



## CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

# State no closer to reopening

### NATION

## Trump downplays future risk despite warnings from experts

BY JONATHAN LEMIRE AND ZEKE MILLER  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump on Wednesday played down the possibility that the coronavirus could be worse this fall or winter despite medical experts' warnings that COVID-19 could combine with the flu to make a more complicated return to the United States.

Trump, who has been pushing for states to begin reopening their economies, batted down notions that COVID-19 could return in

large waves, as has happened in previous pandemics.

Health experts and members of the White House coronavirus task force have warned of a possible comeback for the virus in the fall.

"It's not going to be what we've gone through, in any way, shape or form," Trump said flatly.

He continued: "If it comes back, though, it won't be coming back in the form that it was. It will be coming back in smaller doses that we can contain. You could have some embers of corona (but) we

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President Trump said Wednesday that the threat of the coronavirus in the winter is "not going to be what we've gone through."

### ILLINOIS

## Virus hits new high; Pritzker weighs stay-at-home extension

BY DAN PETRELLA AND JAMIE MUNKS

With millions of Illinois residents anxiously awaiting a decision on whether he will extend his statewide stay-at-home order beyond its April 30 expiration date, Gov. J.B. Pritzker on Wednesday gave the clearest picture yet of the changes he's considering.

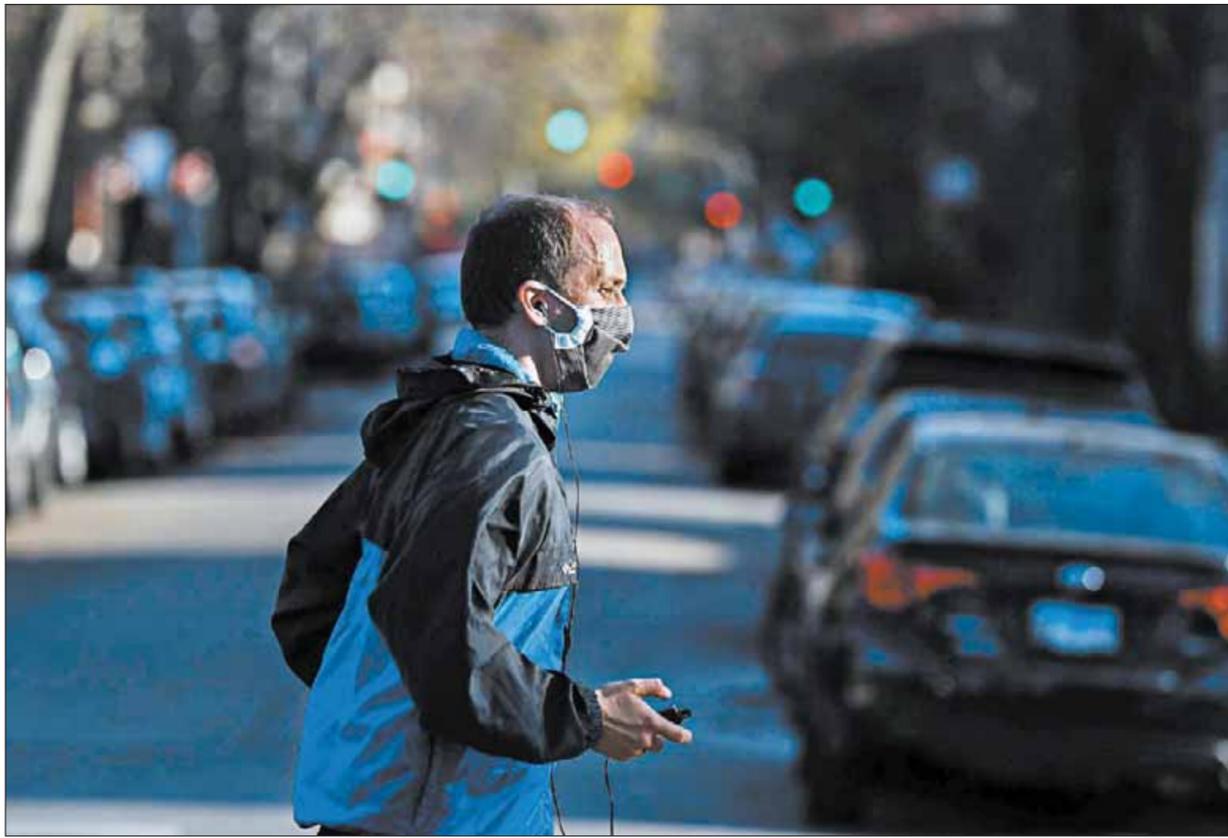
The easing of restrictions could include reopening state parks and allowing some elective surgeries to resume. But as state officials announced 2,049 more known cases of the new coronavirus, the

highest single-day total since the start of the outbreak, Pritzker continued to temper any expectations that the order — in place since March 21 — will be lifted in its entirety at the end of the month.

"Like everybody, I want it to be back to normal as fast as possible," Pritzker said at his daily news briefing. "I think we're all recognizing that 'normal' is going to look a little bit different going forward until there's a vaccine, until we can literally rid our state and our country and our planet of

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### OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES



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A man wearing a mask runs in Chicago's Lincoln Park neighborhood, where residents complain that runners are clogging narrow sidewalks.

# Pedestrians running scared

### Some fret about runners passing too closely on streets, but are they infection risks?

BY ELYSSA CHERNEY

When pedestrians venture outside and try to keep their distance, there's one encounter that seems unavoidable in some Chicago neighborhoods: Runners, attempting to squeeze by on narrow sidewalks, are getting too close for comfort.

Lincoln Park Ald. Michele

Smith said "hundreds" of residents have contacted her about the problem since the coronavirus pandemic took hold last month. Normally, joggers are welcome in Smith's North Side ward, a popular spot because of its proximity to the Lakefront Trail and adjoining parks. But with many of those routes off limits, people looking to exercise

outdoors have few places to go.

"The single biggest complaint that I received in my office since this is all happening is about runners — that when someone tries to walk down the sidewalk, runners would get too close and whiz by and touch people, and of course, the runners are exerting themselves," Smith said last week.

Smith submitted an ordinance Wednesday proposing that everyone over age 2 be required to wear a mask or cloth face cover in public. With runners in particular, she said she worries that, while breathing heavily, they might be spewing infectious droplets.

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### CITY COUNCIL

## Pandemic powers for mayor put on pause

### Lightfoot's opponents derail at least briefly her COVID-19 measure

BY JOHN BYRNE AND GREGORY PRATT

Opponents of Mayor Lori Lightfoot's proposal to codify extraordinary spending powers in response to the coronavirus blocked its passage Wednesday, though their victory in stopping what they see as mayoral overreach may be short-lived.

When five aldermen used a parliamentary procedure to automatically defer Lightfoot's emergency powers ordinance until the next City Council meeting, the mayor responded by immediately setting a new meeting for 1 p.m. Friday to vote on the measure then.

There is dissatisfaction among council members about the ordinance from members who say the mayor is grabbing too much power and failing to proactively take steps to protect economically vulnerable Chicago residents.

Still, it passed the council Budget Committee on Tuesday by a 23-10 vote, just three votes shy of a majority of the full 50-member City Council. So the fight could be largely symbolic and come to an end Friday afternoon with Lightfoot victorious.

The mayor got her ordinance to the council Wednesday by making various concessions to fence-sitting aldermen in the preceding days, among them a promise to report weekly on coronavirus expenditures, which are expected to surpass \$150 million by the end of June.

After Wednesday's truncated meeting, Lightfoot said she tried to work with all the aldermen on their concerns but said some prefer "preening in front of the press" to getting things done.

She praised aldermen who she said want to move quickly to help those "who are literally sick and dying."

And she ripped those who

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MARCIO JOSE SANCHEZ/AP

A protester shouts Wednesday during a rally in Los Angeles to end California Gov. Gavin Newsom's stay-at-home order.



### JOHN KASS

## Just think about the guy in line at the food pantry

Unlike the tens of millions of Americans who have lost their jobs, America's cultural elites, in politics, government and media, are doing just fine during the coronavirus shut-down.

Some of the politicians are paid well enough to hoard gourmet chocolate ice cream in their expensive kitchen freezers, like House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, rightly dubbed by Republicans as our very own Nancy Antoinette.

"I enjoy it," Nancy Antoinette said of her chocolate stash on "The Late Late Show" in the most tone-deaf media interview of the year, with her country out of work and people low on food. "I like it better than anything else. ... I don't know what I would have done if ice cream were not invented."

As Republicans shout "Let them eat ice cream," the Democrats shout that President Donald Trump is at it again, with his wantonly barbaric Twitter thumbs, virtue signaling and rallying his Trumpian base about stopping immigration.

But then, after pressure from agribusiness lobbyists and the high-tech lords, Trump pulled back and decided to allow temporary workers to keep working on farms, and in Silicon Valley, where they have already displaced higher-paid Americans.

So, everybody who counts votes or money gets their say. But what about those who don't?

Like those Americans who've just lost their jobs. And small-business owners losing everything they've saved a lifetime for. The government shut them down, too, and they don't get much of a say, do they?

If they dare protest, if they demand to work and run their own lives, they're condemned by mouthpieces of the left as a bunch of greedy fools Who Just Want People to Die.

And who wants people to die?

In this, America's elites are very much like the wealthy rich in Boccaccio's "The Decameron," safe behind the walls of a secluded villa outside Florence, full of wine and full of ourselves, babbling on and on about love and morality during The Plague.

We telecommute to work on our laptops, where we debate the nature of this coronavirus death model and that coronavirus death model. From the safety of our screens, secure in our home offices, perhaps just a few feet from some freezer loaded with gourmet ice cream, we wax on and on when it might be acceptable for Americans to venture forth and take a risk.

Risk? What is this word? Our American culture has been working to eliminate risk for decades. Now, all the kids get a trophy. Universities aren't about challenging the young, they're about "safe spaces" from difficult ideas. And helicopter parents hover like those drones that'll take your temperature — and determine the rate of infection — from the sky.

Take the tribal politics out of it, and think about the unemployed guy at the food pantry waiting for a box of charity food to feed his kids. He has worked all his life yet now finds himself unemployed, not through any fault of his own, but because government has deemed his job to be "non-essential."

He hears the politicians giving their daily coronavirus briefings to the media, expressing sympathy and concern, telling him that if he just shuts up and goes along with the shutdown rules, there could be light at the end of the tunnel. In some states, he can't buy tomato plants for a garden. In others, he can't drive to his church parking lot, and sit inside his car and say a prayer.

He knows the state-licensed weed dealers are working. The liquor stores are open.

If he drives into the large cities, into rough neighborhoods dominated by street gangs, he knows he'll see the dealers slinging heroin. In some neighborhoods it is a never-ending party, people hanging out in the streets, getting infected, going home to infect their elderly family members.

And no pundits or big-city politicians dare condemn them as murderers Who Just Want People to Die. The mayors just send in the cops, many without masks, to deal with it, and hope the media ignores it for yet another day.

He doesn't want people to die. He doesn't want to die either. He doesn't want his family to die. He just wants to work and pay his bills. And he knows that as he waits for his box of charity food, there is one sector growing in the time of coronavirus shut-down.

Government. Bureaucrats don't wait in line for charity food. Nobody in politics has been laid off. And businesses that rely on government contracts are fat, like the road builders. Because coronavirus or no coronavirus, the kings of asphalt and concrete are always first in line.

And what of the small-business owner who doesn't build roads? She risked everything to open her business. She went into debt. But there are no customers now, and the landlord wants the rent and the taxman is always waiting.

She doesn't see herself as someone who Just Wants People to Die. She wants to work. She wants to live.

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## Burpees, bad dad jokes and message from the heart



**HEIDI STEVENS**  
Balancing Act

Rain or shine, snow or 70 degrees, Joe Schallmoser suits up in uniform and hits the pavement.

"I decided early on I was doing shorts and a T-shirt no matter what the weather was," he said. "It's part of the show, man."

Schallmoser is the gym teacher and athletic director at Avery Coonley School in Downers Grove. For the past 15 consecutive days — weekends included — he's visited his students and fellow staff members, stuck at home because of the coronavirus, and conducted a traveling gym class.

He started on April 8. He's made 147 stops in 34 towns and 38 zip codes. When possible, he's biked.

The visits don't last long — he has to fit in 10 or so a day, after all.

Their impact will.

"I kind of have my script now," Schallmoser told me Wednesday.

He asks his hosts if they know why he's there. (Some do, some don't. Depends if they've heard about his visits from other school families yet.)

He tells a joke.

"I've told a different joke to every house so far," he said. "I've been scouring the internet for bad dad jokes. I'm actually stressing myself out trying to figure out how to make people laugh."

He asks them to do 10 burpees with him. Then he goes for the heart.

"I leave every kid with the same message," he said. "We love you. We miss you. And we can't wait to see you again."

Any tears? I asked him.

"Any what?" he said.

Tears, I repeated. The things that sprang to my eyes when he told me the message he gives every kid.

"I've had a number of parents crying," he said.

The mom of the first student he visited took photos and video of the whole thing and posted it all on Facebook. That student was crying. So was her mom.

"Obviously with kids, you don't know what response you're going to get," Schallmoser said. "Like everything we do, you don't always get the kid who's just outwardly excited, but you hope that you make a long-term impact. I've had kids I didn't think would be real excited to see me, excited to see me. I've had kids who I was super excited to see who were like, 'Oh,



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Joe Schallmoser, left, a gym teacher at Avery Coonley in Downers Grove, visits with 6th grader Kalina Gandurski, center, on Wednesday.

Hey?"

Avery Coonley is a private, co-ed school that serves 360 students from ages 3 through eighth grade. It draws kids from 40 or so communities in and around the western suburbs.

Shortly after spring break, Schallmoser asked head of school Paul Druzinsky for permission to start visiting students and staff at home. He drew up a plan whereby he'd email parents and colleagues and invite them to opt into his visits. They wouldn't necessarily know what day or time he'd show up, but they knew they'd see him eventually.

"I wanted to feel like I was doing my part," Schallmoser said. "Plus I saw some 100 burpee challenge on Facebook and I thought, 'Where's my accountability partner? How will I get myself to do this?' The students became my accountability partner."

Druzinsky was all for it.

"He wrote me back, 'Burpees and bad dad jokes? That sounds awesome!'" Schallmoser said. "I hadn't even mentioned bad dad jokes, but when I had lunch duty last year I would put up bad dad jokes in the cafeteria."

*What do you call a student with a dictionary in his pocket? Smarty pants.*

That kind of thing.

They became part of his brand. Now they come with him on his visits.

"It wouldn't be the same if it was just show up, do 10 burpees, drive away," he said.

Schallmoser — who is, in fact, a dad (his kids are in seventh, 10th and 11th grades) — said he and his fellow teachers are missing their students something fierce.

"We've had parents comment how tired and beaten down the teachers look," Schallmoser said. "It's not because of the workload. My colleagues have always been superheroes in their work ethic and creativity and content. Now they're doing it without the student interactions that keep us going. That's why they're beaten down."

Schallmoser has taught at Avery Coonley for 16 years.

"None of us teach because of our burning passion for our content," he said. "If this was about our burning passion for our content, we'd go get jobs in that field. Our science teachers would go get jobs as scientists. They're teachers because their pas-

sion is impacting kids. And so to be in this role right now and not have that connection? It's hard."

The burpees and bad dad jokes make it easier.

"I have the opportunity to go see faces," he said. "I'm lucky!"

So are his students and fellow staffers.

There are people who will stand out from this pandemic, long after it's behind us, long after we're settled into our new normal, whatever that normal turns out to be. Some of them will remind us what humanity looks like. Some of them will remind us what generosity feels like. Some of them will remind us what laughter can do.

Mr. Schallmoser, with his burpees and bad dad jokes and straight-from-the-heart parting words, will have done all of that and more.

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## CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

# Illness hits South Shore nursing home

10 die and 100 more have tested positive for virus

By ELVIA MALAGÓN, CECILIA REYES AND DAN HINKEL

Ten residents of a South Shore senior center have died from coronavirus-related complications and about 100 more have tested positive for COVID-19, according to the company that runs it and several other facilities, including one in Joliet where more than 80 people have tested positive and more than 20 have died.

The deaths at the South Shore home at 2425 E. 71st St. were announced Wednesday, a day after Symphony Care Network reported only one COVID-19 death there. At least 27 others have been hospitalized, it said, but some residents testing positive have shown no symptoms.

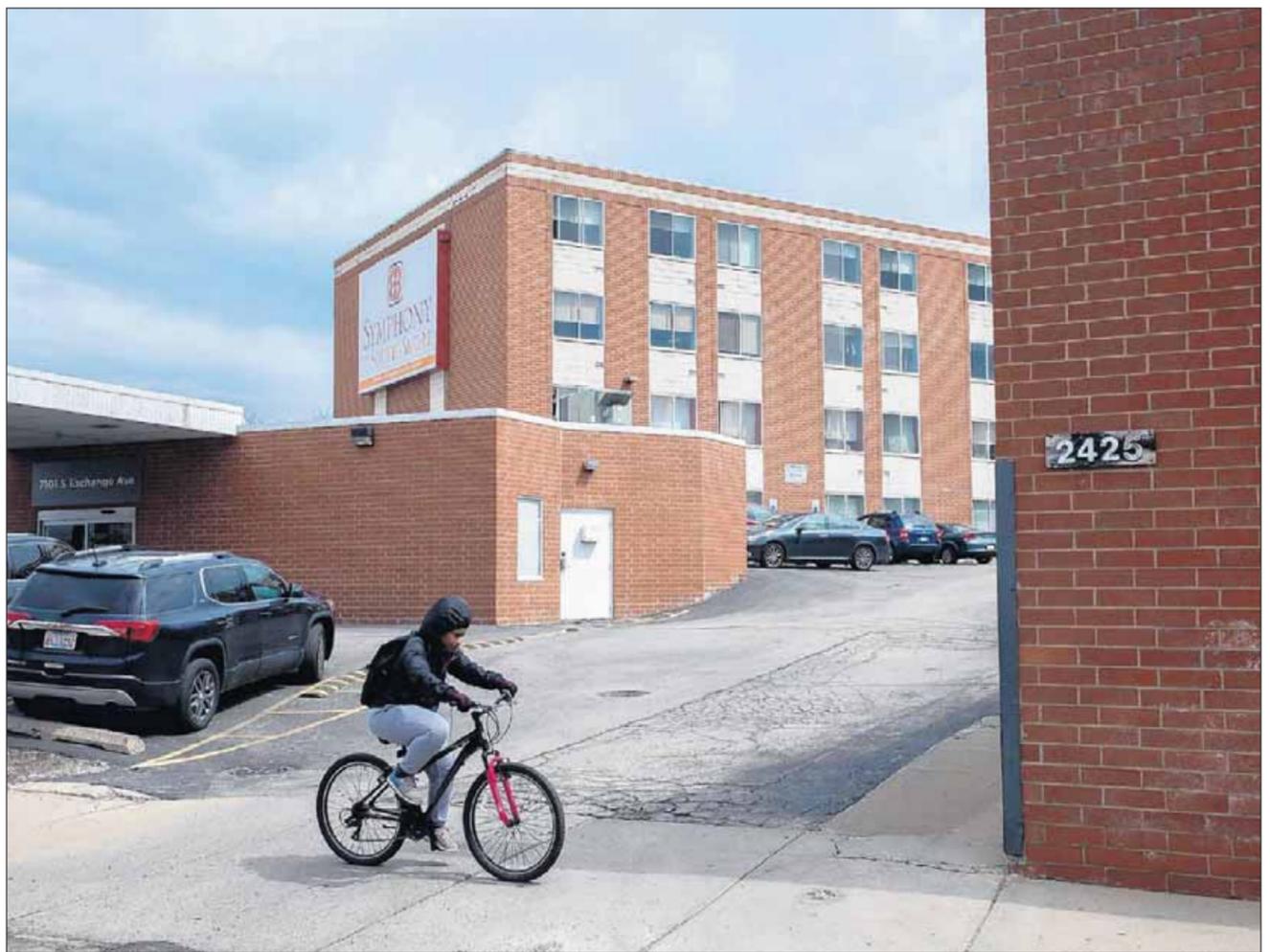
In all, 111 residents of the home — 70% — were found to have the coronavirus as the home worked with University of Chicago Medicine to test every resident and every employee, according to Natalie Bauer Luce, spokeswoman for the Symphony nursing homes. In addition, 11 staff members tested positive for COVID-19.

It wasn't clear when the first case was documented or if the home or the university have been able to trace how the virus started to spread.

"Many of our patients are vulnerable and we thank the University of Chicago for their collaboration, and we implore state and federal authorities to provide increased testing to help slow the rate of community spread of this disease," David Hartman, CEO of the Symphony network, said in a statement.

Toika Brown said her uncle, Kevin Brown, is among the Symphony residents sick with COVID-19. Her family was told last week that he had been hospitalized and tested positive for the virus, days after workers reassured the family he was fine, she said.

"I think they owe my grandmother an explanation," Toika Brown said by phone Wednesday.



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More than 100 residents of the Symphony of South Shore nursing home, photographed above on Wednesday, have tested positive for COVID-19.

tion," Toika Brown said by phone Wednesday.

She said her 69-year-old uncle has a variety of health problems, ranging from diabetes to high blood pressure. The residents, to her knowledge, weren't leaving the facility so she thinks COVID-19 must have spread from someone else who was coming in and out of the facility.

Toika Brown said she would have liked the facility to have communicated with families sooner about the virus. Around Easter, she tried to call her uncle but was never able to get connected to him.

Since he's been hospitalized, Toika Brown said her family has had daily communication with nurses about his condition. He remained hospitalized as of Wednesday. "We are just

praying that he comes out of it," she said.

Toika Brown said she would like to know what will happen to her uncle when he recovers from COVID-19, noting that long-term effects aren't known. "The fear is now they have to go back to the same environment when we don't even know if you can get it a second time," she said.

Symphony operates several other nursing homes in the region, including one in Joliet where 24 residents and 2 employees have died of coronavirus-related complications. According to county records, five residents have died from coronavirus-related complications in a Bronzeville branch and one has died in Austin's Symphony of Chicago West.

This week, Symphony announced that Drs. Alexander Stemer and Stacie Levine would guide a response to the coronavirus outbreak in its nursing homes. The two will lead a team in "implementing the most effective treatments and procedures to save the lives of our patients and employees," and in providing updates to state and local officials, according to a release.

The Symphony Care Network is comprised of 28 independently owned facilities in Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin and Michigan, according to the network's website. The group was started in 1978 by Bob Hartman, the father of its current CEO.

As of 2018, the Joliet home was owned by a group of people, largely members

of the Hartman family, as well as a trust and a foundation, according to the most recent financial report available from the Illinois Department of Public Health. The facility had 214 skilled nursing facility beds and took in \$11.6 million in inpatient revenue that year, most of it from Medicaid.

The South Shore and Bronzeville homes are owned by Sycamore Healthcare LLC, a Lincolnwood company managed by a firm that listed David Hartman as its manager, according to its 2018 state financial report and records from the Illinois secretary of state's office.

The South Shore home reported 248 skilled nursing facility beds and \$15.5 million in yearly inpatient revenue, about half of it from Medicaid. The

Bronzeville location had 302 skilled nursing facility beds and \$17.5 million in inpatient revenue in 2018, most of it also from Medicaid, according to its state financial report.

This week, the Illinois Department of Public Health started releasing data about COVID-19 cases in nursing homes as outbreaks there started to become public. Data released Sunday showed nearly a fourth of all coronavirus deaths in the state were tied to a nursing home. In all, there were at least 1,860 cases with 286 deaths. The numbers do not reflect any new cases that would have been confirmed within the last couple of days.

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# Losing senior year hurts. Let it. But look ahead.



REX W. HUPPKE

A quick note to high school seniors here in Illinois and across the country:

This sucks. Let's start with that unarguable statement.

The coronavirus pandemic has shattered any reasonable vision of your senior year. Gov. J.B. Pritzker announced Friday that schools will be closed statewide through the rest of the academic year, and on Monday the Illinois High School Association's board of directors polished off any hope of state sports tournaments.

Both decisions, sadly, make sense.

That doesn't make the situation suck any less. You have every right to feel disappointed, angry, sad — all those things. You need to feel those emotions, without guilt or hesitation. A major milestone in your life has been changed irrevocably. That's supposed to hurt.

So let it hurt. And then, when you're ready, consider what lies ahead.

When you're focused on your senior prom, on high

school graduation, on your final game as a high school athlete, it's like driving up a steep hill. Those final high school moments exist at the top of the hill. They're all you can focus on because they're all you can see ahead.

But once you get to the top, once you get through those moments, sweet as they may be, you gain a little perspective. You can see the other side of the hill, and where the road is going. You can glimpse other hills to come.

There's moving out of your home. Your first night away from your family — really away. Your first day of college or your first day at a full-time job.

Renting your first apartment. Finding your first true love. Buying a car on your own.

Where you are, still on that upward slope toward high school's end, these are abstractions. But for all the hopes and daydreams you might have devoted to an unrealized vision of prom or graduation, there will be hopes and daydreams in equal measure leading up to these other moments.

And these moments that are to come will be, in their own right, spectacular.

If you're going to college, you'll form friendships you can't yet imagine. You'll spend late nights studying,

sucking down caffeine and bonding over 4 a.m. fits of stress-induced laughter. You'll do things you shouldn't and remember them forever. You'll dance, perhaps horribly, and find moments of unfettered joy around people you can't imagine ever being without.

You'll find a job and pull into the parking lot on your first day with your stomach fluttering and every worst-case scenario swirling through your mind. Then you'll make it indoors and find, after a day or a week, that it's not so bad. And you'll meet new people who will begin weaving their way into the narrative of your life. And you'll get a raise, or find another job that suits you better. And you'll see more and more of the hills that lie ahead.

You'll meet someone who makes you freeze up. Someone who makes it hard for you to complete sentences. You'll share a painfully awkward meal. The emotions will consume you and nothing will make sense and then you'll realize you're in love. Real love.

You may lose that — because not everything goes just right. You can see the hills, but you won't notice the potholes. There are plenty. They'll rock you. But you keep going. Up, up, up, until you reach the top. This pandemic is a pot-



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**This pandemic is a pothole. A big one. It has thrown you all off course, but the road's still there, and trust me, parts of it are plenty smooth.**

hole. A big one. It has thrown you all off course, but the road's still there, and trust me, parts of it are plenty smooth.

And hills await you. When you finally find that love that sticks, you might get married. And you'll get to the top of that hill and feel indescribable joy as you walk down an aisle, surrounded by those you met on the hills behind.

And off you'll go. You might travel, watch the sun set over a place you'd only dreamed of seeing. You might have a child, and feel love surge through your body like electricity, transforming you into that child's superhero.

First steps. New jobs. New friends. New hills ahead. I can't fix your senior year. Your parents and the

people who love you can't absorb your disappointment, though if they could, they surely would.

But I, and your parents and the people who love you, can promise moments ahead that will blow your minds. Good and bad. Ecstatic and humbling. Moments that will make this one — this understandably frustrating moment in time — a fading image in the rear view mirror.

Get over this hill. Let it suck. Let it pass. Then get a look ahead. That's life stretching out there.

Fasten your seat belt and go.

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## CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

## Willie Wilson can't seem to get any respect



DAHLEEN GLANTON

Willie Wilson is in the news again. As is often the case, he's at the center of a controversy.

No one talks about the African American millionaire and philanthropist in the mainstream unless we're questioning his motives for giving away money or poking fun at him for running for an office he has no chance of winning.

His good deeds deserve more recognition from Chicagoans.

This time, the issue is masks. His medical equipment company has donated hundreds of thousands of masks to hospitals, police officers and other front-line workers during the coronavirus pandemic. But he still hasn't gotten any respect.

All he has received from Mayor Lori Lightfoot, he says, is an assault on his

integrity.

A heated dispute is going on between him and the mayor over what went down when Wilson tried to get the city to purchase large quantities of surgical masks at cost from his 25-year-old company, Omar Medical Supplies, Inc.

The mayor says the wealthy businessman asked for millions in cash up front before placing the order. Wilson says the conversation never went far enough to even discuss money. The governor's office also passed on Wilson's offer.

Lightfoot says it would have taken weeks longer for Wilson to get the masks to Chicago than other vendors. He says he had 40 million masks sitting in his warehouse in suburban Bensenville at the time.

But it was the upfront cash payment that really disturbed the mayor.

"The thing that really gave me personal pause was, as I understood it, Dr. Wilson's requirement that we pay him all the money up front and in cash," Lightfoot said at a news

conference. "Millions of dollars in cash is not something I'm ever going to do with taxpayer dollars."

Wilson acknowledged that he asked for payment up front because he would have to order additional quantities of masks from suppliers in China, and they want their money before they ship. Plus, he told me, the government is notoriously late in paying bills. "Why should I trust them?" he asked.

Wilson is used to criticism, but this episode really got to him. He felt as though the mayor was trying to "condescend to and diminish the legitimacy of my corporation." In addition, he says it was an assault on his integrity.

"What legitimate business deals in cash?" he asked, adding that his company provides 100 to 200 million masks a month to Fortune 500 companies around the world. "I don't do business in cash."

Wilson responded the way he usually does when



Wilson

he comes under fire. He gave his own version of what happened by penning a public letter to the mayor and releasing it to the media.

This could be just a big misunderstanding. But Wilson thinks it's another attack on his legitimacy as an African American philanthropist — a battle he constantly has to fight.

The name Willie Wilson is synonymous with Chicago, specifically black Chicago, but he isn't your typical millionaire. He's not known for giving out grants to big organizations, and his name doesn't appear on any tall buildings in the city.

Wilson's philanthropy is mostly in cash giveaways to poor black people who can't pay their rent or put food on the table.

In his last run for mayor, he won nearly every African American ward on the South and West sides in the primary. His lack of showing in predominantly white North Side wards landed him in third place behind

Lightfoot and Toni Preckwinkle.

He threw his support behind Lightfoot in the runoff, which may have contributed to her ability to win all 50 wards in the end, despite being largely unknown in the African American community.

This is what we know for sure about Wilson: When he speaks, a lot of black folks listen. Every politician knows that — from aldermen to the mayor to the governor. Yet, politicians don't seem to take him seriously — until they need him to rally the black community.

Wilson can't explain it, except to say it feels a lot like what he went through as the child of a sharecropper in the Jim Crow South. He won't call it racism, but it certainly isn't equality.

Wilson says he offered to procure masks for the city and state because African Americans in Chicago are suffering the brunt of COVID-19 infections, representing nearly 70% of the deaths. It wasn't about filling his pockets.

When the government

blew him off, he decided to just give his masks to the folks who need them most — the way he has always conducted his philanthropy.

He has donated hundreds of thousands of masks to Sinai Health System and 22 other community organizations, 20,000 to Jackson Park Hospital, 10,000 to the Westside NAACP, 50,000 to the Chicago Transit Authority and 10,000 for correctional officers at the Cook County Jail. He also has given masks to ministers and aldermen to hand out in the community and donated others to senior citizen facilities.

To help with the economy, Wilson has pledged to give away \$1 million to people who have lost their jobs and another \$1 million to 1,000 churches to help their needy congregants.

In times like these, we need more Willie Wilsons. Chicagoans should be thanking him rather than tearing him down.

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Legal officials with the city of Chicago watch as Mayor Lori Lightfoot presides over a virtual City Council meeting on Wednesday.

## Council

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blocked the vote.

"However, we also saw the other side of council, made up of a small handful who decided to use this moment of crisis to grandstand," Lightfoot said. "They stuck out like a sore thumb, choosing to serve themselves instead of the residents who elected them, choosing to put their own selfish interests ahead of their city and their communities."

The mayor framed the opposition as "exactly the kind of politics I have fought against in my campaign, and I will continue to fight against every single day that I am mayor of this great city."

Lightfoot critic Ald. Raymond Lopez, 15th, was one of those who deferred the vote. He said he acted to stop the council from being "bamboozled by the impulse-purchasing mindset driving Lightfoot's ordi-

nance."

"The City Council must resist the urge to act on fear by giving one individual, Lori Lightfoot, total control over the city and its finances," Lopez said in a statement.

And four other aldermen who voted with Lopez to defer released a statement saying they did so because they want to make sure "millions in federal emergency dollars reach Chicago's hardest hit communities on the West and South sides."

Confusion reigned on the City Council Zoom feed for several minutes during Wednesday's meeting, as aldermen shouted over each other from their homes and offices trying to maneuver to either proceed with the vote or stop it.

Lightfoot at times seemed frustrated with aldermen who were vying for control of the virtual council chambers, reminding them repeatedly that she couldn't tell who was talking if they didn't say their names.

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— Ald. Raymond Lopez, 15th

She also admonished them for using foul language minutes after Lopez said "hell no!" during a roll-call vote on whether to end the meeting immediately.

"I know that some people like the sport of this, but it's highly inappropriate for some members of the City Council to be using profanity," Lightfoot said.

Council members still have misgivings with the

plan, which codifies an emergency order the mayor 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.

At Tuesday's Budget Committee meeting, black aldermen said 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 as their neighborhoods deal with especially high rates of coronavirus cases and deaths.

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 from the administration after the fact.

On Wednesday, Northwest Side Ald. Carlos Ramirez-Rosa, 35th, said the ease with which aldermen set another date to meet two days later to vote on Lightfoot's plan proved his point that the City Council can easily address coronavirus spending on a week-to-week basis without giving up their authority.

But after the meeting, Lightfoot countered that the city is competing "literally on a global basis" for masks and other products and oftentimes doesn't have days to talk about making purchases.

"We don't have 48 hours," Lightfoot said. "We have maybe hours."

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## City Council approves Brown as Chicago's new top cop

BY JOHN BYRNE

Mayor Lori Lightfoot's appointment of former Dallas Chief David Brown as Chicago's new police superintendent breezed through the City Council on Wednesday.

Meeting virtually, the City Council voted 50-0 to approve Brown's appointment. He previously cleared the Public Safety Committee on Monday following a three-plus-hour hearing.

Brown was sworn in as

the permanent superintendent at Lightfoot's afternoon news conference after the City Council meeting. He said he was honored and humbled and likened his job to the nation's race against Russia to land on the moon.

"Anyone can do average. Chicagoans deserve a moonshot: The lowest murders on record, the lowest numbers of shootings on record and the



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highest level of trust in its officers from its residents," Brown said. "Thank you so much for this great opportunity. I am so excited. Buckle your seat belts, we're headed to the moon."

Lightfoot announced Brown as her choice to become the next Chicago police superintendent earlier this month, calling him the "humble leader" the city needs to lead it through its violence problem and

the unfolding coronavirus emergency.

The selection of Brown, chosen from among the three finalists for the job named by the Chicago Police Board marked Lightfoot's first permanent hire of a police superintendent since being elected mayor last year.

Brown is the third Chicago police superintendent chosen from outside the force since 2008. That year, then-Mayor Richard M. Daley picked longtime FBI veteran Jody Weis as his

police boss, and Mayor Rahm Emanuel's first selection was New Yorker Garry McCarthy, who held the job from 2011 until 2015.

Brown replaces Charlie Beck, a former Los Angeles police chief who took over as interim superintendent after Lightfoot fired Eddie Johnson late last year. Lightfoot called Beck a cop's cop and thanked him for his service.

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## Chicago Pride Parade postponed

Country's third largest set for June 28 before virus

BY NARA SCHOENBERG

Chicago's annual Pride Parade, which draws a million people to city streets, has been postponed due to the novel coronavirus.

New York and San Francisco had previously announced that their parades would not take place in June, but the nation's third largest Pride Parade held out hope until Wednesday, when coordinator Tim Frye told the Tribune that there would be no parade June 28. He said the parade committee is hoping to reschedule for late summer or early fall.

"I want everything to be safe for anybody that's concerned with the parade, whether you're watching it, whether you're in it, whether you're one of the people from the city that helps to put it together," Frye said.

"We just feel it would be better to wait and do it later in the year."

This was a difficult decision for Frye, who lost his husband, longtime parade coordinator Richard Pfeiffer, to cancer in October. Frye worked with Pfeiffer on the parade for much of that time and saw this year's Pride march, in part, as a tribute to his partner of 48 years.

"I was hoping this would be a way we could finish last year's parade, which was rained out (at the end). We'll wait now and see what happens," he said. As for the parade, he'll be watching how the pandemic plays out and hoping he can carry out his revised plans.

"That's all any of us can do, truthfully," he said. "It's not just about the parade, it's really about everything."

Chicago Pride Fest, the two-day street festival held a week before the Pride Parade, has also been postponed, according to organizers. Originally scheduled for June 20 and 21, Pride Fest has been tentatively rescheduled for Labor Day weekend, with plans underway to provide virtual programming in June.

"That's something that we're hard at work at here, to come up with virtual programming to reach not only the Chicago community," said Jen Gordon, spokeswoman for the Northalsted Business Alliance, which organizes the festival. "We have a lot of domestic and international visitors that also celebrate with us."

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Pedestrians jog over the North Branch of the Chicago River while using the Riverview Bridge on Tuesday in Chicago.

## Runners

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While a recent study widely shared online supports her concerns by documenting that secretions from runners or fast walkers can be expelled up to 15 feet behind them, critics note the findings have not been published in a peer-reviewed journal and did not specifically examine the coronavirus.

Like many burgeoning questions related to COVID-19, there are few definitive answers on the topic, but doctors say they don't see any evidence that runners are more likely to spread the coronavirus than anyone else. In fact, some doctors said, people feeling healthy enough to exercise, if infected, are probably not giving off large doses of the virus. Even if an asymptomatic carrier was running outside, the risk of transmitting the illness would be low if the person was not coughing, sneezing or otherwise creating a trail of germs.

"We don't think that one little virion — which is the word for a single virus particle — is enough to make you sick," said Dr. Emily Landon, who leads infection prevention and control at the University of Chicago Medical Center. "There's usually what's called an inoculating dose. We don't know what it is for COVID-19, but based on what it is for other coronaviruses, it's got to be more than what you are going to get just running past someone."

Still, Landon said she recommends that runners use cloth face coverings when they step outside, as an extra precaution, if exercising in a dense, urban area. It's especially important, she said, for runners to wear cloth masks if they step into a grocery store or another business, where airflow is more constricted, just after finishing a workout.

Dr. Susan Bleasdale, medical director of infection control at the University of Illinois Hospital & Health Sciences System, agreed it's unlikely that runners would transmit the coronavirus during brief encounters outside, such as passing someone on the street or sidewalk.

Viral particles released in the open air, Bleasdale explained, are going to quickly drop to the ground because of their weight and become diluted by the



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A runner shoots past customers emerging from Big Apple Finer Foods on Clark Street in Chicago's Lincoln Park neighborhood on Wednesday.

wind and other elements. Since COVID-19 is spread most effectively in close quarters and by people exhibiting symptoms, runners who are trying to avoid direct contact pose a low risk, Bleasdale said.

"There are some people," Bleasdale said, "who are suggesting you have to maintain a quarter-mile distance behind a runner because if they have virus, then it could be suspended in air and have an impact on someone at great distance behind them. That is really unlikely because of all of these factors: the low amount of virus on someone who is able to go running, the dilution in the air and that any droplets would likely fall to the ground."

Since the beginning of the outbreak, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has defined close contact as coming within 6 feet of someone with the coronavirus for a "prolonged period of time," according to its website. While the agency has not mandated that everyone wear a face covering in public, it has encouraged people to do so, and some local municipalities, including Skokie and Glenview, are now requiring it. The suburban edicts, however, don't apply to outdoor activities such as running and biking, if 6 feet of separation is maintained.

In the city, though, running has become more complicated. At first, local

organizations called off group runs and told members to exercise alone. And for a time, that seemed to work well: With ample space on the city's 18.5-mile Lakefront Trail, runners had room for uninterrupted strides on the wide, paved paths.

But a string of warm days at the end of last month changed the game. After groups of people flocked to the Lakefront Trail, Mayor Lori Lightfoot closed it to the public. She explicitly called out runners, saying, "Outside is for a brief respite, not for 5Ks." Her order also closed all connecting beaches and parks.

Since then, police can often be seen stationed at the Lakefront Trail's various entrances and wooden barriers have been erected. Police have also warned they will issue citations if people violate the order.

As a result, many runners have headed into quiet neighborhoods to log their miles. It's become common to see people running in the middle of empty streets or bike lanes, now free from traffic, to create space from pedestrians on the sidewalk. Some runners go early in the morning or at night.

Buena Park resident Shawna Ohm said she's not sure where she's allowed to exercise, even though she plans her runs for off hours and keeps her distance. While she had been running and walking her dog in the Lincoln Park area with-

out any issues, new fencing was erected around the sprawling lawns just west of Lake Shore Drive last week.

The Chicago Park District contends the area had been closed since Lightfoot's order and that it installed barriers to ramp up enforcement. But Ohm, who has relocated her activities to areas north of Montrose Avenue and the forest preserves, said the changes were confusing and came with no warning.

"You're inevitably being put in far too close of quarters with people," she said about being pushed out of the park. "I do appreciate that the city is in a tough position. And I support them closing the lakefront and I support them doing what they need to do. My frustration more is that (the added fencing) came up overnight."

To help joggers navigate the evolving situation, the Chicago Area Runners Association has released a guide on what it considers best practices during the pandemic. After Smith reached out to CARA with her concerns, the group joined her in asking that runners wear cloth face coverings in the city, according to Executive Director Greg Hipp. CARA is also recommending that runners begin their routes from home instead of driving to a park to start their workouts because that could lead to overcrowding at popular spots.

Runners don't need medical-grade masks such as the coveted N-95s that should be reserved for health care workers, Hipp said. They can use a circular accessory known as a "buff," which has light, moisture-wicking fabric, or other household items like bandannas or neck warmers.

"Those who have to run in the city and aren't able to get away from crowded sidewalks, we think it's the right move right now," Hipp said. "Certainly there are some places where people can run where they are not going to come into contact with others, and in that case, there isn't any evidence that a mask is necessary."

One potential solution would be closing streets to traffic and making more room for pedestrians, runners and cyclists. Though cities such as Boston, Minneapolis and Oakland have chosen to do so in recent weeks, Lightfoot has previously indicated she won't follow suit.

Smith reiterated that sentiment, saying she'd rather ban running all together if people cannot follow social distancing guidelines. Some European countries, including Italy and Spain, went that route as their number of infections spiked.

"This is a public health emergency," Smith said. "Everybody needs to modify their behavior. People are staying home in their houses for weeks at a time."

At the same time, doctors and mental health professionals alike have stressed the benefits of getting fresh air and exercise during the stay-at-home order that is largely making residents more sedentary.

With routines such as commuting to work and going to the gym disrupted, some say it's imperative to carve out some time for cardiovascular activity.

"The act of running and biking and exercising is really important right now as people are not doing their regular activities and need to stay healthy and active," Bleasdale said. "We want to make sure you are conscious and trying to avoid close contact with people, and we can't have everyone running along Lake Shore Drive, but you have to make sure that you find ways to get exercise."

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## ICE releases detainee in McHenry

Virus concerns led to move after lawsuit by ACLU

BY ROBERT MCCOPPIN

An immigration detainee at risk of severe health problems due to the coronavirus was released from McHenry County jail after a lawsuit was filed on his behalf, the ACLU of Illinois announced Tuesday.

Souleymane Dembele was released from the custody of the U.S. Customs and Immigration Enforcement after the American Civil Liberties Union filed suit Friday. A second detainee whose release the ACLU sued for remained in custody, the organization said in a news release. Both men have hearings pending on allegations they were in the country illegally.

Dembele is the husband of a lawful resident and father to three children who are U.S. citizens, and has lived and raised his family in this country for almost a decade, currently in the south suburbs, the ACLU reported. A doctor's declaration in the court filing asserted that he was at risk of severe illness or death from COVID-19 because of his high blood pressure and pre-diabetes, the organization argued.

Noting that COVID-19 has been spreading through jails and prisons across the nation, the suit claimed that crowded and unsanitary conditions at the jail placed him at higher risk. Dembele said in a statement that more than 60 people are regularly crammed into a common area, sharing tables and chairs, with no masks or gloves. "There is truly no social distancing," he said.

The McHenry County sheriff's office released a statement that ICE decides which of its detainees remain in custody, not the sheriff. The federal agency pays the sheriff's office to hold its detainees in the jail.

ICE has reduced the number of its detainees there over the past month or so by about 100, to 184, Sgt. Aimee Knop said. Similarly, by police and prosecutors reducing arrests for criminal misdemeanors, the number of jail inmates has fallen from 180 or more to 128. Protective equipment, like masks, and cleaning supplies are available to all detainees and employees, and the jail has isolation units for sick inmates. But there have been no known cases of COVID-19 at the jail, Knop said.

New inmates are screened and kept separate from those who have been there two weeks or more, she said.

ICE officials could not be reached for comment.

Nusrat Jahan Choudhury, legal director for the ACLU of Illinois, said ICE was not doing enough to protect immigrants in custody.

"Immigration detention continues to unnecessarily put immigrants, facility staff, and the surrounding community at risk," Choudhury said.

This was the 18th such suit the ACLU has filed nationwide. Courts in several other states have also ordered the release of immigrant detainees from jails based on similar grounds.

On Wednesday, the National Immigrant Justice Center announced it filed six new lawsuits in the past week on behalf of immigrants detained in ICE custody at jails in Illinois, Wisconsin, Texas and California.

## Union: Trump 'wants to decimate' EPA via back-to-work plan

BY MICHAEL HAWTHORNE

While much of the nation remains under stay-at-home orders to fight the COVID-19 pandemic, President Donald Trump wants federal employees back in the office.

In Chicago, at least, the union local for U.S. Envi-

ronmental Protection Agency scientists and engineers is pushing back.

"It is not lost on us that President Trump is at war with his own federal workforce, who have stood up time and again to stop this administration from taking action that would harm the nation," said Nicole Cantello, president of Local

704 of the American Federation of Government Employees.

"Now he wants to decimate us by sending us back into danger," Cantello said. "We will fight any effort to needlessly sacrifice the lives of those who have sworn to serve the American people."

Based on conversations

this week with EPA managers, Cantello said, there is widespread confusion about what Trump's guidance actually means. Nobody is sure if or when anyone will return to working in government offices rather than at home.

In a statement, the EPA said it is "reviewing the

guidance, and will issue agency-specific guidance when complete and will implement accordingly."

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

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Tim Sitar gets a clap-out from the staff April 16 as he's discharged from Rush Copley Medical Center in Aurora.

## After 18 days in hospital, survivor gets big send-off

Aurora man's stay included long stint being on ventilator

BY DENISE CROSBY

There was a whole lot of whooping and hollering going on at Rush Copley Medical Center in Aurora when Tim Sitar was discharged April 16 from the hospital.

Both sides of the hallway were lined with masked nurses and staff from the COVID-19 unit, intensive care, respiratory therapy and administration, all smiling, cheering, applauding, some waving green pompoms — and yes, quite a few with tears in their eyes — as the 59-year-old Aurora man was wheeled outside to a thankful waiting family.

There was good reason for all the hoopla: Sitar was finally going home after an 18-day stay at Rush Copley — a life-and-death struggle with the coronavirus that included 10 days on a ventilator the husband and father of three thankfully does not remember.

With a chance to chat with Tim and wife Lonnie via a phone Monday morning, Sitar sounded remarkably good, considering the scary scenario he'd just experienced. Tim said he was weak, still on oxygen, his voice not entirely back, but getting stronger, he said, and ever so grateful.

And both he and Lonnie, who also was hospitalized with COVID-19 for a few days, were eager to share this extremely personal episode in their lives because they're convinced Tim's experience can bring hope to others as this pandemic continues to raise the death count here in our own community as well as around the world.

"They called me a miracle, a success story," Tim Sitar said. "If it can encourage others, then I want to share that story."

And I'm glad he did, as his positive outcome doesn't just give all of us regular Joes reason to celebrate, it's been a shot of inspiration to all those front-liners working long hours at great risk to keep those somber statistics we continue to get hit with as low as humanly possible.

While the COVID unit does these emotional clap-outs for all discharging patients, Tim's send-off was particularly large, said Rush Copley spokeswoman Courtney Satlak, because, in addition to both day and night shifts being present when he left, his especially-long stay at the hospital made his farewell even more meaningful.

"It really did lift all their spirits to see Tim go home," she said.

Sitar's battle — he's a sanitation supervisor at a North Aurora food company — began in late March

with a fever. A few days later, as Lonnie began developing symptoms and his own condition grew worse, the couple went to Advocate critical care, which sent the couple on to Rush Copley, where both learned they had the coronavirus.

As their symptoms, which soon included fatigue and coughing, only became more severe, the couple — she has asthma and high blood pressure, he has hypertension and diabetes — were both hospitalized. Lonnie, thankfully, was released after only a couple of days. But Tim, nearly too weak to stand at this point, was admitted into the intensive care unit March 29. That's "basically, the last thing I remember," he said.

As Tim's condition deteriorated and it was apparent his lungs were failing to deliver oxygen to his body, doctors administered pain medications and sedatives prior to having a breathing tube placed into his airway.

Certainly at this point, Lonnie knew her husband's odds were not good. According to multiple data reports compiled from COVID-19 cases, most patients — up to 80% in some places — don't survive ventilators, and the longer they are hooked up to the life support machine, the less likely they are to live.

Satlak said the average time for COVID-19 pa-

tients at Rush Copley to be on a ventilator has been anywhere from four to 20-plus days, depending on the patient's underlying medical condition. She said prior to COVID-19, the average ventilator time was two to two and a half days.

Tim said he can only recall hallucinations from those most critical hospital days, and it wasn't until after he was off the ventilator, rolled over on his stomach while getting treated for potential blood clots, that he was able to reconnect to the world around him.

"Yes," he said with a chuckle, it is possible to "feel as if you've been hit by a train" yet also "feel blessed."

Tim still has challenges ahead, including weeks of physical and occupational therapy.

But he's also got his favorite now-immune nurse by his side and a new perspective on life that includes more appreciation for the curveballs life can throw, and for those heroes in face masks who help us when they hit hard.

The hospital staff, including those front-line nurses, he insisted, "treated me like gold," then turned around and cheered his victory over the coronavirus like a soldier returning from a hard-fought war.

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## Gov. Pritzker rejects state bankruptcy call

McConnell floats solution to get out of pension debt

BY RICK PEARSON

Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker on Wednesday rejected Republican U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell's call for a pause in federal coronavirus relief aid to the states and support for allowing states like Illinois to file bankruptcy to unload heavy public employee pension debt.

Asked about the comments during a daily coronavirus briefing, Pritzker said McConnell is "certainly important to the process of getting things done in Washington, D.C.," but noted that "there are an awful lot of senators on both sides of the aisle that disagree with him."

"So, I'm hopeful that as a result of work that they're doing, those (other) senators believe that states and local governments deserve and need additional support," he said.

And seeking bankruptcy protection, Pritzker said, was not an option he has considered.

The governor's remarks came after McConnell appeared on the nationally syndicated Hugh Hewitt radio show. The head of the Senate's GOP majority reiterated his belief that there should be a pause in doling out additional federal aid to states to cope with a downturn in local revenues due to the pandemic.

"We're going to push the pause button here because I think this whole business of additional assistance for state and local governments needs to be thoroughly evaluated," he said.

McConnell went further during a discussion about states with large public pension shortfalls, saying he would be in favor of allowing them to "use the bankruptcy route." Individual states do not have the power to file for bankruptcy to get out from under debt obligations, however.

"There's not going to be any desire on the Republican side to bail out state pensions by borrowing money from future generations," McConnell said. "My guess is their first choice would be for the federal government to borrow money from future generations to send it down to them now so they don't have to do that," he said. "That's not something I'm going to be in favor of."

Illinois has a worst-in-the-nation \$138 billion unfunded public employee pension liability. Some Republicans have discussed whether the state should ask the federal government to allow it to file for bankruptcy.

At present, such a move is prevented by the "sovereign immunity" clause against states afforded by the U.S. Constitution. It also would be fraught with complications, potentially increasing

costs for states to borrow if investors were not protected for bonds taken out for things like road construction.

In Illinois, any effort to shed its government worker pension debt in bankruptcy could run afoul of the state's own constitution, which contains a pension protection clause that treats benefits as a contract. The state Supreme Court has ruled that the clause prevents public pension benefits from being diminished or impaired.

Federal attention to Illinois' unfunded pension liability was raised last week when Democratic state Senate President Don Harmon of Oak Park sent a letter to the state's congressional delegation seeking \$41.6 billion in federal aid, including \$10 billion to help stabilize the pension system.

Pritzker sought to distance himself from the request this week. The state's five GOP congressmen sent a rebuke to Harmon, saying Illinois' Democratic leadership needed to reduce spending and address the pension issue rather than seek federal funds to deal with years of mismanagement.

Democrats in Washington, including House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, have said federal dollars for state and local governments have to be part of the next coronavirus relief package. The House is scheduled to vote this week to approve a measure to replenish the federal Paycheck Protection Plan aimed at helping small businesses keep workers on the payroll.

McConnell and Senate Republicans rejected Pelosi's attempt to inject federal aid to states in the small-business funding measure. But she told Bloomberg Television on Wednesday that the Senate GOP leader had pledged not to exceed \$250 billion in funding in the latest measure and "now, we are up to \$480 (billion)," including assistance to hospitals and for enhanced coronavirus testing.

Pelosi called the current measure an "interim bill" and noted President Donald Trump took to Twitter on Tuesday to say "that he is ready to do state and local" funding in a new measure.

After urging passage of the enhanced payroll protection program, Trump tweeted, "After I sign this Bill, we will begin discussions on the next Legislative Initiative with fiscal relief...to State/Local Governments for lost revenues from COVID 19, much needed Infrastructure Investments for Bridges, Tunnels, Broadband, Tax Incentives for Restaurants, Entertainment, Sports, and Payroll Tax Cuts to increase Economic Growth."

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## Orland Park bucks neighbors, plans for its outdoor concerts

BY MIKE NOLAN

As warmer weather approaches and with outdoor events such as festivals and farmers markets on the horizon, some south suburbs are proceeding cautiously, with some activities being delayed or canceled outright due to COVID-19 concerns.

Orland Park, however, is all in, announcing a lineup of concerts for this summer, with the village's mayor subjected to blowback on social media for the decision. Some residents have supported the decision and others chided officials to trying to jump back into normal patterns too soon.

A village news release said the decision follows the White House announcement of the Opening Up America Again plan.

"Although we continue to monitor the current environment and plan accord-

ingly, we also have to plan for a phased reopening of the local economy, getting people back to work, and enjoying all of the great things that Orland Park has to offer," Mayor Keith Pekau said in the news release.

The village's Market in the Park, which features food and alcohol vendors, will launch its season June 4 at the village's Crescent Park, next to the 143rd Street Metra station. Officials also announced a series of concerts at Centennial Park West, beginning July 18 with a lineup of performers that includes Tommy James & the Shondells, Ides of March and The Buckinghams.

Posts on the village's Facebook page were pessimistic and optimistic.

"I guess COVID-19 will mysteriously disappear by then," one person wrote, while another criticized

naysayers to "stop bashing good things such as this upbeat planning for the future."

Pekau said at Monday's Village Board meeting it would have cost the village more than \$200,000 to cancel the bands, which had already been booked, and that if Orland Park had done so it faced the prospect of being "blackballed" by musical artists in the future.

"I realize some people will be afraid, but some people will be afraid for a long time after this," he said.

"We will know a lot more in 90 days than we know now," Pekau said.

Tickets will be sold initially to Orland Park residents starting May 1, then open to the public May 22. Concerts are also scheduled for Aug. 8 and Aug. 22.

Should that return to normalcy not come right away and the concerts wind up needing to be canceled,

ticket buyers would receive refunds, Pekau said.

Other area mayors said that they are waiting for more guidance from state health officials and Gov. J.B. Pritzker's office about when it might be safe to resume events that can draw large crowds.

The state's stay-at-home order is due to lapse at the end of the month, but officials see that being extended into May.

Sandra Bury, Oak Lawn's mayor, said her village has not pulled the plug on any special events at this point pending the state's guidance.

In Frankfort, Earth Day, observed Wednesday, generated 200 to 300 volunteers out into the community to plant flowers and clean up gardens, but that has been canceled, Mayor Jim Holland said.

"Still, we would encourage people to work in their

own yards that day," he said.

Homewood's Rail Fest planned for May 16 was canceled, and the Frankfort Country Market farmers market that was to have kicked off its season this coming Sunday has been pushed back until after the end of May.

Other large festivals planned for the summer months have been canceled over COVID-19 concerns.

In Oak Forest, the 33rd annual Oak Fest that was to have spanned five days in early July was called off, and Frankfort's Bluegrass Festival, which would have marked its 10th year in July, has also been canceled. Both events are organized by outside groups rather than the municipal government.

New Lenox also had scheduled a series of concerts, with the first one featuring Dennis DeYoung and the Music of Styx

planned for June 13. That has been rescheduled to late August and New Lenox has canceled or postponed all events through June, Mayor Tim Baldermann said.

In Tinley Park, the Fire Department's Run For Your Life 5K to benefit the camp for burn victims, which had been scheduled for May 3, is going to be pushed back to sometime this fall, said Donna Franke, the village's marketing director.

Also on hold is the village's Downtown Tinley Cruise Night, which sees classic vehicles displayed along a stretch of Oak Park Avenue. That was due to start May 26.

The Homer Glen Village Board will discuss Wednesday night whether to cancel the four-day Homer Fest scheduled for late June.

Orland Park plans to move ahead with its traditional Memorial Day observance on May 25.

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## Chicago firefighter receives final salute

Chicago firefighters salute the procession Wednesday for firefighter Edward Singleton, right, following his funeral service at Taylor Funeral Home. Firefighters from numerous suburban departments, including Evanston, Oak Forest and Skokie, turned out to honor Singleton, who died April 14 after suffering from illnesses, including an infection related to the novel coronavirus, according to the Cook County medical examiner's office. Singleton was the second Chicago firefighter to die in the COVID-19 pandemic. Survivors include his wife, Nicol, and two adult children, Breonna and Edward II.



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this scourge of COVID-19?

A day after Mayor Lori Lightfoot suggested the stay-at-home order could extend into June, Pritzker said, "That's not something we're contemplating at the moment."

"We're looking at an extension, but I don't know — I can't tell you right now how long that extension should run," he said, noting that his original order, which ran through April 7, was extended by three weeks.

The governor has said in recent days that he's considering requiring people to wear face coverings when going to the grocery store or other public places and that he's evaluating whether some restrictions can be eased on a region-by-region basis, a move that's been urged by Republican state lawmakers and some businesses.

"I just want to remind everybody: We are still adding more people to our hospital beds in the state of Illinois, even now," Pritzker said Wednesday. "We're adding more people to our ICU beds. ... You don't want to be on this side of the curve."

State health officials reported that as of Tuesday, 4,665 hospital beds were occupied by COVID-19 patients, an increase of more than 5% from a week earlier. Of those, 1,220 were in intensive care, a slight decrease from a week ago.

The new cases of COVID-19 announced Wednesday surpassed the previous high of 1,842, set last Friday, and brought the total number of known cases since the start of the outbreak to 35,108. The 98 additional deaths reported in the previous 24 hours

brings the death toll to 1,565.

Pritzker attributed the high daily case count in part to increased testing, something he's said will be one key to eventually reopening the economy on a larger scale. The state reported more than 9,300 tests on Wednesday, approaching Pritzker's previously stated goal of 10,000 screenings per day.

Along with increased testing, Pritzker has said repeatedly that an approved treatment for the respiratory disease and a more robust program for tracing who has come into contact with those carrying the virus will be prerequisites for a broader rollback of restrictions. Pritzker has said several times that the state is putting together a contact tracing program but has yet to provide details.

State GOP lawmakers have been urging Pritzker to make a range of changes to his stay-at-home order, including reopening state parks and allowing some businesses to reopen with social-distancing measures in place.

"The safe opening, or reopening, of our state economy is the important work that now faces us," said Rep. Ryan Spain, a Peoria Republican, during a Wednesday online news conference. "And we believe there should be allowances made for businesses to reopen, as long as they can do so safely. So that's social distancing requirements, use of masks, use of density controls for their particular businesses."

Art stores, car dealerships, clothing and shoe stores, salons and barber shops are all examples of businesses that could operate in a safe manner, Spain said.

"This will be different for different types of busi-

nesses, and likely should be different for different parts of our state," he said.

In a separate interview, Senate GOP leader Bill Brady of Bloomington agreed with his House colleagues.

"We shouldn't do anything if it can't be done safely," Brady said. "But if essential businesses can operate safely, then other businesses that might not be essential to anybody but the employees or the employer could also."

Brady said his concern is that "if we don't provide a safe path for people to do things, they may do it anyway in an unsafe path."

Some of these changes could be made before the stay-at-home order expires at the end of the month, he said.

Brady, while crediting the governor for listening to GOP concerns, said Pritzker could more clearly lay out how he's evaluating the data in making decisions.

"We don't know what the data is going to be," Brady said. "It would be nice to know when the data reaches certain points how the state of Illinois is going to deal with that. That removes one uncertainty at least."

The governor said this week that he now believes the pandemic will hit its peak in mid-May in Illinois, at which point the number of new cases would begin a downward trajectory. He has said the his stay-at-home order and other measures helped prevent a sharper rise that would have overwhelmed the health care system.

Pritzker so far has declined to share the specific models he's consulting, though he pointed to major Illinois universities such as Northwestern and the University of Illinois as some of his sources. "We'll be talk-

ing more about modeling tomorrow to give you a better understanding of how we look at things," he said Wednesday.

For the most part, Republicans aren't pushing for the order as a whole to be lifted. Rep. Mark Batintin, a Plainfield Republican, recommended that senior citizens, one of the groups most vulnerable to COVID-19, continue to stay isolated, and that employees be required to wear face coverings inside stores and restaurants.

Rep. Tony McCombie, a Republican from Savanna, said she wants to see Pritzker "announce support for our health care organizations and allow for them to slowly return to normal operations as soon as and as safely as possible," including allowing patients to schedule elective procedures that have been postponed.

"This is a growing concern that lifesaving cancer preventive screening services like mammograms, MRIs, colonoscopies are significantly being delayed," McCombie said.

Pritzker said that when the order was put in place and even when it was extended in early April, "we didn't know how virulent this virus was going to be, how fast was it going to overtake a community and therefore hospitalizations."

"We've seen what's happened across the state of Illinois, the differences between one area and another, and so taking that into consideration, elective surgeries is one of the many things taken into consideration," he said.

Rep. Dave Severin, a Republican from downstate Benton, said the closure of state parks and recreation areas "have had a direct negative effect" on southern Illinois. "If we follow the guide-

lines of social distancing, if we also make sure that we have the PPE items adequate for our state workers in the areas, we believe they should be opened back up," Severin said.

Reopening parks with protections in place for state workers is a step "we absolutely have considered," Pritzker said.

Also Wednesday, Pritzker disagreed with Republican U.S. Senate Majority leader Mitch McConnell's views that federal coronavirus relief aid to states should be paused and that states should be allowed to file bankruptcy to get out from under heavy pension debt.

Pritzker said the Kentucky senator is "certainly important" in Washington, D.C., but "there are an awful lot of senators on both sides of the aisle that disagree with him" about aid to states.

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## Wheaton College apartments set for use

BY ROBERT MCCOPPIN

Wheaton College will provide temporary housing for first responders in DuPage County to self-isolate due to the coronavirus, officials announced Wednesday.

The college will open 28 apartments free of charge for use by DuPage police officers, firefighters and medical personnel, a county news release announced. The units will be for those who have been exposed to COVID-19, but do not need hospitalization; have tested positive for the virus and need to be isolated, but do not need hospitalization; and as a precautionary measure for asymptomatic, high-risk individuals.

The units in the college's Saint & Elliot buildings were vacated when the college moved to online learning in March. They are not next to the campus, which officials say will protect Wheaton students and personnel.

"Our first responders are dedicated public servants,

**"We are extremely grateful to Wheaton College for generously providing these rooms so these heroes can rest easy."**

— DuPage County Board Chairman Dan Cronin

putting themselves in potentially dangerous situations daily," DuPage County Board Chairman Dan Cronin said in the release. "We are extremely grateful to Wheaton College for generously providing these rooms so these heroes can rest easy, knowing they are safely isolating from their families."

Wheaton College President Philip Ryken characterized the housing as a way to give back to first responders. "Sharing our resources in this way allows us to love the community that is home to many of our students, faculty and staff," he said.

The county Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management will work with local health organizations, police and fire departments to determine eligibility for the temporary housing, the release stated. The county health department will provide medical monitoring for the first responders being housed.

Wood Dale police Chief Greg Vesta, president of the DuPage Chiefs of Police Association, and Dennis Rogers, Warrenville Fire Protection District Chief and president of the DuPage Fire Chiefs Association said they were very appreciative of efforts to make sure first responders have a safe place to stay and keep their families safe.

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## Lightfoot floats plan to scale back new lobbying restrictions

BY JOHN BYRNE

Mayor Lori Lightfoot on Wednesday introduced a proposal to weaken rules against elected officials lobbying the city of Chicago that aldermen pushed through late last year.

Lightfoot's amendment to the lobbying ordinance would allow elected officials from outside Chicago to lobby the City Council, the mayor's office and other city government offices, as long as the public body they represent doesn't have pending or contractual matters involving the city of Chicago.

That change would partially walk back the stricter standards the council passed without dissent fol-

lowing an impassioned debate in December, which barred all elected officials in Illinois from lobbying the city.

Lightfoot said Wednesday the change wouldn't weaken the rules adopted by the council. "What we heard through the Board of Ethics was some concern that the original language of the ordinance that was passed last fall swept too broadly and extended to elected officials in other jurisdictions that were doing some business here in the city of Chicago. That wasn't our intent," she said.

Lightfoot's change would benefit lobbyist Gyata Kimmons, who registered with the city in 2019 as lobbying on behalf of Walmart, McDonald's, Westfield

Concession Management Inc., the United Center Joint Venture and the Illinois Retail Sweepstakes and Promotion Association.

Kimmons also is a village trustee in south suburban Flossmoor, according to the village website.

Ald. Walter Burnett Jr., 27th, argued Kimmons' position in Flossmoor shouldn't interfere with his lobbying work in Chicago.

"They don't have anything to do with one another," said Burnett, one of Lightfoot's City Council allies. "He's serving on the board because he wants to help his community, and he's probably very well qualified to do that. Serving there shouldn't stop him from working here."

During debate in Decem-

ber over the measure barring all elected officials from lobbying the city, Southwest Side Ald. Matt O'Shea, 19th, forcefully defended it.

"This legislation is common sense," he said then. "When it's said, 'the thought of impropriety,' we are surrounded by impropriety at the state level, at the county level and in this body. The feds are all around us. We need to send a message that this B.S. is over with. If we need to come back in three months or six months and alter it, then we'll work with (the Law Department)."

Lightfoot said at her afternoon news conference that the ordinance approved last year went too far by applying to elected offi-

cial in other jurisdictions. Under the proposed changes, Lightfoot said, Chicago aldermen still would be prohibited from lobbying other areas of government.

"In consultation with the Board of Ethics and others, we are proposing a slight amendment that doesn't change what the intent of the original ordinance was, which is to make sure that City Council members are not lobbying other bodies of government," Lightfoot said. "That doesn't change at all."

O'Shea could not immediately be reached Wednesday to comment on Lightfoot's proposed amendment. His co-sponsor on the tougher lobbying rules measure, Ald. Michele

Smith, 43rd, said she hadn't seen Lightfoot's proposal and needed to look at it before she could comment.

Lightfoot ran on a platform to clean up Chicago government and end special deals for connected insiders. Her candidacy was given a boost when federal investigators raided Ald. Edward Burke's office as part of an investigation that has resulted in corruption charges alleging he abused his City Hall clout to get work for his law firm and other favors from companies and individuals doing business with the city.

Burke has pleaded not guilty.

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## CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

# Few back easing virus protections

Poll finds majority of Americans favor stay-at-home orders

BY THOMAS BEAUMONT AND HANNAH FINGERHUT  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Americans remain overwhelmingly in favor of stay-at-home orders and other efforts to slow the spread of the coronavirus, a new survey finds, even as small pockets of attention-grabbing protests demanding the lifting of such restrictions emerge nationwide.

The survey from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research also finds that a majority of Americans say it won't be safe to lift social distancing guidelines anytime soon, running counter to the choice of a handful of governors who have announced plans to ease within days the public health efforts that have upended daily life and roiled the U.S. economy.

More than a month after schoolyards fell silent, restaurant tables emptied and waves from a safe distance replaced hugs and handshakes, the country largely believes restrictions on social interaction to curb the spread of the virus are appropriate.

Only 12% of Americans say the measures where they live go too far. About twice as many people, 26%, believe the limits don't go far enough. The majority of Americans, 61%, feel the steps taken by government officials to prevent infections of COVID-19 in their area are about right.

About 8 in 10 Americans say they support measures that include requiring Americans to stay in their homes and limiting gatherings to 10 people or fewer — numbers that have largely held steady over the past few weeks.

"We haven't begun to flatten the curve yet. We're still ramping up in the number of cases and the number of deaths," said Laura McCullough, 47, a college physics professor from Menomonie, Wisconsin. "We're still learning about what it can do, and if we're still learning about what it can do, this isn't going to be the time to let people go out and get back to their life."

While the poll reveals



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A man in a mask Wednesday makes his way across the National Mall — with the White House visible — in Washington.

## Social Security, Medicare at risk before virus

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WASHINGTON — The financial condition of the government's two biggest benefit programs remains shaky, with Medicare expected to become insolvent in just six years, while Social Security will be unable to pay full benefits starting in 2035, the government said Wednesday.

And that's before factoring what officials acknowledge will be a substantial hit to both programs from the coronavirus pandemic, which has shut down large parts of the U.S. economy and put millions of people out of work.

The depletion dates, which remained unchanged from last year's estimates, were revealed Wednesday with release of the annual trustees reports of both programs.

When Social Security's reserves are exhausted in 2035, the program will only be able to pay 79% of benefits at that time.

Even if employment rebounds by



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the end of this year and payroll taxes return to near-normal levels, the shock from the pandemic shutdown could accelerate the depletion of the Social Security trust fund by about six months, officials told reporters.

If a recession extends into next year, it could mean that a depletion of Social Security would come a full year earlier.

The consequences may be worse for the Medicare program, which in this report is estimated to deplete its reserves in 2026.

The expected recession, projected by economists to be the deepest since the 1930s, will mean fewer people paying into Social Security and Medicare.

Compounding the problem, the pandemic will impose heavier case-loads on the health program, which provides care for those 65 and older.

In a statement, Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin, who chairs the trustees' group, said that the Trump administration was "working around the clock to mitigate any potential long-term negative economic effects of the pandemic and position the economy once again for strong growth."

William Arnone, CEO of the nonpartisan National Academy of Social Insurance, which works on education and policy, said that next year's report will be much more important because it will take into account the impact of pandemic.

that the feelings behind the protests that materialized in the past week or so in battleground states such as Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin are held by only a small fraction of Americans, it does find signs that Republicans are, like President Donald Trump, becoming more bullish on

reopening aspects of public life.

Just 36% of Republicans now say they strongly favor requiring Americans to stay home during the outbreak, compared with 51% who said so in late March. While majorities of Democrats and Republicans think current restrictions where they live

are about right, Republicans are roughly four times as likely as Democrats to think restrictions in place go too far — 22% to 5%.

More Democrats than Republicans think restrictions don't go far enough, 33% to 19%.

"They'll be lifted, but there are still going to be

sick people running around," said Lynn Sanchez, 66, a Democrat and retired convenience store manager from Jacksonville, Texas, where Gov. Greg Abbott has reopened state parks and plans to announce further relaxations next week. "And we're going to have another pandemic."

More than 46,000 people in the United States have died from COVID-19, according to a tally by Johns Hopkins University, while 22 million have applied for unemployment benefits since March. It's that economic cost that has led some governors to follow Trump's lead and start talking about allowing some shuttered businesses to reopen, including in Georgia, where many businesses — including gyms, bowling alleys and tattoo parlors — can do so starting Friday. Restaurants there can resume dine-in service next week.

Yet the survey finds that few Americans, 16%, think it's very or extremely likely that their areas will be safe enough in a few weeks for the restrictions to be lifted. While 27% think it's somewhat likely, a majority of Americans, 56%, say conditions are unlikely to be safe in a few weeks to start lifting the current restrictions.

"If we try too hard to restart the economy prematurely, there will be waves of reinfection," said 70-year-old retired medical equipment salesman Goble Floyd, of Bonita Springs, Florida. "I don't think the economy or life will get back to normal until there's a vaccine. It just seems this is so seriously contagious."

The partisan differences are apparent.

Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp is a Republican and unwavering Trump supporter. GOP lawmakers in Wisconsin filed suit Tuesday against the state's Democratic governor after he ordered most nonessential businesses to remain closed until May 26.

The poll finds 59% of Republicans say it's at least somewhat likely that their areas will be safe enough for reopening in a few weeks, compared with 71% of Democrats who say it is unlikely. Still, even among Republicans, just 27% say that's very likely.

"I haven't met one person at the protests that disagrees with the fact that we need to self-quarantine until April 30," said Matt Seely, a spokesman for the Michigan Conservative Coalition, which sponsored an automobile-based protest last week at the state's capitol in Lansing. "Nobody wants to do the wrong thing. But the solution is not to stay in your home until the last case of COVID is gone."

# Trump to Iran: US will 'shoot down' close boats

Tensions rise as Tehran launches military satellite

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The New York Times

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump said Wednesday that he has told the Navy to shoot down and destroy any Iranian fast boats that harass U.S. naval ships, in what would be a sharp escalation of the risky maneuvers performed by the two adversaries in the Persian Gulf and the Arabian Sea.

The president's abrupt statement, which he announced on Twitter, came on the morning that Iran successfully launched a military satellite and a week after the Pentagon accused Iran of sending 11 fast boats to conduct "dangerous and harassing approaches" to six U.S. warships in the Persian Gulf.

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo confirmed the satellite launch and demanded that the U.N. Security Council hold Iran accountable for the potential violation of international guidelines re-

stricting Tehran's nuclear-capable missile program.

He noted that the government in Tehran had previously claimed that its missile launches were linked to commercial efforts — and not to its military, as it did Wednesday.

"I think today's launch proves what we've been saying all along here in the United States," Pompeo told reporters at the State Department.

He noted that the launch was carried out by Iran's Revolutionary Guard, which has been designated by the State Department as a terrorist organization.

In the encounter last week with U.S. warships, a swarm of Iranian fast boats, according to the Defense Department, "repeatedly crossed the bows and sterns" of the U.S. ships at high speed, coming within 10 yards of one ship.

Trump did not say anything when the episode took place last week; such maneuvers have occurred for years, as U.S. warships ply the Persian Gulf near Iranian territorial waters and Iran shows its ire by sending fast boats to harass the ships. Usually, the incidents end with warnings from the Pentagon.

But Trump on Wednesday suddenly escalated the potential U.S. response, in a tweet that seemed to catch the Pentagon by surprise.

"I have instructed the United States Navy to shoot down and destroy any and all Iranian gunboats if they harass our ships at sea," he wrote on Twitter.

The Navy referred all questions to the White House. A Defense Department official said the service had not received any formal policy directive from Trump ordering the Navy to start shooting Iranian gunboats.

A U.S. military official said there have been no further incidents with the Iranians, fast boats or otherwise, since the one last week.

Speaking to reporters Wednesday, David Norquist, deputy defense secretary, said Trump's statement on Twitter was more of a warning to the Iranians than a change to the current rules of engagement.

"The president issued an important warning to the Iranians, what he was emphasizing is that all of our ships retain the right of self-defense," Norquist said. "The president is describ-



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An aircraft takes off from the USS Abraham Lincoln in August in the Arabian Sea, where U.S. naval ships and Iranian fast boats engage in risky maneuvers.

ing and responding to poor behavior of the Iranians."

Standing alongside Norquist, Gen. John Hyten, vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said he liked "that the president warned an adversary."

The president has a history of Twitter announcements that seem at odds with traditional policy, including that involving the military and its rules and operations.

U.S. military units on the ground and at sea abide by strict rules on "escalation of force," a ladder that includes audible warnings, flares and maneuvers before a shot is fired, often as a

last measure.

Trump's directive, in many ways, discounts this entire process and could lead to injury and death on an already crowded, and often confusing, waterway such as the Persian Gulf.

Hyten declined to comment on the results of the Iranian missile test, citing classified intelligence.

"I won't go into those details, but it went a very long way, which means it has the ability, once again, to threaten their neighbors, our allies," Hyten said. "This is just another example of Iranian malign behavior, and it goes right along with the harassment from

the fast boats."

The Navy released video of last week's naval incident, which showed fast boats zooming close to a U.S. warship.

Former U.S. commanders in the Middle East said Wednesday that U.S. Navy officers were already well-trained in dealing with the ebb and flow of Iran's naval harassment and did not need new directives from Trump.

"Commanders are well-aware and already have sufficient guidance to deal with these types of events," said Vice Adm. John Miller, a retired commander of the 5th Fleet, based in Bahrain.

## CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

## Muslims try to keep Ramadan spirit

Traditions difficult to maintain during coronavirus crisis

BY SAMY MAGDY AND LEE KEATH  
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BAHTIM, Egypt — Every year during Ramadan, the Light of Muhammad Mosque sets up long tables on the street and dishes up free meals at sunset for the poor to break their daily fast. It's a charity that many rely on in this impoverished district on the edge of the Egyptian capital.

But it's too dangerous in this era of the coronavirus — in Egypt and in many Muslim countries, such as "Tables of the Compassionate" have been barred.

So the mosque, which like others in Egypt had to shut its doors as a precaution against the virus, will use the funds that would have gone into the free communal tables to distribute packed meals and cash to those in need.

"We hope this could ease their suffering," said Sheikh Abdel-Rahman, the muezzin of the mosque in the district of Bahtim.

As Ramadan begins with the new moon later this week, Muslims around the world are trying to maintain the cherished rituals of Islam's holiest month without spreading the outbreak further.

At the heart of Ramadan is the sunrise-to-sunset fast, meant to instill contemplation of God. But alongside the hardship of abstaining from food and drink for hours every day, the month sweeps everyone up into a communal spirit. Families and friends gather for large meals at sunset, known as iftars. In some countries, cafes and cultural events are packed late into the night. Worshippers go to mosques for hours of evening prayers, or "taraweeh." Many devote themselves to charity.



With Ramadan on the horizon, a customer wearing a face mask shops at a market Tuesday in Algiers, Algeria.

Muslims now find themselves cut off from much of what makes the month special as authorities fight the pandemic. Many countries have closed mosques and banned taraweeh to prevent crowds. Prominent clerics, including in Saudi Arabia, have urged people to pray at home.

Governments are trying to balance restrictions with traditions.

Lebanon, Iraq, Syria and Egypt loosened their curfews, moving them back to start anywhere from a half-hour to 90 minutes after sunset. That gives time to get to Iftar, but not much: people can't go too far to visit others for the meal unless they're prepared to stay the night.

Other countries have banned long internal travel. Syria gave people a window of two days this week to move between provinces, then restored its ban.

In Malaysia, Mohamad Fadhil said he was resigned to missing out on the surge

in business at the Ramadan bazaar, where he and other sellers hawk food and drinks in crowded open-air markets. The bazaars have been shut down.

But he hoped the country's lockdown will be eased so he can bring his 7-year-old daughter home. She was at his parents about an hour away when the lockdown began six weeks ago, trapping her there.

"I hope we can be together as a family during Ramadan," he said.

In Indonesia, the world's most populous Muslim nation, the government has banned millions of government employees, soldiers and police from traveling home during the Eid al-Fitr, the holiday marking the end of Ramadan.

"Fear of coronavirus has blocked us from celebrating Eid with my parents," said Rachmad Mardiansyah, a civil servant in Jakarta.

The loss of communal charity meals will particularly hurt as people lose jobs

under coronavirus restrictions. Some are rushing to fill the void.

In Kashmir, the Muslim-majority territory contested by India and Pakistan, volunteers wearing masks and gloves drop off sacks of rice, flour, lentils and other staples for Ramadan at the doorsteps of those in need in the city of Srinagar.

They try to do it quietly, so not even the neighbors know they are receiving help.

"We have to take care of these people's self-respect," said one volunteer, Sajjad Ahmed.

Taib Soce, a famous Muslim preacher on Rfm, a private radio station in the Senegalese capital, Dakar, said that while the government is taking action, "the rich must also help the poor."

"Solidarity must be in order. This is what the Prophet Muhammad did during times of war. COVID-19 is like a war," he said.

Donors can't help everywhere when need surges so

quickly.

In the Gaza Strip, the group Salam Charitable usually receives donations from Turkey, Malaysia, Jordan and elsewhere for its Ramadan relief projects. Last year, it was able to distribute 11,000 food parcels and clothes for children. Charities are vital in Gaza, which has been under an Israeli-Egyptian blockade for 13 years, leaving more than half the population of 2 million under the poverty line.

This year, giving has dried up.

"This time last year, we had already three contracts to give food parcels to the poor. This year we don't have any," said Omar Saad, spokesman for the charity. "I think we missed the opportunity because Ramadan is starting soon."

In Pakistan, powerful Muslim clerics forced the government to leave mosques open throughout Ramadan. Mullah Abdul Aziz of the Red Mosque in

the capital, Islamabad, ordered adherents to pack communal prayers. Last Friday, worshippers were shoulder-to-shoulder.

Still, calls by influential Saudi clerics to stay home also have an effect.

"We hear on TV what the big imams say," said Zaheer Abbas, an Islamabad resident who has been praying at home. "Praying is praying. God isn't only in the mosque."

In Somalia, while people lament the loss of community, Mogadishu resident Osman Yusuf tried to find optimism. The new restrictions "keep you closer to your loved ones for comfort," he said.

Not all Ramadan traditions are rooted in religion. Egypt is known for the TV comedies and drama series it churns out for the month, which are broadcast between the iftar and the pre-sunrise meal. A new batch is being produced for this year, despite coronavirus restrictions.

Iraqis have to give up a unique Ramadan tradition: tournaments of a game called "Mheibes." In the game, teams of up to several dozen people each line up and one member hides a ring in his hand. A member of the other team must guess who has the ring, usually by going up and down the line, trying to read facial tics or other "tells."

Health authorities pleaded with Jassim al-Aswad, the longtime Mheibes champion and tournament organizer, to call it off for the sake of public safety — while praising his "preternatural abilities and unrivaled powers of discernment."

The 65-year-old al-Aswad relented.

"I feel very sad," he said. "Ramadan will be devoid of these popular rituals this year. God wreak vengeance on corona, which deprived us of our most beautiful hobby."



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House Minority Whip Steve Scalise, bottom left, speaks to reporters Wednesday with House GOP Conference Chair Liz Cheney and House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy.

## As 4th virus relief bill nears passage, fight looms over 5th

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WASHINGTON — Congress is on the verge of passing an almost \$500 billion coronavirus relief bill, but battle lines already are forming over the next measure amid growing demands to approve additional billions for state and local governments, the Postal Service and even infrastructure.

The talk of a fifth measure is running into early opposition from conservatives, chiefly Senate Republicans, who warn the spending spree cannot go on indefinitely. The GOP senators saw their request to replenish a Paycheck Protection Program nearly double in size, as Democrats persuaded President Donald Trump to support additional funding for underbanked communities, health providers and a national testing initiative.

So far, big spending is carrying the day, pushing the projected deficit for the current year past \$3 trillion — more than double the previous record from the Great Recession.

The House is expected to vote Thursday on the

latest, \$483 billion measure, already passed by the Senate, which as its centerpiece would add \$321 billion to replenish a small-business payroll fund, while pumping more money into hospitals and testing. Trump says he'll sign it into law.

Supporters of the Paycheck Protection Program warn that this week's refill may only last a few days, likely putting business groups back at Washington's doorstep, along with the nation's governors and the cash-strapped Postal Service.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said Wednesday on Bloomberg Television that more funding for state and local governments — there's already \$150 billion allocated in last month's \$2 trillion coronavirus package — means support for "the health care workers, the police and fire, the first responders, the emergency services people, the teachers in our schools, the transportation workers who get vital, essential workers to work."

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., meanwhile, is testing the brakes.

After Tuesday's Senate

vote, McConnell said there will be a lengthy Senate debate on the next package before billions more in spending will move through his chamber.

"We haven't had much discussion about adding \$2.7 trillion to the national debt, and the way that could indeed also threaten the future of the country," McConnell told conservative radio host Hugh Hewitt.

Trump has said he supports including fiscal relief for state and local government in another virus aid package along with infrastructure projects, but McConnell said the Senate is "going to push the pause button here."

"We all have governors who would love to have free money," McConnell said.

Given McConnell's comments, it's not clear how soon the next bill can advance. There's also the question of when Pelosi and McConnell feel comfortable reopening Capitol Hill, though Trump has signaled he wants discussions to begin as soon as Congress finishes the current legislation.

The Senate is scheduled to return May 4.

## Virus killed 2 in Calif. weeks before 1st reported US case

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SAN FRANCISCO — Two people with the coronavirus died in California as much as three weeks before the U.S. reported its first death from the disease in late February — a gap that a top health official said Wednesday may have led to delays in issuing stay-at-home orders in the nation's most populous state.

Dr. Sara Cody, health director in Northern California's Santa Clara County, said the deaths were missed because of a scarcity of testing and the federal government's limited guidance on who should be tested.

The infections in the two patients were confirmed by way of autopsy tissue samples that were sent to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for analysis. The county coroner's office received the results Tuesday, officials said.

"If we had had widespread testing earlier and we were able to document the level of transmission in the county, if we had understood then people were already dying, yes, we probably would have acted earlier than we did, which would have meant more time at home," Cody said.

In the wake of the disclosure, Gov. Gavin Newsom said he has directed coroners throughout the state to take another look at deaths as far back as December to help establish more clearly when the epidemic took hold in California.

He declined to say whether the two newly recognized deaths would have changed his decisions about when to order a shutdown. He imposed a statewide one in late March.

Officials said the two Santa Clara County patients died at home — a



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57-year-old woman Feb. 6 and a 69-year-old man Feb. 17 — and that neither had traveled out of the country to a coronavirus outbreak area. The epidemic emerged in the Chinese city of Wuhan in late December.

The first known death from the virus in the U.S. was reported Feb. 29 in Kirkland, Washington, a Seattle suburb. Officials later attributed two Feb. 26 deaths to the virus.

The two newly reported deaths show that the virus was spreading in California well before officials realized it and that outbreaks were underway in at least two parts of the country about the same time.

"It shifts everything weeks earlier, extends geographic involvement (and) further shows how our inability to test let this outbreak loose," said Dr. Eric Topol, head of the Scripps Research Translational Institute in San Diego, in an email.

Because it can take one or two weeks between the time people get infected and when they get sick enough to die, the Feb. 6 death suggests the virus was circulating in California in late January, if not earlier. Previously, the first infection reported anywhere in the U.S. was in the Seattle area Jan. 21.

On March 17, authorities across the San Francisco

Bay Area, Santa Clara County included, confined nearly 7 million people to their homes for all but essential tasks and exercise in what was at the time the most aggressive measure taken against the outbreak in the U.S.

Three days later, California put all 40 million of its residents under a near-lockdown.

The newly reported deaths "tell us is that we had community transmission probably to a significant degree far earlier than we had known," Cody said. "And that indicates that the virus was probably introduced and circulating in our community, again, far earlier than we had known."

Thousands of travelers from China and other affected regions entered the U.S. before travel bans and airport screenings were put in place by the Trump administration in mid- and late January.

County officials said the tissue samples from the two patients were sent to the CDC in mid-March. CDC officials did not immediately respond to questions about why it took a month to come back with the findings.

Cody said the two deaths may have been written off as the flu because "there were significant numbers of influenza cases at the time."

## CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

## Distance learning a long, hard slog

Many kids didn't follow as schools were thrust online

By JULIE WATSON AND CAROLYN THOMPSON  
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SAN DIEGO — During the first week that her San Diego public school was shuttered to slow the spread of the coronavirus, not one of Elise Samaniego's students logged on to her virtual classroom.

Three weeks in, the teacher still hadn't connected online with roughly two-thirds of the students in her third- and fourth-grade combo class at Paradise Hills Elementary. She fears the pandemic will exact a devastating toll on education in the U.S., especially at low-income schools like hers.

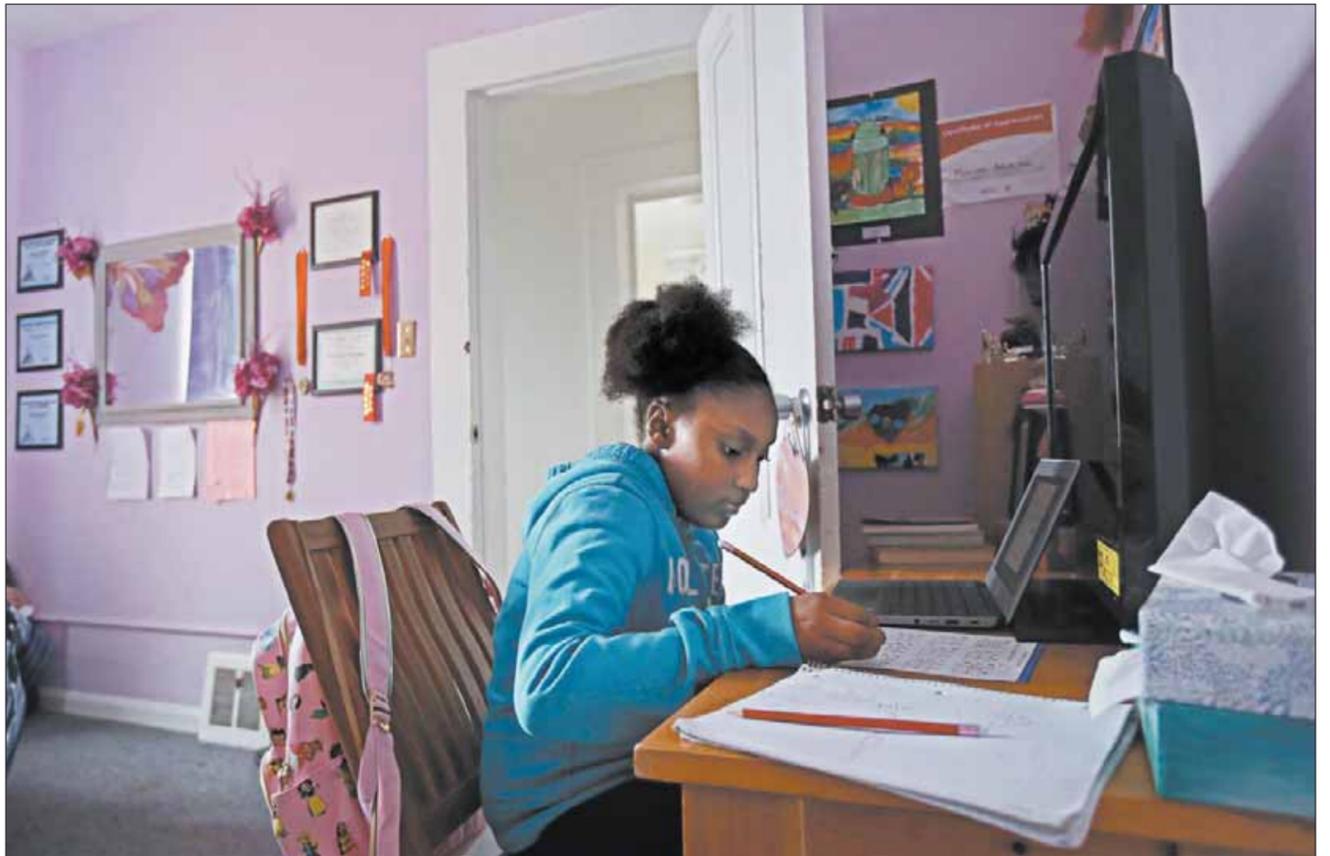
"I do have several students below grade level, and this is just going to make it worse," said Samaniego, who has been emailing and calling families to get her 22 students to participate.

Teachers across the country report their attempts at distance learning are failing to reach large numbers of students. Hundreds of thousands of students are still without computers or internet access. Those who do log on have countless distractions: They are babysitting siblings, sharing laptops, lying in bed during lessons. Others log on only to walk away.

With schools closed for the rest of the year in at least 23 states, the uneven progress with remote learning is raising concerns that those who already were struggling will be left further behind.

"The pandemic is an educational equity crisis for vulnerable students who were too often underserved by our education system in 'normal' times," said Ian Rosenblum, executive director of The Education Trust-New York.

Not all schools are struggling. Those accustomed to technology transitioned smoothly. Derek Blunt, a math teacher at Making Community Connections



Fourth grader Miriam Amacker does schoolwork April 9 from a bedroom in her family's home in San Francisco.

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Charter School in Keene, New Hampshire, said students are issued iPads in normal times and regularly use Google Classroom and other platforms. A week after the school closed, nearly all of his 65 students were doing their work.

In contrast, some students at Samaniego's school only had internet access through their parents' phones.

"I can't tell them even where to start," she said. "Do you have a computer? That's step 1. Then you have to download Chrome. That's step 2."

In New York City, the nation's largest school district, tens of thousands of tablets and laptops have been lent to students, and the plan is for everyone to have a device by the end of April. Mayor Bill de Blasio said the district was still

gathering data, but "there's clearly an issue with attendance."

That is true in many places.

In the Los Angeles Unified School District, the country's second largest, as many as 40% of elementary school students had not logged on even once as of the first week of April — three weeks after the system closed.

In ordinary times, some 16% percent of public school students nationally are chronically absent, with higher rates among high school, black and Hispanic students, according to the U.S. Education Department.

Many districts are now not tracking attendance because it tells them so little. But attendance is usually critical: Absenteeism is linked to a significant increase in the risk of drop-

ping out of school.

And attendance is only one part of the puzzle.

Michelle Katz, a math teacher at the public Northridge Academy High School in the Los Angeles area, revamped lessons so they would work online. Most students in her Algebra II and pre-Calculus classes are doing their work. But only about half of her 10th grade geometry students are logging on, and even some of them aren't handing in assignments.

"When they were in class, you could get on their back and ask them about what was going on, where is the work?" Katz said. "It's hard from a distance."

Adding to her frustration was a student who interrupted a virtual class with yelling and profanity five times.

Schools are responding by

making accommodations.

San Diego Unified School District said this month is for working out the kinks, and instruction officially starts April 27. Some schools are adopting pass or fail systems or "no harm grading," in which grades will not be lowered during distance learning but can go up.

Given the difficulties of conceiving lessons and science labs that are effective virtually, some assignments feel like busy work to Emily Weinberg, a senior at Lexington High School, a public school in Massachusetts.

"I had to try to figure out what the kinetic energy of a dime was when I pushed it," she said. "I felt like this is wasting my time."

Even so, she's completing all her work.

But others aren't and, in light of the challenges, some

## Trump

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will not go through what we went through for the last two months."

Trump then turned to Dr. Deborah Birx, coordinator of the coronavirus task force, and asked, "Doctor, wouldn't you say there's a good chance that COVID will not come back?"

"We don't know," Birx responded.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, the nation's top infectious disease expert, said later in the same briefing: "We will have coronavirus in the fall. I am convinced of that."

He stressed that in the fall, the nation would be better prepared to manage it.

"Whether or not it's going to be big or small is going to depend on our response," Fauci said.

Trump's insistence that the virus won't pose a grave danger later this year could risk the risk of creating a false sense of security when health experts are still urging Americans to take precautions. Moreover, it could stand as a precarious political prediction when he goes before voters in November.

Trump opened his daily briefing by calling up the



A crowd protests against New York's social distancing restrictions Wednesday in front of the Capitol in Albany. The COVID-19 death toll has topped 46,000 in the United States.

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head of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Dr. Robert Redfield, to address his assertion a day earlier that "there's a possibility that the assault of the virus on our nation next winter will actually be even more difficult than the one we just went through."

Redfield said he wanted

to clarify those remarks to The Washington Post, although he confirmed the statement was accurately reported.

"I didn't say that this was going to be worse," Redfield said. "I said it was going to be more difficult and potentially complicated."

He added, "We are building that public healthcare

capacity now to make sure that we stay in the containment mode for the upcoming fall and winter season so we will not need to resort to the kind of mitigation that we had to in the spring."

Trump had been unhappy about Redfield's remarks, which conflicted with the administration's optimistic messaging that

the country will soon move beyond the virus. The president tweeted earlier in the day that Redfield's comments had been misconstrued.

For weeks, the Trump administration played up the dangers of the coronavirus as it sought to convince Americans to disrupt their lives and stay home.

Trump said at the daily briefing Wednesday that he told Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp that he "disagreed strongly" with Kemp's decision to begin allowing some nonessential businesses to reopen.

On Friday, elective medical procedures will resume and barbershops, nail salons and gyms will reopen with restrictions. Limited restaurant dining will resume Monday.

Trump said he told Kemp he had misgivings over the governor's plan, but would not stand in his way.

"The people of Georgia have been strong, resolute, but at the same time he must do what he thinks is right," Trump said of Kemp, a Republican. "I want him to do what he thinks is right. But I disagree with him on what he's doing. But I think (opening) spas and beauty salons and tattoo parlors and barbershops in phase

one it's just too soon."

A spokeswoman for Kemp didn't immediately respond to a request for comment.

Trump predicted earlier this month that the economy would take off like a "rocket ship once we get back to business."

But experts say the recovery will be far slower.

"It'll be a very gradual process regardless of what a governor says or the president says," said Dr. Robert Blendon, a Harvard professor of health policy and political analysis. He said the history of lockdowns, particularly the quarantine of more than 25,000 people around Toronto in 2003 to slow the spread of SARS, shows that it will take weeks, even months, for people to develop the confidence to resume normal activity.

Blendon also warned that a predicted second wave of COVID-19 could reverse any gains made in the interim.

The outbreak has infected more than 2.6 million people and killed about 182,000 around the world, including more than 46,000 in the United States, according to a tally compiled by Johns Hopkins University from official government figures.

## 2 pet cats in different parts of NY test positive for virus, CDC says

By JENNIFER PELTZ  
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NEW YORK — Two pet cats in New York state have tested positive for the coronavirus, marking the first confirmed cases in companion animals in the country, federal officials said Wednesday.

The cats, which had mild respiratory illnesses and are expected to recover, are thought to have contracted the virus from people in their households or neighborhoods, the U.S. Depart-

ment of Agriculture and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said.

The finding, which comes after positive tests in some tigers and lions at the Bronx Zoo, adds to a small number of confirmed cases of the virus in animals worldwide. U.S. authorities say that while it appears some animals can get the virus from people, there's no indication pets are transmitting it to human beings.

"We don't want people to panic. We don't want peo-

ple to be afraid of pets" or to rush to test them en masse, said Dr. Casey Barton Behravesh, a CDC official who works on human-animal health connections.

The CDC is recommending that people prevent their pets from interacting with people or animals outside their homes — by keeping cats indoors and dogs out of dog parks, for instance.

The American Veterinary Medical Association says pets can stay in homes where a person has

COVID-19, so long as the animal can be cared for.

Scientists studying the virus have been looking at links between human and animals. While a consensus is still evolving, the leading theory is that infection among humans began at an animal market in China, probably from an animal that got the virus from a bat.

Scientists are working to understand the potential for transmission to animals in homes, farms and elsewhere.

The two cats live in

different parts of the state; the USDA and CDC wouldn't say where specifically.

The first cat fell ill about a week after a person in its household had a short respiratory illness, though the person's ailment wasn't confirmed to be COVID-19, Barton Behravesh said. The animal goes outdoors at times and might have come into contact with an infected person, she said.

The second cat's owner tested positive for COVID-19 before the cat

became sick, officials said.

The agencies have recommended that any pet owners with COVID-19 avoid contact with their animals as much as possible, including wearing a face mask while caring for them.

There have been a handful of reports outside the U.S. of pet dogs or cats becoming infected after close contact with contagious people, including a Hong Kong dog that tested positive for in February and early March.

## CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

## An overlooked, possibly deadly crisis

Kidney dialysis gear, staff lacking amid pandemic

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The New York Times

NEW YORK — For weeks, U.S. government officials and hospital executives have warned of a looming shortage of ventilators as the coronavirus pandemic descended.

But now doctors are sounding an alarm about an unexpected and perhaps overlooked crisis: a surge in COVID-19 patients with kidney failure that is leading to shortages of machines, supplies and staff required for emergency dialysis.

In recent weeks, doctors on the front lines in intensive care units in New York and other hard-hit cities have learned that the coronavirus isn't only a respiratory disease that has led to a crushing demand for ventilators.

The disease is also shutting down some patients' kidneys, posing yet another series of life-or-death calculations for doctors who must ferry a limited supply of specialized dialysis machines from one patient in kidney failure to the next — all the while fearing they may not be able to hook up everyone in time to save them.

It is not yet known whether the kidneys are a major target of the virus or whether they're just one more organ falling victim as a patient's ravaged body surrenders. Dialysis fills the vital roles the kidneys play, cleaning the blood of toxins, balancing essential components including electrolytes, keeping blood pressure in check and removing excess fluids. It can be a temporary measure while the kidneys recover, or it can be used long-term if they do not.



Dialysis nurse Miriam Figueroa tends to a COVID-19 patient last week at Brooklyn Hospital Center in New York City.

Another unknown is whether the kidney damage caused by the virus is permanent.

"The nephrologists in New York City are going slightly crazy making sure that everyone with kidney failure gets treatment," said Dr. David Goldfarb, chief of nephrology at the New York Harbor VA Health Care System. "We don't want people to die of inadequate dialysis."

"Nothing like this has ever been seen in terms of the number of people needing kidney replacement therapy."

Outside New York, the growing demand nationwide for kidney treatments is fraying the most advanced care units in hospitals in hot spots like Boston, Chicago, New Orleans and Detroit.

Kidney specialists estimate that 20% to 40% of ICU patients with the coronavirus suffered kidney failure and needed emergency dialysis, according to

Dr. Alan Kligler, a nephrologist at Yale University School of Medicine who is co-chairman of a COVID-19 response team for the American Society of Nephrology.

As the coronavirus spread rapidly in New York and other cities, governors and mayors clamored for thousands more ventilators. But doctors have been surprised by the scarcity of dialysis machines and supplies, especially specialized equipment for continuous dialysis. That treatment is often used to replace the work of injured kidneys in critically ill patients.

The shortages involved not only the machines but fluids and other supplies needed for the dialysis regimen. Having enough trained nurses to provide the treatment has also been a bottleneck. Hospitals said they have called on the federal government to help prioritize equipment, supplies and personnel for the areas of the country that

most need it, adding that manufacturers had not been fully responsive to the higher demand.

The fluids needed to run the dialysis machines are not on the Food and Drug Administration's watch list of potential drug shortages, although the agency said it was closely monitoring the supply. The Federal Emergency Management Agency described the shortage of supplies and equipment as "unprecedented" and said it was working with manufacturers and hospitals to identify additional supplies both in the United States and overseas.

"Everybody thought about this as a respiratory illness," said Dr. David Charytan, chief of nephrology at NYU Langone Medical Center. "I don't think this has been on people's radar screen."

The volume of patients needing dialysis is "orders of magnitude greater than the number of patients we would normally dialyze,"

said Dr. Barbara Murphy, chair of the department of medicine at Mount Sinai Health System. At her hospital alone, the number of patients requiring dialysis has risen threefold, she said.

The shortages in the United States highlight a lack of planning among state and federal officials to ensure that "hot spots like New York are given preferential access, given the sheer volumes," Murphy said.

Murphy said areas of the country that are planning for a possible surge in the demand for ventilators "also need to think about dialysis" and a national distribution system.

Hospitals are pleading with the major manufacturers to send more supplies. As the coronavirus reached the United States, Baxter and NxStage, owned by Fresenius Medical Care, placed limits on what hospitals could order to prevent hoarding.

The shortage of dialysis supplies in New York City

hospitals was first reported by Politico.

The two main manufacturers of equipment and supplies for dialysis said orders were up fivefold and that they were ramping up manufacturing as well as sending equipment and nursing staff to the New York region. Baxter, which is based in Illinois, said it also saw an increase in demand from China and Europe.

"The demand spike was so fast and so high," said Lauren Russ, a spokeswoman for Baxter. "We're doing everything we possibly can."

Gov. Andrew Cuomo of New York was asked at a briefing last week about hospital reports indicating that dialysis machines were in short supply. Dr. Howard Zucker, the state's health commissioner, said, "There are not shortages across the board," and Cuomo said that hospitals in need of equipment would get it.

Some hospitals are also struggling to find enough nurses and technicians to provide dialysis, especially after some who were the most skilled at providing the therapy fell sick with the virus themselves. "We did lose nurses to illness," Murphy of Mount Sinai said. "We're just getting some of those nurses back, but it's been a challenge. We've exhausted every avenue that we have within the state with regards to being able to increase nursing."

Doctors say they are wrestling with how to ensure that patients who require immediate care receive it while assessing whether others can wait.

"Now we have to think harder about whether or not that patient truly needs it and can we manage them medically without dialysis another day so we can provide dialysis to someone who more urgently needs dialysis," Ross of Montefiore said. "Those are not decisions we like to make."

## NEWS BRIEFING

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## WHO chief brushes off calls to resign, appeals for US aid

GENEVA — The World Health Organization chief said Wednesday he hopes the United States will reconsider its freeze in funding for his agency and vowed to keep working on "saving lives" despite calls from some U.S. lawmakers for his resignation.

WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said he hopes the U.S. views the agency is "an important investment, not just to help others, but for the

U.S. to stay safe" amid the pandemic.

President Donald Trump last week announced a halt to U.S. funding for the U.N. agency, alleging a WHO cover-up and missteps handling the outbreak. The U.S. is the agency's biggest donor, providing hundreds of millions of dollars annually.

U.S. officials said Wednesday the halt in funding was expected to last 60 to 90 days.

## Video shows sledgehammer used to steal van Gogh painting

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — A Dutch crime-busting television show has aired security camera footage showing how an art thief used a sledgehammer to smash his way through reinforced glass doors at a museum in the early hours of March 30.

He later hurried out through the museum gift shop with a Vincent van Gogh painting tucked under his right arm and the sledgehammer in his

left hand.

Police hope that publicizing the images will help them track down the thief who stole Van Gogh's "The Parsonage Garden at Nuenen in Spring 1884" from the Singer Laren Museum while it was shut down due to coronavirus containment measures.

The 10-by-22-inch oil painting shows a person standing in a garden surrounded by trees with a church tower nearby.

## Under pressure, Harvard says it will reject US virus relief aid

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — Harvard University announced Wednesday it will turn down \$8.7 million in federal coronavirus relief, a day after President Donald Trump excoriated the wealthy Ivy League school over taxpayer money it stood to receive.

It followed similar actions at Stanford and Princeton universities, which said they too will reject millions of dollars in federal funding amid

growing scrutiny of wealthy colleges.

Officials at Harvard said the school still faces significant financial challenges due to the pandemic but will refuse the money over concerns that "intense focus by politicians" will undermine the relief program created by Congress.

Trump later thanked Harvard and Stanford at a press conference for turning down the funding.



JUAN KARITA/AP

Residents walk through a tent that dispenses a spray of disinfectant — part of measures to contain the spread of the new coronavirus — Wednesday at the entrance to the community of Achocalla on the outskirts of La Paz, Bolivia.

## Pelosi calls off action on House proxy voting as GOP objects

WASHINGTON — Speaker Nancy Pelosi has called off a Thursday vote on whether to allow House members to cast votes by proxy and is instead forming a bipartisan group to review options for reopening the House during the coronavirus pandemic.

Pelosi announced the delay on a private call with Democratic House members, according to a Democratic leadership aide who was granted anonymity to discuss it.

The move came after some Republicans had strenuously objected to the change, saying Congress

should be in Washington and voting in person despite the virus. House Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy had asked Pelosi to work with Republicans on any changes to the rules.

The Democratic plan would allow proxy voting on future business during the pandemic, a first for Congress, which has required in-person business essentially since its founding. It would require House members to notify the House clerk of their intent to submit specific instructions to a specific lawmaker to cast the vote on their behalf.

The proxy plan had been considered as an alternative to remote voting, with no lawmakers present. A report by House Rules Committee Chairman James McGovern, who was tasked with studying the options, said remote voting poses too many logistical and security issues to be implemented.

Pelosi announced that the members of the bipartisan committee will include Pelosi, McCarthy, House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer and the top Democrats and Republicans on the House Rules and Administration committees.

## World Bank expects 20% drop in remittances

HAVANA — Remittances sent home by migrants are expected to drop around 20 percent this year amid the global economic slowdown caused by the novel coronavirus. The World Bank said Wednesday.

Job losses and lost hours and wages are expected to

leave migrants in wealthier nations unable to send as much money home to poorer countries already suffering from coronavirus shutdowns, the report says.

The flow of remittances to poorer countries in Europe and Central Asia is expected to drop 27.5%, followed by sub-Saharan

Africa with 23.1%, South Asia at 22.1%, the Middle East and North Africa at 19.6%, Latin America and the Caribbean with 19.3% and East Asia with 13%.

Remittances in 2019 became a larger source of funds for poorer nations than foreign direct investment.

## Residents of Syrian village hurl stones at US convoy

BEIRUT — Residents of a northeastern Syrian village blocked a road and threw stones at a U.S. military convoy Wednesday forcing it to leave the area, state media and an opposition war monitor reported. It was the second such incident in the region in two months.

No one was hurt in the confrontation in the village of Farafrah near the town of Qamishli, according to Syrian state TV and the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights.

The Observatory said the U.S. convoy was confronted by villagers and pro-government gunmen who threw stones at the force.

A video aired on state TV showed armored vehicles flying U.S. flags being chased by men and boys on an unpaved road.

There was no immediate comment from the U.S. military.

**Biden campaign:** Joe Biden's presidential campaign said Wednesday that it has refunded a \$2,800 donation from Louis C.K., a comedian and writer whose career was derailed after five women accused him of sexual misconduct.

The comedian, whose real name is Louis Szekely, donated to Biden on March 4, according to Federal Election Commission records. The donation was made the day after the former vice president's commanding win in more than a dozen Super Tuesday contests.

A Biden campaign spokesman said the contribution has since been refunded, which will be reflected in his next report filed in May. Szekely did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

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## EDITORIALS

To mayors outside Chicago growing impatient  
with coronavirus shutdown:

# Illinois is not ready yet

Across Illinois and the rest of the country, the health perils of COVID-19 have a doppelgänger — the perils of what the pandemic is doing to local economies.

In Winnebago County 93 miles northwest of Chicago, that fear yielded a recent plea to Gov. J.B. Pritzker. The mayors of five Winnebago County communities — Loves Park, Machesney Park, Durand, Cherry Valley and South Beloit — recently wrote Pritzker a letter requesting “common sense modifications” that would give their municipalities the authority to reopen local businesses. Rockford Mayor Tom McNamara also joined the push, saying businesses that take precautions should be allowed to reopen.

The letter from the five mayors asks the governor to “allow each community or region that knows their businesses, their people and the COVID-19 impact on their community to make the proper decisions on reopening businesses ... a one-size-fits-all set of restrictions isn’t feasible for the entire state of Illinois.”

**As the coronavirus pandemic continues** to claim lives, imperil people’s health and wreck economies, calls to resume some degree of commerce and normalcy grow louder. Earlier this week, Naperville Mayor Steve Chirico posted on his personal Facebook page a similar sentiment: Businesses posing a low risk of transmission should be allowed to reopen May 1.

In Georgia, Republican Gov. Brian Kemp says he will allow some businesses, including gyms, barbershops, tattoo parlors and bowling alleys, to reopen Friday, and will permit restaurants and movie theaters to reopen April 27. As of Monday, Georgia reported more than 19,000 coronavirus cases and 774 deaths.

Kemp’s decision is at odds with nonbinding guidelines handed down by President Donald Trump’s administration, which set a “downward trajectory of documented cases within a 14-day period” as a prerequisite for restarting economic activity. Jeffrey Koplan, a former director of the Atlanta-based U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said Georgia’s numbers are not headed downward, The Washington Post reported, and called Kemp’s move “dangerous.”

Thursday marks Day 34 of Pritzker’s stay-at-home order that shut down nonessential businesses to minimize the coronavirus’s spread. It extends



Gov. J.B. Pritzker speaks Sunday at the Thompson Center during the coronavirus pandemic.

**Reopening restaurants, hair salons, fitness centers and other businesses too soon sets up the possibility of a resurgence in coronavirus cases. The virus doesn’t obey boundaries.**

through April 30, and Illinoisans await the governor’s decision on whether he will stretch the order into May.

**The economic impact of the order** has waylaid businesses big, medium and small. But Pritzker’s team credits the order’s enforcement as a primary reason why Illinois has begun seeing a gradual slowing in the infection rate, a “bending of the curve” as the governor puts it. At the beginning of April, coronavirus cases in Illinois were doubling every 3.6 days. Last week, they were doubling every 8.2 days.

Put simply, stay-at-home works. No one likes it, but minimizing spread is the quickest and

most effective path toward an eventual economic reboot. If municipalities and states begin prematurely reopening their economies on their own, brace yourself for the prospect of a longer health crisis that stretches out the economic pain.

Uniformity is the cornerstone of stay-at-home orders. They’re effective because everyone must abide by them. The linchpin for their eventual rescinding has to be grounded in what the health and science communities say. The scale of virological and antibody testing should be intensified, and Illinois isn’t there yet. Once testing is ramped up, experts say people who have had contact with those infected will need to be

tracked down to minimize spread. Illinois isn’t there either.

**We understand the pain** and frustration of employment and income uncertainty. More than 22 million Americans have lost their jobs because of COVID-19. Stock markets around the world have plummeted. The federal government and corporate America have taken on trillions of dollars in debt.

But reopening restaurants, hair salons, fitness centers and other businesses too soon sets up the possibility of a resurgence in coronavirus cases. The virus doesn’t obey boundaries. And health care workers and first responders have done heroic, dangerous work treating those infected and containing the spread. It would be irresponsible and cavalier to their lives, at this time, to introduce the possibility of flooding emergency rooms with sick patients who thought it was safe to venture out.

**Around the world, countries** that have experienced a slowing

of the crisis for a sustained period have taken small steps to reopen their economies. In Denmark, dentists, hair salons and tattoo parlors have been allowed to reopen. In Italy, one of the hardest-hit nations, Gucci has resumed production of leather accessories and shoes. Britain and France, meanwhile, are keeping lockdowns firmly in place.

China’s experience provides a cautionary tale. Authorities recently began easing restrictions to reignite the economy. Then new cases spiked — the country’s highest daily tally in nearly six weeks — sparking fears of a second wave of coronavirus infections.

As damaging as this pandemic has been, a second round of infection in Illinois that could have been avoided would make this crisis exponentially worse. The need to revive our economy is urgent. But Illinois must tread carefully on deciding how and when that should happen. Driving those decisions should be a reliance on science and data that show us the COVID-19 menace has been safely subdued.

### WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

Americans are a resilient people. We persevere through difficult circumstances and arrive triumphant on the other side of adversity. It’s in our national DNA.

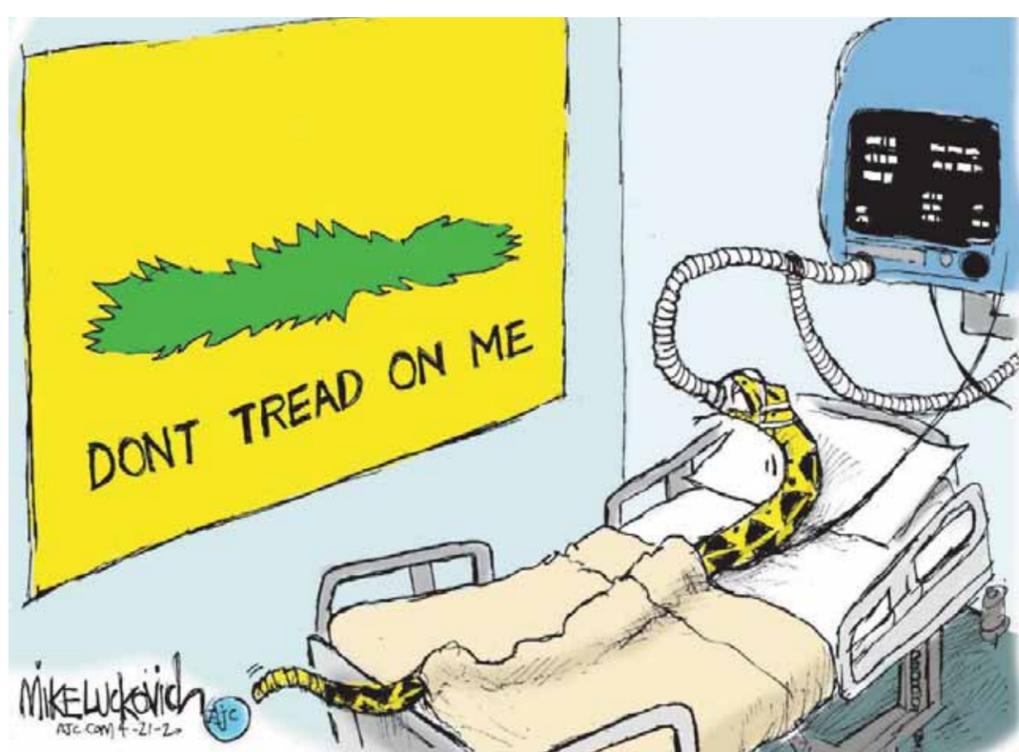
Once again, Americans are rising to the challenge before us. Medical professionals are meeting the call of duty and tending to our sick at great personal risk. Grocery stores, takeout restaurants and pharmacies remain open as Americans show up for work to give the rest of us access to essential goods. Families are working to overcome the tremendous economic damage they face as a result of the coronavirus.

Though I believe resilience is one of the defining traits of an American, I also believe it’s been absent from our public policy for too long. And this has become devastatingly clear in the current crisis. Over the past several decades, our nation’s political and economic leaders, Democratic and Republican, made choices about how to structure our society — choosing to prize economic efficiency over resiliency, financial gains over Main Street investment, individual enrichment over the common good.

Any prudent policymaker should recognize that both efficiency and resiliency are values we should prioritize and seek to balance. But that’s not what we have done in recent decades. Those choices, from offshoring to building an economy based on finance and service, have produced one of the most efficient economic engines of all time. But a pendulum can swing too far in one direction. And when an economy lacks resiliency, it can be devastating in a crisis.

**U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio, The New York Times**

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# Chicago Tribune PERSPECTIVE



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President Donald Trump appears in the press room Monday for the daily coronavirus briefing at the White House.

## Trump's immigration ban won't help fight COVID-19



STEVE CHAPMAN

Over the past three years, I have spent a lot of time in hospitals supporting close relatives with serious medical conditions. I've been there many mornings, afternoons and evenings, interacting with doctors, nurses and other personnel. And I've often wondered: Where would hospital patients be without immigrants?

Many of the people on the front lines of the battle against the coronavirus came here from other countries. A 2018 study found that 29% of physicians were born abroad and 7% are not U.S. citizens. For registered nurses, the figures are 16% and 3%. There is no telling how many hospital kitchen workers, information technology staff and maintenance employees — all crucial to operations — are also foreign-born.

If you find yourself in the hospital with COVID-19, chances are very good that you'll get care and help from immigrants. You may end up owing your life to one. Some of them likely will die of the disease.

But in the midst of the worst public health crisis in decades, President

Donald Trump has repaid this group with an insulting policy. On Monday, he tweeted that he would suspend legal immigration, ostensibly to combat the virus and save American jobs. On Wednesday, he signed an executive order to that effect, though without disclosing the details. Trump brings to mind what the 18th-century English writer Samuel Johnson remarked: "Gratitude is the fruit of great cultivation; you do not find it among gross people."

Ingratitude is just one of the qualities his policy reveals. Also at work are incompetence and intolerance. Immigration didn't cause the pandemic, and shutting it down won't prevent infections. What it will do is feed blind resentment of foreigners, to our own detriment as well as theirs.

The nation's medical facilities could use more foreigners right now. New Jersey has acted to grant temporary licenses to doctors who are licensed in other countries; New York has done the same for medical professionals working in Canada.

The president's order reportedly will exempt medical workers. But what good does that do for those already here who are trying to bring over family members, who might help them manage during this public health emergency? His policy also sends an inhospitable message to any health professional who might think of coming.

Trump's own State Department understands the need. A couple of weeks ago, it invited foreign medical professionals who have immigrant or nonimmigrant visa applications — "particularly those working to treat or mitigate the effects of COVID-19" — to contact our embassies for emergency processing.

When his interests are at stake, Trump is capable of grasping the value of immigrants. He's hired a lot of foreign guest workers at his Mar-a-Lago resort and other properties. His order reportedly will exempt seasonal farmworkers, an essential part of the economy in many red states.

But there is no reason to think barring immigrants would help curb the outbreak. A review of research on the topic by David Bier, an immigration analyst at the libertarian Cato Institute, concludes that the data show "no benefit to international travel restrictions once an outbreak has already become an epidemic inside the destination country."

His colleague Alex Nowrasteh has found that counties with more immigrants have no more coronavirus cases or deaths than comparable counties with fewer immigrants. The crucial variable is population density.

Trump, remember, hasn't shut down all travel from abroad. If he were focused on preventing the spread of this virus rather than demonizing foreigners, he would require anyone

arriving from abroad, including U.S. citizens, to undergo a 14-day quarantine — not bar them from coming at all.

Nor will his latest ploy save jobs for Americans. The huge jump in unemployment in this crisis: to put the blame on others, particularly foreign governments and foreign citizens, for the spread of what he has called a "foreign virus" and "the Chinese virus." Having squandered weeks that could have been used to marshal critical resources against the pandemic, he now labors to divert attention from his own failures. Foreigners are his favorite scapegoat.

The real point of Trump's immigration order is the same as many of his other actions and pronouncements in this crisis: to put the blame on others, particularly foreign governments and foreign citizens, for the spread of what he has called a "foreign virus" and "the Chinese virus." Having squandered weeks that could have been used to marshal critical resources against the pandemic, he now labors to divert attention from his own failures. Foreigners are his favorite scapegoat.

If and when the battle against this disease is won, Americans will owe a debt to many immigrants for their contribution. Trump's immigration policy? Not so much.

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## GOP leader to Gov. Pritzker: Stop blaming Trump and fix Illinois' coronavirus response

BY TIM SCHNEIDER

Last Thursday, President Donald Trump and his pandemic response team released a set of phased guidelines for "Opening Up America Again" so state and local governments can prepare to reopen their economies.

The plan calls for three phases of easing social distancing and economic restrictions as certain benchmarks are met, including a downward trajectory of reported positive tests, adequate testing capabilities, availability of personal protective equipment and more.

The plan is sober-minded, based on science and expert medical advice, and gives governors the discretion and flexibility to tailor it to their specific situations. Most important, it provides hope and a road map for Americans to regain some semblance of normalcy.

It is time for Gov. J.B. Pritzker to utilize the provided framework.

Arguably the most important piece to the puzzle in combating COVID-19 is robust and widespread testing. On this front, the Pritzker administration's record has been dismal. For all of Pritzker's constant griping about President Trump, Illinois is in the bottom half of states on the number of tests completed per capita.

Almost a month ago, the governor promised we would test 10,000 people per day. Only on Wednesday did we even come close to that number, according to the governor. He may despise Trump and use him as a foil every chance he gets, but that doesn't explain why we have been trailing states such as Mississippi, North Dakota and Hawaii on testing.



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Gov. J.B. Pritzker speaks Sunday at the Thompson Center in Chicago during the coronavirus pandemic.

One of the pillars of great leadership is the ability to provide hope and a vision for the future to those you lead. So far, Gov. Pritzker has failed to adequately discuss what would need to happen to reopen Illinois. And as he indefinitely shuts down Illinois' economy, his state agency responsible for processing unemployment claims has been breaking down, hurting those who have lost their livelihoods.

All states are struggling to keep up with claims, but unlike Illinois, other states have owned their mistakes and creatively addressed the problem, instead of just dismissing critiques as partisan sniping.

Let me suggest a place to start.

In accordance with the federal guidelines, Pritzker should modify his executive order to tailor it more closely to the disparate needs of the different regions within our state.

Despite Springfield being our state's capital, the entire Pritzker administration and his coronavirus response team have set up shop in downtown Chicago. While this may seem trivial to a Chicago governor, downstate communities have noticed and feel left behind. Unlike Pritzker, the governors of New York and Michigan have governed from their state capitals, not exclusively from their largest cities.

Pritzker also should reject the essential vs. nonessential nomenclature for business openings and instead recognize that all businesses and all jobs are essential to someone.

Under unclear guidelines, the Pritzker administration has made arbitrary distinctions. Florists and golf courses, which remain closed, are less of a risk than marijuana dispensaries, many of which have had long lines of customers. If big box stores are open, and they should be, then so should smaller retailers that have much lower customer density.

Illinoisans have answered the call over the last five weeks. We are thankful for all those who have served and helped us during the crisis and who will continue to serve and protect Illinois.

Illinoisans want Gov. Pritzker to be successful. We need him to be successful. But we won't be successful in navigating this unprecedented crisis if he continues to reflexively blame Trump for every mistake and refuses to accept responsibility for Illinois falling behind other states on key metrics.

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### VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

#### Losing an elderly loved one

The article ("This is devastating for us," April 21) about the devastating effects of visiting and caring for elderly family members who live in nursing care facilities was timely and relevant. It highlighted a hidden layer of angst that is being experienced by people who are accustomed to maintaining caring relationships with loved ones who are confined to care centers for their health and safety.

My family's most recent experience with those feelings came with the passing of our mother. We were unable to visit her for the past six weeks and, though we live close by, were unable to be with her at the time of her death. Consequently, despite assurances, we do not know if she was alone or in discomfort at the time of her death. We do not know if she was a COVID-19 victim. We are prevented by necessary but confounding pandemic restrictions from having a traditional funeral.

While having our loved one within reach, our experience must be similar on some level to those who have lost loved ones in battle and struggled with thoughts that they may have died alone, in pain and without proper burial. In essence, we currently live with residual feelings of helplessness and lack of appropriate closure.

Likely there are thousands of people across the globe who have experienced similar unresolved feelings. However, this is not a complaint, a plea for sympathy or an effort to place blame. We accept that measures initiated to combat the virus are necessary. Rather, we wish to raise awareness that many families will need more than the expected level of assurance from spiritual leaders, therapists and friends to reach closure on the death of a loved one during a pandemic that carries distancing requirements that interfere with normal care and grieving.

— Ron Bearwald, Northbrook

#### Mayor, mind your own business

As a former, 30-plus-year citizen of Chicago, I am surprised to see Mayor Lori Lightfoot's criticism of Gov. Ron DeSantis of Florida. Lightfoot rails against criticisms from President Donald Trump, and then turns around and criticizes another locale? I have lived in Florida for almost four years, and I am extremely impressed by government here.

Not perfect, of course, but it is government designed to help people, not fine and tax them for every possible nickel. DeSantis and the Florida public health system have received high praise from Dr. Deborah Birx and others. I am sorry that Lightfoot is unable to understand that counties vary greatly across this nation and different approaches are appropriate.

— Jim Graber, Placida, Florida

#### Illinois loses \$40B to the feds

Regarding the editorial about Illinois' bailout request ("Illinois' shameless, dishonest ask for a federal bailout," April 20): Should Illinois get help? Absolutely! For decades, Illinois taxpayers have subsidized other states with our tax dollars. A letter written by U.S. Rep. Bill Foster, published in the Tribune on March 29, 2017, states that Illinois loses \$40 billion every year based on what Illinois taxpayers send to the federal government versus what we get back. We rank 46th in the nation on our return.

Other states love to say how they hold the line on taxes. Well, we in Illinois are subsidizing them. We are a donor state. It's way past time we get back some of our money from Washington.

— Susan Marshall, Chicago

#### Illinois too coy about bailout

Illinois Senate President Don Harmon's request for more than \$41.6 billion in federal funds is a perfect example of why Illinois can't solve its fiscal woes. Like many in Springfield, Harmon thinks too small.

Washington has made it clear the federal money trough is brimming with cash, so why is Harmon being bashful about belling up to the buffet when Illinois could be stuffing its face?

Figuring the state's current need for cash, its unfunded pension liabilities and some extra billions to cover unforeseen expenses, also known as pork barrel spending, \$250 billion should be enough to tide the state over, for now anyway.

So come on, Illinois congressional delegation, here's your chance to go big and bring home the bacon. How do we pay for it? To paraphrase U.S. Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez when asked how the Green New Deal would be funded, Congress will simply appropriate the money, just like it did to pay for World War II. It's that easy.

— Peter Lucas, Highland Park



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Gov. J.B. Pritzker delivers his daily press briefing on COVID-19 on April 1 at the Thompson Center in Chicago.

## What are our public employees — avoiding layoffs and furloughs — doing during this pandemic?

BY ANDY SHAW

Like most isolated and anxious Illinois residents, I watch and listen to President Donald Trump, Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker and Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot update us most days on the devastating effects of the coronavirus pandemic on the health and economic well-being of our city, our state and our nation as a whole.

I also pay close attention to their strategies for fighting the pandemic today, and weighing an eventual return to a semblance of our old lives.

But as a lifelong political journalist and good government watchdog, my thoughts go beyond the grim daily statistics they provide — confirmed COVID-19 cases and fatalities; new testing figures; updated numbers on available hospital beds, ventilators, masks, gloves and other protective equipment; and plans for helping residents and businesses survive the pandemic economically and personally.

They are providing us with mountains of data on all of that.

What I haven't heard enough about is something else: What their senior staffs are doing to marshal more of the human resources of government to fight the pandemic and assist their constituents, now and in the months ahead. Put another way: How are public employees — those who are not on the front lines but still receiving full pay and benefits — being enlisted in this current battle or primed for the long game?

The city of Chicago has 35,000 employees. We know that health, public safety and first responders are all-in, along with the folks who handle financial issues. But what about the rest?

Are any being trained via remote webinars, teleconferences and other online tools to assist in the testing, surveillance, contact tracing and other preventive health and safety measures that should be

part of a rational relaxation of shelter-in-place orders?

And what about the 41,000 people who work for the Chicago Public Schools system, including 22,000 teachers. How many of them are actively engaged in educating and feeding students? Or preparing for those same post-lockdown responsibilities?

Those are questions for Lightfoot and CPS leadership. But similar questions should be asked of every other top elected official in Illinois' 102 counties and the nearly 7,000 units of government that give us the most bloated and wasteful public-sector bureaucracy in the country.

How many of their several hundred-thousand sidelined employees, still secure in their pay and benefits, are being utilized or trained online for this unprecedented battle against a lethal and invisible enemy?

The same question can be asked of Pritzker, who oversees a state government workforce of roughly 63,000. Are employees who are not actively engaged in today's battle being prepared for essential responsibilities down the road?

Don't get me wrong. I think Lightfoot and Pritzker and most of our other elected officials are doing yeoman's work under extraordinarily difficult conditions. But they could be doing more by enlisting and/or training an additional cadre of their paid employees.

My entreaty for Trump is the same but even more urgent because he is leading the national response to the pandemic and has the most resources at his disposal. Two million federal civil service employees work in the United States, and most of them are idled by the pandemic. We have a similar number of active and reserve soldiers in our armed forces.

How many of them, led by experienced supervisors, are procuring and distributing lifesaving testing and protective equipment? How many are on teams that treat

patients and administer COVID-19 tests? How many are, or could be, tracing the contacts of people who test positive? Or being trained to take the temperatures of people returning to work and to administer other best-practice measures when the lockdown is lifted, even partially?

That is what the president should be focusing on laserlike, 24/7, instead of attacking perceived enemies and acting like these are state, not federal, responsibilities. That is wrong.

It is the job of our president, our commander in chief, to marshal every available federal resource, and enlist every able-bodied federal employee, to fight an enemy that is attacking our entire country — all 50 states.

My point, offered sincerely in a nonpartisan and apolitical spirit, is that government at all levels — city, suburban, rural, state and federal — is supported by us, the taxpayers. We pay for it.

It is a sector of our economy that has largely escaped the ravaging effects of the pandemic and the nationwide shutdown on laid-off or furloughed private-sector workers. In fact, with labor contracts firmly in place, many government workers will be receiving pay raises during this time.

So while we continue to watch our leaders, we should also be asking them this question:

Are your senior leadership teams deploying and training enough of your sidelined public-sector workforce — people who haven't missed a pay or benefit check — to help us win this fight of a lifetime?

If you are, great, tell us about it. If you're not, why not?

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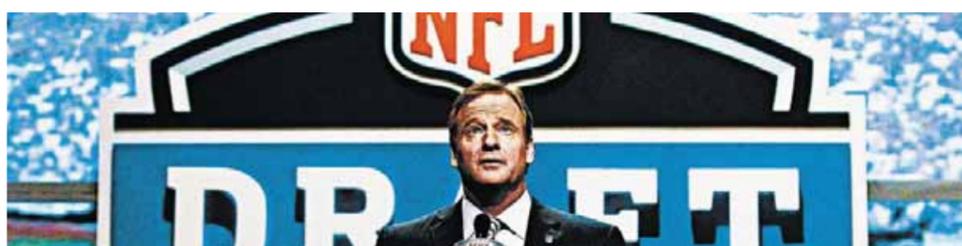


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## NFL draft takes virtual spotlight

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# Chicago Tribune BUSINESS

## CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

## Area bookstores turn the page to e-commerce

Retailers pivot from browsing and literary events to impromptu fulfillment centers

BY RYAN ORI

*Editor's note: The coronavirus pandemic is forcing Chicago-area companies and workers to face harsh realities about their paychecks and their place in the local economy. The Tribune is reaching out to hear, and share, their stories. Read more profiles at [chicagotribune.com/pivot](http://chicagotribune.com/pivot).*

Online sales typically are just a blip for the Seminary Co-op Bookstores, which is known for staging 700 author events each year in

Hyde Park.

Now the nonprofit's two spacious stores have been converted from browsing and literary events to impromptu fulfillment centers.

Seminary Co-op is pivoting to an e-commerce operation as part of the rapidly changing retail landscape brought on by the new coronavirus. A broad range of small businesses are changing their longtime models on the fly, with the entire state under a stay-at-home order to halt the COVID-19 spread.

Online orders, once less than

7% of Seminary's business, are now the co-op's lone source of revenue.

"It's an incredibly humbling moment," director Jeff Deusch said. "We feel grateful just to be here right now."

The Seminary Co-op opened in the Hyde Park neighborhood in 1961. Sister store 57th Street Books opened in the South Side neighborhood in 1983.

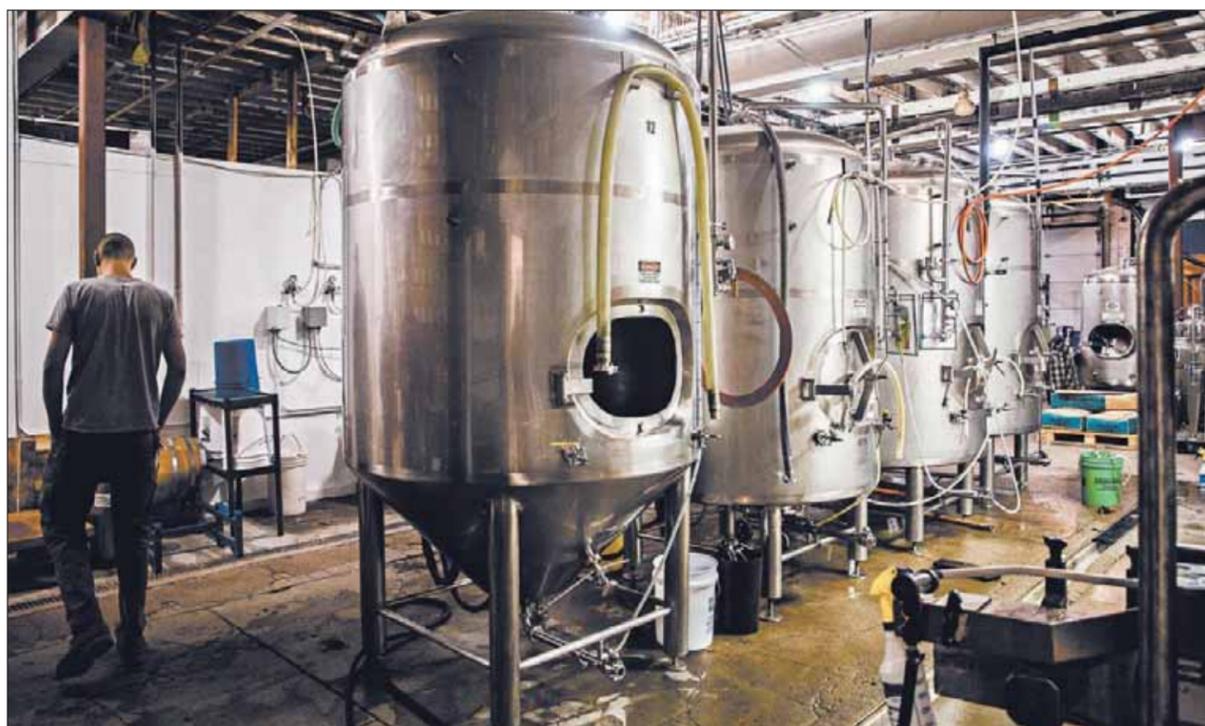
The stores closed after March 14, but all 45 employees remain on the payroll to fill online orders and ship them to customers. Workers are spaced throughout the stores' combined 12,000 square feet to

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Annie Diamond works at Seminary Co-op Bookstore in Hyde Park on April 10. The nonprofit runs two bookstores.



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Head brewer Byron Moore walks on the production floor of Argus Brewery, a craft brewery in Chicago on Wednesday.

## A lifetime of trying

One of Chicago's oldest breweries, Argus Brewery, shut its doors in March

BY JOSH NOEL

Argus Brewery was one of Chicago's oldest breweries and one of its most confounding.

Since launching in 2009 in a former Schlitz horse stable — a relic of when beer was delivered by hooves — Argus always hovered at the edge of the beer drinking consciousness, a curiosity few Chicagoans ever saw, tasted or even discussed.

While other breweries of its era grew into Chicago icons — Metropolitan, Half Acre, Revolution — Argus sat quietly at the city's far south end, miles from both its competitors and the city's best-known beer bars.

Yet somehow it endured — until last month.

On March 28, Argus quietly stopped brewing. News of its demise didn't emerge until Patch reported the closing this week.

Argus founder Bob Jensen acknowledged that his brewery had long been teetering at the edge of collapse. It was never profitable, and in December, reduced head count from 16 to 11 employees. Jensen considered pulling the plug for months. The COVID-19 pandemic made him pull it.

Earlier this month, the Brewers Association said coronavirus may be catastrophic for the nation's small breweries. Nearly 60% of surveyed breweries predicted they couldn't survive three months of social distancing.

For Argus, the decision was made in less than two weeks. About three-quarters of its business was draft, an arena that dried up literally overnight after bars and restaurants closed March 16 to stem the spread of the new coronavirus.

But Argus' demise was rooted in years of not being able to turn a corner, even as a \$29 billion craft beer industry grew around it. Argus grappled with its far-flung location in the Roseland neighborhood, questionable commitment from its distributors, growing competition, failure to open a taproom, buy-in from bars and stores and, most important, making quality beer.

Each of the last five years Argus made between 1,000 and 1,280 barrels of beer — about half the production of the average American craft brewery.

Jensen launched Argus as a fun and novel diversion after making millions as president of Hub Group, a \$4 billion transportation company he helped take public during the 1990s. He had been a home brewer, and the craft beer industry seemed poised to break out. He was right about that: The nation has

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## Possible reasons for a delayed stimulus

Up to 70 million Americans are still waiting for their check

BY LANE ELDER

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

If you're still holding out on your stimulus check arriving, you are not the only one.

Newsweek estimates that an estimated 60 million to 70 million Americans still haven't received theirs, even though some reported seeing the money as early as April 10.

For those who are counting on the \$1,200 (or more) economic impact payment from the IRS, here are some possible reasons for the delay:

### Your check is being mailed.

The IRS is still processing direct deposit payments, but physical checks going through the U.S. Postal Service will likely take longer.

"That process of printing and stuffing those checks is going to take many weeks, and the estimate I've seen is that it will take about four to five months," David Wilcox of the Peterson Institute for International Economics told news station WFSB.

If you did not specify direct deposit on your tax return, you can use the IRS' "Get My Payment" app to list bank details and hopefully speed up the process.

### You did not file taxes in 2018 or 2019.

Even if you did not file taxes in 2018 or 2019, you can use a page on [irs.gov](http://irs.gov) to submit your information and receive a direct-deposited payment. According to the IRS, nonfilers include those who "had gross income that did not exceed \$12,200 (\$24,400 for married couples) for 2019" or "were not otherwise required to file a federal income tax return for 2019, and didn't plan to."

### Your direct deposit information is out of date.

Is your direct deposit information up to date with your current bank account? If the last time you filed taxes was a while ago, your bank details may need to be updated. It's possible a stimulus check went to an old bank account, WFSB reported.

You can review the information on file using the IRS' website or "Get My Payment" app.

### You used a third-party service to file taxes.

Many Americans utilize services including H&R Block or TurboTax to file taxes, but those mobile services may mean the IRS doesn't have your direct deposit information. According to The Washington Post, the IRS is aware of the issue but still recommends inputting bank information on the "Get My Payment" portal.

## Downtown to light up in support of workers

Worldwide effort to honor first responders, essential employees

BY RYAN ORI

Downtown Chicago streets are eerily quiet amid the new coronavirus, but the city's skyline is about to light up in recognition of those on the front lines of the pandemic.

Starting Saturday night, at least 19 downtown office properties will light up in support of essential workers and first responders, according to BOMA/Chicago. Participating buildings include some of the city's most recognizable skyscrapers, including Willis Tower and the former John Hancock Center.

From Saturday through May 1, upper portions of downtown

buildings will be illuminated blue in support of essential workers. Then, from May 2 through May 5, buildings will light up red in support of first responders.

It's part of a worldwide effort to honor first responders and workers in the health care, janitorial, engineering, security property management and other fields, according to BOMA/Chicago, an association of 240 downtown buildings.

Technology limits how many buildings can display both colors. Some buildings have the capability to change colors with the flip of a switch, while others require hours of work.

Properties set to take part in both the blue and red lighting are Prudential Plaza, Chase Tower and buildings at 181 W. Madison St., 525 W. Monroe St., 1 N.

Dearborn Ave., 120 N. LaSalle St., 555 W. Monroe St. and 540 W. Madison St.

Buildings planning to participate only in the blue lighting are the Merchandise Mart, Willis Tower, the former John Hancock Center (now known as 875 North Michigan Avenue), The Franklin, Chicago Board of Trade Building, Inland Steel Building and buildings at 200 W. Madison St., 311 S. Wacker Drive, 150 N. Michigan Ave., 900 N. Michigan Ave. and 300 E. Randolph St.

Other buildings could be added.

Some Chicago buildings already have created displays related to the coronavirus, including a large red heart on the facade of the Drake Hotel.

The effort comes amid a statewide stay-at-home order designed to stop the spread of the

virus, which has killed 1,565 in Illinois and more than 46,000 nationally. Distancing measures have shut down waves of offices, restaurants, bars, shops and other businesses, leading downtown Chicago streets to become sparsely populated.

BOMA's effort to recognize essential workers and first responders is an extension of the group's Illuminate Chicago program. Participants light up their buildings in colors associated with civic and charitable causes, including National Safety Month, Pride Month and holidays such as Christmas, Independence Day, Memorial Day and Labor Day.

Downtown owners also frequently light up buildings for major sporting events.

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# Tribune Publishing announces furloughs as ad revenue declines

BY ROBERT CHANNICK

Chicago-based newspaper chain Tribune Publishing announced company-wide furloughs Tuesday to “ensure financial stability” as advertising revenue continues to decline amid the coronavirus pandemic. The three-week furloughs, which will be taken in one-week increments from May through July, will be for nonunion employees making between \$40,000 and \$67,000 per year, the company said. Employees will continue to receive

health benefits but no salary during the weeks they are on furlough. Employees will have the option to apply to leave the company and receive severance instead of the furlough, the company said. “Despite strong engagement with our journalism, the impact on advertising has been profound,” CEO Terry Jimenez said in a memo to employees. “Statewide stay-at-home orders have been extended beyond initial government orders, and as a result, we will need to take additional measures

to ensure the financial stability of the company.” In his memo, Jimenez said the company also will pursue cost-saving measures within its unionized workforce. The scope of the furlough’s impact on newsroom employees remains uncertain. A majority of the newsrooms are either unionized or attempting to become unionized, the company said Tuesday. The Chicago Tribune newsroom, for example, is represented by the Chicago Tribune Guild.

Earlier this month, Tribune Publishing announced pay cuts of up to 10% for nonunion employees making \$67,000 per year or more. Top company executives also took pay cuts, with Jimenez forgoing two weeks of salary in addition to a 10% reduction in his annual base pay of \$575,000. Media companies have been especially hard-hit by the economic disruption caused by the pandemic, and many have announced pay cuts and furloughs. Some have suspended print

publication. In addition to the Chicago Tribune, Tribune Publishing owns the Baltimore Sun; Hartford Courant; Orlando Sentinel; South Florida Sun Sentinel; New York Daily News; the Capital Gazette in Annapolis, Maryland; The Morning Call in Allentown, Pennsylvania; the Daily Press in Newport News, Virginia; and The Virginian-Pilot in Norfolk, Virginia. Tribune Publishing had about 4,100 full-time employees at the end of 2019, according to the company.

## Books

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avoid close contact, Deutsch said. Online sales increased tenfold in March, yet revenues at the 50,000-plus-member co-op are expected to fall about 60% while the stores are closed, Deutsch said. That’s less of a plunge than Seminary initially feared, he said. The co-op has surpassed \$150,000 on its way to a goal of \$250,000 in its GoFundMe fundraising campaign, Deutsch said. Seminary also secured federal assistance that Deutsch said will cover about eight weeks of payroll expenses through the Payroll Protection Program, which is part of the coronavirus relief bill.

Seminary’s two landlords, one of which is the University of Chicago, have forgiven rent payments, Deutsch said. “Through the GoFundMe and other federal, state and local funds, our goal is to not lay anyone off,” he said. But the only forms of assistance the co-op is looking into are grants, rather than loans that would require repayment, Deutsch said. “This is a devastating hit for small businesses, and we don’t expect to make up those lost sales in order to pay off new debt,” he said. Events have been canceled through May, and they may not return until the summer or later. Seminary is set to launch an online children’s book-selling program, and the existing “Open Stacks” podcast carries on, Deutsch said. Meanwhile, Deutsch said he’s trying to support other local businesses, buying gifts from other book and record stores.

“There’s a recognition that in order to keep small bookstores and other cultural institutions afloat, we need to support them in these times,” Deutsch said.

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## Brewery

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grown from about 1,600 breweries when Argus opened to more than 8,200 at the end of 2019. Jensen acknowledged he was ill prepared to start a brewery. “I was kind of naive about how the beverage industry worked,” he said. “By the time we had fixed our beer and redid our image, it was too late.” But here’s the thing: In recent years, Argus had quietly become a very good brewery. In 2015, Jensen hired John Freyer, former head of sales at Three Floyds Brewing, as president. When he showed up, Freyer said, Argus was backlogged with unsold, poorly made beer. It was little wonder Metropolitan, Half Acre and Revolution had blown right past it. Freyer brought in two of the most talented people he knew: former Goose Island and Miller Brewing quality control guru Mary Pelletieri to revamp recipes and procedures, and Ted Furman, who during the 1990s ran one of Chicago’s original craft breweries, Golden Prairie, to oversee operations. Gradually, the quality and consistency of Argus beer improved. Rather than



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Argus Brewery on the South Side struggled for years and has closed for good, spurred by business tanking due to coronavirus.

chase trendy modern styles, it embraced balanced, approachable lagers. In 2016, the brewery won a bronze medal at the World Beer Cup for Holsteiner, an amber lager. In 2018, it won a gold medal at the Great American Beer Festival for Doppel Alt, a beer made under Furman’s resurrected Golden Prairie label. During the last six months, Argus landed two beers on the menu at Alinea, Chicago’s only restaurant with three Michelin stars: Cygnus X-1 Schwarzbier and Pegasus

IPA. “Things started getting better when we hired John,” Jensen said. “We were on a good trend. It’s just that I saw how volatile this business can be, and one thing we were fighting against was the market getting flooded with craft beer brands.” Argus struggled with many nuances of brewery operations, but most crippling may have been its failure to open a taproom where it could serve its own beer while reaping maxi-

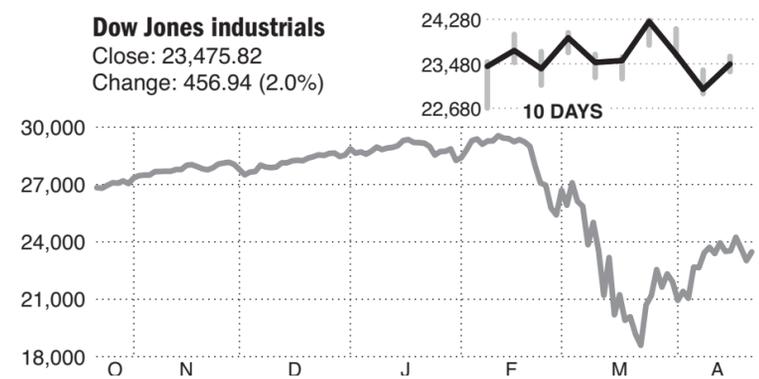
mum profits. Initially, Jensen said, he had little interest in running a taproom. Once it became clear that a taproom was the only path to keeping the brewery viable, hassles with city licensing kept it from happening, he said. Jensen said he spent hundreds of thousands of dollars to get his building up to code. Yet, he said, there was always another hurdle. “All it takes is one thing to hit to turn the corner, and a taproom would have helped tremendously,” Freyer said.

“We were always on the edge of turning the corner.” Argus was briefly hopeful in recent months with a switch to a new distributor, Louis Glunz Beer, which Freyer said “got us more business in the first month than we had in previous two years.” Jensen figured Argus was still two years from breaking even, and that he would need use his own funds to keep the business afloat until then — just as he’d done for the last decade. Instead, spurred by the coronavirus downturn, he hopes to sell the brewery as a turnkey operation, rather than the equipment piece by piece. Jensen, 65, said he has homes in Florida and Colorado, but didn’t get to them as much as he wanted. Now he can. “I’m old enough that I don’t need the headaches or aggravation that come with running a business,” Jensen said. “I’ll ride off into the sunset and enjoy Florida and Colorado.” Jensen alerted employees March 26 that the brewery would close in two days. He didn’t offer severance, but encouraged staff to apply for the expanded unemployment insurance benefits available through the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act.

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## MARKET ROUNDUP

**Dow** High: 23,613.10 Low: 23,339.60 Previous: 23,018.88



<b>Nasdaq</b> +232.15 (+2.81%) Close: 8,495.38 High: 8,537.30 Low: 8,404.54 Previous: 8,263.23	<b>S&amp;P 500</b> +62.75 (+2.29%) Close: 2,799.31 High: 2,815.10 Low: 2,775.95 Previous: 2,736.56	<b>Russell 2000</b> +16.43 (+1.39%) Close: 1,201.52 High: 1,213.34 Low: 1,196.54 Previous: 1,185.09
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<b>10-yr T-note</b> +0.04 to .61%	<b>Gold futures</b> +50.50 to \$1,728.70	<b>Yen</b> -0.07 to 107.70/\$1	<b>Euro</b> +0.0029 to .9243/\$1	<b>Crude Oil</b> +2.21 to \$13.78
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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
-12	+1.22	+57	+10.73	+13.08	+13.08	-11.74	+4.86	-4.37

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 20	547.75	549.75	538	543	-3.75
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 20	310	320.25	308.25	317.50	+8.25
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 20	831.25	839	827	834.75	+4
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	May 20	25.18	25.99	25.06	25.57	+2.2
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	May 20	288.50	291.20	287.00	288.30	-.80
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Jun 20	13.12	16.18	10.26	13.78	+2.21
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	May 20	1.836	1.952	1.774	1.939	+1.18
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	May 20	.5700	.6700	.4738	.6384	+1.281

## 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.
Abbott Labs	N	95.48	+1.43	Dover Corp	N	86.32	+1.81
AbbVie Inc	N	81.47	+1.11	Envestnet Inc	N	55.40	+1.68
Allstate Corp	N	101.99	+1.90	Equity Commonwlth	N	34.12	+1.11
Anixter Intl	N	89.71	-.09	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	61.32	+2.35
Aptargroup Inc	N	106.30	+1.18	Equity Residential	N	65.66	+1.85
Arch Dan Mid	N	35.40	+0.40	Exelon Corp	O	37.20	+1.52
Baxter Intl	N	90.54	+0.44	First Indl RT	N	34.13	+0.73
Boeing Co	N	134.97	-1.36	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	43.08	+0.83
Brunswick Corp	N	37.96	+0.80	Gallagher AJ	N	77.59	+0.05
CBOE Global Markets	N	100.20	-.19	Grainger WW	N	276.13	+6.04
CDK Global Inc	O	34.49	+0.44	GrubHub Inc	N	43.34	+2.41
CDW Corp	O	101.74	+2.90	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	111.55	+0.77
CF Industries	N	27.31	+0.45	Hyatt Hotels Corp	N	54.02	-1.33
CME Group	O	179.39	+1.37	IAA Inc	N	32.75	+0.93
CNA Financial	N	30.58	-.42	IDEX Corp	N	151.66	+3.03
Cabot Microelect	O	109.67	+4.19	ITW	N	155.54	+3.77
Caterpillar Inc	N	110.64	+0.79	Ingredion Inc	N	77.36	-.08
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	34.30	+0.47	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	98.37	-.61
Deere Co	N	136.21	+2.15	Kemper Corp	N	66.82	+1.20
Discover Fin Svcs	N	35.15	+0.85	Kraft Heinz Co	O	28.76	+0.29

### MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
SNAP Inc A	17.01	+4.57
Whiting Petroleum	.84	+0.45
Gen Electric	6.43	-.05
Delta Air Lines	22.47	-.63
Transocean Ltd	.95	-.15
Ford Motor	4.77	-.07
Itau Unibanco Hldg	4.12	+0.00
AT&T Inc	29.47	-.40
Bank of America	21.80	+0.16
L Brands Inc	10.19	-1.87
Macy's Inc	4.82	-.40
Occid Petl	13.02	+0.68
Am Eagle Outfit	6.73	-1.61
Halliburton	8.23	+0.77
Carnival Corp	11.64	-.20
Marathon Oil	4.53	+0.29
Petrobras	6.34	+0.29
Unitedhealth Group	277.02	+2.83
Verizon Comm	57.99	+1.17
Visa Inc	166.59	+6.06
WalMart Strs	131.59	+2.38

### LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alibaba Group Hldg	209.96	+2.62
Alphabet Inc C	1263.21	+46.87
Alphabet Inc A	1258.41	+46.25
Amazon.com Inc	2363.49	+35.37
Apple Inc	276.10	+7.73
Berkshire Hath B	186.58	+3.10
Facebook Inc	182.28	+11.48
HSBC Holdings prA	25.51	+0.06
Home Depot	204.17	+3.56
Intel Corp	60.10	+3.74
JPMorgan Chase	89.34	+2.29
Johnson & Johnson	152.99	+3.31
MasterCard Inc	256.91	+11.56
Microsoft Corp	173.52	+5.70
Procter & Gamble	119.40	-.28
Unitedhealth Group	277.02	+2.83
Verizon Comm	57.99	+1.17
Visa Inc	166.59	+6.06
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### LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR
American Funds AmrcnBalA	m	26.46	+34.18
American Funds CptWdGrncA	m	43.86	+7.8
American Funds CptWdGrncA	m	54.68	+6.1
American Funds FdmTInvSA	m	52.50	+1.08
American Funds GrfAmrcA	m	47.84	+1.12
American Funds IncAmrcA	m	20.09	+2.0
American Funds InvCmrcA	m	34.40	+7.4
American Funds NwPrspctVA	m	41.75	+9.0
American Funds WAMtInvSA	m	40.46	+8.5
Dodge & Cox Inc	14.16	+0.3	+7.7
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	30.50	+0.47	+24.8
Dodge & Cox Stk	143.42	+2.46	-17.0
DoubleLine TIRetBdI	10.52	+0.17	+4.0
Fidelity 500dixnsPrrm	97.09	+2.17	-1.8
Fidelity Contrafund	12.95	+0.36	+1.1
Fidelity InvMGrdBd	11.80	...	+9.3
Fidelity TlMktDixnsPrrm	77.24	+1.70	+4.3
Fidelity USBdDixnsPrrm	12.44	-0.2	+1.5
Franklin Templeton IncA1	m	2.00	+0.2
Metropolitan West TIRetBdI	11.34	...	+11.0
PGIM Investments TIRetBdZ	14.24	...	+6.6
PIMCO IncI2	11.09	...	-2.5
PIMCO IncIstl	11.09	...	-2.4
PIMCO TIRetIns	10.63	-0.1	+9.7
Schwab SP500dix	43.05	+0.96	-1.8
T. Rowe Price BCGR	118.97	+3.47	+5.3
T. Rowe Price GrStk	68.37	+1.92	+2.8
Vanguard 500dixAdmrl	258.64	+5.81	-1.8
Vanguard BallDixAdmrl	36.33	+4.6	+2.4
Vanguard DivGrv	26.85	+3.9	-2
Vanguard GrldAdmrl	89.06	+2.61	+8.2
Vanguard HAdmrl	84.02	+9.3	+0.6
Vanguard InTrngAdm	10.15	-0.1	+9.2
Vanguard InTrTEAdmrl	14.29	-0.4	+3.7
Vanguard Insdixns	249.93	+5.61	-1.8
Vanguard InsdixnsPlus	249.94	+5.60	-1.8
Vanguard InsTlSMlInPls	58.10	+1.27	-4.2
Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl	94.43	+1.61	+1.0
Vanguard LdtTrmTEAdmrl	10.99	-0.1	+2.2
Vanguard MdCpdxAdmrl	177.64	+4.20	-11.3
Vanguard PrrmCpAdmrl	121.13	+1.50	-5.4
Vanguard STInvMGrdAdmrl	10.69	...	+4.0
Vanguard SmCpdxAdmrl	58.28	+8.9	-20.6
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	30.15	+2.9	-1.1
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	18.03	+2.0	-1.5
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	32.58	+4.4	+2.8
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	19.79	+0.7	-4.2
Vanguard TlBMdixAdmrl	11.52	-0.1	+1.5
Vanguard TlBMdixns	11.52	-0.1	+1.5
Vanguard TlBMdixAdmrl	22.66	-0.3	+5.3
Vanguard TlBMdixns	34.00	-0.5	+5.3
Vanguard TlBMdixns	11.33	-0.2	+5.2
Vanguard TlBMdixAdmrl	23.48	+4.3	-15.5
Vanguard TlBMdixnsPlus	93.90	+1.70	-15.5
Vanguard TlSMdixAdmrl	14.03	+2.5	-15.6
Vanguard TlSMdixAdmrl	67.92	+1.49	-4.2
Vanguard TlSMdixns	67.93	+1.49	-4.2
Vanguard TlSMdixns	67.90	+1.49	-4.3
Vanguard WlghtnAdmrl	67.78	+1.02	+1.3
Vanguard WlghtnAdmrl	63.60	+0.35	+3.4

### FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	2843.98	+17.0/+0.6
Stoxx600	330.14	+5.8/+1.8
Nikkei	19137.95	-142.8/-0.7
MSCI-EAFE	1573.54	-48.1/-3.0
Bovespa	80687.10	+1714.3/+2.2
FTSE 100	5770.63	+129.6/+2.3
CAC-40	4411.80	+54.3/+1.3

d - Deferred sales charge, or redemption fee. m - Multiple fees are charged, usually a marketing fee and either a sales or redemption fee. Source: Morningstar.

# Loans not completely ideal for small businesses

## Some say they won't be able to rehire all laid-off workers

BY CHRISTOPHER RUGABER  
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WASHINGTON — Some small businesses that obtained a coveted government loan say they won't be able to use it to bring all their laid-off workers back, even though that is what the program was designed to do.

The Paycheck Protection Program promises a business owner loan forgiveness if they retain or rehire all the workers they had in late February. But owners say the equation isn't so simple, in part because of current economic conditions and partly due to the terms of the loans.

As a result, the lending may not reduce unemployment as much as the Trump administration and Congress hope.

The government's \$2 trillion relief package included \$349 billion for the small business loan program, which was besieged with applications and ran out of money last week. Congress and the White House reached a tentative deal Tuesday that would provide another \$310 billion.

To get the loans forgiven, companies

need to spend 75% on payroll within eight weeks of receiving the money. The other 25% can be spent on rent, utilities and mortgage payments. Otherwise, the loan has generous terms: Only a 1% interest rate and six months before any principal is due.

Many of the small companies that were able to obtain a loan are having second thoughts about rehiring all their workers and a few plan to return the money. Others will use what they can on rent and utilities, and will use some to rehire a portion of their laid-off staff. But most are unsure they will be able to reopen eight weeks from now. They see little point in rehiring all their workers, paying them to do little or nothing, and then potentially laying them off again if business remains weak two months from now.

"You're turning the business into a pass through for the federal government," said Joe Walsh, who owns Clean Green Maine, a cleaning service in Portland, Maine, with 35 employees. "You're doing very little to actually help the business."

It's unclear how much the small business lending program can hold back the

surge in joblessness — a record 22 million people sought unemployment aid in the past month. Most economists forecast the unemployment rate will reach between 15% and 20% when the monthly jobs report is released in early May.

More money is clearly needed: Roughly 1.6 million small businesses were able to obtain loans, the Small Business Administration said, out of at least 6 million that were likely eligible, according to Census data. Bank of America economists estimate that another \$650 billion would be necessary to meet demand.

Also, the generous unemployment aid that was also included in the government's relief package has made it more difficult to rehire. Many workers are making more with unemployment checks, which now include a \$600 weekly benefit from the federal government.

Walsh, who received a \$280,000 loan from the SBA, said that he is reluctant to push his employees to return to work because, under unemployment benefit rules, they could lose their weekly checks if they turn down potential jobs.

# Tyson Foods idles its largest pork plant

BY RYAN J. FOLEY  
Associated Press

IOWA CITY, Iowa — Tyson Foods suspended operations Wednesday at an Iowa plant that is critical to the nation's pork supply but was blamed for fueling a coronavirus outbreak in the community.

The Arkansas-based company said the closure of the plant in Waterloo would deny a vital market to hog farmers and further disrupt U.S. meat supply. Tyson had kept the facility, its largest pork plant, open in recent days over the objections of alarmed local officials.

The plant can process 19,500 hogs per day, accounting for 3.9% of U.S. pork processing capacity, according to the National Pork Board.

More than 180 infections have been linked to the plant and officials expect that number to dramatically rise. Testing of its 2,800 workers is expected to begin Friday. Cases and hospitalizations in Black Hawk County have skyrocketed in recent days and local officials say the plant is the largest source of infections.

Employers have struggled to contain the virus in meatpacking plants, where workers toil side by side on production lines and often share crowded locker rooms, cafeterias and rides to work. While plants have added safety measures, public health experts say social distancing is virtually impossible.

Several facilities have temporarily closed due to virus outbreaks, including a Smithfield Foods plant in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and a JBS USA plant in Worthington, Minnesota. Others have stayed open or resumed production after pauses for worker testing and cleaning.

Tyson Fresh Meats president Steve Stouffer said the closure in Iowa was driven by "the combination of worker absenteeism, COVID-19 cases and community concerns." He warned of "significant ramifications" for the farmers, distributors and grocers in the supply chain.



HARUKA SAKAGUCHI/THE NEW YORK TIMES

Racks of shoes are shown at a Barneys in Manhattan. Barneys New York filed for bankruptcy last year.

# The death of department store

## 'The genre is toast' and 'there are very few who are likely to survive'

BY SAPNA MAHESHWARI  
AND VANESSA FRIEDMAN  
The New York Times

American department stores, once all-powerful shopping meccas that anchored malls and Main Streets across the country, have been dealt blow after blow in the past decade.

J.C. Penney and Sears were upended by hedge funds. Macy's has been closing stores and cutting corporate staff. Barneys New York filed for bankruptcy last year.

But nothing compares to the shock the weakened industry has taken from the coronavirus pandemic.

The sales of clothing and accessories fell by more than half in March, a trend that is expected to only get worse in April.

The entire executive team at Lord & Taylor was let go this month. Nordstrom has canceled orders and put off paying its vendors. The Neiman Marcus Group, the most glittering of the American department store chains, is expected to declare bankruptcy in the coming days, the first major retailer felled during the crisis.

It is not likely to be the last. "The department stores, which have been failing slowly for a very long time, really don't get over this," said Mark Cohen, the director of retail studies at Columbia University's Business School. "The genre is toast and looking at the other side of this, there are very few who are likely to survive."

At a time when retailers should be putting in orders for the all-important holiday shopping season, stores are furloughing tens of thousands of corporate and store employees, hoarding cash and desperately planning how to survive this crisis. At the very least, there is expected to be an enormous reduction in the amount of stores in each chain, which once sprawled across the American continent like a pack of many-headed hydras.

Department store chains account for about 30% of the total mall square footage in the United States, with 10% of that coming from Sears and J.C. Penney, according to a January report from Green Street Advisors, a real estate research firm.

Even before the pandemic, the firm expected about half of mall-based department stores to close in the next five years.

Even as they have worked to transform themselves for e-commerce with apps, websites and in-store exchanges, the outbreak has laid bare how dependent the

department stores have remained on physical outposts. Macy's said on March 30 that after closing its stores for two weeks, it had lost the majority of its sales.

The Commerce Department's retail sales report for March, released last week, was disastrous. Overall retail sales numbers for this month are expected to be even worse, given that some stores were open for at least part of March.

Across chains, prices for new merchandise sold via e-commerce have already been slashed by 40% in some cases. Order cancellations for the pre-fall season — which would normally have started delivering next month — have been increasing.

Some brands said shipments have even been turned away upon delivery to warehouses, and extensions of payment terms are cascading through vendors, who are then forced to negotiate with their own manufacturers, marketing agencies, fulfillment centers and landlords.

"Nobody knows what Q4 will be like, but you have to start putting the orders in now," Sucharita Kodali, a retail analyst at Forrester, said of the holiday season, normally the most lucrative time of the year for the chains. "Some people don't even have the money to put in Q4 orders, and may have to cancel Q4 orders anyway, and it's a mess. There's never been this much uncertainty."

# SBA reports data breach in disaster loan site

BY JOYCE M. ROSENBERG  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Thousands of small-business owners reeling from the aggressive measures taken to halt the spread of the coronavirus may have had their personal information exposed last month on a government website that handles disaster loan applications.

The Small Business Administration said Tuesday that the personal information of more than 7,000 business owners applying for economic injury disaster loans was potentially seen by other applicants on the SBA website March 25.

The SBA said only the disaster loan program was affected, not the Paycheck Protection Program, which did not begin

until April 3 and is handled by a separate system.

SBA spokeswoman Carol Wilkerson said the agency has notified the 7,913 owners whose information may have been exposed and offered them a year of free credit monitoring. The agency immediately disabled the affected part of its system, Wilkerson said.

In a letter to affected owners obtained by The Associated Press, the SBA said there is no evidence the exposed data have been misused. The information included names, Social Security numbers, birth dates, financial information, email addresses and phone numbers.

Business owners had issues with the disaster loan website before. The site was taken down for maintenance for

several hours March 16, and owners could not apply during that time. On March 29, the SBA revised its application process for the disaster loans and owners had to reapply. Many learned days or weeks later that they needed to reapply.

"It's frustrating that now I have to deal with that too," said Adam Rammel, co-owner of Brewfontaine, a restaurant in Bellefontaine, Ohio. He got his disaster loan money Tuesday after a month's wait and also got a paycheck protection loan.

The SBA also said it had processed more than 755,000 disaster loan advances, \$10,000 each and totaling nearly \$3.3 billion as of Monday. The advances are essentially grants. The agency also said it processed nearly 27,000 disaster loans totaling nearly \$5.6 billion.

## BUSINESS BRIEFING

### Netflix picks up 16M subscribers

BERKELEY, Calif. — Netflix picked up nearly 16 million global subscribers during the first three months of the year, helping cement its status as one of the world's most essential services in times of isolation or crisis.

The quarter spanned the beginning of stay-at-home orders in the U.S. and around the world, a response to the pandemic that apparently led millions to latch onto Netflix for entertainment and comfort when most had nowhere to be but home.

Netflix more than doubled the quarterly growth it predicted in January, well before the COVID-19 outbreak began to shut down major economies. It was the biggest three-month gain in the 13-year history of Netflix's streaming service.

### EU leaders mull virus recovery plan

BRUSSELS — European Union leaders are preparing for a new virtual summit to take stock of the damage the coronavirus has inflicted on the lives and livelihoods of around half a billion citizens and to thrash out a more robust plan to revive economies.

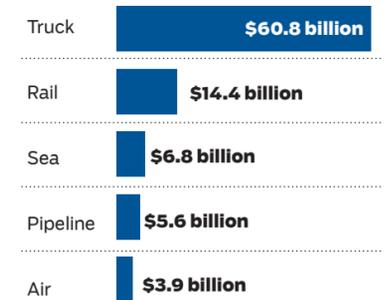
Combined, the EU's institutions and nations have mobilized around \$3.6 trillion to help over-burdened health services, suffering small businesses, embattled airlines and the newly jobless.

The leaders are expected Thursday to endorse a package worth \$587 billion that would help pay lost wages, keep companies afloat and fund health care systems.

European Council President Charles Michel said "these three safety nets" should be in place by June 1.

### North America cross border freight

Transborder freight between U.S., Canada and Mexico, February 2020



SOURCE: Bureau of Transportation 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 tightknit 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.

## LULA FITZPATRICK, 85,

From Dolton. Died April 3.



NANCY SANFORD

At 85 years old, Lula Fitzpatrick was still feisty and talkative.

"You never had to wonder how she felt about something because she always spoke her mind," said Fitzpatrick's daughter, Nancy Sanford.

Fitzpatrick was the matriarch of a tightly knit family, with four daughters, six grandchildren,

four great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

For the past four years, Fitzpatrick lived in a nursing facility in Dolton, but Sanford made sure to visit her mother every week.

"We took her out to dinner, brought her over here, had cookouts, we tried to make life as normal as possible for her under the circumstances," Sanford said.

In late March, Sanford learned her mother had developed a fever. Sanford was no longer allowed to visit the nursing home, but called every day to check in.

The fever persisted, and Sanford grew more and more concerned. Eventually the nursing home brought Fitzpatrick to an emergency room. When she arrived there, she was severely dehydrated and still running a fever.

Her test came back positive for COVID-19 and just two days later, on April 3, she died from the virus.

"It was and still is very devastating," Sanford said. "We knew that she had health issues, but nothing that was threatening her life immediately."

"The hardest part for me, and I think for my sister, and her grandkids and great grandkids, is that she died alone, without any family members being able to be there for her," Sanford added.

Fitzpatrick suffered from dementia and diabetes, but Sanford said she remained mobile, playing bingo in the nursing home and attending church services.

Fitzpatrick was a member of various service and social groups including the American Legion Post and the Elks Lodge.

"She loved to sing," Sanford added. "She often sang at different functions. She even sang at the nursing home until her health started declining."

The family was able to hold a small service but plans to have a much larger celebration-of-life memorial once restrictions are lifted.

— Sophie Sherry

## JULIAN ANGUIANO-MAYA, 51

From Chicago. Died March 28



YADIRA ANGUIANO

COVID-19 has taken a horrific toll on the Brighton Park home where Yadir Anguiano and her family live. In all, seven members have tested positive for the coronavirus, which took the life of her father, Julian Anguiano-Maya.

"He was very outgoing — the life of the party," Yadir said.

"He would always say humorous things. When I was younger and people would call on the headline and ask for me, he'd say: 'Un memento que soy muy lento.'"

It was cute, Yadir said, because it rhymes and translates to: "Hold one moment, I am very slow."

Anguiano-Maya, a roofer who came to the States from Mexico when he was 22, suffered from diabetes and high blood pressure. He also spoke very little English, and his daughter believes that worked against him after he was admitted to Mount Sinai Hospital near Western Avenue and Roosevelt Road. Not long after he was taken to the ER with breathing trouble, the family was told his heart had stopped.

Family members were not able to see Julian after he was admitted, but Yadir did manage to speak to him the night before he passed.

"He called me 'Bonita,' for pretty, she said.

Yadir, 23, and her husband tested positive Thursday for COVID-19 and will spend the next 7 even to 10 days apart from their daughters, ages 1 and 3. Her mother, sister and brother, plus a family friend living in the house, also tested positive.

The only good news is that her symptoms have been mild thus far, mainly a cough.

"I think we will be fine," she said.

— Teddy Greenstein

## HAROLD DAVIS JR., 63

From Chicago. Died April 12.



CARL WAGNER/  
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Harold Davis Jr. grew up in the harsh and often unforgiving parts of this city. He knew firsthand its inequities, and he would, in ways both physical and spiritual, spend his adult life doing his best to change it for the better.

As he told a reporter in 2014, talking about a radio show he hosted but also about the way he lived his life, "We deal with

community-based issues. We deal with mostly from a solutions standpoint. We try to attack issues head-on, and we're trying to deal with the actual — what's it going to take to solve a problem."

He attempted to solve problems in a variety of ways: daily for two hours of conversation at WGBX-1570 AM as host of a passionate and provocative radio show, "The Butt Naked Truth," which began airing in 2010; as head of an organization in the business of supplying food to Chicago Public Schools; and, most deeply, working with at risk youth to repair school auditoriums and in the process mend their own lives.

"There just was no one like Harold," said Jadine Chou, the chief of safety and security of the CPS system. "He had a profound impact and tremendously beneficial effect on the lives of hundreds of city children. It is no exaggeration to say that he saved hundreds of lives."

Married and the father of a son and daughter, Davis died of complications from COVID-19 on Easter morning at Rush University Medical Center. He was 63 years old.

"We met at a nightclub and bonded over the fact that we were both drinking water," Monica Davis said. They married in Las Vegas, lived in Chicago for a time and eventually settled on a blueberry farm in Michigan.

Their son, Harold N. Davis, is a 21-year-old senior at the University of Arizona, and their daughter, Mikayla, is 8 years old.

"My husband was committed to the youth of Chicago from the day we met — actually, since he was a little boy," Davis said. "This was his lifelong journey, but he was careful not to bring the troubles he encountered into our family life. He wanted to keep us safe too."

She has heard from many of the now-grown people her husband guided. The internet is filled with comforting words, such as those from people calling Davis "a Chicago legend" and another saying, "the world has lost a giant."

Hermene Hartman, a civil rights activist and publisher, wrote, "It is with a heavy heart that I tell you ... he was quite a guy and dedicated to discussion on the Black community, making it a better place."

Davis' wife believes he was motivated by his own experiences in CPS and growing up in the Altgeld Gardens public housing complex on the Far South Side.

Before they began working closely together a few years ago, Chou had known Davis by reputation, for he had long had a relationship with CPS as a mentor and gang specialist.

He started that work during a time of raging gang troubles, with shootings and murders a daily occurrence. He took it upon himself to try to help and volunteered to moderate gatherings in school auditoriums in order to reach large numbers of students, to calm tensions.

School principals were willing, even eager, but at school after school he found auditoriums that were virtually useless, with broken seats (or none at all), warped floors and peeling paint.

And so did he expand his mission beyond food and his company, Amer-I-Can, starting to hire youngsters to refurbish and otherwise bring auditoriums back to life, in the process teaching them tools of the construction trade.

The high school-age kids, many from different neighborhoods and affiliated with various gangs, were paid for their work and in the process learned not only the particulars of the construction trade but also how to rebuild their own lives.

Most of these kids were from dangerous communities and broken homes. Many were involved in gangs and drug dealing. Some of their parents were in prison. Some of them had children of their own.

Davis kept a relatively low profile but was the subject of a WBEZ 91.5 FM story in 2017 and some years ago attracted the attention of Tribune columnist Dawn Turner Trice. In one of her two stories about Davis, she quoted him as saying that Chicago's children "are not planning for their futures anymore. They are planning for their funerals."

"They are extremely angry. Their mamas have left

them, their daddy left them. You're talking about people who have been abandoned," Davis said in that article. "These kids don't have anything of substance that they really own, nothing that roots them down. So, they don't care about anything or anybody."

He helped changed those attitudes in many, talking to his employees — they earned as much as \$15 an hour — about such topics as anger management, personal responsibility and self-respect.

"It was magical, the way he communicated with young people," Chou said. "He really did want to move the needle, to help these kids move forward. He had come from such humble beginnings, he wanted to help these kids find a good path to follow."

Third Ward Ald. Pat Dowell met Davis a decade ago.

"He was a quietly powerful man who struck me as fair," she said. "We often talked of the state of the city's black community and through them I learned of his passion to work with wayward black youth and his desire to give them the tools to redirect their lives. I supported his CPS initiative of working with teens to rebuild school auditoriums by advocating for schools in my ward to be a part of his program."

"He was authentic, honest and wise. He has earned his place in Chicago's history."

The jobs program he started initially took place in the summers, and it kept the kids away from the seductions and dangers of the streets. In recent years, sparked by financial support from an anonymous private donor and a foundation, the program was able to run year-round. He was also an essential part of CPS' Safe Passage program, which expanded in 2013.

Davis, with his trim mustache and quiet but authoritative manner, exuded charisma. That came through loud and clear on his Tuesday-Thursday afternoon radio program, on which he welcomed community activists, politicians and others from the city's African American community. On the Harvey-based station, known as Big Gospel Express, he discussed a wide variety of issues, explored solutions and was never loath to criticize the area's power structure. But the most frequent topic was young people.

Chou says that she and CPS are working to ensure that these types of programs will continue when schools reopen, knowing full well that, she said, "It won't be easy. Harold was one of a kind."

— Rick Kogan

## VIRAF DARUKHANAWALLA, 77

From Hoffman Estates. Died April 3.

Like many anguished family members of Illinois residents who have died in recent weeks due to COVID-19-related illness, the widow of Viraf Darukhanawalla prefers to say as little as possible about her late husband.

They married in 1973 in Bombay, now known as Mumbai.

"We migrated from India," said Viloo V.

Darukhanawalla, who continues to live in their Hoffman Estates home with one of their two grown daughters. "Our children studied here."

She added: "They do not yet want to speak about what happened."

Viraf Darukhanawalla worked primarily in food preparation for the airlines at O'Hare International Airport. After retiring, she said, he did some odd jobs, including part-time work at Kmart.

His widow said he contended with diabetes and heart trouble for much of his life.

"And then this suddenly came up," she said. Her husband was ailing at home for part of March, and eventually admitted to the hospital.

"And things did not work out there. I do not blame them for that. The cause was this coronavirus." The official cause of death was pneumonia brought on by COVID-19.

Darukhanawalla's survivors include his wife; two daughters; a son-in-law; and two grandchildren.

"We have our families here," Viloo Darukhanawalla said. "Now that he is gone..." After a pause she concluded the conversation: "It's just that we are so, so heartbroken."

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Beidelman-Kunsch Funeral Homes & Crematory in Naperville.

— Michael Phillips

## Chicago Daily Tribune

### ON APRIL 23 ...

**In 1348**, King Edward III of England established the Order of the Garter.

**In 1789**, President-elect George Washington and his wife moved into the first executive mansion, the Franklin House, in New York.

**In 1896**, the Vitascope system for projecting movies onto a screen was demonstrated in New York.

**In 1904**, the American Academy of Arts and Letters was founded.

**In 1940**, about 200 people died in a dance hall fire in Natchez, Miss.

**In 1954**, Hank Aaron of the Milwaukee Braves hit the first of his record 755 major-league home runs, in a game

against the St. Louis Cardinals. (The Braves won, 7-5.)

**In 1968**, the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church merged to form the United Methodist Church.

**In 1969**, Sirhan Sirhan was sentenced to death for assassinating New York Sen. Robert Kennedy. (The sentence was later reduced to life imprisonment.)

**In 1985**, the Coca-Cola Co. announced it was changing the secret flavor formula for Coke. (Negative public reaction forced the company to resume selling the original version.)

**In 1988**, a federal ban on smoking during domestic airline flights of two hours or less went into effect.

**In 1989**, Troy Aikman of

UCLA became the first player chosen in the NFL draft in New York as he was selected by the Dallas Cowboys.

**In 1996**, a Bronx civil-court jury ordered Bernhard Goetz to pay \$43 million to Darrell Cabey, one of four young men he'd shot on a subway car in 1984.

**In 1997**, doctors at the University of Southern California announced that a child was born in late 1996 to a 63-year-old woman on hormone therapy.

**In 2000**, Elian Gonzalez spent a secluded Easter with his father at Andrews Air Force Base outside Washington, a day after the 6-year-old boy was removed from his Miami relatives' home in a pre-dawn raid by immigration agents.

**In 2002**, American cardinals opened an extraordinary meeting with top Vatican officials to discuss a sex-abuse scandal rocking the Roman Catholic Church in the United States.

**In 2003**, global health officials warned travelers to avoid Beijing and Toronto, where they might get the SARS virus and export it to new locations.

**In 2004**, President George W. Bush eased Reagan-era sanctions against Libya in return for Moammar Gadhafi's giving up weapons of mass destruction.

**In 2007**, classes at Virginia Tech resumed a week after the killings of 32 victims by a suicidal gunman.

**In 2008**, the Supreme Court unanimously affirmed that police have the

power to conduct searches and seize evidence, even when done during an arrest that turns out to have violated state law.

**In 2014**, Georgia Gov. Nathan Deal signed a "guns-everywhere bill" into law, a move that licensed gun owners hailed as a victory for the Second Amendment.

### WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

#### ILLINOIS

**April 22**  
Powerball ..... **01 33 35 40 69 / 24**  
Powerball jackpot: \$29M  
Lotto jackpot: \$9.5M  
Pick 3 midday ..... **391 / 8**  
Pick 4 midday ..... **9045 / 1**  
Lucky Day Lotto midday .....  
**08 13 19 21 23**  
Pick 3 evening ..... **438 / 2**  
Pick 4 evening ..... **9009 / 3**  
Lucky Day Lotto evening .....  
**21 22 28 30 45**

April 24 Mega Millions: \$174M

#### WISCONSIN

**April 22**  
Megabucks ..... **02 09 23 25 35 49**  
Pick 3 ..... **109**  
Pick 4 ..... **6528**  
Badger 5 ..... **19 21 23 24 30**  
SuperCash ..... **18 25 28 29 36 38**

#### INDIANA

**April 22**  
Lotto ..... **05 19 21 23 32 36**  
Lotto 3 midday ..... **203 / 2**  
Daily 4 midday ..... **3638 / 2**  
Daily 3 midday ..... **132 / 6**  
Daily 3 evening ..... **2133 / 6**  
Daily 4 evening ..... **2133 / 6**  
Cash 5 ..... **09 15 25 31 35**

#### MICHIGAN

**April 22**  
Lotto ..... **01 18 28 30 38 44**  
Daily 3 midday ..... **111**  
Daily 4 midday ..... **8125**  
Daily 3 evening ..... **951**  
Daily 4 evening ..... **0678**  
Fantasy 5 ..... **06 27 35 37 39**  
Keno ..... **04 06 11 12 15 17**  
**30 32 34 36 41 42 43 57**  
**58 61 63 64 67 69 72 78**

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## Chicago Tribune Death Notices

Chicago Tribune extends our condolences to the families and loved ones of those who have passed.

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## Death Notices

## Atkinson, Daniel E.

Daniel E. "Dan" Atkinson, age 83, of West Dundee, formerly of Schaumburg. Beloved husband for 53 years of Mary nee Kattner. Loving father of David (Catherine), Richard (Kelly) and Therese (Alan) Kortas, Grandfather of Daniel, Caroline, Elisabeth and Leah. Fond brother of John (Elaine) and the late Dorothy, William, Kay and Mary Ellen. Uncle and friend of many. Visitation, Services and Interment will be private. A celebration of life will be held at a later date when large gatherings will be allowed. For info, please call Miller Funeral Home, West Dundee 847-426-3436. To leave an online condolence, please visit [www.millerfuneralhome.com](http://www.millerfuneralhome.com)

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## Bagniewski, Richard R.

Bagniewski, Richard R., 82, of Palos Heights, IL. He was the loving son of the late Michael and the late Tillie; beloved husband of the late Mary nee Wagner; treasured brother of the late Daniel (the late Joan) and the late Nancy; cherished uncle of Michael (Debby), Daniel and Linda; fond great uncle of Jessica; great great uncle of Jacob, Dean and the late Nolan; he was loved by many. Member of Our Lady of the Ridge Church, where he served as an usher for many years. He was a devoted employee of ComEd for over 35 years. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. A memorial mass will be held at a later date. Arrangements under the care of **Blake-Lamb Funeral Home**. Info 708-636-1193 or [www.blakelamboklawn.com](http://www.blakelamboklawn.com)

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## Barney, Evelyn R.

Evelyn Barney (nee Roasch), age 77, a resident of Naperville, IL since 1975, formerly of Cicero and Downers Grove, IL, passed away on Monday, April 20, 2020 at Auberge at Naperville. She was born August 17, 1942 in Washington DC. A private family memorial visitation and service will be held on Monday, April 27th, 2020. Arrangements by **Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Naperville, IL**. For a complete obituary, please visit [www.friedrich-jones.com](http://www.friedrich-jones.com) or call (630) 355-0213 for more information.



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## Berkley, Irwin M.

Irwin M. Berkley age 86 of Lincolnwood, IL passed away on April 21, 2020 surrounded by his family after a brief battle with cancer. Beloved husband for 38 years of Karen Berkley, nee Gress Loving father of his 7 children, Lonni Berkley, Avi (Susan Dominic) Berkley and Abra Berkley (Tony Ryba) of his previous marriage to the late Eloise Berkley, nee Saperstein and Jonathan (Erin) Berkley, David (Erica) Berkley, Steven Berkley (Brenda Eval) and Sarah Berkley. Irwin was also the adoring grandfather to his eight grandchildren Brandon Berkley-Vigil (Dipa Patel), Abe Berkley-Vigil (Xuan Li), Sylvia Ryba, Ely Ryba, Aaron Ryba, Theodore Berkley, Ari Berkley and Rowan Berkley. He was thrilled with the recent arrival of his great-granddaughter Maya Ariella Berkley-Vigil. He will also be remembered by his sister Gail Rothstein, his nephew Mitchell (Sharon) Rothstein and niece Lauren (Jim) Mosman and great nephews and great niece Jordan, Zachary and Sadie. Irwin attended Penn Grammar School in Chicago and graduated from Marshall High School in 1951. He attended Northwestern University for his undergraduate degree and went on to receive his Juris Doctorate from Northwestern School of Law in 1959 after service in the United States Army. After practicing law for many years, he discovered his true passion in real estate. For forty years, Irwin was president and CEO of Century Development Group. Through Century Development, Irwin spearheaded developments of single family and multiple family units, shopping centers, affordable housing and office renovations in the greater Chicagoland area, Florida, Baltimore, Indianapolis, Virginia and Puerto Rico. In addition to Real Estate, Irwin opened Health Connections, a medical facility and a private home health agency in 1978. By 1997, Irwin built Health Connections into the largest unaffiliated freestanding home health agency in Illinois. He was a pioneer in the development of home delivery of medical services to aging population who could not otherwise access medical services. He also prided himself on providing high quality housing to the underserved and overlooked communities and built a 100-bed senior living community in rural Illinois which became a model for assisted living facilities throughout the nation. Irwin also had a strong sense of community and his Jewish identity that he instilled in his children and always found ways to do Tikkun Olam—to make the world a better place. Irwin was passionate about Israel and related organizations such as Bar-Ilan University, JUF, JNF and AIPAC and went to Israel during the Six-Day War and Gulf War to show his support. Irwin was also an avid tennis player and Chicago sports fan. Irwin will always be remembered as a father figure to many and for his ever-present can-do attitude, unwavering support for his children and grandchildren, empowering pep talks, immense ruach and a champion of the underdog. Private graveside services are necessary, however family and friends who can't attend can view the funeral at Irwin's webpage on [www.mitzvahfunerals.com](http://www.mitzvahfunerals.com) Friday April 24th at 12 Noon live, or any-time after the funeral. Info **Mitzvah Memorial Funerals** 630-MITZVAH 630-648-9824

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**Contreras, Joseph David**  
Joseph David Contreras, Veteran of the US Army and the Korean War. Beloved husband of Betty J. nee: Novak; loving father of David J. (Eva), Barbara J. (Kenneth) Rose, James P., John M. (Constance), Mark J. and Thomas J. (Norma); devoted grandfather of Matthew, Desiree, Adam, Emily, Dustyn, Ian, Samuel, Diana and Raul and great grandfather of Ryan, Nicholas and Kelsey; fond brother of the late Ellenore (Charles) Serum; brother-in-law of Jay (Judy), Bob (Sally), Don (Socorra) and the late Ron (Phyllis) and Shirley (Stanley); uncle of Sandra, Carol, Janice and the whole Colorado family, Kim, Christy, Steve, Jennifer, Charisse, Mike, Randy, Todd, Gregory, Andrea, Vicky and all their extended children. Joe got a job in the mailroom at Milwaukee Road to take Betty his future wife to her prom. He stayed at Milwaukee Road till he retired. He loved Betty with loving devotion. Raised 6 children in faith as a long-time parishioner of St. Benedict Parish. He enjoyed his childhood in the old neighborhood of Chicago Ave/Noble St. and Holy Trinity High School. Joe was a humble modest family man. All services are private and there will be a Memorial Mass at a future date. Arrangements by Grein Funeral Directors 773-588-6336 or [greinfuneraldirectors.com](http://greinfuneraldirectors.com)

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## Degnan, Robert T.

Robert T. Degnan, 70, Retired Commissioner of the City of Chicago Department of Fleet Management and proud member of the Operating Engineers Local 150, passed away peacefully at home on April 19, 2020. Beloved husband of Kathleen A. (nee Shunt) "Sweetie" for over 46 years. Loving father of Robert P. (Deanna), Garrett F. (Lizzy Benner), and Laura A. (Dr. David) Teague. Proud and doting grandfather "Papa" of Meredith and Robert K. Degnan, Abigail and Emmylou Degnan, and Amelia, Madeline, Natalie, and Scarlett Teague. Beloved son of the late Francis J. "Bud" and the late Bernice (nee Hogan) Degnan. Loyal brother of Timothy F. (the late Sandra), the late Richard F. (Letitia), and Patrick F. (Rebecca Paulsen) Degnan. Dear brother-in-law of Regina (the late Frank) Moore, Alice (Richard) Schultz, and Patrick Moynihan. "Uncle Bob" was loved and will be missed by many nieces, nephews, cousins, and relatives of the extended Degnan, Hogan, and Shunt families. He was a treasured and cherished friend to many. Due to the current public health crisis, services and interment will be private at this time. A memorial Mass and a celebration of his life will be planned for a later date. Contributions in Bob's memory may be made to the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation. For further information contact Andrew J. McGann and Son Funeral Home at (773) 783-7700. For online condolences please visit [www.andrewmcgann.com](http://www.andrewmcgann.com).



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## DelMonte, Paul Louis

Paul Louis DelMonte, age 32; beloved son of Barbara (née Hogan) and Louis DelMonte; dear brother of Nicholas DelMonte; Paul tragically left us on April 18, 2020. He was a bright and gifted person who had interests in music, including song writing as well as writing short stories. Paul was a good son and brother who struggled with his illness for years. He left us far too soon and will be loved and remembered always. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the National Alliance on Mental Illness of DuPage, 115 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton, IL 60187 or [www.namidupage.org](http://www.namidupage.org), appreciated. Due to current regulations on gathering, a private family service and interment will be held at **Adams-Winterfield and Sullivan Funeral Home**, 4343 Main St., Downers Grove, IL 60515. A Memorial Mass will be held in the future as guidelines allow. Please support the DelMonte Family by signing the online guestbook at [www.adamswinterfieldsullivan.com](http://www.adamswinterfieldsullivan.com). For information: 630-968-1000.



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## Dore, Thomas A.

Thomas A. Dore, age 82, of Western Springs passed away on April 18, 2020. Beloved husband of Cheryl; loving father of Tom Dore and step-father of Chance (Kathleen) Lange, Kelly (Matthew) Liggett, & Christopher (Jen) Lange; proud grandfather of Jordan, Justin, Alyssa, Kevin, Tessa, & Skye; dear brother of the late Brian Dore; uncle & friend to many. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside. Info: (708) 352-6500 or [hjfurnerals.com](http://hjfurnerals.com)

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## Gorski, Richard T. "Chopper"

Richard T. Gorski "Chopper" age 79, beloved husband of Joan nee Klopock; loving uncle of Kathy (Paul) Tinaglia and David (Peggy) Klopock, Anna and Nick Tinaglia. Funeral Service private. He was a long time member of the St. John Brebeuf Men's Club and The Knights of Columbus. Retired Cicero Fire Department Lieutenant. Celebration of his life will take place at a later date. Funeral arrangements by **SKAJA Terrace Funeral Home**, 847-966-7302 or [www.skajafuneralhomes.com](http://www.skajafuneralhomes.com)



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## Handwerker, Seymour 'Sy'

Seymour "Sy" Handwerker, 87. Beloved, devoted husband of 48 years to the late Marilyn Iris Handwerker nee Parker. Loving, forever giving father of Jaye (Victor) Marban, Dana (Marc) Price and Steve Handwerker. Incredibly proud grandfather of AriBelle, Gaby, Sammy, and Tals Marban, Marissa, Emmett and Amanda Price. Adored brother of the late Evelyn (Nate) Neiberg, cousin and friend to many. Collegiate athlete, honored U.S. Army Spec-4 public affairs, award-winning public relations vanguard, philanthropist. In order to keep everyone safe during the COVID-19 pandemic, all services and shiva are private. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in his name to Maot Chitum of Greater Chicago, 3710 Commercial Ave #7, Northbrook, IL 60062, [www.maotchitum.org](http://www.maotchitum.org) or The Michael I. Jacobson Memorial Gome Fund, 195 N. Buffalo Grove Road, Buffalo Grove, IL 60089, [www.gomefund.org](http://www.gomefund.org). Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, [www.cjinfo.com](http://www.cjinfo.com)



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## Hughes, Leslie L.

Leslie L. Hughes, April 19, 2020. Age 46. Late of Chicago Heights, Beloved husband of Candace C. nee Massey. Dear father of Chelsea (Brandon) Payne, Mikayla Hughes, Olivia Hughes, Isaiah Hughes and Kiara Hughes. Cherished grandfather of Ashton Scott, Kohana Payne, Levi Payne and Kai Hughes. Loving son of Mae and the late Lee Hughes, Sr. Fond brother of Tonya Exum, Lee Hughes, Marcus Hughes and Margaret Hughes. Son in Law of Cleopha and the late Anthony Massey. Services and interment will be private. Please visit our **Tews-Ryan Funeral Home** Guest Book. [www.tews-ryanfh.com](http://www.tews-ryanfh.com) or 708-798-5300.



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## McAuley, Mary

Mary McAuley, nee Lydon, age 83. Beloved wife of Michael McAuley. Loving mother of Thomas (Carla) McAuley, Ann McAuley-Galassini, Eileen (Dick) Clarke and Colleen (Thomas) Whelan. Proud grandmother of Patrick, Christian, and Kelly McAuley, Bridget and Michael Galassini, Ronan, Quinn, and Erin Clarke, and Mary Frances and Tommy Whelan. Dear sister of the late Bridie (the late Dan) Clifford, Sarah (the late John) Kerrigan, the late Annie (Thomas) Naughton, the late John (Elizabeth) Lydon, Kathleen (Frank) Owens, Thomas Lydon, the late Tess (Joseph) Higgins. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Native of Derry, County Mayo, Ireland. Mary emigrated from Ireland to the United States in 1954 and married her devoted Michael in 1960. A regular at daily morning mass her whole life, she was a faith-filled model to her family. Mary was happiest in her role as a mother surrounded by her adoring grandchildren. Due to the limitations and restrictions of Covid-19 a Funeral Mass will take place at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: Alzheimer's Association of America <https://alz.org/> or Greater Chicago Food Depository <https://www.chicagosfoodbank.org> Interment Private. Info: [www.donnellanfuneral.com](http://www.donnellanfuneral.com) or (847)675-1990.



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## Miller, MD, Burton

Burton "Burt" Miller, MD, age 78, of Deerfield; beloved husband of Elaine, nee Jacobson; loving father of Cheryl (Robert) Giddens, Dr. Scott (Stacie) Miller, Dr. Nolan (Dr. Elizabeth) Miller, and Dr. Robin (Dr. Michael) Pisacano; adored "Pa Burt" of Matthew, Jaclyn, and Jordan Giddens, Tim and Justin Miller, Will Miller, and Jolee, A.J. and Tommy Pisacano; devoted son of the late Jack and the late Ida Miller; cherished brother of Vivian (late Lawrence) Stern; dear brother-in-law of Leila (Roger) Schwartz, and Mark (Eda) Jacobson; treasured uncle and friend to many. He was a dedicated, well respected physician and surgeon at Condell Medical Center, Lake Forest Hospital and St. Therese Medical Center. He provided excellent care to his patients over his 35-year career. Burt was a distinguished former faculty member of the University of Illinois College of Medicine and Chicago Medical School. Proud partner and mentor to his son, Dr. Scott Miller. Upon retirement, he enjoyed being "Pa Burt" and spending time with his grandchildren, watching sporting events, concerts, or just going for ice cream. Due to the pandemic virus and our concern for our extended family and friends, the graveside service and shiva will be private. Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 225 N. Michigan Ave., #1200, Chicago, IL 60601 [www.cancer.org/about-us/local/illinois.html](http://www.cancer.org/about-us/local/illinois.html). Info: **The Goldman Funeral Group**, [www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com](http://www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com) (847) 478-1600.



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## Moros, Theresa M.

Theresa M. Moros, nee Borst, age 91, of Palos Hts., formerly of Skokie. Beloved wife of the late Peter S.; dear mother of Peter (Susie), Michael, Phillip (Terry), Terry (Cary) Tarant, Susan (Joseph Frendling) Howe, and the late Ann and Beverly; loving grandmother of Suzette, Marty, Tami, Brian, Tiffany, Tracy, Tamara, Jennifer, Michelle, Ronnie, Debbie, Timmy and Terry; great-grandmother of many; fond sister of Joseph, the late Dale, Bernie, Ed, Helen, Margaret, Ann, and Henry. Funeral Services are private. Info: 847.673.6111 or [www.habenfuneral.com](http://www.habenfuneral.com) to sign online guestbook.



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## Nevers, Toby

Toby Nevers (nee Miller), age 80 of Deerfield, passed away on April 21, 2020 after a hard fought battle with cancer. Beloved wife of the late Lawrence Nevers; devoted and adoring mother of Randy (Robi) Nevers and Jodi (Larry) Adams; caring sister of the late Alan Miller, and loving Nana of Jordyn, Joshua and Samuel Nevers, Jonathan and Corey Seldin, and Daniel and Rachel Adams. She was a successful businesswoman, owning and operating Nevers and Company for 45 years. She was a friend to so many and loved by them all. She will be greatly missed. A celebration of life will take place in the future when the pandemic is behind us. For more information and to leave condolences: Weinstein and Piser Funeral Home [www.weinsteinandpiserfuneralhome.com](http://www.weinsteinandpiserfuneralhome.com). In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Kellogg Cancer Center, <https://foundation.northshore.org/donatekellogg>.



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## Stanton, Terry B.

Terry B. Stanton, 84, of Lake Leelanau, MI, passed away Friday, April 17, 2020 at Northport Highlands. Terry graduated from New Trier High School in 1953. He helped to establish a youth wrestling program in Chicago called Beat the Streets. Private family graveside services have been held at Beechwood Cemetery, Leland, MI.

Please share condolences with Terry's family at [www.martinson.info](http://www.martinson.info).

Arrangements are with the **Martinson Funeral Home & Cremation Services** of Leelanau.

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## Sullivan, R.S.M., Sister Ann Marie

Sister Ann (Danella) Sullivan, R.S. M. Beloved Sister of Mercy for 65 years. Devoted daughter of the late Anna nee Donoghue & Daniel Sullivan. Cherished sister of Eileen (Michael) O'Rourke & the late Gerald Sullivan, Daniel (Noreen) Sullivan & Patricia (Tim) Downey. Loving aunt of 13 nieces & nephews & great aunt of many. Interment private at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Sisters of Mercy, 3659 W. 99th St, Chicago, IL 60655 would be greatly appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to **Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home**. [thompsonkuensterfuneralhome.com](http://thompsonkuensterfuneralhome.com) 708-425-0500

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## Switzer, Jeannette Arlene

Dr. Jeannette Arlene Switzer passed away on April 20, 2020. She was the beloved daughter of Rose and Wayne Switzer, loving wife of Abol Jalilvand, devoted mother of Anahita and Hossein Jalilvand, and grandmother of Maziar Eisinger. She earned an undergraduate degree in music theory from the Southern

Methodist University and a Ph.D. in finance from the University of Oklahoma. She taught at two Canadian universities (Concordia and Dalhousie universities) and at Loyola University Chicago. Jeannette was a beautiful, warm, and caring person. A classically trained pianist, she enriched her children with an appreciation for music and literature. She staunchly supported the Chicago's Lyric Opera and the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. Her husband and her family miss her dearly. Private Family Interment, Bronswood Cemetery. A memorial service will be held in late summer. Please support the family by signing the online guestbook at [www.sullivanfuneralhomehinsdale.com](http://www.sullivanfuneralhomehinsdale.com). Arrangements by **Sullivan Funeral Home**. For Information: 630-323-0275



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## Tadin, Mary J.

(nee Bertucci) Beloved wife of the late Anthony; loving mother of Michael (Lee), George, Debbie (the late Mile) Kozdoman, Cheryl (Anna) Tadin, and Thomas (Deborah) Tadin; beloved daughter of the late Antonio and Antonia Bertucci; #1 Baba of Michael Jr, Bianca, Carolyn, Leigh, Anthony, Chelsea, Christina, and Catherine; #1 Great Baba of Jack, Michael, Charlie, Miles, Nicolas, Avery, Marco, Leo, and Enzo; dear sister of four Bertucci brothers (1917-1920), and the late: Frank "Kosh", Rose, Theresa, Charles "Chap", Catherine "Bobbie", Anthony "Minnie", Ann "Auntie Ann", Dominic "Mick-Bert", Helen "Pelnarsh", James "JJ", and Antoinette "Cutie"; fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Last surviving member of the Bertucci Family. Member of St. Jerome Croatian Church, Women's Auxillary, and the Marian Society. Family request all donations are made to St. Jerome Church. Celebration of Life Mass will be held at a later date. Arrangements entrusted by **Michael Coletta Sons Funeral Home**

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## Urbinati, Rich F.

Rich F. Urbinati, 44; Cherished husband of Merridith nee Menconi; Devoted father of Celia and Frank; Beloved son of Donna Urbinati nee Rossi and the late Richard Urbinati; Loving brother of Carl (Valerie) Urbinati; Dear son-in-law of Larry and Cecelia Menconi, brother-in-law of Lino Menconi, Sandra (Chuck) Auriemma, Christopher (Maria) Menconi, David (Julie) Menconi and Anthony (Katie) Menconi; Fond uncle, cousin, nephew and friend to many. Due to our current health guidelines, all services and interment at St. Joseph Cemetery will be private. Info 708-456-8300 or [www.cumberlandchapels.com](http://www.cumberlandchapels.com).



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## Wells, William Grummit "Bill"

Bill was born and raised in Libertyville. He was a graduate of Libertyville H.S. He then graduated from the University of Illinois Law School. William then enlisted in the U.S.M.C. Officer training program at Quantico and later Camp Pendleton where he coached the U.S.M.C. basketball team and was an expert Marksman.

Although he and his wife Sheila settled down in Santa Monica, Ca, he never forgot his midwestern roots and returned to Libertyville several times a year.

Bill practiced law in California, Illinois and Wisconsin. His grandfather William Laycock had a cabin in Northern Wisconsin and he loved to get up to his great outdoors every chance he got. Bill taught his two daughters how to fish and the importance of preserving natural habitats in Wisconsin. Bill was a fifth generation resident of Libertyville. He is survived by his wife; Sheila nee Bittman, wells of Santa Monica, Ca, two daughters; Dr. Pamela Wells of San Diego, Ca and Catherine Wells of Simi Valley, Ca. A funeral has been planned for April 25, 2020 at **Burnett-Dane Funeral Home**, 120 W. Park Ave, Libertyville. Please share a memory at; [www.burnettdane.com](http://www.burnettdane.com)

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## Weyna, Frances C. "Fran"

Frances "Fran" C. Weyna age 73. Beloved wife of Edward. Loving mother of Catherine and Jennifer. Cherished sister of Nancy (late Edward) Henderson, late Carol (Garland) Ralston. Caring aunt of many nieces and nephews. Donation are appreciated to [www.rainbowhospice.org](http://www.rainbowhospice.org). Funeral services are private. The Weyna family will contact their friends for a memorial service in the future. Arrangements entrusted to **Belmont Funeral Home**.



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# Chicago Tribune CHICAGO SPORTS

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NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell with Khalil Mack after the Raiders picked him fifth in the 2014 NFL draft in New York.

## ON THE CLOCK

Finally. Draft day. The first round begins at 7 p.m. Thursday on ABC-7, ESPN and NFL Network. Rounds 2-3 begin at 6 p.m. Friday and Rounds 4-7 at 11 a.m. Saturday.

### The top 5



### Complete first-round order

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|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 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  |              |

### Bears picks

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|--------------------|--------------|
| ■ Round 2, Pick 11 | #43 overall  |
| ■ Round 2, Pick 18 | #50 overall  |
| ■ Round 5, Pick 18 | #163 overall |
| ■ Round 6, Pick 17 | #196 overall |
| ■ Round 6, Pick 21 | #200 overall |
| ■ Round 7, Pick 12 | #226 overall |
| ■ Round 7, Pick 19 | #233 overall |

### INSIDE

Brad Biggs' final mock draft, with his first-round projections and best guess at the Bears' second-round selections. **Page 9**

# Virtually, the same

A look at all of the quirks expected to come with a most-unique 2020 NFL draft

BY COLLEEN KANE

The NFL will hold a draft unlike any other Thursday through Saturday as executives, coaches and scouts work from their homes because of the coronavirus pandemic. ■ After the league canceled the public draft events in Las Vegas and mandated that everyone work separately to ensure safety and competitive fairness, all parties have spent the last several weeks ironing out technical details of what ESPN and NFL Network executives called the most complicated event they've been a part of. ■ "I've been involved in Super Bowls, NBA Finals, Olympics, you name it," said Mark Quenzel, NFL Network's senior vice president of programming and production. "There's nothing that even comes close to this (in complexity)." ■ Inside: From NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell reading the picks in his basement to Bears general manager Ryan Pace working at his dining room table — hopefully without vacuum interference — here's what we know about how the first virtual NFL draft will operate.

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## WHEN SPORTS STOOD STILL

Keeping an eye on the world of sports during the coronavirus crisis:



MICHAEL DWYER/AP

## MLB finally rules on Cora, Red Sox

The Red Sox escaped major penalties in MLB's cheating investigation Wednesday, with Commissioner Rob Manfred concluding that the 2018 World Series champions' sign-stealing efforts were less egregious than the Astros' when they won it all the previous season.

Ex-manager Alex Cora, above, was formally suspended for the coronavirus-delayed 2020 season — but only for his role as an Astros bench coach; Manfred had held off a penalty for Cora despite fingering him as the ringleader of the Astros' sign-stealing operation.

The Red Sox upgraded the status of Ron Roenicke, who was named interim manager pending the outcome of the investigation.

"That interim tag is removed," Chief Baseball Officer Chaim Bloom said.

The only member of the Red Sox organization who was penalized was replay system operator J.T. Watkins, who was suspended without pay for a year for violating the prohibition on in-game use of video to identify pitch signals. Watkins, who denied the allegations, was also prohibited from serving as the replay room operator through 2021.

The Red Sox also were stripped of their second-round pick in this year's amateur draft, No. 52 overall.

"To be clear we're not taking any victory laps. A violation was uncovered and that was wrong and we're being punished for it," Red Sox president Sam Kennedy said in a conference call with reporters, while acknowledging relief that the months-long investigation is over.

"We have to earn back trust," Kennedy said, adding that the team's owners apologized to their counterparts in a conference call that afternoon.

Both Bloom and Kennedy dismissed suggestions that Cora could be welcomed back — especially if the coronavirus pandemic wipes out the entire 2020 season.

— Associated Press

## THE QUOTE

**"Pay attention to your family. Pay attention to keeping yourself and your family safe ... We'll handle the rest of it."**

— Saints coach Sean Payton in announcing that the team canceled its offseason program and will only require players to report to club headquarters whenever training camp takes place

## THE NUMBER

**4** Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson, Tom Brady and Peyton Manning will participate in a two-on-two golf match to be televised on TNT in May. Turner said all donations and fundraising from "The Match: Champions for Charity" would benefit relief efforts for the COVID-19 pandemic. Details, including when and where the match would be played, were yet to be determined.



**NBA**  
Season suspended indefinitely

**NHL**  
Season suspended indefinitely

**MLB**  
Opening day delayed until at least mid-May



**MLS**  
Season suspended until at least June 8

**NFL**  
Draft set to begin Thursday

**NCAA**  
Spring sports schedule canceled

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:

# Grand night for Tatis

(APRIL 23, 1999)

This published when Fernando Tatis hits two grand slams in one inning to lead the Cardinals to a 12-5 win over the Dodgers. Tatis became the first player in major league history to hit two grand slams in one inning and set the record with eight RBIs in an inning.

By KEN PETERS  
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A St. Louis Cardinals player made major-league home run history Friday night, with Mark McGwire merely a footnote as teammate Fernando Tatis hit two grand slams in one inning.

Tatis, who had not hit a grand slam in his career, homered twice with the bases loaded—both times off Chan Ho Park—in the third inning of the Cardinals' 12-5 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Tatis, who had four homers this year and 24 in his first 225 big-league games, not only became the first major leaguer to hit two grand slams in one inning, but also set a record with eight RBIs in an inning.

Only nine other players in major-league history had hit two grand slams in an entire game. Tony Cloninger, a former Atlanta pitcher, was the only NL player to do it, with a pair in 1966.

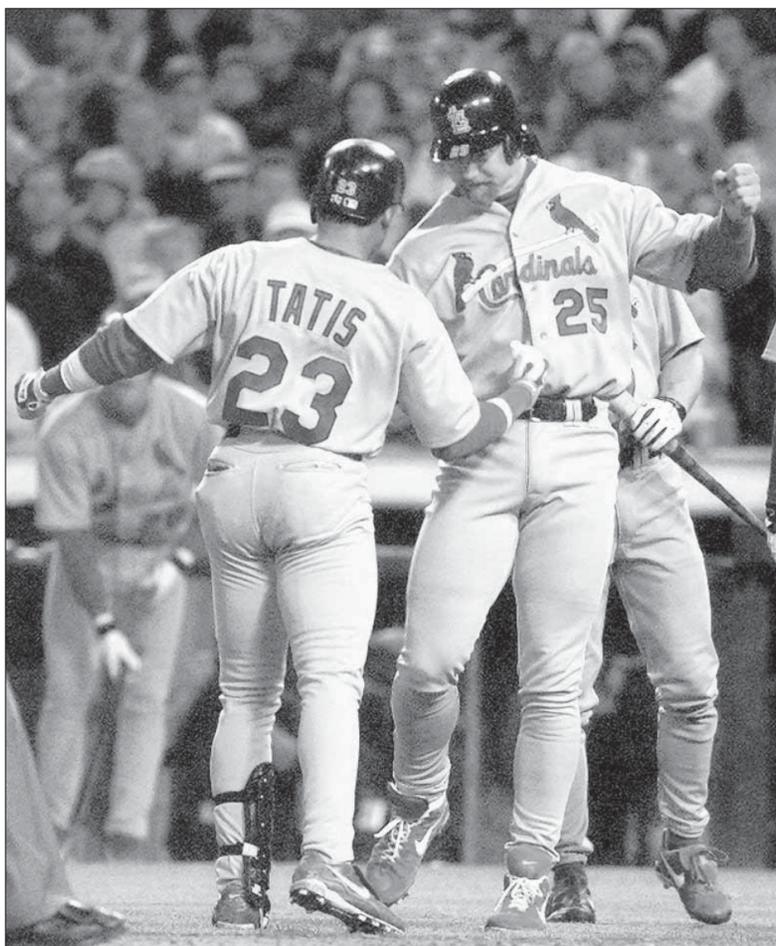
Tatis, whose homers were his only hits in five at-bats, drilled a 2-0 fastball from Park deep into the Dodgers' bullpen in left field with none out in the third.

Then, after McGwire flied out to shallow right to leave the bases loaded with two out, Tatis lined Park's 3-2 pitch into the seats in left field.

He did not hit his second homer as hard as he did the 450-foot shot into the bullpen, but his second cleared the 375-foot sign in left field with room to spare during the 11-run inning.

Park, who faced 13 batters in the inning, finally was taken out of the game, three batters after Los Angeles manager Davey Johnson was thrown out of the game for protesting a call at home plate.

Park (1-2) became the first pitcher in this century — and only the second ever — to



MARK J. TERRILL/AP

The Cardinals' Fernando Tatis is congratulated by Mark McGwire after hitting the first of two grand slams in the third inning on April 23, 1999.

give up two grand slams in one inning. Bill Phillips of the Pittsburgh Pirates gave up grand slams to Tommy Burns and Malachi Kittredge in 1890.

Tatis, a slight 5-foot-10-inch, 170-pounder, is a native of the Dominican Republic

who came to the Cardinals in a trade with Texas last July.

The old record for RBIs in one inning was six, shared by a long list of players. Matt Williams did it most recently, on Aug. 27, 1997, for Cleveland. The last NL player to

OTHER APRIL 23 MOMENTS

**1903:** The New York Highlanders, later renamed Yankees, win their first game as a major league team, 7-2 over the Washington Senators.

**1950:** The Minneapolis Lakers become the first team to win back-to-back NBA titles by defeating the Syracuse Nationals 110-95 in Game 6 of the finals. George Mikan leads the Lakers with 40 points in a game marred by three fights.

**1954:** The NBA adopts the 24-second shot clock.

**1993:** The Mavericks avoid matching the 1972-73 76ers as the worst team in NBA history, beating Minnesota 103-100 for their 10th triumph of the season.

**1993:** Orlando's Nick Anderson scores 50 points in the Magic's 119-116 win over the Nets at The Meadowlands. Anderson's feat is overshadowed by Shaquille O'Neal, who rips down the backboard in the first quarter, delaying the game 45 minutes.

**2002:** Brent Johnson of the Blues ties an NHL record with three straight shutouts in the playoffs. That had not happened in 57 years. Johnson reaches the milestone with a 1-0 victory over the Blackhawks.

**2017:** Mary Keitany breaks Paula Radcliffe's women-only marathon world record with a third victory in London. Keitany completes the 26.2-mile course in 2 hours, 17 minutes and 1 second.

match the record was Atlanta's Dale Murphy on July 27, 1989.

McGwire, who missed 1½ games with a tight left hamstring, was 1 for 5 in his return to the lineup. After Darren Bragg opened the third with a single and Park hit Edgar Renteria with a pitch, McGwire singled to load the bases for the Cardinals' cleanup hitter — Tatis.

The next time McGwire batted, he again played a minor role in history, with his fly out leaving the stage set for Tatis.

McGwire, who hit 70 homers last season, is second on his team this year, one behind Tatis.

Jose Jimenez (2-0) gave up four runs, one unearned, on nine hits in seven innings for the Cardinals.

IN BRIEF

## Federer suggests merging men's, women's tennis tours

News services

Roger Federer used a string of tweets Wednesday to call for the merger of the governing bodies for the men's and women's professional tennis tours, sparking a conversation among players and fans.

The 20-time Grand Slam champion's comments drew plenty of support, including from rival Rafael Nadal and 12-time major singles champion Billie Jean King, who founded the WTA and has long said men and women should share one tour.

"Am I the only one thinking that now is the time for men's and women's tennis to be united and come together as one?" Federer wrote, leading to a flurry of responses.

The professional era in tennis started in 1968, and the ATP was founded in 1972, running the men's game since. The women's WTA began a year later. The idea, not new, but spotlighted by Federer: combine the two into a single body.

"It probably should have happened a long time ago," Federer wrote. "But maybe now is really the time."

King agreed, noting that the suspension of the tours until at least mid-July because of the coronavirus pandemic might offer an opportunity to study restructuring tennis.

"Now I think it's a possibility. A real possibility. And why not?" King said Wednesday. "I just think this would be so huge for our sport. I'm just so happy Roger said something."

Federer's statements came a day after the ATP and WTA announced they were joining with the four Grand Slam tournaments and the International Tennis Federation to form a relief fund that will offer money to lower-ranked players in need of financial help because of the COVID-19 outbreak.

"Our sport has a big opportunity if we can come together in the spirit of collaboration and unity," ATP CEO Andrea Gaudenzi said in an email. "Recent cooperation between governing bodies has only strengthened my belief that a unified sport is the surest way to maximize our potential and to deliver an optimal experience for fans on-site, on television and online. To that end, I welcome the views of our players."

Simona Halep and Garbine Muguruza, both recent Wimbledon champions, were among the players taking to social media to give a thumbs-up to Federer's idea.

Nadal, a 19-time major champion, wrote on Twitter to Federer: "As you know per our discussions, I completely agree that it would be great to get out of this world crisis with the union of men's and women's tennis in one only organisation."

There has never been a united tennis tour, but male and female players do play at

the same tournaments several times each year, including at the four Grand Slam tournaments.

Much of the season, however, they are completely separate.

"It's too confusing for the fans when there are different ranking systems, different logos, different websites, different tournament categories," Federer said in a response to a reader's comment.

He emphasized he was "not talking about merging competition on the court" but streamlining the leadership and organization of tennis.

"These are tough times in every sport," Federer said, "and we can come out of this with 2 weakened bodies or 1 stronger body."

**Colleges:** The first former Michigan football player to publicly say that a team doctor abused him believes he would have sought medical help sooner for what has become late-stage cancer if he hadn't been victimized in college. Chuck Christian, a 60-year-old artist in suburban Boston, said during a videoconferencing interview that the late Dr. Robert Anderson gave him unnecessary rectal exams before he played for the Wolverines during the 1977-80 seasons. Christian said he has stage 4 prostate cancer that could have been treated sooner and more effectively if he wasn't emotionally scarred by Anderson's annual physicals. Christian, who's represented by attorney Michael Wright, is one of hundreds of Michigan graduates who allege that Anderson molested them under the guise that the abuse was a normal part of the physicals they had to get in order to participate in sports. Wright said he represents more than 120 people, including others who played football and basketball at the school, who have potential claims against Anderson and the school for not protecting student-athletes from him.

**NHL:** The NHL has turned its attention away from neutral sites and is focusing on restarting the season at league arenas, ESPN reported. Venues like the University of North Dakota were rumored to be under consideration for "neutral site" games in less-populated locations that weren't as affected by the coronavirus pandemic as some NHL cities. New Hampshire Gov. Chris Sununu said he had discussions with the NHL about hosting games at Southern New Hampshire University and that the option was "on the table." But reportedly the "neutral site" idea never got off the drawing board, due to problems with player accommodations, facilities for league and team staff, and the inability to bring multiple broadcasting crews to cover potential Stanley Cup playoff games.

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ACROSS

- 1 Hand-\_\_\_; laboriously stitched
- 5 Ice cream concoctions
- 10 Tomorrow's shout
- 14 Laughing syllables
- 15 TV's "The \_\_\_ Is Right"
- 16 Golfer's target
- 17 Shallowest of five
- 18 Like a team that wins every game
- 20 Primitive transport
- 21 Experts
- 22 Off-kilter
- 23 Begin one's garden
- 25 Expected at a certain time
- 26 Trusty mounts
- 28 Past, present & future
- 31 Is a breadwinner
- 32 Magnificent
- 34 "\_\_\_ you later!"
- 36 Letters from Greece
- 37 Fleeting
- 38 Lively
- 39 2,000 pounds
- 40 Rural streets
- 41 Make angry
- 42 Snob's problem
- 44 Came in second
- 45 Grunter's utterance
- 46 Campbell or Watts

DOWN

- 1 Old Mets stadium
- 2 All \_\_\_; listening
- 3 Speaking very softly
- 4 Edinburgh refusal
- 5 Ignores with contempt
- 6 "Ripley's Believe It \_\_\_!"
- 7 Has \_\_\_ on; claims in advance
- 8 Part of a blackjack
- 9 Yellow or Black
- 10 Longest river entirely in England
- 11 Mongolian desert
- 12 Misfortunes
- 13 Agents' commissions

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- 21 Launch sites
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- 25 Unable to hear
- 26 End of summer: abbr.
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- 28 Little wooden pegs
- 29 In particular
- 30 Do a waiter's job
- 32 Tiny weight
- 33 \_\_\_ of; free from
- 35 Gazed at
- 37 "Nonsense!"
- 38 Stitched joining
- 40 Correct
- 41 Walk with heavy steps
- 43 Day trip
- 44 Not completely
- 46 Schnozzes
- 47 Aberdeen native
- 48 Volcano danger
- 49 \_\_\_-and-shut case
- 50 Isn't truthful
- 52 Swat
- 53 Excessive publicity
- 55 Location of the humerus
- 56 Actor Marvin
- 57 Toward a ship's rear

## NFL DRAFT

2020 draft  
and all of  
its quirks

Draft, from Page 7

How is the NFL ensuring teams  
get their picks in smoothly?

Much of the pageantry that has become a part of the draft won't be possible this year.

Gone are the 32 tables in Selection Square, where team representatives wait for the name of the selected player to write on a card they will turn into the league. The players' walk to the stage to hug Roger Goodell and receive their new jerseys as thousands of fans scream will not happen.

Instead, NFL vice president of player personnel Ken Fiore will wait in his home in Garden City, N.Y., for each team's representative, typically the general manager, to submit the pick via one of several channels.

Teams will be connected to the league through Microsoft Teams to make picks and communicate, according to Peter O'Reilly, NFL executive vice president of events and club business development. The Athletic reported that Webex also will be used. Teams will be on a conference call the entire time with the ability to unmute their lines to speak. And if all else fails with those lines of communication, there's always email and phone calls.

The league conducted a test run Monday for teams. "You have multiple layers to share information as well as a very clear process for trades," O'Reilly said. "At the end of the day, it's actually not that different in terms of the flow of information into Ken Fiore and the player personnel side and the NFL side."

Ravens coach John Harbaugh was among those who raised concerns about what the league and teams are doing to prevent hacking.

O'Reilly didn't get into details, but he said the NFL's security team, along with team IT employees, have protections in place and protocols ready so they can move quickly if something happens.

Once the pick is in, Goodell will announce it — from the basement of his house in Westchester County, N.Y., according to NBC Sports — and O'Reilly suggested Goodell might congratulate the players via video call. The NFL will have video feeds on 58 prospects, and New Era sent those players 32 ballcaps so they can put on the correct one when their names are called.

## What will the Bears setup be like?

Ryan Pace did his pre-draft video conference call Tuesday from his draft setup space — in his dining room, just steps from his kitchen, where he could hear his daughter, Cardyn, doing her e-learning.

He had the Bears IT team come in a week ago to get his house ready. He said he has seven monitors at his disposal, has increased the bandwidth at his home and has a cord running from his router upstairs to his setup downstairs to ensure his internet continues to run smoothly.

The cord was necessary because previously Pace would be on video conferences with players and could tell by the WiFi strength when his daughter was on her iPad. He also had a hiccup one day when his wife, Stephanie, was vacuuming and accidentally unplugged his monitors.

"There will be a lot of fun stories to tell when this is all said and done," Pace said. "It's been a really unique circumstance, but (my family) has been awesome through the whole process and I'm just very thankful for them."

Not to worry, Bears fans: All went smoothly on the Bears' end during the NFL's mock draft, and Pace has often complimented his IT staff.

He said he already has touched base with numerous teams about potential trades, and he has a phone with every GM on speed dial — the same as he would have in the normal draft room — should anyone want to make one.

## What will the broadcasts look like?

ESPN and NFL Network are combining forces to do one broadcast over all three days with host Trey Wingo in studio and reporter Suzy Kolber conducting remote interviews from the studio.

The rest of the talent will be working from home, and because of the joint effort, it's possible, for example, for ESPN's Mel Kiper Jr. and NFL Network's Daniel Jeremiah to be on screen at the same time.

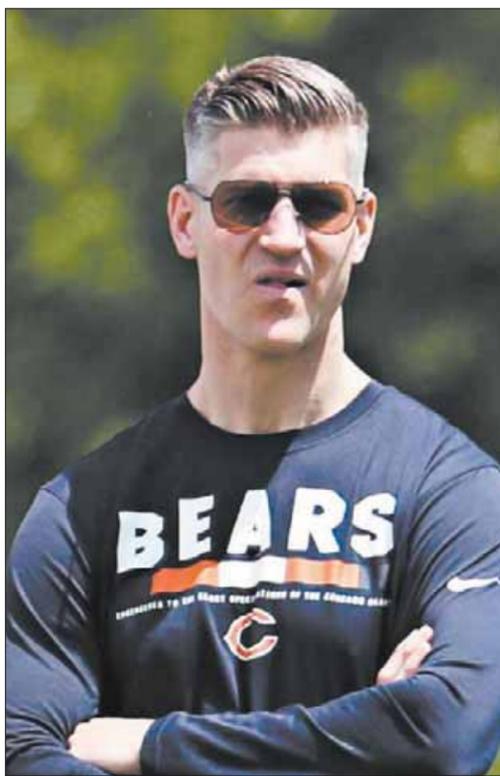
ABC's broadcast, on Thursday and Friday only, will have Rece Davis, Jesse Palmer and Maria Taylor in studio.

The networks will have cameras on every team's general manager and head coach, the 58 prospects and dozens of reporters and analysts. So while the draft war room shots of teams reacting to their picks won't be available, they will be replaced by team leaders reacting in their home offices. There are, of course, limitations to what the networks can show from those offices.

The reaction shots of fans won't be quite the same, either, and the networks are cognizant of that. They have solicited fan videos that might be incorporated.

"That is something we can't replicate — what Nashville had last year or all of the years of Radio City (with) the reactions of the fans," ESPN vice president of production Seth Markman said. "We know we can do a great job analyzing the players, telling you where they fit into their teams, debating whether it's a good or bad pick."

Markman said the NFL combine, held before coronavirus restrictions were in place, helped them produce vignettes of more than 70 players, and those will be used to tell the players' stories. The ABC broadcast again will be more focused on such stories.



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Bears general manager Ryan Pace watches practice Tuesday, June 11, 2019 during minicamp at Halas Hall.

What are the biggest obstacles  
for the broadcasts?

One of the most challenging aspects for ESPN and NFL Network is coordinating video feeds from as many as 180 sources.

The feeds will be grouped by category and run through a video call center, which will send them in small batches to ESPN to make them more manageable.

"The number of potential things to do at any given moment, the number of assets and sources you have, is mind-boggling," NFL Network's Mark Quenzel said. "So we're trying to be sure we streamline that into ESPN, into Bristol."

The NFL sent out kits with hardware and instructions with the idea the prospects and others would be able to install their video setups themselves, with technical support over the phone if needed. That limited the number of IT staffs they had to send out to houses.

The number of people in studio also will be limited as a safety precaution.

A typical control room for a broadcast might have 15 to 20 people in it, but for this one, seven people will be in each of two control rooms, spread out by more than 6 feet. Except for the on-air talent, employees have been asked to wear masks, which can make communication challenging.

How will the league and networks  
address the coronavirus pandemic?

NFL Network's Mark Quenzel and ESPN's Seth Markman spoke multiple times about setting the "right tone" for the broadcast given the pandemic. They talked about providing joy and an escape for NFL fans while also acknowledging all that's happening in the world.

"It's about drafting players, but even more clearly, it's about setting the tone that we understand there is something much larger than us going on in the world," Quenzel said. "How do we set that tone first thing on Thursday night, and how do we continue to maintain it throughout the draft?"

The league recently announced a "Draft-a-thon" fundraiser for COVID-19 relief efforts.

Hosted by Rich Eisen and Deion Sanders and featuring athletes, actors and musicians, it will be featured on NFL social media and digital platforms and also will play a part in the live draft broadcasts. It will benefit the American Red Cross, the CDC Foundation's All of Us: Combat Coronavirus Campaign, Feeding America, Meals on Wheels America, Salvation Army and United Way. The fundraiser's home is at NFL.com/relief.

"It's not just going to be a solicitation for money," Quenzel said. "Part of Draft-a-thon is saluting the medical first responders, the people in grocery stores. ... (It's) making sure we're giving a proper salute and proper thank you to all of the people who are not staying home every day and are keeping not just people alive but food on the table, that type of thing. That's part of Draft-a-thon as much as the money is."

How can fans get involved in  
the draft without being present?

The NFL has its usual array of interactive activities on social media and digital platforms, including partnerships with SnapChat, Spotify and TikTok.

Along with ESPN calling for fan videos, Bud Light is asking fans to submit their boos so they can carry on the "important tradition" of booing Goodell. For each #BooTheCommish post, Bud Light will donate \$1 to the Draft-a-thon, up to \$500,000.

And for gambling types, fans can not only bet on when players will be drafted, but also make wacky prop bets with a quarantine theme. That includes the over/under for number of people in the same room, whether a team won't get a pick in on time, if the draft will be hacked and whether any draftee will experience technical difficulties or put on the wrong hat.

Not yet found: a bet for whether a vacuum will disrupt a GM's pick.

## MOCK DRAFT 3.0

## First round

BY BRAD BIGGS

**1. Bengals: Joe Burrow, QB, LSU**

There has been next to no suspense about this selection since the Bengals secured the No. 1 pick for the fourth time since 1994.

**2. Redskins: Chase Young, DE, Ohio State**

The Redskins received calls about this pick earlier in the week, but they're expected to stay put.

**3. Lions: Derrick Brown, DT, Auburn**

The Lions need to replace Darius Slay, but you have to go back to 1997 to find a cornerback selected in the top three.

**4. Giants: Andrew Thomas, OT, Georgia**

GM Dave Gettleman must choose between an offensive tackle or help for a defense that allowed 28.2 points per game last season.

**5. Dolphins: Jedrick Wills, OT, Alabama**

With three first-round picks, five in the first two rounds and 14 overall, the Dolphins can do anything here.

**6. Chargers: Mekhi Becton, OT, Louisville**

While quarterback looms as a need in the post-Philip Rivers era, the Chargers seem somewhat committed to Tyrod Taylor.

**7. Panthers: Isaiah Simmons, LB, Clemson**

New coach Matt Rhule has a seven-year contract, so there's plenty of time to restock the shelves.

**8. Cardinals: Tristan Wirfs, OL, Iowa**

The Cardinals need to do a better job protecting Kyle Murray, and Wirfs is able to step in immediately at tackle or guard.

**9. Jaguars: Jeff Okudah, CB, Ohio State**

The Jaguars need of a total reboot in the secondary after trading away Jalen Ramsey and A.J. Bouye.

**10. Falcons: CJ Henderson, CB, Florida**

The Falcons really need a cornerback and likely have to move up to get one of the top two.

**11. Jets: CeeDee Lamb, WR, Oklahoma**

The Jets added a big-play receiver in free agent Breshad Perriman. He could be a complementary piece paired with Lamb.

**12. Raiders: Tua Tagovailoa, QB, Alabama**

There are simply too many rumors that coach Jon Gruden isn't enamored with quarterback Derek Carr as a long-term option.

**13. 49ers: Javon Kinlaw, DT, South Carolina**

The 49ers don't have a lot of pressing needs. But the interior of the defensive line needs reinforcement after trading DeForest Buckner.

**14. Eagles: Jerry Jeudy, WR, Alabama**

The Eagles have to overhaul Carson Wentz's targets on the outside.

**15. Broncos: Henry Ruggs, WR, Alabama**

The 49ers reportedly have been exploring trade-up possibilities, perhaps for one of the top cornerbacks.

**16. Browns: Patrick Queen, LB, LSU**

If the Browns can't get an offensive lineman at No. 10, they can move back a few picks.

**17. Cowboys: K'Lavon Chaisson, Edge, LSU**

The Cowboys might be pigeonholed into finding a cornerback to replace Byron Jones here. Replacing Robert Quinn is another need.

**18. Dolphins: Justin Herbert, QB, Oregon**

Some believe the Dolphins are keeping tabs on Utah State quarterback Jordan Love. Herbert will be fascinating to follow on draft night.

**19. Raiders: A.J. Terrell, CB, Clemson**

It will be interesting to see which cornerback comes off the board after Jeff Okudah and CJ Henderson — and how early.

**20. Jaguars: Justin Jefferson, WR, LSU**

There isn't a lot for Gardner Minshew to throw to. Jefferson was wildly productive in college and helped himself at the combine.

**21. Bucs: Xavier McKinney, S, Alabama**

With Tom Brady and Rob Gronkowski on board, it's time to look to the defense.

**22. Vikings: Trevon Diggs, CB, Alabama**

The Vikings don't have a greater roster need, and it wouldn't be a stunner if GM Rick Spielman doubled down on cornerbacks.

**23. Patriots: Yetur Gross-Matos, Edge, Penn State**

As the post-Tom Brady era begins in New England, will Bill Belichick draft a quarterback in Round 1? Maybe.

**24. Saints: Kenneth Murray, LB, Oklahoma**

Murray has plenty of closing speed and is the kind of clean pick who would be able to step in and play on Day 1.

**25. Vikings: Jalon Jalen Reagor, WR, TCU**

Perhaps the Vikings go for a player with the speed and playmaking ability in the open field to make up for the departure of Stefon Diggs.

**26. Dolphins: D'Andre Swift, RB, Georgia**

There were plenty of abysmal running games last season. And then there were the Dolphins after giving away Kenyan Drake in a trade.

**27. Seahawks: Ross Blacklock, DT, TCU**

The Seahawks need to find some help for the pass rush or get a disruptive body for the defensive line.

**28. Ravens: A.J. Epenesa, DE, Iowa**

The Ravens have been busy adding to their front seven after the Titans mauled them in the playoffs.

**29. Titans: Isaiah Wilson, OT, Georgia**

The Titans can replace Jack Conklin by adding Wilson, a massive man who will have to play right tackle or perhaps move inside.

**30. Packers: Denzel Mims, WR, Baylor**

The Packers were slow on the outside last season, and Aaron Rodgers needs more than just Davante Adams.

**31. 49ers: Kristian Fulton, CB, LSU**

The 49ers have some older cornerbacks, so adding a young one to the mix makes sense, whether they do it here or later.

**32. Chiefs: Jonathan Taylor, RB, Wisconsin**

Taylor is a super-productive running back with upside in the passing game and could make a dangerous offense more well-rounded.

## Biggs' mock Bears picks in Round 2

**43. Noah Igbinoghene, CB, Auburn**

One of the few spots the Bears have not adequately filled this offseason is the starting cornerback position opposite Kyle Fuller. Fortunately, there is a good group of players to sort through, and the

Bears might get to consider LSU's Kristian Fulton and maybe TCU's Jeff Gladney. If there was one knock on Prince Amukamara's game the last couple of seasons, it's that he didn't run particularly well. Igbinoghene has track speed (4.48) and also plays fast on tape. That makes him appealing.

**50. K.J. Hamler, WR, Penn State**

It's expected the Bears will try to trade down with at least one of these two picks to add depth to their draft class. The offense was lackluster from start to finish last season and lacks playmakers

outside of Allen Robinson. The Bears are fixated on speed on the outside, which is why Jalen Reagor would be intriguing. Hamler has no shortage of speed, but he's a little smaller (5-9, 178) than Reagor. If the Bears trade down closer to the back end of Round 2, there's a chance they still could get Hamler there.

Biggs says: Discount the idea of the Bears going with defense with both of their first two picks. Matt Nagy is an offensive coach, and the defense returns some marquee players. It has to be offense and it has to be a player who can score touchdowns. If the Bears add middle-round picks, intriguing tight ends are Washington's Hunter Bryant and Purdue's Brycen Hopkins.

## SPORTS

# Day 43

Since the sports world went mainly dark

## A champion in more ways than one

Notre Dame's McGraw retires after two titles and decades of promoting women's rights



**SHANNON RYAN**  
On college basketball

Secure in her status as a college basketball icon and tired of silent symbols of progress, Muffet McGraw spoke her mind. The Notre Dame women's coach pointedly voiced her bubbling frustration during last year's Final Four.

"How are these young women looking up and seeing someone that looks like them, preparing them for the future?" she said April 4, 2019, in Tampa, Fla. "We don't have enough female role models. We don't have enough visible women leaders. We don't have enough women in power. When you look at men's basketball and 99% of the jobs go to men, why shouldn't 100 or 99% of the jobs in women's basketball go to women? Maybe it's because we only have 10% women athletic directors in Division I. People hire people who look like them. And that's the problem."

Women in many fields understood McGraw's point all too well. The monologue went viral, and her devotion to maintaining an all-female staff was met with some criticism.

But she didn't soften her stance or backpedal, as so many do.

McGraw was a living embodiment of what she hoped to see — powerful women leading young women. Winning on the court is only part of McGraw's legacy. Unapologetically promoting other women will be her greatest victory.

McGraw, 64, shocked the college basketball world Wednesday, announcing her retirement after 33 years as Fighting Irish coach.

A Hall of Famer with two national titles, nine Final Four appearances and four AP coach of the year awards, the sport will be emptier without her. McGraw won 936 games, ranking sixth among Division I coaches, with 842 coming at Notre Dame.

"I am proud of what we have accomplished and I can turn the page to the next chapter in my life with no regrets, knowing that I gave it my best every day," McGraw said in an online news conference.

It's no surprise that an accomplished woman will follow in her footsteps. Niele Ivey, 42, a former Notre Dame player and assistant who spent last season on the staff of the NBA's Memphis Grizzlies, was part of McGraw's Final Four teams.

"Fortunately, she leaves behind an incredibly strong program with talented student athletes and coaches in the best possible condition," athletic director Jack Swarbrick said. "Perhaps the greatest legacy is she leaves behind a successor she groomed."

From crouching on the sideline during games in brightly colored heels to performing an impromptu Irish jig on the court after



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Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw directs her team during an NCAA Tournament game against Stanford in 2019 at Wintrust Arena.

beating rival Connecticut in the 2019 Final Four, McGraw leaves the lasting image of a coach who cared about and mentored her players and elevated the women's game. She conceded she will miss competing against UConn and coach Geno Auriemma, her foil.

"I love that rivalry; great for women's basketball," she said. "Loved all those moments."

She served as an example on how to succeed through grit and silent resolve. She joined the first girls team at her high school in suburban Philadelphia before playing college ball at St. Joseph's, where her team had to wait until the men's team finished before using the court.

She was a high school coach for two seasons, followed by two seasons as an assistant at Saint Joseph's and five as head coach at Lehigh before Notre Dame hired her in 1987.

She built her own mystique under the Golden Dome and in the shadow of a prominent football program, which was no easy feat.

McGraw's program cultivated a loyal following. She thanked the fans for standing

by the team last season despite its 13-18 finish, her worst at Notre Dame and the program's first losing season since 1991-92. She was emotional after a blowout loss this season, saying she needed to "fix it."

McGraw is one of five Division I men's or women's basketball coaches with at least 930 wins, nine Final Fours and multiple titles. She took her teams to seven national championship games and won it all in 2001 and 2018.

That last title, won in Columbus, Ohio, featured one of the greatest Final Fours in the history of the women's tournament and is among her greatest memories.

"Winning that championship in Columbus and seeing all those alums. Forty women out on the stage celebrating with each other whether they graduated in 1990 or 2009 — they were all together," she said. "Seeing those alums share in that moment, that was one of my favorite memories."

She joked Wednesday that she and her husband will consider 2018 — when the Irish beat Mississippi State on a buzzer-beater for the title — her final year.

McGraw returned, she said, because she knew it would be a down year and there

was no honor in going out on top. She wanted one more season to ensure the program was headed in the right direction before stepping down.

As she was forced to pause as the nation copes with the coronavirus pandemic and sports has come to a halt, McGraw said her decision solidified.

"It was a great opportunity for me to sit back and see what's life without basketball going to look like?" she said. "I thought it looked really good."

McGraw's legacy is etched in stone.

Like legendary Tennessee coach Pat Summit, who died in 2016, McGraw understood athletics could be a route for women to become successful leaders. She developed a no-nonsense reputation, and her opinions on issues outside of sports hold weight.

McGraw isn't finished making an impact. Indeed, she sounded as if she's just getting started.

"I'm excited to promote women's equality and speak on behalf of all women across the country," she said.

Associated Press contributed.

## WMVP's Silverman reveals on air he has lymphoma

BY PHIL ROSENTHAL

Marc Silverman, as WMVP-AM 1000 "Waddle & Silvy" listeners long have known, is an emotional guy. Yet something about his recent cancer diagnosis has steeled him.

Silverman was among those surprised he didn't tear up as he told his audience Tuesday about the swollen lymph nodes he discovered in his neck and then groin a few weeks ago and the subsequent doctor visits, bloodwork, tests and scans that led to discovering he has non-Hodgkin lymphoma.

But in bed a few hours later, reading some of the texts and tweets he had received, the response got to him as almost nothing has since the first few days after learning just what he is up against.

"My wife was telling me something about the kids and she looked at me and said, 'Are you crying?'" Silverman said by phone Wednesday.

"She was surprised because I haven't cried (lately). But you read that you do matter, that blew me away."

Silverman, 48, tends to mark his 13 years and two months hosting an ESPN 1000 sports talk show alongside former Bear Tom Waddle in terms of personal life events as much as the changes in the Chicago sports landscape they've covered.

As Silverman reminded listeners, he was single and 34 when the show started in February 2007. Now he's 48 and married. He and his wife, Allie, have two kids. Mason will be 6 at the end of next month. Braxton recently turned 4.

Stage 3 diffuse large B-cell lymphoma, or DLBCL, isn't the sort of life event everyone experiences, but everyone knows and loves someone who has dealt with cancer. Now everyone shares the dull ache of knowing one more.

"Just know that you are loved, you are



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Marc Silverman, right, of "Waddle & Silvy," told listeners Tuesday he has cancer.

family and you are not in this fight alone," Waddle reassured his partner on the air Tuesday just as social media started to light up.

Even in a world turned upside down by a health crisis, this was bound to resonate.

"I've heard from people I haven't talked to in years," Silverman said. "I've heard from competitors down the dial. I'm almost speechless."

They have been people close to him and strangers. Some he might have expected to write. Some have been surprises.

Until now, Silverman had no idea what athletes meant when they said, after a championship or some other big achievement, they had not been able to read and respond to all the messages flooding their phones.

"Charles Barkley texted me," Silverman said. "(Brian) Urlacher was texting me last

night. Jason Benetti wrote one of the nicest things that I've ever read about me in a DM on Twitter. Jeff Garlin reached out this morning. Rick Sutcliffe, who I idolized at 13, called me yesterday — you know, he's gone through two fights with cancer."

It has been overwhelming — but in a good way.

"I didn't have an understanding when I opened up that microphone at 5 o'clock yesterday what I was going to get," he said.

"I just wanted to share, and it's been therapeutic for me and I feel like I'm in a good place now. If you had reached out to me three weeks ago or so, that's right when everything really started heating up with all this, and it was a lot tougher to focus day to day."

The plan is to have a port placed in his chest Friday so doctors can administer chemotherapy. Silverman also looks to

participate in an immunotherapy clinical trial.

Silverman ideally would begin the treatments — six three-week cycles of treatment — on a subsequent Friday. He said he would take off work that day and, "if I feel halfway decent, I'm going to keep working" and be back on the air by the following Monday.

It helps that he is broadcasting from home anyway. But one never knows how the body will respond to treatment until it begins.

"My doctors have explained this to me: Lymphoma is different than a tumor," Silverman said. "This is the lymph nodes. What stage 3 means is this it's above and below the diaphragm. I have it in my neck. I have it in my groin. Some people would only have it in their neck and armpit and that would be Stage 1 or 2, depending. But because my, it's above and below my diaphragm, it's Stage 3."

"The good news is it's not in my bones. I had a bone marrow biopsy two days ago. The results came back. It's not in my bone marrow and not in any of my organs. Because of the way I feel and because this was the diagnosis I was crossing my fingers for — once you're here, you can't hope for a better diagnosis — that's fueling my optimism."

Add to that the family, friends, acquaintances and listeners who have reached out in solidarity.

"I can't express into words what even just a note means," Silverman said. "I haven't been able to comment on all of them or 'like' all of them, but know how important it is to my family and me. It's always been that way. We've always appreciated the relationships."

Silverman's one request of those writing him?

"Please," he said on Tuesday's show with stoic resolve, "don't say 'sorry' — because it's time to kick this thing's ass."

# Mental stress for athletes: From 'let's play' to 'stay home'

By Dave Campbell  
Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — The flu-like illness Michael Jordan fought through to lead the Bulls to a crucial victory in the 1997 NBA Finals created instant fodder for the virtue of perseverance.

Pushing past boundaries, overcoming obstacles and adversity — that is part of the ethos of major competitive sports. That is how elite athletes become wired to win.

It is also in direct conflict with the medical wisdom currently steering society in a bid to stop the spread of the coronavirus. Think about Jordan's "Flu Game" through the lens of the pandemic and social distancing. It's jarring.

Seasons have been on pause for weeks with no end in sight. So, too, has the competitive drive of tens of thousands of the world's best athletes, the bottle corked by simple, sobering orders: Back off. Stay home.

"This flew in the face of what they had been taught and socialized to do, which is, 'Let's play,'" said John Tauer, the men's basketball coach and psychology professor at the University of St. Thomas in Minnesota.

The safety of the living room replaced the comfort of the arena.

"You really don't know what the next day holds," Sabres star Jack Eichel said. "Every morning you wake up, you don't have to go to the rink, you don't have to perform. ... You're just trying to stay busy and keep your mind in a good, healthy place."

Eichel has spent some of his quarantine time reading "The Mindful Athlete," a book by sports psychologist George Mumford, who worked with the Bulls and taught Jordan the art of meditation.

More than two decades later, the brain plays a much bigger role in the way teams teach and guide their performers. Maintaining mental fitness during the pause could be as critical to success as remaining in peak physical condition simply because athletes are facing anxiety in unprecedented ways.

"This may not be a crisis for many of us yet, but it's still a big enough shift from our daily lives where it causes us to reflect and begin to say, 'OK, when you pull something away from me that I identify with, how is this working for me? Is this going the way I want it to?'" said Justin Anderson, team psychologist for the Timberwolves.

In an occupation built on physical performance, athletes have a short career window, and opportunities to excel are few. For all the financial cushion many have, the identity loss during the shutdown has been severe. Their most elemental function as an employee has disappeared.

In the NFL, a letter from the league and the players' union sent to players this month included advice on how to deal with the angst, addressing loneliness, stress and other subjects. The global union for soccer players surveyed members and found increased levels of anxiety and depression.

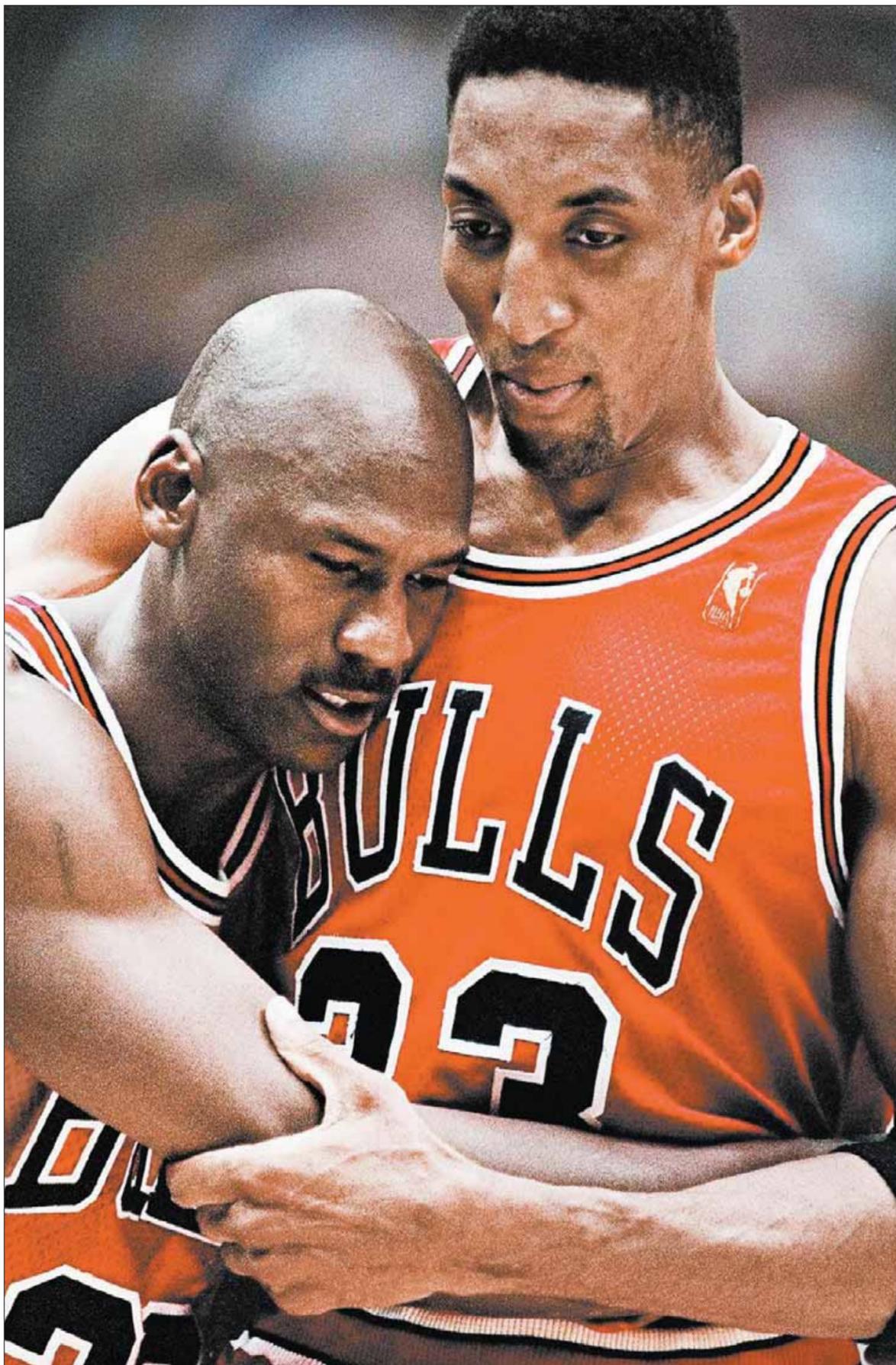
"It's a really strange environment, especially for athletes when they are used to being on the field, used to being in the gym, used to working out every day," said Carlos Bocanegra, Atlanta United's technical director.

College and high school athletes were hit hard, their careers framed by eligibility limits. Last month, when the NCAA shut down all activity, coaches scrambled to keep tabs on their players and keep spirits up.

Tauer's team, ranked fourth in Division III, was supposed to play rival St. John's in the national tournament until it was canceled. In his season-ending speech, he encouraged his players to apply their unique experience of being on a team toward the new reality.

"Let's do what a great teammate does, and that means think about the greater good as opposed to what my immediate wants might be right now," Tauer said.

The Timberwolves made player wellness one of their top priorities when Gersson Rosas took over a year ago as president of basketball operations. He envisioned an



JACK SMITH/AP

Scottie Pippen, right, embraces an exhausted Michael Jordan following Jordan's famous "Flu Game" in the 1997 NBA Finals.

innovative, holistic approach to player development to support the pursuit of a championship.

When the pandemic prompted the NBA to suspend the season, the Timberwolves were mired at the bottom of the Western Conference standings. Off the court, however, they were prepared to help keep the team as intact as possible while forced to sequester.

"Long before this happened, we valued certain things that in a crisis become even more apparent and important," said Robby Sikka, the team's vice president for basketball performance and technology. Sikka

cited valuing the players' health and nutrition, being player-centric and family oriented from the beginning.

The job created for Sikka — to integrate medical, technological and analytical knowledge and resources for improving wellness off the court and performance on it — has been vital. The week before the league shut down, he warned players, "This will be your 9/11."

Since then, he has helped coordinate player efforts to not only stay in shape with the practice facility closed but make sure mental health needs are being met. He sees it as setting up lifelong coping skills.

Anderson has paid particular attention to anxiety management.

"It's not something you either have or you don't have. It's something you develop, much like their shooting percentage or any other skill that they're working on," Anderson said.

Just because they're some of the greatest athletes in the world doesn't mean they don't have flaws.

"At the end of the day, they have families, they have needs, they have challenges, that, if we choose to ignore them, we're choosing to ignore them as individuals," Rosas said. "That's an area where we don't want to fail."

## 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	W	L	PCT	GB
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	W	L	PCT	GB
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	W	L	PCT	GB
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	W	L	PCT	GB
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	W	L	PCT	GB
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.	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
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	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
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	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
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
L.A. Kings	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	0	3	3	3	3
Chicago	0	1	1	2	3	3
New England	0	1	1	2	3	3
Orlando City	0	1	1	1	2	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	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
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
L.A. Galaxy	0	1	1	1	2	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

NFL			
DRAFT ORDER			
ROUND 1	ROUND 2	ROUND 3	ROUND 4
1. Cin	36. NYG	73. Jax	110. NYG
2. Was	37. LAC	74. Cle	111. Hou
3. Det	38. Car	75. Ind	112. LAC
4. NYG	39. Mia	76. TB	113. Car
5. LAC	40. Hou	77. Den	114. Ari
6. Mia	41. Cle	78. Atl	115. Cle
7. Car	42. Jax	79. NYJ	116. Jax
8. Ari	43. Chi	80. LV	117. TB
9. Jax	44. Ind	81. LV	118. Den
10. Cle	45. TB	82. Dal	119. Atl
11. NYJ	46. Den	83. Den	120. NYJ
12. LV	47. Atl	84. LAR	121. LV
13. SF	48. NYJ	85. Buf	122. Ind
14. TB	49. Pit	86. Buf	123. Dal
15. Den	50. Chi	87. NE	124. Pit
16. Atl	51. Dal	88. NO	125. NE
17. Dal	52. LAR	89. Min	126. LAR
18. Mia	53. Phi	90. Hou	127. Phi
19. LV	54. Buf	91. LV	128. Buf
20. Jax	55. Bal	92. Bal	129. Bal
21. Phi	56. Mia	93. Ten	130. NO
22. Min	57. LAR	94. GB	131. Ari
23. NE	58. Min	95. Den	132. Min
24. NO	59. Sea	96. KC	133. Sea
25. Min	60. Bal	97. Cle*	134. Atl
26. Mia	61. Ten	98. NE*	135. Pit
27. Sea	62. GB	99. NYG*	136. GB
28. Bal	63. KC	100. NE*	137. Jax
29. Ten	64. Sea	101. Sea*	138. KC
30. GB	65. Cin	102. Pit*	139. NE*
31. SF	66. Was	103. Phi*	140. Jax*
32. KC	67. Det	104. LAR*	141. Mia*
33. NYG	68. NYJ	105. Min*	142. Was*
34. Ind	69. Car	106. Bal*	143. Bal*
35. Det	70. Mia	107. Cin	144. Sea*
	71. LAC	108. Was	145. Phi*
		109. Det	146. Phi*
ROUND 5	ROUND 6	ROUND 7	ROUND 8
183. NYG	147. Cin	184. Car	220. LAC
148. Car	148. Car	185. Mia	221. Car
186. LAC	149. Det	186. LAC	222. Ari
187. Cle	150. NYG	187. Cle	223. Jax
188. Buf	151. LAC	188. Buf	224. Ten
152. Car	152. Car	189. Jax	225. Bal
153. Mia	153. Mia	190. Phi	226. Chi
154. Mia	154. Mia	191. NYJ	227. Mia
155. Min	155. Min	192. GB	228. Atl
156. SF	156. SF	193. Ind	229. Was
157. Jax	157. Jax	194. TB	230. NE
158. NYJ	158. NYJ	195. NE	231. Dal
159. LV	159. LV	196. Chi	232. Pit
160. Ind	160. Ind	197. Ind	233. Chi
161. TB	161. TB	198. Pit	234. LAR
162. Was	162. Was	199. LAR	235. Det
163. Chi	163. Chi	200. Chi	236. GB
164. Dal	164. Dal	201. Min	237. Ten
165. Jax	165. Jax	202. Ari	238. NYG
166. Det	166. Det	203. NO	239. Buf
167. Buf	167. Buf	204. NE	240. Hou
168. Phi	168. Phi	205. Min	241. TB
169. NO	169. NO	206. Jax	242. GB
170. Bal	170. Bal	207. Buf	243. Ten
171. Hou	171. Hou	208. GB	244. Cle
172. NE*	172. NE*	209. GB	245. SF
173. Mia	173. Mia	210. NYJ	246. Mia
174. Ten	174. Ten	211. SF	247. NYG*
175. GB	175. GB	212. NE*	248. Hou*
176. SF	176. SF	213. NE*	249. Min*
177. KC	177. KC	214. Sea*	250. Hou*
178. Den*	178. Den*	215. Cin	251. Mia*
179. Dal*	179. Dal*	216. Was	252. Den*
180. Cin	180. Cin	217. NYG	253. Min*
181. Den	181. Den	218. NYG*	254. Den*
182. Det	182. Det	219. Min	255. NYG*

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## ‘Seeing Chicago’ is now an online treat

Also, 4 other virtual museum visits during the coronavirus closure

BY STEVE JOHNSON

Looking ahead to a time when museums might be open again, the Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago on Tuesday announced it is extending “Duro Olowu: Seeing Chicago,” its enthralling assembly of Chicago-owned art, through Sept. 21, a hopeful gesture in a season that has assaulted optimism.

This follows news from the Art Institute last week that it is considering the possibility of opening its postponed May “Monet and Chicago” exhibition in mid-July.

Thoughts of unlocked doors are provisional, of course, dependent on factors ranging from Illinois being able to diminish the number of coronavirus cases and deaths to widespread availability of tests for the virus. The latter, especially, looks like a tough bet to place.

So in the meantime we have the second in our series of virtual offerings, five more ways to experience museums from the safety of your WiFi-equipped lockdown bunker.

### 1. ‘Seeing Chicago’ on a screen

More than just a few images from the exhibition, MCA made the new “Duro Olowu: Seeing Chicago” Virtual Gallery a rich, layered experience. For the show, Olowu, the Nigerian-born London clothing designer, picked hundreds of works from the MCA’s and other Chicago collections, then arranged them into an art-drunk whole. This new virtual take on the exhibition includes audio from the erudite Olowu, floor-to-ceiling video and closer looks at a healthy proportion of the art. The gallery is part of the museum’s new Commons Online digital initiative, which gathers resources for its visitors from artist interviews to MCA Zoom backgrounds.

### 2. Holocaust remembrance

Tuesday was Holocaust Remembrance Day (Yom HaShoah), with the Illinois Holocaust Museum planning an online service for 6:30 p.m. But in this 75th anniversary month of the Allies liberating Nazi death camps, observances and remembrance activities are taking place all week, says the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. On the website for the Illinois museum the virtual museum page delivers a robust set of videos, including a visit to the (currently closed)

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Lorin Womack, owner of Land O'Lorin Exotic Wildlife Haven in Batavia Township, wrestles with a Bengal tiger and two African lions in 1990.

# Chicagoland once had ‘Tiger King’ of its own

Womack’s story is ‘eerily similar’ to Netflix antihero’s

BY STEVE JOHNSON

See how much of this sounds familiar.

A man develops a loosely organized roadside zoo. It becomes an area attraction for the likes of visiting Brownie troops and curious journalists, and at the same time it draws the ire of animal-rights activists.

Yes, the man has tigers. Yes, he allows himself to be photographed with a big one climbing up on his shoulders.

But along the way it all starts to go south for the man, ending in his conviction for hiring someone to murder a rival.

There has been no documentary yet about Lorin Womack, whose Land O'Lorin Exotic Wildlife Haven was at least a Batavia curiosity and in some eyes an attraction in the waning years of the 20th century.

But the parallels between the story of Womack and that of Joe Exotic, the contemporary Oklahoma zookeeper chronicled in the current hit Netflix documentary series “Tiger King: Murder, Mayhem and Madness,” are in so

many other ways remarkable.

“I have not seen ‘Tiger King,’” said Tony Brasel, the Kankakee lawyer who defended Lorin Womack in his two trials. “My kids have, and they tell me I should watch.”

“Sure, it sounds similar to a certain extent. Eerily similar, actually.”

Womack’s story has its own peculiarities: He never ran for Illinois governor, for one thing. And when authorities dug up his zoo property, they weren’t searching for adult tigers killed because they had grown too costly to feed, but for a human body they thought Womack may have buried there.

But there is so much in common that if you lived through the Lorin Womack saga, you couldn’t help but be reminded of it in recent weeks as Joe Exotic became an antihero for a nation trapped indoors during coronavirus-imposed social isolation.

“My wife and I binge-watched ‘Tiger King,’” said Ted Gregory, the former Tribune reporter who covered much of Womack’s downfall, from the federal government shutting down Land O’Lorin in 1997 to news that Womack had faked a bloody attack to impress a woman to the two murder-for-hire trials.

“I think he is a backwoods Illinois version of Tiger King,” Gregory said. “I remember him as being an eccentric character, not anywhere near as colorful as Joe Exotic. And nowhere near as well-groomed or tattooed.”

Early on, though, Land O’Lorin — like Joe Exotic’s G.W. Zoo in Wynnewood, Oklahoma — was more an oddity.

Womack’s 10-acre backyard farm featuring some 130 animals was open to the public Sunday afternoons, and folks could pay what they wanted to visit “one of the most popular places around,” noted a Tribune feature story from 1990, a year after Womack began inviting the public in.

“When I was a kid, I always had whatever animals you could have — monkeys and snakes, you know — without special permits, but I always wanted more,” said Womack, then 39 and a self-employed tree trimmer.

The menagerie, writer Christi Parsons noted, included African pygmy goats, bison, Asian mountain sheep, silver foxes, llamas, hairless pigs and porcupines.

But that was not all. There was a black bear he had raised from infancy, and a caption that ran with a photo that same day placed big cats in the tale: “Lorin Womack cheerfully wrestles with a Bengal tiger and two

African lions at his exotic animal farm in west suburban Batavia,” it said.

The allure of Womack was strong. A year later, the Tribune published what is known — fittingly in this case — as “wild art,” pictures that stand on their own, with no accompanying story. They showed Womack with an unspecified “monkey” in his lap as he rode a motorcycle and then a shot of the diaper-clad animal — which certainly looks like a young chimpanzee — holding Womack’s hand.

In 1994, Womack was in the paper again. He said he drove 8,400 miles round trip to the Yukon to buy a reindeer that had starred in the 1989 movie “Prancer.” Admission to see him at Christmastime was \$3 for adults, \$1 for children.

A different story that year noted that he let a baby cougar and a river otter “have the run” of the first floor of his farmhouse. “I would like to find a wife,” he told the reporter of that story, presaging the romantic woes that would land him in court and, ultimately, prison.

When Chicago animal control personnel found a mountain lion being kept in a South Side auto garage in 1995, they removed it

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# ‘Beastie Boys Story’ shows band in all phases



TONY BUCKINGHAM/REDFERNS

The Beastie Boys, from left, Adam Yauch (MCA), Michael Diamond (Mike D) and Adam Horovitz (Ad-Rock) performing in 1990.

New documentary on Grammy-winning rap group rises from book

BY MARK OLSEN

Los Angeles Times

“This is nice, just hanging out with you guys.”

Spike Jonze is in Hawaii. Adam Horovitz is in his garage, and Michael Diamond is in his bedroom, both in greater Los Angeles. It’s late March, not long after the coronavirus prompted shelter-at-home orders, and the three of them are on a video conference call ostensibly for an interview about their collaboration on the new film “Beastie Boys Story.”

Originally scheduled to have its world premiere at the South by Southwest Film Festival — canceled because of the pandemic — the movie hits Apple TV Plus on Friday.

Though they are promoting the film — directed by Jonze as an adaptation of a stage show performed by Horovitz and Diamond, better known by their respective

Beastie Boys monikers Ad-Rock and Mike D — the trio would rather just catch up, share in-jokes, playfully razz one another and think about anything besides the thing everyone can’t stop thinking about these days.

“This ... is crazy,” Horovitz says at one point. “I got no plans to do nothing except try not to die. Straight up.”

There is the running gag that Diamond cannot get the camera on his computer to work — “Hold on, I’m going to crack the firewall,” Jonze says — or their complex relationship to “leather bad boys,” the type of couches ubiquitous to recording studios, or a digression about learning three-dimensional breathing techniques. More than anything they seem to want to make one another laugh, each disappointed when a joke doesn’t land.

“You’re a tough crowd,” Diamond says to his longtime cohorts.

“Beastie Boys Story” rose out of 2018’s “Beastie Boys Book,” a 571-page telling of the history of

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## CELEBRITIES

Tribune news services

## Hawn, Hudson make People history

Three generations will grace the cover of People magazine's 30th anniversary "Beauty Issue."

Goldie Hawn, her daughter Kate Hudson and granddaughter Rani Rose Fujikawa will appear on the cover of the issue, which will be released Friday. It's the first time three generations will be the cover feature in the 30-year history of the "Beauty Issue."

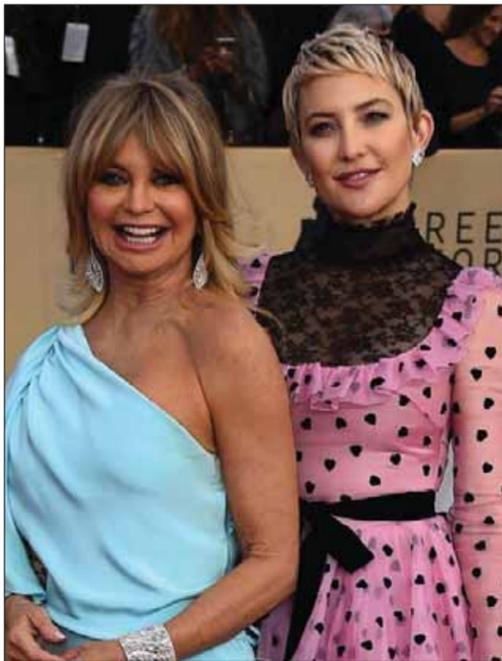
The cover story touches on several topics, including Hawn and Hudson's style choices and parenting.

Hawn and Hudson talked about their family's unbreakable bond, even during the lockdown prompted by the coronavirus pandemic.

Hawn, 74, said she has been getting through the crisis with her partner of 37 years, Kurt Russell, with "meditation, nurturing, loving kindness for all in my heart and staying safe inside." Hudson, 41, has been home with musician Danny Fujikawa, Rani Rose and her sons Ryder and Bing, who are from previous relationships. She said watching her mother's relationship with Russell, 69, inspires her.

**Charlize Theron launches initiative:**

Actress Charlize Theron and her foundation are committing \$1 million to coronavirus relief efforts, with half dedicated to fighting gender-based violence resulting from the outbreak. The Charlize Theron Africa Outreach Project announced Wednesday that under an initiative called Together For Her, \$500,000 would go to domestic violence shelters and community-based programs fighting gender-based violence in the U.S. and in the actress's home country of South Africa. Additional funds will be designated through two partner organizations,



JORDAN STRAUSS/INVISION 2018  
Goldie Hawn, left, and Kate Hudson will be joined by Hudson's daughter, Rani Rose Fujikawa, on the People cover.

CARE and the Entertainment Industry Foundation.

**Gayle King starts call-in show:**

CBS News' Gayle King says she's starting a temporary satellite radio program because she wants to hear how Americans are coping with lockdowns and social distancing measures. King's call-in show on SiriusXM will begin Thursday and will continue once a week for the five weeks after that. She's been broadcasting her "CBS This Morning" show from her Manhattan home. King wants to hear the stories of others dealing with loneliness, home schooling and managing stress, she said.

**HBO Max announces initial lineup:**

The streaming service HBO Max will launch May 27, AT&T's WarnerMedia announced. HBO Max will be among the most expen-

sive streaming services, at \$14.99 a month. But WarnerMedia is hoping a deep library of HBO hits, DC Comics movies and hit TV shows will be enough to lure viewers. New original programming will also be a part of HBO Max, although the "Friends" reunion special has been delayed. Among the fresh offerings: "Love Life," a scripted comedy with Anna Kendrick; new "Looney Tunes Cartoons"; and Sesame Workshop's "The Not Too Late Show with Elmo."

**April 23 birthdays:**

Actor David Birney is 81. Actor Lee Majors is 81. Director Michael Moore is 66. Actress Valerie Bertinelli is 60. Comedian George Lopez is 59. Wrestler John Cena is 43. Comedian John Oliver is 43. Actor Kal Penn is 43. Actor Jesse Lee Soffer is 36. Musicians Jake and Josh Kiszka are 24.



## ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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## Mom worried son could spread virus

**Dear Amy:** I have a 3-year-old son. His father and I separated when he was a baby, but we have a good co-parenting relationship. We've never had any problems with this arrangement. My son sees his father nearly every day, and this is how we like it.

The problem is this: I have an immune deficiency and mild asthma. Worrying about the COVID-19 pandemic, I do not want to leave my young son without a mother.

I'm trying to take every precaution against contracting the virus, including using lots of hand sanitizer and cleaning anything that comes into my house.

My ex has a robust immune system. He is not worried about the coronavirus. He is working and going out for groceries. He is not using hand sanitizer or cleaning frequently touched surfaces.

While he is physically distancing and washing his hands a bit more than usual, I don't feel like this is enough, given my immune-compromised situation. If he gets the virus, he is likely to have mild symptoms or be asymptomatic. I'm afraid he will catch the virus and give it to my son, who will pass it to me. I've tried talking to him about this, but he is not receptive. I don't know what to do.

What is your advice?  
— Worried Mom

**Dear Worried:** Parents are supposed to have the capacity to forgo their immediate impulses for the sake of their children. The best way to prevent this illness is to avoid exposure. The best way for your son to have both parents in his

life, long into the future — is to avoid exposure. You and your ex should connect with your son's pediatrician to ask for advice.

Your boy travels between parents nearly every day. One idea would be for these visits to be temporarily stopped, or cut down, for everyone's safety.

If your ex would agree to cut these visits to even three times a week, this would limit the number of possible exposures between households. You should also seriously discuss the reality and possibility of one parent (you or him) not having your son with you, perhaps for the next month, and then negotiating ways to make up the difference after the risk has passed.

The CDC suggests that children over the age of 2 wear a cloth face covering when in a "community setting." When your son is delivered to you, you should wear a mask and be taken directly to the bathroom for some healthy hand-washing and to take his temperature. There are many examples online of cloth masks made for kids, and you could purchase or make one for him.

If you continue visits, don't let him bring toys or books between households.

**Dear Amy:** This is a minor problem, probably, but one that many people share. Quite simply, with the COVID-19 stay-at-home directive, I am going stir-crazy!

Netflix can only take a person so far. All of my closets are clean and organized. Any suggestions?  
— Stirred-up

**Dear Stirred-up:** Order a bird feeder and some seed. Birds are incredibly interesting, calming and beautiful. Add a couple of flowering houseplants, and you can bring a little of the outside, inside.

Readers will have more suggestions.

**Dear Amy:** "George Wants Pastrami on Rye!" wrote about one colleague, "Donald," who dominated the office by doing all the sandwich ordering, always excluding George.

This situation is not unusual. It is "high school mean girls and boys" all over again. It was starting to happen at my own business when I hired a replacement for someone on maternity leave.

I approached the dominating "Donald" character, very openly in full view of the staff, and let him know that sandwich ordering was a waste of his time.

I informed the entire staff that my assistant would now be responsible for sandwich ordering.

Problem solved — almost.

To break up the clique, I offered to pay for lunch one day a week, as long as they went somewhere, added a walk and didn't all go at once. This worked.

Hang in there, George. You are a mature human, and I would hire you in a minute. (Donald's review will not look so good.)

— The Boss Sees All

**Dear Boss:** Well done! I'd happily work for you.

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## Beastie

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the band from their days as teenagers on the New York City punk scene in the early 1980s to their rise as a multiplatinum, Grammy-winning rap group.

They had startling longevity and a knack for creative renewal, which has seen them through albums such as "License to Ill," "Paul's Boutique," "Check Your Head" and "Ill Communication" all the way to their last, 2011's "Hot Sauce Committee Part Two." Member Adam Yauch, known as MCA, died from cancer in 2012 at 47.

Diamond and Horovitz didn't really see themselves doing conventional book signings or Q&As to promote the book. The audiobook featured dozens of guest readers, including Chuck D, Elvis Costello, Rosie Perez, Bette Midler, Wanda Sykes, Ben Stiller, Amy Poehler, Jon Stewart, Kelly Reichardt, LL Cool J and Rachel Maddow.

They decided to put on a stage adaptation of the book, a multimedia presentation directed by Jonze. They performed in several cities and filmed three nights in April 2019 at Brooklyn's Kings Theater for the movie.

"We're like, 'Oh, let's do a show,'" Horovitz says. "So Mike and I wrote the show around the stories in the book. And then we asked Spike because Spike makes movies. I haven't seen any of them, but allegedly they're good."

"So we asked his advice and, as usual, Spike just sort of took over. Mike and I had this thing that we were going to do, then because Spike got involved it sort of evolved into something different, which is good."

Of the evolution from book to audiobook to stage show to movie, Diamond says: "I think it's definitely our intent to have each thing sort of be its own thing, but then I also really liked that it was kind of this continuous arc. I remember how we finished the book

and I was going for a beach walk with Spike one day. That's before we even did our very first show, and I was like, 'Adam and I are trying to figure out what to do. Pretend like we're actual authors, wear Harris tweed blazers with suede patches and act professional at bookstores?'"

"And we talked about, well what if we picked the stories we like and made it a little more theatrical? And it was kind of like that, this nice thing where we literally had no idea what we're doing, but it seemed to kind of work and it felt good to us."

"Originally I think we all thought that the film was going to be more of this document of what we'd done on stage, but then we realized once we started that it kind of took a life of its own and it had to be its own thing."

For a band that seemed dedicated to always moving forward to its next creative endeavor, its evolving cultural curiosities often making a road map to the styles of the zeitgeist, the idea of looking back might seem anathema.

"Oh, my God, can we just do something different already? This ... band. Right?" Horovitz says with a laugh of their recent retrospective phase. "Look, Adam Yauch's not here. So any time we can think about him and write about him or tell stories about him or whatever, it's sad but it makes me feel good to have him with me. And sometimes Michael Diamond also."

Asked whether his perspective on the band has changed at all over the course of putting together the book, show and now movie, Diamond says dryly, "Bunch of jerks."

"I think the thing that doing the show and movie and everything made me appreciate is just how completely fringing unlikely the whole thing is. Because while you're in it and you're making stuff, you don't know."

"The fact that all these things happened in the first place and keep happening,



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Adam Yauch, left, Michael Diamond and Adam Horovitz of the Beastie Boys are pictured in Paris in 2004.

in a good way — that we were really fortunate to be able to continue for this ridiculously long time, doing what we love with people we love and still enjoy doing it. So I guess we appreciated that more."

Throughout the book and on into the stage show and movie, Horovitz and Diamond are remarkably candid and reflective about mistakes they made along the way, such as the undiplomatic way they dropped their first drummer, Kate Schellenbach, from the band, or the bratty, regressive attitudes they displayed during the early "License to Ill" era and how they made a conscious effort to adopt more progressive views as they developed over the years.

They are also very open about their relationship and eventual falling out with their first manager, Russell Simmons, and producer Rick Rubin.

"The interesting thing is that if you write a book about yourself, it's a good opportunity to be able to rewrite history, right?" Horovitz says. "You can write whatever you want; you can write how amazing you were and you can blame other people for this, that and the other, whatever. And so I feel like we tried to just sort of tell it like it was."

"Good example, Russell Simmons. We had great

times with Russell Simmons. He was really important to our band. Same with Rick Rubin, right?"

"I'm not friends with either of them, but it was an amazing time that we had together, so that will remain. What does it do to yourself to pretend or to just block that out of your life?"

"I think that's part of being fortunate," Diamond says. "We actually got to be around long enough to comment on the dumb (stuff) that we did. I feel like a lot of times people just don't get that moment of actually still having a voice or still having some relevance to be like, 'Hold on, let's rewind here for a minute and let's look at what we did and sort of be able to live through that again.'"

Before Jonze can answer about his part in the process of making the stage show and the film, Horovitz interrupts — "Can we go back to the walk that you and Mike had on the beach?"

Jonze is now an Oscar-winning filmmaker. In the early 1990s he was transitioning from making skateboard videos to being one of the era's most influential music video directors.

He directed the video for the Beastie Boys' "Sabotage," an uproarious parody of '70s cop shows shot around Los Angeles that became a defining artifact of the mid-'90s. He drove a car

in a demolition derby at a California county fair for the Beastie Boys' short-lived magazine Grand Royal.

Their mutual sensibilities of mischievous creativity seemed perfectly aligned. "Well, I loved everything they did before I met them, so I kind of already had a relationship with them in my head," Jonze says. "And I think in meeting them, they were even cooler than in my imagination. They were more fun than I could have possibly hoped. And it felt very easy to make stuff with them."

"I was maybe only a couple of years of younger, but certainly wasn't successful or known in any way. But they treated me like an equal creative collaborator. It kind of fell right into place pretty easily."

In directing "Beastie Boys Story," Jonze wanted to convey his favorite things about the band, its members and their bond.

"What was cool about this and knowing them for over 25 years, almost 30 years, I got to I love the band musically and I love them as people," Jonze says. "Just the way they work, the way they operate and why they do what they do and why they don't do what they do. They're very to themselves and what is right and wrong for them."

"I loved getting to make this movie about the things

I love about the band, about their friendship and how incredible that relationship is that the three of them had and getting to see it up close. They just really let themselves make whatever they wanted to make, whatever excited them or made them laugh."

Many reviews of "Beastie Boys Book" note a passage in which Horovitz says that the death of Yauch was "too ... sad to write about." Yet in the "Beastie Boys Story" stage show and film, while recounting what would turn out to be the band's last gig, Horovitz becomes visibly moved, the tone shifting to an vividly earnest and tender moment.

"I mean, think about if you had to read something about one of your best friends, not even in front of anybody (but) out loud. It's just way different when you say something out loud," Horovitz says of the moment. "And it happened every night."

"It was really surprising to me," Diamond says of what became the show's emotional high point. "I think it surprised Adam, it surprised all of us. This is a thing that happened and we didn't certainly didn't plan on, certainly didn't expect."

"Also, honestly, as a band there's plenty of moments where it felt like the three of us would keep doing this all together forever. So here (is) this person who was such an integral part of what we did and who was like our best friend, who led us in a lot of ways, through so many things, (and) here we are doing something without him. That was a new era for us."

This could conceivably be the end of the line for the collaboration between Horovitz and Diamond, wrapping up the business of being Beastie Boys. So will they work together again on something new?

"I'm sure we're going to," Horovitz says. "I mean, what else are we going to do? We don't know how to do anything else."

Says Diamond: "We don't have any other life skills, although now we have some downtime to work on that."

## BOOK REVIEW

## Only magic can save the world in 'Chosen Ones'

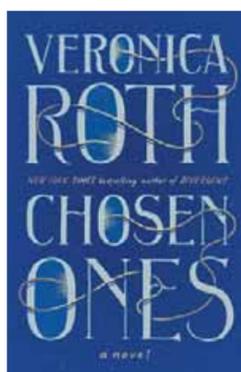
BY JODE MILLMAN  
BookTrib

One of my guilty literary pleasures is reading dystopian thrillers, so I was ecstatic to be one of the first to devour an advanced copy of Veronica Roth's dark, twisty sci-fi thriller, "Chosen Ones." I've been a Roth fan since her blockbuster "Divergent" trilogy, and honestly, I could not put this new book down.

The story begins in an alternate 2020 where magic is accepted as a part of everyday life. A prophecy has predicted that, Sloane Andrews, a sarcastic, bitter loner, along with four other regular teenagers were the "Chosen Ones." They possess the power to master magical objects and perform workings, and are enlisted by the government to destroy the Dark One, an evil power responsible for death and destruction on Earth.

Sloane has struggled to control her powers ever since becoming a Chosen One. She has also been traumatized by the events leading up to their final confrontation with the Dark One 10 years ago. Since then, she's been unable to sleep, maintain relationships and navigate the media scrutiny of her celebrity status as a Chosen One. Plus, she is hiding secrets that keep her tied to the past. Sloane now abhors magic, especially her magical object — the Koschei's Needle — believing that catastrophe results when it is uncontrolled. She simply wants to be left alone.

In a futuristic Chicago, Sloane and her hero-colleagues, Matthew Weekes, Ines Mejia, Albert Summers and Esther Park, are celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Dark One's defeat. His maniacal fury



## 'Chosen Ones'

By Veronica Roth, 432 pages, John Joseph Adams/Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, \$26.99.

leveled city blocks leaving crater-sized pits called Drains, killed their friends and family and wreaked havoc in a world that has not yet recovered. Similarly, the Chosen Ones have been left emotionally and physically scarred by their heroism, living with the challenges of the aftermath of saving the world — some better than others.

After further tragedy strikes, Sloane, Matthew and Esther are transported to a parallel universe of Chicago, where a new Dark One, called the Resurrectionist, is threatening the universe called Genetrix. The attacks and Drains have returned, and in Genetrix, magic is so widespread that it is used to perform the simplest of tasks like opening doors. Genetrix needs their assistance, and they can't return home until they save the Earth once again.

The Chosen Ones reluctantly agree to help vanquish the Resurrectionist; however, Sloane struggles to master an easy magical device called a siphon, lacking the desire, the

wanting, to perform magic. She has already saved the world once before, and frankly, she doesn't understand the connection between these two worlds. Why should she save a society that has no impact on her own?

Esther, whose mother is dying back on Earth, and Matthew, the golden boy Chosen One who's in love with Sloane, are more practical. They want to get the job done and go home, but the battle they face is one they could have never dreamed of.

Unlike "Divergent," the enemy in "Chosen Ones" is human rather than bureaucratic, and the novel explores the themes of desire, betrayal, ambition, celebrity, trauma and recovery. To avoid flashbacks, Roth cleverly intersperses government documents, magazine and newspaper articles from both universes throughout the chapters to reveal the Chosen Ones' backstories, the incidents leading up to their defeat of the Dark One as well as the Resurrectionist's rise in Genetrix. By setting the narrative in 2020 Chicago, Roth has constructed an intriguing multi-universe — ours, the Chosen Ones' Earth and Genetrix. Using Chicago and its landmarks as a backdrop adds realism to aid the reader, and Sloane, in their journey to discover the truth and justice.

In a surprising climax, our heroes discover that a fine line exists between the Dark One and the Chosen Ones, lies and truth, Genetrix and Earth. And ultimately, Sloane learns that by facing her fears, her true power lies not only in magic, but in her heart.

"Chosen Ones" will enchant readers. It's truly a novel that, like magic, unravels time, space and dimension.

## DePaul student grateful to survive the coronavirus

Nate Odenkirk, son of 'Better Call Saul' star, says he's 'lucky'

BY TRACY SWARTZ

DePaul University student Nate Odenkirk didn't expect to spend his spring break sick as he's ever been.

"I had a very mild case of coronavirus," Odenkirk told the Tribune. "I didn't have to be hospitalized, and it didn't last as long as it's lasted for some people. But it still sucked. It still really, really hurt. There were weeks where I couldn't really get out of bed."

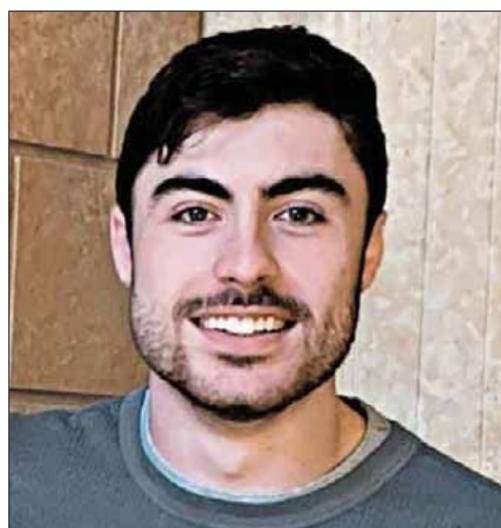
Odenkirk, a 21-year-old junior, talked to the Tribune about his experience with the coronavirus. His father, "Better Call Saul" star and Chicago-area native Bob Odenkirk, also has been sharing Nate's story during his late-night talk-show appearances.

## His throat 'hurt like it had cancer'

Odenkirk said he celebrated St. Patrick's Day by attending a North Side house party. He started feeling ill a few days later, after he traveled from Chicago to Los Angeles to be with his family. He said he had a headache, cough, fever, fatigue and aches and tested positive for the coronavirus.

"I met him at the airport, and I gave him a mask, and he washed his hands with antibacterial soap and all that stuff. He woke up the next morning with a fever, and he said his throat hurt like it had cancer. He said it really hurt," Bob Odenkirk said Monday on Conan O'Brien's show.

Nate Odenkirk suspects he contracted COVID-19 from an ill roommate, not from the St. Patrick's Day festivities, because as far as he knows, his fellow



COURTESY OF NATE ODENKIRK

Nate Odenkirk, the son of TV star Bob Odenkirk, plans to graduate from DePaul University in 2021.

partygoers didn't become sick.

## He tackled schoolwork while sick.

Odenkirk, a political science major, said he was under the weather when DePaul started its weeklong spring break March 21.

"Now that (school) is back, it was a slow climb up, mostly because the thing that lasted the longest was the fatigue. I'm about caught up now. I was lucky enough to have a pretty mild case, as opposed to a lot of other people," Odenkirk said.

## He feels great now.

Bob Odenkirk said his son's illness lasted longer than the flu.

"It got scarier the longer it went, and the further we got from it, I became aware that we got very lucky," Odenkirk said last week on "The Late Late Show with James Cordeiro."

Nate Odenkirk said he hasn't experienced symptoms for about 2½ weeks. "I'm really back to normal,

as normal as anyone can be right now. I'm feeling good."

Odenkirk worked last summer as a production assistant on "Jimmy Kimmel Live." He plans to spend this summer in Los Angeles writing and producing a radio play.

## He says young people should take coronavirus seriously.

"You can get it, and it sucks, but I listen to the scientists. I listen to what the smart people tell me, and they are saying to stay in and take this thing seriously. Unfortunately over St. Patrick's Day I was out, and that was really before I understood the intensity of it," Odenkirk said.

"I'd say to the people who don't really want to abide by social distancing and all of that, you're not missing anything. Nothing's going on. You have nothing to gain by going out. Everything's canceled. Not a darn thing's happening."

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## Museums

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"Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg" exhibit, selections from the museum's superb, central Karkomi Holocaust Exhibition, and the stories of many survivors, in their own voices.

## 3. Humanities Festival online

With public gatherings a health danger, the Chicago Humanities Festival has moved its spring offerings into the virtual space. The CHF at Home: Spring Festival Online includes free YouTube livestreams, such as the just-announced May 6 conversation with singer/songwriter Tori Amos about the concept of resistance. Additionally, CHF has a massive video archive of past events, including Tuesday's talk with "Divergent" author Veronica Roth, Ezekiel Emanuel from 2012 on health care ethics and Alison Roman from last year's tour for her "Nothing Fancy" cookbook. If somebody has written a book or had a thought you've found interesting in the last few decades, there's a decent chance you'll be able to find them in the archive.

## 4. Contribute to history

Realizing that we are living through a moment that will likely be pivotal to the future, institutions are looking to gather in-the-moment reminiscences and, when feasible, artifacts. I wrote recently about two early efforts, from the Illinois State Museum in Springfield and Naperville's Naper Settlement. Now the Chicago History Museum has formally launched its effort, In This Together, and is seeking "digital journal entries, audio/video recordings, images, or emails."

The University of Illinois at Chicago Library is looking for similar materials for



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A visitor checks out the artwork in a gallery at "Duro Olowu: Seeing Chicago" at the Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago in early March.



BROOKE MORGAN/ILLINOIS STATE MUSEUM

Toilet paper cakes at a local grocery store, a photo submitted to the Illinois State Museum's "Illinois in the COVID-19 Pandemic" project.

the Six Feet Apart: Stories from UIC during COVID-19 project.

## 5. Explore Chicago history

The 5-year-old Chicago Collections consortium was, in a way, built for this

moment. A website that combines and leverages the archives of a range of Chicago not-for-profits who collect materials relating to Chicago history, it lets you peruse archives organized by topic at explore.chicago collections.org or take a more curated tour. Four



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Douc Donna Yates walks near the "Notorious RBG" exhibit at the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center in Skokie. The exhibit features the life and times of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

current digital exhibitions, superbly organized and thoroughly detailed, treat topics including the 1919

"race riots" and "Place of Protest: Chicago's Legacy of Dissent, Declaration, and Disruption."

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## WATCH THIS: THURSDAY



Peter Scanavino

**“Law & Order: Special Victims Unit”** (9 p.m., NBC): Public anticipation is building as assistant district attorney Carisi (Peter Scanavino) begins the eagerly awaited and tabloid-ready trial of movie mogul Sir Toby Moore (returning guest star Ian McShane), but there’s little joy in the squad room, where the detectives struggle to deal with setbacks in several other cases in the new episode “The Things We Have to Lose.” Mariska Hargitay also stars.

**“Last Man Standing”** (7 p.m., FOX): Kyle and Mandy (Christoph Sanders, Molly McCook) reveal a secret to Mike and Vanessa (Tim Allen, Nancy Travis) respectively, swearing the older couple to keep the information from their mate, in the new episode “Extrasensory Deception.” Elsewhere, Vanessa and the girls hatch a scheme to get back at a rude waiter, and Ryan (Jordan Masterson) invites Mike to guest on his podcast. Héctor Elizondo also stars.

**“Will & Grace”** (8 p.m., NBC): The first time this Emmy-winning sitcom ended its NBC run after eight seasons in 2006, it did so with a very bittersweet finale that left a sour taste for several fans. Luckily, the writers get a chance for a do-over tonight as this reboot rings down the curtain with a finale called “It’s Time,” which finds Will (Eric McCormack) struggling to shake off past disappointments and Grace (Debra Messing) experiencing false labor pains.

**“Ghost Adventures”** (8 p.m., 12 a.m., TRAVEL): In the new episode “Industrial District of the Damned,” Zak Bagans and his team of paranormal investigators explore a 120-year-old building in the industrial district of Salt Lake City. Several local business owners swear that paranormal activity on the premises has ramped up since a break-in turned up evidence that a dark ritual had been performed.

**“Broke”** (8:30 p.m., CBS): Jackie and Elizabeth (Pauley Perrette, Natasha Leggero) are scandalized — and a bit titillated as well — when they discover a secret stash of love letters that suggest their mother had a torrid affair with someone in the new episode “Mom’s Secret.” Elsewhere, Javier (Jaime Camil) takes an unexpected job as a painter. Fred Stoller and Lesley Ann Warren guest star.

**“The Dead Files”** (9 p.m., 1 a.m., TRAVEL): Former NYPD homicide detective Steve DiSchiavi and physical medium Amy Allan close out Season 12 of their paranormal series with “Damned in the Desert,” a finale that finds them in Marana, Ariz. In this remote location, malevolent supernatural forces threaten to destroy the sanity and health of a couple with New Age sensibilities. These otherworldly attacks have become so relentless that these two victims fear their marriage — if not their very lives — is at serious risk.

## TALK SHOWS

**“Conan”** (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actress Kaley Cuoco.\*

**“The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon”** (10:34 p.m., NBC): Best of Fallon.\*

**“The Late Show With Stephen Colbert”** (10:35 p.m., CBS): The comic interviews guests and introduces musical performances.\*

**“Jimmy Kimmel Live!”** (11:05 p.m. 12:06 a.m., ABC): Celebrity guests and comedy skits.\*

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	<b>BET</b>	*(5) Baggage Claim (’13) *		Stomp the Yard (PG-13,’07)		** Columbus Short. © *			
	<b>BIGTEN</b>	BTN Basketball in 60 ©		The Journey		BTN Basketball in 60 ©		The Journey	
	<b>BRAVO</b>	Housewives/NYC		Housewives/NYC (N)		Top Chef (N) ©		Watch (N)	
	<b>CNN</b>	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N)		CNN Tonight (N)		Tonight (N) *	
	<b>COM</b>	The Office		The Office		The Office		Daily (N) *	
	<b>DISC</b>	Naked and Afraid ©		Naked and Afraid (N)		Naked and Afraid (N)		Rob (N) *	
	<b>DISN</b>	Bunk’d ©		Bunk’d ©		Raven		Roll With It	
	<b>E!</b>	The Kardashians (N)		Total Bellas (N) ©		The Kardashians		Nightly (N)	
	<b>ESPN</b>	2020 NFL Draft (N) (Live)							
	<b>ESPN2</b>	*(6) UFC Reloaded		The Last Dance		The Last Dance		The Jump	
	<b>FNC</b>	Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News	
	<b>FOOD</b>	Guy’s Grocery Games		Food Truck Race (Season Finale) (N)		Restaurant: Impossible		Restaurant *	
	<b>FREE</b>	*(6:30) Pretty Woman (R,’90) *** Richard Gere. ©		Siren (N) ©		700 Club *			
	<b>FX</b>	*(6:30) Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle (’17) ***		Better (N)		Better		Better	
	<b>HALL</b>	Love and Sunshine (NR,’19)		Danica McKellar. ©		Golden Girls		Golden Girls	
	<b>HGTV</b>	Flip or Flop		Flipping (N)		Flipping 101		Hunters (N)	
	<b>HIST</b>	American Pickers		(8:02) American Pickers		(9:05) American Pickers		Pickers *	
	<b>HLN</b>	Death Row Stories ©		Death Row Stories ©		Forensic		Forensic	
	<b>IFC</b>	*(6) Se7en (R,’95) *** Brad Pitt, Morgan Freeman. ©		Underworld: Blood Wars (R,’16) ** *		King		King	
	<b>LIFE</b>	Married at First Sight: “Couples Couch: Reunion.” (N)		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)			
	<b>MSNBC</b>	All In With (N)		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		Ridiculous.		Ridiculous.	
	<b>MTV</b>	Jersey Shore—Vacation		Families of the Mafia (N)		Ridiculous.		Ridiculous.	
	<b>NATGEO</b>	Alaska State Troopers		Alaska State Troopers		Alaska State Troopers		Troopers *	
	<b>NBCSCH</b>	White Sox Rewind From June 30, 2005.		Inside Look		Sneaker		White Sox *	
	<b>NICK</b>	Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs (PG,’09) ***		Friends ©		Friends ©		Friends ©	
	<b>OVATION</b>	*(6) Demolition Man (R,’93) ** ©		Sneakers (PG-13,’92) *** Robert Redford. *		20/20 on OWN		20/20 *	
<b>OWN</b>	20/20 on OWN		20/20 on OWN		20/20 on OWN		20/20 *		
<b>OXY</b>	Mark of a Killer (N) ©		Snapped ©		Snapped ©		Snapped *		
<b>PARMT</b>	Shrek (PG,’01) *** Voices of Mike Myers. ©		Shrek Forever After (PG,’10) ** © *		Vagrant *				
<b>SYFY</b>	*(6:31) Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG,’09) *** Daniel Radcliffe.		Conan ©		The Sunshine Boys (PG,’75) *** *				
<b>TBS</b>	Big Bang		Big Bang		Big Bang		Conan ©		
<b>TCM</b>	The Goodbye Girl (PG,’77) *** Richard Dreyfuss. ©		The Sunshine Boys (PG,’75) *** *		My Feet *				
<b>TLC</b>	My 600-Lb. Life: “Supersized: Coliesia’s Story.” (N)		Dr. Pimple Popper		IMPACT				
<b>TLN</b>	Wealth		Prayer		Such Were Some of You		Life Today		
<b>TNT</b>	*(6) Central Intelligence		Shaq Life (N)		Shaq Life (N)		Central Intelligence (PG-13,’16) ** *		
<b>TOON</b>	Home Movie		Burgers		Rick, Morty		Amer. Dad		
<b>TRAV</b>	Ghost Adventures ©		Ghost Adventures (N) ©		The Dead Files (N) ©		Dead Files *		
<b>TVL</b>	Raymond		Raymond		Raymond		Two Men		
<b>USA</b>	Psych ©		Psych: “Yang 3 in 2D.” ©		Psych ©		Psych © *		
<b>VH1</b>	*(5:30) Bad Boys II (R,’03) ** Martin Lawrence. ©		Wild ‘n Out		Wild ‘n Out		Wild ‘n Out		
<b>WE</b>	Growing Up Hip Hop ©		Growing Up Hip Hop (N)		Growing Up Hip Hop ©		Love- Loc. *		
<b>WGN America</b>	How I Met		How I Met		How I Met		How I Met		
<b>HBO</b>	*(6:20) American Pie ***		We’re Here (Series Premiere) (N) ©		Westworld ©		We’re *		
<b>HBO2</b>	Gamer (R,’09) ** Gerard Butler.		(8:35) The Predator (R,’18) ** Boyd Holbrook.		Widows (R,’18) *** Viola Davis. © *				
<b>MAX</b>	Breaking In (PG-13,’18) ** ©		Homeland ©		Desus		Californicat.		
<b>SHO</b>	Shameless: “Pilot.” ©		Homeland ©		Desus		Californicat.		
<b>STARZ</b>	*(6:20) First Sunday **		Overcomer (PG,’19) ** Alex Kendrick. ©		The Vow *				
<b>STZNC</b>	Vida ©		(7:35) Vida		(8:10) Vida		(8:45) Vida: “Episode 16.”		

## Womack

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and passed it along to Womack for its care, in part, they said, because they wanted to be able to visit the cougar.

Womack’s collection also caught the attention of tougher-minded authorities and animal rights activists. Beginning in the mid-’90s, the U.S. Department of Agriculture flagged Womack’s unaccredited zoo for violations of the Animal Welfare act, including inadequate nourishment of his charges.

Womack acknowledged his woes in the concluding paragraph of Steve Mills’ 1997 Tribune look at his and other roadside zoos:

*“If I could afford a bigger cage, I’d do it,” he said, standing in front of a “zonkey” — half zebra and half donkey. “I would love to make this place better. I can only do so much. Really, I’m just doing the best I can.”*

By mid-1997 Womack had been fined more than \$50,000 in the previous two years and agreed to turn over the zoo to a nonprofit board.

“I went out to his place after they closed it and walked around with Lorin,” said Gregory, the longtime Tribune reporter, whose coverage of Womack began then and would grow more intense as criminal authorities became interested too.

“And I remember that — of course, it was closed — I remember thinking of it as something akin to a ragged roadside zoo, not anywhere near as well kept as what I could see in ‘Tiger King.’”

“He was an eccentric fellow, colorful, liked to talk. He didn’t always follow a train of thought that well but was surprisingly willing to show me around.”

Womack didn’t seem to have the kind of rivalry with animal rights activists that Joe Exotic had in the Netflix documentary with Carole Baskin, the big cat advocate Exotic was convicted of trying to have killed.

But they were definitely



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Detective Sgt. Tom Friedrich and Det. Pat Wozniak, both of the Kane County Sheriff’s Dept., search through piles of dirt on the Land O’Lorin Exotic Wildlife Haven in Batavia Township on Feb. 10, 1999. The pair were looking for human bones that might belong to Kenneth Dale King, who was reported missing in 1988.

on his case. Debbie Leahy, president of Illinois Animal Action Inc., called the agreement to turn over the zoo a “joke” and said she planned to go ahead with a protest of the zoo.

By the end of 1997, the new board had planned to move some of the 70 remaining animals to the Detroit Zoo and renamed it Deerpath Animal Haven & Zoological Society. And that might have been that.

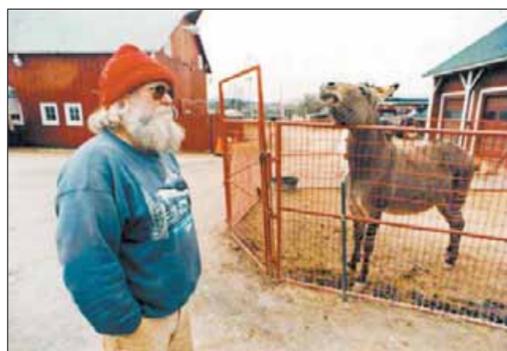
“Former zoo owner charged in murder plot,” said the December 1998 headline, “charged with hiring a man to kill the husband of his new girlfriend,” the story explained. Later, it would be revealed that the hit man was a cop, and the woman had lived with Womack for about a month before reconciling with her husband.

“Initially he sort of

strikes you as harmless,” Gregory recalled. “But the incident in Elgin from a few years before was really kind of unsettling.”

“He walks in to the Elgin police department and he’s kind of blood-smeared, claiming that he had somehow or other vanquished two knife-wielding men who tried to attack some women. It wound up being a complete hoax he orchestrated to impress a girlfriend, and he was fined for that.”

A few months after Womack was charged for allegedly hiring a killer, a Kane County Sheriff’s Department investigator acted on his belief that Womack had something to do with the disappearance of a decade earlier of Kenneth King, of Wayne, who shortly before he disappeared began dating a



JOHN DZIEKAN/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Lorin Womack with one of his 100 animals, a combination donkey/zebra, at his “Land O’ Lorin Exotic Animal Farm” in Batavia on March 13, 1997.

woman who was living with Womack, the investigator said.

“Three backhoes, a bulldozer, six sheriff’s investigators, a deputy coroner and seven dogs excavated 12 sites on the 10-acre zoo

and one spot just northwest of the establishment, said Kane County Sheriff’s Capt. Michael Anderson, who called for the dig,” wrote Gregory in the Tribune. But none of the holes produced a body.

Womack’s first solicitation of murder trial, in 2000, resulted in a hung jury.

“The type of defense that we used was entrapment,” remembered Brasel, the lawyer. “I just didn’t think Loren was the type of person that would really go out and seriously want to hire somebody to murder somebody.”

Two jurors agreed in the first trial.

“I like to think we had a fairly good presentation,” Brasel said. “It was enough to get a hung jury on a guy who had been taped basically admitting to the crime.”

But in the retrial, he said, prosecutors had the advantage of having seen Womack’s defense. And Brasel said he also thought the first jury just liked Womack better than the second one did.

“The first jury liked Lorin and I think they kind of thought like me,” said Brasel. “But still, he was on the tape ... They had him on tape attempting to have a policeman go out and murder what he thought was his girlfriend’s husband.”

In one last sour note for Womack, it came out in the trial that the woman was not actually that into him.

On Feb. 20, 2001, Gregory, who had covered both trials, got to write the kind of first paragraph reporters dream about: “Lorin Womack, the exotic zoo owner whose love for another man’s wife led him to hatch an ill-conceived murder-for-hire scheme, was sentenced to 26 years in prison Tuesday.”

It was remarkably similar to the 22-year sentence Joseph Maldonado-Passage, aka Joe Exotic, received in January for hiring somebody to murder Baskin, a solicitation that he had also been caught on tape making.

“Maybe it’s time to watch ‘Tiger King,’” Brasel said. “We started watching,” he said. “My wife didn’t like it, so I’ll watch it by myself.”

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### Horoscopes



**Today's birthday** (April 23): Explore uncharted territory this year. Focused professional efforts pay off. Switch course with shared finances this summer, before inspiration propels your pen to creative heights. Adapt travel and educational plans to changes. Expect lighter potential winter cash flow, before rising joint profits. Grow your reach.

**Aries** (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Find a lucrative opportunity hidden under a big change. A surprising development offers interesting openings.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20): 9. You're making a good impression. Provide leadership and support. Don't splurge on a whim. Wait for developments before initiating actions on a personal project.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20): 6. Consider circumstances from a higher perspective. Worries and anxieties can seem stuck on a negative feedback loop. Find ways to let them go.

**Cancer** (June 21-July 22): 8. Surprising opportunities develop for your team. Consider interesting suggestions. Choose the most practical ones. Coordinate and schedule plans for later action. Collaborate for mutual support.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): 7. Career openings present new directions. Develop a project from idea to reality. Innovate and create. Consider options; pros and cons.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 7. Change can seem abrupt. Look for hidden potential with a surprising development. Discover new frontiers. Expand your boundaries.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 7. Listen to your intuition and confirm with data. Collaborate to manage shared finances. Budget for new circumstances. Adapt and keep your patience.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 7. Stay objective. You and your partner can get especially creative. Brainstorm and collaborate. Don't try to force anything.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Thorough planning pays. Practice for a physical performance. Pamper your health and fitness. Wash your hands. Nurture yourself with good food and rest.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 7. Enjoy private family time. Savor good music, food and fun. Listen for the hidden elements. Get carried away by a creative project or good story.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 7. Home draws you in. Family fun takes priority. Shop carefully. Frugality serves you well. Make simple, hearty meals. Enjoy domestic comforts and treats.

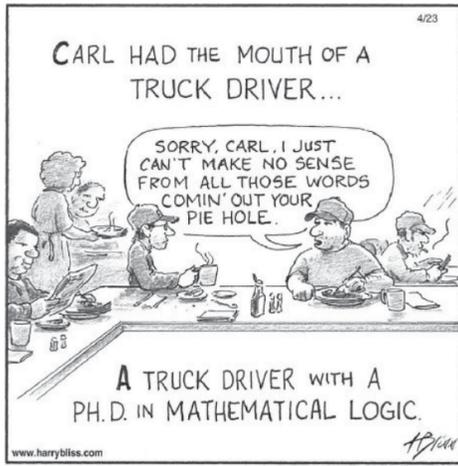
**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. Dig into your research. Look at the situation from another perspective. Discover something fascinating. Connect and coordinate.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

### The Argyle Sweater



### Bliss



### Bridge

Both vulnerable, South deals

**North**  
 ♠ Q 10 9  
 ♥ A J  
 ♦ A J 6 2  
 ♣ J 9 5 4

**West**  
 ♠ 6 5 3  
 ♥ K Q 10 9 7 2  
 ♦ 10 9  
 ♣ K 2

**East**  
 ♠ K J 4  
 ♥ 5 3  
 ♦ 7 4 3  
 ♣ Q 10 8 6 3

**South**  
 ♠ A 8 7 2  
 ♥ 8 6 4  
 ♦ K Q 8 5  
 ♣ A 7

There are many bridge stars coming from Poland these days and one of them, Włodzimierz Starkowski, was East in today's deal. The auction is not known to us and we have offered one plausible auction above.

Declarer ducked the opening heart lead and West continued with a low heart as a suit-preference signal for clubs. South won with dummy's ace and had to hope

that West started with either four hearts or six. He led a low diamond to his queen, and then a low spade to dummy's nine. West gave a count signal on this trick, so Starkowski knew that declarer had started with four spades. Starkowski could win this trick with the jack and lead a club, which would defeat the contract if his partner held the ace of clubs. But what if his partner held the king? South would be forced to play Starkowski for the king of spades. He would be finessed out of his king of spades and declarer would have three spade tricks, one heart, four diamonds, and one club.

Instead of winning the spade with his jack, Starkowski brilliantly won with his king and led a club. South rose with his ace and took the "marked" finesse for the jack of spades by leading a spade to dummy's 10. He was gob-smacked when Starkowski won with his jack and led a club to West's king. Four heart tricks later, South was down four in a contract that had nine top tricks a moment ago. Great play!

— Bob Jones  
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### Dilbert



### Baby Blues



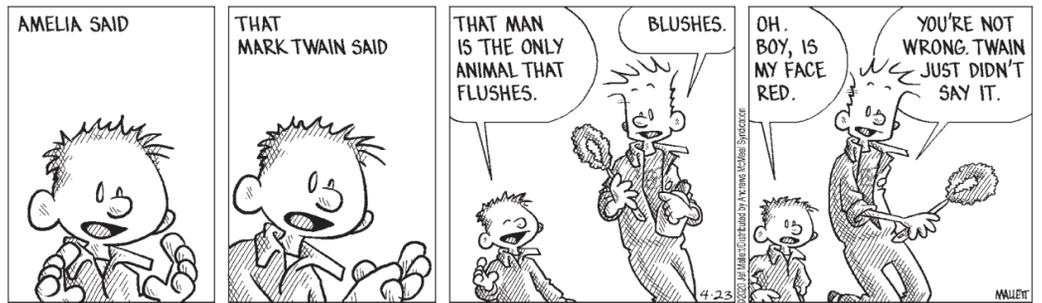
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### Mr. Boffo



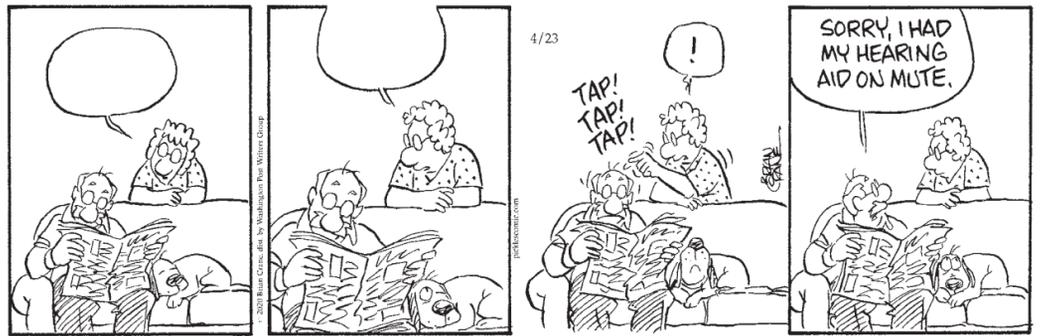
### Frazz



### Classic Peanuts



### Pickles



### Dick Tracy



### Animal Crackers



### Prickly City





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THURSDAY, APRIL 23 NORMAL HIGH: 62° NORMAL LOW: 41° RECORD HIGH: 88° (1960) RECORD LOW: 25° (1986)

## Cloudy, damp and cool conditions to end week

### LOCAL FORECAST

**HIGH** 56 **LOW** 41

■ Low pressure passing to the south will keep overcast skies across the area with Chicago sitting on the northern edge of associated showers.

■ Mostly cloudy and cooler with a chance of light showers – best chance south of Interstate 80.

■ Highs in the mid 50s but easterly winds keep readings much cooler in the 40s along the lakefront.

■ Mostly cloudy skies overnight.

■ Easterly winds 8-15 mph.

### NATIONAL FORECAST



With low pressure systems passing to our south, clouds and periods of showers, brisk easterly winds and cool temperatures are likely across the Chicago area into the coming weekend.

There will be a few light showers possible Thursday, but the best chance of rain will occur later Friday night and Saturday.

High temperatures the remainder of the week look to average some 13 degrees below normal.

After a mostly sunny, but continued seasonably cool Sunday, winds should pick up from the south boosting daytime temperatures as well as rain chances the first part of next week.

Substantial rainfall could occur in thunderstorms Monday night into Tuesday.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 24

**HIGH** 48 **LOW** 41

Mostly cloudy and continued cool with a chilling NE wind 10-20 mph. Highs 45-50 some 15 degrees below normal for this date. Rain overnight.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 25

**HIGH** 46 **LOW** 42

Cloudy with rain likely and continued unseasonably cool. Highs in the mid to upper 40s. Mostly cloudy overnight. NE winds 12-25 diminishing at night.

### SUNDAY, APRIL 26

**HIGH** 56 **LOW** 36

Mostly sunny with highs in the middle 50s. Clear and chilly overnight with lows dropping into the 30s. Light winds shift to the south overnight.

### MONDAY, APRIL 27

**HIGH** 63 **LOW** 48

Morning sunshine with slowly increasing cloud cover. Milder with highs 60-65. Cloudy with increasing chances of rain overnight. Southerly winds.

### TUESDAY, APRIL 28

**HIGH** 66 **LOW** 48

Mostly cloudy and mild with showers or t-storms likely. Highs low to mid 60s. A good chance of showers overnight. Gusty SW winds shift to the west late.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

**HIGH** 59 **LOW** 41

Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers. Highs 55-60. Clouds and a slight chance of showers overnight. NW winds.



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,  
 My family and I visited the North Rim of the Grand Canyon in Arizona last August. We were impressed how cool it was there compared to Chicago. We were expecting heat in Arizona. Is there an explanation?  
 The Tropper Family, Chicago

Dear Tropper Family,  
 The explanation is elevation: temperatures decrease with increasing elevation. The elevation of the North Rim of the Grand Canyon is approximately 8,000 feet, compared to Chicago's 580 feet. The average high temperature at the North Rim in August is in the lower 70s and average low at night in the upper 40s; in Chicago, the daytime high in August is in the lower 80s and at night in the lower 60s. Arizona is also hot, but at lower elevations. Tucson, elevation 2,388 feet, in the south, is ranked as the hottest major city in the United States.

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 Ivory's weather updates weekdays 3 to 6 p.m. on WGN-AM 720 Chicago.

## Easterly winds, cool temps and increasing rain chances

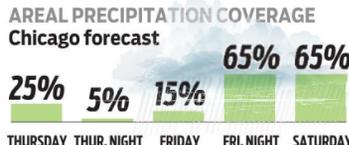
WEDNESDAY'S TEMPS  
 Mild inland and south; cooler lakeside/north

MIDWAY	61°
O'HARE	63°

INLAND AND SOUTH	LAKESIDE AND NORTH
Joliet 67°	Grayslake 43°
Hebron, Ind. 67°	Pleasant Prairie 43°
Beecher 67°	Waukegan 45°
Wheaton 66°	Winnetka 45°
Blurr Ridge 66°	Univ. of Chicago 52°
Oswego 65°	Calumet Harbor 53°

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON  
 20+° temp differential  
 NW-SE Frontal boundary bisects the Chicago area

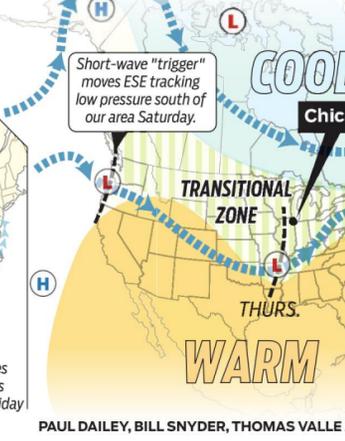
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COOL EASTERLY FLOW DOMINATES CHICAGO INTO THE WEEKEND



THURSDAY'S SET-UP  
 Short wave “triggers” aloft  
 Chicago in “transition” temperature zone with “warm” air across southern U.S. and “cool” air in northern Canada



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### MIDWEST CITIES

THURS./FRI.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	rn	60	47	sh	71	54
Carbondale	rn	59	44	pc	66	47
Champaign	rn	60	45	cl	68	49
Decatur	rn	60	45	cl	68	49
Moline	sh	68	45	sh	62	43
Peoria	sh	67	45	sh	63	44
Quincy	sh	68	49	rn	66	48
Rockford	sh	63	43	sh	58	40
Springfield	rn	64	47	rn	69	48
Sterling	sh	66	44	sh	59	41
Indiana	rn	57	48	pc	68	51
Bloomington	rn	61	50	pc	70	54
Evansville	rn	58	41	cl	61	41
Fort Wayne	rn	57	46	pc	66	49
Indianapolis	sh	48	39	sh	52	39
Lafayette	rn	59	45	cl	66	50
South Bend	sh	62	41	cl	60	45
Wisconsin	sh	42	36	cl	50	36
Green Bay	sh	48	39	sh	47	39
Kenosha	sh	51	40	sh	54	40
La Crosse	sh	48	39	sh	52	39
Madison	sh	44	38	sh	46	38
Milwaukee	sh	46	33	sh	56	40
Wausau	sh	46	33	sh	56	40
Michigan	rn	45	36	pc	56	36
Detroit	rn	45	36	pc	56	36
Grand Rapids	sh	42	35	pc	54	32
Marquette	sh	42	35	pc	54	32
St. Ste. Marie	pc	49	34	pc	53	33
Traverse City	cl	42	29	cl	53	33
Iowa	rn	70	46	sh	60	42
Ames	pc	61	41	sh	58	40
Des Moines	pc	72	48	sh	62	44
Cedar Rapids	sh	56	42	sh	55	40
Dubuque	sh	56	42	sh	55	40

### OTHER U.S. CITIES

THURS./FRI.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Albany	pc	52	39	rn	52	34
Albuquerque	pc	75	51	su	75	46
Amarillo	pc	79	48	pc	70	41
Anchorage	cl	47	37	sh	47	33
Asheville	rn	61	53	pc	67	48
Aspen	rn	49	32	ss	49	32
Atlanta	ts	67	58	pc	76	55
Atlantic City	sh	56	50	sh	56	45
Austin	rn	69	65	su	95	63
Baltimore	cl	62	53	rn	57	48
Billings	ts	56	40	pc	61	40
Birmingham	ts	74	55	su	82	71
Bismarck	sh	62	38	cl	64	39
Boise	sh	62	41	pc	63	43
Boston	pc	55	41	rn	44	36
Brownsville	pc	94	72	pc	96	73
Buffalo	sh	44	38	pc	51	33
Burlington	su	50	30	pc	52	30
Charlotte	rn	67	60	pc	78	55
Charlottesville	ts	75	66	ts	79	68
Charlton SC	rn	59	54	sh	64	45
Chattanooga	ts	71	57	pc	75	55
Cheyenne	pc	59	34	rs	52	35
Cincinnati	rn	57	49	cl	67	47
Cleveland	rn	56	43	sh	46	40
Colorado Spgs	sh	66	39	pc	56	37
Columbia MO	rn	70	51	rn	68	50
Columbia SC	ts	73	64	pc	80	57
Columbus	rn	56	46	cl	62	42
Cookeville	pc	54	34	sh	50	30
Corpus Christi	pc	92	70	su	92	71
Dallas	su	86	65	su	85	59
Daytona Bch.	pc	91	70	ts	79	68
Denver	pc	67	42	sh	59	42
Des Moines	cl	40	34	cl	45	34
El Paso	su	87	64	su	89	61

### THURS./FRI.

THURS./FRI.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Fairbanks	cl	43	23	pc	39	17
Fargo	sh	62	40	pc	60	40
Flagstaff	su	70	37	su	72	38
Fort Myers	pc	93	79	ts	89	76
Fort Smith	pc	77	55	ts	74	54
Fresno	pc	84	59	su	85	61
Grand Junc.	pc	68	41	pc	67	40
Great Falls	ts	56	39	pc	59	38
Harrisburg	rn	62	48	rn	54	44
Hartford	cl	51	41	rn	48	35
Helena	sh	55	39	pc	61	38
Honolulu	sh	83	72	cl	82	71
Houston	pc	88	66	su	83	60
Int'l Falls	sh	55	34	pc	58	32
Jackson	ts	78	55	su	81	61
Jacksonville	cl	91	72	ts	81	70
Jameau	rn	48	39	sh	48	40
Kansas City	pc	76	54	rn	63	48
Las Vegas	pc	91	66	su	89	66
Lexington	rn	59	50	cl	65	49
Lincoln	pc	78	50	cl	68	40
Little Rock	pc	72	51	ts	75	55
Los Angeles	su	89	65	su	95	68
Louisville	rn	61	51	pc	70	52
Macon	ts	69	60	pc	81	54
Memphis	ts	79	62	pc	76	58
Miami	pc	86	79	ts	90	78
Minneapolis	pc	62	41	rn	55	40
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Rochester	sh	43	37	sh	48	32
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San Antonio	su	91	61	su	97	64
San Diego	su	78	63	su	83	64
San Francisco	pc	66	54	pc	67	53
San Juan	pc	86	75	pc	86	76
Santa Fe	pc	67	43	pc	68	39

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*Time to  
get it done*

**Cultivate calm and order with ideas  
for quick, easy home projects PAGE 4**



## HOME REMEDIES

## Household ingredients you can put to use in garden

BY DIANA CRANDALL  
Angie's List

Spring is here, which means it's time to get out in the garden. Whether you'd like to give your outdoor space a little extra shine — or you want to keep critters away from your hard work — there are a few simple household ingredients that can help.

**Mix coffee grounds into your compost pile.** If you start out the day with a freshly brewed cup of joe, don't toss the coffee grounds and filter in the trash. They're a great addition to your compost pile, according to Oregon State University's Extension Service. They recommend layering one-third coffee grounds, one-third leaves and one-third fresh grass clippings. Paper coffee filters are a carbon source, and you can speed up decomposition by tearing the paper into pieces.

**Blast concrete stains**

DREAMSTIME

Natural household items like coffee grounds, baking soda and water can help you protect your garden from grime and pests.

**with baking soda.** Before peak patio season hits, brighten up your cement with a natural rinse. Mix one-half cup baking soda

into one gallon of water, then add in a dash — about one-eighth of a cup — of liquid dish detergent to the mix. Give your patio a

spray with the solution and wait for about a half an hour. Then, rinse off with the hose. If you have stubborn stains or mildew, you

may need something stronger — like a professional power washing — to get rid of it.

**Protect your plants from aphids with the hose.** If you notice small insects on your buds, plant tips and the undersides of leaves near the veins, you likely have aphids in your garden. While they can sometimes cause foliage distortion and stunt plant growth, the University of California Cooperative Extension notes that they can also be beneficial insects to the ecosystem since they're the natural enemies of parasitic wasps and spiders. To control the population of aphids in your garden, bring out the hose and spray sturdy plants with a heavy stream of water. This rinses away aphids and the honeydew they secrete. If part of your plant is severely damaged, the UC Cooperative Extension recommends trimming the area and throwing away the debris. (Don't compost it.)

**Keep animals away from fruit and vegetables with netting and fencing.** Fresh citrus, cucumbers, strawberries and potatoes make a delicious summer snack — both for your family and hungry raccoons, skunks and opossums. If you see evidence that an animal is taking a bite out of your harvest before you get a chance to, fencing or netting is the most effective way to keep them out, according to the Farmer's Almanac.

**Call for backup when you need to.** If natural ingredients aren't doing the trick, or if you need a hand with landscaping, you can always call a pro for help. If you're hiring now, you can use technology to connect with pest control and lawn and garden experts, and you can send photos and video chat to show them what you're working with versus meeting in person to discuss the details of your project.

## FINDS

## Modern sound from retro Bluetooth speaker

BY GREGG ELLMAN  
Tribune News Service

With an attractive vintage look, Electrohome Birmingham's retro Bluetooth speaker seeks to bring back the era of mop tops and mullets from the golden age of rock 'n' roll.

While the look takes you back in time, the sound and features are up-to-date and forward marching. It produces room-filling sound to any playlist or can stream

any music service with a Bluetooth connection from your smartphone, tablet or computer.

The exterior (9.5 by 13.4 by 7.1 inches) is handcrafted from engineered MDF wood with a carrying handle built into the top. Producing the sound inside are dual full-range 4-inch woofers with an integrated amplifier.

To add to the vintage look, controls for adjusting the music, power and

volume are all knobs along the top of the front side of the speaker. There's also a 3.5 mm aux input for a direct connection and USB charging port to connect your cable for device charging. [www.electrohome.com](http://www.electrohome.com); \$149

**Smart padlock:** Rather than having to remember a combination or have a key to open it, the Tapplock Lite uses your fingerprint. The smart fingerprint

portable padlock opens in under a second after being programmed with your fingerprint. You can store up to 100 fingerprints for each lock, which are managed in the Tapplock app.

You can also use the Tapplock app to open the lock with Bluetooth or with a combination used via Morse code.

The Tapplock Lite is built with a metal chassis and an IP67 rating, making it perfect for the outdoors



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Electrohome Birmingham's retro speaker



TAPLOCK

Tapplock Lite padlock

since it can withstand being fully submerged in water or even wet fingerprints.

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# NO MORE PROCRASTINATING

Get busy with these project ideas while stuck at home

BY CATHY HOBBS  
Tribune News Service

As we all spend more time than ever at home, now is a wonderful time to take advantage of opportunities to do quick, easy projects that may help create order and calm. Organization tops the list, as does creating soothing environments.

Looking for some projects to do in your spare time? Here are some ideas to help get you started.

**Create an inviting home office.** If possible, place your workspace or desk next to a window. Natural light goes a long way in fostering creativity and enhancing your mood.

**Prepare for warmer weather.** Warmer weather is coming in many parts of the country. Now is a good time to prep outdoor items such as furniture and grills.

**Implement systems and a schedule.** Tired of household tasks always being on the back burner? Create a weekly schedule in which certain chores are performed. For example, do laundry on Monday, clean your home on Wednesday, and plan and execute meal prep on Sunday.

**Finish small repairs.** Whether it's the bathroom tub that needs to be re-caulked or a small area that needs a bit of touch-up paint, taking on small repairs will lead to a more finished home.

**Change light bulbs.** Switching from lower wattage bulbs to those with higher wattage is an easy, quick and affordable fix.

**Perform routine maintenance** tasks such as checking for leaks or minor damage around your home. Additionally, check major appliances and systems that power your home.



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**Kitchen clearing.** The kitchen is the heart of the house and where people spend a large amount of time. From organizing cupboards and shelves to pantries, refrigerators and drawers, organizing these areas can help to lead to a greater sense of calm.



**Head into the bedrooms.** Master bedrooms should be calm and soothing, while children's bedrooms should feel fun, festive and inviting. Regardless of your desire, some of the best ways to achieve this is through color, art and texture.



**Pack and purge.** Now is the perfect time to get rid of any and all excess. Clearing and organizing closets can be great mood-boosters.



CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN

Dividing perennials in spring gives the new transplants time to become established over the course of the entire growing season.

## How to divide perennials in spring, summer or fall

BY TIM JOHNSON

*My gardening friend told me I should divide some of my perennials, and I have time now that I am quarantined at home. I have not done this work before and would like some advice on how to be successful.*

— Beth Albertson, Winnetka

I divide most perennials in the spring when temperatures are cool and the soil is moist. Dividing perennials in spring also gives the new transplants time to become established over the course of the entire growing season.

They can also be divided in fall, if it is done early enough to allow adequate time for roots to establish before winter. Though not ideal, I have divided tougher perennials like hosta and day lilies in summer while doing garden renovations with good success.

A very general timing guideline is to divide perennials that flower after mid-June in spring, and those that flower before mid-June in fall. I have also had success dividing the spring-flowering perennials along with later-flowering ones in early spring, once their foliage is 1 to 2 inches tall. It's also OK to divide the early spring-

flowering perennials right after they finish flowering.

Perennials should be divided when they start to die out in the middle, leaving a doughnut shape. Discard the center and transplant the clumps from the edge. If a clump is infested with a perennial weed, you may need to lift the entire clump and divide it while carefully removing all foliage and roots of the weed.

Divide an established perennial when you want more plants to fill in another bed or to pass along to a friend. A perennial can outgrow its space and need to be divided, or its roots can become overcrowded, resulting in reduced flowering. Reduced flowering of a perennial can also be caused by gradually increasing shade from adjacent shade trees.

A sharp, flat spade works best for dividing perennials; a sharp edge makes it much easier to cut through the roots. You can divide dormant clumps of perennials, or wait until you see an inch or two of new growth.

Start by using the spade to cut at an angle all around under the clump, starting about 4 inches from the emerging foliage. Once you have cut under the entire clump, gently

pry it out of the ground. Generally, I shave off the pointed end at the bottom of the clump and then use the spade to divide the clump into sections and replant them in the garden. Look for a natural point in between the new shoots where the clump can be easily cut apart. Otherwise, just split it in the center; there is no need to be gentle.

Try to keep the sections about the size of the diameter of a baseball or larger. Each piece should have both green above-ground shoots as well as roots below. It's best to plant them at approximately the same depth as they were previously growing, unless the parent plants were too deep with buried crowns.

Water them well at planting time and approximately once a week for the first month, depending on weather, to get them established. Dividing later in the season may require a longer period of more careful attention to watering.

*For more plant advice, contact the Plant Information Service at the Chicago Botanic Garden at [plantinfo@chicagobotanic.org](mailto:plantinfo@chicagobotanic.org). Tim Johnson is senior director of horticulture at the Chicago Botanic Garden.*

## Arbor Day a time to enjoy all that trees bring to world

BY BETH BOTTS

In these difficult days, it's good to be reminded that life goes on. One way to remember that is to look at our trees.

"Trees live a long time, and any large tree has lived through many disasters such as storms, droughts and floods," said Julie Janoski, manager of the Plant Clinic at The Morton Arboretum.

Friday is Arbor Day, which since 1872 has become a traditional day to plant and appreciate trees. From inside our homes or on a walk through the neighborhood, we can mark Arbor Day this year by taking solace in the strength and beauty of trees.

A tall shade tree in the front yard or on the parkway may still have bare branches or wear just a hint of green. But you can remember the deep green shade it has given for so many summers. You can see the skitter of busy squirrels and hear the songs of birds that nest in it and depend on it. Every day of the year, it's among the crowning treasures of your block.

A flowering magnolia or redbud tree in your garden may be a reminder of the hopeful day when you planted it, or of a summer when your children played beneath it. Trees give us more than memories. Science has proven they make our lives better in concrete ways. The shade they give our houses saves energy in the summer. When heat from the summer sun accumulates in the pavement and masonry of urban areas, trees cool streets and neighborhoods.

Trees reduce pollution by storing carbon in their wood, and by screening fine particles from the air on their leaves. In storms, the leafy canopy of a tree captures rain, holding that



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Trees such as this oak are a reminder that the life of our communities goes on.

water to lighten the burden on storm sewers and reduce flooding. Trees are part of the solution to coping with a changing climate that is bringing us a greater number of intense storms and very hot days.

One of the greatest gifts of trees is the calm they bring us. Studies have shown that people in areas with more trees and other greenery feel less stress.

But as enduring as trees seem, they need our help. "Cities and suburbs are often difficult places for trees to live," Janoski said. "They don't have a lot of space, the soil is usually poor, the air is bad, and it's hard for them to get enough water."

A few simple steps can make life easier for a tree in your yard or on the parkway in front of your home. If you can, cover its roots with a wide, even layer of mulch 3 to 4 inches deep. That will insulate and protect the roots and hold moisture in the soil for the roots to absorb. Make sure the mulch is not piled against the bark, which

could cause rot or other damage.

"The bark is an essential living organ," Janoski said. "Damage to the bark can threaten the entire tree." To protect it, keep your lawn mower or other power tools well away from the tree trunk.

Water a tree when the weather is dry. "Young trees are most needy, but even a mature tree may not be able to get enough water from dry soil," Janoski said. Use the hose or a bucket to gently pour 10 to 15 gallons of water on the roots around the tree.

"Trees will be healthier and able to do more for us if we look out for them," she said, "just as our communities are more resilient if we look out for each other."

*For tree and plant advice, contact the Plant Clinic at The Morton Arboretum ([mortonarb.org/plantadvice](http://mortonarb.org/plantadvice), 630-719-2424 or [plantclinic@mortonarb.org](mailto:plantclinic@mortonarb.org)).*

*Beth Botts is a staff writer at the Arboretum.*

## ASK THE BUILDER

# Cleaning outdoor wood, composite decking

BY TIM CARTER  
Tribune Content Agency

**Q: Every year I've got some wood or composite decking to clean outside. This year I need to clean and reseal a ramp that leads up into my outdoor shed. I also see conflicting information out on the internet about the best way to clean wood. Many say to use a pressure washer. What do you feel is the best way and why? What do you feel is the best sealer and how long can I expect one to last?**

**A:** I have a similar spring routine at my home. I have a boat dock with cedar panels and a large set of treated lumber steps leading from the shore to the dock. I also have a pressure-treated plywood ramp that allows me to get my motorcycle and snowblowers in and out of my shed with ease. All of this wood requires periodic cleaning and sealing so the wood isn't ruined by Mother Nature.

The internet is a wonderful thing, but one of the downsides is that it gives everyone a voice. While that may seem like a great thing, it often makes it harder for you to separate the wheat from the chaff. Each day I battle fancy websites created by people who've never worked a day in a paying customer's home, yet the website owner thinks he's an authority on all things having to do with home improvement.

Here's a fact about pressure washers and wood. Pressure washers can be highly destructive, even in the hands of a paid professional. The intense stream of water forced from the nozzle of the wand is measured in thousands of pounds of pressure per square inch.

This forceful blast has no trouble at all eroding the soft, lighter-colored wood

fibers in between the darker bands of the wood grain. The light wood is called springwood, as it's what grows in the spring. The darker bands of wood are summerwood. These are far denser and grow in the second half of the season before fall arrives.

I prefer to clean all my outside wood with a solution of oxygen bleach and water. This chemical is safe for all vegetation around the wood, it doesn't take out the natural color of the wood and it removes old sun-damaged wood sealers with ease. I apply it to dry, dirty wood and composite decking, let it sit for 15 minutes, scrub with a brush and then rinse with a garden hose.

Do NOT use chlorine bleach. The chemical name for chlorine bleach is sodium hypochlorite. It's very toxic to vegetation, it turns wood white, and it's corrosive to any metal fasteners or structural connectors.

It's best to let the wood dry well after cleaning. There's a good chance you'll see some peach fuzz on the wood. These are tiny wood fibers that are just hanging on for dear life. The sun damaged them, and the cleaning process didn't remove them.

I've had great luck using 60-grit sandpaper to remove the fuzz. To save your back you can use a sanding tool that drywall finishers use. It's got a pad at the end of a pole with a swivel head. You can attach sanding screens to the tool or use traditional sandpaper.

Aluminum oxide paper is the paper I love to use because it's self-sharpening. This paper is normally a medium brown color. Avoid the reddish-orange sandpaper that's made with garnet. The abrasive particles round off as you use it and it burinishes the wood.

I've had the best luck with penetrating wood sealers. These soak into the



TIM CARTER

This is a ramp to a shed made from treated plywood. It's being cleaned with certified organic oxygen bleach.

wood grain once the wood is clean and dry. Many popular exterior wood sealers are similar to paint. They form a protective film on top of the wood. The trouble with film formers is that when they fail, they peel like paint. If you don't get all the film off, you can end up with a blotchy finish when you apply the new sealer, as the sheen may be different where it's bare wood versus where the new sealer covers the film you weren't able to remove.

Be sure to read the label on the can of sealer. Follow

the directions to the letter, making sure you pay attention to the temperature ranges. It's best to apply the new sealer on overcast days or in the shade. Working in direct sunlight can cause rapid drying, which will lead to overlap marks where you failed to apply the sealer fast enough.

Some sealers want you to apply two coats, but within a specific time frame. Read the label to make sure you understand what to do as the second coat adhesion depends on you following the directions.



DREAMSTIME

You can use sandpaper to remove any fuzz remaining on the wood after you clean it.



# NEW HOMES MARKETPLACE

## Today's new homes, communities have more allure than ever

Historic low interest rates are prompting many people to look at purchasing new primary residences or vacation homes. They may want more space, more inviting on-trend designs and features, amenity-filled environments and other advantages that newly constructed homes and newly developed communities offer.

A new home community that thoughtfully reflects the needs of today's homebuyers is Elburn Station, being developed by Shodeen Homes, a company well-respected throughout the Fox Valley area and in the Lake Geneva area in Wisconsin.

"Buyers of newly constructed homes are making their decisions based on both lifestyle advantages and practical factors," says Jeremy Lund, director of Sales for Shodeen Homes. "They realize that the energy-efficient construction and features in new homes plus comprehensive new home warranties provide peace of mind as well as important cost savings. In addition, new homes better reflect the buyer's lifestyle and design preferences, while eliminating the need for the repairs, improvements and other expenses that may occur with resale homes."

The on-trend designs, state-of-the-art features and variety of choices appeal to today's knowledgeable buyers who follow design websites.

"The popularity of open concept floor plans is virtually universal," Lund says. "These designs are not only attractive but also are ideally suited to the more informal way people live today. Vast choices in new materials and features are both beautiful and practical."

Today's new home buyers also have expectations about the lifestyle amenities offered in different neighborhoods.

"New trends in neighborhood development reflect buyer expectations for greater walkability, open space for the enjoyment of nature and outdoor exercise," Lund says. "Elburn Station offers highly rated schools, ponds, parks and miles of walking and biking trails. Residents can walk or bike to the commuter train station for which it is named. For those who work from home, the community is an AT&T Fiber Connect, offering high speed, reliable internet."

Prices start in the \$220s for low-maintenance single-family homes and from the \$260s and \$300s for two series of single-



Today's new home communities offer open concept floor plans with a variety of lifestyle amenities to choose from.

family homes. Appointments are available for safe home shopping.

Buyers who are interested in a recreational environment, either for a vacation home or a year-round residence, will want to get acquainted with Heritage Harbor. Heritage Harbor in historic Ottawa is a 152-acre waterfront community nestled around a harbor with a 140-slip full-service marina in the Illinois River. Just 90 minutes from the Chicago area in the picturesque Starved Rock region, Heritage Harbor offers several innovative features that creates a unique appeal.

"Heritage Harbor has been thoughtfully designed to be a recreational retreat while also offering a strong community spirit, fostered by its Traditional Neighborhood Design," says Pierre Alexander, Heritage Harbor Resort marketing manager. "Some of our residents live here year-round, some are purchasing vacation homes that will transition into retirement homes and others enjoy our vacation rentals. All are able to enjoy a variety of amenities while making new friends and living a leisurely lifestyle."



Traditional Neighborhood Design typically includes a variety of housing types, flowing open spaces that foster walkability with easy access to amenities, and inviting architectural aspects such as large front porches.

Several neighborhoods include villas, cottages, single-family homes and upscale custom homes, with prices starting in the mid-\$200s. Neighborhood clubhouses and swimming pools, a sand beach area, the Red Dog Grill Restaurant and seasonal Tiki Bar, with its choice of indoor or pet-friendly

patio dining, the Harbor Walk, a 3.2-acre walkway that circles the marina, a dog park plus city water and sewer are just some of the features that are drawing buyers to Heritage Harbor. Year-round events provide community fun.

"Although Heritage Harbor has a nautical character, it is not necessary to own a boat to enjoy the scenic waterfront setting," Alexander says. "Residents can rent a variety of boats, and there is also a municipal boat pier in Ottawa where boaters can dock to attend various festivals."

Those who prefer hiking or bicycling can easily access the 97-mile I & M Canal Biking Trail and beautiful 2,630-acre Starved Rock State Park as well as three other nearby state parks. Ottawa, the site of the 1858 Lincoln-Douglas Debate, has an array of 21st century attractions including wineries, craft breweries, shops, eateries, bike rentals and a nearby indoor water park.

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"Heritage Harbor has all of the elements smart investors look for when making a vacation home purchase," says Pierre Alexander, Heritage Harbor Resort marketing manager. "Location. Just 90 minutes from Chicago and within close proximity to the buyer's primary residence. A recreationally rich environment. Situated along the Illinois River, centered around a 140-slip marina and 15 minutes from Starved Rock State Park. A solid rental management program, The Harbor Inn handles marketing, bookings, check-in/out, cleaning, laundry, inspections, credit card and systems fees, appropriate hotel city and state taxes, homeowner statements of accounts and much more, thus providing a turnkey process."

Several distinct neighborhoods, including villas, cottages, single-family homes and luxury, custom residences with low maintenance costs add to the allure of the community as do the numerous neighborhood clubhouses and swimming pools.

"About 25% of the homes at Heritage Harbor are currently under the Harbor Inn vacation rental management," says Alexander. "Guests can book through our website, calling to make a reservation or through sites such as Airbnb, Home Away, VRBO, Expedia and more. Once confirmed, guests can check-in at our welcome center or follow the after-hours automated check-in process. We also have an onsite hospitality host who

serves as a guest concierge seven days a week. Guests also receive a digital vacation home guide app with a variety of information for their stay, including offerings in the area and special excursion discounts."

Two new neighborhoods have recently been introduced at Heritage Harbor. Priced from \$299,000, 12 low-maintenance, waterfront homes are offered in the Boat House neighborhood and range from 975 to 1,700 square feet in size with the option to add a finished walkout lower level adding up to 975 square feet to the homes. Pinnacle Pointe, a newly introduced waterfront neighborhood with its own pool and clubhouse, offers custom homesites from \$200,000. Buyers may choose from a collection of ranch and two-story plans from architect Allison Ramsay or use their own builder.

The Villas at Heron's Landing is approaching closeout with two homes under construction and two custom homesites remaining. Buyers who want to start enjoying all that Heritage Harbor has to offer this summer can purchase one of two villas, one overlooking the river and the other overlooking the harbor. These homes are 1,144 to 1,200 square feet in size with two bedrooms, 2½ baths, island kitchens open to gathering rooms, front porches, balconies and one features a screened porch.

Buyers may also choose from single-family ranch, two-story and first-floor master bedroom cottages in the established West Peninsula neighborhood ranging from 1,490 to over 2,290 square feet in size with two to four bedrooms and two to four baths.

Heritage Harbor is located at 111 Harbor View Drive in Ottawa. For more information, call 815-433-5000, email [hho@heritageharborottawa.com](mailto:hho@heritageharborottawa.com) or visit [visitheritageharbor.com](http://visitheritageharbor.com).

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Shodeen Homes, a family owned-and-operated homebuilder for over 59 years, is offering new home buyers the opportunity to take advantage of low interest rates and special savings on quick move-in homes from the comfort of their home.

"During this uncertain time, we continue our commitment to the safety of our current and future homeowners, as well as our team members, by offering one-on-one appointments and virtual tours via Facetime or WebEx," says Craig Shodeen, president of Shodeen Homes. "As a continued commitment to home buyers who want to take advantage of low interest rates, we're offering a discount on all of our inventory homes."

Shodeen offers ranch, two-story and first-floor master plans for quick delivery at communities in the western suburbs as well as southern Wisconsin. Homes, complete with today's most on-trend features, are priced from the mid-\$200s to the upper \$500s and low-maintenance options are available.

"We understand that a new home is more than just a place to lay your head, it's your sanctuary and where you build a lifetime of memories," Shodeen says. "A home is an investment in your future and, during this difficult time, we want to help buyers continue to pursue the dream of owning a home."

Buyers interested in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin living, whether seasonal or year-round, can select from a series of plans for quick move-in at Stone Ridge, just west of Route 12 and north of 120.

The community, within walking distance of downtown Lake Geneva and Geneva Lake, will include 168 homes when complete. Shodeen will build 110 homes in three phases with ranch and two-story homes ranging from 1,860 to 2,652 square

feet with three or four bedrooms, 2½ to 3½ baths, 9-foot first-floor ceilings, choice of exterior elevations, full basements per plan and two or three-car garages.

Also, in Wisconsin, Shodeen offers homes at Prairie View in Williams Bay. The community is approaching close-out with just three move-in ready homes remaining. Less than one mile from the Lake Geneva Shoreline, Prairie View has been popular with families and "right-sizers." Two ranch plans are available now offering 1,848 square feet of living space with three bedrooms, 2½ baths, basement, screened-in porch and two-car garage.

In Illinois, buyers can take advantage of special savings on quick delivery homes at Shodeen's Norton Lake neighborhood in Campton Hills.

West of Campton Hills and Geneva, buyers can be part of Shodeen's newest community, Elburn Station, with ranch, two-story and maintenance-free single-family home options ready for quick move-in.

Also, in Elburn, buyers can enjoy a new home this spring at the established community of Blackberry Creek, which features an on-site elementary school. Two ranch plans are offered for quick move-in, including the 2,373 Southfork with four bedrooms, 2½ baths, wide plank wood flooring, family room with fireplace, island kitchen with white cabinets, granite countertops and stainless-steel appliances, master bedroom suite with two walk-in closets and luxury bath, full basement and attached three-car garage.

To schedule a virtual tour, Web-Ex or one-on-one appointment, call 630-232-8181. To learn more about special savings on ranch and two-story homes for quick move in, visit [shodeenhomes.com](http://shodeenhomes.com).

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## SAVINGS UPDATE

## How low are mortgage rates exactly?

You keep seeing it in the news: Mortgage rates are at all-time lows. But how low is that? And when was the last time we came close to rates like this?

The headlines refer to Freddie Mac's national weekly mortgage rate average. Freddie Mac has been surveying U.S. mortgage lenders since 1971 to compile weekly averages for 30-year fixed, 15-year fixed, and 5/1 adjustable-rate mortgages. The rates included in the survey have an 80% loan-to-value ratio.

Freddie Mac collects its rates every Monday through Wednesday and reports the weekly averages every Thursday at 10 a.m. ET. Last Thursday, the 30-year fixed-rate average was 3.31% APY.

That's just 2 basis points above the lowest average Freddie Mac has ever recorded since it began tracking in 1971. On Thursday, March 6, the average was a record-setting 3.29% APY.

But how does this compare to the past? Did we just set the record by a few basis points, or a wide margin? What about the record lows of 2012?

A look at rate averages since 1971 shows that rates today are nothing like those in the 70s, 80s, or 90s. During those three decades, the average 30-year rate never fell below 6%. And dipping into the 5% range didn't happen until late 2002.

It then took us until January 2009, another 7+ years, before we ever dropped into the 4% range. And then another three years before we first hit the 3% range, in October 2011.

Then came Nov. 21, 2012, when the 30-year average sunk to its previous historic low of 3.31% APY.

That means today's average closely matches the previous low, when millions of Americans refinanced. But since few were lucky enough to lock in the very lowest rate, significant opportunity exists for millions to score a second chance.

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