the 1997 Masters.

Finchem was with Nike founder Phil Knight on Saturday after Woods had finished building a nine-shot lead. "We were with our wives," Finchem told pga-tour.com, "and at one point Phil looked at me and said, 'Tim, you and I have one thing in common. All we have to do is ride the wave.'"

This turned out to be the tidal variety.

There's no need for Finchem to apologize for being commissioner at a time when Woods came along.

He managed the tour through a deep

recession in 2008 by shoring up sponsors and still increasing prize money. He also was at the helm when the most recognizable active athlete in the world was caught up in a sordid scandal involving multiple extramarital affairs.

It was during the aftermath, while Woods was trying to mend his life and his health, that Finchem negotiated a nine-year TV deal that kept prize money soaring.

Finchem could only chuckle when asked how different it might have been had Woods chosen another sport, like tennis.

"It would have been a much more difficult job," he said.

It wasn't always easy.

Finchem had to keep a full slate of tournaments fully sponsored when Woods was playing less than half. It was clear early on he had to manage two tours — the events Woods played, and those he didn't.

Consider the second edition of the Presidents Cup in 1996, a thriller that came down to the final match. The national press corps wasn't around to see it. Most of them had left for Coal Valley, Illinois, because Woods had a one-shot lead at the Quad City Classic in his third start as a pro.

Winning would have to wait. That day belonged to Ed Fiori.

Finchem also had to placate Woods and his management over marketing rights at the end of 2000, the year Woods won nine times and completed the career Grand Slam with victories at the U.S. Open and British Open by a combined 23 shots.

Still, these were nice problems to have.

He thought back to that '97 Masters and the traditional Sunday dinner for the champion attended mainly by the Augusta National members in their green jackets. Finchem was among those invited. He was in the room with some of the most powerful leaders in business and government, and a 21-year-old on his way to becoming among the most powerful in sports.

"We go in and we sit down for dinner," Finchem said. "I look up, there's like 90 green coats lined up all through the tables, lined up with their menu cards to get Tiger Woods to sign."

Finchem retired at the end of 2016, the first time Woods went an entire year without playing a PGA Tour event. Woods had a fourth back surgery the next spring. He recovered and returned to win the Tour Championship, and then the Masters, and then in Japan for his record-tying 82nd victory.

Finchem spent the last few hours of his 73rd birthday Sunday watching the Michael Jordan documentary "The Last Dance," and he couldn't help but think of Woods.

"It talked about how Michael Jordan, standing out the way he did, took that franchise to a whole other level, which he did," Finchem said. "And Tiger coming on the scene and the interest he generated took our sport to another level. And it continues on today, clearly, without question. It's just unique and great."

"And as a sport," he said, "we were blessed that he didn't like tennis that much."

SCOREBOARD

NBA				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Toronto	46	18	.719	—
Boston	43	21	.672	3
Philadelphia	39	26	.600	7½
Brooklyn	30	34	.469	16
New York	21	45	.318	26
SOUTHEAST				
Miami	41	24	.631	—
Orlando	30	35	.462	11
Washington	24	40	.375	16½
Charlotte	23	42	.354	18
Atlanta	20	47	.299	22
CENTRAL				
Milwaukee	53	12	.815	—
Indiana	39	26	.600	14
Chicago	22	43	.338	31
Detroit	20	46	.303	33½
Cleveland	19	46	.292	34
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Houston	40	24	.625	—
Dallas	40	27	.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	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	42	19	10	94	225	193
Colorado	42	20	8	92	237	191
Dallas	37	24	8	82	180	177
Winnipeg	37	28	6	80	216	203
Nashville	35	26	8	78	215	217
Minnesota	35	27	7	77	220	220
Chicago	32	30	8	72	212	218
PACIFIC						
Vegas	39	24	8	86	227	211
Edmonton	37	25	9	83	225	217
Calgary	36	27	7	79	210	215
Vancouver	36	27	6	78	228	217
Arizona	33	29	8	74	195	187
Anaheim	29	33	9	67	187	226
Los Angeles	29	35	6	64	178	212
San Jose	29	36	5	63	182	226

SOCCER						
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	0	2	2	1	1
LA Galaxy	0	1	1	1	1	2
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 ORDER									
ROUND 1									
1. Cin	36. NYG	73. Jax	110. NYG	183. NYG	220. LAC				
2. Was	37. LAC	74. Cle	111. Hou	184. Car	221. Car				
3. Det	38. Car	75. Ind	112. LAC	185. Mia	222. Ari				
4. NYG	39. Mia	76. TB	113. Car	186. LAC	223. Jax				
5. Mia	40. Hou	77. Den	114. Ari	187. Cle	224. Ten				
6. LAC	41. Cle	78. Atl	115. Cle	188. Buf	225. Bal				
7. Car	42. Jax	79. NYJ	116. Jax	189. Jax	226. Chi				
8. Ari	43. Chi	80. LV	117. TB	190. Phi	227. Mia				
9. Jax	44. Ind	81. LV	118. Den	191. NYJ	228. Atl				
10. Cle	45. TB	82. Dal	119. Atl	192. GB	229. Was				
11. NYJ	46. Den	83. Den	120. NYJ	193. Ind	230. NE				
12. LV	47. Atl	84. LAR	121. LV	194. TB	231. Dal				
13. SF	48. NYJ	85. Buf	122. Ind	195. NYJ	232. Pit				
14. TB	49. Pit	86. Det	123. Dal	196. Chi	233. Chi				
15. Den	50. Chi	87. NE	124. Pit	197. Ind	234. LAR				
16. Atl	51. Dal	88. NO	125. NE	198. Pit	235. Det				
17. Dal	52. LAR	89. Min	126. LAR	199. LAR	236. GB				
18. Mia	53. Phi	90. Hou	127. Phi	200. Chi	237. Ten				
19. LV	54. Buf	91. LV	128. Buf	201. Min	238. NYG				
20. Jax	55. Bal	92. Bal	129. Bal	202. Ari	239. Buf				
21. Phi	56. Mia	93. Ten	130. NO	203. NO	240. Hou				
22. Min	57. LAR	94. GB	131. Ari	204. NE	241. NE				
23. NE	58. Min	95. Den	132. Min	205. Min	242. GB				
24. NO	59. Sea	96. KC	133. Sea	206. Jax	243. Ten				
25. Min	60. Was	97. Cle*	134. Atl	207. Buf	244. Cle				
26. Mia	61. Ten	98. NE*	135. Pit	208. GB	245. SF				
27. Sea	62. GB	99. NYG*	136. GB	209. GB	246. Mia				
28. Bal	63. KC	100. NE*	137. Jax	210. NYJ	247. NYG*				
29. Ten	64. Sea	101. Sea*	138. KC	211. SF	248. Hou*				
30. GB	65. Cin	102. Pit*	139. TB*	212. NE*	249. Min*				
31. SF	66. Was	103. Phi*	140. Jax*	213. Mia*	250. Hou*				
32. KC	67. Det	104. LAR*	141. Mia*	214. Sea*	251. Mia*				
33. Cin	68. NYJ	105. Min*	142. Was*	215. Cin	252. Den*				
34. Ind	69. Car	106. Bal*	143. Bal*	216. Was	253. Min*				
35. Det	70. Mia	107. Cin	144. Sea*	217. SF	254. Den*				
	71. LAC	108. Was	145. Phi*	218. NYG	255. NYG*				
	72. Ari	109. Det	146. Phi*	219. Min	**comp pick				



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Billy Branch plays harmonica next to guitarist Jellybean Johnson during the 2017 Chicago Blues Festival at Pritzker Pavilion in Millennium Park.

City cancels gospel, house and blues festivals

COVID-19 crisis forces other events to be cut from cultural calendar

BY HOWARD REICH

The 35th annual Chicago Gospel Music Festival (May 27-30), the 37th annual Chicago Blues Festival (June 5-7) and the 5th annual Chicago House Music Conference & Festival (May 21-24) have been canceled due to the COVID-19 crisis, the city's Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events announced Tuesday.

Also canceled: the Chicago Memorial Day Parade and Wreath Laying Ceremony (May 23); and Chicago in Tune (May 21-June 7), a new event that was to have been featured in the city's Year of Chicago Music.

Because of the cancellations, the Year of Chicago Music will be extended into 2021.

"These cancellations are disappointing to all of us here in Chicago, particularly for the count-



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Ricky Dillard & New G perform at the 2015 Chicago Gospel Music Festival in Millennium Park. This year's festival has been canceled.

less individuals who worked so hard to organize an extraordinary Year of Chicago Music," Mayor Lori Lightfoot said in a statement. "Nonetheless, these difficult but necessary steps were taken in order to ensure the health and safety of our residents and visitors, which continues to be our utmost priority throughout the COVID-19 crisis. As upsetting as

it is to remove these events from our calendar, we are already looking forward to next year, where we'll be pulling out all the stops for a festival season Chicago will never forget."

The city's announcement specifies that the cancellation of these festivals "is not official city guidance for other event producers; they should continue to fol-

low the public health guidance of the CDC, city and state officials."

The city promises to offer digital content and virtual concerts in the place of the House Music, Gospel Music and Blues Festivals. The Gospel and Blues festivals celebrate historic musical idioms long nurtured in Chicago, with performances in Millennium Park. The Chicago House Music Conference & Festival usually draws 30,000-40,000 spectators across multiple venues over several days. It celebrates the dance music that was born in Chicago at the hands of DJs such as the late Frankie Knuckles, Steve "Silk" Hurley and others.

"These special events are Chicago summertime traditions," cultural affairs commissioner Mark Kelly said in a statement. "While we recognize this is disappointing news for our artists, participants and attendees, we are committed to honoring and engaging them in new ways — and, at this difficult time, pivoting

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MY WORST MOMENT

Surf's up — and so was Reedus, to his surprise

Would-be embarrassing time on water actually worked out for actor

BY NINA METZ

Norman Reedus, who plays the crossbow-wielding Daryl Dixon on AMC's "The Walking Dead," is one of only a few original cast members whose character is still alive 10 seasons later.

Since the show's beginning Reedus has been asked about surviving through a theoretical catastrophe. But this is the first time real-world events — in the form of the coronavirus pandemic — have affected day-to-day life in ways even vaguely hinted at in what's depicted on "The Walking Dead."

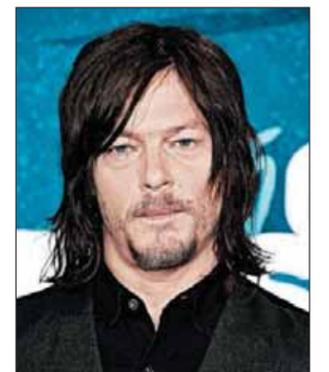
"I've always said the thing about our show that's most interesting is you see people's true personalities come out: what you're willing to fight for, what you're willing to walk away from, who you're willing to fight for," he said. "Hopefully it doesn't get to that in real life, but the world is definitely different right now. It's weird times right now."

Health concerns meant the finale for "The Walking Dead" was put on hold. So was filming for "Ride with Norman Reedus," his other show on AMC.

"I was supposed to be in Greece, Italy and Croatia right now for that and it all got canceled," he said.

Reedus is concerned about the crews on both shows, who are out of work for the time being, but he said he is holding up well despite the unusual circumstances.

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When asked about a worst moment in his career, Norman Reedus' thoughts turned to the reality of what it means to be a recognizable face no matter where you go.

Virus response depended on host, report says

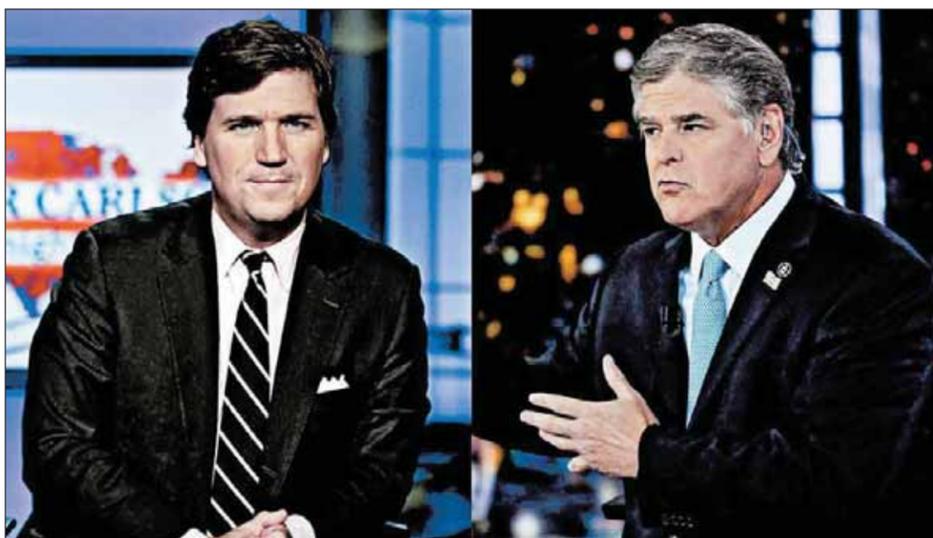
U. of C. study claims Hannity viewers more impacted than Carlson's

BY STEVE JOHNSON

A new study published by the University of Chicago's Becker Friedman Institute for Economics makes a claim that will strike many as incendiary: "Greater viewership of 'Hannity' relative to 'Tucker Carlson Tonight' is strongly associated with a greater number of COVID-19 cases and deaths in the early stages of the pandemic," says the paper.

The working paper is called "Misinformation During a Pandemic," and it derives from the authors' finding that Carlson and Sean Hannity, the two most popular hosts on the right-wing Fox News Network, initially treated coronavirus very differently.

"Carlson warned viewers about the threat posed by the coronavirus from early February, while Hannity originally dismissed the risks associated with the virus before gradually adjusting his position starting late February," Leonardo Bursztyn of the University of Chicago and his co-authors Aakaash Rao, Christopher Roth and David Yanagizawa-



AP

A study by the University of Chicago noted that Fox News hosts Tucker Carlson, left, and Sean Hannity initially treated coronavirus very differently.

Drott wrote in the paper released Sunday evening.

An analysis of show transcripts was conducted to document what the authors conclude are the significant differences in the hosts' handling of the topic early on. For example, the paper cites a Feb. 27

Hannity transcript in which the host states, "And today, thankfully, zero people in the United States of America have died from the coronavirus. Zero." Two days earlier, Carlson was telling his viewers that it was possible a million people could die in the U.S. from it.

From there, the authors commissioned a poll to determine how Fox News viewers responded to the coronavirus threat, and they also analyzed county-by-county viewership patterns and COVID-19 infection and death numbers.

The more than 1,000 Fox viewers surveyed said they were much more likely to have changed their behavior before March 1 in response to the threat "if they watched Tucker," said Yanagizawa-Drott, who teaches at the University of Zurich. "And if they watched Hannity, they're much more likely to change behavior after March 1."

As the paper put it, "We find that Hannity's viewers on average changed their behavior in response to the coronavirus five days later than other Fox News viewers, while Carlson's viewers changed behavior three days earlier."

But it's in the county analysis where the authors arrive at their strongest conclusion: that there were more COVID-19 cases and deaths in places where there is a preference for watching Hannity over Carlson compared to places where the opposite is true.

"Already by mid-March we see a statistically significant difference, that there are greater case loads in places that favor Hannity over Tucker," Yanagizawa-Drott said. "Then weeks later, we see a similar trajectory increase for deaths."

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CELEBRITIES

Tribune news services

Gaines' network launch delayed

Chip and Joanna Gaines' Magnolia Network will be blooming late because of the coronavirus crisis.

The network's planned October launch is being pushed back because of production delays related to COVID-19, it was announced Tuesday. A new debut date wasn't immediately announced.

Discovery Inc.'s DIY Network will be rebranded as the Magnolia Network when the joint venture with the husband-and-wife team's Magnolia company launches.

To tide viewers over, the DIY Network will air a four-hour special Sunday previewing some of Magnolia Network's series and revisiting "Fixer Upper," the HGTV renovation series that launched Chip and Joanna Gaines' TV careers from Waco, Texas.



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The October launch of the Magnolia Network from Joanna and Chip Gaines, above, has been delayed.

Fans invited to compete for 'Friends' reunion

Spot: "Friends" cast members have announced that five fans will get a chance to watch the reunion special taping live and rub shoulders with stars Jennifer Aniston, Courteney Cox, Matthew Perry, Lisa Kudrow, Matt LeBlanc and David Schwimmer.

"Be our personal guests in the audience for the taping where you'll get to see us all together again for the first time in ages, as we reminisce about the show and celebrate all of the fun we had," the cast announced Tuesday. "Plus, sip a cup of coffee with us in Central Perk, and get the 'Friends' VIP experience on the Warner Bros. Studio Tour."

The sweepstakes offer is being presented by The All In Challenge.

Fountains of Wayne's surviving members to reunite

The surviving members of Fountains of Wayne will reunite

Wednesday — joined by Sharon Van Etten on bass and backing vocals — to perform in tribute to the late Adam Schlesinger on "Jersey 4 Jersey."

Said Chris Collingwood, the band's co-founder and lead singer, "Brian (Young), Jody (Porter) and I are honored to be part of the Jersey 4 Jersey benefit, and grateful that Sharon was able to perform with us. Adam would have been proud that Fountains were helping to raise money for fellow New Jerseyans."

The show will be broadcast at 7 p.m. Wednesday on Apple Music and AppleTV apps. The list of high-profile New Jersey natives participating includes Bruce Springsteen, Tony Bennett and Jon Bon Jovi.

'The Batman' release delayed

Warner Bros. is delaying a batch of theatrical releases including "The Batman" and "The Sopranos" prequel "The

Many Saints of Newark."

The studio says "The Sopranos" film will be pushed from September 2020 to March 2021, while "The Batman" starring Robert Pattinson will be delayed four months to October 2021. The Will Smith drama "King Richard" has been moved back a year to November 2021. Baz Luhrmann's yet-to-be-titled Elvis film, which Tom Hanks was shooting in Australia when he and Rita Wilson tested positive for COVID-19, was delayed a month to November 2021.

April 22 birthdays

Actor Jack Nicholson is 83. Director John Waters is 74. Singer Peter Frampton is 70. Actor Joseph Bottoms is 66. Actor Ryan Stiles is 61. Actor Jeffrey Dean Morgan is 54. Actress Sheryl Lee is 53. TV personality Sherri Shepherd is 53. Actor Eric Mabius is 49. Actress Amber Heard is 34.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Father concerned about son's drinking

Dear Amy: You frequently suggest books for people to read on the subject they are worried about.

I have a son who has been drinking for quite a while now, and he is not realistic about his problem.

He is 53, and otherwise a very nice person.

Could you suggest a book for him that may catch his eye and cause him to think about his drinking? I would appreciate your input.

— Dad

Dear Dad: Some books can offer up unforgettable "ah-ha" moments, but when it comes to addiction, the personal realization needs to come first, followed by acceptance, the humility required to desire genuine and lasting change, and the determination to try.

Here I am, staring at a shelf-full of diet books, all of which seemed like a solution when I acquired them, but none of which proved useful until I decided to take responsibility — and be accountable — for my own behavior. And then — what do you know — I didn't need a book.

So no, although addiction memoirs and self-help books are abundant, I don't think there is a magic book that would inspire your son toward rapid change.

However, if handing your son a book would help you to talk to him about his drinking, then you could present him with: "Recovery: Freedom from Our Addictions," by Russell Brand (2018, Picador). Brand is a British actor, comedian and all-around wonderful weirdo who is in recovery for his own multiple addictions.

This book contains some smart insights.

More important than a book, however, would be your decision to tell your son your own truth about his drinking. Are you worried? Say so. Do you want to try to help? Tell him.

You will feel better if you can learn and practice the art of detachment. When it comes to your son's drinking, you are, in fact, powerless. This can be a very challenging truth for a parent to accept.

Al-anon's supportive community would be a source of comfort and knowledge for you. Check Al-anon.org for local meetings and online support. The Al-anon "bible" is "Courage to Change," (1992, Al-anon Family Groups). You might benefit from its daily readings and meditations.

Dear Readers: Our isolated status has pushed a lot of us to go just a tiny bit bonkers — in a good way.

In addition to the very serious issues raised in this space, I've received coronavirus poetry, videos of people learning to play the banjo, families lip syncing in their pajamas and other varieties of delightful silliness. I love it all.

I also received the following two questions from a married couple: "Mrs. and Mr. Smith."

Dear Amy: An unexpected effect of coronavirus isolation is that my husband has developed a thirst for the perfect shoe. He already possesses an impressive collection of casual shoes, sneakers and dress shoes.

Now he has acquired shoes to walk to the bottom of the driveway, shoes

for the short walks versus 5-mile walks, and he insists he needs more shoes for sunny weather, damp weather, slippery conditions and "unforeseen situations."

This quest for the perfect shoe is expensive, of course, but do I need to fear for his mental health? I've started calling him "Imelda."

— Mrs. Smith

Dear Amy: I'm married to a wonderful woman, but she insists on cleaning up nonstop. Even when we're having dinner, if she spots a crumb on the floor, she leaps out of her chair with a vacuum cleaner. She's using a robot vacuum too, so that she can clean in two places at once.

Also, she can be critical. If I don't hang up my shirts to suit her, she's quick to point out the proper technique. Even my closet is under scrutiny, and I've become afraid to use it, so I'm forced to leave my garments on the floor.

Is there a way to solve this problem without ruining the perfect bliss of our marriage?

— Mr. Smith

Dear Mrs. and Mr. Smith:

Let us tread, ever so gently, through this pandemic — but not over each other — and wearing the perfect shoe, if possible. For now, one of you gets to Roomba, and the other gets to rumba (in his dancing shoes). Be safe, be well, and keep your quick wits about you.

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Festivals

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to advocate for and support our local arts and events sector through the Arts for Illinois Relief Fund and many other efforts."

The cancellations represent a blow to Chicago musicians.

"Of course, it's a great disappointment for us as artists," said Chicago blues harmonica master and bandleader Billy Branch, who was to have performed June 5 with Jimmy Johnson and June 7 with Branch's The Sons of Blues.

"I was looking forward to performing, and, of course, it's a great letdown for the fans. It's the largest outdoor blues festival that there is, and it draws people from all over the world, as well as Chicagoans. So it's a huge loss. But at this point, I would say it makes sense. ... What can we do, in the wake of what we're facing?"

Said Chicago blues-and-boogie pianist Erwin Helfer, who was to have



ERIN HOOLEY/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Thousands of fans gather at the Petrillo Music Shell in Grant Park to enjoy the Chicago Blues Festival in 2015.

performed a solo show on June 5 and with singer Katherine Davis on June 7, "I'm not surprised."

As for next year, "I'm 84," added Helfer, "so I can't make predictions."

The cancellation of these major events in May and June "does not necessarily impact smaller DCASE programs, DCASE festivals scheduled for later this summer, or co-presented programs hosted by the city in venues like Millennium Park," the statement said.

Millennium Park, the Chicago Cultural Center

and other spots managed by the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events are closed to the public until further notice.

For more information, visit Chicago.gov/dcse. For information on the Arts for Illinois Relief Fund, visit ArtsforIllinois.org.

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Comparing areas with a meaningful viewership difference on March 14, they found "approximately 30% more cases" of people contracting the disease in Hannity-favoring areas versus Carlson-favoring areas, he said. Two weeks later, he said, they found roughly the same difference in the number of deaths in those areas.

But, says the paper, "the results suggest that in mid-March, after Hannity's shift in tone, the diverging trajectories on COVID-19 cases begin to revert."

Fox News has pointed to Hannity's late January interview with National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Director Dr. Anthony Fauci to

argue that his viewers were receiving accurate coronavirus information.

Said a Fox News spokesperson when asked about the paper, "The selective cherry-picked clips of Sean Hannity's coverage used in this study are not only reckless and irresponsible, but downright factually wrong. As this timeline proves, Hannity has covered Covid-19 since the early days of the story."

"The 'study' almost completely ignores his coverage and repeated, specific warnings and concerns from Jan. 27-Feb. 26, including an early interview with Dr. Fauci in January. This is a reckless disregard for the truth."

"We are, of course, aware of the broader political climate in the U.S. and the political debate," said Yanagizawa-Drott. "And it's all during a pandemic

where tensions are high in general."

But the point, the authors said, was to have their study join a growing body of research about the impact media can have on public behavior. Publishing a "working paper," they said, is standard practice in economics, a precursor to peer review and publication in a professional journal.

"I think we're being very careful," said Yanagizawa-Drott. "We're studying this differential viewership to answer the fundamental question for us, which is: Does the information matter early on in a pandemic like this for health outcomes and behavior? And that's what we can, I think, provide some evidence for."

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'American Idol' at home

Here's how ABC's singing competition will be broadcast from more than 40 locations during the coronavirus crisis

By MICHAEL SCHNEIDER
Variety

When "American Idol" returns with new episodes next Sunday, it will adapt to these coronavirus quarantine times by taking place for the first time in the homes of the show's contestants, musicians, judges, mentors and host.

After two weeks of airing clip specials — giving producers enough time to rethink and readjust "Idol" to our new stay-at-home reality — "Idol" returns on April 26 with its final top 20 contestants scattered across the country. Meanwhile, host Ryan Seacrest will anchor the show from his house — where he happens to have the "American Idol" desk from its original Fox run, a relic he has now dug out of the garage and placed in his living room.

"I think we're at about 45 different locations that we're producing the show from now remotely," said Trish Kinane, the showrunner and executive producer of "American Idol," as well as the president of entertainment at "Idol" production company Fremantle. "So it's quite an operation."

The "Idol" performance episodes won't be live, but will now be "live to tape" to give the show's producers a chance to edit the show into something broadcast-ready. And because of the clip specials that aired over the past two weeks, this year's final round of "Idol" has been reduced to four episodes — which means there will be multiple eliminations each week. On next Sunday's episode, the top 20 will be whittled to 10, for starters.

Given the unusual circumstances, and the fact that the contestants won't be playing to audiences or in the show's usual live stage at Los Angeles' Television City, ABC alternative series senior VP Rob Mills said he believed "four weeks is the right amount of time for these people to perform. It's going to be more cutthroat because you're going to see more

people eliminated each week than normal. So there is going to be less room for error. And I think that will make it more exciting."

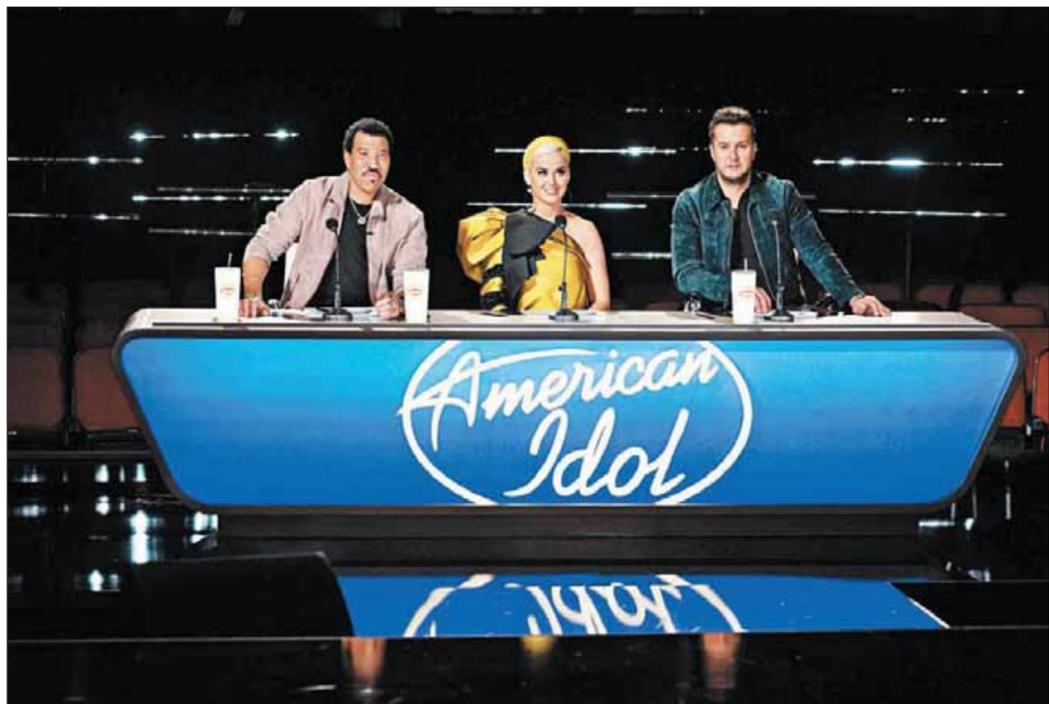
Kinane said the producers have sent iPhone cameras and lighting kits to all of the contestants, and have also been working with them on how and where to shoot their performances at home.

"Some of the looks that we and the kids together are pulling off in their homes are great," she said. "One of our contestants took it upon himself to build a little stage in his garage with backdrops, and it's looking amazing. They're bringing out cushions and tapestries and goodness knows what else out of their cupboards. We've got one girl who has a lake as a backdrop, which looks fantastic. I'm proud of the quality that we hope to be able to deliver."

The producers have also been consulting with contestants on how to do their wardrobe, makeup and hair by themselves. "There's been quite a bit of online shopping with them," Kinane said. "We've been trying to give them some of the 'Idol' experience, albeit remotely."

That also extends to figuring out how to work with the in-house "Idol" band, led by Kris Pooley. "The vocal coaching sessions have been interesting," Kinane said. "We've had a pianist in one home, the vocal coach in another home, the contestant in another home, all popping in and out of Zoom rooms trying to do the vocal coaching. ... Kris Pooley and the guys have been producing amazing tracks virtually."

Besides the 20 contestants, the show must also juggle Seacrest; mentor Bobby Bones; judges Katy Perry, Lionel Richie and Luke Bryan; and Pooley's band. An engineering control room in Kansas City is handling all the incoming video, and then spitting it out again for the judges and



ERIC MCCANDLESS/ABC

Lionel Richie, from left, Katy Perry and Luke Bryan will serve as judges for "American Idol" during the pandemic.

contestants can watch the proceedings on a split screen.

"It is a singing show so we really wanted it to be good quality sound and vocals," Kinane said. "It's quite an operation. We're not doing it all via Zoom or Skype. Basically we're doing it in a sort of much higher quality way."

There have still been plenty of challenges, especially now that it's up to the contestants' family members, in many cases, to handle the video shoots. "Some are great and some can't even put a tripod up," she said. "Our Zoom sessions are trying to teach people how to place a camera and put a tripod up have been hilarious. It's a very sort of mom and pop experience putting all that together."

Kinane said the show will still feature celebrity guests, and keep as many "Idol" trademarks as they can. "It's still 'Idol,' we want it to look and feel like 'Idol' but it will have a different perspective," she said. "I (wanted) real interaction between Ryan and the judges and the contestants. We've solved that largely by our engineering, that they really are seeing each other properly. For example, we've been working hard on the latency issues so that people aren't talking over each other all the time."

Kinane said she has also

taken advantage of Fremantle's global operations to see how the company has been handling similar shows in other territories. "We make these big shows, 'Idol' and 'X-Factor' and 'Got Talent' all around the world," she said. "There's a lot of experimentation going on in our different territories. So I've been able to call up people and go, 'What are you doing? How are you getting over no audience thing?' We're all sharing ideas and whether you're in Indonesia or London or LA, it's the same problem: How to do a huge studio, glossy show without the audience."

Until a few weeks ago, ABC and Fremantle thought there might be a chance the rest of this "Idol" season might eventually be able to happen in studio. Half of the set had already been loaded into Television City when the work stoppage happened.

After the most recent episodes, shot in February at Disney's Aulani resort in Hawaii, "Idol" was supposed to go immediately into the live studio episodes. At first, the thought was to hold the rest of the show until the world was back up and running — but it soon became apparent that such an all-clear sign was months away.

Kinane said the discussion switched to the fact that "Idol" had momentum, and postponing the show

didn't feel right — or fair to the contestants. Then came the idea of still doing the studio show, but with social distancing, a smaller crew and no audience.

"Actually, it got quite exciting at one point we were talking about doing Disney night with an augmented reality audience full of Disney characters which would have been quite fun — having lions and mice in the audience," she said. "But then things became clear that we weren't going to be able to be in the studio at all for a while."

Then the idea of doing a hybrid — several weeks of remote broadcasts, with the final episodes in studio — was at first a possibility, then nixed. "It's been a very interesting couple of months," Kinane said. "Let's plan for this, oh, no, no, let's plan for that. It's changing by the minute. The focus then switched to it all being remote."

The finale will be the one moment where "American Idol" will be broadcast live — and that will only be during the final moments, when the results of the show are revealed. "That's going to be a challenge as well," Kinane said.

As for next season, ABC and Fremantle are already looking at how the current stay-at-home mandates will affect "Idol" auditions. Normally the "Idol" bus rolls around the country throughout the summer,

scoping for talent.

"We have no idea if we'll be able to have crowds of people together," Kinane said. "It's also going to affect next year as well in some way. We always do online and Skype auditions, but the most raw talent, the most interesting talent in many cases comes from people who just turn up, out of nowhere at one of the places where our buses stop. I don't want to lose that element because that's what makes the show special. Otherwise you'd just have producers on Facebook and YouTube and Instagram all day. That's what I'm thinking about now for next year."

Meanwhile, Fremantle must also figure out a similar contingency plan for its NBC summer series "America's Got Talent." That show may be harder to produce via at-home remotes, however.

"AGT" is a different beast because of the nature of the acts with acrobats and light shows and all of that," Kinane said. "AGT" is a little bit further down the line, so there's a little bit more time, and who knows what the state of the virus will be by then. We're all people who are used to being able to plan, being able to be in control and say, 'We're doing this.' But we just don't know. We can't make those decisions, which is a very different experience."

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"To be honest I haven't had a break in forever, so I'm just kind of enjoying being with my family," he said.

When asked to share a worst moment in his career, Reedus' thoughts turned to the reality of what it means to be a recognizable face no matter where you go.

My worst moment ...

"I started going to Costa Rica a lot because Andrew Lincoln, who was on 'Walking Dead,' was a big surfer and he was always trying to teach me how to surf, so during our mid-season break he'd take me to Costa Rica. After five or six years, I finally got my own place in Costa Rica.

"I should say, I'm a horrible surfer. If I stand up and go 15 feet, it's the greatest day ever — and 15 feet is being very generous (laughs).

"So this was maybe the second time I was there after I got my own place, and I really wanted to go surfing one morning. I had just enough of a window to do it before I had to run and catch this little charter plane that zips me to the main airport, which is how you bounce around down there. So I was like, 'OK, I'm just going to catch one or two waves, see if I can stand up, and that's how I'm going to end this trip.'"

"I'd like to say this was a long time ago and that I'm a much better surfer, but this was, like, two years ago. And I'm still not very good (laughs). But I love it so much.



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Norman Reedus, left, as Daryl and Melissa McBride as Carol on "The Walking Dead."

"I go down to the beach and I have my surfboard, and as I'm getting closer to the water I hear, 'Norman, can I get a selfie?' And I turn around and there's two or three girls standing there. And then there's five or six. Then there's 10. Then a dozen, and it keeps going. Everyone's on social media, so if someone finds you, they blast a picture of you and then the whole beach shows up.

"And as this is happening, my window for surfing is getting smaller, so I was like, I have just enough time to go out there and catch one wave. So I said, 'Bye, guys.' And I started paddling out.

"I finally get out far enough, and as I turn around to face the beach I realize there's maybe two dozen people by now and they all have their cell-phones pointed at me and

they're waving. And again, I am not a good surfer — I may or may not stand up. There's already been a couple pictures (taken in the past) of me falling backwards or one foot in the air and my mouth wide open — just no coordination at all.

"So I'm looking at the beach and there's this wall of cameras and people waving and I'm like: OK Norman, what are you going to do? Are you going to just paddle in and sort of get off the board and act like that's what you planned on all along, just so you don't have to risk someone getting another embarrassing photo?"

"And I was like, you know what? (Screw) it. I'm going to catch a wave, and if I fall and they get a bunch of pictures of me, fine.

"So I mustered up the

strength and started paddling, and I caught the wave and rode it all the way to the beach, standing up like a frickin' pro the whole way. And then I sort of hopped of my board, flicked my hair a little bit, all Pam Anderson-like on 'Baywatch.' I waved to all the girls (and) they waved back. And I went back to my house feeling like a king.

"So I left Costa Rica that way instead of the wimpy way, and I felt very proud of myself because it was literally a 50-50 chance I wasn't going to be able to stand up."

This is a worst moment? This sounds like a great moment!

"Well, it was a bad moment that turned into a good moment. Trust me, I would have preferred to go down there and have no

one watching me.

"The girls on the beach, they were all super sweet and super nice and that didn't bother me one bit. I was just embarrassed because I'm not a good surfer and I was like, am I going to fall over or am I actually going to stay up?"

What does it feel like when you're photographed anywhere you go?

"It's not great. Somebody was telling me that I was in Page Six for grocery shopping in Los Angeles, just buying things for the house (during the quarantine). There's a whole bunch of crazy stuff happening in the world and I get a call that I'm in Page Six for buying groceries?"

"It's not like we're hoarding things; we have a full house of people we have to feed. The paparazzi guys, they're in it to make a buck. You have (to) go, 'Come on guys, please don't shoot (photos of) my baby daughter. Please just cut it out.' And they'll do it anyway."

"In New York, they'll be hiding behind a pole or a parked car and I just see their shoulder and they're kind of sneaky, like big-game hunters. In California, they surround you a foot from your face and they scream your name and it's just invasive."

"It's not like I'm a (jerk) to those guys. So if I'm like, 'Come on, cut it out,' eventually I think they feel like (creeps) and they'll stop. And sometimes you can say, 'OK, take a picture and then stop following me,' and they'll be like, 'OK,' because I don't think they want to follow me either."

"If (a fan) is going to snap a picture on their phone, I'd rather they say,

'Hey, can I do this?' you know what I mean? Because that's cool, that's fine. Everyone's got a camera phone and everyone wants to take a picture, and selfies I can almost deal with. But I'm really good at knowing when someone's pointing a camera at me and trying to be sneaky."

"The person that's looking to the left, but their phone's pointing to the right, right at you, and they think you don't see them? That happens every time I leave the house. It's super annoying. Or you're sitting on an airplane and they walk by you and their iPhone is in a sharpshooter position down at their waist. That's pretty weird to me."

"And I've done the same thing — I took a photo with my phone of the back of Martin Short's head one time on an airplane because I was like, 'That's Martin Short!' Like, I get it (laughs). I still have that photo somewhere. I'm a big Martin Short fan, but I'm sure he would have appreciated it if I had said, 'Hey, can I take a picture of the back of your head?'"

The takeaway ...

"On the surfing thing, my takeaway is: Trust yourself. And if you look like an idiot, who cares? If someone takes a goofy picture of you on their phone, who gives a (crap)?

"If I had gotten on the plane and wussed out and not even tried to stand up, it would have bothered me for weeks (laughs). It would have eaten me alive. "Everyone's taking pictures anyway, so who cares?"

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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

SUDOKU

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Level: 1 2 3 4

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

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WORD SEARCH

AM...PM

Can you find all the words with AM or PM? 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.

M	V	F	E	M	A	N	C	E	B	L	A	M	E	T	B	X
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AMATEUR	CAMP	EQUIPMENT	SCREAM
AMBER	CAMPMATE	FLAME	SHAME
AMID	CHAMPION	GRAM	SHIPMATE
AMINO	CHIPMUNK	HAM	SHIPMENT
AMNESIA	CLAM	HELPMATE	STAMP
AMUSE	CREAM	JAM	SWAMP
BAMBOO	DAMAGED	MADAM	SWARM
BEAM	DEVELOPMENT	NAME	TOPMOST
BLAME	DRAMA	RAM	UPMARKET
CAMEL	ENAMEL	ROAM	UPMOST
CAMERA	ENCAMPMENT	SAMPLE	VAMPIRE

BOGGLE

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

E	A	N	A
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WordWheel

Insert the missing letter to complete an eight-letter word reading clockwise or counterclockwise.

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TV CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

- "Cat ___ Hot Tin Roof"
- "Star Wars" filmmaker George ___
- "Sesame Street" network
- Cauldron
- "The World ___ Enough"; 007 movie
- Diving bird
- "Please Don't ___ the Daisies"
- Sri ___
- Presurgical scan, for short
- ___ con carne; spicy stew
- "Falcon ___"; prime-time soap opera
- Actor on "NCIS: New Orleans"
- "Close Encounters of the ___ Kind"
- Cochlea's place
- Word attached to fly or about
- Pig's home
- Bottled water brand
- 2018 sci-fi series
- Trigger or Mister Ed
- Lions' dens
- "___ Life to Live"
- "Every Which Way But ___"; Clint Eastwood film

DOWN

- Intl. alliance
- Webster and Wyle
- Upper room
- Frasier's ex
- "McFarland, ___"; Kevin Costner movie
- Network for Wolf Blitzer
- Satisfactory, for short
- Robert ___ of "Unsolved Mysteries"
- Victoria Principal's role on "Dallas"
- College treasurer
- Short one-act play
- "A ___ Like Love"; Amanda Peet movie
- Ms. McClanahan
- "Crouching ___; Hidden Dragon"; Chinese action film
- "The Real Housewives" network
- ___ Ababa, Ethiopia
- Oliver and Sharon
- "___ Company"
- "Say ___ to the Dress"
- ___ at the switch; inattentive
- Long or Peebles
- Prison rooms
- Best Actor Oscar-winner David ___
- Actress Garbo
- "Rabbit ___"; Nicole Kidman film
- "___ Trek: Discovery"
- Cereal grain
- Miner's discovery
- Johnny Cash's "A Boy Named ___"

JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

CHAHT

HURGS

MATIGS

NOIRUJ

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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M O V E A B L E E W E R P W P M

B A R Y E T W I S T J

R A V A I L O L I R A I S E

R I D E I M O M S E L D O S

K E E T S E G O O S T L S

ARROW WORDS

Fill in the grid using the clues provided in the direction of the arrows. When complete, unscramble the letters in the circles to reveal a mystery word.

Not stereo	Big tub	Audio effect	Kitchen gadget Soup vegetable	Minuscule	Pie nut	Crave	Handout seeker Film spool
Not set	Shell lining		Type of Emmy		Confine	Heads for bed	
Easily angered person	Stockpile	Decorative	Fix firmly				
Prohibit	Fine spray		Plot surprise	Fireplace fuel		View	
Pasta dish	Not often						
Patsy							

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KIDNEWS FUN & GAMES

Farm Machinery

W	E	E	T	W	O	L	P	T	I
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C	R	R	A	S	R	M	B	C	L
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L	T	W	T	A	L	C	N	T	R
T	A	O	O	R	M	I	E	T	N
I	V	S	T	O	R	L	K	O	I
H	W	I	A	R	R	R	E	N	G
A	O	N	B	E	E	T	H	R	E
R	R	C	U	A	P	R	E	S	E

Find all the words from the word list (ignore spaces and dashes, if any):

BALER	SEEDER
COMBINE	SOWER
COTTONGIN	THRESHER
CULTIVATOR	TILLER
HARROW	TRACTOR
INCUBATOR	WEEDER
MILKER	
FLOW	
REAPER	

This is zigzag word search puzzle. Words go left, right, up, down, not diagonally, and can bend at a right angle. There are no unused letters in the grid, every letter is used only once.

FIND 10 DIFFERENCES

WATCH THIS: WEDNESDAY



Jane Goodall

"Jane Goodall: The Hope" (8 p.m., 11:03 p.m., NATGEO): It's been nearly 60 years since anthropologist Jane Goodall first traveled to Tanzania to enter the little-known world of chimpanzees. As she did her groundbreaking studies into the chimp culture, by the mid-1980s Goodall had become concerned with how chimpanzee populations were sharply declining, largely because of habitat destruction.

"Born Wild: The Next Generation" (7 p.m., Disney, NATGEO): Robin Roberts hosts this new special that presents stories of hope while giving viewers a revealing look at our planet's next generation of baby animals and their native ecosystems. In far too many cases, those environments currently are facing daunting environmental changes. The program and its correspondents invite viewers to witness and celebrate the diversity and wonder of baby animals, their families and habitats.

"Ghost Nation" (7 p.m., 11 p.m., TRAVEL): Paranormal investigator Shari DeBenedetti joins the team as returnees Jason Hawes, Steve Gonsalves and Dave Tango open their second season with a two-hour premiere called "The Witching Tree." The supersized episode finds the ghostbusters answering a distressed couple's call for help in Biglerville, Pa. This pair believe a cursed tree in the yard is behind the apparitions and unexplained noises that are haunting their farmhouse.

"Schooled" (7:30 p.m., ABC): On an Earth Day-themed episode called "CB Saves the Planet," CB's (Brett Dier) attraction to Paloma (guest star Chloe Bridges), an environmental consultant brought in to oversee William Penn's Earth Day activities, is complicated after he learns she is opposing an important construction project at the school. Tim Meadows and Bryan Callen also star.

"Ghost Hunters" (8 p.m., 12 a.m., AE): The new episode "Nightmare Camp" takes place at the Perry-Mansfield Performing Arts Camp deep in the forests of northern Colorado. The location has been plagued for years by reports of uncanny activity, so Grant Wilson dispatches the rest of the team to do some advance scouting there before they launch the first professional investigation at the camp.

"She Walks With Apes" (8 p.m., BBCA): Airing as part of BBC America's celebration of the 50th anniversary of Earth Day, this new documentary narrated by actress Sandra Oh ("Killing Eve") chronicles the epic story of three women — Jane Goodall, Dian Fossey and Biruté Galdikas — who devoted most of their lives to living with mankind's closest relatives, the Great Apes.

TALK SHOWS

"Conan" (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Former basketball star Shaquille O'Neal.*

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actor LL Cool J; Dr. Jane Goodall; Kate Tempest performs.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): The comic interviews guests and introduces musical performances.*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live!" (10:35 p.m. 11:36 p.m., ABC): Actor Chris Hemsworth.*

* Subject to change

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WEDNESDAY EVENING, APR. 22

MOVIES

	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00
BROADCAST	CBS 2	Survivor: "This Is Extortion." (N) ©		(8:01) SEAL Team: "Edge of Nowhere." (N)		S.W.A.T.: "Vice." (N) ©		News (N) ▶
	NBC 5	Chicago Med: "It May Not Be Forever." ©		Chicago Fire: "A Chicago Welcome." ©		Chicago P.D.: "The Devil You Know." ©		NBC 5 News (N) ▶
	ABC 7	The Goldbergs (N)	Schooled (N) ©	Am Housewife (N)	Single Parents (N)	Who Wants to Be a Millionaire (N) ©		News at 10pm (N) ▶
	WGN 9	black-ish: "VIP." ©	black-ish (N) ©	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	WGN News at Nine (N) (Live) ©		WGN News at Ten (N)
	Antenna 9.2	Alice ©	Alice ©	3's Comp.	3's Comp.	Johnny Carson ©		Coach ©
	Court 9.3	Court TV Live (N) (Live) ©						Court TV (N)
	PBS 11	Chicago Tonight (N)		Climate Change: The Facts (N) ©		H2O: The Molecule That Made Us: "Pulse." (Series Premiere) (N) ©		NOVA: "Killer Floods." ▶
	CW 26.1	Harry & Meghan: A Royal Rebellion (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	Exit Wounds (R,'01) ★	Steven Seagal, DMX. ©			In the Cut	
FOX 32	The Masked Singer: "The Mother of All Final Face Offs, Part 2: After the Mask." (N) ©				Fox 32 News at Nine (N)		Modern Family	
Ion 38	Blue Bloods ©		Blue Bloods ©		Blue Bloods ©		Blue Blood ▶	
TeleM 44	Cennet (N) ©		La Doña (N) ©		Operación Pacífico (N) ©		Chicago (N)	
MNT 50	Chicago P.D. ©		Dateline: "The Target." ©		Dateline: "Dark Valley." ©		Chicago ▶	
UniMas 60	¿Qué culpa tiene	Nosotr.	Nosotr.		Noticiero (N)	Vas con todo ▶		
WJYS 66	Salem Baptist Church	Joyce Meyer	Robison		Sin miedo a la verdad		Paid Prog.	
Univ 62	Ringo (N)	Amor eterno (N)			Sin miedo a la verdad		Noticias (N)	
CABLE	AE	Ghost Hunters ©		Ghost Hunters (N) ©		Ghost Stories (N)		Ghost ▶
	AMC	Top Gun (PG,'86) ★★★	Tom Cruise, Kelly McGillis. ©			The Perfect Storm ★★★		
	ANIM	★ (6) Lone Star Law		Lone Star Law		Lone Star Law		Lone Star ▶
	BBCA	Planet Earth II ©		She Walks With Apes (N) ©				Planet ▶
	BET	Saving Ourselves: BET's COVID-19 Relief Effort (N)				Saving BET's COVID-19 Relief Effort ▶		
	BIGTEN	The Journey Michigan State Classic		BTN Basketball in 60 ©		The Journey		
	BRAVO	Real Housewives (N)		Summer House (N) ©		Real Housewives/Beverly Hills		Watch (N)
	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N) ©		CNN Tonight (N)		Tonight (N) ▶
	COM	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	Yankers (N)		Daily (N) ▶
	DISC	Expedition Unknown (N)		Great Global Clean Up		Croc Rescue (N)		Legends ▶
DISN	The Next Generation (N)		Penguins (G,'19) ★★★				Sydney-Max Coop ▶	
E!	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Funny Dnc	
ESPN	★ (6) 2008 NBA Finals				2008 NBA Finals From June 17, 2008. ▶			
ESPN2	NFL Programming (N) ▶							
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	★ (5:30) The Jungle Book		Motherland (N)		Motherland: Fort Salem		700 Club ▶	
FX	★ (6) The Fate of the Furious (PG-13,'17) ★★				Shadows (N)		What We Do	
HALL	Nature of Love (NR,'20)	Christopher Russell. ©			Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	
HGTV	Property Brothers (N)		Property Brothers (N)		Hunters (N)	Hunt Intl (N)	Celebrity ▶	
HIST	Forged in Fire (N)		Forged in Fire ©		Eating (N)	Eating	Forged ▶	
HLN	Death Row Stories ©		Death Row Stories ©		Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	
IFC	★ (6:15) Training Day (R,'01) ★★★	Denzel Washington.			Brockmire	(9:31) Training Day (R) ▶		
LIFE	Married at First Sight: "Season 10 Reunion." (N) ©				Bride & Prejudice (N)		Wedding	
MSNBC	All In With (N)		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)	
MTV	The Challenge (N) ©				Ridiculous.	Ridic. (N)	Ridiculous.	
NATGEO	The Next Generation (N)		Jane Goodall: The Hope (N) ©				Born Wild ▶	
NBCSCH	White Sox Rewind From June 29, 2005. ▶							
NICK	Danger	SpongeBob	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	
OVATION	★ (6) The Talented Mr. Ripley (R,'99) ★★★	Matt Damon.			Demolition Man (R,'93) ★★			
OWN	20/20: Homicide		20/20 on OWN ©		20/20 on OWN ©		20/20 ▶	
OXY	Snapped: "Judith Singer."		Snapped: "Emma Raine."		Snapped: "Lisa Graham."		Snapped ▶	
PARMT	Twister (PG-13,'96) ★★★	Helen Hunt, Bill Paxton. ©			Twister (PG-13,'96) ★★★			
SYFY	★ Battlestar	Battlestar Galactica ©			Battlestar Galactica ©		Battlestar Galactica ©	
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Full (N)		Conan ©	
TCM	An Inconvenient Truth (PG,'06) ★★★	Al Gore. ©			Koyaanisqatsi (NR,'83) ★★★			
TLC	My 600-Lb. Life: "David & Benji & Erica." (N)				My 600-Lb. Life: "Alicia's Story." ▶			
TLN	Baptist	King	Focus on	The Three	Life Today	Prayer	Baptist ▶	
TNT	All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite (N) (Live) ©				Hobbit: Battle of the Five Armies ▶			
TOON	Home Movie	Burgers	Burgers	Rick, Morty	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Family Guy	
TRAV	Ghost Nation: "The Witching Tree." (Season Premiere) (N) ©				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	Nick Cannon: Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	Wild/Out ▶	
WE	Law & Order ©		Law & Order: "DR 1-102."		Law & Order: "Missing."		Law ▶	
WGN America	Married	Married	Married	Married	Married	Married	Married	
PREMIUM	HBO	Westworld ©		It: Chapter Two (R,'19) ★★		Jessica Chastain. © ▶		
	HBO2	The Plot Against America		Atlanta's Missing		(9:15) Westworld ©		Crazy ▶
	MAX	Déjà Vu (PG-13,'06) ★★★	Denzel Washington. ©			(9:10) The Hurricane (R,'99) ★★★		
	SHO	The Affair: "101." ©		Couples	Work-Pro.	The American President ('95) ★★★		
	STARZ	★ (6:19) Drag Me to Hell		Zombieland: Double Tap (R,'19) ★★		Spider-Man: Far Home		
STZNC	Vida ©	(7:34) Vida	(8:09) Vida	(8:42) Vida: "Episode 12."		(9:16) Repo Men ('10) ★▶		

Comic surprises local parrot rescue group

Glaser giving game show winnings to Northbrook facility

BY TRACY SWARTZ

Richard Weiner said he was unfamiliar with the comedian Nikki Glaser when the ABC network contacted him in March about Glaser donating her winnings from ABC's "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" to his Northbrook parrot rescue.

"I was ecstatic. I couldn't believe that we were picked. They really didn't tell me anything about why we were picked," Weiner told the Tribune. "And then I started Googling Nikki and saw what she does, thought she's great. I thought it would be excellent to have her represent us. Of course I wanted to know why she picked us, and I never got that answer."

Glaser — whose Netflix stand-up special, "Nikki Glaser: Bangin,'" dropped in the fall — admitted on last week's episode of "Millionaire" that she didn't know much about Weiner's organization. Its official name is A Refuge for Saving the Wildlife, but it's called Rescue the Birds on the show (the website is rescuethebirds.org).

"I Googled 'parrot rescue,' and it was the only website that looked like it was reputable," the 35-year-old Glaser told "Millionaire" host Jimmy Kimmel. "So you have a deep connection to this?" Kimmel asked.

"Yes, Jimmy, yes. I wanted to help the animals. I'm obsessed with animals, and I think birds don't get good enough representation out there, in terms of like, we need to rescue them too," said Glaser, who grew up in the St. Louis area. "And let me just say, the thing about parrots is people get them and they don't realize that these birds live like 70 years, some of them. And so there



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Comedian Nikki Glaser competes on the celebrity edition of "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" Glaser's episodes aired this month on ABC.

are a lot of abandoned birds because their owners got them, and then they die, so there's lots of misplaced birds."

"Or maybe the parrots are killing their owners. Have you ever considered that?" Kimmel asked.

"Not until this very moment, and I would like a new charity," Glaser said. "I'm sorry, it's too late. You've got to stick with this one," Kimmel said with a laugh.

Glaser will finish her pursuit of the \$1 million prize on the episode scheduled to air at 9 p.m. Wednesday on WLS-Ch. 7. She answered 11 multiple-choice trivia questions right to earn \$64,000 on last week's episode — but she could walk away with only \$32,000 for the birds if she incorrectly answers the

next question, which is for \$125,000. The \$1 million prize is awarded when 15 questions are correctly answered.

Celebrities are set up for success on this pre-taped special edition of the long-running game show, which premiered April 8. Contestants are allowed to seek help from a guest joining them in the studio as well as take advantage of other "lifelines" including asking Kimmel for assistance and phoning a friend. Celebrities were guaranteed \$32,000 for their given charity, according to the rules.

Glaser's run has been dramatic. On last week's episode, her \$16,000 question was: "Which of these critically acclaimed films was made to look as if it takes place almost entirely

in one continuous shot?"

Glaser consulted with her designated helper, Dr. Drew Pinsky, and said "The Lighthouse" as her final answer when she said she meant to say "1917." She screamed as she realized her mistake. The judges let her select "1917" which was the right answer. A tearful Glaser expressed her gratitude as Kimmel laughed.

"I can hear the parrots celebrating right now with all the crackers they will be brought as a result of this," Kimmel said. "All right, so shall we collect ourselves and move on?"

Wednesday's episode is just as intense. After Glaser's run, actors Jane Fonda and Anthony Anderson take the hot seat. Chicago-area natives Lauren Lapkus, Ike Barinholtz and Hannibal Buress compete

later in the season. Buress, who grew up on the West Side, plays for Melvina Masterminds, the youth arts, science and technology center he founded in the Austin community.

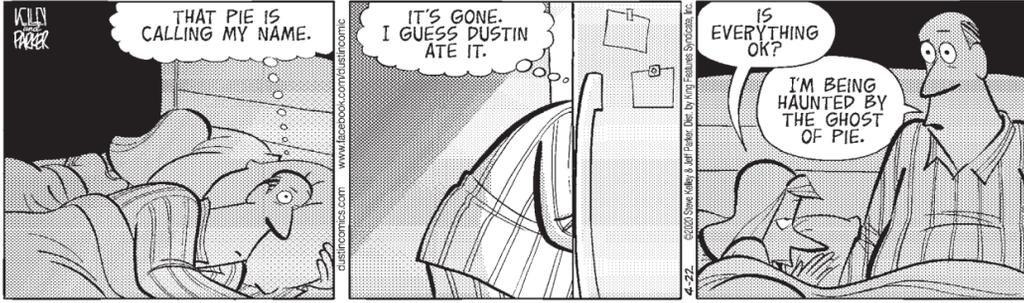
Weiner, who is also the deputy public safety chief for the village of Glenco, said he does not know how much his rescue will get — he hasn't seen Wednesday's episode or received a check — but he said Glaser's donation will go to bird food, toys, cages and veterinary care. The volunteer-run facility rescues and rehabilitates birds; offers adoption and boarding services; and provides permanent placement for birds with special needs and education about proper care of exotic birds. The money is much needed, Weiner said, especially as the group

cares for 70 birds during the coronavirus pandemic.

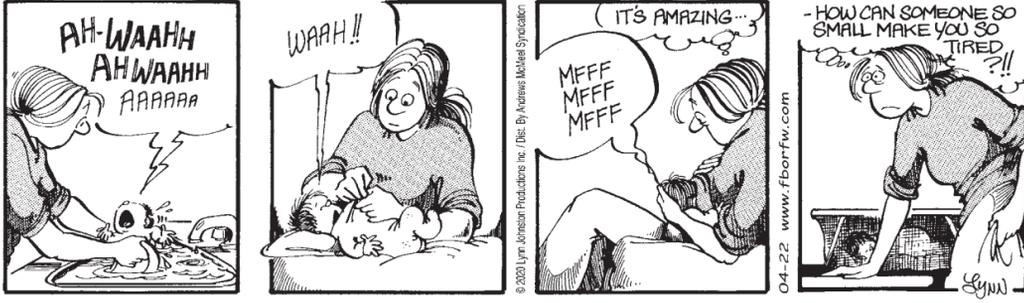
"We don't have any of the volunteers coming, and all of our boarding clients have had to cancel their trips because of the fact that they can't go anywhere. We're not boarding their birds, and this is spring break, so it was a huge hit for us," said Weiner, who started the organization out of his home nearly 30 years ago. "And then on top of it, we've got a couple of boarding birds here that were boarding before the pandemic, and (clients) are stuck where they're at and can't get back, so I can't charge them for the fact that it was a nationwide pandemic. So we're losing on that end too."

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Blondie By Dean Young and John Marshall



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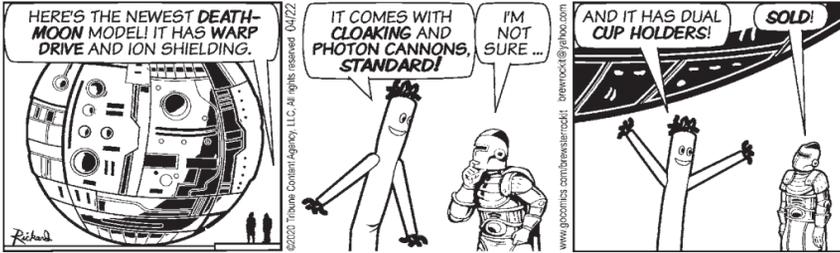
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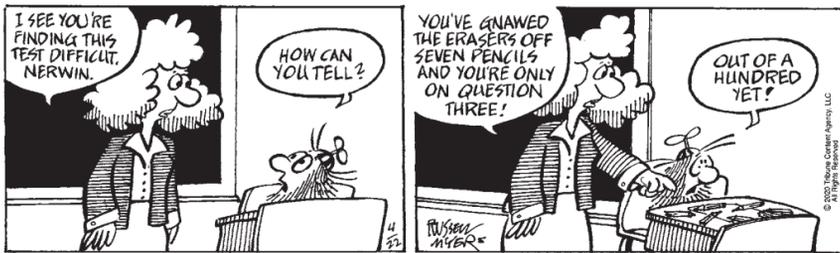
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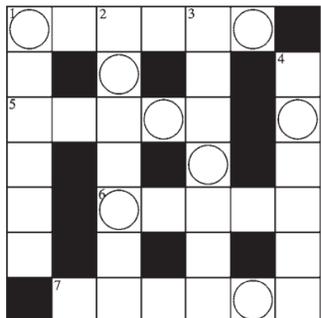
Jude Law starred in a 2004 remake of "Alfie." Who starred in the 1966 original?

- A) Richard Burton
- B) Michael Caine
- C) Albert Finney
- D) Peter O'Toole

Tuesday's answer: Nancy Cartwright provides the voice of Bart Simpson.

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Jumble Crossword



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CLUE: This is considered the second-largest volcano in the world.

BONUS ○○○○○○ ○○○○

- ACROSS**
- 1. Flowering plant
 - 5. Madagascar native
 - 6. "Saturday _____ Fever"
 - 7. _____ tennis
- DOWN**
- 1. Assert
 - 2. Gaseous compound
 - 3. Furious
 - 4. Bump, shake

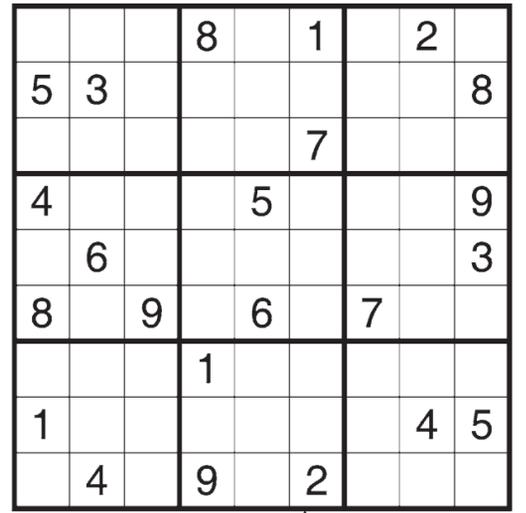
How to play - Complete the crossword by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

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ANSWERS: 1-A-Alfie 2-B-Michael Caine 3-C-Albert Finney 4-D-Peter O'Toole

Sudoku 1 2 3 4

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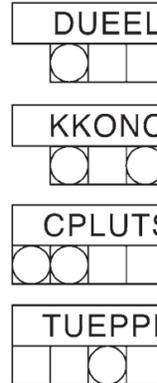
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

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.



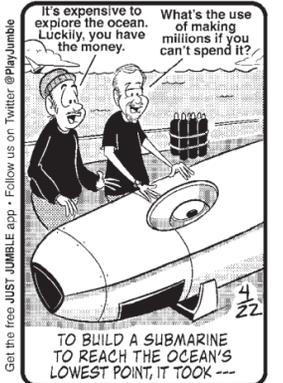
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Tuesday's answers

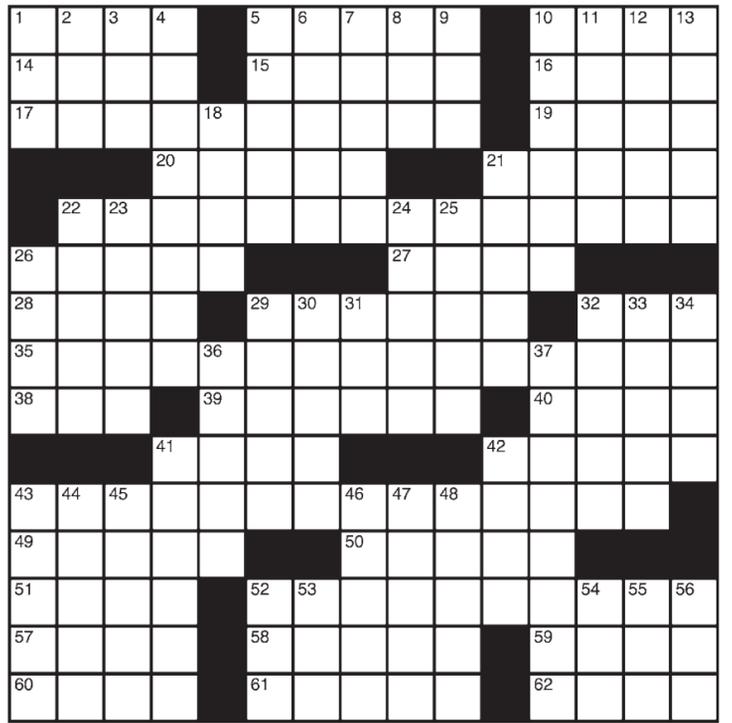
Jumbles: MOTTO SIXTH FIBULA CAMERA
Answer: When he said his favorite old T-shirt still fit him, it was a — BIT OF A STRETCH

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Crossword

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Across

- 1 Tablet compatible with Apple Pencil
- 5 Just short of the A-list?
- 10 Entice
- 14 "Yikes!"
- 15 Snorkeling spots
- 16 "Marriage Story" actor Alan
- 17 Strict prerequisite
- 19 Telegraph taps
- 20 Circus prop
- 21 Good dog's reward
- 22 Powerful force for innovation
- 26 Softly hit hit
- 27 Senior advocacy group
- 28 Spanish eight
- 29 Certain Muslim
- 32 Part of an all-in-one printer
- 35 Spoke frankly
- 38 Go (for)
- 39 Like pop tunes

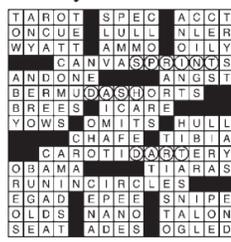
- 40 _____ collar
- 41 Shiny fabric
- 42 Crete peak: Abbr.
- 43 Trattoria seafood dish
- 49 Seismic event
- 50 Certain believer
- 51 Push
- 52 Aquarium collection
- 57 Hawkish god
- 58 Set straight
- 59 Playing to break a tie, briefly
- 60 Newbie
- 61 Full of gossip
- 62 Some hosp. scans

- 23 Like four Koufax games
- 24 Belief system
- 25 Cartoonist Guisewite or her title character
- 26 Western neckwear
- 29 Passport mark
- 30 Suite spot
- 31 Fortune rival
- 32 Belong
- 33 Cell terminal
- 34 TV ally of Hercules
- 36 Part of an ancient boat
- 37 "Don't make waves"
- 41 In this way
- 42 Ponder
- 43 Stocky
- 44 Get a move on
- 45 Wild party
- 46 "Luther" actor Elba
- 47 Bay sound
- 48 Weasley sister
- 52 Ticked off
- 53 Journalist Velshi of MSNBC
- 54 Common word-ending letters that can be pronounced five ways, as demonstrated in five long puzzle answers
- 55 Highway hazard
- 56 Presumed 8-Down crew

Down

- 1 Platform for 1-Across
- 2 Honor society letter
- 3 New England cape
- 4 Makes the world a better place
- 5 UCLA player
- 6 Washington portraitist Rembrandt _____
- 7 Slow, musically
- 8 Eerie sky sight
- 9 W-9 or W-2 ID
- 10 Often unjust accusation
- 11 Presumed 8-Down pilot
- 12 Baggage requirement
- 13 Hint
- 18 Makeup-removing swab
- 21 Preakness horse's age
- 22 Yosemite climbing spot featured in "Free Solo," for short

Tuesday's solution



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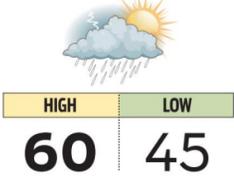
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22 NORMAL HIGH: 62° NORMAL LOW: 41° RECORD HIGH: 91° (1980) RECORD LOW: 24° (1986)

Milder today and then a cool and wet weekend

LOCAL FORECAST



■ Clouds mixed at times with some sun. A seasonable high near 60.

■ The day opens cool but turns mild from the city southward. Mid 60s possible far south suburbs but cooler lakeside and only near 50 at the north shore.

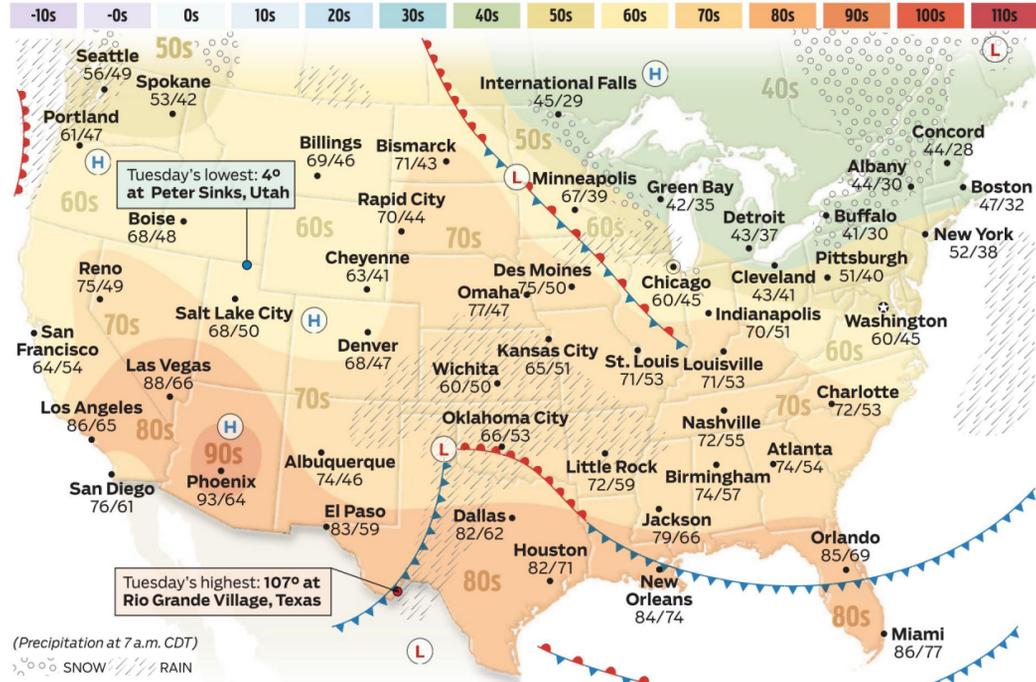
■ SE morning winds turn SW and increase to 10-15 mph with gusts to 22 mph.

■ Scattered daytime showers become more numerous in the evening with a t-storm possible.

■ Cloudy with light showers overnight. Winds diminish, turning west.

■ Mild nighttime low in the mid 40s.

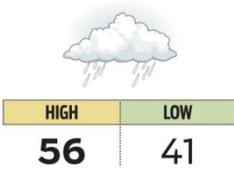
NATIONAL FORECAST



A cold start to the day then a warm front will set up over the city, turning winds to the southwest from the city southward. Southeast winds will persist later in the day north of the city keeping temperatures much cooler, especially in Lake County. High temperatures may reach the mid 60s in the far south suburbs with lakeside and North Shore temperatures only reaching the upper 40s to low 50s. Scattered showers are possible and an evening thunderstorm is not out of the question. High temperatures will be in the 50s from Thursday through Sunday.

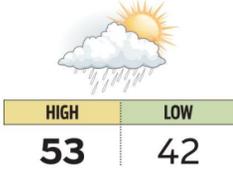
April precipitation has been well below normal through Tuesday but a rainy period will begin today and conclude this weekend. Freeze warnings were in place this morning from southwest Ohio to New Jersey.

THURSDAY, APRIL 23



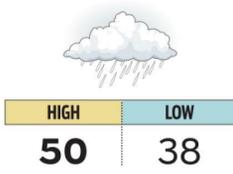
Mostly cloudy, much cooler. High in the mid 50s but SSW winds turn NNE increasing to 10-15 mph cooling afternoon temps. Sprinkles or scattered light showers. NE winds weaken slightly overnight with mostly cloudy skies.

FRIDAY, APRIL 24



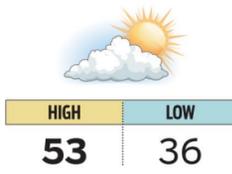
Mostly cloudy and continued cool with scattered showers. High in the low 50s away from the lake. NE winds gusting to 20 mph keep temps in the 40s lakeside. Rain overnight with breezy ENE winds.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25



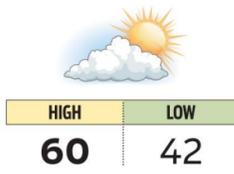
Rainy, windy and unseasonably cool. High near 50 but only in the 40s near Lake Michigan. Nearly 15 degrees below normal. NE winds 16-32 mph. Remaining cloudy overnight but rain chances diminish.

SUNDAY, APRIL 26



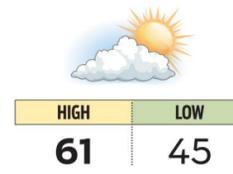
Mostly cloudy at sunrise with a few sprinkles but clouds diminish as the day progresses. Chilly high in the low 50s. N winds 15-20 mph gusting to 25 mph. Partly cloudy overnight. N winds diminish.

MONDAY, APRIL 27



Morning sunshine with slowly increasing cloud cover. Slightly milder with a high near 60 but NE winds 10-15 mph keep it significantly cooler lakeside. Mostly cloudy overnight with a chance of a shower.

TUESDAY, APRIL 28



Mostly cloudy with a seasonable high in the low 60s. Chance of showers. SW winds 12-18 mph. Rain chances diminish overnight. Nighttime winds turn W 10-15 mph. A near normal low in the mid 40s.



NOTE: Predicted high/low temps on Tribune weather page are chronological—the "high" refers to maximum reading expected during day and "low" is the minimum reading expected the following night.

ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
About 9:30 pm on April 20, a severe storm struck near my home in the Muskego area in southeast Wisconsin. Numerous heavy items were smashed into the ground and there was also some roof damage. Was it a tornado? Thanks.
Donna Pope Muskego, Wisconsin

Dear Donna,
Probably not. Severe, fast-moving thunderstorms struck portions of southeast Wisconsin that evening. The storms produced wind gusts to nearly 70 mph at the Milwaukee Airport with reports of tree damage and power outages throughout the area, about the time your damage occurred. In addition to the high winds, your area may have been hit by a microburst. These are surges of rain-cooled air that plunge earthward out of thunderstorms, spreading in all directions. By definition, microbursts affect areas less than 2.5 miles in diameter.

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Ivory's weather updates weekdays 3 to 6 p.m. on WGN-AM 720 Chicago.

Brief warm-up Wednesday; cool, unsettled weather follows

CHICAGO SUNSHINE

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
100%	94%	89%	100%

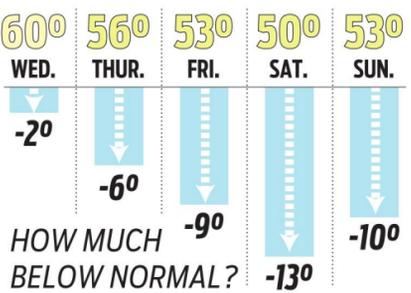
Normal for April 21: 57% Last April: 42%

FORECAST CHICAGO PRECIPITATION CHANCES

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	FRI. NIGHT	SATURDAY	SAT. NIGHT	SUNDAY
45%	20%	25%	60%	60%	40%	20%

CHICAGO FORECAST HIGH TEMPS (O'HARE)

Cooler than normal for remainder of the week



SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

SEVERE WEATHER OUTLOOK



LATE WEEK STORM TO BRING WIND, RAIN, CHILLY TEMPS



MIDWEST CITIES

WED./THURS.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	rn	67	52	sh	64	49
Carbondale	pc	72	49	sh	63	43
Champaign	pc	73	51	sh	64	45
Decatur	pc	73	50	sh	64	45
Moline	pc	73	50	sh	64	45
Peoria	pc	73	50	sh	64	45
Quincy	pc	73	50	sh	64	45
Rockford	sh	67	50	sh	64	45
Springfield	cl	73	51	sh	67	46
Stirling	ts	69	50	sh	66	43
Indiana	pc	70	51	sh	68	48
Bloomington	pc	72	54	sh	69	49
Evansville	cl	72	54	sh	69	49
Fort Wayne	sh	61	46	sh	57	41
Indianapolis	pc	70	51	sh	68	48
Lafayette	cl	71	52	sh	62	45
South Bend	sh	62	50	sh	60	42
Wisconsin	pc	70	51	sh	68	48
Green Bay	ss	42	35	sh	44	35
Kenosha	pc	52	43	sh	54	38
La Crosse	ts	69	42	sh	61	41
Madison	pc	64	43	sh	53	38
Milwaukee	pc	64	40	sh	48	37
Wausau	cl	45	33	sh	48	33
Michigan	sh	43	37	sh	46	37
Detroit	sh	43	37	sh	46	37
Grand Rapids	sh	43	39	sh	50	38
Marquette	pc	36	27	cl	40	29
St. Ste. Marie	pc	36	25	sh	43	30
Traverse City	pc	41	33	sh	47	34
Iowa	ts	75	47	pc	69	45
Ames	ts	75	47	pc	69	45
Cedar Rapids	ts	72	48	pc	64	41
Des Moines	ts	75	50	pc	70	47
Dubuque	ts	70	48	cl	62	41
El Paso	cl	83	59	pc	88	65

OTHER U.S. CITIES

WED./THURS.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Albany	pc	44	30	cl	54	39
Albuquerque	pc	86	57	sh	86	61
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Albuquerque	pc	86	57	sh	86	61
Amarillo	ts	70	45	sh	81	49
Anchorage	sh	44	37	cl	47	37
Ashville	pc	69	49	sh	62	54
Aspen	pc	65	36	rs	48	30
Atlanta	pc	74	54	ts	70	57
Atlantic City	pc	53	40	sh	57	50
Austin	ts	80	63	sh	87	67
Baltimore	su	58	43	rs	61	54
Billings	pc	69	46	sh	57	41
Birmingham	cl	74	57	ts	74	55
Bismarck	pc	71	43	sh	59	40
Boise	sh	68	48	sh	63	41
Boston	pc	47	32	sh	54	42
Brownsville	pc	93	76	ts	92	73
Buffalo	cl	41	30	sh	46	36
Butte	pc	68	48	sh	63	41
Charlotte	pc	72	53	sh	67	60
Charlottesville	pc	67	59	ts	75	65
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Chattanooga	cl	72	55	ts	71	55
Cheyanne	pc	63	41	sh	56	33
Cincinnati	pc	68	51	sh	58	49
Cleveland	cl	43	31	sh	47	43
Colorado Spgs	pc	65	41	ts	63	39
Columbia MO	pc	67	51	sh	70	50
Columbia SC	su	73	56	sh	72	63
Columbus	pc	59	47	sh	55	47
Concord	pc	44	28	pc	64	41
Corpus Christi	pc	86	73	ts	87	70
Dallas	ts	82	62	sh	86	65
Daytona Bch.	pc	79	68	sh	89	71
Denver	pc	68	47	cl	67	40
Duluth	pc	38	32	cl	39	33
El Paso	cl	83	59	pc	88	65
Fairbanks	pc	46	29	cl	44	25
Fargo	su	65	34	sh	70	39
Flagstaff	pc	93	72	pc	92	77
Fort Myers	ts	67	58	pc	77	55
Fort Smith	ts	67	58	pc	77	55
Fresno	su	61	60	sh	84	59
Grand Junc.	pc	71	45	pc	66	39
Great Falls	cl	65	42	sh	57	39
Harrisburg	su	54	38	rs	54	49
Hartford	pc	48	32	cl	54	42
Helena	cl	64	43	sh	54	39
Honolulu	cl	83	72	sh	82	72
Houston	ts	82	71	sh	88	66
Int'l Falls	sh	45	29	pc	51	31
Jackson	su	79	66	ts	77	57
Jacksonville	pc	79	68	ts	89	72
Janeau	rn	46	39	rs	48	39
Kansas City	rn	65	51	sh	74	54
Las Vegas	su	86	65	su	91	66
Lexington	pc	65	51	pc	60	50
Lincoln	pc	78	45	pc	76	49
Little Rock	ts	72	59	pc	75	53
Los Angeles	su	86	65	su	91	66
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Louisville	pc	71	53	pc	61	51
Louisville	pc	71	53	pc	61	51
Macon	sh	71	51	sh	73	58
Memphis	sh	71	51	sh	73	58
Miami	pc	86	77	pc	85	79
Mobile	cl	81	71	ts	62	64
Montgomery	cl	78	64	ts	76	57
Nashville	cl	72	55	ts	67	61
New Orleans	pc	67	39	pc	62	54
New York	pc	52	38	sh	51	40
Norfolk	su	64	47	sh	65	67
Oklahoma City	ts	65	53	sh	81	57
Omaha	ts	77	47	pc	74	50
Orlando	pc	85	69	pc	94	75
Palm Beach	pc	86	77	pc	87	79
Palm Springs	su	97	69	su	100	74
Philadelphia	su	63	34	sh	59	50
Phoenix	su	93	64	su	97	68
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Pittsburgh	su	61	40	rs	61	47
Portland, ME	pc	44	30	sh	53	35
Portland, OR	rn	61	47	cl	63	47
Providence	pc	48	32	cl	55	41
Raleigh	su	68	50	rs	65	61
Rapid City	su	70	44	ts	60	39
Reno	pc	48	32	sh	49	35
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Richmond	su	65	44	sh	61	57
Rochester	pc	41	27	sh	45	37
Sacramento	pc	83	58	su	85	58
Salem, Ore.	rn	59	44	cl	63	46
Salt Lake City	pc	68	50	pc	61	43
San Antonio	ts	85	63	su	90	65
San Diego	su	76	61	su	77	63
San Francisco	pc	64	54	su	65	53
San Juan	pc	87	75	pc	86	76
Santa Fe	pc	64	39	pc	67	40
Savannah	pc	71	61	ts	78	64
Seattle	rn	56	49	sh	61	46
Shreveport	ts	76	61	pc	79	61
Sioux Falls	su	76	43	cl	69	46
Spokane	rn	53	42	sh	62	38
St. Louis	sh	71	53	rs	66	48
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Tucson	su	85	57	su	85	61
Tulsa	ts	66	57	pc	80	57
Tulsa	ts	66	57	pc	80	57
Washington	su	60	45	rs	64	54
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Wichita	ts	60	50	sh	78	54
Wilkes Barre	pc	43	27	pc	50	41
Yuma	su	95	66	su	99	68

WORLD CITIES

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Amsterdam	su	70					

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HEALTH & FAMILY



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Catherine Payne, who was diagnosed with breast cancer last year, finished chemotherapy treatments last month.

Coronavirus and cancer

BY KATE THAYER

As the coronavirus pandemic intensified, so did Catherine Payne's strategies for avoiding infection while undergoing chemotherapy.

The 33-year-old West Town woman was diagnosed with stage 3 breast cancer in November and began treatment soon after, suppressing her immune system.

What started as avoiding the gym, air travel and limiting contact with anyone who felt ill turned into a full-blown quarantine, Payne said.

And visitor restrictions at Northwestern Memorial Hospital meant her fiancé could drive her to and from treatment but could not sit with her during her infusion to keep her company, bring food and lend support.

"You feel very isolated," she said.

Cancer treatment is stressful under any circumstances, but those fighting the disease now must undergo additional precautions — and sometimes delays — as oncologists figure out the best plan while also

Oncologists, patients weigh treatment and risk. 'Cancer is a disease that does not wait.'

keeping patients safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Doctors say every patient is different. They weigh factors such as the type of cancer and its aggressiveness, if patients are feeling symptoms and how far along they are in their treatment against the risk they take just entering a hospital.

For some patients, oncologists say it's best to postpone surgeries or treatments and replace clinical visits with virtual ones, but others must forge ahead because "cancer is a disease that does not wait," said Dr. Damiano Rondelli, chief of the Division of Hematology/Oncology at University of Illinois Hospital in Chicago and director of its Blood and Marrow Transplant Program.

Payne said she was approaching the end of her 18-week chemotherapy treatment plan when the coronavirus spread increased and stay-at-home orders came down. Her

doctors decided she could finish treatment but needed to take extra precautions.

Just entering the hospital required masks and gloves and created a lot of anxiety, she said.

"Every time I go to the hospital, it's stressful," Payne said. "When you're in the waiting room ... everyone is just kind of looking at each other. One cough, and you're moving chairs."

When she arrives home, Payne describes immediately washing her clothes. And while her fiancé is able to help her at home, her parents and other family members who live in Canada were forced to cancel visits.

It's not how Payne pictured it, but it's the safest approach. She said she feels lucky to have finished her treatment, which concluded late last month, and even luckier to schedule the next step — a surgery later this

month.

While some plastic surgery elements will be postponed due to the pandemic, Payne's doctors are moving forward with her single mastectomy.

"My worry, of course, was they'd decide I would have to wait," she said. "Especially being a younger person with a fairly aggressive cancer. ... I want all the cancer-fighting opportunity that I can get."

But having surgery this month means an overnight hospital stay alone because of visitor restrictions, she said.

"You have one image in your mind of what the whole journey is going to be like. This is another thing that's different. I'm coming to terms with that," Payne said, adding she even jokes she's "lucky" her cancer is "serious enough."

Rondelli said cancer treatment during the pandemic is a delicate balance. His team must decide the most aggressive

treatment while also protecting patients' often vulnerable immune systems, as well as hospital resources.

But there are some things that cannot be delayed, he said, such as certain surgeries to remove cancerous masses, diagnostic biopsies and other treatments like chemotherapy. It's all very individualized, requiring a lot of communication between patients and doctors.

Dr. John Abad, a surgical oncologist at Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage Hospital in Winfield and Northwestern Delnor Hospital in Geneva, said that when the virus first began to spread, he and his colleagues tried to move up as many surgeries as they could, so patients would be out of the hospital and at home recovering during projected peak times for the virus.

Now, they're pushing surgeries back when they safely can, "so we don't expose patients to the virus," he said. "We're also trying to free up resources ... so if a patient

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Doctors with anxiety and grief can call hotline

BY ALISON BOWEN

The doctors who call in are having panic attacks. They are struggling with feelings of sadness. They are worried about their family members and whether they are putting them at risk by trying to heal strangers.

Doctors are used to dealing with death and pushing through bad days. But those treating patients during the coronavirus pandemic are under an unprecedented amount of mental stress.

Many do not have what Northwestern University's Family Institute psychiatrist Smita Gautam calls emotional PPE, or personal protective equipment.

Gautam is one of five people who launched a confidential and free national support hotline for doctors on March 30. Doctors can speak to therapists across the country who have volunteered their time on the Physician Support hotline at 888-409-0141.

Physicians tend to think that distress resources aren't for them, said Gautam. But during this pandemic, many are dealing with a lot of anxiety and do not want to share these feelings with their friends and family, who might be part of their fears in the first



SMITA GAUTAM PHOTO

Dr. Smita Gautam, counterclockwise from bottom right, video chats with volunteer psychiatrists Dr. Pu Cheng, Dr. Allison Cotton, Dr. Suzan Song and Dr. Mona Masood.

place.

Experiencing a patient's death or counseling grieving family members weighs on doctors.

"What ends up happening is people go to the bathroom, put some water on the face, shed a tear and keep going," Gautam said. "But this 'keep going' can happen only so much."

The pandemic, she said, "It's like day after day you have to do that. There's no room for processing it, sitting with it. Because then you go home, and it takes an hour to get all of the gear down. ... Then you want to disconnect and

not talk about it."

So far, on a busy day, the hotline fields about 20 calls. Two volunteers at a time are answering calls. In just a few weeks, the hotline has acquired nearly 600 volunteers who help with calls every day from 8 a.m. to midnight.

Even before COVID-19, doctors experienced depression and burnout. Nearly half of physicians show signs of burnout, and at twice the rate of the general public.

The peer-to-peer support, and limiting it only to doctors, sends a message that help is something

doctors specifically should seek.

"Physicians are really not used to talking about their feelings, especially the ones who are on the front lines," Gautam said. "And so that's why we kept it purposely only for physicians, so there was this message that this is for you specifically. You also need help."

Joan Anzia, a professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, said doctors may experience grief or post-traumatic stress disorder.

She calls part of this pandemic "moral distress" — seeing such consistent trauma, watching people die without family, attempting to fill that supportive role.

"To see someone who's your grandparent's age or your parent's age dying alone, that's really wrenching," she said.

Other local resources have also emerged to help health care workers. Illinois therapists Allison Levine and Mandy Jones set up ChiHealerHealth to connect therapists with health care workers.

Before working in private practice, Levine worked in a hospital. "Hearing all of my old hospital friends share their experi-

ences on social media was making me feel helpless and enraged," she said.

So far, they have matched 27 health care workers with therapists and have a waitlist of 160 volunteers. Those seeking help can apply here, and mental health professionals offering to volunteer can apply here.

People do not have to be providers to qualify; they stress it is also available for those in any hospital job such as registration or housekeeping.

Other resources are available throughout the city; Anzia noted Northwestern has a Peer Support Program, a team of doctors in multiple specialties who provide support to colleagues. Within the hospital, a team of mental health providers volunteered to provide consultations, and said they also have programs for nurses, residents and fellows.

The federal Department of Health and Human Services also runs a Disaster Distress Helpline that provides 24/7 counseling and support to people experiencing emotional distress related to disasters. That number is 800-985-5990.

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'A balance of risk'

Some patients left not only anxious but also in pain as pandemic delays nonurgent medical procedures

By SARAH GANTZ
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PHILADELPHIA — AnnaMarie Dunn thought her cancer-fighting days were behind her — she'd already lost one kidney in 2018. But in January, a routine scan found that her kidney cancer had spread to her adrenal gland, so her doctor scheduled surgery to have that removed, too.

Dunn, a 68-year-old early-childhood teacher from Manahawkin, New Jersey, was eager to get the procedure over with and get back to normal. Then, a week and a half before her April 6 appointment at Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia, her doctor called to cancel.

Hundreds of elective and nonurgent medical procedures have been postponed, as hospitals prepare for a surge of coronavirus patients. Rescheduling all but the most urgent procedures limits the likelihood of spreading the virus by reducing the number of patients coming to the hospital, and preserves medical resources, such as personal protective equipment, for treating critically ill patients. Even at specialty hospitals that aren't caring for COVID-19 patients, every appointment brings patients in close proximity with multiple providers and support staff, which goes against the recommended social distancing.

But although some procedures, such as voluntary cosmetic surgery, can be delayed with little consequence, patients with serious medical conditions,

such as cancer, are also finding that they will have to wait for treatment — and cope with the anxiety of living with their illness a little longer.

"I was concerned about the outcomes of waiting another two months. I was worried about whether the cancer could grow in the meantime," Dunn said. "It's scary not knowing what's going on."

The decision is one that requires doctors to weigh the urgency of a patient's medical needs and the danger of delaying care against the risk of becoming severely ill if the patient is exposed to the coronavirus while in the hospital. New data from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that COVID-19 patients with underlying medical conditions, such as diabetes, heart failure or kidney disease, were at greater risk of needing intensive care.

"All of our decisions in life pivot on a balance of risk, and right now, the greatest risk many (patients) face is not these low-risk cancers — it's exposure to the virus," said Alexander Kutikov, a surgical oncologist and head of Fox Chase's division of urology and urologic oncology.

Delaying treatment by even a few months for slow-growing cancers, such as some skin cancers and low-risk prostate cancer, is "unlikely to change people's destiny," he said.

Other, more aggressive cancers, such as those of the liver, lungs and pancreas, could spread quickly if not treated immediately. In



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AnnaMarie Dunn, pictured at her Manahawkin, New Jersey, home on April 1, was scheduled to have her adrenal gland removed due to kidney cancer on April 6, but the procedure has been moved to June 1.

these cases, doctors and patients must decide whether the risk of potential exposure to the coronavirus is worthwhile. Patients brought in for treatment are screened for signs of illness and asked questions about possible exposure to the virus, and typically are not allowed to bring anyone with them.

"There is definitely anxiety on both sides, where those patients who do have aggressive cancers need to proceed despite the risks; there are also anxieties for patients who are delayed and live with illness uncertainty," Kutikov said.

Thomas Nixon, who was diagnosed with kidney cancer in February, was worried that his surgery scheduled for March 27 would be canceled.

But doctors explained that the 7-centimeter mass

they'd discovered was at risk of spreading to his other kidney and vital arteries if it wasn't removed immediately, so the 61-year-old Bucks County resident went ahead with the procedure at Fox Chase Cancer Center.

"You have nobody there with you — it's a little bit nerve-racking," said Nixon, who is now recovering at home in New Hope. His wife was not allowed to accompany him, but the surgeon called her immediately after the procedure.

At Rothman Orthopaedic Institute, patients have mostly been understanding and accepting of the need to postpone procedures that aren't urgent, said Alexander Vaccaro, a spine surgeon and the institute's president.

"We're all in this together — everyone gets it,"

he said. "I haven't seen anyone act like a jerk about it."

Patients he has spoken with have said they are fine with having their procedures delayed because they don't want to risk exposing themselves to the virus, he said.

But even procedures that are safe to delay will need to be done eventually. As the number of coronavirus cases continues to grow, and social distancing recommendations are stretched into another month, doctors are having to reevaluate whether cases they postponed can continue to wait.

Wills Eye Hospital initially pushed back many nonurgent glaucoma procedures by about two weeks, said Jonathan Myers, chief of glaucoma service at Wills Eye.

"Now, that sounds hopelessly naive," he said. "We're just at that point now where we're starting to have a second round of triaging and evaluating."

In the meantime, the scheduling uncertainty adds to patients' medical anxiety — even when they understand the severity of the situation hospitals are facing and agree with their doctors' decisions.

Dunn's doctor reassured her that her cancer would not cause additional harm if the surgery were postponed for two months, but she was still disappointed — the anticipation of getting rid of the cancer had been building since January.

Her new surgery date, June 1, feels tentative. But she is choosing to be optimistic and added the appointment to her planner in pen, not pencil.



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An exam room at Planned Parenthood in 2018 in Flossmoor.

Planned Parenthood adds telehealth appointments

By ALISON BOWEN

Planned Parenthood will now offer telehealth appointments for people seeking contraception, counseling, HIV prevention medication and other sexual and reproductive health care.

The move comes after Planned Parenthood previously consolidated its offices as a response to the novel coronavirus. Beginning March 23, services were temporarily restricted to six health centers in Illinois: Chicago's Austin and Near North locations, as well as those in Aurora, Springfield, Flossmoor and Peoria.

Many hospitals have moved an array of appointments to telehealth, offering either phone or video consultations with doctors to reduce the number of patient visits.

Jennifer Welch, CEO of Planned Parenthood of Illinois, said in a statement that the platform allows them to reach patients "in a timely and personalized way, with the care and information they need when and where they need it."

The telehealth service will be a private and secure

platform, according to the agency, with video conferencing with providers. The agency already encourages use of Planned Parenthood Direct, an app that, among other things, allows people to connect with providers.

Amy Whitaker, chief medical officer for Planned Parenthood of Illinois, said the telehealth option offers more than the app, giving patients the ability to talk to providers through video. She said this can be used for contraceptive counseling, obtaining contraceptives, urinary tract infection care, hormone therapy and HIV prevention medication, among other needs. "Those services are essential services," she said. "They don't just stop because there's a COVID-19 pandemic."

Video conferencing lets patients discuss nuanced factors necessary for deciding, for example, what is the right birth control fit, Whitaker said. "The telehealth really lets us keep having those important conversations," she said.

She added that it's important that patients don't postpone necessary health care, especially abortion services, which can increase risk and cost.

Meanwhile, at its health centers, Planned Parenthood is using remote check-ins to reduce the number of patients in waiting rooms, requiring everyone to have a mask and screening for temperatures.

The agency said it also is offering travel assistance to patients who might have difficulty accessing care with an appointment moved to a different center.

Patients should know that a telehealth visit may be free or low cost with health insurance, but Planned Parenthood noted some insurance plans don't cover all sexual and reproductive services.

As far as those seeking birth control, some types require a doctor or nurse to put them in place, such as an IUD. Other options require a prescription. Some are sold over the counter, such as condoms or the morning-after pill. Patients wanting an IUD might not be able to get an appointment if their health center is closed. But a prescription for a pill or patch might be possible over the phone.

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(were to get) sick after an operation, (they wouldn't) use up space in the ICU."

As for other treatments, such as chemotherapy infusions, sometimes delaying or extending time in between visits makes sense, said Dr. Mary Mulcahy, oncologist at Northwestern Memorial.

When Chicago first had an uptick in COVID-19, no one knew how long the period of social distancing would last or how long hospitals would be affected, Mulcahy said.

"The problem is, we keep pushing it back," she said. "At some point, we're going to have to get people back."

But patients coming in for maintenance reasons are able to spread out visits or check in with doctors virtually. This allows for fewer people inside the cancer clinics, Mulcahy said.

While safer, losing that personal connection can create more anxiety, she said.

Timothy Pearman, a clinical psychologist and director of survivorship at the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center at Northwestern Memorial, said he switched his visits with patients to phone calls or video chats.

He said while he's noticed many patients are anxious, others have built a resilience from their cancer fight. "They've been able to transfer those skills to this."

The newly diagnosed patients tend to be experiencing the most angst, waiting to see how their treatment could be affected, he said. And the stress grows in those who have had to delay certain treatments.

"For any cancer survivor, the waiting is always the hardest part," said Pearman, who is also a survivor.

He said he advises using exercise as a coping tool, as well as reframing the situa-



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Catherine Payne, of Chicago, who recently finished chemotherapy for breast cancer, is scheduled to undergo surgery this month.

tion to look at positives, like enjoying additional time home with family.

Becky Ness, a social worker at Northwestern Medicine Cancer Center in Warrenville, said she talks with patients about what they can control, as well as good preventive practices.

For those with terminal cancer, restrictions and self-isolating during the pandemic can add a new layer of grief "because if they're feeling good, they want to spend time with family and friends, and enjoy what time they have left."

Even for patients who aren't terminal, the coronavirus pandemic is bringing up end-of-life issues, said Dr. Sonali Smith, interim chief of hematology/oncology at University of Chicago Medicine.

"If they get (COVID-19), they have a higher chance of having a more severe course," she said. "So that leads to this conversation of, if someone who has advanced cancer gets COVID what if they go to the ICU? What if they need to be intubated?"

While these are hard discussions, they're necessary and important, Smith said.

"I think it is hard to have these end-of-life conversations with people, no matter what. Now, we're being forced to do it because of the potential of having limited resources," she said. "Maybe it's making us do what we should've been doing all along."

For Eddie Silverman, 40,

the pandemic is changing some aspects of his life but not his overall outlook or plan to treat Non-Hodgkin lymphoma.

He was diagnosed last summer and began treatment in December. Every 28 days, Silverman drives from his Deerfield home to University of Chicago Medical Center for chemotherapy. Then, the next day he comes back to complete the two-day course.

Under Smith's advice, he's continued to do so. "This isn't a time to be experimental," Silverman said.

Although he's used to his brother or his in-laws being with him during treatment, Silverman said he's adjusted to the new normal.

He wears a mask in the hospital and changes clothes in the parking lot once he's done. At home, Silverman and his wife are vigilant about precautions. Their family doesn't have visitors, and they wipe down packages and groceries that come into the home.

"There has been really no change in my care because of coronavirus," he said. "But, there's been a change in all of our lifestyles."

Through it all, Silverman said he uses humor to cope and refuses to waiver from his ultimate goal — beating cancer.

"I've got so many people fighting for me," he said. "I can't lose this battle."

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PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

How to use bleach to disinfect objects at home

BY JOE GRAEDON
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Q: We have heard that we should disinfect door-knobs and other things that might have become contaminated with the coronavirus. All the disinfectant wipes and sprays have disappeared from grocery shelves.

Is it true that you can use a bleach solution? How would you do that?

A: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has offered advice on disinfecting cabinet pulls, light switches, doorknobs, faucet handles and other frequently touched objects at home. Clean the surface first with soap and water. Then disinfect with a freshly made bleach solution. The proper ratio is 5 tablespoons bleach per gallon of water, or 4 teaspoons bleach per quart.

Be sure to wear gloves to protect your hands while cleaning. If the gloves are not disposable, wash them well before removing them. Then wash your hands.

Also, do not use bleach solution on your clothes, rugs, curtains or upholstery. It could ruin them. Instead, wash sheets or clothing on the warmest setting indicated on the label. Use gloves to handle soiled items, and wash your hands for 20 seconds after removing the gloves.

One reader also asked: "When you spray that bleach solution on a door-knob, how long should you leave it on?" You should scrub the item, wet it with disinfectant and then let it dry on its own. Don't wipe the solution off.

Q: I live in a senior apartment community. I have a lot of arthritis, and until recently, I have been attending an in-house exercise class.



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The CDC has issued guidelines to clean and disinfect high-traffic areas like door handles and light switches.

Sadly, the class is now canceled because of social distancing. I don't know how I will manage my joint pain. Do you have any suggestions?

A: You definitely will want to maintain as much of your exercise routine as you can in your apartment. Exercise helps maintain range of motion. Resistance bands can be ordered online and may be useful.

We suggest several nondrug therapies. They include Knox gelatin in yogurt, pineapple extract (bromelain) and herbs such as ashwagandha, boswellia, ginger and turmeric. Dietary supplements such as MSM and SAME also may be helpful.

Q: I am 63 years old and have suffered from seasonal (pollen) and environmental (dust and mold) allergies for as long as I can remember. After reading in your column about quercetin, I decided to give it a try.

Nothing has helped as much as taking 500 mg of quercetin twice a day. I would like to use this daily year-round to prevent nasal allergies. However, I don't think any studies have been done to see if it is safe long term. What is your opinion?

A: Your experience is very interesting. Quercetin is a natural flavonoid found in berries, apples, grapes, onions, kale, broccoli, tomatoes, green tea and red wine.

Test-tube studies suggest ways quercetin calms allergic symptoms. However, we could find only a few clinical trials of quercetin for allergies. Japanese researchers used a related compound, isoquercitrin, in a study of people allergic to Japanese cedar pollen (Allergology International, September 2009). This two-month placebo-controlled trial demonstrated that the compound controlled itchy, red eyes.

Italian researchers studied a supplement called Lertal that contains quercetin along with Perilla extract and vitamin D3 (Italian Journal of Pediatrics, July 18, 2019). Children taking the supplement were much less likely to have allergy symptoms or need rescue medications than those on usual care. The researchers envision the supplement as an effective preventive treatment for allergies long term.

In their column, Joe and Teresa Graedon answer letters from readers. Send questions to them via www.peoplespharmacy.com.



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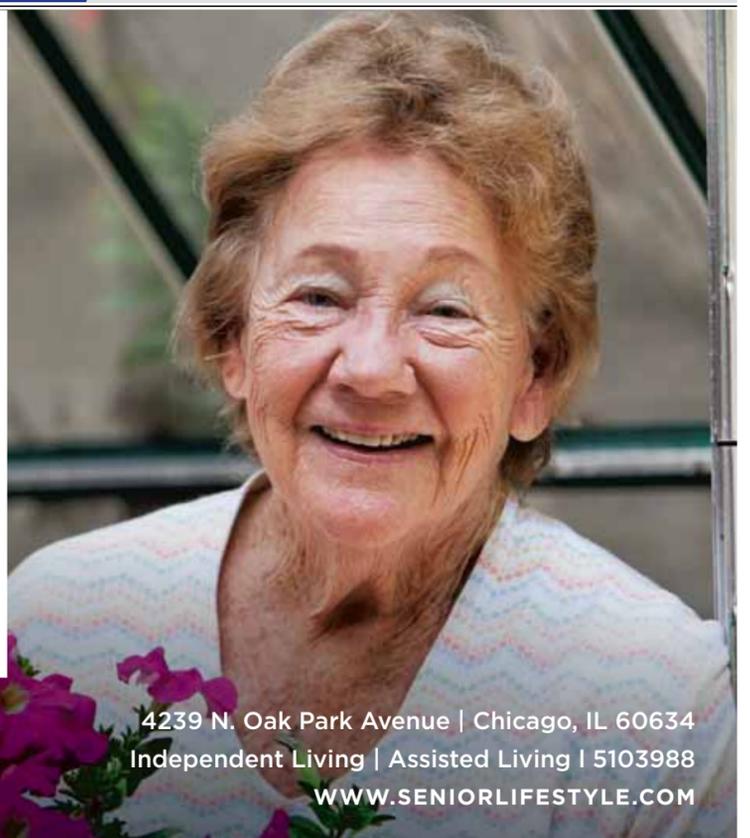
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COVID-19 expert explains what soap does to virus

Mayo Clinic News Network

Health experts at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention continue to drive home the message that excellent hand-washing is the most effective way to prevent illnesses, such as COVID-19.

Dr. Gregory Poland, an infectious diseases expert and director of Mayo Clinic's Vaccine Research Group, explains what soap does to SARS-CoV-2 and other viruses and bacteria.

Q: Why is washing your hands with soap and water the best?

A. Your hand has oils on it, and viruses stick to that oil. They have an electrostatic charge to them. But when you're washing with soap, soap has things that decrease surface tension in them so you are physically rubbing by friction and washing away that virus. It is the most effective thing we know to do. That's why surgeons, for example, scrub their hands so very carefully before they go into an OR. It works, and it works really well.

When washing your hands, follow these steps: Wet your hands with clean, running water — either warm or cold. Apply soap and lather well. Rub your hands vigorously for at least 20 seconds. Remember to scrub all surfaces, including the backs of your hands, wrists, between your fingers and under your fingernails. Rinse well. Dry your hands with a clean towel or air-dry them.

Q: What about hand sanitizer?

A: Second best is hand sanitizer. If you have mucous or dirt on your hands, hand sanitizer cannot penetrate that; whereas, soap literally washes that away.

When using hand sanitizer, Poland says, it's important to use enough of it. He says a lot of people put a dime-size drop, when they need a quarter to a half-dollar size of product. If you use a hand sanitizer, make sure the product contains at least 60% alcohol.

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Vivid 'pandemic dreams' disrupt Americans' sleep

By **MARK PRICE**
Charlotte Observer

Something called "pandemic dreams" is being blamed for keeping stressed-out Americans up at night during the coronavirus outbreak.

These dreams are described as vivid, weird and occasionally horrifying on Twitter, where examples are being shared via #pandemicdreams.

Many involve fear of death, threats against loved ones and the anxiety associated with venturing out into an unfamiliar world of empty streets, closed stores and potentially infected people.

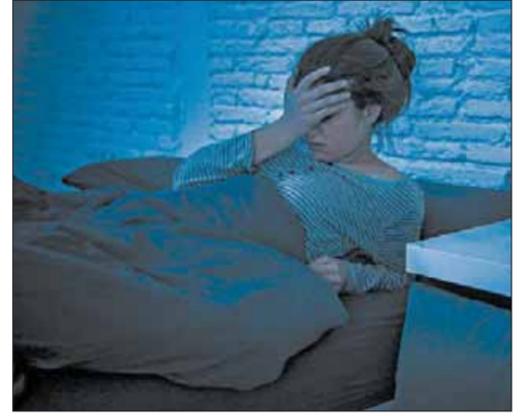
"In my dream, I called an Uber, but a hearse showed up instead. Not liking these #pandemic-dreams," Sarah Schachner posted March 23 on Twitter.

"Last night I dreamed both my daughters again were children & locked in hotel room in a skyscraper by someone who wished them harm. In terror I snuck them out of there and I set them up in a secret tent in a little green park near the sea," Dr. Elizabeth Sawin said in a March 11 tweet.

"I had a dream that I went grocery shopping, and the only thing I could find was a stick of butter. When I got out of the store, it fell out of my bag, and a lady stepped on it with a stiletto heel. Analyze that one!" tweeted Lisa Devlin.

Health experts say these strange dreams are not surprising. Sleeplessness and changes in sleep patterns are part of how understandably frightened Americans are reacting during the pandemic, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"The outbreak of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) may be stressful for people," the CDC



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"Pandemic dreams," described as vivid, weird and occasionally horrifying, are keeping frightened Americans awake at night during the coronavirus outbreak.

says. "Fear and anxiety about a disease can be overwhelming and cause strong emotions in adults and children."

Stay-at-home orders are forcing millions to stay isolated for weeks, store shelves are empty due to hoarding, and jobs are laying people off due to lack of customers.

"The coronavirus pandemic has upended nearly every aspect of our waking lives — our routines, our job security, our hopes for the future," The Cut reported in an April 2 story on pandemic dreams. "And our nights are changing too: our sleep can be fitful, our dreams darker — and, for many, unusually memorable."

This is worrisome to health experts because lack of sleep makes us more vulnerable to illnesses, including the coronavirus.

"Scientific evidence is building that sleep has powerful effects on immune functioning," according to a CDC report. "Studies show that sleep loss can affect different parts of the immune system, which can lead to the development of a wide variety of disorders. ... Sleep loss is also related to

a higher risk for infection."

The Sleep Foundation has issued some guidelines to help people sleep during the COVID-19 outbreak.

■ Be specific about sleep. Set a wind-down time before bed, a sleep time and a wake-up time. The wind-down time can include "light reading, stretching and meditating along with preparations for bed like putting on pajamas and brushing your teeth."

■ Incorporate routines to provide time cues during the day, including showering and dressing, even if you aren't going out.

■ Reserve the bed for sleep and try to make it up daily so you are not tempted to lounge on it.

■ If you can't get to sleep, "get out of bed and do something relaxing in very low light, and then head back to bed to try to fall asleep."

■ Don't use electronic devices in bed or immediately before going to bed. "The blue light produced by electronic devices, such as mobile phones, tablets and computers, has been found to interfere with the body's natural sleep-promoting processes," the Sleep Foundation says.

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Seize this moment for better food habits

Stay-at-home time can foster kids' healthier eating

By JANE E. BRODY
The New York Times

We keep looking for silver linings during the disastrous viral storm we're now struggling through. Maybe, just maybe, the COVID-19 crisis that has kept people out of restaurants, limited supermarket ventures and prompted more home cooking will result in better eating habits.

As things now stand, Americans have a long way to go before they are fueling their bodies with the foods that can prevent chronic illness and promote healthful longevity.

If you're glass-half-full optimist, you should have been thrilled by the latest report that the diets of American children have improved significantly since the turn of the century.

But the study also found that more than half the children ages 2 to 19 still have poor diets that fall well below current recommendations of what to eat to foster good health, now and in the future.

When data collection for the study began in 1999, 77% of American children, including most of those who could afford to eat better, had nutritionally poor diets. In the most recent survey completed 18 years later, the proportion of children with poor diets had declined to 56%.

The data came from nine successive National Health and Nutrition Examination surveys that included 31,420 youngsters. Diet quality was measured against three main recommendations: two current advisories from the American Heart Association and one based on the Healthy Eating Index 2015, which measures compliance with the government's Dietary Guidelines for Americans.



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Rediscovering home cooking during our weeks spent at home can be an opportunity to foster better eating habits in our kids.

"Things are getting better, but there's still a long way to go," said Dr. Dariush Mozaffarian, one of the study's authors. "It's frightening that children are still far from where they need to be. This finding is disappointing, but it's not surprising considering that most of the foods available in grocery stores and restaurants do not meet nutritional guidelines."

Mozaffarian, dean of the Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy at Tufts University, said, "The improvement over the last 20 years is not as big as we'd hoped it would be. In 20 or 30 years from now, we'll be drowning in Type 2 diabetes. If current eating habits continue, 1 in 2 kids born now will develop it. We can't wait another 20 years to fix this. There's a freight train of chronic diseases coming down the

tracks."

The study, directed by Junxiu Liu, an epidemiologist at Tufts, revealed some small but encouraging improvements. American youth are now consuming more whole fruits, fewer fruit juices and more whole grains. Although they're drinking less milk, yogurt and cheese consumption is up, as is poultry, and the amount of sugar-sweetened beverages and other sources of added sugar is now half what it was in 1999.

But there's been little progress in curbing unwholesome consumption of processed meats, refined grains and salt, and in increasing consumption of health-promoting vegetables, fish and shellfish and plant-based protein. The average daily intake of fruits and vegetables is now a mere 1.8 servings, not the

four or five servings recommended, the study showed. Instead of three daily servings of whole grains, children are consuming less than one.

And while consumption of sugary drinks has dropped significantly, "added sugars from foods hasn't gone down," Mozaffarian said. "There's still a lot of added sugars in breakfast cereals, cookies, cakes and candy in children's diets."

Given how bad youthful nutrition was before COVID-19, the pandemic could further undermine it, especially for children from low-income families, who may be missing meals at schools that are closed or whose parents are now not getting paid at all. Unfortunately, the least nourishing foods available to Americans are also most often the cheapest.

Still, Mozaffarian and

other nutrition experts hope that during the near-isolation forced on so many of us, American families will have discovered — or rediscovered — their kitchens, are involving the children in food preparation, and adults and children are sitting down together to eat the same foods.

Dr. Suanne Kowal-Connelly, pediatrician with the Long Island Federally Qualified Health Center in Roosevelt, New York, has worked hard to help children develop healthy food preferences. She said most preferences are learned in the first two years of life, a fact that all too often is exploited to children's detriment in ads and store placement for nutritionally deficient products.

"We should be helping children develop a taste for healthy foods and discour-

age salty, sugary, fatty foods in the first years of life," Kowal-Connelly said. "I recall my young sons eating the (defrosted) frozen mixed vegetables I put on their highchair trays as finger food, and a few years later, chomping on raw celery and carrots dipped in a light dressing while dinner was being prepared. There were no chips, candies or sodas in the house."

"In this time of crisis, healthy eating is more important than ever," Mozaffarian said. "Healthy foods can boost the immune system and help people of all ages fight off respiratory infections."

For people who can't afford fresh vegetables or who lack access to them, both he and Kowal-Connelly said frozen or even canned versions are a good alternative.

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Pork chops with Greek-influenced side dishes.

Greek inspiration

Delicious vegetable-based side dishes accompany pork chops marinated in lemon and oregano



JEANMARIE BROWNSON
Dinner at Home

For our Sunday dinner this week, it'll be just the two of us. Again. It's been more than a month of dinners for two.

I prefer to cook for 10. Seriously. I look forward to a house full of happy eaters. We are ready. Soon, we hope.

Until then, I keep working on my skills, challenging myself to cook more efficiently with ingredients on hand. Be more flexible with substitutions. Make fewer dirty dishes and waste. Cook less food.

Fond memories of partying with extended family members and out-of-town guests in Chicago's Greektown inspires this menu. No flaming saganaki, the famous cheese appetizer invented there, but plenty of delicious vegetable-based side dishes to accompany lemon and oregano marinated pork chops.

A ridged grill pan or the outdoor grill adds

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Melitzanosalata is a chunky and garlicky eggplant concoction.

Grab lunch, some flour and toilet paper in one spot

Chicago restaurants pivot to offer groceries

BY ADAM LUKACH

Grocery shopping looks a little different under COVID-19 rules.

We're all eating at home now, and between social distancing precautions and strong demand, trips to the store can feel fraught. Some Chicago restaurants are pivoting to meet these needs by turning themselves into small-time grocers, something like corner stores (or bodegas, if you're from New York).

"I feel like a lot of people, whether you're young or old, are really just nervous to go to the grocery store in general right now," Bar Biscay chef Alisha Elenz said. "So we're trying to get to the point where we have all of your essential needs. It's not what we do, but we would love to be able to provide that service."

In West Town, Bar Biscay has transformed itself into Bodega



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"We're trying to get to the point where we have all of your essential needs," says chef Alisha Elenz of Bar Biscay's shift to Bodega Biscay.

Biscay, becoming one of the first restaurants in the city to lean into grocery goods as a business plan. General manager Neal Neumann said they took cues from Bungalow by Middle Brow, which had begun selling bread and veggies,

and ran with that approach.

"We were doing larger prepared meals, but that fell off really quickly," Neumann said. "We tried to pivot hard, and make it a place (that could be) people's one stop for the day."

Neumann said the move also allowed Biscay to keep six staffers on payroll. Hourly staffers were laid off due to the shutdown, but Neumann hopes that the bodega approach will eventually allow Biscay to bring them back.

Biscay was able to make the switch in about 48 hours. Elenz and Neumann said once their team recognized a need, staffers there and at sister restaurant mfk "just started counting." Once they had totaled, broken down and packaged all their inventory, they launched the site.

"We do a lot of counting," Neumann said. Staff takes inventory twice per day. In general, it's been a major change.

"We've sold about 400 pounds of flour so far. We're basically a bakery now," Neumann said, before Elenz added: "And a liquor store."

Along with Biscay, several other local outlets are supplying Chicagoans with grocery goods; check them out below, along with

what they offer.

Bodega Biscay

The West Loop bar has leaned into its new niche and pretty much turned into a full-fledged bodega. The offerings change daily, so be sure to check Biscay's website for availability on specific items. The Bodega has plenty of dry goods, including all-purpose and almond flours, plus sugars, vanilla beans and more. It's a strong lineup of baking and cooking essentials.

There's also a lot of fresh produce, plus a decent selection of raw meat. Shoppers can order alcohol, including local beer, liquor and all varieties of wine. The manager at Bodega Biscay said they intend to continue expanding their inventory into household goods — they already sell toilet paper, FYI — so check back for additions. 1450 W. Chicago Ave., 312-455-8900, toasttab.com/barbiscay

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Greek

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char to the meat and the delicious taste of better days ahead. When I can find them, I use fancy loin chops with the bones cleaned (frenched, is the term) for a beautiful presentation. However, this bright, herbaceous marinade works just as well with boneless chops, chicken breasts, lamb chops and thick fish steaks. If you have frozen raw shrimp, thaw it before marinating for 30 minutes and then stir-fry the shrimp right in the marinade over high heat.

But what really calls me to the kitchen is the dips and spreads we order at local restaurants. Mounds of creamy fish roe dip, roasted eggplant spread and red pepper blended with feta, mopped up with slabs of sesame seed-crust bread, and washed down with rosé wine, fill us to the brim before the main course arrives.

Melitzanosalata, a chunky and garlicky eggplant concoction, single-

handedly turned our family into eggplant fans. Likewise, feta lovers emerged from orders of tirokafteri, a slightly spicy dip enlivened with rich red peppers and olive oil. Tzatziki, that creamy yogurt and cucumber dip served with gyros, comes together quickly and adds freshness to meats and salads.

Supermarkets may not have all the ingredients in stock during these difficult times. Feel free to fill in with one of the substitutions.

I intentionally cook enough of these favorites to have leftovers for other meals. Stir either relish into warm cooked pasta or rice. Scrambled eggs topped with the red pepper dip prove amazing; try it as a bread spread for grilled cheese sandwiches. Make open face toast with a thick spread of the eggplant mixture and top it with sliced avocado or shreds of roast chicken. Pile leftover pork, thinly sliced, on a salad or tucked in a pita drizzled with tzatziki.

Save the recipes. They all double nicely for the entertaining days surely coming in the near future.

Red pepper and cheese relish (tirokafteri)

Prep: 15 minutes **Cook:** 30 minutes **Makes:** 2 cups

3 red bell peppers, about 1 ¼ pounds total (you can use a combination of red, orange and yellow)

1 medium red or yellow onion, halved, each half cut into 3 pieces

3 large cloves garlic, unpeeled

1 tablespoon olive oil

1 tablespoon red wine vinegar or lemon juice

½ teaspoon salt

1 package (8 ounces) feta cheese, crumbled (or ¾ cup ricotta, or crumbled goat cheese, farmer's cheese or queso fresco)

Chopped fresh parsley

1. Heat oven to 400 degrees. Cut peppers in half; cut out the stem and seed pods. Put bell pepper pieces, onion and garlic on a rimmed baking sheet. Toss with oil to coat well. Roast, turning everything once or twice, until vegetables are soft and a bit golden, about 30 minutes. Cool.

2. Peel the garlic. Turn on the food processor and drop garlic into it to chop finely. Add the onion pieces and pulse 2 or 3 times to chop roughly. Add the pepper pieces, vinegar and salt; pulse a few times to roughly chop peppers. Do not puree.

3. Transfer to a bowl. Add the feta cheese and mix gently. Serve warm or at room temperature. Garnish with parsley.

For a speedy version: Substitute 2 jars (15 ounces each) roasted red peppers, drained and rinsed, in place of the fresh peppers. Slice the onion, crush the garlic and saute both in a skillet in 1 tablespoon oil until golden and soft, 3 to 5 minutes. Stir in the finely chopped peppers, vinegar and cheese. Season with salt.

Nutrition information per tablespoon: 29 calories, 2 g fat, 1 g saturated fat, 6 mg cholesterol, 2 g carbohydrates, 1 g sugar, 1 g protein, 102 mg sodium, 0 g fiber

Sauteed greens with garlic and red wine vinegar

Prep: 10 minutes **Cook:** 5 minutes

Makes: 2 to 3 servings

If dandelion greens are not available, use baby kale, spinach, chard leaves (and stems diced) or lacinato kale leaves. For variety, add a few radish leaves, carrot tops and beet greens if fresh and unblemished.

2 bunches dandelion greens, 12 ounces total

2 tablespoons olive oil

1 medium yellow onion, thinly sliced

2 cloves garlic, crushed

Coarse (kosher) salt

Red wine vinegar or fresh lemon juice

Crushed red pepper flakes

1. Trim tough ends from greens. Put into a bowl of cold water and swish around. Use your hands to lift the greens from the water. Place on clean towel or spin dry in a salad spinner.

2. Heat a large skillet until hot. Add oil and onion; saute until onion is soft, about 3 minutes. Stir in garlic, the greens and a generous sprinkle of salt. The skillet will be very full, but keep gently turning the greens with tongs as they wilt and collapse (but leaving some greens slightly undercooked), about 2 minutes. Remove pan from heat. Season with a splash of vinegar and pepper flakes. Serve right away.

Nutrition information per serving (for 3 servings): 148 calories, 10 g fat, 1 g saturated fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 15 g carbohydrates, 2 g sugar, 4 g protein, 88 mg sodium, 5 g fiber

Garlicky eggplant salad (melitzanosalata)

Prep: 10 minutes

Cook: 25 minutes

Makes: about 2 ½ cups

1 large eggplant, about 1 ½ pounds

Olive oil, about 6 tablespoons total

½ teaspoon salt, plus more for sprinkling

2 small cloves garlic, crushed

1 tablespoon red wine vinegar or to taste

¼ of a yellow, orange or green pepper, finely diced

8 cherry tomatoes, quartered

Chopped fresh parsley

1. Heat broiler to low. If possible, position rack so eggplant will be at least 8 inches below the heat source.

2. Cut eggplant lengthwise in half. Place cut side up on a parchment or foil-lined baking sheet. Brush each cut side with 1 tablespoon olive oil. Sprinkle generously with salt. Broil until cut side of eggplant is richly browned, 15 to 20 minutes. Flip and broil to soften the skin side, about 5 minutes. (If you can't adjust oven racks to be 8 inches below the broiler, then reduce cooking time and watch so eggplant doesn't burn.)

3. Let eggplant cool until you can handle it — but work with it warm. Decide if you want the skin — it is delicious to me, especially when finely chopped. Cut eggplant into large chunks and transfer to a food processor. Use on/off pulses to make a coarse mash. (Alternatively, use a large knife on a cutting board and finely chop the eggplant.) Add garlic, 3 or 4 tablespoons olive oil, the vinegar and ½ teaspoon salt. Pulse once or twice to mix gently.

4. Transfer to a serving bowl. Garnish with the diced pepper, the tomato quarters and the parsley. Drizzle top with 1 tablespoon oil. Let sit 20 minutes before serving.

Nutrition information per ¼ cup serving: 90 calories, 8 g fat, 1 g saturated fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 4 g carbohydrates, 2 g sugar, 1 g protein, 118 mg sodium, 2 g fiber

Speedy tzatziki

Use the large holes on a four-sided grater to shred 1 large seedless cucumber (peeled if you wish) into a colander. Sprinkle generously with salt and mix in 2 cloves garlic, crushed. Let stand a few minutes, then squeeze the mixture with clean hands to release some of the juices. Stir drained cucumber into 1 cup plain Greek yogurt or sour cream. Add 1 or 2 tablespoons chopped fresh chives or green onion tops if you have them.



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The pork chops are marinated with olive oil, lemon zest and juice, garlic, oregano, salt, pepper and thyme.

Seared pork chops with red pepper relish

Prep: 15 minutes **Marinate:** 1 hour or more **Cook:** 12 minutes **Makes:** 4 servings

This recipe calls for 4 chops, so you'll have leftovers. You could use ½ cup Italian salad dressing here in place of the marinade ingredients, but select one that has very little sugar. You can grill the chops on a grill directly over the heat source for 7 minutes; then flip and finish grilling until nearly firm when pressed, 4 to 5 more minutes.

4 frenched, bone-in, center-cut pork loin chops, each about 1 inch thick and weighing 8 to 10 ounces each

½ cup olive oil

Grated zest and juice of 1 large lemon

2 cloves garlic, crushed

1 tablespoon dried oregano

1 teaspoon coarse salt

½ teaspoon each: black pepper, thyme

Red pepper and cheese relish, see recipe

Parsley sprigs, lemon wedges

1. Pat chops dry. Mix oil, lemon zest and juice, garlic, oregano, salt, pepper and thyme in a shallow dish large enough to hold the chops in a single layer. Add chops and turn to coat all sides with marinade. Cover and refrigerate for several hours (or up to 8 hours).

2. Heat oven to 400 degrees convection or 425 degrees conventional. Meanwhile, let chops come to room temperature, about 20 minutes.

3. Heat a well-seasoned ridged grill pan, large nonstick skillet or well-seasoned cast-iron skillet over medium heat until a drop of water sizzles on contact. Use tongs to add chops (with the oil that clings to them) in a single, uncrowded layer. Let cook, without turning, until deeply golden on the bottom, about 4 minutes. Flip chops and slide the pan into the hot oven. Cook, without turning, until center of chop is slightly firm (but not hard) when pressed, 5 to 7 minutes. Remove from oven.

4. Serve chops topped with a generous dollop of the red pepper relish. Garnish with parsley and lemon wedges.

Nutrition information per serving: 378 calories, 29 g fat, 5 g saturated fat, 89 mg cholesterol, 0 g carbohydrates, 0 g sugar, 28 g protein, 135 mg sodium, 0 g fiber

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Bungalow by Middle Brow

Middle Brow is getting guests the essentials, and not just pizza and beer. The brewery has fresh-baked bread daily, as well as a selection of fresh root vegetables, eggs, cheeses and other pantry basics. They've even got some books, if you've been looking for a new read.

Currently available for pickup only, but Middle Brow's website says it's working on setting up its own delivery system. 2840 W. Armitage Ave., 773-687-9076, toasttab.com/middle-brow-bungalow

Chop Shop

Chop Shop is normally a restaurant and a deli, so the North Avenue space has simply focused on the latter portion during the COVID-19 shutdown. Shoppers can pick up various forms of beef and pork (raw, by the pound), as well as cold cuts and cheeses (by the half-pound). The shop also offers prepared pasta salad and potato salad, plus bread and a few veggies.

2033 W. North Ave., 733-537-4440, chopshopchi.com

El Che Steakhouse

OK, so it's not exactly grocery shopping, but El Che has been transforming into a pop-up butcher shop on select dates throughout the shutdown. The selection of cuts will vary, of course, but an El Che rep said the restaurant is working on confirming its next date. If interested, you can sign up for a mailing list on El Che's website. 845 W. Washington Blvd., 312-265-1130, elchechicago.com

Francesca's

Francesca's restaurants are offering their menu to go, both a la carte and family style, but they are also offering an all-in-one Pantry Pack To Go. The \$48 bundle includes pasta, dried meats, lettuce, milk, cheese, veggies and toilet paper and is available for curbside pickup only. Locations vary, see website for details, miafrancesca.com

Country Kitchen

A healthy selection of groceries is available from Country Kitchen in Highland Park. The restaurant has produce, dairy products, dry items and



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Bodega Biscay in the West Loop offers baking and cooking essentials, fresh produce and a selection of raw meat.

some raw meats that are available for curbside pickup or delivery. Guests can order through the website and select preferred time slots, then Country Kitchen will contact you to confirm. 446 Central Ave., Highland Park, 847-432-7500, countrykitchenhp.com

Park and Field

The crew at Park and Field has both pantry and fruit-and-veggie bundles prepackaged and available for either pickup or free delivery. The pantry kit includes flour, eggs, butter,

rice, toilet paper and paper towels; the produce haul includes romaine lettuce, strawberries, oranges, potatoes and garlic.

Park and Field also has prepared meals, DIY kits and beer and wine available. 3509 W. Fullerton Ave., 773-60-7373, parkandfieldchicago.com

Paulette's

Along with deli sandwiches, Paulette's has been keeping a tidy lineup of grocery goods. Its website has daily updates on availability. So far, the Pilsen market has been offering

basic pantry goods such as milk, bread and eggs, as well as plenty of produce.

Most of the items are locally sourced, from vendors including El Milagro, V & V Supremo and Chocolat Uzma. Everything is available for delivery or curbside pickup through Paulette's website. 1221 W. 18th St., 312-588-9320, pauletteschicago.com

Piatto Pronto

The Italian deli hasn't had to make a major shift in the way it does business to offer grocery goods. You can order pasta, pasta sauce, oil, cheese, bread, coffee and jam for delivery or pickup from Piatto Pronto. The restaurant also offers deli sandwiches and prepackaged dishes such as lasagna. 5624 N. Clark St., 773-334-5688, piattoprontochicago.com

Prairie Grass Cafe

The Northbrook restaurant is acting as a curbside pickup location for Kankakee's Three Sisters Garden farm, meaning you can order fresh veggies, baking goods and pecans from the farm, then pick them up at the Northbrook restaurant.

In addition to helping Three Sisters get out its

goods, Prairie Grass sells raw fish on Mondays, daily meal packages Monday through Thursday and 50% off all bottles of wine. Fresh fish orders must be placed by Sunday evening. 601 Skokie Blvd., Northbrook, 847-205-4433, prairiegrasscafe.com

Quality Crab & Oyster Bah

Over in Lincoln Park, Quality Crab & Oyster Bah has begun stocking a modest selection of grocery basics. Guests can pick up pasta, a few fruits and veggies, plus flour, sugar, hot sauce and coffee to take home. 1962 N. Halsted St., 773-248-3000, qualitycrabandoysterbah.com

Seoul Taco

Seoul Taco is still serving its regular menu, but the restaurant is also stocking a diverse variety of grocery goods. Options include kimchi, tortillas, eggs, rice, wasabi and raw proteins by the pound, and they're available for pickup or free delivery.

The full lineup of meal options and food items is on Seoul Taco's website. 736 N. Clark St., 312-265-1607, doordash.com/store/seoul-taco-chicago

US wine producers face the unknown

BY ERIC ASIMOV
The New York Times

Lioco Wine Co. is in survival mode. Under ordinary circumstances, this small California wine producer buys grapes from vineyards in Sonoma County, Mendocino County and the Santa Cruz Mountains to make expressive, nuanced wines. It sells them to restaurants, to distributors around the country and directly from its tasting room in Healdsburg, California. But the COVID-19 pandemic has forced the abrupt closing of restaurants and the tasting room. Restaurants that are open for takeout and delivery and able to sell wine legally are focusing on their existing inventory rather than buying more wine.

Faced with a steep drop in income, Lioco's owners, Matt and Sara Licklider, have had to move fast to stay in business. They have furloughed their nine-person staff, as well as themselves, Licklider said, as they can no longer make payroll or pay their bills. They are applying for a small-business loan, and they are hoping for the best. "We have been on a wild ride," Sara Licklider said. "The only channel we can really plumb right now is direct shipping, so we have been working that angle as best we can. Perhaps we will see a couple of wholesale orders stream in once all the retail shelves are ransacked. People are definitely drinking — I know I am."

Throughout the American winemaking business, fear and uncertainty reign. Producers, who operate on a largely predictable schedule dictated by seasons, holidays and the agricultural cycle, are suddenly facing great unknowns.

Their umbilical connection to the hospitality industry — restaurants, bars, hotels, clubs, tasting rooms, even airlines and cruise



Sara and Matt Licklider of Lioco Wine Co. speak with a delivery driver on April 3 in Healdsburg, California. The Lickliders have furloughed themselves and their nine-person staff, and have shifted their focus to home delivery.

ships — is no more, forcing a painful reckoning with staffs, budgets and business plans, with little sense of how long the disruption will go on or of what will await them when it's over.

The entire wine business is affected. Big companies and corporate wineries have far more resources to face difficulties. For small family businesses, it's potentially an existential crisis.

For some, the anxiety is assuaged by a direct connection to the earth. Vineyards in the Northern Hemisphere are at a delicate moment.

Just around now, give or take a few weeks depending on the climate, weather and grape variety, vine buds are bursting forth with leaves and the first tender shoots.

It's a tenuous time agriculturally as the potential for deadly frosts, which in one cold night can literally nip a harvest in the bud,

lingers for weeks. Farmers must be prepared to sometimes work through the night to protect their fragile vines.

At the same time, these ordinary anxieties provide a distraction from the pandemic.

"Throughout this confused and disorderly time, we are finding some respite in the vineyard activity here at home," Andrew Mariani, a proprietor of Scribe Winery in Sonoma, California, wrote in an email. "Mother Nature's course continues, and bud break still requires our attention."

So far, Scribe has not had to lay off or furlough any of its team. Mariani said that it was hard to know what to expect, but that Scribe was trying not to make any big decisions with such uncertainty.

"The situation continues to change so quickly, it's

hard to tell what hurdles we are actually facing," he said. "But we can't imagine anyone is in a long-term, sustainable position at the moment."

Philippe Langner's initial reaction to COVID-19 was panic. He makes wine in Napa Valley, selling small amounts of an expensive cabernet sauvignon under the Hesperian label and larger amounts of a more moderately priced cabernet under the Anatomy label.

The pandemic caps a difficult few years for him. He lost his house on Atlas Peak to the 2017 wildfires. Work on a new house has been underway, and construction on a winemaking facility was set to begin.

"I expected sales to crash for months, but in fact they haven't," he said. "I expected to be completely locked down, but in fact I can still work. I expected the reconstruction of my

house to be delayed again, but in fact it will be done next week. I expected distributors were going to not pay us for months but in fact they have."

It has helped that he deeply discounted his wines, cutting the price of his top \$150 cabernet in half, which has kept the cash flowing.

"I can pay my bills this month," he said. "It's about surviving this event."

Langner works largely on his own, with one part-time employee for social media and one vineyard worker. For larger companies, social distancing poses a challenge.

At this time of the year, Jason Lett, proprietor of the Eyrie Vineyards in Oregon's Willamette Valley, is usually bottling wines and packing boxes to ship to members of Eyrie's wine club. But not in 2020.

"Am I jamming eight

people in a room together to bottle?" he said. "Certainly not. So spring bottling is on hold."

Jason Haas of Tablas Creek Vineyard in Paso Robles, California, initially feared the worst. With a steep reduction of revenue, he said, he began canceling investments that were not necessary, and wondered how he could keep his staff intact.

He started to feel a little better after Congress passed the coronavirus relief bill in late March, which he said included provisions to help small businesses like Tablas Creek. And, he said, they've been able to sell more wine directly to customers than he expected.

"The vineyard is in good shape, we're working on blending this week, and the 2019 whites look outstanding," he said. "So that's something."

In the Finger Lakes region of New York, Michael Schnelle and Nancy Irelan, husband and wife, operate Red Tail Ridge Winery in Penn Yan. They depend on restaurants and their own tasting room for income, which has largely dried up. They are now selling wine only online or for pickup at the winery.

"As a result of all this, we've had to lay off all of our tasting room staff and my assistant winemaker," Irelan said. "We still have our seasonal crew helping us in the vineyard, but apart from that Michael and I are handling everything."

Like so many in the wine business, they know other people who have lost far more, and say they are grateful for what they still have.

"Things are challenging, but we are keeping our heads down and pushing forward with finishing wines, emptying tanks and preparing for the 2020 vintage," she said. "Mother Nature waits for no man, or pandemic."

New Ralat book crowns Chicago a taco capital

'American Tacos' author explores 8 types across U.S.

BY NICK KINDELSPERGER

When it comes to job titles that instantly inspire jealousy, it's hard to beat taco editor of Texas Monthly. But even before José R. Ralat got the gig last year, he'd been eating and chronicling tacos in the Lone Star State and beyond for years.

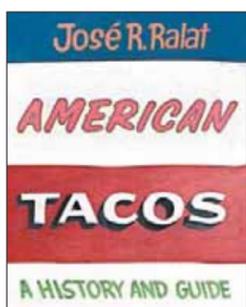
You can now read all about his adventures in his just-released book "American Tacos: A History and Guide" (University of Texas Press, \$26.95).

If you thought this would be a polite and matter-of-fact history of America's most popular taco styles, you're in for a surprise. Ralat offers up stinging critiques right next to well-researched history. That includes questioning the tacos served by certain celebrity chefs, debating the use of the word "authentic" and providing loads of evidence that San Antonio, not Austin, is the true home of breakfast tacos in Texas.

"I was even pulled back a little bit during a peer review," admits Ralat in a phone interview.

Because the book was published by University of Texas Press, it had to be peer reviewed by three academics, one of whom was anonymous: "They were brutal and fantastic."

What are American tacos? Ralat breaks them into eight categories, including breakfast tacos, crunchy fried tacos, barba-coa and barbecue tacos, K-Mex (Korean-influenced tacos), Sur-Mex (Southern-influenced tacos), Jewish



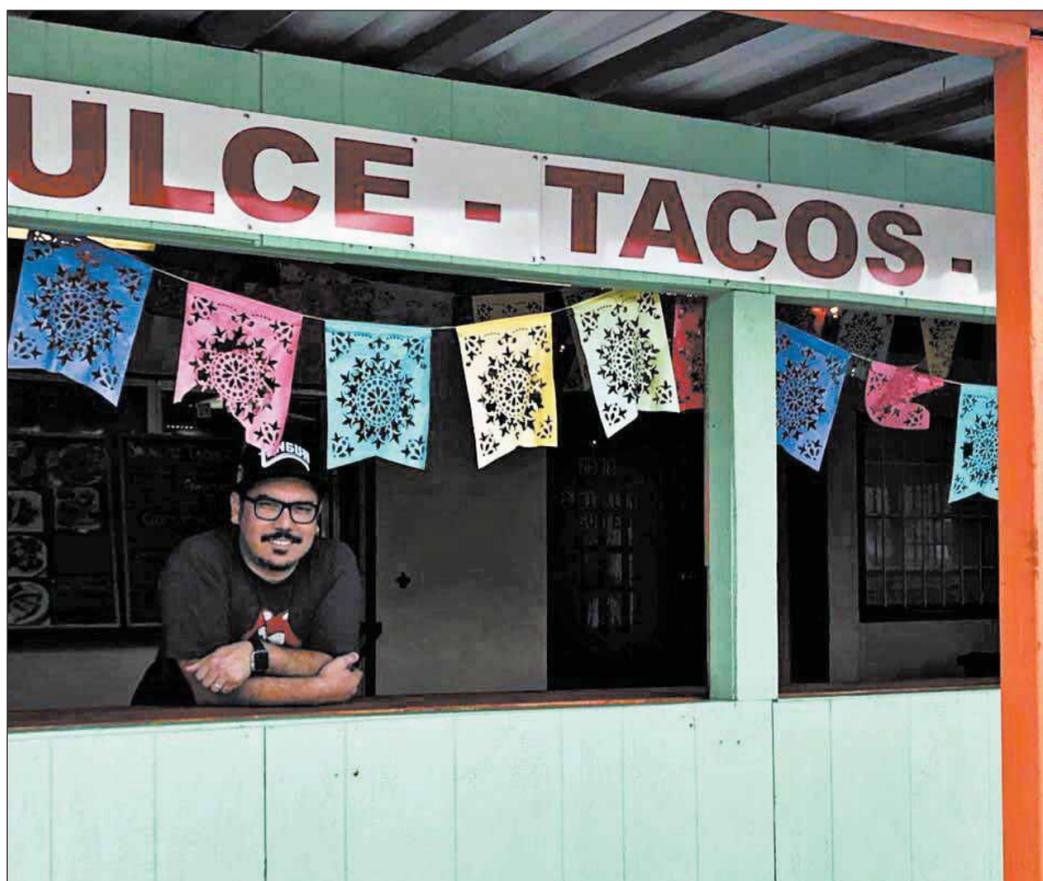
and Kosher tacos, Alta California (contemporary tacos in Southern California), and el taco moderno (chef-driven tacos).

While he loves many of these styles, he's not above explaining in detail what he doesn't.

"For the history parts, it wasn't that it had to be good," Ralat says. "It's that they had to be important. I don't like Taco Bell, but I wouldn't have a job without Taco Bell because it helped popularize the taco."

Ralat did extensive first-hand research for the book, traveling across the country, including a visit to Chicago. (Full disclosure: I rode around with him for some of the stops.) He says that Chicago often gets overlooked in discussions of the best tacos in the country, which is unfortunate. In the book Ralat writes that "Chicago is no second-class taco city," and that "immigration has transformed it into a taco capital, with some of the best Michoacan-style tacos outside of Michoacan."

In particular, he highlights Carnitas Uruapan (a restaurant I gave three stars to last year), Birrieria Zaragoza, Antique Taco, Canton Regio Mexican Steakhouse, Big Star, Mi Tocaya Antojeria, Cafe Tola #2 and Amanecer Taco Shop in Evanston. As someone who



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has quite a lot of experience eating tacos in Chicago, I can say he definitely did his homework.

But the book is far more than a collection of recommendations. One of Ralat's main points is to question the idea of strict authenticity.

"The idea of authentic Mexican is something we can never fulfill," Ralat says. "It's a myth that exists only on the page. It doesn't work with something as large as Mexican cuisine. There are too many micro regions that don't obey each other. Borders can't stop food. That includes the Rio Grande."

Ralat believes people often get hung up on what they think is authentic.

"You need to learn that a taco is not always meat in a corn tortilla with onion and cilantro," he says. "It's not

this monolithic thing."

Ralat explains that there are major differences across the country even within certain categories.

"The crunchy Midwest-style taco is different from the Cal-Mex crunchy taco," he says.

He mentions how in Kansas City crunchy tacos are topped with grated Parmesan.

"That's crazy, but fantastic and brilliant," Ralat says, "and it makes total sense once you understand that the dish is a representation of its time and place."

In the book he notes that the "specialty was a result of Mexican and Italian communities living side by side since the early days of the railroads and ingredient availability."

Ralat also isn't afraid to wade into complex issues. He devotes a number of

pages to fry bread tacos, a dish that he explains was "born from one of the darkest periods of this country's history." While some indigenous people celebrate the dish, others find it a product of "American occupation, Anglo settlement of the Southwest, and the forced relocation of local populations."

Ralat says some of the classically trained indigenous chefs he talked to were pushing against fry bread.

"It is unhealthy, but it also represents innovation and survival in the face of almost certain death," he says. "So it's a complicated thing."

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, now is a particularly tough time for restaurants. Ralat says it's especially hard for taquerias. "We need to support our

local businesses in whatever way we can," he says. "These people work hard and they are trying to feed their families. They are also trying to employ their staff, who have families of their own. Some might be undocumented, so they can't benefit from the same system."

While it might be a difficult time, Ralat says he's not worried about the future of the taco in America.

"The taco will endure," he says. "It's gone through worse."

He explains that so many taquerias started up around the Great Recession to help feed people at affordable prices. He admits that there might be fewer places serving \$5 to \$10 tacos, but they'll still exist.

"There is no stopping Mexican food," Ralat says. "It's always going to win."

VERSATILE BEANS

With so many varieties, they're about as nutritious and economical as a meal gets

BY MELISSA CLARK
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Whether stacked high in plastic bags or lined up in your pantry, beans are about as healthful, nutritious and economical as dinner gets — not to mention comforting and cozy when things seem overwhelming at best and scary at worst.

They are also wonderfully versatile. Not only do the many bean varieties vary widely in flavor, they can be seasoned in all kinds of ways, so even a single type never gets boring.

They can also meet a variety of dietary needs. They are gluten-free and high-fiber, and many bean recipes are inherently vegan and vegetarian, which is a boon whether you don't eat meat at all, you're trying to eat less meat or just don't have any around.

Whatever you do, when the beans are done, don't toss the broth. That tasty pot liquor is basically a rich vegetarian stock that freezes well for up to six months.

Soaking your beans

Soaking helps beans cook faster and more evenly, and it can also make them easier to digest. And keep in mind that you never need to soak legumes such as lentils or split peas.

Soak overnight: To soak beans the traditional way, cover them with water by 2 inches, and add 2 tablespoons kosher salt (or 1 tablespoon fine sea salt) per pound of beans. (Salting the soaking water helps break down the beans' skins, helping them cook even faster.) Let them soak for at least four hours or up to 12. Drain the beans and rinse before using.

Soak quickly: Another option is quick-soaking, which yields a pot of beans in a few hours without sacrificing flavor or texture. Put the beans in a pot on the stove, cover with water by 2 inches, add salt if you like and bring to a boil. Turn off the heat and let them soak for an hour. Drain, rinse and proceed with your recipe.

Or don't soak at all: Here's a secret — you don't actually have to soak your beans. Simply add them to the pot and plan to cook your recipe for another hour or two beyond the usual cooking time. Keep an eye on the level of liquid, adding more if the beans look dry. There should always be liquid covering your beans as they cook.

Cooking dried beans

On the stovetop: Place your beans in your pot and cover them with at least 2 inches of water, and turn the heat to low. Stir them gently and occasionally, never letting them hit a strong boil, which can burst their skins and make them mushy or unevenly cooked. Depending upon the variety, dried beans will cook quickly (about 15 minutes for red



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Creamy braised white beans

Makes: 4 servings **Total time:** 25 minutes

1 tablespoon unsalted butter

1 head garlic, halved crosswise

1 cup whole milk

1 (15-ounce) can chickpeas, with their liquid

1 (15-ounce) can white beans, such as cannellini or Great Northern, drained and rinsed

1 thyme sprig, 2 sage leaves or 1 bay leaf

¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg, allspice or garam masala

Kosher salt and black pepper

4 slices crusty bread or thick toast

Extra-virgin olive oil, for serving

Freshly grated Parmesan, for serving

Aleppo pepper or red-pepper flakes, for serving

1. In a medium saucepan, melt the butter over medium-high heat. Add the garlic, cut side down and cook until golden brown, 1 to 2 minutes.

2. Add the milk, chickpeas and their liquid, white beans, thyme and nutmeg and stir to combine. Season generously with salt and pepper. When the mixture begins to bubble around the edges of the pan (you don't want it to come to a full boil), reduce the heat to low and let it simmer, stirring occasionally, until it has thickened and tastes great to you, about 15 minutes. Season with salt and pepper, to taste.

3. Use a fork to remove the garlic halves from the beans. Set aside until cool enough to handle, then use the fork to remove the cloves from the skins. Spread the cloves on bread or toast.

4. If you would like the beans to be more stewlike, mash some of the beans using a potato masher or the back of a spoon. Serve beans and milk in bowls. Garnish as you wish, with a drizzle of oil, a sprinkle of Parmesan and a pinch of Aleppo pepper and black pepper. Serve with bread for dipping.

lentils) or slowly (up to three to four hours for unsoaked chickpeas or lima beans).

In the slow cooker: Cover your beans with 2 inches of water or broth and salt to taste, and toss any aromatics you like into the pot. Set the machine to low and cook until the beans are done, usually three to six hours.

If you are cooking kidney beans, you need to boil them on the stove for 10 minutes first

before adding them to the slow cooker. This makes them much more digestible.

In the pressure cooker: Place your soaked or unsoaked beans and enough water to cover them by 2 inches into the pressure cooker. Add salt, any aromatics you like and a tablespoon of neutral oil to help keep the foam from clogging the vent. Make sure not to exceed the maximum fill line for your brand of pressure cooker.

This is usually around the halfway mark for beans.

Cook at high pressure for anywhere from five to 10 minutes for small beans, such as black-eyed peas, lentils and split peas, to up to 35 to 40 minutes for larger beans, such as chickpeas. Soaked beans will cook more quickly than unsoaked beans. You'll know your beans are done when they're tender and cooked through to the center (but not mushy). Let them cool in their cooking liquid.

Easiest lentil soup

Makes: 4 to 6 servings

Total time: 1 hour

6 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, plus more as needed

1 large onion, diced

1½ teaspoons kosher salt, plus more as needed

1 quart chicken, beef or vegetable stock, preferably homemade

1 cup brown or green lentils, rinsed

2 thyme or rosemary sprigs

1 to 2 garlic cloves, finely grated or pushed through a garlic press

1 teaspoon white wine, sherry or cider vinegar, or lemon or lime juice, plus more to taste

½ cup thinly sliced radicchio, or red or green cabbage (optional)

½ cup parsley leaves, chopped

1. Heat ¼ cup oil in a medium pot over medium-high heat. Stir in onions and ½ teaspoon salt, and cook until onions start to brown at the edges, stirring frequently, 6 to 9 minutes.

2. Stir in stock, lentils, thyme and remaining 1 teaspoon salt. Bring to a simmer, cover and cook until lentils are tender, 30 to 40 minutes. Discard thyme sprigs.

3. Stir in garlic and remaining 2 tablespoons oil, and use an immersion blender to purée the soup to the desired consistency, keeping it chunky or making it smooth. (Alternatively, ladle it into a blender and blend in batches.) Stir in vinegar, then taste and add more salt and vinegar if needed.

4. In a small bowl, toss radicchio, if using, and parsley with a drizzle of oil and a sprinkle of salt. To serve, ladle soup into bowls and top with a small mound of radicchio and parsley, and/or any other garnishes you like.

Canned beans

If canned beans (or cooked beans sold in boxes) are what you have on hand, there is little faster or more convenient.

After you've opened them, give the beans a rinse. (If you're using chickpeas, you may want to save the bean liquid. It's called "aquafaba" and can step in for egg whites in just about anything.)

When using canned or boxed beans, add plenty of aromatics and enough salt to taste. (Be judicious if you're starting with salted beans.) You'll also want to use less liquid, since you're cooking them for a shorter amount of time.

Cooking time will vary, depending on your beans and whether you use a slow cooker, pressure cooker or the stovetop, but, in general, canned beans take about 20 to 30 minutes to absorb all the flavors in the pot. Taste whatever you're making as you go. When the beans taste tender and delicious, they're done.

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Cheer up with no-stress banana chocolate bread

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Making bread always helps me relax.

So in these stressful times I decided to fool around with a sweet quick bread. The combination of very ripe bananas and cocoa powder is addictive.

Each complements the other. You can use either

regular-size or mini chocolate chips. This makes two loaves, so you can share one with a neighbor to give them a little happiness.

I made this quick bread using my food processor, which made for quick cleanup. An electric mixer will work well too. I had some amazing French Valrhona cocoa powder tucked away in my pantry, but any good quality cocoa



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powder such as Droste or Guittard will work beautifully. I love the dark chocolate cake color along with a hint of banana coming through the taste profile.

This is dazzling served in

slices and topped with whipped cream or frozen vanilla yogurt and sprinkled with an array of colorful berries. Either way you serve this, the bread is chocolate heaven.

Banana chocolate quick bread

Prep time: 30 minutes **Bake time:** 45 minutes **Makes:** two 9-by-5-inch loaves

1¾ cups all-purpose flour

¼ cup unsweetened cocoa powder, best quality

1 teaspoon baking powder

1 teaspoon baking soda

Pinch of salt

2 large eggs

1 cup brown sugar

½ cup grapeseed or vegetable oil

2 teaspoons vanilla extract

3 large bananas, very ripe and with black spots, mashed

¾ cup milk

1½ cups semisweet or bittersweet chocolate chips

1. Preheat oven to 350 F. Grease two 9-by-5-inch nonstick loaf pans with oil and dust with flour, or use baking spray.

2. In a medium bowl combine the flour, cocoa powder, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Mix with a fork to blend the ingredients. Reserve.

3. With an electric mixer or in a food processor, combine the eggs, brown sugar, oil, vanilla and bananas until the mixture is smooth. Add the dry ingredients and the milk to the wet mixture and mix or process until totally incorporated. Add the chips and mix until well blended.

4. Divide the batter equally into the prepared loaf pans and smooth the tops. Bake for 45 to 50 minutes or until a wooden skewer comes out clean. Remove from oven and let cool.

Advanced preparation: This can be made a day ahead, placed in a plastic bag and left at room temperature for a few days. It stays moist. It may also be frozen for up to one month.