



CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Trump to shift toward economy

White House plans more recovery talk in controlled settings

BY ZEKE MILLER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — After two months of frantic response to the coronavirus, the White House is planning to shift President Donald Trump's public focus to the burgeoning efforts aimed at easing the economic devastation caused by the pandemic.

Days after he publicly mused that scientists should explore the injection of toxic disinfectants as a

potential virus cure, Trump has rejected the utility of his daily task force briefings, where he often clashed with scientific experts. Trump's aides are aiming to move the president onto more familiar — and safer, they hope — ground: talking up the economy, in tighter controlled settings.

It's a political imperative as allies have seen an erosion in support for the president. What had been his greatest asset in the reelection campaign — his

ability to blanket news headlines with freewheeling performances — has become a daily liability. At the same time, new Republican Party polling shows Trump's path to a second term depends on the public's perception of how quickly the economy rebounds from state-by-state shutdowns meant to slow the spread of the virus.

Some states have started to ease closure orders and Trump is expected to begin to highlight his adminis-

tration's work in helping businesses and employees. Aides said the president would hold more frequent roundtables with CEOs, business owners and beneficiaries of the trillions of dollars in federal aid already approved by Congress and begin to outline what he hopes to see in a future recovery package.

Trump last left the White House grounds in March and plans are being drawn

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President Donald Trump listens Wednesday during a briefing about the coronavirus at the White House.



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Miles Palmieri, 11, walks with his mother, Christine. Miles requires speech therapy, but not all services have been available during the shutdown.

'It's not just a disruption'

School shutdown has been particularly tough on kids with special needs

BY HANNAH LEONE AND
KAREN ANN CULLOTTA

When their fevers finally broke, Christine Palmieri and her sixth grade son Miles had a whole new world to navigate — one without speech therapy or recess buddies, with more screen time and less human interaction.

Miles, who is autistic, normally receives special education services at school, but those have been severely cut back since Illinois schools closed due to the coronavirus and he and his mother experienced symptoms of COVID-19. The 11-year-old Chicago boy had milder, flu-like symptoms and a 100-degree fever for nearly two

weeks. The illness was harder on his mom. It got so difficult for her to breathe that once she fainted in the kitchen of their Lakeview condo.

"We really were just focused on surviving and staying healthy," she said.

Though they're feeling better, Miles and his mother are now looking ahead at the weeks

or months it may take before he can return to the routines and services he gets at school.

"Being an autistic kiddo can be very isolating, and he will withdraw into his own world a bit," she said, "so I need to have as many opportunities to keep him engaged as possible."

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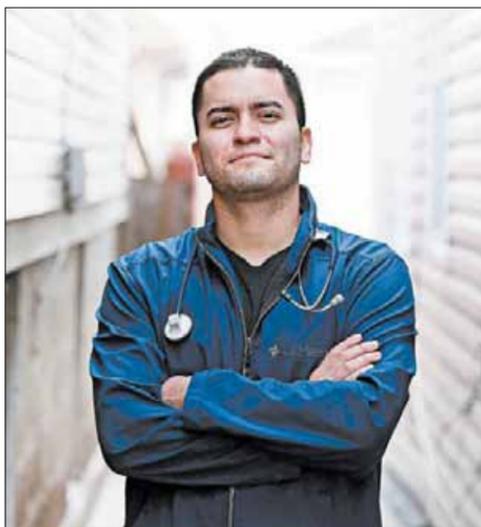
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Daniel Ortiz, a nurse in the COVID-19 unit at the University of Illinois Hospital, recently took two coronavirus tests and they came back with different results.

Nurses fear getting sick a second time

He went back to work, then his cough came back and tests were inconsistent

BY ALISON BOWEN

Day after day, Daniel Ortiz walks into a hospital and treats patients who are struggling with the coronavirus. He hoped he wouldn't test positive for the virus. But it was, he felt, inevitable.

That fear came true, not once, but twice.

Ortiz's ordeal started in March, when he was assigned to the COVID-19 unit at the University of Illinois Hospital in Chicago. Although escaping

exposure felt impossible, he took measures to protect his wife, carefully removing contaminated clothing before entering their home and sleeping on the couch.

Still, a coronavirus test in late March came back positive.

"It felt like somebody was constantly hitting me in the head with a hammer," said Ortiz, who returned to work in early April. At the time, he said,

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Cotton is best for DIY masks

Study: Natural silk, chiffon also provide excellent filtration

BY HANNAH HERRERA
GREENSPAN

Starting May 1, Illinois will require everyone over age 2 to wear a mask when they can't maintain a 6-foot social distance in public. N-95 masks, which are in short supply, are best reserved for health care workers, who come into direct contact with COVID-19 patients. So what fabric or combination of fabrics is best for homemade masks?

A new study conducted by University of Chicago professor Supratik Guha and colleagues at Argonne National Laboratory in Lemont looked at more than 15 common household fabrics to see which were best for protecting against the coronavirus that causes COVID-19.

More specifically, the study investigated the fabric's filtration efficiencies against the tiny droplets that are how COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses are spread. Wearing a mask or a cloth facial covering reduces the transmission of these respiratory droplets from an infected person, Guha says.

Guha and his team completed the study over two weeks after he started seeing news reports that the Center for Disease Control and Prevention and different states had begun recommending the use of cloth masks.

"I saw that this was coming," he says. "At that

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President Donald Trump listens Thursday during the daily coronavirus briefing.

Trump hasn't lost his mind. He's just a lonely man looking for love.



DAHLEEN GLANTON

We could be all wrong about Donald Trump.

Maybe America isn't in the grips of a madman. There could be a more benign reason for his bizarre and erratic behavior.

Perhaps it's something as simple as this: The president just wants to be loved.

Trump uses the "L" word repeatedly during his coronavirus briefings. Sometimes it comes out of nowhere, at a moment we least expect it. Then he moves on to something so ridiculous that we forget that he even said it.

He uses the term — love — to describe make-believe relationships with racial and ethnic minorities who don't particularly care for him. He lumps people together, based on what they do for a living, the region of the country they live in or simply how they enjoy spending their time — and proclaims his love for them all.

Sometimes it appears the love he professes is contradictory. Sometimes it seems downright insincere.

He has declared his love for Asians, though he insisted on calling the coronavirus the Chinese virus. He says no one loves Hispanics more than he, yet he labeled Latino immigrants as rapists and opposes citizenship for "Dreamers" who have lived in America all their lives.

His Jewish son-in-law, Jared Kushner, says that Trump loves Jewish people, yet the president has been known to promote anti-Semitic stereotypes and at times has been reticent to denounce Neo-Nazis.

In recent weeks, he professed his love for Michigan, Missouri, Georgia, Wisconsin, Louisiana and New York.

But he thinks every state is "beautiful" and he loves them all the same. When he gathers all the governors on the phone, it's a "love fest," he says.

An oh, he loves Europe too. He loves farmers, bikers, the First Amendment and the new Abbott coronavirus test. And he loves Dr. Anthony Fauci, contrary to what some might think.

He loves the "people who have to go out and look for money" in the midst of the pandemic shutdown. The other day, he told us how much he loves "those people that use ... the spas, the beauty parlors, barbershops, tattoo parlors."

He stopped short recently of saying he loves mosques, but he is "in favor of leaders and people that love mosques." Perhaps that's close enough.

He would love for us to believe that his love is returned full force but, of course, we have our doubts.

When "PBS NewsHour" reporter Yamiche Alcindor asked him whether more people might have gotten sick from COVID-19 because he downplayed the severity of the virus early on, he responded by insisting that he is loved.

"A lot of people love Trump," he said. "A lot of people love me. You see them all the time, right?"

He wishes it were so. But deep inside, he knows that it's not.

At a recent briefing, he confessed that no one shows him any love. That must have been hard to admit.

Maybe that's why he lies to us. It's a desperate attempt to make us like him, a plea for affection that might someday turn into love. How nice it would be if we looked at him longingly, clinging to his every word.

How happy he would be if we saw him as a president much better than Barack Obama ever was.

Trump tells us what he thinks we want to hear, in a futile attempt to convince us that things will be better than they've ever been before, as long as we stick with him. He constantly

reminds us of all he has done already, such as creating the "strongest economy in the history of the world."

We are stubborn and too set in our ways to believe him.

If only he didn't fail so miserably every time he tries to make us laugh. If only the media "got" him, rather than always setting out to get him.

Had we understood the man behind the bigoted, incompetent facade, we would have known that his theory about using household disinfectant and ultraviolet light to treat COVID-19 was a lame attempt at sarcasm.

We would not have created memes that made him look like a fool. We would not have been terrified that the people who actually do cling to his words might decide to toast a glass of Clorox to everyone's good health.

We would have known that no one, not even a man who has said equally ridiculous things in the past, could possibly be that stupid. But Americans took him seriously, because he is, after all, the president.

Over the course of the coronavirus crisis, he is drifting deeper into a state of delusion. We see the fear in his eyes, the frustration in his voice and the desperation in every move he makes. That's what happens to people when they feel unloved.

Oh, how he misses being on the campaign trail, where love and adoration overflowed. There is no one to boost his ego now, no one to cheer him on.

Maybe we would feel sorry for him, if he had once shown empathy for others. But he has been too selfish, too quick to toss people aside. He could never gain our trust.

If he had the chance to read this column, he would, no doubt, call it fake news.

We know exactly who Donald Trump is. And America definitely is in the grips of a madman.

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Farhan Ali, far right, stands with his family at their apartment in Aurora. Refugees from Afghanistan, who fled to Pakistan, Farhan, his parents and siblings arrived in the United States on March 6th just before the coronavirus changed everything.

Refugees try to make a new start as virus upends daily life

By **ELVIA MALAGÓN**
AND **NAUSHEEN HUSAIN**

Like many practicing social distancing during the coronavirus pandemic, Farhan Ali has turned to Netflix.

But Ali, 21, isn't just watching for entertainment. He's improving his English. About a month ago, his family arrived in the United States from Pakistan as refugees. Though they're from Afghanistan, they'd fled to Pakistan out of fear of persecution by the Taliban. They spent their first week here living with his oldest sister in suburban Aurora.

"We went to Millennium Park," Ali said by phone, recalling his first week in Chicago. "We've never been that much happy and free."

But within two weeks of their arrival, Ali and his family were under a stay-at-home order like the rest of the state, as cases of COVID-19 continued to climb. Resettlement organizations have spent weeks helping refugees navigate unemployment benefits while others deemed essential workers have continued working. Recently resettled refugees like Ali are learning how to navigate their new country online from their new homes.

In total, 155 refugees have migrated to Illinois this year, according to federal Refugee Processing Center data, with nearly 50% coming from the Democratic Republic of Congo. President Donald Trump has drastically lowered the number of refugees allowed into the U.S. in recent years. The proposed refugee cap for fiscal year 2020 was 18,000 people, the lowest the cap has been since the Refugee Act was implemented 40 years ago.

Flights for refugees arriving in the U.S. have been suspended until at least May 15, said Susan Sperry, regional director for World Relief in the Chicago area.

"Refugee resettlement is a vital lifeline for those who have already been through the screening process," Sperry said.

Jims Porter, spokesman for RefugeeOne, a refugee resettlement agency in Chicago, said the organization's main concern has been collecting emergency funds for those losing their income. RefugeeOne staff members have been working to help refugees file for unemployment, he said, and have been checking in with each family once a week.

"We'll continue to call every week to find out what new needs are arising and how we can do things differently to help people in this moment," said Porter.

World Relief's Sperry said the agency has helped at least 150 refugees who have lost their jobs or had their hours significantly cut.

Though refugees are often seen as the most protected group of immigrants, they are more at risk of receiving too few resources than they have been in the past, said Porter. The federal coronavirus relief law allows some refugees to file for unemployment, but recent arrivals and those working in the gig economy face more challenges in getting benefits. The bill provides \$350 million to the Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration, although Porter said agencies don't yet know how those funds will be prioritized.

Local and national advocacy groups are pushing Congress to make sure all refugees, including those who arrived most recently, are eligible for the cash payments.

Agencies also have tried to emphasize to refugees that they cannot be penalized, under President Trump's "public charge" rule meant to discourage immigrants from using government services, for seeking medical attention. Despite these measures, the most vulnerable refugees — those who have just arrived — are left unprotected, Porter said.

Many refugees in Chicago are on the front lines of the pandemic, working as certified nursing assistants or helping manufacture medical supplies, Sperry said.

Seema, Ali's oldest sister, who asked that only her first name be used for publication, has lived in the country since 2016. She said her husband works at a factory that makes medical supplies. At least one employee had tested positive for COVID-19, and Seema wasn't sure if her husband would go back to work.

"I feel not good," about the situation, she said by phone.

Lalia Mweniaka, who arrived in the country in mid-2016, is the only person in her family who has a job so far. Her husband made it to the United States only last month, and they have a 3-year-old son, born months after Mweniaka arrived. Both lived in a refugee camp in Tanzania, but they're

from Congo.

Mweniaka works at a retirement home in Uptown, but her husband, who speaks French and Swahili, is still looking for work. RefugeeOne has been helping the family with rent and groceries.

"I'm the only one who works, so I will need help," said Mweniaka.

Most refugee agencies in Chicago have had to move their services, such as English as a second language classes, health services and applications for city services, online.

Jani Alam, who came to Chicago as a Rohingya refugee in 2011 and now works for RefugeeOne, said that a hurdle for Myanmar's Rohingya community has been that many can't use written information about COVID-19 because Rohingya is a spoken language only. Most of the newly arrived Rohingya families can't read or write yet, Alam said. And many of Chicago's approximately 500 Rohingya families live in the West Ridge area, which has seen the highest number of coronavirus cases in the city.

Refugee families also have had their arrivals postponed. Alam said RefugeeOne was supposed to have a family of seven arriving in March, but their travel plans had to be canceled.

"We still have the apartment we got for them," he said. "There's a chance they can still come, but we don't know when. It will take time."

Elmida Kulovic, the refugee resettlement program director for Catholic Charities, said case managers are regularly checking in on refugees by phone to reduce their isolation.

"Our biggest concern are people who did face such a trauma," before coming to the U.S., Kulovic said. "And we are concerned that now staying home and isolation could cause more of the traumatic stress."

For Ali, social distancing has meant virtual English classes for his family. His siblings, ages 16, 9 and 3, aren't able to start school until fall. Ali, who wants to study photography, has kept himself busy with YouTube videos on the subject.

Despite the slow start of his new life in America, he is optimistic about the future.

"Once we get back to the normal life, we want to walk freely," Ali said.

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Pritzker warns distancing violators

'You're putting everyone around you in danger'

By **ANGIE LEVENTIS LOURGOS** AND **KATHERINE ROSENBERG-DOUGLAS**

A viral video purporting to show a crowded house party in Chicago over the weekend prompted Gov. J.B. Pritzker to admonish the young partiers who appear to be standing shoulder to shoulder and flouting social distancing orders amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I have not seen the video though I did hear about it," he said Sunday during his daily coronavirus briefing. "First, I want to remind everyone that by doing that, by standing together, not social distancing, many people not wearing masks, you're literally putting everyone around you in danger. They are putting you in danger and, very importantly, all of those people are putting their families and their friends who are not there with them in danger."

While the Tribune could not verify the authenticity of the video or the location of the large party, other media outlets reported that the footage was taken in Chicago. Some of the youths in the video were wearing Chicago sports paraphernalia; a few attendees appeared to be wearing masks, though none maintained the prescribed safe distance of 6 feet.

"The whole purpose of social distancing, of wearing masks, of staying at home in fact, is we don't want to spread this to our loved ones or to others in the community," Pritzker said. "So I would suggest that all of those people violated not only the intention of the order that we put out but also violated the trust of friends and family."

This is not the first instance of reported social distance violations amid the pandemic. Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot said earlier this month that she personally broke up an underage drinking party on the Far North Side of the city. Viral images of St. Patrick's Day revelers lining the sidewalks of Chicago and spring breakers along the beaches of Florida have incited rage over the last few weeks as the highly contagious virus spread.

Chicago police officials on social media acknowledged the footage of the party but said they could not verify the incident or location.

"We are aware of a video circulating on social media depicting a large house party inside of an alleged Chicago residence," CPD said on Twitter. "While we cannot authenticate the nature or location of the gathering, we want to remind everyone of the social distancing requirements in place. CPD will disperse crowds in violation of social distancing requirements, and if necessary, issue citations or as a last resort, enforce via arrest."

Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot on Twitter also rebuked the people in the video, adding that residents can anonymously submit tips about house parties to Chicago police at <http://cpdip.com> and authorities will shut them down immediately.

"I have seen the video which shows what appears to be a house party taking place inside a Chicago residence," she said. "What was depicted on the video was reckless and utterly unacceptable."

Pritzker last week extended a modified stay-at-home order through May. While the state has "the ability to enforce these things," the governor said officials have largely chosen to "allow people to self-enforce, to do the right thing."

"We obviously have asked the police and other law enforcement to remind people, when they see them and they're not following the new social distancing norms and they're not wearing a mask, that they need to do those things," he said.

The governor added that if violators repeatedly refuse to follow social distancing practices, "there is the ability by the police officers to charge them with reckless conduct and take them into custody, though again, we have discouraged police from doing that because we believe that people will in general follow the rules."

During Sunday's news conference, Pritzker announced 2,126 new confirmed cases of COVID-19, bringing the statewide total to 43,903; there were also 59 new deaths, and thousands remain hospitalized with the virus.

That's the third time in recent days that the number of new daily cases has topped 2,000, with the peak so far at more than 2,700 on Friday. This recent spike in positive cases comes amid a massive increase in testing for COVID-19 in Illinois.

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Jump in deaths at some care facilities

Newly released state figures raise concerns

BY JOE MAHR AND PATRICK M. O'CONNELL

The state released figures this weekend that showed a dramatic jump in deaths of those linked to long-term care facilities — to 625, more than double reported a week ago.

The latest figures compiled by the state showed that, as of a Friday count, at least 278 facilities had 4,298 cases of residents or workers testing positive. Illinois Department of Public Health figures from the prior week reported 186 facilities, with 286 deaths out of 1,860 cases.

As of now, a third of all Illinois deaths from the virus have been tied to long-term care facilities.

Federal, state and local officials have long said they feared nursing homes could see deadly outbreaks from the virus, which has particularly affected older, more frail residents.

Advocates and workers had also complained many homes were short-staffed, with infection-control lapses before the pandemic. Workers also have complained they lacked enough protective gear, while homes have said they've provided gear while doing the best they could amid an unprecedented crisis.

In the past week, as the industry pushed for more testing, Illinois officials announced greater focus on testing residents and staff to find cases earlier — both at homes with no cases and others with outbreaks — to try to catch potential spreaders earlier.

It's unclear how much the greater testing contributed to the big jump in figures for positive cases, because the Tribune had previously found inconsistent figures reported for homes. The state cautions on its website that its data may not be as up to date as those kept by local officials.

Symphony of Joliet continues to lead the state in the number of deaths tied to a facility, with 26, according to the state data. Following, with 16 deaths each, are Glenview Terrace in Cook County, and Windsor Park Manor in DuPage County. The state reported Elevate Care North, in Chicago, has had 13 deaths, with Wauconda Care and Willowbrook's Chateau Center Nursing and Rehabilitation each having 11 deaths.

For total cases, three of those facilities also had among the highest in the state: Windsor Park Manor (94), Symphony of Joliet (93) and Elevate Care North (74). The facility with the highest number of confirmed cases was Alden Terrace of McHenry, with 99 cases, and three deaths.

A week ago, the state listed Alden Terrace of McHenry with just four cases.

Natalie Bauer Luce, spokeswoman for Symphony Care Network, said the rates of infection partly reflect that the Joliet facility was able to access testing supplies early on through a partnership with the Will County Public Health Department and IDPH.

"That has not been the case with all nursing homes — until earlier this week, public health authorities advised long-term care facilities to cease testing once a positive case was identified due to the severe shortage of testing supplies," Bauer Luce said.

Symphony also has been advocating for universal testing, including calling in the National Guard to help, Bauer Luce said. On Monday, Symphony announced a partnership with University of Chicago Medicine to get better access to tests, and it has begun purchasing its own testing supplies from Abbott Labs and Alverno Laboratories. Initial results showed large numbers of asymptomatic or pre-symptomatic patients testing positive, according to Symphony, enabling isolation of infected patients.

"Testing is critical because the more you test, the more positives you are going to find, allowing us to isolate COVID-negative patients from COVID-positive patients in order to control the transmission rates," Bauer Luce said. "We need to be able to implement these approaches across the board at long-term living facilities, but that starts with more testing made available to the industry."

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OUT FOR A SUNDAY DRIVE

London Payton, 5, and her twin brother Paris, 5, ride electric toy cars Sunday in the Park Manor neighborhood on the South Side.

Nurse told friend she was 'scared to death'

Within weeks, she and her son were dead from COVID-19

BY ROSEMARY SOBOL

Josephine Tapiru had been pulling extra shifts, working from 9 a.m. until sometimes 11 p.m., because the North Side nursing home was getting more and more short-staffed as co-workers fell ill.

She kept a close watch on her temperature: still 98. Fine, she thought.

After clocking out on April 3 from Park View Rehab, Tapiru told a friend her throat was getting sore and she was coughing. She stopped at a drugstore, picked up a bottle of NyQuil and went to bed as soon as she got home.

Sometime that night, she slipped into a coma. The world's novel coronavirus was beginning to take its terrible toll on her family.

Tapiru was taken to the intensive care unit at St. Francis Hospital in Evanston. Her husband would be admitted there within a week. Four days later, their 20-year-old son Luis Jr. was found dead on the couch of their home. Four more days passed and Josephine died, too, without coming out of her coma.

Friends and family waited nearly a week, when Luis Sr. was finally removed from a ventilator, to tell him about the deaths of his wife and son.

The couple's lone surviving son watched the tragedy unfold from Ottawa, Canada, where most of his close friends and relatives live.

"I can't be there right now, and that's the toughest thing," Justin Tapiru, 28, said Friday. "They were feeling fine. I haven't had time to think or grieve."

His brother is one of the youngest people in Illinois to die from the disease. He had played football at Senn High School and seemed healthy, family and friends said. An autopsy found no underlying medical conditions that contributed to his death from COVID-19, a rare finding for someone so young.

Josephine had suffered from endometrial cancer, and it was listed as a contributing factor in her death, according to the Cook County medical examiner's office. She was 56.

She and her husband had both worked as caregivers, in private homes and at long-term senior centers, though Luis Sr. had recently been working for a manufacturing company. Josephine Tapiru, a licensed practical nurse, worked at Park View Rehab in Edgewater, a short drive from the family's high-rise apartment, according to the family.

Like nursing homes across the state, Park View has seen an outbreak of COVID-19 among its residents. Recent state data show at least 22 coronavirus cases there and three deaths, but the posted information is often old and sometimes unreliable.

It's also unknown exactly how many health care workers in Illinois have died from COVID-19. Many of the deaths listed by the state do not give the occupation of the person. The state's best estimate is that more than 2,500 workers have con-



DONNA ODUCA PHOTOS

Josephine Tapiru, 56, with her husband, Luis Tapiru Sr., 59.



Luis Tapiru, 20

tracted the virus and at least eight have died.

"Good Jesus, it is really hard," said Josephine Tapiru's best friend, Joselyn Smith, crying. "I'm still denying it. But we have to move on. So we have to fight and move on. But it's just hard. I feel like I'm in a trance, that this is not so true. It's a big loss. It really happened so fast."

'She was scared to death'

On March 21, Josephine Tapiru was looking forward to her regular weekend chat with Smith. Catching up after a busy week was always fun, but this time she shared some disturbing news.

"She was really so upset because one of her officemates was showing some symptoms of the virus," Smith said. "She was mad." Under state health guidelines, you were not supposed to work if you felt ill.

"She was scared to death," said another close friend, Donna Oduca. Workers at the senior center wore masks, she said, but Tapiru was still worried.

While her main job was at Park View, she worked Saturdays at another nursing home. But most of her time was spent at Park View. "She was always there," Smith said.

On April 1, Tapiru told friends that she was getting more and more worried as others on the staff called in sick and she was working longer hours. On the morning of April 4, her husband and son Luis Jr. went to work and assumed she was sleeping in because she had worked so late the night before.

They checked in later in the day, but Josephine didn't pick up the phone. Sometime after lunch, Luis Jr. called his father and rushed home to check on her. "My mom won't wake up," he frantically told Oduca, also a nurse, who lives nearby.

"Call 911," she told him as she headed to the Tapirus' seventh-

floor apartment in the 6800 block of North Kedzie Avenue. Using his CPR training from a job as a camp counselor, the son began chest compressions as Oduca walked in wearing "full PPE," she said.

Josephine remained unconscious as she was taken to St. Francis Hospital. The next day, the hospital called to say she had tested positive for COVID-19 and was on life support. "That was so sad," Oduca said.

'They found him on the couch'

The father and son, not feeling any symptoms, went back home on April 5. But the elder Tapiru started feeling "weird," he told Oduca. He had a sore throat but no cough. That Monday and Tuesday, he developed a "low-grade fever."

"Hey, I'm not feeling better," he told Oduca on April 10. Later that day, he was also taken to St. Francis and placed on a ventilator as he, too, tested positive for the virus.

Oduca and her husband, Cezar, along with other friends and relatives, kept in close contact with Luis Jr., who remained at the family's home, and Justin. But they soon had trouble reaching Luis Jr. Normally, he would always text or call back.

On April 14, Oduca and her husband called 911. A few minutes later, police called back. "They just said they found him on the couch, and he passed on," Oduca said.

Josephine's uncle, Lope Santos, in his 80s, had also called 911 that morning and was on his way up to the Tapirus' apartment to check on Luis Jr. when he saw the police officers, who would not let him in.

"They told me he'd already passed away," Santos said quietly when reached by phone at a North Side senior center where he lives.

Four days later, on April 18, Josephine Tapiru was pronounced dead at St. Francis Hospital.

For days, family kept the news of the deaths from Luis Sr., who remained on a ventilator and was not allowed visitors. Terrified he would find out on his own, Justin said he broke the news to his father on Thursday via video hookup while his father was with a chaplain, a doctor and a nurse.

"He was in shock," Justin said. As of Friday night, his father was doing a little better but was still hospitalized. "It's really tough on his body."

A GoFundMe campaign organ-

ized by family friends has so far raised twice its goal.

'Selfless, thoughtful and compassionate'

Justin says he will miss his little brother's maturity. "He was more of a big brother to me," he said. "When my mom got sick, I was sad and freaking out. I was in shock ... and Luis said: 'You know what? She's going to pull through this. She's the strongest woman we know.'"

"He was selfless, thoughtful and compassionate. Also, he was really kind," Justin said. "He always put others before himself. If you needed to talk or a shoulder to cry on. He'd give the best advice. He impacted so many people. If it was something personal or something sad, whatever it would be, they'd always go to him and he would always be there to listen. Thoughtful and helpful."

A devotee of video games such as "Call of Duty," Luis Jr. also loved Twitch, a livestream platform for games. "He was really active in a lot of communities there, he streamed on there," Justin said.

His dream was to become a full-time Twitch streamer. But he had a backup plan: He would get a degree in communications.

He loved pop music and electronic dance music. One of his favorite groups was Twice. He loved singing and even auditioned for "The Voice" a few times, Justin said. He would have turned 21 in June. The brothers never got the chance to make birthday plans.

'We were like the Three Stooges'

Josephine and Luis Tapiru met in the Philippines and moved to Canada, where they both worked as caregivers. About 13 years ago, they moved to Chicago because "they wanted a better opportunity," Donna Oduca said. Both were praised in local obituaries for the care they gave to the elderly.

Justin said one of his most treasured memories is of his mother when he was around 8. She took him downtown shopping, and they wound up in a Tommy Hilfinger store. "I really liked this shirt, and it was really expensive."

Over his dad's reservations, his mom went ahead and treated him. Then while playing with friends, he spilled food all over it. "My mom laughed it off," Justin recalled. "Oh, it's OK, it's fine, we'll just put it in the washer. It'll be fine."

"My mom is selfless," he said, sobbing.

She always worked two jobs and only slowed down about a year ago while undergoing treatment for cancer. But she couldn't wait to get on her feet again. A week or two later, she was back at work.

Smith said she was like a sister, watching out for her and Oduca. "We were like the Three Stooges," she said.

Smith, 45, an accountant who is working from home these days, recalled the first few weeks of the stay-at-home order. Josephine would call her during her commute and say, "Be careful. Nobody's out here. It's scary outside. It's like a ghost town."

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You can now eliminate your knee pain with a new pain cure in a place that takes COVID-19 precautions very seriously.

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"I didn't know how much LIFE and SLEEP I was missing because of my knee pain, until it went away with this wonderful treatment." — George R.

Ok, how do I stay safe?

The experts at Joint Relief Institute have implemented a "Stay Safe - Stay Clean" policy. Every single surface in the office is disinfected immediately before you touch it, every appointment room is wiped down, and during your visit you will only come into contact with your actual doctor. **This protocol was carefully designed by doctors and is way more meticulous than anything you see in a local pharmacy or a grocery store.**

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Let's cut straight to the truth: Because of the virus, there has never been a better time to address your knee pain. Find that hard to believe? Here are 5 reasons why you should consider getting this non-invasive knee pain treatment option right now.

Reason #1: You don't want to go to the hospital. Sadly, the truth of the situation is that hospitals are in triage mode. Many of you might have even had your appointments pushed back. All their efforts are focused on the virus - not to mention that's where the virus is! You don't want to be anywhere near the hospital right now.

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that affects you and the people you live with. Dealing with that pain will do wonders for your attitude during this crazy time.

Reason #4: Pain and stress has been proven to lower your immunity. According to the American Psychological Association, stress has been proven over and over again to not only immediately lower your immunity, but also suppress them for up to 18 months! Sitting there in your house, dealing with the daily nuisance of nagging knee pain is a huge source of stress. Doing nothing about your knee pain could be lowering your ability to fight off this virus.

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"Why do Shelter in place rules not apply to my visit to JRI?"

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"Every day was hard. I couldn't enjoy my favorite activities anymore. But thankfully, now I'm back in full form. I am doing yard work for the first time in years!" — Phil M.

This is the best option for anyone suffering from knee pain; better than any other facility especially now with COVID-19. They are so specialized in knee treatments and most of their visits are under 10 minutes. **You can't get results**

The doctors at Joint Relief Institute use live digital imaging in addition to a unique double-confirmation technique that **GUARANTEES** that 100% of the medicine is delivered with extreme precision into the troubled areas inside your joint every single time.

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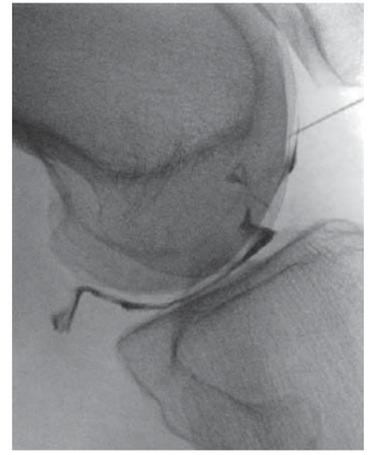
Both the patients and their doctors think that the knee didn't respond. Turns out, in most cases, the medicine never got in the right space.

The doctors at the Joint Relief Institute use live digital imaging in addition to a unique double-confirmation technique that **GUARANTEES** that 100% of the medicine is delivered with extreme precision into the troubled areas inside the joint every single time. **PLUS - the injection is virtually painless because the doctors at Joint Relief Institute use a two step numbing and imaging process to eliminate pain.**

Most of the injections done everywhere else are done blind with no digital confirmation, and very few are done with a single digital confirmation technique.

One patient even said this:

"When I received a similar treatment to this, and it didn't help me, the doctor scheduled me for surgery. Luckily, I decided to travel more than 400 miles to the Joint Relief Institute. I am pain-free now, and I never had to go under the knife."



Is it true this natural treatment option could cost NOTHING?

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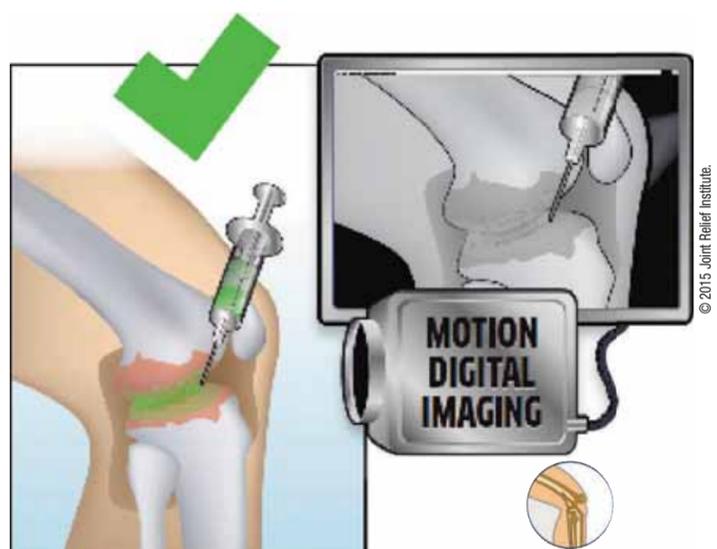
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CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Mask makers cope with unexpected shortages

BY JESSICA VILLAGOMEZ

As shoppers scavenge to find toilet paper and other quarantine essentials, some crafters who are making protective masks said they struggle to find another necessary item: elastic.

With protection against COVID-19 spurring demand, hobbyists skilled in sewing have turned to making masks and are hunting down materials and sewing machines. That's led to shortages of elastic and high demand for less pricey sewing machines and even the services of people who repair old machines.

The demand likely will jump even further after Gov. J.B. Pritzker required Illinois residents to wear masks when in public places where they can't stay 6 feet away from other people. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which has some designs for simple masks, says that people should wear close-fitting masks and wash them frequently.

People across the city are pitching in to sew and donate masks made out of fabric and repurposed T-shirts, said Christine Baumbach, a member of the organization Chicago Mask Makers. The supply of elastic, the material used to secure the mask onto one's face, has been quickly depleted within the last month, she said.

"We're acutely aware of the shortage," Baumbach said. "We save the elastic for masks for our health care professionals. Health care professionals appreciate elastic when they are wearing masks on their head for 12 hours straight."

The organization, which started a month ago, has



Courtney Luken works on fixing three different sewing machines in her Wilmette basement on Friday.

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more than 150 members across the western suburbs and has made more than 6,500 masks for emergency personnel and health care workers, she said. Most of the supplies being used have been donated to the group. Elastic needed for masks is especially hard to find because it's thin, about a quarter inch or narrower, she said.

Thicker elastic used to make waistbands, for example, is much easier to find in craft and sewing stores because it's usually in higher demand, those in the industry say.

"Half of our wealth is sitting in the back of our closet, it's amazing to see what people have dug up in their homes. But it is hard to get, it is very hard to get," Baumbach said.

Karen Graham, owner of sewing studio Sew on Central in Evanston, said her stock of elastic has quickly

disappeared. Before the pandemic, she estimates she had about 700 yards of elastic in stock and is now on her last 20 yards. Each mask requires about 12-14 inches of elastic, she said.

The thin elastic retails for about a dollar a yard, she added.

"Most of what is left is wider elastic so there's been a huge run to get this particular size," she said.

Graham buys her elastic wholesale through a company in France and is waiting up to two weeks for new shipments, she said.

Graham said many crafters continue to sew masks despite the shortage and are coming up with new ways to secure fabric masks, like using fabric bands or ties, for example.

"During the Depression, people would use every last piece of fabric, and we're seeing the same thing now," she said. "People are trying

to repurpose everything and find and use what we have on hand. Sewing is taking its own life now."

As more people seek to sew their own masks, Graham said she has seen retailers sell out of lower-end sewing machines as well.

"Finding an entry-level or beginner sewing machine is hard to track down right now, but there are a lot of sewing machines in storage that are coming out of retirement," she said.

Helping those machines get a new lease on life is Courtney Luken of Wilmette, who has been fixing vintage sewing machines over the last four years. She's seen an increase in customers looking to fix inherited sewing machines. Luken said she typically used to fix about two to three machines in a given week. Last weekend, she fixed three machines in one

day. "They're pulling out grandma's sewing machine or mom's machine," Luken said. "People who aren't sewing regularly got their machine out of storage or are coming back to sewing, and their skills are a little bit rusty."

Luken said she has conducted a couple of video sessions with her customers to hold basic sewing refreshers like how to thread a machine, wind a bobbin or check the tension on their machines.

The crafting community is open to newcomers hoping to contribute or learn to sew, she said.

"Sewing is an art, it's a skill I wish was valued more," she said. "I wish we didn't have to supply our first responders and health care workers with (personal protective equipment), but I'm glad our community has stepped up."

Masks

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point, we also realized that there was very little scientific data on the performance of (cloth) masks. ... We went through seven or eight days of intense experiments and analysis that went on through the night; the data would be taken during the day. I think we felt that we wanted to get this data out in public quickly. That was the key goal, and that's what we did."

His team also tested an N-95 respirator and surgical masks for comparison. They also looked into the effectiveness of multiple layers of a single fabric and a mixture of multiple fabrics.

They found the most effective fabrics to be cotton, natural silk and chiffon; synthetic silk and satin did not provide as much protection. Hybrid combinations, such as high thread cotton, along with silk, chiffon or flannel also supplied broad filtration coverage.

The study notes, "Fabric with tight weaves and low porosity, such as those found in cotton sheets with high thread count, are preferable. For instance, a 600 TPI (thread per inch) cotton performed better than an 80 TPI cotton. Fabrics that are porous should be avoided."

Despite silk and chiffon's sheerness, the two fabrics were amazingly effective, particularly four layers of silk, such as a folded scarf.

Guha says chiffon and other materials that have electrostatic properties can actually act as a barrier to the tiny droplets.

"What we found was that some of these materials are pretty good," he said. "Using a combination of cotton and these materials is the best. A quilt, a mixture of polyester and cotton also had excellent filtration."

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— Supratik Guha, University of Chicago professor

Two chambers at Argonne were used to conduct the study. In the first chamber, Guha and his team generated aerosols with dry particles of sodium chloride, a standard method in respirator testing. From there, a PVC pipe led to the collection chamber, which is where the fabric was held in place by clamps. The collection chamber had a fan that sucked the air, so it flowed from the generation chamber to the collection chamber. Guha said they used specialized equipment that measured the density of the particles upstream and downstream of the fabric.

"What was unique in our work was the equipment used to measure particles of 10 nanometers, which is about a few thousand atoms," he says. "We were able to measure the filtration efficiency at different particle sizes, going all the way from a few thousand atoms to 6 micrometers range. A human hair is roughly about 75 micrometers in diameter, so 6 is a little less than one-tenth of that."

Something that surprised Guha during this study was the effect of gaps in masks.

"Our studies also imply that gaps (as caused by an improper fit of the mask) can result in over a 60% decrease in the filtration efficiency, implying the need for future cloth mask design studies to take into account issues of fit and leakage, while allowing the exhaled air to vent efficiently," the study says.

He says that if a mask doesn't fit properly, it's not much use. Masks should fit with minimal gaps, but exhaled breath must be able to come out or else the user will breathe in carbon dioxide.



Volunteer Lisa Musgrave spreads native prairie plant seeds Jan. 29, in the Somme Prairie Nature Preserve in Northbrook.

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Work to restore forest preserves put on hold

BY MADELINE BUCKLEY

In the fall, crews started work on a \$2.5 million project to restore woodlands in a more than 500-acre Forest Preserves site near Orland Park.

They removed non-native trees and brush throughout the winter to preserve resources for the natural trees and bring sunlight to the forest floor at the ecologically valuable land at Tinley Creek Ravines.

Now, the restoration work in Orland Park and elsewhere across Cook County is halted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. An unexpected ripple effect of the pandemic, weeds will creep unabated across land maintained by the Cook County Forest Preserve District, meaning the county may need to expend more funds and manpower to get rid of the extra weed growth when life returns to normal.

As a result, some land projects will lose ground as the state's stay-at-home order that began in March will be extended to the end

of May.

"The longer you let them go, the worse the problem gets, kind of like coronavirus itself," said John McCabe, director of the Department of Resource Management for the Cook County Forest Preserve District.

But the health of work crews, staff members and the general public is much more important than continuing with the land projects, McCabe said. And officials believe they will be able to get back on track later without too much hassle.

Still, much is unknown about how long the state will remain shuttered, and the invasive plants will be more difficult to remove the longer they are allowed to spread.

"It's like you're wasting work, in a way," McCabe said of their weed removal efforts this winter.

The Cook County Forest Preserve District manages 69,000 acres, some of it outfitted with picnic areas, and walking and biking trails for recreation. Other areas are preserved for

their ecological value. Crews with the Forest Preserves are restoring acres across Cook County to their original habitat in order to allow native plants and animals to flourish.

Among those are the Tinley Creek Ravines and the Somme Prairie Nature Preserve in Northbrook, where work crews and volunteers are turning the land back to its original prairie.

In both areas, workers would normally be removing weeds and other invasive growth throughout the spring and summer as they work to restore the land.

At Somme Prairie, volunteers finished planting prairie seeds over the winter, and would normally be turning to the next phase of the project, said Laurel Ross, a volunteer steward who works in the area.

"Spring and summer, these are the seasons we need to tackle some of our worst weeds," Ross said. "We'll lose ground if we skip a season."

Ross' volunteers are considering going out to the prairie individually to re-

move weeds. Though they usually do the work in a group, solo excursions to the area would allow them to mitigate some of the spread but not have to worry about being in contact with other volunteers.

In the spring, along with weed removal, the volunteers also place cages over some endangered plants so they aren't eaten by deer. As Ross notes, "deer are not prevented from going out in groups," so they hope they can continue some of that work, one by one.

At the Tinley Creek Ravines, McCabe said there are contingency dollars built into the project that will allow them "wiggle room" to get back on track when the state reopens.

The area's network of woodlands that appear to have been untouched by plowing or logging.

"It's a really unique habitat," he said.

Charles O'Leary, deputy director for resource management at the Forest Preserves, said officials plan to monitor the situation to make sure they're not "los-

ing too much ground."

Many weeds don't sprout in earnest until later in the spring or until the summer, he said, so there's still some time before invasive growths become rampant. And conservation work in natural areas is always a work in progress, he said.

"The interesting thing is, managing a natural area is never done," he said.

For Ross, she is finding solace in the Forest Preserves during this time of crisis, but as the volunteers look for ways to keep an eye on the ecological health of the land, she asks county residents to be careful with the land as well.

"I have also seen some really inappropriate behavior in some Forest Preserves recently," she said, citing people bringing dogs without a leash, and going off the trails and trampling wildflowers. "The Forest Preserves are a definite treasure. They're a place for us to interact with nature in a way that really feeds our soul."

"But please be respectful."



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Pritzker 'holds all the cards,' advocates say

Lawmakers rushing to pass legislation for rent relief

BY ARIEL CHEUNG

The state's eviction moratorium has not been enough to protect Illinois renters, housing advocates say. Chicago's 2,000 one-time housing grants — which 83,000 people have applied for — did not quiet the calls for relief.

Lawmakers are rushing to pass legislation that would suspend rent and mortgage payments during the coronavirus pandemic, while also keeping landlords and lenders afloat. But next month's rent is due in just over a week, leaving little time to help those who need it.

"If I didn't pay my rent for a month, that's \$1,500, then next month it's \$3,000," said Faye Porter, a longtime Hyde Park tenant organizer. "What are people going to do? They're out of jobs."

In the interim, tenants say they're being kicked out of their homes amid record job loss; asked to risk their safety by allowing landlords or prospective tenants to show their still-occupied apartments; or given a choice to either move out by the end of April or face eviction once the stay-at-home order is lifted.

Advocates and a growing number of politicians have urged Gov. J.B. Pritzker to use his emergency powers through his ongoing disaster proclamation to repeal the state's preemptive ban on rent regulation — action Pritzker has repeatedly said he cannot legally take. They are also pushing for the governor to put a moratorium on rent and mortgage payments for the duration of his stay-at-home order and three months after it is lifted.

They come armed with a legal opinion arguing that such action is within the governor's powers during a declared disaster, either by issuing a statewide order or leaving it up to municipalities to decide.

"Whatever local sort of relief they might be able to provide, they simply can't do it because of the preemption," said state Rep. Will Guzzardi, a Chicago Democrat who has pushed for years to lift the ban. "So we feel very strongly that the preemption should be lifted at this moment in order to provide cities the ability to protect their renters during this crisis."

Instead, Pritzker points to state legislators, who are not currently meeting, as the body with the power to act. Pritzker did not respond to a request for comment Tuesday, but most recently dismissed his ability to repeal the ban April 15.

"Rent control in the state is a state law," he said. "It can only be lifted by the state legislature."

The repeated go-around



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Natalie Frazier said she was denied a lease renewal for her Oak Park apartment after she asked about rent relief.



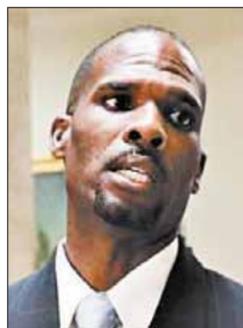
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U.S. Rep. Bobby Rush has proposed a bill suspending mortgage payments.



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Congressman Jesus "Chuy" Garcia is co-sponsoring a national rent relief bill.



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Jawanza Malone is a founding member of the Lift the Ban Coalition.

has left many feeling discouraged and helpless, said Jawanza Malone, a founding member of Lift the Ban Coalition and executive director of the Kenwood Oakland Community Organization.

"(Pritzker) has been vested with broad and significant power to act in this moment to provide relief and security for Illinoisans," Malone said. "He is the decision-maker, the person that really holds all the cards in this situation. There is no one else for us to appeal to."

The coalition, which seeks to overturn the law, demonstrated in front of the James R. Thompson Center April 15 just ahead of Pritzker's daily coronavirus press conference. People in 50 vehicles circled the block, a form of socially distant protesting, while a few others stood outside.

"People are terrified. They're living day by day uncertain about what the future holds," Malone said. "I really think our elected officials just do not understand the vulnerable position people are in right now. Appealing to landlords to show mercy is just not sufficient."

In Chicago, Ald. Matt Martin, 47th Ward, said he will introduce an ordinance that would give renters who have lost income due to COVID-19 and can't pay

rent up to 12 months to make up the payments. But Mayor Lori Lightfoot has said that city efforts are limited while the state ban is in place.

While state efforts are in limbo, national rent relief has found local support. U.S. Rep. Jesus "Chuy" Garcia co-sponsored a bill from Rep. Ilhan Omar of Minnesota, which would allow Americans to cancel rent or mortgage payments without going into debt or suffering hits to their credit rating.

The bill would also create a relief fund for landlords and lenders to cover their lost payments — a vital two-pronged approach, Garcia noted — and fund purchases of private properties for affordable housing by nonprofits and other organizations.

Ultimately, it would keep people from owing large amounts of back rent and still facing eviction once the stay-at-home order is lifted, Garcia said Tuesday.

"Given the urgency of the situation, extraordinary measures are required," he said. "By making it universal, you are preventing people from slipping through the cracks."

While such a widespread measure could struggle through a still-divided Congress, "Who would have thought three months ago that very conservative Re-

publicans would be passing legislation like the three bills we've already enacted?" Garcia said. "The conditions in the country have changed substantially, which has also opened up the minds of members of Congress."

U.S. Rep. Bobby Rush introduced a similar bill, which would defer mortgage payments during the national emergency until the end of the loan, instead of after the pandemic is over. Landlords who waive rent, extend leases during the emergency and halt evictions would receive forgivable federal loans, incentivizing them to provide relief, Rush said.

He felt moved to take action after a constituent in his South Side and southwest suburban district reached out to him for help. While her mortgage was deferred for three months, she was shocked to realize the entire amount would be due immediately after.

"So the impact of the moratorium would come crashing down on her the day after it was over," Rush said. "That's not going to be helpful for her."

Rush said Tuesday he will fight to get rent relief in the next infrastructure package, the same day the Senate approved a \$483 billion stimulus package after two weeks of negotiations.

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St. Charles meat processing plant to close temporarily

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The Kane County Health Department on Friday ordered a Smithfield meat processing plant in St. Charles to close due to "concerns about COVID-19."

The order temporarily closes the facility to allow the health department to work with the company on "mitigation efforts" and "providing education relative to social distancing and employee safety relative to personal protective equipment," according to a statement from the health department.

The health department on Saturday declined to say whether any workers there were diagnosed with COVID-19 or provide more information about the order.

Smithfield declined to say whether COVID-19 cases were diagnosed in the facility, but said the company is cooperating with the

health department.

The order comes on the heels of a federal lawsuit filed Thursday by an anonymous worker and an advocacy group alleging unsafe working conditions in a Smithfield plant in Missouri.

The St. Charles plant is the latest closure for the Virginia-based company, which has halted work at facilities across the country where workers have become sick, including at another Illinois facility in downstate Monmouth.

The St. Charles facility, a dry sausage plant that employs 325 people, already was in the process of instituting "rolling closures," according to a company news release earlier this month. Before the health department order, the company's plan was to halt incoming raw materials from April 19 to May 2, close two of three departments between April 22 to May 3 and close the final department from May

7 to May 9.

The employees were to be paid during the rolling closure, according to the release.

The St. Charles closure order came on the same day that the company announced it was voluntarily closing its Monmouth plant after employees there tested positive for COVID-19.

The plant, located in Monmouth, about 200 miles southwest of Chicago, will shut down next week until further notice, according to a news release. Employees will be paid during the closure.

The company said a "small portion" of the plant's 1,700 employees tested positive for the virus.

The Monmouth plant produces about 3% of fresh pork supplies in the U.S., the release said.

The company stocks its facilities with personal protective equipment and has "implemented thermal scanning companywide and



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Smithfield Foods in St. Charles, a large pork processor, was closed by the order of the Kane County Health Department because of "concerns about COVID-19."

installed plexiglass and other physical barriers on production floors and in break rooms," according to the release.

But social distancing is "particularly challenging" at meat processing plants because of the assembly line production, the company said.

The lawsuit, filed Thursday in a Missouri federal court, accuses Smithfield of creating a public nuisance at its Milan, Missouri, plant with unsafe working condi-

tions, including requirements to stand shoulder-to-shoulder and go for long periods without breaks to wash hands.

According to United Food and Commercial Workers International, a union representing 200,000 food production workers, some 5,000 of its members at unionized meatpacking plants across the country have tested positive for COVID-19 or been exposed to someone who tested positive, and 10 members have

died.

At food processing facilities, another 1,500 of its members have become sick and three have died, the union said.

In addition to the Monmouth plant, Smithfield has closed plants in South Dakota, Wisconsin and Missouri, raising concerns about how the pandemic will impact the nation's meat supply.

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protocol to return to work did not include further testing. Nurses could go back once symptoms subsided after seven days. "I go right to the place that got me sick, that took my power, that took everything."

Ortiz is one of thousands of people working in Illinois health care systems who have been infected with the virus. Eight have died, according to the state Health Department. He and other nurses who have tested positive for the coronavirus told the Tribune they worry about getting sick again.

Last week, Ortiz's cough returned. Under new hospital policy, he was tested twice before he could return to work this time.

The first result came back negative. But on Wednesday, two days later, he tested positive.

"I feel like I kind of had a hold on this, I felt like I could control it," he said. "But today, I just feel like I'm defeated. I'm at the mercy of the virus."

Susan Bleasdale, medical director of infection control at the University of Illinois Hospital & Health Sciences System, said while she could not specifically comment on Ortiz's situation, false negatives are possible and could be caused by an insufficient specimen, among other reasons. In this case, it could be that Ortiz had the coronavirus in his body for weeks. She said people often have the virus for several weeks.

Mariellen Bardahl, a nurse at a suburban hospital, tested positive March 25. She woke up with a 102.5 fever a day after screening emergency room visitors. Her bout with the virus included headaches that made her weep, and one night she fainted in her bathroom.

Finally feeling better, she returned to work Tuesday, nearly four weeks after her



Daniel Ortiz, a nurse, is staying home while he waits for clearance to return to work after testing positive for COVID-19.

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confirmed result.

"I'm ready and willing, and I'm just going to take my precautions," she said. "It's my duty, and it's in me to want to help, so I really can't wait to go help and just be careful."

While reinfection is unlikely, Bleasdale said it is not impossible.

Because of recent cases where people have tested positive multiple times, the UIC health system is testing more often, she said.

"If there's more people that this is happening to,

this is going to tell us whether or not people can get reinfected," Bleasdale said. "I think the big message is there's still a lot of unknowns, but we're getting data, day by day, moment by moment, that's helping us."

Although many discussions about reopening the country include an assumption that some people will be less vulnerable to the coronavirus after having it, experts say there is much we do not know about immunity.

"We are in this time period where we're going to learn more about whether people are protected," said Bleasdale.

Hospital policies vary as far as when and how nurses can return to work. Many follow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention regulations for health care workers, with strategies for a test-based return and one without testing. If tests are not used, workers may return to work after three days without a fever and fever-reducing medications, or if seven days have passed since the onset of symptoms. Otherwise, improvement of symptoms and two consecutive negative COVID-19 tests administered at least 24 hours apart is recommended.

Some nurses shared concerns about using up sick time during a crisis many

expect to last for months. One nurse, who did not want to give her name because she was worried about losing her job for speaking out, said she had already taken unpaid time after running out of sick time because of two separate quarantines.

Sherrilynn Smith, a nurse at Lurie Children's Hospital, tested positive in early April.

Working at the children's hospital, she hoped that more telehealth appointments and fewer pediatric patients with the coronavirus might mean avoiding exposure.

"Both my husband and I were very scared that if I got it, it would shut my lungs down," said Smith, who has had pneumonia before.

Since her positive result, it has been "this up-and-down roller coaster of

you're feeling better, you're feeling worse." Fighting COVID-19, she said, is "both not as bad as I thought it would be, and the worst thing I've ever had, all at the same time."

After weeks with the virus, she has experienced shortness of breath and still is coughing.

"I try to wash off the counters in the kitchen, and it puts me down for three hours," she said.

She had hoped to go back to work this week, but the exhaustion dashes her plans of returning.

Ortiz had been taking his temperature each night. Every day, he readied himself to return to the hospital, where he often leaves a shift crying. He got into nursing to save lives, and now he fights a virus without a cure. He watches people die. Each time, he feels he's failed.

As he awaited his more recent test results, he watched people protest orders to stay home and rally for the reopening of businesses.

"It's like a slap in the face," Ortiz said. "I ask myself, is that what my life and health is worth to people, a haircut?"

Ortiz uses his Facebook page to urge people to follow precautions and wear masks. Earlier this month, when it snowed twice, he said it felt like it was a gift from God to keep people indoors.

Smith said it's hard to shake the fear.

"If I catch this again, I know it will put me on a vent," she said.

She wakes up every morning hoping the worst is behind her. Sometimes, it feels that way.

Despite uncertainty about what is ahead, she knows what she will do next. Like the rest of the nurses, when cleared to return, she will put on a face mask and go back to the hospital.

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Nursing home workers say they face lack of information, training

BY DAN HINKEL

A certified nursing assistant said she got no training on how to wear a mask while working at a south suburban nursing home, leaving her unsure whether the blue side or the white side should face out.

"I just put on two of them and just ... pray for the best," said Shaundria Foster, who said she works at Prairie Oasis in South Holland.

Her complaint was one of many aired Thursday in an online conference call organized by her union, SEIU Healthcare, which represents nursing workers including nursing assistants, housekeepers and janitors. Amid a wave of COVID-19 outbreaks plaguing nursing homes around the state, workers called for better

access to protective equipment and training on how to use it, more information from their managers and hazard pay for the risks they're taking.

Michelle Gilbert, who identified herself as a certified nursing assistant at Burbank Rehabilitation Center, said she had the coronavirus and a supervisor pressed her to return to work before she was ready, which she refused to do.

"I think that it's wrong to try to pressure people to come back to work when they're sick," she said.

Sharon Lake, a certified nursing assistant who said she also works at Burbank, reported she learned of patients with COVID-19 from an overheard conversation at the facility.

"The management needs

to communicate with the staff, and let us know what's going on in the facility and also if there's positive people, we need to know that," she said.

She added, "Everyone in our facility is at risk and we deserve to be paid accordingly to that."

In response to questions, Ron Nunziato, CEO of Extended Care Consulting, sent a statement on behalf of Burbank saying the home had not had shortages of protective gear and had implemented a hazard pay program for "staff that work with COVID-19 positive residents and any persons under investigation for this virus." The home was "proactive" and followed guidance from federal and state health authorities and enacted symptom screening

and cleaning, he said.

"Our first priority has and will always be our residents' health, safety and wellbeing. We also recognize the importance of the health and welfare of our staff," he stated.

State figures released Sunday showed that six cases and three deaths had been reported at the Burbank facility.

The site listed seven cases and one death at Prairie Oasis. A spokeswoman for that home could not be reached for comment.

Beyond the homes noted in the conference call Thursday, Greg Kelley, president of SEIU Healthcare Illinois, said a broad survey of members drew an overwhelming response from workers who said they



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Burbank Rehabilitation Center employees and representatives of SEIU hold a news conference outside the center Thursday to protest a lack of personal protective equipment.

had inadequate protective gear and were not getting good information from managers. But he added that understaffing, poor pay and lack of equipment are long-standing issues.

"This is not a new problem in nursing homes," he said. "Unfortunately, this pandemic has brought it home and residents are dying, our members are dying and getting sick."

Needs

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The shutdown of schools across Illinois — now extended for the rest of the academic year — has created particular hardships for families of students with disabilities. Some students are paired with full-time aides at school or get speech or physical therapy, roles that aren't easily filled by parents who are also figuring out remote learning, working from home or dealing with their own economic challenges.

"The school closures have been hurtful to all kids, but students with disabilities are most vulnerable, and tend to react badly to transitions," said Chicago attorney Matt Cohen, who represents families with special education and school-related issues.

"For special education students, school closures are not just a disruption but a regression, and we're going to see kids who actually go backward," Cohen said.

Even during normal times, the quality of special education in the Chicago area ranges from excellent to poor, often depending on a district's leadership and funding, Cohen said. He predicted the recent pivot to remote learning will likely have a negative effect on most students with special education plans.

Cohen contends that many schools aren't providing students access to their full-time aides.

"And even those that are, when we're talking about kids with more severe cognitive, motor, attention, behavior and health issues, many of these kids are just not going to be able to do it (remotely)," he said.

Palmieri, an architect and an advocate in the Chicago special education community, said some schools "hit the ground running three weeks ago with full supports and services." But with other schools, she said, "families have received zero communication." Even through the second week, across schools, "some (special education) staff are doing great and some are not for various reasons, both within and without of their control," Palmieri said. For some of the children waiting on services, the time to draw them back in may have passed, she said.

The Illinois State Board of Education has made clear that schools must still address the needs of students eligible for special education services, but less apparent is what qualifies. The U.S. Department of Education has noted schools may not be able to provide all the services they usually do, and indicated schools would "offer flexibility where possible."

Chicago Public Schools officials have said they'll do what they can but, during remote learning, can't commit to providing the full amount of service minutes outlined in a student's individualized education plan during remote learning, with teachers not expected to work full days.

Stephanie Laine-Nazaire said her first grade twins, who attend Murray Lan-



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Miles Palmieri and his mother, Christine, both had symptoms of COVID-19 and have recovered.

guage Academy in Hyde Park, are missing out on speech lessons. She said both children, born at 23 weeks, are on the autism spectrum, with one of the boys needing more specialized instruction than the other.

For one twin, things have been going OK. For the other, "it's been pretty much heartbreaking," Laine-Nazaire said. His special education teacher has been posting videos, but they're not interactive, and he misses his friends, she said. She tried having him sit in online general education classes, but though the teacher has been making an effort to include him, he gets down when he can't follow along with the reading and math lessons he'd usually be pulled out of.

"He has felt very dejected during this process," she said. "He sees his brother having the interaction. It's gutting."

Laine-Nazaire, a graduate program administrator at the University of Chicago, said she empathizes with teachers, who she believes are doing their best. But without services like speech therapy, she's concerned.

While one twin mostly needs help with enunciation, the other mixes up pronouns and time references — "for him, everything happens yesterday, even if it was five months ago."

"The way he process something is the only way he can see it," Laine-Nazaire said. "You have to find a way to undo the way his mind sees it." Both twins also need to continue occupational therapy, where one boy was learning coordination and how to grip a pencil.

CPS policy has been up-

dated to allow school psychologists, counselors and social workers to have one-on-one video calls with students if certain circumstances are met — something that's typically forbidden between students and staff members. But parents of students who need speech or occupational therapy say their children should be allowed that too. On a recent Zoom call with special education parents and supporters, CPS' chief of diverse learner services, Stephanie Jones, said speech therapy was not allowed one-on-one, but the district is considering other ways to provide that service.

Whether all missed speech or occupational therapy time will be made up later remained unclear in an updated fact sheet released by CPS last week.

In new guidance released April 20, the Illinois State Board of Education noted federal recommendations that schools consider teletherapy. The state agency noted districts are still expected to comply with federal and state law "as it is presently interpreted" during the coronavirus outbreak.

Commonly called SECAs or aides, the classroom assistants in CPS have been spending their time during the school shutdown "supporting teachers" in various ways, including attending virtual lessons with teachers, according to the district. But Palmieri said they need to continue supporting students directly. Many students like her son need an aide to participate in remote learning for the same reasons they get that support in the physical classroom, she said.

Miles has a full-time aide

in school, whom he considers a trusted adult, and he's also often pulled from general education classes and meets one-on-one with his social worker and other specialists. His mother said he has not been able to get the one-on-one speech or occupational therapy he's used to having weekly.

Last week, he was supposed to start having small-group video sessions for math. But during the second session, he was the only student who showed up, and the teacher said they had to end the video call when no other students were logging in, Palmieri said. He held it together on camera, but then he started crying.

"He is really wanting engagement and not getting it," Palmieri said. She's already noticing him start to withdraw and hopes it's not a permanent regression.

On Friday, the school's speech therapist sent a speech-language newsletter put together by the district saying CPS has not yet given the OK for speech therapy through teleconferencing but "we are hopeful this will change."

Both parents and teachers have said they need clearer guidance.

"The guidelines have been all over the place," said Linda Perales, a bilingual special education teacher. "Can we use Zoom? Can we not use Zoom? Can we have one-on-one sessions? ... Is technology being given to our students?"

She added: "We are doing the best with what we have, but in reality we need more guidance."

At Corkery Elementary in Chicago's Little Village, Perales works with 12 students who are pulled aside from their general educa-

tion classes. Remotely, she's been upholding their routine as much as she can, assigning similar work to what they do at school.

For the eight students in her virtual classroom, she put together bags with materials they might need, such as pencils, scissors, dry erase markers, glue and crayons, and dropped them off at schools. All eight families picked up their bags there, but only six have been able to engage in Zoom lessons. One student's mother had her phone disconnected; another works in a grocery store and "is really overwhelmed right now," Perales said. "The encouraging thing for me is the majority of my parents have been responsive and they've been on the calls with my students."

Perales and her peers are trained to work with students in special education programs, and it's expecting a lot of parents to fill that role, she said.

"I know a lot of them are trying, but they don't know exactly how to teach the diverse learners," Perales said. "A lot of students in special education have difficulties with concentrating and focus in the classroom. There's a routine set up and the student knows the routine, the teacher is in the classroom, maybe a paraprofessional is in the classroom that may redirect the student constantly. But when a student is at home they may not have that support."

As the mother of two students who attend Abraham Lincoln Elementary school in Lincoln Park, Anne Chalesle said her family's remote learning has been particularly challenging for her younger son, Raphael, 8, who has a special education plan that provides extra help for math and reading.

"As a parent with a diverse learner, I'm still trying to figure out how this is going to work," said Chalesle, an administrator for a nonprofit organization.

Raphael typically gets pulled out of class every day for an hour for math help, and when schools closed, "it just stopped," she said.

Still, Chalesle said she has nothing but admiration and gratitude for her son's teachers, including one who has reached out directly to him with messages of support and encouragement.

"The fact that she has to teach a special education class online for an hour each morning ... they're doing what they can do with the worst of circumstances," Chalesle said.

With both Chalesle and her husband working from home, she said Raphael and his brother, Gabriel, 14, have two parents available to "troubleshoot."

"I'm trying to keep things in perspective. ... There are many parents who are essential workers at hospitals and grocery stores, or who don't have an internet connection," Chalesle said.

For April Soristo Anderson, having a child in special education programs for both cognitive and physical disabilities has made her family's transition to e-learning difficult. Her daughter Guilianna, 9, had a

one-on-one nurse supporting her in the classroom at Prairieview Elementary School in Bartlett.

"It's very challenging to try to explain to a special education student that even though she's at home, she can't just play with her toys, and it's school time," Anderson said.

Above all, Anderson said she's worried that Guilianna, a twin, is falling woefully behind, especially as her medical condition caused her to be absent from school frequently even before the pandemic.

"She already was owed more than 20 hours of tutoring due to her absences. ... I'm petrified that she's going to regress back and forget everything she's learned this year," Anderson said.

Perales worries about regression for students with learning disabilities that make retention a struggle already.

Denise Dyer, whose eighth grade granddaughter receives help from a special education teacher at Nicholson STEM Academy in Englewood, shares the concern, and the sentiment that parents and guardians are ill-equipped for remote learning.

"We have to find whole new ways of doing things," Dyer said. "We weren't trained to do this. I don't know how to make adjustments to her algebra or modify it in some way. I can't do that. There's nothing I can do to help her."

She's tried to fill in other gaps, ordering copies of "The Outsider" for both the eighth grader and her older brother to read at the same time, along with chapter quizzes. She also got texts on African American history, adding on their own family stories.

As a member of the CPS parent advisory council for diverse learners, Dyer talks to parents from all over the city and said many share her frustration that communication to families has been inadequate. Many parents "truthfully cannot say" that children have been able to continue learning.

"Now I am afraid that when this is all over that these children are going to be so far behind, and when you're already behind you can't afford to get further behind," Dyer said.

Already, special education lawyers are anticipating an influx of claims seeking compensatory services, and recommending families keep detailed records during remote learning. ISBE is also telling schools to document educational opportunities offered to students during the suspension of in-person instruction.

CPS officials have said the district will do its best to make sure students get services. "However, we do understand that there may be instances where a student has not received services for an extended period of time," according to a district fact sheet. "When that occurs, compensatory services will be considered on an individual basis following the school closure period."

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CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

2 ends of the spectrum, but 1 goal

Conservative and liberal groups look for bailout funds

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WASHINGTON — Among the applicants for loans from the Small Business Administration's stimulus package is the foundation arm of FreedomWorks — a conservative operation that advocates small government and made its name opposing bailouts.

"I would love someone to give us free cash," said Adam Brandon, the president of FreedomWorks, expressing frustration over the effects of the crisis on his group, which is working to build support for President Donald Trump's effort to reopen the economy.

At the other end of the ideological spectrum, liberal groups like the Congressional Progressive Caucus Center and Media Matters for America have also applied for some of the small-business loans, which can be fully forgiven if the recipients use them to keep workers on their payrolls.

The groups on the left may be more comfortable than those on the right with the idea of federal government assistance, but accepting help from an administration they regularly criticize has left them debating how to balance their independence with their ability to function in an economic crisis.

"It's hard for me to imagine that any of these liberal groups are going to pull their punches on criticizing government because they



Rep. Jim Jordan, R-Ohio, speaks at a September 2018 rally sponsored by the conservative organization FreedomWorks.

got a loan," said Gara LaMarche, president of Democracy Alliance, a club of major liberal donors who support some of the top groups on the left, including Media Matters.

He said his staff was consulting with some of the groups to which Democracy Alliance steered funds and expected many would apply for SBA loans "as a matter of sound management and stewardship."

But LaMarche added, "It's not hard to imagine Trump keeping track and then not forgiving the loans of groups he deems critical!"

Many struggling mom-and-pop businesses have been unable to obtain SBA

loans from a program established as part of the \$2.2 trillion bailout plan passed by Congress and signed into law by Trump, even as larger publicly traded businesses have obtained loans from the program.

A provision in the legislation, which socially conservative organizations recommended to Republican lawmakers, made clear that certain nonprofit groups could apply as well. The provision opened the door for taxpayer funding to subsidize well-connected organizations that are part of the political fray in an election year. And at least a few groups — on both sides of the political spectrum — decided to apply, so far with

mixed results.

The Congressional Progressive Caucus Center's application for a \$160,000 loan is awaiting resolution, as is FreedomWorks Foundation's request for \$300,000, according to officials at the groups.

The American Civil Liberties Union's national office has not applied, but 14 of its state affiliates have, and at least one received a loan — of \$154,000 — so far, said Anthony Romero, executive director of the ACLU.

A "small" loan request by Liberty Counsel, a conservative legal group supporting Trump's plan to reopen the country, is still pending, said the organization's chairman. An application

from Media Matters has been hampered by a technical problem, said a person familiar with the process, who was not aware if the group had reapplied.

The SBA has already spent the initial \$349 billion allocated in the bailout bill for the loan program, known as the Paycheck Protection Program. But the program is set to get a \$320 billion infusion from another bill signed into law by the president on Friday.

Various institutions and industries, including universities and news organizations, have been caught up in the debate over who should benefit from the \$2.2 trillion bailout bill.

In the case of nonprofits,

critics argue it is not a good use of government money to prop up groups trying to influence the political debate in the middle of a presidential campaign.

Defenders note that the provision in the stimulus bill paving the way for SBA loans to nonprofits applies to all groups registered under a section of the tax code — 501(c)(3) — that covers churches and other religious institutions, as well as charities and educational entities, most of which rely largely on donations. Some of those entities play important roles in communities across the country and employ significant numbers of people, some of whom might be out of a job if fundraising declines during the economic collapse.

While the tax code bans those groups from endorsing candidates or engaging in other partisan political activity, they are allowed to spend money advocating policy positions at the heart of political fights. And many of the most active political organizations maintain 501(c)(3) foundation arms, including FreedomWorks, which plans to use its FreedomWorks Foundation to publicize ideas on how to restart the economy. Its larger political arm is helping organize protests of state and local restrictions on business and travel intended to mitigate the spread of the coronavirus.

The restrictions forced the cancellation of FreedomWorks' annual fundraiser and led to a dip in donations. The group applied for the SBA loan as one potential option to avoid cuts, Brandon said.

As virus restrictions ease, world is taking baby steps

Spain lets kids play as US states move at various speeds

By **AMY FORLITI**
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Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Spain let children go outside and play Sunday for the first time in six weeks as European countries methodically worked to ease their lockdowns and reopen their economies, while in the United States, governors moved at differing speeds, some more aggressive, others more cautious.

Elsewhere around the world, China's state-run media said hospitals in Wuhan, the original epicenter of the disaster, no longer have COVID-19 patients, after a crisis in which the city recorded nearly 3,900 deaths. And British Prime Minister Boris Johnson planned to be back at his desk Monday at No. 10 Downing St. after a bout with the coronavirus that put him in intensive care.

While governors in states like hard-hit New York and Michigan are keeping stay-at-home restrictions in place until at least mid-May,

their counterparts in places such as Georgia, Oklahoma and Alaska are allowing certain businesses to reopen. Churches in Montana began holding in-person services again Sunday.

The official death toll from the virus topped 200,000 worldwide, with over 2.9 million confirmed infections, according to a tally by Johns Hopkins University, though the real figures are believed to be much higher, in part because of inadequate testing and differences in counting the dead.

Italy, Britain, Spain and France accounted for more than 20,000 deaths each, the U.S. for about 55,000.

Some encouraging signs were seen, as Italy recorded its lowest 24-hour number of deaths since mid-March, with 260, and New York state registered its fewest since late March, with 367.

Seven weeks into Italy's strict lockdown, Premier Giuseppe Conte laid out a long-awaited timetable for getting back to normal, announcing that factories, construction sites and wholesale supply businesses can resume activity as soon as they put safety measures in place against

the virus.

Conte also said starting May 4, parks and gardens will reopen, funerals will be allowed, athletes can resume training, and people will be able to visit relatives living in the same region. If all goes well, stores and museums will open May 18, and restaurants, cafes and salons on June 1, he said.

But he warned if people don't wear masks and obey social-distancing rules, "the curve of contagion can rise again, it will go out of control, deaths will climb and we'll have irreparable damage" to the economy.

In Spain, where the crisis is also easing, the streets echoed again with children's shrieks of joy and the clatter of bicycles after youngsters under 14 were allowed out of their homes with one parent for up to an hour of play.

"This is wonderful! I can't believe it has been six weeks," Susana Sabate, a mother of 3-year-old twin boys, said in Barcelona. "My boys are very active. Today when they saw the front door and we gave them their scooters, they were thrilled."

Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez will present



JOSEF LAGO/GETTY-AFF

Young sisters race along a street Sunday in Barcelona, Spain, after being stuck at home for six weeks. The government is allowing the country's children to run, play or go for a walk.

a detailed plan Tuesday for the "de-escalation" of Spain's lockdown, saying: "Maximum caution will be our guideline for the roll-back." His French counterpart likewise said he will unveil a "national deconfinement strategy" on the same day.

In the U.S., where President Donald Trump has repeatedly pushed to reopen the country for business and a split has opened among the states along often partisan lines, Oklahoma Gov. Kevin Stitt, a Republican, told Fox News that with hospitalizations dropping in his state, he will reopen churches and restaurant dining on Friday,

with social-distancing guidelines in place.

"We believe it's the time to have a measured reopening," he said.

But Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, a Democrat, told ABC her state is not ready and needs more robust testing, community tracing and a plan for isolating people who get sick with COVID-19.

"We've got to be nimble and we have to follow the science and be really smart about how we reengage," she said, "because no one — no one, even if you're a protester or you're the sitting governor or you're on another side of the issue — we know that no one wants

a second wave."

In Montana, some churchgoers returned to Sunday services as a general stay-at-home order expired. At Christ the King Lutheran Church in Billings, every other pew was kept empty. Roughly 100 people streamed into St. Anthony Catholic Church in Laurel, where ushers tried to keep families separate from one another and large bottles of hand sanitizer were at the sanctuary's entrance.

On the other side of the Atlantic, as Britain's prime minister returns to work, he faces calls for clarity on when his government will ease the lockdown, now set to run until at least May 7.



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, left, and Blue and White party leader Benny Gantz.

Israel's Labor party votes on joining coalition

By **ILAN BEN ZION**
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JERUSALEM — Israel's Labor party voted Sunday on a proposal to join a government headed by archrival Benjamin Netanyahu despite repeated campaign promises to never sit with a prime minister facing criminal indictments.

The once-mighty left-wing party dominated Israeli politics for the country's first three decades, but has since fallen to a historic low of three seats in the 120-

member parliament. Netanyahu's right-wing Likud is the largest faction with 36.

Around 3,800 members of Labor's central committee voted electronically on party leader Amir Peretz's proposal to join the unity government headed by Netanyahu and his main political adversary, Benny Gantz of the centrist Blue and White party. Israeli media said the measure passed by a roughly 60-40 margin.

After three deadlocked national elections in just over a year, Gantz and Ne-

tanyahu agreed this month to form a unity government to address the coronavirus pandemic and resulting economic crisis.

As part of their unity deal, Netanyahu will serve as prime minister the first 18 months with Gantz serving the next 18 months.

Netanyahu is scheduled to face trial next month on charges of fraud, breach of trust and accepting bribes. He denies the charges.

Peretz wrote on Facebook last week that joining the Netanyahu-Gantz govern-

ment would put the party "back in political center stage."

"We are joining an equal unity government with a rotation in the role of prime minister, not a right-wing government," he said.

But allying with Netanyahu runs against repeated campaign promises by Peretz.

The Netanyahu-Gantz agreement includes a clause to advance plans to annex parts of the occupied West Bank, including Israeli settlements, starting on July 1.

CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

States had substandard supply stocks

Machines and PPE were left over from the H1N1 outbreak

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JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — Last autumn, when schools were in session, sports stadiums full and no one had heard of COVID-19, the Missouri health department made an eerily foreshadowing request.

It asked the state for \$300,000 to buy supplies in case of a large-scale disease outbreak. The goal was to fill a gap between local and federal sources.

Today, as states spend billions of dollars in the fight against the coronavirus, that October funding request appears woefully insufficient. Yet it highlights a stark fact: States were not stocked for a pandemic and have been scrambling to catch up.

An Associated Press review of more than 20 states found that before the coronavirus outbreak many had at least a modest supply of N95 masks, gowns, gloves and other medical equipment. But those were often well past their expiration dates — left over from the H1N1 influenza outbreak a decade ago.

The supply shortage stemmed from a variety of factors — a decline in public health funding, a cost-saving dependence on having inventory on hand only for immediate use and a belief that the federal government could come to the rescue with its Strategic National Stockpile.

In hindsight, the federal stockpile proved insufficient for a nationwide viral outbreak, and a worldwide competition for scarce supplies revealed the folly of counting on rapid deliveries.

The crisis spawned a political blame game over



RICHARD VOGEL/AP

Ground crew unload pallets of personal protective equipment from China on earlier this month in Los Angeles.

the shortage of protective gear for medical workers and the hunt for ventilators. Some governors harangued the federal government for leaving them in the lurch. President Donald Trump faulted states, tweeting this month: “The complainers should have been stocked up and ready long before this crisis hit.”

Before the World Health Organization issued a Jan. 9 advisory about the coronavirus emerging in China, Missouri had 663,920 N95 respirator masks, 253,800 surgical masks, 154,000 gloves, 17,424 face shields and 14,048 gowns. All were leftovers provided by the Centers for Disease Control after the H1N1 flu pandemic of 2009-2010, and well beyond their shelf life.

Other states also were relying on old supplies. Officials in California, Colorado, Connecticut, Illinois, Michigan, Nevada, New Hamp-

shire, New Mexico, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Vermont, Washington and West Virginia all told the AP their stashes included at least some leftovers from the H1N1 flu.

Some old N95 masks no longer sealed properly on people's faces or had elastic bands that disintegrated. But a CDC study found that many expired masks still could work, and states distributed them to hospitals and clinics.

Missouri, like some other states, had spent nothing to replenish the expired equipment. And even when asking for \$300,000 last October, the state Department of Health and Senior Services stressed it wasn't to build a big reserve.

“Since outbreaks and the resources needed are not predictable, purchasing a large stock of supplies that could expire or become obsolete is not a responsible use of state funds,” the

health agency said in a budget document submitted to Gov. Mike Parson and state lawmakers.

That funding request for the fiscal year that starts in July still was pending in the state House when Missouri's first coronavirus case was confirmed last month. Since then, Missouri has ordered about \$40 million of protective medical supplies for health care workers and emergency responders.

Missouri Health Director Randall Williams told the AP it didn't make sense to load up on supplies without knowing what might be needed. For example, he said, bug spray would have been more useful than face masks during the 2015-2016 epidemic of the Zika virus, which is spread by mosquitoes.

“If you spend money on prevention and whatever comes your way isn't that, then you have less money for response” when an

emergency occurs, Williams said.

Federal public health funding for states has been on a downward slide since new programs were launched after the 2001 terrorist attacks and anthrax scare. The Public Health Emergency Preparedness program provided \$675 million last year — down 28% since 2003, according to the nonprofit Trust for America's Health. The Hospital Preparedness Program provided \$265 million last year — down by almost half during that same period.

Colorado used to have two medical stockpiles. But the state received minimal federal funding for storing supplies from the H1N1 pandemic and none to buy more. The stockpile in Denver was dissolved last fall and its remnants transferred to one in Grand Junction. Those supplies had all been distributed by

the beginning of March, as the coronavirus was spreading.

Ohio, like many states, began storing some supplies after the 9/11 attacks. But its financial commitment waned after each crisis was averted, said Deborah Arms, president of the Ohio Nurses Association, who led the state health department's prevention division from the late 1990s to 2008.

Michigan, which has the third-highest coronavirus death toll among U.S. states, had 53,500 gloves left over from past epidemics, 5,120 N95 masks, 5,000 surgical masks and just 500 face shields among its pre-coronavirus supplies.

Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer said the state had counted on the federal government to be prepared for a pandemic.

“No one could have said that they would come in and build a state stockpile. That's never been the role and the assumption,” she said. “Yet if I could turn back the clock, that's precisely what we would have started doing.”

Contrary to Trump's assertion that states bore the primary responsibility for stockpiling medical supplies, many states had depended on the federal government to store provisions in case of emergencies.

New Hampshire's emergency operations plans call for maintaining a small supply reserve, but then “very much relying on the national stockpile for anything more than, say a week,” said state Health and Human Services Commissioner Lori Shibinette.

Virginia Secretary of Finance Aubrey Layne said he had viewed stockpiling supplies as a federal responsibility.

“Are we probably going to start stockpiling stuff now?” Layne asked. “The answer is yes.”

‘Wolf Warriors’ defend China’s response to virus

Diplomats employ combative speech to assert stance

BY DAKE KANG
Associated Press

BEIJING — From Asia to Africa, London to Berlin, Chinese envoys have set off diplomatic firestorms with a combative defense whenever their country is accused of not acting quickly enough to stem the spread of the coronavirus pandemic.

They belong to a new generation of “Wolf Warrior” diplomats, named after patriotic blockbuster films starring a muscle-bound Chinese commando killing American bad guys in Africa and Southeast Asia with his bare hands.

The tougher approach has been building for several years under President Xi Jinping, who has effectively jettisoned former leader Deng Xiaoping's approach of hiding China's ambitions and biding its time. His government has urged its diplomats to pursue “major-country diplomacy with Chinese characteristics” — a call for China to reassert its historic status as a global power.

“The days when China

can be put in a submissive position are long gone,” said an editorial in the Global Times, a state-run newspaper known for its outspoken views.

Ambassador Gui Congyou has belittled journalists in Sweden, comparing them to a lightweight boxer seeking to go toe-to-toe with a heavyweight China. A commentary on the embassy website last month assailed a Swedish reporter for an article on the impact of China's one-party political system on its virus response.

“Using this epidemic for political purposes, waging ideological attacks and spreading lies in the name of freedom of speech will only lead to self-sabotage. It's like lifting a rock and dropping it on your own toes,” it said.

Experts say Beijing sees critics as assailing not just its actions, but also its leadership and right to rule.

“If anyone tries to attack China on this issue, China will resolutely fight back,” said Shi Yinhong, professor of International Studies at Renmin University. “Chinese leaders may think if China doesn't fight back, it will hurt China even more.”

Chinese diplomats are increasingly taking to Twitter

and Facebook — platforms that are blocked in their own country. They're following in the footsteps of Zhao Lijian, a pioneering firebrand whose tweets while stationed in Pakistan attracted a huge following and also led America's former U.N. Ambassador Susan Rice to call him a “racist disgrace” who should be dismissed.

Instead, China promoted him to Foreign Ministry spokesman.

Xi has clearly indicated a preference for ‘wolf-warrior’ diplomats, said Carl Minzner, an expert on Chinese politics at Fordham University School of Law in New York City.

These new-style diplomats are “reading the tea leaves, and are using bombastic language overseas as a tool to garner attention from nationalistic audiences at home — both among the party elite and among society at large — regardless of the impact on China's image abroad,” Minzner said.

Overseas, the newly strident tone has been less appreciated. The French foreign minister summoned the Chinese ambassador after an embassy statement, in apparent response to Western criticism, accused



ANDY WONG/AP

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian gestures Feb. 24 at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs office in Beijing. As a diplomat in Pakistan, Zhao's tweets often caused a firestorm.

French nursing home workers of deserting and “letting their residents die from starvation and disease.”

The U.S. protested after Zhao tweeted unsubstantiated speculation that the American military may have brought the virus to China.

China's envoys in Nigeria, Ghana and Uganda have been berated over reports of virus-related harassment of Africans in the city of Guangzhou, a rare public rebuke of Beijing by African nations. The Chinese Embassy in Zimbabwe waved away the anger, tweeting dismissively about “so-called racial discrimination.”

Chinese officials fume at what they see as Western

hypocrisy. They say President Donald Trump and other leaders ignored the brewing pandemic, then began scapegoating China once the virus arrived on their shores.

French President Emmanuel Macron has questioned China's virus response, telling the Financial Times that “there are clearly things that have happened that we don't know about.” Britain's top diplomat said it couldn't go back to “business as usual” with China.

China's Embassy in Berlin posted an open letter to Bild that accused the mass-circulation tabloid of “bad taste” for blaming the pandemic on China and calculating how much it

owes Germany in damages for failing to contain it.

Under Xi, Beijing has launched coordinated efforts to shape China's image abroad. Lifting a page from Russia's playbook, it has mobilized thousands of bots to tweet the Communist Party line, according to Twitter. China has pumped funds into state media outlets broadcasting in Swahili, Arabic, Spanish, and dozens of other languages.

“In the past, China's diplomacy was far away from the people,” said Chu Yin, a professor at China's University of International Relations. Now, Chinese diplomats feel “it's safe for them to show they are tough. Being tough won't be wrong, at least.”



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Rulings by Saudi King Salman help establish “a more modern penal code.”

Saudi Arabia to end floggings, death penalty for minors

BY AYA BATRAWY
Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Saudi Arabia's King Salman has ordered an end to the death penalty for crimes committed by minors, according to a statement Sunday by a top official.

The decision comes on the heels of another ordering judges to end the practice of flogging, replacing it with jail time, fines or community service and bringing one of the kingdom's most

controversial forms of public punishment to a close.

King Salman's son and heir, Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, is seen as the force behind the kingdom's loosening of restrictions and its pivot away from ultraconservative interpretations of Islamic law known as Wahhabism, which many in the country still closely adhere to.

The crown prince has sought to modernize the country, attract foreign investment and revamp Saudi Arabia's reputation globally.

He's also overseen a parallel crackdown on liberals, women's rights activists, writers, moderate clerics and reformers. The 2018 killing of Saudi writer Jamal Khashoggi in Turkey by agents who worked for the crown prince drew sharp criticism internationally.

The latest royal decree by King Salman could spare the death penalty for at least six men from the country's minority Shiite community who allegedly committed crimes while under the age of 18, including Ali al-Nimr,

who had participated in anti-government protests. Such activity carries terrorism-related charges in the kingdom for disturbing order and disobeying the ruler.

In a document seen by The Associated Press, the royal decree orders prosecutors to review cases and drop punishments for those who've already served the maximum 10 years.

However, the decree states that terrorism-related cases of minors will be tried differently. It was not

immediately clear whether these cases would be bound by the 10-year prison limit.

Last year, Saudi Arabia executed a young man convicted of crimes that took place when he was 16.

The president of the Saudi government's Human Rights Commission, Awad Alawwad, confirmed the latest decision Sunday, saying it helps the kingdom establish “a more modern penal code and demonstrates the kingdom's commitment to following through on key reforms.”

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PETER DEJONG/AP

A schooner carrying 25 Dutch teens arrives Sunday in the Netherlands after sailing across the Atlantic from the Caribbean. The virus lockdown prevented them from flying.

Dutch students finish Atlantic crossing forced by virus

BY ALEKSANDAR FURTULA
Associated Press

HARLINGEN, Netherlands — Greeted by relieved parents, pet dogs, flares and a cloud of orange smoke, a group of 25 Dutch high school students with very sailing experience ended a trans-Atlantic voyage Sunday, forced on them by coronavirus restrictions.

The children, ages 14 to 17, watched over by 12 experienced crew members and three teachers, were on an educational cruise of the Caribbean when the pandemic forced them to radically change their plans for returning home in March.

That gave one of the young sailors, 17-year-old Floor Hurkmans, one of the biggest lessons of her impromptu adventure.

“Being flexible, because everything is changing all the time,” she said as she set foot on dry land again. “The arrival time changed like 100 times. Being flexible is really important.”

Instead of flying back from Cuba as originally planned, the crew and students stocked up on supplies and warm clothes and set sail for the northern Dutch port of Harlingen, a

five-week voyage of nearly 4,350 miles, on board the 200-foot top sail schooner Wylde Swan.

As they arrived, the students displayed a banner saying “Bucket List” with checks in boxes for Atlantic Ocean crossing, mid-ocean swim and surviving the Bermuda triangle.

The teens hugged and chanted each other’s names as they walked off the ship and into the arms of their families, who drove their cars alongside the yacht one by one to adhere to social distancing rules imposed to rein in the spread of the virus that forced the students into their long trip home.

For Hurkmans, the impossibility of any kind of social distancing took some getting used to.

“At home you just have some moments for yourself, but here you have to be social all the time to everyone because you’re ... doing everything with them so you can’t really just relax,” she said.

Her mother, Renee Scholtemeijer, said she expects her daughter to miss life on the open sea once she encounters coronavirus containment measures in the Netherlands.

“I think that after two

days she’ll want to go back on the boat, because life is very boring back at home,” she said. “There’s nothing to do, she can’t visit friends, so it’s very boring.”

The twin-masted Wylde Swan glided into Harlingen harbor Sunday morning, its sails neatly stowed. Onlookers gathered to watch the arrival set off flares and a smoke grenade that sent an orange cloud drifting over the glassy water.

Masterskip, the company that organized the cruise, runs five educational voyages for about 150 students each year. Crossing the Atlantic is nothing new for the Wylde Swan, which has made the trip about 20 times.

The company’s director, Christophe Meijer, said the students were monitored for the coronavirus in March to ensure nobody was infected.

He said he was pleased the students adapted to life aboard and kept up their education on the voyage.

“The children learned a lot about adaptivity, also about media attention, but also their normal school work,” he said. “So they are actually far ahead now of their Dutch school colleagues. They have made us very proud.”

Heart, stroke patients stay home amid COVID-19 crisis

BY GINA KOLATA
The New York Times

Bishnu Virachan was a bicycle deliveryman for a grocery store in Queens. With New York City locked down, he was busier than ever.

But in early April, as he was watching television, he felt “a pain in my heart.” It frightened him, but he did not go to the emergency room. Virachan, 43, was even more afraid of that.

“What can I do? What can I do?” he asked. “Everywhere, the coronavirus.”

After a few days, pain overrode fear and he went to Mount Sinai Hospital in Manhattan. Doctors discovered a nearly complete blockage of his left main coronary artery.

A surgeon opened the artery, but Virachan was left with a weakened heart. Had he waited much longer, doctors said, he would have died.

Fear of the coronavirus is leading people with life-threatening emergencies, like a heart attack or stroke, to stay home when ordinarily they would have rushed to the emergency room, preliminary research suggests. Without prompt treatment, some patients have suffered permanent damage or have died.

Emergency rooms have about half the normal number of patients, and heart and stroke units are nearly empty, according to doctors at many urban medical centers. Some medical experts fear more people are dying from untreated emergencies than from the coronavirus.

A recent paper by cardiologists at nine large medical centers estimated a 38% reduction since March 1 in the number of patients with serious heart attacks coming in to have urgently needed procedures to open their arteries.

On a recent day at the Cleveland Clinic, there were only seven patients in



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Medical personnel transport a patient into the emergency room this month at Elmhurst Hospital in New York City.

the 24-bed coronary care unit. Usually the unit is full.

“Where are the patients?” asked Dr. Steven Nissen, a cardiologist there. “That can’t be normal.”

One of the few was a man who lives in Cleveland. According to Nissen, the man felt chest pain while doing pushups but feared going to the hospital because there might be coronavirus patients there. He stayed home for a week, growing weaker — out of breath with the slightest exertion, his legs swelling. Finally, on April 16, he went to the Cleveland Clinic.

What should have been an easily treated heart attack had progressed to a life-threatening disaster. He survived after a dicey operation and spent nearly a week in intensive care, including several days on a ventilator, Nissen said.

The inpatient stroke unit at Stanford University Medical Center in California usually has 12 to 15 patients, said its director, Dr. Gregory Albers. On one recent day in April, there were none at all, something that had never happened.

Yet few COVID-19 patients have been admitted to the hospital, and people needing emergency treatment have little to fear.

“We prepared for an onslaught, but it has not arrived,” Albers said.

Dr. Samin Sharma, who heads the cardiac cath-

eterization lab at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York, said the number of heart attack patients fell from seven in February to three in March. So far in April there have been only two.

It’s not just the United States. Dr. Valentin Fuster, editor of the Journal of American College of Cardiology, said he is getting so many papers from around the world on the steep decline in heart attack patients in hospitals that he simply cannot publish them all.

A hospital in Jaipur, India, for example, that Sharma owns, treated 45 heart attack patients in January, he said. In February, there were 32, and in March, 12. In April, so far the number is just six.

Researchers in Austria estimated that in March 110 citizens died from untreated heart attacks, compared with 86 who died of COVID-19. They based their calculations on a precipitous decline in patients going to hospitals, the expected number of heart attacks in Austria and the mortality rates of untreated heart attacks.

At the moment, it is nearly impossible to know who is not showing up in emergency rooms, and why, said Dr. Harlan Krumholz, a cardiologist at Yale University.

“You can’t find the dog that doesn’t bark,” he said.

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Fewer coronavirus briefings are expected as the White House plans to focus on the economy.

Trump

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up for limited travel within the next few weeks, an aide said. It would be a symbolic show that the nation is beginning to reopen.

The shift comes in conjunction with what the White House sees as encouraging signs across the country, with the pace of new infections stabilizing and deaths declining.

Still, medical experts warn that the virus will remain until at least a vaccine is developed and that the risk of a severe second wave is high if social distancing is relaxed too quickly or if testing and contact-tracing plans aren’t developed before people return to normal behaviors.

The White House is deliberating whether to continue to hold news briefings in a modified form without Trump, potentially at a different location. Before Trump said in a tweet Saturday that they were “Not worth the time & effort,” aides had been eager to use the briefings to highlight positive trends and to overwhelm Americans with statistics. It was an effort to restore confidence in the response so

that the public would be comfortable resuming more normal activities.

“We know that’s important,” Dr. Deborah Birx, the White House coronavirus task force coordinator, told Fox News Channel’s “Sunday Morning Futures.” “We understand those messages of science and policy need to be brought forward to the American people in a nonpolitical way.”

Few Americans regularly look to or trust Trump as a source of information on the pandemic, according to a survey from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

On Monday, the White House was expected to release a recap of what the federal government has done so far to improve the availability of COVID-19 testing, personal protective equipment and ventilators.

Still, governors in both parties say much more is needed, particularly in testing, in the coming months, as they deliberate how to reopen their states.

“I want to get our economy back opened just as soon as we can, but I want to do so in a safe way so we don’t have a spike, we don’t cause more deaths, or an overloading of our health care system,” Gov. Larry

Hogan, R-Md., told ABC’s “This Week.”

Birx expressed frustration that Trump’s injection comments were still in the headlines, illustrating the tensions that have emerged between the president and his medical advisers.

“As a scientist and a public health official and a researcher, sometimes, I worry that we don’t get the information to the American people that they need, when we continue to bring up something that was from Thursday night,” she said on CNN’s “State of the Union.”

As the White House hopes it has turned a corner, it is also beginning to assess responsibility for critical missteps. Two senior administration officials said Trump has begun discussions about replacing Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar, who led the coronavirus task force during its initial weeks and has been blamed for a culture of bureaucratic infighting during that period. Azar has been largely sidelined since Vice President Mike Pence took charge.

Trump on Sunday denied that he was going to fire Azar in a tweet, saying “Alex is doing an excellent job!”



CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Staying home helps Earth turn cleaner, wilder

BY SETH BORENSTEIN
Associated Press

An unplanned grand experiment is changing Earth.

As people across the globe stay home to stop the spread of the new coronavirus, the air has cleaned up, albeit temporarily. Smog stopped choking New Delhi, one of the most polluted cities in the world, and India's getting views of sights not visible in decades. Nitrogen dioxide pollution in the northeastern United States is down 30%. Rome air pollution levels from mid-March to mid-April were down 49% from a year ago. Stars seem more visible at night.

People are also noticing animals in places and at times they don't usually. Coyotes have meandered along downtown Chicago's Michigan Avenue and near San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge. A puma roamed the streets of Santiago, Chile. Goats took over a town in Wales. In India, already daring wildlife has become bolder with hungry monkeys entering homes and opening refrigerators to look for food.

When people stay home, Earth becomes cleaner and wilder.

"It is giving us this quite extraordinary insight into

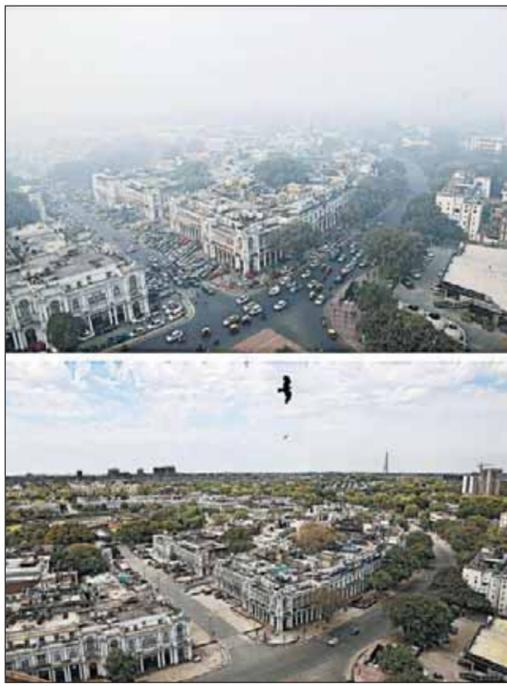
just how much of a mess we humans are making of our beautiful planet," says conservation scientist Stuart Pimm of Duke University. "This is giving us an opportunity to magically see how much better it can be."

Chris Field, director of the Stanford Woods Institute for the Environment, assembled scientists to assess the ecological changes happening with so much of humanity housebound. Scientists, stuck at home like the rest of us, say they are eager to explore unexpected changes in weeds, insects, weather patterns, noise and light pollution. Italy's government is working on an ocean expedition to explore sea changes from the lack of people.

"In many ways we kind of whacked the Earth system with a sledgehammer and now we see what Earth's response is," Field says.

Researchers are tracking dramatic drops in traditional air pollutants, such as nitrogen dioxide, smog and tiny particles. These types of pollution kill up to 7 million people a year worldwide, according to Health Effects Institute president Dan Greenbaum.

Air from Boston to Washington is the cleanest since a NASA satellite started measuring nitrogen diox-



A combination photo of the skyline in New Delhi, India, in November 2019, top, and April 20. Noted for its pollution, New Delhi's skies have improved in the pandemic.

ide, in 2005, says NASA atmospheric scientist Barry Lefler. Largely caused by burning of fossil fuels, this pollution is short-lived, so air gets cleaner quickly.

Compared to the previous five years, March air

pollution is down 46% in Paris, 35% in Bengaluru, India, 38% in Sydney, 29% in Los Angeles, 26% in Rio de Janeiro and 9% in Durban, South Africa, NASA measurements show.

Cleaner air has been

most noticeable in India and China. On April 3, residents of Jalandhar, a city in north India's Punjab, woke up to a view not seen for decades: snow-capped Himalayan peaks more than 100 miles away.

Cleaner air means stronger lungs for asthmatics, especially children, says Dr. Mary Prunicki, director of air pollution and health research at the Stanford University School of Medicine. And she notes early studies also link coronavirus severity to people with bad lungs and those in more polluted areas, though it's too early to tell which factor is stronger.

The greenhouse gases that trap heat and cause climate change stay in the atmosphere for 100 years or more, so the pandemic shutdown is unlikely to affect global warming, says Breakthrough Institute climate scientist Zeke Hausfather. Carbon dioxide levels are still rising, but not as fast as last year.

Aerosol pollution, which doesn't stay airborne long, is also dropping. But aerosols cool the planet so NASA climate scientist Gavin Schmidt is investigating whether their falling levels may be warming local temperatures for now.

Stanford's Field says he's

most intrigued by increased urban sightings of coyotes, pumas and other wildlife that are becoming video social media staples. Boar-like javelinas congregated outside of an Arizona shopping center. Even New York City birds seem hungrier and bolder.

In Adelaide, Australia, police shared a video of a kangaroo hopping around a mostly empty downtown, and a pack of jackals occupied an urban park in Tel Aviv, Israel.

"We're not being invaded. The wildlife has always been there, but many animals are shy, Duke's Pimm says. They come out when humans stay home.

For sea turtles across the globe, humans have made it difficult to nest on sandy beaches. The turtles need to be undisturbed and emerging hatchlings get confused by beachfront lights, says David Godfrey, executive director of the Sea Turtle Conservancy.

But with lights and people away, this year's sea turtle nesting so far seems much better from India to Costa Rica to Florida, Godfrey says.

"There's some silver lining for wildlife in what otherwise is a fairly catastrophic time for humans," he says.



MICHAEL THOMAS

The world has lost 27% of its land-dwelling insects in the past 30 years, research shows.

Global insect population sees sharp decline

BY SETH BORENSTEIN
Associated Press

KENSINGTON, Maryland — The world has lost more than one quarter of its land-dwelling insects in the past 30 years, according to researchers whose big picture study of global bug decline paints a disturbing but more nuanced problem than earlier research.

From bees and other pollinators crucial to the world's food supply to butterflies that beautify places, the bugs are disap-

pearing at a rate of just under 1% a year, with lots of variation from place to place, according to a study in the journal *Science*.

That's a tinier population decline than found by some smaller localized studies, which had triggered fears of a so-called insect apocalypse. But it still adds up to something "awfully alarming," said entomologist Roel van Klink of the German Centre for Integrative Biology, the study's lead author.

"Ongoing decline on land at this rate will be cata-

strophic for ecological systems and for humans. Insects are pollinators, natural enemies of pests, decomposers and besides that, are critical to functioning of all Earth's ecosystems," said Michigan State University butterfly expert Nick Haddad, who wasn't part of the study.

Insect declines are worst in North America, especially the Midwestern United States, and in parts of Europe, but the drop appears to be leveling off in the U.S. in recent years, said

the study that pulled together earlier research on more than 10,000 species with data from 1,676 locations.

The Midwest lost 4% of its bugs a year. The big global losses seem to be around urban and suburban areas and croplands, where bugs are losing their food and habitat, van Klink said.

Some outside scientists said the results made sense, but worried that the study lacked research and data from some large areas, such as the tropics and Africa.



38 NORTH WEBSITE

In this satellite image, a train likely belonging to North Korean leader Kim Jong Un was spotted twice last week at a railway station in Wonsan, North Korea.

Train thought to be Kim's seen at NKorea compound

BY HYUNG-JIN KIM
Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — A train likely belonging to North Korean leader Kim Jong Un has been parked at his compound on the country's east coast since last week, satellite imagery showed, amid speculation about his health that has been caused, in part, by a long period out of the public eye.

The photos released by 38 North, a website specializing in North Korea studies, don't say anything about Kim's potential health problems, and they echo South Korean government intelligence that Kim is staying outside of the capital, Pyongyang. Seoul has also repeatedly indicated that there have been no unusual signs that could indicate health problems for Kim.

That hasn't stopped growing unconfirmed rumors and media reports about Kim's health that have emerged since he missed the April 15 commemoration of the 108th birthday of his grandfather, North Korea founder Kim Il Sung.

Kim Jong Un is the third generation of his family to rule North Korea, and he hadn't missed the April 15

event — one of the year's most important for the North — since assuming power after his father Kim Jong Il's death in late 2011.

Kim's health is of crucial importance because of worries that the serious illness or death of a leader venerated with near godlike passion by millions of North Koreans could cause instability in the impoverished, nuclear-armed country.

Many experts in South Korea downplayed speculation that Kim is seriously ill. They also said North Korea won't likely face a serious immediate turmoil even if Kim is incapacitated or dies because someone else, like his influential sister Kim Yo Jong, will quickly step in, though the prospect for the North's long-term political future would be unclear.

Kim Jong Un's train has been parked at the Leadership Railway Station servicing his Wonsan compound since at least Tuesday, the 38 North website said Saturday, citing an analysis of recent satellite photos of the area.

The website said the approximately 820-foot-long train wasn't present on April 15 but was present Tuesday and Thursday.

"The train's presence does not prove the whereabouts or indicate anything about his health, but it does lend weight to reports that Kim is staying at an elite area on the country's eastern coast," it said.

The photos indicate the train arrived before Tuesday and was still present on Thursday, when it appeared to be repositioned for departure. However, there was no indication when that departure might take place, 38 North said.

North Korea exerts extremely tight control on information about its leadership, making it virtually impossible for outsiders to find out what's going on at those senior levels. Even South Korea's main spy agency has a mixed record on confirming developments in North Korea. When Kim Jong Il died in 2011, for instance, few outsiders knew it until it was reported by North Korea's state media two days later.

A U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to talk to the media, said the latest rumors about Kim's health had not changed the U.S. assessment of the information as "speculation."

JAMES BEGGS 1926-2020

Former NASA administrator resigned after shuttle disaster

Associated Press

BETHESDA, Md. — Former NASA administrator James Beggs, who led the agency during the early years of the space shuttle program and resigned after the Challenger disaster killed seven astronauts in 1986, died Thursday at his home in Bethesda, Maryland. He was 94.

Congestive heart failure is suspected to be the cause of his death, according to one of his sons, Charles Beggs.

President Ronald Reagan nominated Beggs to become the sixth administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. He served in the agency's top position from July 1981 to December 1985.

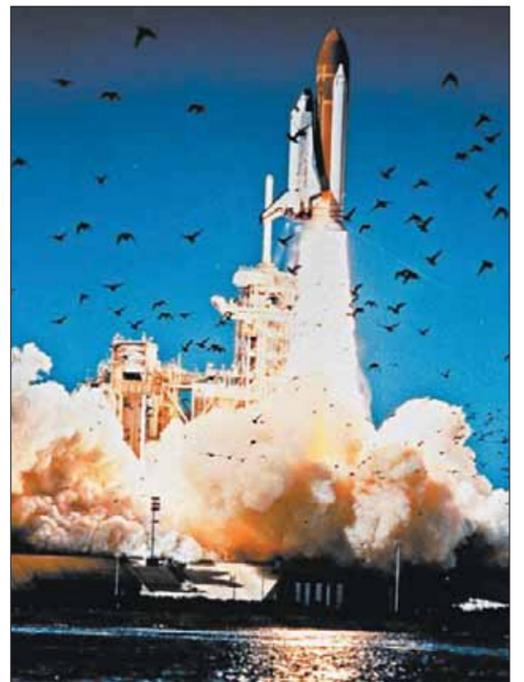
Beggs was on a leave of absence from the post when the Challenger space shuttle broke apart 73 seconds after launch on Jan. 28, 1986, killing all seven astronauts aboard, including New Hampshire schoolteacher Christa McAuliffe.

Beggs' resignation took effect nearly a month later. Charles Beggs recalled asking his father years later why he resigned. He said his father told him that NASA needed to move on from the disaster with strong leadership that he couldn't provide under the circumstances.

"Instead of hanging on, he resigned for the good of the organization," Charles Beggs said. "It wasn't about him. It was about others."

Charles Beggs said his father was proud to receive a NASA award named after Robert Goddard, a pioneer in the rocketry field.

NASA had more than 20 successful space shuttle missions during Beggs' tenure. The Washington Post described him as a popular and charismatic figure who was skilled at dealing with lawmakers on Capitol Hill.



NASA

James Beggs was on a leave of absence as NASA administrator when the space shuttle Challenger launched in January 1986. The shuttle broke apart shortly after launch.

"There is no telling where our vision and imagination will lead us once we have the space station," he said in 1985, according to the newspaper. "As Shakespeare put it, 'Thoughts are but dreams till their effects be tried.'"

NASA Administrator Jim Bridenstine said Beggs' work on the space shuttle program helped NASA "open a whole new era of exploration."

"We continue to build on his legacy today as we take advantage of our long-term presence in low-Earth orbit to make the advances to travel farther, and seed an entirely new segment of the economy through the innovations of commercial partners," Bridenstine said in a statement.

Beggs, a Pittsburgh native, graduated from the

U.S. Naval Academy in 1947 and served in the Navy until 1954. He was an executive vice president and a director of General Dynamics Corp. before becoming NASA administrator.

Beggs took a leave of absence as NASA administrator after he was indicted on federal charges that he and three other General Dynamics executives illegally billed the government. All charges were dropped in 1987. A Justice Department review found no laws had been violated. Then-Attorney General Edwin Meese III sent a written apology to Beggs for the prosecution.

Beggs worked as a Maryland-based consultant after leaving NASA.

He had five children with his wife of 62 years, Mary Harrison Beggs, who died in 2015.

NEWS BRIEFING

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Mnuchin: Sharply rising budget deficits to be a focus 'over time'

Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said that "over time" the U.S. will need to look into the sharply rising budget deficits created by the multi-trillion-dollar coronavirus support packages.

Right now "we're in a war," Mnuchin said on "Fox News Sunday." "We're going to do whatever we need" to support the economy.

The good news, Mnuchin said, is that "interest rates are extremely

low and we're locking in long-term rates" at those levels.

As Treasury and the Small Business Administration prepare to roll out a second tranche of the Paycheck Protection Program, designed by Congress to help small businesses get through COVID-19-related shutdowns, Mnuchin said he was confident that the average loan size would be smaller than in the first round.

Netanyahu 'confident' US will support West Bank annexation

JERUSALEM — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Sunday said he was "confident" he will be able to annex large parts of the occupied West Bank this summer, with support from the U.S.

Speaking at an online gathering of evangelical Christian supporters of Israel, Netanyahu said President Donald Trump's Mideast plan envisions turning over Israel's dozens of settlements, as well

as the strategic Jordan Valley, to Israeli control.

Israeli annexation in the West Bank would be highly controversial, drawing widespread international condemnations and extinguishing lingering hopes of establishing a viable independent Palestinian state.

The Palestinians, with wide international backing, seek the entire West Bank as part of an independent state.

Hong Kong police disperse protesters gathered at city mall

Hong Kong police dispersed more than 100 protesters who had congregated in a shopping mall Sunday in defiance of a regulation banning groups of more than four people to help stem the coronavirus pandemic.

The demonstration came a week after the arrest of 15 prominent pro-democracy activists in connection with unauthorized assemblies last year. The protesters in

Cityplaza mall in Taikoo Shing, near Quarry Bay, carried posters in support of those arrested, opposing new security laws and calling for the "liberation" of Hong Kong.

Hong Kong police said in a statement that such gatherings were prohibited even if protesters clustered in separated groups of four, "as long as the persons gather for a common purpose in public place."



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A man rides a scooter Sunday along a barbed wire fence in the virus lockdown area of Selayang Baru, outside Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The lockdown was implemented to allow authorities to carry out screenings to help curb the spread of coronavirus.

Census delay could put off new voting districts, primaries

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — The U.S. Census Bureau needs more time to wrap up the once-a-decade count because of the coronavirus, opening the possibility of delays in drawing new legislative districts that could help determine what political party is in power, what laws pass or fail and whether communities of color get a voice in their states.

The number of people counted and their demographics guide how voting districts for the U.S. House and state legislatures are redrawn every 10 years. The monthslong delay in

census data could make a divisive process more complicated, potentially forcing lawmakers into costly special sessions to complete the work or postponing some primary elections.

"It will pinch the timing for sure on everybody," said Justin Levitt, a professor at Loyola Law School in Los Angeles who tracks redistricting nationwide. "For a few states, that's incredibly meaningful."

Despite the complications, advocates, lawmakers and others largely embraced the census delay as necessary to get a complete count.

With the U.S. so politically polarized, redistricting plays a major role in whether Republicans or Democrats drive the agenda in each state and how those lawmakers' decisions can affect people's lives.

Parties that win large legislative majorities can tilt policy to the left or right on abortion, guns, taxes and other contentious issues.

Redistricting typically is done by state lawmakers and governors, but an increasing number of states have shifted to special commissions.

Texas Walmart shooting victim dies; toll now 23

EL PASO, Texas — A man shot in the Aug. 3 attack targeting Latinos in an El Paso Walmart died after months in the hospital, raising the death toll from the attack to 23, according to a hospital official.

"After a nearly nine-month fight, our hearts are heavy as we report Gui-

lermo 'Memo' Garcia, our last remaining patient being treated from the El Paso shooting, has passed away," said Del Sol Medical Center CEO David Shimp.

Garcia and his wife, Jessica Coca Garcia, were fundraising for their daughter's soccer team in the Walmart parking lot

when the suspected gunman opened fire that Saturday morning.

Garcia is survived by his wife, who suffered leg wounds but recovered.

The suspect, Patrick Crusius, 21, remains in jail awaiting trial. State prosecutors are pursuing the death penalty.

German minister backs right to work from home

BERLIN — Germany's labor minister wants to enshrine into law the right to work from home if it is feasible to do so, even after the coronavirus pandemic subsides.

Labor Minister Hubertus Heil told Sunday's edition of the Bild am Sonntag newspaper that he aims to put forward such legislation this fall. He said initial estimates suggest the proportion of the work force working from home has risen from 12% to 25% during the pandemic, to around 8 million people.

"Everyone who wants to and whose job allows it should be able to work in a home office, even when the corona pandemic is over," Heil said.

Heil stressed that "we want to enable more home working, but not force it." He said people could choose to switch entirely to working from home, or do so for only one or two days per week.

In Nepal: Rescuers on Sunday recovered the bodies of two South Korean trekkers who had been missing since an avalanche in January buried them in Nepal's mountains, an official said.

An army helicopter flew the bodies — one male and one female — from the Annapurna Trekking Circuit to the city of Pokhara, said a Nepalese army official.

The body of one Nepali guide was recovered Friday; another was recovered a few days earlier.

An avalanche had buried four South Korean trekkers and three Nepali guides in January. Rescuers spent weeks searching for the bodies, but continuing avalanches and thick layers of snow prevented them from finding them.

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Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul speaks at a hearing in front of the Illinois House Mental Health Committee on Sept. 23 in Chicago.

Lightfoot takes on Kwame Raoul: COVID-19 victims shouldn't be branded with a scarlet letter

The fight against COVID-19 requires an “all-in” commitment from every person, every level of government, all corners of society. That commitment includes getting tested when COVID-like symptoms appear, and seeking treatment if needed.

What if, however, a risk emerged that your identity as someone infected could be divulged? That your identity would be shared with emergency responders in your town? That invasion of privacy could be enough to inhibit you from getting tested or seeking treatment?

It's a point Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot makes in an April 22 letter she sent to Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul that seeks to preserve the privacy of people infected with the coronavirus. It's a point that undergirds the importance of safeguarding civil liberties, even in a time of national crisis.

The mayor's letter came in response to Raoul's position that first responders heading out to an emergency call can legally be notified ahead of time that someone at that address has been confirmed as being infected with COVID-19. Raoul conveyed his office's legal opinion to state's attorneys across Illinois in a

memo April 3. “Federal and state law permit,” Raoul wrote, “but do not require, first responders responding to an emergency call for service at a particular address to be notified of the existence of a confirmed COVID-19 case at that address.”

Lightfoot sharply disagreed: “(We) are concerned such notification would unfairly and unnecessarily stigmatize those who have the disease; dissuade people from seeking testing; and even expose first responders to greater risks. Also, no public body should be in effect encouraging the creation of a data base of people sick with COVID-19, which is precisely what your guidance would compel first responders to do.”

Lightfoot urged Raoul to revise his memo.

The battle against the coronavirus has a long list of heroes. Along with health care workers, put first responders at the top of that list. Protecting their health as they respond to calls is nonnegotiable. But that can be done while safeguarding the absolute health privacy of COVID-19 victims. That should be nonnegotiable too.

In addition to serious privacy concerns:

The better, safer approach for first responders is to do what Mayor Lightfoot has recommended for city personnel: approach every call as a health hazard.

With testing far from where it needs to be, and the mechanics of contact tracing still being forged, any so-called database would be incomplete anyway. Missing from it would be people who are asymptomatic, a subset that health experts suspect is troublingly large. Some people have fallen ill but haven't been tested yet. Others may have been tested, but a laboratory hasn't confirmed their status. Still others will have tested positive but are no longer contagious.

The better, safer approach for first responders is to do what Mayor Lightfoot has recommended for city personnel: approach every call as a health hazard. Don protective gear. Follow the guidelines

health care workers are following. It's what first responders should be doing all the time, not just during a pandemic.

We understand it is tempting in times of crisis to broaden government's reach. The nation witnessed how, after 9/11, government justified the curtailment of civil liberties in the name of national security. But it is a temptation we should resist. A crack in the door of privacy rights now lays a foundation for bigger and more potentially disastrous intrusions later.

Raoul's memo to state's attorneys carries considerable weight. Municipalities and counties look to his office for legal guidance. Lightfoot has asked Raoul to revise his memo and advise against the disclosure of individual patient identities. “Singling out COVID-19 patients,” Lightfoot wrote, “could cause trauma and the possibility that people will not seek testing or treatment for fear of being labeled ... No one needs to be labeled at a time when we need to be uniting all our residents in this fight of a lifetime.”

She's right. We only win if everyone commits to the cause. That commitment should be facilitated. And victims should be supported and protected, not shamed.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

There's giving with one hand and taking with the other. Then there's the Trump administration, which goes one better — or worse.

After telling governors early in the coronavirus crisis that they were on their own when it comes to securing protective equipment for first responders who are tending to coronavirus patients, the Trump administration not only has been consistent in its shabby treatment — Florida was an exception early on — it has then actively prevented masks, ventilators and other desperately needed equipment from getting to the states and the people who need them most.

According to WLRN, 1 million coveted N95 face masks, the gold standard in protecting people who come in contact with the infected and that were destined for Miami-Dade County, were “taken” by the federal government. Frank Rollason, Miami-Dade County's head of emergency management, had another word for it, “hijacked” — “because that's what happened” ...

It's an outrage, given that many states have had to jump through hoops to finagle masks and other vital equipment by almost any means possible. Outrageous, but, unfortunately, not uncommon. States across the country have been in the oddest competition with the federal government, which has confiscated masks from Massachusetts, testing supplies from, again, Florida. And states have gotten no clear answers about how, or even if, the federal government is redistributing the materials, stockpiling them or selling them at inflated prices.

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Alice Foeller is flanked by her children Michael and Nora Hohl with the family dog, Patrick, a coonhound, in Columbus, Ohio.

Juggling divorce amid pandemic: Why I'm grateful for my ex

BY ALICE FOELLER

Beginning a personal story and explaining it's about divorce can be risky. There's taboo in talking of divorce, and people anticipate it will be ugly or hateful.

This is not that. This is the story of how my ex and I are bending more, and of how grateful I am to have a good co-parent and an understanding former husband during an unpredictable time. The coronavirus and subsequent orders to stay home are challenging many relationships. Somehow, ours has gotten stronger.

David and I were living in Park Ridge in 1998 when we got married, and we worked and lived in Chicago and its suburbs before moving back to our native Ohio when our two kids were born. When it became clear six years ago that our marriage was not going to survive, David proposed an unusual custody arrangement: We would alternate time with the kids, but they would always stay in the house where they grew up. He and I would find our own places to stay when it was not our turn to be with the kids.

I later learned this is called "nesting" or "bird-nesting," and is a custody arrangement recognized by courts but not widely practiced. It sounded perfect. The last thing I wanted to do was make life any worse for the kids, after already introducing drama and making life harder for David and me.

So the kids live 100% of the time here in their house, and all of their stuff is here. David and I rotate our schedules. The kids get to keep their neighborhood friends, their activities and carpools, and they don't have to

worry about leaving their musical instrument or favorite socks at the wrong house. It can be annoying for David and me, but we're the adults and we should be the ones inconvenienced. We each have another house we live in when we aren't with the kids, although I've heard of couples alternating the second location, too, to save money.

Bring in the dog

A year or two into this arrangement, the kids wanted a dog. We had dogs when they were little: two gorgeous, loyal German shepherds. The dogs were regal, well-mannered and obedient. Sadly, time took its toll and we lost both of them.

After a few years with no dog, the kids were clamoring for one, as kids will. I wanted a dog, too, as a running partner. Because of my current partner's allergies, keeping the dog, Patrick, with me wasn't going to work. So I asked David if the dog could stay at the house permanently. To my surprise, he said yes.

Unfortunately for all of us, the dog we adopted from the shelter, while cute and deserving of a home, had not the first idea about manners. Patrick is a coonhound and had lived outdoors his whole life. He didn't understand that you don't climb on a chair and eat food off the dining table. He didn't understand about lying down and chilling out.

He jumped on the kids and grabbed their arms with his mouth. He figured a way to break out of his crate. His bark was extraordinarily loud and deep and impossible to talk over. It

was not at all what David bargained for when he said yes.

After several weeks of this, he told me he was done with it, and I needed to return Patrick to the shelter or find somewhere else to take him during David's time at the house. I tried a number of pet sitters, but most of them were defeated by Patrick's terrible behavior.

The kids and I took Patrick to obedience classes. He improved dramatically but was still below average. I took him to a dog kennel down the road twice, and that seemed to be working until I got news from the owner: "Oh, Patrick? Yeah, we can't have him come back here."

I finally found another kennel where the expectations for dog behavior were lower and the staff friendlier. They agreed to exchange my website services for kennel stays, and twice a week I would drop off Patrick during David's time at the house. Patrick's tail wagged as we arrived at the kennel each time and he barked excitedly — yes, loudly.

Stay-at-home order

In late March, I drove to the kennel and was greeted by a neon poster. The kennel would be closed indefinitely due to an order by Gov. Mike DeWine to close nonessential businesses. My stomach dropped. I didn't know what I would do. This place had already been Plan F, and I didn't have a Plan G.

I sent David a text explaining the dog would have to stay at the house until I could figure something out. To my relief, David arrived that evening and immediately began a training

session, making Patrick sit and respect him. We agreed the kids, now teenagers, would be in charge of feeding, walking and potty breaks.

The arrangement has gone on a lot longer than we thought. But everything at the house has been relatively peaceful, except for food occasionally getting snatched off the counter and devoured in the family room. David has been a great asset to the kids during this time of stay-at-home orders and uncertainty. On his weekends, he often takes them to his house for renovation work. They've cut lumber, run wiring and done all sorts of home improvements together. Since I can work from home, I've been doing my part by supervising most of the homework and organizing most of the meals.

One evening this week, he drove the kids around to serenade family members on their front lawns, including my relatives. His guitar, my son's saxophone and their three voices created a "quarantine-caroling" sensation. It was creative, generous and fun.

I know there are plenty of stories of people stuck with relatives or dealing with exes they don't like, or who are violent or destructive. I'm happy I can share a story that's nothing like that.

David and I are not married anymore. But that doesn't mean we can't appreciate each other.

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Ramadan in the time of coronavirus: Finding serenity in the storm

BY ZAINAB CHAUDRY

Weeks ago, few could have predicted that our lives would change so dramatically as we grappled with a once-in-a-century pandemic sweeping the globe. Yet, here we are, adjusting to this new reality of social distancing and self-quarantining due to the coronavirus outbreak.

As disorienting as these times feel, it's all the more unsettling to process what COVID-19 means for how religious holidays have traditionally been marked across faith traditions. Weeks ago, a friend celebrating Easter Sunday shared a screenshot of the service being livestreamed — from her empty church. Then, a former colleague posted pictures of a Passover Seder in his living room, shared with loved ones via Zoom from only two blocks away.

And now, this pandemic presents unique challenges for millions of Americans who are joining 1.5 billion Muslims around the world in welcoming the month of Ramadan. Ramadan marks the month in which the Quran, the

Islamic holy text, was revealed to the Prophet Muhammad. It is traditionally a time of spiritual reflection and rebirth, of families and communities coming together, and of increased charity.

It involves gathering daily for communal prayers, breaking of the fast, spiritual talks and intra- and interfaith service projects and activities. It's a time of year that historically is linked to mosques, that has been deeply rooted in community. And that now — for the first time in our lifetimes — will be observed in isolation, within our homes. The question on many minds is: how do we prepare to spiritually rejuvenate our hearts and minds while surrounded by such solitude, uncertainty, grief and turmoil?

But it's in these exact moments, when trials and tribulations compel us to feel lonely, confused and afraid, that we can benefit most from the blessings of this month. In fact, Ramadan in the time of the coronavirus has the potential to be our most rewarding and rejuvenating Ramadan yet.

Many mosques are adapting to

offer "drive-thru iftar" meals and planning to livestream spiritual programs, sermons and lectures to help their congregations remain connected over the next several weeks. Friends have already started scheduling "virtual iftars" on Zoom, Skype, FaceTime and other platforms. And, perhaps most importantly, families will have the opportunity to spend more quality time together. Chapter 94, verse nine of the holy Quran reads: "Verily, with hardship there is ease." It serves as a reminder that this pandemic is a temporary test, and it reassures us to persevere, stay strong and be steadfast in faith.

Spirituality and resilience can manifest in the absence of conflict, but they're truly nurtured while enduring it. The ability to exercise patience and maintain a spiritual connection is a reflection of both. Let's resolve to cultivate serenity within ourselves this Ramadan. It's said to not be freedom from the storm, but finding peace within it. The entire world is a mosque to pray in for those who seek to connect with our Creator.



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A mask-clad man prays near a mosque on the first Friday of Ramadan, amid a curfew due to the coronavirus pandemic, in Dubai on Friday.

And for those who may be missing the strength they find in being with their loved ones and community this month, remember that love is real even though it can't be seen or touched.

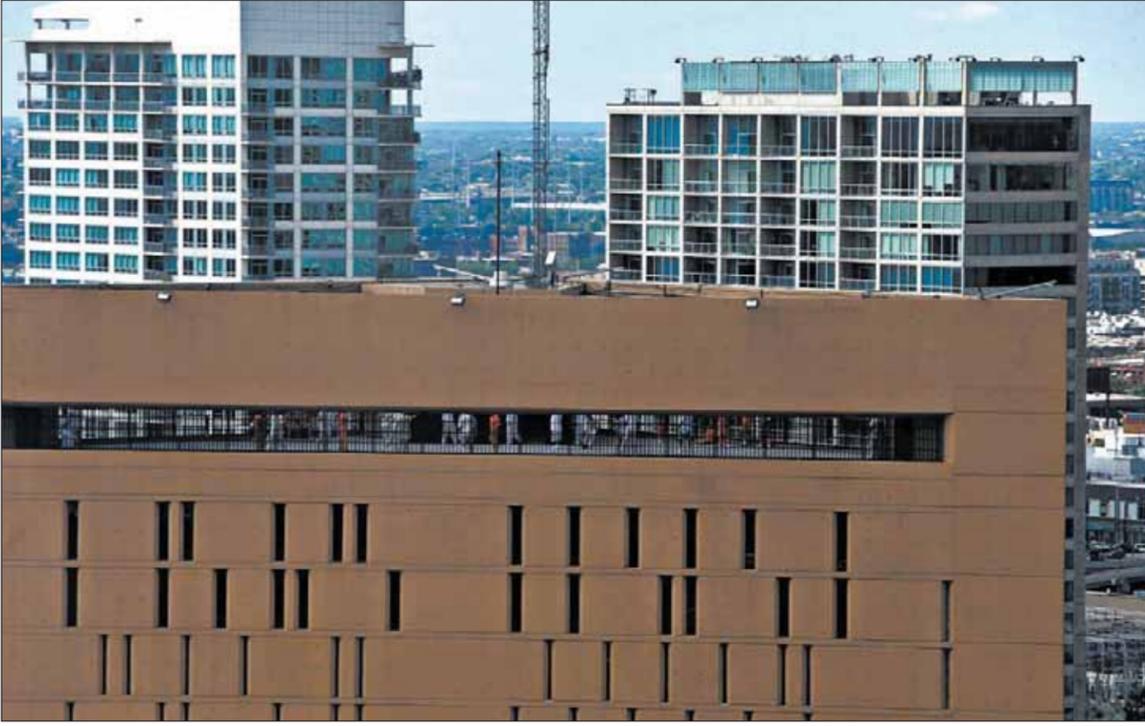
When we pray in our homes, we are joined in prayer by a faith community from all parts of the globe. According to one Hadith, or record of prophetic tradition, a man asked the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him): "What do you say of a man who loves a certain group of people but cannot be of them?" The Prophet replied: "A person will be with whom he loves." (Sahih al-Bukhari 6168, Book 78, Hadith 194).

Ramadan in the time of the coronavirus will be a once in a lifetime experience. We were made for these times. They bring extraordinary challenges, but also tremendous opportunities. Let's use this month as an opportunity to reflect on our immeasurable blessings, to give back to humanity in every way possible, to treat others well and to seek nearness to God through our prayers, fasting and good deeds.

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The Metropolitan Correctional Center in Chicago could become a COVID-19 hot spot.

Don't let Chicago's federal jail become the next hot spot

BY ALISON SIEGLER
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The first COVID-19 death, April 19, of a Cook County Jail correctional officer should be a call to action for federal judges in Chicago. As the novel coronavirus continues its dangerous and lethal spread through Cook County Jail, judges must release more people from the federal jail, known as the Metropolitan Correctional Center, or MCC. Otherwise, the MCC also will become downright disastrous.

The number of COVID-19 cases at the Chicago MCC has skyrocketed since April 13 when it was zero to more than 40 as of Friday, with at least 20 staff and 21 inmates having now tested positive, according to the Federal Bureau of Prisons. Those numbers rise daily and show no sign of leveling off. As U.S. District Judge Matthew Kennelly said in a recent opinion: "The Court ... assumes that the measures undertaken by the MCC to prevent or stop the spread of coronavirus disease are, and have proven to be, inadequate to prevent spread of the disease within the institution."

Unfortunately, Attorney General William Barr is taking a draconian and misguided approach to pretrial jails like the MCC. Jails are different from prisons — the people caged in jail are awaiting trial and haven't been found guilty of anything. Yet for some inexplicable reason, Barr, the nation's chief federal prosecutor, is treating people in jails more harshly. Barr has recommended releasing people from federal prisons, recognizing that "time is of the essence." But he has directed his federal prosecutors — including those in Chicago — to largely oppose releasing people from federal jails. He claims that keeping presumptively innocent people in jail is the only way to advance "the safety of the community," a contention that flies in the face of the government's own data.

Rather than relying on the attorney general's bluster, federal judges in Chicago must be guided by the hard evidence, which shows that releasing people in jail poses far less risk to the community than COVID-19 itself. The vast majority of people released in federal cases pose little threat to the community. In fact, the federal government's own data shows that over 98% of people released in federal cases do not commit new crimes on release, and 99% appear for court. These numbers hold true even in the federal districts that release the majority of people pending trial. Meanwhile, the Department of Justice categorizes just 2% of federal arrestees as violent.

Judges concerned for the safety of the community must heed this evidence, which proves that we could release many more people from the Chicago MCC without increasing crime or endangering anyone.

In addition, federal judges must recognize that COVID-19 completely changes the safety-of-the-community calculus. The wide and deadly swath the pandemic has torn through Cook County Jail makes clear that officers and medical staff will die along with the people jailed there. Meanwhile, a chorus of public health experts says that releasing the incarcerated will protect the broader community from COVID-19. Failing to release people from the MCC poses its own dangers to the community — we are all at risk when people in jail need scarce hospital beds and ventilators. Just look downstate, where the hospital near Stateville prison has been "overwhelmed" by infected inmates needing emergency COVID-19 treatment.

Judges should also disregard the attorney general's paternalistic argument that the very people his own prosecutors have potentially exposed to COVID-19 may spread the virus to their families if released. Not only is social distancing eminently more feasible at home than in jail,

but you can be sure those families would rather risk infection than have their loved ones die alone behind bars. Just ask the families of those in federal prisons who have perished from COVID-19.

Even before COVID-19, we testified before Congress about the urgent need to release more people from federal jails. In the midst of the much-maligned war on drugs, Congress passed the federal Bail Reform Act of 1984 to respond to "the alarming problem of crimes committed by persons on release." But the government's own evidence cited above definitively proves that releasing more people does not lead to more crime.

The machinery of injustice nevertheless chugs along, with federal judges nationwide jailing 75% of people charged with federal crimes under the outdated and unsound bail law. Just to provide some perspective, that's nearly double the jailing rate for violent felonies in state cases nationwide. The astronomical federal detention rates aren't making our communities any safer and come with high fiscal and social costs. Taxpayers spend \$36,299 per year on every person jailed federally pending trial — far more than the average cost of college tuition today. Meanwhile, people who are presumed innocent can lose their jobs, their homes and even their children as they languish in cages.

Now more than ever, federal judges in Chicago must recognize that, contrary to the attorney general's message, the only way to give "controlling weight ... to public safety" during this extraordinary time is to release more people from the MCC. Otherwise, many people may die within the MCC's walls and beyond.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Why some don't go to the ER

Recently there was a story in which a doctor said fewer patients are coming forward with possible heart attacks ("Are virus fears behind the drop in heart attack cases?" April 9).

Then a doctor wrote a letter to say that emergency departments are safe, and that patients should head there "if you truly need us" ("ERs are safe for emergencies," April 22).

Because of the brutal "no support person or visitors allowed" policy during the pandemic, many of us, especially vulnerable seniors, would much rather take our chances on dying at home with a family member by our side than enduring a lonely ride in an ambulance, a solitary stay in an emergency room cubicle and then dying alone in a hospital or nursing home.

Some of us try to keep away from the hospital to avoid not the virus, but suffering and dying without a loved one. Let's hope the "no visitors" policy is revised very soon.

— Nancy Dunne, Hometown

Police, fire should assume worst

When I read the letter ("Knowing where COVID-19 is," April 22) from Burr Ridge Mayor Gary Grasso, I was shocked. Once again we have overreach by a politician who needs to know "where" Covid is in his town, even though he doesn't need to know "who" has it. In reality, he doesn't need either.

"Who" and "where" would only be applicable for enforcement of some punitive lockdown measure. Police and fire don't need the info, and neither do neighbors. Everyone should just assume that everyone else has it.

In so doing, we will be exercising the guidelines as issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Cops, firefighters and paramedics need to have, and use, proper personal protective equipment on each call.

Precaution should be taken on every call now, as before the virus, because as a first responder, you *always* assume the worst. It helped me survive 42 years as a cop.

— Robert Stasch, Chicago

Hope for equity in health care

I was deeply moved by the reporting about the heroic staff at the underfunded Roseland Hospital ("Outgunned, outmanned and underfunded," April 19). On the other side of the fence, many private hospitals with a focus on elective surgery now have excess capacity and are furloughing workers, cutting pay and reallocating resources.

In recent weeks, I have heard many comments about the future of health care after the coronavirus pandemic. Is it naive to hope that the future will see a more equitable distribution of health care resources?

Clearly, the Roselands in our state and country do so much valuable work in struggling communities. They deserve more financial support.

— Jutta Helm, Chicago

What will bar scene be like after reopening?

I'm elderly and I haven't hung out at bars for many years. But as a young man, I liked bars. I enjoyed the camaraderie, the small talk, the prospects of meeting new people.

Heck, I once met Mike Royko at a Lincoln Avenue bar, and we sat and got pleasantly drunk together.

Now, when this country reopens, our leaders are saying, people are going to have to practice social distancing in restaurants and bars.

Everyone will have to sit, I guess, six bar stools from the next guy. How are you going to tell a dirty joke? How is a lonely fellow supposed to introduce himself to a girl if he has to shout over a gulf of six bar stools?

I'm afraid that the post-pandemic world, if there is one, is going to be strange. It makes me glad I'm old.

— R. Conrad Stein, Chicago

Difference in point of view

Last Monday's Voice of the People section contained two opposing letters written by Al Zvinakis and Kevin Coughlin. Both pointed out seeming hypocrisy on both sides of the political spectrum regarding the sacredness of human life.

I see no double standard here. The left side of the debate honors life's sanctity only after it begins at birth. The right honors it only before.

I hope that clears it all up.

— Frank D'Alessandro, Chicago

Shared experience will change us in countless ways

BY JONAH GOLDBERG

"Where were you when ...?"

We've all asked this sort of question. Where were you when the planes hit the twin towers? Where were you when you heard JFK was shot? Where were you when you heard Kobe Bryant died?

The unstated thing about such questions is the assumption that you were a spectator of one kind or another when something momentous happened. And for most Americans, that's how we experience historic events — as spectators.

The 9/11 attacks were a huge event for most of us who were alive then. But how many lives did 9/11 directly and meaningfully affect, particularly outside New York and Washington? Not many in the grand scheme of things. (Hassles at airports don't count.)

The same goes for wars. Less than 1% of Americans are in the military, and less than 10% of the adult population has ever served. Even among those who wear a uniform, only a fraction see sustained combat.

Most historic events of the last half-century, even if significant and tragic, are remembered largely as moments on television. Despite the tendency of politicians to say, "If we can put a man on the moon," the number of people among that "we" is only in the thousands. The rest of America experienced it vicariously on TV.

This isn't to minimize the importance of those events or the emotional effect they had on society. The Cuban missile crisis directly involved a small number of players, but millions or even billions of people felt they had skin in the game.

There's a huge psychological difference

between watching and participating, and I don't think anyone is appreciating the difference. For decades after the Great Depression and World War II, the question wasn't "Where were you?" It was "What did you do?" or "What happened to you?" During World War I, not everybody served, but nearly everybody knew someone who did and felt the effects of war mobilization — the censorship, the hysteria, the rationing of food, etc.

The consequences of those shared experiences were profound, changing our politics and culture in countless ways.

This pandemic is the first event in my life that approaches anything like that. And it's going to get much more intense before it's all over. A recent NBC News/Wall Street Journal poll found that 59% of Americans don't know anyone who has contracted COVID-19. A week prior, the same pollsters reported that 70% of Americans didn't know anyone who'd been infected. If even the rosier predictions are accurate, it won't be long until every American knows someone who contracted the virus, and perhaps someone who died from it.

How much of the political squabbling right now is attributable to the fact that many of the people protesting in relatively unscathed regions are still watching this pandemic unfold as an event on TV and not as a menace in their own lives? It's understandable that if you don't know anyone suffering from COVID-19 or helping those suffering from it, you might feel that stay-at-home orders are an overreaction.

But that's probably not going to last, particularly if the experts are right that we'll see a major resurgence in the fall.

Whether the lockdowns are warranted in every corner of the country is a different conversation. I think there are good arguments (and bad ones!) on both sides of those debates. But if everybody eventually knows somebody who has died, or nearly died, in this pandemic, the conversations to come are going to be very different.

Already, the economic calamity the pandemic has caused is guaranteed to blow up a lot of the comfortable assumptions that have defined the contours of our politics for the last two decades.

Consider immigration, which has roiled our politics for so long. Whatever your position is on the issue, the old equation has new variables. In a country with millions out of work, dismissing some work as "jobs Americans won't do" may well sound offensive in ways it didn't before. As agonizingly slow as the process already feels, it's a sure bet that America and the developed world will emerge from the pandemic far sooner than poorer nations. Inviting immigrants from places where the virus is still thriving — regardless of whether you think it's right or wrong — will simply have a very different political resonance than it did two months ago.

That's just one obvious example. There are far more unknowns waiting for us in the years ahead, because we're about to enter an era when every single American can start a conversation by asking "What did you do?" or "What happened to you when?"

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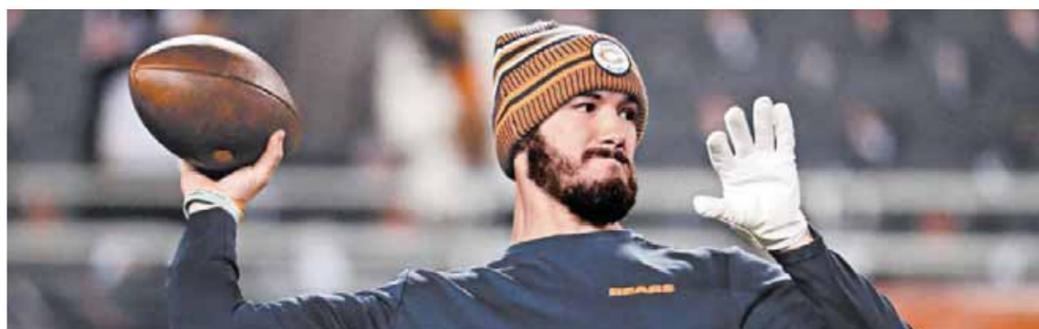


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INSIDE CHICAGO SPORTS

Trubisky decision an easy call

With the deadline for a decision on Mitch Trubisky's fifth-year option a week away, the Bears have not yet said what they plan to do. But with a price tag of \$24.8 million for Year 5, and an open quarterback competition set to begin in training camp, picking up the option just doesn't make sense. **Dan Wiederer, Page 6**

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Confusion swirls about government help

The financial fallout from COVID-19 continues, and given the myriad government programs and announcements, it is understandable if you feel confused. Here are some common questions and answers.

The IRS moved the tax deadline to July 15, but what about quarterly estimates?

On April 9, the IRS announced more deadline updates. In addition to the April 15 filing and estimated tax payment being extended to July, the agency also moved Q2 estimates, which would have been due on June 15, to July 15. "This means that any individual or corporation that has a quarterly estimated tax payment due on or after April 1, 2020, and before July 15, 2020, can wait until July 15 to make that payment, without penalty."

Additionally, individuals, trusts, estates, corporations and other non-corporate tax filers qualify for the extra time. If you can't make the July deadline, you will need to file an extension (form 4868) to October 15.

Remember: An extension to file is not an extension to pay any taxes owed, so you need to estimate your tax liability and pay any taxes owed by the July 15 deadline to avoid additional interest and penalties.

If I don't file taxes, how can I get the government's \$1,200 check?

If you are a U.S. citizen or permanent resident who had gross income that did not exceed \$12,200 (\$24,400 MFJ) for 2019 and were not otherwise required to file a federal income tax return for 2019, and didn't plan to file, use the IRS Non-Filer tool (<https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/non-filers-enter-payment-info-here>).

My mother has gotten phone calls from someone who promised to help her get her check from the government. This is a scam, right?

Unfortunately, fraudsters mobilized quickly to take advantage of unsuspecting housebound Americans. Early reports include the sale of products, treatments and tests related to COVID-19; fake virus-related charity scams; assistance in securing government money and person in need scams, where someone poses as a relative who claims to be ill, stranded in another state or foreign country and asks you to send money.

Forward any kind suspicious communications (phone, text or email) to the Federal Trade Commission or the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

Small business owners flooded my inbox with questions about the government's \$350 billion program to help keep them afloat amid the crisis. Although the Small Business Administration reported that it had exhausted funds as of April 16, there is an expectation that there will be more money coming from Congress, so if you haven't applied or are in process, here's what you need to know.

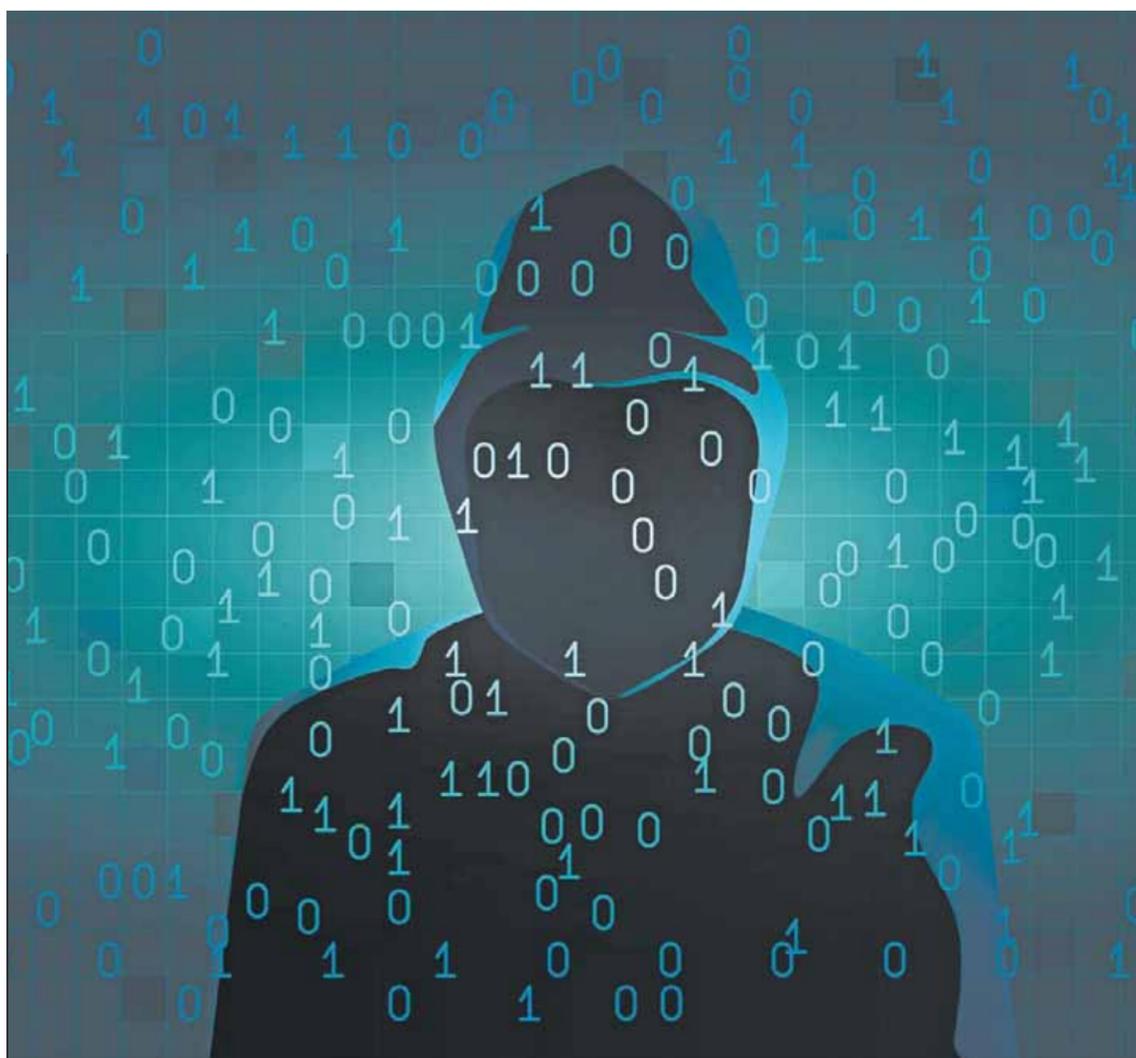
Can I apply for the disaster relief loan and the Payroll Protection Program?

Yes, but you will go through two separate processes. The disaster relief (loans of up to \$2 million) is offered through the Small Business Administration directly, while for the PPP, you will need to go through a bank. The PPP offers loans of two months of average payroll prior to the crisis (Feb 15, but if you have a seasonal business, you may be able to use a different date) up to \$10 million to keep workers on the payroll, and also can cover rent and utilities. The key to PPP is that it can be forgiven, if you keep employees for eight weeks.

Can I access PPP to cover part-time workers and independent contractors?

Yes, for part-timers, but no for independent contractors and gig workers. On April 10, the government opened up PPP to business owners who are sole proprietors, such as freelancers and independent contractors.

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DREAMSTIME

SCAMMERS on the prowl

IRS warns recipients of government payments to be careful

BY LAURA DAVISON | Bloomberg

The Internal Revenue Service is warning about another kind of epidemic — scammers trying to get their hands on the \$1,200 payments being sent out to help millions of Americans weather the storm.

The payments, plus \$500 for each child, began hitting bank accounts recently, opening an avenue of opportunities for scams, identity theft and low-tech crimes such as stealing checks from mailboxes.

"Right now, due to how vulnerable the population is, it's really prime picking for fraudsters to come out in full force," Donna Parent, the chief marketing officer at Sontiq, an identity theft protection company, said. The Federal Trade Commission "is reporting more than \$13 million in fraud loss due to COVID-19 — that's only going to exponentially increase with stimulus payment scams."

The Internal Revenue Service and the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, the agency's watchdog, have issued several warnings that scammers are posing as IRS workers to try to get personal information from payment recipients that they can then use to steal the money. The inspector general is asking people to report any suspicious activity. Go to [Treasury.gov](https://www.treasury.gov) for more information.

The \$1,200 payments are available to those earning less than \$75,000 as an individual, including recipients of Social Security, disability and veterans benefits. Those earning above that threshold and up to \$99,000 get a smaller payment.

People in that population, including the elderly, those with less education and those who aren't tech savvy are the most likely to fall victim to some of these scams, and are also the most likely to need the money, said Vanita Pandey, the head of strategy at Arkose Labs, a company that detects and prevents online fraud.

The coronavirus outbreak means that a lot of people who weren't familiar with the internet are now using apps to communicate with family and friends or ordering groceries online, giving scammers ample opportunity to find easy targets, Pandey said.

There are some common-sense moves that check recipients can take to protect their personal data as well as their payments. Avoid clicking on links sent in email or text messages that appear to be from the IRS. The IRS said it will not contact people by telephone, email, social media or text message to ask for personal information. Hang up if someone claiming to be from the IRS calls you.

The IRS is using tax return information from 2018 and 2019 to send the payments. For those who have direct deposit information on file from a tax refund in one of those years, the IRS is sending the money directly to their bank accounts.

People who didn't file a tax return in either year should submit their bank account or address information IRS as soon as possible to prevent a criminal from submitting incorrect information to divert payments. Social Security beneficiaries will automatically receive their payments in the way they receive their benefits.

The Treasury Department has said that those receiving Supplemental Security Income will automatically receive their payments to their bank accounts, direct express debit card or by paper check, in the same way they typically receive their benefit payments.

The IRS opened an online portal at www.irs.gov/coronavirus/economic-impact-payments that will let people update their direct deposit or mailing address and let recipients see the status of their payment and the day it is scheduled to be mailed or deposited. The IRS will also mail notifications to recipients about two weeks after their payment has been sent that will include instructions on how to report that a payment

hasn't arrived.

The U.S. Postal Service also offers a heads-up to people about what's coming in the mail that day. Users can sign up online to get an "Informed Delivery" email about what is coming in the mail later that day. That can let mailed check recipients to know to be diligent in checking the mail so payments aren't stolen.

It's hard to know yet just how much fraud risk there is with the stimulus payments. After Hurricane Katrina, about 10% of government payments were fraudulent, Kim Sutherland, a vice president at LexisNexis Risk Solutions, said.

Identity theft has plagued the IRS in recent years, so much so that the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration called it an "epidemic" in congressional testimony. Scammers have been able to steal taxpayer information and file fraudulent tax returns to illicitly get refunds. The agency has greatly reduced the prevalence of stolen tax refunds by upgrading detection systems.

"The potential for fraud is present, but it is not substantially different from what IRS needs to deal with every tax filing season," said Jack Smalligan, a former Office of Management and Budget official who is now a senior policy fellow at the Urban Institute. "The IRS has an elaborate process to identify scams, particularly high-volume scammers."

Still, thieves are able to adapt their schemes, said Marcus Christian, a former top attorney in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Florida. Government agencies are much more adept at detecting and preventing fraud, but the stimulus checks present an unprecedented opening for scams, he said.

"Fraud isn't going to be reduced to zero," said Christian, who is now a partner at law firm Mayer Brown. "There is some balancing of interests here: Get these out quickly to taxpayers, which will result in some fraud, and some taxpayers may have to go through an onerous burden to get rightful payment."

Life insurance trust option

It can be more versatile for multi-generational planning purposes



ELIOT RAPHAELSON
The Savings Game

In previous columns, I have discussed the changes to retirement account regulations stipulated by the SECURE Act of 2019 and some strategies to mitigate the effects of the new rules.

One such strategy is using life insurance in a retirement account. IRA expert Ed Slott believes that for many IRA owners, especially those with large balances with existing trusts, this option has many advantages.

One of the major provisions of the SECURE Act is that the IRA stretch option was eliminated for most non-spouse beneficiaries and replaced with a 10-year rule. The 10-year rule is now in effect for IRA and Roth IRA beneficiaries who inherited accounts from owners who died in 2020. It stipulates that the beneficiary must withdraw all assets from the inherited IRA by the end of the 10th year after the original account owner's death.

Some beneficiaries are still eligible to use the old stretch rules, namely spouses, minor children (not grandchildren), disabled or chronically ill individuals, and those not more than 10 years younger than the IRA owner. The "stretch" refers to the ability of the beneficiary to withdraw the assets over his or her lifetime, yielding more tax-deferred growth.

The IRA owners most affected by the rule change are those with the largest IRA balances, who, as a result, established sophisticated estate plans utilizing trusts as IRA beneficiaries to ensure that the funds are not misused by beneficiaries due to mismanagement, lawsuits, divorce, bankruptcy or financial scams.

Unfortunately, as a result of the SECURE Act, most of these trusts could not meet the desired objectives without large tax costs. The 10-year rule, speci-



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fied in the new law, overrides provisions in the trust that allowed for longer withdrawal periods.

Using life insurance, however, will allow owners more post-death control and less tax. In addition, owners would have more long-term stability and guaranteed payout as long as reputable life insurance companies are selected. If the life insurance is purchased with IRA withdrawals, there will be taxes due, but tax rates have been lowered, and after age 72 there would be required RMDs with the associated income tax liability.

When withdrawals from IRAs are used to purchase life insurance, the RMD will be reduced in subsequent years, resulting in lower future tax liability. If no action is taken by IRA owners, nonspouse beneficiaries will be forced to withdraw all of the IRA assets over a 10-year period with the associated income tax liability, when many of the beneficiaries may be in their peak earning years.

Slott has indicated that many existing trusts named as the beneficiary may have to be scrapped. They can be replaced in favor of new, more simplified trusts to inherit the life insurance. Life

insurance trusts are more flexible and customizable for clients, and they don't require all the IRA/RMD language that complicated the IRA plan.

The life insurance proceeds paid to the trust after death will be income-tax free and can follow the intent of the owner without the tax rules that complicate the IRA trust.

Life insurance trusts can be more versatile for multi-generational planning, keeping the funds protected for decades, if desired. Because of the SECURE Act, many existing trusts named as the beneficiary would require the funds to be released to the heirs by the end of the 10th year.

Naturally, the life insurance option can work only for owners who qualify for life insurance. If you do not qualify, either because of age or health, you can consider a Roth conversion. The beneficiaries would still be required to make a withdrawal within 10 years, but the withdrawals would be tax-free for the beneficiary.

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Sustainable investing on the move

BY JOHN WAGGONER | Kiplinger

Sustainable investing hasn't just arrived; it's fast becoming a bedrock principle.

Here are some companies that are taking up the sustainability challenge and addressing pressing environmental problems — too much trash, scarce resources and increasingly intractable weather woes.

Tackling waste

Darling Ingredients (symbol DAR), which began its life as a Texas rendering company in the 19th century, collects food waste and various animal by-products and transforms it all into more useful things for customers in the food, animal feed and fuel industries, among others.

In December, President Trump signed into law an extension of the biodiesel tax credit through 2022, and that provided the company with a big slug of capital for future expansion. Meanwhile, trends for the company's other core businesses remain favorable, according to Baird analysts, who believe the stock can trade over the next 12 months at nearly a 30% increase from its recent close.

Waste Management (WM), another Texas company, is a less speculative play on the world's growing mountain of trash. The firm is the largest trash collector (and disposer) in North America. Waste Management has an impressive dividend history, increasing its payout every year for the past 16 years. Furthermore, the company has a strong record of beating Wall Street's earnings estimates, according to Zacks Investment Research.

Delivering alternative energy

If you want wind power, you need a windmill, and the most important part of a windmill is its propeller. TPI Composites (TPIC) makes propellers for the wind industry that are strong, light and very, very large. TPI has about 13% of the global wind propeller market, says Jonathan Waghorn, manager of the Guinness Atkinson Alternative Energy Fund, and that market is growing rapidly. That said, TPI is a small, emerging growth company, and such firms entail considerable risks.

First Solar (FSLR) is one of the brightest lights in the photovoltaic solar energy industry. "It's the ExxonMobil of solar," says fund manager Waghorn, whose fund owns the stock. The stock logged a 2% loss over the past year, a return that masks some big ups and downs along the way. But the company has a huge backlog of new orders, and the shares are reasonably priced, according to Morningstar.

Combating climate change

Boosting crop yields with more fertilizer is one way to address farmers' increasing weather woes. Nutrien (NTR), a Canadian firm whose stock trades on the New York Stock Exchange, is the world's largest fertilizer company.

Although Nutrien produces crop nutrients, more than half of annual sales come from its retail division, with more than 1,700 locations that sell seeds, fertilizer and other merchandise directly to farmers. The stock is rated "buy" by investment firm CFRA. The shares sport a robust dividend yield.

Keeping the water flowing

Xylem (XYL) provides equipment and services that address the full water cycle, from collection to distribution and use, to the return of water to the environment.

Xylem said in November that demand from industrial end users, such as oil and gas companies and mining firms, had softened, clouding the stock's short-term outlook. But its remaining operations are doing well. Over the long haul, Xylem should benefit as utilities continue to adopt smart metering, sophisticated data analytics and other cost-saving services and equipment. Investors should note that Xylem is sensitive to U.S.-China relations, and that foreign currency fluctuations can impact profits.

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Smart ways to use stimulus money

Save, pay off debt instead of shopping online

BY SANDRA BLOCK
Kiplinger

Millions of Americans are receiving checks for up to \$1,200 per person (\$500 for each young child) as part of the \$2 trillion stimulus package to ease the economic impact of the coronavirus pandemic.

Many families will need to use their checks to put food on the table or keep the roof over their heads. But if you're working, consider putting your stimulus check to work.

"The beauty of the situation is there are no stores open, so it is much more difficult to waste your stimulus check," says Andrew Marshall, a certified financial planner in Carlsbad, California. "Instead of buying something you really don't need, put it toward a goal you have."

That also means avoiding online shopping. Here are better things to do with your money.

Save for retirement: If you haven't funded a Roth or traditional IRA for 2019, there's still time to make a contribution that can lower your 2019 tax bill. When the IRS extended the tax filing deadline to July 15, it also extended the



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deadline to contribute to a 2019 Roth or traditional IRA. The maximum contribution for a 2019 IRA is \$6,000 — \$7,000 if you're 50 or older — so you can stash your entire stimulus check there if you don't need it for anything else.

Pay off high interest rate debt: Interest rates have dropped on student loans, mortgages and bank savings accounts, but if you're carrying credit card debt, you're probably paying upward of 15%. You can free up a lot of cash by paying off those cards.

Give it away: If your finances are in order and your job is secure, considering using your stimulus check to help those who don't share your good fortune.

You can deduct a portion of your donations on your 2020 tax return even if — like most taxpayers — you claim the standard deduction. To encourage more charitable giving, the federal stimulus package includes a provision that allows

taxpayers to claim a new "above-the-line" deduction for up to \$300 in cash donations.

Shore up your emergency fund: Ideally, you should have three to six months' worth of living expenses in a savings account. If you're not there yet, your stimulus check is a good start.

Invest in a child's education: Contributions to a 529 college savings plan grow tax-free, and withdrawals aren't taxed if you use them for qualified expenses, such as college tuition and room and board. You can invest all or a portion of your stimulus check — 529 plans typically have very low minimums. Plus, your state may give you a tax deduction or credit if you invest in your own state's plan.

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It's OK to feel many things right now

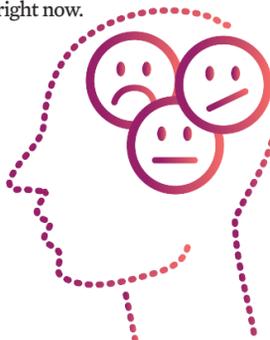
Brene Brown, the vulnerability researcher and professor whose TED Talk is one of the most-viewed in the world, has a smart way to ask people how they are doing right now.



How goes it?

To gauge how people really are feeling, Brown has her 30-person team do a short exercise before kicking off a Zoom meeting. Everyone gives a two-word feeling check-in.

It doesn't take long for everyone to give their answer. And it gives permission for people to quickly name their feelings without judgment. It also acknowledges that we humans often feel many things at once.



Yes, you're normal

Dr. Marc Brackett, who runs the Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence, said this rush of confusing emotions is normal — as normal as things can be when you're living and working through a pandemic. In these uncertain times, you can hold space to feel both anxious and optimistic.

"Our brains like to tell ourselves stories," Brackett said. "I think it's a helpful strategy. It's a self-talk strategy. I've got to be hopeful. I've got to be grateful. I've got to get through this. Having that positive self-talk makes all the difference."



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How to respect your team's time

Communicate clearly,
don't expect people
to be available at all hours

BY HILLEL FULD | Inc.

These are challenging times, and that certainly is true across the board — personally and professionally.

When it comes to working remotely, which is how a vast majority of us are working now, of course, there are some guidelines leaders can follow in order to achieve productivity while also giving your team members the personal time and space that they need.

Define working hours and stick to them

When you are all in an office, it is quite obvious when everyone is working because you see them there. When you are working remotely, the norms are blurred, the rules often are unclear and expectations sometimes are ambiguous.

As a manager, it is your job to remove that lack of clarity. Communicate clearly with your team what working hours are and stick to them, no matter what. That includes you.

I understand that you had something that popped into your head at 8 p.m. in the shower, but that doesn't mean you need to call your marketing person and ask him or her to write the copy for it right then. That also means you shouldn't email a team member at 10 p.m. with a question and then freak out when he or she doesn't get back to you right away.

Wait until the morning and then communicate your idea or ask your question. It might sound trivial to stick to defined working hours, but it affects the future of the team and the work and trickles down to all aspects of the company when rules aren't defined and time off isn't respected. Especially now, people need to have strictly defined work and off hours.

Be as responsive as possible on your team communication platform

This point is crucial. When you're working in an office, you can always get up and walk over to a person to ask a question. When you're working remotely and your teammate needs your response in order to proceed with his or her work, give the



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courtesy of a timely response.

I'm not saying everything needs an immediate response on Slack, but getting a message at 9 a.m. and responding at 6 p.m. is unacceptable if the message is an important one that requires a timely response. Be considerate of other people's workflow.

Offer very clear tasks, metrics and processes

If you have expectations of your team, don't leave them in your head. Communicate how you see things going and what you expect. No one can read your mind and working remotely makes it very challenging to know what you expect if you don't explain it explicitly.

Nuances get lost in emails. So be as clear and concise as you can, even if to you it's obvious that that task needs to be completed today. You may think that you shouldn't have to tell an employee that he or she cannot disappear for two hours every afternoon when there is a deadline, but this is a strange new world and people sometimes need explicit direction.

When you're working remotely, all you really have to depend on is clear communications. Don't make any assumptions.

Don't have team calls for the sake of having them

There is no question that they are sometimes necessary. In fact, in times of remote work, calls might even be more necessary and a daily 10-minute team call might prove to be very beneficial. However, calls also require people to stop what they are doing and focus on the call.

Don't have calls for the sake of saying you had a call. Have calls when necessary and let the team focus on its tasks when possible.

Be honest with your criticism and positive reinforcement

When you're sitting in an office with your team, your satisfaction or disappointment with their work can often be seen on your face. Being open and honest with feedback is crucial, but when working from

home in a very stressful environment, it is even more vital for the team to know how it is performing.

If a team member delivers a task and does it well, tell him or her you are happy with the results. Such positive reinforcement is all that person has to work with now and it will surely encourage that person to get moving on the next task.

On the other hand, if you are dissatisfied with a team member's performance, tell them that with specific details of what they can do better next time. A phone call likely is best in this situation.

The underlying principle here is that when working remotely, sensitivity of other people's time and work flow needs to be amplified and magnified so the team achieves maximum success, which is what everyone wants at the end of the day.

However communicative you are under normal working circumstances, multiply that a few times when the team is working remotely.

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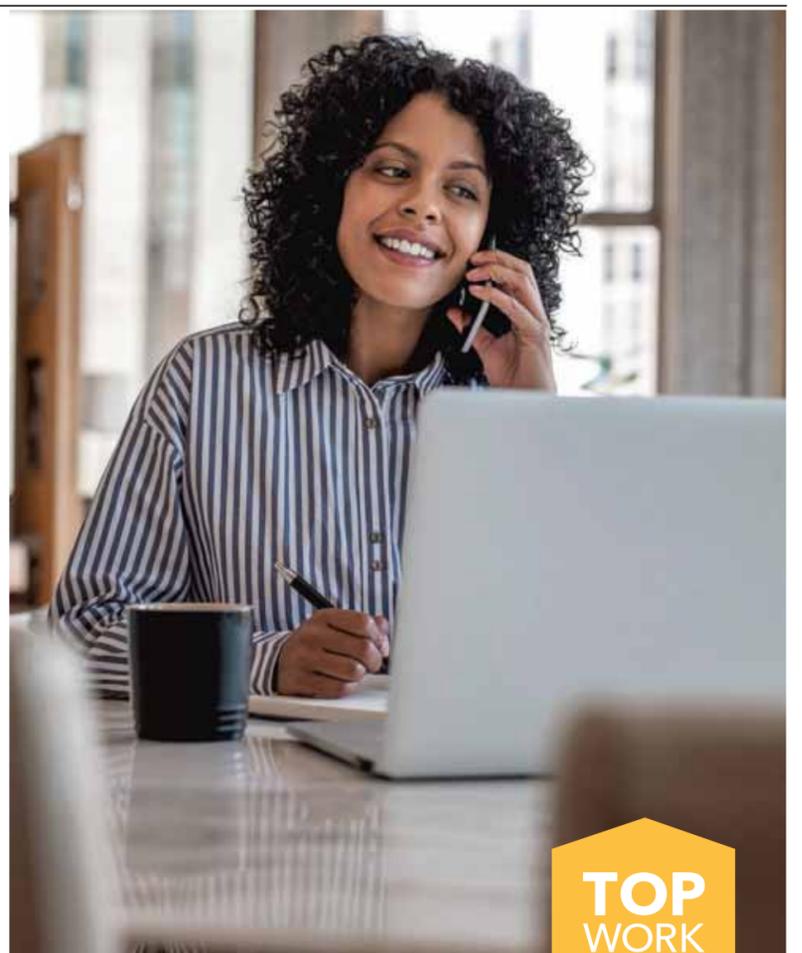
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PETER BEARD 1938-2020

Wildlife photographer lived on the wild side

BY MARGALIT FOX
New York Times

Peter Beard, a New York photographer, artist and naturalist to whom the word “wild” was roundly applied, both for his death-defying photographs of African wildlife and for his own much-publicized days — decades, really — as an amorous, bibulous, pharmaceutically inclined man about town, was found dead in the woods Sunday, almost three weeks after he disappeared from his home in Montauk on the East End of Long Island. He was 82.

His family confirmed that a body found in Camp Hero State Park in Montauk was that of Beard.

He had dementia and had experienced at least one stroke. He was last seen March 31, and authorities had conducted an extensive search for him.

“We are all heartbroken by the confirmation of our beloved Peter’s death,” the family said in a statement, adding, “He died where he lived: in nature.”

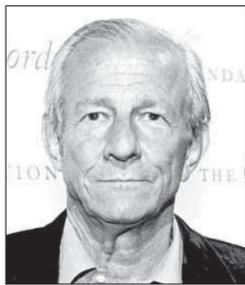
Beard’s best-known work was the book “The End of the Game,” first published in 1965. Comprising his text and photographs, it documented not only the vanishing romance of Africa — a place long prized by Western colonialists for its open savannas and abundant big game — but also the tragedy of the continent’s imperiled wildlife, in particular the elephant.

In later years, Beard became famous for embellishing his photographic prints with ink and blood — either human (his own) or animal (from a butcher) — yielding complex, cryptic, multilayered surfaces.

He was also known for the idiosyncratic, genre-bending diaries that he had kept since he was a boy — profuse assemblages of words, images and found objects like stones, feathers, train tickets and toenail clippings — and for the large, even more profuse collages to which the diaries later gave wing.

But as renowned as he was for his work (he received solo exhibitions at the International Center of Photography in Manhattan, the Centre National de la Photographie in Paris and elsewhere), Beard remained at least as well known for his swashbuckling, highly public private life.

Even by the dashing standards of wildlife photography, his résumé was the stuff of high drama, full of daring, danger, romance and tall tales, many of them actually true. Had Beard not



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already existed, he might well have been the result of a collaborative brain wave by Hemingway, F. Scott Fitzgerald and Paul Bowles.

He was matinee-idol handsome and, as an heir to a fortune, wealthy long before his photographs began selling for hundreds of thousands of dollars apiece.

Besides documenting Africa’s vanishing fauna, he photographed some of the world’s most beautiful women in fashion shoots for Vogue, Elle and other magazines. He had well-documented romances with many of them, including Candice Bergen and Lee Radziwill, the sister of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis.

“The last thing left in nature is the beauty of women, so I’m very happy photographing it,” Beard told the British newspaper The Observer in 1997.

He discovered one supermodel, Iman, and spun a fabulous legend about her origins. He was married for a time to another, Cheryl Tiegs.

A denizen of Studio 54 in its disco-era heyday, he numbered among his friends the likes of Andy Warhol, Truman Capote, Salvador Dalí, Onassis, Grace Jones, the Rolling Stones and Francis Bacon, who painted his portrait more than once.

In 1963 he appeared, nude, in Adolfo Mekas’s avant-garde film “Hallelujah the Hills!,” a critical and popular hit at the inaugural New York Film Festival. He later recalled that “Andy Warhol called it the first streak.”

He seemed to possess the indefatigability of a half-dozen men, and well into old age routinely reveled until dawn, his escapades becoming grist for gossip columnists worldwide.

“Peter Beard — gentleman, socialite, artist, photographer, Lothario, prophet, playboy and fan of recreational drugs — is the last of the adventurers,” The Observer said.

“James Dean grown up,” another British paper, The Evening Standard, called him.

“The hard-partying sep-

tuagenarian shutterbug,” The Daily News of New York wrote.

There was the time, for example, as Vanity Fair reported in 1996, that Beard, after roistering until 5 a.m. at a Nairobi nightclub, emerged the next afternoon from a tent on his ranch in the Kenyan countryside followed by the “four or five” young Ethiopian women he had brought home with him.

“We were very cozy,” he noted.

There was the time in 2013, The New York Post reported, that Beard, then 75, returned home about 6 a.m. to the midtown Manhattan apartment he shared with his wife, Nejma Beard, who was also his agent, after a night’s revels.

Nejma Beard did not take kindly to his return — not because of the hour, but because he happened to have two Russian prostitutes in tow. In response, she dialed 911, declared that her husband was attempting suicide and had him committed for a time to a local hospital.

“Beard doesn’t really make art to enhance life for the rest of us,” a critic for The Globe and Mail of Toronto wrote in 1998. “He has created his flamboyant life as a work of art.”

Yet for all its swashbuckling glitter, Peter Beard’s curriculum vitae was shot through with darkness. His art, reviewers often remarked, seemed haunted by death and loss. So, at times, did his life. In the 1970s, a devastating fire obliterated his home, along with 20 years’ work. In the 1990s, he was attacked and nearly killed by one of the very animals he had long worked to save.

In September 1996, while picnicking near the Kenya-Tanzania border, he was charged by an elephant, who came at him, he recalled, like “a freight train.”

The elephant ran a tusk through his leg, narrowly missing the femoral artery. Using its head as a battering ram, it crushed Beard, breaking ribs and fracturing his pelvis in at least a half-dozen places. By the time he arrived at the hospital in Nairobi, according to news reports, he had no pulse.

Doctors revived him, but damage to his optic nerve left him blind. He was told that he might never walk again. He eventually regained his sight, and the ability to walk.

He is survived by his wife Nejma Beard, a daughter, Zara, a granddaughter, and his brothers, Anson Jr. and Samuel.

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Andrews, Angeleen J.

Angeleen J. Andrews, nee Rendas, 90, beloved wife of the late Arthur J. Andrews; devoted mother of Maria (the late Richard) Lubera, John (Dianne) and George (Margo) Andrews; proud yia-yia of Nick Lubera, Eric (Danyelle) Andrews, Leah Andrews and Joseph Andrews; great yia-yia of Chloe and Ronan. Funeral Service Private and Interment Private at Chapel Hill Gardens West Cemetery. Due to COVID-19 Restrictions a celebration of Angeleen’s life will be planned for a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Holy Apostle Greek Orthodox Church will be appreciated. Info. 630-941-5860.
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Biala, Primo

Primo Biala, age 76, beloved husband of the late Consolacion, nee Gacayan (2014). Loving father of Gary, Allen & Kenneth and father-in-law of Kelly & Anne. Proud grandfather of Brayden, Bennett, Beckham, Enzo, Xavier. Dear brother of Cesar, Annie, Eddie, Delphin, Shirley, Rico, Greny, Nancy, Charito, Nazario Jr., and the late Lita, Aurora, Floro, Shirley & Alejandro. Dearest son of the late Nazario & Celestina. Because of the current pandemic and risk for spread of infection, visitation & services will be private. A memorial celebration will be planned for a later date. For information please call 630-668-0027 or hultgrenfh.com.

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Dodge, Florian A

Florian A. Dodge (b. 2-16-26) or Orland Park passed away on April 24, 2020, from COVID-19. Beloved husband of Bernice for 69 years; devoted father of Sandy O’Malley (husband Jack O’Malley, deceased), Kenneth (wife Claudia Jones), and Robert (wife Alice Dodge); admired grandfather of 11, and revered great-grandfather of 19. WWII Navy veteran. Taught 10,000 St Rita High school students over 42 years. Hero to all. No memorial service at this time. In lieu of flowers, Florian’s wish was that donations be made to St. Rita of Cascia High School (7740 S. Western Ave, Chicago, IL 60620-5867 or www.stritahs.com/donate) to provided tuition assistance for financially challenged young men desiring a quality Catholic education.
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Donohue, Denise S.

Denise S. Donohue, age 67, of Schaumburg. Beloved wife of Kevin P. Donohue. Loving mother of Shawn (Vikki), Daniel (Jennifer) and Brian Donohue. Dear grandmother of Ryan, Sarah, Alexander and Andrew Donohue. Dear sister of Audrey (John) Schuten and Mark Czech and sister-in-law of 6. Dear aunt of many nieces and nephews. Loving daughter of the late Helene and Joseph Czech. The visitation and services are private. Interment will be at Maryhill Cemetery, Niles, IL. The funeral will stream live at 10 AM Tuesday. There will be a memorial Mass at St. Matthew Catholic Church at a later date. Please visit the website for additional information or online condolences www.ahgrimfuneral.com or 847-882-5580.
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Drobny, Arnold J.

Arnold J. Drobny, 78, beloved husband of the late Susan Lee Drobny; loving father of Allison (Jim) Popowski; devoted son of the late Sarah and Charles Drobny; dear brother of Irving (Arlene) Drobny and the late Sheldon (Anita) Drobny; treasured uncle, cousin and friend of many.
Due to the pandemic and out of concern for our extended family and friends, services and shiva will be private. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the charity of your choice. For information and to leave tributes and condolences: **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 847.255.3520 or www.shalom2.com.

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Gall, Lorie K.

Lorie K. Gall, nee Picken, 64, of Orland Park, at rest April 25, 2020. Beloved wife of Daniel. Loving mother of Christa (Sean) Nelson and Andrea (Joseph A.) Kelly. Cherished grandmother of Brendan Nelson, Evan Nelson, and Grace Kelly. Fond sister of Richard Picken, Lynette Davila, and Robert Picken. Many loving nieces and nephews. Lorie was a dedicated Employee Health Nurse at Little Company Of Mary Hospital in Evergreen Park for nearly 20 years. Lorie loved her family as a loving wife, mother, and grandmother and was a dear friend to many. She also was a lover of animals. Memorial Services to be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers donations to NAWA of Mokena 9981 W. 190th. St. Unit A Mokena, IL 60448 or www.nawsus.org. Arrangements entrusted to Orland Funeral Home. (708) 460-7500 or www.orlandfuneralhome.com.
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Gorowski, Leo S.

Leo S. Gorowski, age 93, of Naperville, IL passed away on Tuesday, April 21, 2020. He was born on September 7, 1926 in Chicago, IL. Leo is survived by his daughters, Geri Lee Gorowski and Jodene Gorowski; and sister, Mimi Squinto. He was preceded in death by his siblings, Helen Stuhr, John Novak, Frank Novak, Eddie Novak and his wife June Gorowski. Visitation will be held on Thursday, April 30, 2020 from 3:00 p.m. until the time of service 7:00 p.m. Services will be streamed live. Memorials in Leo’s name may be made to the American Heart Association. Arrangements entrusted to **Beidelman-Kunsch Funeral Homes & Crematory**, 24021 Royal Worlington Dr., Naperville. Info: www.beidelmankunschfh.com or 630-922-9630.
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Graf, Leonard J.

Leonard J. Graf, age 89, of Northbrook, formerly of Skokie. Beloved husband of the late Jacqueline, nee O’Leary; dear father of Mary (Edmund) Mahoney and the late Thomas (Ruth); and loving grandfather of Michael Graf, Joseph, Matthew and Mark Mahoney. A Memorial Mass at St. Peter Catholic Church, Skokie, will be held in the future. Memorial contributions may be made to Catholic Charities, 721 N. LaSalle St., Chicago, IL, 60654. Funeral information: 847-673-6111 or www.habenfuneral.com to sign guestbook.
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Hester, Thomas J.

Thomas J. Hester, age 82, passed away on April 25, 2020. From his birth in Chicago, on February 9, 1938 to his death he affected every person he met with his humor, pure joy, and unconditional love and acceptance. He was born on the west side of Chicago to Patrick and Julia (Grealis) Hester and was the oldest of three boys. Tom served in the US Army and upon release, pursued his talent as a painter and entrepreneur, founding Hester Painting & Decorating in 1968. His eye for color and vision for design were unmatched. An avid softball player into his 50’s, his team, the DieHards, were propelled to multiple championships by his spectacular pitching skills and the talent and competitive nature of his four sons who joined him on the field. Tom will affectionately always be remembered as Handsome Tom Hester (HTH). He was preceded in death by his son, Danny (9/29/01), and is survived by his beloved wife of 59 years, Marianne, nee Freibert; sons, Jeff (Julie), Tom (Jenny) and Steve (Heather); 14 grandchildren; and 4 great grandchildren. A private funeral service and interment will be held. A public Memorial Mass at St. Peter Catholic Church, Skokie, will be held in the future. In lieu of flowers, please make donations in Tom’s memory to Mercy Home For Boys and Girls, 1140 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL, 60607; www.donate.mercyhome.org. Funeral information: 847-673-6111 or www.habenfuneral.com to sign guestbook.

Klomp, Elinora Marie
Elinora Marie Klomp (nee MacKrell), 88, passed away peacefully engulfed in love at Radford Green nursing home in Lincolnshire, IL. Preceded in death by her beloved late husband Peter Klomp Sr., sons Ronald and Anthony Soliwoda, her brother Leo and her sisters Theresa and Carole. She is now reunited in peace with them. She was the devoted mother of Elizabeth, and her favorite son-in-law Brian, Tenner. Her best and finest moments were being “Nana” to Izzy, Jacob and Abby. Born in Erie, PA she moved to Cleveland and married Peter. Thirty-five years as a waitress at Stouffer’s Restaurant and never missed a day of work. She was a wonderful, loving and caring person with a quick wit and stubborn will. Nana always had the radio on and loved the music program at Radford Green. Thank you to the staff at Radford Green who tirelessly took care of her over the past year when her dementia took over. Contributions can be made in her name at Radford Green so that others can continue to enjoy the music and sing-along. In her honor, use more butter, wear all your jewelry at once and sneak up on someone you love and scare the crap out of them! We love you Nana! You will be greatly missed. Due to current situation, family service will be private.
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Lyons, Elizabeth A.

Elizabeth A. (Koehn) Lyons, age 84. Daughter of Otto R. and Coletta Koehn. Beloved wife for Sixty-four years of Thomas J. Lyons, C.P.D., loving mother of Michael T. (Mary), Kimberly A. Boruff (Paul), Christopher L., C.F.D. (Joan). Adored grandmother of eight and great grandmother of three, life long resident of Chicago and its suburbs. A world traveler for over twenty years, she visited every continent but Antarctica, walked the Great Wall, climbed the Eiffel tower, visited the tower of London, went on safari in South Africa, cruised the Danube, Amazon, and Yangtze rivers and visited every state of the United States. Passed away from a two-month battle with pneumonia, complicated by Alzheimer’s disease. Private ceremony to be held at Markiewicz Funeral Home on Tuesday, April 28th followed by interment services at Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Hillside, IL. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Alzheimer’s Association www.alz.org. A celebration of her life will be held sometime in the future. Info: 630-257-6363 or www.markiewiczfh.com
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Matthews, Jr., Henry B.

Henry, 78, departed this world on March 27, 2020 as dramatically as he lived in it. Beloved son of Dr. Henry B. and Harryetta Babb Matthews, Henry grew up in Chicago. He joined the US Navy and became a flight radio operator in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, where he gained his amateur radio operator’s license. An accomplished airplane and helicopter pilot, he traveled and sailed the world and settled in Manzanillo, Mexico. He wore many hats — electrical engineer, charter and tugboat captain, entrepreneur, and welder. He was Gents to his family, Hank to his friends, Hankie to children — who loved him universally — and Captain Hank to his boating world. His primary legacy will always be his consummate storytelling, infectious laugh, loyalty, generous heart, and ability to connect with anyone anywhere. He is survived by his brother, Philip, of Dallas, TX, his ex-wife, Dorrie Slutsker, of Oakland, CA, and his devoted family of friends.
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ON APRIL 27 ...

In 1521 Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan was killed by natives in the Philippines.

In 1759 writer and women’s rights advocate Mary Wollstonecraft was born in London.

In 1791 artist and inventor Samuel F.B. Morse was born in Charlestown, Mass.

In 1805, during the First Barbary War, an American-led force of Marines and mercenaries captured the

city of Derna, on the shores of Tripoli.

In 1822 the 18th president of the United States, Ulysses S. Grant, was born in Point Pleasant, Ohio.

In 1865 the steamer Sultana exploded on the Mississippi River near Memphis, killing more than 1,400 Union ex-POWs being returned to the North after the surrender of Robert E. Lee.

In 1882 essayist and poet Ralph Waldo Emerson died in Concord, Mass.; he was

78.

In 1896 baseball player Rogers Hornsby, generally considered the game’s greatest right-handed hitter, was born in Winters, Texas.

In 1899 animator and “Woody Woodpecker” creator Walter Lantz was born in New Rochelle, N.Y.

In 1927 Coretta Scott, who would marry civil rights leader Martin Luther King, was born in Marion, Ala.

In 1932 American poet Hart Crane drowned after jumping from a steamer while en route to New York; he was 32.

In 1937 the nation’s first Social Security checks were distributed.

In 1965 broadcast journalist Edward R. Murrow died in Pawling, N.Y.; he was 57.

In 1967 Expo ’67 was officially opened in Montreal by Canadian Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson.

In 1973, during the Watergate scandal, Acting FBI Director L. Patrick Gray resigned.

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Daily 3 evening 002 / 9
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Chicago Tribune Death Notices

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Murphy, Dominica "Minnie"

(nee Parisi), 91, lifelong resident of Chicago, passed away April 24, 2020. Beloved wife of the late Francis; loving mother of Mike (Eileen), Carolyn, Frank, Dan, Kathy, Tom, Jim and Bill; cherished grandmother of Nicole (Tony) Layman, Michael Murphy (Allison Vlinica), Victoria (Tony) Raspante and Anthony Murphy; proud great grandmother of Jake, Katie, Abby, Frankie, Sam, Michael, Joey, Ben and Sean; dearest sister of the late Marie Henriksen and Carmella and Theresa Parisi; fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Service and interment at St. Mary Cemetery private. A Memorial Mass will be arranged when it is safe to gather post-pandemic. Arrangements entrusted to **Michael Coletta Sons Funeral Home**, www.colettasonsfuneralhome.com or 312-225-8500.

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Murphy Sr., John P. 'Jack'

John "Jack" P. Murphy Sr. Beloved husband for 58 years of Eileen nee Fagan; Dearest father of Eileen Murphy and John Jr. (Lynn); Cherished grandfather of Christopher (Abbey), Matthew, Ryan and Katie; Dearest great grandfather of Aiden and Caroline; Beloved brother of Shirley (Dave) Osman, James (Judy) and the late Lois (the late Gerard) Sitter, the late Rita (the late Robert) Arscott, the late Clair (the late Mildred) Murphy and the late William (Patricia) Murphy; Fond brother-in-law of William (Diane) Fagan and Ann (Ken) Frederking; Loving uncle of many. Proud 60 year member of Plumbers Union Local 130. Village of Hanover Park plumbing inspector for 20 years. A Memorial will be announced at a later date. Arrangements were entrusted to **The Oaks Funeral Home** 630-250-8588.

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Peterson, Alan Elm

The world lost a great titan and teacher when Alan Elm Peterson passed away peacefully on April 20th, 2020 at the age of 90. His generosity was profound and his leadership esteemed.

Alan Peterson was born of the Great Depression. He arrived on Friday the 13th of September 1929. Maybe it's fitting he passed away amidst a global pandemic. Those formidable challenges built a man of resilience, integrity and compassion. A natural entrepreneur, Alan rose to partner at Arthur Andersen in 1966 and served until 1980, when he established Peterson Consulting. In 1994, he founded Tucker Alan. He was a pioneer in the world of government contract consulting and founded the litigation consulting practice at Andersen in the early 1960's. His accomplishments included testifying before Congress and contributing to GAO reports. A "Computer World" article from 1979 quotes his insight, even though he never learned how to operate one.

Transforming business came naturally. When his high school yearbook lost funding, Alan Peterson arranged to keep the tradition alive. He was a sharp negotiator, a skilled wordsmith, and an intellectual powerhouse.

Being a lifelong student fed his yearning for knowledge. From his early childhood in Orion, Illinois, to his studies at Northwestern University, Master's in Accounting at Michigan State, and an Honorary Doctorate from Purdue, Alan was both an expert and an educator. In his later years, he served as a mentor to countless young professionals cutting their teeth in the consulting world.

In 1953, he joined the Navy and moved his new bride, Milly, to Bay City, Michigan. The couple welcomed son Mark in 1956, and Doug five years later in Glen Ellyn, Illinois.

Alan had a deep appreciation for the arts. Known to quote old movies and musicals, he had a story for everything. He was the driving force bringing the famed Frida Kahlo exhibit to the College of DuPage in 2021.

More than anything, Alan Peterson believed in giving back. His generosity was legendary. From wait staff, to hospitals, to universities and scholarships, Alan's philanthropic efforts funded endless community projects and educational opportunities.

Alan Peterson leaves behind a lasting legacy through his sons, Mark and Doug, and their wives Marcie and Edvania. He was Grandpa to Erin, Patrick and his wife Rachel, Kirsten, Matthew, Haley and Benjamin Peterson. Lucy, Meredith and Stanley Peterson knew him simply as GPop.

In death, he joins the wind beneath his wings. Wife, Milly, passed away in January 2020.

A private visitation will be held on Saturday, May 2nd with a funeral service at 2pm to be live-streamed via www.facebook.com/LEONARDMEMORIALHOME/. See www.leonardmemorialhome.com or 630-469-0032 for details. A memorial celebration of Alan Peterson's life will come at a later date, when it's safe to gather again. In the meantime, you're encouraged to share stories at rememberingalan.com. In lieu of flowers, consider donating to one of Alan's beloved charities: Metropolitan Family Services of DuPage, College of DuPage Foundation or The National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

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Scheiner, Gregory G.

Gregory G. Scheiner. Beloved husband of 37 years of Ellen M. Scheiner. Cherished father of Stacie P. Scheiner & Adam G. (Rebekah A.) Scheiner. Devoted son of the late Otto F. & Margaret J. Scheiner. Loving brother of Jeffrey C. (Nancy M.) Scheiner & Mary E. Moran-Scheiner. Proud uncle of many nieces & nephews. Adored by sisters & brothers in law. Will be missed by his favorite four-legged friend Abby. Due to the current COVID situation and in conjunction with Greg's wishes, there will not be a visitation. Cremation will take place, and his ashes will remain with his family until a memorial service can be planned (TBD). Arrangements entrusted to Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home. thompsonkuensterfuneralhome.com 708-425-0500

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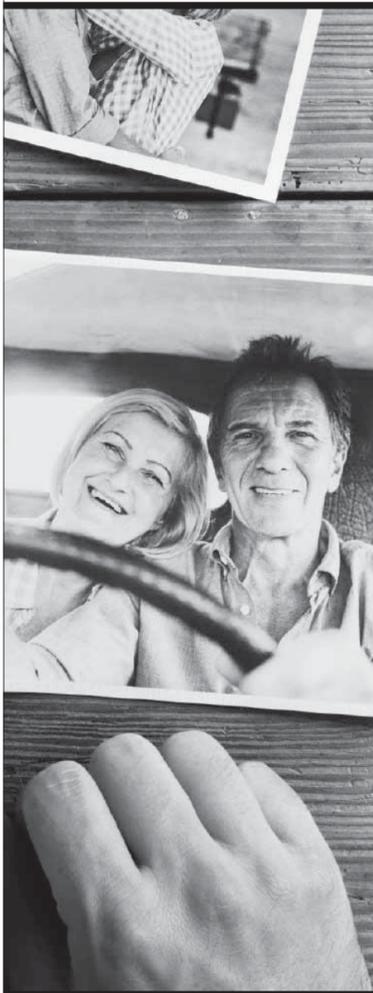
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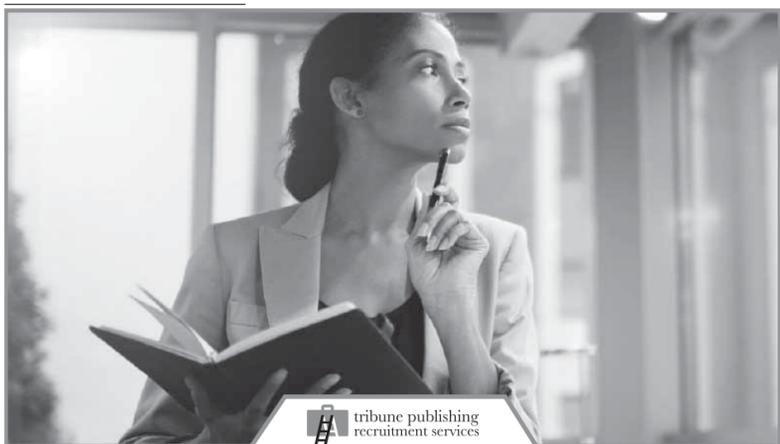
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The Bears have not yet said whether they plan to pick up quarterback Mitch Trubisky's fifth-year option at \$24.8 million.

The price is wrong

Bears' decision on Trubisky's 5th-year option, at \$24.8 million, should be easy

For those who remain in breathless anticipation to learn the Bears' official decision on the fifth-year option in Mitch Trubisky's rookie contract, we suggest wrapping your brain around the one detail that matters most. The number 24.8. As in million. As in dollars.



DAN WIEDERER
On the Bears

As in that's the Year 5 price tag if the Bears decide they absolutely couldn't live without Trubisky beyond this season.

Read that again. The deadline is next Monday for filing the yes-or-no fifth-year option decision with the league office. To this point, the Bears have made a strategic decision to keep those plans private.

But why on God's green earth would general manager Ryan Pace check the "yes" box? If the Bears have shown reason and good judgment in establishing "an open competition" for the starting quarterback job in 2020 — a clear unwillingness to commit to Trubisky for Week 1 of this season — then why would they offer even a loose pledge for 2021? Especially at that astronomical number.

Really, the question isn't so much what the Bears will do with Trubisky's fifth-year option as much as why they have been so reticent to declare their intentions publicly.

Pace has taken a sturdy "no comment" stance on the issue since New Year's Eve. He was pressed on the matter during the team's end-of-season news conference, again at the combine, yet again after the first wave of free agency, during his pre-draft session with reporters last week and once more Saturday night.

In each case, Pace dodged the questions as if they were sneeze-filled handshakes.

Ryan, have you come to a conclusion on Mitch's fifth-year option?

■ Dec. 31: "We're not at that point right now, and when we are, we'll let you guys know."

■ Feb. 25: "Everything's internal as we think through that process and this whole thing comes together. We'll make that decision in May."

■ April 3: "That's something we're not

going to comment on right now. We've got until May to make that comment. We'll talk about it as we get closer to that date."

■ April 21: "Right now our focus is all on the draft. We know we have until May 4 on that, and we'll cross that bridge once we get through this weekend."

■ April 25: "We're just coming off the draft right now. We're just decompressing on this final day. We know we have until May 4. There are no updates in that area."

The sidestep strategy has been somewhat confusing, with Pace proving as elusive as any of his seven draft picks. But, really, why keep asking the question? Why is an official declaration necessary?

Instead, grab a crayon and connect the dots. It's a play-at-home game.

The price of the fifth-year option for first-round picks is based on position, and the scale is much higher for top-10 selections, who are entitled to the value of the current transition tag at their position. That's where the \$24.8 million comes from for quarterbacks.

Yes, Trubisky's fifth-year option for 2021 would be guaranteed only for injury. So the Bears could pick it up next week and still wiggle free from any true financial commitment by cutting him before the league year begins next March.

In fact, that's exactly the path Pace took with Leonard Floyd. After picking up Floyd's fifth-year option last spring, the Bears yanked that \$13.2 million commitment last month before the start of the league year and sent Floyd on his way.

It would be possible to take a similar approach with Trubisky. Sure. Absolutely. But why?

With the fifth-year option guaranteed for injury, if Trubisky were to suffer a severe injury during the 2020 season, the Bears would be on the hook for all of that \$24.8 million. It would immediately become a sunk cost.

The risk-reward just isn't there. In what world would a \$24.8 million investment in Trubisky for 2021 become a bargain for the Bears?

The truest of the Tru believers would

argue that the best of the best-case scenarios is still possible for the developing quarterback. What if Trubisky not only turns a corner in 2020 but becomes a star?

What if he beats out Nick Foles for the starting job, plays at an elite level all year, leads the Bears deep into the postseason and proves he should be the franchise's long-term answer at quarterback? Wouldn't the Bears love to have him locked up for 2021 at \$24.8 million without risking his departure in free agency?

First, that's a pretty far-fetched "What if?" dilemma to use as a compass in contract decisions. The more reasonable optimist might see the possibility Trubisky wins the starting job for 2020, plays at an above-average level and helps the Bears win again. So then what? Without the fifth-year option in their back pocket, the Bears would have to try to negotiate a new deal with Trubisky for 2021 and beyond — something they almost certainly would have to do if he became a star as well.

Through that lens, would the starting point for any negotiation be significantly north of \$24.8 million per year? Probably not.

So why not take the reasonable wait-and-see approach and let things play out?

The Chiefs, for the record, are certain to pick up Patrick Mahomes' \$24.8 million option, a mere formality as they work to negotiate a likely record-setting long-term extension. Deshaun Watson's fifth-year option for about \$17 million will be a no-brainer for the Texans as they too ready the Brink's truck.

Of the 11 quarterbacks drafted in the top 10 between 2011 and 2016, only two didn't have their fifth-year options granted: Jake Locker of the Titans and Blaine Gabbert of the Jaguars. The Redskins picked up Robert Griffin III's fifth-year option in 2015 but cut him the following spring before it kicked in. The Bears have another week to slow-play their official decision on Trubisky's contract. When it's finalized, it will create another headline and more chatter. Yet Pace might not have to detail his reasoning publicly for months.

Still, the practical approach for the Bears seems clear. It starts with the number 24.8. As in million. As in dollars.

WHEN SPORTS STOOD STILL

Keeping an eye on the world of sports during the coronavirus crisis:



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Saints nearing deal with QB Winston

The Saints and quarterback Jameis Winston are working on a contract proposal to make the former Buccaneers starter a backup to Drew Brees in New Orleans, according to reports Sunday.

Meanwhile, the Saints have announced that dynamic reserve QB and utility player Taysom Hill has a new two-year contract. ESPN reported that the new deal is for a total of \$21 million, including \$16 million guaranteed.

Winston is coming off a season in which he led the NFL with 5,109 yards passing and ranked second with 33 touchdown passes, but he also led the NFL in interceptions with 30. That made Winston the first QB in NFL history to have at least 30 TDs and 30 interceptions. The Bucs allowed Winston, whom it drafted first overall out of Florida State in 2015, to enter free agency and replaced him with former Patriots QB Tom Brady.

Now it appears Winston is open to going from five-year NFL starter to being Brees' understudy in hopes of rebuilding his credentials as a prospective franchise quarterback.

Teddy Bridgewater recently did just that, serving as Brees' backup for two seasons before the Panthers signed him last month to replace their longtime starter, Cam Newton.

Winston was a two-year starter at Florida State, where he won the Heisman Trophy and led the Seminoles to a national title as a freshman in the 2013 season.

In five seasons with the Buccaneers, he has passed for 19,737 yards and 121 touchdowns while throwing 88 interceptions. But while he was productive statistically, that didn't amount to winning. The Bucs went 28-42 in games Winston started.

— Associated Press

THE QUOTE

"Be creative. Try to figure it out. ... I'd love to watch it. ... Everybody has to think outside the box, right? Because there is no box."

— New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo on MLB and team owners and players figuring out a way to bring baseball back this summer, even if it's without fans

THE NUMBER

8.4M

The NFL draft averaged a record 8.4 million viewers over all three days, according to the NFL and Nielsen. The previous high was 6.2 million last year.



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 Camps scheduled to start in mid-July
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.

Cavallari and former Bears QB Cutler split up

New York Daily News

Kristin Cavallari's and Jay Cutler's marriage is coming to an end.

The reality star and the former NFL quarterback are splitting up after seven years of marriage and a decade together.

"With great sadness, after 10 years together we have come to a loving conclusion to get a divorce," Cavallari announced in an Instagram post Sunday.

"We have nothing but love and respect for one another and are deeply grateful for the years shared, memories made, and the

children we are so proud of," she continued. "This is just the situation of two people growing apart. We ask everyone to respect our privacy as we navigate this difficult time within our family."

The post included an undated photo of Cavallari, 33, and Cutler, 36, walking with their arms around each other. The couple wed in 2013 in Nashville.

Cavallari and Cutler have three children together: 7-year-old son Camden, 5-year-old son Jaxon and 4-year-old daughter Saylor. Cutler played for the Broncos, Bears and Dolphins in 12 NFL seasons, while

Cavallari rose to fame on the reality series "Laguna Beach: The Real Orange County," which premiered in 2004.

She began her own reality series, "Very Cavallari," on E! Network in 2018. The show follows Cavallari's life, including her marriage to Cutler. The third season, which finished airing in March, followed Cavallari as she opened an Uncommon James store in Chicago.

A fourth season has not been announced.

Tribune reporter Tracy Swartz contributed to this report.

CUBS



PHIL VELASQUEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Sammy Sosa and Julian Martinez spray champagne on the fans near the Cubs dugout after clinching the NL Central title in 2003.

THE LOST DANCE

Unlike the Bulls documentary series, home videos of the 2003 Cubs season might never be released

When Michael Jordan agreed to allow a camera crew to follow him around during the 1997-98 season, the Bulls legend reportedly was assured he would have final say over when the video would be released to the public.

Andy Thompson, who came up with the idea and pitched it to then-president of NBA Entertainment Adam Silver, told the New York Times that Silver told Jordan it could be “the greatest collection of home movies you can show your kids” even if he decided never to release it.

Fortunately for us, Jordan eventually agreed, and after a 22-year wait, “The Last Dance,” the 10-part ESPN Films documentary, is widely considered a masterpiece and a timeless piece of sports history — even after only four episodes have aired.

One thing that’s apparent from watching, however, is it is not a home movie by any stretch of the imagination. A professional film crew followed Jordan and his teammates around, and filmmakers knew exactly what they were doing when they caught the main characters in personal moments, whether it was Phil Jackson slamming a door or Jordan poking fun at general manager Jerry Krause’s height.

But if you’re looking for one of the greatest collections of home movies of a memorable sports team, there is one out there. Unfortunately, chances are you’ll never see it.

The producer/director/owner of those videos has them locked away and once told me they wouldn’t be released until he’s deceased.

“It’s going to be one of those things that I’m going to pass on, and my kids will be cleaning stuff out and they’ll find it,” he said. “And then they’ll be on, like, one of those Ken Burns baseball documentaries.”

The home movies were made in summer 2003. The amateur filmmaker was former Cubs first baseman Eric Karros, who has kept them private for 17 years.

“I’d love to have it,” former Cubs outfielder and Marquee Sports Network analyst Doug Glanville said Friday. “I know Jordan was in it too.”

It all started in September 2003, when the Cubs were in the stretch run of a wild season that included a cast of characters such as Sammy Sosa, Mark Prior, Kerry Wood, Moises Alou and Kenny Lofton.

Karros, who played the first 12 seasons of his 14-year career with the Dodgers, was in his only season with the Cubs. He enjoyed the ride so much that he told reporters “every player should be a Cub for one year.”

Eventually Karros, now 52, decided to bring his camcorder to the ballpark every day to record it for posterity.

“My original intent was just to do it for myself,” Karros told me during the 2003 postseason. “I’d always said I’d do something like this, whether it was keeping a journal or putting something on video-



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tape. This is really the first opportunity I had because I wasn’t playing every day. Then you just get a couple minutes of film every day. Now all the guys are asking, ‘Can I get a copy of this at the end of the year?’”

Karros knew he wasn’t going to re-sign with the Cubs and actually considered retiring after the season. (He finished his career in 2004, playing 40

games for the Athletics.) He wound up with about five hours of home movies on VHS tapes from the 2003 season.

“It wasn’t because I was trying to chronicle the Cubs,” he continued. “It was more or less, ‘I don’t think I’m going to play after this year, so I’ll just do the last month for the heck of it.’ That’s how it started.”

“It has not only the players, but Eddie Vedder is on there talking and Michael Jordan spraying champagne in Atlanta (after the National League Division Series clincher) and acting like a little kid. And Ron Santo giving an emotional speech.”

General manager Jim Hendry and manager Dusty Baker gave Karros permission to bring the camcorder into the dugout, where it remained mostly hidden. Without really overthinking things, Karros quickly became the Martin Scorsese of the 2003 Cubs.

“The last month of the season, he literally had this camcorder on the bench,” Glanville said. “He’d take it into dog piles and filmed all over the place. He came up with what obviously is a gem of history. I remember clinching (the NL Central) and he had the camera above us and was jumping with us.”

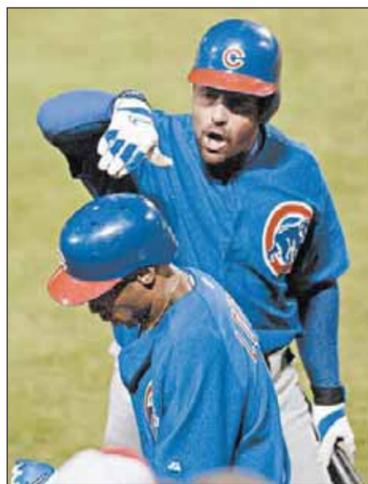
“He had that thing everywhere. There must be some serious gold on there. ... It’s historic. It really is cool. He took it everywhere, in meetings. It was truly all-access. Think about that group. A lot of us were veterans and we were used to being starters before, and we had to tuck our egos in our back pockets and work with it.”

“Then Karros’ filming reminded us of how much we were still fans, how much in awe we were of the moment. You feel it slipping through your fingers. You’re getting older and you just want to hold on.”

The 2003 season indeed proved historic for the Cubs, who beat the Braves in the NLDS for their first postseason series win since the 1908 World Series. Jordan, who was at the clinching game in Atlanta, became a reluctant part of Cubs history by joining in on the clubhouse celebration.

“He was a little embarrassed and shy about it,” Glanville said. “He felt like he was intruding on our celebration and he wasn’t part of the team. But he came in, and we doused him with champagne. He was just trying to chill and said, ‘No, this is your time.’”

“We were happy to bring him in. He was Chicago to us. What we were wearing across our chest, it might as well have said



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Kenny Lofton is congratulated by Eric Karros during Game 5 of the 2003 NLDS.

‘Jordan.’ He embodied the city’s greatness.”

The season, of course, included a tragic ending in the NL Championship Series that doesn’t need to be regurgitated. Suffice to say the Cubs lost their chance to break the so-called curse in dramatic fashion and had to wait another 13 years to have their parade.

But when the streak was at 101 years and counting in 2010, I ran into Karros at Wrigley, where he was working a game for Fox Sports. He stopped me before I could open my mouth.

“Don’t even get me going on that,” he said.

“On what?” I asked.

“You know what,” he replied.

I told him the tapes were becoming more valuable every year the championship drought went on.

“I will do something,” he said with a laugh. “And, no, I’m not waiting for the value (to increase). To be honest, I just haven’t had the time. I got into a stretch where I was watching it, transferring it (from VHS) to DVDs, messing around with it ... but I’m not that technologically savvy, so that takes time.”

Still, Karros was adamant the tapes would not be seen by the public and were just for the players.

“Nobody sees the stuff,” he said. “That’s what I swore to all the guys when I took the stuff, that nobody would see it and that the teammates would be the first to see the tapes if I ever did (release it).”

Glanville said Karros kept his word, even if the tapes would be “gold” to documentary makers.

Nowadays teams have video crews recording almost every moment, and some players, such as Tim Anderson and Trevor Bauer, have YouTube channels. We live in a video age, and it seems as if every athlete is on camera all the time with no qualms about how they’ll appear to viewers looking back in 20 or 30 years.

Remember that innocent age while you’re enjoying “The Last Dance.”

Maybe someday you’ll be able to enjoy the Karros tapes ... but don’t count on it.

Grace still waiting for next at-bat

Former Cubs great is on deck with Marquee Sports Network

BY MARK GONZALES

Mark Grace remembers his final at-bat of the strike-shortened 1994 season.

“I struck out against Rod Beck,” Grace said last week.

That moment capped a 5-2 loss to the Giants and preceded a 232-day players strike. Grace hopes he doesn’t have to wait that long to resume his duties with the new Marquee Sports Network and the Cubs organization he parted ways with after the 2000 season.

“This job came out of nowhere,” Grace said. “All of a sudden it became a dream job.”

Grace, 55, remains extremely popular with fans and media members who covered him during his 13 seasons with the Cubs, a run that included four Gold Glove awards and three National League All-Star selections.

And Grace warmed quickly to his assignments, which included a hands-on demonstration with Anthony Rizzo on the art of playing first base and a three-inning stint as a guest analyst with play-by-play announcer Len Kasper and Jim Deshaies during a Cactus League game.

Grace said he was scheduled to serve as analyst for a Cubs-Dodgers game at Sloan Park on March 12 — the same day Major League Baseball suspended spring training amid the coronavirus pandemic.

“Who knows what’s going to happen?” Grace said.

But he looks forward to a return to Wrigley Field with an organization that he left on chilly terms before signing with the Diamondbacks, with whom he won a World Series ring in his first season in 2001.

Grace has served as a pre- and postgame analyst for selected Diamondbacks games since 2017, but he works as an independent contractor. That arrangement allows him plenty of flexibility, including the possibility to return to Wrigley with more frequency with the Cubs.

“I think when I go to Chicago, it will sink in,” Grace said.

Grace’s segment with Rizzo whetted his appetite for performing more assignments with the network.

“First, I’m a big (Rizzo) fan,” Grace said. “I’ve only been around him once a few years ago. I’m a fan of the way he beats you on both sides of the ball. That’s where the respect comes in, especially with the athleticism he brings to the position.”

“We didn’t talk about normal things. We talked about positioning against certain hitters and holding runners on. I enjoyed it.”

On a Deep Dish Podcast last April, Grace told the Tribune that “in a lot of ways baseball has become boring.” He said the emphasis on home runs, launch angles and exit velocity took away from the art of sacrifice bunts and hit-and-run plays that he was familiar with during his playing days from 1988 to 2003.

But in a recent interview, Grace reminisced about how he and his fellow players were told to stay idle during the 1994 strike, and he took note of the upgrades in training facilities that entice current players to remain in shape year-round.

“Donald Fehr (former executive director of the Major League Baseball Players Association) told us, ‘Let us settle (the strike),’” Grace recalled. “When we walked out, everyone knew the season was pretty much over.”

Grace returned to Southern California once the strike started, but he admitted he would be inclined to stay closer to his team’s spring training facility if he were a current player during the offseason.

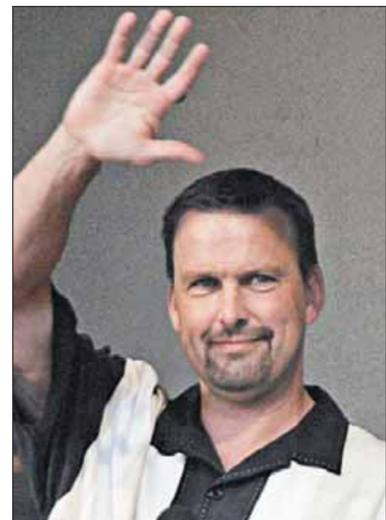
“If I wanted to go to HoHoKam Park (the Cubs’ former spring training home), it would be locked,” Grace said. “If somebody was there, they’d tell you to go home.”

“Now, these complexes are so incredible, how could you not use them year-round? You can lift weights and have access to physical therapists and even nutritionists. I might have hit a few more home runs, looking back. The Cubs were smart in having their own facility.”

“My thing was as soon as the Rose Bowl game ended, then I’d get back in shape.”

For now, Grace is resigned to waiting at his Phoenix-area home for baseball to be cleared to resume, with some freedom.

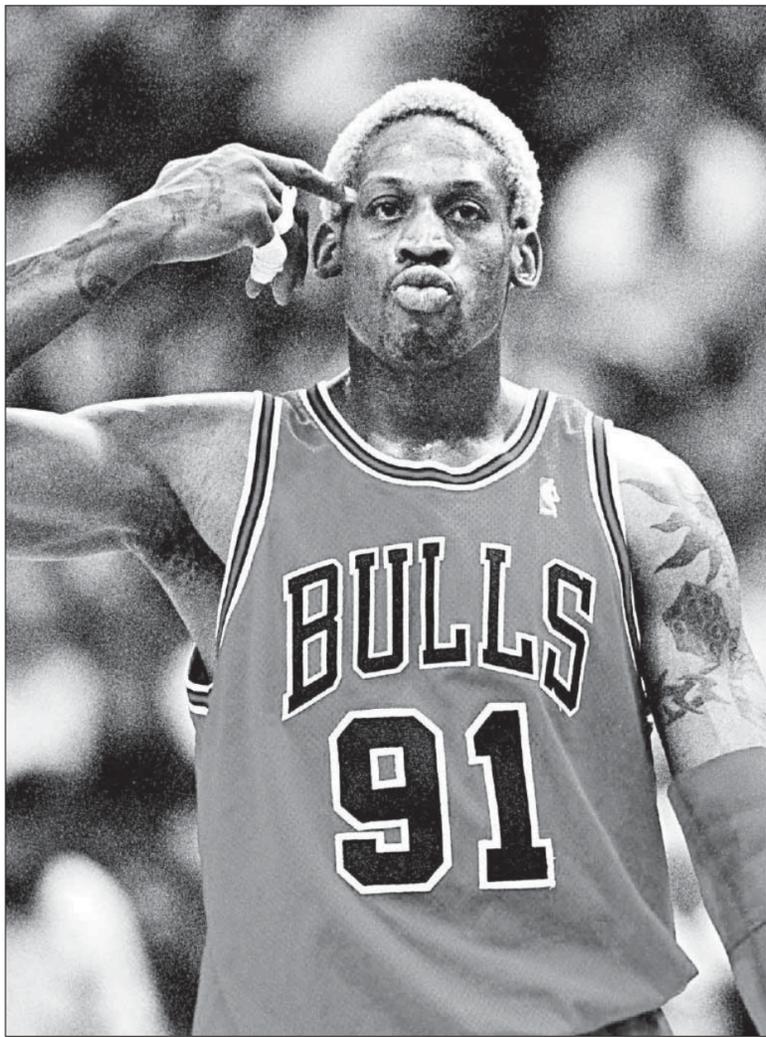
“The golf courses are still open,” Grace said. “We’re not worried about cabin fever.”



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Mark Grace acknowledges the Wrigley Field crowd in the seventh inning.

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Bulls forward Dennis Rodman during a game against the Wizards on Nov. 29, 1997.

'THE LAST DANCE' EPISODE 3 RECAP

How Rodman joined Bulls to do 'dirty work'

BY PHIL ROSENTHAL

As Michael Jordan's 1997-98 Chicago Bulls get off to a sluggish start minus Scottie Pippen, we learn "Bad Boy" Dennis Rodman's origin story in Episode 3 of "The Last Dance," ESPN's 10-part documentary on Jordan's era with the team.

Now that we've had a chance to see the third hour, let's see what we can take away.

Let's recap

The Bulls were 8-7 in late November '97, badly handicapped by Pippen's absence. Pippen was recovering from ankle surgery he delayed because he was sore at team management for not renegotiating a long-term contract that left him underpaid.

Jordan needed Rodman to help pick up the slack. Rodman, who apparently could convey to Jordan that he was sorry by stopping by Jordan's hotel room and asking for a cigar, became super-dedicated and the Bulls started winning again. Years earlier, Rodman had roughed up the Bulls before their first championship run as a member of the much-despised "Bad Boys" Pistons teams. The Pistons realized if they could shut down Jordan, they could stop the Bulls, so they manhandled him.

It was with the Pistons that Rodman became a party animal, but he also was trailed by demons and once was found by police in an empty arena parking lot, asleep in his truck with a rifle ominously at his side.

The Bulls of the late 1980s were coached by Doug Collins, who was energetic but too content to put the ball in Jordan's hands and hope for the best. It became clear Jordan needed help from teammates. That philosophy explains why the Bulls, years later, were receptive to the defensive standout Rodman joining them despite his history.

"Nobody can say anything bad about me as a teammate," Rodman says. "You know, you've got the great Michael Jordan, the great Scottie Pippen, the great Phil Jackson. But if you take me away from this team, do they still win a championship (during the second three-peat)? I don't think so. I love Michael Jordan to death. I love Scottie Pippen, all these guys. But they really don't do the things that I do. I'm the only guy to go out there doing their dirty work, taking abuse from other players."

Got it? Good. Now let's further break down the third hour of "The Last Dance."

We love the '90s

Is 1989 close enough? Setting a Jordan-on-the-rise highlights montage to Prince's "Partyman" from "Batman" (the one with Michael Keaton, Kim Basinger and Jack Nicholson) is perfection. "All hail the new king in town/Young and old, gather around/Black and white, red and green/The funkier man you've ever seen..."

Best anecdote

Collins would be sweat-drenched during games. During his 1986 debut as Bulls coach on the road against the Knicks, he chewed his gum into powder. Jordan handed him a cup of water and told him to relax. "I'm not going to let you lose your first game," MJ said, then scored 10 straight points to finish with 50, a Madison Square Garden record for an opponent.

Second-best anecdote

Going into the Bulls' best-of-five 1989 playoff series versus the Cavaliers, the Sun-Times' Lacy Banks picked the Cavs to sweep, the Daily Herald's Kent McMill predicted Cavs in four games and the

Tribune's Sam Smith forecast Cavs in five. So before Game 5, per Smith: "Michael walks over to Lacy and he points and says, 'We took care of you.' Then he looks at Kent and he says, 'We took care of you.' And he looks at me (and says), 'And we take care of you today.'"

Best vintage clip

Poised to examine the Bulls' 1995 acquisition of Rodman is none other than Phil Ponce of WTTW-11's "Chicago Tonight." "Is it one of the shrewdest moves the Bulls have ever made or one of the dumbest?" he asks.

Runner-up vintage clip

John Jackson, the Sun-Times beat writer in 1997-98, commiserates with Jordan over how other reporters, particularly on the road, keep asking whether he'll retire after the season. "I'm sick of it too," Jackson says. "Just say, 'Next question.'"

Best insult

Bulls trainer John Ligmanowski calls the members of Jordan's security detail "the Sniff Brothers," an allusion to being "jock sniffers" or fans in awe of Jordan.

Overstatement of the episode

"We finally got over the hump of a loser's mentality," Jordan says of downing the Cavaliers in the 1989 playoffs. "We were starting to become a winning franchise and the sky's the limit." But mentality aside, the sky would not be the limit until they took down the Pistons two years later.

Understatement of the episode

"While Scottie was out, Dennis was a model citizen to the point where it was driving him (bleeping) insane," Jordan says. "So when Scottie came back, Dennis wanted to take a vacation. ... You let him go to Vegas, we're definitely not going to see him. ... I'm looking at Phil (Jackson) like: 'You're not going to get that dude back in 48 hours. I don't care what you say.'"

For the upshot, wait till you see Episode 4.

Best bit about how good Jordan was

Pistons coach Chuck Daly had his "Bad Boys" smothering Jordan, trying to knock him to the floor whenever he went to the basket. "We tried to physically hurt Michael," Rodman says. Recalls James Worthy, a former Jordan teammate at North Carolina: "I don't know how he came out of it alive."

Best out-of-context quote

"Dennis Rodman was the (bleep)-up person. He just (bleeps) everything up," fellow Hall of Famer Gary Payton says. "He's a pest."

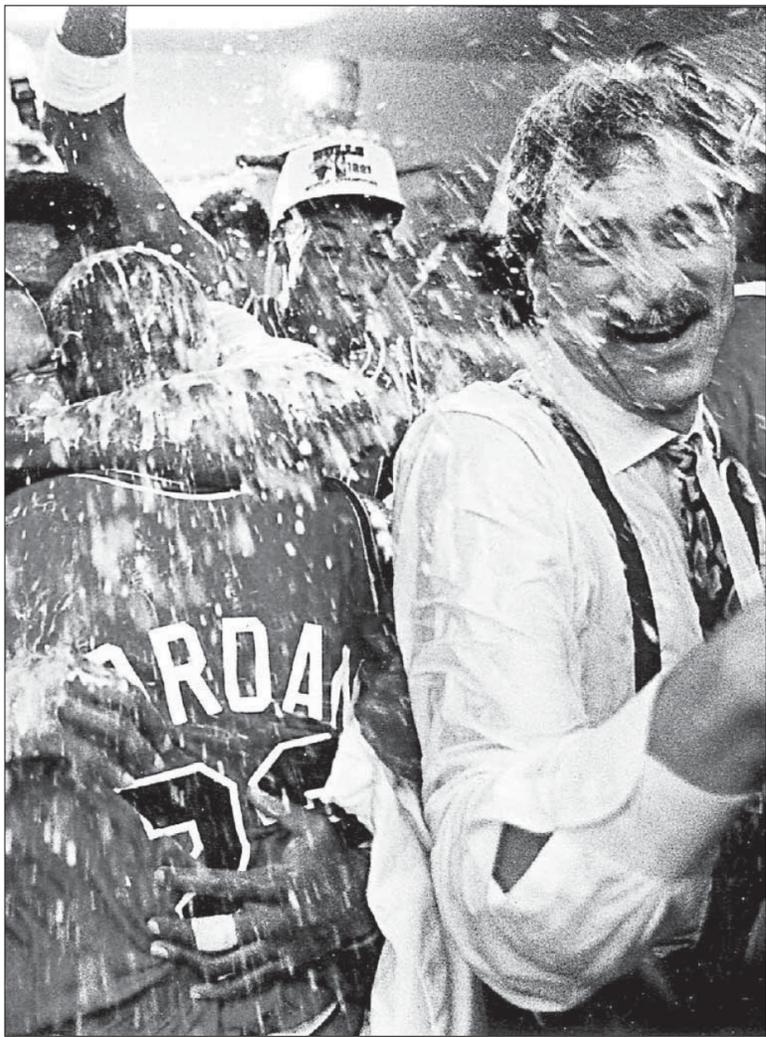
Most interesting thing that goes unmentioned

Jordan remains resentful of the "Bad Boys" Pistons. "Hated them — hate carries even to this day," he says. "They made it personal. They physically beat the (bleep) out of us."

MJ explains why he accepted Rodman but never talks about his embrace of other "Bad Boys" alumni James Edwards and John Salley as eventual teammates.

Quote that neatly fits an overriding theme of the series

"I can compare Michael Jordan to nobody because for him to survive (the Pistons' onslaught) and still maintain that greatness, it's very unparalleled," Rodman says.



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Michael Jordan, coach Phil Jackson and the Bulls celebrate winning the 1991 NBA title.

'THE LAST DANCE' EPISODE 4 RECAP

'There's an 'I' in win': Bulls capture 1st title

BY PHIL ROSENTHAL

Carmen Electra hiding in a Las Vegas hotel room when Michael Jordan comes to retrieve Dennis Rodman and the Chicago Bulls winning their first NBA title under Phil Jackson highlight Episode 4 of "The Last Dance," ESPN's 10-part documentary on the Bulls' 1997-98 championship season and the era it ended.

Now that we've seen the fourth hour, let's see what we can take away.

Let's recap

The big problems for the 1997-98 Bulls in January and early February were self-inflicted. We'll get to the Electra story and the rest of that eventually.

Much of Episode 4 is devoted to Bulls general manager Jerry Krause's recruitment and nurturing of Jackson, who grew up in Montana and North Dakota as the son of two ministers. He evolved into a bit of a hippie who played a physical brand of basketball, winning two titles with the Knicks.

Jackson was coaching the minor-league Albany Patroons when Krause hired him as an assistant under coach Doug Collins. Krause was dismayed Collins was ignoring assistant Tex Winter, whom Krause considered the "finest offensive mind in basketball." Winter was a proponent of the triangle offense that would spread the offensive burden to take pressure off Jordan. Jackson replaced Collins after the Bulls fell to the Pistons in the 1989 Eastern Conference finals. He installed Winter's scheme, which meant an increased role for Scottie Pippen and others. Winter explained to Jordan that there's no "I" in team. Yeah, Jordan replied, but "there's an 'I' in win."

After the "Bad Boys" Pistons ousted them again in 1990, Jordan and the Bulls bulked up so they wouldn't get pushed around. They further embraced the triangle offense, which allowed for 33 options with each pass, and overcame the Pistons and then Magic Johnson's Lakers to win the 1991 NBA title, the first of six for Jordan, Pippen and Jackson.

Got it? Good. Now let's further break down the fourth hour of "The Last Dance."

We love the '90s

Lakers superfan and Hollywood legend Jack Nicholson jumps from his courtside seat to be among the first to congratulate Jackson on winning the '91 title.

Best anecdote

Episode 3 ended with Rodman given a 48-hour pass, but as Jordan feared: The Bull who goes to Vegas stays in Vegas. Rodman goes on a bender with actress girlfriend (and future wife) Carmen Electra. "To be honest, I didn't realize what the team's schedule was," the onetime "Bay-watch" star recalls. "I didn't know he took a detour." Jordan shows up around Day 4: "We had to go get his ass out of bed, and I'm not going to say what's in his bed and where he was, blah, blah, blah."

Electra fills in at least some of the blahs: "There was a knock on the door. It's Michael Jordan, and I hid. I don't want him to see me like that, so I'm just, like, hiding behind the couch with covers on me. (Jordan says): 'Come on. We've got to get to practice.'"

Second-best anecdote

Jackson and Rodman find a common bond among the Native American artifacts Jackson keeps in the team room at the Bulls' Berto Center practice facility. Jack-

son tells Rodman the Lakota tribe of the Great Plains would refer to him as Heyoka, or "backward-walking person."

Best vintage clip

"All you can do is wish them good luck," Jordan tells CBS broadcaster Pat O'Brien in 1990, extraordinarily gracious after the second successive Eastern Conference finals loss to the Pistons. "We fought hard. They were the better team. We want to be where they are. But we've still got to wait our turn. We're still trying to improve our team. They were the better team and they played better today."

Best insult

Isiah Thomas' attempts to explain away the Pistons' poor sportsmanship after losing the 1991 Eastern Conference finals to the Bulls make Jordan and the Bulls laugh. "Straight-up bitches," Horace Grant says. "That's what they walked off like."

Overstatement of the episode

On the morning of the Bulls' February 1998 road game versus the Jazz, whom the Bulls faced in the 1997 NBA Finals and would play again for the '98 title, the Tribune published Fred Mitchell's interview with Krause in which Krause insisted he wasn't pushing Jordan to retire.

"We would like to have Michael back," Krause said. "But Michael is going to have to play for someone else. It isn't going to be Phil."

Seeing as Jordan was unambiguous about his loyalty to Jackson, Krause should have known this was more offputting.

Understatement of the episode

"Unfortunately, it's very cold," TNT analyst Hubie Brown said during that night's Bulls-Jazz telecast of Krause's remarks to Mitchell. "It's sad, and if you really think about this, performance and loyalty by the coaches and players are being just thrown out the window."

Best bit about how good Jordan was

After losing the Eastern Conference finals to the ever-shoving Pistons for a second successive year, Jordan set about bulking up and encouraged teammates to follow suit. Says Grant, "When you see your leader working extremely hard in practice, you feel like, 'Oh, man, if I don't give it my all, I shouldn't be here.'"

Best out-of-context quote

"I wanted to administer pain," Jordan says. "I wanted to start fighting back."

Most interesting thing that goes unmentioned

Why was it Jordan who went to Las Vegas to bring back Rodman? MJ earlier said he felt he deserved a vacation more than anyone on the Bulls. Was his midnight run to Vegas a way to give himself one?

Quote that neatly fits an overriding theme of the series

"Everybody ... has the picture of (Jordan in 1989) in their mind when we beat Cleveland on that last shot and he's punching the air and he's all excited. That's who we knew, the competitive Michael Jordan, the win-at-all-costs Michael Jordan. Sometimes we questioned whether he was human, whether he had feelings. He was just a guy who was totally focused on one thing. The only emotion we had ever seen out of him was anger or frustration. We were literally stunned to see those emotions." — teammate Will Perdue on Jordan's tears after winning his first title.



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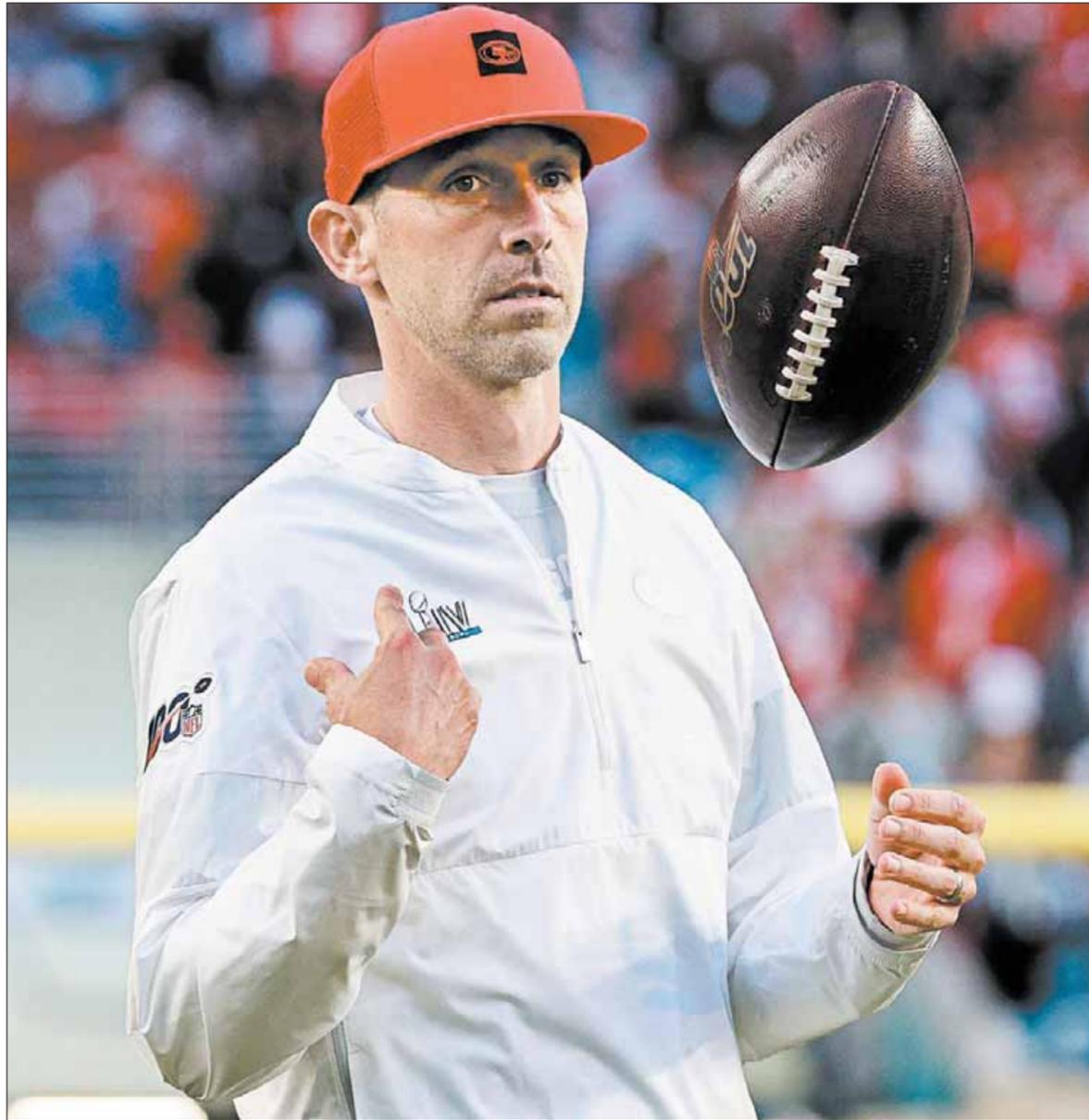
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The defending NFC champion 49ers addressed key positions in the draft and traded for seven-time Pro Bowl left tackle Trent Williams.

NFL DRAFT WINNERS AND LOSERS

Gold standard: 49ers fill needs, get richer

BY JOSH DUBOW
Associated Press

The task for the 49ers heading into the draft was straight forward.

Find replacements for departed starters DeForest Buckner at defensive tackle and Emmanuel Sanders at receiver and then find a player to step in for longtime left tackle Joe Staley, who informed the NFC champions before the draft that he planned to retire.

The 49ers filled the first two spots in the first round with defensive tackle Javon Kinlaw and receiver Brandon Aiyuk and hoped they wouldn't regret passing on a potential starting tackle like Tristan Wirfs.

They couldn't have scripted it any better when they were able to trade for seven-time Pro Bowl left tackle Trent Williams on Saturday.

"It was a good gamble that worked out well," coach Kyle Shanahan said.

While the 49ers were one of the teams that filled their needs on draft weekend. Others like the Packers fell short.

The Packers got a first-round quarterback in Jordan Love to sit behind Aaron Rodgers for a couple of years but didn't get their star quarterback any wideouts in a receiver-rich draft.

"It's a little bit the way everything kind of fell early in the draft," Packers GM Brian Gutekunst said. "It just didn't work out that we were able to select some of the guys we had rated really highly."

Here's a look at how some other teams filled their needs or didn't on draft weekend:

Filled needs

Vikings

The Vikings' needs were clear after trading star receiver Stefon Diggs and losing cornerbacks Xavier Rhodes, Trae Waynes and Mackensie Alexander. They managed to fill them despite trading down a couple of times in the draft and ended up taking 15 players and acquiring two mid-round picks in 2021. The highlights of this class are first-round receiver Justin Jefferson and cornerback Jeff Gladney. They added another promising cornerback in Cameron Dantzer in the third round, a good coverage linebacker in fourth-rounder Troy Dye. Second-round offensive tackle Ezra Cleveland also provides good value and could be a starter by 2021.



MICHAEL CONROY/AP

Packers GM Brian Gutekunst, above, failed to land a new receiver for Aaron Rodgers.

Broncos

Quarterback Drew Lock showed promise in a five-game audition at the end of his rookie season in 2019. GM John Elway gave Lock plenty of help. The draft's best route runner in Jerry Jeudy fell to the Broncos at No. 15 in the first round and they added Penn State speedster KJ Hamler to team with Courtland Sutton for a powerful receiving trio. Elway also added fleet tight end Albert Okwuegunam on day three. Lock gets some protection with two strong interior blockers in LSU center Lloyd Cushenberry and Fresno State guard Netane Muti.

Buccaneers

The Bucs are in win-now mode after signing Tom Brady and acquiring Rob Gronkowski. They did a good job of filling their roster with players who can help their soon-to-be 43-year-old quarterback. They got one of the top tackles in round one in Wirfs and a talented slot receiver in fifth-rounder Tyler Johnson. They also added a third-round running back in Ke'Shawn Vaughn to team with Ronald Jones and a ball-hawking safety in Antoine Winfield.

Panthers

After signing quarterback Teddy Bridgewater and receiver Robby Anderson in free agency and locking up running back Christian McCaffrey with a long-term extension, new coach Matt Rhule set out to replace nine

defensive starters in the draft. The Panthers became the first team in the common draft era to use all of their draft picks on defensive players. Stud defensive tackle Derrick Brown highlights the seven-player class that also includes edge rusher Yetur Gross-Matos, and defensive backs Jeremy Chinn, Troy Pride Jr., and former West Virginia and XFL safety Kenny Robinson.

Unfilled needs

Patriots

The Patriots couldn't expect to find Tom Brady's replacement in the draft but didn't even take a shot on any of the quarterbacks. They also failed to bolster their weak receiver group, instead adding to their stellar defense with the first three picks before taking two tight ends in round three.

Rams

The Rams had one of the league's worst offensive lines last year and didn't address that spot until taking Clemson tackle Trey-mayne Anchrum in the seventh round. They had no first-round pick after trading it for cornerback Jalen Ramsey and used their first selection on running back Cam Akers. This is the second straight year they took a running back on day two, which isn't always the best value.

Chargers

Los Angeles' other team also had problems on the offensive line last year that weren't addressed in the draft. They took QB Justin Herbert sixth overall and traded back into the first round for LB Kenneth Murray. That left them with no more picks until round four and they didn't end up with any linemen.

Dolphins

This draft will be a success for the Dolphins if QB Tua Tagovailoa remains healthy and develops into a franchise QB. But it wouldn't have hurt to get him a starting receiver in a draft filled with prospects. Instead, they spent their next six picks on the offensive line and secondary and didn't take a receiver until grabbing Navy QB Malcom Perry in the seventh round. That leaves them with DeVante Parker and few other proven options at receiver.

AP Sports Writer Steve Megargee contributed to this report

IN BRIEF

Newman: I'll be ready for return

News services

Ryan Newman said he will be ready to race when NASCAR resumes competition, which could be as early as May 17.

Newman suffered a head injury in the season-opening race at Daytona International Speedway. The Indiana native spent less than 48 hours in the hospital before walking out holding hands with his two daughters.

Ross Chastain drove the No. 6 Ford in place of Newman for three races before the NASCAR season was suspended March 13 because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Speaking before NASCAR's iRacing event Sunday, Newman said on Fox Sports that he will be ready to race when NASCAR calls drivers back to the track.

"That's the absolute plan for sure. I am healthy," Newman said. "I have been blessed with another layer of this (coronavirus) situation giving me more time to heal and I look forward to being back in the seat, for sure."

Newman was in a spectacular crash while racing for the lead on the final lap of the Daytona 500 on Feb. 17. His airborne car was hit by another car, his Ford rolled several times and came to a stop on his roof. It took several minutes to get him out of the car and transferred to a Florida hospital, where his condition was considered serious but not life-threatening.

NASCAR said in a statement that Newman hasn't yet been cleared by the series to return.

"We share Ryan's enthusiasm in his return to the track," the statement said. "We look forward to Ryan returning to racing as soon as he is medically cleared to race."

Newman used his brief appearance on Fox Sports to give thanks again for the outpouring of support he has received during his recovery.

"I am so excited and thankful all at the same time to be healthy and at some point get back in a race car when the world starts turning again," Newman said. "And thankful for all the people and support that I've got from family, fans, you name it that have prayed for me, you name it, you have given me this multitude of miracles."

NASCAR is hoping to resume its season without spectators as early as May 17. The situation remains fluid as the sanctioning body hammers out a new schedule and finds states that will host the series, and teams plan their return to their race shops.

■ Alex Bowman scored his first iRacing victory of NASCAR's invitational series by holding off Corey LaJoie and Ryan Preece in a two-lap OT sprint to the finish at virtual Talladega Superspeedway in Alabama. The victory is the third consecutive for Hendrick Motorsports, which got back-to-back wins from William Byron headed into Sunday's esports event. The race was the virtual debut for Hall of Famer Jeff Gordon, who raced on a rig he borrowed from Clint Bowyer's son, Cash. Gordon was part of the crash but was able to use his one allotted reset to resume competing. He needed the quick fix after his famous No. 24 Chevrolet sailed into the fence. Because Gordon typically calls the races alongside Mike Joy, he was replaced in the Fox booth this week by Michael Waltrip.

■ **Colleges:** Tulane basketball player Tessaun Hightower was arrested Saturday and charged with murder in connection with a homicide in Stockbridge, Georgia, earlier this month. Hightower, the Green Wave's leading scorer in 2019-20 after transferring from Georgia, is charged with felony murder, aggravated assault, possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony, and battery. Tulane dismissed Hightower from the team following his arrest. ... Louisville football signee Dexter Rentz was shot and killed in Orlando, Florida, late Saturday. The Orlando Police Department confirmed that Rentz died in the shooting, which also injured three others. Rentz was 18.

■ **Soccer:** Premier Giuseppe Conte announced that professional sports teams in Italy can resume training May 18. The move means that the Serie A league could resume playing games in June — albeit without any fans in the stadiums. Serie A has been suspended since March 9, when the government ordered a nationwide lockdown due to the coronavirus emergency. Twelve rounds remain in league play, plus four other matches that were postponed from the 25th round. Eight-time defending champion Juventus leads Lazio by one point in the Serie A standings.

NEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE



Q&A KATIE LEDECKY

Swimming and studying

Five-time Olympic champ stays fit in pool, while working on her degree with timely course choice

BY KAREN CROUSE | The New York Times

It was a Saturday in California and five-time Olympic gold medalist Katie Ledecky had a competition later in the afternoon to look forward to. Not the swim meet in Mission Viejo that had originally filled her calendar for this past weekend, but a virtual game, Cards Against Humanity, with a group of roughly 20 relatives, mostly cousins, organized by her older brother, Michael.

Last month in Des Moines, Iowa, at a tuneup meet for the Olympic trials, Ledecky produced her fastest 1,500-meter freestyle since May 2018, buoying her prospects of winning as many as five more Olympic gold medals, including the “Ledecky Slam” in the 200-400-800-1,500 freestyles, at the Tokyo Games. But within a week of returning to her Stanford training base from Iowa, she was scrambling to find pool space after the university facilities shut down because of the coronavirus crisis. The Olympics have been postponed a year, and the college remains shut down, but Ledecky, who’s from Bethesda, Maryland, and her training mate, four-time Olympic medalist Simone Manuel, continue to swim daily in a family’s two-lane, 25-yard backyard pool a short drive from the Stanford campus.

Aside from her daily swim, Ledecky, 23, is sheltering in place at her two-bedroom apartment near Stanford but staying busy.

After taking a year off school to focus on her Olympic preparation, Ledecky, a psychology major at Stanford, re-enrolled in online classes for the spring quarter, which began April 6 — 13 days after the Olympics were postponed. The four courses she is taking include one on infectious diseases.

Q: How did you come to take an infectious disease class?

A: It’s Global Change and Emerging Infectious Disease, and it actually fulfills my last general requirement. It’s a lot about the different environmental and social factors that cause these outbreaks. They go through SARS and MERS and HIV, but there’s definitely a focus on coronavirus. Our professors are giving us insight on the data that they’re tracking. It’s a lot about the bats and the markets and learning how to calculate transmission rates and contractibility and all those different things. It’s been really fascinating.

Q: How much are you venturing outside?

A: I’ve been able to swim at somebody’s

backyard pool and that’s about a five-minute drive away, and that’s basically the only time I go out. I feel lucky that I’m able to get my aerobic workout in from that so I don’t have to do any running or cycling. I got some bands and a couple of weights and a pullup bar. I have a tiny balcony, and there’s one part of it that has a little bit of space, so that’s where I do my dryland to get a little more fresh air.

I haven’t gone to a grocery store in about a month. I’ve just been using grocery delivery apps. I’ve been doing that and HelloFresh, which USA Swimming got us for a discount at one point so I signed up for it. You pick three recipes per week, and each has two servings, so I get two meals out of each. I’ve been getting all my meat out of that and then I get snacks and food for breakfast and lunch from the grocery stores.



PHOTOS BY MADDIE MEYER/GETTY

Katie Ledecky is continuing her studies at Stanford. One of her four current online courses is on infectious diseases.

Q: You swam so well in Des Moines the first full weekend of March. How do you process everything that has happened since?

A: I felt really good about my swims and felt it was indicative of how I was training. It was nice to see that starting to show in meets. I was excited to get back to work. It’s tough when you’re doing well and feeling good about things and then things change. But I feel good about where I was at and feel I’ll be able to maintain that, and replicate that and remember how that felt.

There’s so much uncertainty about the next year: What meets will we have? What will our next meet be? Will we be able to train long course? Will we be able to train as a team and with other people again? All of that. It’s hard to really think about the next thing so I’m just thinking day by day.

I’ve been doing a lot of virtual video calls with other teams and groups and it’s tough to see the younger athletes struggling with it, who have such a love for the sport and it’s been so much a part of their routine and their social life and all of it.

Q: Do you worry about the ripple effects on the sport when it’s already been announced that outdoor pools will be shuttered this summer in New York?

A: I don’t know what’s going to happen to the summer leagues like the one that I got my start in. That’s a huge gateway for the sport, the way a lot of young kids find their way into it. That’s a year lost on that. I worry about small club teams. Even just thinking about how workouts are going to change when things get back to normal. Will teams have to limit the number of people in lanes? Maybe groups will only be able to swim once a day instead of doubles because they have to extend out the training times. I think it’s going to change some of the mental aspects of training in the sport.

Q: What is the one non-swimming activity you are most looking forward to being able to do once the lockdown is lifted?

A: I think seeing my family. I don’t know if that will mean I travel to see them or they travel to see me. I don’t know if I’ll be able to give them a hug, but just being able to be with them will be nice. It’s even harder to think of my extended family, especially my two grandmothers. Will I see them again? That’s harder to think about. We’re all staying in pretty good touch. We’ve been watching Mass together on Sundays with my grandma in North Dakota. We get together over Zoom and share a screen and livestream Mass.

During the time right before the lockdown, I considered going to other parts of the country, even North Dakota to my grandma’s house because there’s an indoor pool there. But I ultimately decided to stay here. It just got to the point where there really wasn’t much open anywhere and it’s probably better not to travel if I don’t need to.

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eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE

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:

Good day for a no-no

(APRIL 27, 2003)

This published when Kevin Millwood pitched his first career no-hitter to lead the Phillies over the Giants 1-0, on April 27, 2003. It occurred on the same day two other no-hitters were recorded. Derek Lowe pitched a no-hitter against the Rays in 2002 with a 10-0 win for the Red Sox and in 1994 Scott Erickson, who allowed the most hits in the majors the previous season, pitched the Twins' first no-hitter in 27 years as the Twins beat the Brewers 6-0.

By SHANNON RYAN
Philadelphia Inquirer

PHILADELPHIA — Kevin Millwood kept trying to talk to his teammates. They wanted nothing to do with him.

No way was one of them going to be blamed for jinxing one of the most memorable days in Phillies history and a scrapbook moment in Millwood's career.

For nine innings Sunday, the right-hander hurled fastballs over the plate and recorded his first career no-hitter in a 1-0 victory over the San Francisco Giants.

With each strike, the 40,016 people in Veterans Stadium roared, and the red-bearded pitcher maintained his steely gaze and unshakable focus.

"It's a little hard to put into words," said Millwood, 28, who threw a one-hit shutout against Pittsburgh in 1998 while with Atlanta. Every starting pitcher, it's the goal to do it once."

The no-hitter was the first pitched by a Phillie since Tommy Greene in Montreal in 1991, and only the ninth ever by a Phillie. It was just the second time a no-hitter was thrown in Veterans Stadium. Terry Mulhol-land threw one against the Giants in 1990.

It was the first no-hitter in the majors since exactly a year ago, when Boston's Derek Lowe threw one against Tampa Bay.

"That was unbelievable," Phillies manager Larry Bowa said of Millwood's performance. "As a manager, that's the best [I've seen]. One in October would be better."

Millwood struck out 10 and walked just three of the 29 batters he faced. Out of 108 pitches, 72 were strikes, and most of them were fastballs.



Phillies pitcher Kevin Millwood, left, celebrates with Jim Thome after throwing a no-hitter against the Giants for a 1-0 win on April 27, 2003.

OTHER APRIL 27 MOMENTS

1956: Rocky Marciano retires as the undefeated heavyweight boxing champion. He finished with a 49-0 record, including six title defenses and 43 knockouts.

1960: The Minneapolis Lakers announce that they will relocate to Los Angeles.

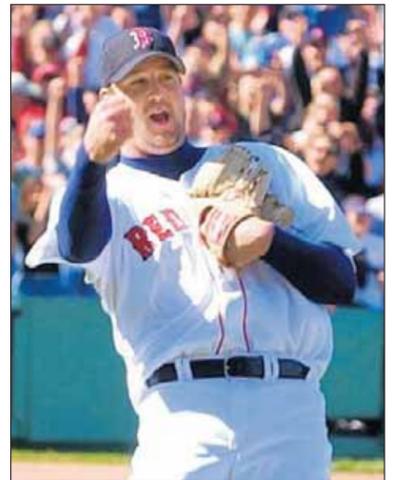
2007: Kirk Radomski, a former New York Mets clubhouse employee, pleads guilty to distributing steroids to major league players for a decade and agrees to help baseball's steroids investigators.

2009: The Denver Nuggets match the

biggest victory in playoff history with their 121-63 rout of New Orleans in Game 4 of their first-round series.

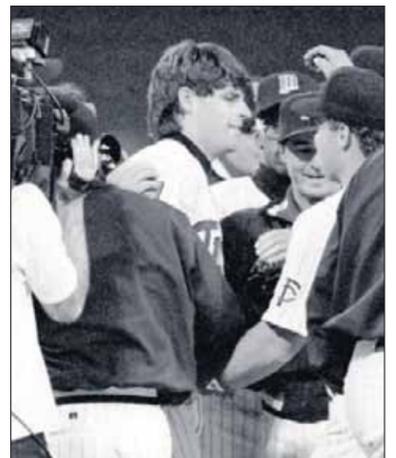
2013: The Red Wings make the playoffs for the 22nd straight season after Henrik Zetterberg had two goals and an assist in a 3-0 victory over Dallas.

2017: Texas A&M DE Myles Garrett is picked first overall by the Browns in the NFL Draft. Chicago sends a third-round pick, a fourth and a 2018 third to San Francisco to switch and selects North Carolina QB Mitchell Trubisky.



NEAL HAMBERG/AP

Red Sox pitcher Derek Lowe pumps his fist after pitching a no-hitter against the Devil Rays on April 27, 2002. Boston won 10-0.



JIM MONE/AP

Twins pitcher Scott Erickson, center, is surrounded by teammates after pitching a no-hitter against the Brewers on April 27, 1994. Minnesota won 6-0.



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Lights illuminate the Riverview Bridge over the North Branch of the Chicago River. The \$14.4 million span officially opened in late November.

Bright spot in dark times

Ingenious pedestrian bridge over Chicago River's North Branch will make you smile



BLAIR KAMIN

With Chicago's lakefront wisely closed to prevent gatherings that could spread the deadly coronavirus, the need for other open spaces is crucial, not just so peo-

ple can get exercise, but so they don't go stir crazy.

Fortunately, an ingenious piece of urban infrastructure — a gently curving, ultralong pedestrian and bike bridge over the North Branch of the Chicago River — is helping to meet that need.

Quietly wending its way northward from Addison Street, the 1,010-foot-long Riverview Bridge links two previously separated city parks: Clark Playlot Park on the river's east bank and Cali-

"It's a beautiful green swath through the city"

— Architect Andrew Metter, who designed the Riverview Bridge

fornia Park on the west bank. The \$14.4 million span officially opened in late November, but only now, with the advent of spring

and the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, is it proving its true worth.

When I visited last Monday, pedestrians, joggers, cyclists, people pushing baby strollers and dog walkers were using the bridge. Those people, I hasten to add, were maintaining proper social distancing, assisted by the span's generous, 14-foot-wide path.

Memo to Chicagoans: Don't read this review, crowd the bridge

and prompt Mayor Lori Lightfoot, our much-admired Queen of Keeping Apart, to shut it down.

Designed for the Chicago Department of Transportation by Andrew Metter, a former principal at the big Chicago architecture and engineering firm Epstein, the bridge reflects former Mayor Rahm Emanuel's drive to transform areas along the still-polluted but cleaner river into venues for

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CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Jessica Rodriguez and her mother, Maryland, pick up popcorn Saturday at Park Ridge's Pickwick Theatre.

Federal aid for some local movie theaters, while others tough it out

Meanwhile, there's popcorn at the Pickwick

MICHAEL PHILLIPS
Tribune movie critic

Chicago and suburban film exhibitors have never faced a starker challenge than the COVID-19 pandemic. With the

Illinois shelter-at-home order extended through May 30, and a coronavirus-addled customer base likely uncertain of its comfort level once movie theaters reopen — this summer's Christopher Nolan thriller "Tenet" is still scheduled for a July 17 release — the waiting game is ex-cruciating. And costly.

Meantime: Last Saturday night at the Pickwick Theatre in Park Ridge, a more manageable and fragrant waiting game was

underway.

My Honda Fit and I joined the curbside pickup queue along South Prospect Avenue. What was the deal? There were no movies playing that night, or any night. But on Wednesdays and Saturdays, the Pickwick is popping popcorn and selling it, five bucks a box, filling online orders in nice, neat 15-minute pickup time slots.

Pickwick co-owner Dino Vlahakis figured other film exhibition players in similarly dire

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Richard Marx has a life on Twitter that just may shock you



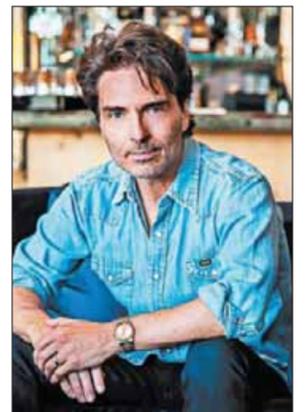
CHRISTOPHER BORRELLI

The world needs to know: What's the deal with Richard Marx?

How is this pandemic affecting Richard Marx?

Is Richard Marx and his hair doing OK? I ask because, last month, he sold his 29,000-square-foot mansion in Lake Bluff for only \$4.2 million; the house was on the market for almost six years, initially priced at \$18 million. In February, he released "Limitless," his 12th studio album in 33 years, then a month later, the night before leaving on a European tour, every show was postponed and he found himself, perhaps like you, retreating to his home in Malibu to quarantine.

Yes, that Richard Marx. What's your quarantine guilty pleasure been? Video games? Day-drinking? Binging the whole three-season run of "Gilligan's Island"? Mine has been delving into the life and times and music of Richard Marx and, frankly, there is so much fun stuff about the Highland Park native, I don't know where to begin. You think I'm being sar-



MIKE HELFRICH

Musician Richard Marx, formerly of Chicago's North Shore and formerly of the '80s-'90s, is now living and quarantining in Malibu.

castic, but I'm not. Sure, his song titles ("Now and Forever," "Right Here Waiting," "Endless Summer Nights," "Hold On to the Nights") might look like they came out of a song-title generator; sure, his slick, manicured '80s-'90s hits are the sound of every rom-com montage ever.

But there's craft there, professionalism, consistency. I feel bad describing him as a guilty pleasure, because there's no guilt here and the man himself, the '80s Power Ballad Bard of the North Shore, is funny, interesting,

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CELEBRITIES

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Brad Pitt pops up as Fauci in 2nd at-home edition of 'SNL'

Brad Pitt portrayed Dr. Anthony Fauci in the second at-home episode of "Saturday Night Live," which also featured musical guest Miley Cyrus, an Adam Sandler cameo and plenty of disinfectant jokes. A bespectacled Pitt, speaking in Fauci's raspy voice, tried to recast false assurances and misstatements pitched by President Donald Trump during the pandemic — for instance, when Trump said there'd be a COVID-19 vaccine "relatively soon."

"Relatively soon is an interesting phrase. Relative to the entire history of earth? Sure, the vaccine is going to come real fast," said Pitt's Fauci, seated at a desk in front of a stately bookcase. "But if you were going to tell a friend, 'I'll be over relatively soon,' and then showed up a year and a half later, well, your friend may be relatively pissed off."

Cyrus, sitting fireside with a guitar, performed Pink Floyd's "Wish You Were Here."

Pitt's depiction followed a Fauci interview on CNN when he jokingly said he thought Pitt should portray him when he was asked to choose between Ben Stiller or Pitt. The cold open also featured Trump's statements about disinfectant and light being studied in the fight against the virus.

"When I hear things like the virus can be cured if everyone takes the Tide Pod Challenge, I'll be there to say, 'Please don't,'" said Pitt's Fauci, before he broke character, took off his wig and paid tribute to Fauci and thanked him.

More movie shuffling: Hollywood studios are moving more release dates as a result of the co-



Brad Pitt appears as Dr. Anthony Fauci in the second at-home episode of "Saturday Night Live."

ronavirus, including sequels to "Doctor Strange," "Spider-Man: Far From Home" and "Into the Spider-Verse."

Late Friday, both Sony Pictures and the Walt Disney Co. announced updated theatrical release schedules that significantly delay some of their marquee superhero films.

Marvel's "Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness," the sequel to the 2016 Benedict Cumberbatch film, has been pushed back from November 2021 to March 2022.

Sony said its live-action "Spider-Man," the third in the Tom Holland series, is being delayed from July 2021 to November 2021. The animated "Spider-Verse" sequel is now dated for October 2022, back from its original April 2022 release.

Pandemic sliming: The Kids' Choice Awards will be bringing the slime home. Nickelodeon's annual show and the signature green slime it pours on

celebrities will now air on May 2 with host Victoria Justice, former star of the channel's shows "Zoey 101" and "Victorious." On Friday, the channel announced that the rebooted virtual ceremony, whose original March 29 date was postponed by the coronavirus, will be known as "Nickelodeon's Kids' Choice Awards 2020: Celebrate Together." Stars appearing from isolation, and possibly getting doused in slime, include Dwayne Johnson, Ariana Grande, Kristen Bell, Josh Gad, Camila Cabello, Millie Bobby Brown, Ellen DeGeneres, BTS and most of the major cast members of the "Avengers" films.

April 27 birthdays: Actress Anouk Aimee is 88. Singer Kate Pierson is 72. Guitarist Ace Frehley is 69. Singer Sheena Easton is 61. Actor James Le Gros is 58. Actress Sally Hawkins is 44. Singer Travis Meeks is 41. Actress Ari Graynor is 37. Singer-guitarist Patrick Stump is 36.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Play dates require parental permission

Dear Amy: My mother-in-law asked if she could take our kids for the day. My husband and I were nervous about this, due to the pandemic, but we relented — with the clear understanding that our kids would not have any contact with their cousins (their father is a medic).

My mother-in-law assured me that it would only be our children with her and that she would not get them together with their cousins.

Well, it turns out that she had all of the kids together to play. I feel that she lied to me and put us at risk for sickness.

What would you do?
— Frustrated in Nevada

Dear Frustrated: Assuming your narrative is accurate, your mother-in-law's choice is fairly indefensible. Her reasons for overriding your rule might be many and varied. She may have felt pressured by both sets of children, she could be a pandemic denier, overwhelmed for other reasons or simply not have much respect for you (and her son) as parents.

Grandparents sometimes believe that they know best when it comes to dealing with children (sometimes they are right), and sneaky grandparents will leap over boundaries in order to assert their own supremacy. (And where were these other parents who allowed their kids to get together with yours?)

Unfortunately, there will be a consequence for this, and if you are all lucky, it will be relational and not through anyone becoming seriously ill.

You'll have to try to discern what your mother-

in-law's real motive was, and unless she has disrespected you and your husband in similar ways in the past, you could assume that this was a one-time terrible lapse in judgment.

The consequence for her lapse should be dictated by the CDC recommendations. Because she put your children at risk of exposure to the virus, your household should behave as if you might have it: No nonessential contact with others, take your temperatures each day, wear a mask whenever you go out, and double up on your hand-washing.

Contact with Grammy will have to be limited to distance video conferencing or phone calls.

She has also potentially been exposed to the virus, and you should express concern for her health.

Your other family members may believe that you and your husband are overreacting to this threat. But — guess what? You get to react in whatever way you believe is wisest to protect your own family.

Quite simply, as parents, risk assessment is your job, and you are doing it.

Dear Amy: We have been following shelter-in-place orders for 28 days.

During the first 14 days, I made an effort to reach out to my friends to check on their safety and to socialize. I am saddened that they have not reached out in return as time goes on.

Is there something I don't understand about the shelter-in-place mindset that prevents people from reaching out? Or am I discovering that my friends are not as close and caring as I thought they were?

What gives?
— Ignored

Dear Ignored: What gives is this: Everyone is different. People respond to stress and personal, health and national challenges in different ways. Some people are growing out their beards, learning to bake bread and setting up Zoom meetings with friends and family, while some are spending their days car-ooming among anxiety, sadness and worry — and doing it in solitude.

This is a tough time for most people, and the most compassionate response is to give yourself — and others — a break. I hope you will continue to reach out to friends, because that sounds like something you are good at.

Dear Amy: "M" wrote to you about a situation involving a friend who is staying in her guest house in LA, while M is in Ohio.

I appreciated that you included some positive aspects of having someone living at her property, but I wish you had urged her to consult a lawyer regarding her friend's tenancy, and the legal implications of having someone living in her home without an agreement.

You said that if the friend pays rent, it could be difficult to get her to leave, but that can be the case with nonrenters, too.
— Been There

Dear Been There: Absolutely. Thank you.

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- 45 To and ___
- 47 2nd highest mountain range
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- 49 Word of agreement
- 50 JFK's mother
- 53 Small flute
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- 59 ABC followers



Chris Hemsworth, right, and Rudhraksh Jaiswal star in the action movie "Extraction."

'EXTRACTION' ★★

Come for the action, stay for the ... no, nothing else

By MARK OLSEN
Los Angeles Times

The first words spoken by Chris Hemsworth in the new Netflix action picture "Extraction" are "Hold my beer." Then his character — former soldier-turned-brooding mercenary Tyler Rake — jumps off a cliff into the quarry reservoir below.

That sense of braggadocio and one-upmanship pulses faintly through the film but is weighed down by an odd need to seem serious, too.

The feature-directing debut from Sam Hargrave, a longtime second unit director and stunt coordinator on films such as "Avengers: Endgame" and "Atomic Blonde," "Extraction" would be better if it just doubled down on being dumb. Instead, although the movie does indeed have some dazzling action sequences, they are interspersed with dramatic scenes that feel increasingly belabored, giving the movie a peculiar stop-start rhythm as it makes its way to a lumbering, extended gun battle final set piece.

"Extraction" is written by "Endgame" co-director Joe Russo, who produced

MPAA rating: R
(for strong bloody violence throughout, language and brief drug use)

Running time: 1:56

Available: on Netflix

the movie along with his brother and filmmaking partner Anthony Russo, and the first solid action sequence has Hemsworth battling a roomful of henchmen in close-quarters combat that finds him using fists, feet, a tin can, table, wall and garden rake as weapons.

Hemsworth has been hired to rescue a kidnapped teenage boy (Rudhraksh Jaiswal), the innocent son of a kingpin drug dealer in India snatched by one of his father's rivals — "Sounds like some mythic" stuff, says Hemsworth as his mission is explained to him. If only it played out that way.

The film's best sequence by far is after Hemsworth first retrieves the boy and they attempt to make their way out of the small city fortified by the villain's men. Designed to play as a long single take, they exit a

forest, fight their way to a car for an extended chase, then battle their way through an apartment complex. At one point, the camera slithers around a speeding car, catches back up to it and improbably lands in the backseat.

It is the sort of muscular, visceral filmmaking that makes action cinema so vital and exciting. Perhaps the truest advantage of the film premiering on Netflix is how easy it is to pause and back up to watch some genuine what-was-that moments again.

An extended scene with David Harbour as a compatriot of Hemsworth's who provides temporary relief and shelter best hits the target that Hargrave seems to be aiming at all along: a character-driven exchange topped off by a brutal hand-to-hand fight. Harbour seems to delight in playing the rogue, while Hemsworth puts a more straightforward action spin on his similar performance from Michael Mann's tech-thriller "Blackhat."

"Extraction" is an excellent piece of action filmmaking that falls short of the more emotionally resonant goals it wants to set for itself.

Symphony Center cancels concerts through June 9

BY HOWARD REICH

The Chicago Symphony Orchestra Association has canceled all CSOA-presented events at Symphony Center and other locations through June 9, the institution announced Friday.

These events have been dropped “in cooperation with ongoing community-wide efforts to mitigate the spread of COVID-19,” the CSOA said in a statement.

On Thursday, Gov. J.B. Pritzker issued a stay-at-home order extending through May 30.

“To reduce the significant financial losses for the

organization in the 2019/20 season related to the impact of the pandemic, and to sustain life-enriching presentations of classical music for all audiences, the CSOA has launched ‘Music Ahead,’” said the statement, referring to a new matching challenge grant program. Funded by “leadership gifts” from anonymous donors, the venture enables patrons to make a donation to CSOA that will be matched “dollar-for-dollar” through June 30. Information is available at www.cso.org/musicahead.

“CSO From Home,” an array of online musical

content, is available at www.cso.org/fromhome. This includes the orchestra’s nationally syndicated radio broadcasts, a recent Civic Orchestra of Chicago virtual concert marking the ensemble’s centennial and “From the CSO’s Archives: Maestro’s Choice,” presented in partnership with WFMT-FM 98.7.

Among the canceled performances: CSO subscription concerts featuring conductor Jonathan Stockhammer and CSO concertmaster Robert Chen, May 14 and 16; guest conductor Bernard Labadie and pianist Beatrice Rana, May 21,

22, 23 and 26; conductor Susanna Malkki and soprano Camilla Tilling, May 28-30; conductor Nikolaj Szeps-Znaider and pianist Piotr Anderszewski, June 4, 5, 6 and 9.

Other CSOA cancellations include “CSO at the Movies: Jurassic Park in Concert,” May 15 and 17; and members of the CSO in “Once Upon a Symphony: Jack and the Beanstalk,” May 16.

Also canceled: Pressenda Trio Ensemble, May 13; CSO African American Network performance by Jordan Thomas, harp, May 16; CSO MusicNOW featur-

ing “Sounds from the Future: Musicians of the AACM,” with conductor Michael Lewanski and cellist Tomeka Reid, May 18; pianist Igor Levit, May 20; pianist Maurizio Pollini, May 24; mezzo-soprano Joyce DiDonato and Il Pomo d’Oro in “My Favorite Things,” May 31; CSO Corporate Night, with conductor Steven Reineke and host Colin Mochrie in “The Second City Guide to the Symphony,” June 1; and pianist Denis Kozhukhin, June 7.

Other cancellations: Rossen Milanov conducting the Civic Orchestra of Chi-

cago, June 2; Symphony Center Presents Jazz featuring Dianne Reeves’ “Beleza Brazil,” June 5; the Odyssey Quartet Ensemble in “Nature’s Beauty” as part of the Art Institute Chamber Series, June 7.

Ticket-holders may convert ticket value to a tax-deductible contribution, exchange tickets for future concerts, put the value on account or obtain a refund. For more information, visit www.cso.org or phone 312-294-3000.

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Bridge

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recreation and relaxation — in effect, a second lakefront.

One of the fruits of that effort, the splendidly sculptural, Jeanne Gang-designed WMS Boathouse at Clark Park, sits to the south of the bridge.

Next year, when the city finishes another riverfront project to the north, the reconstruction of the Irving Park Road Bridge over the river, it will have created a continuous stretch of waterfront open space, nearly 2 miles long, from Clark Playlot Park to Horner Park.

What makes the Riverview Bridge such a pleasure is the way it makes such connections — not through one-dimensional brute force, but with an unconventional design that takes many things into account, including the industrial character of the neighborhood and the trees and vegetation along the river’s banks.

“It’s a beautiful green swath through the city,” Metter told me in a telephone interview. “The notion was: How can we improve, not scrape it?”

A conventional design would have torn out the trees and bushes to make way for an asphalt path built atop landfill held in place by steel retaining walls. A dinky bridge, running straight across the river, would have joined the east and west banks.

Ho hum!

Instead, working with Greg Osborne, Epstein’s director of civil engineering, Metter came up with something better: A path that starts on the river’s banks, then becomes a bridge as it separates from them and crosses the river on a curve.

The engineering is appropriately straightforward, given the utilitarian character of nearby buildings, including a ComEd power



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Simple, round concrete columns support the Riverview Bridge, which blends beautifully with its surroundings, both natural and industrial.

station and an air-supported dome that serves as practice field for the Chicago Fire soccer team.

Simple, round concrete columns support a cantilevered concrete deck with angled railings of russet-colored Cor-ten steel. There are no pretentious attempts to make the columns look thin and elegant, as if they were high heels.

The deck’s curves accommodate the recommended turning radius for bicycles and allow the path to slope gradually and continuously, without landings.

To satisfy the Coast Guard, which mandated that the bridge be higher than nearby spans, the highest point of the bridge’s deck is nearly 23 feet above normal water level. That requirement turned out to



The bridge’s 14-foot-wide path makes it easy for runners, walkers and bicyclists to practice social distancing.

be a plus.

Being on the bridge is a little like floating in the air, as if you were a hawk catching an updraft and surveying the scene below.

Yet the design still makes people feel safe up there. The railings angle inward, bringing an aluminum handrail close to pedestrians. The railings them-

selves are like a picket fence — transparent from some angles, opaque from others. They get thinner as they rise, like the branches of a tree, which helps the bridge fit into its natural setting.

Lighting is nicely integrated into the railings. At night, the bridge glows softly — a handsome sculpture.

You may be wondering: Did the bridge cost more than a conventional trail? After all, building a trail on the ground is usually less expensive than building a trail in the air.

In an email, Osborne responded that the bridge cost “roughly the same” as a typical path. He cited several factors that held the cost down: Utilities didn’t have to be moved. The city didn’t need to pay for pri-

ivate land. Far less landfill was used than in a conventional design. Some landfill was used. Trees and the river banks were preserved.

“The clear choice became the alternative with less impacts,” he wrote.

This is infrastructure the way it should be: Responsive to its surroundings, both natural and man-made, and serving the needs of both utility and beauty.

The bridge would be welcome under any circumstances. It is an especially bright addition to the cityscape in these dark times.

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Marx

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thoughtful and online lately, he’s living his best life. You know who’s making the most out of a lot of time at home? Richard Marx is.

You know who suffers no one online?

Richard Marx. The man is incredibly profane on Twitter, hilariously so. “I’d (expletive) destroy a maple cupcake right now,” he once wrote. And should you cross him, he will end you. He delights in not being the middle-of-the-road hit maker you’re expecting. One ex-fan wrote: “You’ve got issues, dude. I’ll unfollow for both our sakes.” To which Marx replied, characteristically: “Don’t let the (expletive) door hit you in your cowardly racist ass.” As a comment left on one Richard Marx Twitter battle put it: “Richard Marx is the baddest (expletive) on Twitter is not a headline I could have anticipated five years ago.”

To borrow the title of his 1989 blockbuster, he is a repeat offender.

A woman named Melba posted on Marx’s Twitter feed: “I’m surprised by your language. I’ve been a fan of yourself since day 1. Very shocked at how unprofessional you’ve become.” That didn’t bode well for Melba. And so, in her defense, another fan named Nancy

jumped in: “I can’t believe I have to delete you from my Twitter feed. I always loved your music but I am so let down by you and the unacceptable language you use.”

To which Marx replied: “After seeing your anti-gay tweets, I’m thrilled to see you go.”

Then Nancy answered: “You CANNOT be the real Richard Marx. You just cannot be.”

Oh, Nancy, but he is. By phone last week, speaking from his Malibu home, Marx explained: “I think the people offended by the (expletive) language I use online — look, I’m a grown man and I’ll say whatever (expletive) words I want. (Expletive) them. I think I have gained more fans (online) than lost. If I am at someone’s home for a dinner, depending on the company, of course I’m not throwing F-bombs. On (expletive) social media, I don’t give a (expletive).”

You wish you did lock-down as well as Richard Marx.

After his tour got bumped and he went home, “I was like holy (expletive) what the (expletive) do I do now? So the first week or so I got really busy doing content, then I realized in a conversation with my wife that (this busyness) was really a function of dealing with misplaced anxiety. My mother is still with us. She’s 84. She can not get (COVID-19). So there’s tremendous (expletive)

anxiety involved. At some point, doing online shows, I became *actually* busy doing them. I’ve since decided if I do one show a week, that’ll be fine. I just recorded a new one an hour ago with Olivia Newton-John.”

In the past month alone, every Friday, he’s posted “Beachin’,” a warm, funny acoustic concert series (with requests filed from the comment section), to his YouTube channel. He launched “Tequila Talk,” a podcast in which he and his wife, Daisy Fuentes, drink tequila and discuss current events. Plus, there’s #SocialDistancing, a now-regular talk show made on Zoom, starring Marx and a quite random assortment of guests: Katie Couric, Paul Stanley of Kiss, Jane Lynch, David Copperfield, Marx’s personal physician ... During quarantine, Marx has shot 20 episodes of the show, sometimes recording one a day.

Also, yes, that Daisy Fuentes of MTV fame.

They’ve been married five years. More incredible facts about Richard Marx: Before Fuentes, he was married for 25 years to actress Cynthia Rhodes — Penny from “Dirty Dancing.” Their North Shore estate (which they lived in from 1994 to 2013, the one that just sold) was used by Robert Altman for his 1978 film “A Wedding” with Carol Burnett. Marx, who is 56, graduated from North Shore Country Day School.

He got his big break when Lionel Richie heard a tape of his songs and invited Marx to help him with his first solo album. Marx once wrote a Christmas song with Fee Waybill of the Tubes. He helped tackle a drunk passenger on a 2016 flight to Seoul. He’s been vegan for years. When the Chicago City Council considered banning cigarettes in restaurants in 1994, Marx testified in favor of a ban. He’s sold 30 million albums, and I do not own a single one of them.

I mean, the guy’s not even the most famous of late-century Illinois radio balladeers: That title would probably need to be divided six ways, between Marx, REO Speedwagon, Styx, Earth, Wind & Fire, Chicago and Jim Peterik, best known as the co-founder of Survivor. Marx is from a certain non-threatening, non-innovative, sturdy, polished, adult-contemporary pop persuasion. Once you had heard his 1989 No. 1 love song “Right Here Waiting,” you owned an earworm for life. Marx himself has joked on social media: “Tooth to the dentist today. My teeth are fine. I just wanted to hear some of my songs.”

He’s always been this way, he said.

Indeed, decades ago, he told the Los Angeles Times that music critics don’t take him seriously and quip about his famously great head of hair because most

of them are bald. He said on the phone that he’s never been shy about taking the fight wherever it leads. “I always had a sense of self. My parents installed in me this need to push back, which is probably why if I detect even a whiff of bigotry online, I get (expletive) pissed.”

His father was Dick Marx, a pianist and fixture on the Chicago jazz scene for decades. In his late 30s, he became a successful jingle writer, creating famous ear worms for Doublemint (“Double your pleasure, double your fun”), Dial soap (“Aren’t you glad you used Dial?”) and others. As a child, Richard Marx sang on some of those commercials.

“My dad never wrote the lyrics, just the music,” Marx said. “He would get slogans that on paper looked (expletive) ridiculous, like ‘Ask any mermaid you happen to see, what’s the best tuna? Chicken of the Sea.’” How the (expletive) do you write a song from that? And yet he would, and you wouldn’t be able to get it out of your head. I think I have that kind of ability in my DNA. I started writing songs at 15, and they were bad but they were melodic. You could call them ‘commercial.’ Critics think people like me are premeditated in that commercialism, but it’s (expletive). They assume you don’t take the craft as seriously as the guy who never had a hit but made

influential records, but it’s (expletive expletive).”

Marx tours regularly but his biggest songs these days are for others: He wrote hits for NSYNC (“This I Promise You”) and Keith Urban (“Better Life”); he wrote for Kenny Rogers, Vince Gill, Josh Groban and Barbra Streisand. Marx and Luther Vandross’ “Dance With My Father” won the 2004 Grammy for Song of the Year and became a wedding staple.

Since leaving Chicago in 2013 — “I was getting tired of living there, the weather, the feeling that the city doesn’t change very much” — his newer music has been less sweet, more melancholy. He doesn’t feel the urgency to write regularly for himself as much.

His hair still looks great. He still looks great.

But these days, Richard Marx would rather walk on the beach in Malibu with Daisy Fuentes and cook dinner. He would rather have a nice evening talking and reading. Then, when the mood strikes, get on Twitter and call Tucker Carlson an “entitled (expletive expletive),” Donald Trump a “stupid (expletive) getting more people killed every four minutes” and anyone who refuses to socially distance themselves “just a (expletive expletive).”

This I promise you.

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BONUS PUZZLE PAGE

An extra array of word games, search, Jumble and other tests to help you pass the time at home

SUDOKU

			2	1	3		4	
		9	6			5		
	2	3			4			6
	6					2		
		4				8		
		2					9	
9			1			4	7	
		5			6	3		
	4		8	5	7			

Level: **1** 2 3 4

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

6	2	9	7	9	8	1	7	8
8	1	8	9	7	6	9	7	3
9	7	7	2	8	1	9	8	6
1	6	7	9	9	7	2	8	8
8	9	8	1	2	7	7	6	9
7	5	2	6	8	8	7	9	1
9	8	1	7	6	5	8	2	7
2	3	5	8	7	9	6	1	7
7	7	6	3	1	2	8	5	9

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WORD SEARCH

SURF THE NET

Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, even diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.

E	J	S	S	E	T	I	R	O	V	A	F	F	R	C	A	E
G	A	O	R	S	E	M	A	G	N	Y	N	E	E	U	G	L
A	V	U	X	R	E	V	R	E	S	W	S	V	D	R	S	I
P	A	R	M	N	W	O	D	N	I	W	I	I	A	V	N	F
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V	R	D	T	V	O	A	D	S	R	L	E	E	G	P	B	T
J	U	E	I	P	H	A	R	K	N	I	D	S	D	A	H	S
O	C	R	S	W	I	D	R	O	N	A	R	N	N	O	H	L
Y	U	T	P	H	W	R	A	D	M	M	D	N	U	I	M	X
S	P	A	O	T	E	W	C	O	D	E	E	U	F	U	T	V
T	T	M	N	O	S	T	L	S	L	R	O	T	P	B	D	L
I	T	R	S	O	U	B	E	I	S	P	A	D	S	U	A	M
C	H	O	O	L	O	U	L	X	N	G	U	W	N	A	D	T
K	V	F	R	S	M	G	V	I	T	K	D	P	A	U	P	H

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| AWARD | FORMAT | KEY | SOURCE CODE |
| BANNERS | FRAMES | KEYBOARD | SPONSOR |
| BROWSER | GAMES | LINK | TEXT |
| BUG | GRAPHICS | MENU | TOOLS |
| BUTTONS | HARD DRIVE | MODEM | UNDO |
| CHAT | HOME PAGE | MOUSE | UPLOAD |
| CURSOR | HOST | PASTE | VDU |
| DATA | HTML | RAM | VIDEO |
| DELETE | HTTP | ROM | VIRUS |
| EMAIL | ICON | SCRIPT | WINDOW |
| FAVORITES | JAVA | SERVER | WWW |

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BOGGLE



By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

D	N	A	F
G	L	I	R
N	O	N	A
E	C	P	S

INSTRUCTIONS: Find as many words as you can by linking letters up, down, side-to-side and diagonally, writing words on a blank sheet of paper. You may only use each letter box once within a single word. Play with a friend and compare word finds, crossing out common words.

BOGGLE POINT SCALE
 3 letters = 1 point
 4 letters = 2 points
 5 letters = 3 points
 6 letters = 4 points
 7 letters = 6 points
 8 letters = 10 points
 9+ letters = 15 points

YOUR BOGGLE RATING
 151+ = Champ
 101-150 = Expert
 61-100 = Pro
 31-60 = Garner
 21-30 = Rookie
 11-20 = Amateur
 0-10 = Try again

Boggle BrainBusters Bonus
 We put special brain-busting words into the grid of letters. Can you find them?
 Find AT LEAST SIX COUNTRIES in the grid of letters.

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WordWheel

Insert the missing letter to complete an eight-letter word reading clockwise or counterclockwise.
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TV CROSSWORD

1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8		
9						10	11			
12						13				
14						15				
		16	17	18			19	20	21	22
			23						24	
25	26	27				28	29			
30						31				
32						33				
			34	35				36	37	38
39	40	41				42	43			
44						45				
46						47				

Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews 9/16/18

ACROSS
 1 Role on "M*A*S*H"
 6 "___ This Morning"
 9 Up in arms
 10 Rainbow ___; freshwater fish
 12 Gave a monetary penalty to
 13 "Blue ___"
 14 Actor Hunter
 15 Mediocre report card
 16 Sportscaster ___ Rashad
 19 "___ Plus 8"
 23 "The Company You ___"; Robert Redford film
 24 Cosmonaut ___ Gagarin
 25 "___ Fences"
 28 Mr. Gleason
 30 Cartoon pooch
 31 Rudolph of "Up All Night"
 32 "The Days and Nights of Molly ___"
 33 Fred of "Hunter"
 34 Brenneman & Roloff
 36 "Mayberry ___"
 39 "One, two, buckle ___..."

DOWN
 1 Fissure; split
 2 Opera solo
 3 Tim's portrayer on "Life in Pieces"
 4 Gobbled up
 5 "The ___ Skelton Hour"
 6 Pigeon's sound
 7 Son on "Father Knows Best"
 8 Nov. 1 honorees
 10 "The Little Couple" network
 11 Actor on "NCIS"
 13 A-E connection
 15 Tam or beret
 17 "___ Haw"
 18 "How I ___ Your Mother"
 20 Black-and-white diving bird
 21 Prefix for cycle or angle
 22 Start of the "Old MacDonald" refrain
 25 Pea casing
 26 Wedding words
 27 "El ___"; Charlton Heston movie
 28 Mr. Leno
 29 Certain vote
 31 "Scarecrow and ___ King"
 33 Actor on "Touched by an Angel"
 35 Matthew of "2 Broke Girls"
 37 "Born ___"; film about a lioness
 38 Laura or Bruce
 39 "Cry ___ River"
 40 Orangish potato
 41 Mrs. in Madrid
 42 "Murder, ___ Wrote"
 43 Holbrook or Linden

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

INOON
 [] [] [] [] [] [] [] []

UNDOR
 [] [] [] [] [] [] [] []

TEGRAH
 [] [] [] [] [] [] [] []

FLUREF
 [] [] [] [] [] [] [] []

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

ARROW WORDS

Fill in the grid using the clues provided in the direction of the arrows. When complete, unscramble the letters in the circles to reveal a mystery word.

Moderate	Carries out, as laws	Postal delivery	Ballet spin	Tied	Slave Scott	Mata ___	Poorly	Simple	'Ben-'
			4		Farewell, in France			2	Apply lightly
Easily duped					Deli bread	Cooking fat	Comic Costello		
Safety exercises						7		3	Geometric figure
			8	Monk's wear	Flaky mineral				
Hour and minute separator	Christian Anderson		Leg bone					Command	Not tricked by
Root on				Comedian Margaret	Big bother	'Alice' waitress			
Dine				6				1	
5			9	Ballot dangler					Pantry pest
Word of denial	Timex competitor				Money spent				

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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KIDNEWS FUN & GAMES

Water

H	R	W	A	T	E	R	A	N	D
A	O	L	L	A	F	L	C	S	
R	B	A	P	O	O	L	T	R	P
C	A	N	A	L	W	E	E	R	
R	P	B	A	Y	E	R	K	E	I
S	L	D	D	L	E	S	E	G	N
E	U	R	I	R	E	A	N	D	
Y	A	E	O	O	A	S	P	O	Y
E	K	S	V	C	E	T	U	A	R
G	E	E	R	S	T	R	E	A	M

Find all the words from the word list (ignore spaces and dashes):

BAY	POOL
CANAL	PUDDLE
CREEK	RESERVOIR
ESTUARY	RIVER
GEYSER	SEA
HARBOR	SPRING
LAKE	STREAM
OCEAN	WATERFALL
POND	WETLAND

★★★★★

This is zigzag word search puzzle. Words go left, right, up, down, not diagonally, and can bend at a right angle. There are no unused letters in the grid, every letter is used only once.

ANSWER:



10 Find differences

WATCH THIS: MONDAY



Richard E. Grant

“Dispatches From Elsewhere” (9 p.m., 10:14 p.m., 1:58 a.m., AMC): This drama closes out Season 1 in a finale about which AMC is revealing few details, beyond reporting that “a final mystery is revealed.” Given that the episode title is “The Boy,” the focus may be on young actor Travis Burnett’s character, the little boy often seen standing outside Janice’s (Sally Field) house wearing sad-clown makeup. Richard E. Grant also stars.

“Spring Baking Championship” (8 p.m., 11 p.m., Food): The Season 6 competition draws to a close in two new back-to-back episodes, starting with “Mom’s Spring Getaway.” The first round tasks the four remaining bakers to create spicy, margarita-based desserts. Then, they must prepare desserts that look like pool floats. The finale, “Spring Senioritis — Class of 2020” climaxes with prom night cakes themed to the ‘50s, ‘60s or ‘80s.

“Prodigal Son” (8:01 p.m., FOX): One of the breakout hits of the 2019-20 network TV season, this chilling psychological drama wraps its freshman edition tonight with a finale called “Like Father ...,” an episode title with chilling implications, given that this show’s father figure is a serial killer. As events unfold, Malcolm (Tom Payne) starts to unravel completely as the mystery that haunts him — the girl in the box from his childhood — comes to a head.

“Breeders” (9 p.m., 10:16 p.m., 12:48 a.m., FX): This edgy family Britcom closes out its first season with “No Cure (Part 2),” which sees young Luke (George Wake-man) being admitted to a specialist pediatric unit as his condition takes a grave turn. Paul and Addy (Martin Freeman, Daisy Haggard) anxiously await any news with their parents.

“My Brilliant Friend: The Story of a New Name” (9 p.m., 11:30 p.m., HBO): Now an accomplished college student, Elena (Margherita Mazzucco) takes time out from her academic work to read over some of Lila’s (Gaia Girace) private diaries in the new episode “Ghosts.” As she does so, she realizes how much her old friend’s new role has changed her.

“American Dad” (9 p.m., TBS): Roger (voice of Seth MacFarlane) enlists the help of Jeff (voice of Jeff Fischer) as he resolves to realize a lifelong dream: opening a chivalric strip club, in the new episode “Cheek to Cheek: A Stripper’s Story.” Elsewhere, Klaus (voice of Dee Bradley Baker) makes one of his own dreams a reality by moving into Steve’s (voice of Scott Grimes) room.

TALK SHOWS

“Conan” (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Conan O’Brien welcomes celebrity guests and draws comedy from poignant news stories and politics.*

“The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon” (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actress Kate Hudson; Alessia Cara talks and performs.*

“The Late Show With Stephen Colbert” (10:35 p.m., CBS): The comic interviews guests and introduces musical performances.*

“Jimmy Kimmel Live!” (10:35 p.m. 11:36 p.m., ABC): Celebrity guests and comedy skits.*

* Subject to change

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MONDAY EVENING, APR. 27

	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00
BROADCAST	CBS 2	The Neighborhood	Bob Hearts Abishola	All Rise: “My Fair Lock-down.”		Bull: “Quid Pro Quo.”		News (N) ♦
	NBC 5	The Voice: “Road to Live Shows.”				(9:01) Songland: “H.E.R.”		NBC 5 News (N) ♦
	ABC 7	The Bachelor Presents: Listen to Your Heart: “Week 3.”				The Baker and the Beauty (N) ©		News at 10pm (N) ♦
	WGN 9	black-ish: “The Purge.”	black-ish: “The Word.”	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) ©		WGN News at Ten (N) ♦
	Antenna 9.2	Alice	Alice	3’s Comp.	3’s Comp.	Johnny Carson		Coach
	Court 9.3	Court TV Live (N) (Live) ©						Court TV (N)
	PBS 11	Chicago Tonight (N)		Antiques Roadshow (N) ©		Antiques Roadshow: “Little Rock.”		Independent Lens (N) ♦
	CW 26.1	Whose? (N)	Whose Line	Roswell, New Mexico (N)		Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld
	The U 26.2	Dr. Phil		Tamron Hall		Steve Wilkos Show (N)		Paternity
	MeTV 26.3	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle	Green Acres	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett
H&I 26.4	Star Trek		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek ♦	
Bounce 26.5	A Raisin in the Sun (NR,‘08)		** Sean Combs, Phyllcia Rashad.				Civil Brand ♦	
FOX 32	9-1-1: “The One That Got Away.”		(8:01) Prodigal Son: “Like Father...”		Fox 32 News at Nine (N)		Modern Family	
Ion 38	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal ♦	
TeleM 40	Cennet (N) ©		La Doña (N) ©		Noticias Telemundo (N)		Chicago (N)	
MNT 54	Chicago P.D. ©		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Chicago ♦	
UniMas 60	¿Qué culpa tiene	Nosotr.	Nosotr.		Noticiero (N)	Vas con todo		
WJVS 62	J. Savelle	K. Hagin	Joyce Meyer	Robison	Blakeman	Wonderen	Paid Prog.	
Univ 66	Ringo (N)		Amor eterno (N)		Sin miedo a la verdad		Noticias (N)	
CABLE	AE	Live PD: “Live PD -- 05.10.19.”						Accused ♦
	AMC	♦ (5:30) Gladiator (R,‘00) *** Russell Crowe. (SAP)				Dispatches From (Season Finale) (N)		Dispatches
	ANIM	Alaska- Last Frontier (N)		Alaska: The Last Frontier: Open Season (N)				Raising ♦
	BBCA	Predators (R,‘10) ** Adrien Brody, Topher Grace. ©				Predator (R,‘87) *** ♦		
	BET	♦ Thin Line-Love and Hate		ATL (PG-13,‘06) ** Tip Harris. Four Atlanta teens face challenges. ♦				
	BIGTEN	♦ (5) College Baseball ©		College Baseball From May 26, 2019. © ♦				
	BRAVO	Below Deck (N)		Below Deck (N)		Watch (N)	Below Deck Sailing Yacht	
	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N)		CNN Tonight (N)		Tonight (N) ♦
	COM	The Office	The Office	The Office		The Office	The Office	Daily (N) ♦
	DISC	Street-Memphis (N)		Fast N’ Loud (N) ©		Car Kings (N) ©		Fast-Loud ♦
	DISN	Bunk’d	Bunk’d	Raven	Roll With It	Gabby	Coop	Sydney-Max
	E!	Botched		Botched (N) ©		Nightly (N)		Botched ©
	ESPN	NFL Football From Oct. 8, 2007.						SportsC. (N)
	ESPN2	The Last Dance		The Last Dance		The Last Dance		World of X ♦
	FNC	Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News
	FOOD	Guy’s Grocery Games		Spring Baking (N)		Supermarket Stakeout		Chopped ♦
	FREE	The Blind Side (PG-13,‘09) *** Sandra Bullock, Tim McGraw. ©						700 Club ♦
	FX	Daddy’s Home 2 (PG-13,‘17) ** Will Ferrell. ©				Breeders	Better	Breeders
	HALL	My Secret Valentine (NR,‘18) Lacey Chabert. ©				Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls
	HGTV	Celebrity IOU (N) ©		Celebrity IOU (N) ©		(9:01) Home Town (N)		Home ♦
HIST	Oak Island: Drilling Down		The Curse of Oak Island (N) ©				Oak Island ♦	
HLN	Death Row Stories		The Killer Truth ©		Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	
IFC	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	
LIFE	The First 48 ©		(8:03) The First 48 ©		(9:03) The First 48 ©		First 48 ♦	
MSNBC	All In With (N)		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)	
MTV	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridic. (N)	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	
NATGEO	Pharaohs-Treasures		Ultimate Treasure Count		Ultimate Treasure Count		Ultimate	
NBCSCH	Chicago Bulls Classic				Short List	Inside Look	UFA ♦	
NICK	Danger	Young Dylan	All That ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	
OVATION	♦ (6) Eat Pray Love (PG-13,‘10) ** Julia Roberts. ©				Everybody’s Fine (PG-13,‘09) ** ♦ ©			
OWN	Atlanta Child Murders (N)		Atlanta Child Murders (N)		Atlanta Child Murders (N)		Atlanta ♦	
OXY	NCIS ©		NCIS ©		NCIS ©		NCIS ♦	
PARMT	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops (N) ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	
SYFY	♦ (5:30) Edge of Tomorrow		Constantine (R,‘05) ** Keanu Reeves, Rachel Weisz. © ♦					
TBS	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	American (N)	Amer. Dad	Conan (N)	
TCM	Foxfire (NR,‘55) *** Jane Russell, Jeff Chandler. ©				Hot Blood (NR,‘56) ** Jane Russell. ♦			
TLC	Self-Quarantined		Self-Quarantined (N)		90 Day Fiancé (N)		Dragnifcant	
TLN	Supernatural	IMPACT	Prayer	Faithwire	Robison	Billy Graham	Answers ♦	
TNT	Beauty and the Beast (PG,‘17) *** Emma Watson. ©						Beauty and the Beast ♦	
TOON	Home Movie	Amer. Dad	Rick, Morty	Rick, Morty	Rick, Morty	Rick, Morty	Rick, Morty	
TRAV	Mysteries at the Museum (N) ©				Mummy Mysteries (Series Premiere) (N) ©		Unknown ♦	
TVL	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Two Men	Two Men	King	
USA	WWE Monday Night RAW (N) (Live) ©						Mod Fam ♦	
VH1	Love, Hip Hop (N)		T.I. & Tiny: Friends (N)		Love & Hip Hop: Atlanta		T.I. & Tiny ♦	
WE	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds: “Rabid.”		Criminal Minds ©		Criminal ♦	
WGN America	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Almost Paradise (N) ©		Last Man	
PREMIUM	HBO	♦ (6) X-Men: Dark Phoenix		We’re Here ©		Friend (N Subtitled-English)		Axios (N) ©
	HBO2	♦ (6:10) Bad Education		Chocolat (PG-13,‘00) *** Juliette Binoche. ©				Misérables ♦
	MAX	Idiocracy (R,‘06) ** Luke Wilson.				Beavis and Butt-head Do America **		Delta Frc ♦
	SHO	♦ (6:50) Dexter ©		Penny Dreadful: City		Lies		America
	STARZ	♦ Outlander (7:32) Vida		(8:10) The Girl in the Spider’s Web (R,‘18) ** ©				Vida © ♦
STZNC	♦ Ice Age: Dawn of Dinos		Rocky Balboa (PG,‘06) *** ©				The Nutty Professor © ♦	

Theaters

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straits have tried curbside popcorn pickup in recent weeks. Why not him? And why not throw in some Dots, too?

“Very successful,” he said of the first attempt last month. Between 300 and 400 cars that first night, he said, drove off smelling like a movie theater in full swing.

It’s a heartening reminder, he said, that in the absence of actual, pre-pandemic moviegoing there’s still an appetite for what we like about it. (Fake butter optional; the Pickwick employees deliver the popcorn box with a lidded plastic cup of the orange mystery oil on the side.)

Chicago’s home-grown independent movie houses are in this mess together, but they’re coping and financing and sweating it out following different blueprints.

Through his bank, Pickwick co-owner Vlahakis applied for \$50,000 in federal stimulus funds under the Payroll Protection Program. These are forgivable loans — i.e. grants by another name, as long as the funds are dispersed according to U.S. Treasury and Small Business Administration guidelines.

“Haven’t gotten an answer yet,” Vlahakis said. “Right now none of our staff has filed for unemployment, though. We had a little cushion in our account.” Vlahakis has 25 employees: four full-time, the rest part-timers, concession workers, ushers and, Wednesdays and Saturdays, popcorn relay runners.

Downers Grove-based Classic Cinemas CEO Chris Johnson received PPP funds, he said, which covers his payroll expenses for two months. Like the Pickwick, each of his regional chain’s theaters except the Lake in Oak Park will begin selling curbside concessions May 8. “It’s an interesting time,” Johnson said. “You’ve got to be creative.”

Chicago nonprofit film

venues include Facets. Executive director Karen Cardarelli said they’re “in the pipeline for five relief opportunities,” which could cover facility overhead and taking care of the eight full-time Facets staffers. With children’s programs and the summer Facets Film Camp unlikely to proceed, she said, that money’s crucial.

The organization has applied for a \$100,000 PPP loan; a \$20,000 Arts for Illinois grant; a \$10,000 federal Economic Injury Disaster Loan; a \$50,000 National Endowment for the Arts grant; and, meantime, there’s a little money coming in by way of the Facets Virtual Cinema platform, which offers streaming options in lieu of what they’d normally be showing in the brick-and-mortar venue.

Continuing through May 1, “Earth,” distributed by KimStim, is being offered through 80 different theaters nationwide. Facets’ opening week revenue, according to KimStim, outgrossed everybody else in America.

The Gene Siskel Film Center has set up a robust Film Center from Your Sofa streaming menu to keep audiences engaged and bring in some revenue. The nonprofit venue, under the auspices of the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, is pursuing a National Endowment for the Humanities grant. Executive director Jean de St. Aubin declined to talk specifics, except to say COVID-19-related grants may cover up to 15 percent of an organization’s operating budget.

All this talk of bailouts sets the teeth of Music Box owner Bill Schopfslightly on edge; at least, that’s how it sounded on the phone the other day.

“I’ve never borrowed money from the federal government, or invited them to oversee my finances. If money needs to be borrowed, I will borrow it, and I will pay it back,” he said. “So far I can afford it. And it’s my responsibility.” The Music Box is offering its own streaming services, including Music Box Direct



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Pickwick Theatre employee Emmett McDonagh delivers popcorn to customers waiting in a curbside pickup line. The Park Ridge movie theater is popping popcorn and selling it for \$5 a box on Wednesdays and Saturdays.



Manager Kathryn Tobias, from left, Brendan Mullan and Meghan Burke work at the Pickwick Theatre concession stand to fill popcorn orders Saturday.

for films represented by the company’s distribution arm.

“It represents modest revenue at best,” Schopf said. “And it’s not really a long-term solution for theaters with their lights off. I believe in theaters. I don’t want to convert the

U.S. audience to watch movies at home exclusively.”

Until March and the COVID-19 spread, the tiny 45-seat venue known as the Screening Room (also available for rental, private screenings, parties, etc., sometime later this year,

maybe) was used primarily for critics’ preview screenings. Owner and projectionist Steve Kraus inquired about a PPP loan before the program ran out of funds the first time. His bank, he said, did not respond.

The federal government’s \$349 billion alloca-

tion went dry after only 13 days of operation; on April 24 the U.S. president signed a new coronavirus financial relief package, and new applications for PPP loans are being accepted starting this week.

Kraus also told me this: “I added some gear to enable me to power up the digital projector remotely — no lamp, just the electronics — as the experts say it should be done periodically to avoid losing the security certificate.” So while sheltering at home, “I turn it on for a few hours each week.”

It’s a strange but comforting notion, like curbside movie theater popcorn. Knowing that the projection equipment in the Screening Room is still operating, even if it’s for an audience of nobody, smells like what napalm smelled like to Robert Duval in “Apocalypse Now”: victory.

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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (April 27): Your exploration hits gold this year. Grow your career with discipline and coordination. Navigate financial changes with your partner this summer, before a productive, brilliant phase. Revise travel or class plans. A slow income winter motivates booming profits for joint accounts.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Household issues require attention. You're going through a financially savvy phase for three weeks, with Mercury in Taurus. Profitable ideas abound. Make lucrative connections.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 9. You're especially clever over the next few weeks, with Mercury in your sign. Make solid plans. Share and express your arts. Your creativity seems boundless.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 7. You're especially practical, introspective and quiet, with Mercury in Taurus. Resolve old messes and disagreements. Listen to your dreams.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 9. Take charge. Communication and collaboration come easily, with Mercury in Taurus. You work especially effectively with groups. Your friends are there for you. Coordinate and connect.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 9. Make profitable deals over three weeks, with Mercury in Taurus. Accept more responsibility. Your communication skills advance your career. Discuss what you want to achieve.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Teamwork wins. Fall in love with a fascinating subject, with Mercury in Taurus for three weeks. Dream of distant shores. Pay attention to long-distance connections.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 9. Take care of business. Cash flow increases into shared accounts through communication channels, with Mercury in Taurus. Brainstorm financial strategies.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Expand your territory. Connect with your partner on a deeper level, with Mercury in Taurus. Creative brainstorming produces exciting results.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 9. Work with health and fitness experts for maximum performance, with Mercury in Taurus for three weeks. Balance mind, body and spirit.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Express your love. Passion surges over several weeks, with Mercury in Taurus. Creative collaboration carries you away.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Rest to reduce stress. Fix up your place, with Mercury in Taurus. Talk with family about home changes you'd love. A little paint works wonders.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. Focus on a passion. Follow a fascination over three weeks, with Mercury in Taurus. Write reports, posts and articles. Share the news. Express your heart.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn

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AVIAN HITS

GULLS, GULLS, GULLS	THE WAY YOU MAKE ME FOWL ...
MOTLEY CROW	MICHAEL QUACKSON
CAR-MY-CAR-MY-CAR-MY-CAR-MY-CAR-MY-CHAMELEON	BABY GOT BACK
VULTURE CLUB	SIR CLUCKS A-LOT

Bliss By Harry Bliss



Bridge

Here are the answers to the weekly quiz:

Q.1—Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ J95 ♥ K92 ♦ AKJ32 ♣ A9

Partner opens 1H and right-hand opponent passes. What call would you make?

A.1—No immediate heart raise would do this hand justice. Start with 2D and support hearts next.

Q.2—Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ A1064 ♥ A6 ♦ A85 ♣ AJ103

As dealer, what call would you make?

A.2—It is easy to make an argument that four aces and two tens, all undervalued in the 4-3-2-1 point count, make this hand worth 18 or 19 points, but we expect most will open 1NT.

Q.3—East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ AQ93 ♥ QJ76 ♦ 1084 ♣ 86

North	East	South	West
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	?	

What call would you make?

A.3—We think this hand is worth an invitation. Bid 3S.

Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ A762 ♥ QJ104 ♦ 642 ♣ Q9

West	North	East	South
1♦	2♣	Dbl*	?

*Negative

What call would you make?

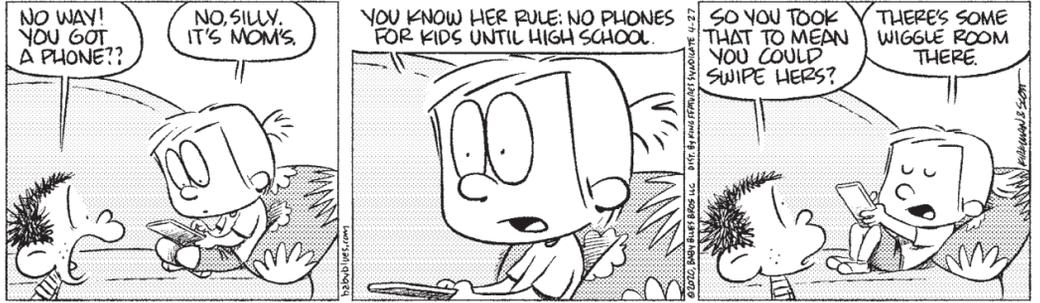
A.4—The redouble of a negative double shows a useful hand that can't raise. Redouble. Perfect!

— Bob Jones
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Dilbert By Scott Adams



Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott



Zits By Jerry Scott and Jim Borgman



Mr. Boffo By Joe Martin



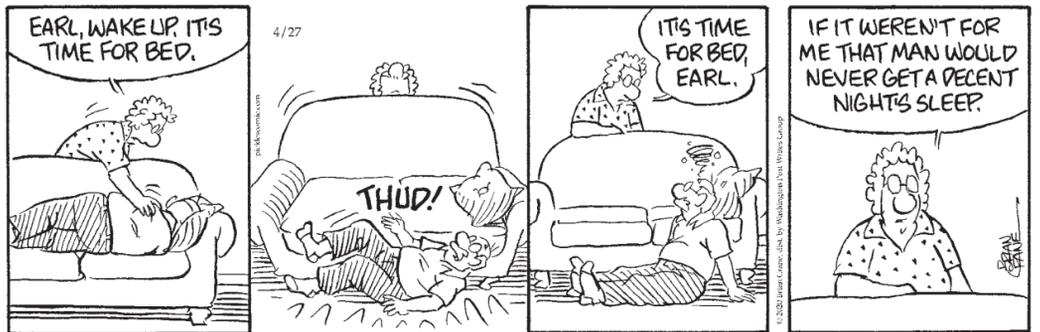
Frazz By Jef Mallett



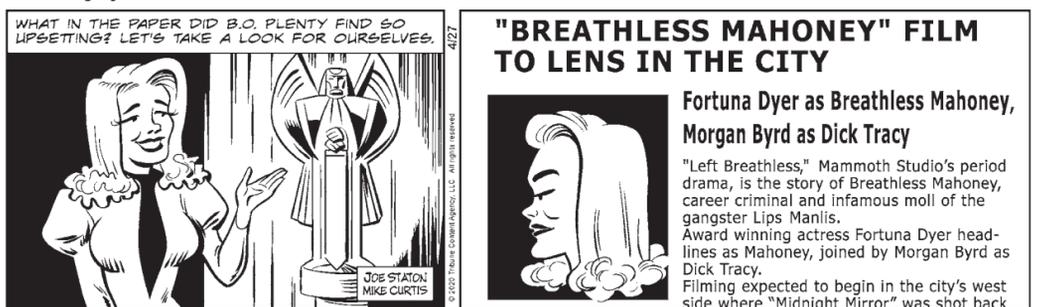
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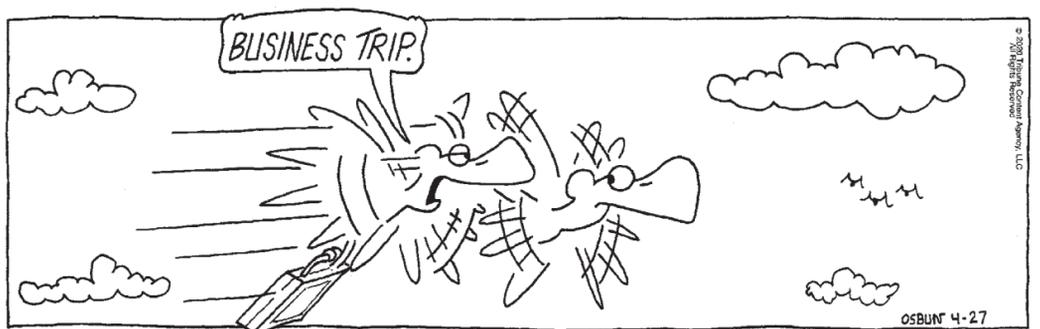
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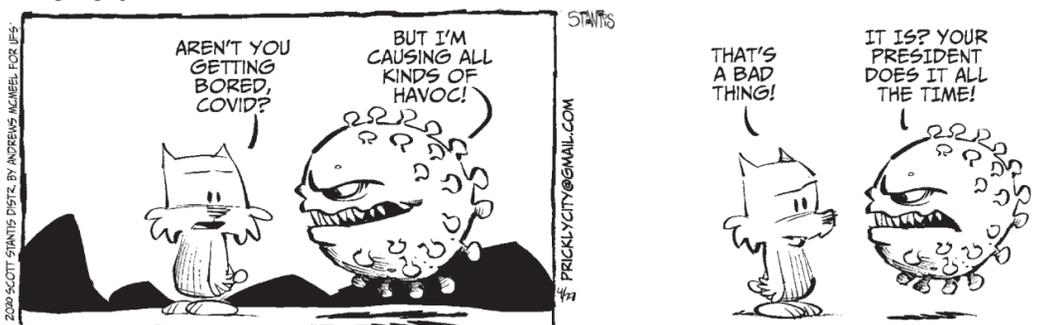
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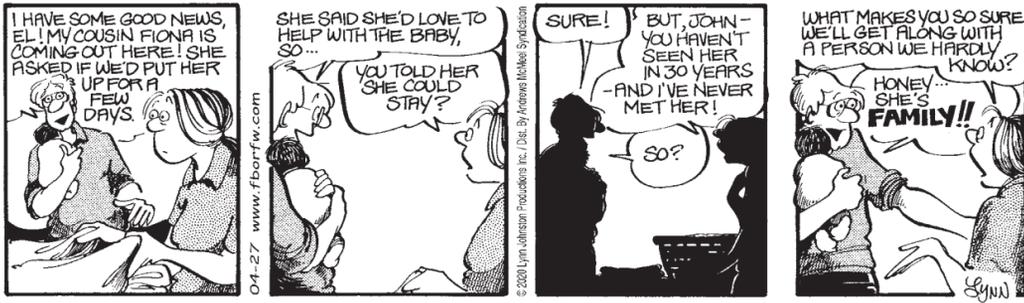


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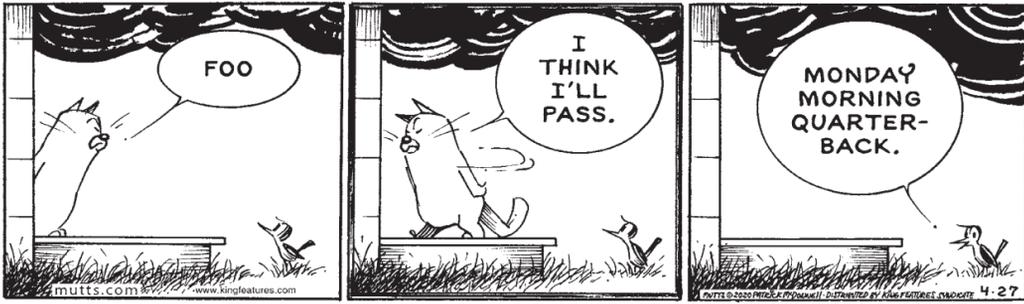
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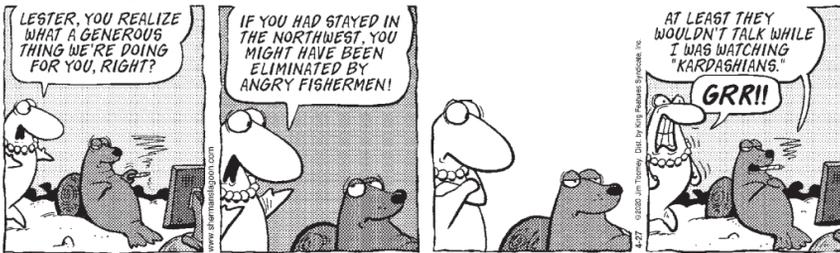
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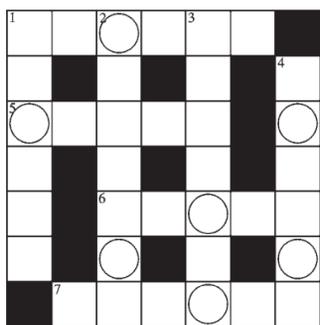
Broom-Hilda By Russell Myers



Trivia Bits

Apollo 17 astronaut Harrison "Jack" Schmitt holds a Ph.D. in what scientific field?
 A) Astronomy
 B) Chemistry
 C) Geology
 D) Psychology
Saturday's answer: A red dragon is depicted on the national flag of Wales.

Jumble Crossword



- CLUE** **ACROSS** **ANSWER**
- Home to Hilo
 - Corn
 - Movie
 - Baby
- CLUE** **DOWN** **ANSWER**
- Clothes
 - Not oral
 - Lethargy
 - Most recent

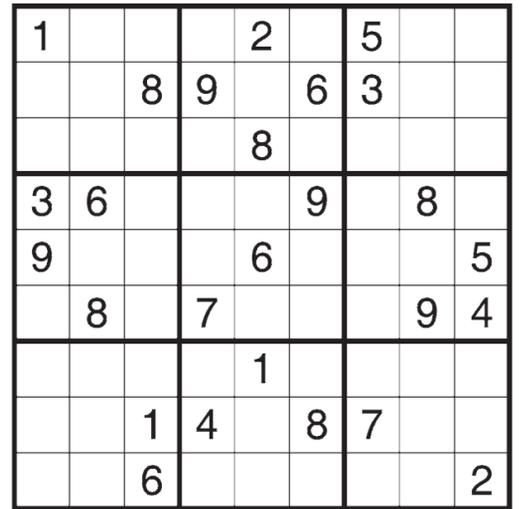
How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

BONUS ○○○○ ○○○○

ANSWERS: 1A-Hawaii 5A-Milwaukee 5B-Atlanta 6A-Texas 6B-Florida 6C-California 6D-Illinois 6E-New York 6F-New Jersey 6G-Pennsylvania 6H-Maryland 6I-Delaware 6J-Virginia 6K-Michigan 6L-Ohio 6M-Indiana 6N-Illinois 6O-Missouri 6P-Kansas 6Q-Oklahoma 6R-Texas 6S-Collins 6T-Atlanta 6U-Atlanta 6V-Atlanta 6W-Atlanta 6X-Atlanta 6Y-Atlanta 6Z-Atlanta

Sudoku 1 2 3 4

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7	6	5	3	1	2	4	8	9
3	4	8	9	5	7	1	6	2
2	9	1	8	6	4	3	7	5
8	7	4	2	3	6	5	9	1
9	5	3	4	8	1	6	2	7
1	2	6	7	9	5	8	3	4
6	1	9	5	2	3	7	4	8
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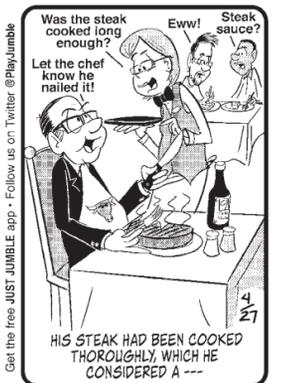
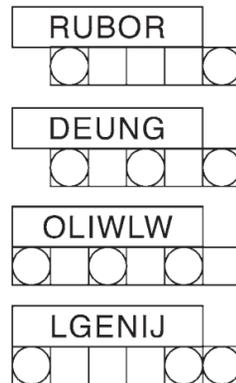
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Saturday's solutions

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Jumble

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.



Answer here



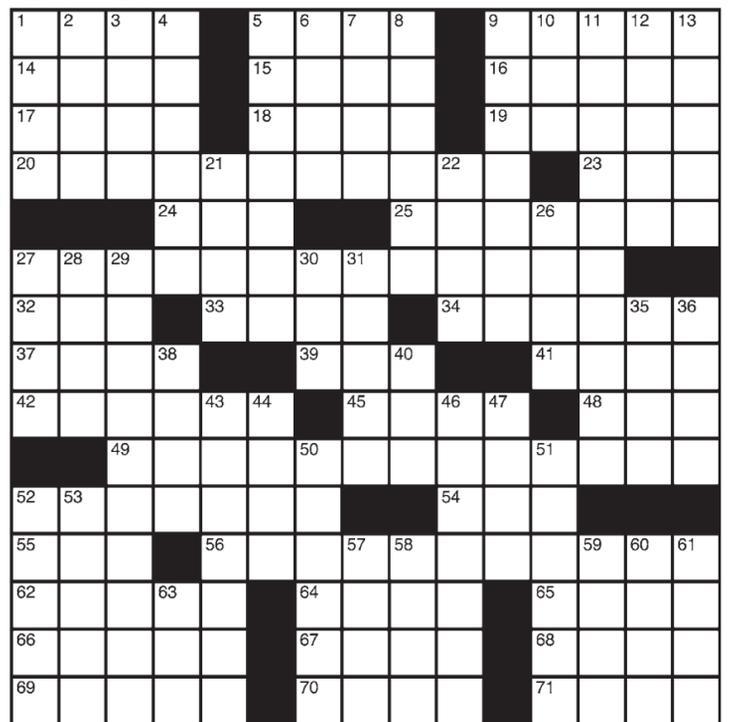
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Jumbles: DEPTH CLOUT HUNGRY FIGURE
 Answer: The company's new facility for producing granite and marble countertops was — CUTTING EDGE

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Crossword

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- Across**
- Pull a pre-exam all-nighter
 - Push in some chips
 - Fab Four first name
 - "Jeepers!"
 - Agrees quietly
 - Capote nickname
 - Household gathering to discuss something
 - Pancake flipper
 - Not within walking distance
 - Ab neighbor
 - Hotel accommodations for couples, and a hint to both parts of 20-, 27- and 49-Across
 - Dog collar dangle
 - When many start lunch
 - Slender wind
 - Eat away at
 - Lump of dirt
 - Bread with hummus
 - Sensitive skin spots
 - Cooped cluckers
 - Place to hold a snifter
- Down**
- "It's ___-brainer!"
 - Beautiful people, as a group
 - Like a fog-enshrouded cemetery
 - Jouster's mount
 - Sacred Nile bird
 - Nothing more than
 - Scrolling PC key
 - Frisks, with "down"
 - Salt Lake City's state
 - Philanthropist
 - Get all blubbery
 - So, so small
 - Severely overcook
 - Fake coin
 - Couch or bench
 - Quarterback Brady
 - Erasure marks
 - Big Island port
 - Comes to the aid of
 - Scorch
 - Cape Canaveral event
 - Bunches of Brownies
 - Seekers of intel
 - Martinez with three Cy Youngs
 - Tree trunk
 - Minnesota's state bird
 - Last bio
 - Bit of dust in a sunbeam
 - Tailor's line
 - Drink suffix

Saturday's solution



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CHICAGO WEATHER CENTER

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MONDAY, APRIL 27 NORMAL HIGH: 64° NORMAL LOW: 43° RECORD HIGH: 87° (1986) RECORD LOW: 29° (1945)

Clouds and storms to mark final days of April

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 63 **LOW** 49

■ Clouds and showers return after a one-day hiatus

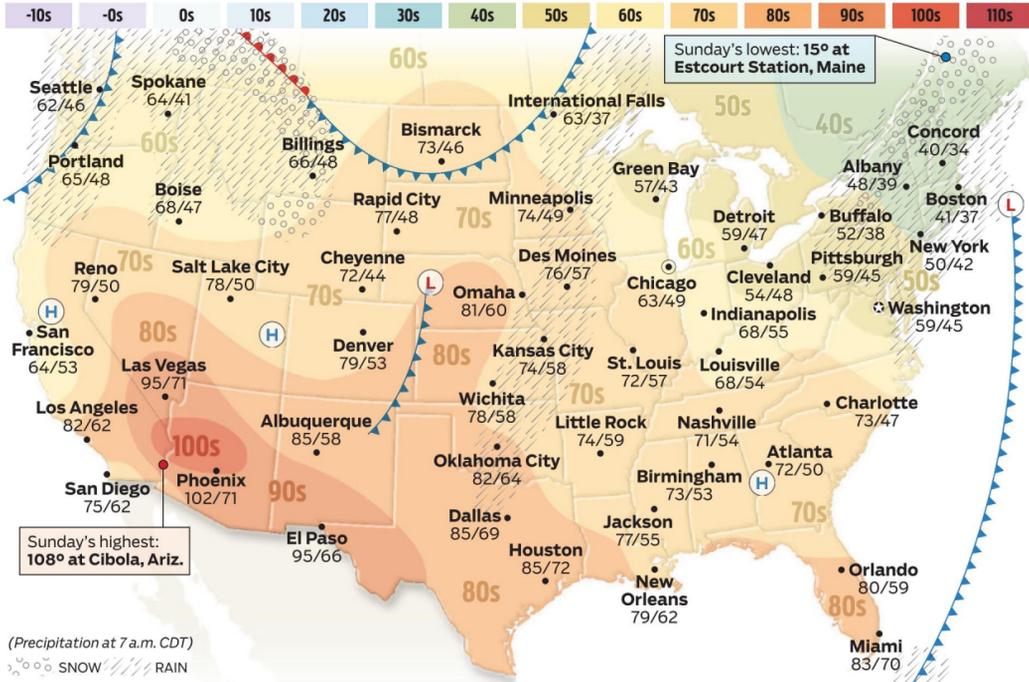
■ Clear at daybreak with temperatures in the 30s. Patchy frost, especially in northwest Indiana.

■ Clouds gather through the day with scattered showers developing the afternoon.

■ Highs reach seasonable highs in the low/middle 60s. South-southwest winds 12-22 mph.

■ Scattered showers overnight. Lows 45 inland to around 50 downtown.

NATIONAL FORECAST



Sunday's sunshine was the city's first after three dreary days and sent the mercury soaring into the lower 60s, a marked increase from Saturday's chilly 40s. The bright interlude will be brief, however, as clouds are slated to return by Monday afternoon, heralding the start of a multi-day cloudy and unsettled period. The first round of showers will arrive Monday afternoon and continue overnight. A more significant storm system will dominate the Tuesday-Wednesday period, bringing several periods of showers and thunderstorms, some of which could be strong, especially Tuesday afternoon and night. The weather is forecast to improve by the end of the week, as springtime warmth returns, with the city expected to bask in its first 70-degree plus weather since early April on Saturday.

TUESDAY, APRIL 28

HIGH 67 **LOW** 50

Mostly cloudy. Periods of showers and thunderstorms, mainly in the afternoon. Gusty south winds 12-22 mph. Highs reach the mid/upper 60s. More showers/storms at night.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

HIGH 56 **LOW** 42

Cloudy. Frequent showers and some thunderstorms diminishing in the afternoon. Noticeably cooler with highs only in the middle 50s.

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

HIGH 59 **LOW** 42

Morning clouds break and thin resulting in sunshine increasing through the afternoon. Highs peak around 60, a few degrees below normal. North winds 12-22 mph.

FRIDAY, MAY 1

HIGH 66 **LOW** 48

May opens with abundant sunshine as high pressure moves through the region. Light winds become southerly in the afternoon. Highs rebound to the mid/upper 60s.

SATURDAY, MAY 2

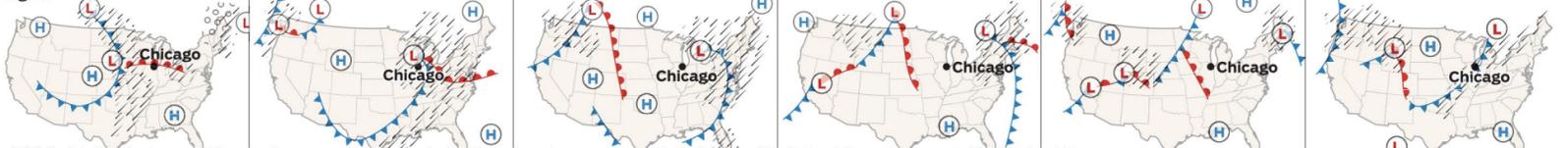
HIGH 74 **LOW** 53

A delightful spring day. Temperatures surge into the middle 70s aided by plenty of sunshine and gusty south winds. Clouds gather at night with some showers possible.

SUNDAY, MAY 3

HIGH 66 **LOW** 48

Some lingering clouds and showers early then partly sunny, breezy and cooler. Highs fall back to the middle 60s, about normal for the season.



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,
I grew up in Belleville, Illinois, and I remember a tornado around 1970 that passed near our house. Do your records confirm that?
Scott Taylor, Aurora

Dear Scott,
With a few changes to specifics, they do. Late in the evening of May 15, 1968, an F-3 tornado tore through St. Clair County, Illinois, just to the east of the St. Louis metropolitan area. The twister killed four and injured 61, with most of the devastation occurring in a trailer park that was totally demolished at Freeburg, Illinois. Frame homes and other business structures were also damaged by the storm with the damage estimated at \$2 million. Freeburg is about 25 miles southeast of Belleville, and it is possible that the storm originated in the Belleville area that received 1.5 inches of rain that evening.

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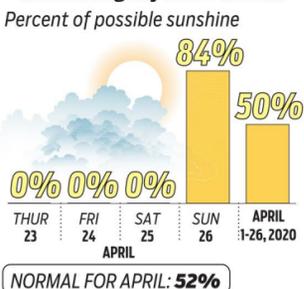
Hear Demetrius
Ivory's weather updates weekdays 3 to 6 p.m. on WGN-AM 720 Chicago.

More storms to follow sunny Sunday; 70s arrive Saturday

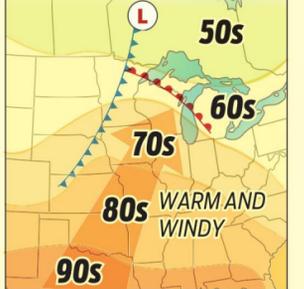
TUESDAY'S STORMS COULD PACK A PUNCH
Severe Storm Risk just south of Chicago area



CHICAGO SUNSHINE UPDATE
City's first sun since Wednesday boosts month's sunshine to 50%—but still slightly below normal



WARMER TEMPS AHEAD
70s to return by Saturday
Saturday afternoon forecast



SPRINGTIME WARMTH IS ON THE WAY
70°+ days in short supply so far this year

Through April 26 just 3 days on the books:

April 3 70°

April 7 80°

April 8 74°

Number of 70°+ days through April 26 since 1943

MOST 15 (2012)

LEAST 1 (2018, 2013)

LONG-TERM AVERAGE 7

WEATHER HISTORY—ONE YEAR AGO—WINTER'S LAST STAND

Heavy wet snow blasts city snowfall April 27, 2019

LOCATION	SNOWFALL
O'HARE AIRPORT	2.5"
MIDWAY AIRPORT	1.7"
WHEATON	4.9"
LAKE ZURICH	4.1"
NAPERVILLE	1.5"
HOFFMAN ESTATES	4.5"
ARLINGTON HTS	4.0"
N. AURORA	1.5"
ELGIN	4.1"
ELBURN	2.0"

SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

CHICAGO DIGEST

SUNDAY TEMPERATURES

LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
Aurora	64	39	Midway	62	43
Gary	54	43	O'Hare	67	41
Kankakee	61	42	Romeoville	62	41
Lakefront	57	43	Valparaiso	58	43
Lansing	58	43	Waukegan	59	41

CHICAGO PRECIPITATION

PERIOD	2020	NORMAL
Sunday	0.00"	0.12"
Month to date	1.33"	2.90"
Year to date	8.38"	8.92"

SUNDAY SUNBURN FORECAST

TIME OF EXPOSURE BEFORE SUNBURN BEGINS

TIME	2020	NORMAL
7 a.m.	2 hours, 45 minutes	
1 p.m.*	30 minutes	
4 p.m.	Burn unlikely	

SOURCE: Clear Skin Dermatology, Dr. Bryan Schultz, Peak Intensity

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS

MONDAY	TUESDAY
Wind SW 12-22 kts.	SE 10-20 kts.
Waves 2-4 feet	2-4 feet
Sun. shore/crib water temps	48°/46°

LAST WEEK'S PEAK POLLEN LEVEL

POLLEN	LEVEL
Tree	High
Grass	0
Mold	Low
Ragweed	0
Weed	0

SOURCE: Loyola Medicine Allergy Count, Dr. Rachna Shah

ILLINOIS AIR QUALITY

Category	Reading
Sunday reading	Good
Monday forecast	Moderate
Critical pollutant	Particulates

MOST WINDY/SET TIMES

Day	Time
Sun	5:51 a.m. - 7:45 p.m.
Moon	8:48 a.m.

MONDAY PLANET WATCH

Planet	Rise	Set
Mercury	5:38 a.m.	6:01 p.m.
Venus	7:34 a.m.	11:25 p.m.
Mars	2:54 a.m.	12:57 p.m.
Jupiter	1:40 a.m.	11:05 p.m.
Saturn	2:56 a.m.	11:30 p.m.

BEST VIEWING TIME DIRECTION

Planet	Time	Direction
Mercury	Not visible	
Venus	8:45 p.m.	26° WNW
Mars	4:30 a.m.	15° SE
Jupiter	4:30 a.m.	22° SSE
Saturn	4:30 a.m.	21° SE

Source: Dan Joyce, Chicago Astronomical Society

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