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Chicago police Officer Tina Susa redirects a bicyclist on Chicago's closed Lakefront Trail near Belmont Avenue on Thursday.

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'We can't mess around'

Here's how the \$2.2T rescue bill will work

Expands benefits to include gig workers

BY ALEXANDRA OLSON,
CHRISTOPHER RUGABER
AND CATHY BUSSEWITZ
Associated Press

NEW YORK — With record-high numbers of Americans seeking unemployment benefits after losing their jobs because of the coronavirus, Congress is set to significantly enhance the program.

The \$2.2 trillion rescue package nearing final approval will, for four months, add \$600 a week to standard unemployment benefits, which vary by state. It also provides funding for states to let people collect their payments immediately, eliminating a one-week waiting period. And it adds 13 weeks of coverage for people who have exhausted their existing jobless benefits.

Perhaps most significantly for a large swath of America's workforce, the legislation for the first time makes gig workers, independent contractors, the self-employed, people with limited work history and part-time workers eligible for unemployment benefits.

The expansion will bolster one of the nation's major safety-net programs and provide support to the economy. More generous jobless benefits will enable people who are laid off to pay rent, mortgages, utility bills and other key expenses. That money, in turn, provides cash flow to banks, utility companies and other firms.

Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell said Thursday that the goal behind the efforts

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TERRI CHASELEY

Terri Chaseley, of Highland Park, is a mother of three.

'I'm going to be too scared to hug my children'

Mom sick for 2 weeks with no end in sight

BY ELVIA MALAGÓN

It all started more than two weeks ago when Terri Chaseley felt her lungs burning while at the gym.

She assumed what she felt was caused by the essential oils she had put in her humidifier the night before and stayed for an exercise class that involved less cardio. But days later, the symptoms would worsen and within a week she would be hospitalized and test positive for COVID-19.

Chaseley, 45, of Highland Park, is among the more than 2,535 residents across Illinois as of Thursday who have tested positive for coronavirus. Some have reported mild symptoms while at least 26 people in Illinois have died.

Chaseley, a mother of three, was told to come out of isolation seven days after she stops showing any symptoms. By Wednesday afternoon, Chaseley was feeling better and hopeful she wouldn't come down with a fever again. Still, it feels like she won't be able to come out of isolation until Labor Day.

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Stuart Nissenbaum, 28, stands outside his home Thursday in Long Grove. He is still waiting for results from his March 18 test.

For some, long delays on virus test results

More than a week later, 'I still have nothing'

BY ANGIE LEVENTIS
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After spiking a fever and suffering an intense cough, Stuart Nissenbaum said he was tested for the coronavirus at a local drive-thru screening site on March 18.

Yet over a week later, the 28-year-old from north suburban Long Grove said he's still waiting for test results.

"I still have nothing," said Nissenbaum, who has quarantined himself in his bedroom to avoid the possibility of

infecting his older parents, who live in the same home. "I have literally been locked in one room of my house, not knowing if I have it, so I don't give it to them."

Nissenbaum is one of several Chicago-area patients who described lengthy waits — sometimes eight days or longer — to learn if they've contracted the highly contagious new virus.

Some medical experts conjecture that labs nationwide are overwhelmed by a recent surge in COVID-19 testing.

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BY GREGORY PRATT, JOHN BYRNE, JAMIE MUNKS, RICK PEARSON AND MADELINE BUCKLEY

For nearly a week, Mayor Lori Lightfoot has been warning Chicagoans what would happen if they didn't heed a statewide order to stay at home. On Thursday, the repercussions started.

The state announced 673 new coronavirus cases, the biggest spike since the daily announcements began.

Lightfoot ordered Chicago's iconic lakefront and other high-profile public areas closed off, a day after crowds flouted social distancing rules to pack beaches and parks on a warm afternoon.

City officials met with the Army Corps of Engineers at McCormick Place to plan how to convert the giant convention center into a makeshift hospital with beds for thousands of people in case there's nowhere else to put them.

And city Health Commissioner Dr. Allison Arwady painted a picture of mobile morgues possibly being needed to handle huge numbers of bodies if the city doesn't manage to get the virus under control soon.

Nationally, the White House's coronavirus coordinator warned that Cook County could be one of the next COVID-19 hot spots.

All of it represented an intensified effort to slow the disease's spread before sick people overwhelm hospitals and push the city "to the brink."

"The numbers indicate that

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Pritzker provides stimulus options for small businesses

A lifeline of state loans and grants was unveiled Wednesday. But the money is more likely to buy a little extra time than it is to save businesses outright, owners and industry groups say. **Chicagoland**, Page 7

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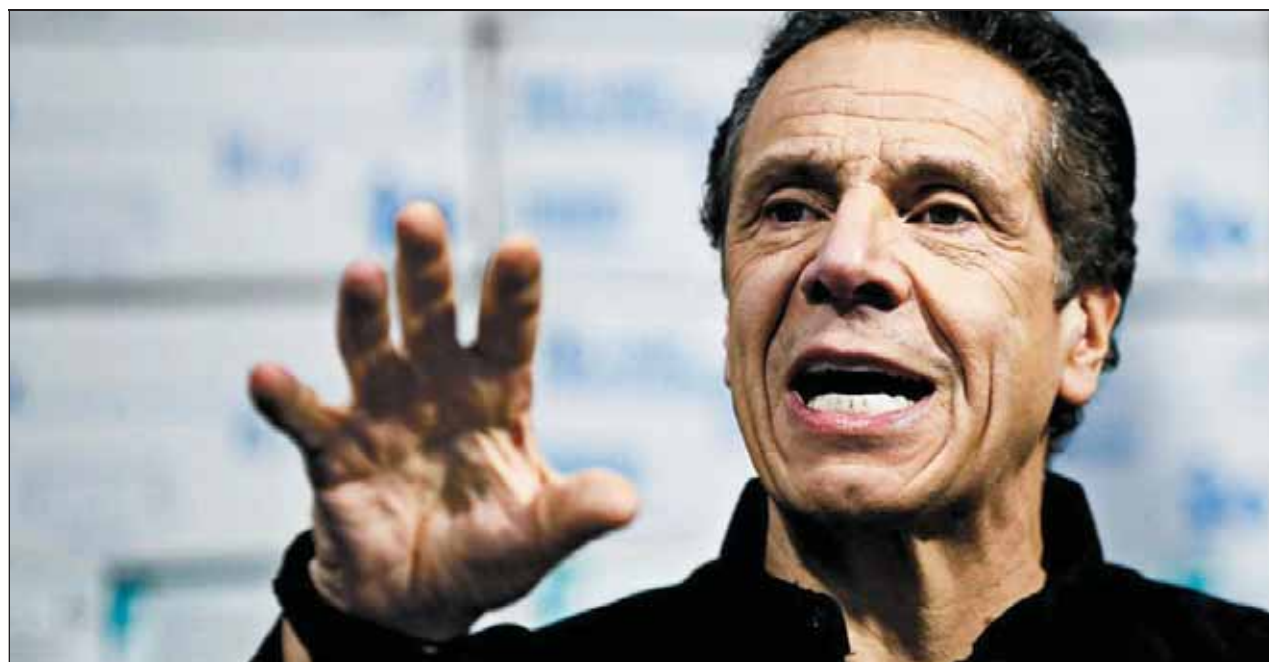
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JOHN MINCHILLO/AP

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo speaks Tuesday during a news conference at a temporary hospital in New York.



JOHN KASS

As Cuomo ascends in pandemic, Biden fades

Does Joe Biden deserve what's happening to him during this coronavirus pandemic?

Not really. Deserve has nothing to do with presidential politics or the coronavirus. But somebody has something to do with what's happening to Biden:

Andrew Cuomo, Democratic governor of New York.

Cuomo has everything to do with it. Now many Democrats want him to be their presidential nominee, as Biden melts like an ice cube before our eyes.

Cuomo is on national television daily, giving his coronavirus briefings, presenting as a man of action and sympathy, fighting for his city and state that are being overwhelmed by the virus. He looks like a president.

And old Joe? Biden, the expected Democratic presidential nominee, remains lost, hapless, eclipsed and marginalized by events.

Biden has all but disappeared, like the time you were at the supermarket with your elderly uncle, and he wandered off, again. Frantic, you searched all the aisles until you finally found him asking the lady giving out samples for another taste of banana pudding.

"Pudding," the uncle says. "I love pudding."

Joe loves ice cream. But whether pudding or ice cream, many Democrats are wondering if old Joe is cold enough, hard enough, to handle a crisis. He fades from view as Cuomo has become the new flavor.

Biden's handlers, realizing he'd been eclipsed, trotted him out for gentle controlled media appearances, but these were failures.

CNN's Jake Tapper had to lecture him on how to cough into his elbow. In a speech about the coronavirus that he delivered from his Delaware home, you could see Biden gesturing in panic with his hand when the teleprompter glitched. Then he wandered off into some verbal wasteland.

Then they put Biden on with the liberal ladies of "The View." Foolish conservatives who dare enter that lair

are often devoured, the flesh stripped from their bones as in ancient mythology. But on "The View," Democratic politicians are fed sugar cubes and petted like unicorns.

And even there, Biden stumbled. He was asked a softball question by host Sara Haines, regarding President Donald Trump saying the government should reassess the recommended period for businesses being shut down and Americans told to stay at home.

Haines asked, "Are you at all concerned, as Trump said, that we cannot let the cure be worse than the problem itself?"

From his home in Delaware, Biden gave the camera a thousand-yard stare.

"We have to take care of the cure," Biden said. "That will make the problem worse, no matter what. No matter what."

Sure, Joe, sure. Want some pudding?

A "draft Cuomo" movement is growing among Democrats, because Joe is no longer that cube of hard ice he once was. He's not the icy fellow debating Republican Paul Ryan. He's not the sly, smiling senator trying to spin a web and ruin now-Supreme Court Associate Justice Clarence Thomas.

Now, Biden is a puddle. Not even the most loyal Biden hack would admit, at least privately, that Joe could handle a crisis like this one.

"Biden is a melting ice cube," wrote New York Democrat and antitrust litigator Lloyd Constantine on his blog, in a quote now widely circulated. "Those of us who have closely watched as time ravaged the once sharp or even brilliant minds of loved ones and colleagues, recognize what is happening to the good soldier Joe."

Biden isn't handling it well. But Cuomo seems to be handling it. Or at least he's facing it.

I asked a voter about this. She sat 6 feet away as we watched Cuomo give another dynamic briefing.

"Cuomo just looks more like a leader during a crisis," said the Lovely Sicilian I married, lo these many years ago. "He comes off as strong."

When we met, she was a modern dancer and choreographer, a liberal Democrat opposed to Ronald Reagan, marching in those irritating no-nuke parades. As the token conservative on campus, I didn't care. I was smitten and still am. She since converted to the path of reason, light, liberty and free markets, but now I fear she may fall back into her old heretical ways. Because of Cuomo. She insists his being Italian has nothing to do with it.

"I don't know enough about him," she said, echoing the thoughts of many. "But he seems stronger than Biden."

Knowing about a candidate doesn't matter anymore. Feelings matter and projecting them on TV in a time of fear matters. Cuomo is to the left on Second Amendment issues, and supports late-term abortion on demand. But Democratic governors and mayors who give briefings daily have a force field around them powered by friendly media goodwill that is impervious to criticism.

Cuomo gives great TV every day. He's a man of action and panache wearing different outfits — killer suits or that blue bomber jacket and various get-ups involving khaki and brown leather. He has style and empathy. He's praised by Republicans and Democrats alike for how he's facing all this. In a crisis, people reveal themselves. For now, Cuomo projects strength.

And Biden? Two weeks ago, Democrats were insisting he wasn't as feeble as he seems, that he was not suffering from a lack of mental acuity, that Biden was the strong leader who would win the White House for Democrats and hand them the awesome imperial power over our lives.

But things are different now. Biden fades, and Cuomo is ascendant.

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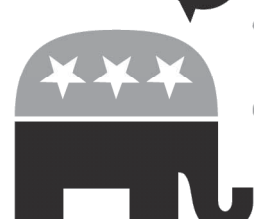
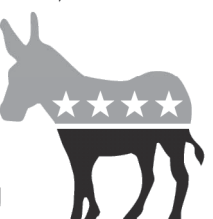



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Bravo, mayor, for shutting down the lakefront



MARY SCHMICH

Bravo, Mayor Lightfoot. Bravo for the heartbreaking, lifesaving decision to shut down our beloved lakefront.

On Thursday, Chicago's mayor did the thing many of us dreaded but all of us need: She closed the lakefront to the public, along with the adjacent parks, The 606 trail and the Riverwalk. The playgrounds and field houses in the city's other parks were locked.

Stay home, the mayor said, save lives.

The new order makes it clear that if we the people can't keep our distance from other people, we have to be saved from ourselves. You've probably seen the photos from earlier this week. The merry masses out in the sunshine, running, strolling, playing games, walking their dogs. Maybe you've been among the merry masses. I have — trying to keep my distance — but the better the weather, the harder it has gotten to keep safely apart.

Six feet, anyone? Two feet is not 6 feet. Six feet is one Tom Hanks, from head to toe, between you and everybody else.

Chicago has had its share of good luck in this great misfortune of the coronavirus crisis. We're a city of generous people who have contributed millions of dollars to help those most hurt by this highly contagious disease and the attendant economic meltdown.

And we've had two bold leaders — Lightfoot and Gov. J.B. Pritzker — who have led the way for other cities and states by imposing restrictions earlier than most. It's bitter but necessary medicine.

And yet many of us still don't take it seriously.

"Today's the day to change your mindset," Lightfoot said Wednesday, when she still imagined a warning was enough.

That should be our civic mantra: TODAY'S THE DAY TO CHANGE YOUR MINDSET.

It was tempting Wednesday, in the warm spring weather, with



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Warmer weather Wednesday brought Chicagoans outdoors despite social distancing restrictions — and forced the mayor's hand.

the sun out and the lake shining, to be lulled into believing that this crisis isn't so bad. That sunny thought flickered through my mind as I walked along the lakefront, appreciating the beauty and the quiet, enveloped in a collective feeling that might even be called joy.

What a skyline! What a lake! So great to see other Chicagoans out and about, all of us reminded of how much we love our place, how lucky we are to be alive and to live here.

But too many of those people — a small minority can be too many — were walking in clusters. Runners whizzed up from behind so close I could hear them panting. One guy spit on the path as he passed.

TODAY'S THE DAY TO CHANGE YOUR MINDSET.

What's happening in Chicago, in Illinois, all over the world right now is deadly serious. Every day that fact sinks in a little deeper, at least for those paying attention.

In New York state, from Wednesday morning to Thursday morning, 100 more people reportedly died of the coronavirus. On Thursday, Illinois reported 673 new known cases, bringing the state's infection total to 2,538. Seven more were added to the roster of the dead, bringing the total of coronavirus-related deaths in Illinois to 26.

Who knows how many unreported cases are out there, but we do know this: The number of infected and hospitalized people

is growing, and fast. The strain on the medical system is dire. And while it's true that most people who get the disease will recover, a stunning number will die.

Not long ago, I heard an expert say that we all have to get used to the idea that someone we care about will die from this disease.

Your mom, your dad, your grandmother, your grandfather, your brother, your sister, your friend, your co-worker, your child. You.

"No one will be untouched by this," I heard another expert say. It was such a chilling thought that I wrote it down. No one will be untouched.

By now, we've all heard that the crisis is going to get worse before it gets better. That's still hard to

absorb. We need to absorb it and to absorb this: We the people have some power over how much worse it gets.

Our superpower is the willpower to stay home as much as possible. We can still go outside and get exercise. But keep at least 6 feet of distance from others. Keep washing our hands.

And keep the faith that the more we reduce contact with each other now, the slower the disease will spread and the sooner we'll be back to work and to the parks.

We're not on spring break, friends.

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At University of Illinois at Chicago's Makerspace lab, Miiri Kotche wears an outer plastic face shield Thursday.

Protective face shield can be made in 20 seconds

UIC engineers pitch in to ease shortage for health workers

BY SOPHIE SHERRY

As coronavirus cases continued to soar last weekend, Dylan Lynch got an urgent call from the University of Illinois at Chicago Medical Center: It desperately needed protective gear for workers who might be exposed to patients with the highly contagious and sometimes fatal disease.

By Monday, Lynch and two others came up with some help for a shortage that is plaguing hospitals across the country: a face shield made from thin plastic that could be manufactured at UIC's Engineering Makerspace in 20 seconds.

"We can turn them out almost as fast as we can move," said Lynch, assistant director of the Makerspace, a campus facility outfitted with 3D printers, laser cutters, and milling and scanning equipment for engineering students to build prototypes or manufacture products.

The shield, basically a sheet of thin plastic held over the face by a plastic band, passed initial hospital safety tests. While it does not offer as much protection as the N95 respirator or other face masks held close to the nose and mouth, Lynch says they do help protect health care workers.

"They function, and that's more than they've got right now," he said. "We've heard from doctors at the hospital, multiple times, that they have employees using, like, swimming goggles."

Some medical centers across the country have reported using face shields along with bandannas as a substitute to the close-fitting face masks, which have become scarce. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has recommended such measures as "a last resort."

The shield designed by Lynch and his team is made entirely of thin plastic and can be reused by the hospital staff. The team has made the design public so other engineers across the country can test it for their own health systems.

"We hope that our design can help others, so we're making that freely available," Lynch said. "And it should be simple for anyone to adapt to their hospital system."

To build the masks, Lynch and his team place thin sheets of plastic — similar to what soda bottles are made of — through an industrial laser cutter that has been programmed. The machine produces a large plastic shield to cover the face and forehead, and an adjustable plastic band to attach around the head.

Lynch said they would normally use elastic to attach the shield, but there seems to be a shortage of the material.

The team produced 200 face shields Wednesday afternoon that were delivered to the UIC Medical Center that evening. Lynch said the hospital will offer additional feedback before the team moves forward with production.

Once they get the OK, Lynch said he and his team have the resources to produce an additional 600.



Kevin Murray, from left, Larry Washington and Jennifer and William Eason prepare 55 meals to be dropped off to seniors in Evanston.

With heart and soul food

At their restaurant, Evanston siblings craft free meals for homebound seniors



HEIDI STEVENS
Balancing Act

Jennifer Eason and her brother William run Jennifer's Edibles, an American soul food restaurant in Evanston's 5th Ward where, in normal times, Jennifer spends her days cooking jerk chicken with rice and peas, grits with cajun shrimp and oxtail with butter beans. William serves as manager.

But these aren't normal times. The dining room, where folks usually gather to eat Jennifer's food and hold E-Town Sister Circle meetings and chat about community affairs, is closed because of the coronavirus pandemic. Their business has shifted to carryout and delivery only.

Last week, when state officials were starting to order mass closures and other distancing measures, an out-of-state friend called the Easons and asked them to bring some meals to his elderly mother. He was worried about her leaving her Evanston apartment, and he wasn't sure whether she had enough groceries to get by.

"We went by there, and she wasn't really in the best shape and didn't have much support," Jennifer Eason said. "We decided then to see if we could afford to feed five people a day for as long as we could."

The next day, they prepared five extra meals and brought them around to senior citizens who needed food. Word got out. People started to call and request one of Jennifer's meals for themselves or their elderly relatives, neighbors or friends.

On the second day, they prepared and delivered 18 meals. By the third day, it was up to 24. This week, they prepared and delivered 52 meals a day.

Sixteen of their friends and customers have volunteered to be drivers. Restaurant regulars and good-hearted Evanstonians are calling the restaurant with their credit card numbers handy, offering to cover a few meals. People have stopped by with checks made out to the Easons.

"Jennifer has established herself in the community as somebody that looks out for folk," William Eason said of his baby sister. "Adversity breeds leaders, and she's been a lighthouse. She's been a beacon to people. That's why this has grown exponentially."

The meals they deliver, William Eason said, are often the only food the recipients are eating all day. So the Easons make sure that one meal counts.

"Yesterday we did garlic- and rose-



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William Eason drops off a hot meal to Josephine Brown, 78.

mary-crusted pork roast with baked beans and cabbage," Jennifer Eason told me on Tuesday. "Today they got meatloaf with mashed potatoes and steamed broccoli. Of course, all the seniors tell me they don't have any dietary restrictions. They're like, 'No, no. I don't have any restrictions.'"

William laughed. "They're like, 'And I've got a note from my doctor,'" he said.

(Best not to mess with Jennifer's tried-and-true recipes.)

The Easons were born and raised in Evanston. Jennifer Eason has been cooking since she was 7. Feeding their neighbors is who they are and what they do.

"And it's a pleasure to do it," Jennifer Eason said. "We are working with a couple people to try to get more of the word out. I think our capacity will be about 100 people a day, depending on the amount of donations we get. And we're going to do it as long as we can."

Each meal, they estimate, costs about \$7 to shop for and prepare.

Nina Kavin runs Dear Evanston, a community group that works to connect and unify Evanston residents around issues of race and social justice and anti-violence. On Tuesday evening, she shared a post on the group's Facebook page listing local businesses and organizations providing food assistance for people affected by the COVID-19 outbreak. She mentioned Jennifer's Edibles.

"Twenty-five more people have emailed me to volunteer," Kavin told me Wednesday. "Shop, drive, donate. People are

amazing. I'm hearing things like, 'I just got laid off so I've got some time on my hands.' People's generosity always amazes me, but now I'm seeing generosity and kindness almost exclusively."

The Easons, she said, are woven into the fabric of Evanston.

"Jennifer started really small and with very little and that's why, to me, this is particularly generous," Kavin said. "They're doing this incredibly good work from their hearts."

But they're not doing it alone, Jennifer Eason reminds me.

"This is a great effort by everybody," she said. "No one person can take credit for anything. All the different cooks and restaurants are sharing ideas. All the people donating and driving. It's a shared effort. I just want to tell them thank you because we couldn't do it without them."

"It's satisfying," she continued, "to know when I get calls from seniors that I can help them. Some people are almost in tears they're so grateful. I just really want to make sure that they're OK."

When this nightmare is behind us, let's remember who led us through it with grace and generosity. We are all better for their example and their work.

You can donate to Jennifer's Edibles efforts through their GoFundMe page, titled "Covid-19: Support meals for Evanston's seniors."

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Beds are in a staging area adjacent to the lobby of Rush Medical Center in Chicago, in anticipation of a possible surge of COVID-19 patients.

Rush retrofits lobby into triage for its non-coronavirus patients

BY JESSICA VILLAGOMEZ

In an effort to prepare for an influx of patients, Rush University Medical Center is converting its main lobby into a triage center for non-coronavirus patients.

The lobby, known as the Brennan Pavilion, is expected to be fully converted and open to patients not presenting coronavirus symptoms starting Friday, hospital spokesman Charlie Jolie said. "We are preparing for the next stage," Jolie said.

The area has been transformed into a clinical area with nursing stations and screens. It also has chairs, beds and waiting rooms. "This triage area will be able to process this unprecedented anticipated surge in patients," said Jolie, who said he didn't immediately know the number of patients the area will accommodate. "We

don't want to overwhelm our ability to see anyone else."

The hospital has allocated treatment space near the ambulance bay for patients who present with upper respiratory symptoms, he said.

Jolie said that though the volume of patients has been low, he estimates over half of the people coming to the hospital have upper respiratory symptoms or fears of being infected with the coronavirus.

The pavilion was built to be able to convert and handle a high-impact event such as a pandemic, he added. The conversion is anticipated to last for an unspecified time. "There's not a definite end to it. When it will go back to normal is all up in the air," he said.

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CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

ICE will accept bond payments now for detained immigrants

BY ELVIA MALAGÓN

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement is again accepting bond payments in Chicago for detained immigrants, less than a week after it stopped taking the payments locally and required people to post bond in Indianapolis or other states as officials try to contain the spread of the coronavirus, according to an agency official.

As of Wednesday, anyone can go into ICE's Chicago field office to complete a bond payment, according to an agency official who wasn't authorized to speak about the change. Last week, ICE had stopped accepting bond payments and had instead told people to travel to Indianapolis to bond out someone in immigration custody.

The office is still closed, but some federal workers will be there to accept the bond payments and to help anyone having issues with an ankle monitor, according to the ICE official. ICE offices in Indianapolis, Louisville, Kentucky, Wichita, Kansas, and Kansas City, Missouri, are also still accepting bond payments.

The change in Chicago comes a day after a 31-year-old man detained by ICE at the Bergen County Jail in Hackensack, New Jersey, tested positive for COVID-19, according to a news release from the agency.

Earlier, a medical staff member at the Elizabeth

Detention Center in New Jersey where people in ICE custody are kept, also tested positive for COVID-19, according to the Marshall Project, a nonprofit news organization.

This week, the Nation, a weekly magazine, reported that a leaked document from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security about COVID-19 indicated there were nine people in ICE custody who were being isolated and 24 others who were being monitored in 10 facilities.

In the Chicago area, people who had been detained by ICE at the Kenosha County Detention Center in Wisconsin last week were moved to two county jails in Illinois that have contracts with the federal agency. Some of those detained, though, were transferred as far away as Texas, according to a county official and a Chicago immigration group.

While at least one immigration group thought the change had come because of COVID-19, Sgt. David Wright of the Kenosha County sheriff's department said those detained were transferred because of a disagreement with ICE. No one at the jail had reported symptoms of the virus, he said.

Earlier this month, the county jail, which is about an hour north of Chicago, had housed 170 people in ICE custody in addition to its general population of people facing criminal charges in Wisconsin, Wright said. The county

told ICE it did not want to take any new detainees into custody because of concerns that COVID-19 could spread within the jail, Wright said.

"ICE didn't like that," Wright said by phone this week. "Then they came and got all of their guys."

The Kenosha facility had housed people in ICE custody for more than 20 years, and the county isn't sure if the sudden transfers signal the end of their agreement. The federal agency moved those in ICE custody to different facilities March 15.

"This wasn't our decision, this was ICE's decision," Wright said. "We don't have a contract with them, we never did. So it was a year-by-year agreement. We understood that the agreement could be done at any time. We weren't expecting it to be done two weekends ago."

Katherine Greenslade, an attorney with the Chicago-based Resurrection Project, is representing a Rockford man who had been detained at the Kenosha facility since Feb. 18. But last week, the man was among those who ended up being transferred to a Texas immigration detention center.

"The detainees were not told why they were being moved," Greenslade said by phone this week. "They were just put on a plane to a different facility with no information regarding why they were being moved."

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"It's a total roller coaster," Chaseley said by phone. "It's like the Terminator, you think you've beat it out of your system and then a new symptom pops up. I'm still getting fevers every night and I'm definitely more nauseous at night. There's a sensation with my skin, that it just feels like my skin is covered in icy hot."

She isn't sure where or when she caught the virus. She had not gone overseas, though she did travel to Florida in late February. Chaseley also regularly goes to the gym. State health officials later told her she likely contracted COVID-19 at a fundraiser she attended March 7, because others who were at the same event later tested positive.

Chaseley remembers she tried avoiding shaking people's hands because she considers herself a "germophobe." Still, some people were adamant on handshaking, she said.

"I was spraying hand sanitizer all night long, which obviously didn't help me," she said.

The symptoms Chaseley came down with mirrored many of the warning signs people are being told to watch for if they suspect they have the new coronavirus. Within three days, on March 10, she started to feel the burning in her lungs. Then she started to feel fatigue and nausea. She went to a local urgent care where they thought she had the flu. An X-ray was taken of her chest but doctors still didn't detect she had the coronavirus.

In those early days, she also started to notice she had lost her sense of taste and smell. Her husband made her a frozen pizza, but she couldn't really taste it. One of her children baked cookies, but she couldn't smell anything. She did have one day when she started to feel better.

But by March 16, Chaseley wasn't feeling any better. Other parents in a group chat she was in, who work in the medical field, urged her to seek treatment at an emergency room.

"They were very concerned that hospitals were going to start getting overwhelmed and I wasn't able to get proper care," Chaseley said.

Hours later, she was admitted to a hospital in Evanston where she was diagnosed with COVID-19. She



TERRI CHASELEY

Terri Chaseley, a Highland Park woman diagnosed with COVID-19, took a selfie when she was hospitalized.

spent three days hospitalized, in a room alone that had a space attached to it for the nurses and doctors to sanitize after visiting her. It was from her hospital bed where she learned the news of the first death in Illinois linked to COVID-19.

"It was like one nonstop panic attack," Chaseley said.

The hospital where Chaseley was diagnosed with COVID-19 refused to confirm the details of her stay, citing federal privacy regulations, according to a spokeswoman. However, Chaseley provided the Tribune with documentation from her hospital stay that included information about her diagnosis.

She was scared to leave the hospital, but she was told her bed was needed for another patient. The hospital suited her husband with a mask and gloves to pick her up and drive her home.

Since then, she hasn't left her bedroom. Her husband leaves her meals outside the door and replenishes water for her, and she has her own washroom. Her three children and husband are still living in the same home. Her husband takes his and their children's temperatures daily and sends the readings to health officials.

"I can't wait to be able to hug them again," she said about her family. "I can hear them downstairs and it's just really hard to not be able to interact with them."

Although they are in the same house, she video chats with her family. One of her daughters left her handmade crochet slippers. Her son wrote out a touching note.

"You mean so much to me and I know that I will miss you more than you could imagine," the boy wrote. "I promise that I will never stop thinking about you for the next two weeks."

Both of her daughters have shown some symp-

toms, but soon felt better. The family's nanny is quarantined in the home's furnished basement, where she has her own bathroom. The nanny has not been tested for coronavirus, in part because they were told by state health officials to assume it was the coronavirus if someone in the household came down with similar symptoms.

Chaseley hasn't hidden her diagnosis. She's heard from friends who are struggling with their children over social distancing. And those quandaries prompted her to write a detailed day-by-day public Facebook post, hoping her story would help others start to take COVID-19 seriously. By Thursday, the post had been shared by more than 11,000 users.

"I want people to know that this could happen to anyone, in any community," Chaseley wrote in a text message. "COVID-19 is everywhere even though our inadequate testing system may not yet reflect it. And if we don't slow the spread, our hospitals ... (will) be overrun and we would end up like Italy and Spain."

Chaseley continues to take medicine to alleviate her symptoms and uses a breathing apparatus that can measure her lung capacity and helps move oxygen around. She estimates she's lost 9 pounds, but her sense of taste is starting to come back. She's hoping to go one night without a fever. And she doesn't know when she'll finally be able to leave her room.

"I'm going to be too scared to hug my children," she said. "I would like to say that's the first thing I would do, but I'm so terrified of this virus. I probably will just take the dogs for a walk with my family by my side."

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"Labs, people on the front line, are in great stress right now," said Dr. Robert Gallo, co-founder and director of the Institute of Human Virology at the University of Maryland School of Medicine. "They are way over their head."

Gallo, who co-discovered the virus that causes AIDS years ago, said the COVID-19 tests being used now in the United States should be completed in three days. If results are taking much longer, he said, it could be that labs can't keep up with the pace of testing.

Similar lag times appear to be occurring across the country. In Oregon, some people reported waiting six days to nearly two weeks to learn if they were infected, according to The Oregonian. The California Department of Public Health said that of approximately 77,800 tests conducted statewide as of Wednesday, 57,400 were still pending.

Officials in Louisiana said patients there have had to wait as long as seven days to learn if they have the virus, The Advocate in Baton Rouge reported.

"Testing centers are being overwhelmed with their ability to turn tests around and the pure volume of tests coming through," one Baton Rouge hospital official told the newspaper.

The nation has struggled to provide coronavirus testing since the first cases emerged in the United States earlier this year. While Illinois was the first state to begin testing in February, many others had to wait several weeks before they had access to reliable tests.

Local hospitals have also cited a national shortage of testing kits, as well as the nasal swabs and chemical reagents required to test for the virus, which has sickened more than 2,500 and caused the deaths of 26 in Illinois as of Thursday.

Some medical providers have a quicker testing turnaround time than others.

NorthShore University HealthSystem, which has five hospitals, is typically delivering COVID-19 test results to patients in about 24 hours, said Dr. Karen Kaul, chair of the NorthShore Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine.

The faster results are in part because NorthShore performs its tests in-house rather than sending them to outside laboratories, she said.

After a patient is swabbed, the specimen is then transported to NorthShore's lab at its Evanston hospital. The actual test takes about four to six hours, but specimens aren't necessarily tested as soon as they come in. NorthShore tries to wait until it has a certain number of specimens it can test as a batch, to use lab staff and resources efficiently, Kaul said.

NorthShore is currently performing about 1,000 tests a day, using a test it developed as well as one made by north suburban-based Abbott Laboratories.

Expedient results help the hospital system make decisions about which patients to keep isolated and how to best protect its staff, she said.

Amita Health, which has 19 hospitals in Illinois, also moved to in-house testing this week via its lab in Hammond, Indiana. Before, it was sometimes taking a week or longer to get results to patients, said Dr. Stuart Marcus, Amita's executive vice president and chief clinical officer. He suspects that was probably because of the sheer volume of specimens the labs were receiving.

Now, he said, Amita is informing patients of results within 24 hours and processing about 400 tests a day.

Knowing who's positive and who's not more quickly "is an enormous benefit to help us preserve our (personal protective equipment) and keep our staff safe," Marcus said.

Those who have to wait longer for results say the delay can be anxiety-provoking.

A 42-year-old woman from the city's North Side said she was tested on March 18 by Northwestern Memorial HealthCare and still hasn't received results.

"I don't think we're conducting enough tests, and I don't think results are coming back fast enough," said the woman, who asked to remain anonymous to protect her privacy. "This is broad scope across the country, and my case is one example."

For outpatient testing, Northwestern uses a commercial lab that originally estimated two to four days' turnaround for COVID-19 results, a spokeswoman said.

"Unfortunately in most cases turnaround has exceeded the estimated four days," the spokeswoman said. "Patients with positive results are called first. Individuals awaiting test results are advised to self-isolate, monitor symptoms and to notify us if their illness worsens."

As for Nissenbaum, he said he tried calling Advocate Aurora Health — the hospital system that he said performed his test — earlier this week but received no answers.

"Our thoughts are with all patients who are dealing with the uncertainties of COVID-19," a spokesman for the hospital system told the Tribune. "Those previously tested may have added frustrations due to long wait times for results, given the backlog at many labs. Just this week, we stood up the ability to process our own tests to turn around faster results."

Nissenbaum said he's concerned test result delays could hamper the national fight against the pandemic, potentially limiting data on the virus and exacerbating its spread.

"It's definitely worrisome and bothersome to know that we have such a lack of tests and results," he said.

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Gov. J.B. Pritzker holds his daily briefing on the COVID-19 crisis from the Thompson Center on Thursday.

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this will affect all of us, or someone that we know," Lightfoot said. "And what's more, it has the potential to break the back of our health care system if we don't act decisively. We've spent days studying the research and tracking numbers in Chicago, and I want to let you all know that we could be expecting upwards of 40,000 hospitalizations in the coming weeks. Forty thousand hospitalizations. Not 40,000 cases, but 40,000 people who require acute care in a hospital setting. That number will break our health care system.

"That is why, if you don't act responsibly and stay at home like you've been ordered to do, we will be headed for a situation like we're seeing play out catastrophically every day in New York," the mayor added. "This will push us to the brink."

Gov. J.B. Pritzker on Thursday said he would leave additional moves to enforce his statewide stay-at-home order to local officials, but he backed Lightfoot's closure decision.

"I think the mayor was right, in reaction to what she saw on a sunny day, on a warmer day, frankly people seem just to not understand what we've said over and over again at this podium and elsewhere — we're going to try to get the message further out to people to make them understand," Pritzker said. "I think that the decisions about how this will be enforced are going to be done at the local level, but I have encouraged law enforcement to remind people."

"Right now, hosting a party, crowding down by the lake, playing a pickup basketball game in a public park — if you're doing these things, you are spitting in the face of the doctors and nurses and first-responders who are risking everything so that you can survive," the governor said. "We are quite literally in the middle of a battle to save your life."

Pritzker meanwhile announced the creation of a statewide donor support fund for nonprofits to assist residents. Chaired by his sister, Penny Pritzker, who served as commerce secretary under President Barack Obama, the Illinois COVID-19 Response Fund had raised \$23 million, including \$4 million from the billionaire governor and his foundation.

Also Thursday, President Donald Trump approved a major federal disaster declaration for the state of Illinois as officials awaited final congressional action to provide billions of dollars to government operations and individuals affected by the coronavirus. The presidential disaster declaration provides additional governmental assistance in dealing with the coronavirus pandemic, including emergency funding for increased hospital capacity and telehealth, the governor said.

But Pritzker also said the state was waiting for Trump to act on another disaster declaration to access federal programs to assist individuals, including additional unemployment benefits as well as shelter, food and emergency supplies. Despite Trump's action, Pritzker criticized the president's efforts to seek an easing of personal distancing measures, potentially by mid-April, to stoke an economy falling into recession.

"I'm concerned about the desire of the president to ignore potentially the science to try to do something that I know he has a desire to do," the governor said. "But people will die. People will get sick. We need to make sure that we're operating on the same playbook together to save people's lives."

The state's 673 new cases and seven additional deaths brings the total statewide known case count to 2,538, and 26 coronavirus-related deaths, Illinois Department of Public Health Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike said.

Ezike did strike a slightly optimistic note about the number of cases.

"Of course we know that we're in a period of exponential growth, and so we know that the numbers are going to have these giant rises. When we looked at our initial predictions and forecasts, it did predict these large numbers. We're fortunately a little bit under some of the predictions from the very beginning," which she attributed to statewide limits on gatherings and school closures.



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A runner speaks to a Chicago police officer on Chicago's closed Lakefront Trail near Belmont Avenue on Thursday.

"And then we're going to see hopefully still more improvement from the shelter-in-place as we get through an incubation period following that, so we know that these numbers were really going to grow like this, they're slightly under predictions, which is good," Ezike said.

After warning Wednesday that the closures could be coming, on Thursday Lightfoot said they were effective immediately. Chicago police would aggressively be ramping up patrols around trails, bike paths, green spaces, facilities and parks adjacent to the lakefront, and violators would be subject to a single warning before a ticket and possible arrest if they don't listen, the mayor said.

"We can't mess around with this one second longer," Lightfoot said at an afternoon news conference.

Playing contact sports such as football, soccer and basketball is also banned under the order, she said.

Interim Chicago police Superintendent Charlie Beck said he was alarmed as he drove along the lakefront from north to south on Wednesday.

"I saw thousands of people doing things that I personally love to do: walking, running, biking, but in such numbers that it did something I have spent the last four decades of my life trying to prevent," Beck said. "What I really saw was thousands of people risking their own lives and putting other people's lives in danger. This is serious business. This is not a game. This is not a time to think about your own physical strength and conditioning over public health. All of us have to make sacrifices."

Police issued 56 warnings Wednesday, Beck said. Officers may start issuing citations immediately without warning to those not following the rules, though Beck said he would prefer not to be forced to take that harder line with violators.

Arwady cited the current number of cases in Chicago — 949 — as one of the reasons she's comfortable with the shutdown.

She said the goal is to make it so that every patient with the coronavirus spreads it to less than one person on average, instead of spreading it to two or more.

"We have to get that down so that one person on average is spreading to fewer than one person," Arwady said.

Arwady said she met members of the Army Corps of Engineers at McCormick Place on Thursday to begin figuring out how to set up thousands of hospital beds there for coronavirus sufferers. The exercise was not done "in a theoretical sense," Arwady said. The United Center also will transform into a logistics hub for Chicago's coronavirus response — used for food distribution, first responder staging and collecting medical supplies.

At an unrelated news conference, Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle said she had no immediate plans to close the forest preserves, "and there has been no crowding to my knowledge."

Ald. Michele Smith, 43rd, said she spoke with the mayor Thursday morning about the lakefront closure.

"Everyone regrets that we have to do this, but these next two weeks are critical to curb the spread of this disease," Smith said. "Unfortunately, one person's inadvertent contact, through no intentional fault of their own, is another person's case of coronavirus."

Ald. Scott Waguespack, 32nd, whose ward includes a stretch of The 606, said earlier in the day that it would be shut down. "The possibility of transmission increases by 20% when you have lots of people running and walking in close proximity like that, so it's important we take this step," said Waguespack, a key Lightfoot City Council ally.

The 606 trail was quiet Thursday afternoon, with just one or two bikers still passing through. Just before 3:30 p.m., a number of police officers pulled up to the trail at California Avenue and placed barriers on the ground in front of both entrances. There were no signs at California Avenue explaining why the trail was blocked off.

Twenty minutes later, there were still no barriers at the Humboldt Boulevard entrance to the trail, just west of California Avenue.

The mayor spoke directly to those stir-crazy Chicagoans who continued to hang around outside, ripping them for putting everyone else at risk.

"Over the past few days, we've seen crowds of a hundred or more congregating together, particularly around our lakefront, and along The 606 and other places," she said. "This is a blatant violation of Gov. Pritzker's stay-at-home order. Your conduct — yours — is posing a direct threat to our public health. And without question, your continued failure to abide by these life-saving orders will erase any progress that we have made over the past week in slowing the spread of this disease, and could lead to more deaths."

Even before Lightfoot made the official closure announcement, police were shutting down the lakefront Thursday morning.

As handfuls of runners tried to enter the Lakefront Trail at Fullerton Parkway, police officers bellowed at people to turn around. Even though they couldn't access the lakefront, dozens of runners and walkers made their way through the dirt paths in Lincoln Park throughout the morning.

"Runners, the lakefront is closed," an officer said, using a microphone to amplify his voice.

The trail was closed off with a barrier, and a police vehicle sat nearby with lights flashing.

"She's got to do what she's got to do," Lori Kloehn said, referring to Lightfoot.

Kloehn, who uses the path nearly every day, steered clear Wednesday after hearing reports of crowds there due to sunny weather. Instead, she tried to go for a walk Thursday but was turned away.

"I refused to go on the path," she said of the day before.

Leigh Allan also was forced by police to turn back Thursday morning. He heard reports the day before that the mayor was considering closing the trail, but he thought he could get another walk in.

"I was surprised it came this fast," he said.

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Illinois small businesses get a lifeline with grants and loans



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Chroma K8 Salon owner Kate Jotzat had to close her business March 14 because of coronavirus.



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Gidal Vodovoz, who usually makes high-end suits and tuxedos, has made masks from cotton used in men's shirts.

Will it be enough to withstand coronavirus?

BY RYAN ORI, LAUREN ZUMBACH, CORILYN SHROPSHIRE AND ABDEL JIMENEZ

Like many boutique hotel owners in Chicago, Bedderman Lodging is in crisis mode.

The Chicago-based company has shuttered the 21-room Wheelhouse Hotel near Wrigley Field and the 52-room FieldHouse Jones Hotel on Chicago's Near North Side, amid single-digit-percentage occupancy. The closures, forced by the coronavirus pandemic, come just three weeks after a tornado in Tennessee devastated the company's hotel in Nashville.

"It's been a nonstop parade of horrors for the past few weeks," said Robby Baum, one of the company's owners.

Bedderman Lodging is among the many small businesses frantically hunting for stimulus dollars — at the city, state and federal levels — to stay afloat long enough to reopen when the COVID-19 spread subsides.

The company is down to eight employees, from 60 or 70 less than a month ago, Baum said. Without government assistance, the hotels may not reopen.

"We're pursuing everything because we need it," Baum said of stimulus options. "We're filling out a dozen applications right now. There's a lot going on, but you can't afford to delay."

Gov. J.B. Pritzker on Wednesday unveiled more than \$90 million in new emergency assistance dollars, mostly focused on businesses outside Chicago. The package includes \$14 million in emergency grants for the hospitality industry, which many of the city's bars, restaurants and hotels are lining up to try to win via a lottery.

Bars and restaurants with annual revenues be-

low \$1 million can claim as much as \$25,000, while those with revenues of less than \$500,000 in 2019 qualify for up to \$10,000. Hotels that bring in less than \$8 million annually are eligible for up to \$50,000.

Unlike low-interest loans also being made available, the grants won't have to be paid back. But there's not nearly enough money to meet the demand. Most of Illinois' 1,500 hotels are small businesses that fall below the \$8 million annual revenue threshold, and "there's a mad dash to apply," said Michael Jacobson, president and CEO of the Illinois Hotel & Lodging Association.

State officials have indicated they expect 250 to 300 hotels to receive money, Jacobson said.

Pritzker's other initiatives include a \$60 million fund to support low-interest loans of up to \$50,000 each for small businesses outside Chicago, plus another \$20 million in grants of up to \$25,000 per business in rural and suburban areas of the state.

The loan program closely follows an initiative announced last week by Mayor Lori Lightfoot, which aims to help "neighborhood entrepreneurs" stay afloat with low-interest loans, also up to \$50,000 per business.

Kate Jotzat, who runs Chroma K8 salon in the Budlong Woods neighborhood, is desperately awaiting government assistance. A couple of weeks ago, she was booked two months out for appointments. Now, a week into the city's stay-at-home mandate, she's wondering how she's going to keep her business open.

Jotzat has about enough in gift cards her clients

bought prior to the salon closing to pay her \$1,600 rent for April. But not being able to style hair will cost her \$10,000 to \$12,000 in a month's time.

She plans to apply for a \$10,000 loan from the city's small business relief fund. "Anything, honestly, is going to be helpful right now," she said.

Gidal Vodovoz, who has been making custom, high-end suits, tuxedos, jackets and coats for 20 years, also plans to apply, though he's unsure for how much. His one-man Streeterville business, Mega Tailors, was forced to close during his high season, costing him \$20,000 to \$25,000 in business.

When the stay-at-home order is lifted, "it's going to be hard handling clients," Vodovoz said, because he'll have to turn away business he won't have time to complete. That means losing even more money.

Stimulus dollars are more likely to buy businesses a little extra time than they are to save them outright, business owners and industry groups say. And while a massive federal stimulus package passed by the Senate Wednesday appears poised for approval, it's yet to be seen how much Illinois businesses will benefit.

In addition to direct payments to individuals and families, grants to particularly hard-hit industries like airlines, loans to large corporations and expanded unemployment insurance, the \$2 trillion federal stimulus bill sets aside about \$350 billion to guarantee loans for small businesses.

The loans come with an incentive to keep workers on the payroll: A portion of the loans can be forgiven if businesses retain their employees, according to an early version of the bill. Businesses with fewer than

500 employees are eligible for loans of up to \$10 million, which can be used to pay for salaries and benefits, mortgage or rent, utilities and existing debt.

The bill also includes \$10 billion for SBA emergency grants of up to \$10,000 and \$17 billion to help small businesses pay existing SBA loans, according to statements from Sens. Dick Durbin and Tammy Duckworth. That's on top of an existing SBA program offering low-interest federal disaster loans to Illinois small businesses because of COVID-19.

Organizations representing small businesses say they're still sorting through details of how the programs will be administered.

"We're going to be deciphering this bill for days, if not weeks," said Todd Maisch, president and CEO of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce.

The ability to get a portion of loans forgiven is important, said Phillip Braun, finance professor at Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management.

"For some small businesses that are really struggling, they may never have the cash flow to pay back a loan," he said.

But tying loan forgiveness to keeping workers on the payroll is a challenge for businesses trying to stay afloat, especially those forced to sharply scale back operations by emergency measures designed to halt the new coronavirus's spread.

"Small businesses simply will not take out loans to cover payroll with no revenue coming in, putting these loans at risk of not being eligible for forgiveness," Amanda Ballantyne, executive director of small business advocacy group Main Street Alliance, said in a statement.

How to donate protective gear

BY ALISON BOWEN

Many Chicago Tribune readers have reached out after reading about nurses in Chicago pleading for more protective gear, asking how they could help.

Chicago hospitals have been preparing to tackle coronavirus and the expected flood of patients, but many are so low on protective equipment that they're reaching out to the public for donations of everything from masks to booties.

Below, we are collecting data on what hospitals are requesting, and how you can help.

Although some health professionals have requested homemade masks, some hospitals are not accepting these because they are not able to ascertain their effectiveness.

Regardless, the Tribune reported that many workers would rather have those masks than no masks. Some hospitals are accepting handmade equipment.

Advocate Health Care hospitals are accepting both N95 and procedural masks, personal hand sanitizers that are unopened with 60 percent alcohol composition, disinfecting wipes and eye protection like goggles, safety glasses or face shields.

Items can be dropped off at any Advocate Health Care hospital in Illinois or Aurora Health Care hospital in Wisconsin at the hospitals' shipping and receiving docks.

The hospitals are not accepting handmade masks at this time. However, a spokeswoman noted that the situation is changing daily so anyone willing to sew masks can provide contact information to covid19supplydonations@aurora.org.

Questions about donations or whether a donation qualifies can go to that email address; manufacturers willing to help can reach out to brian.barnum@advocate-health.com.

The **Edward-Elmhurst Health** system has received many offers from people and organizations to donate masks, a spokesman said. He said they have adequate supplies of protective equipment for front-line staff caring for coronavirus patients, but they are accepting commercial and homemade protective gear as emergency backup supplies. The most-needed items include N95 masks, surgical masks, hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes, nitrile gloves, isolation gowns, goggles and thermometers. People can drop off donations from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the hospital loading docks and email donations@eehealth.org with any questions.

"In the event we do not need to use those supplies, we will work to make them available to other organizations in need," spokesman Keith Hartenberger said.

At **Loyola Medicine**, hospitals are not taking homemade supplies, but they will accept traditionally manufactured protec-

tive gear in its original, unopened packaging, including face masks and other protective gear used in industries like construction, dentistry, veterinary or beauty. Call ahead to coordinate delivery at 708-216-0829.

At **NorthShore University HealthSystem**, a spokeswoman said the hospital is managing supplies carefully. The NorthShore Foundation has a donor response fund here, and people can check NorthShore's website for where to drop off donations of specific supplies like masks, gowns, aprons, eye protection and hand sanitizer.

Anyone who wants to donate supplies to **Northwestern Memorial Hospital** should email supplydonations@nm.org.

Rush University Medical Center is not, at this time, accepting donations, but a spokesman said they are always eager to receive messages of encouragement from the public, like a recent message received from a local Girl Scouts troop.

Sinai Health System is seeking donations of any protective gear, but specifically N95 masks, isolation masks, surgical gowns, isolation gowns, face shields, nitrile gloves, shoe covers and blankets.

Anyone who has these items in bulk should reach out to Rob Felts, director of materials management and purchasing, at robert.felts@sinai.org to coordinate pickup or delivery. Don't simply drop off items at the hospital.

At **Swedish Hospital**, chief medical officer and emergency medicine physician Bruce McNulty asked the community for donations of masks — N95s, surgical masks, splash goggle masks and construction masks — as well as gloves, gowns and disinfection wipes.

"If you are or know a local dentist, oral surgeon, surgical center, construction crew or others who at this time may have reduced operations or are closed and either not utilizing items or have a supply on hand of the following, please reach out to them," he wrote in a statement to the community.

Those wishing to help **University of Chicago Medicine** can contact covid-donations@uchospitals.edu for instructions on dropping off donations like masks, face shields, disposable booties, safety goggles, gloves and gowns. The UChicago Medicine COVID-19 Response Funds website also is collecting funds to support frontline health care workers, patients and families.

One final way to help those serving at hospitals?

A spokeswoman at Northwestern reminded readers: "The best way that people can help health care workers right now is to stay home to slow the spread."

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Illinois sees opening to close the digital divide

Equity an issue in shift to e-learning due to coronavirus

BY HANNAH LEONE

Elizabeth Maldonado has four school-aged children and one laptop for them to use.

The computer belongs to her oldest son, a high school sophomore in Little Village. But with Chicago Public Schools closed for more than a week already — and with nearly another month to go — the 16-year-old has been sharing so his younger siblings can access remote-learning materials that don't work well on their phones.

It's not ideal. "They need computers to do more," Maldonado said.

With the coronavirus pandemic prompting unprecedented school closures in Illinois, many school systems are hastily rolling out or trying to improve distance-learning methods. But with the prospect looming that Illinois may start asking schools to formalize e-learning, questions about how to provide equal access for all students are becoming even more pressing.

That's a particular concern in CPS, where a majority of students are considered economically disadvantaged and resources vary among schools. With public libraries now closed, too, and the state under a stay-at-home order, those who lack devices or adequate internet access at home have few options.

Before Illinois schools were shut down by order of Gov. J.B. Pritzker starting March 17, CPS put together learning materials — both digital and on paper — for students to use during the unplanned break. But additional programming varies

from school to school and teacher to teacher, and students with access can benefit from specialized learning apps and streamlined communication with educators.

Rather than wait for officials to act, some parents and teachers have taken matters into their own hands.

At Passages Charter School in Andersonville, Principal Jeremy Riggs also made a public video plea on Twitter for donations of laptops or tablets.

"We serve mostly immigrant and refugee students, and we have a real need for devices for online learning," Riggs said in the video. "There is a huge equity issue for me. ... In order for all of our kids to have access, we need some help."

In Jefferson Park, Fouad Kaiboussi decided to help without being asked. His children, first- and second-graders at Farnsworth Elementary, have their own laptops. But with e-learning on the horizon, he said he wondered about other students at Farnsworth, where more than 60% are considered low-income. At some schools, it surpasses 90%.

Kaiboussi first checked with his employer for extra computers but learned none was in working condition. So on Sunday he turned to Craigslist.

Within two days, with \$490, Kaiboussi bought three Chromebooks and two Windows 10 laptops, not knowing who'd get them. He coordinated with Farnsworth staff, who let him know of three parents who could use computers for their children. He dropped off one at the school for the first parent, and his wife delivered two others, including a Chromebook for Lizette Alvarado, whose daughter is in second grade with one of the Kai-

boussi children.

"I didn't expect such a gift. I was so shocked," Alvarado said. After she thanked the Kaiboussis and promised to return the brand-new Chromebook as soon as she could, she learned it was hers to keep.

Alvarado had bought her daughter a tablet last year, but it can't access some of her learning apps and it freezes a lot.

The 8-year-old was ecstatic when she saw her new Chromebook, and now she can do the reading exercises that her old tablet couldn't handle.

Alvarado said she felt bad she's "not in a position to spend money on a laptop," as she's been more focused on more basic needs, like making sure her grandmother and other elderly people in her life are getting enough to eat. "I was trying my best with what I had," she said.

Kaiboussi said his kids' teachers have been wonderful, but he's been frustrated with the choppy rollout of remote learning, and his efforts felt like a way for him to make things better for someone else.

"It's something I can do," he said, adding he's hanging on to the remaining two computers, "just in case somebody else needs them."

CPS officials have acknowledged inequities throughout the district, and part of a \$75 million coronavirus spending proposal will be for a new "device equity strategy." The Board of Education unanimously passed the measure at its Wednesday meeting, held with members participating remotely.

Early in the meeting, Chief Education Officer LaTanya McDade told the board that CPS is doing "whatever we can to help bridge the digital divide" for



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Fouad Kaiboussi, shown with his family in their Northwest Side home, bought laptops for his kids' classmates who couldn't access e-learning activities in the school shutdown.

the district's 355,000 students. The district-provided enrichment materials had been accessed online 11,000 times, she said Wednesday.

District CEO Janice Jackson, noting that "this is also an issue for some of our teachers," said CPS has begun to order devices and will be publishing the criteria for distributing them, first to the "areas where need is the most great."

"We know that the need is greater than what our current supply is," Jackson said, noting there's a backlog given increased demand nationwide for such devices.

With the statewide shutdown now on through April 7, CPS classrooms closed through April 20 and the possibility of more extensions, state schools Superintendent Carmen Ayala told administrators this week she "contemplates that districts will eventually transition to Remote Instructional Days."

For some smaller and suburban districts, e-learning has been a more manageable transition. Southwest suburban Minooka School District 111, for example, loaned laptops to students who needed them.

But CPS still lacks the capacity to provide full e-learning days that could eventually be needed to count toward the number of instructional days required by the state. That can only happen "if the school district can ensure that all students can access the e-learning opportunities equitably," according to CPS.

At Bond Elementary in Englewood, where Willie Cousins works as a paraprofessional, many students don't have access to the internet outside of school. Cousins described Bond as "a school where the digital divide is very real."

Charity Freeman, a computer science teacher at Lane Tech College Prep, said her current students all told her they had reliable internet and devices. But when she taught at Kenwood Academy in Hyde Park, several students said

they did not have access to a computer at home.

Of households within the boundaries of CPS, about 14% didn't have a home computer and 24% lacked a broadband internet subscription, according to the 2018 U.S. Census Bureau data.

Some students might have internet at home but no device to use it with; others in temporary living situations might have a phone or laptop but can't count on having a place to access the internet. More than 16,400 Chicago students experienced homelessness during the 2018-19 school year, according to the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless.

While CPS has been prioritizing resources like food delivery for students in temporary living situations, it's "an on ongoing struggle," Jackson said. "They are sometimes the hardest students to reach out to." While many homeless students are living doubled up with other family, some are living on the street or in places where it's hard to find them, she said.

An education attorney who works for the coalition, Alyssa Phillips, said with in-person outreach postponed, it's been even harder to connect with students who have limited technology access.

"One of the big obstacles is just communication," Phillips said. But the coalition is working with school-based homeless liaisons and teachers unions to connect students with resources, she said.

While the district is spending money on many resources, Jackson said they're also working with elected officials, trying to "leverage support" from the philanthropic community and asking companies to step up.

So far, more help has come from internet providers than device manufacturers, prompting parents like Kaiboussi to act on their own.

First Comcast, and now AT&T and Spectrum, have

"There is a huge equity issue for me. ... In order for all of our kids to have access, we need some help."

— Jeremy Riggs, Passages Charter School Principal

all taken measures, like expanding existing programs and adding free broadband internet for two months for new low-income customers.

"We're seeing really strong interest in the offer," Comcast spokesman Jack Segal said in an email. "We've been doing outreach to schools and school districts, veteran-serving organizations and partners that work with seniors to make sure low-income households in our footprint know ... and are doing our best to help as many people as we can get online."

Maldonado, who lives with her four children in a two-bedroom apartment through a transitional housing program, said she had not heard about any opportunities for free computer services. Even with sufficient technology, she worries about her ability to help her children understand the lessons, having stopped her own schooling after eighth grade.

"I wish I could help them a little bit more," Maldonado said. "I want them to pass the grade."

As much as they can, her two teenage children help the two younger ones. They go to three different schools: Benito Juarez Community Academy High School in Pilsen, and Francisco Madero Middle School and Cyrus McCormick Elementary, both in Little Village. But for the foreseeable future, they are all learning together, sharing the one computer.

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Preckwinkle announces relief package extending tax deadline for businesses

BY ANTONIA AYRES-BROWN

In an effort to help businesses struggling due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle announced a relief package Thursday that will defer tax collections and waive a series of fines and fees for all county businesses.

"We hope this can provide some breathing room for businesses that are struggling. We recognize that you are worried about rent, about payroll, about mounting bills," Preckwinkle said at a news conference. "You should not be worried that the tax collector is coming after you as well."

Under the relief package, the due date for filing all home rule taxes in Cook County will be extended until May 1. The series of measures also extends Cook County liquor licenses expiring in April through July, and postpones or suspends

various fees under the transportation and highways, environmental sustainability, revenue, building and zoning, and public health departments, Preckwinkle said.

Cook County Chief Financial Officer Ammar Rizki said the measures will temporarily free up at least \$30 million in cash flow for businesses during the public health crisis.

Business owners can use money that they otherwise would have owed in home rule taxes to "cover payroll, rent, or just to keep the lights on."

The relief package does not include any stipulations that businesses retain a certain portion of their employees during the COVID-19 pandemic. "We're providing the relief broadly. We hope that people will be responsible and compassionate toward their staffs," Preckwinkle said.

Delaying the payment of home rule taxes will provide businesses the neces-

sary liquidity "to do what they need to do in order to make sure that those doors can reopen when the stay-at-home order is lifted," said Tanya Triche Dawood, vice president and general counsel of the Illinois Retail Merchants Association.

"While our grocery stores are filled with customers, other segments of the retail industry are frankly still just trying to hold on," Dawood said.

Rizki said the relief package will affect Cook County's cash flow in the coming months, but the county's reserves, though "not unlimited," make the tax deferral feasible.

"We've been preparing for a downturn through fiscal management, prudent fiscal management. And so that allows us to be able to manage this stuff, and basically share some of that burden with our business communities," he said.

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Jackson Boulevard Bridge will close for two years

More closures to follow for Jane Byrne construction

BY MARY WISNIEWSKI

Commuters working from home won't notice for a while, but a major downtown bridge — Jackson Boulevard over the Kennedy Expressway — will close for construction on Friday and won't open again until 2022.

The closure is part of the long-running and much-delayed Jane Byrne Interchange project, which got started in 2013.

The bridge shutdown will be followed later this spring by the closing of the inbound Eisenhower Expressway (Interstate 290) ramp to the outbound Kennedy, and this summer by the shutdown of the Adams Street bridge over the Kennedy.

"This coming year will see significant progress with the reconstruction of the Jane Byrne Interchange, and we look forward to the many improvements to come," said Acting Illinois Transportation Secretary Omer Osman, in a statement. "We appreciate the public's continued patience."

To remove the existing bridge, Jackson between Halsted Street and Des Plaines Avenue will close starting at 5 a.m. on Friday, weather permitting, the Illinois Department of Transportation said. The bridge normally carries about 10,700 cars daily, according to IDOT, though traffic has been lighter in recent weeks due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Detour signs will be in place for vehicles. Pedestrians should use the Van Buren bridge as an alternate route, while bicyclists will be detoured south on Halsted, east on Harrison Street and north on Clinton Street to reconnect with Jackson, IDOT said.



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Construction workers work on a support column as work continues on the Jane Byrne Interchange in February.

The Jackson entrance ramp to the outbound Kennedy and the inbound Kennedy exit ramp to Jackson also will close.

Both the Adams and the Jackson bridges will reopen in 2022, IDOT said.

The closure of the 290 ramp to the outbound Kennedy this spring will require a special detour, using the outbound Dan Ryan Expressway (Interstate 90/94) to connect to the Kennedy by way of the Taylor Street interchange. That ramp will reopen later this year, as will the outbound Ida B. Wells Drive ramp to the outbound Kennedy, which was closed this past winter, IDOT said.

IDOT said work also will begin later this year on the main lanes of the Kennedy and Dan Ryan through the interchange.

Road construction has been one part of daily life that has not changed much because of coronavirus concerns. CDOT, IDOT and the Tollway all report that they are going forward with planned projects.

The work takes place outside, and most construction workers are not in proximity to each other, noted Maria Castaneda, spokeswoman for IDOT.

The Illinois Road and Transportation Builders Association, a trade group,

is recommending best practices for workers, including encouraging workers to stay home if they are sick and not sharing personal protective equipment like gloves.

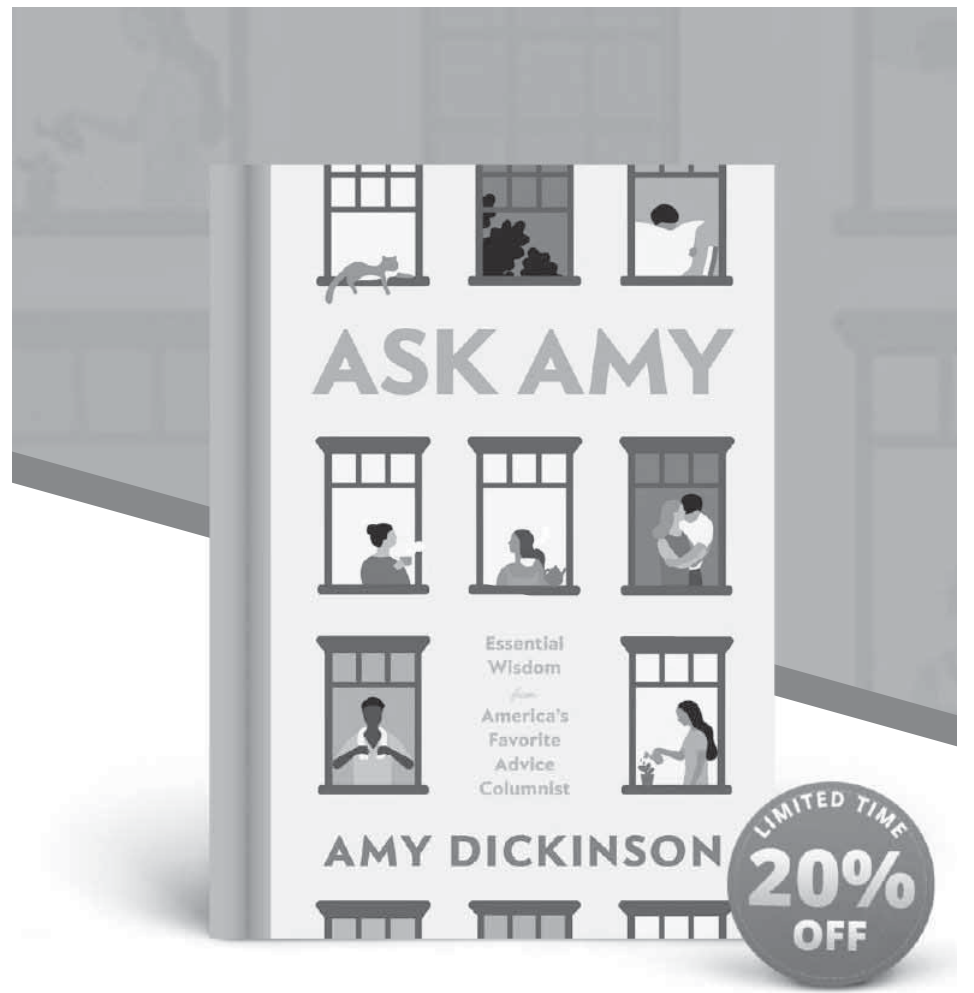
Association CEO and President Michael Sturino said that road construction is actually a "silver lining" for the battered economy, since it keeps people employed and construction can be easier to do in light traffic. The association is talking with IDOT, CDOT and the Tollway about possibly speeding up construction on highway and bridge work "where it makes sense."

Rebuilding the Jane Byrne Interchange originally was estimated to cost \$535.5 million and be finished in June 2018. A Tribune investigation last year detailed how the project quickly ran behind schedule, over budget and with conflicts over who was to blame.

As of February, the estimated tab for rebuilding the junction of the Eisenhower, Kennedy and Dan Ryan expressways west of the Loop had increased to \$796.5 million.

The entire project is expected to be finished by November 2022.

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CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Inside New York's besieged hospitals

A 'cacophony of coughing' as beds, masks run low

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NEW YORK — A "cacophony of coughing" in packed emergency rooms. Beds squeezed in wherever there is space. Overworked, sleep-deprived doctors and nurses rationed to one face mask a day and wracked by worry about a dwindling number of available ventilators.

Such is the reality inside New York City's hospitals, which have become the war-zone-like epicenter of the nation's coronavirus crisis.

Faced with an infection rate that is five times that of the rest of the country, health workers are putting themselves at risk to fight a tide of sickness that's getting worse by the day amid a shortage of needed supplies and promises of help from the federal government that have yet to fully materialize.

"You're on 100% of the time — no matter what," said Dr. Jolion McGreevy, medical director of The Mount Sinai Hospital emergency department. "It's been a month of full force, and that's certainly very stressful."

Patients initially showed up with fairly mild symptoms, ranging from a runny nose to a mild fever, concerned they contracted coronavirus. That shifted over the past week, McGreevy said, and now hospitals are receiving patients in need of life-saving intervention.

"These are people in severe respiratory distress, needing to be intubated and needing the intensive care unit," he said. "We knew it was coming. We saw it in Italy and other places so we were prepared for it, and now we're seeing it."

Columbia University



People line up to be tested for the coronavirus Tuesday outside Elmhurst Hospital Center in New York.

chief surgeon Dr. Craig Smith wrote to colleagues: "To think we could mimic Italy seemed risible a week ago. Not today."

There are more than 37,000 confirmed cases in the state and the death toll is at least 385, Gov. Andrew Cuomo said Thursday. Officials from the governor on down warned it will get worse before it gets better. Experts expect the number to increase as critically ill patients who have been on ventilators for several days die, he said.

Cuomo added that more than 5,300 COVID-19 patients were hospitalized, with nearly 1,300 of them in intensive care.

"We are not slowing it. And it is accelerating on its own," said Cuomo, predicting the state could be as close as two weeks away from a crisis that sees 40,000 people in intensive care. Such a surge would overwhelm hospitals, which now have just 3,000

intensive care unit beds statewide.

"One of the forecasters said we were looking at a freight train coming across the country. We're now looking at a bullet train," he said.

Bristling at President Donald Trump's notion that Americans should be prepared to go back to work in weeks for the sake of the economy, Cuomo said that would essentially sacrifice the lives of the elderly and the most frail among us. "That's not the American way," he said. "That's not the New York way."

And Cuomo appeared to mock the federal government for congratulating itself for sending the city 400 desperately needed ventilators from the national stockpile.

"What am I going to do with 400 ventilators when I need 30,000?" he asked. "You pick the 26,000 people who are going to die because you only sent 400

ventilators."

Khalid Amin, a doctor at Methodist Hospital in Brooklyn, treated seven COVID-19 patients Tuesday, ranging from 25 to 72, and he is struck by the way the disease has laid each low in the same way — the fatigue, the way they grasp for air with the slightest movement.

One patient in his 50s, moving from the bathroom to his bed, less than 12 feet, seemed to struggle at one point, his chest rising and falling rapidly.

"You seem short of breath?" Amin asked. Then came the reply, so low, Amin could barely hear him though he was inches away. "Yes."

Moments later, a stethoscope on the patient's back, Amin heard the same telltale sound he had been hearing in other patients that day: "It's a crackle, like crumpling paper."

Dr. Craig Spencer, who survived a bout of Ebola in

2014 and now is director of global health in emergency medicine at New York-Presbyterian/Columbia University Medical Center, tweeted Tuesday of a "cacophony of coughing" in the ER, saying nearly every patient he encounters has the same symptoms, regardless of age: a persistent hack, shortness of breath and fever.

"You're afraid to take off the mask," he wrote.

Smith said hospitals in the New York-Presbyterian system are burning through about 40,000 masks a day amid the crisis — about 10 times the normal amount — and have begun issuing staff members just one each day.

Mayor Bill De Blasio said about 2.2 million masks were delivered to hospitals Monday, with additional supplies en route from the state and federal governments. But he said there would have to be a lot more where that came from.

"If we run out of it, it's

like sending a soldier into war where everyone else has armor and we don't have armor," said Dr. Joseph Habboushe, an emergency room physician at NYU Langone Medical Center.

The city's health department last week advised health professionals to continue working after exposure — rather than self-quarantining — unless they show symptoms.

"The more we hear about doctors and nurses getting sick, the more we get nervous," said Dr. Eric Cioe-Pena, director of global health at Northwell Health. "It's definitely on the mind of every health care worker in America. We don't want to be in a position where we're making decisions based on resources rather than the clinical care of patients."

Cioe-Pena has been following what he calls a "decontamination routine" after every shift, in which he wipes down his phone and washes both his scrubs and street clothes.

"We've ventured into a battle," he said.

Across the city, health care workers, hospital administrators and public officials were scrambling to preserve precious gear and find more treatment space before they were overwhelmed.

The Jacob K. Javits Convention Center was being converted into a 1,000-bed hospital, and a fully staffed and equipped Naval hospital ship, the USNS Comfort, was expected to arrive within two weeks to provide relief to hospitals dealing with them.

"The anxiety and stress that I think all of us in society are feeling right now — we are feeling it all the more so in the hospital," NYU Langone's Habboushe said. "How can we deal with the idea that this is going to be worse and worse before it gets better?"

US indicts Maduro, aides on narcoterrorism charges

BY JOSHUA GOODMAN
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Associated Press

MIAMI — Nicolas Maduro effectively converted Venezuela into a criminal enterprise at the service of drug traffickers and terrorist groups as he and his allies stole billions from the South American country, the Justice Department charged in several indictments against the embattled socialist and his inner circle that were made public Thursday.

The coordinated unsealing of indictments against 14 officials and government-connected individuals, and rewards of \$55 million against Maduro and four others, attacked all the key planks of what Attorney General William Barr called the "corrupt Venezuelan regime," including the Maduro-dominated judiciary and the armed forces.

One indictment by prose-

cutors in New York accused Maduro and socialist party boss Diosdado Cabello, head of the rubber-stamping constitutional assembly, of conspiring with Colombian rebels and members of the military "to flood the United States with cocaine" and use the drug trade as a "weapon against America."

Criminal acts to advance a drug and weapons conspiracy that dates back to the start of Hugo Chávez's revolution in 1999 occurred as far afield as Honduras, Iran, Mexico and Syria, the indictment alleged. Barr estimated that the conspiracy helped smuggle as much as 250 metric tons of cocaine a year are out of South America.

Maduro fired back by accusing the U.S. and Colombia of "giving orders to flood Venezuela with violence."

His chief prosecutor also announced an investigation against opposition leader

Juan Guaidó after one of the individuals indicted on drug charges, retired army Gen. Cliver Alcalá, said in a radio interview Thursday that he signed a contract with the opposition leader and his American "advisers" to purchase U.S. assault rifles for a planned coup against Maduro. Guaidó's team said he has never met Alcalá, who has been previously sanctioned by the U.S.

As the indictments were announced, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said the State Department would offer cash rewards for information leading to the arrests or convictions of Maduro and his associates, including rewards of up to \$15 million for Maduro and up to \$10 million each for four others.

"The Maduro regime is awash in corruption and criminality," Barr said in an online news conference from Washington. "While the Venezuelan people suf-



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The U.S. will offer rewards for information leading to the arrest of Nicolas Maduro.

fer, this cabal lines their pockets with drug money, and the proceeds of their corruption. And this has to come to an end."

In Miami, prosecutors charged Supreme Court Chief Justice Maikel Moreno with laundering in the U.S. at least \$3 million in illegal proceeds from case fixing in Venezuela, including one involving a General Motors factory. Much of the money he spent on private aircraft, luxury watches and shopping at Prada, prose-

cutors allege. Maduro's Defense Minister, Gen. Vladimir Padrino, was charged with conspiracy to smuggle narcotics in a May 2019 indictment unsealed in Washington.

The shock indictment of a functioning head of state is unusual and is bound to ratchet up tensions between Washington and Caracas as the spread of the coronavirus threatens to collapse Venezuela's health system and oil-dependent economy driven deep into

the ground by years of corruption and U.S. sanctions. Maduro has ordered Venezuelans to stay home to try to stave off the spread of the virus that officials say has infected 106 people.

Analysts said the indictments could boost President Donald Trump's reelection chances in Florida, which he won by a narrow margin in 2016 and where Venezuelans, Cubans and Nicaraguans fleeing authoritarian regimes have political muscle.

US believes ex-FBI agent Levinson has died, family says

BY ERIC TUCKER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. government has concluded that retired FBI agent Robert Levinson, who vanished more than a decade ago, died while in the custody of Iran, his family and administration officials have said.

The circumstances and timing of Levinson's death were unclear, but White House national security adviser Robert O'Brien said Wednesday evening that

the U.S. believes Levinson "may have passed away some time ago." Hours earlier, his family said information U.S. officials had received had led them to conclude he was dead. Neither the government nor the family described that information.

The death is believed to have occurred before the recent outbreak of the coronavirus that has gravely affected Iran and other countries, according to a statement from Levinson's family.

The government's acknowledgment of Levinson's death came hours after a White House briefing in which President Donald Trump appeared to equivocate on the news, saying, "I won't accept that he's dead."

U.S. officials communicated the news to Levinson's family in a meeting in Washington in recent weeks, according to a person familiar with the situation who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the private encounter. The person said the information

about Levinson had come from Iran's foreign minister.

"It is impossible to describe our pain," the family's statement said.

Levinson disappeared on March 9, 2007, when he was scheduled to meet a source on the Iranian island of Kish. For years, U.S. officials would say only that Levinson was working independently on a private investigation.

But a 2013 Associated Press investigation revealed that Levinson had been sent on a mission by CIA ana-

lysts who had no authority to run such an operation.

The Levinson family thanked multiple U.S. officials for their help, but also said: "Those who are responsible for what happened to Bob Levinson, including those in the U.S. government who for many years repeatedly left him behind, will ultimately receive justice for what they have done. We will spend the rest of our lives making sure of this, and the Iranian regime must know we will not be going away."



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An FBI poster from March 2012 shows an image of former FBI agent Robert Levinson.

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Pelosi confident House will pass economic bill

US tops China for most coronavirus cases in the world

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WASHINGTON — The House will give final approval Friday to the \$2.2 trillion economic rescue bill with robust backing from both parties, Speaker Nancy Pelosi said, a vote that would cap Congress' tumultuous effort to rush the relief to a nation battered by the coronavirus.

The action in Congress comes as the number of coronavirus cases in the country climbed above China, where the virus originated late last year, to more than 83,000, becoming the world's highest, according to a running tally by Johns Hopkins University. More than 1,200 people in the U.S. have died and more than 600 have recovered.

Pelosi spoke Thursday morning, just hours after the Senate used an overnight vote to approve the measure 96-0. With House members dispersed around the country, Pelosi and Republican leaders

were planning to bless the measure by a voice vote, probably with just a sprinkling of lawmakers present in the chamber.

"It will pass with strong bipartisan support," said Pelosi, D-Calif.

President Donald Trump has implored lawmakers to finish with the package so he can sign it into law.

The package comes to the House as fresh evidence emerges that the economy is in a recession. The government reported 3.3 million new weekly unemployment claims, almost five times the previous record set in 1982. Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell said in a TV interview the economy "may well be in a recession."

Pelosi praised the bill's expansion of unemployment benefits and provisions that encourage companies hit by the pandemic to keep paying their workers, even those who are furloughed.

"We will have a victory tomorrow for America's workers," she said. "If somebody has a different point of view, they can put it in the record, but we're not worried about that."

The package would give direct payments to most

Americans, expand unemployment benefits and provide a \$367 billion program for small businesses to keep making payroll while workers are forced to stay home. It would steer substantial aid to larger industries, too.

The unanimous Senate vote late Wednesday came despite misgivings on both sides about whether it goes too far or not far enough and capped days of difficult negotiations as Washington confronted a national challenge unlike any it has faced.

The 880-page measure is the largest economic relief bill in U.S. history.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., appeared somber and exhausted as he announced the vote — and he released senators from Washington until April 20, though he promised to recall them if needed.

"Pray for one another, for all of our families and for our country," McConnell said.

Underscoring the effort's sheer magnitude, the bill finances a response with a price tag that's equal to half the \$4 trillion-plus annual federal budget. The \$2.2 trillion estimate is the White House's best guess.



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Speaker Nancy Pelosi said Thursday: "We will have a victory ... for America's workers."

The sprawling measure is the third coronavirus response bill produced by Congress and the largest. It builds on efforts focused on vaccines and emergency response, sick and family medical leave for workers and food aid.

House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, D-Md., said earlier he expected the measure to pass by a voice vote without lawmakers having to return to Washington.

House Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy of California said Thursday that his members were on board with that.

"We'll have a debate, and then we'll have a voice vote to bring it up and move it to

the president's desk," McCarthy told Fox News.

Businesses controlled by members of Congress and top administration officials, including Trump and his immediate family members, would be ineligible for the bill's business assistance.

State and local authorities would receive up to \$150 billion in grants to fight the virus, care for their residents and provide basic services.

Republicans won inclusion of an employee retention tax credit that's estimated to provide \$50 billion to companies that retain employees on payroll and cover 50% of workers' paycheck up to \$10,000. Com-

panies would also be able to defer payment of the 6.2% Social Security payroll tax.

Pelosi was a force behind \$400 million in grants to states to expand voting by mail and other steps that Democrats billed as making voting safer but Republican critics called political opportunism. The package also contains \$15.5 billion more for a surge in demand for food stamps as part of a massive \$330 billion title for agency operations.

Most people who contract the new coronavirus have mild or moderate symptoms. For some, it can cause more severe illness, including pneumonia, or death.

Human, economic toll from virus being felt worldwide

BY COLLEEN LONG, DAVID RISING AND EMILY SCHMALL
Associated Press

The human and economic toll of the lockdowns against the coronavirus mounted Thursday as India struggled to feed the nation's multitudes and Italy shut down most of its industry.

As the number of infections worldwide surpassed a half-million and deaths climbed past 23,000, the damage to people's livelihoods and their well-being from the effort to flatten the rising curve started to come into focus.

In India, where the country's 1.3 billion people were under orders to stay home, legions of poor were suddenly thrown out of work, and many families were left struggling for something to eat.

"Our first concern is food, not the virus," said Suresh Kumar, 60, a bicycle rickshaw rider in New Delhi whose family of six relies on his daily earnings of \$4.

India has the world's second-highest number of people living in extreme poverty. Rickshaw drivers, produce peddlers, maids, day laborers and other low-wage workers form the backbone of the economy, and many live day to day on their pay and have no savings to fall back on.

The Indian government announced a \$22 billion economic stimulus package that will attempt to deliver monthly rations of grain and lentils to 800 million people.

Around the globe, the death toll rose to about 8,200 in Italy, 4,100 in Spain and 1,700 in France. The U.S. had more than 1,000 deaths, about 400 of them



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Police stop violators of social distancing on Thursday in Mumbai, India.

in New York State, the worst hot spot in the nation. Most of those victims were in New York City.

More than 122,000 people worldwide who were infected have recovered, according to a running tally by Johns Hopkins University.

Companies in Europe are laying off workers at the fastest pace since 2009, according to surveys of business managers.

Italy, the eurozone's third-biggest economy and a major exporter of machinery, textiles and other goods, became perhaps the first Western developed nation to idle most of its industry, extending a shutdown on smaller, nonessential businesses to heavy manufacturers.

Among the companies in Italy that have shut down or rolled back production: Fiat Chrysler, Ferrari, Pirelli tires and Luxottica eyewear, maker of Ray-Bans and Oakleys.

The industrial lobby Confindustria estimates a cost of \$77 billion to \$110 billion of national wealth a

month if 70% of companies are closed, as anticipated.

"We are entering a war economy," said Confindustria President Vincenzo Boccia.

Elsewhere around the world, South Africa, with the most industrialized economy in Africa, headed into a three-week lockdown starting Friday. The country is already in recession, with an unemployment rate of 29%.

And Britain unveiled another relief effort, this time aimed at the gig economy, many of whose workers are facing financial ruin. The government will give the self-employed grants equal to 80% of their average monthly profits, up to \$2,975 per month.

Saudi Arabia announced a total lockdown on the capital, Riyadh, and Islam's two holiest cities, Mecca and Medina, in addition to a nationwide curfew.

In the United Arab Emirates, authorities announced an overnight weekend lockdown and used drones to tell people to stay home.

Governors seeking help face flattering or fighting Trump

BY KATHLEEN RONAYNE AND JONATHAN LEMIRE
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — At first, Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker tried to play nice. He limited criticisms of the federal government's handling of the coronavirus pandemic and asked for medical supplies through official channels.

But nothing came, so he went on television. The first-term Democrat blasted the Trump administration Sunday on CNN for failing to help states obtain masks, gloves and other protective gear.

It got President Donald Trump's attention. After a Twitter feud and some mudslinging — Pritzker compared Trump to a "carnival barker" — the two got on the phone Monday, and Trump promised Illinois 250,000 masks and 300 ventilators.

Facing an unprecedented public health crisis, governors are trying to get what they need from Washington, and fast. But that means navigating the disorienting politics of dealing with Trump, an unpredictable president with a love for cable news and a penchant for retribution.

Republicans and Democrats alike are testing whether to fight or flatter, whether to back-channel requests or go public, all in an attempt to get Trump's attention and his assurances.

At stake may be access to masks, ventilators and other personal protective gear critically needed by health care workers, as well as field hospitals and federal cash. As Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, D-Mich., put it, "I can't afford to have a fight with the White House."

Underlying this political



JOHN MINCHILLO/AP

People wait for a COVID-19 test on Wednesday at an Elmhurst, New York, hospital.

dance is Trump's tendency to talk about the government as if it's his own private business.

"We are doing very well with, I think, almost all of the governors, for the most part," he said during a town hall on Fox News on Tuesday. "But you know, it's a two-way street. They have to treat us well."

On a private conference call Thursday with Trump, governors from both parties pressed the president for help — some more forcefully than others.

Washington Gov. Jay Inslee, a Democrat, urged Trump to use his full authority to ramp up production of necessary medical equipment, according to an audio recording of the call obtained by AP. But Trump said the federal government is merely the "backup."

"I don't want you to be the backup quarterback, we need you to be Tom Brady here," Inslee replied, invoking the football star and Trump friend.

West Virginia Gov. Jim Justice, a Republican,

meanwhile, was lavish in his praise.

"We're just so appreciative, but we really need you," Justice told Trump.

California's Gavin Newsom, usually a fierce Trump critic, is among those who have gone out of their way not to lay the federal government's failings during the coronavirus outbreak at Trump's feet.

Newsom complimented Trump for "his focus on treatments" for the virus and thanked him for sending masks and gloves to California. He said the president was "on top of it" when it came to improving testing and said Trump was aware "even before I offered my own insight" of the state's need for more testing swabs.

Trump has kept a close eye on the coronavirus media coverage and noted which local officials were praising or criticizing him, according to three aides who spoke on condition of anonymity. In conversations, Trump has blasted Whitmer and praised Newsom, they said.



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A woman cleans her hands with a disinfecting wipe on March 17 in Brenham, Texas.

Don't blame toilet paper for surge in clogs across US

BY MICHAEL LEVENSON
The New York Times

NEW YORK — Many Americans seem to be following the recommendations of public health officials to clean and sterilize countertops, doorknobs, faucets and other frequently touched surfaces in their homes.

However, many are then tossing the disinfectant wipes, paper towels and other paper products they used into the toilet.

The result has been a coast-to-coast surge in backed-up sewer lines and overflowing toilets, accord-

ing to plumbers and public officials, who have pleaded with Americans to spare the nation's pipes from further strain.

Many say the woes besieging the nation's infrastructure have been compounded by the lack of toilet paper on store shelves, which is leading some to use paper towels, napkins or baby wipes instead.

Across the country, wastewater treatment officials have beseeched residents not to flush wipes down the toilet using the hashtag #WipesClogPipes.

"Flushable wipes are not truly flushable," said Jim

Bunsey, chief operating officer of the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District. "They might go down the drain, but they do not break up like regular toilet paper."

Plumbing repair company Roto-Rooter issued a similar plea to its customers and said that substituting facial tissue for toilet paper was "another bad idea," unless it's used in small amounts and flushed frequently.

The California State Water Resources Control Board warned last week that "even wipes labeled 'flushable' will clog pipes and interfere with sewage

collection and treatment throughout the state."

The agency said wastewater treatment plants across California were reporting problems.

It noted that most urban sewage systems depend on gravity and water flow to move toilet paper and waste, and were not designed to accommodate disinfectant wipes and paper towels.

The board noted that clogged sewer lines are more than just a headache for residents cooped up in their homes during a pandemic. Spills flow into lakes, rivers and oceans, where

they can harm public health and the environment, it said.

Plumbers said they were fielding an increase in calls from people working from home and self-quarantining.

"We have noticed an uptick in the amount of clogged main sewer lines and, when we dispatch our technicians, we are pulling baby wipes out of the line and we're seeing paper towels and Lysol wipes," Mark Russo, vice president of Russo Brothers & Co., a plumbing and heating service in East Hanover, New Jersey, said on Saturday.

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Rahim, a volunteer at St. Stephen Outreach, carries food donations as he prepares to hand out food last week in the Brooklyn borough of New York City.

Charities that help the needy now find themselves in need

BY MARTHA MENDOZA, JULIET LINDERMAN AND MAYE-E WONG
Associated Press

For more than a week, Elaine Peoples, who cooked for a now-shuttered day care center, has been out of work. At 68, she's also at a higher risk for catching the new coronavirus. Nonetheless, she's showing up four days a week for her volunteer shift at an increasingly crowded Brooklyn soup kitchen and food pantry.

"Volunteering is vital," said Peoples, who herself is experiencing financial strain. "Everything I get goes to bills. My budget is stretched to the limit. There is no extra."

These days low-income families still need food. Homeless people still need beds. And those puppies in the animal shelter still need walks.

For decades, American nonprofits have relied on a cadre of volunteers who — quite suddenly — aren't able to show up. With millions staying home during the pandemic, charities that help the country's neediest are finding themselves in need.

"This is a time when we

do need everybody pulling together to help us out," said Leslie Bacho, CEO of Second Harvest of Silicon Valley, one of the nation's largest food banks.

Many Americans have now been ordered to stay inside their homes, although there are exceptions for people providing essential services, and, in orders reviewed by The Associated Press, that includes volunteering at food banks.

Nonetheless, Bacho said half of the bank's volunteers — the equivalent of 107 full-time staffers — aren't showing up. This means as more people need food, there's less ability to get it to them.

"Volunteers are needed the most in times of crisis," said Grover Gilmore, dean of Case Western's school of social sciences.

For most people, the new coronavirus causes only mild or moderate symptoms. But for some older adults and people with existing health problems, it can cause more severe illness.

American volunteers perform an estimated 8 billion hours a year of service. The most common work? Collecting, prepar-

ing, distributing or serving food, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Kathryn Strickland, chief network officer at Feeding America, the nation's largest organization of food banks, with about 200, said the group has seen a "sharp decline" in volunteers across the country, and is asking for new volunteers and scrambling to hire additional staff for pay.

Sheila Williams usually has 25 volunteers to feed about 100 people a day at St. Stephen Outreach in Brooklyn. Now she's down to 10, including Peoples, with lines out the door, more people than she's ever seen.

"Folks that don't normally come are coming," she said, after dishing out countless plates of franks, rice, beans and fruit. "They've lost their job, there's nothing in the supermarket."

Jose Rosa, 63, comes to the soup kitchen once a week. He lives in a homeless shelter and says he doesn't get enough to eat there. "It keeps me healthy, it keeps food in my stomach," he said of his trips to St. Stephen. Without it, he said, "I'd go hungry."

Hospitals rush to find beds amid likely flood of patients

BY CARLA K. JOHNSON AND NICKY FORSTER
Associated Press

SEATTLE — With her due date fast approaching, Kelly McCarty packed a bag with nursing tops, a robe, slippers and granola bars. Last week's ultrasound, she said, showed "this baby is head down and ready to go."

But the new coronavirus has thrown her a curveball, bouncing her and about 140 other expectant moms from their first-choice hospital to another 30 minutes away. The birth unit at the Edmonds, Washington, hospital is needed for COVID-19.

With capacity stretched thin, U.S. hospitals are rushing to find beds for a coming flood of patients, opening older closed hospitals, turning single rooms into doubles and re-purposing other medical buildings.

Louisiana is making deals with hotels to provide additional hospital beds and has converted three state parks into isolation sites for patients who can't go home. In Seattle, Harborview Medical Center is turning a homeless shelter into a 45-bed coronavirus recovery center.

In New York, the city's convention center is being turned into a temporary hospital. At Mount Sinai Morningside hospital, heart surgeons, cardiologists and cardiovascular nurses now care for coronavirus patients in a converted cardiac unit. Floating hospitals from the U.S. Navy are heading to Los Angeles and, eventually, New York. Military mobile hospitals are promised to Washington state. Arizona officials are seeing if closed hospitals could be reopened.

Simple math is spurring the preparation.

With total U.S. cases doubling every three days, empty intensive care unit beds, needed by an esti-



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Temporary buildings meant for use as a field hospital have been set up on a soccer field in Shoreline, Washington.

mated 5% of the sick, will rapidly fill.

U.S. hospitals reported operating 74,000 ICU beds in 2018, with 64% filled by patients on a typical day. But available ICU beds are not evenly distributed, according to an Associated Press analysis of federal data on hospitals that provided a cost report to Medicare in fiscal year 2018.

The AP found more than 7 million people age 60 and older — those most at risk of severe COVID-19 illness — live in counties without ICU beds. AP included ICU beds in coronary units, surgical units and burn units in the count.

"Better to be over-prepared than react in the moment," said Melissa Short, who directs women's health for Seattle's Swedish Medical Center, which is using data from China and Italy as it attempts to double its capacity to 2,000 beds.

In northern Italy, an explosion of cases swamped the hospital system. Video and photos from two Spanish hospitals showed patients, many hooked to oxygen tanks, crowding corridors and emergency rooms.

About 10 days ago, Dr. Tanya Sorensen got a call from the doctor leading the response to the virus at Washington state's Swedish Medical Center. How could the system consolidate its birth services to keep heal-

thy delivering moms away from the sick?

"It brought home the fact that we are going to be facing a huge surge of cases of COVID very soon," said Sorensen, medical director for the hospital system's women's services.

Swedish's Edmonds facility, where McCarty had planned to deliver, announced Saturday that it is closing its 7th-floor birth center temporarily, gaining 35 beds for the expected influx. McCarty will go instead to an affiliated hospital in Everett.

"They need more beds. If they can open up a whole floor, I understand," said McCarty, a public schoolteacher who is busy coaching colleagues about online learning during the state's lockdown.

If other countries have the same experience as China, 15% to 20% of COVID-19 patients will have severe illness. About 5% could become sick enough to require intensive care.

Equipment is a challenge.

About 20% of U.S. hospitals said they didn't have enough breathing machines for patients and 97% were reusing or otherwise conserving N95 masks, according to a survey conducted last week by hospital group purchasing organization Premier.

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On the other line, voices of anxiety

Americans seeking help, comfort from virtual town halls

By SARA BURNETT
Associated Press

CHICAGO — A Michigan woman recounted for her congressman how she and her feverish 82-year-old husband were sent away from an almost empty emergency room after a fruitless, dayslong effort to get him tested for COVID-19. “Where are the sick people going?” she wanted to know.

In Iowa, a 55-year-old nurse who gets groceries for her 91-year-old father worried she may unknowingly infect him because it takes days to receive results once a person is tested for the coronavirus. Her question: Is anyone coming up with a faster test?

And in Phoenix, the owner of a small bar and restaurant told his congressman that a payroll tax credit Washington approved in response to the pandemic would do nothing to help his business survive an order closing bars and banning dine-in service.

“That doesn’t help me today,” the man, identified only as William, told Rep. Andy Biggs on a telephone town hall last week, his voice rising. “I need relief now.”

Across the country, anxious Americans are finding an audience for their questions — if few answers — in telephone town halls with their senators and representatives. These are the socially distanced versions of the constituent meetings that have long been held in community centers, libraries and city halls. But these are not the town halls of the past — there’s little ideological warfare or finger-pointing.

Instead, the calls can feel like listening in on painful family conversations.

The questions are far



Rep. Veronica Escobar, D-Texas, answers questions about the virus during a virtual town hall March 18 in El Paso, Texas.

more personal than political. Politicians have been measured, largely dodging overt partisan swipes and trying to focus on dispensing sometimes hard-to-come-by information. The voices on the end of the line are often filled with desperation, fear and confusion.

Associated Press reporters listened in on more than 12 hours of town halls across nine states in recent days and heard questions that ranged from technical — such as how to qualify for a Small Business Administration loan — to specific.

A New York woman wondered how to help her parents who were stuck in Morocco after the government banned air travel in and out of the country. One almost 70-year-old man asked what precautions he should take in his job transporting Medicaid patients besides sanitizing his taxi after each trip. The tough-but-strong advice of the two doctors who joined New

York Rep. Anthony Brindisi’s town hall: Quit your job.

And while most of the lawmakers were joined by health officials and other subject matter experts, many questions still had no clear answers, like the one a man named Andy posed to Michigan Rep. Bill Huizenga recently: “When are we going to go back to normal?”

In an effort to slow the spread of the dangerous virus, some states have issued stay-at-home orders, air travel has been restricted, and schools, restaurants and other businesses have been closed, wreaking havoc on the economy.

Lawmakers in Washington have passed measures to address both the health care and economic crisis — and continue to negotiate over additional emergency measures.

President Donald Trump, meanwhile, has held almost daily briefings for reporters on the federal

government’s response, events that have at times been heated, confusing and inaccurate. Several governors have also started holding regular news conferences in an effort to spread information, issue warnings and offer what little reassurance they can.

But the tele-town halls have become the chief forum for Americans to talk, instead of listen, to their leaders. Many of the discussions focused on federal aid, with Democratic lawmakers who supported the most recent measure saying it would help small businesses and Republicans like Biggs explaining why he voted no, noting the same concerns as the bar and restaurant owner who said the relief would come too late.

But members of both parties shut down comments that were too critical of the other side.

When a man on a call with Democratic Rep. Abby Finkenauer of Iowa asked

why Congress doesn’t go around Trump and accused the Republican president of dragging his feet and other “B.S.,” the congresswoman, a freshman moderate, responded, “Let’s not talk Democrat or Republican.”

The calls aren’t a perfect listening post.

Lawmakers’ aides often screen the calls, filtering out the most partisan or off-topic. Michigan’s Huizenga noted that many of the prescreened questions that didn’t get asked were about Trump or the state’s Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, a Democrat, who he acknowledged had been taking swipes at each other.

“There will be a time for politics,” the Republican from West Michigan said. “Now is not the time.”

Universally, the lawmakers urged constituents to take the situation seriously.

Rep. Donna Shalala, a Florida Democrat who was health and human services secretary under President Bill Clinton, told people to

change their behavior but not panic. Rep. Ralph Norman, a South Carolina Republican, suggested that constituents alert authorities to large gatherings that shouldn’t be happening, adding that he called a local sheriff after he learned a racetrack in his district planned to carry on as usual. The sheriff shut them down, Norman said.

Some of the lawmakers sought out vulnerable constituents.

In El Paso, Texas, Democratic Rep. Veronica Escobar sent out invitations for the event via a robocall directed at landlines — an effort to reach older people most at-risk of serious illness from infection.

She also offered a Spanish-language version of the call. Within a few minutes, some 1,200 people were on the line.

In New York, Brindisi participated in his town hall from his home, where he was in self-quarantine after being in contact with another member of Congress who tested positive for COVID-19. He compared the moment of fear and uncertainty with the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, taking an optimistic tone.

“We are going to get through this just like we got past 9/11, and we’ll come together as a country.”

More than 6,000 people were on the line on a recent night for a town hall with Republican Rep. Bryan Steil of Wisconsin, but satisfying answers were in short supply.

A nurse educator from Whitewater said she was concerned about a shortage of personal protective equipment for health care workers.

Andrea Palm, Wisconsin’s health secretary, said the state was competing with others around the world for supplies and won’t have enough to meet demand.

“No one, I think, is satisfied with where we’re at,” Steil said.

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the Fed has been making, as well as the congressional aid package, is to tide the economy over until the virus outbreak is contained. The economy “may” be in recession now, Powell suggested, but a rebound should arrive by year’s end.

“One of the main things we’re trying to do by assuring the flow of credit in the economy is to assure that that rebound, when it does come, is as vigorous as possible,” Powell said on NBC’s “Today” show.

Nearly 3.3 million Americans applied for unemployment benefits last week, according to the government figures released Thursday — almost five times the previous record set in 1982.

Among the people being hit hardest by layoffs as businesses have shut down across the country are employees of restaurants, hotels, airlines and retailers. Business activity at such companies has plummeted or vanished altogether as much of America stays home to help contain the spread of the virus. Incomes of taxi and ride-hailing drivers have cratered as passengers have all but disappeared.

Brian Alectine, who

drives for Lyft and Via in New York City, stopped picking up passengers a week ago out of fear that he would contract the virus. He is holding out hope that he will be able to receive unemployment benefits. But even so, he worries that he may need financial aid before payments kick in.

Alectine must still pay \$350 a week to rent his car, along with rent on the apartment he shares with his wife, their 4-year-old daughter and his mother-in-law.

“I know April 1 my landlord is going to text me and ask me if the money is ready, so I’m very worried about those things,” he said.

The legislation also provides aid for vulnerable workers in other ways too.

For many households, there will be a one-time direct payment of \$1,200 per adult, plus \$500 per child. There are also incentives for employers to keep workers on the payroll, including tax breaks. Small businesses that receive loans under the package won’t have to repay money they use to pay employees.

Congress has acted much more quickly to provide aid to workers than it did during the Great Recession.

Unlike the aid that Congress provided a decade ago, the current rescue package will provide substantial assistance to workers who



CHARLIE RIEDEL/AP

A plastic panel separates a shopper from a clerk Thursday at a Hy-Vee grocery store in Overland Park, Kansas.

have lost their jobs and is intended to enable them to keep up with fixed expenses.

The Century Foundation, a progressive think tank, estimated in a study that up to 11 million workers could benefit, depending on how many lose their jobs. The foundation said the weekly \$600 supplement would more than double the benefits currently available to unemployed people.

Economists at Goldman Sachs calculate that for the average worker, who earns about \$1,200 a week, the enhanced weekly benefit should fully replace their lost wages. And for lower-income employees of restaurants and hospitals, it should provide more than their usual salaries.

Still, economists caution that it won’t be enough to support their previous levels of spending or prevent a

recession.

“You’ve got to get that cash to households to meet those bills for food, shelter and medicine,” said Jeffrey Bergstrand, a professor of finance at Notre Dame.

But, he added, “this is not a stimulus package. It’s to provide liquidity and ensure against deeper damage and forestall the possibility of depression.”

Megan Greene, an economist and senior fellow at

Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government, said some of the impact of the benefits will be limited by the fact that many state unemployment systems are swamped with applicants. The flood of applications could delay thousands of jobless workers from being able to obtain aid. Congress has already approved legislation providing \$1 billion to states to help them administer the program.



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President Trump’s campaign said the TV ad contains the “false assertion” that he called the coronavirus a “hoax.”

Trump camp threatens TV stations over ad

Commercial uses clips of president downplaying virus

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump’s reelection campaign has threatened legal action against local TV stations in Florida, Michigan, Minnesota, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin if they don’t pull a Democratic anti-Trump commercial that uses clips of the president talking

about the coronavirus outbreak. The campaign says the ad is false.

Priorities USA Action Fund, the Democratic super political action committee that created the 30-second spot and supported Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton, responded by soliciting financial contributions to keep the ad on the airwaves.

Trump’s campaign said the commercial contains the “false assertion” that Trump called the coronavirus a “hoax.”

The ad strings together

audio of comments by Trump in which he attempts to minimize the seriousness of the coronavirus outbreak, including a snippet in which he says, “This is their new hoax.”

Trump’s campaign said it had delivered “cease and desist” letters to the stations demanding that they pull the ad or face legal action. The stations were not named in a news release announcing the action or in a copy of the letter accessed by a hyperlink included in the emailed release.

Guy Cecil, chairman of Priorities USA, tweeted that Trump wants to block the ad “because he doesn’t want Americans to know the truth.”

He included a link for donations to keep the ad on the air.

Priorities USA said Thursday that the ad will begin airing in Arizona.

Florida, Michigan, Minnesota, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin are among the states where Trump is spending heavily in his bid to win a second term.

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New Zealand mosque gunman pleads guilty to all charges

WELLINGTON, New Zealand — The man who committed the worst atrocity in New Zealand's modern history when he slaughtered 51 worshippers at two Christchurch mosques unexpectedly pleaded guilty to all charges Thursday.

The attacks targeting people praying at the mosques a year ago shocked the nation and prompted new laws banning the deadliest types of

semi-automatic weapons. Brenton Harrison Tarrant, 29, pleaded guilty to 51 counts of murder, 40 counts of attempted murder and one count of terrorism at the Christchurch High Court. He had pleaded not guilty to all charges and his trial had been scheduled to start in June.

Tarrant is the first person to be found guilty of terrorism in New Zealand under laws passed after the 9/11 attacks in the U.S.

Brazil's governors defy call by Bolsonaro to end shutdowns

SAO PAULO — Brazil's governors are defying President Jair Bolsonaro over his call to reopen schools and businesses, dismissing his argument that the "cure" of widespread shutdowns to contain the spread of the new coronavirus is worse than the disease.

Bolsonaro contends that clampdown will deeply wound the already beleaguered economy and spark social unrest. This

week, he urged governors to limit isolation only to high-risk people and lift the strict anti-virus measures they have imposed in their regions.

The country's governors protested on Wednesday that his instructions run counter to health experts' recommendations and endanger Latin America's largest population. They said they would continue with their strict measures.

China to temporarily bar most foreigners during virus crisis

BELJING — China says it is temporarily barring most foreigners from entering the country as it seeks to curb the number of imported coronavirus cases.

The foreign ministry announced late Thursday that even foreign citizens with residence permits will be prevented from entering starting on Saturday. All visa-free transit policies will also be temporarily suspended.

It said diplomatic workers will be exempt, and foreign citizens coming to China for "necessary economic, trade, scientific or technological activities or out of emergency humanitarian needs" can still apply for visas.

"The suspension is a temporary measure that China is compelled to take in light of the outbreak situation and the practices of other countries," the ministry said.



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A place to call home for now: Homeless people carry their belongings as they are dropped off Thursday outside the Hilton Garden Inn in New Orleans. The hotel, located in the city's French Quarter, is allowing the homeless to live there during the pandemic.

Canada to US: Border troops may damage relations

TORONTO — Canada has told the Trump administration that a proposal to put troops at the U.S.-Canada border amid the pandemic is entirely unnecessary and would damage relations between the two longtime allies.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said his government has been in discussions with the White House about convincing the U.S. not to do it.

"Canada and the United States have the longest unmilitarized border in the world and it is very much in both of our interests for it to remain that way," Trudeau said.

According to a U.S. official, the Department of Homeland Security made a request to the Pentagon for military forces to provide additional security between entry points along the northern border.

The official said no final decision has been made on the request.

Netanyahu rival to be Israel's new speaker of parliament

JERUSALEM — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's chief rival was chosen on Thursday as the new speaker of parliament, an unexpected step that could pave the way to a power-sharing deal between the two men as the country grapples with a worsening coronavirus crisis.

The sudden turnabout by Benny Gantz, who has spent the past year trying to topple Netanyahu in three bitter and inconclusive elections, appeared to give the embattled prime minister a new lease on life as he prepares to go on trial

for corruption charges.

It also drew angry criticism from his political partners, who accused him of betrayal, and ripped apart his Blue and White party, an alliance of three anti-Netanyahu factions.

The vote passed 74-18, with many of Gantz's former allies, including half of Blue and White, skipping the vote.

"Democracy has won," Gantz declared in his first speech as speaker, saying he had taken the unpopular step to deal with the national emergency. "These are not regular days and they demand irregular de-

isions. Therefore, I intend to examine and advance in every way the establishment of a national emergency government."

In a series of speeches ahead of the vote, a string of opposition lawmakers who had all previously backed Gantz streamed into the empty parliament chamber one after another to rail against him. Only a few people were allowed in at a time due to restrictions on public gatherings because of the coronavirus.

"This is a dark day," said Nitzan Horowitz, leader of the liberal Meretz party, in a speech ahead of the vote.

Egypt expels reporter: Egypt has expelled a correspondent for The Guardian over a report citing a study that challenged the official count of coronavirus cases in the Arab world's most populous country, the British daily reported Thursday.

Ruth Michaelson left the country last week after Western diplomats informed her that Egyptian security services wanted her to leave "immediately," the daily said.

Michaelson had reported on unpublished research by Canadian infectious disease specialists estimating an outbreak size of over 19,000 cases in Egypt. The scientists had used data from early March when Egypt officially had only three confirmed cases, according to Michaelson's report.

Texas home to biggest gains in US population

ORLANDO, Fla. — Three metro areas in Texas had some of the biggest population gains over the past decade, according to figures released Thursday by the U.S. Census Bureau.

Dallas increased by 1.2 million people, the most of any U.S. metro area, followed by Houston, which

added 1.1 million more residents over the decade. Austin grew by more than a half million residents from 2010 to 2019, the eighth-biggest numeric growth among U.S. metros, according to the bureau's population estimates.

Phoenix's 4.9 million population last year

knocked Boston off the list of the top 10 most populous metro areas. Phoenix's growth over the decade of 755,000 new residents gave it the third-biggest numeric gain in the nation.

New York continued to be the nation's largest metro area with 19.2 million residents.

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People gather on the breakwater of the Lakefront Trail on Wednesday. Mayor Lori Lightfoot and aldermen closed the Lakefront Trail, adjoining parks and The 606 trail on Thursday.

We don't know how the pandemic ends

Weeks from now in an overwhelmed Chicago hospital where COVID-19 patients on ventilators pack the intensive care unit, doctors and nurses could face haunting decisions: Who will live and who will die?

Pause to put your family in that tragic scenario. Someone you love is in severe respiratory distress. Should hospital staff resuscitate and risk transmitting illness to health workers? Or shift to a do-not-resuscitate policy?

This situation is neither certain to occur nor a med school simulation. It is a very real scenario that hospital officials and medical ethicists across the country are contemplating because they recognize the looming possibility: If people defy social-distancing restrictions and ignore stay-at-home orders, the virus could force unprecedented protocols.

According to The Washington Post, medical staff at Chicago's Northwestern Memorial Hospital have been debating new rules for infected patients that could include not resuscitating them, if doing so would put health care workers at risk.

"It's a major concern for everyone," Richard Wunderink, a Northwestern medical director, told the Post. "This is something about which we have had lots of communication with families, and I think they are very aware of the grave circumstances."

The invisible foe is relentless

The coronavirus pandemic is easy to grasp in theory — but harder to respect as a foe because it's invisible and untrackable in real time. That's the opposite of, say, a tornado, another natural disaster for which preparedness and quick response time save lives. No one needs to shout "take cover"

Medical professionals are preparing for the worst. These are fateful days. Stay off the lakefront.

twice when ominous storm clouds arrive. But when Mayor Lori Lightfoot warns that Chicagoans are putting themselves in danger of contagion by crowding lake paths and playing basketball in parks, she hits resistance.

COVID-19 so far is an inconsistent foe. Some people who are infected feel no symptoms or mild ones while those who take the brunt may be older or have underlying health conditions and thus be more vulnerable. Those facts shouldn't make anyone feel better. They heighten the societal risks: People who fail to respect the danger go lax on precautions and spread the virus until it strikes vulnerable targets. That's how hospital wards get filled. Some of those patients, by the way, will be younger and healthier. No one is granted viral immunity.

At present, New York City appears to be the national epicenter. More than 20,000 residents have tested positive for the virus, and cases are doubling every three days. The city's death toll rose to 281 Thursday morning, about 30% of the national total. At one New York hospital, 13 patients died in 24 hours. At another, the fatalities included a nursing manager in his 40s. Bellevue Hospital set up a makeshift outdoor morgue, reminiscent of Chicago's emergency response during the 1995 heat wave when refrigerated trucks were used to store bodies.

Stay off the lakefront

Illinois could get pounded by the coronavirus. No one knows how far this pandemic will spread or where it peters out. That's why Gov. J.B. Pritzker issued the stay-at-home directive and is aggressively shopping for ventilators. Because if COVID-19 cases were to proliferate, hospitals would need thousands of additional intensive care beds. And that is why Lightfoot hit the ceiling Wednesday at the sight of runners crowding outdoor paths and people playing ball in parks.

On Thursday, Lightfoot and aldermen closed the Lakefront Trail, adjoining parks and The 606 trail because too many Chicagoans assumed the epidemic wasn't their responsibility to combat. Don't like to be lectured to by your mayor? Fancy yourself a rebel? Sorry, this isn't your month for a soapbox. Here was Lightfoot on Wednesday, every harsh word the truth: "We know what happens when we don't social distance. We know what happens when we don't stay inside. The illness rate goes through the roof, the strain on hospitals is enormous, and the death rate starts to escalate."

The do-not-resuscitate nightmare

Medical professionals risk their lives to treat COVID-19 patients because that is

their calling. Generally they are compelled by oath and by professional and legal responsibilities to take every measure to save lives, unless the patient has a do-not-resuscitate order.

But the pandemic is challenging that protocol. A medical team rushing to a bedside to give chest compressions to a sick patient uses up dozens of pairs of medical gloves and other precious gear. "If we risk (staff) well-being in service of one patient, we detract from the care of future patients, which is unfair," bioethicist Scott Halpern of the University of Pennsylvania told the Post. He and other experts are working through these scenarios, hoping they don't have to put them into action.

The COVID-19 response? It's on all of us

Pritzker, Lightfoot and other local government leaders know how to respond to the health crisis in Illinois and have the authority to mount counterattacks. Washington politicians have their own responsibilities. Pritzker and President Donald Trump seem to have reached détente and are collaborating on the acquisition of supplies. See things differently? Feel free to debate the politics of pandemic.

We think it's more urgent to recognize that every Illinoisan's contribution to the fight against COVID-19 is what matters. If you follow the directives, even the inconvenient ones that constrain playtime, the chain of transmission can be broken and life can return to normal. As some have said, the best outcome would be for us all to look back at March 2020 and decide Illinois overreacted.

All we know for sure is these are fateful days striking up fateful debates in the medical community. Do your part.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

The stock market of 2020 may not recall the details of what happened under Woodrow Wilson or Warren Harding, but it does reveal how Keynesian policy has exhausted itself. After all, how much lower than zero can you cut interest rates? And how much more can you do than send citizens checks? The White House should embrace some pre-Keynesian steps, making it clear that American markets are open for business.

Most obvious would be creating individual retirement accounts for Americans and placing cash in them on the condition that they invest the money. That way, they would at least have the consolation of knowing that they own shares likely to go up in the future. A massive intervention that makes shareholders of Americans in this way would both reassure citizens and reset the public mentality.

It's also important for the U.S. to signal to world markets that the nation's markets are worth a quick investment. The easiest way is to lower the capital-gains tax — permanently. A dramatic cut in investment costs would help get the stock market moving upward.

If there's a silver lining to the dark cloud that's shadowing the country, it's that such ideas, considered loopy by the commentariat as recently as last week, will now win serious consideration. Socialism may be under discussion, in some quarters; but truly free-market policy can now be as well.

Amity Shlaes, City Journal



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PERSPECTIVE



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In what's become more of a recent norm, G-20 leaders meet Thursday via video conference as seen on a screen at the Chigi Palace in Rome, during Italy's lockdown.

OK, Zoomers, the coronavirus crisis is your moment



ERIC ZORN

Eventually, a new normal will arrive.

In this new normal, we'll be more vigilant about not spreading disease by hand and less inclined to drag ourselves to work when we're sick. We'll demand our governments maintain robust public health infrastructures because plagues will have become real to us, not just plot devices in dystopian entertainments or disasters distant in time or place.

And, I hope, a new normal in which we continue to indulge in the pleasures of virtual gatherings.

The other day I roped three of my former college housemates into a reunion on Zoom, a videoconferencing program that has exploded in popularity since the nation has been directed to practice social distancing during the coronavirus crisis.

We were checking in with one another — from Massachusetts, North Carolina, upper Michigan and here in

Chicago's Albany Park — to swap quarantine stories and family updates. Great guys. Great conversation.

When it was over I wondered why, exactly, have we not been doing this all along? Why, aside from occasional text messages about sports, have we been saving all our group interactions for when we actually assemble in person?

And I wondered the same thing after two terrific family reunions — different branches — on Zoom on subsequent days. Being in the same digital "room," our faces in little squares on the screen "Brady Bunch"-style, had most of the advantages of being in the same physical room.

Why have I, along with so many others, been late to the game?

Technophobia hasn't been the hurdle. Zoom, which has been around and used mainly for business meetings since 2011, is easy to install and use. Same with Skype, Google Hangouts, FaceTime, WhatsApp and many other similar applications.

One of my college housemates is so computer backward that, until a few years ago, the only way to email him was through his wife, but we easily got him into the Zoom chat.

Cost hasn't stood in the way. Most of these services offer free options.

Yet it has taken this crisis for great numbers of us to discover all the ways in which we can more easily and more frequently see people we know, like and love.

I've heard and read countless stories of virtual book groups, cocktail parties, memorial services, sewing circles and other gatherings that have arisen in just the last couple of weeks as the expression "OK Zoomer" has trended online.

We've been invited to a Zoom Seder, which will include far-flung participants for the first time.

I dined at a Zoom breakfast with some former colleagues Monday and played fiddle tunes at a Zoom string-band jam Tuesday. There were times during each that all sense of distance evaporated, that I felt everyone's presence as surely as if they were literally across from me.

Physical distancing does not have to feel like social distancing. In fact, "physical distancing" is probably a better term than "social distancing."

I know it's an illusion. I know nothing really beats the spontaneity, intimacy and warmth of in-person interactions.

And that knowledge probably explains why I haven't until just recently

been in regular video contact with important but geographically distant people in my life.

That knowledge created a subconscious guilty sense that a video chat is a second-rate assemblage of those who can't be bothered to go to the effort of actually getting together.

Absurd, I know. I've been making the perfect enemy of the very good. But I can't think of any other reason why regular group video chats haven't been a part of my life until this pandemic descended on the nation, making the perfect impossible.

One thin silver lining at the edge of the huge dark cloud of the COVID-19 catastrophe may end up being the normalization of video gatherings among those of us who until now have mostly considered the technology a business tool and otherwise avoided it as trendy, unnecessary and suboptimal.

We'll return to face-to-face reunions, breakfasts, jam sessions and parties eventually. But the crisis has taught us new ways to come together.

And when the new normal emerges, technology will help us stay together.

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Daisy has turned into family's comfort dog during pandemic

BY JOHN BIEMER

I've been hugging my dog more lately. Maybe you have been too.

During these stressful, uncertain days of social distancing, quarantine and COVID-19, it's never been better to have a furry friend. You might say our golden retriever, Daisy, has become our family's own in-house comfort dog.

I wouldn't be the first to observe that if anyone's come out ahead, so to speak, in this pandemic, it's our canine companions. They love having their humans — including our three, grade school-age kids — around the house more often.

Our lives have been simplified right now to the most important things — many of us are home all day with just our family and loved ones. Those loved ones include our pets.

Since the first wolf crossed over to become a human companion, dogs have evolved living in close contact with humans. They are said to be unusually perceptive among animals at reading human facial expressions and emotions. Forgive me for anthropomorphizing, but you can see it in their eyes. You can feel it as they nuzzle up to you when you're feeling down.

Petting a dog has a calming effect and can even lower your blood pressure, according to some reports.

Our family unit is our dog's de facto pack — and, because of this quarantine, the pack has been together more.

If there's been one small break in this unprecedented time, it's that it's occurred here at the start of spring, rather than in the middle of winter. We may be stuck at home, but we don't have to be cooped up within the house.

We all need to get outside a little bit, so the pack goes out. If your neighborhood is like my neighborhood, there are people out walking — singles, couples and families — and many of them are accompanied by their dogs.

In normal times, when dog walkers encounter other dog walkers, there's always been a bit of a decision-making tree. How is this going to go down? Does my dog tend to get along with other dogs? Some dog walkers will break the ice with a quick, "He's friendly." Typically, we let the two dogs get together and engage in a joyful, boisterous jump-around, as we dog owners are tugged close together in a dance of trying to keep their leashes from becoming entangled.

If dog owners worry that their dogs won't be friendly with one another, they'll often decide it's easier to cross the road and just avoid a potential confrontation.

In the era of COVID-19, these interactions all tend to go the same way in our community: We all cross the street, give wide berth and go our separate ways.

Our dog, Daisy, does not understand this aspect of social distancing. She has her buddies in the neighborhood, just like we do. She likes to visit.

Soon after we embarked on our morning



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Joanne Biemer with children Jack, 14, Ellie, 12, and Charlie, 8, with their dog, Daisy.

walk this weekend, she spotted a friend: a burly, woolly mountain dog that lives down the block. But this time, I tugged Daisy down the road, as she planted her rear on the sidewalk in protest. She wanted some playtime with her friend.

I get it, Daisy, but times have changed. We can't do that. At least for now. We humans have to maintain our proper social distance. Six feet at least. It's hard, but it's for the best.

I exchanged a greeting with the mountain dog's owner and we yanked our dogs on their way.

Daisy is a good dog. Yes, she is. She's almost 5 years old. My kids are worried

about her.

"Can dogs get the virus?" they ask. "No," I say. "I haven't seen any reports that they can."

"Good."

Back at home again. A dog and her pack. We wash our hands. We have dinner. We snuggle under blankets as we watch TV. We pet Daisy. We hug her. And when it's time to go to sleep, she's lying at the foot of the bed.

A family and their dog. Trying to get through this together.

John Biemer, a freelance writer and former Tribune reporter, lives in Oak Park.

PERSPECTIVE



A medical worker looks out of a changing room window after treating coronavirus patients at a hospital in Wuhan, China on March 19. AFP

While US plays blame game, China shows leadership

BY IVO DAALDER

“Never let a serious crisis go to waste,” Rahm Emanuel advised in the midst of the 2008 financial meltdown. It’s advice that China appears to have taken to heart. For as the world grapples with how to control a pandemic that has now spread to 175 nations, infected hundreds of thousands and killed more than 20,000 people, China is asserting itself as the global savior that will lead the world out of this crisis.

It takes a good deal of chutzpah for Beijing to claim the mantle of global leadership in dealing with this once-in-a-lifetime calamity. Not only did the pandemic originate in the heart of China itself, but for weeks after signs of the disease first emerged, the country’s leaders obfuscated and then delayed needed action that might have controlled the outbreak before it spread far and wide.

Yet, once Chinese leaders acknowledged the extent of the crisis, the nation sprang into action. It locked down Hubei province and its capital Wuhan, the epicenter of the disease, and curtailed the movements of more than half its 1.4 billion people. Extensive testing, forced isolation of those who were positive and tracing everyone who had been in contact with those infected seems to have brought the epidemic under control.

Even as countries around the world are moving to lock down their own populations, China is easing travel restrictions and restarting its economy. The disease may flare up again as the nation returns to normal after having been shut down for two months, but for now it appears contained.

Ignoring its responsibility for starting the pandemic, Beijing has trumpeted its response as a model for others to follow. “China’s signature strength, efficiency and speed in this fight has been widely ac-

claimed,” Foreign Minister Wang Yi boasted in early March. “And the institutional advantage of China’s governance is for all to see.”

With the disease contained at home, China is now reaching out across the world to help those most in need. Last week, it sent millions of face masks, thousands of ventilators and hundreds of doctors to Italy — a country where already twice as many people have succumbed to the diseases as in all of China. And it has spread its largesse throughout the European continent, which is now the epicenter of the pandemic.

But Beijing isn’t just interested in being a good Samaritan. President Xi Jinping has declared the opening of a new “Health Silk Road,” where China would supply countries across the world with the medical equipment and assistance needed to combat the disease. It’s an extension of Xi’s Belt and Road Initiative, which has helped build much-needed infrastructure throughout much of the world and extended Beijing’s global influence and control.

Given the desperate situation in which so many countries find themselves, leaders around the world have reacted with gratitude and appreciation for China’s aid and assistance. “We’re grateful for China’s support,” EU Commission President Ursula von der Leyen tweeted last week to thank Beijing for the 2 million surgical masks, 200,000 N95 masks and 50,000 testing kits it was sending to Europe.

“If somebody is worried China is doing too much,” an Italian official told The New York Times when asked whether he was concerned about the geopolitical implications of Chinese aid, then they should step in. “The gap is open to other countries. This is what other countries should do.”

And there’s the rub. For in years past

there would have been another country that would have taken the lead in addressing this global, humanitarian crisis. When a tsunami hit Southeast Asia in 2004, killing over 200,000, the United States led the effort to alleviate the suffering. When the financial crisis erupted across the globe in 2008, the United States led the effort to bring the 20 largest economies together to develop a cooperative response. And when the deadly Ebola epidemic exploded in West Africa in 2014, the United States led a global coalition to eradicate the disease.

Today, that U.S. leadership is notable only for its absence. There has been little attempt by Washington to coordinate a global response. As is his wont, President Donald Trump has preferred unilateral steps — like instituting travel bans without consultations — and largely ignored the international institutions that exist to coordinate global action.

Indeed, rather than trying to work through the United Nations Security Council and the G-7 and G-20 groupings of major countries to drive a coordinated response, the administration has stymied actions in these forums by insisting that countries refer to the “Wuhan virus” as the cause of the pandemic. The blame game is apparently to Washington more important than leading the world toward collective action.

China is eagerly stepping into the void created by America’s abdication of global leadership. It has long looked for an opportunity to do so. And what may be the ultimate irony, China may now succeed in becoming a global leader because of the very crisis its earlier failures helped produce.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Refurbish, use old ventilators

Most of the ventilators being used in critical care units are very sophisticated and expensive machines that require long manufacturing times. I suggest that older, less complex ventilators could be used, at least on some of the COVID-19 patients.

These units have been discontinued by many hospitals, but many units may still be available in storage rooms and, serviced by knowledgeable biomedical technicians and clinical engineers, could be made available for use and help stave off the present shortage. A unified group working out of a single location, such as an emergency depot, could coordinate the work to bring older or defective units to a safe working condition so they could be used in case of need. I am a retired clinical engineer and medical equipment planner, and I am willing to volunteer for such a purpose. In talking to some of my contacts, I am sure that many others would also make themselves available.

— Alessio Scotti, Oak Park

Centralize medical ordering, stockpile

Each state, hospital and medical facility has been ramping up supplies to meet the expected maximum demand. It has created the medical version of hoarding. It is impossible for every facility to stock up at the same time.

The solution is for the Federal Emergency Management Agency to take over ordering and stockpiling so that critical supplies can be provided when and where needed. With federal purchasing and stockpiling in regional warehouses, there is no reason that supplies could not be delivered to a given city or hospital within two days.

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo has projected a potential need for 30,000 ventilators, among other items His state may need more or fewer, but if ventilators are hoarded by individual states and facilities around the country, they are not available where the need might be most immediate.

Central stockpiles would guarantee supplies would be available based upon immediate need. Controlled purchasing and distribution would eliminate governments and facilities bidding against each other for scarce resources.

— Edward M. Samson, Northbrook

Auto plant could make masks

I believe this would be the perfect time for Fiat Chrysler to participate in the nationwide effort to increase production of face masks, face shields, ventilators and other medical equipment to battle COVID-19. The recently laid-off workers at its Belvidere, Illinois, plant should be rehired for this purpose. That is exactly the type of strategic use of facilities and skilled labor our country is in desperate need of at this time.

— Dan Herro, Beloit, Wisconsin

Construction work is ‘essential’

Regarding Rob Klein’s letter (“More restrictions needed,” March 25) criticizing Gov. J.B. Pritzker’s allowance of union construction during the COVID-19 crisis: As a retired pipefitter, I know our jobs are extremely “essential.”

As to why our work is necessary, here are industries and services we build and maintain: power houses, which provide electricity to all of our hospitals, homes and businesses; oil refineries, which provide gas for transportation, the trucking industry and all first-responder vehicles; heating and air conditioning to buildings; gas piping for all medical lines in hospitals and medical facilities; food processing lines and beverage lines, which help feed us all; pharmaceutical plants, which deliver medical supplies to hospitals and patients; and chemical plants, which produce ingredients for disinfectants, cleaners, etc.

I sympathize with anyone who is laid off during these trying times. But the construction industry is absolutely vital at this time.

— Richard Seiner, Oak Forest

Think of others more in need

A lot of people are going to be getting checks in the mail in the next few weeks. Some will get a check for \$1,200, and some couples will get a check for \$2,400. Who doesn’t want to have some free money sent to them? But a lot of people, I’m one, could say, “Yeah, it’s really nice, but in the big scheme of things, and looking at my yearly budget, \$1,200 isn’t really going to make a whole heck of a lot of difference right now?”

But we know, for example, that 40% of the country can’t scrape together \$400 for an emergency. And some of those people are now out of work. Those people could use more than one check. I call on my fellow citizens to forward your check, or a good portion of it, to those who truly need it. Or donate it to your favorite charity. That’s really what it’s for.

— Charles Cole, Evanston

Congress should let the airlines go to bankruptcy court

BY JOSHUA D. RAUH

Did you take a flight on United Airlines between December 2002 and February 2006? How about on Delta between September 2005 and April 2007? Or on American Airlines between November 2011 and December 2013?

If so, you traveled on a bankrupt airline. These firms had all invoked Chapter 11 of the U.S. bankruptcy code and were in the process of restructuring their finances in court. Yet they continued to operate and still exist today.

However, Washington seems to believe that airlines need to be saved from this process. The Senate coronavirus emergency aid bill, headed to the House for consideration on Friday, contains up to \$25 billion in loans and loan guarantees to the airline business, plus \$25 billion in direct funding for airline employee salaries and benefits, plus \$3 billion to keep paying the contract workers who provide airline catering and services at the airport. That’s a lot of taxpayer money.

There is no reason that the federal government should spend upward of \$50 billion to bail out airlines when these companies continue to have access to the same financial restructuring procedures that they have used time and time again.

When there is fundamental ongoing demand for the service or product a company provides, and there is a sustainable business model that underlies it, Chapter 11 bankruptcy allows the company to restructure its debts. Shareholders are wiped out and creditors such as banks and bondholders take losses as well. But these investors *should* take losses in such a scenario. After all, they took the risk of investing in the hopes of earning a higher return. There was no guarantee that such

investments would perform well.

On the other hand, when a company’s business is simply no longer viable, it will likely end up being dismantled and liquidated. In a liquidation, the assets are sold off and the proceeds are used to pay off some of the company’s debts. For example, Toys “R” Us began with a Chapter 11 filing in 2017 but ultimately ended up being liquidated the following year. The store chain’s troubles weren’t just a one-time shock. Its business model was simply no longer sustainable in the world of Walmart and Amazon.

There is only one real risk of sending airlines and other affected businesses into Chapter 11 bankruptcy, and that is the risk that a business with value as a going concern might end up being liquidated anyway. For a firm to pursue Chapter 11, its creditors must get enough additional loans to be able to continue to operate the firm during the bankruptcy. This new credit is called debtor-in-possession (DIP) financing.

If capital markets are severely disrupted, such financing might not be available, or might be available only on prohibitive terms. That might tilt the process toward inefficient liquidations. If such capital market disruption is a major concern, the government could support this market for bankruptcy financing by offering some short-term DIP financing, in conjunction with private creditors who would add discipline to the deal.

Airline executives are well-aware that they run businesses with large fixed costs on very thin margins. Since creditors are confident in their ability to recover substantial portions of their debt investments, particularly those secured on aircraft and other tangible assets, they are willing to provide airlines with a very large amount

of credit.

When Congress speaks of helping airlines, it is really talking about helping *investors* in these airlines: creditors and shareholders. Perhaps also frequent flyers who might see the value of their air miles diluted, but that is certainly a cost society can bear.

So while there may be some reasons for limited federal support to ensure efficient bankruptcy outcomes, there is every reason to believe capital markets and courts would work again, as they have in the past. Nobody really thinks that without government assistance the entire business of offering flights to individual travelers is going to collapse, forcing consumers to drive or ride Amtrak. And if Congress truly wants to help workers, why are lawmakers selecting airline workers in particular? Most of the millions of workers now claiming unemployment insurance are not in the airline industry.

This general line of reasoning applies not only to airlines but to all other industries dominated by large corporations. Investors should bear the losses they signed up to take when they invested. Taxpayers should be protected from restoring those losses under the false pretense of saving the business. And to the extent there is any government involvement in large corporations that are highly indebted by their own choice, it should focus on ensuring that the Chapter 11 restructuring process has the financing it needs to proceed without ending in unnecessary liquidation.

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CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

McDonald's slims down its menu

Fast-food giant borrows \$1 billion to get through outbreak

BY ALEXIA ELEJALDE-RUIZ

McDonald's plans to temporarily slim down its menu during the coronavirus pandemic — and it appears all-day breakfast is on the way out.

The Chicago-based fast-food giant said Wednesday that the temporary removal of some menu items over the next few weeks is meant to simplify operations in its kitchens and for its crew. Since last week, McDonald's has offered only drive-thru, takeout and delivery at its U.S. restaurants as a growing number of states ordered dining rooms closed to prevent the spread of COVID-19.



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Dominga Flores prepares eggs at a McDonald's in Downers Grove. The fast-food giant is shelving all-day breakfast to ease operations.

Separately, in a regulatory filing Thursday, McDonald's said it borrowed \$1 billion from a group of banks as a precautionary measure, given the "current

uncertainty" resulting from the pandemic. The company said it entered into the revolving credit agreement Wednesday and borrowed the full amount commit-

ted. McDonald's said it also has available another \$3.5 billion arranged in an earlier credit agreement with lenders.

On the menu tweaks, McDonald's is working with franchisees to "focus on serving our most popular choices" and "will regularly evaluate the situation and look to move back to our regular menu as soon as possible," Bill Garrett, senior vice president of McDonald's USA, said in a statement.

In a hint that all-day breakfast will go on hiatus, McDonald's USA President Joe Erlinger tweeted Wednesday night: "All-day breakfast's response to this news: I'll be back."

McDonald's launched all-day breakfast in 2015, a move credited for helping to drive the company's turnaround.

Ford looks to restart 5 factories

Fiat Chrysler, Honda, Toyota also hoping to reopen some plants

BY TOM KRISHER
Associated Press

DETROIT — Ford, Fiat Chrysler, Honda and Toyota took steps Thursday to restart North American factories that have been closed to protect workers from the coronavirus.

The plants would reopen in early or mid-April, restoring the largest source of cash for automakers that generally book revenue when they ship vehicles to dealerships.

Auto companies, like other businesses, are trying to manage their way through the coronavirus crisis, which has forced factories to close amid employee concerns that they could catch the virus while working close to others at factory work stations.

Ford said it wants to reopen five North American assembly plants, starting with one in Mexico on April 6 and continuing with four in the U.S. on April 14. The move was immediately met with skepticism by the United Auto Workers union, which represents 56,000 Ford factory workers.

"The UAW continues to review with great caution and concern decisions being made about restarting workplaces, especially at advanced dates," union President Rory Gamble said in a statement.

Honda wants to reopen U.S. and Canadian factories on April 7, a week later than originally planned, while Toyota plans to restart North American plants on April 20. Fiat Chrysler intends to reopen U.S. and Canadian factories April 14 depending on state restrictions and plant readiness. General Motors says it hasn't decided yet when factories would restart. Most automakers said they would monitor the virus and adjust decisions if needed.

The factory decisions contrast with Italy, which on Thursday expanded a nationwide lockdown to include most heavy industry. Auto plants in Italy, which leads the world in virus deaths, already had been closed voluntarily.

The automakers' moves in the U.S. come as new auto sales are expected to fall dramatically for the month of March. Edmunds.com expects March sales to fall nearly 36% from a year earlier.

Ford, in a release before the markets opened Thursday, said it's aiming to reopen its factory in Hermosillo, Mexico, followed by its Dearborn, Michigan, truck plant, Kentucky truck plant in Louisville, the Ohio Assembly Plant near Cleveland, and the Transit van line at the Kansas City plant. The company also wants to reopen some parts-making plants on the same day, including four in Michigan, which is among the states hardest hit by the virus.

The Dearborn, Michigan, automaker says it will introduce additional safety measures to protect workers, but said it would give details later.

Ford wants to reopen five

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More than 114,000 Illinoisans applied for unemployment insurance last week, an increase of more than 10 times the previous week.

Jobless claims skyrocket

With nonessential businesses ordered to close, many workers are left unemployed

BY ALLY MAROTTI

More than 114,000 Illinoisans applied for unemployment insurance last week, as the number of workers laid off or furloughed amid the coronavirus pandemic continued to mount.

Unemployment claims are breaking records nationwide as the U.S. economy shuts down in an effort to combat the spread of COVID-19, the disease caused by the virus. Illinois residents have been ordered to stay at home and nonessential businesses told to close. Nearly every industry has been touched, and many people are without work.

Nationwide, nearly 3.3 million people applied for unemployment benefits last week, nearly five times the previous record, set in 1982.

The most recent numbers for Illinois reflect claims filed for the week ending March 21. Claims are up more than 10 times from the previous week, according to the Illinois Department of Un-

employment Security.

So far this month, almost 133,800 people have filed claims, compared to about 27,500 over the same period in 2019.

The unprecedented number

of claims has overwhelmed the state's systems, creating technical difficulties for those filing for benefits. To better handle the influx, the state moved its online application portal to a more expansive software platform, extended call center hours and added call center staff.

Still, people around the state continue to encounter difficulties.

Albany Park resident Kevin Armistead hasn't worked in almost two weeks because of the pandemic. He said his employer, Michelin-starred restaurant Entente, laid off employees after Gov. J.B. Pritzker required restaurants to close for dine-in customers.

But Armistead, 27, has not been able to file a claim for unemployment benefits. He said he encountered what seems to be a technical glitch in the

process — the online application will not let him proceed without claiming dependents, which he does not have — and he can't get through to anyone on the phone.

"I've spent several hours a day" trying to work past the glitch or call the state, he said. "After that, it just seems futile and I'm like, 'I'll just try again tomorrow.'"

A representative from the state's Department of Employment Security has not responded to requests for comment on the ongoing technical issues. On Monday, the state urged those who have lost jobs to apply for benefits online at www2.illinois.gov/ides.

That method is the "safest, easiest, and fastest route" to submitting a claim and will free up the phone lines for those

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Do your bit for urban vitality. Order takeout from local eateries.

Keeping our restaurants in business matters, because they form vital part of Chicago's cityscape



BLAIR KAMIN
Cityscapes

"That's terrible," I said Saturday night when the host of one of our favorite neighborhood restaurants, a joint that specializes in smoked meats, told me we were the only ones ordering carryout.

Knowing such orders are crucial to restaurants struggling to stay in business during the co-

ronavirus crisis, I did what any patriotic American would do: I tacked on two slices of chocolate caramel cake to boost the bill and help the place survive.

What, you probably are asking, does this have to do with the buildings and urban spaces that are the usual topic of this column?

Here's my answer: Keeping restaurants in business doesn't only matter because it will put money into the pockets of cooks and others who are still working. It also matters because Chicago's restaurants form a vital part of the cityscape, whether they're modest hot dog stands or recipients of Michelin stars.

So it behooves us to support

them so they're still with us — and laid-off restaurant workers can return to their jobs — when things get back to normal.

What would Argyle Street be without its Vietnamese restaurants? Taylor Street without its Italian joints? Or the West Loop without the adventurous restaurants that have helped spur companies like McDonald's to construct gleaming corporate headquarters in the once-gritty market district?

As Jane Jacobs forcefully argued in her classic 1961 book, "The Death and Life of Great American Cities," restaurants and other small businesses represent one of the defining characteristics of urban life — diversity.

Combine high concentrations of people with other essential ingredients, like the mixing of

businesses, shops and housing in a single area, and you have a ready recipe for exuberant diversity.

Suburbs, Jacobs wrote, "are natural homes for huge supermarkets and for little else in the way of groceries. ... There are simply not enough people to support further variety."

But cities, she added, "are the natural homes of supermarkets and standard movie houses plus delicatessens, Viennese bakers, foreign groceries, art movies, and so on, all of which can be found coexisting, the standard with the strange, the large with the small."

Granted, much has changed since Jacobs wrote those words. Suburbs like Evanston, Oak Park, Highland Park and Naperville boast lively downtowns where population density is encouraged, and the retail and restaurant

scenes are correspondingly sophisticated.

But the core of Jacobs' argument holds even if the urban-suburban divide is no longer as pronounced as it once was: Dense pools of people create ideal spawning grounds for new enterprises and ideas. Restaurants are but one example of this phenomenon.

And now we have a chance to help them.

Even though Gov. J.B. Pritzker's stay-at-home/social-distancing mandate forbids restaurants from providing in-house dining — meaning wait staff are furloughed or laid off and are wondering how to pay the bills — they are permitted to handle carryout orders.

As a result, we can still taste —

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Acquisition of Chicago marijuana company Verano Holdings called off

BY ALLY MAROTTI

An \$850 million deal to buy Verano Holdings has been terminated, marking the second high-dollar acquisition of a Chicago marijuana company to fall through in less than a year.

Phoenix-based Harvest Health & Recreation announced it planned buy Verano Holdings just over a year ago. The deal would have given Harvest the right to operate Verano's cultivation facility and dispensaries in Illinois, plus its operations in other states.

The Illinois operations would have been a big win for Harvest. Recreational sales started in the state Jan. 1 and in the first two months, customers spent more than \$74.2 million on legal weed.

The deal was called off

in part because of delays caused by regulatory hurdles and adverse conditions in the capital markets.

"Now with the COVID-19 pandemic often being dealt with in the very agencies that must approve the transaction, it has become clear that this combination would not be completed within the established time frame," Verano CEO George Archos said in a statement. "We look forward to continuing to grow our operations as one of the largest privately held multistate operators in the U.S."

The Tribune previously reported that the deal was expected to close in the first half of 2019.

There are no breakup fees as a result of the deal termination, according to a news release from Harvest.

In October, marijuana companies MedMen Enterprises and Chicago-based PharmaCann called off a \$682 million acquisition that had also been delayed by regulatory hurdles. In that case, MedMen got a piece of PharmaCann's Illinois business, including a dispensary, a cultivation center and a license to open another retail store.

The deals to acquire PharmaCann and Verano were made amid a flurry of big-dollar acquisitions in Illinois and around the country. It also came in the midst of an outpouring of investment into rapidly expanding marijuana companies.

But the atmosphere surrounding cannabis investments has changed. Investors are sheepish, and share prices of publicly

traded marijuana companies were down even before fears of the new coronavirus pandemic started shaking up markets.

In Illinois, however, the demand for marijuana remains strong, both from recreation customers and medical patients.

Some dispensaries have shut down completely in an effort to protect their medical patients, many of whom have compromised immune systems, from the spread of COVID-19. Others have reduced hours or halted recreational sales.

Verano has a grow facility in Albion and a dispensary in St. Charles. It is also part owner of a dispensary in Effingham.

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without internet or computer access, or who encounter technical difficulties submitting online, spokeswoman Rebecca Cisco said Monday.

Armistead said he does not have an alternative to unemployment benefits. He said he only had enough money saved for essentials, and will likely need to use a credit card to pay his rent this month.

"Most people in the restaurant industry don't make a ton of money. We're living relatively paycheck to paycheck," he said. "We don't have a lot saved up, so I really do need these unemployment benefits."

An expansion of unemployment benefits could be coming via an economic relief package nearing final approval in Congress. The bill would provide an extra \$600 a week on top of what states provide, and 13 weeks of benefits beyond the six months of aid most states offer.

Notably, the bill would also expand eligibility for unemployment benefits to include gig workers such as Uber drivers.

The expanded eligibility and continued job losses are expected to keep unemployment claims coming. Other states have also faced technical issues, and as those kinks are worked out, more claims are filed.

"Each day that goes by, there's going to be additional people filing for unemployment benefits," said Mark Hamrick, senior economic analyst for Bankrate.com. "I absolutely expect we'll see (unemployment claims) numbers that have million or millions attached to them for the foreseeable future."

Nationally, the volume of unemployment claims last week was five times as large as its peak during the Great Recession, according to Oxford Economics. The financial forecaster predicts 15 million to 20 million job losses in the coming weeks, with the unemployment rate passing 10% in April.

Unemployment insurance is a joint state and federal endeavor, according to the Illinois Department of Employment Security. Certain employers must make contributions to the fund used to pay unemployment benefits.

Often, employer contributions are not made on behalf of contract or gig workers, which is why those workers normally are

not eligible for unemployment benefits.

Illinois also has loosened requirements for those receiving unemployment benefits under emergency rules adopted to respond to the outbreak. A person is considered to be actively seeking work as long as they're prepared to return to work as soon as the employer reopens.

The state also said people who have to stay home from work to care for a child would be considered eligible for benefits after Pritzker issued an executive order temporarily closing schools.

How to apply
Applying for unemployment in Illinois for the first time? Here are some tips:

- Go to www2.illinois.gov/ ides to apply for benefits online.

- Claims cannot be submitted using a smartphone, but rather must be sent through a desktop, laptop or tablet.

- Earlier this week, the state urged people to submit claims before 10 a.m. or after 3 p.m., and to refrain from calling to check on the status or from trying to file over the phone.

- If technical glitches are encountered, the customer service line is 800-244-5631.

- File for benefits in the state you worked in. If an employee lives in Indiana but worked in Illinois, the person should file for unemployment in Illinois.

- Set up direct deposits for unemployment benefits. That will ensure there are no mail-related delays, said Bankrate's Hamrick.

- Read the website carefully before filing. Details are changing daily.

- Don't panic if a glitch is encountered. Be persistent. "It's a week-by-week program so if you get through on Monday versus getting through on Friday, it doesn't make a difference," said Andrew Stettner, senior fellow at The Century Foundation, a nonpartisan think tank.

- Applicants will be asked if they are searching for work or are available for work. Answer yes to those questions if possible, Stettner said. Illinois has said that to be eligible for unemployment benefits, applicants must be ready to return to work when their employer reopens.

- Be aware: The check won't come immediately, Stettner said. Typically, applicants get payments 14 to 21 days after filing online.

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North American assembly plants in April that were closed due to the threat of coronavirus.

All three Detroit automakers suspended production at U.S. factories a week ago under pressure from the United Auto Workers union, which had concerns about worker safety.

The Ford decision comes as the number of people infected by the virus spikes in Michigan. On Wednesday the state reported at least 2,294 infections and that the number of deaths nearly doubled from 24 to 43.

Two Detroit-area hospital systems said they are caring for more than 1,000 COVID-19 patients at 13 hospitals. At Beaumont Health and Henry Ford Health System, operating rooms were being converted into intensive care

units and clinics had been turned into rooms for patients needing other medical care.

President Donald Trump said Wednesday he is hoping the United States will be reopened by Easter as he weighs how to relax nationwide social-distancing guidelines to put some workers back on the job during the coronavirus outbreak.

Dr. Amesh Adalja, an infectious disease specialist and senior scholar at the Center for Health Security at Johns Hopkins, said by April 14, experts will have a better idea what the trajectory is for new coronavirus cases and whether factories can be run with appropriate social distancing. It's important, he said, to find ways to operate factories safely. "I would say we have to think about what the path forward is going to be," he said.

The decisions on whether to reopen factories should be based on

local virus transmissions and infections, he said, adding that the number of people infected is going to rise because of additional testing that is now being done.

Cole Stevenson, a worker who installs steering wheels at Ford's huge pickup truck plant in Dearborn, said a reopening three weeks into the future is probably long enough to protect workers. "If they've researched up enough on how long the virus lives on surfaces and things like that, and they're doing their part to keep that at a minimum, I guess I'm not too inclined to worry," he said.

Stevenson said other workers may be more apprehensive about the virus, but he says he keeps his distance to guard against the coronavirus.

The UAW's Gamble, though, suggested that Ford keep worker safety at the top of its list before restarting operations. "The only guideline in a

boardroom should be management asking themselves, 'Would I send my family — my own son or daughter — into that plant and be 100% certain they are safe?'" Gamble said.

The Ford Motor factories, which largely make highly profitable pickup trucks, commercial vans and big SUVs, are key to Ford's financial health. The Ford F-150 pickup made at the Dearborn Truck plant is the top-selling vehicle in America that's responsible for much of the company's profit.

The Ford factories were to be closed until March 30. Combined, the Detroit automakers have about 150,000 unionized factory workers.

Two union workers from Fiat Chrysler plants in the Detroit area and Kokomo, Indiana, have died this week from complications due to the virus, but it's not clear whether they got it at the factories or elsewhere.

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Want to refinance if rates drop again? Here's how to be ready

When mortgage rates dropped to historic lows early this month, refinancing applications shot through the roof. One source compared the mortgage lender industry during that week as similar to Home Depot before a coming hurricane.

Since then, mortgage rates have been yo-yoing given the uncertainty of financial markets during the coronavirus pandemic, as well as the Fed's two emergency rate drops. But while current rates may not be enticing, recent rate movements have been exceptionally erratic and in these unprecedented times, it's entirely possible they will drop to lows again.

That's why it's good to prepare now (while lenders are catching their breath) if you think you'll want to refinance if rates drop again. Having your financial situation in order will be necessary if you want your application approved to lock a new low rate.

The first step is to calculate whether you have

enough equity in your home to allow for refinancing. You'll only be able to refinance up to 80% of your home's appraised value, so if your current mortgage plus any home equity debt exceeds 80%, you'll need to wait until you pay down more of those balances.

Second, take a look at your other debts. Do you have credit card balances or personal loans you can pay off before applying for a refinance? The ratio of your debt to your income is one of the primary drivers in lender decisions.

Lastly, assess your credit. If your score is below 760, you may want to bolster it before applying to refinance, since the higher your score, the more likely you'll be approved and the better rate you'll receive. Paying off debt is one way to improve your score, but also check your credit report for errors and avoid applying for any new credit until after you refinance.



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Hopleaf employees Sarah and Sue Tiritilli put together packages of ingredients to go with the restaurant's popular mussels dish March 17.

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and smell — the benefits that restaurants bring us, including those of Polish sausage and hot dog stands like Express Grill at 1260 S. Union Ave.

Tim Samuelson, Chicago's official cultural historian, loves to take in the smell of cooking onions as he drives by these places.

"I enjoy rolling down the windows," Samuelson wrote in an email. "And when I take people there on driving tours, I have them close their eyes and tell me when they first smell the windows." Samuelson wrote in an email. "And when I take people there on driving tours, I have them close their eyes and tell me when they first smell the windows. Usually we're two blocks away."

Imagine Chicago without places like this — with more empty storefronts, fewer reasons for customers to head to local business districts, and a lower tax base.

It's a lesser Chicago. So if you're taking a walk or a drive, which are allowed under the governor's

order, I suggest you combine it with a stop at your local restaurant and get a carryout order.

The dollars you spend probably won't be enough to pay the wages of laid-off waiters, dishwashers and cooks, but you will be supporting an establishment that's been cooking for you and comforting you. And you'll be showing the people who still work there that you care for them and want to help them. If enough customers do that, it could help sustain a key aspect of urban life.

Besides, eating *al fresco* instead of dining in can be half the fun, as Samuelson says of his trips to spots like Express Grill: "My personal favorite way of enjoying these places is to spread the food out on the hood of your car. That seems as safe as you can get in a coronavirus world."

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Many businesses cautious about restarting economy

Health experts recommend lifting restrictions gradually

BY MICHELLE R. SMITH AND DEE-ANN DURBIN
Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — President Donald Trump wants the country open for business by mid-April, but some experts warn it's not as easy as flipping a switch: Economies run on confidence, and that is likely to be in short supply for as long as coronavirus cases in the United States are still rising.

Trump this week said he wants businesses "opened up and just raring to go by Easter," which falls on April 12. That contradicts many public health experts, who warn that restrictions should only be lifted gradually and once more data about infection rates is available. They expect efforts to curb the disease will continue for several months at least.

Despite wild swings in financial markets and signs that unemployment is surging — both of which could hurt Trump in an election year — many businesses say it's not clear that reopening will be even an option in a few weeks: They have to follow the orders set in each state, and many of those

are open ended or could be extended at any time. They are worried that opening too soon could be seen as irresponsible. And even if they did reopen, would customers come if the virus isn't under control?

"He's not being realistic. How can you open if the cases are climbing day after day?" asked Paul Boutros, who owns East Side Pockets, a small restaurant that has lost most of its business since nearby Brown University sent students home two weeks ago.

Business groups, including the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the National Federation of Independent Business, are cautious. They say reopening is a call health experts will have to make; in the meantime, they're focused on getting financial help for businesses.

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo — whose dire warnings and sometimes scolding tone in his daily briefings have often made him a foil for Trump during the outbreak — has suggested a staged opening eventually. He said that perhaps younger people who appear to be less affected or people who had recovered from the virus — if scientists

are able to confirm that means they have immunity — could start to go back to work.

Cuomo said there was no need to "choose between a smart health strategy and smart economic strategy. We can do both and we must do both."

But as difficult as it was to shut down large parts of the American economy, restarting them may be even harder, especially if it happens while there is still uncertainty about the outbreak's trajectory. If a restart comes too early, it could also further fuel the pandemic, in which more than 20,000 people have already died globally.

Economic research on previous pandemics that weren't as severe has found that people voluntarily pulled back on shopping, travel and other activity to avoid exposure from crowds, according to Constantine Hunter, chief economist at KPMG. So consumer spending would likely remain weak even if businesses largely reopened.

Durbin reported from Ann Arbor, Michigan. The AP's Chris Rugaber in Washington contributed.

Stocks surge again as aid bill nears passage

BY STAN CHOE, ALEX VEIGA AND DAMIAN J. TROISE
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stocks marched higher for a third consecutive day Friday as a massive coronavirus relief bill gets closer to passing Congress and Wall Street took some historically bad unemployment figures in stride.

The S&P 500 rose 6.2%, bringing its three-day rally to 17.6%. The Dow industrials have risen 21.3% since Monday.

Nearly 3.3 million Americans applied for unemployment benefits last week, easily shattering the prior record set in 1982.

Analysts said the market shot higher Thursday because Wall Street knew the bad news on unemployment was coming. The gains earlier this week came as Capitol Hill and the Federal Reserve promised an astonishing amount of aid for the economy and markets, hoping to support them as the outbreak causes more businesses to shut down.

"There is no sugarcoating these numbers — they are bad," said Jamie Cox, managing partner for Harris Financial Group. "Markets have had several days to digest what everyone knew was coming; therefore, the market response to these numbers may differ than what people might expect."

The S&P 500 remains 22% below its February high and analysts expect more market turbulence to come.

Benchmark U.S. oil slid 7.7% to \$22.60 a barrel. Goldman Sachs has forecast that it will fall well below \$20 a barrel in the next two months because storage will be filled to the brim and wells will have to be closed off.

The Dow was also adding to its gains this week. It rose 6.4%, or 1,351.62 points to 22,552.17. The Nasdaq gained 413.24 points, or 5.6%, to 7,797.54.

The benchmark S&P 500 index rose 154.51 points to 2,630.07.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

G-20 vows to aid global economy

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres told leaders of the world's 20 major industrialized nations during an emergency virtual summit Thursday that "we are at war with a virus — and not winning it" despite dramatic measures by countries to seal their borders, shutter businesses and enforce home isolation for well over a quarter of the world's population.

The Group of 20 nations, which faces criticism for not taking cohesive action against the virus or its economic impact, vowed to work together. G-20 members said they are collectively injecting more than \$4.8 trillion into the global economy to counteract the social and financial effects of the pandemic.

Virus leads to cut in lottery jackpots

DES MOINES, Iowa — Hoping to escape all the coronavirus-caused economic uncertainty by winning a giant lottery jackpot?

Think again. Those jackpots are going to shrink as the pandemic tamps down lottery sales.

The group that oversees the Powerball game announced Wednesday that it would cut minimum jackpots from \$40 million to \$20 million after there is a winner of the current big prize.

The jackpot also could grow more slowly, with minimum increases of \$2 million instead of the normal \$10 million after each twice-weekly drawing.

The other national lottery game in the United States, Mega Millions, is considering a similar move.

COVID19 SUPPLIES

Start To buy Help Follow your order

Hand sanitizer gel 50 ml €19-€12.40

KN95 mask (Pack of 10) €29,90-€22

Latex gloves (100 Units) €19,90-€16,20

SAVE €5

SAVE €2

Hand sanitizer gel 250 ml €29-€24

Sanitizer gel 50 ml €16-€14

DISPOSABLE MASKS 10Pcs

Disposable mask (10-20-50-100 packs) €15+

THE NEW YORK TIMES

Shopify has registered nearly 500 new e-commerce sites over the past two months with names that include "corona" or "covid."

Suspect websites spreading

Via Shopify, fly-by-night businesses sell dubious virus-fighting products

BY MICHAEL H. KELLER AND TAYLOR LORENZ
The New York Times

A popular technology company that has helped launch thousands of online retail sites has become a favorite tool for fly-by-night businesses looking to cash in on the coronavirus pandemic.

New e-commerce sites that use the company's services are filled with wildly exaggerated claims about virus-fighting products that may not even exist.

The New York Times analyzed registrations with the company, Shopify, which allows just about anyone with an email address and a credit card to create retail websites in short order. The company, which in the past helped build such successful e-commerce sites as Kylie Cosmetics, the \$1.2 billion beauty brand founded by Kylie Jenner, has registered nearly 500 new sites over the past two months with names that include "corona" or "covid." The Times found. Untold others have been started using other names.

One of the new sites marketed an "oxygen concentration" machine for \$3,080. Another had the "Corona Necklace Air Purifier," which for \$59 claimed to provide "All Day Protection." A third offered a \$299 pill that promised "Anti-Viral Protection" for 30 days. And sites such as CoronavirusGetHelp.com and test-for-covid19.com marketed home test kits for \$29.99 to \$79, none of which have been approved by the Food and Drug Administration.

Many of the sellers do not actually possess the goods, nor have they verified that the products are legitimate. Often, the sites' operators are middlemen who fulfill customers' orders by buying items on other websites — a kind of digital arbitrage known as "drop-shipping." Shopify is attractive to these new businesses because its software can integrate the sites with the distant vendors, mostly in China.

Amy Hufft, a Shopify spokeswoman, said the company last week closed more than 4,500 sites related to the virus. She said sites that did not back up the medical claims they made were suspended from the platform. By Monday, nearly all the sites identified by The Times had been removed.

"Our teams continue to actively review COVID-19 related products and businesses, and stores that violate our policies

will be immediately taken down," she said in an email.

Gibril Bachouchi, a 20-year-old Canadian engineering student in Algiers, told the Times in a video call how he started his Shopify site, killcoronavirus19.com.

Bachouchi said he created the store to raise money for a hospital where his aunt works as a doctor, after hearing it was short on face masks and other equipment. His site advertised the \$3,080 oxygen machine last week, and a COVID-19 testing kit for \$30.40, among other products.

"I was just like, 'I'm a 20-year-old kid — what can I do to help a bit?'" Bachouchi said.

Bachouchi said he used Shopify's algorithm to set competitive prices and choose a markup. As of last week, he had made no sales.

"Shopify pushes you to spend as much as you can on marketing," Bachouchi said. "I just don't have the money."

Though Shopify has been policing the new sites, it also encourages its customers to go into the drop-shipping business. It offers a guide for starting such a business and makes money from them by charging a monthly fee and a percentage of sales. The Canadian company is one of the largest turnkey e-commerce sites in the world, bringing in \$1.5 billion last year.



RICK SMITH/AP 2003

Boxes of Marshmallow Peeps are lined up at the Just Born factory in Bethlehem, Pa.

Peeps factories shut down; Easter supply safe

Associated Press

BETHLEHEM, Pa. — No more Peeps are being hatched for at least a couple of weeks — but it shouldn't affect Easter baskets.

The Bethlehem, Pennsylvania-based Just Born confections company said its production facilities there and in Philadelphia closed Wednesday through April 7.

But the company says it had already produced and shipped the Easter supply of its signature marshmallow confection

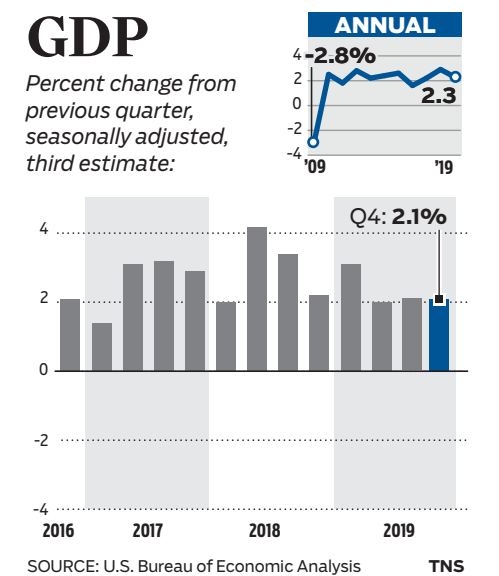
to outlets.

Just Born says the popular Peeps & Company retail store in Center Valley, Pennsylvania, is also closed for now.

The store is billed as a Peeps "experience" and features light displays, historical videos and merchandise.

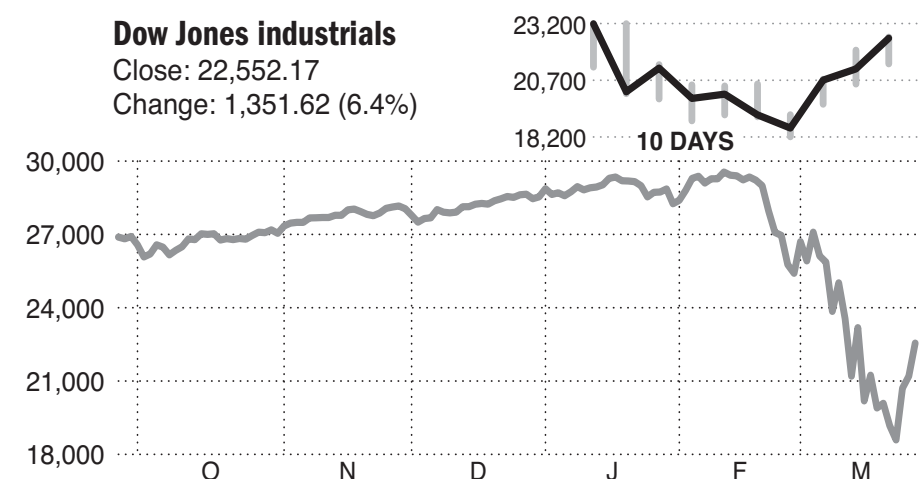
The company also makes other candies, including Mike and Ikes and Goldenberg's Peanut Chews.

Just Born officials say that inventories of those candies had been shipped prior to the production stoppage, but that they might be in short supply at some retailers.



MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow High: 22,595.06 Low: 21,427.10 Previous: 21,200.55



Nasdaq	S&P 500	Russell 2000
+413.24 (+5.60%)	+154.51 (+6.24%)	+69.95 (+6.30%)
Close: 7,797.54	Close: 2,630.07	Close: 1,180.32
High: 7,809.82	High: 2,637.01	High: 1,180.32
Low: 7,462.21	Low: 2,500.72	Low: 1,116.30
Previous: 7,384.30	Previous: 2,475.56	Previous: 1,110.37

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
-0.04 to .81%	+17.80 to \$1,650.10	-2.15 to 109.22/\$1	-0.0145 to .9057/\$1	-1.89 to \$22.60

Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW +12.27	NASD +9.05	S&P +9.16	DOW -12.48	NASD -8.98	S&P -11.71	DOW -12.31	NASD +1.67	S&P -6.58

FUTURES

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 20	579.50	583	564.50	569	-11
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 20	348.25	349.25	343.75	348.75	+25
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 20	882.50	884.50	871.25	880.25	-1.25
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	May 20	26.64	26.77	26.23	26.50	-1.4
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	May 20	321.40	327.70	317.20	322.90	+1.20
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl- dollars per bbl.	May 20	24.25	24.65	22.38	22.60	-1.89
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Apr 20	1.657	1.680	1.612	1.637	-0.22
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Apr 20	.5663	.6141	.5238	.5438	-0.0030

Source: The Associated Press

LOCAL STOCKS

Stocks listed may change due to daily fluctuations in market capitalization. Exchange key: N=NYSE, O=NASDAQ

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	75.81	+5.06	Dover Corp	N	84.61	+4.02	Littelfuse Inc	O	138.37	+12.58
AbbVie Inc	N	73.83	+5.92	Envestnet Inc	N	59.87	+3.25	McDonalds Corp	N	167.35	+4.37
Allstate Corp	N	89.50	+6.50	Equity Commonwlt	N	32.22	+1.14	Middleby Corp	O	61.03	+5.34
Anixter Intl	N	89.25	-.75	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	53.98	+4.59	Mondelez Intl	O	48.90	+2.79
Aptargroup Inc	N	96.20	+6.02	Equity Residential	N	59.23	+4.66	Morningstar Inc	O	118.48	+1.21
Arch Dan Mid	N	34.46	+1.76	Exelon Corp	O	36.59	+2.04	Motorola Solutions	N	148.99	+15.33
Baxter Intl	N	80.17	+6.60	First Indl RT	N	30.92	+2.19	NiSource Inc	N	24.55	+1.72
Boeing Co	N	180.55	+21.82	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	44.45	+2.04	Nthn Trust Cp	O	75.35	+2.49
Brunswick Corp	N	37.50	+2.35	Gallagher AJ	N	80.78	+3.57	Old Republic	N	14.80	+1.22
CBOE Global Markets	N	90.82	+10.82	Grainger WW	N	249.02	+11.73	Packaging Corp Am	N	87.27	+7.44
CDK Global Inc	O	35.50	+1.34	GrubHub Inc	N	38.16	+2.41	Payload Hldg	O	96.72	+4.18
CDW Corp	O	101.06	+9.15	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	102.20	+6.62	RLI Corp	N	86.12	+6.49
CF Industries	N	28.25	+1.23	IAA Inc	N	32.73	+2.15	Stericycle Inc	O	43.15	+4.93
CME Group	O	174.84	+18.51	IDEX Corp	N	125.81	+6.45	TransUnion	N	70.70	+4.91
CNA Financial	N	32.62	+1.99	ITW	N	150.49	+6.96	US Foods Holding	N	18.96	+2.02
Cabot Microelect	O	118.08	+15.54	Ingredion Inc	N	74.93	+5.05	Ultra Salon Cosmetics	O	188.83	-3.05
Caterpillar Inc	N	110.50	+5.83	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	102.17	+10.96	United Airlines Hldg	O	35.55	-1.05
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	27.85	+1.77	Kemper Corp	N	73.66	+3.18	Ventas Inc	N	28.73	+3.33
Deere Co	N	139.09	+10.60	Kraft Heinz Co	O	24.77	+1.81	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	45.67	+4.23
Discover Fin Svcs	N	41.71	+4.26	LKQ Corporation	O	22.25	+2.25	Zebra Tech	O	197.51	+11.28

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
MFA Financial	1.70	+5.16
Ford Motor	5.25	+1.14
Gen Electric	8.12	+1.56
Bank of America	22.72	+1.62
Aurora Cannabis Inc	.91	+0.16
Carnival Corp	17.82	+2.27
Chesapk Engy	.19	+0.03
Ocecl Petl	12.83	+8.83
AT&T Inc	30.60	+2.20
Boeing Co	180.55	+21.82
Itau Unibanco Hldg	4.90	+1.18
Delta Air Lines	31.70	+6.60
Ambev S.A.	2.64	+0.27
Energy Transfer LP	5.08	+1.16
Norwegian Cruise Ln	15.71	-1.25
Marathon Oil	3.88	+0.30
BP PLC	24.42	+1.13
Exxon Mobil Corp	38.82	+1.53
MGM Resorts Intl	13.45	+5.00
Wells Fargo & Co	30.90	+1.93
Annaly Capital Mgmt	6.34	+3.39
Uber Technologies	28.12	+1.93
Petrobras	5.81	+0.01
Pfizer Inc	31.75	+2.00

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alibaba Group Hldg	195.32	+6.76
Alphabet Inc C	1161.75	+59.26
Alphabet Inc A	1162.92	+61.30
Amazon.com Inc	1955.49	+69.65
Apple Inc	258.44	+12.92
Berkshire Hath B	183.90	+3.43
Facebook Inc	163.34	+7.13
HSBC Holdings prA	24.79	+5.2
Intel Corp	55.54	+4.28
JPMorgan Chase	98.12	+6.39
Johnson & Johnson	126.57	+7.17
MasterCard Inc	263.18	+6.70
Microsoft Corp	156.11	+9.19
Procter & Gamble	107.38	+6.46
Taiwan Semicon	49.87	+8.7
Unitedhealth Group	255.39	+20.90
Verizon Comm	53.54	+3.60
Visa Inc	168.88	+7.10
Walmart Strs	109.82	+4.2

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AmrcnBalA m	25.21	+9.8	-1.6
American Funds CptWldGrInCA	m42.02	+2.06	-9.1
American Funds CptInclBldrA	m53.20	+2.08	-7.9
American Funds FdmtInvsA m	50.05	+2.89	-7.2
American Funds GrfAmrCA m	44.09	+2.24	-2.4
American Funds InvAmrCA m	19.37	+8.2	-7.0
American Funds IncAmrCA m	32.25	+1.67	-7.9
American Funds NwPrspctvA m	39.34	+1.82	-4.4
American Funds WAMtInvsA m	38.30	+2.47	-8.4
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	31.07	+1.17	-20.0
Dodge & Cox Stk	139.46	+5.42	-16.9
DoubleLine TlRetBd	10.20
Fidelity 500dInxPrm	91.63	+5.39	-4.8
Fidelity Contrafund	11.95	+5.8	-3
Fidelity InvMGradeBd	11.38	+1.0	+5.1
Fidelity TlMktIdInxPrm	72.92	+4.26	-7.0
Fidelity USBldInxPrm	12.14	+0.7	+8.2
Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	1.86	...	-14.8
Metropolitan West TlRetBd	10.90	...	-14.8
PIMCO InCl2	10.82	+1.7	-6.0
PIMCO InClStk	10.82	+1.7	-5.9
PIMCO TlRetInls	10.40	+1.0	+6.6
Schwab SP500dInx	38.03	...	-9.7
T. Rowe Price BCGR	103.83	...	-5.8
T. Rowe Price GrStk	60.76	...	-5.6
Vanguard 500dInxAdmrl	242.69	+14.26	-4.8
Vanguard BalldAdmrl	34.63	+1.32	-7.5
Vanguard DivGrInV	25.59	+1.62	-2.7
Vanguard GrldAdmrl	82.06	+4.48	+3.7
Vanguard HCAmrl	76.44	+4.22	-6.6
Vanguard InTrnGdAdm	9.70	+1.1	+3.2
Vanguard InTrTEAdmrl	14.32	+3.4	+3.8
Vanguard InslIdInx	234.51	+13.77	-4.8
Vanguard InslIdInxPlus	234.52	+13.78	-4.8
Vanguard InslTSMInPls	54.67	+3.19	-7.0
Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl	89.22	+3.46	...
Vanguard MdCpldAdmrl	167.75	+9.43	-13.5
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl	117.42	+6.50	-5.3
Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	10.36	+0.7	+7
Vanguard SmCpldAdmrl	56.75	+3.25	-20.6
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	29.25	+8.9	-1.6
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	17.43	+6.1	-3.1
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	31.43	+1.20	-4.3
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	19.05	+7.9	-5.7
Vanguard TlBldInxAdmrl	11.22	+0.7	+8.0
Vanguard TlBldInx	11.22	+0.7	+8.0
Vanguard TlInBldInxAdmrl	22.60	+1.7	+4.8
Vanguard TlInBldInx	33.91	+2.4	+4.9
Vanguard TlInBldInxV	11.30	+0.8	+4.8
Vanguard TlInBldInxAdmrl	23.07	+1.00	-14.5
Vanguard TlInSldInx	92.26	+4.00	-14.4
Vanguard TlInSldInxPlus	92.28	+4.00	-14.4
Vanguard TlInSldInxV	13.79	+5.9	-14.6
Vanguard TlSMIdInxAdmrl	63.91	+3.74	-7.0
Vanguard TlSMIdInx	63.92	+3.74	-7.0
Vanguard TlSMIdInxV	63.89	+3.73	-7.1
Vanguard WlngtAdmrl	64.35	+2.97	-1.9
Vanguard WlslyInCAmrl	60.34	+2.12	+5
Vanguard WndrslAdmrl	49.78	+2.75	-10.9

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

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ACROSS

- Acrobat's training area
- As likely __; probably
- One evicted from a garden
- Leaping parasite
- Piece of asparagus
- Theater box
- In case
- Found fault with
- Still
- Lennon & Astin
- City in England
- Dark wood
- Morning hour
- Jam or jelly
- Comfortably warm
- Light narrow boat
- Prickly plant
- Massage
- Like cupcake tops
- Deeavored
- Brief
- Word commuqé
- Word attached to nut or coat
- Bursting at the __; too full
- Like candy bears or jelly beans
- Gloomy

DOWN

- Narrow backstreets
- Daiquiri ingredient
- Crayola color
- Many a time
- Bilbao's nation
- Brylcreem amount
- Hazardous; uncertain
- Very festive dance
- From CA to NY
- In seclusion
- Elbow-bumper's cry
- Wacko
- Harbor towns
- English letter
- Mirth
- Days of yore
- Floor pad
- Go higher
- Aerosol
- German's refusal
- Quaker product
- Numerical prefix
- Visitors from outer space
- Not off
- Ripened
- Pills, for short
- Annoying insect

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OBITUARIES

ANNA VASSER 1954-2020

'Quintessential political producer' oversaw coverage for decades

By **BOB GOLDSBOROUGH**

Anna Vasser was a versatile producer at WMAQ-Ch. 5 who for decades oversaw the station's coverage of political debates, conventions, election nights and inaugurations.

"She set the standard for political producers," said retired Channel 5 political editor Dick Kay. "She was the quintessential political producer and human being. And she was fearless."

Vasser, 66, died of complications from kidney cancer on Feb. 26 at her Lincoln Park home, said her husband of 38 years, Channel 5 photojournalist Paul Nagaro. She was diagnosed with the disease in 2013.

Born in Chicago, Vasser grew up on the West Side and later moved with her family to Elmwood Park. She graduated from Oak Park and River Forest High School and earned a bachelor's degree in journalism from Drake University.

While in college, Vasser covered the 1976 Iowa caucuses for WHO-TV in Des Moines. After graduating, she joined Channel 5 as a news desk assistant.

Vasser worked her way up the ranks in the station's newsroom, becoming a news writer, field producer, assignment desk editor and producer for the station's Unit Five investigative reporting team.

As an investigative producer, Vasser went undercover for a Peabody Award-winning investigation that revealed that Chicago police were illegally performing strip searches of women who had been arrested.

The story, which aired in February 1979, was reported by then-Channel 5 news anchor Jim Ruddle and described by then-Tribune TV critic Gary Deeb as a "blistering 15-minute report" that exposed "the physical and emotional savagery that some police officers inflict on women they



SMITH/WRIGHT PHOTOGRAPHY

Anna Vasser was a producer at WMAQ-Ch. 5 for decades.

arrest for minor violations."

For the story, Vasser allowed herself to be arrested for making an illegal left turn and then was taken to a police station but never was actually strip searched. She was "somebody of absolutely complete willingness to go along with what was necessary," Ruddle said.

Beginning in 1988, Vasser began focusing on political coverage at Channel 5. She also produced documentaries and won numerous Chicago/Midwest Emmy Awards, including in 1990 for the public affairs program "See America First: The Abe Stolar Story."

Hosted by now-former Channel 5 reporter Rich Samuels, the program was about a 77-year-old, Chicago-born man who returned to the city in 1989 after living in the Soviet Union for 58 years.

In 1985, Vasser produced the half-hour documentary "The Murder and the Movement, the Emmett Till Story," about Till's 1955 lynching, and its subsequent impact on race relations and the civil rights movement.

"She was able to get along with a wide variety of people and especially people who had ... egos as you can imagine in the business," Samuels said. "She was able

to assume multiple functions and most importantly adapt to the changing newsroom."

Vasser produced specials for Channel 5 about Bruce Springsteen's Born in the U.S.A. tour in 1985 and the United Airlines Flight 232 plane crash in Sioux City, Iowa, in 1989, and she also was the station's senior producer for coverage of the Summer Olympics in Atlanta in 1996.

In 2003, Vasser began producing Channel 5's weekly political talk show, "City Desk," working with political reporters and editors Kay, Carol Marin and Mary Ann Ahern. She continued producing daily newscasts and at the time of her death was producing the station's 5 p.m. weekday newscast.

"The politics and news of Chicago coursed through Anna Vasser," said Channel 5 newscast director Patrick Lake. "(She was) an intelligent and tough woman who was a pioneer for women who worked in male-dominated newsrooms."

Retired Channel 5 investigative reporter Peter Karl praised Vasser's levelheadedness and her versatility.

"She was always there to help anybody, and whether or not it was a feature story or it was an investigative piece, if she was there to help you, she was always all-in," Karl said.

At the time of her death, Vasser was on medical leave from Channel 5.

In 2011, Vasser and her husband were inducted into the Silver Circle of the Chicago/Midwest chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.

In addition to her husband, Vasser is survived by two daughters, Arianna and Theodora Nagaro; and a sister, Desni Kramer.

Services were held.

Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.

Chicago Tribune Death Notices

Chicago Tribune extends our condolences to the families and loved ones of those who have passed.

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In Memoriam

Joe Rubin

In loving memory of Joe Rubin. Husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, mentor, partner and friend. Your wisdom, kindness, knowledge, generosity and unselfish love remain in our hearts, our memories of you do not fade. Brother Joe, you are forever loved and forever missed.

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Death Notices

Batt, Samuel L. 'Toots'

Samuel L (Toots) Batt 99 loving husband of Pearl (nee Borr) passed away on March 19, 2020. Beloved father of Sandra (Terry) Sterling and Ira (Beth) Batt. Devoted son to the late Harry and Tillie Batt, caring brother of Annabelle (the late Herman Turchick), the late Nathan (Rebecca) Batt and the late Estelle (William) Leventhal. Proud Grandfather to Rachel (Joshua) Barkley, Heidi Sterling, Brian (Maggie) Batt, Jordan (Shanna) Batt, Jaclyn (Paul) Chernawsky, Zachary (Libby) Batt and Brandon Batt. And the very proud great grandfather to 12.

Memorial donations can be made to the Shriners Children Hospital

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Bess, Barbara Anne Harrison

Barbara Anne Harrison Bess, 66, beloved wife and mother, died March 24, 2020 in South Bend, Indiana, surrounded by her loving family. She was born June 16, 1953 to Clarence Everett Harrison Sr. and Margaret Sanders Harrison of Portsmouth, VA. She is a 1975 alumna of the College of William and Mary, and a 1977 alumna of the Harvard Divinity School. Barbara was active in Chicago parish church choirs throughout the 1980s and 90s, at St. Veronica's, St. Benedict's, and St. Martha's, and taught at Mother Theodore Guerin High School in River Grove, IL for 12 years. Barbara is survived by her husband of 43 years, Philip; her daughter Jennifer of Columbia, SC; her sons Peter (and wife Jessica) of St. Charles, IL and Alexander of Chicago, IL; her grandchildren Matthew, Sarah, and Nicholas Bess; her sister Florence Michener of Portsmouth, VA and her brother Clarence Harrison, Jr. of Suffolk, VA; and many loving cousins, nieces, and a nephew. She was preceded in death by her parents, and by her daughter Hilary Anne Bess. A private funeral will be at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at the University of Notre Dame, with a public memorial service at a future date. Burial will be at Cedar Grove Cemetery in Notre Dame, IN. To view Barbara's full obituary, please visit the Kaniewski Funeral Home website. www.kaniewski.com

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Blustein, Renee S.

Renee S. Blustein, age 80, of Morton Grove, beloved wife for 54 years of the late Jerry Blustein; loving mother of Debbie and Arnie Bender, Marcy and Jon Soble, Amy and Gary Ross, Denise "NeeNee" and Steve Hernandez; adored Gaga of Adam and Larry Bender, Logan and Olivia Soble, Brad and Matthew Ross; devoted daughter of the late Arthur and the late Lillian Sear; cherished sister of Larry and JoAnn Seres; dear sister-in-law of Evie and Larry Belgrade; treasured aunt, cousins, and friend to many. Due to the pandemic virus and concern for the health of our extended family and friends, the Friday graveside service and shiva will be private. The service will be live streamed. Go to www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com, choose "Live Stream" from the menu bar which will direct you to the Facebook page. The live stream will commence Friday at 10:00 a.m. CT. Contributions may be made to Congregation Beth Judea, 5304 RFD, Long Grove, IL 60047, www.bethjudea.org or Cancer Center at Northwestern Medicine Lake Forest Hospital, 1000 N. Westmoreland Rd., Lake Forest, IL 60045, www.nm.org/locations/lake-forest-hospital-oncology. Info: The Goldman Funeral Group (847) 478-1600.

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Diskin, Martin F.

Beloved husband of Mary (nee Reddington); devoted father of Sean (Peggy) and Brian (Deedra); proud and cherished grandfather of Mykala, Meghan and Martin; fond brother of Jimmy (Bridie), Tom (Sheila), Bill (Helen) and the late John (Kathleen) and the late Michael; dear uncle of many nieces and nephews. Native of Russelltown, Co. Galway, Ireland. Funeral services private for family only and a memorial will be celebrated in the future. Arrangements by Cooney Funeral Home. 847-685-1002

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Ehioba, Dr. Robson M.

Dr. Robson Monday Ehioba, Ph.D age 63, passed away on Saturday, March 21, 2020. He was born on March 15, 1957 in Edo State, Nigeria. He immigrated to the United States as a young man to pursue his education. He received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Food Microbiology from Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University, and went on to receive his PhD in Food Microbiology and Biochemistry from Iowa State University. He worked over 35 years in the food safety industry for some of the largest food and beverage companies in the world and most recently as Global Director and Food Safety Lead with PepsiCo. He has received numerous industry awards and honors including PepsiCo VP of R&D Award, PepsiCo Empowered Leadership Award as well as serving as an Advisory Board Member of Iowa State University EAC. Dr. Ehioba enjoyed traveling, particularly to his home country of Nigeria, and to visit his close friends in France, as well as staying active, wine tasting, and spending quality time with his family. He was highly intelligent, compassionate, loyal, kind, charming and honorable—a true renaissance man. Dr. Ehioba leaves to cherish his memory his wife of 27 years, India Alexis Ehioba, his children: Malcolm Ehioba, Robin Ehioba, Angelica Ehioba, Alexander Ehioba, Ashley (Adam) Stephens; his brothers and sisters: Sunday (Patience) Ehioba, Echioze (Mercy) Ehioba, Esther Igbinomwanhia, Omwan (Doris) Ehioba, Eki (James) Osagie, Eghosa Ehioba, and his granddaughters Maya Rose Ehioba and Sawyer Alexis Stephens as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. A private funeral for the immediate family will be held on Monday, March 30, 2020 with Pastor John Kalvic officiating. Interment will follow the service at Naperville Cemetery. A memorial celebration of life for his extended family, friends and colleagues is tentatively planned for the month of June at Beidelman-Kunsch Funeral Homes & Crematory, Naperville. In lieu of flowers, please make donations in memory of Dr. Robson M. Ehioba to Shore Community Services at <https://shoreservices.org>. Info: 630-922-9630 or www.Beidelmankunschfh.com

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Gidwitz, Adele

Adele Lidwitz, nee Bretzfeld, age 102, of Highland Park, beloved wife of the late Willard Lidwitz; loving mother of John Lidwitz and Linda Boyd Lidwitz, Richard and Judy Lidwitz, Susan Lidwitz and Gail Freeman, and the late Paul Lidwitz; adored Grammy of Adam Lidwitz and Lauren Mancina, Zachary Lidwitz and Pai Liu Lidwitz, and Bruno Freeman; proud great grandmother of Eleanor and Julia; devoted daughter of the late Max Bretzfeld and the late Marguerite Bretzfeld Eger; treasured aunt and friend to many. Adele was lovingly cared for by Jackie, Jolanta, Bonnie, Lucy, Niki, Kasia, and Leslie and her devoted granddogg Phoebe. Graveside service Friday is private. Contributions to The Adele and Willard Lidwitz Print and Drawing Fund, The Art Institute of Chicago, 111 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60603. Info: The Goldman Funeral Group, www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com (847) 478-1600.

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Gillette, Richard

Richard Gillette, 78, of Westmont, at rest March 22, 2020. For Richard's full obituary please visit westsuburbanfh.com. Arrangements entrusted to West Suburban Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Info 630-852-8000

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Kallman, John K.

John K. Kallman, 74, of Chicago passed away March 20, 2020. Beloved father of Erin (Charles Luckey); loyal brother of James Kallman and Susan Kallman. Services to follow. Info: www.lakeviewfuneralhome.com 773-472-6300.

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ON MARCH 27 ...

In 1513, Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de Leon sighted Florida.

In 1794, President George Washington and Congress authorized creation of the Navy.

In 1836, the first Mormon temple, in Kirtland, Ohio, was dedicated.

In 1884, the first long-distance telephone call was made, between Boston and New York City.

In 1902, the Chicago Daily News becomes the first-known entity to refer to the city's National League team using the "Cubs" nickname.

In 1912, first lady Helen Taft plants the first Japanese cherry trees in Washington.

In 1917, the Seattle Metropolitans became the first U.S. hockey team to win the Stanley Cup. (They defeated the Montreal Canadiens.)

In 1945, during World War II, Gen. Dwight Eisenhower declared that German military forces on the Western front had been defeated.

In 1958, Nikita Khrushchev became Soviet premier in

addition to first secretary of the Communist Party.

In 1964, Alaska was rocked by an earthquake that killed 114 people.

In 1973, "The Godfather" won the Academy Award for best movie of 1972, but its star, Marlon Brando, refused to accept his Oscar for best actor. (The best-actress award went to Liza Minnelli for her role in "Cabaret.")

In 1977, 582 people were killed when two jumbo jets collided on a runway on Tenerife in the Canary Islands.

In 1994, Ukraine held its first parliamentary elections since the collapse of the Soviet Union.

In 1995, former President Jimmy Carter announced he had brokered a two-month cease-fire between Sudan's Islamic government and rebels.

In 1996, an Israeli court convicted Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's confessed assassin of murder, then sentenced former law student Yigal Amir to life in prison.

In 1997, Dexter King, son of Martin Luther King Jr., met

with James Earl Ray, the man imprisoned for the assassination of the civil-rights leader. Ray denied having anything to do with the shooting, to which King replied, "I believe you."

In 1998, the Food and Drug Administration approved the anti-impotence drug Viagra.

In 2000, the Supreme Court decided that the federal government could deny food stamps and other welfare benefits to people who live permanently in the United States but who are not citizens.

In 2001, in its first specific accusation against a detained U.S.-based scholar, China said Gao Zhan had confessed to spying for foreign intelligence agencies.

In 2003, Serbian police killed two major suspects in the assassination of Prime Minister Zoran Djindjic.

In 2005, in a live Internet interview with Jesse Jackson, Michael Jackson declared himself "completely innocent" of child molestation charges and said he was the victim of a conspiracy.

In 2006, al-Qaida conspirator Zacarias Moussaoui testified at his federal trial that he was supposed to hijack a fifth airplane on Sept. 11, 2001, and fly it into the White House.

In 2008, North Korea underscored its anger over South Korea's tough new stance toward the communist country with the test-firing of short-range missiles.

In 2014, the Census Bureau faulted the worst recession since the Great Depression in announcing that the U.S. recorded the fewest births since 1998, according to 2013 data.

WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

ILLINOIS	
March 26	
Lotto	01 08 09 13 24 41 / 18
Lotto jackpot:	\$6.5M
Pick 3 midday	081 / 7
Pick 4 midday	5605 / 5
Lucky Day Lotto midday	01 06 12 26 32
Pick 3 evening	784 / 0
Pick 4 evening	5380 / 4
Lucky Day Lotto evening	19 20 27 34 39
March 27 Mega Millions:	\$107M
March 28 Powerball:	\$160M
WISCONSIN	
March 26	
Pick 3	334
Pick 4	1079
Badger 5	01 05 11 20 28
SuperCash	04 12 14 17 18 31

INDIANA	
March 26	
Daily 3 midday	647 / 6
Daily 4 midday	5313 / 6
Daily 3 evening	532 / 7
Daily 4 evening	1005 / 7
Cash 5	09 17 32 41 43
MICHIGAN	
March 26	
Daily 3 midday	427
Daily 4 midday	2198
Daily 3 evening	594
Daily 4 evening	2723
Fantasy 5	05 16 24 28 33
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LaPorte, Barry Ignatius

Barry Ignatius LaPorte, 59, of Powder Springs, GA died suddenly in his sleep on March 21, 2020. He was born on June 28, 1960, in Chicago, raised in Maywood and Glen Ellyn, IL and graduated from Glenbard South HS (1979) and the University of IL at Chicago (1986). He began working for United Parcel Service to pay for college and spent most of his 35 years in Training and Development until retirement. Barry lived life to the fullest, always with gusto, a keen sense of humor and an infectious smile. With his optimism, he could take a sad song and make it better. An avid lover of music, literature, film, sports and Civil War history, he inspired others to share in his passion for Monty Python, Marx Brothers, Star Wars, the Cubs, Old Style Beer, Bruce Springsteen and of course, The Beatles. A fierce supporter of independent musicians, Barry (nom de plume Brent Weston) religiously attended and photographed live shows. He also toured with The Huge as the drummer (stage name Brush Plunger), performing regularly at Zigfest. He was whole-heartedly devoted to his family and friends. In his life, he loved them all. Preceded in death by his mother Constance (née Kelly), father Theodore P. and brother Theodore F. (Jean née Glass), and survived by his beloved siblings Gerald LaPorte of Powder Springs, GA, Mary LaPorte (Richard) Witt of Schaumburg, IL, Kelly Anne Garber of Denver, CO, and Dominice (Raymond Einig) LaPorte of Schaumburg, IL; adoring nieces and nephews Kimberly (Jason) Osaki, Sarah (Chad) Register, Theodore LaPorte, Catherine Witt, Anne Marie Witt, Michael Einig, Elizabeth Einig, and Colin Witt; precious grandnephew Bodhi Register; loving stepmother Susan (née Powlesland) LaPorte; caring aunts and cousins; faithful furry companion Stimp; and many loyal friends. Interment will be at Assumption Catholic Cemetery in Wheaton, IL and a celebration of life will be scheduled for a later date. In lieu of flowers or donations, all are encouraged to be kind to each other and to strangers. Barry never had an unkind word to say about anyone. All you need is love.

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Molsen Jr., Nicholas

Nicholas Molsen, Jr. 74 passed away on Wed. March 25, 2020 at Advocate Condell Medical Center in Libertyville. He was born Dec. 4, 1945 in Vincennes, IN and had been a Mundelein resident for the past 40 years. Nick was a US Army veteran, a retired Air Traffic Controller at O'Hare Airport and a member of St. Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church in Mundelein.

Surviving are 3 sons, Nick Molsen, Chris (Courtney) Molsen and Tom (Melanie) Molsen; 6 Grandchildren, Brittany, Seamus, Meghan, Matt, Edward and Elaine; his mother, Eunice Molsen; 3 sisters, Anna, Jane and Marie; 5 brothers, Jeff, Pete, Bruce, Mike and Joe.

He was preceded in death by his wife Mary "Bunny" Molsen on Nov. 16, 2019, by his father Nick Molsen and brother Chris.

Due to the pandemic, funeral services for his family will be held on Monday, March 30, 2020 at the **Burnett-Dane Funeral Home** in Libertyville with interment following at St. Mary's Cemetery in Mundelein. Memorials can be made to the Alzheimers Foundation or Mercy Home for Boys and Girls. Info: 847-362-3009 or please share a memory at www.burnettdane.com.

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Rosenstein, Gerald 'Jerry'

Gerald "Jerry" Rosenstein, 85. Husband of Dolores, nee Paul; cherished father of Mark (Kathy), Steven (Trihh), Elin (James) Lonergan. Grandfather to 10 and great-grandfather to 13. Lifelong devoted Chicago sports fan especially the Bulls, Cubs, Bears & the DePaul Blue Demons. Jerry would never want to put anyone's health at risk during this global health crisis, therefore, the family has made the difficult decision to ask for a private graveside service and will not be holding Shiva. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Jerry's name can be made to The American Cancer Society, www.cancer.org.

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Ruiz, Harriet M.

Harriet M. Ruiz, nee Metropoulos, age 77, beloved wife of John; loving mother of Marco and Michael (Michelle); cherished grandmother of Mariah; dear sister of Demtrios (the late Frances) and Soterios (Mira) Metropoulos; also, nieces and nephews. Visitation Sunday, 1 pm to 2pm and 3 to 4 pm at **Modell Funeral Home**, 7710 S. Cass Ave., Darien. Meeting Monday at Holy Apostle Greek Orthodox Church for a 10:00 a.m. service. Int. Elmwood Cemetery. For info 630-852-3595 or www.modell-dairen.com



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Ruttenberg, Barbara

Barbara Ruttenberg, nee Schulman, 73. Beloved wife for 44 years of Marty; devoted mother of Michele (David) Fleischer and Karyn (Mathew) Tefka; proud grandmother of Addison, Paige, and Ryan Tefka; dear sister of the late Anne Lehman and Connie Gross; loving aunt and close friend of many; will be deeply missed by her family and Ruttenberg cousins. Barb was a dedicated teacher and counselor, beginning her career with the Department of Defense during the Vietnam War. She worked for Chicago Public Schools for over 20 years. Private services have been held. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the JCC, www.jccchicago.org, Keshet, www.keshet.org, or Shriners' Hospitals for Children, www.shriners-hospitalsforchildren.org. For info: 847-256-5700.



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Sr. Margaret Ann Curtin, SSND

Sister Margaret Ann Curtin, SSND, 93. Born in Chicago, IL. on November 3, 1926. Died March 22, 2020 at Presence Resurrection Life Center in Chicago, IL. Member of the School Sisters of Notre Dame for 72 years. Served in Wisconsin and Illinois as a Grade and High School Teacher, Local Leader, Provincial Councilor, School Secretary, Volunteer at Misericordia Home, Province Development Staff Member, Minister of Prayer and Presence at Marian Village, Homer Glen, IL. and for seven years at Resurrection Life Center, Chicago. Beloved daughter of the late Cornelius Lawrence Curtin and the late Cecilia Ellen (nee Murphy). Dear sister of Sr. Joan Marie, SSND, Sister Susan Marie, SSND, Michael (Judy) Curtin, Dennis (the late Phyllis) Curtin, Margaret (Thomas) Healy, the late Fr. Cornelius Curtin, S.J., the late Eileen (the late Jim) Janousek, the late Rita Rose Curtin, the late Lawrence (Judy) Curtin and the late John (Mary) Curtin. Loving Aunt and Great Aunt to many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. Faithful, loving and loyal friend to countless people. Private interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery Alsip, IL. A Memorial Mass will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, Memorials made to the SSND Retirement Fund 345 Belden Hill Rd., Wilton, CT. 06807 would be greatly appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to O'Donnell-Bartz-Schultz Funeral Home. For info (773) 233-0551 or sign guestbook at www.donnellanfuneralhome.com

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Tapak, Anna C.

Anna C. Tapak, age 92, of Woodridge. Beloved wife of the late Anthony. Loving mother of Debbie (Tony) Scarcello and Donna (Larry) Lulich. Devoted grandmother of Christine, Larry and Anthony. Dear sister of the late Marceline. Anna will also be missed by her devoted caregiver Ella and her cherished Kitty. Due to current circumstances, services and entombment at Queen of Heaven Cemetery will be private. Memorials in Anna's memory may be made to your favorite charity. Arrangements entrusted to **Hallowell & James Funeral Home** 630-964-6500.

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Weil, Marlene

We announce the passing of Marlene Weil (nee Kravitz), age 85. Marlene is survived by her husband Reynold of 63 years who lives in Boynton Beach, FL. Loving mother of her 3 children David Weil, Linda Weil, and Randie Weil-Leprince, grandmother to Matthew, Andrew and Evan Weil and Gabriel Silk, great grandmother to Noah Weil.

Marlene was the matriarch of her family...and family is what her life was built on. When she spoke, people listened. When she walked, people followed. Funeral services will be held March 27th.

Contributions can be made to Anshe Emet Synagogue - Weil Torah Restoration Fund, Chicago.

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Weiner, William M.

William M. Weiner, 86 years young, died peacefully on March 23, 2020. Husband and best friend of Myra, nee Teplitz. Father of David and Babette. Boompa to Cliff, Jared, Melissa and Jack. Grand Boompa to William. Brother In Law to Roda, Jack and Ellen. Uncle and Great Uncle to many nieces and nephews. Bill was optimistic, and caring man, with a larger-than-life personality. Due to the current health crisis, memorial celebrations have been delayed. Contributions may be made to JourneyCare CareCenter, 2050 Claire Ct., Glenview, IL 60025

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Wiener, Samuel Isaac

Samuel Isaac Wiener, 24 Beloved son of Paula Jacobi and Todd Wiener. Sam was a truly gifted tennis teacher and coach and athlete. He knew tennis inside and out. He started learning from his grandfather at age 3 and was fortunate to have several great teachers himself along the way. He played in high school, went to state conference each year and reached

the top group in doubles his senior year. After graduating from Evanston Township High School and a short stint at Lawrence University, he came back to Evanston and continued teaching tennis, as he had in the summers during high school, this time at Northwestern University in their community tennis programs. Sam gave his all in teaching both adults and children for the last six years until an accident ended his life. He planned his lessons and drills, cared about making sure that everyone he taught got better and loved the process. Parents of his students commented on how kind and passionate he was when he was teaching their children. Sam started working on his degree part-time while teaching at Loyola University in Chicago. For the last two years he has been working towards a business degree, but liking and excelling in his history and theology classes the best, mostly because he so enjoyed the professors teaching those courses. We know from all his many, good friends that Sam was a warm, giving, kind and good friend. And we know from all our friends and adults we meet throughout Evanston and their comments that Sam always had the most welcoming smile and open and warm demeanor to everyone he met. He was smart and quick witted. In short, a kind, generous and giving, smart young man whose life was too short. In order to protect everyone's health during these challenging times all services and Shiva will be private. The service may be viewed at the following link <https://bit.ly/SamuelWiener> Friday 2:30PM. A public memorial service may be held at a later date. Memorial contributions in his memory may be made to the Evanston Community Foundation - The Samuel Isaac Wiener Memorial Fund, 1560 Sherman Ave., Suite 535, Evanston, IL 60201, <https://evanstonforever.org/giving/give-now/> Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com

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STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF COOK)

In the matter of the revision of the assessment of Real Property for 2020.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the provisions of

Section 14-35 of the Illinois Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/14-35) that the Assessor of Cook County will sit for the purpose of reviewing the proposed 2020 assessment of Real Property located in the following township(s) or taxing district(s) in Cook County.

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Identified also as Area(s) 23, under the Permanent Real Estate Index Numbering System of Cook County.

The last date within which applications for revisions of assessment (Real Estate Assessed Valuation Appeals) may be filed for consideration at such sitting is April 23, 2020.

Such sitting will be held at the office of the Assessor of Cook County, Room 301, in the County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602, and will continue thereafter from day to day as necessary until all such revisions (said township(s) or taxing district(s)) have been completed.

Done by the Assessor of Cook County this 20th day of March, 2020.

FRITZ KAGEI
ASSESSOR OF COOK COUNTY
3/20 & 3/27/2020 6632989

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Jocelin Maria Morales Pablo

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Micaela Morales (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **19JA01333**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Tomas Canil (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **November 14, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Demetrius Kottaras** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **04/16/2020**, at: **10:00 AM** in CALENDAR 7 COURTROOM G, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order of judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Keyvann Scott AKA Keyvann Scott AKA Kyvann Scott

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Marcella Coleman (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **19JA00605**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **June 19, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Patricia Martin** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **04/16/2020** at **10:00 AM** in CALENDAR 3 COURTROOM C, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order of judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
February 14, 2020 6642396

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT JUVENILE JUSTICE DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Monaye S Jackson

A MINOR
NO. **2020JD00299**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, **Bert Jackson (Father)**, respondents, and to **ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**, that on **February 19, 2020**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX**, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Patricia Mendoza** in the 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois on **04/10/2020** at **9:00 AM** in CALENDAR 53 COURTROOM 4.

or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act. The court has authority in this case to take from you the custody and guardianship of the minor.

Unless you appear at the hearing and show cause to the contrary, an order or judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief asked in the petition.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT
March 6, 2020

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CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT,
COOK COUNTY OF ILLINOIS
March 6, 2020 6642452

LEGAL NOTICES**NOTICE TO DISADVANTAGED BUSINESSES**

J. Congdon Sewer Service, 170-A Alexandra Way, Carol Stream, IL 60188
Phone (630)510-2434 Fax(630)510-9255, is seeking qualified small, disadvantaged businesses for two different projects for the Village of Downers Grove-2020 WM Improvements -(Contracts A) Projects for subcontracting opportunities in the following areas: TRUCKING, ASPHALT, CONCRETE.
All disadvantaged businesses should contact, IN WRITING, (certified letter, return receipt requested), Victor Gerardi, to discuss the Subcontracting opportunities. All negotiations must be completed prior to the bid opening date, April 15, 2020. **3/27/2020 6642175**

NOTICE TO DISADVANTAGED BUSINESSES

Cerniglia Co., 3421 Lake Street, Melrose Park, Illinois, 60160, 708-343-8586, is seeking disadvantaged businesses for the Village of Downers Grove - 2020 Watermain improvements, Contract A - for subcontracting opportunities in the following areas: TCP, landscaping, trucking, concrete, paving and pavement marking. All disadvantaged businesses should contact, IN WRITING, (certified letter, return receipt requested), Ralph Cimino, to discuss the subcontracting opportunities. All negotiations must be completed prior to the bid opening date of April 15, 2020. Proposals will be evaluated based upon cost, compliance with project plans and specs, and previous experience and performance. **3/27/2020 6641566**

FORECLOSURES

F20010221 STB IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION **Waterfall Victoria Grantor Trust II, Series G Plaintiff, vs. Sherry Johnson aka Sherry Johnson, Illinois Housing Development Authority; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants Defendants.** CASE NO. 20 CH 2147 12914 South Normal Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60628 Spratt Calendar 64 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, defendants in the above entitled cause, that suit has been commenced against you and other defendants in the Circuit Court for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: THE SOUTH 10 FEET OF LOT 16 AND LOT 17 (EXCEPT THE SOUTH 2 FEET THEREOF) IN BLOCK 10 IN NEW ROSELAND, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF FRACTIONAL SECTION 33 NORTH OF THE INDIAN BOUNDARY LINE AND PART OF FRACTIONS SECTIONS 28 AND 33, SOUTH OF THE INDIAN BOUNDARY LINE, TOWNSHIP 37 NORTH, RANGE 14 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. P.I.N.: 25-33-115-080-0000 Said property is commonly known as 12914 South Normal Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60628, and which said mortgages were made by Sherry L. Johnson and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 0715856110 and for other relief; that Summons was duly issued out of the above Court against you as provided by law and that said suit is now pending. NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Cook County on or before April 27, 2020, a default may be taken against you at any time after that date and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions to e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp. This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Steven C. Lindberg & ASSOCIATES LLC 1771 W. Deloit Rd., Ste 120 Naperville, IL 60563-4947 | 630-452-6960 | 630-402-8661 | 630-428-4620 (fax) Attorney No. Cook 58852, DuPage 293191, Kane 031-26104, Peoria 1794, Winnebago 3802, IL 03126232 ilpleadings@anselmolindberg.com THIS LAW FIRM IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR.
3/27, 4/3, 4/10/2020 6641838

FORECLOSURES

STATE OF ILLINOIS FIRM NO: 40466 COUNTY OF COOK IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS - CHANCERY DIVISION - WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY FSB, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE OF HOME PRESERVATION PARTNERSHIP TRUST Plaintiff, vs. DAMON RITENHOUSE, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR LILLIE H REID; KATRINE WALKER; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF LILLIE H REID; THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS Defendant(s). Case No. 2019 CH 10434 Cal: 56 Property Address: 1022 S BEVERLY AVE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60643 NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF LILLIE H REID AND UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, defendants in the above entitled cause, that suit has been commenced against you and other defendants in the Circuit Court for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: LOT 45 AND THE SOUTH 1/2 OF LOT 44 IN BLOCK 1 IN WASHINGTON HEIGHTS, LYING AND BEING IN THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 37 NORTH, RANGE 14, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Commonly known As: 10225 S BEVERLY AVE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60643 Property Index Number: 25-08-308-037-0000 and 25-08-308-038-0000 VOL. 455 and which said Mortgage was made by LILLIE H. REID as Mortgagee(s) to OPEN MORTGAGE, LLC as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 0812908268 and for other relief; that Summons was duly issued out of the above Court against you as provided by law and that said suit is now pending. NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Cook County on or before April 13, 2020, a default may be taken against you at any time after that date and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Date: March 10, 2020 By: Gersilda Bací, Attorney Eric Feldman & Associates, P.C. Firm No: 40466 Eric Feldman & Associates, PC | Attorneys for Plaintiff 123 W. Madison, Suite 1704 | Chicago, IL 60602 P: 312.344.3529 | F: 877.571.4228 Firm No: 40466 | paralegal@efalaw.com 3/13, 3/20, 3/27/2020 6631569

STATE OF ILLINOIS FIRM NO: 40466 COUNTY OF COOK IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS - CHANCERY DIVISION - WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY FSB, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE OF HOME PRESERVATION PARTNERSHIP TRUST Plaintiff, vs. Case No. 2019 CH 10739 Cal: 61 UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF DONALD X MURRAY; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF NADINE MURRAY; GERALD NORDGREN, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR DONALD X MURRAY AND NADINE MURRAY; JOANNE MURRAY; PATRICE NOWISZEWSKI; DAVID MURRAY; MARYLYN PRANGE; THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS Property Address: 10320 S SEELEY AVE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60643 Defendant(s). NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF DONALD X MURRAY, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF NADINE MURRAY AND UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, defendants in the above entitled cause, that suit has been commenced against you and other defendants in the Circuit Court for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: ALL THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS THE SOUTH TWENTY-FIVE (25) FEET OF LOT TWO (2) AND THE NORTH HALF OF LOT THREE (3) IN BLOCK TWO (2) IN CHAMBERS AND SPRINGERS SUBDIVISION OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE NORTH EAST QUARTER OF THE NORTH WEST QUARTER OF SECTION EIGHTEEN (18), TOWNSHIP THIRTYSEVEN (37) NORTH, RANGE FOURTEEN (14), EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Commonly known As: 10320 S SEELEY AVE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60643 Property Index Number: 25-18-106-024 and which said Mortgage was made by DONALD X MURRAY and NADINE MURRAY as Mortgagee(s) to METLIFE HOME LOANS, A DIVISION OF METLIFE BANK, N.A. as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 0912017031 and for other relief; that Summons was duly issued out of the above Court against you as provided by law and that said suit is now pending. NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Cook County on or before April 13, 2020, a default may be taken against you at any time after that date and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Date: March 10, 2020 By: Gersilda Bací, Attorney Eric Feldman & Associates, P.C. Firm No: 40466 Eric Feldman & Associates, PC | Attorneys for Plaintiff 123 W. Madison, Suite 1704 | Chicago, IL 60602 P: 312.344.3529 | F: 877.571.4228 Firm No: 40466 | paralegal@efalaw.com 3/13, 3/20, 3/27/2020 6631616

STATE OF ILLINOIS FIRM NO: 40466 COUNTY OF COOK IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS - CHANCERY DIVISION - WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY FSB, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE OF HOME PRESERVATION PARTNERSHIP TRUST Plaintiff, vs. Case No. 2019 CH 10749 Cal: 56 Property Address: 9209 SOUTH PRAIRIE AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60619 NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF LESSIE M JACKSON and UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, defendants in the above entitled cause, that suit has been commenced against you and other defendants in the Circuit Court for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: LOT 234 OF WEST CHESTERFIELD HOMES A SUBDIVISION OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO COUNTY OF COOK STATE OF ILLINOIS, ACCORDING TO THE PALT THEREOF RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF DEEDS OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS ON THE 14TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1948 AS DOCUMENT NY 1446173 AND NOW OF RECORD IN BOOK 374 OF PLATS AT PAGES 37 38 AND 39 THEREOF TOWNSHIP 39 NORTH, RANGE 13, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Commonly known As: 9209 SOUTH PRAIRIE AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60619 Property Index Number: 25-03-311-040-0000 and which said Mortgage was made by LESSIE M. JACKSON as Mortgagee(s) to AMERIFUND FINANCIAL INC., DBA ALL FUND MORTGAGE as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 060627080 and for other relief; that Summons was duly issued out of the above Court against you as provided by law and that said suit is now pending. NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Cook County on or before April 13, 2020, a default may be taken against you at any time after that date and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Date: March 10, 2020 By: Gersilda Bací, Attorney Eric Feldman & Associates, P.C. Firm No: 40466 Eric Feldman & Associates, PC | Attorneys for Plaintiff 123 W. Madison, Suite 1704 | Chicago, IL 60602 P: 312.344.3529 | F: 877.571.4228 Firm No: 40466 | paralegal@efalaw.com 3/13, 3/20, 3/27/2020 6631530

FORECLOSURES

STATE OF ILLINOIS FIRM NO: 40466 COUNTY OF COOK IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS - CHANCERY DIVISION - WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY FSB, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE OF HOME PRESERVATION PARTNERSHIP TRUST Plaintiff, vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JANET GRANDYS, JULIE FOX, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR JANET GRANDYS, DENISE KRISTIN, SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS Defendant(s). Case No. 2020CH00280 Cal No. 62 Property Address: 6864 W 177TH ST, TINLEY PARK, ILLINOIS 60477 NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JANET GRANDYS, and UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, defendants in the above entitled cause, that suit has been commenced against you and other defendants in the Circuit Court for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: LOT 22 IN BLOCK 3 IN BARRETT BROTHERS ADDITION TO TINLEY PARK OF SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 36 NORTH, RANGE 13 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED AUGUST 9, 1956 AS DOCUMENT NO 16664915, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS Commonly known As: 6864 W 177TH ST, TINLEY PARK, ILLINOIS 60477 Property Index Number: 28-31-111-022-0000 and which said Mortgage was made by JANET GRANDYS as Mortgagee(s) to BERKSHIRE MORTGAGE CORPORATION as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 99357330 and for other relief; that Summons was duly issued out of the above Court against you as provided by law and that said suit is now pending. NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Cook County on or before April 27, 2020, a default may be taken against you at any time after that date and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Date: March 25, 2020 Gersilda Bací, Attorney Eric Feldman & Associates, P.C. Firm No: 40466 Eric Feldman & Associates, PC | Attorneys for Plaintiff 123 W. Madison, Suite 1704 | Chicago, IL 60602 P: 312.344.3529 | F: 877.571.4228 Firm No: 40466 | paralegal@efalaw.com 3/27, 4/3, 4/10/2020 6641843

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CORONAVIRUS & SPORTS



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Rebecca Russell, of Surrey, England, shouts with other fans as they watch the World Cup semifinal on July 11, 2018, at The Globe Pub.

Raising the bar

With no games, and no patrons, sports bars are scrambling to stay afloat

BY PHIL THOMPSON

A few weeks ago, when the coronavirus still lived somewhat in the backdrop of the national consciousness, Palace Grill owner George Lemperis worried that business at his Blackhawks-themed diner near the United Center would slide a bit because of the hockey team's fading playoff hopes.

Then, about a week and a half ago, he knew his bottom line would take a hit when the NHL and other leagues halted their seasons, just as U.S. coronavirus cases began to spike and the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic.

And on March 15, Lemperis was at a friend's birthday party when the worst-case scenario happened: Gov. J.B. Pritzker closed Illinois bars and restaurants to sit-down customers in an effort to stem the spread of the virus.

"I had to leave (the party). I was crying. I was sitting at his birthday party crying. 'What are they doing to us?'" Lemperis said he wondered at the time.

Will's Northwoods Inn general manager Kevin Kruse feels Lemperis' pain. Kruse had to postpone indefinitely the establishment's Packerpalooza, an annual meet-and-greet with Packers fans and players such as Davante Adams and Jake Kumerow



HANDOUT

Packers fans at Will's Northwoods Inn in 2016.

that was scheduled for April.

"With this virus going on, it hurts," he said. "We would be selling a lot more stuff. People aren't coming in and buying merchandise right now."

Kruse and Lemperis echoed the con-

cerns of several owners and general managers of Chicago's more than 7,500 bars and restaurants who wonder how long they can stay afloat under a shutdown,

Turn to **Coronavirus**, Page 4

Graham eager to prove the Bears' belief

With outside skepticism at every turn, TE ready to work

Jimmy Graham remains full of confidence. Full of energy and promises too. The 33-year-old tight end, once one of the most menacing matchup nightmares in the NFL but now a long-in-the-tooth journeyman, firmly believes 2020 will be a reawakening year for himself and the Bears.

That came across loud and clear Thursday afternoon. During a 25-minute conference call on the day his free-agent deal with the Bears officially was announced, Graham spoke candidly and with great conviction.

A sampling of his proclamations:

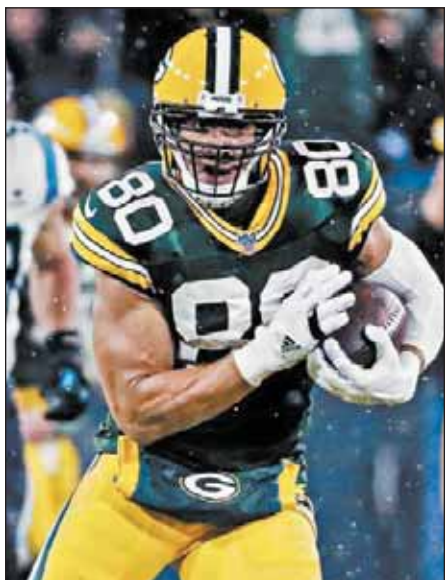
"I'm still fast. I still have the ability to make big plays."

"(In the Bears), you have a team that's hungry to win, hungry to improve and hungry to get back to the playoffs."

"If I didn't think I had the ability to dominate this league, then I wouldn't play anymore. But I still believe that I have that



DAN WIEDERER
On the Bears



MATT LUDTKE/AP

Packers' Jimmy Graham runs after making a catch on Nov. 11. The 10-year veteran signed a two-year deal with the Bears.

ability."

"This just seemed like the perfect fit."

None of it seemed like bravado. Not even a little bit. It was more a blast of self-belief from a player who has been selected to five Pro Bowls while recording 649 career catches, 7883 receiving yards and 74 touchdowns. Graham has tasted high-level success and remembers the formula behind it.

He believes, with this next opportunity in Chicago, his skills as a chain-moving,

Turn to **Wiederer**, Page 5

GOLF

Illinois golf courses get shut down

BY TEDDY GREENSTEIN

State officials have reversed course and decided to shut down golf courses in Illinois.

The governor's office revised its stay-at-home executive order Thursday. While restaurants and liquor stores can remain open, recreational sports businesses — including golf courses — are "not considered essential businesses" amid the shutdown because of the coronavirus pandemic.

That message was delivered to golf industry professionals in a letter late Thursday afternoon. The letter was signed by four groups, including the Illinois Section PGA and Chicago District Golf Association.

The decision is a blow to the golf industry, which is reeling from the effects of COVID-19, and golfers who believe they can maintain a safe social distance while playing.

The Village Links of Glen Ellyn opened Wednesday and drew about 300 golfers, one of whom called it "the happiest I've been in 10 days."

WHEN SPORTS STOOD STILL

Keeping an eye on the impact of the coronavirus crisis:

Report: London Series canceled

Major League Baseball has made no formal announcement regarding the status of the London Series, but an England-based newspaper reported Thursday that the two-game series between the Cubs and Cardinals has been canceled.

The Sun reported that organizers canceled the series, scheduled for June 13-14 at London Stadium, in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic. The report said the teams and event organizers were exploring the possibility of playing the series later in the season.

The London Marathon, scheduled for April 26, was moved to Oct. 4. The Wimbledon Championship remains on schedule for June 29-July 12. But its museum and tours have been shut down indefinitely because of the coronavirus.

Last week, MLB waited until March 19 to cancel the Mexico Series between the Diamondbacks and Padres scheduled for April 18-19 and the Puerto Rico Series between the Mets and Marlins after it became apparent the regular season wouldn't start on April 9.

A source said Wednesday night that the Cubs and Cardinals were bracing for the possibility of the series being postponed.

The Cubs had been looking forward to the series since March 2019, when they learned they were under strong consideration to travel to England for the two-game matchup.

The Cubs and Cardinals were scheduled to play in the second London Series, following the 2019 Yankees-Red Sox series that drew nearly 120,000 fans at London Stadium. The Yankees and Red Sox were the first two major-league teams to play a regular-season series in Europe.

As recently as the second week of March, British reporters visited Arizona to interview Cubs manager David Ross and players about their anticipated visit.

Ross said he planned to take his children on the trip, which was expected to include two days of sightseeing tours.

The Cubs opened the 2000 season against the Mets at the Tokyo Dome in Japan and played three games against the Expos in San Juan, Puerto Rico, in September 2003.

— Mark Gonzales

THE QUOTE



JEFFREY T. BARNES/AP

"I mean, you try to get in as many games as you can, I think. But I wouldn't mind starting right in the playoffs."

— Penguins captain Sidney Crosby on his preference that the NHL skip the rest of the regular season and head directly to the postseason if games resume after a long layoff due to the coronavirus pandemic.

THE NUMBER

50K The average number of viewers during Wednesday night's Instagram Live Q&A with Warriors star Stephen Curry and Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.



NBA
Season suspended indefinitely



NHL
Season suspended indefinitely



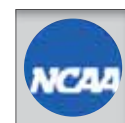
MLB
Opening day delayed until at least mid-May



MLS
Season suspended until at least May 10



NFL
Draft set for April 23-25; OTAs canceled



NCAA
Spring sports schedule canceled

Others: PGA Tour suspended through the PGA Championship. NASCAR suspended until at least May 9. WTA, ATP suspended through at least June 7.

SPORTS

A GOOD TIME TO LOOK BACK

We're all missing sports these days. So with the games on hold, we're offering a daily dose of memorable moments as chronicled through sports history:

A tribute to greatness

(MARCH 27, 1998)

This story was published when more than 62,000 fans — an NBA record — watched Michael Jordan and the Chicago Bulls beat the Atlanta Hawks in the Georgia Dome.

BY SAM SMITH
Chicago Tribune

Michael was in the building, although Jeff Etherly was taking it mostly on faith. Etherly, of Nashville, and a friend drove nearly four hours Friday to the Georgia Dome knowing that their seats for what they believe could be Michael Jordan's last game in Atlanta would hardly provide much, if any, view of the Bulls' star and the game.

"These are the Bob Uecker seats," Etherly said with a laugh.

And this wasn't any baseball game stretched over 350 feet of earth.

This was a basketball game across a floor 94 feet by 50 feet that was perhaps a quarter of a mile away from Etherly's seat in Section 311, Row 26 — the last row of the Georgia Dome.

Imagine a basketball game being played in one end zone of single-deck Soldier Field. Etherly was sitting in what would be the opposite end, and at the top of the third deck.

"It's our first professional game," he said. "We just wanted to see Michael Jordan in some capacity."

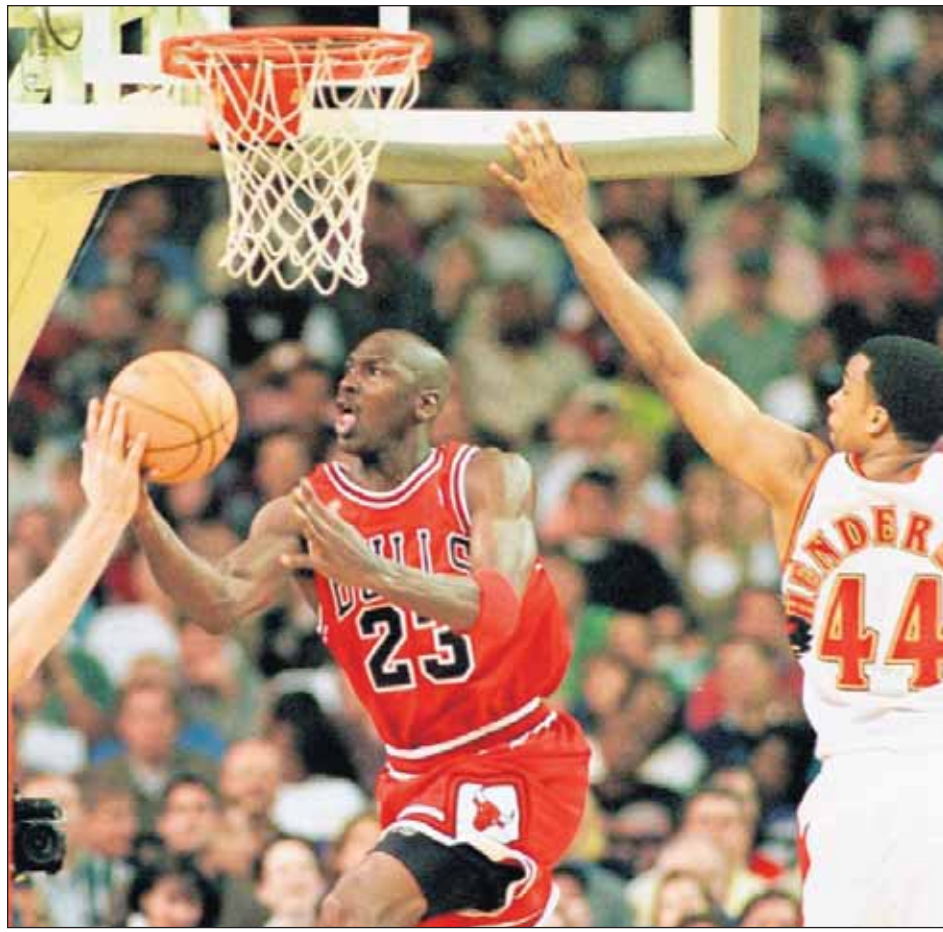
He'd probably have to read about it later, as would perhaps 8,000 to 10,000 others who were that far away or in seats from which they could only see the scoreboard TV screen.

Jordan, whether it was his farewell or not, was spectacular with 34 points in an 89-74 Bulls victory that drew an NBA-record crowd of 62,046. And it could have been bigger.

"We could have sold 100,000 tickets at regular prices," Hawks President Stan Kasten said.

The Atlanta Hawks, who are playing some games in the built-for-football Georgia Dome this season while their new arena is under construction, had planned to sell about 50,000 tickets.

"But demand was so strong we felt it was



ALAN MOTHNER/AP

Bulls guard Michael Jordan drives to the basket past Hawks forward Alan Henderson during first half play from Atlanta on March 27, 1998.

a shame this many people couldn't go," Kasten said. "So we put 3,000 more seats on sale and said we'd give the money to charity (for tornado victims), but warned they might not be able to see the court. They were sold in a few hours. Then we said why not go for the record, and they were gone in a few hours.

"This is a 20 percent larger crowd than at a baseball game. And that's outdoors."

The atmosphere inside the Dome was festive, even where the fans could only see a screen or players who looked the size of ants.

"I wanted to come so I could see Jordan

in his last year," said Kevin Jones, who came from Gainesville, Fla. — five hours away — with his sister Monica. "We wanted to go to Orlando, but there weren't tickets. This was our only chance."

And so it went

Mindy Weaver, formerly of Wilmette, was in Section 310 with her husband and son, Nicholas, 5. Nicholas was eating blue cotton candy and wearing a Bulls shirt. He was rocking in his seat at the figures hundreds of yards away.

"I play basketball," he said. "I am Michael Jordan. Mommy is Scottie Pippen."

OTHER MARCH 27 MOMENTS

1939: Oregon beats Ohio State 46-33 in the NCAA's first national basketball tournament.

2005: In the NCAA men's basketball regional finals, Michigan State makes the most of its second overtime against Kentucky, pulling away 94-88. This is the first time in tournament history that three regional finals go to overtime. North Carolina beats Wisconsin 88-82 in regulation.

2011: Miami's LeBron James, Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh accomplish something that hadn't been done in more than 50 years. All have 30-10 nights — James with 33 points and 10 rebounds, Bosh with 31 points and 12 rebounds and Wade with 30 points and 11 boards — as the Heat beat the Houston Rockets 125-119. It's the first time since February 1961 that three teammates finish with at least 30 points and 10 rebounds in a non-overtime game.

2013: The Miami Heat's 27-game winning streak is snapped by the Chicago Bulls, 101-97, when a furious comeback by LeBron James and his teammates falls short. The Heat finishes six games short of the record held by the 1971-72 Los Angeles Lakers.

Jason and Brian Fulwood were wearing Bulls jerseys. Jason said they were Hawks fans "except when the Bulls are here." Jason squinted to see whether Jordan was in the game. He couldn't tell. Still, he said, "It's awesome."

Rebecca Dillard drove up with six carloads of friends and bought one of the \$5 seats put on sale Thursday. They knew they wouldn't be able to see the floor.

"It's hard to concentrate on the screen," she said. "But all our friends are here, so we just wanted to hang out. The Bulls have to win every one of these games now for home-court advantage."

Richard Sherrell arrived with his three children, ages 5, 3 and 1. "Ross, he's 3, he's always running around like Space Jam," Sherrell said as he moved to his seat for a view of the giant TV screen. "I wanted them to get a feel for being at a real basketball game and to say they saw Michael Jordan, even if they won't remember."

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Signaling a changeup

With start of season delayed, MLB might need to think outside box to get games in

BY DAVID BRANDT
Associated Press

PHOENIX — It's been another ideal week of March weather in central Arizona, with highs in the 70s and plenty of sunshine.

Perfect for an opening day baseball game between the Diamondbacks and Braves that isn't happening as planned because of the coronavirus pandemic. That reality was starkly apparent Thursday, as a nearly deserted Chase Field sat in strange silence.

But the pleasant weather was also a reminder of what could happen when and if the games resume. After all, it's a lot like what November or even December baseball would feel like in this part of the world.

In the upside-down universe of Major League Baseball — which is on hold until at least mid-May and quite possibly longer as the world fights the coronavirus spread — just about anything is possible if the 2020 season ever begins.

"Every year, you hope to host the World Series," Diamondbacks owner Ken Kendrick said earlier this month when discussing options for a pushed back season, including neutral sites in the playoffs.

"Maybe we have a little edge in that happening," he said.

His comment drew a few laughs and Kendrick grinned, too, but he added that he wasn't trying to make jokes about a serious situation like the coronavirus spread. While a neutral-site World Series seems a bit far-fetched, these are strange times, and the sport must adjust as it figures out what the season might become.

"There are still a lot of unknowns, and our leadership team is working tirelessly to make sure our organization is handling this situation the best we can," Nationals GM Mike Rizzo said. "It's a very, very fluid situation, and this thing is not in the general manager's manual."

While no one knows exactly what will happen, here are a few options if games can be played:

Let's play two

It's hard to envision teams playing the traditional 162-game season if games don't begin until mid-summer. But one way to squeeze in action would be a throwback option: Scheduled doubleheaders.

Doubleheaders were once a regular part of MLB's schedule but have mostly faded away with the exception of make-up games due to weather. The 2020 season could be different, with teams playing eight or even nine games in a week.

If that's the case, there would be talk of expanding rosters to help keep players — especially pitchers — from getting overworked. MLB had already changed the rules to allow 26 players on the active roster



TONY DEJAK/AP

Opening day came and went Thursday with empty stadiums and no baseball games in San Francisco, top, Cleveland and the rest of the nation due to the coronavirus pandemic.

this season and that number could jump to 28 or even 30 in a condensed situation.

Twins pitcher Taylor Rogers said the teams and the players would want to play as many games as possible.

"It's in both of our best interests to do that and it's in the fans' best interest," Rogers said. "So, I think whatever thing we can put together to get the most games in, everybody's going to win on that account."

Past time

Baseball has made schedule adjustments on the fly before. Nearly 40 years ago, there was a strike in the middle of the 1981 season that wiped out games for nearly two months from a season known for Fernando Valenzuela's electric rookie season and the Dodgers' World Series win.

The season was split into two halves and the playoffs expanded to eight teams from the usual four. The division winners from each half played each other before eventually moving on to the league championship series and World Series. Teams played around 110 games in the regular season — Pete Rose breaking Stan Musial's NL career hits record was among the highlights.

Fall ball

The 2020 regular season was scheduled to end Sept. 27, but it's possible games could be pushed well into October or November. That probably wouldn't be a huge problem in warm-weather cities like Houston and Los Angeles or places with retractable roofs like Toronto.

But November night games in Denver, Chicago or Boston? Brrrrr.

"I think we are going to have to look at some stuff because we all know what baseball in Minnesota could look like in November," Rogers said.

Neutral sites

One solution to cold-weather baseball is moving to neutral sites.

The teams could return to their spring training homes in Arizona and Florida in the late fall which would cut down on travel so teams could play lots of games in a short time period.

Having the World Series at a neutral site like Phoenix or Miami would certainly be different. But it seems to work just fine for the Super Bowl.

Kendrick and Diamondbacks president Derrick Hall said the franchise would be open to sharing its market if teams needed to use spring training sites or even Chase Field for regular season or postseason games.

Get creative

Players and executives all seem to agree on one thing: If baseball is played this season, flexibility will be key.

Could there be doubleheaders with seven-inning games?

An expanded playoff bracket or round robin tournaments in neutral-site cities? Some options are more likely than others but there's not much that won't be considered.

One thing is certain: Everyone around the game wants to play as soon as it's safely possible.

"Baseball has always played an important role in getting the country back to normalcy," Hall said. "Whether it was after 9/11 or wartime or in this case, after the coronavirus has been settled. We're going to know that life is back to what it should be when our gates our open."

AP Sports Writers Howard Fendrich in Washington and Dave Campbell in Minneapolis contributed to this story.

IN BRIEF

NFL draft to remain April 23-25

News services

Commissioner Roger Goodell told NFL teams Thursday that the draft will go on as originally scheduled for next month.

The draft will still take place April 23-25. It was originally scheduled for a big outdoor production in Las Vegas, but those plans were scrapped because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In a memo obtained by The AP, Goodell said that "public health conditions are highly uncertain" and there was no guarantee of significant improvement by moving it to a later date as reasons for not moving the date of the draft.

The draft, which has become a huge extravaganza since leaving New York in 2015, will be scaled down and "televised in a way to reflect current conditions."

Prospects and their families will not be at the draft. It is possible the draft will more resemble a studio TV show.

Goodell instructed the 32 teams to close their facilities to all but a select few employees Wednesday. A day later, he told teams to plan to conduct draft operations outside of team facilities and with the ability to talk to other teams as well as draft headquarters.

■ The Colts will sign ex-Vikings All-Pro CB Xavier Rhodes, 29, to a one-year deal.

Baseball: Players agreed to a deal with Major League Baseball that would preserve service time in the event this season is canceled because of the coronavirus pandemic, The AP reported. As part of the agreement Thursday, management was given the right to cut the amateur draft in both 2020 and 2021. Both sides agreed to make a "good faith effort" to schedule as many games as possible this year, subject to government rules, travel and economic feasibility. ... The two-game regular-season series between the Cubs and Cardinals scheduled to be played June 13-14 in London was canceled, The Sun reported. ... Jimmy Wynn, the diminutive Astros slugger whose monster shots in the 1960s and '70s earned him the popular nickname "The Toy Cannon," died. He was 78. The Astros said the three-time All-Star outfielder died in Houston, but didn't provide further details. ... Former Braves owner Bill Bartholomay, who moved the franchise from Milwaukee to Atlanta in 1966 to become MLB's first team in the South, died Wednesday. He was 91.

Basketball: The WNBA announced that its draft will still be held April 17 as originally scheduled, but without players, fans or media in attendance. There still was no decision where the draft will be held. ... Top NBA executives are having their base salaries reduced by 20% for the foreseeable future, ESPN reported. The NHL and NASCAR also have cut executive salaries. ... Fred "Curly" Neal, the dribbling wizard who entertained millions with the Harlem Globetrotters for parts of three decades, died. He was 77. Neal had been battling the effects from a stroke in recent years. He played for the Globetrotters from 1963-85, appearing in more than 6,000 games in 97 countries. He became one of five Globetrotters to have his jersey retired when his No. 22 was lifted to the rafters during a special ceremony at Madison Square Garden in 2008.

Colleges: The NCAA will distribute \$225 million to its D-I members in June, a whopping \$375 million less than had been budgeted after the coronavirus pandemic forced the cancellation of the big-money men's basketball tournament. The NCAA had been scheduled to distribute \$600 million to more than 300 D-I schools from April to June.

ON THE CLOCK

27 Days until the NFL draft, which is still scheduled for April 23-25.

The top 5



Complete first-round order

1. Bengals	12. Raiders	23. Patriots
2. Redskins	13. 49ers	24. Saints
3. Lions	14. Bucs	25. Vikings
4. Giants	15. Broncos	26. Dolphins
5. Dolphins	16. Falcons	27. Seahawks
6. Chargers	17. Cowboys	28. Ravens
7. Panthers	18. Dolphins	29. Titans
8. Cardinals	19. Raiders	30. Packers
9. Jaguars	20. Jaguars	31. 49ers
10. Browns	21. Eagles	32. Chiefs
11. Jets	22. Vikings	

SPORTS

Coronavirus

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concerns that only heightened Saturday with Pritzker's "stay at home" order for residents through April 7.

"You take like a Moe's Cantina or Hubbard Inn or something like that, they do big (business) during March Madness, right? They were already losing sales before we went down on the shutdown of restaurants," said Sam Toia, president of the Illinois Restaurant Association, which represents the state's more than 25,000 bars and restaurants and their 588,000-plus employees. "Sales were off 40% to 70% before the governor informed us that he was going to shut bars and restaurants down."

Toia said that unlike businesses that sell goods, the food service-hospitality industry — the state's largest private sector employer — can't make up for time lost waiting out the coronavirus outbreak.

"What are you going to do, eat out seven times three or four months from now to make up for the lost sales?" he said. "2020 is shot for the restaurant-hospitality industry."

"So that's why we're working with the federal government on basically getting a bailout. The federal government's got to step up and do in 2020 for the restaurant-hospitality industry what they did for the banks and auto industry in 2008."

The National Restaurant Association warned of \$225 billion in losses over the next three months, as well as the loss of between five million and seven million jobs, in a letter asking President Donald Trump and members of Congress for relief.

"I would imagine most restaurants have a month or so, and then they shutter forever," U.S. Rep. Mike Quigley said.

The Chicago Democrat is one of several House members working on a package for small-business relief.

"What the hospitality industry telling us this is ... 25 times worse than 9/11 or 2008, the economic downturn," Quigley said.

The federal Small Business Administration is offering low-interest loans of up to \$2 million for businesses with fewer than 500 employees, and in Chicago, Mayor Lori Lightfoot announced a \$100 million loan-relief package.

But Quigley said more will be needed. "We're going to have to find a way (for restaurants) that's — this isn't a loan, this is



Owner George Lemperis with daughter Christina at the Palace Grill on July 8, 2014.

direct assistance, to keep the lights on — available through some easier process than applying for a loan," said Quigley, adding that the House Democratic caucus is trying to hammer out a package.

Senate Republicans separately worked on a \$2 trillion relief plan, which includes help for small businesses, and the rescue package has been undergoing bipartisan negotiations.

"Obviously small businesses, and restaurants in particular, are an important part of this," said Quigley, a lifelong hockey fan who frequented the West Side's Palace Grill and for "years and years" played at Johnny's IceHouse across the street.

Until more federal and local aid comes through, Lemperis and other sports bar owners have had to get creative to stay afloat. The Palace Grill, where dine-in customers are surrounded by Hawks jerseys and autographed pictures of players on the walls, had to start a food delivery service on the fly, something they had never done in 80 years.

"I'm lucky because I have people (in the neighborhood) that came out and supported me in droves," Lemperis said.

Still, he estimates business is down 65%, even with deliveries and keeping only a skeleton staff while asking employees to temporarily work for free. With one exception — the mother of a young child — "there

was not one person that turned me down," Lemperis said, adding he told them: "I will make it up to you, I promise. I'm a man of my word and I will take care of them."

Sports bars and restaurants have been getting by through pickup and delivery of food and packaged liquor. The state has relaxed some rules to allow more businesses with liquor licenses to make deliveries and offer carryout privileges, and many already had that ability through city licenses.

Without those sales, Will's Northwoods Inn would be in dire straits, Kruse said.

"The business would probably have to shutter if it wasn't for that," he said.

Kruse said his bar, a haven for Packers and Wisconsin Badgers fans, has benefited from supportive neighbors in the bar's Lakeview neighborhood.

"They come in, they get their stuff, they're giving us giving us words of encouragement to keep it going — 'We'll see you when this is over' — just stuff like that."

The Globe Pub has seen a similar dynamic.

The North Center bar is a hub for fierce Premier League rivals, but soccer fans of all stripes have banded together to help the pub, general manager Megan Daly said.

"People that are getting takeout food and drinks from us are very generously tipping as well," said Daly, who estimates business

is down 82% from a year ago. "But I've had some other people reach out to me directly and say, 'Hey, what can we do? Is there somewhere we can send money for the staff?'"

Merkle's Bar and Grill also has relied on to-go orders, but it's not enough to put a dent into general manager Russell Bishop's biggest cost: rent.

"It's bigger than everything (else) combined," he said. "Rent is bigger than payroll. It's about rent right now."

The Wrigleyville bar is near and dear to Iowans, and one of its founders is a University of Iowa graduate.

"One day (16 years ago) we hung the flag and we became an Iowa bar," Bishop said. "We get everyone from Iowa. It's amazing how many (Iowa State) Cyclone fans we get here too. We just have an Iowa gravitational pull."

The NCAA canceled winter and spring sports, and with the unpredictability of the virus and its spread, fall football isn't a given. So college sports bars such as Merkle's share the same hardships and uncertainty as their counterparts.

Bishop has scoured his books for place to cut corners, such as cable — because who needs a Direct TV subscription when live sports aren't airing anyway?

"We're trying to work with like 60 or 70 vendors on getting a little bit of relief," he said. "It's funny. You would think we would have nothing to do as a bar owner when we close our bars for 14 days, but ... this is the busiest time of my life."

"I'm busier now than when we're open and not making any money. The irony there is hilarious."

There are no guarantees for when shelter-in-place order will lift, much less when sports will return. But all of the Chicago sports bar managers who spoke with the Tribune were optimistic that once doors reopen, fans will flock back to their watering holes to watch and debate sports.

Kruse recalled one of the last weekend days Will's Northwoods Inn was open to sit-down patrons.

"There (were) two guys that kind of started playing rock-paper-scissors," Kruse said. "It's just the most simple, stupid little activity. But in about five minutes, a crowd had gathered around and they were cheering these guys on and, like, it was weird. I guess (with) no sports on TV, this will happen. I totally expected ESPN to walk in the door and start covering it."

"People just want to cheer for something and have a winner."

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touchdown-scoring, game-changing playmaker will come back into the spotlight. Bears general manager Ryan Pace and coach Matt Nagy obviously believe that too. A week ago, the Bears guaranteed Graham \$9 million on a free-agent contract that could be worth up to \$16 million if all of Graham's offseason visions turn into regular-season production.

"I'm about to get to work and make my way toward something special," Graham said.

In many league circles, Graham's deal created a surge of head-scratching. After all, the tight end's production has been in steady decline since his glory days with the Saints from 2010-2014.

His catch totals the last four seasons with the Seahawks and Packers: 65, 57, 55 and 38.

The gradual yardage dip: 923, 520, 636 and 447.

For some, this Bears-Graham union feels desperate, an expensive, fingers-crossed dice roll akin to tossing a pile of chips for a "yo" bet on a craps table.

Hunger games: In Chicago, justifiable fears have surfaced that Graham might turn out to be the latest Orlando Pace or Jared Allen — or even Adam Archuleta or Roy Williams — NFL stars or standouts who joined the Bears after they had become all too ordinary but didn't know it yet.

Still, as such doubt and skepticism swirl on the outside, Graham sees a window of opportunity.

For starters, he looks at Nagy's offense and recognizes that, conceptually anyways, it's a tight end-friendly system similar to what Andy Reid and the Chiefs run. In an ideal world, the door will be open for Graham to spread out wide, to get free down the seams, to use his size and athleticism in favorable matchups to enliven the passing attack.

"I couldn't be happier," Graham said, "for the opportunity to show the player that I still am." Beyond that, Graham expressed belief in the mindset of the coaches and players at Halas Hall, enamored from afar, he said, by all the fun the Bears had on the way to the NFC North title in 2018.

Graham has been a part of winning cultures at all three of his previous stops — in New Orleans, Seattle and Green Bay. In his 10 seasons, his teams advanced to the playoffs six times. So he is familiar with what's needed for the climb. At all three stops, Graham said, there were good players constantly grinding in a hyper-competitive but united environment.

"It's that type of culture where guys are coming to work not to work but to compete and to have fun," Graham said. "Those are the teams that stick together. ... That was one of the biggest things I talked with my agent about. It was, 'Hey, whatever happens, I want to go somewhere where the team's hungry, where the team has that type of culture and also has a defense that dominates.'"

The other common denominator between the Saints, Seahawks and Packers, though? They all had star quarterbacks. Drew Brees. Russell Wilson. Aaron Rodgers. That box isn't checked in Chicago, and Graham couldn't say Thursday whom he expected to be catching passes from during the season.

Mitch Trubisky or Nick Foles?

"I'm excited to work with both of them," Graham said, "and to see where I can help both to where we can all get on the same page."

'That's what I'm about': Graham also takes great pride in his availability with only seven games missed over 10 seasons. Last season alone, Trey Burton missed eight for the Bears. Adam Shaheen missed eight as well.

And if the veteran tight end needed any more motivation, the pink slip Graham received from the Packers two weeks ago stung. He called it "a tough pill to swallow."

"It was the first time I've lost my job," Graham said. "... For me, it has lit a fire. I know the player I am and I know what I can do."

As always, spring gusto only counts for so much. Thus when Graham began talking about winning a Super Bowl, referencing 1985 and envisioning Chicago's possible return to NFL glory, the only pragmatic reaction was a shrug or a rapid head shake. Still, it would be equally imprudent to believe a player with Graham's lengthy track record of success is incapable of a major bounce back in an offense that will need to feature him heavily to make its desired offensive leap.

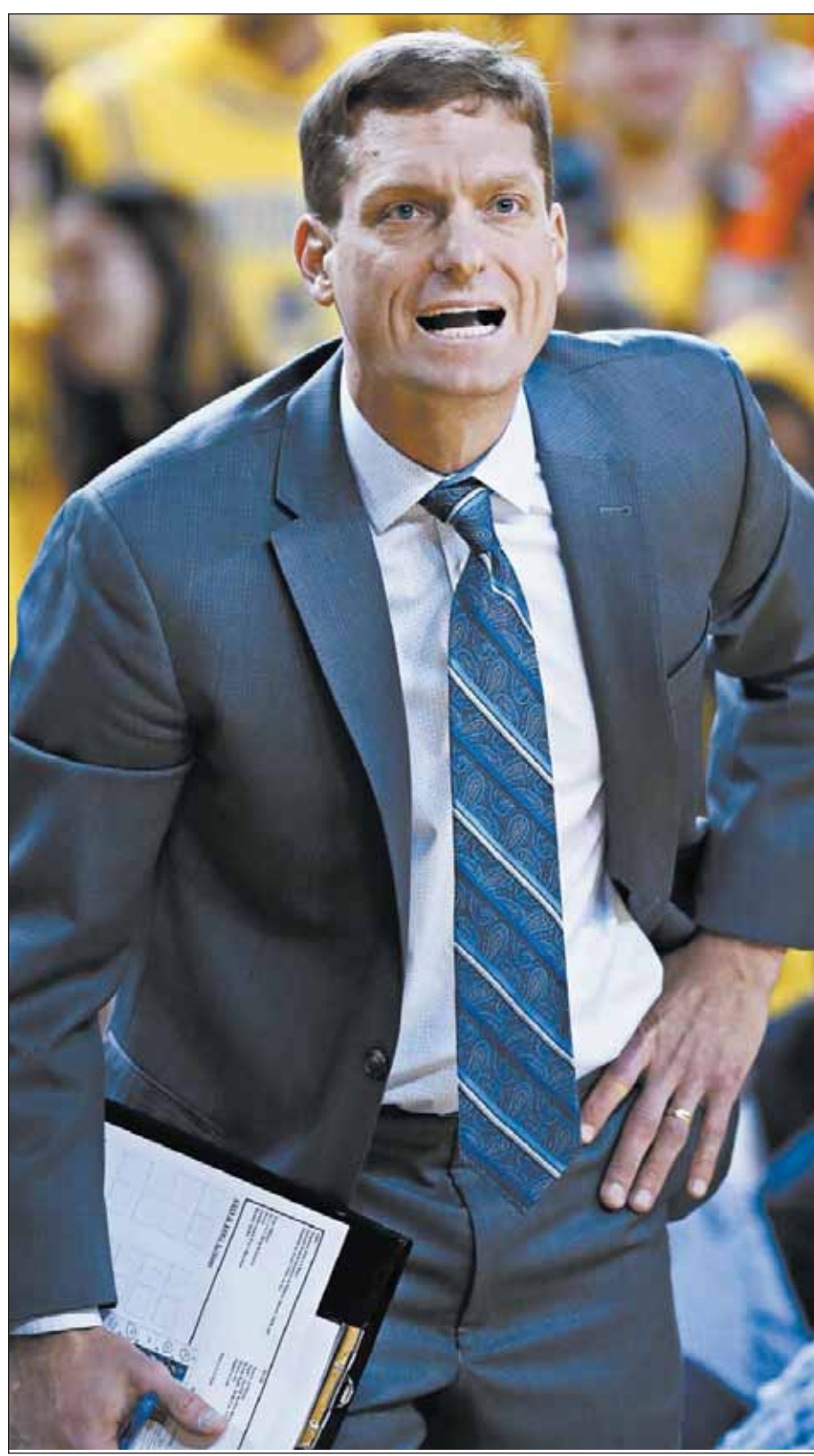
At the very least, Graham is eager to reciprocate the Bears' belief in him.

"I know how hard they play and I know how much fun they have together," he said. "To now have the opportunity to go play with a team that is hungry and where everybody is going to put their head down and just work, that's what I'm about. That's what I've always been about."



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Packers tight end Jimmy Graham scores a touchdown in front of Bears safety Deon Bush on Sept. 5 at Soldier Field.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL



PAUL SANCYA/AP
Michigan assistant coach Luke Yaklich gives instructions in an NCAA basketball game against Penn State on Jan. 3, 2019, in Ann Arbor, Mich.

UIC MEN'S BASKETBALL

Intro from long range

Yaklich working as UIC's new coach from 1,160 miles away

BY SHANNON RYAN

Luke Yaklich posted a social media video Thursday addressing Illinois-Chicago men's basketball fans, expressing his excitement about being named the program's new coach.

Typically, he would meet with players at an athletic facility on campus. He'd meet important boosters and staff members. He'd start reaching out to recruits and interviewing staff members.

Yaklich is doing most of that — just differently. He's beginning a new job during an unprecedented pandemic, for the time being stationed 1,160 miles away from his campus office.

"All dressed up and nowhere to go," he said with a laugh.

The Flames formally introduced Yaklich as coach Thursday after spending a season as an assistant at Texas and the previous two in the same role at Michigan. An Illinois State graduate, he began his career as a history teacher and high school coach in Joliet.

Yaklich replaces Steve McClain, who served for five seasons, and aims to develop UIC into a Horizon League champion and NCAA Tournament qualifier.

"He has such a passion and clear vision for UIC and what he wants to get done," athletic director Michael Lipitz said in a phone interview. "He's a true educator, and it translates into how he coaches. He just has a very clear vision how to elevate (the) UIC basketball program. We're excited to get him here and get him going." So is Yaklich.

For now, he's hunkered down with his family at their Austin, Texas, home contemplating when they can make the move to Chicago.

"We're going to play that one day by day," he said. "We'll try to get up there to Chicago and get settled in when it's safe to do so on the campus and then just keep following the lead of what's safest and healthiest for us but more important for everyone around the United States."

He called his new players individually to introduce himself.

"We've had really good conversations with players and establishing trust and building relationships the best we can," he said. "Love our players. They've been very responsive thus far. I'm just articulating how our culture is going to be and how to help them navigate this."

Yaklich and his teenage son, Griffin, arrived at their Texas home Thursday morning from Yaklich's final interview with UIC, making multiple pit stops at

Culver's on their long drive home after they decided they didn't want to risk flying amid the coronavirus pandemic.

"A father-son road trip," Yaklich said. They debated music — dad's Run-DMC versus son's Drake — and talked about basketball memories and favorite concerts. Yaklich bemoaned the young generation's short attention span with music listening.

"You listen to the first 23 seconds of each song, then the next, then the next," Yaklich said. "You get to an entire playlist but never get through entire song."

Lipitz said he flew in a few candidates for in-person interviews during the process. He conducted many through video conferences but said that's common for most hiring processes.

"We were able to move through the process in a fairly standard way despite everything going on," said Lipitz, who was hired in October. "Technology makes that easier. We utilized some video chats to get face time. We had some small, in-person meetings before shelter in place (was ordered by the Illinois government). I don't think it impacted the process or the quality of the pool of people interested. We received a ton of interest from around the country. Coaches recognized the program's potential."

Yaklich called UIC hiring him a "dream come true." It's also a homecoming.

Yaklich, who graduated from La Salle-Peru Township in 1994, said just eight years ago he brought his high school teams to UIC games and camps. Most of his and his wife Amy's families live in Illinois.

He was an assistant at Illinois State from 2013-17. Before that he was a high school coach for 14 years, coaching Joliet Township for three seasons before coaching three seasons at Joliet West, where he taught U.S. history. At Michigan, he was credited with revamping the Wolverines' defense under former coach John Beilein, helping the team to a 63-15 record over two seasons with an NCAA Tournament championship game appearance in 2018.

"It's an unbelievable opportunity to come back to the state of Illinois, a state that embraces basketball," Yaklich said. "It's a perfect fit and a professional dream for me."

And someday soon, he'll be in the same place he works.

"It's a difficult time for everybody in every profession," Yaklich said. "For us, it's the same thing we teach our players on the court: It's how you respond. We have this situation and we need to embrace it and make the most of it."

BASEBALL

WHITE SOX

Kopech optioned to Triple-A

BY LAMOND POPE

Opening day might have been delayed, but the business of baseball carried on Thursday for the White Sox, who optioned pitcher Michael Kopech to Triple-A Charlotte.

Kopech, the No. 3 prospect in the organization, missed all of 2019 while recovering from Tommy John surgery.

Kopech made several strides in his recovery this spring, including making a start on March 10 against the Rangers at Camelback Ranch in Glendale, Ariz. He struck out one while retiring the side in order in his one inning.

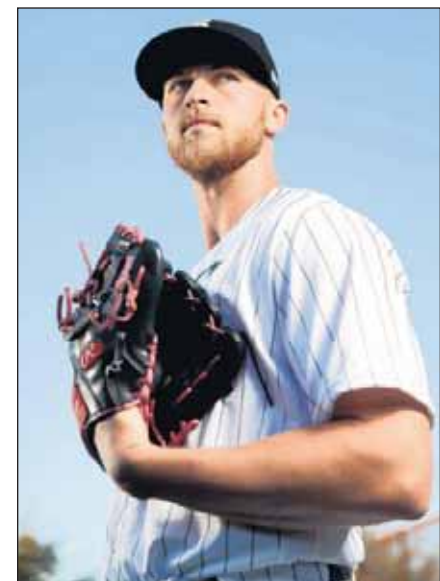
His first four pitches, according to the scoreboard at Camelback Ranch, were 100, 101, 100 and 101 mph. Six of his 11 pitches were clocked at either 100 or 101.

"His stuff was electric," Sox manager Rick Renteria said the next day.

Kopech made four starts for the Sox in 2018 after they called him up from Charlotte in August. He allowed only one run in 11 innings over his first three starts but gave up seven runs on nine hits, including four home runs, in 3⅓ innings on Sept. 5. He was diagnosed with a torn ulnar collateral ligament in his right elbow the next day and underwent surgery Sept. 18.

The March 10 outing marked a dazzling return to live competition. After the game, Kopech was asked about his timeline.

"They have a plan in mind, and if I don't fit into it right away, then I hope to fit into it at some point," he said. "Right now I'm just going to do what I do, and hopefully they get me there at the right time."



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White Sox pitcher Michael Kopech poses for a portrait on photo day during spring training Feb. 20 in Glendale, Ariz.

CUBS

Maples gets optioned to Triple-A Iowa

BY MARK GONZALES

Dillon Maples' long odds of making the Cubs' opening-day roster ended Thursday when he was optioned to Triple-A Iowa.

Maples, 27, pitched in only two Cactus League games. The right-hander allowed an unearned run while striking out three, allowing one hit and one walk in two innings.

Maples struck out 38, but walked 21 in 22⅓ innings covering 29 games over the last three seasons with the Cubs.

The Cubs' spring training roster stands at 38.

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BASEBALL

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The first time

April 25, 1876: The team then known as the Chicago White Stockings became one of eight charter members of the National League. In their first game, the White Stockings defeated the host Louisville Grays 4-0 behind pitcher/manager Al Spalding. Center fielder Paul Hines scored the first run in franchise history on a throwing error in the second inning. The team went on to finish 52-14, winning the NL by six games and hitting a league-best .337 (the next-best was the Philadelphia Athletics' .271).

Air supply

April 14, 1925: Quin Ryan called the first regular-season Cubs game for WGN Radio, beginning a 90-year relationship. The Cubs scored six runs in the seventh inning, capped by Gabby Hartnett's three-run homer, to defeat the Pirates 8-2 in front of 38,000 fans at Cubs Park in a game that lasted 1 hour, 38 minutes.

Sweet as honey

April 6, 1971: Billy Williams hit a walk-off home run off Bob Gibson with one out in the 10th inning to give the Cubs a 2-1 victory against the Cardinals at Wrigley Field. Ferguson Jenkins outdueled Gibson in a matchup of future Hall of Famers, allowing one run on three hits with seven strikeouts in 10 innings. Joe Torre's seventh-inning blast accounted for the Cardinals' lone run. Gibson allowed two runs on seven hits with five strikeouts. The game also marked the first time Ernie Banks was not in the starting lineup since 1953.

Walk this way

April 6, 1973: Trailing 2-1 in the ninth inning, the Cubs scored twice on bases-loaded walks to defeat the Expos 3-2 at Wrigley Field. Rick Monday drew the game-winner off Mike Marshall with two outs to score Tony La Russa — pinch running for Ron Santo — for the decisive run. It was La Russa's only appearance for the Cubs and his last in the majors as a player.

A sign of things to come

1984: After finishing the Cactus League with an MLB-worst 7-20 record that included 11 consecutive losses and the release of franchise legend Ferguson Jenkins, the season didn't look promising. But Dick Ruthven pitched 7²/₃ innings of two-run ball, and Keith Moreland hit a tiebreaking home run in the sixth inning to vault the Cubs to a 5-3 win over the Giants before 52,700 at Candlestick Park. The Cubs went on to finish 96-65 for their first National League East title and first playoff appearance since 1945 — then lost to Steve Garvey and the Padres 3-2 in the best-of-five NL Championship Series.

Ex factors

April 5, 1993: In his first game with the Braves, Greg Maddux beat his former team 1-0 on a cold, blustery day at Wrigley Field. Maddux, a Cubs second-round draft pick in 1984, won 95 games with the North Siders from 1986-92, including 20 in his Cy Young Award-winning season in 1992. But he left as a free agent after negotiations broke down. He topped longtime friend Mike Morgan, scattering five hits over 8¹/₃ innings. "I had jitters for the whole game," Maddux said. "Usually they go away after the first inning." He won the Cy Young Award again that season, plus the next two, and helped the Braves win 10 division titles in his 11 seasons in Atlanta before returning to the Cubs in 2004.

Tuffy's hat trick

April 4, 1994: Karl "Tuffy" Rhodes hit solo home runs in three consecutive at-bats — all off Mets ace Dwight Gooden — but the Cubs fell 12-8 at Wrigley Field. Rhodes' three-home-run day tied George Bell's major-league record from 1988 and since has been matched twice. "We made him a legend today," Mets manager Dallas Green said. Added Cubs manager Tom Trebelhorn, referring to the 22-mph tailwind: "Don't get me wrong, that was an amazing performance. But let's face it. All three of those homers could have been outs on another day."

Live from Tokyo

March 29, 2000: In the first major-league game played outside North America, the Cubs rode Jon Lieber's arm and Shane Andrews' bat to a 5-3 victory against the Mets in front of 55,000 fans at the Tokyo Dome in Japan. Lieber allowed one run on five hits in seven innings, Andrews belted a two-run homer in the seventh and Mark Grace added a solo shot in the eighth to give Don Baylor the win in his Cubs managerial debut.

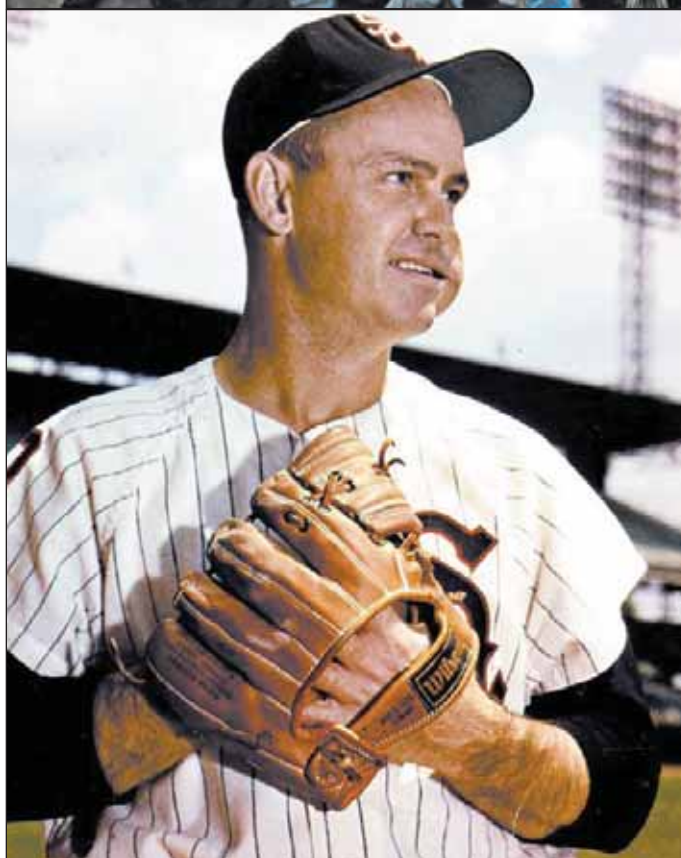
Corey's the story

March 31, 2003: On a day when Dusty Baker made his Cubs managerial debut, Kerry Wood made his first opening-day start and Sammy Sosa entered one home run shy of 500, Corey Patterson stole the show. The center fielder went 4-for-6 with two home runs and seven RBIs — setting a Cubs opening-day record and tying a major-league mark — in a 15-2 rout of the Mets at Shea Stadium in New York. Wood earned the victory, yielding two runs on two hits in five innings. The Cubs wound up with 16 hits and drew 12 walks. Reliever Juan Cruz also provided a highlight, striking out six straight batters in the seventh and eighth innings to tie Bruce Sutter's Cubs relief record from 1977.

Where it began

2016: Jake Arrieta, coming off his Cy Young Award-winning season, pitched seven innings of two-hit ball in a 9-0 victory against the Angels in Anaheim, Calif. Arrieta held Mike Trout and Albert Pujols to a combined 0-for-6 with three strikeouts. Dexter Fowler had three hits and three runs, Miguel Montero hit a two-run homer and Matt Szczur a three-run double in the first of 103 regular-season victories that gave them their first NL Central title since 2008. They went on to win their first World Series since 1908.

— Chris Boghossian, Chicago Tribune
Sources: Tribune reports, Chicago Cubs, Baseball Reference, Tribune news services.



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Sammy Sosa (top) receives a bouquet of flowers in 2000 in Japan. Gabby Hartnett (second from top, left) and Charley Root in 1931. White Sox World Series banner (second from bottom) is unveiled in 2006. Nellie Fox (bottom) at Comiskey Park in 1959.

The Cubs, White Sox and the rest of MLB were supposed to open their seasons Thursday. With the season on hold until at least mid-May because of the coronavirus pandemic, we revisit 10 memorable opening days in Cubs and Sox history.

WHITE SOX

The first time

April 24, 1901: In the first official American League game and the first in franchise history, the White Sox knocked off the Cleveland Blues 8-2 at South Side Park. The Sox finished 83-53-1 to win the AL pennant under manager/pitcher/outfielder Clark Griffith, who also won 24 games and hit .303.

Hitless at home

April 16, 1940: On a cold, raw day at Comiskey Park with only 14,000 fans in attendance, Bob Feller no-hit the White Sox in a 1-0 Indians victory. "As cold as the weather was, if you hit a ball on the fist, a good fastball, you had a handful of bees," Feller later said. He walked five, including two in the second inning when the Sox loaded the bases after an error. Rollie Hemsley's RBI triple off Eddie Smith in the fourth accounted for the only run. Feller went on to throw two more no-hitters and is in the Hall of Fame.

Whoa, Nellie!

April 10, 1959: Nellie Fox hit a two-run homer off Don Mossi with two outs in the 14th inning, lifting the White Sox to a 9-7 victory against the Tigers at frigid Briggs Stadium in Detroit. Fox went 5-for-7 with three RBIs to pace a 17-hit attack. The Sox finished 94-60 to win the eight-team American League by five games — their first pennant since the infamous 1919 Black Sox — then lost to the Dodgers in six games in the World Series.

Double their pleasure

April 7, 1971: The White Sox swept a doubleheader from the Athletics, winning 6-5 and 12-4 in Oakland, Calif. According to the team's media guide, the Sox are the last team to open a season with a scheduled doubleheader — the A's played the Senators in Washington two days earlier. Bill Melton hit a two-run homer in the opener and a grand slam in the nightcap. He went on to hit an American League-best 33 home runs and made the All-Star team.

Pudge's revenge

April 10, 1981: Carlton Fisk's first game in a White Sox uniform came against his former team, the Red Sox, at Fenway Park. The future Hall of Famer made the most of it, hitting a three-run homer off Bob Stanley in the eighth inning in a 5-2 White Sox victory. "Stanley has a heck of a sinker," Fisk said, "and I looked for a pitch down and over the plate. When I hit it, I thought it was going to be off the wall. I was going for a double and when I got close to second base, I saw the umpire waving me around. It felt pretty good." The Red Sox, who drafted Fisk in 1967, lost an arbitrator's ruling in February 1981 that made him a free agent. He signed a five-year, \$2.9 million deal with the White Sox on March 19.

Fun at the old ballpark

April 9, 1990: In the final opening day at old Comiskey Park, Melido Perez allowed one run on four hits, and four relievers combined for three perfect innings to give the White Sox a 2-1 victory against the Brewers in front of 40,008 fans. Ozzie Guillen tripled and scored the Sox's first run on a wild pitch in the fifth, and Scott Fletcher drove in the go-ahead run on a sacrifice fly that plated Sammy Sosa in the seventh. Bobby Thigpen recorded the final two outs for the first of his then-record 57 saves.

Bo knows drama

April 9, 1993: OK, this was the home opener, not the season opener, and the White Sox lost to the Yankees 11-6 at new Comiskey Park. But this moment was too historic to be left off this list. Bo Jackson, roughly a year removed from hip-replacement surgery that ended his NFL career, hit a pinch-hit home run on the second pitch he saw from Neal Heaton in the sixth inning, drawing a curtain call from the crowd of 42,775. "I didn't do it on purpose," Jackson said afterward.

On Sept. 27, Jackson's three-run blast against the Mariners turned out to be the clincher for the Sox's first division title since 1983.

Fast and furious

April 4, 2005: Mark Buehrle, making the fourth of his team-record nine opening-day starts, allowed two hits in eight innings, and Shingo Takatsu pitched a perfect ninth to give the White Sox a 1-0 victory against the Indians at U.S. Cellular Field. Paul Konerko doubled and later scored the lone run on an error in the seventh.

The game, which took 1 hour, 51 minutes, put the Sox in first place, and they never left, winning the division en route to their first World Series title since 1917.

A banner night

April 2, 2006: The White Sox raised championship banners and played a video montage of 2005 World Series highlights in a pregame ceremony for the 38,802 fans at The Cell.

After a fourth-inning rain delay halted play for 2 hours, 57 minutes, newcomer Jim Thome hit a 431-foot homer run into the right-field stands, helping the Sox to a 10-4 victory against the Indians. Tadahito Iguchi and Brian Anderson also drove in a pair of runs.

Bombs away

March 29, 2018: Matt Davidson became just the fourth player in major-league history to hit three home runs on opening day, and the White Sox joined the 1988 Mets as the only teams with six homers in an opener in a 14-7 victory against the Royals in Kansas City, Mo. Davidson hit solo blasts in the fourth and fifth innings and added a three-run shot in the eighth to join Dmitri Young, Tuffy Rhodes and George Bell in the record book. Tim Lincecum also hit two homers and Jose Abreu one.

— Chris Boghossian, Chicago Tribune
Sources: Tribune reports, Chicago White Sox, Baseball Reference, Tribune news services

NEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Toronto	46	18	.719	
Boston	43	21	.672	3
Philadelphia	39	26	.600	7½
Brooklyn	30	34	.469	16
New York	21	45	.318	26
SOUTHEAST				
Miami	41	24	.631	—
Orlando	30	35	.462	11
Washington	24	40	.375	16½
Charlotte	23	42	.354	18
Atlanta	20	47	.299	22
CENTRAL				
Milwaukee	53	12	.815	—
Indiana	39	26	.600	14
Chicago	22	43	.338	31
Detroit	20	46	.303	33½
Cleveland	19	46	.292	34

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Houston	40	24	.625	—
Dallas	40	27	.597	1½
Memphis	32	33	.492	8½
New Orleans	28	36	.438	12
San Antonio	27	36	.429	12½
NORTHWEST				
Denver	43	22	.662	—
Utah	41	23	.641	1½
Oklahoma City	40	24	.625	2½
Portland	29	37	.439	14½
Minnesota	19	45	.297	23½
PACIFIC				
L.A. Lakers	49	14	.778	—
L.A. Clippers	44	20	.688	5½
Sacramento	28	36	.438	21½
Phoenix	26	39	.400	24
Golden State	15	50	.231	35

FOURTH-PERIOD STATISTICS

TEAM	PTS	FG%	3P%	FT%	REB	AST
Milw.	29.3	48.1	35.3	72.9	12.7	6.2
Wash.	28.7	47.3	38.6	76.3	9.9	5.8
Boston	28.4	47.2	37.9	80.3	11.5	5.0
Houston	28.3	43.5	32.3	80.4	11.2	5.1
Phoenix	28.1	45.0	34.2	84.9	10.8	6.2
Portland	28.1	46.2	36.1	75.4	11.3	4.7
Toronto	28.0	45.2	37.3	79.7	10.9	6.0
Memphis	27.9	47.7	32.0	76.0	11.4	6.0
Indiana	27.7	46.1	35.0	77.5	11.2	4.9
Clippers	27.4	44.7	35.1	75.2	12.0	5.4
New Or.	27.4	44.8	36.0	72.6	11.4	6.0
Minn.	27.4	43.3	33.3	76.1	11.0	5.5
San Ant.	27.3	47.5	36.8	76.6	10.5	6.0
Ok. City	27.2	47.4	32.3	80.5	10.5	4.6
Sacra.	27.1	45.1	34.7	77.1	10.0	5.3
Dallas	27.1	44.9	34.4	74.7	11.1	5.4
Atlanta	27.0	44.1	32.0	79.8	10.3	4.9
Denver	27.0	45.7	34.3	79.7	10.8	6.1
Indiana	26.7	47.4	36.0	80.9	10.1	5.9
Clev.	26.7	47.1	35.2	71.6	11.0	5.7
Chicago	26.5	43.3	37.1	76.1	10.2	5.1
G.S.	26.4	43.0	32.2	82.3	10.3	5.5
Phila.	26.4	45.8	36.8	74.9	11.0	5.9
Lakers	26.0	44.9	33.1	68.3	11.2	5.2
Detroit	26.0	45.9	38.0	72.8	10.1	5.6
New York	26.0	44.0	32.9	71.5	11.4	5.1
Orlando	26.0	45.5	34.9	75.2	10.9	5.6
Miami	26.0	46.0	36.7	75.2	10.7	5.9
Brklyn	25.4	41.9	28.5	71.9	11.7	5.1
Char.	24.6	41.8	33.2	74.6	10.1	4.9
PLAYER						
James Harden	HOU	8.7	1.5	1.7		
Trae Young	ATL	8.7	1.1	1.9		
Bradley Beal	WAS	7.9	0.9	1.2		
G Antetokmpo	MIL	7.8	3.3	1.2		
LeBron James	LAL	7.6	2.4	2.2		
Ja Morant	MEM	7.3	1.2	1.8		
Damian Lillard	POR	7.2	0.8	1.5		
Zach LaVine	CHI	7.0	1.1	0.7		
Do. Mitchell	UTA	6.7	1.1	1.0		
Russ Westbrook	HOU	6.7	2.1	1.5		
Fiawu Leonard	LAC	6.4	2.0	1.0		
De'Aaron Fox	SAC	6.2	1.1	1.5		
Andrew Wiggins	GSW	6.0	1.5	0.7		
Devin Booker	PHX	6.0	1.1	1.5		
Jayson Tatum	BOS	6.0	1.7	0.7		
Brandon Ingram	NOP	5.7	1.4	1.1		
Pascal Siakam	TOR	5.7	1.6	0.6		
Montrezl Harrell	LAC	5.7	2.3	0.4		
Khris Middleton	MIL	5.7	1.2	1.2		
Chris Paul	OKC	5.6	1.2	1.3		
Kemba Walker	BOS	5.6	1.4	0.9		

source: nba.com



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PHOTO OF THE DAY

Indianapolis 500 moves to August

The Indianapolis 500 was postponed Thursday until August because of the coronavirus pandemic and won't run on Memorial Day weekend for the first time since 1945. The race will instead be held Aug. 23, three months later than its May 24 scheduled date. The Indy 500 began in 1911 but didn't run in 1917, 1918 and from 1941-45 because of World Wars I and II. Tony Hulman bought the neglected speedway after the second war, and the Indy 500 returned on Memorial Day weekend in 1946. It has been scheduled for that weekend every year since.

SOCCER

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER						
Eastern	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Atlanta	2	0	0	6	4	2
N.Y. Red Bulls	1	0	1	4	4	3
Montreal	1	0	1	4	4	3
Toronto FC	1	0	1	4	3	2
Columbus	1	0	1	4	2	1
D.C. United	1	1	0	3	3	3
Chicago	0	1	1	1	2	3
New England	0	1	1	1	2	3
Orlando City	0	1	1	1	1	2
Philadelphia	0	1	1	1	3	5
Cincinnati	0	2	0	0	3	5
Inter Miami CF	0	2	0	0	1	3
N.Y. City FC	0	2	0	0	0	2
Western						
Sporting KC	2	0	0	6	7	1
Minnesota	2	0	0	6	8	3
Colorado	2	0	0	6	4	2
LA Galaxy	1	0	1	4	4	2
Los Angeles FC	1	0	1	4	4	3
Seattle	1	0	1	4	3	2
Portland	1	1	0	3	2	3
Vancouver	1	1	0	3	2	3
Real Salt Lake	0	0	2	2	1	1
LA Galaxy	0	1	1	1	1	2
San Jose	0	1	1	1	4	7
Houston	0	1	1	1	1	5
Nashville SC	0	2	0	0	1	3

3 points for victory, 1 point for tie

GOLF

PGA TOUR DRIVING DISTANCE			
GOLFER	DR	TOTAL	AVG.
Bryson DeChambeau	52	16,706	321.3
Rory McIlroy	32	10,245	320.2
Cameron Champ	76	24,305	319.8
Bubba Watson	44	14,018	318.6
Sergio Garcia	16	5,065	316.6
Jason Kokrak	50	15,771	315.4
Grayson Murray	58	18,291	315.4
Kurt Kitayama	28	8,824	315.1
Ryan Brehm	84	26,433	314.7
Ryo Ishikawa	12	3,758	313.2
Jazz Janewattanamong	12	3,755	312.9
Gary Woodland	44	13,745	312.4
Brandon Hagy	72	22,440	311.7
Danny Willett	20	6,232	311.6
Scottie Scheffler	96	29,907	311.5
Sam Burns	68	21,131	310.8
Isaiah Salinda	32	9,944	310.8
Shane Lowry	16	4,973	310.8
Adam Scott	36	11,172	310.3
Matt Wallace	20	6,203	310.2
Matthew Wolff	56	17,358	310.0
Tyler McCumber	86	26,648	309.3
Tommy Fleetwood	20	6,189	309.5
Louis Oosthuizen	12	3,711	309.3
Vancouver	70	21,639	309.1
Jon Rahm	40	12,362	309.1
Lucas Bjerregaard	34	10,499	308.8
Dustin Johnson	32	9,867	308.3
Patrick Rodgers	122	37,618	308.3
Tyrell Hatton	16	4,924	307.8
Kevin Davis	76	23,366	307.4
Cameron Tway	44	13,517	307.2
Brooks Koepka	24	7,370	307.1

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AUTO RACING

RECENT INDIANAPOLIS 500 WINNERS	
2020: event rescheduled for Aug. 23	2019: Simon Pagenaud
May 27, 2018: Will Powell	
May 28, 2017: Takuma Sato	
May 29, 2016: Alexander Rossi	
May 24, 2015: Juan Pablo Montoya	
May 25, 2014: Ryan Hunter-Reay	
May 26, 2013: Tony Kanaan	
May 27, 2012: Dario Franchitti	
May 29, 2011: Dan Wheldon	
May 30, 2010: Dario Franchitti	
May 24, 2009: Helio Castroneves	
May 25, 2008: Scott Dixon	
May 27, 2007: Dario Franchitti	
May 28, 2006: Sam Hornish Jr.	
May 29, 2005: Dan Wheldon	
May 30, 2004: Buddy Rice	
May 26, 2003: Gil de Ferran	
May 26, 2002: Helio Castroneves	
May 27, 2001: Helio Castroneves	
May 28, 2000: Juan Pablo Montoya	
May 30, 1999: Kenny Brack	
May 30, 1998: Eddie Cheever	
May 26-27, 1997: Arie Luyendyk	
May 26, 1996: Buddy Lazier	
May 28, 1995: Jacques Villeneuve	
May 29, 1994: Al Unser, Jr.	
May 30, 1993: Emerson Fittipaldi	
May 24, 1992: Al Unser Jr.	
May 26, 1991: Rick Mears	
May 27, 1990: Arie Luyendyk	

WNBA

DRAFT ORDER	
April 17 at Nike NYHQ, New York City	
FIRST ROUND	
1. New York	19. Seattle
2. Dallas	20. Los Angeles-j
3. Indiana	21. Dallas-c
4. Atlanta	22. Los Angeles
5. Dallas-a	23. Connecticut
6. Minnesota	24. Washington
7. Dallas-b	
8. Chicago	
9. Dallas-c	
10. Phoenix-d	
11. Seattle-e	
12. Washington	
SECOND ROUND	
13. New York-f	30. Chicago-i
14. Indiana-g	31. Seattle
15. Dallas	32. Chicago
16. Minnesota-h	33. Las Vegas
17. Atlanta-a	34. Los Angeles
18. Phoenix-i	35. Connecticut
	36. Washington

a-from Phoenix; b-from Seattle via Conn and Phoenix; c-from Las Vegas; d-from Los Angeles via Connecticut; e-from Connecticut; f-from Atlanta; g-from NY, Min; h-from Indiana; i-from Minnesota; j-from Chicago; k-from Dallas

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE						
ATLANTIC	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	44	14	12	100	227	174
Tampa Bay	43	21	6	92	245	195
Toronto	36	25	9	81	238	227
Florida	35	26	8	78	231	228
Montreal	31	31	9	71	212	221
Buffalo	30	31	8	68	195	217
Ottawa	25	34	12	62	191	243
Detroit	17	49	5	39	145	267
METRO.						
Washington	41	20	8	90	240	215
Philadelphia	41	21	7	89	232	196
Pittsburgh	40	23	6	86	224	196
Carolina	38	25	5	81	222	193
Columbus	33	22	15	81	180	187
N.Y. Islanders	35	23	10	80	192	193
N.Y. Rangers	37	28	5	79	234	222
New Jersey	28	29	12	68	189	220

WESTERN CONFERENCE						
CENTRAL	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	42	19	10	94	225	193
Colorado	42	20	8	92	237	191
Dallas	37	24	8	80	180	177
Winnipeg	37	28	6	80	216	203
Nashville	35	26	8	78	215	217
Minnesota	35	27	7	77	220	220
Chicago	32	30	8	72	212	218
PACIFIC						
Vegas	39	24	8	86	227	211
Edmonton	37	25	9	83	225	196
Calgary	36	27	7	79	210	215
Vancouver	36	27	6	78	228	217
Arizona	33	29	8	74	195	187
Anaheim	29	33	9	67	187	226
Los Angeles	29	35	6	64	178	212
San Jose	29	36	5	63	182	226

2 points for win, 1 for shootout/OT loss

SHOTS BY TYPE

TEAM	S	WR	SN	SL	BK
Vgs	2,450	1,413	295	296	237
Mon	2,422	1,513	203	316	204
L.A.	2,325	1,228	369	365	195
Tor	2,302	1,406	230	290	195
Nas	2,287	1,373	213	360	173
CBJ	2,272	1,296	434	216	181
Car	2,261	1,007	506	339	169
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To our readers

While theaters, movie houses and music venues are closed during the coronavirus outbreak, the Chicago Tribune is combining the Friday Arts + Entertainment and On The Town sections. For complete entertainment coverage, including a wide variety of ideas while we stay at home, go online to chicagotribune.com/entertainment.



NETFLIX

Jessica Batten and Mark Cuevas on "Love is Blind."

Season 2 of 'Love is Blind' set in Chicago

BY TRACY SWARTZ

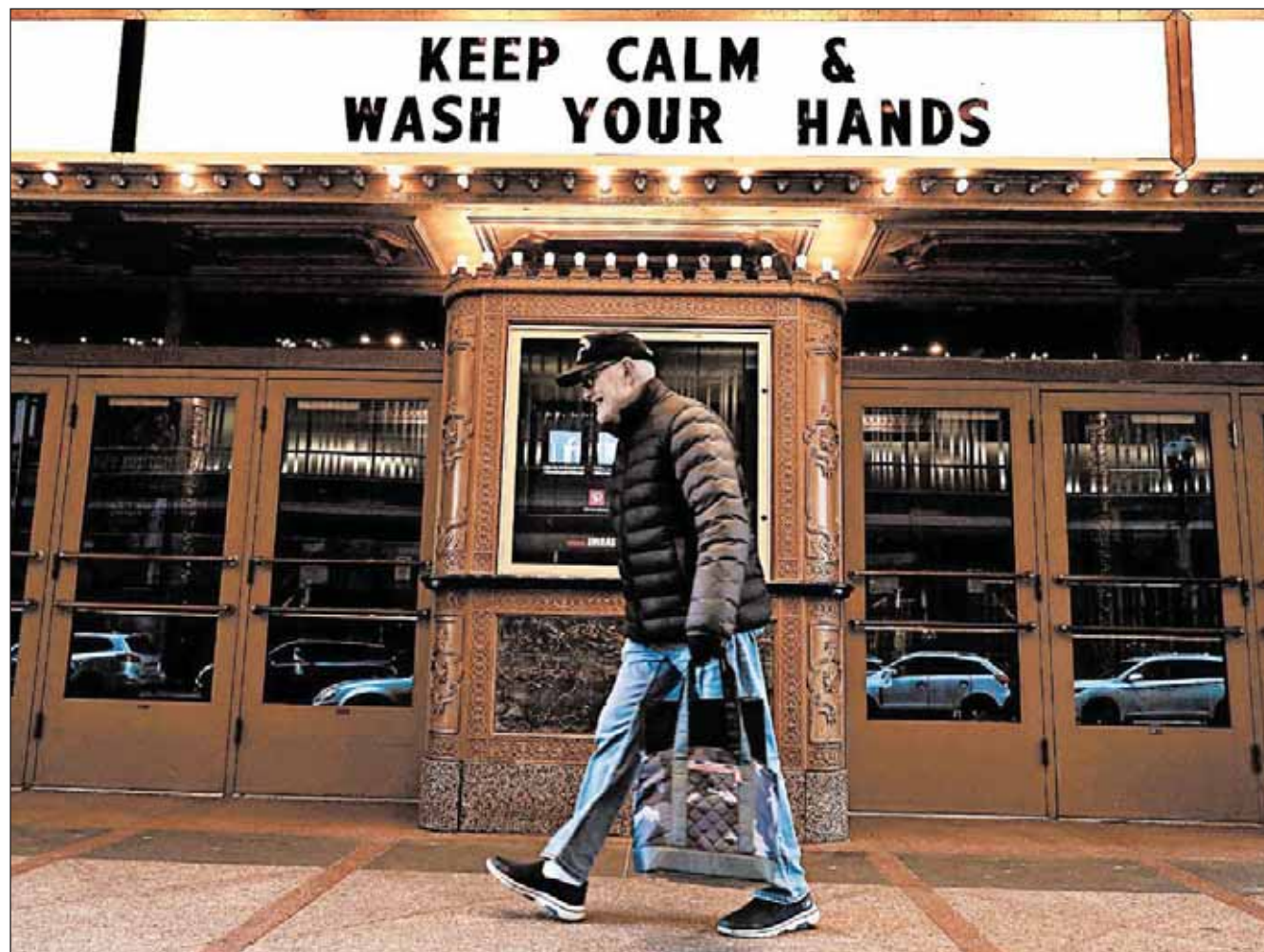
The first season of Netflix's hit relationship show "Love is Blind" was filmed in the Atlanta area, but Chicago was referenced within the first 10 minutes of the premiere.

Cast members Jessica Batten and Mark Cuevas bonded over their Illinois roots while sitting in individual "pods" from which they couldn't see each other. Batten told Cuevas she's from a city about two hours west of Chicago; she loves the Cubs and the Bears (so much so that she named her dog Payton Hester); and she makes "the best" Italian beef sandwich.

Now "Love is Blind" is headed to Chicago for Season 2, and casting is underway. A Netflix representative declined to comment this week on why Chicago was selected, but the show's production company, Kinetic Content, found plenty of Chicago singles for some of its other rush-to-the-altar shows.

Kinetic is behind Lifetime's "Married at First Sight" and the short-lived TLC network series "The Spouse House," among other programs.

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The marquee of the Nederlander Theatre in the Loop has a note that encourages hand washing.

When will Chicago theater reopen?

Here is the little we do know as producers become more realistic about the time frame of this crisis



CHRIS JONES
 Tribune theater critic

Question: When will I be able to see a live show again in Chicago? Answer: Nobody has any idea.

Obviously, show business is just one component within any return to normalcy, the chronology of which mostly will depend on acts by governmental bodies. If it is not legal to gather in any meaningful number (and for good reason it's not), then theater cannot return. We all have to listen to our city and state leaders for both policy and advice.

For that reason, up-to-date cancellation lists don't make a lot of sense anymore. Like other institutions starved of revenue, theaters are anxious not to mix things too far ahead, hoping for the best. But that is starting to change, albeit slowly, as producers become more realistic about the time frame of this crisis.

One major pending issue is that theaters cannot come back as quickly as, say, a restaurant that just has to open the kitchen and wipe down the tables. Shows need rehearsing, at least a month or so out, and if you don't have a show ready to go, you cannot open. Add in massive confusion over scrambled schedules within a complex business, and a lot of self-quarantined managerial heads are on the verge of explosion, all over the kitchen.

So let's get real.

In essence, it's looking like the entire spring will be a bust. For theater that operates on a traditional seasonal schedule, that probably will mean that the 2019-20 season already is over. Most likely.

Summer remains much more hopeful. For example, the pending run of "Dear Evan Hansen" is still on for the CIBC Theatre in the Loop for July 7 to Sept. 27. "Be More Chill" hopes to open at the Apollo Theater in July. As I write, at least.

Already, though, Broadway in Chicago has canceled shows that are further and further out. The national tour of "Waitress," expected in May, is now postponed until 2021. "The Simon and

Garfunkel Story," also slated for May, is now coming in December. "My Fair Lady," yet another May attraction, is still planning on that merry month.

But in 2021. (Just before the rescheduled Olympics).

Some shows that had initially hoped to pause and return have now pulled the plug entirely. Sad to say, the terrific staging of "What the Constitution Means to Me" at the Broadway Playhouse is in that category. The Britney Spears musical, "Once Upon a One More Time," slated for April, is not happening in Chicago, at least, and maybe not at all. In hard-hit New York, Broadway people increasingly are viewing the spring as likely to be a season of closed doors. You can probably forget the 2020 Tony Awards in June; the smart money has Broadway not returning in any kind of recognizable way until at least early summer, but that's still mostly a guess. So is what shows will or will not survive.

Some theaters, though, have yet to make these painful calls: At the Goodman Theatre, for example, "School Girls; Or, The African Mean Girls Play"

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Music venues using crowdfunding as a means of survival



BRITT JULIOUS
 Local Sounds

A Chicago without live music is just another major city.

Known as the birthplace of many genres — from house to drill to blues — Chicago's reputation as a place where music lives and thrives extends far beyond the borders of the city. And yet, as the city faces the ongoing novel coronavirus crisis (which more than a week ago closed all bars and restaurants for public seating), many of the city's most beloved music venues have faced another crisis: their own survival.

Although some venues such as Schubas and Thalia Hall also include a food-service component, many restaurants rely solely on the culture around live music. Think touring bands, local acts and plenty of bar and ticket sales.

Without that steady stream of shows, numerous venues have turned toward crowdfunding to ensure their staff of bartenders, security guards, managers and even performers can receive some money at a time when little is flowing into their pockets.

In the past, GoFundMe and crowdfunding platforms like it were commonly used by individuals to help cover costs for things such as education and medical bills. But now venues such as The Promontory, Cole's Bar and Tonic Room have launched fundraisers for their workplaces. The first, created by The Hideout, came as



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Tim Tuten (center, in red) is seen in December with his wife Katie, Jim Hinchliff and friends of the Hideout.

little surprise to other venue owners around the city.

Katie Tuten, a co-owner of the beloved Goose Island venue, regularly attended city meetings on behalf of the Chicago Independent Venue League. Her reports, said Coleman Brice, owner of Cole's Bar in Logan Square,

helped contextualize the seriousness of the rise of COVID-19 cases.

"I was just kind of on the edge," Brice said. "And it was like, 'You know what? If The Hideout is there, if she is there at those meetings, she knows what's going on and we should follow that

lead.'"

After closing The Hideout and launching a "Virtual Tavern" where people can "tip" the staff (so far, the Hideout has raised more than \$28,000), other venues around the city — including The

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CELEBRITIES

Tribune news services

Meghan lands post-royal film gig

Meghan, the Duchess of Sussex, has her first post-royal job: narrating a Disney documentary about elephants.

Disney announced Thursday that the duchess, who is married to Britain's Prince Harry, is lending her voice to "Elephant" to be released April 3 on the Disney Plus streaming service. It's one of a series of animal- and nature-themed features released to mark Earth Month.

The film follows an elephant family on a 1,000-mile journey across the Kalahari desert.

Harry and Meghan announced in January that they were quitting as senior royals, relinquishing official duties and seeking financial independence. Since late last year they have been based on Vancouver Island, and they will officially end royal duties on March 31.



CHRIS JACKSON/GETTY

Meghan, Duchess of Sussex, seen on March 9 in London, is set to narrate a Disney documentary about elephants.

Swift surprises fans with donations: Taylor Swift is helping fill the blank space where incomes have gone for several of her fans. Some 10 people so far have gotten thousands of dollars from the "Lover" and "1989" hit-maker.

One fan, Holly Turner, got a cash infusion from Swift after the freelance music photographer and graphic designer wrote on Tumblr that her livelihood was threatened and she was considering whether to leave New York City.

Swift sent \$3,000 and wrote, "Holly, you've always been there for me. I want to be there for you right now. I hope this helps. Love, Taylor." Turner was understandably shocked. Swift "literally single-handedly saved my ability to stay here. I cannot even believe my eyes right now," Turner wrote.

Swift also sent \$3,000 to a fan who was stressed about bills piling up,

prompting this response from the recipient: "This beautiful magical unbelievable human. I don't even know where to begin."

Golden Globes amend eligibility rules: The Golden Globes will accept movie submissions without a theatrical release for the first time due to the coronavirus pandemic, the Hollywood Foreign Press Association announced Thursday.

The press association, which puts on the annual award show, said films that are first released on television or a streaming service will be eligible for January's Globes. Usually, the Globes mandate that a film play for a week in a Los Angeles theater or on pay-per-view, as well as have an official screening for its voting members.

The press association said the eligibility change

was temporary and would last from March 15 to April 30, "with this period subject to later review and extension."

Pandemic postpones Tony Awards: With Broadway shuttered amid the coronavirus pandemic, producers of the Tony Awards have postponed this year's celebration of American theater.

The show, originally set for June 7, will be "re-scheduled at a later date," according to producers.

March 27 birthdays: Julian Glover is 85. Jerry Lacy is 84. Michael York is 78. Tony Banks is 70. Andrew Farris is 61. Dave Koz is 57. Quentin Tarantino is 57. Pauley Perrette is 51. Mariah Carey is 50. Elizabeth Mitchell is 50. Nathan Fillion is 49. Fergie is 45. Brenda Song is 32.



ASK AMY

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Middle son sends parents on guilt trip

Dear Amy: My wife and I have been married for 40 years and have three grown children.

The oldest and youngest always toed the line, graduated college and have great jobs. Our middle son started having issues in high school with drugs and interactions with police.

No matter what we tried, it only worked for a short time and cost us thousands of dollars.

After high school, he came home late one night with his girlfriend. She was dead the next morning from an overdose. This event led to a three-year prison term.

After prison, things seemed better. He got a good trade job, married, had two children, house, cars, and was doing well.

Then, out of the blue, the drugs were back. He drained their bank account. His marriage fell apart. He sat in his house for months until it was foreclosed upon and the sheriff removed him.

Now he wants to move into our empty nest. With the drugs and the shady people he has been associating with, we don't want him living here.

He is trying his usual guilt trip to get us to cave. We are hitting 60 and getting close to retirement. Given his situation and history, are we wrong to tell him to figure this one out himself and that living here is not an option?

— Exhausted Parent

Dear Exhausted: Given what your son has already experienced — and put you through — I'm wondering what possible grounds he might have to send his parents on a guilt trip.

From the evidence you present, he actually seems to do better when he is not living in your home. He has experienced a period of sobriety, and you should keep in close touch with him and support his efforts at recovery. Emphasize that he has done this hard work before and that he can do it again. He is not starting over; he is starting again — with experience.

You should convey that no, he cannot live at home, but you may be able to help him find rental housing and connect him with local services and addiction counseling.

Ask open-ended questions. Do not overwhelm him with suggestions or assume that you can "fix" him. Check drugfree.org for parent resources, including their phone helpline, text and email support. Communicating with other parents in a similar situation will help to clarify your position.

Dear Amy: We've been friends with a couple for over 20 years.

Our son grew up with their son. They played sports together and maintained a friendship.

Their son is getting married, and our friends informed us that while we are invited, our son and his wife are not — due to cost.

Our son will be hurt knowing that we (capable of giving a generous gift) are invited, but he and his wife (scraping by while he is in school and she is teaching) are not (and they would have spent their "gifting" money on expenses for attending — had they been invited).

Are we out of line to think that this is bonkers?

The groom would much rather have his buddy (my son) at his wedding than us. We thought that this was weird.

Do we ask his parents to exclude us and invite our son and his wife instead? Your thoughts?

— Invited

Dear Invited: It seems strange that the parents are communicating about the wedding guest list, instead of the groom and bride.

You imply that you have been invited because you can afford to give a gift. This seems an unkind assumption to make. And you could give a gift even if you hadn't been invited.

You should not dictate the guest list. You could try to clarify this by asking the parents, "Are you sure the marrying couple wouldn't rather have our son and his wife at the wedding? If so, we totally understand."

Dear Amy: I totally disagree with your terrible advice to "A Very Concerned Son," who called 911 after his mother kept repeating herself over the phone. Since when does anyone have the right to send a bunch of strangers storming into someone's private home? If one of my kids did this, I'd never speak to them again.

— Upset

Dear Upset: I wonder how you would react if one of your kids exhibited alarming behavior, indicating a possible medical crisis?

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Classical music movies to watch, avoid at home

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On Music

Now that most of us are sequestered at home, we can't experience the singular joy of hearing music in a concert hall.

But we can revel in classical music in other ways, such as watching films about how this infinitely complex and profoundly rewarding art form comes to life.

With that in mind, here's one lifelong listener's guide to some of the best and worst movies on classical music.

The best

"Fantasia" (1940)

The ultimate film about classical music doesn't just play the scores: It animates them. And though music is meant to be heard, not illustrated, there's no resisting the plush visual effects and exuberant storylines this Disney classic applies to several masterworks. To this day, I cannot hear Paul Dukas' "The Sorcerer's Apprentice" without envisioning — at least for a moment — Mickey Mouse awash in buckets and buckets of water. Or the terrifying, barren landscape belching fire and smoke in Stravinsky's "The Rite of Spring." Or the fantastic bursts of color, light, shadow, silhouette and whatnot in an orchestration of Bach's Toccata and Fugue in D Minor. Narrator Deems Taylor seems a tad stiff by today's standards, but it's hard to top Leopold Stokowski conducting the Philadelphia Orchestra. A great way to introduce neophytes of all ages to the majesty of classical music. (Available to stream on Disney Plus)

"Diva" (1981)

Can one man's obsession



BALTIMORE SUN

Mickey Mouse gets set for trouble in "The Sorcerer's Apprentice" sequence of "Fantasia."

with an opera star get him caught up in the underworld and murder? It can in French director Jean-Jacques Beineix's spectacular feature film debut, a Hitchcockian thriller that reflects — and expands upon — the master's ingenious use of music (as in Hitchcock's "The Man Who Knew Too Much"). Soprano Wilhelmenia Wiggins Fernandez plays the title role, at the outset performing an aria from Catalani's "La Wally" that establishes the film's haunting, foreboding tone. Music ultimately emerges as a distinct character in the film, the operatic excerpt giving way to techno, pop, otherworldly sounds and more. Most of the film's major characters are consumed with sound and take their passions to thrilling extremes. (Available to stream on Amazon Prime)

"Song of Summer" (1968)

One of the most fascinat-

ing true stories of classical music concerns composer Frederick Delius. In his last years he was left blind and paralyzed by syphilis, but in 1928 a young man named Eric Fenby helped him put his music to paper — by taking dictation, as Delius croaked one note after another. "Others, such as the composer Percy Grainger, had tried to help Delius compose — I just happened to succeed," Fenby told me in 1987. "Nevertheless, the memory of Delius, and what we did together, was the most extraordinary thing that happened in my entire life — it was the pinnacle." Director Ken Russell captures the drama, pain and ultimate triumph of Delius' and Fenby's struggle, in what Russell considered the best film he ever made.

"Amadeus" (1984)

Like most musical biopics, this one takes liberties with fact. And even its central plot device — a bitter

rivalry between Mozart and Italian composer Antonio Salieri — can be considered somewhat fanciful. And yet "Amadeus" tells us so much about the nature of a divine gift, about Mozart's unfathomable ability to write sublime music at every turn and about how society discards musical geniuses (then and now). (Available to stream on Amazon Prime)

"The Pianist" (2002)

Perhaps no one could have brought Wladyslaw Szpilman's Holocaust memoir to the screen more poetically or faithfully than the long-embattled Roman Polanski, a Holocaust survivor himself. "The Pianist" tells Szpilman's terrifying story with unblinking candor, from the early scenes of the pianist at work, to the horrors he experiences, to the return to civilization — and music — after the war. Chopin's scores play a key role here, just as they did throughout Szpilman's

extraordinary life. (Available to stream on Amazon Prime)

"Impromptu" (1991)

Hugh Grant is an extremely fragile Chopin and Judy Davis a somewhat overbearing George Sand in a film biography that imagines how these seemingly opposing forces were drawn to one another. Director James Lapine has used Chopin's music to telling effect throughout the film, which portrays Chopin as a long-doomed character who nonetheless manages to produce immortal art. (Available to stream on Amazon Prime)

The worst

"Rhapsody in Blue" (1945)

Nary a musical cliché is overlooked in this sorry biopic, in which Robert Alda turns George Gershwin into a brooding dolt. The film's only saving

graces are pianist Oscar Levant's performances and, of course, Gershwin's inextinguishable scores. (Available to stream on Amazon Prime)

"A Song to Remember" (1945)

Cornel Wilde dripping fake blood onto the piano as an ailing Chopin is about all you need to know to assess this film. (Available to stream on Amazon Prime)

"Hilary and Jackie" (1998)

You'd think the tragic story of Jacqueline du Pre, a brilliant cellist who succumbed to multiple sclerosis at age 42, would not need to be sensationalized. Alas. (Available to stream on Amazon Prime with STARZ)

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'BACURAU' ★★★

A Brazilian export of a world gone to hell

BY MICHAEL PHILLIPS

Right now, sitting on whatever you're sitting on, you can pay \$12 and see a provocative, bloody Brazilian export, the kind of thing you'd ordinarily catch at the Music Box Theatre.

Last year's Cannes Film Festival Jury Prize winner, "Bacurau," was picked up for U.S. distribution by Kino Lorber. This was before the coronavirus. With virtually no movie houses open at the moment, the distributors have switched to Plan B, the digital one.

Through Tuesday, Kino's streaming initiative, Kino Marquee, is partnering with various film exhibitors around the U.S., including the Music Box, to deliver "Bacurau" more or less on schedule.

Before we get into the film itself, here's a related streaming development. On Friday, the distribution arm of the Chicago company, Music Box Films, will open what it's calling a "virtual art house." Music Box StreamLocal will offer a weeklong run of "And Then We Danced," a coming-of-age dance drama co-produced by Sweden and Georgia (the romance is set in Tbilisi). It played earlier this year at the Music Box, and was scheduled for an early April encore engagement at the Gene Siskel Film Center. The Film Center has picked it up via Music Box StreamLocal.



Barbara Colen in the bloody Brazilian dystopian drama "Bacurau," now streaming from Kino Lorber.

The price is \$12, and the proceeds will be split between Music Box and participating exhibitors. As previously announced in a Chicago film update, the streaming service Music Box Direct has nearly 100 titles available for home viewing.

Now back to the wild Brazilian genre mashup. "Bacurau" is set in Western Pernambuco, "a few years from now," in a realm of pulp fiction suggesting a Portuguese-language "Mad Max." The village of the title has been sealed off from the main roads. The nearby dam — crucial to everyone's livelihood — is no

longer providing water to the citizens, who are, in effect, on lockdown. (Does *everything* seem to be responding to COVID-19 these days?)

For a fascinating hour or so, "Bacurau" ushers us into this strange, forbidding yet vibrant part of a world gone to hell. We're dropped into the movie, written and directed by Kleber Mendonça Filho and Juliano Dornelles, just as Teresa (the superb Barbara Colen, whose close-ups certainly class up a dystopian environment) arrives for the funeral of her grandmother.

Teresa's lover Acacio (Thomas

Aquino) has been off executing enemies of the cause. He too returns to the rebellious outpost of a town, unofficially run by Teresa's wise schoolteacher father (Wilson Rabelo), and by the boozy local doctor played by Sonia Braga, much to the ensemble's benefit. What, and who, they're up against takes up the film's second half.

This is where Udo Kier comes in. As the head of a murderous cabal (Americans, mostly) on a grim human safari expedition with a license to kill, Kier — as he has for decades on screen — lends an air of cosmic strangeness to

No MPAA rating (graphic violence, nudity and language).

Running time: 2:11

Streaming: Through Tuesday via Kino Lorber and the Music Box Theatre. \$12. For access, go to kinonow.com/bacurau-music-box-theatre. In Portuguese and English with English subtitles.

the story. Even so, "Bacurau" settles for more familiar and increasingly gory plot developments in its second half. It's more about dread than it is about suspense or surprise; the audience gets out pretty far ahead of the sympathetic characters dominating the film's excellent first half.

It's worth seeing anyway, for lots of reasons. As political allegory, "Bacurau" replays centuries of colonialist ravagings for a scenario not unlike the one at work in "The Hunt." This movie's a lot stronger, though. The filmmakers previously collaborated on, among others, the plaintive Braga-headlined character study "Aquarius." This movie doesn't signal the dawn of anything peaceful whatsoever — that is, unless you count dreams of a more equitable future with a few severed heads as down payment.

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'Hamilton' star calls on high school theater kids

BY DOUG GEORGE

Calling all high school musical theater stars, your show hasn't gone dark yet.

Singers and show members are invited to go to broadwayinchicago.com and check out an introductory video from Miguel Cervantes, the recent lead in the Chicago production of "Hamilton" and a booster of all things Chicago theater.

He and Loop theater owner Broadway in Chicago want to see your high school efforts and share them online via "Around Broadway in 80 Days," a replacement of sorts for this year's Illinois High School Musical Theatre Awards.

The awards, hosted by Broadway in Chicago, take nominations from musical theater singers and productions at public and private high schools around the state and recognize them at a ceremony — which this year was to have been June 1 at the Broadway Playhouse.

Select winners go on to the

national Jimmy Awards in New York.

Along with so much else in Chicago theater, the Illinois High School Musical Theatre Awards and the Jimmy Awards were casualties of shutdowns related to the coronavirus and canceled for the year. The live version, that is.

"I know you've all worked so hard for this," says Cervantes in the video. "Let's hear you sing."

Singers and school productions are invited to create videos of their work and send them along to Broadway in Chicago — "I want you to go on Zoom," Cervantes says, "I want to hear your ensemble numbers." More details are in the video and at broadwayinchicago.com. Efforts will be shared on a "virtual stage," according to an announcement of the program Wednesday.

Tune back in for videos shared by @BroadwayInChicago and IHSMTA's social media networks, tagged with #AroundBroadwayIn80Days.

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Cervantes

Chicago History Museum head Gary Johnson to retire

BY STEVE JOHNSON

Gary Johnson, the Chicago History Museum president who oversaw the institution's transition from being called the Chicago Historical Society, plans to retire as soon as a successor can be found, the 164-year-old institution announced Wednesday.

Taking the job after 28 years as a lawyer, Johnson has led the museum since 2005. In 2017, he shifted the museum's thinking to "digital first," board chair Walter Carlson said in the statement, signaling a shift in thinking to prioritizing what's online in projects and operations.

Johnson said he also takes pride in building the museum's

holdings in photography, including the acquisition of some 5 million images from the Chicago Sun-Times. Under his guidance, the museum, located on the Gold Coast-Lincoln Park border, was

the first to mount an exhibition of street photographer Vivian Maier.

For a decade Johnson headed Museums in the Park, the group of 11 museums on Chicago Park District land.

A national search is being conducted for his successor, "a person who can build on Gary's commitment to the community and to the idea that a museum must continually reinvent itself," Carlson said in the statement.

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Johnson



Denise Jacobson, left, and Neil Jacobson in "Crip Camp: A Disability Revolution," now streaming on Netflix.

'CRIP CAMP: A DISABILITY REVOLUTION' ★★★

Documentary tracks start of disability rights movement

BY KATIE WALSH
Tribune News Service

It's hard to describe the sheer power of "Crip Camp: A Disability Revolution," a documentary that traces the DNA of the disability rights movement to a Catskills summer camp that hosted disabled kids from the 1950s to the 1970s.

Co-directed by former camper Jim Lebrecht (with Nicole Newnham) and the winner of the documentary Audience Award at this year's Sundance Film Festival, "Crip Camp" uses archival footage shot at Camp Jened during the summers of 1970-72 by the People's Video Theater, as well as interviews with campers to craft a portrait of summer camp days. It evolves into the riveting tale of a decadeslong radical revolution that changed the world forever.

It is the second film backed by Barack and Michelle Obama's Higher Ground Productions and began streaming on Netflix on Wednesday.

Lebrecht serves as a guide on this story of activism sparked at a humble utopia outside Woodstock. A wheelchair user born with spina bifida, Lebrecht attended the camp as a teenager, in search of the classic teenage experience one might find with a bunch of hippies in the Catskills: make-outs, singalongs and smoking cigarettes. It's the normalcy of it all that made Jened

Rated: R (for some language including sexual references)

Running time: 1:44

such a radical place.

It was just like any other camp with dances, baseball games, messy bunks and flirtations, as well as wheelchair-accessible buildings and compassionate care for all bodies. The campers were treated not as different or challenging but just like any other teens: without pity, condescension or confusion, just basic respect and humanity in an environment built for them to access, which was not the case in the United States at that time.

The culture of the place is one of radical inclusion and democracy. Each camper is always granted a chance to speak, no matter their ability, because all their voices matter. No longer relegated to special ed classes or institutions, their personalities and skills emerge, like Judy Heumann, a natural leader who skillfully marshals her fellow campers to organize a lasagna night and offers diplomatic comments on the crabs outbreak.

Finally given a taste of true equality, revolution starts to rumble in the wilderness. Lebrecht says Camp Jened gave them something tangible for which to hope and work.

"What we saw was that our lives could be better," he said.

"You don't have anything to strive for if you don't know that it exists."

After the campers moved on into the world, the rubber really met the road with the extraordinary movement started by Heumann and many of her cohorts from Camp Jened in working for equal rights for disabled individuals.

The film documents the stunning 26-day sit-in that Heumann and her fellow activists undertook at a San Francisco federal building to demand that Health, Education and Welfare department head Joseph Califano sign Section 504 of The Rehabilitation Act. It would radically reshape our civil landscape, enshrining the rights of disabled folks into law for the first time, expanding job opportunities and requiring accessibility for buildings and transit.

This protest was physically and mentally challenging for so many of the protesters but also deeply empowering and a decisive first milestone in the eventual road to the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act in 1990.

Lebrecht and Newnham skillfully thread this civil rights movement back to its beginnings at Camp Jened, a place that was radical simply because it was so normal, where camp director Larry Allison dared to imagine a place where disability was just a part of daily life.

Love

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Season 5 of "Married at First Sight" followed three pairs of Chicago-area singles as they met for the first time at their Palmer House Hilton weddings in August 2016. On "The Spouse House," which aired in summer 2017, 27 Chicagoland singles searched for love at a California mansion.

Despite help from the shows' relationship specialists, most of these unions did not last. Two of the three "Married at First Sight" Chicago marriages ended in divorce in 2017, months after the Season 5 finale and reunion aired.

The remaining local couple, Anthony D'Amico and Ashley



Contestants on the Netflix reality show "Love is Blind" talk to their potential love interests through a thin wall separating their pods.

Petta, welcomed a baby girl in January 2019. The pair also appeared on the spinoff "Married at First Sight: Happily Ever After."

All three "Spouse House" marriages have ended. Missy Holas and Chris Rudolph, who wed in

July 2018, were the final couple to split. Since they broke up last year, Holas underwent in vitro fertilization by herself, moved to Michigan and gave birth to twins Charlie Christina Margaret and Ford Monty Georett Holas in

February.

Holas said she and Rudolph are still close and that she doesn't regret being the show.

"I'd do it all over again, a million times over," she told the Tribune. Rudolph did not return a Tribune request for comment.

For "Love is Blind," it's unclear when Season 2 production will start. The Chicago Film Office isn't issuing permits through May 15 amid the coronavirus outbreak, but the series may not need them. Permits are issued for filming on streets, sidewalks, alleys and other public properties.

The "Love is Blind" pods were built at a studio complex in suburban Atlanta for the first season. Thirty singles were cast, and they talked to their potential love interests through a thin wall

separating the pods. If they got engaged, they met their partners face to face and vacationed together in Mexico. The couples returned to the Atlanta area to live together and meet each other's families before walking down the aisle.

Applicants must be willing to take three weeks off from work and other commitments during production, according to the casting site. The other online casting questions deal with hobbies, dating deal-breakers and past television appearances.

As for Batten and Cuevas, Cuevas proposed and they made it to their wedding day — only for Batten to back out at the last minute.

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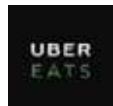
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Ling Ma wins 2020 Whiting Award

The author won for her zombie pandemic novel 'Severance'

BY JENNIFER DAY

Ling Ma, author of the critically acclaimed (and now eerily resonant) zombie pandemic novel "Severance," has won the 2020 Whiting Award for fiction. The award recognizes 10 emerging writers each year with the \$50,000 prize.

The judges, who remain anonymous even to winners, wrote in Ma's citation: "Ma's stunning intelligence and imagination inflect every page, but it's the carefully wrought moments of heartbreak mixed with flickers of joy that linger the longest."

We chatted with Ma, who teaches writing at the University of Chicago, via email about the award and a recent spike in interest in her book. Here's an edited transcript.

Q: The Whiting Awards are presented to authors early in their careers who show great promise. What does it mean to you to receive this?

A: I feel super lucky and honored to have been selected for a Whiting Award. There's no application process, so the news came out of the blue. It felt even more fortuitous upon learning of the other recipients, including Jaquira Diaz and Jia Tolentino, amazing writers who also lent support when "Severance" was first published, and who I met during book tour. It would've been nice to see everyone in person, but there won't be a ceremony for obvious reasons.

Q: Your novel, "Severance" — which is the work the Whiting Foundation evaluated in determining your award — has particular resonance now, given the global coronavirus pandemic. In reading back over the Tribune's earlier coverage of the book, this sentence jumped out at me: "Less obvious is how fresh 'Severance' reads, how thoroughly Ma, without anticipating it, remade the inevitable zombie apocalypse into a recognizable picture of late capitalism and lonesomeness." How does it feel to be living through a moment that in some ways parallels what you wrote?

A: Well, there are no zombies It depends on what you mean by the parallels.

Much of what inspired "Severance" were catastrophes of the recent past: Hurricane Sandy, the SARS virus, the Ebola outbreak, multiple cases of blackouts in New York, including one caused by Hurricane Ernesto, etc. I experienced some of these events firsthand as I was writing the



Ling Ma, author of "Severance," discusses her Whiting Award win and her reticence to draw parallels between her zombie apocalypse book and the current coronavirus pandemic, as others have.

novel — including the 2011 Snow-pocalypse of Chicago, when the buses and other vehicles were trapped overnight on Lake Shore Drive by the extreme snowfall. There was no way to get to work the next day. I was thinking about how companies respond to catastrophe, and the way that work culture calibrates around it. When I first started writing "Severance," I saw it primarily as work novel, with the global supply chain as the setting.

People have told me that the novel seems prescient of what's happening now. In terms of the writing process, I thought that I was reflecting the then-present, what was happening around me at the time. I wrote the first draft between 2012 to 2016. Even

though the book is marketed as satire, I really thought, for much of it, that I was reflecting things as they were. I didn't think I was exaggerating that much.

Q: I know you're reticent to discuss the pandemic and its relationship to your book. Why?

A: "Severance" came out in 2018. I did some press for it back then, and I thought I was done for awhile. Then the pandemic-related media requests began to come in starting in January, coinciding with increased coverage around COVID-19.

The first media request I can remember was on the day they announced that a second U.S. patient of the virus had been

found in Chicago. My initial thought was that I didn't want to conflate book promotion with what looked like a global health crisis. It just seemed asinine to insert the book into that conversation. So I turned that request down, along with others that followed. As the requests increased in the following months, however, I realized the interest was not just a passing blip.

I've been watching the events unfold like everyone else. Maybe one day I'll speak more fully about it, if I have anything insightful to say. There have been some think pieces discussing the parallels between "Severance" and our current situation, and the authors seem more thoughtful about this topic.

Q: How has your writing evolved since you wrote "Severance"?

A: I'm not sure. I don't exactly have a huge body of work that I can look back on and compare. "Severance" already feels like it was written by a former self. But in general, trying to analyze my own fiction in a critical capacity is like trying to study the sun by staring directly at it.

Q: What are you working on now?

A: I have no idea. The work reveals itself the longer time I spend with it, and my idea of what it is changes. The Whiting Award makes life easier by giving us more options, including more time.

Q: What books are you reading now?

A: Nonfiction has been speaking to me more lately. I've been reading Cathy Park Hong's essay collection "Minor Feelings," which powerfully tapped into some unarticulated feelings I've had about growing up Asian American, particularly in more white-dominant places like Utah and Kansas.

For fiction, I have been reading upcoming releases. I really enjoyed Sanaë Lemoine's "The Margot Affair," which is lovely and sensuous, with these cloud-bursts of longing. Oh, and Raven Leilani's "Luster" is so show-stoppingly energetic that I literally lost my breath. Last but not least, I'm starting my colleague Stephanie Soileau's fantastic story collection "Last One Out Shut Off the Lights." These are all coming out this summer, so something to look forward to.

Q: What books would you recommend to others — particularly as so many people are home right now?

A: Since we're online so much more as we work from home, I'd recommend Jaron Lanier's "You Are Not a Gadget." It's still super relevant in its insights about streaming economy, hive mind, and social media.

Not having taken public transit in weeks, I've looked forward to my daily, socially distanced walks, even if it's just around the neighborhood. Rebecca Solnit's cultural essays on walking, "Wanderlust," is one of my favorite essay collections.

There are still local bookstores that will ship, like Unabridged and Pilsen Community. And I just learned about this just-launched book-buying site Bookshop.org, which will hopefully be the Amazon antidote we all deserve.

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Exhausted your list of things to stream? Here's more to do

BY ALLISON STEWART

Because it's now clear that we're in this for the duration, we've assembled an ever-growing list of things you can read, watch and listen to while stuck in your own, "Love is Blind"-style isolation pod. We can't make this end (though it will end), but we can make it go a little faster:

Music

■ **Wilco pop-up show:** To promote its album "Ode to Joy" in December, Wilco held a mini-concert on a basketball court at the Chicago Athletic Association in association with Songkick. It's now available in full on YouTube, along with a Q&A featuring Jeff Tweedy. www.youtube.com/channel/UCPthwjiTiKj4Q9nu-UXA7Oqg

■ **Deeper, "Auto-Pain":** The Chicago post-punk band was made for these times. On its new, sophomore album, "Auto-Pain," the group wrestles with themes of anxiety, depression and death, though it's all a lot less grim, and a lot more moving, than it sounds. deeperchi.bandcamp.com

Museums

■ **Met Museum interactive primer:** New York City's cultural institutions have stepped up in ways their local counterparts so far have not. The Metropolitan Opera is making past performances available online, and the Metropolitan Museum of Art is offering extensive online versions of current exhibits. There's one

on modern rock instruments, one on Dutch masterpieces, another on Emperor Maximilian I that breaks down his rules for medieval jousting (hint: he didn't mind a little impaling). www.metmuseum.org

Podcasts

■ **"Motive":** Local NPR station WBEZ consistently creates some of the city's smartest and most gripping podcasts. Now in its second season, this true crime series investigates the mysterious death of an American college student studying in Spain in 2015. www.npr.org/podcasts/759509341/motive

■ **"Ear Hustle":** Dark, absurd and much funnier than you'd think, this much-awarded podcast about prison life is recorded at San Quentin, where it was co-created by inmates. www.earhustlesq.com

TV and movies

■ **"Bodyguard":** It only seems like you've already binged all the good stuff, but you may have missed this British miniseries about an Afghanistan veteran (Richard Madden, who played Robb Stark on "Game of Thrones") protecting a high-ranking government official during a series of terrorist attacks. Each of its six episodes is escapist perfection. (Netflix)

■ **"Line of Duty":** One of the BBC's most popular and awarded series, this tripwire drama about life in the internal affairs department at a London police station



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was created by "Bodyguard" mastermind Jed Mercurio. That show was a firecracker, but "Line of Duty" is a slow burn. Every season is worth watching (there are five), but things really pick up with season 2. (Hulu)

Streaming

■ **Netflix Party:** This new browser extension will synchronize the playback of multiple Netflix accounts, meaning you and a group of friends can watch the same thing at the same time and make comments in a group chat that appears on the side of the screen. Only available for Google Chrome right now, but it's free. www.netflixparty.com

■ **Bon Appetit's YouTube channel:** Home of some of YouTube's most beloved and buzzed-about cooking shows (like "Gourmet

Makes," where former-editor-turned-viral-sensation Claire Saffitz constructs fancy home versions of things like Twinkies), it's unpolished, unforced, endlessly entertaining and great to watch with kids. www.youtube.com/user/BonAppetitDotCom

Social media

■ **Drake, randomly doing things:** Clearly bored in isolation, the rapper has lately been posting videos in which he does random things. In one, he stares thoughtfully at a potato chip; in another, he plays basketball on his own indoor court (which appears to be regulation size). Drake's house resembles a large, impersonal community college for some reason, but these clips are still oddly soothing, as if he's reaching

out from quarantine to give his nervous public a gift. He just wants you to be happy. www.instagram.com/voidzto/, www.instagram.com/champagnepapi/

■ **I've Pet That Dog:** Eleven-year-old Gideon wanders through his neighborhood looking for dogs to pet, then posts pictures of the dogs being petted (because social distancing has forced him to adapt), along with their descriptions ("I pet Lando. He is an eleven month old Scottish terrier. He is named after Lando Calrissian"). You need something pure and joyful right now. This is where you find it. www.instagram.com/_ivepetthatdog/ or ivepetthatdog.com

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WATCH THIS: FRIDAY



Adriyan Rae

"Vagrant Queen" (9 p.m., 3 a.m., Syfy): This new series adaptation of a Vault Comics title stars Adriyan Rae in the main role as Elida, who grew up as a child queen before a drastic reversal of fortune drove her into survival mode. Since then, she has carved out a niche for herself as a scavenger and outlaw, but when her old frenemy Isaac (Tim Rozon) turns up with news about Elida's mother, she knows it's time to return to her kingdom.

"Once Upon a Time... In Hollywood" (7 p.m., Starz): In addition to multiple other accolades, Brad Pitt won an Academy Award as best supporting actor for writer-director Quentin Tarantino's lavishly praised 2019 comedy-drama, which cast Pitt as the stunt double of a Hollywood superstar (Leonardo DiCaprio), both of whom are nostalgic for the rapidly vanishing golden age of Hollywood. The huge ensemble cast also includes Margot Robbie, Emile Hirsch, Margaret Qualley, Timothy Olyphant, Dakota Fanning, Bruce Dern and Damian Lewis, many of them playing familiar Tinseltown figures. This was Luke Perry's final film.

"Dynasty" (8 p.m., CW): When Liam (Adam Huber) gets a lead on the current whereabouts of his baby mama, Fallon (Elizabeth Gillies) offers to watch Connor (guest star John Jackson Harper) in the new episode "Up a Tree." Dominique and Vanessa (Michael Michele, guest star Jade Payton) get things rolling with their reality show, while Cristal (Daniella Alonso) cares for her recuperating brother, Beto (Geovanni Gopradi). Elaine Hendrix, Rafael de la Fuente and Robert Christopher Riley also star.

"Kindred Spirits" (8 p.m., 12 a.m., TRAVEL): In the new episode "Stage Fright," paranormal investigators are given exclusive access to the fabled Paramount Theatre in Asbury Park, N.J. The site's promising future is tarnished by a past that includes painful tragedy. The "Kindred Spirits" team hopes they can make contact with the lost souls who reportedly are trapped in this historic building and find a way to bring a measure of peace to their existence.

"Mama June: From Not to Hot" (8 p.m., 9:13 p.m., 10:13 p.m., 1:13 a.m., 2:13 a.m., WE): This reality series opens its fourth season on a downbeat note, with the Shannon family reeling from the fallout of Mama June's arrest, renewed drug addiction and dysfunctional relationship with Geno, her boyfriend. It's all just, as they say, a lot, but the close-knit clan leans on one another as they hope for June's recovery. Meanwhile, Lauryn, aka "Pumpkin," and her husband Josh have taken custody of Alana (Honey Boo Boo) and are raising her along with their own toddler.

TALK SHOWS

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actress Tina Fey; best of Fallon.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): Comic Jim Gaffigan; Tom Steyer, 2020 Democratic presidential hopeful.*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live!" (11:05 p.m., ABC): Actor Bob Odenkirk; comic Iliza Shlesinger; Soccer Mommy performs.*

* Subject to change

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still is officially suspended rather than nixed entirely. But it will be tough to stage that show now, as it will be hard to put the upcoming "Molly Sweeney" together. The official line? "Our plan as of today is to proceed with 'School Girls' and 'Molly Sweeney' when it is safe to do so."

One show the Goodman is really hoping to maintain is its major summer musical, "The Outsiders," which is not slated until late June. Fingers crossed.

Most theaters are adopting a wait-and-see approach for a least the next couple of weeks (Second City has now closed "until further notice"), while trying to stay relevant and

keep staffers busy from home by rolling out new content online (Steppenwolf Theatre Company, for example, is putting out a new podcast as well as archival material, including a free video featuring ensemble members telling stories at the 40th anniversary gala).

Court Theatre, Writers Theatre and Northlight Theatre all are saying that they have suspended operations, but they have not canceled most of their upcoming shows. On Navy Pier, which is shuttered, Chicago Shakespeare Theater surely will be forced to get its spring programming, including, of course, the visit to Chicago by the Royal Shakespeare Theatre with "The Taming of the Shrew." It is still hoping to be a part of "Six the Musi-

cal" at the Broadway Playhouse this summer. But very little has been announced to date.

In terms of productions, Steppenwolf is staying optimistic. Its production of "King James" still is scheduled to begin previews on May 10. "Catch as Catch Can," the final show of the season, still is on schedule. At this juncture, anyway. And the Drury Lane Oakbrook is still hoping to begin "Evita" on May 1.

We can hope for that fast a recovery. We also have to face reality.

But it will warm, things will improve, and Chicago theater will return.

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Promontory, Metro, Smart Bar and the Empty Bottle — followed suit.

"We were like, 'Oh sweet, that's an awesome idea,'" said Brice. "We got the idea from them because it was going to be really hard on everybody financially, especially the bartenders."

The Cole's Bar GoFundMe page has raised more than \$8,500 since launching March 13.

Kyle LaValley of Sleeping Village said their GoFundMe was crucial for the venue, now in its second year of operation.

"We're not only a small business, but a relatively new business, so these emergency funds are crucial to getting us through this," LaValley said. "It's not easy to ask for help, but (we) cherish our staff and want to take care of them by any means necessary while we're shut down."

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amount of good times I've had here," Daniel Hart, who donated \$50 to the fundraiser, wrote in the page's comments section. "Keep on keeping on and stay healthy everyone."

What makes so many venues around the city special is not just the music, but the people who work to ensure a safe, clean and enjoyable atmosphere for all who visit. Ensuring the city's music venues are protected can be a way of sharing one's appreciation for the many years and amazing experiences born within these performance spaces. Live-music venues also cultivate long-lasting communities that ultimately shape the people

who frequent their businesses.

"Community is the cornerstone of our business," said Annah Garrett of Metro, Smart Bar and GMan Tavern. "Without our fans and supporters across the years, we wouldn't have 38 incredible years of events under our belt."

"The art of live music thrives on its rejoicing spectators. That is why we must take every precaution to protect each other, so the community may endure and unite again."

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FRIDAY EVENING, MAR. 27

BROADCAST	PM	MOVIES							
		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	
CBS	2	MacGyver: "Mac & Desi & Riley & Aubrey." (N) ©		Hawaii Five-0 (N) ©		Blue Bloods: "Friends in High Places." ©		News (N) ♦	
NBC	5	The Blacklist: "Cornelius Ruck." (N) ©		Dateline NBC (N) ©				NBC 5 News (N) ♦	
ABC	7	Shark Tank (N) ©		(8:01) Pandemic: What You Need to Know (N) ©		20/20 ©		News at 10pm (N) ♦	
WGN	9	black-ish: "Dr. Hell No." ©	black-ish ©	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	WGN News at Nine (N) ©		WGN News at Ten (N) ♦	
Antenna	9.2	It's a Living	3's Comp.	Family Ties	Growing	Designing	Murphy	Carson ♦	
Court	9.3	♦ Closing Arguments (N)		Closing Arguments with Vinnie Politan ©					
PBS	11	Chi. Tonight: Review (N)	Washington Week (N)	Check, Please!	Jay's Chicago	Somewhere South: "American as Hand Pie." (Series Premiere) (N) ©		Little Washington (N) ♦	
CW	26.1	Charmed (N) ©		Dynasty: "Up a Tree." (N)		Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©	
The U	26.2	Dr. Phil (N) ©		Tamron Hall ©		The Steve Wilkos Show	Cops ©		
MeTV	26.3	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle	Green Acres	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett	
H&I	26.4	Star Trek ©		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek ♦	
Bounce	26.5	Nothing to Lose (R,'97) ♦ ♦	Martin Lawrence. ©			Sin miedo a la verdad (N)		Noticias (N)	
FOX	32	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (N) ©				Fox 32 News (N)		Modern Family ©	
Ion	38	NCIS: Los Angeles ©		NCIS: Los Angeles ©		NCIS: Los Angeles ©		NCIS: LA ♦	
TeleM	40	Exatlon EE. UU. (N)		La Doña (N) ©		Operación Pacifico (N) ©		Chicago (N)	
MNT	54	Chicago P.D. ©		CSI: Miami ©		CSI: Miami ©		Chicago ♦	
UniMas	60	Next (PG-13,'07) ♦ ♦	Nicolas Cage, Julianne Moore.			Noticiero (N)	Vas con todo (N) ♦		
WJYS	62	Kenneth Cox Ministries	Joyce Meyer	Robison		Billy Graham	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	
Univ	66	♦ Rosa de Guadalupe (N)		Amor eterno (N) (Live)					
AE		Live PD: Rewind (N) ©		Live PD: "Live PD -- 02.15.19." © ♦					
AMC		♦ (6) HackSaw Ridge (R,'16) ♦ ♦ ♦	Andrew Garfield. ©			(9:05) Gran Torino (R,'08) ♦ ♦ ♦	(SAP) ♦		
ANIM		Too Cute!: "Pool Puppies."		Too Cute!			"Tiny Giants."		
BBCA		A Few Good Men (R,'92) ♦ ♦ ♦	Tom Cruise, Jack Nicholson. ©					Few Good ♦	
BET		Stomp the Yard (PG-13,'07) ♦ ♦	Columbus Short, Meagan Good. ©					Sistas ♦	
BIGTEN		Northwestern Basketball		Indiana Basketball		Michigan State Classic		Michigan ♦	
BRAVO		Shahs of Sunset ©		Shahs of Sunset (N) ©		Shahs of Sunset ©		Friday ♦	
CNN		Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N)		Cuomo (N) ♦	
COM		Chappelle's	Chappelle's	Chappelle's		Chappelle's	Chappelle's	Cellar (Sea-Outback) (N)	
DISC		Gold Rush: "Testing Limits." (N) ©							
DISN		Sydney (N)	Coop (N)	(8:15) Zombies 2 (NR,'20) ©		Sydney-Max		Coop ♦	
E!		Next Friday (R,'00) ♦ ♦	Ice Cube, Mike Epps. ©			21 Jump Street (R,'12) ♦ ♦ ♦		© ♦	
ESPN		Movie						SportCtr (N)	
ESPN2		Tennis						Tennis ♦	
FNC		Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News	
FOOD		Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners (N)	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	
FREE		Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	700 Club (N)	
FX		Spider-Man: Homecoming (PG-13,'17) ♦ ♦ ♦	Tom Holland, Michael Keaton. ©					Girls Trip ♦	
HALL		Christmas Town (NR,'19)	Tim Rozon. ©			Write Before Christmas (NR,'19) © ♦			
HGTV		Dream	Dream (N)	Dream		Dream	Dream	Hawaii Hunt.	
HIST		Pawn Stars ©		Pawn Stars (N) ©		Pawn Stars (N) ©		Eating ♦	
HLN		Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	
IFC		Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	
LIFE		King	King	King	King	King	King	King ♦	
MSNBC		All In With (N)		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)	
MTV		Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	
NATGEO		Lockup: Tampa (N)		Lockup: Tampa (N)		Lockup: Tampa (N)		Lockup ♦	
NBSCH		NBA Basketball				Immortals		White Sox ♦	
NICK		Young Dylan	Substitute	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	
OVATION		♦ (6) Just Wright (PG,'10) ♦ ♦	Common	Harlem Nights (R,'89) ♦ ♦ ♦	Eddie Murphy. ♦				
OWN		20/20 on OWN		48 Hours: Hard Evidence		48 Hours: Hard Evidence		20/20 ♦	
OXY		♦ Dateline: Secrets (Season Finale) (N)		Murdered by Morning ©		Murdered by Morning ©		Murdered ♦	
PARMT		♦ (6) Shooter (R,'07) ♦ ♦	Mark Wahlberg. ©			Four Brothers (R,'05) ♦ ♦ ♦			
SYFY		♦ (6:36) John Wick: Chapter 2 (R,'17) ♦ ♦ ♦				Vagrant Queen (Series Premiere) (N) ©		Wire (N) ♦	
TBS		♦ (6:30) Kong: Skull Island ('17) ♦ ♦ ♦		(8:45) San Andreas (PG-13,'15) ♦ ♦ ♦					
TCM		Million Dollar Legs ♦ ♦		(8:15) Dinner at Eight (NR,'33) ♦ ♦ ♦	Marie Dressler. ©				
TLC		90 Day Fiancé: Before the 90 Days (N)				90 Day (N)	90 Day Fiancé		
TLN		Dream Motel	Your Bible	Lifestyle	The Three	Life Today	Dare	CrossPolitic	
TNT		The Dark Knight Rises (PG-13,'12) ♦ ♦ ♦	Christian Bale, Anne Hathaway. ©						
TOON		Final Space	Final Space	Burgers	Rick, Morty	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Family Guy	
TRAV		Ghost Nation ©		Kindred Spirits (N) ©		Portals to Hell (N) ©		Haunting (N)	
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USA		♦ (6:35) Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (PG-13,'05) ♦ ♦ ♦	Daniel Radcliffe. ©			Madea's Family Reunion ('06) ♦ ♦ ♦			
VH1		RuPaul's Drag Race: "Gay's Anatomy." (N) ©							
WE		Mama June- Not to Hot		Mama June (Season Premiere) (N)		Mama June- Not to Hot		Ma. June ♦	
WGN America		Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	
HBO		♦ The Plot Against America		The Plot Against America		Westworld ©		High (N) ♦	
HBO2		Shaft (R,'19) ♦ ♦	Samuel L. Jackson. ©			Friend (Subtitled-English)		Plot-Amer. ♦	
MAX		(7:15) The Rundown (PG-13,'03) ♦ ♦ ♦	The Rock. ©			Strike Back (N) ©		Strike ♦	
SHO		♦ The Best of Enemies ♦ ♦		The Trade (N Subtitled) ©		Captive State (PG-13,'19) ♦ ♦ ♦			
STARZ		Once Upon a Time... In Hollywood (R,'19) ♦ ♦ ♦	Leonardo DiCaprio.			(9:44) Outlander © ♦			
STZNC		♦ (6:14) The Vow ('12) ♦ ♦		Dazed and Confused (R,'93) ♦ ♦ ♦		(9:45) Forrest Gump ♦			

This year, TCM brings its classic film festival to you

BY LINDSEY BAHR
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The folks at Turner Classic Movies had just decided they'd have to cancel their annual classic film festival when their general manager had an idea: What if they could do something else in recognition of the lost weekend?

"It felt greedy to say, 'Well, why don't we do this whole other thing?'" said Pola Changnon, the network's general manager.

Charles Tabash, the head of programming, told her he'd think about it. And less than 48 hours later, he came back with something even more ambitious: Three and a half days of films, special guest appearances and star-studded segments from past festivals to air in the comfort of viewers' own homes. And with that, the TCM Classic Film Festival: Special Home Edition was born.

"I got emotional when we made the announcement to cancel. The festival means something to us," said TCM host Ben Mankiewicz of the March 12 decision. "We all just sensed that we had to do something."

Starting at 8 p.m. Eastern on April 16 with George Cukor's "A Star Is Born" and going into to the wee hours of April 20 with a 3:30 a.m. airing of Blake Edwards' "Victor/Victoria," the Special Home Edition is for the devotees who trek out to Hollywood every year for the festival as well as those who haven't yet gotten to sip martinis at the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel before watching a favorite film noir at the TCL Chinese Theater. And it couldn't come sooner for these homebound times.

The home festival has something for everyone. Care to catch up with, or rewatch, a few of the most



JORDAN STRAUSS/INVISION 2015
TCM host Ben Mankiewicz: "I got emotional when we made the announcement to cancel."



Interviews from past festivals will include Faye Dunaway, from left, Eva Marie Saint and Peter O'Toole.

referred films of all time? They've got "Casablanca," "Lawrence of Arabia" and "North by Northwest" all scheduled. Or how about long-form interviews with film legends from past festivals? They have those, too, with Luise Rainer, Eva Marie Saint, Faye Dunaway and Peter O'Toole, to name a few.

"It represents not only the breadth of what we might have done on a festival weekend but is also a great scrapbook of moments from the 10 years we've done this," Changnon said.

You can also pay tribute to a recently departed legend like Max von Sydow: Ingmar Bergman's "The Seventh Seal" airs on April 17.

For those looking for family fare, Mankiewicz said his nearly 7-year-old daughter loves "Singin' in the Rain," which will air at

6 p.m. April 19. "Musicals are a great, great opportunity to bring people together," he said.

And for couples wondering what might make a good date night film, Mankiewicz suggests Jules Dassin's 1950 noir "Night and the City" (April 18, 11:45 p.m.) with Gene Tierney or "Red-Headed Woman," a pre-code film starring Jean Harlow as a woman who uses sex to advance herself that airs at 2 p.m. April 19.

Another pre-code gem is "Baby Face" with Barbara Stanwyck, playing early April 20. "One of her conquests is a 25-year-old John Wayne," Mankiewicz said. "We're not doctors, we're not nurses, we're not scientists," Mankiewicz said. "... I'm happy to do something that matters to people even in some small way."

Horoscopes



Today's birthday (March 27): Your professional star shines this year. A strong team is fundamental. Launch an important project before getting into home relocation or renovation. Shifting summer plans lead to sweet domesticity. Upgrade your communications and outreach next winter, before embarking on an exciting educational adventure. Discover new terrain.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 9. Go for the gold. A dreamy and lucrative opportunity is within reach. Disciplined and coordinated action gets satisfying results.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 9. Dress for success. Your status is rising naturally. Your past work speaks well for you. Update your resume and presentation.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 7. Savor peaceful, natural settings to let your mind wander. Escape from noise or chaos to refresh your spirit. Consider what you want and where you're going.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. Have fun with friends. Discuss dreams, fantasies and wishes. Invent ways to strengthen collaborative efforts for shared gain. Show up for each other.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 9. Forge ahead with a professional project. Dreamy results are possible. A prize long envisioned is within sight. Coordinated teamwork and disciplined efforts pay off.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Get out and explore. You can adapt to changing conditions on the fly. An investigation calls to you. Study your subject in advance.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Collaborate on shared financial decisions and obligations. Communication is essential. Determine your part and then play it. Pull together and amazing results are possible.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Talk about dreams with someone you love. Learn something new about each other. Find a vision that sings to you both; pursue that together.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 7. Love energizes you and lights you up. Instill that juice into your work. Build strength and endurance with physical exercise. Nature and sunlight feed your spirit.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 9. Follow your heart where it leads. Have fun with special people. Romantic dreams can absolutely come true. Talk about what you would love.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Talk with family and housemates about the domestic changes you want, and then make it happen. Big improvements can come easily, once you're ready.

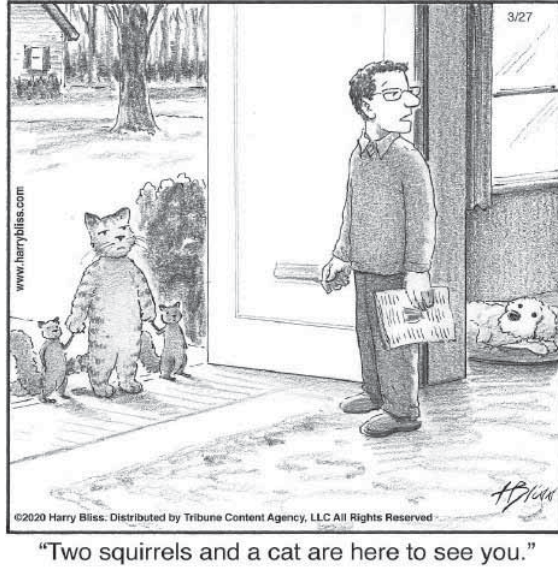
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. Creative and writing projects can get lucrative. Capture your vision into words and images and develop from there. Hone and refine. Share your message.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

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♠ K 9 8	♥ K 8 7 6 5	♠ Q J 10 6 5	♥ J 3 2
♦ Q J 9	♣ Q 5	♦ K 6	♣ K 10 7

New bidding gadgets crop up from time to time and they are given a trial run by the experts. Some catch on and others don't. Support doubles and redoubles have caught on and they are in wide use. This is a double or redouble by opener to show three-card support for partner after opener's right-hand opponent has overcalled or doubled. Transfer responses to a one-club opening are a much newer idea and they are still in the trial stage.

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♣	Pass	1♥*	Dbl

Redbl All pass

*Spades

Opening lead: Queen of ♦

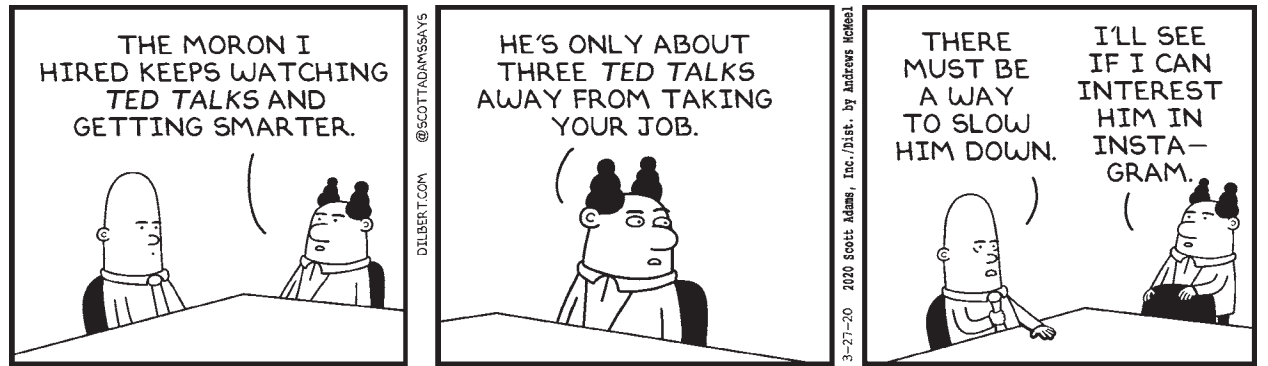
length and strength in hearts — an artificial bid. West's double is a questionable action with the weak suit he held. North redoubled, intending this to show three-card spade support — the suit his partner had shown. South, however, interpreted the redouble as showing strength in hearts and asking South to play it right there with a suitable hand for hearts. South was delighted to pass, but he was in shock when the dummy went down. He was playing in his 3-1 fit, redoubled and vulnerable!

Once South recovered from the sight of dummy, he won the diamond lead with his king and took the spade finesse. He quickly ran off two spade tricks, two diamond tricks, two club tricks, the ace of hearts, and a diamond ruff for eight tricks. A routine contract made with an overtrick! Even a trump lead wouldn't have changed the outcome.

Nice bidding, we guess.

— Bob Jones
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Dilbert



Baby Blues



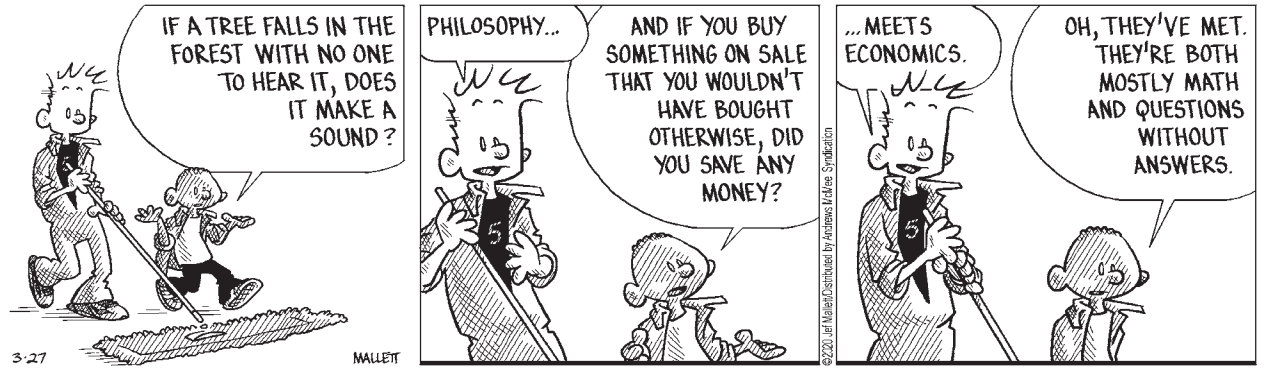
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Mr. Boffo



Frazz



Classic Peanuts



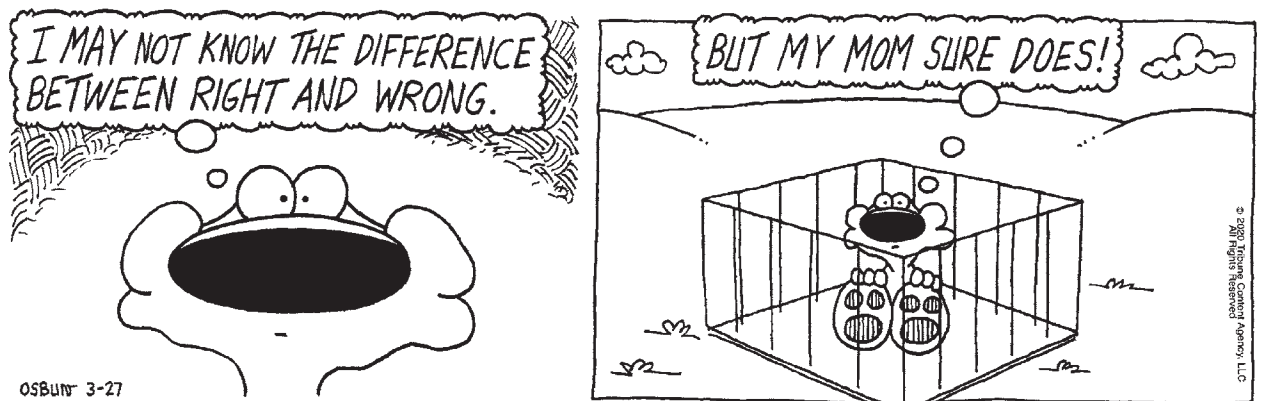
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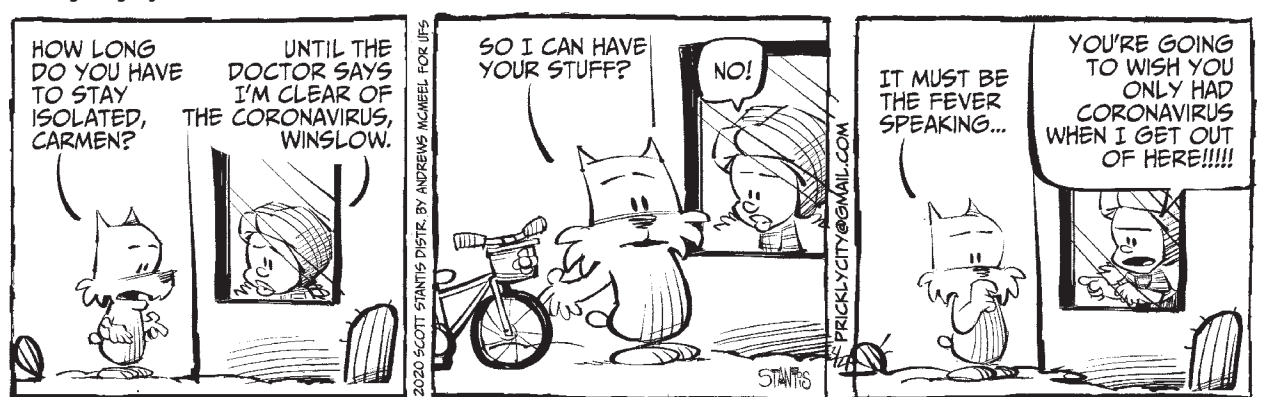
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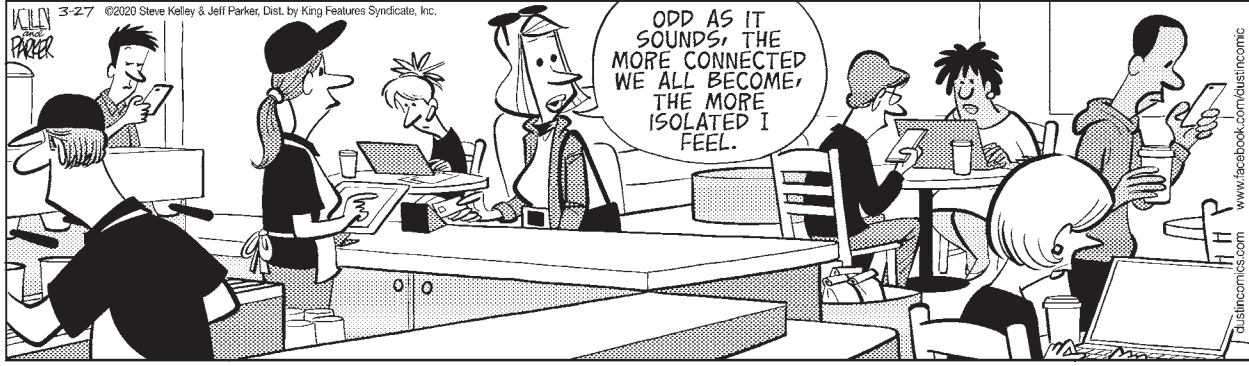
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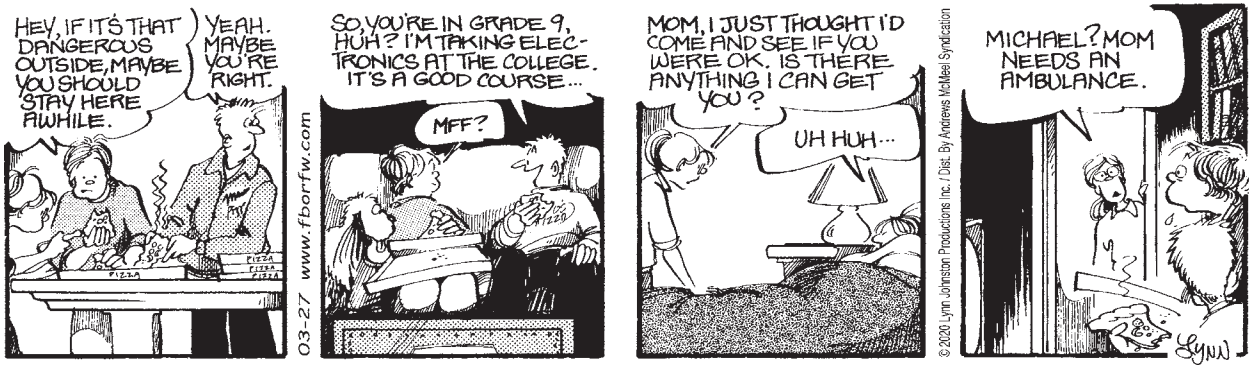
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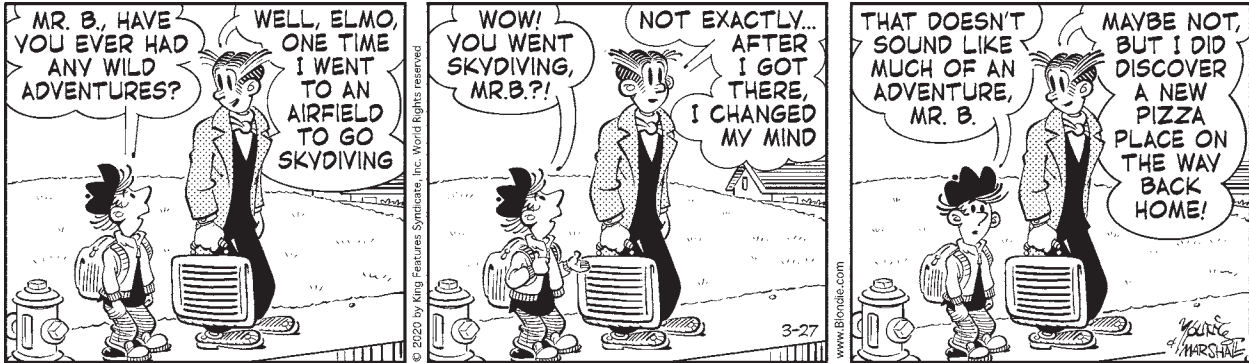
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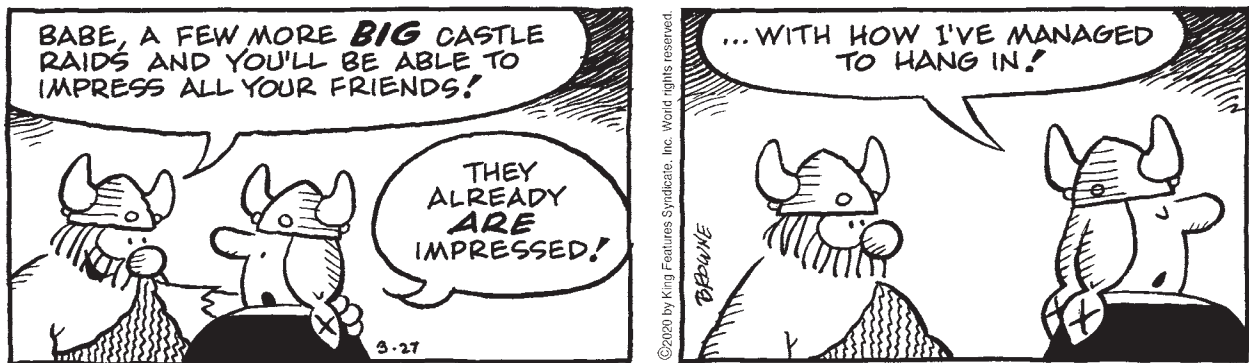
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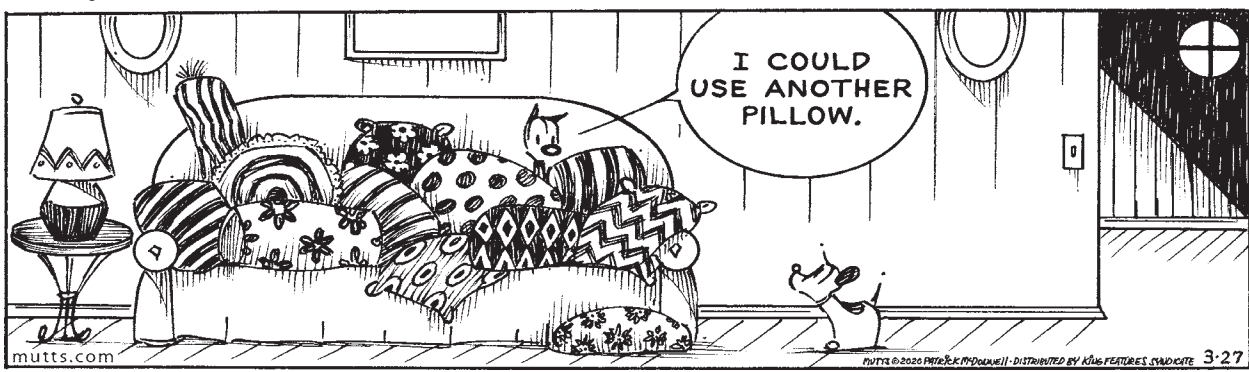
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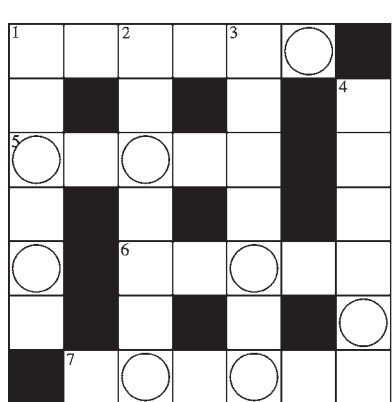
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Trivia Bits

For his service in which war did Sgt. William Carney become the first black man to be awarded the Medal of Honor?
 A) Revolutionary War
 B) U.S. Civil War
 C) War of 1812
 D) World War II
Thursday's answer: Jerome Lester Horwitz was the real name of Curly Howard, goofiest of The Three Stooges.
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Jumble Crossword



CLUE ACROSS
 1. Ford car model
 5. Gripe, moan
 6. Funny act
 7. Protect

CLUE DOWN
 1. Least
 2. Eulogy
 3. British playhouse
 4. Separated

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

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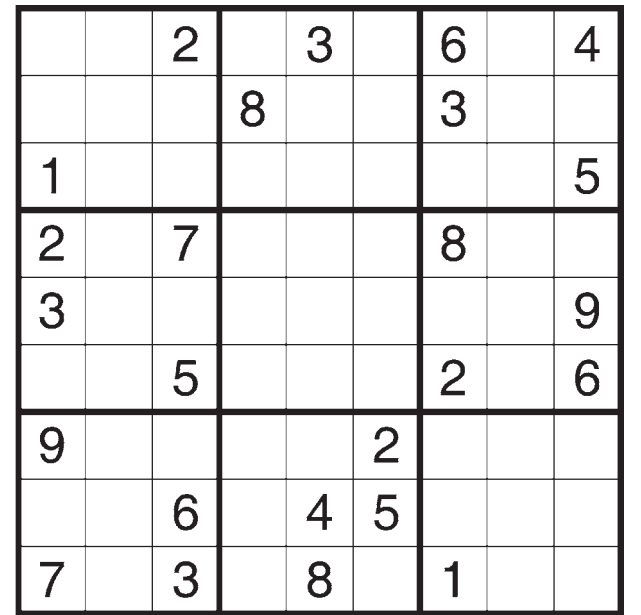
CLUE: This product was invented as the result of an accidental spill of a wheat bran mixture onto a hot stove.

BONUS ○○○○○○○○○○○

ANSWERS: 1-A-Fiesta 5-A-Whine 6-A-Antic 7-A-Whine 8-A-Fiesta 9-A-Whine 10-A-Whine 11-A-Whine 12-A-Whine 13-A-Whine 14-A-Whine 15-A-Whine 16-A-Whine 17-A-Whine 18-A-Whine 19-A-Whine 20-A-Whine 21-A-Whine 22-A-Whine 23-A-Whine 24-A-Whine 25-A-Whine 26-A-Whine 27-A-Whine 28-A-Whine 29-A-Whine 30-A-Whine 31-A-Whine 32-A-Whine 33-A-Whine 34-A-Whine 35-A-Whine 36-A-Whine 37-A-Whine 38-A-Whine 39-A-Whine 40-A-Whine 41-A-Whine 42-A-Whine 43-A-Whine 44-A-Whine 45-A-Whine 46-A-Whine 47-A-Whine 48-A-Whine 49-A-Whine 50-A-Whine 51-A-Whine 52-A-Whine 53-A-Whine 54-A-Whine 55-A-Whine 56-A-Whine 57-A-Whine 58-A-Whine 59-A-Whine 60-A-Whine 61-A-Whine 62-A-Whine 63-A-Whine 64-A-Whine 65-A-Whine 66-A-Whine 67-A-Whine 68-A-Whine 69-A-Whine 70-A-Whine 71-A-Whine 72-A-Whine 73-A-Whine
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Sudoku 1 2 3 4

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1	8	3	5	7	2	4	9	6
4	7	6	9	1	8	5	2	3
5	2	9	3	6	4	7	1	8
8	1	4	7	5	6	2	3	9
3	9	5	2	8	1	6	7	4
7	6	2	4	3	9	1	8	5
2	3	7	8	4	5	9	6	1
9	4	1	6	2	3	8	5	7
6	5	8	1	9	7	3	4	2

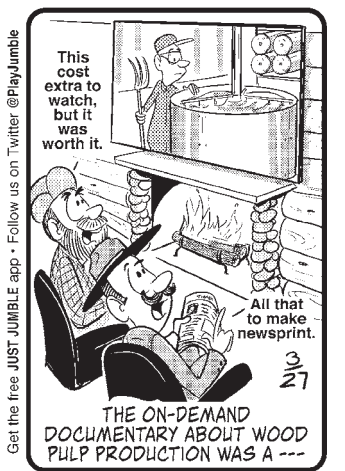
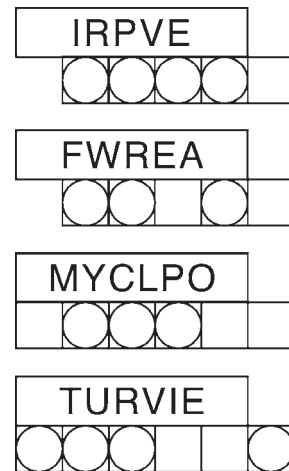
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Thursday'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



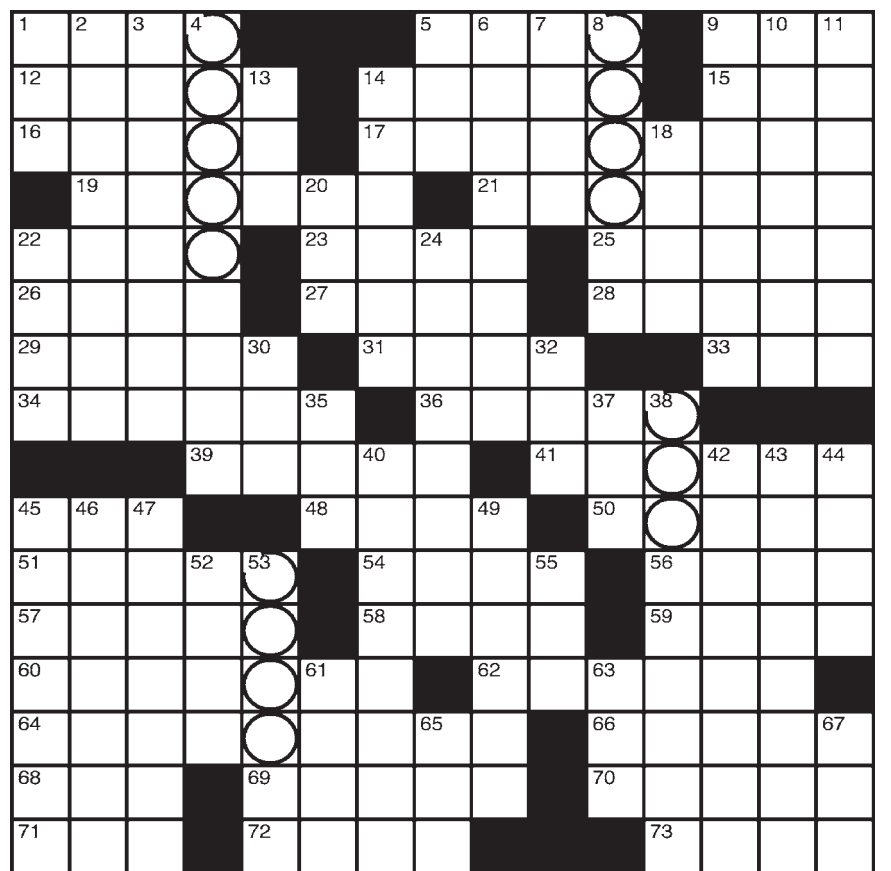
Thursday's answers

Jumbles: MONEY SALAD UNFAIR CRANKY
 Answer: There'd been some burglaries in their neighborhood, which was - CAUSE FOR ALARM

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Crossword

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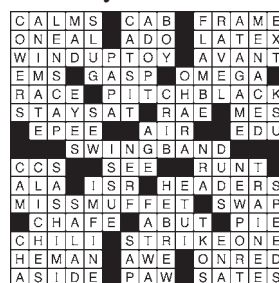
Across

- 1 June event that highlighted Zion in 2019
- 5 Revolt
- 9 Questlove's do
- 12 "___ is human ..."
- 14 Asian gambling mecca
- 15 Pasture
- 16 Greek goddesses of the seasons
- 17 Anglicized name for Australia's Uluru
- 19 Game response that means no
- 21 Like mockumentaries
- 22 Sailboat staff
- 23 Sell
- 25 Disquiet
- 26 Messy roommate
- 27 Oscar winner Kazan
- 28 Valentine's Day buys
- 29 Parts
- 31 Seeing right through
- 33 "Shame!"
- 34 Wannabe

- 36 Result of a lost feed
- 39 Free from
- 41 Get ready to play
- 45 Tests graded on a scale of 1 to 5: Abbr.
- 48 "Oh ___": insult reaction
- 50 Maine college town
- 51 Deep-fried seafood appetizer
- 54 Thin opening
- 56 Winnipeg NHLers
- 57 End of a toast
- 58 This is one
- 59 Texter's "But ..."
- 60 To such an extent (as)
- 62 Thin
- 64 Connecticut college town
- 66 "My name is ..." site
- 68 LAX abbr.
- 69 Brainstorms
- 70 Disney's "Moana" was translated into it
- 71 ___ gratias
- 72 Second opening?
- 73 Flanders et al.

- 10 Speaks from memory
- 11 Winery fixture
- 13 Outdoorsy retailer
- 14 Island thanks
- 18 Baltic capital
- 20 "___ Walks in Beauty": Byron poem
- 22 Car ad fig.
- 24 Jackpot, e.g., and a hint to completing four puzzle answers
- 30 ___ generis
- 32 Western treaty gp.
- 35 Hwys.
- 37 Daft Punk, for one
- 38 Shoe brand first made for an NBA star
- 40 Happening in film
- 42 In close combat
- 43 Hard to work with
- 44 Sumptuous
- 45 Allergy medicine discontinued in the U.S.
- 46 Rotate inward while walking, as one's foot
- 47 Gets married
- 49 Money symbolized by a stylized L
- 52 Crude dude
- 53 Northern seabird
- 55 Afternoon ___
- 61 John/Rice musical
- 63 Edge
- 65 Southeast Asian language
- 67 PFCs, e.g.

Thursday's solution



Down

- 1 Utmost degree
- 2 "Electric ___": 1984 dance-pop song
- 3 Sprays from cans
- 4 It's on tap
- 5 ___ trip
- 6 Salchow support
- 7 "Waitress" composer Barelilles
- 8 "The Planets" composer Holst
- 9 User of 28-Across

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CHICAGO WEATHER CENTER

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FRIDAY, MARCH 27

NORMAL HIGH: 51°

NORMAL LOW: 33°

RECORD HIGH: 82° (1945)

RECORD LOW: 12° (1996)

Periods of showers, storms extend into weekend

LOCAL FORECAST



HIGH 50 **LOW** 40

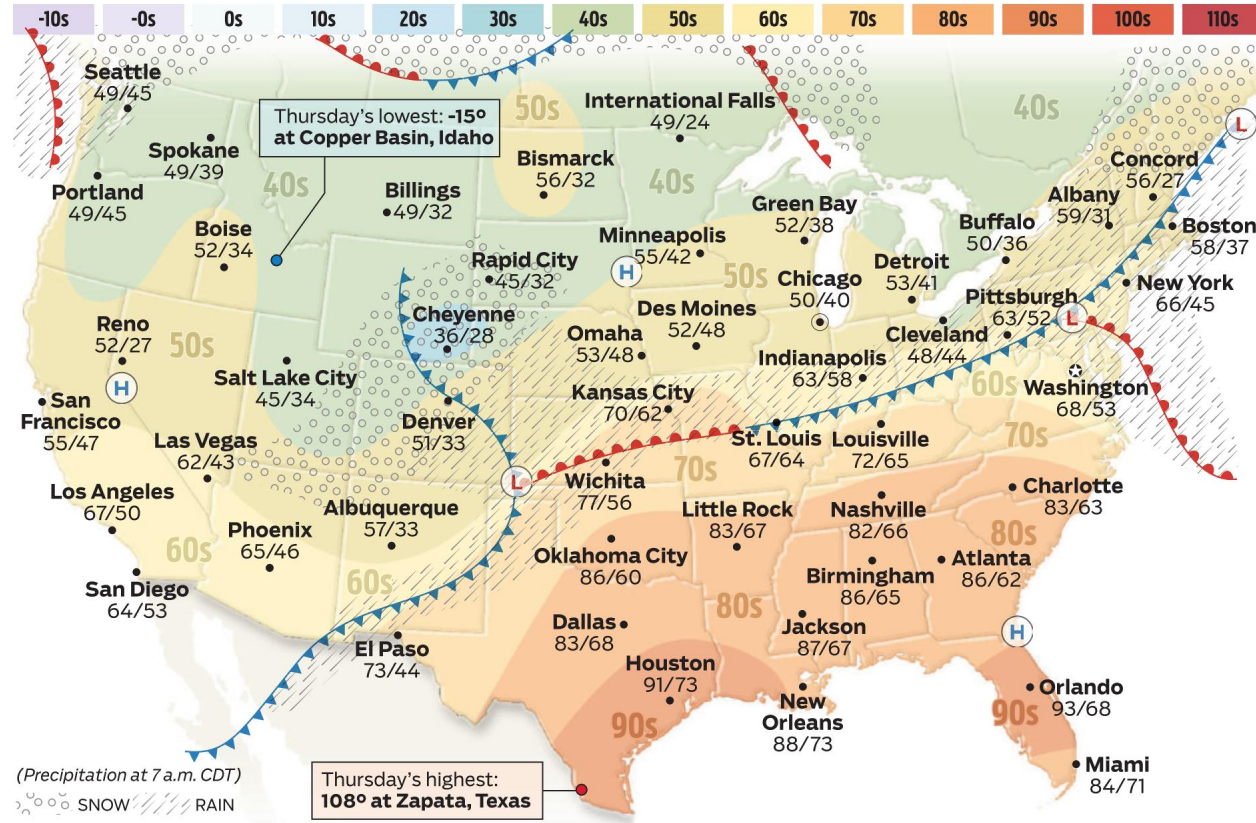
■ As a warm front slowly approaches our area out of central Illinois, a wide band of showers and embedded t-storms will spread over our area from the south.

■ Could be some breaks early then clouding over with showers and embedded thunderstorms moving into southern portions in the morning and across the remainder of the Chicago area Friday afternoon and continue overnight.

■ Afternoon highs around 50-degrees.

■ Northeast winds 8 to 14 mph shift to the SE overnight.

NATIONAL FORECAST



Low pressure will develop in the Central Plains and move northeast during the next 48 to 72 hours with first the associated warm front followed by a strong cold front triggering periods of showers and thunderstorms.

The first band of showers/t-storms should gradually move over our area from the south Friday and continue off and on Friday night. Saturday, the warm front should move through a good portion of our area allowing winds to shift southwest, in turn boosting temps into the 60s. By Saturday afternoon, the nose of an upper level jet-stream will be overhead acting in concert with building thunderstorms ahead of the approaching cold front.

Sunday, this low pressure system will be moving off to the northeast, but strong westerly winds will rake our area with 40 mph+ gusts.

SATURDAY, MARCH 28



HIGH 64 **LOW** 46

Mostly cloudy, showers with strong t-storms possible into the overnight hours. Localized downpours could give an inch or more rain. Highs upper 50s north to near 70 far south. Gusty winds out of the SE shifting to the SW.

SUNDAY, MARCH 29



HIGH 52 **LOW** 37

Strong west winds gusting over 40 mph. Clouds and chance of instability showers. Becoming partly sunny in the afternoon. Highs in the lower 50s. Partly cloudy overnight.

MONDAY, MARCH 30



HIGH 55 **LOW** 36

A dry day. Sunny skies with highs in the middle 50s inland, but a light lake breeze drops readings into the 40s along the lakefront. Increasing clouds and SE winds overnight.

TUESDAY, MARCH 31



HIGH 50 **LOW** 37

As a low pressure system passes to the south, clouds and a chance of rain will hold over our area, best chance of rain south. Highs upper 40s to lower 50s. Clouds and chance of rain again mainly south overnight.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1



HIGH 50 **LOW** 37

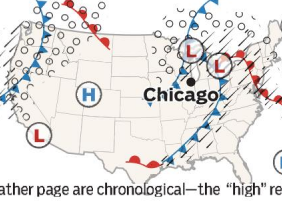
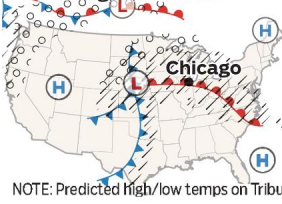
Overnight cloudiness moves off to the east becoming partly sunny. Highs in the upper 40s to lower 50s inland with cooler readings at the lakefront due to a NE breeze. Clear skies overnight.

THURSDAY, APRIL 2



HIGH 50 **LOW** 37

Partly sunny – again afternoon highs in the upper 40s to lower 50s with readings a little cooler along the lakefront. Clear skies overnight. North winds.



NOTE: Predicted High/low temps on Tribune weather page are chronological—the "high" refers to maximum reading expected during day and "low" is the minimum reading expected the following night.

ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
My wife and I think that there are now fewer thunderstorms than when we were children. Is there any truth to this? Thanks.
Tyler,
Glen Ellyn

Dear Tyler,
It's not true. Chicago climatologist Frank Wachowski scanned a database of Chicago's annual thunderstorm days dating to 1871, and in 2019 the city logged 59 days, the most in any year since 1977, when 65 were logged. This was well above the city's long-term annual average of 38. Last year's robust total was buoyed by an extremely thundery May and June with a combined 21 thunderstorm days. January was the only month without a thunderstorm. Since 2015, the city averaged a well-above normal 50 days with thunder. Wachowski noted that the city's stormy days range from a minimum of five in 1875 and 1879 to a maximum of 66 in 1975.

Write to: ASK TOM
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Chicago, IL 60618
asktomwhy@wgntv.com

WGN-TV meteorologists Mark Carroll, Steve Kahn, Richard Koeneman, Paul Merzlock and Paul Dailey, plus Bill Snyder, contribute to this page.

Waves of showers/t-storms ahead—severe storms Saturday

FRIDAY SET-UP

Cloudy, scattered showers

SEVERE STORM RISK

MARGINAL SLIGHT

SATURDAY SET-UP

Chicago in slight risk

SEVERE STORM RISK

MARGINAL SLIGHT

SATURDAY'S UPPER-AIR SET-UP

Very unstable air over Chicago area

Nose of 160 mph jet stream over Chicago gives maximum lift

Convection due to peak heating during afternoon

Convergence ahead of approaching cold front

Dew-points in the 50s to lower 60s supplies moisture

CHICAGO PRECIPITATION CHANCES

PERIOD	FRIDAY	FRI. NIGHT	SATURDAY	SAT. NIGHT	SUNDAY
50% CHANCE	50%	90%	90%	90%	30%

Total precipitation centered over Chicago
Through Sunday morning:
LEAST **0.45"** AVERAGE **1.10"** GREATEST **1.65"**

NOTE: T-storms are causing localized downpours which could enhance totals

SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

56 YEARS AGO TODAY

The Great Alaskan Earthquake

The most powerful earthquake recorded in North America (9.2 megathrust)

Second-most powerful in history. Epicenter just 12.4 miles north of Prince William Sound and 78 miles east of Anchorage.

9 killed by the earthquake, 122 killed by subsequent tsunamis

Occurred 5:36 P.M. local time, lasted 4 minutes 38 seconds

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MIDWEST CITIES				OTHER U.S. CITIES				WORLD CITIES											
FRI./SAT.	FC	HI	LO	FRI./SAT.	FC	HI	LO	FRI./SAT.	FC	HI	LO	FRIDAY	FC	HI	LO				
Chicago	sh	50	64	40	Chicago	sh	50	64	40	Chicago	sh	50	64	40	Chicago	sh	50	64	40

CHICAGO DIGEST

THURSDAY TEMPERATURES

LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
Aurora	53	40	Midway	52	41
Gary	53	38	O'Hare	52	40
Kankakee	52	41	Romeoville	50	43
Lakefront	51	38	Valparaiso	52	43
Lansing	54	39	Waukegan	51	37

CHICAGO PRECIPITATION

PERIOD	2020	NORMAL
Thu. (through 4 p.m.)	Trace	0.08"
March to date	1.67"	2.04"
Year to date	5.24"	5.56"

CHICAGO SNOWFALL

PERIOD	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Thu. (through 4 p.m.)	0.0"	0.0"
Season to date	30.1"	30.2"
Normal to date	34.5"	35.6"

SOURCE: Frank Wachowski

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS

	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Wind	NE 7-18 kts.	E/SE 12-27 kts.
Waves	2-4 feet	4-7 feet
Thu. shore/crib water temps	43°/42°	

U.S. SNOW COVER

MARCH 26	2020	2019
Area covered by snow	21.1%	22.6%
Average snow depth	3.4"	4.8"

TRACKING THE COLD

SINCE OCT. 15	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Sub-32° highs	23 days	21 days
Subzero lows	1 days	1 days

CHICAGO AIR QUALITY

Thursday's reading: **Good**

Friday's forecast: **Good**

Critical pollutant: **Particulates**

FRIDAY RISE/SET TIMES

	SUN	MOON
RISE	6:40 a.m.	8:29 a.m.
SET	7:11 p.m.	10:27 p.m.

FRIDAY PLANET WATCH

PLANET	RISE	SET
Mercury	5:48 a.m.	4:56 p.m.
Venus	8:22 a.m.	11:17 p.m.
Mars	3:48 a.m.	1:10 p.m.
Jupiter	3:31 a.m.	12:52 p.m.
Saturn	3:53 a.m.	1:25 p.m.

BEST VIEWING TIME

MERCURY	NOT VISIBLE
VENUS	8:15 p.m. - 31.5° W
MARS	5:30 a.m. - 14.5° SE
JUPITER	5:30 a.m. - 16.5° SE
SATURN	5:30 a.m. - 14° SE

Source: Dan Joyce, Chicago Astronomical Society

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