



CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

State's care facilities hit hard

Data shows at least 286 deaths at nursing homes, nearly a quarter of the toll in Illinois

BY JOE MAHR, PATRICK M. O'CONNELL AND KATHERINE ROSENBERG-DOUGLAS

Amid revelations of alarming and deadly COVID-19 outbreaks at nursing homes, the Pritzker administration on Sunday released for the first time details of

the number of cases and deaths tied to each long-term care facility in Illinois.

The data highlights the extent of the pandemic's reach inside the state's nursing homes, showing at least 186 long-term care facilities in 22 counties reporting at least one case. In all, at least 1,860 cases

can be tied to nursing homes, with 286 deaths. That's nearly a fourth of all coronavirus deaths reported in Illinois.

The data — which can be searched here — provides the first comprehensive account of the largest outbreaks recorded so far among residents and staff: 81

confirmed cases at Will County's Symphony of Joliet and Carol Stream's Covenant Living at Windsor Park, with 54 cases at Willowbrook's Chateau Center Nursing & Rehabilitation.

Those three also have the most deaths associated with the virus. The state has recorded 21, 11 and

10 deaths at each facility, respectively, although those tallies may not be up to date.

Nationwide, a New York Times report last week documented at least 6,900 COVID-19 deaths tied to nursing homes, about a fifth of

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Lesley Wright works with her daughter, Cameron, 6, during a break from e-learning in their Westmont home.

Long before coronavirus, officials urged school districts to prepare e-learning materials in case of an emergency

Most failed to make plans

BY JODI S. COHEN AND JENNIFER SMITH RICHARDS

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Long before the coronavirus crisis shut down Illinois schools, state education officials had encouraged districts to prepare for circumstances when they would

have to teach remotely. But most of the state's 852 school districts didn't have e-learning plans in place when schools closed in mid-March, a ProPublica Illinois-Chicago Tribune analysis has found.

Many of those districts have found themselves scrambling to figure out how best to teach students when they can't be face to face. They have had to search

for the best online platforms — Google Meet or Zoom or Flipgrid or Seesaw? — and try to determine how many students lacked internet service while districts that had already established the logistics have been able to pivot more easily into actual instruction.

"I do think that we would be facing a much smoother transition to remote learning if districts

had spent more time developing the plans sooner, but we could not have predicted our current situation," said Aaron Mercier, superintendent of the Regional Office of Education that serves Carroll, Jo Daviess and Stephenson counties along the state's borders with Wisconsin and Iowa. "The results won't be

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MORE COVERAGE

Small group protests at State Capitol

About 50 people gathered on Sunday, the latest in a series of protests across the country against stay-at-home orders designed to slow the spread of the coronavirus. Meanwhile, health officials reported 1,197 new cases of COVID-19 in Illinois and at least 31 new deaths. **Page 3**

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Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin



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Darryl Henry, 57, and his fiancée Kimberly Denise Hemphill, 50, Tuesday at their apartment in Chicago.

'You're putting your heart out there'

People are turning to GoFundMe as a last resort during outbreak

BY ALICE YIN

Darryl Henry was running out of time.

For years, his fiancée Kimberly Hemphill dreamed of visiting every famous attraction in Chicago. Hemphill, 50, couldn't leave the house for more than two hours before her oxygen tank ran out, yet she still clung to the hope that the two of them

would go adventuring across the city.

In March, Henry said, she broke down crying. The widening coronavirus outbreak meant Hemphill, who has chronic emphysema, was indefinitely stuck at home. The wedding in June was postponed. And Henry was laid off and furloughed from his jobs as a chef at the restaurants Kaathis in Lincoln Park and Amber's Food Cafe in Englewood, leaving the couple without an income.

Henry waited until Hemphill was asleep and created an on-

line fundraiser on the crowdfunding website GoFundMe. In five succinct sentences, he explained the need for \$2,500 to buy a portable oxygen concentrator so Hemphill could be outside longer. Then he published their story for the world to see.

"I tried to do a GoFundMe page just to at least have a smile on her face for a minute," Henry, 57, said. "It's kind of depressing and saddening to me to watch her go through this and I can't

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Health is pitted against economy

US sees protests as some countries set to ease restrictions

BY WILL WEISSERT, JILL COLVIN AND FRANK JORDANS
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The global health crisis is taking a nasty political turn with tensions worsening between governments locked down to keep the coronavirus at bay and people yearning to restart stalled economies and forestall fears of a depression.

Protesters worrying about their livelihoods and bucking infringements on their freedom took to the streets in some places. A few countries were acting to ease restrictions, but most of the world remains unified in insisting it's too early to take more aggressive steps.

In the United States, there was clear evidence of the mounting pressure. The Trump administration says parts of the country are ready to begin a gradual return to normalcy. Yet some state leaders say their response to the pandemic is hindered by a woefully inadequate federal response.

Washington state's Democratic governor, Jay Inslee, even accused President Donald Trump of encouraging insubordination and "illegal activity" by goading on protesters who flouted shelter-in-place rules.

"To have an American president to encourage people to violate the law, I can't remember any time during my time in America where we have seen such a thing," Inslee told ABC's "This Week." He said it was "dangerous because it can inspire people to ignore things that actually can save their lives."

Trump supporters in several states ignored social distancing and stay-at-home orders, gathering to demand that governors lift controls on public activity.

Vice President Mike Pence sidestepped questions Sunday about why Trump seemed to be encouraging efforts to undermine preventive measures his own government has promoted. Inslee likened Trump's response to "schizophrenia." Larry Hogan, the Republican governor of Maryland, said it "just doesn't make any sense."

"We're sending completely conflicting messages out to the governors and to the people, as if we should ignore federal policy and federal recommendations," Hogan said on CNN's "State of the Union."

Shutdowns that began in China in late January and spread globally have disrupted life and plunged the world into a deep economic

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Dr. Phil McGraw speaks Feb. 21, during a ceremony awarding him with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in Los Angeles.

What Dr. Phil and Dr. Oz are really saying is deaths matter less than freedoms of majority



DAHLEEN GLANTON

Dr. Phil and Dr. Oz couldn't resist weighing in on the coronavirus crisis. That's not surprising. They are entertainers who thrive on being in the spotlight.

Anyone who takes advice seriously from these television personalities is an idiot. But that doesn't mean we should entirely dismiss what they have to say — especially during this deadly pandemic.

These pseudo doctors didn't become household names by being stupid. They've figured out how to tap into the psyche of the American public and use our expectations, fears and prejudices to their advantage.

They appeared on Fox News last week with an agenda, designed to rally the troops around Donald Trump's efforts to undermine Democratic governors who are defying his call to reopen the country before it is time.

The controversial remarks were a reflection of where many Trump supporters stand on the issue. They don't want to be locked inside, and small groups of them are starting to rebel.

With COVID-19 still taking a deadly toll on America, their actions could mean only one thing: These people have selfishly decided that the personal freedoms they enjoy are more important than protecting the health and safety of those who are most vulnerable to the virus.

Across the country, officials have struggled to get people to stay at home, despite evidence that it would save lives. Last week, small groups of pro-Trump protesters in Michigan, Wisconsin, Ohio, Kentucky, Minnesota, North Carolina and Utah took to the streets denounce the shelter-in-place orders. Over the weekend, people flocked to reopened beaches in Florida.

As far as these folks are concerned, the country isn't in this crisis together. Every man, woman and child is on their own.

Many of us were rightfully outraged by the blatant disregard for human life demonstrated by Dr. Phil and Dr. Oz. We saw through their

thinly veiled message that a virus that kills mostly old people and African Americans isn't important enough to jeopardize the freedoms of the majority.

Phil McGraw, an unlicensed psychologist, suggested that the fallout from shutting down the country because of COVID-19 would be more devastating in the long term than the death toll. He questioned why we're so concerned about the coronavirus when more people die each year from car crashes, smoking and drowning.

Many Americans have been quietly wondering the same thing.

"Two hundred fifty people a year die from poverty, and the poverty line is getting such that more and more people are going to fall below that because the economy is crashing around us, and they're doing that because people are dying from the coronavirus. I get that," McGraw said.

"The fact of the matter is we have people dying, 45,000 people a year die from automobile accidents, 480,000 from cigarettes, 360,000 a year from swimming pools, but we don't shut the country down for that, but yet we're doing it for this? And the fallout is going to last for years because people's lives are being destroyed."

Forget that the number of drownings is wrong and that none of those causes of death is contagious and could have been prevented by a vaccine. Dr. Phil was telling Americans to get their priorities straight.

Of course, lots more people will die if the restrictions are lifted too soon. Dr. Phil was prompting us to remember whose lives are essential to America's future and whose are expendable.

He challenged us to consider these questions:

What's the big deal about impoverished people dying? Poor people always have had a shorter life span than those who could afford better lifestyles.

Why should everyone in America be punished because more than 33,000 people have died from COVID-19? People lose loved ones all the time and the rest of us don't have to suffer.

Why should people who are healthy because they've taken care of themselves be treated the same as those who haven't? The majority of Americans aren't going to contract the virus anyway. Even if they do, they'll recover because the important people in America have access to

excellent health care.

Dr. Mehmet Oz, a former heart surgeon, told Fox News' Sean Hannity that reopening schools was an "appealing opportunity," given that it may "only cost us 2 to 3% in terms of total mortality."

Let's not kid ourselves. He's talking about black and Hispanic children. They comprise the overwhelming majority of public school students in urban areas where the virus is most prevalent, and are most likely to suffer from chronic lung diseases such as asthma.

In other words, he seemed to say, let's sacrifice poor minority kids in order to "get our mojo back."

"Let's start with things that are really critical to the nation where we think we might be able to open without getting into a lot of trouble," he said. "I tell you, schools are a very appetizing opportunity."

Such an idea shouldn't be all that shocking. America's education system abandoned black children a long time ago. Schools in predominantly minority neighborhoods always have been substandard compared with suburban schools, where students are mostly white and affluent.

Society has never cared whether black children received a quality education. Let's not act as if we didn't know that without a good education, black teenage boys are likely to turn to violence and kill each other off.

Dr. Phil and Dr. Oz were reminding us that it's ridiculous to suddenly start worrying about these throwaway populations when the future of the entire country is at stake. It's time, instead, to focus on the greater good.

These men built successful careers by making a mockery of the things that most affect people's lives — infidelity, family dysfunction, weight, drug addiction and raising children. They allow viewers to escape their own dire circumstances by peering into the lives of others who seem much worse off.

It's an escapism that some segments of our society find appealing. Dr. Phil and Dr. Oz know these folks better than some of them know themselves.

So when these Trump surrogates say there's nothing wrong with looking out for No. 1 during the pandemic, some idiots will listen because it's exactly what they want to hear.

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Illinois Senate president asks feds for \$41B

BY RICK PEARSON

Democratic Illinois Senate President Don Harmon is asking federal lawmakers to provide more than \$41 billion to the state as part of the next coronavirus relief package, including \$10 billion to stabilize a massively underfunded pension system.

"I realize I've asked for a lot, but this is an unprecedented situation, and we face the reality that there likely will be additional, unanticipated costs that could result in future requests for assistance," Harmon wrote in a Tuesday letter to members of the state's congressional delegation.

The first-year Senate president noted that last year's passage of a bipartisan state budget and comprehensive infrastructure package helped the state "turn a corner."

"This outbreak and its lingering effects threaten the progress Illinois has made," he wrote.

Republicans, a minority in the state House and

Senate as well as in the congressional delegation, immediately seized on Harmon's request as an attempt to leverage the pandemic to engineer a federal bailout.

"Never let a crisis go to waste," as they say," the Illinois Republican Party tweeted, linking to a New York Times story on Harmon's request. The issue of additional state and municipal funding from the federal government is part of the dispute between Democrats and Republicans in Washington over replenishing dollars for the Paycheck Protection Program, a small business program providing money to businesses who keep their workers on the payroll.

The \$349 billion fund has been depleted, and Republicans want \$250 billion more for the program. But Democrats want several add-ons, including money for hospitals and health care, and funding for a massive coronavirus testing program. Republicans have resisted the Democratic requests.

With the nation's econo-

my largely shuttered, the pandemic's effects on state budgets has been huge. Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker forecast a \$2.7 billion shortfall in state tax revenues for the budget year that ends June 30 and as much as \$7.4 billion in revenue for the year that starts July 1 if voters do not enact a graduated-rate income tax system. That question is on the November ballot.

At his daily coronavirus briefing Saturday, Pritzker said he was "not aware of the content" of Harmon's letter before it was sent but called the request "different than what I have been talking to the federal representatives about." The governor did not elaborate.

"I really believe the states need to have some unencumbered dollars that come in that will help us with the coming year's budget. Every state has this problem. It just does," Pritzker said. "So, I don't object, like I said, to people talking to our federal representatives with their opinions. I have certainly done that."

Harmon's request of

more than \$41.6 billion in direct federal assistance is roughly the equivalent of the \$42 billion budget Pritzker proposed in February, prior to the effects of the pandemic on Illinois and the nation.

Under the initial coronavirus relief act funding measure, Illinois received \$4.9 billion, \$2.7 billion for the state and \$2.2 billion for municipalities, to offset costs directly related to the pandemic.

But the funding cannot be used to fill revenue gaps caused by the economic downturn in dealing with the virus. To that end, the National Governors Association has called for \$500 billion in federal aid to be doled out to the states.

Previously, 16 Chicago aldermen, including the City Council's Latino caucus, signed onto a letter backing federal efforts by progressives in Congress to provide emergency relief to states and cities that included direct grants as well as the involvement of the Federal Reserve to bolster municipal bond markets.

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'We're in the middle of an emergency'

1,197 new cases and 31 new deaths as protest breaks out

BY PATRICK M. O'CONNELL AND JAMIE MUNKS

A small group of protesters holding "Don't tread on me" flags and chanting "Open Illinois!" demonstrated outside the Illinois State Capitol in Springfield on Sunday, the latest in a series of protests across the country against stay-at-home orders designed to slow the spread of the coronavirus.

About 50 people gathered on the steps of the Capitol, holding signs that read "Open our state," "Freedom is essential" and "No one is safe when rights are infringed." Others waved "Trump 2020" and "Recall Pritzker."

One counterprotester stood among them, wearing a face mask and holding a sign that read "These guys are idiots."

The Springfield protest followed a wave of demonstrations against coronavirus stay-at-home orders at statehouses across the nation in recent days, including Lansing, Michigan; Madison, Wisconsin; Indianapolis; Austin, Texas; and Carson City, Nevada. Protesters are pushing for state economies to reopen, and many have flouted social distancing guidance and restrictions on gatherings aimed at stemming the spread of the coronavirus.

The small Sunday demonstration in Illinois came as state health officials reported 1,197 new known cases of coronavirus in Illinois and at least 31 new deaths. That brings the state's total to 30,357 new cases and 1,290 deaths.

Gov. J.B. Pritzker, who has been delivering his daily news conferences from the Thompson Center in Chicago, said he is weighing public safety and the economy as he considers the effects of the stay-at-home restrictions, which have shuttered many businesses and kept people at home throughout

the state. But with Illinois coming off a grim week in which about a third of the total cases confirmed since the outbreak's start were tallied between April 12 and Saturday, the governor said he needs to consider the ramifications of softening restrictions too soon.

"I think I would say to all of those folks who legitimately want to get back to work that I do too," Pritzker said. "I want people to get back to work, I want people to go back to school. And I want us to have a great summer. And so I'm looking for all of the best ways to make that happen. But we're in the middle of an emergency, a pandemic."

Pritzker said he is listening to the health experts and scientists as he weighs the decisions about the restrictions in Illinois. The current stay-at-home order runs through April 30. Illinois schools will be closed for the remainder of the academic year.

"The fact is, we have got to be very careful as we make decisions about change in the stay-at-home order to keep people safe," Pritzker said. "And I'm looking at all of the ways in which we can open things up and keep people safe."

Dr. Ngozi Ezike, the head of the Illinois Department of Public Health, said the stay-at-home order has slowed the spread of the virus. During the beginning days when the coronavirus hit Illinois, she said, the basic reproductive number, or RO — the expected number of people one person will infect — was about 3.5. The RO is now "in the low 1s," Ezike said.

"We've brought it way down," Ezike said. But Pritzker added that he's looking for that number to be below 1.

Pritzker and Ezike's daily update came a day after the state reported 125 more deaths and 1,585 new confirmed cases. The Saturday death total tied



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS
Gov. J.B. Pritzker and Dr. Ngozi Ezike speak on Sunday at the Thompson Center during the coronavirus pandemic.

Thursday's record for a single day. There were 9,980 new coronavirus cases between April 12 and Saturday. For the week that ended Saturday, 583 people in Illinois died from COVID-19, nearly half of the total number of dead since the state began tracking.

Among the newest apparent coronavirus victims is a student at Arlington Heights-based Township High School District 214 who died likely due to complications from COVID-19, according to an email announcement from Superintendent David Schuler.

Because of the ongoing threat of spread, Ezike urged all residents to continue their social distancing efforts.

"Let's continue to be all-in in Illinois," she said.

The Pritzker administration on Sunday also released data on COVID-19 in the state's nursing homes, showing at least 186

long-term care facilities in 22 counties reporting at least one case. In all, at least 1,860 cases, and 286 deaths, can be tied to nursing homes.

At Symphony of Joliet, the nursing home with the highest number of coronavirus cases and deaths in Illinois, a second employee death has been reported. Nearly a fourth of all coronavirus deaths reported in Illinois are associated with long-term care facilities.

Pritzker also said that another shipment of personal protection equipment from China will be arriving in Illinois on Monday. The Illinois National Guard will take "millions" of disposable masks and gloves to the state warehouse, before they are shipped out to public safety and health care workers.

Chicago Tribune's Joe Mahr, Karen Ann Cullotta and Ariel Cheung contributed.

Stay-at-home order seems to have halted bad flu season

BY KATE THAYER

Measures that have kept Chicagoans in their homes in an effort to flatten the curve of the coronavirus pandemic have had another benefit, experts say — stopping a nasty influenza season.

According to data from the Illinois Department of Public Health, the 2019-20 influenza season, now winding down, was particularly harsh. But hospitalizations and other tracking measurements for influenza sharply decreased as news of the COVID-19 pandemic ramped up.

Experts say last month's good hygiene messaging, like hand-washing and staying home when sick, combined with social distancing pleas from government officials and the statewide stay-at-home order had a dramatic effect on the spread of flu.

"We were seeing hundreds of flu (cases) every week at the hospital, and then we had like five," said Dr. Emily Landon, chief infectious disease epidemiologist at University of Chicago Medicine. "This was a really bad flu year," but preventative measures related to the COVID-19 pandemic "cut it short."

"It probably saved thousands of lives across the country," she said.

Typically, Landon said, influenza has a gradual slowdown in the spring but continues to spread. However, statewide data on intensive care unit hospital admissions and positive flu tests shows a sharp drop-off this year — and the timing ties directly to the statewide stay-at-home order.

While some data that public health officials typically use to track the spread of flu was affected by the COVID-19 pandemic because the viruses have similar symptoms, other data confirms this year's flu spread was worse than last year's, said IDPH spokeswoman Melaney Arnold.

The most recent data,

which goes through April 4, shows that eight children in Illinois died from flu this season, including three in Chicago. Across the country, there have been at least 39 million people stricken with flu, and about 24,000 deaths, including 166 children, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

While that's more than in recent years, according to the CDC, it remains less severe than the 2017-18 season, considered to be the most deadly in decades, when 49 million people were sickened and nearly 80,000 died, including 188 children — nine of them in Illinois.

It's possible that this year's flu spread could've been worse, Landon said, if it weren't for the virtual shutdown of the country due to COVID-19.

Landon said when she and her colleagues first started hearing of the new virus, she wondered how hospitals would handle the influx of patients during flu season.

"I thought, this is not going to work," she said. "We were already dealing with this horrible flu season. How can we do both of these things at the same time?"

But the constant messaging regarding hand-washing and staying home when sick did its job, she said. "They were doing the things we want them to do every year because it's flu season."

While the pandemic is a tragedy, Landon said, one silver lining could be a future impact on influenza. A combination of vaccination, plus use of anti-viral medication works best with good public health practices, she said. "People underestimate it."

"If we get anything out of this of this experience, we now have a really educated public on how to stop the spread of infections."

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Foundation in woman's honor aids victims of domestic violence

23-year-old mother was allegedly killed by her boyfriend

BY ALICE YIN

Ninaa Edwards was always helping. Whether welcoming customers at her childhood hair salon or taking steps toward her dream of becoming a homicide detective, the 23-year-old wanted to be there for others.

The mother of a toddler girl, Edwards had started applying to the Chicago Police Academy when she was allegedly killed by her boyfriend in January 2019 at their South Side apartment.

Her family still sometimes talks about her in the present tense, as if her radiant smile were just around the corner. And in many ways, she does live on. This year, the family launched the Ninaa Cares Foundation, an organization dedicated to upholding Edwards' legacy and supporting domestic violence victims.

"Ninaa — I always hate to say 'was' — Ninaa was the most helpful person," said Stephanie Luster, owner of the Sophia Brandon Boutique Salon where Ninaa worked in high school. "You could imagine that you needed to do something and before it can come out of your mouth, Ninaa was trying to help."

To start, the foundation is planning scholarships for young women and girls

sharing Edwards' interests: \$1,000 for a single mother pursuing a criminal justice degree, and \$500 for a female athlete participating in a summer track and field program.

Edwards' family is also spreading awareness through social media while donating money, toys and clothes to other domestic violence organizations. Fundraising events, such as 5K runs, are slated for once the coronavirus pandemic subsides, Wilson said.

And like other domestic violence organizations, Ninaa Cares is mobilizing during the outbreak's stay-at-home order, which advocates fear will lead to an increase in domestic abuse.

"It gives us a hope that if we can be that piece to get that information out there, less people will lose their life or have gone through so much trauma," said her mother, Kim Wilson. "We're another voice out there letting people know, hey, you can get away and you can still have the life that you want, that you dreamed of."

Edwards was a track and field star at both Rich South High School in south suburban Richton Park and Wichita State University in Kansas. Her younger sister Nyasha Wilson remembers seeing her kick her legs up with enough power during the high jump event that she soared above her height of 5-foot-2. Outside of competitions, she spent summers coaching other young track and field athletes.



ZBIGNIEW BZDAK/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS
Kim Wilson's daughter Ninaa Edwards was allegedly slain by her boyfriend. Her family is now establishing scholarships and providing resources for domestic violence victims.

"I describe her as kind of like a little firecracker because she's so small, but she has so much energy," said Wilson, 19. "She definitely was real and genuine at the same time."

Kim Wilson believes her daughter could have gone to the Olympics if she wanted, but her desire to help bring justice to others led her to set her sights on the Chicago Police Academy. Edwards yelped in delight when she learned last year that she had passed the written exam. She was riding in a car with her mom, who pulled over to celebrate the moment.



A photo of Ninaa Edwards is framed in her mom's home.

"Yes, I did it, Mom. I did it," she beamed.

Her goal of being a homicide detective meshed well with Edwards' personality. She was magnanimous but blunt when friends came to her for advice. She became a doting mother who organized daily schedules for her

daughter's lessons and TV programming. And as a wrestler in high school, she wasn't easily intimidated.

"She's got that toughness to her," Wilson said. "She wouldn't stop until she got results. If she wanted to go after that bad guy, I could really see her giving it her all."

Edwards was looking out for her daughter, born in September 2017, until the end of her life. One of Wilson's last memories with Edwards was FaceTiming during the polar vortex of 2019. Worried over the city's bitter cold and wind, Wilson asked her

daughter to come stay with her in the suburbs. Edwards reassured her mother that the apartment was plenty toasty: "Don't worry, everything is good. I got this."

Luster saw Edwards mature throughout her visits to the hair salon, whether as customer or employee. At first, the high schooler's resilient outlook reminded Luster of her younger self "trying to be strong." So she invited Edwards to come work at the salon, long regarded to be a place for sharing vulnerabilities.

"I could see straight through to this very soft inside, this loving, caring, just warm spirit," Luster said.

Over the years, Edwards became that mentor for others. She was known for giving spiritual counsel to other Christians and, after overcoming a depressive episode, joined and eventually became a leader at a mental health support group in Chicago.

Back at the salon, Luster did Edwards' hair for the last time in 2018. Edwards insisted on waiting until the honey blond highlights, layers and silk press were done before the big reveal in the mirror. While they hugged goodbye on the train platform before Edwards returned to Chicago, Luster reflected on the woman she had become.

"She felt beautiful," Luster said. "It was almost like she was standing there forever."

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CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

'He said he was scared to die young'

DJ had just turned 16 when he was killed, months after his best friend was fatally shot

BY PAIGE FRY

Valencia Pullum leaned over her son's casket. His half black, half blond dreads were tied up on top of his head. His outfit was mostly white with a red Gucci belt. He loved to dress nice, stand out.

"My baby look so good," she said to herself as others came up to look at the boy.

Darius "DJ" Lane Jr. was 16 just for a week when he was shot dead, but his round face and height — around 5-foot-4 — made him look younger. He was born at Stroger Hospital and that was where his body was taken after he died March 28.

Chicago police say someone got out of a silver four-door BMW and began firing at him in the 2100 block of West Maypole Avenue in West Town, just a block away from the boy's grandmother's house.

DJ was hit in the upper body and neck, police said. There were 23 9 mm shell casings found at the scene. His grandmother was with him, her first grandchild, as he died, Pullum said.

Five months earlier, DJ's best friend — Frank Looney, also 16 — had been shot and killed. DJ said afterward that he didn't want a life on the streets. He didn't want to die young.

DJ was killed not far from where his friend was shot in another West Side neighborhood. When Pullum went to Stroger, she wasn't allowed inside because of the coronavirus until she said she was there to see her son.

"My baby. This is my baby," was all she could think when she saw him.

No arrests have been made in either boy's death.

'A way out'

DJ always seemed to be dancing and laughing.

Next to fashion, music was his favorite thing. He was his mom's oldest child and wasn't shy about poking fun at loved ones. But he always checked in on Pullum if she looked sad or

angry and would plant big wet kisses on her.

He wanted to prove people wrong. Every day, DJ reminded his mom that he loved her and appreciated her hustle for him and his siblings, she said. He told her that he was going to get them out of the hood. His goal was to graduate high school and rap like his favorite artist, NBA YoungBoy.

But after DJ's best friend died, Pullum said she saw something change in her son. He kept up his usual charm around friends, but she would hear him listening to his friend's last rap and crying when he was alone.

"He was sad, just sad every day," said Parrish Pullum, DJ's 18-year-old uncle who was more like a brother to him. "Besides his family, that was probably the person closest to him. ... He just said he was scared to die young."

Frank Looney was killed last October when two gunmen opened fire at the bottom of a staircase at a party in Homan Square, police said. DJ was at the party and saw Frank get shot.

Instead of going to his school's homecoming, DJ went to a funeral repast for his friend, but waited till Dec. 24 to visit his grave for the first time.

"He just knew after that. He never thought that life was for him," said a friend, Salese "KoKo" Ray, 25. "He just knew he wanted to stay in school and find a way out."

If Frank's death were not enough, DJ's friend Jeff Austin, 21, had been killed in 2018. He was shot in the neck by someone in his car, police said. He was able to drive to a hospital but died a week later. Pictures of DJ on social media show him wearing a chain with the name "JEFF," which he had bought himself.

"They're taking death after death," Valencia Pullum said. "They're too young to be experiencing death like this."



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Valencia Pullum, left, and her best friend Wivonia Haywood stand outside House of Branch Funeral Home in Lawndale.



FAMILY PHOTO

Darius Lane Jr., 16, was shot and killed in March.

Pullum grew up in the Henry Horner Homes, a public housing complex on the Near West Side that has since been razed. She sometimes thinks things were better in public housing, which was notorious for violence, because at least people looked after each other there, she said. Now the crime and gangs occur block by block.

She wonders, who would roll up and gun down her teenage son at 11 in the morning?

"It hurt everybody because they see him laid out on the streets, and it's not

only his friends," she said. "It's the whole community."

'Darius just got shot'

Pullum was minutes from being with DJ as he took his last breath.

She had dropped him off at her mother's house about 10:40 a.m. and drove home. She took off her coat and washed dishes until she started getting phone calls. One after another until she finally answered.

"Darius just got shot," her aunt said.

She got her other three kids in the car and raced back. When she arrived, she saw her son in the street surrounded by red police tape. She tried to run to him. Five police officers held her back.

"I believe my son, he wanted me. He was asking for me. He wanted me. I was trying to get to him. I was trying to get to him," Pullum said. "My baby took his last breath. He was gone."

A Chicago police report noted that DJ was "known to be a Black Disciple but not documented." Pullum

said her son wasn't in a gang but believes police assumed he was because some of his friends were on the street. "Guilty by association," she said.

DJ had tattoos, but Pullum said they weren't gang-related: one was her name and the other two were for Frank and Jeff. She kept an eye on his social media and saw her son every day, "I always say to him, DJ be safe."

Masks, and his favorite color

Pullum said she couldn't have a proper funeral for DJ because of the coronavirus.

The House of Branch Funeral Home in Lawndale allowed only a few people inside at a time last Wednesday for his viewing. Only close family could sit in the chairs. People would walk in — some wearing masks and a bit of orange, DJ's favorite color — and walk toward DJ's casket. Many of them hugged Pullum before her mother directed them out the side exit so the next group could come in.

"He was loved by a whole lot of people," Marina Pullum, his grandmother, said. "Everyone he met, he left a print on them."

At the viewing, a funeral program was passed out. Inside, DJ's 9-year-old sister wrote to him, "Hey DJ, it's your sister Rihanna. I can't believe you are gone. ... All I need is for you to remember DJ stayed flee, always and I love you. You were so funny and kept everyone laughing."

More than 300 people filtered in through the church that Wednesday and Thursday, Pullum said. They later had a funeral service for him with just close family. Friends joined DJ's procession to Oakridge Cemetery, where Pullum plans to visit every Saturday like Frank's father does for his son every Sunday.

DJ had been the youngest person shot and killed in Chicago since the Illinois stay-at-home order was issued March 21. But as people stood inside the funeral home about 3:30 p.m. to see DJ, someone shot and killed a 15-year-old boy two miles away.

For those addicted to drugs, sales are essential business

Virus makes things more dangerous for illegal users

BY MADELINE BUCKLEY

On a recent warm day in Chicago, a street outreach worker witnessed groups of people congregating in West Side areas known for drug dealing.

In southern Illinois, a public health worker distributing syringes saw eight to 10 people crowded into two trap houses.

For people who are addicted to illegal drugs, particularly heroin and other opioids, the purchase and sale of drugs is an essential business, even as much of the country has shut down due to the spread of COVID-19. In Illinois, there are more than 24,500 known cases and at least 948 deaths.

Doctors, advocates and harm reduction workers are gearing up to battle the new coronavirus on multiple fronts in regards to those struggling with addiction, a vulnerable community they fear will face a disproportionate impact. Those who do harm reduction work, such as passing out clean syringes, see drug use as an inevitable and complex part of society that must be met with compassion.

Drug users in some areas are reporting an increase in products that are diluted with other substances, a possible sign that the decrease in commerce and travel has impacted the drug supply. Disruptions in the drug supply could result in dangerous involuntary withdrawal or use of more lethal substances, which would strain an already overstretched medical sys-

tem battling the virus, experts said.

And difficulty in maintaining social distancing measures raises risks of outbreaks among communities that also face poverty, poor access to health care and unstable living situations.

"Crises tend to further marginalize already marginalized populations," said Wiley Jenkins, chief of the epidemiology and biostatistics division at SIU Medicine Department of Population Science and Policy.

Drug supply disrupted

While receiving addiction services in early April, a heroin user reported that when he heated up the drug, the liquid gelled into a solid goo, according to Scott Fletcher, executive director of Community Action Place, a harm reduction provider that serves 19 counties in southern Illinois.

The heroin had been cut with another substance, a common tactic used by dealers to stretch their supply. But in this case, the manipulation had rendered the drug useless, a worrisome sign for Fletcher because withdrawal for those addicted to heroin can mean severe illness.

"If we're looking at another seven to 12 weeks of this, we're talking about people with opioid use disorder having a need for ... treatment in order to avoid stroke or heart attack due to withdrawal," Fletcher said.

Staff at Community Action Place conducted an informal poll of their participants and learned that most were reporting a decline in the quality of the product, an indication that

supply is getting scarcer, Fletcher said.

The slowdown of interstate travel could be impacting the supply, Fletcher said, and fewer cars on the road means more of a chance that dealers could be stopped for a broken taillight, or other minor traffic violations that lead to drug seizures.

Jenkins, who studies infectious diseases and opioid addiction in rural communities, noted that many rural areas only have one hospital to rely upon as COVID-19 ramps up outside of Chicago and suburban areas. Sickness from withdrawal can burden an "already stressed health care system."

"It is near universally described as one of the most horrific things people can experience," Jenkins said of withdrawal from opiates.

Experts are also finding that some precursors, or chemicals used to manufacture certain drugs, are becoming more scarce, leading to concerns that makers will turn to more lethal substances.

"It doesn't mean no more drug use," said Brandie Wilson, executive director of the Chicago Recovery Alliance. "When the opiate supply started becoming impacted, that's when we saw the rise of Fentanyl."

Fentanyl is a powerful synthetic opioid associated with a deadly overdose rate. It is sometimes mixed with heroin on the street. Lethal overdoses happen more frequently when there is a lot of variability and potency of drugs on the market, experts said.

"When the supply gets interrupted, you usually get something more potent and more powerful," said Kathie



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Cliff Sanchez, of The Chicago Recovery Alliance, hands a man bags of drug paraphernalia and plastic gloves during a two-hour stop in the Lawndale neighborhood on April 10.



A drug user holds a bag with paraphernalia for his drug of choice from the Chicago Recovery Alliance.

Kane-Willis, director of policy and advocacy at the Chicago Urban League. "It's a bad thing."

Social distancing

Samuel Castro, an outreach worker on the West Side, worries when he sees crowds gathering as if nothing has changed.

Castro, an outreach supervisor for the Institute of Nonviolence Chicago, sees some signs that social distancing has reduced foot traffic, with fewer people out, and more people wearing masks. But, as has happened elsewhere in the city, he has still witnessed crowds gather, especially on

warm days.

"We were just two days ago on Pulaski Road and it was a normal business day," Castro said. "Nothing changed at all."

Those using drugs have an addiction they need to feed. Those selling drugs can't lose their income either, he said.

"They'll say, I'm making \$500 every two or three hours," Castro said. "How can I compete, telling them there's a virus that can kill your family and kids?"

Similarly, in rural Illinois where Fletcher works, those fighting addictions may socially distance in other ways, but they still gather in the trap houses for

drug use.

"They're driven by an addiction," Fletcher said. "That changes their thought patterns and changes their action."

As a result, harm reduction providers across the state are working to continue to serve the communities while educating them about COVID-19, and keeping themselves safe. Fletcher delivers syringes while wearing gloves and a respirator and stands 6 feet away while talking to clients.

Chicago Recovery Alliance staff still travels across the city offering services in a mobile van, but they no longer allow people to come onto the van, Wilson said. They are passing on information about the virus, while also giving out enough equipment so that users don't have to share with each other.

"When someone asks for a pipe, I give them four," Wilson said.

The workers educate their clients as much as possible, but Wilson sees people who have no source of running water. They are often impoverished and may have difficulty self-isolating due to unstable housing.

"This is a deeply vulnerable population," Wilson said. "How do we get people without housing the ability to shelter in place before they get sick? Are there hotels that aren't being used? Are there campgrounds that aren't being used?"

But advocates worry about social distancing measures, too, because using drugs solo can increase the risk of a fatal overdose.

"Their lives are just as valuable and deserve the safety and health that everyone else does. As a community, we have to figure that out," Wilson said. "If we do not support the most vulnerable, we will never get a handle on the situation."

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And the best news is, they are following a set of very simple, safe, and effective protocols, to get you the help you need and mitigate any risk of catching COVID-19.

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

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

Of course, they religiously practice social distancing, and while hand sanitizers and gloves are in extreme shortage, they have them in abundance.

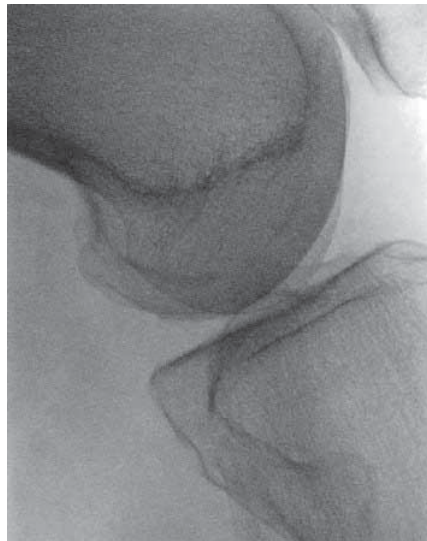
So What Are These 5 Reasons Why I Should Do Something About It Now?

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

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

Reason #2: You need some good news right now. Currently, we're all watching the news and feeling like the end of the world is here. Yet, experts say we're going to get through this and we have reason to hope. So why not give yourself a bit of good cheer and get rid of that knee pain for good? Imagine all of the fun things you'll be able to do once life returns to normal: you'll be smiling, pain-free at your "post-corona" party!

Reason #3: Dealing with your knee pain is important for your self-care. Right now the best thing you can do for you and your family is to take care of yourself. Washing your hands, practicing social distancing, all of that is to keep yourself safe and healthy. Yet, if you are in constant pain, you're not going to be in the best mood - and



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

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

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

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

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Why is the success rate for this treatment very high at the Joint Relief Institute while many people getting the same treatment with no relief whatsoever?

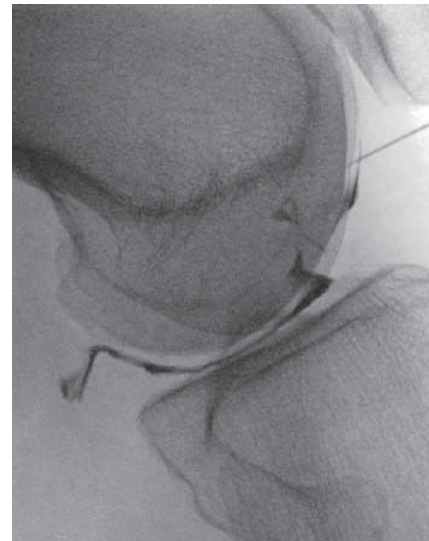
Scientists recently discovered why many non-surgical treatments fail. They found out that 30% of the time, treatments miss the joint space!

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

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

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



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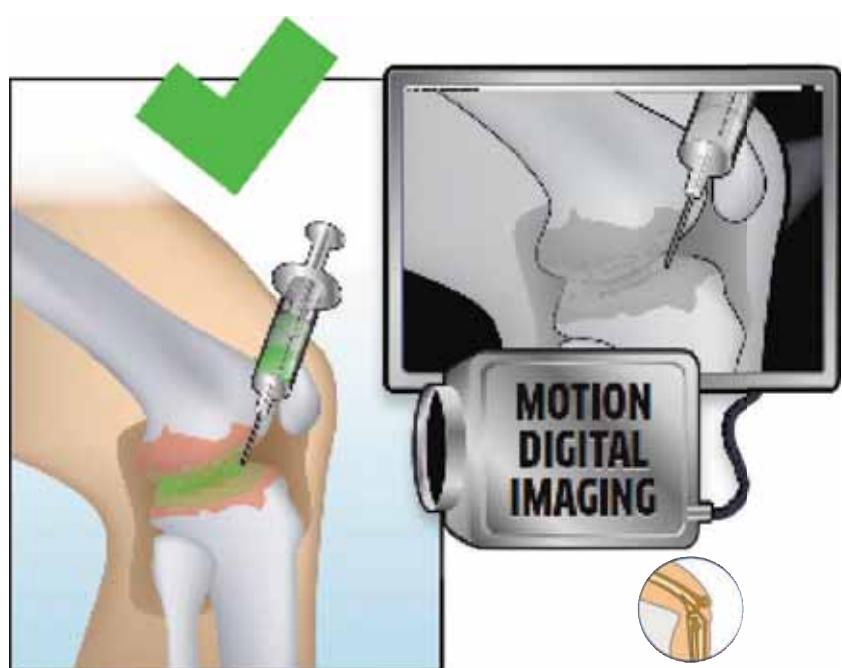
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all deaths. That same trend appears to be happening in Illinois, with about 23% of coronavirus deaths tied to nursing homes.

In releasing the latest data, Illinois officials said they planned to boost testing and shore up staffing at nursing homes, while also defending their initial efforts to try to stem the virus.

"We have a toll here that is higher than I think anybody anticipated or guessed, even with all the lockdown procedures that we do," Gov. J.B. Pritzker said Saturday.

The nursing home data will be released once a week, according to the state. Because of how reports filter from local to state health officials, what's released may not be the most up to date.

In many ways, the data reflect what has trickled out about outbreaks in several homes. Beyond the Symphony at Joliet, there has been news coverage of outbreaks at Windsor Park and Chateau Center Nursing & Rehabilitation — the latter a stark example of how the virus could decimate a facility.

Chateau didn't immediately respond to a request for comment. In the most recent update posted on its website more than two weeks ago, it said: "As we reported in our last update, life here at our home is slowly returning to 'normal,' although there is probably a 'new normal' but things are moving and getting better each day."

The data also reveal the depth of the problem: 61 facilities recording at least 10 cases. While most are in the Chicago metropolitan area, at least 10 others made the list. They include two facilities outside St. Louis: Memorial Care Center in St. Clair County, with 54 cases, and Garden Place Independent & Assisted Living, with 49 cases.

Also hit hard has been Manor Court of Carbonale, with the most deaths — four — outside metro Chicago.

Closer to Chicago, the data shows 15 facilities have had at least five or more deaths. At least 20 facilities



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A man takes a smoke break outside Symphony Nursing home in Joliet, where 22 residents have died of COVID-19.

in the metropolitan area had 20 or more cases. And that is likely an undercount of the true number of cases.

The state had told nursing homes they didn't need to test anyone else once someone has tested positive at a facility. There are other ways residents and staff can — and have — gotten tested, explaining the multiple cases reported at so many facilities.

Symphony of Joliet, for example, attributes its high number of deaths and cases to the fact its residents have been widely tested.

The company called on state and federal authorities to increase access to personal protective equipment and "aggressively increase testing capabilities," spokeswoman Natalie Bauer Luce said in an email. "That's why Symphony believes it is so important to get more testing across the board — so there is a full accounting of the spread."

A consortium of Illinois industry trade groups said in a statement that it supported the release of the data and agreed that more testing is needed to know the true scope of the problem.

"Expanding rapid coronavirus testing will help us control the spread among our medically fragile residents and protect the

healthcare professionals on the front line who are working around the clock to care for them," said Dr. Rajeev Kumar, medical director for two west suburban homes and board member of AMDA, the Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine.

On Sunday, the head of the Illinois Department of Public Health said it will now do just that.

Referring to "heightened attempts" to contain the spread in nursing homes, Dr. Ngozi Ezike said the state will be sending more test supplies to the facilities to catch infections earlier and curb the spread, including "aggressive testing of staff."

The state is also trying to get more workers to the facilities to shore up thinning staffs. In addition, the state is looking at facilities located in "hot zones" where coronavirus infections have been the greatest.

Kumar said he was encouraged by the new measures: "We welcome an expansion of testing so that crucial information is available for each facility to better control the spread of the virus, quarantine patients properly and protect our heroic staff."

The crisis for long-term care facilities has further exposed a rift between ad-

vocates and workers, on one end, and the industry on the other.

Advocates and workers have long complained the industry has relied on low-wage workers stretched thin to the point that patient care suffered even before the pandemic. They have complained that equipment shortages are now hampering workers.

The industry has countered that it has always been patient-centered and has managed the crisis as well as any health care system could, given the unique circumstances. As with all health care providers, it's been difficult to get the necessary personal protective gear, it has pointed out.

Ezike said her agency will continue working to get supplies to homes that need them, part of a broader effort to allow homes to set up COVID-19 wings or institutions. "We're really trying to be proactive, giving everyone the support they need," she said. "This is a multipronged effort."

Her agency is the state's main enforcer of regulations for nursing homes, but for now, the state has said it's focused on guidance, not sanctions. That included ending family visits, monitoring patients and workers for symptoms, and sending in "strike teams" to review

homes with outbreaks and ensure workers followed best practices.

But the state hesitated to release the number of infections at each nursing home, offering varying reasons. A state spokeswoman told the Tribune last week it would violate state rules. On Saturday, Gov. J.B. Pritzker said the state had feared "stigmatizing" people who lived or worked at a nursing home if it was publicly identified as having an outbreak.

As other states began to release nursing home tallies, Illinoisans largely were left to rely on homes themselves to publicly acknowledge outbreaks. The spotty disclosure led advocates and nursing home staffers to complain last week to the Tribune that workers, residents and their families were being left in the dark — in a state whose homes had a troubled record.

A Tribune investigation last month found Illinois ranked among the worst states in the country for how often its homes had been cited for failing to follow rules for stopping the spread of infections — with nearly 9 out of 10 cited at least once for breaking the rules in the past four years.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid, which largely funds and pays

states to help oversee the industry, directed states on March 4 to increase inspection efforts.

On March 20, the state issued new guidance to nursing homes. Among other things, it told homes to check residents at least three times a day for signs of illness, to separate those with the virus from other patients and to disinfect frequently touched surfaces every two hours, while also screening staff, offering proper protective gear for those who can work and sending home those with symptoms.

Five days later, the state suggested any resident who had or could have the virus should eat in their rooms, as should anyone else who was able to feed themselves. The rest could eat, at least 6 feet apart, in dining halls, with staff wearing face masks to help and — if pushing residents in wheelchairs — only pushing one at a time.

The state has since updated the guidance again, including more details on how to handle employees who come in contact with someone with the virus up to 48 hours before the patient shows symptoms. Even in cases where exposure was the likeliest, the guidelines allow workers to continue on the job if they don't show symptoms themselves.

"Exposed HCP (staffers) should be asked to wear a face mask at work for the 14 days after the exposure event, if there is a sufficient supply of face masks," states a chart accompanying the latest guidelines.

When asked about the Joliet facility, Ezike said it provided "direct assistance" to the home, including ensuring workers were being checked and knew how to use equipment, along with calls between the state's infection-control experts and the home's medical staff.

"There's a full survey that can be reviewed to make sure you identify the areas of weakness and then try to identify where IDPH can specifically support," she said.

Her agency, however, did not respond to questions about which other facilities the department visited, when, and what it found, including whether any citations were issued.

Lightfoot to seek retroactive approval for budget powers

Mayor would have spending discretion

By JOHN BYRNE

Mayor Lori Lightfoot will ask aldermen next week to retroactively bless her executive order that gives her additional power to spend city money and make changes to the 2020 budget to deal with the COVID-19 crisis.

The mayor issued the order March 17, creating a new section in the city's budget to consolidate coronavirus expenses and giving her the ability to move money around to cover the costs that are piling up as the city tries to cope with the pandemic.

The order also allows the city's procurement department to "negotiate and execute contracts for emergency supplies and services" up to \$1 million, up from the \$500,000 cap on such emergency contracts that's usually in place.

With aldermen grumbling about the move, Lightfoot will introduce an ordinance directly to the Budget Committee on Tuesday, asking for the City Council's approval of the additional powers. In a bid to quell dissent, Lightfoot also has agreed that her administration will give weekly updates to aldermen on the virus spending.

Nonetheless, Ald. Carlos Ramirez-Rosa, 35th, said Lightfoot's ordinance doesn't make the mayor accountable enough for her spending decisions. And he said she should have taken more steps to help those hit hardest by the pandemic.

"The mayor puts forward an emergency ordinance that expands her power but includes nothing on the emergency being faced by working people?" Ramirez-Rosa said. "Other cities and other progressive mayors have already implemented policies to protect low-paid essential workers, like expanded paid sick leave, and to protect renters, like a rent freeze, but we've heard nothing on those fronts from this so-called progressive administration."

Lightfoot has said a rent freeze would require action at the state level to overturn a rule prohibiting rent control in Illinois.

The ordinance allows the Aviation Department to lower rent payments and extend loans and grants to airport tenants from the airports' share of the federal COVID-19 relief package, according to Lightfoot's office.

It also will allow taxi companies and ride-share operators to defer paying some fees to the city, and will give restaurants and cafes more time to apply for licenses to operate sidewalk dining areas, though it's anybody's guess when Chicagoans will again have the option or the desire to crowd into curbside seating areas to eat and drink.

The Tribune did not receive a copy Friday of the actual ordinance, because Lightfoot spokeswoman Lauren Huffman said it hasn't been finalized.

Lightfoot will ask the full City Council to approve the ordinance Wednesday.

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LUTHER COLEMAN
1912-2020108-year-old
was 'always
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BY MORGAN GREENE

A little over a month ago, Luther Coleman celebrated his 108th birthday surrounded by generations of family who loved him.

They gathered at the Avantara Evergreen Park nursing home, where Coleman had lived in recent years. The celebration of a long, full life would be the last time his family would get to enjoy the company of a man who seemed to know everything.

Coleman died April 11 after contracting the coronavirus, according to the Cook County medical examiner's office. He is the oldest person in Cook County to die from the virus, the office said.

"His memory was as good as yours and he could still read without glasses," said his niece, Bertha Gunter.

Coleman was born in Gholson, Mississippi, and grew up the youngest son in a large family on a farm. He was a minister and a farmer, with a knack for taking care of animals. Coleman's wife died decades ago, his niece said, and he is survived by a son.

In 2005, Coleman came to Chicago to join his extended family. At Gunter's home on the South Side, Coleman spent time outside tending to the yard and cleaning up. Her uncle was a welcome presence in the home, Gunter said.

Coleman was quiet and unassuming, "but he was direct in his communication if he had something to say," Gunter said. "He was a no excuses person. He did what he had to do."

Even in recent years, Coleman was still reading his Christian magazines without glasses, Gunter said.

And he held tight to his independence.

When he was nearly 100, Coleman got on a plane for the first time to visit family in California, Gunter said. He traveled without any complaints.

"He was a pleasant person to be around," Gunter said. "A lot of the people he lived around in Mississippi still call and check on him."

Coleman was also a well of family history, his niece said. He could share stories from another time — heading to town in a wagon, getting by without a phone.

"You could ask him about anything," Gunter said.

Coleman was taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital when he fell ill, Gunter said, and the family learned he was infected with the coronavirus. The family doesn't know how Coleman had pneumonia in November, Gunter said.

"It was nerve wracking" as the family waited for news, Gunter said.

But she was glad the family was able to give Coleman flowers one last time before his long, full life ended.

"Love 'em while you have 'em within arm's reach. Not after they're gone," she said.

Gunter said the secret to Coleman's longevity was the way he treated others.

When he was in his 90s, Coleman was still driving people to doctors' appointments in an old Cadillac. He was "always trying to help somebody," Gunter said.

"I think being involved with people and caring about people, it's what kept him here," Gunter said. "Setting a good example."

Still, her uncle "felt like he was ready to go whenever the bell rang," Gunter said. "He lived every day treating people the way he wanted to be treated."



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Cameron Wright, 6, does schoolwork on her iPad as Dominic, 8, works on an assignment Thursday in their dining room in their Westmont home.

Districts

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picture perfect e-learning in every situation, but our schools are committed to making sure that students continue to learn."

On Friday, Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker announced his decision to close all schools for the rest of the school year for the state's 2 million students. In making the decision, Pritzker said he considered that Illinois has "an educational landscape in which some districts have more experience with remote learning than others," a challenge that he said "weighed heavily" on the difficult decision to close schools for months.

"Remote learning looks different in each of our communities and that's encouraged. Some rely on paper and pencil methods more than digital, and vice versa," Pritzker said.

The Illinois State Board of Education launched a pilot program in 2015 with three school districts to test the feasibility of teaching online during winter weather or other emergencies instead of having to make up the days in person. Based on the results of that program, the General Assembly last year passed a law allowing schools to use up to five e-learning days each school year as long as they created plans that were approved by the regional offices of education.

While the e-learning plans were designed for short-term closures, districts that had developed those plans were in a better position to move to the ISBE-mandated remote learning at the end of March. For some districts, it meant students had already practiced how to use the online platforms. And districts surveyed families to determine which students needed a laptop or other device and who needed a mobile hot spot to access the internet.

The Tribune and ProPublica Illinois surveyed the state's 38 regional offices of education to determine how many districts had e-learning plans approved before the pandemic forced buildings to close. Information was provided for about 670 of Illinois' 852 public school districts and special education cooperatives; roughly 1 in 4, or about 200, had plans approved before March 17, the first day the governor shut schools. Of those, dozens submitted plans in the days leading up to the closures.

Gurnee School District 56, in Chicago's north suburbs, participated in the pilot program and practiced e-learning as if it were a fire drill: Teachers suddenly announced to their classes that it was time for e-learning, and students had to stop what they were doing, log in to their laptops or iPads and show they knew how to access their work.

"There's a huge learning curve" for both students and their teachers, said Colleen Pacatte, superintendent of the 2,000-student district. The practice sessions allowed the district to make adjustments

in its system well before the pandemic hit, switching from one set of online tools that didn't work to others that did and making video tutorials to parents so they could understand how to use the technology and help their children at home.

"I empathize so much with the districts that are just trying to figure it out or districts running stuff off and delivering it," Pacatte said.

These e-learning plans are different from the "remote learning" plans that the state required school districts to develop in late March. Remote learning plans can include both online and traditional work. The plans detail the hours teachers are available each day, how parents should submit attendance records for their children, what will be taught, how students can access learning materials and how school employees will communicate with families.

ISBE directed schools to begin remote learning on March 31, allowing them up to five planning days before instruction began. Chicago Public Schools began remote learning last week, following five planning days and then a week-long spring break. The district did not have an e-learning plan in place prior to the state shutdown.

Many districts that didn't have e-learning plans already approved have quickly created them.

That includes some large districts in Naperville, Palatine, Schaumburg and Joliet — all of which finalized e-learning plans in March. Among the districts served through the regional education office in north Cook County, only Evanston District 202 had an e-learning plan in place before the COVID-19 pandemic.

In the south suburban Will County region, five of the 33 school districts had approved e-learning plans before the state shutdown. While the adjustment has been difficult for teachers and students everywhere, districts that had already done some planning had the "basement of the house built" and didn't need to start digging the foundation, said Will County regional superintendent Shawn Walsh.

Regions of the state with greater internet accessibility — measured by rates of broadband access per 1,000 households — were more

likely to have e-learning plans in place, the ProPublica Illinois-Tribune analysis found. All 49 districts and public programs served by the north suburban Lake County Regional Office of Education had plans before March 17, though only 13 submitted the plans earlier in the school year. Most of the school districts in Grundy and Kendall counties as well as the education region that serves Jersey, Macoupin, Calhoun and Greene counties along the Missouri border had plans too.

"If you had a plan in place already, it would have made things easier. I was just talking to one of my superintendents a few minutes ago, and he feels the first week or so was a challenge and when they got things ironed out in this situation that things have run smoother," Ron Daniels, a regional superintendent who oversees 45 school districts near St. Louis, said in an interview last week.

Before schools closed, only two of Daniels' schools had e-learning plans — a parochial school and a small elementary school. Many schools decided not to participate because their rural communities had no internet access, or it was unreliable. They would have preferred to make up lost days in person if there were emergency closures, though they couldn't have anticipated a monthslong shutdown, he said.

The St. Rose School District in his region submitted an e-learning plan on March 25 for "March 31 - ??????" The plan requires the district's 200 students, from kindergarten to eighth grade, to join their class through Google Meet every morning, when attendance is taken. Teachers upload to Google Drive "on the go learning packets" for each grade. Fourth graders get reading passages and math problems. Seventh-grade geography features daily reading passages on different parts of the world. On the 10th day of remote learning, students were assigned to read about the Berlin Wall.

The shift to e-learning was an adjustment for school districts near Carlinville in central Illinois, none of which had e-learning plans in place before the COVID-19 shutdown.

"This wasn't something on our radar," said Michelle

Mueller, a regional superintendent who oversees 14 school districts across four counties. Most of them do not have a laptop or other device for each student, making remote learning a challenge. "Nobody in my area had the forethought where they had (plans) in place to use for inclement weather days. ... It has really been a culture shock for my teachers."

Maercker District 60, which has 1,300 students across three schools in DuPage County, developed an e-learning plan last school year, after the state legislature allowed it, and then practiced it on a Friday a year ago. Teachers tested different techniques and parents provided feedback. "We had a great response and, because of it, we decided we would roll it out anytime school needed to be canceled this year," said Maercker superintendent Sean Nugent.

Even before the onset of the COVID-19 outbreak, teachers were meeting at the start of each month to design interactive distance-learning experiences in case of an unexpected school closure.

"Our people were spending all of this year thinking through how might this work digitally versus having to do it in (a few) days, on the fly," Nugent said.

The district's online learning plan includes links to a Google form for elementary school parents to "check their child in" to school each day. There are YouTube videos of math lessons and daily assignments, and enrichment activities, including e-books, are catalogued in Google Drive. Teachers are available from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. every day for live text chats and impromptu Zoom and phone calls.

In the remote learning guidance that ISBE issued at the end of March, the agency encouraged districts to focus first on students' immediate needs to be physically and emotionally safe, and then deliver education. "Simplicity is best," the 62-page guidance document said, acknowledging that remote learning doesn't always mean learning with technology.

"Given the reality of the digital divide, most schools may need to provide digital and nondigital access to content," the document said, asking districts to offer students flexibility "that avoids penalizing students

for their choice."

Whether remote learning occurs online or with pencil and paper, schools should provide enough work for students to keep a regular daily schedule, the guidelines state. For kindergartners, that should amount to between 30 and 90 minutes per day; for high school students, between two and 4.5 hours. Multilingual and early-childhood students and students with disabilities also must have appropriate remote learning opportunities.

Grades can be issued, but only if they don't negatively affect a student's academic standing. Missed or poor work can be redone or made up later, ISBE said.

ISBE surveyed school districts last month to assess how they planned to implement remote learning. Of the 655 that responded, about 9% said they were using only digital learning. An equal percentage said they were sticking to nondigital options. The majority of districts — about 82% — said they were blending online and paper-and-pencil instruction.

More than 425 had students log into online learning websites like Khan Academy, and more than 430 said they met face to face with students via FaceTime, Google Hangouts or other video chat services.

Some 230 districts reported to ISBE that they'd been delivering class materials to students at home by running school-bus routes or other home delivery.

In Gurnee, e-learning packets — basic information about how to go to class online — were handed out in plastic bags during school orientation last year, said Angenetta Frison, whose 4-year-old daughter, Taylor Hill, is in pre-kindergarten. Frison said she got the packet, set it aside and didn't think of it again until the coronavirus hit.

"It's well put together," Frison said, from the instructions to the planned online meetups so the students can see one another. "Everything has been seamless. ... All the parents I've spoken to echo that we're glad we are in a district that was prepared."

Pacatte, the Gurnee superintendent, said she's tweaked the district's e-learning plan for a longer-term shutdown. Now, she requires all classrooms to meet virtually at least once a week to help maintain relationships, which wouldn't have been necessary during a snow day. Because the district didn't need the five planning days, teachers are using consecutive Wednesdays for team meetings to assess the plans and make changes.

Pacatte said she fielded calls from other superintendents asking for advice, and last month she was a panelist on several webinars to help other Illinois school officials catch up.

For one of them, 900 people logged in to listen.

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Cameron Wright does a mindful moments class yoga on an iPad at her Westmont home.

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Funding

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support her.”

Henry is among thousands of people who have created GoFundMe pages in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic. Amid record unemployment, the shuttering of small businesses and the intensifying pressures on the health care system, coronavirus-related GoFundMe appeals have made up one-third of recent U.S. campaigns and have raked in more than \$120 million globally, according to a company source.

“What we’ve seen is completely unprecedented in volume,” GoFundMe CEO Tim Cadogan said Monday. “This is an order of magnitude different because it’s a global crisis that’s affecting everybody. And it is affecting every part of society.”

A search for campaigns associated with coronavirus relief in Chicago turns up more than a thousand results, several by families who say they lost loved ones to coronavirus and need help in laying them to rest. One of them had raised more than \$20,000 as of Tuesday. They also include charitable causes such as supplying personal protective equipment or meals to hospitals, as well as fundraisers for small businesses and for people who are laying bare their grief over layoffs, overwhelming bills and housing insecurity.

“I am facing the reality of having to sleep in my car if I cannot find something,” says the description of a campaign by Rashid, a 24-year-old medical student in Chicago who did not want his first name used.

The setup is simple but intrusive. Before creating a campaign, users must upload a photo and state a donation goal. They are encouraged to explain their plight in detail and share the page with others. Donations go directly to the fundraiser’s creator, with an option for donors to add a tip to the GoFundMe company. The company deploys a verification team to review fundraisers for legitimacy.

“When you set up something like that, it’s your last resort,” Rashid said. “It’s actually nerve-wracking. It’s like you’re putting your heart out there, wanting to just have someone help you.”

Rashid ended up raising more than his \$2,000 goal for rent money. But Henry has yet to see any donations for his campaign as of Tuesday. “It’s like a crapshoot,” Henry said. “Sometimes you win, sometimes you lose.”

Ashley Shannon’s culinary business, Ashley Eats Chicago, was on the upswing. The 30-year-old had toiled since 2015 to build a reliable client base for her catering, cooking classes and restaurant consulting. Last October, she demonstrated her beloved jerk chicken tacos at the Great Food Expo in Rosemont — in front of her three daughters.



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Chef Ashley Shannon, founder and owner of Ashley Eats Chicago started a GoFundMe page after seeing her catering gigs dry up.

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— Tim Cadogan, GoFundMe CEO

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Then the coronavirus hit, leading to a crackdown of large gatherings and a statewide shutdown of sit-in dining at bars and restaurants. Shannon saw about 80% of her income evaporate. Though she understood the necessity of social distancing, “I felt like I was being cheated.”

Used to helping others who were struggling to pay for groceries and bus fare, Shannon was nervous while making her GoFundMe page. Afterward, she tried to avoid checking it too often, worried that she’d jinx it. “I don’t have that much pride to not ask for help, especially with my kids involved,” Shannon said. “I can’t even let them down in any aspect.”

Shannon remains optimistic that she will hold onto her livelihood, whether from her GoFundMe — which has raised only \$70 of its \$3,000 goal as of Tuesday — or other solutions.

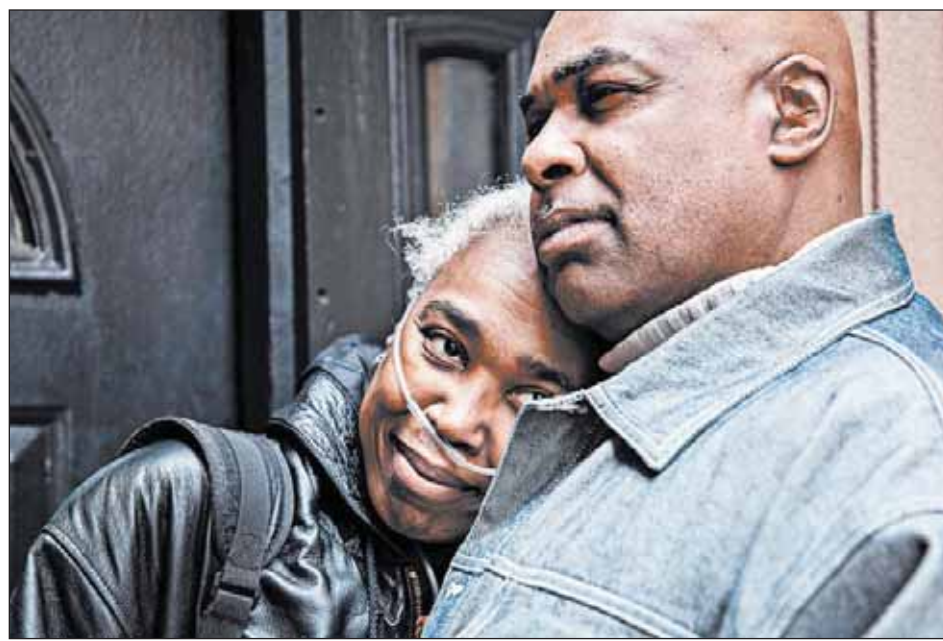
“Here in Chicago, we need a lot more in all areas, from us working-class people to the homeless people,” Shannon said. “This pandemic, this era, it’s really showing us that it takes a village for all of us to unite, to lean on one another.”

The explosion of GoFundMe campaigns serves as a “living archive” of the gaps in the social safety net, according to Nora Kenworthy, who has published multiple studies on crowdfunding. With 90% of the medi-



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Shannon shows a tattoo in honor of her late boyfriend, Damond Patterson outside The Corner Store Deli. Patterson, also a chef, was killed in a car crash last year.



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Darryl Henry, an out-of-work chef, stands with his fiancée Kimberly Denise Hemphill outside their apartment. Henry is crowdfunding for Hemphill’s portable oxygen concentrator.

cal-related campaigns not meeting their goal, according to a study published in 2017, Kenworthy wonders whether well-meaning GoFundMe donations are “just Band-Aids on bullet holes.”

“It certainly applies in this case where the bullet

holes are truly so enormous at this point,” Kenworthy said.

Relying on a crowdfunding platform at this time means competing with many other people for crucial donations, Kenworthy said. People with deeper

communications and social media expertise or who present a stand-alone, solvable problem are likelier to succeed, according to her 2017 study.

“People want to contribute to something that they feel like is going to have a

positive resolution, where their donation is going to really make an impact,” Kenworthy said. “But we know that’s not how complex crisis works. That’s not how poverty works.”

Several GoFundMe campaigners from Chicago who spoke with the Tribune expressed frustration with the extent of government aid efforts, including the \$1,200 stimulus check from the federal CARES Act passed in March. Many said it doesn’t begin to cover their expenses.

“There’s so much more need,” said Cadogan, the head of GoFundMe. “We need, as a society, multiple ways of resolving those needs.”

Cadogan said his company is in the process of learning more about campaign outcomes and how to reach communities. GoFundMe.org, the company’s charitable arm, launched a relief initiative last month in partnership with corporations including Yelp to issue grants for small businesses.

“We want to make sure that GoFundMe is accessible and can be successful for every single person who has a need,” Cadogan said. “I am quite sure that we could do more and do a better job.”

Henry, the man trying to crowdfund for a portable oxygen concentrator, wonders if the economic damage wrought by coronavirus has led to his lack of donations. He understands others must make every penny count these days.

“I’m definitely in GoFundMe at the wrong time in my life, at the wrong time in her life,” Henry said. “Sometimes it’s just not for everybody. Not everybody will get a blessing like that. You just have to wait your turn for the next time.”

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Federal judge raps Cook County clerk, orders oversight

‘Clear violations’ of anti-patronage hiring rules cited

BY RAY LONG

A federal judge on Friday ripped Cook County Clerk Karen Yarbrough for what he said were “clear violations” of anti-patronage hiring rules and ordered court oversight for more than a year.

In a 44-page decision, U.S. Magistrate Judge Sidney I. Schenkier ticked off concerns that Yarbrough disregarded requirements to post jobs, failed to get court approval for various ranking positions, favored people with political pedigrees and tried to make some workers miserable by assigning them to far-flung suburban offices.

Schenkier ordered a monitor to oversee hiring in the county clerk’s office through August 2021 and said he will determine then whether that should stay in place longer.

“We do not take that step lightly,” Schenkier wrote.

Yarbrough told the Tribune she completely disagrees with the ruling and “will be appealing our complex argument to a more appropriate legal venue.” Yarbrough said she plans to take up the matter with the U.S. Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

It’s the second county office Yarbrough has led to be engulfed in charges of putting politics over fair play. The judge noted Yarbrough held the smaller office of recorder of deeds for six years and couldn’t shake free of a monitor due to numerous allegations of “unlawful political discrimination” before she was elected clerk in 2018.

The clerk’s and recorder’s offices are set to combine in December after voters approved a merger referendum several years ago. That’s another cause for concern, the judge said.

“What is significant is that under her tenure as recorder the office did not



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A federal judge ripped Cook County Clerk Karen Yarbrough Friday for “clear violations” of anti-patronage hiring rules.

approach substantial compliance” with federal court orders, Schenkier said, saying the recorder’s office “still has some distance to travel to meet the standard.”

The judge brushed aside Yarbrough’s numerous attempts to undercut employee complaints that she ignored the anti-patronage tenets of the federal court decrees first established nearly 50 years ago in an agreement with attorney

Michael Shakman.

Schenkier also acknowledged the limited evidence he saw “fails to show rampant violations” of the federal court decree but a “general disregard” for various aspects of the orders.

Yarbrough, an ally of Democratic House Speaker Michael Madigan, the state party chairman, said she is focused on putting in place innovative ideas that would improve her office’s pres-

ence on the internet.

“I have to move on,” Yarbrough said. “I’ve got bigger fish to fry right now.”

In response to the ruling, Shakman saw the court’s decision as a “thorough, well-reasoned opinion and order,” noting the monitor will help the clerk move toward “eliminating political factors in public employment.”

“It’s time for the clerk to get on board and embrace patronage reforms,” Shakman said.

In recent court hearings on the issue, a series of clerk supervisors assigned for decades to different suburban offices testified that Yarbrough suddenly implemented a “rotation policy” under the false guise of standardizing the operations. They cited numerous hardships, including disruptions to family life and long commutes not in prior job descriptions. They argued the policies were put in place to make them so miserable they’d quit.

Shortly before a March

hearing, Yarbrough ended the rotation policy that started in June 2019. Though the judge noted that stopping the rotation made an effort to overturn it moot, the overall issues still resonated with the supervisors.

Dawn Nowak, a supervisor who quit because of the extra travel, said she will not seek her job back but may pursue legal avenues to get the money she lost from leaving the county early.

“It’s a shame that a politician cannot do the right thing by the residents of Cook County,” Nowak said.

Nowak had testified that a Yarbrough ally in the office texted an improper fundraising solicitation during work hours to go to one of the clerk’s political events. The judge said it raised a concern, but did not rise to the level of attempted coercion and was “not the reddest flag nor the brightest flag.”

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Boost may be near for small business

\$450B program will not aid state, local governments

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WASHINGTON — The Trump administration and Congress are nearing an agreement as early as Sunday on an aid package of up to \$450 billion to boost a small-business loan program that has run out of money and add funds for hospitals and COVID-19 testing.

With small-business owners reeling during a coronavirus outbreak that has shuttered much economic activity, Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said he was hopeful of a deal that could pass Congress quickly and get the Small Business Administration program back up by midweek.

"I think we're very close to a deal today. I'm hopeful that we can get that done," he said.

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., said he believed a deal could be reached late Sunday or early Monday. "We still have a few more details to deal with," he said.

Under the proposed deal, the government's Paycheck Protection Program for small businesses would get roughly \$300 billion, according to Mnuchin. The program has been swamped by businesses applying for loans and reached its appropriations limit last Thursday after approving nearly 1.7 million loans. That left thousands of small busi-



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Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said the Paycheck Protection Program would get about \$300 billion in a new aid package.

nesses in limbo as they sought help. An additional \$50 billion in the evolving deal would go for disaster loans.

About \$75 billion would go to U.S. hospitals, for those straining under a ballooning coronavirus case-load as well as those struggling to stay financially afloat after suspending elective surgeries during the pandemic.

About \$25 billion would be added for COVID-19 testing, something states have said was urgently needed. The money for hospitals and testing were priorities sought by congres-

sional Democrats.

But additional aid to state and local governments would be left out, Mnuchin said. Democrats have been keen to boost funding to cash-strapped states and local governments whose revenues have cratered, but the issue threatened to provoke fights between large, high-tax states like California and New York and smaller states more typically run by Republicans.

"The president is willing to consider that in the next bill, but wants to get this over the finish line with a focus on small businesses, hospitals and testing,"

Mnuchin said.

He said he's been in touch with GOP leaders including Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., and House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., and all are "on board with the same plan."

"I'm hopeful that we can reach an agreement, that the Senate can pass this tomorrow, and that the House can take it up on Tuesday, and, Wednesday, we'd be back up and running," Mnuchin said.

Schumer said Democrats were still working to get aid for state and local governments. They had submitted

a compromise offer Friday that would provide \$150 billion for states as well as cities, counties and towns based on need.

Key swing states for Trump in the November presidential election — Pennsylvania, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin — would receive billions in new aid under the proposal, according to a senior Democratic aide who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss details of private negotiations.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., predicted an agreement would be reached "soon."

Republican Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan, who leads the National Governors Association, said he and other governors believe that aid for state and local government is "desperately needed," but that it may not be an issue worth fighting over for now.

"I don't think the deal is finalized yet," he said. "But, look, we do not want to hold up funding to these small businesses. And we hope that the Democrats and the Republicans in the Senate can come together in a bipartisan way and get something moving for the American people."

The SBA loans, based on a company's payroll costs, offer owners forgiveness if they retain workers or re-hire those who have been laid off. The law provides for forgiveness for companies in any industry — even businesses like hedge funds and law firms. There's a limit of \$100,000 on the amount of employees' compensation that can be considered when loan forgiveness is calculated.

While they wait, owners who are shut down or who've lost revenue have expressed unease about the longer-term impact the virus outbreak will have on their companies.

"There's great pain out there," said Suzanne Clark, president of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. "Every hour and day that goes by without this assistance is really hurting them."

Mnuchin, Schumer and Hogan appeared on CNN's "State of the Union," and Clark spoke on CBS' "Face the Nation."

Warsaw Ghetto commemorations are scaled back

Associated Press

WARSAW, Poland — Sirens wailed and Jewish prayers were said for the heroes of the 1943 Warsaw Ghetto uprising, but the annual memorial observances were scaled down Sunday and moved to the internet because of the coronavirus pandemic and the need for social distancing.

Poland's chief rabbi, Michael Schudrich, said prayers at the monument to the ghetto fighters.

Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki and representatives of Jewish and Polish organizations laid wreaths. They were all wearing face masks and kept themselves at a distance from each other. President Andrzej Duda and Warsaw Mayor Rafal Trzaskowski also sent wreaths.

History lectures and virtual visits to ghetto sites were offered on the internet, mainly by the POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews, which faces the monument to the ghetto heroes. Commemorative

The pandemic "forced us to change the formula" of the commemorations.

—Zygmunt Stepinski, director, POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews

concerts were to be broadcast.

Museum director Zygmunt Stepinski said that the coronavirus pandemic "has forced us to change the formula" of the commemorations on the 77th anniversary.

On April 19, 1943, a few hundred poorly armed Jewish fighters put up resistance to the Nazi German army that started to "liquidate" the ghetto, sending the remaining inhabitants to the Treblinka death camp. The fighters held out almost a month in what was the first city revolt of World War II. They almost all died and the Germans destroyed the ghetto.



NATE BILLINGS/THE OKLAHOMAN

Empty chairs representing the 168 victims are adorned with flowers at the Oklahoma City National Memorial.

Amid outbreak, video honors the Oklahoma City bombing victims

BY SEAN MURPHY
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Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Survivors and loved ones of the 168 people who were killed in the Oklahoma City bombing were not able to gather Sunday to mark the 25th anniversary of the attack, but that did not stop them from remembering.

Because the annual remembrance ceremony was canceled due to coronavirus restrictions, the victims were honored with a video tribute that included the reading of the names of those who died followed by 168 seconds of silence.

Ordinarily, the city would have gathered Sunday at the memorial where the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building stood before it was destroyed by a truck bomb on April 19, 1995. Gates to the memorial mark time, 9:01 and 9:03 a.m., with a reflection pond between them representing 9:02, the minute the explosion permanently al-

tered lives and the nation.

Stylized, empty metal chairs represent each person who died, and the "Survivor Tree," a gnarled American elm that withstood the blast, now stands on a small hill and shades the memorial below.

It was "extremely difficult" to not be able to attend in person, said Ryan Whicher, whose father, U.S. Secret Service Agent Alan Whicher, was killed in the bombing. "I'm not with my sisters today, I'm not with my mother today," in Oklahoma City, he said by phone from Baltimore, where he now lives.

"But it's all for the right reasons. Everyone is making sacrifices. I don't think it's fair for us in this coronavirus (environment) to feel we should be treated any differently," he said.

The prerecorded video, which included remarks by former President Bill Clinton, who was president at the time of the bombing, U.S. Sen. James Lankford, Oklahoma City Mayor David Holt and Tony

award-winning actress and singer Kristin Chenoweth, an Oklahoma native, drew praise from Whicher and state District Judge Cindy Ferrell Ashwood, whose sister, U.S. Housing and Urban Development attorney Susan Ferrell, died in the blast.

"They did just an extraordinary ceremony under extraordinary circumstances, it was just remarkable," Ashwood said of the video put together by the Oklahoma City National Memorial and Museum.

"The main thing I missed today was not being with our family" in Oklahoma City said Ashwood, who lives about 40 miles east of the city.

Kari Watkins, the director of the memorial, said this year's social distancing restrictions are necessary but unfortunate, as survivors and victims' family members often only see each other this one time each year.

"It's just a nice time for them to come and be to-

gether," she said. "They'll miss that, but they'll have another time when it's safe to gather and we'll come back together and do something, whenever that day is."

The city's mayor, Holt, said in the video that bombing "was, ultimately, an act of extremist political violence. I ask you to consider this morning that this sacred place is a sober reminder that humanity is capable of such evil things."

He told The Associated Press in the run-up to Sunday that the 25th anniversary of the attack was particularly notable because it marked a transition of the event from one of personal experience to one of historical significance.

"The march of time is relentless, and every year that passes, fewer and fewer people have a direct connection to it," Holt said. "The 25th is another time for us here in Oklahoma City to refocus on what makes the event and the site relevant in the decades to come."



CZAREK SOKOLOWSKI/AP

People place daffodils Sunday on the anniversary of the 1943 Warsaw Ghetto uprising in Warsaw, Poland.

16 killed, including officer, in shooting rampage in Canada

BY ROB GILLIES
Associated Press

TORONTO — A gunman disguised as a police officer shot people in their homes and set fires in a rampage across the Canadian province of Nova Scotia that killed 16 people, the deadliest such attack in the country's history. Officials said Sunday the suspected shooter was also dead.

A police officer was among those killed. Several bodies were found inside and outside one home in the rural town of Portapique, about 60 miles north of the capital, Halifax — what police called the first scene. Bodies were also found at other locations.

The assault began late Saturday, and authorities

believe the shooter may have targeted his first victims but then began attacking randomly.

The man was identified as Gabriel Wortman, 51, and authorities said he disguised himself as a police officer in uniform at one point and mocked up a car to make it seem like a Royal Canadian Mounted Police cruiser.

Authorities believe there might be an initial motivation for the attack but then it turned to randomness, RCMP Commissioner Brenda Lucki told Canadian media.

He was arrested by the RCMP in a gas station in Enfield, about 30 miles north of Halifax. Police later announced that he had died.

The dead officer was

identified as Const. Heidi Stevenson, a mother of two and a 23-year veteran of the force.

Police have not provided a motive for the attack. RCMP Chief Superintendent Chris Leather said many of the victims did not know the shooter.

"That fact that this individual had a uniform and a police car at his disposal certainly speaks to it not being a random act," he said.

Leather added they would investigate whether it had anything to do with the coronavirus pandemic. "We have not yet determined whether there is any link to the COVID-19 crisis," he said.

He said at one point there was an exchange of gunfire between the sus-

pect and police.

There were half a dozen police vehicles at the scene of a gas station where the suspect was shot. Yellow police tape surrounded the gas pumps, and a large silver-colored SUV was being investigated.

The incident started in Portapique with police advising residents to lock their homes and stay in their basements.

Police found many dead inside and outside the home at the first scene. Several structures were on fire in the area as well.

"This is one of the most senseless acts of violence in our province's history," said Nova Scotia Premier Stephen McNeil. He said it was an additional "heavy burden" amid efforts to contain the new co-

ronavirus.

Mass shootings are relatively rare in Canada. Canada overhauled its gun-control laws after the country's previous worst mass shooting in 1989, when gunman Marc Lepine killed 14 women and himself at Montreal's Ecole Polytechnique college. It is now illegal to possess an unregistered handgun or any kind of rapid-fire weapon. Canada also requires training, a personal risk assessment, two references, spousal notification and criminal record checks.

Cpl. Lisa Croteau, a spokeswoman with the provincial force, said police received a call about "a person with firearms" at around 10:30 p.m. Saturday and the investigation

"evolved into an active shooting investigation."

"My heart goes out to everyone affected in what is a terrible situation," Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said.

Christine Mills, a resident of the town, said it had been a frightening night for the small town, with armed officers patrolling the streets. In the morning, helicopters flew overhead searching for the suspect.

"I feel better now to know he's in custody," Mills said. "It's nerve-wracking because you don't know if somebody has lost their mind and is going to beat in your front door."

A Gabriel Wortman is listed as a dentist in Dartmouth, according to the Dentist Society of Nova Scotia website.



LEE JIN-MAN/AP

Visitors in face masks to help protect against the spread of the new coronavirus walk along the Han River Sunday at a park in Seoul, South Korea.

South Korea reports smallest increase in cases in 2 months

Associated Press

BANGKOK — South Korea reported just eight more cases of the coronavirus on Sunday, the first time a daily increase has dropped to single digits in about two months.

The Korea Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said the additional figures raised the country's total to 10,661, including 234 deaths. It said 8,042 people have recovered and been released from quarantine and 12,243 others were undergoing tests to determine whether they had contracted the virus.

"We must not loosen our guard until the last confirmed patient is recovered," President Moon Jae-in said.

South Korea's caseload has been waning in recent weeks since it recorded hundreds of new cases every day between late February and early March, mostly in the southeastern city of Daegu and nearby areas.

Despite the recent downward trend, South Korean officials have warned about the possibility of a broader "quiet spread" with people easing up on social distancing.

Moon urged South Koreans to support his government in saving jobs and revitalizing the economy.

"Government efforts alone aren't enough amid a

grave world economic crisis. Public solidarity and cooperation is also needed to revive our economy," he said.

Bangladesh struggles to enforce measures: Officials in Bangladesh are investigating how some 100,000 people were able to attend the funeral of a popular Islamic preacher on Saturday. Bangladesh has been under a nationwide lockdown since March 26 until at least Saturday. Bangladesh confirmed 312 new cases of the coronavirus on Sunday, raising its total to 2,456, including 91 deaths.

Hundreds more infected in Japan: Japan's Health Ministry confirmed 568 new cases of the coronavirus, raising the nation's total to 11,073, with 174 deaths. The actual number of infections is believed to be higher as Japan is only starting to expand its testing capabilities by setting up additional testing centers in Tokyo and elsewhere.

Filthy cloth masks in Japan: Japan's Health Ministry said it has received reports that some of the cloth masks it is distributing to households are dirty. Reports from 80 municipalities say the masks came with stains, dust and other contamination. The

dirty masks were among half a million that the government started sending to pregnant women as a priority last week. Prime Minister Shinzo Abe announced on April 1 the plan to mail two cloth masks each to 50 million households in Japan amid dire shortage of surgical masks.

More sailors test positive in Taiwan: Two dozen crew members of a Taiwanese naval ship have tested positive for the new coronavirus after returning from a nearly two-month training mission that took them to the Pacific island nation of Palau. Taiwan's Centers for Disease Control said Sunday that 21 more cases had been identified from a refueling ship, on top of three reported Saturday. The CDC also said a Taiwanese student returning from the United States had also tested positive. That brought the total for Sunday to 22.

McDonald's closes Singapore restaurants: McDonald's is suspending all operations in Singapore for two weeks after seven of its employees tested positive for the coronavirus. The fast food giant said in a Facebook post that it decided to follow the Health Ministry's advice to shut down until May 4, when Singapore's partial lockdown ends.

Mass nursing home virus test in France combats loneliness

BY LORI HINNANT AND JEAN-FRANCOIS BADIAS
Associated Press

AMMERSCHWIR, France — Some were born in this warren of small rooms in what used to be a hospital, dating to the 17th century. Many are likely to die here. And all are currently confined to their rooms, denied the simple comfort of human companionship.

Residents at the Weiss nursing home in eastern France want to chat face to face, play board games and share meals. And so each gave a vial of blood to be tested for the coronavirus, as did each staff member — about 580 tests in all.

The goal: to identify who must be isolated and who will be allowed the freedom to leave their rooms.

"We spend all our days between those four walls — that's it, we are not allowed to go out. We don't even have the right to go out in the hallway," said Henry Bohn, a 69-year-old who suffered a stroke that has left him in a wheelchair. "They bring us breakfast, lunch and dinner here in the room. Luckily, we have the sun these days and it helps, but we do miss the essential things."

An Associated Press photographer spent two days chronicling the virus testing at three of the 10 nursing homes in France's Haut-Rhin region, where comprehensive testing was ordered by local authorities. The site in Ammerschwir poses particular problems with its small rooms and long corridors, and residents with often-severe cognitive difficulties.

"It is hard for them to remember the rules that we give them. When we put masks on them, they hardly keep them on, and they need to socialize and leave their rooms," said Sylvie Ghiringhelli, the head nurse.

The elderly make up a



JEAN-FRANCOIS BADIAS/AP

Henry Voortmann, left, is tested for COVID-19 on Thursday at a nursing home in Ammerschwir, France.

disproportional share of coronavirus victims globally, and that is especially true in nursing homes, which have seen a horrific number of deaths around the world.

In France, nursing home deaths account for more than a third of the country's total 17,000 coronavirus victims — figures the government now documents meticulously after weeks of pressure. Infections have swept through the country's 7,000 residences for the elderly, with more than 15,000 confirmed cases among patients and 8,900 among staff between March 1 and April 14.

And nowhere has it been deadlier than in France's east, where the outbreak began at an evangelical gathering in the city of Mulhouse. Overall mortality in the Haut-Rhin was up 143% from March 1 to April 6, according to government figures.

Restricting residents to their rooms can take a different kind of toll.

"The confinement stopped all the communal meals in the dining room, stopped every form of social life," Ghiringhelli said. "There are no more activities, no more visits. Our residents bear the consequences."

Marie Louise Kopp's room is filled with souvenirs — photos, china cats, octagonal paintings — to help jog a 79-year-old

memory that waxes and wanes.

"My son was coming to visit me and some family, but now nobody can," she said, an untouched newspaper on her lap. "Everyone stays at home with this crisis."

France's health minister, Olivier Veran, said family visits would again be permitted beginning Monday, at a resident's request and as long as the nursing home staff can organize a system to ensure protection against the virus.

"There will not be physical contact but there can be visual contact, and that can provide solace," Veran said Sunday.

It's not clear how quickly visitors will be allowed again in Ammerschwir, but the nursing home staff hope testing everybody will enable most residents to at least leave their rooms without fear of infection. Results are expected next week and the local administration and nursing home directors will then meet to discuss the next steps.

Elsewhere, France has locked down nursing homes after two positive tests and simply assumed that anyone with symptoms was infected.

"The testing will perhaps allow us to partially resume life, communal meals and activities in small groups," Ghiringhelli said. "And to mend the social ties."

Economy

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slump unseen since the Great Depression. Tens of millions of workers have lost their jobs and millions more fear they'll be next.

With the arc of infection different in every nation and across U.S. states, proposals have differed for coping with the virus that has killed more than 165,000 worldwide.

Restrictions have begun to ease in some places, including Germany, which is still enforcing social distancing rules but on Monday intended to begin allowing some small stores, like those selling furniture and baby goods, to reopen.

Authorities in Spain, which had some of Europe's strictest restrictions and a virus death toll only exceeded by the U.S. and Italy, said children will be allowed to leave their homes beginning April 27. Albania planned to let its mining and oil industries reopen Monday, along with hundreds of businesses including small retailers, food and fish factories, farmers and fishing boats.



DAVID ZALUBOWSKI/AP

Protesters wave placards Sunday in Denver against the stay-at-home order issued by Colorado Gov. Jared Polis.

The death toll in the U.S. climbed past 40,000 with more than 761,000 confirmed infections, while the global case count has passed 2.38 million, according to a tally by Johns Hopkins University of national health reports.

The actual extent of the pandemic is likely to be significantly higher due to mild infections that are missed, limited testing, problems counting the dead and some nations' desires to underplay the extent of their outbreaks.

In Britain, which reported 596 more coronavirus-related hospital deaths on Sunday, officials also said they're not ready to ease efforts to curb the virus's spread. U.K. minister Michael Gove told the BBC that pubs and restaurants

"will be among the last" to leave the lockdown in place until May 7.

France's health agency urged the public to stick to social distancing measures that have been extended until at least May 11 and Prime Minister Edouard

Philippe said people could be required to wear masks on public transportation, and suggested no one plan faraway summer vacations even after that.

Trump is pushing to begin easing the U.S. lockdown in some states even before his own May 1 deadline, a plan that health experts and governors from both parties say will require a dramatic increase in testing capacity nationwide. But Pence insisted in television interviews Sunday that the country has "sufficient testing today" for states to begin reopening their economies as part of the initial phases of guidelines that the White House released last week.

California Gov. Gavin Newsom, a Democrat, said his state can't begin lifting restrictions until it is able to test more people daily. "Right now, we're not even close as a nation, let alone as a state, to where we should be on testing," he said.

Trump pushed back in a tweet before his Sunday evening briefing at the White House. "I am right on testing. Governors must be able to step up and get the job done. We will be with you ALL THE WAY!" he wrote.

'Air Bridge' pays off for favored firms

Some cashing in big from Trump's virus supplies plan

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Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — A secretive Trump administration project that enlists private companies to bring masks and other medical equipment to the U.S. to fight the coronavirus outbreak has provided tens of millions of dollars in taxpayer subsidies to the nation's largest medical-supply companies with little public accounting.

Over the last three-plus weeks, taxpayers have paid to fly the companies' supplies to the U.S. from Asia on government-chartered cargo flights, while the firms have been free to sell the material to hospitals, clinics and others at prices they choose.

That has saved the companies more than \$25 million in shipping costs — savings they are not required to pass on to the medical systems, state governments and others who buy their products. The supply companies' profits topped \$2 billion last year, financial statements show.

The administration has refused to disclose crucial details of the operation, known as Project Air Bridge, including its financial arrangements with the companies involved. These include multibillion-dollar firms such as McKesson Corp., Cardinal Health Inc., FedEx and UPS.

Five of the six medical distributors involved in Project Air Bridge — including the biggest companies — wouldn't answer questions about their participation.

Only Medline Industries Inc., a private company based outside Chicago, would. A spokesman said the company's agreement with the government includes a stipulation that it charge "reasonable" prices,



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FedEx is involved in Project Air Bridge, a plan to speed medical supplies to the United States to battle coronavirus.

but the spokesman would not detail what that meant or how it would be enforced.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency, which is running Air Bridge, required the Los Angeles Times to file a Freedom of Information Act request to get copies of any contracts or other financial agreements with the participating companies, a process that can take weeks or months.

Smaller competitors say the administration has effectively excluded them from the government-subsidized program.

"It seems like you have to be one of the big boys running things to get a ride on the bus," said an executive at a company that was not invited to participate in Project Air Bridge. The executive asked not to be identified out of fear of antagonizing the White House at a time when many are seeking to do business with the federal government.

The lack of transparency and accusations of preferential treatment for industry leaders has prompted questions from Congress and others, as well.

"Without more transparency on Project Air Bridge, it appears as if the administration is more concerned with helping a handful of companies turn a profit than being up front with the American people," said Rep. Mike Levin, D-Calif., who with 56 House colleagues sent a letter last week to FEMA Administrator Peter Gaynor.

In addition to missing out on subsidies, suppliers not selected for Air Bridge also risk having supplies they import seized at ports of entry by the federal government without explanation. Medical systems across the country have reported shipments being expropriated in recent weeks.

FEMA's opaque process is one of several issues frustrating members of

Congress, who have sent numerous letters to the agency in recent weeks seeking details about the program and the administration's broader strategy for distributing medical supplies.

The White House has cast Project Air Bridge, which President Donald Trump's son-in-law Jared Kushner helped set up, as a bold public-private partnership in a time of crisis. The administration touts the initiative to rebut charges that it has been unprepared to deal with shortages of critical supplies.

According to FEMA, Project Air Bridge was set up in late March to speed transportation of medical supplies from manufacturers in China and elsewhere to communities in the U.S. facing the biggest coronavirus outbreaks.

FEMA pays airfreight companies, including FedEx, UPS and Radiant Logistics Inc., for the trans-

portation of medical supplies, which come into Los Angeles, New York, Chicago and other distribution hubs.

The participating medical-supply distribution companies send half the shipments to customers in coronavirus hot spots and can send the remaining half to their existing customers elsewhere in the country, according to FEMA and Medline.

"This allows critical supplies to be sent to communities with the greatest needs," a FEMA spokeswoman said, noting the agency deliberately chose to work with the biggest suppliers at the direction of the White House.

The hot spots include New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Boston, Chicago, Detroit, Miami, Los Angeles, Seattle, New Orleans and "many other hot spot submarkets," according to the agency. FEMA has not detailed which supplies it is directing where, despite requests from the media and

Congress.

As of April 13, Air Bridge had brought in 400,000 N95 masks, 25.7 million surgical masks and 24,000 face shields, the administration says. The program has included more than 35 flights, which have cost about \$750,000 per flight, according to FEMA. Vice President Mike Pence gave a slightly different count Wednesday, saying that 44 flights had taken place and roughly 50 more were scheduled.

Medline spokesman Jesse Greenberg defended the company's participation in the government-funded shipping operation and disputed that Medline is getting preferential treatment.

"The fact is that we are getting additional products in an expedited fashion at a time when they are needed most," he said.

Greenberg added that Medline has been losing money during the pandemic because its contracts with medical systems require the company to provide masks and other medical supplies at pre-pandemic prices.

As a private company, Medline doesn't have to disclose its financial data, though it reported \$11.7 billion in revenue last year.

Medical distributors and medical systems that buy their products don't typically disclose the prices they negotiate, making it difficult to assess what the Air Bridge participants are charging for supplies.

In California, Amanda Chawla, who oversees the supply chain for Stanford Health Care, said the medical system has been able to avoid paying hugely inflated prices for masks and other protective gear because of contracts with large distributors that predated the coronavirus pandemic.

But Chawla noted that several companies participating in Air Bridge have tried to renegotiate contracts to get higher prices, citing the crisis and global medical supply shortages.

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Biden wins mail-in Wyoming Democratic presidential caucus

CHEYENNE, Wyo. — Joe Biden has won Wyoming's Democratic presidential caucus, which had been postponed for two weeks and scaled back to just mail-in ballots because of the coronavirus pandemic, state party officials said Sunday.

The results come less than two weeks after Bernie Sanders dropped out and endorsed Biden, who is the only candidate still actively seeking the Democratic nomination.

Biden beat Sanders 72% to 28%. A total of 15,428 votes were cast.

Biden gets 12 delegates and Sanders gets two.

Biden led Sanders in the delegate count 1,305 to 939. The Biden and Sanders campaigns are in talks over allowing Sanders to keep some of his statewide delegates.

The Wyoming Democratic Party announced the results after tabulating votes Saturday and auditing the results overnight.

Official: Police kill gunman who hijacked Dallas-area bus

ROWLETT, Texas — A man opened fire on a Dallas-area bus on Sunday, hijacking it with two people aboard and leading officers on a chase that ended in a shootout in which the man was killed and three officers were wounded, according to police officials.

A man got on the Dallas Area Rapid Transit bus in Richardson, just north of Dallas, at around 11 a.m. and opened fire, shatter-

ing windows, a DART spokesman said.

The man took the driver hostage and fired at DART officers who tried to stop the vehicle, said Garland police officer Pedro Barineau.

Police eventually used a spike strip to stop the vehicle, Barineau said.

The man continued firing as he exited the bus after it stopped, and officers returned fire, killing him, Barineau said.

North Korea denies that Kim sent Trump 'a nice note'

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea on Sunday dismissed as "ungrounded" President Donald Trump's comment that he received "a nice note" from the North's leader, Kim Jong Un.

Trump said during a press briefing on the coronavirus pandemic Saturday that "I received a nice note from him recently. It was a nice note. I think we're doing fine." Trump also defended

now-stalled nuclear diplomacy with Kim, saying the U.S. would have been at war with North Korea if he had not been elected.

North Korea's Foreign Ministry said in a statement that there was no letter addressed to Trump recently by "the supreme leadership," a reference to Kim.

It said it would examine why the U.S. leadership released "the ungrounded story" to the media.



SAHIN ERDEM/EPA

Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I, left, the spiritual leader of the world's Orthodox Christians, leads the Orthodox Easter service Sunday at the Patriarchal Church of St. George in Istanbul, which was held without worshippers to help contain the coronavirus.

Amid possible tornado threat, storms rake Southern states

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — High winds, hail and heavy rain pounded parts of Alabama on Sunday, as forecasters warned residents to brace for possible tornadoes and flooding later in the day across a wide swath of the southern United States.

Tornado watches covered a swath of east Texas and large parts of Louisiana and Mississippi on Sunday afternoon. More than 24,000 customers were without electricity early Sunday, according to www.poweroutage.us.

It was the second Sunday in a row that the South

was hit with severe weather.

Four Alabama counties were under a flash flood warning through the late morning because of heavy rain: Bibb, Chilton, Coosa and Shelby, the National Weather Service said. High winds had uprooted trees and left blankets of hail on the ground in some areas, the National Weather Service reported.

"Two to three inches of rain has already fallen and an additional one to two inches is possible," the agency said on its website.

A second wave of storms was expected to develop

Sunday afternoon and bring the risk of strong tornadoes into the evening, the National Weather Service said. Large twisters were a possibility for parts of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama.

A zone from the Texas-Louisiana line that extends eastward across the southern parts of Mississippi, Alabama and into Georgia will be at greatest risk of severe weather and tornadoes. The area is home to more than 5 million people.

Damaging winds and a tornado threat will also extend across Georgia and parts of South Carolina.

Iran admits encounter with US ship during a drill

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran's paramilitary Revolutionary Guard acknowledged Sunday it had a tense encounter with U.S. warships in the Persian Gulf last week, but alleged without offering evidence that American forces sparked the incident.

The incident Wednesday

day saw the U.S. Navy release video of small Iranian fast boats coming close to American warships as they operated in the northern Persian Gulf near Kuwait, with U.S. Army Apache helicopters.

In the Guard's telling, its forces were conducting a drill and faced "the unpro-

fessional and provocative actions of the United States and their indifference to warnings." It said the Americans later withdrew.

The Guard released no evidence to support its allegation, but did release a video showing an Iranian boat traveling in parallel with a U.S. warship.

Israelis accuse Netanyahu of endangering democracy

TEL AVIV, Israel — More than 2,000 Israelis took to the streets of Tel Aviv on Sunday, demonstrating against Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's attempts to form an "emergency" government with his chief rival and accusing him of using the coronavirus crisis to escape prosecution on corruption charges.

Demonstrators wore face masks and largely kept their distance from one another, in line with social-distancing rules, as speakers criticized Netanyahu's possible partnership with rival Benny Gantz.

Gantz, who during three bitter elections over the past year vowed never to sit in a government with Netanyahu due to his legal problems, announced last month that he had accepted the prime minister's suggestion to form an "emergency" government.

In Yemen: Yemen's rebels on Sunday detained a former culture minister and writer who was a vocal critic of their rule, his family and lawyer said.

The rebels, known as Houthis, stormed Khalid al-Rwaishan's home in a suburb of the capital Sana'a at dawn, seizing documents. Al-Rwaishan was then taken to an undisclosed location, said his lawyer, Waddah Qutaish.

The former minister's son, Waddah al-Rwaishan, confirmed the arrest, saying that the Houthis "abducted" him.

A spokesman for the Houthis rebels did not respond to phone calls seeking comment.

Khalid al-Rwaishan served as culture minister in 2006 in the government of former President Ali Abdullah Saleh.

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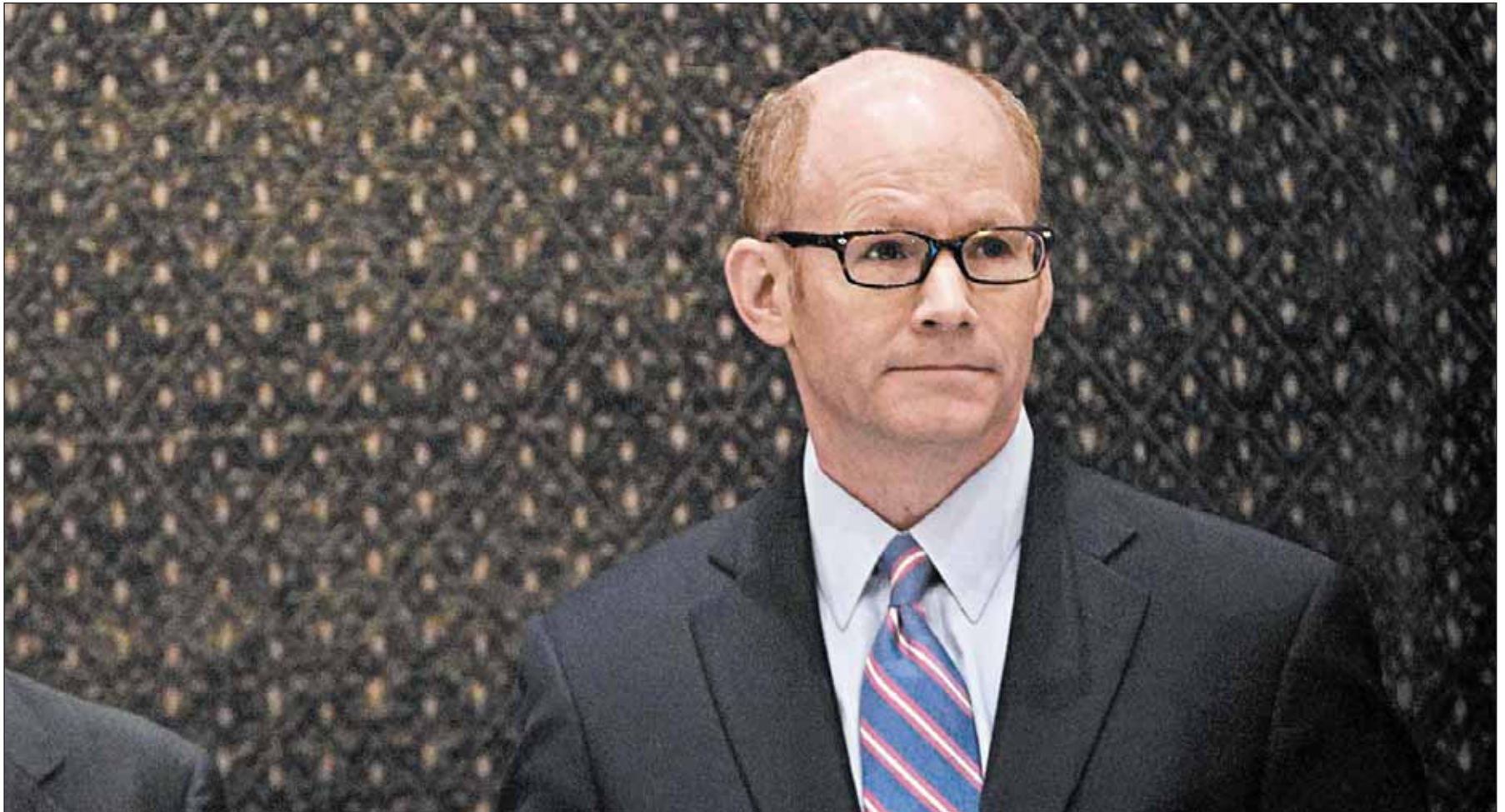
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Senate President Don Harmon has requested more than \$41.6 billion from the federal government in bailout aid amid the coronavirus pandemic.

Illinois' shameless, dishonest ask for a federal bailout

It is not surprising an Illinois politician finally put in writing what economists and financial watchdogs have been warning for years: That elected officials who failed to take seriously decades of fiscal warning bells in this state eventually would seek a bailout from the federal government.

What is beyond galling is using the coronavirus as an excuse. But that's what Illinois Senate President Don Harmon, D-Oak Park, did last week in a letter circulated among Illinois' congressional delegation and obtained by The New York Times. Harmon requested more than \$41.6 billion in bailout aid as part of the next coronavirus relief package, including \$10 billion for Illinois pensions, due to economic collapse from the virus.

Even by this state's low standards, asking federal taxpayers from California to North Carolina, from North Dakota to Texas — farmers, small business owners, teachers, nurses, bus drivers, bartenders — to help dig Illinois out of its pre-coronavirus, self-inflicted, financial hellhole is astonishingly brazen. Every member of Congress should carefully scrutinize pleas from states whose unbalanced budgets, embarrassing credit ratings and vastly underfunded pension

systems predated virus outbreak.

"I realize I've asked for a lot, but this is an unprecedented situation, and we face the reality that there likely will be additional, unanticipated costs that could result in future requests for assistance," Harmon, who has been in office since 2003, wrote in the letter.

It's absolutely true states and cities are suffering from dramatic revenue losses due to mandatory shutdowns in the retail sector, investment losses in pension funds and high demand for unemployment resources. But to suggest Illinois is worthy of such a generous bailout given its history is preposterous. Just look at the history.

Illinois' pension system faced roughly \$20 billion in unfunded liabilities in the mid-1990s. Today, those unfunded liabilities — retirement promises to state workers and other government employees — have risen to more than \$137 billion, the worst in the country.

Since 2003, Democrats have controlled the state legislature and failed to stabilize those liabilities. That year under then-Gov. Rod Blagojevich, Illinois borrowed \$10 billion and *still* shorted the pension funds. Lawmakers skipped full payments to the pension funds in 2006 and 2007, then borrowed

again to make partial pension payments in subsequent budget years. Even after raising income taxes 67% for four years in 2011, lawmakers stood by as unfunded liabilities rose and rose and rose.

By then, when the legislature finally enacted a two-tiered pension system that reduced benefits for new hires, Illinois was years behind other big states such as New York, which had recognized the obvious drain on resources. New York's employee pension system has six tiers. That's just one example of a state that started addressing the strain of defined benefit plans decades before Illinois.

At the same time Illinois lawmakers were ignoring the growing crisis, they were adding benefits and beneficiaries, including union officials and teacher union lobbyists who substitute-taught for one day in order to "qualify" for the Teachers Retirement System. Those abuses, shockingly, were ruled constitutional by the Illinois Supreme Court. That's how un-seriously this state's leaders have dealt with state resources.

By 2013, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission had charged the state of Illinois with fraud for "misleading municipal bond investors" about the state's chronic underfunding

of its pension obligations. Was anyone held directly accountable? No. Did lawmakers change their ways in subsequent budget years? No.

Even as the state made pension payments during the budget impasse under former Gov. Bruce Rauner, the liabilities of the pension funds have continued to climb. So no, taxpayers around the country should not be responsible for rescuing Illinois, which is \$8.4 billion behind in past-due bills — in spite of the recent economic boom.

Ever heard the one about the man who kills his parents and then begs for mercy because he's an orphan? That's Springfield, destroying the state's finances and then seeking a bailout.

Now give a minute's thought to former Illinoisans, those thousands who joined the exodus of residents to other states because they anticipated the reckoning to come. They thought they had cleared out in time. But look out. If Harmon and the others in Springfield succeed in obtaining a federal bailout of more than \$40 billion, no one will be protected from an Illinois bailout. Not residents of Indiana, Wisconsin, Texas, Florida or anywhere.

You've got income, expatriates. Springfield craves a share. It's the Illinois Way.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

Talk about moving goal posts. A month ago, the Trump administration announced its 15-day plan to "flatten the curve" and "slow the spread" of the virus. Examine those phrases. The goal of the shutdown was never to eradicate the disease — an impossibility absent a vaccine.

The lockdown was designed to buy the health sector time, to make sure all the cases didn't hit at once in a crush that would overwhelm hospitals, a la Italy.

In that regard, the administration has become a victim of its own success. The guidelines did flatten the curve. As ugly as the outbreak has been, even New York City and other hot spots have had enough ventilators. Numerous emergency field hospitals ended up sitting empty. The lockdown has been so effective that it has allowed Mr. Trump's political opponents to lay out a false narrative of what counts as "victory."

The political cynicism is extraordinary. The liberal cognoscenti can read the scientific data as well as anyone; all of it makes clear this battle is far from over. While widespread testing may help, it won't eradicate the virus. They also know even another month of lockdown, much less the year needed for a vaccine, would mean severe stress for the economy. Reopening must go forward, and that will by necessity mean more outbreaks, more cases, more deaths. That was always going to happen in a pandemic. Yet House Speaker Nancy Pelosi sees in this moment a political opportunity to pin the blame for the natural course of a disease on the White House.

Kimberley A. Strassel, Wall Street Journal



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What's next for McCormick Place?

As we flatten the curve, a new role for field hospital?

BY CORY FRANKLIN

We are well into the first phase of the COVID-19 pandemic, with the stunning number of cases and deaths still rising, albeit at a slower pace than weeks ago. Our hospitals have experienced tremendous strains, but heroically, they have not buckled under the surge of cases and we have not run short of ventilators.

Gov. J.B. Pritzker has said he is cautiously optimistic, given a stable rate of positive virus tests and the fact that hospitalizations, ventilator use and intensive care beds dedicated to COVID-19 patients have appeared to have leveled off.

So whither McCormick Place?

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Illinois National Guard and local contractors transformed much of the exhibit space into a makeshift field hospital in a remarkably short period of time, anticipating an overflow of COVID-19 patients. Ventilators are arriving, staff is trained and the convention center is on track to be able to accept 3,000 acute patients — who may never show up.

We have managed to avoid the problem of exceeding hospital capacity so far, but that does not mean McCormick Place should be all dressed up with no place to go.

Instead of relieving area hospitals by accepting overflow COVID-19 admissions as originally planned, the Near South Side convention center can help out the hospitals by accepting COVID-19 discharges who are still too sick to return home. It wasn't what was originally planned, but McCormick Place can serve primarily as an outflow release for discharges rather than an intake for admissions.

A step in that direction came Friday, with the announcement that five patients had been moved to the makeshift field hospital. Dr. Ngozi Ezike, director of the Illinois Department of Public Health, said all the patients at McCormick were "deemed appropriate to leave the hospital and not quite ready to go home."

Most of the major hospital ICUs in the area are seeing better survival rates than what had been previously reported in Europe as we gain experience with the complications of the coronavirus. (British Prime Minister Boris Johnson is the most recent high-profile example of an ICU survivor of COVID-19.) Moving into the second phase of the pandemic, we are faced with a number of new questions, including where to place COVID-19 hospital survivors who are still too sick to return home and may still be contagious.

That problem is particularly important to area hospitals and intensive care units, which, while not filled to capacity, must expect new waves of patients and don't have the luxury of holding patients for the weeks needed to



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Above, Illinois Air National Guard members unload mattresses on April 10 at the COVID-19 field hospital emerging at McCormick Place. At top, construction continues on the new field hospital on April 10.

recover. They must also make space for acute non-COVID-19 emergencies and postoperative patients.

Many of the COVID-19 ICU survivors, and some of the other hospitalized COVID-19 patients, are debilitated due to advanced age or chronic disease.

They still require continued medical care and in many cases physical and/or respiratory therapy, which they cannot receive at home. Some are candidates for skilled nursing facilities or rehabilitation centers, but there may not be enough spots for all of these patients — and in some cases the institutions are reluctant to accept them given their own problems with the coronavirus.

To accommodate these patients, McCormick Place would need stringent infection-control measures, rapid on-site virus testing for everyone — staff and patients — who enters the building, and the right mix of personnel. More primary doctors but fewer specialists than previously anticipated, and perhaps more nurses and therapists than were originally planned. Not as much high-tech, but more high-touch (with gloves and protective equipment, of course).

Going forward, providing for survivors of COVID-19 may be the saving grace of McCormick Place.

Besides offering the care these patients so desperately need, it can serve as a clearinghouse for patterns of recovery and testing. There is much information to be gained on how long patients remain virus positive and when

they revert to negative, and if and when survivors develop antibodies to the virus. This will mean an essential role for infectious disease specialists and epidemiologists at the convention center. In addition, there would have to be close coordination with the area hospitals for laboratory data, medical records and follow-up visits.

McCormick Place is obviously not the long-term answer for these patients. It is simply a holdover location until some patients can return home, others can be accommodated by nursing homes and rehab centers and other facilities can be set up for continuing care.

I have retired from active duty, but my brave ICU colleagues, who are currently taking care of the sickest COVID-19 patients on a daily basis, say they are seeing clinical syndromes that they have never seen before. They tell me flexibility is the key; plans must change on the fly. The pandemic is teaching us to imagine, learn and improvise.

The Nobel laureate Richard Feynman, one of the greatest scientists of the 20th century, once said, "It is not unreasonable that we grapple with problems ... our responsibility is to do what we can, improve the solutions and pass them on."

The field hospital at McCormick Place is still indispensable, it's just that it may take on a role different from the one we first planned for.

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Searching for a long-term plan for Chicago's black box on the lake

BY ED BACHRACH AND AUSTIN BERG

The black box on the lake has been transformed.

Rather than touting tourism numbers and trade show attendance, Gov. J.B. Pritzker and Mayor Lori Lightfoot earlier this month delivered one of their daily coronavirus briefings backed by a sea of hospital beds. This is the new McCormick Place. And it may serve a legitimate public purpose for once, in return for taxpayers' investment.

New leadership at the convention center's governing body should ensure we never go back to the way things were. That is, 60 years of expensive political boondoggles serving a few at the expense of the many. The question they should be asking: How can McCormick Place serve the greater good?

Built in 1960, the original McCormick Place turned to ash on a frigid night in 1967. Two-thirds of the structure burned down in 45 minutes. It was the city's largest conflagration since the Great Chicago Fire.

"We will get to the immediate task of rebuilding McCormick Place," then-Mayor Richard J. Daley declared the morning after the fire. Build he did. And the city and state have not stopped. The McCormick Place campus now includes 2.6 million square feet of exhibit space, 2,000 hotel rooms across two publicly financed hotels, a 10,000-seat arena, and a 2.5-mile busway accessible only to conventioners and political figures.

It is the largest convention center in the nation. And it still can't turn a profit. The Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority, or MPEA, took an operating loss last year of \$94 million and needed \$34 million from the state to make its interest payments.

This happens every year. But taxpayers keep footing the bill.

The authority took in a record tax windfall of \$158 million last year — composed of taxes on hotel stays throughout the city, car rentals throughout the county, taxi rides to and from the airport and restaurant bills in and around the Loop. But that wasn't enough to cover a record \$250 million in debt payments. The authority holds more than \$4 billion in debt — more than the next three largest convention centers in the nation combined.

In his 528-page book on the rise of convention centers, Heywood Sanders, a University of Texas at San Antonio professor, chronicled decades of promises made by politicians and consultants that splashy spending would make McCormick Place profitable. "Those repeated promises have proved to be false, the consultant projections unmet," he wrote.

Sanders is right. In 2001, McCormick Place drew more than 3 million attendees using a total of 16.6 million square feet. In 2018, after spending billions of dollars on expansions, it drew 2.9 million attendees

using a total of 9.8 million square feet.

Boosters cite the complex's economic impact as a reason to keep pouring money into the center as usual. But studies touting the spending and jobs generated by the center conveniently lack context. When painted against the backdrop of Chicago's tourism economy at large, McCormick Place is minuscule.

The vast majority of the jobs supported by McCormick Place, according to an MPEA-commissioned study released in 2017, are created as a result of "related" spending. Directly, McCormick Place employs around 700 people, 300 of whom live outside the city.

And what about tourism? Chicago officials say the city generated 57.6 million visitors in 2018. McCormick Place's 2.9 million attendees that year make up 5% of the total. If trade shows can't come to Chicago without McCormick Place, so be it. Savvy entrepreneurs will find a way to make money on conferences without racking up \$4 billion in debt.

McCormick Place is an albatross. And with the convention and entertainment industries set ablaze by the COVID-19 pandemic, the odds of that changing have never been lower. Larita Clark, the MPEA's new CEO, has a chance to end this broken cycle.

Pritzker and Lightfoot should call for a commission led by Clark to study alternate uses of McCormick with the following principles:

- Reduce the space allocated for convention and tourism to increase utilization.

- Reduce the tax burden on residents, visitors and the state of Illinois and pay down the debt to reduce burdensome legacy costs now and in the future.

- Take the load off city and county budgets by making this existing facility available for purposes that serve all Chicagoans.

- Make a powerful gesture that the city is going to act resourcefully for its people. This is what they did by making it a temporary hospital.

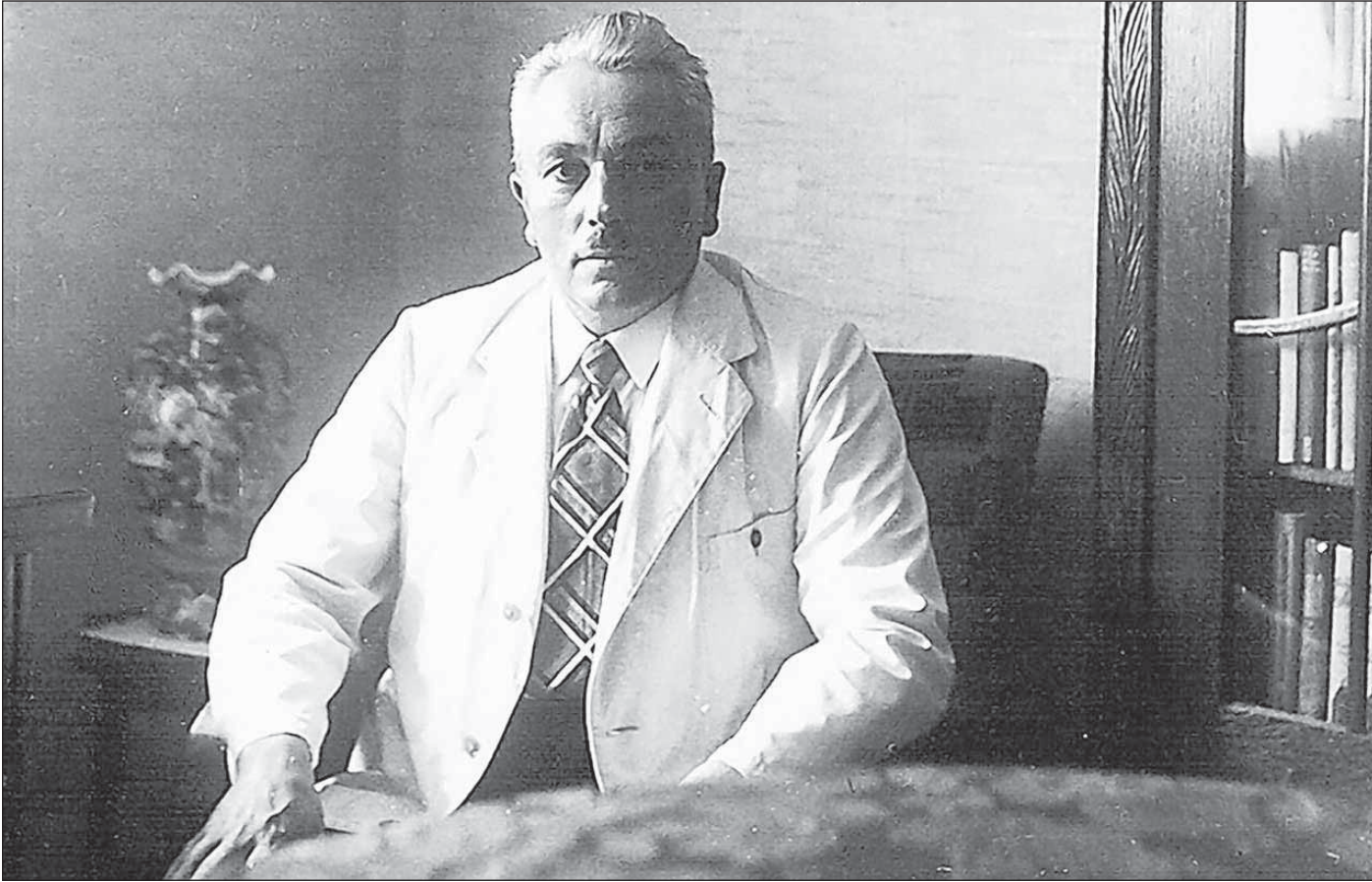
Better uses for McCormick Place may include a training academy for Chicago police and fire, a casino, a museum or chopping up the assets to sell to the highest bidder. Some of the space could also be leveraged as a mental health clinic, a shelter for domestic violence victims or support services for the homeless.

One benefit of reckless expansion for decades is that the campus is large enough to accommodate all of these suggestions and more.

McCormick Place's recent, tragic transformation shows Chicago what's possible when elected officials act in the public interest. Don't let that spirit die.

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PERSPECTIVE



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Friedrich Kellner in 1938. The mid-level German court official kept a secret diary of Nazi crimes during World War II.

He documented Nazi crimes, secretly, for the future to know

BY ROBERT SCOTT KELLNER

In Israel, and for Jews around the world, the setting sun on Monday will begin the solemn observance of Holocaust Remembrance Day: Yom HaShoah.

Three times in four years Adolf Hitler exposed the world's indifference to the fate of Jews. In 1935, his Nazi Party stripped German Jews of citizenship, making them aliens without rights in their own country. The world responded by filling the Olympic Stadium in Berlin the next year with exuberant young athletes who performed for their preening host. In November 1938, Nazi storm troopers plundered Jewish homes and businesses without any adverse effect on England and France's calamitous appeasement pact signed two months earlier in Munich. In 1939, Gestapo SS squads hunted down Jews in Poland, with no one to stop them.

No wonder then that when the Nazi leadership gathered for the Wannsee Conference in 1942, their agenda for the "Final Solution of the Jewish Question" was not hindered by ethical impediments or moral dilemmas. In 90 minutes, the practical Germans solved the mundane challenges of transportation and accommodation with railroad cars, concentration camps and gas chambers.

The plans were supposed to be secret, but the people knew. They saw the cruel abuse of their Jewish neighbors, and still they lifted their arms and cried out, "Heil Hitler! Lead us, and we will follow!"

But not everyone. "If the Jews, who contributed demonstrable economic achievements over the centuries to help develop our nation, can

be made a people without rights, that is an act unworthy of a cultured nation," wrote justice inspector Friedrich Kellner — my grandfather — about the 1935 Nuremberg Laws. "The curse of this evil deed will indelibly rest on the entire German people."

He had opposed the Nazis from the beginning. A political organizer for the Social Democrats, Kellner campaigned against them during the short-lived Weimar Republic (1919-33). When Hitler came to power, Kellner moved his family to the small town of Laubach where he was not known for his political activities and became the courthouse manager. In 1939, when German troops marched into Poland, he began a diary to record Nazi crimes. Because he sometimes gave voice to his feelings, the Gestapo placed him under surveillance. Fortunately, his position in the courthouse kept him and his wife, Pauline, from arbitrary arrest.

In the first month of war, Kellner knew that Jews in Poland were targeted for death. Soldiers home on leave described horrific attacks. "Tales of atrocities of the worst kind are buzzing in the air," Kellner wrote. He predicted that "the extermination of the Jews" would bring about the Third Reich's downfall.

In October 1941, he recorded a soldier's account of a massacre: "He watched as naked Jewish men and women were placed in front of a long deep ditch and, upon the order of the SS, were shot by Ukrainians in the back of their heads, and they fell into the ditch. Then the ditch was filled in as screams kept coming from it."

"There is no punishment hard enough," declared the justice inspector,

"to be applied to these Nazi beasts."

Despite such reports, his fellow citizens were "intoxicated" by the victories. "This is a great and glorious time!" shouted Frau Anna Jochem to Kellner. Judge Heinrich Bischoff remarked, "If we had killed all the Jews, this war would not have come."

The plans made in 1942 were zealously carried out. "In the last few days the Jews from this region have been removed," Kellner reported in September 1942. "The families Strauss and Heynemann were taken from Laubach. I heard from a reliable source that all the Jews were taken to Poland and murdered by SS brigades. Our murderous regime has for all times besmirched the name Germany."

Kellner did not spare the Allies. He criticized them for participating in the 1936 Berlin Olympics, signing the 1938 appeasement pact, dropping leaflets on Germany instead of bombs in the first months of war and ignoring the construction of concentration camps.

"Hitler duped the entire world. He had the great unbelievable luck to meet with weak and vacillating opponents," Kellner wrote. "The Western powers will carry the historical guilt for not promptly providing the most intensive preventative measures against Germany's incessant politics of aggression."

When the massive armada from England crossed the Channel to the French coast at Normandy on June 6, 1944, Kellner wrote contemptuously: "Finally!"

They came too late. The Holocaust was done.

"Of all their many promises, the Nazis kept only one," wrote Kellner: "The eradication of the Jews."

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Vet's plea for Postal Service

The reasons to keep the U.S. Postal Service alive and well are widely — and wisely — documented. But one reason hasn't been given nearly enough voice. It is President Donald Trump's indifference to American military veterans. What seems to have been largely overlooked is the fact that thousands upon thousands of us receive our needed — and favorably priced — medications from Veterans Affairs monthly, via the U.S. mail.

What's more, in the decades the VA has been sending me my meds, the Post Service has never once failed to deliver. And now especially is no time to deprive ex-servicemen and women of our health maintenance.

— Jack Badofsky, Chicago

This no time to bash WHO

President Donald Trump's decision to suspend funding to the World Health Organization is one of the worst decisions he has made regarding the current COVID-19 pandemic. No matter what WHO did or did not do with the Chinese government, now is not the time to take vengeance, but to put all forces together to deal with the immediate crisis. Whatever fact-finding and retribution might be subsequently called for can wait. Our lives and livelihoods cannot.

— Oscar Lanzi, Chicago

A little late on these actions

To letter writer Herb Hupfer ("Hindsight during crisis is 20/20," April 17) and others who might feel President Donald Trump would have been laughed at had he acted sooner on the virus: Maybe if he had started in on the mask-wearing and the social distancing, yes. But — what about making sure we did have masks to wear, and ventilators to use and especially tests to take? What about supporting the World Health Organization? What about not minimizing the Wuhan outbreak?

— Binky Bitterman, Chicago

Optimism gap that divides us

In his column ("Partisan gulf on the pandemic is tearing us apart at a particularly bad time," April 17), Eric Zorn accurately reports the findings of recent polls and how these polls all show "significant gaps" between how self-identified Democrats and self-identified Republicans view the coronavirus crisis. Actually I see "optimism" to be the main gap.

Zorn suggests that it is President Donald Trump's expressions of optimism that have "rubbed off" on his followers and led to their enthusiasm. Frankly, I believe it is the optimism, the self-reliance and the faith in the future inherent in most Republicans (and conservatives) that led us to choose him to lead us. His optimism reflects ours, and it is that optimism and faith in our future that explains the "gaps" between how Democrats and Republicans view this and any crisis.

— Martin Dettmer, Wheaton

Hypocritical stance on life

How ironic is it that a number of politicians and celebrities are espousing their concern for the sanctity of life and accusing the Trump administration of not acting soon enough to contain COVID-19, which they say would have saved more lives. Yet it is these same politicians and celebrities who support a woman's right for abortion on demand. That procedure is done in excess of 600,000 times a year in America and takes the life of what would be a newborn baby.

— Al Zvinakis, Lemont

The GOP's double standard

Isn't it interesting how many Republicans agree with sentiments like those of Rep. Trey Hollingsworth, R-Ind., that the country will always have to choose "a loss of life, of American lives" over "dramatic economic harm," but when a woman wants to end her pregnancy because she can't afford another child, then many Republicans say, "Oh, no, you can't do that?"

Are double standards the only kind these Republicans know?

— Kevin Coughlin, Evanston

Missing the 'adult' in the room

I remember when the Republican Party was the "adult" in the room. I wish current Republicans of that bent would impart that old wisdom to the sycophants so predominant today.

— Bill Burns, South Elgin

Are protesters refusing checks?

I wonder if all those who are protesting the stay-at-home orders as an infringement of their rights by the government are returning the stimulus checks they have received from the government.

— Jim Jolley, Bolingbrook

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Religious communities are critical in the fight against coronavirus outbreak

BY AASIM I. PADELA

As half the world is placed under stay-at-home orders to combat COVID-19, a few pastors in the U.S. are keeping churches open despite advisories against public gatherings; some Christian worshippers came together recently for in-person Easter services, Hasidic Jews have ignored social distancing rules at funerals and a church community in South Korea and Muslim pilgrims in India and Malaysia have become vectors of disease transmission. All proclaim greater trust in God than in clinicians and assert the salutary effects of religious practices in the face of a global pandemic.

By no means are all religious communities ignoring health risks. Islamic jurists around the globe have moved to close mosques — including the holiest sites of Islam in Mecca, Medina and Jerusalem — and most churches and synagogues have firmly closed their doors. Yet some leaders and communities seem out of step with the reality of the pandemic.

Rather than pursuing aggressive or confrontational tactics, state and public health authorities need to form alliances with these faith communities. And doing this in a way that builds trust is critical to the fight against COVID-19.

First, authorities need to acknowledge the role religious communal life and practices play in the lives of individuals, especially during times of uncertainty and fear. They must work with religious leaders so that they can better understand the rationale behind the social constraints. That will empower religious leaders to frame these policies within a religious worldview and design creative solutions.

Some churches have moved sermons and worship services online so that members can remain connected. In Muslim

circles, scholars have taken care to message that while the communal obligation of Friday prayers is suspended, the individual obligation of midday prayers continues. Forums dedicated to dialogue and understanding between religious and public health experts can thus generate creative solutions that recognize religious theologies of healing, promote spiritual health and acknowledge the gravity of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Secondly, religious sites should be leveraged toward public health interventions. There is a long history of faith-based health partnerships in the U.S., and these collaborations can be mobilized toward improving community health. Churches and mosques could serve as sites for drive-thru testing, and their on-line forums could be used for health education. In this way, religious communities can be activated to help address gaps in testing and knowledge.

Finally, state authorities need to partner with religious authorities in their communications.

Formal statements and press briefings where public health, state and religious authorities speak in a unified voice can go a long way to address lack of trust and experiences of marginalization. Just as business leaders have been brought in to address the economic aspects of this crisis and to voice their commitment to work with the government to tackle it, religious leaders can speak to the spiritual dimensions of the crisis and voice support in helping confront it.

Faith-based understanding of illness through history gives important context that must not be ignored. Even today, many faiths continue to maintain a theology of healing where the Divine controls disease — including onset and cure. Statements from the Prophet Muhammad

convey that God sends sickness and grants recovery, and both Islam and Christianity recognize Jesus' role as a healer.

If one believes that COVID-19 is a manifestation of divine will, then appealing to God to protect one from catching it — or to heal one afflicted by it — makes sense. And this turning to the divine becomes all the more appealing when one recognizes the many unknowns surrounding COVID-19; there is no known vaccine, no sure way to obtain a diagnosis given the scarcity of tests and no definitive timeline for when this crisis will end.

Some religious adherents find it difficult to follow the logic that food markets and health care institutions that cater to the physical health of individuals are classified as essential services and thus exempted from stay-at-home orders and closure, while religious institutions that nourish the spirit are not. They feel skeptical that public health and state authorities have their best interests at heart and they prefer to prioritize religious practices that have long sustained them. In the words of one mosque elder, "If we are going to die, then we might as well die in prayer."

Science shows that spirituality bolsters health. Individuals connected to religious communities tend to live longer, likely due to the social support offered in such communities and the strong positive coping mechanisms religious beliefs and practices offer. Now is the time to leverage the strength of those communities in the face of this crisis.

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Bleak predictions for economy stacking up

“Apocalyptic,” “unprecedented shocks” and “a generation-defining moment” are just some of the terms that describe the economy and the labor market right now. Sadly, the news could get worse in the coming months.

In the three weeks ending April 4, a staggering 16.8 million Americans filed for unemployment, with millions likely to do the same over the next weeks and months. The Labor Department’s March employment report showed that 701,000 jobs vanished, pushing up the number of unemployed people by 1.4 million to 7.1 million. The unemployment rate jumped from a 50-year low of 3.5% to 4.4%, the largest month-over-month increase since January 1975, and the broader rate, which includes part-timers and those who are marginally attached, increased to 8.7%.

The March report, which snapped a record 113-month stretch of job creation, was far worse than expected, because most economists and analysts had believed that because the Labor Department accumulates data early in the month (March 8-14), the numbers would not yet demonstrate the gravity of the situation. They were wrong.

Here are some of the updates from the economists I follow and talk to regularly:

■ The U.S. economy is likely to “lose more than twice as many jobs as we lost during the Great Recession during the first two months of this crisis alone. Unemployment will soar into the double digits. ... There is no scale to measure the misery associated with COVID-19 on all fronts,” said Diane Swonk, chief economist of Grant Thornton.

■ “We are just seeing the tip of the iceberg when it comes to the collapse of the labor market,” said Joel Naroff of Naroff Economic Advisors.

■ “This is more like 1929 and the 1930s, which hit the whole world,” said Kenneth S. Rogoff, a professor of economics at Harvard University.

■ This “is a generation-defining moment,” said Mohamed El-Erian a chief economic adviser at Allianz.

■ “Never in the history of the IMF have we witnessed the world economy come to a standstill,” said Kristalina Georgieva, managing director of the International Monetary Fund.

■ Coronavirus has delivered “unprecedented shocks to economies and labor markets. ... It is the worst global crisis since the Second World War,” the International Labor Organization said.

Researchers at the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis outlined the dire situation, when they noted that of the nearly 165 million people in the civilian labor force, about 40% work in jobs “that are at high risk of layoff.” Under a worst case scenario, that would result in 47 million unemployed and a staggering 32.1% unemployment rate.

While those numbers may be too high, plenty of other economists have predicted that the rate could spike to 15 to 20% due to the pandemic-induced recession, with estimates of job losses leaping into the tens of millions.

But a working paper that studied the 1918 flu pandemic, found that the tougher measures to curb the spread could help the economy over the long term.

“Somewhat surprisingly perhaps, we find that areas that acted early and aggressively with non-pharmaceutical interventions do not perform worse economically, at least in the medium term — if anything, they actually come out of the pandemic stronger,” said Emil Verner, an MIT Sloan assistant professor and co-author of the paper.

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Under a cloud

Back-to-back crises hitting millennials especially hard

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Aviv Russ feels as though the cards have been stacked against his generation — and he’s not wrong.

Russ is a millennial, the cohort of people born between 1981 and 1996. He graduated from Boston-based Emerson College in 2009, as the Great Recession gutted the job market for years.

He spent his first few years after school fighting for low-paid work as a production assistant. His mentors told him, “Dude, you missed the good years by like five years,” he said.

A decade later, just as he had built up savings and was preparing to buy a house, the 31-year-old is out of a job again. The coronavirus outbreak has dried up production gigs in Hollywood, where he works.

No age group will escape the pain of the current economic slowdown, of course, but millennials were already on more precarious financial footing than their elders. They left college with unprecedented levels of student debt and missed out on crucial years of wage growth because of the 2008 downturn.

Compared to other groups at the same point in their lives, people in their 20s and 30s have relatively low levels of home ownership, net worth and real income, according to a 2018 Federal Reserve Board of Governors paper.

“They’re walking a tightrope and there are cliffs on either side,” said Kathryn Edwards, a labor economist at the Rand Corporation. “It’s hard to imagine someone making it through both of these recessions in this age group really unscathed.”

Economic downturns are inevitable, but they’re not usually so severe. And once-in-a-generation recessions don’t tend to occur just a decade apart.

For millennials, the timing of these events has been particularly damaging. People who enter a labor market with high unemployment typically see a 10% hit to income in the first year, with the effect averaging out to a 1.8% reduction in yearly earnings over 10 years, according to economists at Yale and the University of Rochester. They also found the impact of the Great Recession on wages to have been “much larger” than previous downturns.

Because an economic crisis hampers

job mobility, the effects of one early in a person’s professional life can last for the next 20 years, research from Carnegie Mellon economics professor Shu Lin Wee has found.

This phenomenon isn’t confined to the U.S. In Britain, between 2006 and 2014, real earnings fell twice as fast for people under 30 than for those in their 50s, according to the Resolution Foundation.

Meanwhile in Italy, the epicenter of the virus outbreak in Europe, just 24% of houses and land are owned by the young, while the risk of poverty is twice as high among those under the age of 40 than for those over 65, according to a study by business association Confindustria.

Other generations will experience their own flavor of economic fallout from the coronavirus. The oldest members of Generation Z are graduating into a world of city-wide lockdowns as countries try to curb the spread of a global pandemic.

Baby Boomers in the U.S. have now suffered successive blows to their retirement portfolios because of market routs. And almost half of U.S. households age 55 and older have nothing saved for retirement. Millions of people of all ages are unemployed and the International Labor Organization finds over a billion people at high risk of a pay cut or losing their jobs.

“I worry about the younger guys more,” said Harry Holzer, a professor of

public policy at Georgetown University. They’re more likely to get laid off than those more senior, he said, adding, “I worry even more about the people without college diplomas.”

While white-collar workers can work from home, sectors largely filled by people without college degrees, such as retail, food services, hospitality and construction have already seen major job losses because of the pandemic.

One such person is Denzel Buie, a 25-year-old glazier living in Philadelphia with his fiancée and his 3-year-old daughter. He was laid off a few weeks ago. Buie had health care through his employer and now worries that if he gets sick, he won’t be able to afford a hospital visit.

“It makes you feel vulnerable, because sooner or later resources that you had built up (are) going to run out,” he said.

As for those in white-collar professions, Chip Espinoza, dean of strategy and innovation at Vanguard University, fears people in their 30s will once again get stymied in career advancement because another recession means Boomers won’t retire on schedule.

“You’re really looking at a workforce that is going to continue to age and continue to create challenges for younger generations in their upward mobility,” he said. Millennials “will have to rent longer, co-habitate longer and stay in starter homes longer.”

Already millennials, because of their debt burdens and a pricey housing market, had been slow to dive into home ownership, a key way to build wealth. People like Michael Baum, who did manage to buy, fear they made their purchases at the wrong moment.

Just two weeks ago, Baum, a 33-year-old special needs teacher, moved into a new house purchased using money from his wedding and family savings in Plano, Illinois. While he still has work, his wife recently lost her customer service job in retail. They have a mortgage and also her student loans to pay off.

“It could be a problem if the unemployment (benefits) stops,” he said.



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Social Security disability benefits

Eligibility requirements are restrictive



BY ELLIOT RAPHAELSON
The Savings Game

If you have a medical condition that prevents you from working, you may be able to receive disability benefits from Social Security. The eligibility criteria are restrictive, however, involving both work and medical requirements.

Work requirements

Two work standards are used to judge the eligibility of an applicant: lifetime and recent. To meet the substantial lifetime work standard, you must have had between 1 1/2 and 10 years of work for which you paid Social Security taxes, depending on your age when your disability begins.

For example, if you become disabled at age 24, you would need to have accumulated only six work credits. If you become disabled at 62 or older, you would need 40 work credits. A younger worker has less time to earn work credits, so fewer are required. (See the SSA publication "Disability Benefits" at www.ssa.gov/pubs/10029.html for a complete list of work credits required based on your age.)

Your work credits are measured the same way they are for retired workers.

A recent work standard also applies. In addition to the total number of lifetime credits required, some of your work credits must be recent. In the most recent 40 calendar quarters (10 years), you must have earned 20 work credits (5 years). In general, you must have work history for at least 5 of the last 10 years, and you must have paid FICA taxes. This can vary depending on your age of disability. (See below.)

If you are under the age of 31 when your disability starts, you need credit for having worked half the time between your 21st birthday and the time you become disabled. The minimum requirement for those under 24 is 6 work



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credits in the last 3 years.

Medical requirements

In addition to the work requirements, you must meet strict medical requirements. Compared to the many definitions of disability used in government, insurance and private enterprise, SSA is likely the strictest. It defines disability as "the inability to engage in any substantial gainful activity by reason of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment which can be expected to result in death, or which has lasted or can be expected to last for a continuous period of not less than 12 months."

"Substantial gainful activity" is defined in 2020 as earning \$1,260 per month for those who are not blind; it's \$2,110 for the blind. (See "Disability Evaluation Under Social Security" at www.ssa.gov/disability/professionals/bluebook/.)

Social Security employees don't directly determine whether your condition is disabling. SSA contracts with state governments across the nation to make these determinations through the Disability Determination Services (DDS). The state disability evaluator obtains and weighs evidence in your case including:

- Your firsthand reports on your medi-

cal condition

- Your medical records from your doctor, hospital, or other care provider, and
- Your vocational and educational background.

Only about a third of disability applications are approved in the first round of the process. About half of all appeals succeed in securing some benefit. But appeals take years in normal times. It typically takes between three and six months for initial applications to be reviewed. If you are denied, you have 60 days from the date of notification to appeal.

Because of the coronavirus outbreak, SSA has closed local offices. You can still apply for disability benefits online. However, you will find it difficult to communicate with an SSA representative over the phone.

If you are anxious about applying for disability benefits or want to file an appeal, I recommend that you use a reputable, experienced advocate to represent you. Your chances for success will improve dramatically. Lawyers in this field typically charge no out-of-pocket costs and only receive fees if they succeed — 25% of your back pay, or \$6,000, whichever is lower.

Elliot Raphaelson welcomes your questions and comments at raphelliot@gmail.com.

How to avoid sounding uncaring in emails

BY JUDITH HUMPHREY
Fast Company

Even in the best of times, business emails can seem impersonal. Unconsciously, we often adopt a more formal tone in writing compared to when we're speaking face-to-face.

With the coronavirus upon us, these are hardly the best of times. More than ever there's a need to make sure our written communication has a caring tone. That's no simple task. It's all too easy in your business correspondence to strike false notes and come across as insincere, or even uncaring.

Here are six ways to make sure your business correspondence hits the right mark:

1. Offer good wishes

Because everyone you're writing to likely is affected in some way by the coronavirus, it's important to offer well wishes. You can do this by opening your email with something simple like, "I hope you and your family are well."

You can also offer good wishes in the body of your email. If your company has provided some gift to a client, for example, a free webinar or an online training session, you might say, "We hope that this small gesture supports you during this time."

2. Prune stock expressions

Because expressing warmth in business correspondence is challenging, we may rely too often on phrases that sound stilted or insincere. To avoid this, cut out impersonal platitudes, stock expressions and trite assurances.

I receive many emails from PR firms that would like me to interview their clients for Fast Company articles. Some of these requests begin with a cold, hard fact. One opening line read: "Research shows that a virtual workforce requires stronger leadership skills than ever before." Such an opening does not inspire me to read on. The same is true for openings like "It has come to my attention," or "I am writing because."

Avoid business-speak phrases like "We value our customers" or overused expressions like "We're all in this together" or "Hang in there; better days are coming." They illustrate your inability to express genuine feelings.

3. Express gratitude

A third way to show that you care is to introduce gratitude into your correspondence. If a long-standing client delays a payment or asks for understanding on a contract, remember that keeping the relationship strong is the key. Before entering into any negotiation, express support for the loyalty shown over the years.

Even simple statements of gratitude such as "I appreciate your getting back to me" are important in showing that you care.

4. Accentuate the positive

Negative statements are never a good idea in business communication, and that holds doubly true in these times.

Prune from your prose words that make you sound weak or uncertain, for example: "I'm afraid," "I can't," or "I'm not sure" or "I don't know." Stay on positive turf. This likely will elevate the spirits of the person to whom you are writing.

But in being positive, be sensitive to the reality we face. Telling a colleague "Have a great weekend!" or "Enjoy sheltering in place," may sound facetious. Even an expression like "Happy Monday!" can grate.

5. Tread lightly if you don't know the recipient

A recent email to me from someone I didn't know began: "Thinking about you and wondering how you're doing." Still another writer with whom I had no relationship ended her email with an "air hug."

These expressions of empathy backfire because they are written to a list of recipients and come across as insincere.

6. Don't preach

Be cautious of overdoing things in an effort to share wisdom and goodwill. Avoid saying the following to a disgruntled employee, for instance: "This experience will strengthen you."

Your heart may be in the right place, but we don't have the right to be the arbiter of another person's feelings.

How to get help after losing job

Federal rescue package offers boost to unemployment system

BY MARC A. WOJNO | Kiplinger

Q: What help has Congress provided for people who lost their jobs because of the coronavirus?

A: Two parts of the federal coronavirus rescue package have measures aimed at helping the unemployed.

The Families First Coronavirus Response Act pumps an additional \$1 billion into the unemployment compensation system to ease the burden on states processing and paying unemployment benefits. States with greater unemployment increases will receive more funds, and employers are encouraged to reduce the number of hours worked by employees in lieu of layoffs.

States are also directed to ease eligibility requirements and access to unemployment benefits for workers who do lose their job. The federal government will also pay 100% of coronavirus-related extended unemployment compensation, instead of the usual 50%.

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act provides even greater benefits. For example, it provides up to 39 weeks of unemployment benefits for self-employed people, independent contractors and others out of work because of the coronavirus pandemic who don't otherwise qualify for benefits.



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Weekly unemployment checks are also increased by \$600 through July. The federal government is also reimbursing states for the first week of unemployment benefits until the end of the year (states normally impose a one-week waiting period before paying benefits). An additional 13 weeks of benefits is included too.

Q: I recently lost my job because of COVID-19. How do I go about getting unemployment benefits?

A: Contact your state's unemployment insurance program office immediately upon unemployment, especially in light of the sharp increase of claims filed throughout the country over the past couple of weeks. Check with the office to determine the preferred method of registering yourself in the system, be it online or by phone. While doing so in person was traditionally an option, it's a bad idea now, of course.

Keep in mind that registering your claim for unemployment benefits takes time to process, especially because of the COVID-19 pandemic, so budget accordingly before your first check appears. According to CareerOneStop, it

usually takes two to three weeks after filing your claim to receive your first benefit check.

Some states, and the District of Columbia, require a one-week waiting period. In that case, you will file your first unemployment claim (in which you list the jobs you applied to that week), but you won't receive a payment. Rather, your first payment would apply to the second week of your unemployment claim.

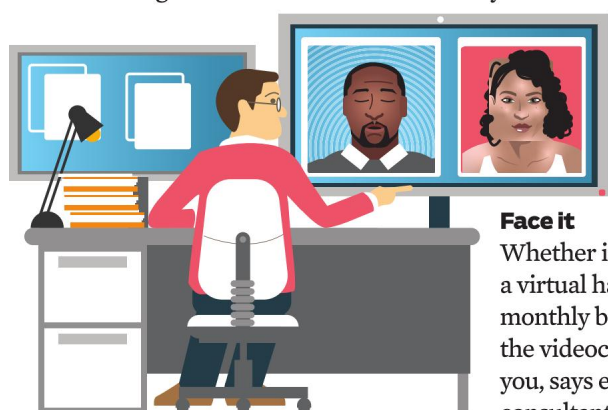
Many states, including California, Hawaii and New York, have waived their waiting period as a result of the recent pandemic. And, under the new \$2 trillion CARES Act, the relief package that provides financial assistance to families and businesses affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, the federal government will provide temporary full funding for the first week of unemployment.

Check your state's site about changes to the waiting period.

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How extroverts can survive WFH

A combination of technology and resourcefulness is helping some extroverts cope with their isolation while working from home. Here are some ways extroverts can connect in an era of social distancing:



Face it

Whether it's a meeting with co-workers, a virtual happy hour with friends or your monthly book club, make ample use of the videoconferencing tools available to you, says executive coach and leadership consultant Susan Bernstein.



Get interactive

Deloitte principal Melinda Reno does online group exercise classes for the interaction and competition. Derrick Jones, known as DJ D-Nice, has been live-streaming dance parties on Instagram, which have attracted tens of thousands of viewers. Artists are turning to Zoom to connect with fans. And apps like Zenly turn social distancing into a game you can play with friends.

SOURCE: Fast Company



Change it up

Reno finds that simply changing her environment helps her get the stimuli she needs. Try working in a different part of your home and do a walking meeting using AirPods, if it's safe to stroll around your neighborhood.

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Financial spring cleaning tips

Saving, strategizing important during tough times

By JORIE GOINS
Tribune Content Agency

If you're one of the many millions staying at home because of the COVID-19 lockdown, this is the perfect time to tidy up your finances and ensure you're living within your means, investing wisely and saving for emergencies.

Here are tips from money experts to help you out during these uncertain times.

Create a simple budget

Tiffany Aliche, founder of financial education company The Budgetnista, recommends jotting down financial goals and budgets or using a spreadsheet.

"I don't use any fancy apps. I just ... list (my expenses) ... and I let Excel add it up for me and I subtract it from my take-home pay. That is a budget," Aliche says.

Organize your files

If you plan to tackle your mounting stack of financial documents, be aware of what to keep and what to toss.

"The things that you can ditch after a year are ATM bank deposits and credit card receipts. ... (You can keep) vehicle titles until you sell them," Frugal Feminista blog founder Kara Stevens says.

When it comes to indefinite purchases, stocks or bonds, "hold onto them until after they're sold."

Stevens advises keeping tax documents for about seven years.

"The government has six years to collect the tax or start legal proceedings if you fail to report more than 25% of your gross income."

Your birth and death certificates, divorce decrees, wills and estate planning documents as



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well as any legal documents related to your business should be kept forever.

Stevens also recommends having a few copies of these documents, both paper and digital, and making sure you update and keep track of all of your passwords.

"I'm always vigilant about keeping ... a safe at home or ... a locked box at a bank or a post office. ... The more places you have and you remember where they are, it's better for you," Stevens says.

Shave expenses where you can

According to Amy Colton, wealth CFO at Forefront Wealth Partners, "Everybody's spending too much money somewhere; they just don't know it."

One area you may be over-spending? Insurance. When helping clients pare down expenses, Colton says, "I will take

their declaration page from their auto insurance or home insurance, and shop it around to different carriers and see what their different quotes are."

You can also reduce your life insurance policy premium by adjusting your lifestyle, Colton says. A client "had term insurance, but the guy was a smoker when he got the insurance and he's a non-smoker now."

Aliche, who usually starts her financial spruce-up in January, reassesses how much she is paying for essentials and discretionary purchases. For example, if you haven't "been to Planet Fitness in a month of Sundays ... cancel. Or, 'Hey it seems like our taxes are high, are we being over-assessed?'"

Find your savings sweet spot

Saving for immediate and long-term goals is crucial. "If you have a budget already,

you just need to make sure that you're saving appropriately for retirement," Colton says.

Aliche says, set an attainable savings goal for emergencies, even if you can only save a little at a time.

"Ideally you should be stretching for six months' worth of emergency savings or more. ... You might be like 'Oh my gosh, I'm never going to reach it,'" Aliche says.

Over time, however, "what you will find is there's found money. You might get a raise, you might get a bonus, you might get your refund check."

Stevens also advises using budgeting methods to divvy up saving, necessities and wants. For example, the 50-30-20 rule allots 50% of your income for necessities, 30% for wants and 20% for savings, while the 70-15-15 method designates 70% of your income for necessities, then divides the rest in half for wants and savings.

But, Stevens says, "you can flip it to reach your goals if you want to be more aggressive (in one area)."

Automate where you can

Aliche is a proponent of automating savings and bill payments.

Then, Aliche says, "Check on it at least once a month. ... The automation is way more reliable than you."

You likely won't miss the money that is automatically set aside for savings each month.

Get your money mindset together

Re-evaluating your mentality and attitudes about money is just as important as taking tangible steps to fix your finances this spring.

According to Stevens, it's important to heal your relationship with money and practice "financial self-care."

"I do these financial self-care weekends ... where I basically reflect on how I am feeling ... and I try to check in with my goals," Stevens said.

Now that the economy has taken a serious slide, Aliche suggests creating a "noodle budget" if you are vulnerable that goes down to bare essentials, paying only the minimum on credit cards and other debt, as well as getting rid of unnecessary expenses like cable, as good ways to ride out the recession.

Aliche also says, "Prepare to invest, because during the recession, things go on sale. ... Maybe you need to take a stock market course. Do that now; take a class now to learn."

It's also a good idea to learn a new skill you can use to make money or begin a side hustle with existing skills you have.

Upgrading your finances can seem daunting, but even incremental steps that don't seem to move the needle much can be beneficial at this frightening time.

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- 4 Goes before others
- 9 Part of aka
- 13 Moist
- 14 Second most populous nation
- 15 "___ on Me"; hit song in 1972
- 16 ___ up; admits guilt
- 17 At a ___; not moving
- 19 TV crime drama series
- 20 Rose thorn locations
- 21 Bothersome
- 22 ___ money; bills
- 24 Knight's title
- 25 Japanese dictator of old
- 27 Company
- 30 "___ Piper picked a peck..."
- 31 Attracts
- 33 Wheel center
- 35 Log choppers
- 36 Lukewarm
- 37 Tiny skin opening
- 38 Part of a royal flush
- 39 Lucifer
- 40 Baton ___, LA
- 41 Word before symbol or quo
- 43 Take-out food
- 44 Butcher's trimming

DOWN

- 1 Mandates
- 2 Almighty
- 3 Higher-___; superiors
- 4 Hear
- 5 Go in
- 6 Actor West
- 7 Rackets
- 8 Down in the dumps
- 9 Modifies
- 10 Luau keepsakes
- 11 Polio vaccine developer
- 12 "___ the Lonely"; Roy Orbison hit
- 13 Holiday or Severinsen
- 18 Undercover agents
- 20 Cowboy boot spike
- 23 "Rock of ___"; Protestant hymn

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25 Quarrel

26 Witch's spells

27 Big smile

28 Considerate

29 Increase suddenly

31 Allows

32 Put ___ fight; resist

34 Lager

36 Opposite of slack

37 After-dinner wine

39 ___ out; eradicate

40 McClanahan & others

42 Make ___ start; begin again

43 Wild animals

45 Pavarotti or Caruso

46 Cut short

47 Bronze Star recipient

48 Expert combat pilots

49 Traffic ticket penalty

50 Part of a theater

52 "Boy, am I clumsy!"

53 Feminine ending

55 Uber driver's bonus

56 Take advantage of

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NORMAN PLATNICK 1951-2020

World authority on species was the 'real spider-man'

By JOHN SCHWARTZ
The New York Times

Norman Platnick was having no luck with millipedes.

He was 16, a senior in college (yes, he started at 12) and was interested in a fellow biology student named Nancy, who was "very interested in millipedes," he recalled.

It was 1967, and they were taking a class on arthropods and needed specimens. But, he said: "I was a lousy millipede collector. There would be nothing in my jar but spiders."

He examined one of the spiders "for a few hours," he said, and was able to identify it as part of the genus *Cicurina*. "So I said: 'That was kind of fun. Let me try another.' And I just never stopped."

Platnick would become a world authority on spiders — and the husband of Nancy Stewart Price. He died April 8 in a hospital in Philadelphia at 68. The cause was complications from a fall in his home, said his son and only immediate survivor, William Platnick.

Platnick was curator emeritus of the division of invertebrate zoology for the American Museum of Natural History in New York, which holds the world's largest spider collection. He added 158 genera and 2,023 species to the taxonomic database and helped expand the known world of spiders to 48,000 species.

In the press, Platnick was often referred to as the real "Spider-Man," especially when movies featuring the comic-book webslinger had their premieres. The museum would hold publicity events to promote its "Spi-

ders Alive!" exhibition and invite the stars who portrayed Spider-Man's alter ego, Peter Parker (Tobey Maguire in 2007 and Andrew Garfield in 2012).

Platnick would gamely play along before throngs of young fans, even placing a tarantula on Maguire's arm.

He traveled the world for his research, including going on arachnological expeditions to Chile, Argentina, Brazil, Ecuador, Cuba, Panama, Australia and New Zealand. The trips could be perilous.

During one trip to New Caledonia, Platnick fell down a mountain and, injured and disoriented, got lost in the forest below. It took the local authorities two days to find him. "We didn't know he was missing," William Platnick said, until someone from the research team called to say, "We found Norm."

In his research, Platnick focused on Oonopidae, a family of tiny arachnids also known as goblin spiders, which generally measure less than 2 millimeters in length. He was deeply concerned about a loss of biodiversity with the encroachment of human development. He spoke of visiting sites in Chile and returning some years later.

"In many cases you go back to the very same spot and you realize there used to be a forest," he said. "It's not there now."

Norman Ira Platnick was born on Dec. 30, 1951, in Bluefield, West Virginia, to Philip and Ida (Kaszewski) Platnick. His father was a Jewish immigrant from Poland. Platnick was "culturally Jewish," his son said, but nonpracticing; he converted to Christianity later in life.

He attended Concord College in Athens, West Virginia, after finishing seventh grade. He received his bachelor's degree in biology at 16, a master's in zoology at 18, from Michigan State University, and a Ph.D. in biology from Harvard University in 1973, when he was 21.

He joined the American Museum of Natural History later that year and made important contributions to the field of cladistics, which categorizes species along the lines of shared characteristics to build evolutionary trees. Today, the method is so well established that the museum's dinosaur halls are organized according to evolutionary ties, and the cladistic trees are inlaid in the floor.

Platnick's published research included 330 scientific papers and six books. He was made a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in 2003.

Norman and Nancy married in 1970; she died in 2013. During their four-decade marriage, he continued to embrace his wife's fascinations; together, they collected vintage electric mixers and other kitchen appliances, as well as works of early 20th-century American illustrators. He self-published art books under the imprint Enchantment Ink.

"He had three passions in life," his son said. "My mother, spiders and collecting."

He also had four genera of spiders named for him — Platnickia, Platnickina, Platnicknia and Normplatnicka — as well as 48 species of spiders, other arachnids and a millipede: *Apodigona platnicki* Shear.

Chicago Daily Tribune

ON APRIL 20 ...

In 1792, France declared war on Austria.

In 1812 Vice President George Clinton died in Washington at age 73, becoming the first U.S. vice president to die while in office.

In 1836 the Territory of Wisconsin was established by Congress.

In 1889 Adolf Hitler was born in Braunau, Austria.

In 1893 comedian Harold Lloyd was born in Burdard, Neb. Also in 1893 artist Joan Miro was born in Barcelona, Spain.

In 1902 scientists Marie and Pierre Curie isolated the radioactive element radium.

In 1908 jazz vibraphonist Lionel Hampton was born in Louisville, Ky.

In 1920 John Paul Stevens, who would become a Supreme Court justice, was born in Chicago.

In 1923 bandleader Tito Puente was born in New York.

In 1940 RCA publicly demonstrated its new and powerful electron microscope.

In 1945, during World War II, allied forces took control of the German cities of Nuremberg and Stuttgart.

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April 20 Lotto: \$9.25M
April 21 Mega Millions: \$164M
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In 1948 United Auto Workers president Walter Reuther was shot and wounded at his home in Detroit.

In 1949 scientists at the Mayo Clinic announced they'd succeeded in synthesizing a hormone found to be useful in treating rheumatoid arthritis; the substance was named "cortisone."

In 1952 singer Luther Vandross was born in New York.

In 1955 Richard J. Daley was sworn in for his first term as Chicago's mayor. (He would be re-elected five times.)

In 1968 Pierre Elliott Trudeau was sworn in as prime minister of Canada.

In 1971 the Supreme Court upheld the use of busing to achieve racial desegregation in schools.

In 1972 the manned lunar module from Apollo 16 landed on the moon.

In 1978 a Korean Air Lines Boeing 707 crash-landed in northwestern Russia after being fired on by an interceptor after entering Soviet airspace. Two passengers were killed.

In 1980 the first Cubans sailing to the United States as part of the massive Mariel boatlift reached Florida.

In 1982 Archibald MacLeish, the Glencoe-born poet, playwright and Pulitzer Prize winner, died in Boston; he was 89.

In 1986, following an absence of six decades, Russian-born pianist Vladimir Horowitz performed in the Soviet Union to a packed audience at the Grand Hall of the Tchaikovsky Conservatory in Moscow. Also in 1986 the Bulls' Michael Jordan scored 63 points against Boston; Larry Bird said afterward, "That was God disguised as Michael Jordan." (The Bulls still lost the game, 135-131 in double overtime.)

In 1990 former junk bond financier Michael Milken agreed to plead guilty to six felonies and pay \$600 million in penalties to settle one of the largest securities fraud cases in history.

In 1991 U.S. Marines landed in northern Iraq to begin building the first center for Kurdish refugees on Iraqi territory.

In 1992 the Russian congress adopted a resolution affirming Russia's membership in the Commonwealth of Independent States in a victory for President Boris Yeltsin.

In 1993 Mexican comedian Cantinflas died in Mexico City; he was 81.

In 1994 Israeli and PLO negotiators wrapped up an agreement transferring civilian government powers to Palestinians in the Gaza Strip and Jericho.

In 1996 Russia and the leaders of the world's seven richest democracies agreed in Moscow to end nuclear tests by the fall and pledged new steps to keep nuclear materials out of the wrong hands.

In 1999 the Columbine High School massacre took place near Littleton, Colo., as two students shot and killed 12 classmates and one teacher before taking their own lives.

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In Memoriam



W. Frank Cunningham, Jr.

W. FRANK [THE BIG DADDY] CUNNINGHAM, Jr.
20 April 1927 to 5 March 2018
Father, Grandfather, Great-Grandfather, Navy Veteran WW II and longtime Owner/operator of Chicago's Sout'side institution: Red's Drive-Inn.
Hard to believe two years has flown by with your passing. Football and golf no longer the same. You always had to claim me; always did, too. Hard headed Harps we are, so it took nigh 21-yrs to say hello; 30+-yrs to talk and after an intermission became pretty good friends sharing quarters in South Florida each winter. Super Bowls, all those Jodi charity golf events, quiet Saturday mornings on a golf course; arguments that terrified the unknowing before asking to pass the Cabernet; remembering how easy you made Marine Boot Camp for me; made eight and raised 100's; just regret failing to keep pace. Thanks for the memories, POP. Vallhala must be one lively place these days. Say hello to JB.
W. Frank Cunningham, III
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Banton, Agnes E.

Agnes E. Banton nee Jofre. Beloved wife of the late Gerard L. "Jerry" Banton. Loving mother of Margaret (John Jr.) Debelak, Catherine (John) Grist & Jean Banton. Cherished grandmother of Elizabeth, Kathryn & John. And great grandmother of Nicholas & Joshua. Fond aunt of many nieces & nephews. Private interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to **Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home**. thompsonkuensterfuneralhome.com 708-425-0500
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Constant, John

94 of Chicago died peacefully on April 18th of natural causes. Beloved son of the late Theodore & Victoria Constant, longtime friend and companion of Jeffrey Edwards (45 years). He is survived by his sister Helen Sebastian-Issel, brother of the late Alice Woodworth (Ralph). Uncle to Edward Sebastian (Rosemary), Margaret Ostrom (Donald), the late William Sebastian (Kathleen), Victoria Tonda (Carlos), Constance Robinson (Alan) & Thomas Woodworth. Great Uncle to Helen, Jeff, Julie, Michael (Theresa), Steven (Rachel) Sebastian, Troy & Trent Tonda. Great Great Uncle to Jeffrey, Marissa, Anthony, Abby, Andrew & Emma Sebastian. Special Friend to Jay D. Edwards (Nancy) Dylan & James.
WWII Veteran serving in the Army Air Force as a Bombardier, Vice President at Jefferson State Bank for many years, Graduate of University of Illinois, long time resident of Harbor Point Towers serving on many committees. Friend to all who knew him. Celebration of Life to be held at a later date.
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Fronczak, Richard Allen

Richard Allen Fronczak age 78 of Batavia formerly of Mount Prospect.
Beloved husband of the late Margaret Jane nee Roberts. Loving father of Christopher (Abigail) and Caroline (Michael) Nogroski. Devoted grandfather of Gwendolyn Jane and David Richard Fronczak and Asher Akiva and Max Roberts Rhys Nogroski. Fond brother of Cathy (Steve) Cournoyer. Funeral Service will be held privately at the **Malone Funeral Home** Geneva. In lieu of flowers, memorials given will support the Alzheimer's Association, 8430 W. Bryn Mawr Ave. #800 Chicago, IL. 60631, and greatly appreciated. Info 630-232-8233 or visit malonefh.com
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Heiferman, Hilbert

Hilbert Heiferman, age 89. Beloved husband of the late Yetta nee Kaplan. Loving father of Kenneth (Kim), Beth, Gary (Paul Buenvenida), Jay (Beryl "BJ"), and Scott. Very proud grandfather of Daniel (Holly), Michael, Jeffrey, Lila Jane and Wyatt.
Loving great-grandfather of Olivia. Dear brother of Geraldine (Phil) Mines and the late Dorothy (Ed) Eby, and brother-in-law of the late Ruth (Harvey) Zindler. Beloved uncle and friend to many.

Bert was the respected long time owner of Heiferman's Paint and founder of AAA Rental System, a passionate artist, and a corpsman in The U.S. Navy. He was extraordinarily hard-working and ethical, treating everyone with dignity and respect. As a lifelong teacher, he passed on these virtues to his children and grandchildren, by example.

Services are private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Chicago Mitzvah Campaign. chicagomitvahcampaign.org Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com

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Horowitz, Allen B

Allen B. Horowitz, age 91. Beloved husband for 67 years of Claire, nee Rubin; cherished father of William "Bill" (Marianne "Mimi") Horowitz and Helene (Joel) Boyer; loving grandfather of Julie (Matthew) Brash, Dana (Evan) Birnbaum, Michael (Yocheved) Boyer, Jenna Boyer and Brett Horowitz and great-grandchildren Bracha, Tzvi, Dylan, Jack and Reese; dear brother of the late Harold (Elsie) and the late Lawrence "Larry" (survived by Norene) Horowitz; special thanks to caregivers Ron and Walter. Private graveside services are necessary, however family and friends who can't attend can view the funeral at Allen's webpage on www.mitvahfunerals.com Monday April 20th at 10 AM live, or any-time after the funeral. Info **Mitvah Memorial Funerals** 630-MITZVAH 630-648-9824 Contributions in Allen's name to the American Heart Association www.heart.org or North Suburban Special Recreation Association www.NSSRA.org would be appreciated

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Houda, Irene

Irene Houda, nee Cibulka, of Riverside. Beloved wife of the late Dr. Allan Houda; loving mother of Russell Houda and Susan Bolls; dear sister of Viola (Lester) Krasnowski and the late Raymond Cibulka. Private funeral services have been held. Interment at Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to **Marik-Baken Funeral Services Ltd.** (Barbara Marik Baken, Director). 773-910-3400.
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Lacy, Carol T.

Carol T. Lacy, nee Kean; Devoted wife of the late Robert; Loving mother of Michael (Beth), Martin (Peggy), Matthew, Maricarol, Sr. Mary Ellen Lacy D.O.C., Maureen, Mark, and Malachy (Carlotta); Loving grandma of Elizabeth, Megan, Brendan, Sean, Cormac, Killian, Annabella, and Seamus; Adored great-grandma of Aidan, Madison, Jameson, Harrison, and Watson; Cherished sister of Mary Ellen, late Rosemary, late Madonna, and the late Patricia (late Thomas); Dear sister-in-law of the late Florence (late Chuck), and William (late Judy); Dear aunt and great-aunt of many nieces and nephews; All Funeral Services are Private, and a Memorial Mass, in honor of Carol, will take place at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to **Curley Funeral Home**, 6116 W. 111th Street, Chicago Ridge; For Funeral info 708-422-2700, or www.curleyfuneral-home.com

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Landsman, Ronald A.

Ronald A. Landsman, age 86, beloved life partner of the late Rosemary Kaplan; devoted and loving father of Rabbi Jodi (late David) Kornfeld and Stacey Landsman; adored "Grumpster" of Dr. Benjamin (Dr. Bridget Wild) Kornfeld, Emma (Jake Knapp) Kornfeld Knapp, Brianna Wolin and Ellory Wolin; proud "Great Grumpster" of Louella, Theodore, and Kirby; devoted son of the late Joseph and the late Sarah Landsman; cherished brother of the late Sidney (late Florence) Landsman and the late Faye (late Joe) Gaynor; treasured friend of many. Ron was lovingly cared for by Miriam, Silvia, Cecilia, Yulissa, and Ana. Due to the pandemic virus and our concern for our extended family and friends the graveside service and shiva is private. Contributions may be made to Beth Chaverim Humanistic Jewish Community, 1457 Wilmot Rd., Deerfield, IL 60015, www.bethchaverim.net, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, www.jdrf.org/illinois, or National Eating Disorders Association, www.nationaleatingdisorders.org. Info: The **Goldman Funeral Group** (847) 478-1600.

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Lane, Kathleen

Kathleen (Flood) Lane, a longtime Northbrook resident, died peacefully at home in her sleep, April 18, 2020.

Born on September 12, 1928, in Delavan, Wisconsin of George and Adelaide (O'Neill) Flood, Kathleen (Katie) attended Rosary College in River Forest, Illinois, where she earned a bachelor's degree in English and Library Science. Kathleen is predeceased by her beloved husband Thomas J. Lane, with whom she was married for over 50 years. She is the loving mother of Mary Lane of Northbrook, Illinois, T.J. (T.K) Lane of Honolulu, Hawaii, Sarah (Gordon) Hill of Glenview, Illinois, Patricia (Michael) Smith of Northbrook, Illinois, Peter (Kelly) Lane of Chesterfield, Missouri and Elizabeth (Neil) Hernberg of Hingham, Massachusetts; proud grandmother of 18 grandchildren including Katherine Lane; Matthew (Stephanie), Sean, Mary Grace and James Hill; Kathleen, Stephen, Caroline, Thomas and Andrew Smith; Andrew, William, Christine and Trudy Lane; Adelaide, Harry, Joseph, and Katherine Hernberg; loving sister of Neill Flood. Katie is also survived by two future granddaughters-in-law (Alexandra and Kara), a future grandson-in-law (Evan), several nieces, nephews, grand nieces, grand nephews and great-grand nieces and nephews.

Katie was a woman of faith, who loved and cherished her family and her many friends. She thoroughly enjoyed being with people. Katie volunteered for over 20 years at St. Norbert Parish and the Chicago Botanic Garden. When not taking care of her family or volunteering, Katie was an avid bridge player and voracious reader. She also enjoyed watching the Cubs and traveling, particularly to Hawaii. Because of the current health crisis and for the safety of everyone, the family will hold a private service, and will gather family and friends at a later date for a Memorial Mass celebrating Katie's beautiful, full life. In lieu of flowers, memorials to The Mercy Home for Boys and Girls (mercyhome.org) would be appreciated.
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McDermott, Nora T.

Nora T. McDermott (nee Huane), Age 90, Native of Irishtown, County Mayo, Ireland, Born into Eternal Life on April 18, 2020. Beloved wife of Frank McDermott for over 67 years. Dear sister of the late Mary (the late James) Hynes, Christina Huane, the late Philomena (Dermott) McDermott, and Sheila (the late Michael) Holland.

Beloved daughter of the late Thomas and Bridget Huane. Proud aunt to many nieces and nephews. Loving friend to many. Nora had a strong faith, and was a longtime active parishioner of St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish, where she was a faithful member of the Altar and Rosary Society and Lay Ministry. Dedicated volunteer at the Irish American Heritage Center. A private family visitation and burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery were held. A memorial mass and reception celebrating her life will take place at a later date. Memorials to Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, 954 W. Washington Blvd, Suite 305, Chicago, IL 60607 or Misericordia, 6300 N. Ridge Ave., Chicago, IL 60660 are most appreciated. Info: **Heeney-Laughlin Funeral Directors**, 708-636-5500 or www.heeneyfh.com

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Robinson, Ina Berkley

Ina Berkley Robinson, nee Brandt, age 88. Beloved wife of the late Walter Edwin Berkley and the late Fred Robinson. Loving mother of Kent (Judith) Berkley and Leslie (Dean) Klassman. Proud grandmother of Brooke (Jonathan) Goldberg, Benjamin (Fiancee Becca Keene) Klassman, Kyle Berkley, Layne Berkley and Rae Berkley. Cherished great grandmother of Willow Goldberg. Dear sister of the late Loreli Cole-Redman. Adored step-mother of Diane (James) Albright. Endearing step-grandmother of Danny (Kristen) Albright and Ashley Albright. Will be missed by many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Memorials may be made in her memory to Buddy Baseball, <http://www.fcil.org>. Due to the Pandemic, the family will have a private graveside service. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com

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Rosenblum, Michael

Michael Rosenblum, age 72. Beloved husband for 51 years of Marcia. Loving father of Bryan (Carly) Rosenblum and Matthew Rosenblum (Melissa Anderson). Cherished "Gramps" of Josh and Abby Rosenblum and Alana and Talia Rosenblum. Dear brother of Steven Rosenblum. Cherished friend of many. Michael was a Chicago Public School teacher for 36 years, the Temple Chai Youth Director for 15 years, and worked for the Jewish Vocational Services for 10 years helping children with e-learning, GED achievement and educational advancement. After retirement, Michael served the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center as a docent. He was an avid pickleball player and dedicated member of the Happy Old Guys. Life long Cubs fan. Private graveside services will be held Tuesday at 1PM. Memorial contributions may be made to Temple Chai, www.templechai.org or the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, Aaron Elster Education Fund, www.ilholocaustmuseum.org For streaming and Shiva information please contact **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Buffalo Grove Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com.

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Schechtman, Helen 'Henke'

Helen "Henke" Schechtman nee Katz, age 96. Beloved wife of the late Leonard. Devoted mother of Merrilee (John) Waldron and David (Diana) Schechtman. Proud grandmother of Adam Salon, Mara (Justin) Rosen, Matthew (Yijia Zhao) Schechtman, Bradley (Erica) Schechtman and Glen (Lisa) Schechtman. Cherished great grandmother of Emma, Benjamin, Eli and Giovanni. Dear sister of the late Dr. Benjamin (the late Helen) Katz, the late Esther (the late Alvin) Kernis and the late Anne (the late David J.) Srery. She will be missed by her many loving family members and friends. The family wishes to acknowledge her dedicated and loving caregivers Elvia L. and Amparo D. In order to keep everyone safe, the service and shiva will be private. A memorial service will be planned for a later date. Memorials in her memory to The Helen and Leonard Schechtman JCC Endowment Fund, 30 South Wells Street, 6th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606, www.jcc.org, Congregation BJBE Project Nourish Fund, 1201 Lake Cook Road, Deerfield, IL 60015, www.bjbe.org, or a charity of your choice would be appreciated. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals**-Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com

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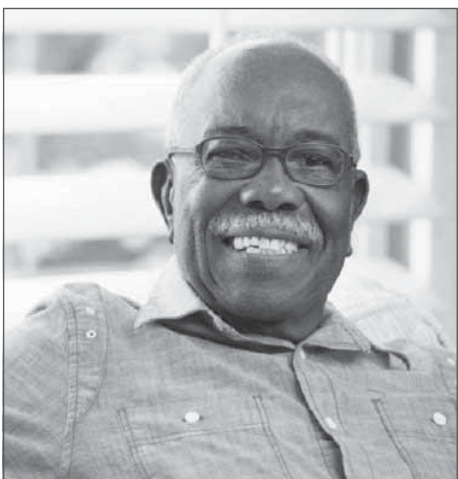
Stillman, Morton

Morton Stillman, 87, beloved husband and best friend of Sheila, nee Michaels, for 61 wonderful years; loving father of Linda (Michael) Schiffer and Cindy (Glenn) Schwartz; cherished grandpa of Zachary, Ethan and Jonah; devoted son of the late Ida and Theodore Stillman; dear brother of the late Donald (the late Dolores) Stillman and Roberta (Larry) Miller; treasured uncle, cousin and friend of many. Many thanks to Morton's caregiver Jason Juan, who cared for him with love. Morton was a proud Navy veteran, serving in the Korean War. His greatest joy was his family.

Due to the pandemic and out of concern for our extended family and friends, services and shiva will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Les Turner ALS Foundation. For information and condolences, **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, (847) 255-3520 or shalom2.com.

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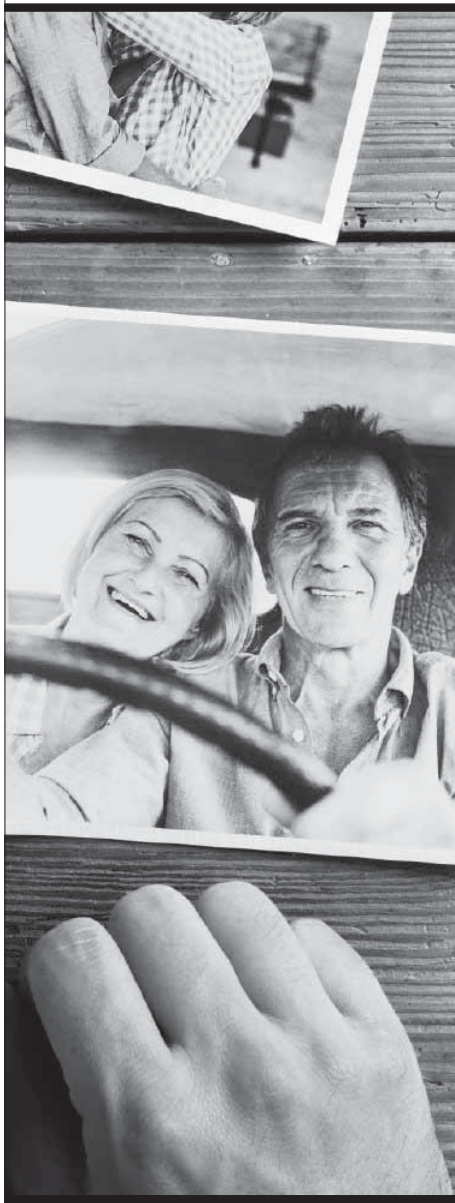
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Request for Qualification No.: 2028-18231
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CONTACT: cho.ng@cookcountylil.gov

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County of Cook
Toni Preckwinkle, President
Office of the Chief Procurement Officer
Raffi Sarrafian, Chief Procurement Officer
4/20/2020 6657485

LEGAL NOTICE

Toni Preckwinkle, President of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, has directed me to provide notice that the Cook County Board of Commissioners will hold its regular Board Meeting on Thursday, April 23, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

In compliance with the Governor's Executive Orders 2020-7, 2020-10, and 2020-18, attendance at this meeting will be by remote means only, instructions for how to attend this meeting and participate in written public comment will be provided on the Cook County webpage at www.surveymonkey.com/r/3MY285H on or before April 17, 2020. The proceedings will be able to be viewed at cookcountylil.gov/service/watch-live-board-proceedings on April 23, 2020 starting at 10:00 a.m.

Written public comment on any of the items listed on the Agenda will be accepted at www.surveymonkey.com/r/3MY285H or cookcountyboard@cookcountylil.gov
Written comments provided prior to the start of the Board meeting will be read aloud at the meeting. Three minutes per comment will be allowed, though every effort will be made to read statements in their entirety.

Copies of the Agenda for the April 23, 2020 Board Meeting of the Cook County Board of Commissioners and items to be considered at this meeting will be made available electronically on the Cook County website on April 17, 2020 at <https://cook-county.legistar.com/>.

NOTE: Cook County Building, 118 N. Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60602 is closed to the public, until a date to be determined, due to the current circumstances concerning COVID-19.

Very truly yours,
/s/ KAREN A. YARBROUGH, Cook County Clerk and Clerk of the Board of the Commissioners of Cook County, Illinois
4/17-4/22/20 6655131

LEGAL NOTICE

Toni Preckwinkle, President of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, has directed me to cancel the Consent Calendar Meeting of the Cook County Board of Commissioners scheduled for Wednesday, April 22, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. in accordance with Executive Order 2020-7.
Very truly yours,
KAREN A. YARBROUGH, Cook County Clerk and Clerk of the Board of the Commissioners of Cook County, Illinois
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DiNatale Construction Inc. 1441 W. Bernard Drive, Addison, IL 60101 (630)629-4428, is seeking disadvantaged Businesses For the Village of Western Springs. Clausen Avenue-Hillgrove Avenue to 41st Street Roadway and Water Main Improvements Project for subcontracting opportunities in the following areas: earth excavation, granulated materials, storm sewers, Ductile Iron water main. All disadvantaged businesses should contact, IN WRITING, (certified letter, returned receipt requested), Mike DiNatale to discuss the Subcontracting opportunities. All negotiations must be completed prior to bid opening May 7, 2020.
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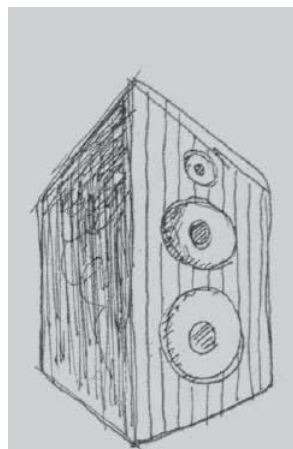
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*The advertisement must clearly state the method of evaluating the proposals or quotations, and the relative importance attached to each criterion. Bidders must uniformly and objectively evaluate the proposals submitted by disadvantaged business in response to the advertisement based upon the evaluation criteria stated in the advertisement. The evaluation criteria must not be restrictive or exclusionary
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Gretzky believes
NHL will resume

Wayne Gretzky is optimistic the NHL will be able to resume at some point this summer.

"The Great One" told The Associated Press on Sunday he's hopeful hockey and other sports will be able to come back from the coronavirus pandemic and serve as a positive sign that conditions are improving.

"I really believe somehow, someday, that the leadership in this country and in Canada, that we're going to figure this out," Gretzky said. "And I really believe that we'll see hockey and some sort of other sports in June, July and August, albeit in a different way, but I really see it coming to fruition. I think it's going to happen."

Gretzky, who holds the all-time records for goals, assists and points, is self-quarantining in California and trying to help the NHL with content during its pause for the pandemic. He and Capitals captain Alex Ovechkin recently taped their first joint interview to air Monday, and they'll play the NHL20 video game against each other Wednesday.

Gretzky believes Ovechkin has a good chance of breaking his all-time record of 894 goals that once seemed untouchable, depending on how long he plays in the NHL. Ovechkin's longevity and his pursuit of Gretzky's record are among the topics they discussed in the interview. It comes with them 3,000 miles away and hockey on hiatus because of the coronavirus pandemic.

The league is considering several options on trying to resume this season, including going directly to the playoffs at several neutral sites. Gretzky believes the NHL will find a way.

"Maybe I'm wrong," he said. "Maybe I'm too optimistic. I think I'm not. I hope that that's a good sign for everyone that we're moving on in life, in business, in sports. I really see in the next couple months something good happening."

— Associated Press

THE QUOTE

"I think I shot a ball one time. Before they closed all the parks, I went to a park one day and that was it."

— Heat rookie guard Tyler Herro, who lives in a condo and has no access to a basketball hoop, said of his court work since the league's shutdown.

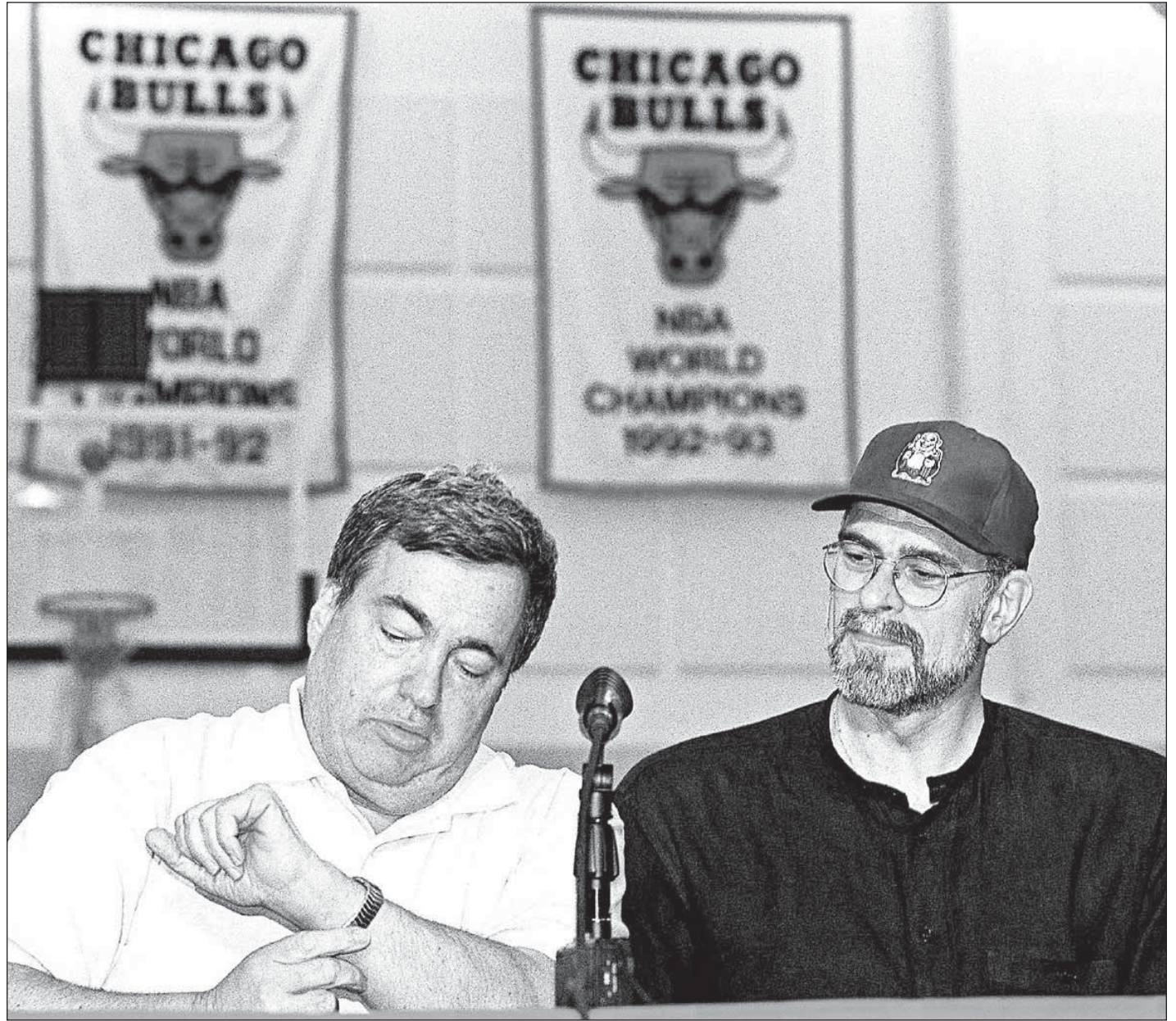
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1912 Fenway Park officially opened on this day in 1912. The Red Sox overcame seven errors to beat the New York Highlanders 7-6 in 11 innings with 24,000 in attendance.**NBA**
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Season suspended indefinitely**MLB**
Opening day delayed until at least mid-May**MLS**
Season suspended until at least June 8**NFL**
Draft set for April 23-25**NCAA**
Spring sports schedule canceled

Others: PGA Tour suspended until June 11. NASCAR suspended until at least May 16. WTA, ATP suspended through at least July 13.

"This will be Phil's last year as the coach of the Bulls. At the conclusion of the year, we'll look toward the future."

— Bulls general manager Jerry Krause, checking his watch before announcing coach Phil Jackson would be working on a one-year deal for the 1997-98 season



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Bulls' 'Last Dance'
had a few missteps

The 1997-98 season began with their joy diminished — and dynasty threatened

**DAN WIEDERER****"That whole meeting was 'Enjoy what's happening. Because this is it.'" — Former Bulls center Bill Wennington in Episode 1 of ESPN's 10-part documentary series "The Last Dance"**

Almost 23 years later, Steve Kerr vividly remembers the finality of it all, the overt understanding that, win or lose, the Bulls' magical run was coming to an end.

Awkwardly. Inevitably. Slowly but somehow still quite suddenly.

As the 1997-98 NBA season began, with the Bulls coming off their fifth championship and pursuing a second three-peat, their grip on dominance was being tested. Their resolve was being bombarded by the intensifying pressure, the fatigue, the internal strife.

"It definitely felt like the last season," Kerr said in an interview last week.

General manager Jerry Krause seemed eager for a reboot, perhaps bothered that he hadn't been given his full due for building one of the league's all-time great dynasties.

Krause had been incredibly hesitant to bring back coach Phil Jackson for that final year, eventually relenting with a one-more-season-only contract.

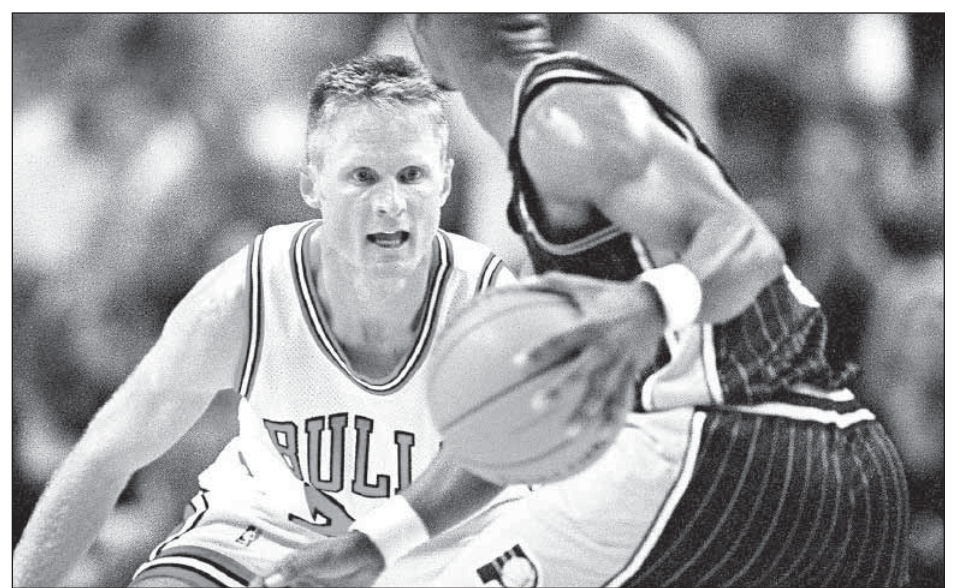
Even that came with an emphatic decree that Jackson would not be with the Bulls after the 1997-98 season. Nothing speculative about it. It was a definitive declaration. Zero wiggle room.

"This will be Phil's last year as the coach of the Bulls," Krause said in the summer of 1997. "At the conclusion of the year, we'll look toward the future."

Krause also was openly considering the possibility of trading Scottie Pippen as friction between the All-Star forward and the front office began to ignite sparks for a potentially destructive fire.

As brilliant as the Bulls run through the 1990s had been — with NBA championships in 1991, '92, '93, '96 and '97 — their final chapter began with so much more tension than eagerness, so much more strain than enthusiasm. Thus when Jackson passed out the team handbook at the first meeting of the 1997-98 season, it was behind a laminated cover and a title page that read simply "The Last Dance" — the inspiration for the title of the 10-episode ESPN Films documentary that began airing Sunday.

Jackson's title-page label for that season wasn't merely a gimmick. It was a necessary acknowledgment of the finality that



PHIL VELASQUEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Steve Kerr guards the Pacers' Travis Best in Game 7 of a playoff series on May 31, 1998.

Kerr remembers, part of the ubiquitous reminder that nothing lasts forever.

"That wasn't something that was concocted by Phil when he called it 'The Last Dance.' It was real," Kerr said. "It just felt like that was going to be it. With Phil being Phil and the coach that he was and having that sense of awareness on how to motivate a group and how to connect a group, he understood those dynamics so well."

"And that was one of the things that truly drove us that year — that full awareness all along that that was it, that that was indeed going to be the last dance."

So onto the dance floor the Bulls went, with 82 regular-season games over 6½ months and a clear vision of competing deep into June in pursuit of championship No. 6.

Still, as the Bulls' final voyage began, it was clear their enthusiasm had been shaken, that they were beginning an intensely grueling trek that would test their mental stamina, their unity, their focus and belief.

The feelings players felt 20-plus years ago came rushing back as they revisited that climactic season for "The Last Dance." Said director Jason Hehir: "When you asked any of the players to describe the atmosphere in the locker room on Day 1 of the 1997-98 season, none of them say anything except tense, unsteady, uncertain, ominous. I mean, this was a team that had just won five titles in seven years. You would think the only pitfall would be complacency. But it was clear to everyone in that offseason that this was going to be it. The end."

Uncertain future

It's incredible to think about, really. For what is so often remembered here in Chicago as a fairy-tale run, a nonstop feel-good celebration of greatness, the Bulls had so much to endure.

On the night they won their fifth championship, there already were massive questions about whether the pursuit of a sixth title could even begin. Jordan, arguably the greatest player in the history of the sport, wanted to play only for Jackson. Yet the coach's return couldn't be promised.

Before the champagne had even dried on the United Center floor after the Bulls' championship-clinching win over the Jazz in 1997, Jordan was asked to consider a future without Jackson.

"Phil should be the head coach," Jordan stressed at a news conference revisited in Episode 1 of the film. "And I shouldn't be put in a position to have to make a choice to play for another coach other than Phil Jackson. Sad as it may be, I have choices. And I will not choose to play for another coach."

Krause, as the film details, already was plotting his next moves. He had begun courting Jackson's successor, Tim Floyd.

Pippen, one of the league's best all-around players yet somehow ranking 122nd in the NBA in salary, made a self-centered but understandable choice to put off needed ankle surgery until just before the 1997-98 season. And when

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BULLS



JOHN LEE/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Michael Jordan steps into the spotlight at the team's fifth ring ceremony on Nov. 1, 1997.

'THE LAST DANCE' EPISODE 1 RECAP

And now ... Bulls start chase for their 6th title

BY PHIL ROSENTHAL

Johnny "Red" Kerr.

The curtain finally has opened on "The Last Dance," ESPN's long-awaited, 10-part documentary on Michael Jordan and the 1997-98 championship season that brought his era with the Chicago Bulls to a close.

Now that we've had a chance to see Episode 1 on ESPN (or bleeping ESPN2 with its cleaner version, absent vulgarities), let's see what we can take away.

Let's recap

There's a lot of heavy lifting in the opening hour, which introduces basketball great Jordan and the five-time NBA champions who will be going for their sixth title and second three-peat with him.

We're also presented with general manager Jerry Krause lighting the fuse to ensure this remarkable group will scatter at season's end.

Krause's relationship with coach Phil Jackson has badly frayed, so Krause has insisted this will be Jackson's last season with the team even though Jordan, the NBA's best player, has said he will not play for the Bulls under anyone else. So Jackson has dubbed the season "the last dance."

Jordan is no Krause fan. Neither is fellow superstar (and seriously underpaid) Scottie Pippen, who is certain to bolt after this season if he isn't traded first. Without them, there's no reason to put up with rogue rebounder Dennis Rodman, who ultimately will join Jackson, Jordan, Pippen and Krause in the Hall of Fame.

"Last Dance" director Jason Hehir also layers in Jordan's career-long quest to push the moribund NBA team that drafted him in 1984 into the league's elite class.

"I just want the franchise, the Chicago Bulls, to be respected as a team, like the Lakers or the Philadelphia 76ers or the Boston Celtics," Jordan says as a rookie. "It's very hard for something like that to happen, but it's not impossible. Hopefully this organization and this team can build a program like that."

Got it? Good. Now let's further break down the first hour of "The Last Dance."

We love the '90s

Introducing Jordan is Oprah Winfrey. Arsenio Hall presents Pippen. David Letterman welcomes Rodman.

Best anecdote

Deloris Jordan reads a letter from her son, Mike. Then a freshman at North Carolina, MJ is down to his last \$20. He apologizes for his phone bill and asks Mom to make a deposit into his bank account — and P.S., please send stamps.

Second-best anecdote

Rookie Jordan turns tail after finding most of his new pro teammates have turned a hotel room into a den of iniquity during a 1984 preseason trip to Peoria. There were "things I'd never seen in my life," Jordan says. "You got your lines over here, your weed over there, your women over there. ... I'm out."

Best vintage clip

Nice promo with 1979-80 WGN-9 Bulls announcer Bob Costas teasing an upcoming broadcast he'll work with analyst

Runner-up vintage clips

That was ABC-7's Jim Rose reporting outside Chicago Stadium in 1985 and a glimpse of Bill Weir, now a correspondent and anchor with CNN but then contributing to WGN's pregame coverage of the 1997-98 season opener and ring ceremony.

Best insult

"The Cubs have been rebuilding for 42 years," Jordan says after winning his fifth title in 1997, appropriately wary of Bulls management trying to overhaul the team.

All-knowing Jerry Reinsdorf quote

"I asked around the league and everybody I talked to said, 'Don't touch the guy,'" Reinsdorf says, recalling his selection of White Sox scout Jerry Krause as Bulls general manager. "He had a way of alienating people. But I wasn't hiring somebody to win a personality contest. I wanted somebody who truly believed in building a team the way I wanted to, and Krause was the guy."

Overstatement of the episode

"When Michael first came to town, I didn't have the money to buy tickets for Bulls games, even the discount ones back in the day," says former President Barack Obama, a onetime Chicagoan. "I was pretty broke, but suddenly you have a sports figure that puts Chicago on the map and that everybody was able to rally around."

Even if not everyone rallied around the 1984 Cubs, who came within a victory of advancing to the World Series, Jordan's first season also overlapped with the city embracing the Bears as they came within a victory of the Super Bowl. A year later, Mike Ditka, Walter Payton and company's "Super Bowl Shuffle" Bears were a national phenomenon.

Understatement of the episode

"There will never be quite another team like this," NBA Commissioner David Stern says at the start of the Bulls' '97-98 season.

Best bit about how good Jordan was

College teammate James Worthy, who was a junior when his fellow future Hall of Famer arrived at North Carolina, says he was better than Jordan — pause — "for about two weeks."

Best out-of-context quote

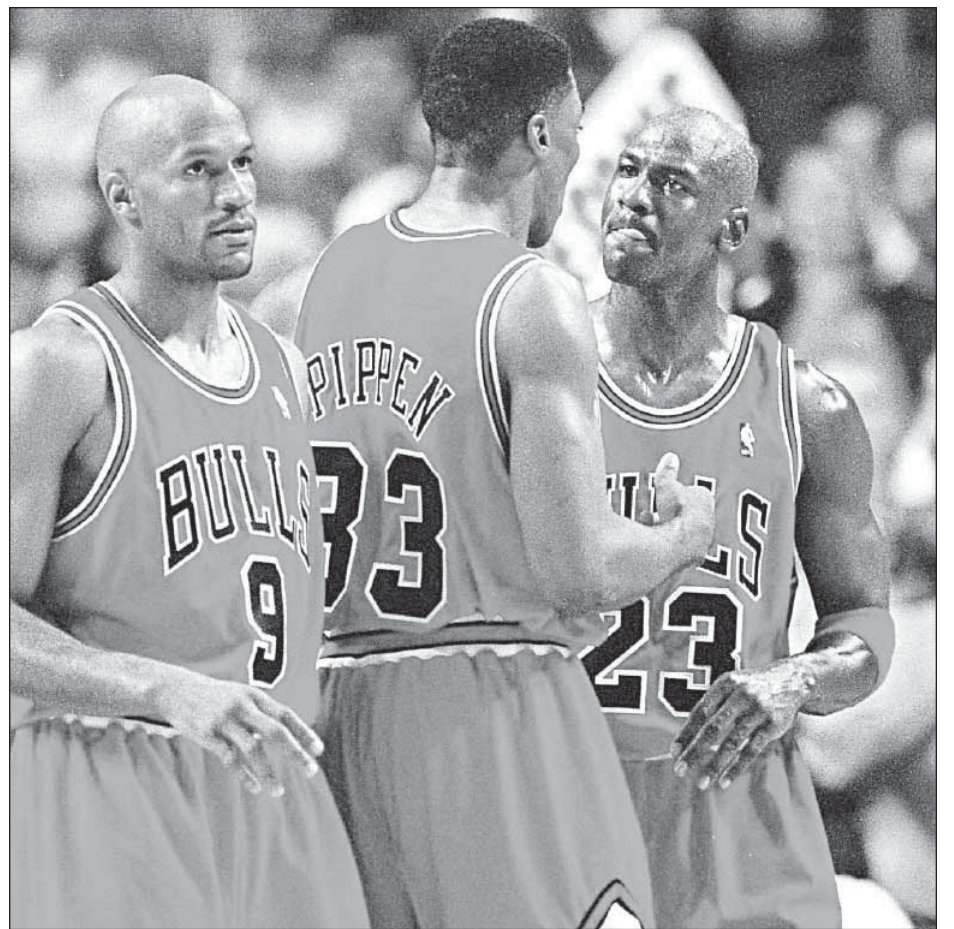
"Somebody doesn't invite me to a wedding, I thank them," Reinsdorf says.

Most interesting thing that goes unmentioned

Olympiacos, the team the Bulls beat in Paris to win the preseason 1997 McDonald's Championship, included Arturas Karnisovas, who last week was named the Bulls executive vice president of basketball operations.

Quote that neatly fits an overriding theme of the series

"I would never let someone who is not putting on a uniform and playing each and every day dictate what we do on the basketball court," Jordan says in 1997, long before he became an NBA owner.



NUCCIO DINUZZO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE 1998

As Ron Harper walks by, Scottie Pippen and Michael Jordan try to get on the same page.

'THE LAST DANCE' EPISODE 2 RECAP

Tension builds among Jordan, Pippen, bosses

BY PHIL ROSENTHAL

Third-best anecdote

Former President Bill Clinton, also a former Arkansas governor, talks about seeing a shy, pre-NBA Pippen play.

Best vintage clip

Near-ageless Dan Roan of WGN-9 reports on Pippen's speech at the Bulls' 1997 ring ceremony. "Scottie Pippen with a tearful thank you," Roan says. "We thought for one unconscionable moment that we might be hearing a retirement statement there."

Best insult

Pippen seethed over being underpaid and Krause dangling him as trade bait. "Pippen started berating Jerry Krause in front of the team," coach Phil Jackson recalls. "We had to say, 'Hey, hold it down.'" Says Pippen: "I couldn't tolerate him anymore, didn't respect him."

All-knowing Jerry Reinsdorf quote

"I said to Scottie (in 1991) the same thing I had said to Michael: 'If I were you, I wouldn't sign this contract. You may be selling yourself too short. It's too long a contract that you're locking yourself in for,'" the Bulls chairman recalls.

Overstatement of the episode

"Anybody can be traded, and part of my responsibility is to listen to other teams," Krause says, yet he and Reinsdorf weren't going to put Jordan on the block.

Understatement of the episode

"Tell your boy D.J. (Dennis Johnson) I got something for him," Jordan is said to have told the Celtics' Danny Ainge after playing golf following Game 1 of the 1986 playoffs. Jordan, who scored 49 points in the opener, would score 63 in Game 2.

Best bit about how good Jordan was

"That wasn't Michael Jordan out there," Celtics great Larry Bird recalls of Jordan's 63-point playoff performance. "That was God disguised as Michael Jordan."

Best out-of-context quote

"It depends on how (bleeping) bad the headache is," Jordan says, rejecting a Reinsdorf analogy.

Best awkward moment

Bulls coach Stan Albeck locked Krause out of the locker room after a pivotal 1986 victory over the Pacers in which Krause handicapped the Bulls by threatening Albeck's job if he played Jordan too much.

Most interesting thing that goes unmentioned

Deloris Jordan, Michael's mom, owes no one an explanation, but it's interesting she twice refers to her late husband, James, as "Mr. Jordan."

Quote that neatly fits an overriding theme of the series

"If you want to bring out the best in Michael, tell him he can't do something or he can't do it as good as somebody else," James Jordan says in an archival clip. "I think that he takes it as a personal challenge to go out and do it just to prove you wrong."

Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen each had long-festering resentments with Bulls management, and that's the chief focus of Episode 2 of "The Last Dance," ESPN's 10-part documentary on Jordan, his era with the Bulls and the season that would mark the end of their 1990s NBA dynasty.

Now that we've had a chance to see the second hour, here's what we can take away.

Let's recap

The Bulls got off to a sluggish start in 1997-98 while Pippen recovered from ankle surgery. Jordan and the Bulls would have preferred Pippen had undergone an operation right after they won their fifth title in June rather than just before they launched their pursuit of a sixth championship and second three-peat.

It should be clear by now, MJ is ultracompetitive.

Eleven years earlier, in his second NBA season, Jordan had been willing to risk his career by rushing back from a broken left foot far sooner than management wanted.

His relationship with general manager Jerry Krause soured because Krause and Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf limited his playing time to seven minutes per half when he finally returned, as not to endanger the franchise's most valuable asset.

Jordan chafed at the restrictions while the Bulls still had a shot at making the playoffs, feeling they were putting business considerations over winning, which he saw as unforgivable.

Bulls business priorities also riled Pippen, who grew up in a financially strapped household with a father and older brother confined to wheelchairs.

"Scottie Pippen was the underrated, underappreciated Robin to Michael Jordan's Batman," ESPN's Michael Wilbon helpfully explains.

Pippen is bedeviled by a seven-year, \$19 million contract he signed in 1991 so he could provide for his family without worrying what would happen if his career abruptly ended.

Heading into the last year of the deal in 1997-98, that contract left him badly paid relative to far lesser talents on his team and across the league. But the Bulls were unwilling to renegotiate, which angered him and made him eager to leave Chicago.

Got it? Good. Now let's break down the second hour of "The Last Dance."

We love the '90s

There's the late Stuart Scott on "Sports-Center" back in the day, calling Pippen "as underpaid as underpaid gets — only the 122nd-highest-paid player in the league."

Best anecdote

When Pippen was a rookie, Jordan gave him a set of golf clubs. "He was trying to lure me in so he could take all my money," Pippen says.

Second-best anecdote

Pippen initially was equipment manager for the Central Arkansas basketball team. Only after a couple of scholarship players ran into academic trouble would the future fifth pick in the NBA draft persuade the coach to add him to the roster.

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the Bulls held their ring ceremony before the home opener, Pippen seemed both angry and accepting that he might have played his last game with the organization.

"I've had a wonderful career here," he told the United Center crowd. "And if I never get the opportunity to say this again, 'Thank you!'"

So how in the world were the Bulls to survive those storms, to keep their ship from capsizing as the seas grew rough?

'Focus on our craft'

With Pippen out and so much turmoil swirling, the Bulls lost their first four road games. They were 4-4 out of the gate and needed two overtimes and 49 points from Jordan in the 12th game just to shake off the lowly Clippers.

"When you're a really good team," Kerr says in the film, "one loss feels like five. You're expected to win. You're supposed to win. Early in that season we were losing games. And it felt like trouble."

The aura of invincibility was cracking. Adds Jordan: "Every day that Scottie wasn't playing gave someone else confidence that they could beat us. And when

you're trying to maintain dominance over people, you don't want to give them a chance to gain confidence. So that drove my energy."

Right. Of course. Jordan's energy. His maniacal competitive edge. His unquenchable thirst for victory and absolute unwillingness to allow failure in the door. There was that to steady the boat as it rocked.

There also was Jackson's steady leadership. There was Dennis Rodman's extra effort. There was a team that summoned all its drive, battled to remain cohesive and knew how to follow the lead of the game's preeminent star and fiercest competitor.

Krause's stubborn insistence on publicly emphasizing that players and coaches

alone don't win championships? Jordan called it "offensive to the way I approached the game." That uncomfortable idea, pushed by Krause, of dismantling a dynasty with the championships still piling up and another within reach?

"I thought it was unfair," Jordan says in the film. "I would never let someone who is not putting on a uniform and playing each and every day dictate what we do on the basketball court. So my mentality was, 'Let's put things aside from a business sense and focus on our craft.'"

In short, Jordan utilized all that was deep inside him. His talent. His drive. His competitiveness. His concentration. And the dance continued.

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:

V for victory, validation

(APRIL 20, 2008)

This published when Danica Patrick became the first female winner in IndyCar history, capturing the Indy Japan 300 in her 50th career start on April 20, 2008.

BY MELISSA ISAACSON
Chicago Tribune

It was never fair to mention Anna Kournikova's name in the same sentence as Danica Patrick's, but Patrick understood.

Kournikova was all about failed potential and commercial appeal and, even worse for women's sports, sex appeal. The now-retired Russian tennis player never won a singles title even though she was more than capable, but she drew the attention befitting a champion and didn't seem to be the slightest bit sheepish about it.

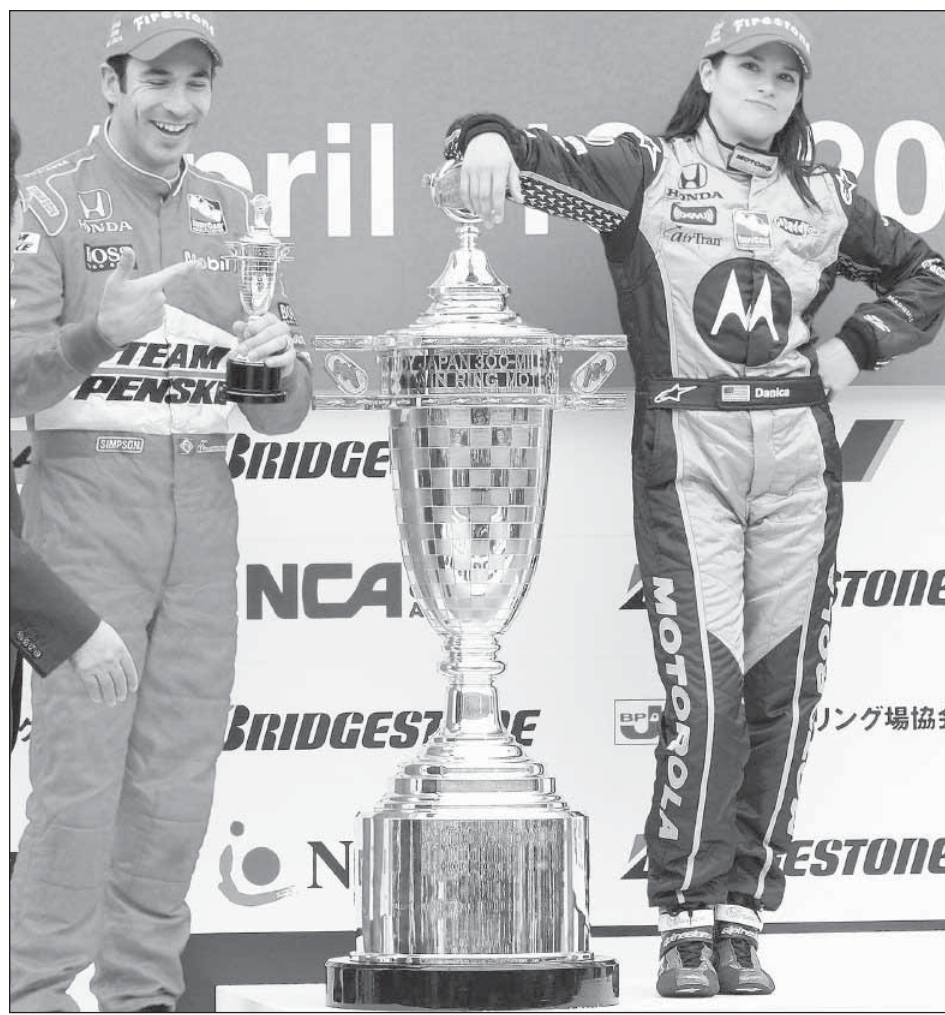
Patrick, who became auto racing's first female winner in IndyCar history on Sunday in Japan, is none of that, never was. But she also knows that for all the attention she had drawn over the first three-plus years of her pro career, much of it because she was the only woman driver and much of it because she also happens to be beautiful, there was a downside no one ever talked about much.

Sure, it's great to get the attention and the endorsements, but no one but Patrick had to take a turn at high speeds with men who resented it. And no one but Patrick had to read the kind of garbage that fellow driver Ed Carpenter spewed a couple of years ago when asked about her potential to compete in NASCAR.

"I think Danica's pretty aggressive in our cars," Carpenter replied. "I mean, you know, especially if you catch her at the right time of the month, she might be trading plenty of paint out there."

At the time Patrick laughed it off because she knew that was the only way to survive. Being one of the guys is what you strive for when you're in their world, even when it's nearly impossible.

Besides, she had been through much worse coming up as a lonely 16-year-old, competing alone in England amid a kind of sexism that made Carpenter's taunt seem like little boy stuff. The point is, it may have



KATSUMI KASAHARA/AP

Danica Patrick, right, poses with her trophy on the podium as second-place finisher Helio Castroneves shows his smaller one after the Indy Japan 300 at Twin Ring Motegi.

rattled her, but it didn't break her.

"I was lonely but never for a second did I want to quit," she said of her early years overseas in an interview with the Tribune last year. "I just wanted to get on top so badly, I wanted to be a race car driver so badly, that everything I had to go through was just part of the process."

And when the well-deserved praise, as well as the insults, paid off with reams of publicity that drivers with twice her experi-

ence could never hope to receive, she knew that was part of it as well.

"People who say negative things," she said, managing a laugh, "I just look at it as free publicity for me."

Her father, T.J., is a former driver himself. For a time, he couldn't find a team to so much as test his talented daughter, and more than once he had to break it to her that they simply did not have the money for her to race. They took names and remem-

OTHER APRIL 20 MOMENTS

1912: Fenway Park opens in Boston with the Red Sox beating the Yankees 7-6 in 11 innings. Tiger Stadium in Detroit also opens as the Tigers defeat the Indians 6-5.

1986: Chicago's Michael Jordan sets an NBA single-game playoff scoring record with 63 points. The Bulls lost the game to the Celtics 135-131 in double overtime in Game 2 of the first-round playoff series.

2008: Lorena Ochoa becomes the first PGA Tour player in 45 years to win four tournaments in consecutive weeks.

2014: Bernard Hopkins, 49, becomes the oldest to win a unification light heavyweight bout as he captures a split 12-round decision over 30-year-old Beibut Shumenov. Hopkins retains his IBF title and wins the WBA and IBA belts.

2017: LeBron James finishes with 41 points, 13 rebounds and 12 assists, and the Cavaliers set an NBA postseason record by erasing a 25-point halftime deficit to beat the Pacers 119-114.

bered all.

On Sunday, in between the hugs and the "I love yous," he told his daughter, "This is the best day of my life."

Dan Wheldon finished fourth Sunday, perhaps fittingly, after pitting along with Tony Kanaan on the 196th lap, allowing Patrick to move from fourth place to second.

Last June it was Wheldon who refused to back off when Patrick tried to pass him on the 87th lap of a race in West Allis, Wis. Afterward, Patrick let him know how she felt.

"If you don't think I'm going to remember this, you're crazy," she told Wheldon.

And Wheldon's reaction? "She's messing with the wrong person if she wants to get feisty," he said. "I'm a lot tougher than she is on the track."

Not on Sunday he wasn't.

Except perhaps for that moment when Patrick finally let her guard down and let the tears flow.

"That was a little girly of me," she said later.

A girly champion.

BASEBALL

Insightful new book on Mays is a smash hit

Stories reveal details about Hall of Famer's career — and the life lessons we can all use

BY MARK GONZALES

Former Cubs coach Joey Amalfitano feared for several decades that the bat Willie Mays used to hit four home runs in a game was somewhere near Wrigley Field.

And the White Sox, despite the recommendation of African American scout John Donaldson, were one of several teams that decided not to sign one of baseball's greatest players, who received a \$4,000 bonus with a \$250 monthly minor-league salary from the New York Giants.

Those are only a sampling of the Mays snippets author John Shea shares in "24: Life Stories and Lessons from the Say Hey Kid."

The book, scheduled for release in May, is a collection of life-learning stories gathered by Shea, who grew up watching Mays play for the Giants before covering Tony Gwynn at San Diego State and eventually Major League Baseball for more than 30 seasons — most recently for the San Francisco Chronicle.

Mays, a Hall of Famer and 24-time All-Star center fielder who turns 89 on May 6, collaborated on the book, telling Shea he wanted it in classrooms and to convey life lessons to all generations.

Mays' impact stretches to former U.S. Presidents George W. Bush and Bill Clinton, who each spoke to Shea about their fondness for Mays dating to their childhood days. President Barack Obama, through his office, confirmed previous comments regarding Mays, who received a Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2015.

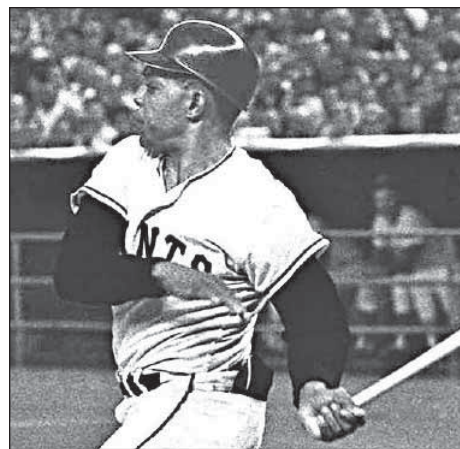
A sufficient portion of the book is devoted to Mays' upbringing — mostly by his father — and how he was provided with enough clothes and food to shield him from poverty, as well as how he overcame racism and later an initial lack of acceptance from San Francisco fans who still looked at local native Joe DiMaggio as their favorite baseball son after the Giants moved from New York in 1958.

Mays' father insisted his son graduate from Fairfield (Ala.) Industrial High School. Those teachings stuck with Mays, who recommended that his godson, Barry Bonds, attend Arizona State instead of



BRAD MANGIN/NATIONAL BASEBALL HALL OF FAME

Hall of Famer Willie Mays is interviewed by sports writer John Shea in the Giants clubhouse on Feb. 3 at Oracle Park in San Francisco.



AP

Willie Mays, a 24-time All-Star, watches his single during the 1968 game in Houston.

signing with the Giants for a \$70,000 bonus — \$5,000 shy of what he was seeking in 1982.

The undercurrent of Mays' storied career and life is the perception he didn't say or do enough to fight racism or speak loudly to the point that he and Maury Wills were criticized in Jackie Robinson's 1964 book, "Baseball Has Done It."

Mays admits to Shea that "I don't think I was smart enough at the time to do what Jackie did," referring to Robinson's college education and ability to handle the scrutiny that followed him as the majors' first African American player.

But Mays says he acted behind the scenes without any fanfare, with testimonies from Reggie Jackson and Wills. Mays prevented several Latin American teammates from boycotting in 1964 because of then-manager Alvin Dark's racist comments.

"Willie was a pacifist," Felipe Alou tells Shea in the book. "He wanted to fix a problem without a fight."

Several Dodgers — the Giants' fierce rival — credited Mays for defusing a riot by shielding John Roseboro after the Dodgers catcher was struck in the head with a bat by Giants pitcher Juan Marichal in the heat of a 1965 pennant race.

In 1954, then-Giants manager Leo Durocher was so careful to protect his 23-year-old star on the road that his 9-year-old son roomed with Mays and was treated to soul food. That changed when Durocher, who later managed the Cubs from 1966 to 1972, suggested steak as a new main course and gave Mays "steak money."

Coincidentally, Mays nearly didn't have a chance to hit four home runs against the Braves in 1961 because he vomited the previous night after eating ribs.

The bat Mays used to hit the four homers accompanied him to Chicago, but he broke it in an at-bat at Wrigley. The bat was kept briefly in Mays' locker, only to be gone when Mays returned after the game.

It turned out that the Giants traveling secretary, responding to a letter from the National Baseball Hall of Fame, secured the bat before sending it to Cooperstown, N.Y.

"I pictured some kid in Chicago playing with it," said Amalfitano, who was a player, coach and manager with the Cubs.

Mays played in four World Series, but his best team might have been a 1955 winter barnstorming team that went 28-0.

The outfield included Hall of Famers Hank Aaron, Larry Doby, Monte Irvin and Mays, with Cubs standouts Ernie Banks and Gene Baker leading the infield and Don Newcombe, Joe Black and Sam Jones leading the pitching staff.

Shea visited the Birmingham area where Mays grew up and interviewed several of his Black Barons teammates who looked after their young star, who in turn gave them \$500 each for tips and purchases at the 2006 Professional Baseball Scouts Foundation dinner.

Mays' devotion to helping other players is best illustrated near the end of the 332-page book. Agent Scott Boras explains, via his 2012 visit to the New York home of Major League Baseball Players Association founder Marvin Miller, how Mays and Mantle helped build the union in the late 1960s.

Miller, according to Boras, wanted to start a pension plan and got support from Mays and Mantle with the risk of each forfeiting their \$125,000 salaries.

Mays agreed, and Mantle, according to Boras, replied to Miller, "If Willie is doing this, I'll certainly do it."

"Truly," Boras tells Shea, "Willie Mays did it all."

BEARS

5 needs, and who may be available

BY COLLEEN KANE

The Bears enter the NFL draft with several roster holes to fill with their seven picks.

Here's a look at their biggest needs and which players might be available for their second-round selections at Nos. 43 and 50.

2020 NFL draft

Thursday-Saturday, ABC-7, ESPN, NFL Network

Round 1: 7 p.m. Thursday

Rounds 2-3: 6 p.m. Friday

Rounds 4-7: 11 a.m. Saturday

BEARS PICKS

■ Round 2, Pick 11 (No. 43 overall)

■ Round 2, Pick 18 (50)

■ Round 5, Pick 18 (163)

■ Round 6, Pick 17 (196)

■ Round 6, Pick 21 (200)

■ Round 7, Pick 12 (226)

■ Round 7, Pick 19 (233)



KIRTHMON F. DOZIER/DETROIT FREE PRESS

Pro Football Focus named Michigan's Cesar Ruiz the nation's best pass-blocking center.

1. Offensive line

Bears starters: C Cody Whitehair, LG James Daniels, RG Rashaad Coward OR Germain Ifedi, LT Charles Leno, RT Bobby Massie.

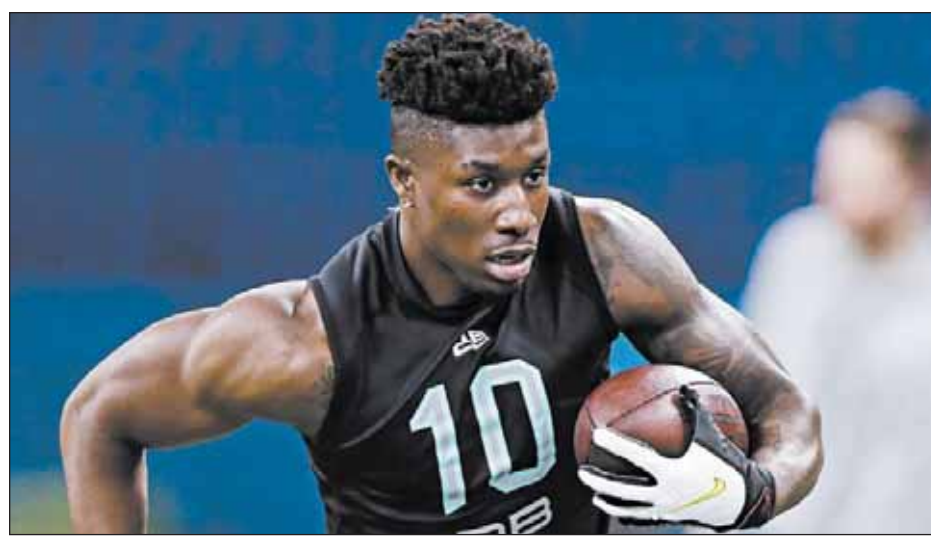
Others: Alex Bars, Jason Spriggs, Dino Boyd, Corey Levin, Sam Mustipher.

Why there's a need: At the end of the 2019 season, general manager Ryan Pace stressed the need to upgrade the line after the Bears ranked 27th in the league with 91.1 rushing yards per game. So far Pace has added Ifedi, who is likely to compete for the right guard spot with Coward. Ifedi, 25, is a 2016 first-round draft pick and brings 60 games of experience over four seasons with the Seahawks. His one-year deal could be a motivator for a big season. But the Bears need depth beyond him. They lost swing tackle Cornelius Lucas to the Redskins in free agency and need a replacement, though they did sign former Packers second-round pick Jason Spriggs to a one-year deal. Ifedi also can play tackle, so there's some flexibility should the Bears be eyeing an interior line prospect in the draft.

Top prospects: Tristan Wirfs, OT, Iowa, and Jedrick Wills Jr., OT, Alabama.

Second-round possibilities: Austin Jackson, OT, USC; Ezra Cleveland, OT, Boise State; Josh Jones, OT, Houston; Isaiah Wilson, OT, Georgia; Cesar Ruiz, C/G, Michigan; Lloyd Cushenberry III, C, LSU; Robert Hunt, G, Louisiana-Lafayette.

Of note: There's a possibility the four tackles above will be off the board by the time the Bears pick at No. 43, but various mock drafts have one or two slipping. Ruiz, a two-time All-Big Ten selection, could be intriguing if he gets to 43, and the Tribune's Brad Biggs liked him for the Bears in his second mock draft. Ruiz started five games at right guard as a Michigan freshman and 26 games over the next two seasons at center. Pro Football Focus named him the best pass-blocking center in the country in 2019, with eight pressures allowed in 447 snaps in pass protection.



MICHAEL CONROY/AP

TCU defensive back Jeff Gladney is a bit undersized and had meniscus surgery in March.

2. Cornerback

Bears starters: Kyle Fuller, Buster Skrine.

Others: Kevin Toliver, Tre Roberson, Artie Burns, Duke Shelley, Stephen Denmark, Michael Joseph, Xavier Crawford.

Why there's a need: The Bears cut veteran Prince Amukamara after three seasons in Chicago and need a replacement to play opposite Fuller and slot cornerback Skrine. They have several options, but none is a surefire starter. Toliver started two games in his first two seasons and has four passes defended. Roberson joins the Bears on a two-year contract after spending two seasons with the CFL's Calgary Stampeders. Burns was a Steelers 2016 first-round pick and started 25 games in his first two seasons. But he started just seven over the last two years, injured a knee in the middle of the 2019 season and was a healthy scratch for the last month of his career in Pittsburgh.

Top prospect: Jeff Okudah, Ohio State.

Second-round possibilities: Jeff Gladney, TCU; Trevon Diggs, Alabama; A.J. Terrell, Clemson; Noah Igbinoghene, Auburn; Kristian Fulton, LSU; Jaylon Johnson, Utah; Damon Arnette, Ohio State.

Of note: NFL Network analyst Daniel Jeremiah ranks Gladney as his 46th overall player and sixth cornerback, calling him quick, feisty and fluid. Gladney had five career interceptions and 43 passes defended as a four-year starter at TCU, and Biggs thinks he could be an option at No. 50 for the Bears. But Gladney is a bit undersized at 5-foot-10, 191 pounds and is coming off March meniscus surgery.



BARRY REEGER/AP

Penn State receiver KJ Hamler is analyst Mel Kiper Jr.'s pick to go to the Bears at No. 50.

3. Wide receiver

Bears starters: Allen Robinson, Anthony Miller.

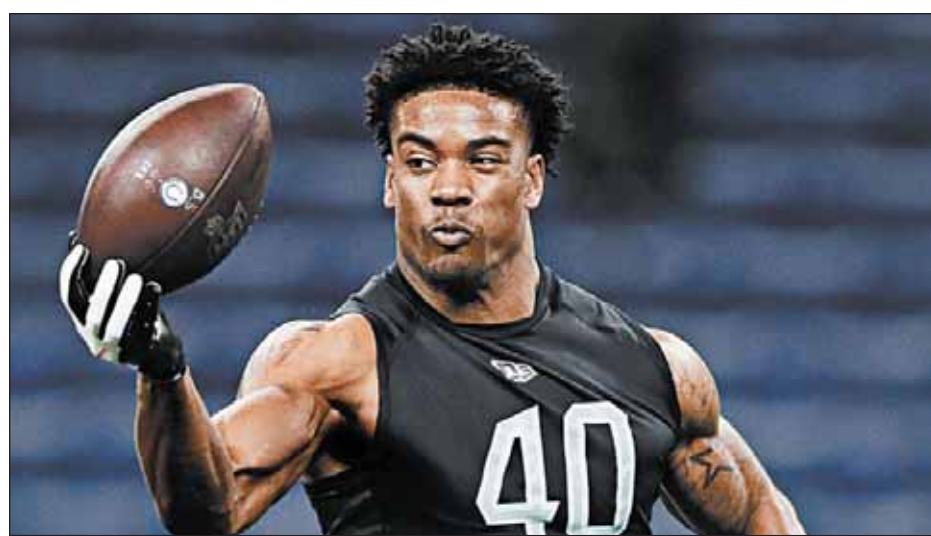
Others: Cordarrelle Patterson, Javon Wims, Riley Ridley, Thomas Ives, Reggie Davis, Alex Wesley.

Why there's a need: The Bears need a speedy replacement for Taylor Gabriel, whom they cut after he missed seven games in 2019 with a pair of concussions. Beyond Robinson, who is coming off one of the best seasons of his career, there are a lot of questions. Miller is recovering from his second left shoulder surgery in as many years. The Bears targeted Patterson only 17 times in 2019. Wims had 18 catches on 39 targets for 186 yards in his second season, and Ridley, a 2019 fourth-round pick, had only six catches on seven targets for 69 yards. If the Bears are going to make strides on offense, they need more production behind Robinson.

Top prospects: Jerry Jeudy, Alabama, and CeeDee Lamb, Oklahoma.

Second-round possibilities: Denzel Mims, Baylor; Jalen Reagor, TCU; Michael Pittman Jr., USC; KJ Hamler, Penn State; Chase Claypool, Notre Dame.

Of note: ESPN analyst Mel Kiper Jr. predicted in his most recent mock draft the Bears would use the No. 50 pick on Hamler, who hails from Robinson's high school (Orchard Lake St. Mary's in Michigan) and college. Hamler tweaked a hamstring before the combine and had his pro day canceled, so he couldn't show teams what he can do in person. His explosive speed is well-known, but there are concerns he dropped too many passes in 2019.



CHARLIE NEIBERGALL/AP

Defensive back Jeremy Chinn made 13 interceptions during his four-year career at SIU.

4. Safety

Bears starters: Eddie Jackson.

Others: Deon Bush, Sherrick McManis, DeAndre Houston-Carson, Jordan Lucas, Kentrell Brice.

Why there's a need: Ha Ha Clinton-Dix moved on to the Cowboys after one season in Chicago, and the Bears need a starter to play alongside Jackson. Bush is an option after re-signing on a one-year, \$1.4 million deal. The 2016 fourth-round pick started six games in his rookie year, but he played behind Adrian Amos and Clinton-Dix the next three seasons. Bush started only three games in the last three years, including a playoff appearance in place of an injured Jackson. Bush had two passes defended in 2019. Last month, the Bears signed Lucas, who played two of his four seasons with the Chiefs. But he has started just four career games and has more experience as a special teamer. Pace had success drafting Jackson, Amos and Bush in the middle rounds, so it would make sense for him to take another shot on a safety.

Top prospect: Xavier McKinney, Alabama.

Second-round possibilities: Grant Delpit, LSU; Antoine Winfield Jr., Minnesota; Jeremy Chinn, Southern Illinois; Kyle Dugger, Lenoir-Rhyne; Ashtyn Davis, California.

Of note: Chinn was an FCS All-American in his senior season and had four interceptions. The native of Fishers, Ind., had 243 tackles, 13 interceptions, 31 passes defended and six forced fumbles in his four-year SIU career. The Athletic's Dane Brugler ranks Chinn as the second-best safety because of his range, size, speed and versatility, while ESPN analyst Todd McShay ranks him fourth among safeties.



JOE ROBBINS/GETTY

Notre Dame's Cole Kmet, who starred at St. Viator, is the top prospect at tight end.

5. Tight end

Bears starters: Jimmy Graham.

Others: Demetrius Harris, Adam Shaheen, Ben Braunecker, J.P. Holtz, Jesper Horsted, Eric Saubert, Dax Raymond, Darion Clark.

Why there's a need: It might seem silly that tight end is a position of need when the Bears have nine on their roster. But look at that list again and pick out the established playmakers. That's difficult to do. The Bears paid big money for Graham this offseason. He's 33 and his production dipped in 2019, but he's at least likely to be a bigger factor than most of the Bears tight ends last year. Trey Burton's injury-plagued 2019 season was a factor in the Bears releasing him Friday. Shaheen has been a nonfactor over three seasons. The Bears added Harris in the offseason to fill their need for a Y tight end. Braunecker, Holtz and Horsted contributed in 2019, but a promising rookie could make the Bears feel a lot better about this group. Edge rusher is also a need because the Bears have little depth there. But at least the front end is stacked with Khalil Mack and Robert Quinn.

Top prospect: Cole Kmet, Notre Dame.

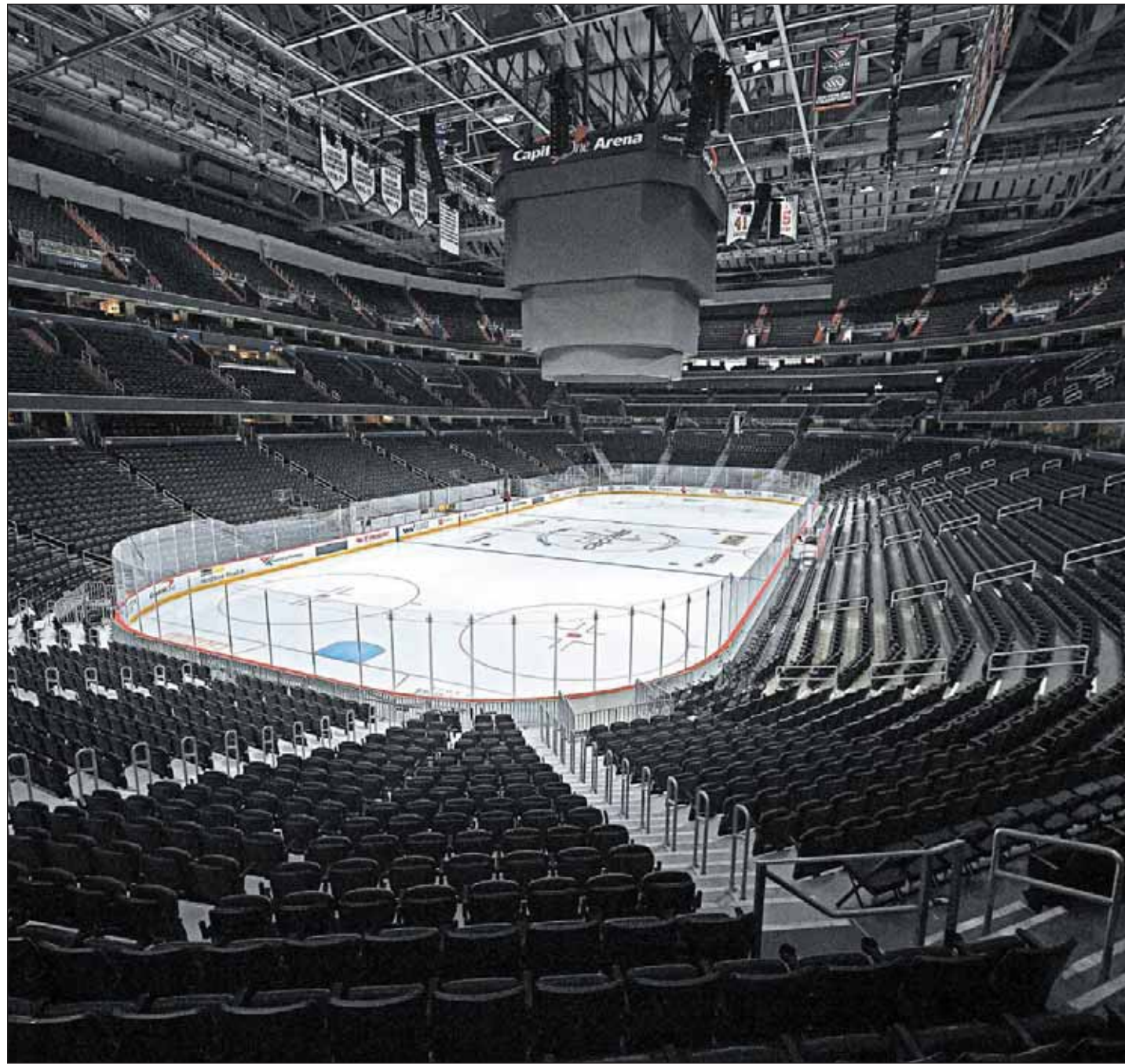
Second-round possibilities: Kmet; Adam Trautman, Dayton; Harrison Bryant, Florida Atlantic.

Of note: Kmet was a two-sport standout at St. Viator, leading the Lions baseball team to the Class 3A state championship in 2017 as a left-handed pitcher and center fielder. He also played baseball at Notre Dame. The 6-foot-6, 262-pound Kmet had 43 catches for 515 yards and six touchdowns in his junior season for the Irish. Analysts note his need to improve his blocking and route running, but his size and pass-catching ability make him the top prospect in a thin class. Many predict he will be available for the Bears when they make their first pick.

SPORTS

Day 40

Since the sports world went mainly dark



Capital One Arena, home of the Capitals, sits empty on March 12 in Washington.

NICK WASS/AP

Sports leagues seek return to play in chaotic situation

BY EDDIE PELLIS
Associated Press

With no games being played, recent sports headlines have centered around hopes and dreams — namely, the uncharted path leagues and teams must navigate to return to competition in the wake of the pandemic.

Virtually all leagues talk publicly about their desire to return before summer. But behind closed doors, they are hatching different potential plans: all 30 baseball teams playing in Arizona; home run contests to decide tie games; the Stanley Cup being hoisted in an empty arena that neither team calls home; end-of-season soccer standings decided by vote; college football games in spring.

Over the past week, The Associated Press spoke to more than two dozen policy-makers, coaches and players across the globe to get their candid assessments of plans to return from the stoppages caused by the new coronavirus. The conclusion: While it's critical to put optimistic restart scenarios in place, there is no certainty any of these plans will work without buy-in from politicians and an OK from players and medical experts. Underpinning it all would have to be a drastic ramp-up in testing, a vaccine or treatment breakthrough, or some other solution.

In short, the return of any sports, no matter how innovative the plan, will be risky and uncertain for the rest of this year and into 2021.

"It's not about 22 players walking onto a pitch and throwing a ball out," said FIFA Vice President Victor Montagliani, whose concerns about restarting soccer mirror those of all sports worldwide.

The organizers of the Olympics were among the last to postpone their event, then among the first to set a new date — exactly 52 weeks after the original July 24 cauldron lighting had been scheduled. The decision to reschedule for a date 15 months down the road came just before an unexpected spike in virus cases hit Japan. The worry that followed underscored the many open questions about the arc of the outbreak.

"I think everyone's probably working on multiple options. It's 'If this, then what?'" said Tim Hinchey, the CEO of USA Swimming, the sport's governing body in the United States.

Virtually all the big-time team sports are coming up with scenarios to play games with no fans in the stands.

The Washington Post reported that while the NFL is publicly committed to its usual kickoff date in September, it is looking into contingencies that include shortening the season or playing in front of half-full or empty stadiums.

College athletic directors have come up



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Closed ticket windows Thursday at Wrigley Field during the coronavirus pandemic.

with a half-dozen or more scenarios for football season, including, according to Oklahoma's Joe Castiglione, a scenario in which part of the season would be played in spring. One theme gaining wide acceptance: If it's not safe enough for students to return to school or attend games, then athletes shouldn't be asked to return either. Without the millions of dollars from football, all college sports are in peril.

NASCAR, which has been holding virtual races, has given teams a tentative schedule under which the season would resume May 24 without fans.

The NHL has drawn up plans that include resuming the season this summer, going directly to the playoffs and/or playing games in empty arenas in neutral-site cities.

The PGA Tour announced a mid-June restart and meshed its schedule with the already reworked majors calendar. In a nod to the precariousness of it all, Andy Pazder, the tour's chief officer of tournaments and competition, said if events cannot be held in compliance with health regulations, then "we will not do anything."

That's also where the NBA appears to be for now. The league that got in front of the coronavirus pandemic first, calling off games on March 11, is in a holding pattern. Most of the league's conversations center on how to resume the season, not whether to cancel it.

In Australia, ambitious plans to resume play in the National Rugby League by the end of May got shot down by Prime Minister Scott Morrison.

England's Premier League also says it wants to finish its season but would do so only "with the full support of the government" and when "medical guidance allows." Meanwhile, in Scotland, a wild round

of voting has already taken place to decide whether to lock in standings for leagues there and get ready for next season.

Major League Baseball in the U.S. is talking about bringing all 30 teams to Maricopa County, Arizona, for a regular season at spring training sites.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, the infectious disease expert who has been calling for restraint in resuming any normal activities, offered a glimmer of hope when he suggested sports could conceivably return. He suggested no fans in arenas and constant testing for the players, who would likely need to be quarantined in hotels for weeks or months.

Not all the players are on board. "I'm going to go four or five months without seeing my kid when it's born? I can tell you right now that's not going to happen," Ryan Zimmerman of the Nationals wrote in a diary for AP. Zimmerman's third child is due in June.

Whether Zimmerman shows or not, baseball could be a vastly different game if it returns in 2020. Some other ideas floated include wrapping up the season in December, scheduling a multitude of double-headers with seven-inning games and quickly deciding ties with home run derbies.

Yet for all those scenarios, nobody's quite sure what will happen if, despite all the precautions, an outbreak hits a team. Could one positive test eviscerate an entire season?

Before setting anything in motion, all the leagues are waiting for a consensus to emerge from government and health experts, to say nothing of players and owners.

Right now, Montagliani said, "the paramount skill set required from us is risk management and nothing else."

IN BRIEF

Former top pick unsure about future

News services

After 15 years in professional basketball, Andrew Bogut is close to making a decision on when to end his career. The new coronavirus and subsequent postponement of the 2020 Olympics in Tokyo isn't making it any easier.

The 35-year-old Bogut, a 2005 No. 1 draft pick by the Bucks and who won an NBA championship with the Warriors in 2015, was planning to retire after playing for Australia at the Tokyo Games in three months. Those games have been delayed until July 2021. But Bogut, who has played for Sydney in the National Basketball League the past two seasons, isn't sure he can take the training and discipline needed to go another year.

"I'm not doing much, I can tell you that," Bogut told the Australian Broadcasting Corp. Offsiders program aired on Sunday. "To be able to kiss your kids good night and put them down every night I've appreciated doing that."

Bogut has two boys, Luka, 3, and Nikola, 2, with his wife Jessica.

"I haven't done any basketball since the season ended and it feels good waking up, getting out of bed and not feeling like I'm walking on glass," Bogut said. "It's (my career) all been thrown into a washing machine essentially but there's a decision to be made probably by mid-May."

Bogut, who played a key role in Australia's fourth-place finish at last year's World Cup in China, has been on the Australian team's roster since the 2004 Athens Olympics. The Melbourne-born Bogut was named The Associated Press college basketball player of the year in 2005 while playing for Utah, just before being chosen No. 1 in the NBA draft by the Bucks.

MLB: Anyone who works for a baseball team but can't pitch, hit or run might have one last paycheck to last them through the pandemic.

Major League Baseball will inform teams today they can furlough or reduce the pay of coaches, managers, scouts and some front-office personnel as soon as May, per a report from The Athletic. Though ballclubs aren't required to shave payroll, commissioner Rob Manfred's planned May 1 suspension of Uniform Employee Contracts permits teams to make cuts at their discretion to manage plummeting revenues during baseball's ongoing shutdown.

NASCAR: William Byron won his second consecutive NASCAR virtual race on Sunday by holding off Timmy Hill — the driver who moved him out of the way to win an earlier iRacing event — in a race low on dramatics.

NFL: Peyton Manning says likely No. 1 overall pick Joe Burrow is going to take his lumps in his rookie year but that those rough times can help propel him to success in his later years.

Manning, who was the No. 1 overall pick by the Colts in the 1998 draft, said Sunday on ESPN that Burrow recently called him for advice on being a rookie quarterback. Burrow, who won the Heisman Trophy and a national title last season with LSU, attended Manning's Passing Academy last summer.

Soccer: Soccer has resumed in Turkmenistan with spectators, as the Central Asian nation lifted a suspension of its national league. Around 500 people attended Sunday's game between Altyn Asyr and Kopetdag in a 20,000-capacity stadium in the capital, Ashgabat. It was the first fixture played in the Yokary Liga since March 20.

The crowd size was in line with typical league games in Turkmenistan.

ON THE CLOCK

3 Days until the NFL draft, which will be held in a virtual setting from April 23-25.

The top 5



Complete first-round order

1. Bengals	12. Raiders	23. Patriots
2. Redskins	13. 49ers	24. Saints
3. Lions	14. Buccaneers	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	

A race 'bigger than itself'

From Hopkinton to Boston, the marathon's absence will be seen, felt

BY JIMMY GOLDEN
Associated Press

HOPKINTON, Mass. — "It All Starts Here."

The motto is bannered on the Hopkinton website, laid into the floor of the Marathon Elementary School, painted on a sign that sends Boston Marathon participants off on their way to Copley Square. Since 1924, this 300-year-old town serendipitously located 26.2 miles west of Boston has been the starting line for the world's most prestigious road race and, like Marathon and Athens themselves, the two are enduringly linked.

"It gets stronger and stronger every year, this relationship," said Tim Kilduff, a longtime Hopkinton resident and former Boston Marathon race director. "We see it as: The spirit of the marathon resides in Hopkinton, and we lend it out one day a year."

From the starting line in this leafy Colonial town to the finish on Boylston Street, residents and runners are preparing for a spring without the Boston Marathon — the first in 124 years. Organizers and authorities have postponed the race originally scheduled for Monday until Sept. 14 because of the coronavirus pandemic, stripping the streets of brightly colored singlets and opening a gap in the sporting schedule for runners from all over the world.

"Tradition's an overused word. But this really is a rite of spring," Kilduff said. "So this year it will lead into a beautiful fall season in New England."

On a regular marathon weekend, Hopkinton triples in size from its 16,000 residents to absorb a field of more than 30,000 runners, wheelchair racers and hand cyclists. The Town Common teems with people, along with food carts and other vendors serving both tourists and race participants previewing the course.

But while others may think of Hopkinton only on the third Monday in April, the marathon and its essence permeates the town all year.

Residents drive over the starting line painted on Main Street on their way to work or to concerts at the gazebo. An International Marathon Center is planned for the town, a sister city of Marathon, Greece, where the long-running tradition was birthed. There are three marathon-related statues in Hopkinton, including "The Starter," which stands at the starting line, pistol raised, ready to send the field off for another race to Boston's Back Bay.

These days, his face is covered with a cloth mask.

"This is not the NBA or baseball or the NFL. This is ours," said Kilduff, who was the race director in 1983-84, ran the marathon in 1985 and for the last 33 years has been a spotter on the truck that leads the men's field to the finish line.

"Anybody who has run the race, volunteered for the race, supported the race, feels that they own a part of the race. They own just a little bit. So it's ours," he said. "The Boston Marathon is almost bigger than itself in the emotion it elicits, and the respect that people have for it."

Training for a marathon can be a solitary endeavor, but the event itself is a social distancing calamity.

Participants crowd into corrals to wait for the start, then run in packs to minimize air resistance. Volunteers hand out water on the course and medals at the finish. Fans and family are waiting with high fives or hugs.

At Wellesley College, where the cheering is so loud it is known as the Scream Tunnel, students traditionally wave signs encouraging the runners to stop for a kiss. It's hard to imagine this custom — already a relic of another era — surviving post-pandemic.

"A lot of the signs are jokes about kissing. That's part of the tradition, too," said Erin Kelly, a senior who returned home to San Diego when the campus closed. "The marathon is just a big part of Wellesley's



STEW MILNE/AP

The elite men break from the start of the 123rd Boston Marathon on April 15, 2019, in Hopkinton, Massachusetts.



GREG M. COOPER/AP

The first mile was loaded with runners during the 112th Boston Marathon on April 21, 2008.

culture. I was looking forward to seeing it as a student one last time."

Oncologist Amy Comander decided to run the Boston Marathon in 2013, when colleagues at Massachusetts General Hospital treated many of those injured when two pressure-cooker bombs exploded at the finish line.

"I just told myself: You're running next year. And I did," she said.

After starting work at Newton-Wellesley Hospital, right around the Mile 16 marker, Comander has used it as a base for her training runs. During the race itself, the sight of coworkers, friends and even patients out front cheering her on gives her a boost of energy right when she needs it: just before making the turn toward Heartbreak Hill.

"I see it as a true privilege that I can go to work and I'm on the marathon course," Comander said. "You're talking to someone who truly loves everything about the Boston Marathon."

Comander is registered to run for her seventh year in a row, this time to raise money for cancer survivors and their families; she is still determined to do so in September. But on Monday, she will be caring for cancer patients, a task more stressful because of the danger the coronavirus poses to their weakened immune systems.

"I will be a little sad," said Comander,

who plans to take a break from the clinic to get in an 8-mile run — but not on the course, per the request of authorities concerned about crowds. "I feel like I need to do that for myself."

The daffodils are in bloom now from Hopkinton Green to Copley Square and all along the 26.2-mile route in between. Thousands of the bright yellow flowers were planted after the 2013 bombing as a symbol of rebirth and resilience, and they have the benefit of blossoming in mid-April — right around Patriots' Day — to cheer the runners along.

Thousands more potted daffodils have decorated the course each year since the explosions at the finish line that killed three people and wounded more than 180 others. With the state holiday and the race postponed until the fall, the blooms will have long since withered.

Instead, many of the flowers grown to decorate the course were placed outside of hospitals to thank health care staffers for working through the pandemic. Outside Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston, just down the road from the 1 Mile To Go marker in Kenmore Square, the flowers were arranged in a heart. A sign encouraged workers to take a plant home.

Just a few steps from the finish line, the Marathon Sports shoe store on Boylston Street gets especially busy over the weekend leading up to the race, when tens of

thousands of runners descend on the Back Bay. Things typically cool off on Monday, giving the staff a chance to pop out and cheer the finishers.

"We don't have any official party," said Dan Darcy, the chain's marketing director. "It's really just a celebration of the runners that day."

Marathon participants are easily recognizable after the race: There is the medal around their neck, of course, and a mylar warming blanket draped around their shoulders if the weather is cold. Often their bib number is still pinned to their chest.

"If we have any runners coming through our doors on Marathon Monday, I can tell you they'll be recognized and they'll hear the support from our staff," Darcy said in a telephone interview from Fairbanks, Alaska, where he is working remotely.

Marathon Sports has been a reluctant landmark since the first of the two bombs exploded outside its window at 2:49 p.m. on April 15, 2013. Darcy was watching the race from a different spot that day and tried unsuccessfully for hours to get in touch with his coworkers. A few were injured; others turned the store into a field hospital, treating the wounded until trained first responders could arrive.

A memorial stands on the sidewalk outside to the three killed in the explosions and the two police officers who died in the ensuing manhunt, which shut down the city and surrounding area for much of the week. The store reopened about two weeks later.

Now it's closed again. "We are going to be encouraging runners to go out and get a run in on their own, keeping the social distancing, but not to run the race route itself," Darcy said. "We're not able to do any sort of celebration."

Last month, as Americans began to isolate indoors and one sporting event after another was canceled, the Boston Athletic Association sacrificed its spring start in the hopes of keeping its 124-year tradition alive.

Since the first edition in 1897, the race had always coincided with the state holiday of Patriots' Day that commemorates the first shots in the Revolutionary War. As the snow melts in New England, the course becomes increasingly populated with joggers emerging from a winter indoors to get in their training runs.

To Kilduff, this year's fall race will be an opportunity to come out of a different kind of isolation.

"You know what happened in the year after the bombing: There's going to be this huge buildup of pent-up energy," he said. "It's going to create a brand new chapter in the history of the Boston Marathon."

"I'm excited as hell about this."

SCOREBOARD

NBA				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Toronto	46	18	.719	—
Boston	43	21	.672	3
Philadelphia	39	26	.600	7½
Brooklyn	30	34	.469	16
New York	21	45	.318	26
SOUTHEAST				
Miami	41	24	.631	—
Orlando	30	35	.462	11
Washington	24	40	.375	16½
Charlotte	23	42	.354	18
Atlanta	20	47	.299	22
CENTRAL				
Milwaukee	53	12	.815	—
Indiana	39	26	.600	14
Chicago	22	43	.338	31
Detroit	20	46	.303	33½
Cleveland	19	46	.292	34
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Houston	40	24	.625	—
Dallas	40	27	.597	1½
Memphis	32	33	.492	8½
New Orleans	28	36	.438	12
San Antonio	27	36	.429	12½
NORTHWEST				
Denver	43	22	.662	—
Utah	41	23	.641	1½
Oklahoma City	40	24	.625	2½
Portland	29	37	.439	14½
Minnesota	19	45	.297	23½
PACIFIC				
L.A. Lakers	49	14	.778	—
L.A. Clippers	44	20	.688	5½
Sacramento	28	36	.438	21½
Phoenix	26	39	.400	24
Golden State	15	50	.231	35

NHL						
EASTERN CONFERENCE						
ATLANTIC	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	44	14	12	100	227	174
Tampa Bay	43	21	6	92	245	195
Toronto	36	25	9	81	238	227
Florida	35	26	8	78	231	228
Montreal	31	31	9	71	212	221
Buffalo	30	31	8	68	195	217
Ottawa	25	34	12	62	191	243
Detroit	17	49	5	39	145	267
METRO.						
W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Washington	41	20	8	90	240	215
Philadelphia	41	21	7	89	232	196
Pittsburgh	40	23	6	86	224	196
Carolina	38	25	5	81	222	193
Columbus	32	22	15	81	180	187
N.Y. Islanders	35	23	10	80	192	193
N.Y. Rangers	37	28	5	79	234	222
New Jersey	28	29	12	68	189	230
WESTERN CONFERENCE						
CENTRAL	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	42	19	10	94	225	193
Colorado	42	20	8	92	237	191
Colorado	37	24	8	82	180	177
Winnipeg	37	26	8	80	216	203
Nashville	35	26	8	78	215	217
Minnesota	35	27	7	77	220	220
Chicago	32	30	8	72	212	218
PACIFIC						
W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Vegas	39	24	8	86	227	211
Edmonton	37	25	9	83	225	217
Calgary	36	27	7	79	210	215
Vancouver	36	27	6	78	228	217
Arizona	33	29	8	74	195	187
Anaheim	29	33	9	67	187	226
Los Angeles	29	35	6	64	178	212
San Jose	29	36	5	63	182	226

SOCCER						
MLS						
Eastern	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Atlanta	2	0	0	6	4	2
N.Y. Red Bulls	1	0	1	4	4	3
Montreal	1	0	1	4	4	3
Toronto FC	1	0	1	4	3	2
Columbus	1	0	1	4	2	1
D.C. United	1	1	0	3	3	3
Chicago	0	1	1	2	3	3
New England	0	1	1	2	3	3
Orlando City	0	1	1	1	2	2
Philadelphia	0	1	1	1	3	5
Cincinnati	0	2	0	0	3	5
Inter Miami CF	0	2	0	0	1	3
N.Y. City FC	0	2	0	0	0	2
Western						
W	L	T	PT	GF	GA	
Sporting KC	2	0	0	6	7	1
Minnesota	2	0	0	6	8	3
Colorado	2	0	0	6	4	2
FC Dallas	1	0	1	4	4	2
Los Angeles FC	1	0	1	4	4	3
Seattle	1	0	1	4	3	2
Portland	1	1	0	3	2	3
Vancouver	1	1	0	3	2	3
Real Salt Lake	0	0	2	2	1	1
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

RUNNING			
ABBOTT WORLD MARATHON LEADERS			
MEN SERIES XIII	COUNTRY	PTS	
Lelisa Desisa	Ethiopia	25	
Lawrence Cherocho	Kenya	25	
Geoffrey Kamworor	Kenya	25	
Birhanu Legesse	Ethiopia	25	
Bashir Abdi	Belgium	17	
Mosinet Geremew	Ethiopia	16	
Dejene Debelu	Ethiopia	16	
Albert Korir	Kenya	16	
Amos Kipruto	Kenya	9	
Asefa Mengstu	Ethiopia	9	
Girma Bekele Gebre	Ethiopia	9	
Sisay Lemma	Ethiopia	9	
WOMEN SERIES XIII			
Brigid Kosgei	Kenya	25	
Joyciline Jepkosgei	Kenya	25	
LChentai Salpeter	Israel	25	
Ababel Yeshaneh	Ethiopia	16	
Mary Keitany	Kenya	16	
Birhane Dibaba	Ethiopia	16	
Gelete Burka	Ethiopia	9	
Ruti Aga	Ethiopia	9	
Sutume Asefa Kebede	Ethiopia	9	
MEN WHEELCHAIR SERIES XIII			
Daniel Romanchuk	U.S.	66	
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APPLE PHOTOS

"Poor places are always making richness happen, but we have to believe in them in order to see the richness," says Chicago artist Theaster Gates, who is featured in Apple's "Home."

TELEVISION REVIEW

The meaning of 'Home'

Artist Theaster Gates talks about building a life and community on the South Side in new Apple series

BY NINA METZ

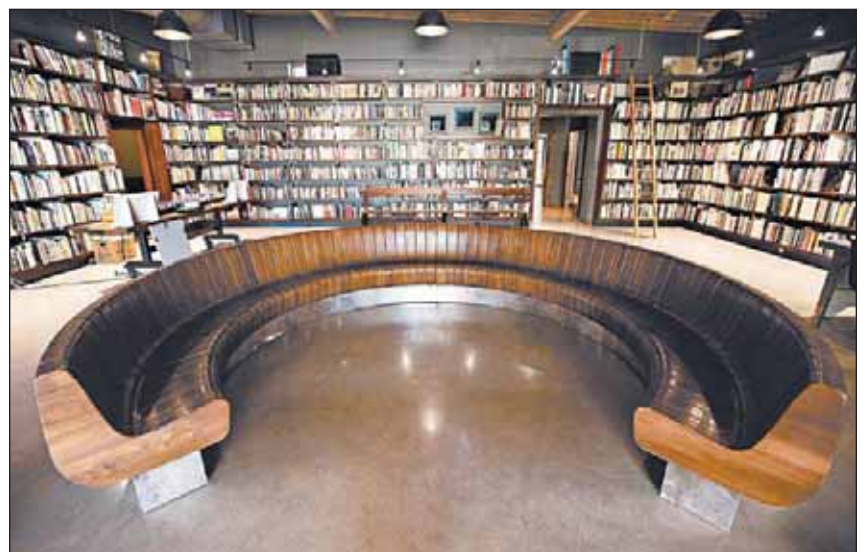
When the producers of Apple TV+'s new docuseries "Home" conceived of the show, there was no way to predict many of us would be confined to our own homes when the show premiered. The ways we think about home have certainly become more intense in the past few weeks; both as a refuge but also a place that has started to feel confining for some.

So how about a look at other people's homes instead? A glossy, if only

intermittently compelling, portrait of individuals around the world who are thinking differently about what a residence can and should be, the series feels strangely anodyne, like a magazine spread, where beauty shots (and an insistently annoying underscore) are prized over the messy, less camera-ready complicated realities of what it means to occupy a space you call home.

The people filmed here are doing

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One of the spaces Gates has rehabbed on the South Side.



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Fans dance to Crizzly at last year's Lollapalooza. Organizers said they plan to make a decision about the fate of this year's festival by the end of May. It typically draws about 100,000 fans each day to Grant Park.

Artists, live industry brace for a year without concerts

BY AUGUST BROWN
 Los Angeles Times

Just two weeks ago, Pollstar projected that in its most pessimistic scenario for the post-COVID-19 concert industry, shows would resume in less than a year with industry losses around \$9 billion.

Now the live business is preparing for much worse.

In a recent call with top department staffers, Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti suggested that "large gatherings such as concerts and sporting events may not be approved in the city for at least one year." On Tuesday, Gov. Gavin Newsom released a six-point plan for eventually reopening California's economic and social life that

would likely push any large gatherings, including concerts and sporting events, back a year or more.

"You've met this moment in remarkable ways, and it's put us as a state in a position where we can lay out this road map, but again it is all conditioned on us continuing to stay the course on the current road that we're on," Newsom said.

In Illinois, Gov. J.B. Pritzker, who issued the Illinois stay-at-home order through April 30, said that organizers should "think carefully about canceling large summer events." He later said his comment was simply a suggestion. Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot has said she's not in a position to discuss the summer calendar.

For their part, Lollapalooza representatives said recently they plan to have a "definitive decision" about the fate of this year's festival by the end of May. Lollapalooza is not the first major event of Chicago's festival season — but it is the crown jewel.

The four-day fest typically draws about 100,000 music fans each day to Grant Park to see more than 170 acts perform across eight stages. The Chicago Park District is said to have received \$5.7 million from Lollapalooza last year, and the local economic effect is even greater with restaurants, hotels and trains packed with visitors.

Major promoters such as Live

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Banker once was king of State Street. Now he's forgotten.



RICK KOGAN

Of all the Chicago names to have faded away, to be buried by history's dust, Jesse Binga's is among the most baffling.

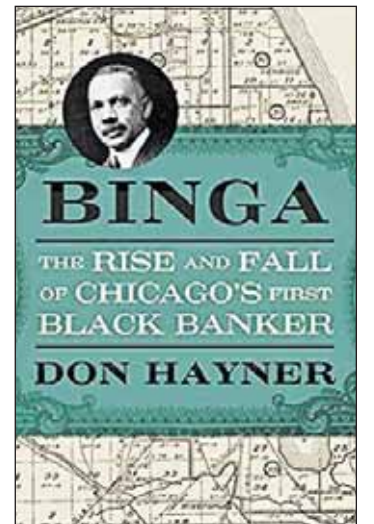
That is because for a time "in the 1920s just hearing the strange and poetic sound of his name conjured up an image as constant and permanent as the chiseled letters on the front of (his) bank."

Those words were written by Don Hayner, and Binga's name has been wandering around the head of this retired newspaperman for decades.

"I first came across it in the 1980s when I was researching a story about Chicago's oldest white and black families," he says. "So many of the names I knew, but when I came to Binga's, I said to myself 'How could I have never heard of this guy?'"

Hayner began to explore the history of the man, at first at the slower pace available to one with full-time and demanding jobs as reporter, editor and eventually editor-in-chief for the Sun-Times.

After his retirement from the paper in 2012, Hayner was able to devote more time to Binga's life and times, and it is not an exaggeration to say that he now knows more about the man



than anyone alive.

The proof is between the covers of "Binga: The Rise and Fall of Chicago's First Black Banker" (Northwestern University Press, 2019), a book peppered with Hayner's sharp reporter's instincts, stylish writing and, yes, a good editor's keen awareness of what's important and what is not.

His book does Binga proud, filling out the portrait of this fascinating and driven man. There will always remain mysteries surrounding him — he had few close friends and never courted publicity — but the Binga who pops from these pages is unforgettable.

The book also provides a compelling and enlightening look at the colorful and vibrant neighborhood where he was,

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CELEBRITIES

Tribune news services

Beyonce, Lady Gaga offer hope at all-star event fighting virus

Lady Gaga, Stevie Wonder, Lizzo, Shawn Mendes and others sang classic songs brimming with messages of hope and change during a TV special aimed at fighting the coronavirus, while Beyonce and Alicia Keys spoke passionately about how the virus has disproportionately affected African Americans.

Beyonce made a surprise appearance on Saturday's TV special, "One World: Together At Home," thanking "delivery workers, mail carriers and sanitation employees" for their hard work during the pandemic.

"Black Americans disproportionately belong to these essential parts of the workforce that do not have the luxury of working from home. And African American communities at large have been severely affected in this crisis. Those with preexisting conditions are at an even higher risk. This virus is killing black people at an alarmingly high rate here in America," Beyonce said.

Gaga, who curated the all-star TV event, kicked it off by urging people weathering the coronavirus pandemic to find a way to smile through the pain with a performance of Nat King Cole's version of the song "Smile."

Paul McCartney sang the Beatles' "Lady Madonna" and talked about the work his mother did as a nurse. The members of the Rolling Stones — from four different locations — joined forces to perform "You Can't Always Get What You Want." And Taylor Swift sang "Soon You'll Get Better" while playing piano.

Former first la'



GLOBAL CITIZEN'S "ONE WORLD: TOGETHER AT HOME"

"I care so much about the medical workers that are putting their lives at risk for us," Lady Gaga said.

Michelle Obama and Laura Bush, Oprah Winfrey, Bill and Melinda Gates, Ellen DeGeneres, Pharrell Williams, Kerry Washington, Lupita Nyong'o and Henry Golding offered positive words while photos of health care workers and everyday people were shown on the screen.

At the event's end, organizers announced that the total amount raised was nearly \$128 million.

Other performers included Billie Eilish and her producer-brother Finneas, Elton John, Jennifer Lopez, Green Day's Billie Joe Armstrong, Kacey Musgraves, Maluma and Keith Urban.



Cordero

Broadway star loses leg to virus

Tony Award-nominated actor Nick Cordero, 41, had his right leg amputated after suffering complications from the coronavirus, his wife says. On Instagram, Amanda Kloots wrote late Saturday that Cordero "made it out of surgery alive and is headed to his room to rest and recover." Cordero had been treated with blood thinners to help with clotting in his leg, but his doc-

tors had to stop the treatment because it was causing internal bleeding. Cordero entered the intensive care unit at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles on March 31, and has been on a ventilator and unconscious after contracting COVID-19.

Babyface-Teddy Riley battle fizzles

The much-hyped battle between Kenny "Babyface" Edmonds and Teddy Riley was derailed by audio issues, forcing the R&B producers to postpone the Instagram Live event. More than 400,000 tuned in Saturday night to watch the livestream, but sound and technical issues plagued the friendly competition. The battle had already been postponed from April 12 after Edmonds was diagnosed with COVID-19. The Grammy-winning singer and producer said last week that he and his family — who also tested positive — were recovering. The digital battle was part of a series dubbed "Verzuz" organized by Swizz Beatz and Timbaland.

April 20 birthdays: Actor George Takei is 83. Actor Ryan O'Neal is 79. Actress Jessica Lange is 71.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Niece's repeat outburst frightens aunt

Dear Amy: I see my adult niece once or twice a year. She has had different diagnoses for mental illness, including depression and bipolar disorder.

When she was 19, she yelled at me in public with great intensity. Please believe me that I didn't do anything to bring on this outburst. She exploded without warning. It was upsetting to me, but I decided to overlook it because she was a teenager.

Seven months ago, at the age of 37, she was hostile and verbally abusive toward me during a family weekend. Everyone was aware of it, and her parents apologized to me. It culminated in her alternatively screaming at me and then crying for over an hour.

I should have extracted myself after one minute, but I was too shocked. I was very afraid of her.

I am not angry with her, but saddened by the event.

In my heart, I have forgiven her, but I feel that it will happen again if I am around her. I can't imagine being around her, trying to watch every word I say in order to avoid "triggering" her. Any contact with her, at this point, would be upsetting to me.

I am getting gentle pressure from her father (my brother) to reestablish a friendly relationship with her for her sake. I don't want to. I wish the best for her, and I will always love her, but I do feel that seeing her would take a huge emotional toll on me.

Am I making the wrong decision?

— Frightened Aunt

Dear Frightened: Your niece has a brain disorder that affects her moods and

behavior. Cognitively, you understand that, but emotionally, these outbursts are frightening, upsetting and impossible to forget.

If any of the involved parties acknowledged how traumatic and frightening this episode was for you, it would help you to recover.

Her parents want you to reestablish a friendly relationship with her, but does she want this? Rather than gently nudge you to move on, her folks should engage you in a deeper conversation about her illness and behavior, triggers and reactions. Understand that if you were willing to be with her, it would benefit her parents, as well.

Your niece went almost two decades between these attacks on you. I wonder if there are better memories from that in-between time that you can attach to, in order to try to measure the reward versus risk of being in her presence.

You don't have to be physically near her in order to have a relationship. If she is active on social media, you might be able to reestablish a rapport. If she accepts a "friend" or "follow" request from you, an occasional "like" or comment on a photo might help both of you to feel more at ease. I believe you should try.

Dear Amy: Ugh. Spring is here, and the people up and down my street enjoy walking their dogs.

The problem is, some of these humans don't clean up after them! I hate looking out my window and witnessing this. More than that, I hate picking up these "deposits."

How should I respond?
— Curb Appeal

Dear Curb: Knee-high garden fencing along your property might deter dogs and owners.

I recently saw a photo of a cardboard box set on a lawn near the sidewalk. The box sported a sign saying, "Dog treats here!" with an arrow pointing into the open box. Inside the box was — you guessed it — about a dozen doggy "deposits."

That might work, also.

Dear Amy: "Annoyed by Chaos" described her workplace frustration due to "a certain level of OCD."

After I retired 10 years ago, my wife read an article about ADHD symptoms and showed it to me.

I read it and ticked off at least five items. I saw a specialist and was diagnosed and am now taking medication. If only I had been diagnosed earlier.

After talking to family members, one of my sons and two of my grandchildren were also diagnosed. The grandchildren will receive the help they need earlier than I did.

My joke is that ADHD might not excuse my actions over my life, but it does explain them. Like any other problem, ADHD is what I have — it is not me.

— Much Better

Dear Better: A correct diagnosis can explain behavior which is otherwise baffling. Your attitude is commendable; I'm happy your treatment is working.

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Michelle Obama to host children's story time

BY JENNIFER DAY

Parents, mark your calendars: Starting Monday at 11 a.m., former first lady Michelle Obama will host a story time on PBS Kids' Facebook and YouTube pages. The first installment in the four-week series will feature "The Gruffalo" by Julia Donaldson and illus-

trated by Axel Scheffler. The read-along is a joint program developed by Obama, PBS Kids and Penguin Random House. "As a little kid, I loved to read aloud. And when I became a parent, I found such joy in sharing the magic of storytelling with my own children — and then later, as First Lady,

with kids everywhere," Obama said in a statement. "At this time when so many families are under so much stress, I'm excited to give kids a chance to practice their reading and hear some wonderful stories (and to give parents and caretakers a much-needed break)." The story time will

stream live at 11 a.m. on Mondays through May 11 on PBS Kids' Facebook and YouTube pages; they will remain available on demand. In future weeks, Obama will read "There's a Dragon in Your Book" by Tom Fletcher and illustrated by Greg Abbott; "Miss Maple's Seeds" by Eliza Wheeler; and "The

Very Hungry Caterpillar" by Eric Carle. Additional resources related to the story time — including printable activities, additional read-alongs and tips for parents — are available at readtogether-betogogether.com.

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Michelle Obama: "As a little kid, I loved to read aloud."

Concerts

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Nation have postponed or canceled all shows. AEG's Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival, still ostensibly on for October, is looking less certain by the day and could see 40% of ticket holders request refunds during a new 30-day window for fans to get their money back.

Some studies suggest that social distancing measures affecting gatherings like concerts may need to be deployed into 2022. A vaccine for the novel coronavirus looks to be at least 12 to 18 months away. Like everyone else, shell-shocked music fans and the live industry are asking what it will take to ever get back to normal.

Sadly, there's much more pain and waiting to come, according to some leading epidemiologists and public health experts.

"If 1% of the population has COVID-19 and half are asymptomatic, that's 250 people in a stadium of 50,000, all touching chairs, eating food, talking and jumping and shouting. Is there a better place for spreading disease?" asked bioethicist Dr. Ezekiel Emanuel, the director of the Healthcare Transformation Institute at the University of Pennsylvania and a former healthcare advisor to President Obama.

"Going back to those situations, for all of us who love concerts, it's hard to see how to do that without a vaccine."

Emanuel, more than most medical experts, knows the devastation COVID-19 has brought to the entertainment business. "I've got a brother in the industry, I'm no curmudgeon," he joked, referring to his brother Ari Emanuel, chief executive of talent agency Endeavor. Another brother is former Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel, an enthusiastic supporter of Lollapalooza and other Chicago music festivals. Ezekiel Emanuel said Garcetti "should be commended" for his swift actions to shut down gatherings such as concerts, even as other cities like New Orleans allowed events like Mardi Gras to go forward last month.

Emanuel has already co-authored a road map for America to begin resuming public life. But given the country's woeful capacity for mass testing, the distant status of a vaccine and widely varying stay-at-home orders between states, even if some aspects of life begin to return to



Festivalgoers watch Bad Bunny perform at last year's Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival in Indio, California.

normal in California, it was hard for him to see a timeline where an event like Coachella could occur even well into next year.

"We'll begin opening up with social interactions while wearing face masks. If we're probably bending the top of curve, (that's) four to six weeks at the absolute earliest," Emanuel said. With more time and testing, "maybe you can later have a venue of 2,000 people where you put in 500 and spread them out with masks and protection. But you've got to vaccinate 70% of the population to get back to pre-COVID, and you may have to shut down some businesses that re-open. It's a roller coaster, and you want those hills to be as gentle as possible."

A comprehensive set of measures, like widespread testing for viral RNA and antigens (which can tell if you're currently infected) and serologic testing for antibodies (which indicate a prior infection and may imply some degree of immunity), would have to be established before any kind of large public event would be safe, said Dr. Krutika Kuppalli, infectious diseases physician and Biosecurity Fellow at the Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security.

"Lots of people in a crowded space is a great risk for transmission of COVID-19. We would need widespread testing to be scaled up to have a good estimate about prevalence in the population and what transmission dynamics looked like, and we would need a universal testing guideline with access to testing," she said. "Once testing was satisfactory, and it looked like numbers were

consistently going down to manageable numbers, you could start discussing lifting public health measures."

But that relief will likely come in fits and starts. "You need to slowly lift public health measures and watch what happens, and while doing so have adequate means to test, contact trace and quarantine people," she said. "Until that happens I don't think we should be talking about 'opening up' society again."

How long will that take? For artists, industry professionals and anxious music fans, the concert business, like live sports, was among the first to be affected by COVID-19 and will be among the last to recover. A disease that looked like a vague disruption just a month and a half ago now could be an extinction-level event for the live business for at least a year to come.

"It's my job to be 'the glass is 3/4 full' guy, but a lot of artists right now are like, 'Not only is the glass half-empty, but it's knocked all over the table,'" said Jonathan Daniel, co-founder of Crush Management, which looks after major acts, including Green Day, Lorde, Weezer and Fall Out Boy. He said that while some rap and pop artists (like Sia, whom Crush also manages) do fine on royalties alone, for "Weezer, Green Day and Fall Out Boy, they have lots of hits, but touring is the main part of what they make."

"Most artists rely overwhelmingly on the live business for income, there's very little being earned by recorded music anymore," said Brandon Ross, a partner at the tech and media research firm Lightshed.

The live music industry generates an estimated \$12.2 billion annually. "But even more than artists, I worry about support staff behind the scenes. That's why survival of Live Nation and AEG are so critical, because they are the backbone of the touring business, and thousands and thousands of people are reliant on that to make a living."

While the stock of megapromoter Live Nation lost, at one point, two-thirds of its value during the COVID-19 panic, the impact is already brutal on emerging acts and support crews.

"We're a microcosm of society, and this showed how fragile the whole economy was," said Kevin Lyman, founder of the stalwart punk roadshow Warped Tour and now a music business professor at the University of Southern California. He expects that even with progress on a vaccine and testing, fans may be hesitant to return to concerts for a while, and the concert industry will have to re-earn their trust.

"Everyone's talking about getting the country ramping back up, but there's no flipping a switch," he said. "The margins in this business are going to be the 20% of fans who won't go back to shows until there's a vaccine. We're at a point where fans can really lose a lot of confidence, and it'll take more than a vaccine to re-engage them."

As apocalyptic as that may seem for the industry, there's just no way to even set a timeline for the safe return of public gatherings yet, said Dr. Jeffrey Martin, a professor of epidemiology

and biostatistics at the University of California, San Francisco.

"We'll know when we're ready when we have processes in place to identify small brushfires and extinguish them before they turn into wildfires," he said. "That means an availability of testing and a willingness for people to test, and tracking the contacts of people who test positive. When we can 'go back' is when we have a process in place so brushfires can be identified. I don't know any community that can say that right now."

Martin was more optimistic that, with a vigorous testing and tracking regime, some elements of public life may be relatively safe before a vaccine is introduced. "This can work. I don't think we've got a precedent for it but in theory, this isn't curing cancer," he said. "It's a logistics operation. It's not the case that we won't be back to life until there's a vaccine. There are other ways to do this, but you need need to keep an eye on what they are."

Concerts and music festivals are a uniquely risky gamble for spreading COVID-19, though.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, the U.S. government's leading official in combating COVID-19, told Vanity Fair this week that "One of the real tragic things was that in Wuhan ... at a time when it was clear that there was viral transmission in the community, the Chinese held a 40,000-person massive block party celebrating some Chinese festival. That just exploded it," he said. "Look what happened after the Mardi Gras ... (Festivals) would make me really

nervous if there was virus still circulating."

A festival like Coachella draws fans from around the world and nearly every state. Some of them, like Florida and Georgia, were late to issue stay-at-home orders, and have shown a dangerous eagerness to reopen businesses even as the virus circulates in their communities.

"One of the main challenges has been the lack of federal guidance and inconsistent state-by-state support early in the outbreak," said Matthew Freeman, professor of environmental health and epidemiology at Emory University. "Evidence suggests that Florida's slow response resulted in a spring break crowd that led to infections across the U.S. as young people returned home."

"It is hard to foresee that crowded music festivals will be safe for some time," he added.

Even if California does what it needs to prevent new infections locally, a 125,000-capacity music festival with fans traveling from all over would be an ideal scenario for new transmissions. Every expert interviewed said large concerts and festivals would be a terrible idea for the foreseeable future.

"China had to close its border with Russia for that exact reason," Emanuel said. "Travel is a huge challenge."

"People could transmit the virus from a high-risk setting and bring it to a place where there may not be widespread disease, and vice versa," Kuppalli said.

Even as other businesses like restaurants or retail slowly re-emerge, and workers begin to restart the economy, the concert industry could take well over a year or more to look anything like what we're used to.

When shows hopefully resume in 2021, promoters will likely treat the disease like another security measure at the gates: temperature checks, mandatory face masks or even on-site COVID-19 testing are all potential measures in the future.

But as painful as it is now, fans should remember that the music will, someday, start again.

"I do think this will be an indelible moment in terms of how we interact with each other and our physical environment," Martin said. "It'll stick with people for a long time. It won't have such major impact that we can never imagine concerts again, but maybe we won't shake hands for 10 years."

Chicago Tribune staff contributed to this report.

Binga

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for a time, a king and, as Hayner writes, "a symbol of success in the Black Belt, someone who embodied the possibility of the American Dream."

He arrived as a 27-year-old. Born and raised in relatively pleasant circumstances in Detroit, he was married, had worked for an attorney and then hit the road as a Pullman porter, years later explaining that he did so "in order to get a general idea of the conditions about the nation and also acquaint himself with the different cities and to satisfy a desire to travel."

Of all those "different cities," Chicago exerted a strong pull and he arrived for keeps in 1892 with, Hayner writes (quietly displaying his attention to details) "a shoe-shine kit, some well-worn luggage, and ten dollars in his pocket."

What follows is a rags-to-riches story worthy of the most inventive novelist. Competing against what Hayner estimates were 30,000 other street peddlers, Binga scratched out a living, rented space in his own quarters to others, saved money and eventually started to buy what would become the foundation of a real estate empire; founded the Binga Bank in 1908, the first black-owned bank in the city; with his second wife Eudora, the sister of crime boss John "Mushmouth" V. Johnson, practiced devout Catholicism and helped promote the city's cultural landscape; threw almost unimaginably lavish Christmas parties, taking over an entire hotel, understandably becoming the Black Belt social events of the year.

His "kingdom" was roughly the area extending blocks on either side of State Street, from 22nd Street south to 39th Street. Known as the Black Belt and later (and today) as



JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE
Binga Bank shares from 1920. Jesse Binga founded the Binga Bank, the first black-owned bank in the city, in 1908.

Bronzeville, it was, Hayner says, a "section where wealth and poverty existed side by side ... sometimes uneasily."

Binga sold homes to blacks in what were then predominantly white neighborhoods, enraging racist factions who made him the target of almost monthly bombings of his home and offices for a couple of years and put him at the center of the city's ugly race riots of 1919.

It's all here, finely detailed and told with narrative force. In describing the Black Belt, Hayner writes, "The world of Jesse Binga's State Street could be a harrowing place. ... Despite the gambling and prostitution, the dangers, the poverty and housing woes ... Jesse Binga was one of a growing class of people who were bringing business to State Street. ... Binga was the future. Binga represented success."

It is obvious that Hayner came to know Binga on an intimate level. "I interviewed a few people who had known him, and I learned that he could be a cold guy," Hayner says. "He was an unapologetic capitalist, and I have come to admire that."

As a lifelong South Sider, for decades in the Beverly neighborhood, Hayner has a solid grasp of the racial tensions that have long marked this city. He believed that may be one reason why Binga and his story has faded, his legacy lost.

"He was such an inspiration for others," Hayner says. "A symbol of self-sufficiency and self-worth. But he left few papers, letters and other materials to fully explain this man. Also, there is a tendency — and I say this as a former newspaperman — to overlook the history of the South Side. That, of course, has a great deal to do with race and our ongoing struggle to deal with it."

Hayner did relish dig-

ging into the past for his book, pouring over microfilm and dusty files. Not everything is available through Google, you know. He did the same in the mid-1980s when he and Tom McNamee (still ink-stained as a Sun-Times writer/editor) wrote "Streetwise Chicago" (Loyola University Press), a charmingly informative catalog of the origins of the names of every street in the city, from Abbott Avenue through more than 1,100 other byways.

There is no Binga Boulevard here. His majestic house still stands on what is now Martin Luther King Drive. His bank was razed long ago, and its former site is now part of the campus of the Illinois Institute of Technology.

His fall — which included time in jail — was fast and hard. You can, as did Hayner, find his grave. But you will not find his name there.

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BONUS PUZZLE PAGE

An extra array of word games, search, Jumble and other tests to help you pass the time at home

SUDOKU

		6		1				
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Level: **1** 2 3 4

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

7	8	5	9	2	4	3	1	6
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2	6	9	1	8	3	5	4	7
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1	5	6	2	4	8	7	3	9
9	2	8	6	3	7	4	5	1
8	9	2	3	7	5	1	6	4
5	1	7	4	6	9	2	8	3
6	3	4	8	1	2	9	7	5

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WORD SEARCH

CAT AND RAT

Can you find all the words with CAT or RAT? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, even diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.

F V A P N E T A C A L P K A R A T E
 P U Y T I U T A R G C E I E B E A B
 C A T A L O G U E A T O T R G T N E
 O P E R A T O R T A L A P E A O D T
 E T A C A V E T R H C L T Y I T A H
 J G G Q V G L I T U R A O T C C E T
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 P T S Y M I G R A T E I L R U A T E
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| ALLOCATE | CATTLE | HYDRATE | RATION |
| APPLICATOR | CATTY | IRATE | RATTLE |
| BERATE | CELEBRATE | KARATE | SCAT |
| BOBCAT | COPYCAT | LOCATE | SCATHE |
| BRAT | CRATE | MIGRATE | SPRAT |
| CATALOGUE | CURATE | OPERATOR | TOMCAT |
| CATCH | EDUCATE | PIRATE | UNIFICATION |
| CATER | GRATIFY | PLACATE | VACATE |
| CATHEDRAL | GRATING | RATED | WARATAH |
| CATHODE | GRATUITY | RATHER | WRATH |

BOGGLE

Boggle BrainBusters!
 By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

A	Y	P	S
M	T	D	E
B	E	C	N
E	R	V	O

INSTRUCTIONS: Find as many words as you can by linking letters up, down, side-to-side and diagonally, writing words on a blank sheet of paper. You may only use each letter box once within a single word. Play with a friend and compare word finds, crossing out common words.

BOGGLE POINT SCALE
 3 letters = 1 point
 4 letters = 2 points
 5 letters = 3 points
 6 letters = 4 points
 7 letters = 6 points
 8 letters = 10 points
 9+ letters = 15 points

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 101-150 = Expert
 61-100 = Pro
 31-60 = Garner
 21-30 = Rookie
 11-20 = Amateur
 0-10 = Try again

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 Find AT LEAST FOUR MONTHS in the grid of letters.

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WordWheel

Insert the missing letter to complete an eight-letter word reading clockwise or counterclockwise.
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TV CROSSWORD

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
9					10	11			
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14					15				
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44						45			
46						47			

Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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ACROSS

- Anna ___ of "Mom"
- Military series for Catherine Bell
- "Lucy"
- Betty of "The Golden Girls"
- Valuable item
- Moore of "S.W.A.T."
- Foot digit
- Soleil ___ Frye
- Steve or Woody
- "Donovan's ___"; John Wayne movie
- Marquee light
- DaCosta of "Chicago Med"
- William Conrad detective series
- Uncle ___; role on "The Addams Family"
- Late Arthur of tennis
- Garr or Hatcher
- Light source
- "I ___ of Jeannie"
- "About ___"; Hugh Grant movie
- "___ About You"
- Beatty or Buffett
- "Home ___"; Macaulay Culkin film

DOWN

- Car from Italy
- "The Sun ___ Rises"
- Star of John Goodman's series
- "___ Got a Secret"
- ___ up; arrange
- "According to ___"
- "One Day ___ Time"
- Setting for "Hogan's Heroes"; abbr.
- "___ Wants to Be a Millionaire"
- Actor on "Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D."
- "Sanford and ___"
- "___ Behaving Badly"
- ___ G. Carroll of "Topper"
- Actor ___ Chaney Jr.
- "Please Don't ___ the Daisies"
- "Mike Hammer, Private ___"
- "Master and Commander: The ___ Side of the World"
- Jazz singer Calloway
- Univ. in Tempe
- Org. for Penguins & Ducks
- Charge
- Historical period
- "___ a Little Tenderness"; Otis Redding hit
- Adams or Johnson
- One of John-Boy's brothers
- Meara or Heche
- Martin or Cain
- "World ___ Z"; Brad Pitt movie
- "___ of Cakes"; Food Network series
- Serling of "The Twilight Zone"
- "Much ___ About Nothing"
- Texter's laugh

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

NIHTK
 ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

FARET
 ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

MOSTOH
 ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

GULJEG
 ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

ARROW WORDS

Fill in the grid using the clues provided in the direction of the arrows. When complete, unscramble the letters in the circles to reveal a mystery word.

Slanting	Unscathed	Crackers	Realtor's event	Entreat	College official	Hybrid fruit	Copy	"Cheers" barfly	24-hr. cash source
Enormous	Criticize	Dried coconut	Michele of "Glee"	Splendor Little louse	"Floating hotel"	IRS quarry	All worked up	Indian wrap	Chess pieces
Kind of silence	Solemn vow	Speed	Facts and figures	Spelling contests	With plenty of space	CPR expert	Hog's home	Light touch	Spelling contests
French water	Sway	Send out	Golf need	Citi Field team	Crux	Long time			

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KIDNEWS FUN & GAMES

Sustainable Energy

W	I	N	D	E	P	E	V	A	W
Y	G	R	E	N	O	W	E	C	I
A	V	E	F	U	E	L	R	I	R
L	I	R	T	S	O	L	A	T	T
T	T	E	I	L	E	C	R	Y	C
E	A	W	D	L	H	O	T	S	E
R	N	O	A	G	N	I	R	P	L
S	G	P	L	L	A	M	Y	H	E
T	E	O	T	H	E	R	D	R	O
O	R	E	D	E	N	E	R	G	Y

Find all the words from the word list (ignore spaces and dashes, if any):

- ALTERNATIVE FUEL
- GEOTHERMAL
- HOT SPRING
- HYDROELECTRICITY
- SOLAR CELL
- STORED ENERGY
- TIDAL POWER
- WAVE POWER
- WIND ENERGY

This is zigzag word search puzzle. Words go left, right, up, down, not diagonally, and can bend at a right angle. There are no unused letters in the grid; every letter is used only once.

Find 9 Differences!

The right answer

WATCH THIS: MONDAY



Morgan Spector

"The Plot Against America" (8 p.m., 10:17 p.m., HBO): In the conclusion of this six-part limited series, Herman (Morgan Spector) takes measures to keep his family safe as riots and wild conspiracies spread across the United States in the run-up to Election Day. Elsewhere, despite the distance separating them, Bess (Zoe Kazan) goes out of her way to help a small child in Kentucky who is swept up in a maelstrom of anti-Semitism.

"Botched" (7 p.m., 9:30 p.m., 10:30 p.m., E!): In the new episode "Surgically Enhanced," two big-bosomed friends pay a visit to Drs. Nassif and Dubrow to discuss treatment for problems relating to their bodies' generous curves. Later, a distressed patient desperately needs help fixing a bungled surgery on her breast, which now bears an unfortunate resemblance to an elephant's trunk. Yet another patient has issues that run deeper than his asymmetrical chin.

"Better Call Saul" (8 p.m., 10:30 p.m., 1 a.m., 3:30 a.m., AMC): This critically acclaimed and Emmy-nominated "Breaking Bad" spinoff ends its fifth season tonight with a finale called "Something Unforgivable," in which Jimmy and Kim (Bob Odenkirk, Rhea Seehorn) make a sideways move that takes an unexpectedly serious turn. Meanwhile, Nacho (Michael Mando) gets closer to the cartel than he ever wanted to be.

"Celebrity IOU" (8 p.m., 11 p.m., HGTV): Melissa McCarthy visits Chicago on a personal mission to give back to her aunt and uncle, both retired cops, who have had a profound effect on her life. Working with Drew and Jonathan Scott, Melissa creates an upstairs retreat where her aunt can entertain, as well as a downstairs man cave equipped with all the comforts her uncle deserves.

"Generation Columbine" (8 p.m., Starz): Filmmaker Matt McDonough's documentary examines the epidemic of mass school shootings in the United States largely from the perspective of the individuals most directly affected by this violence: a generation of young people who have never lived in a world without such school shootings.

"The Alaska Triangle" (9 p.m., 1 a.m., TRAVEL): In a new episode called "The Secrets of Mount Hayes," an eyewitness shares some remarkably compelling video evidence of what appears to be extraterrestrial activity in Fairbanks, Alaska. Later, a UFO hunter flies over Alaska's highest mountain in search of a secret underground alien base rumored to be located somewhere within its slopes.

TALK SHOWS

"Conan" (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Conan O'Brien welcomes celebrity guests and draws comedy from poignant news stories and politics.*

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): Melissa McCarthy; Octavia Spencer; Megan Thee Stallion; magician Dan White; best of Fallon.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): TV host Trevor Noah; chef José Andrés; Willie, Lukas and Micah Nelson perform.*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live!" (10:35 p.m. 11:36 p.m., ABC): Celebrity guests and comedy skits.*

* Subject to change

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APPLE

Theaster Gates draws on his lived experiences across the entire city — he was raised on the West Side, educated on the North Side and is now a resident on the South Side.

Gates

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legitimately interesting things; the Sweden segment, for example, centers on a couple who built their family house inside a greenhouse. But the show's guiding ethos feels rooted in marketing rather than curiosity and a willingness to ask uncomfortable questions. That said, the Chicago episode features artist Theaster Gates, who gives a thoughtful tour of the spaces he's rehabilitated on the city's South Side, and I can't think of a better person to spotlight on a show like this.

Raised on the West Side, educated on the North Side and now a resident of the South Side (producers make the crucial error of identifying it as the "Southside"), Gates draws on his training as an urban planner and his lived experiences across the entire city — and the disparities therein. (The episode is directed by New York-based filmmaker Jessica Dimmock.)

He recalls, as a student in a building permits class, "being taught that black and brown people are the challenges of cities and it's because they're lazy and don't want to work — and that whole idea was rubbing up against who I am.

And I just remember this feeling that I had of like, this world does not care about the poor. It just doesn't. I started to realize that the most savvy urban planners are not neighborhood advocates, they're not social activists."

Walking past abandoned buildings, he says, "it's hard not to feel heavy. It reminds you of a kind of failure of a place."

As the camera pans over spaces Gates has spent so many years re-imagining, what we don't see are the small details that go beyond the gorgeously shot images; there are no moments of Gates casually interacting with his neighbors, or even what the texture of his daily life looks like (he says he splits his time between the three houses/community art spaces he's rehabbed: The Listening House, the Archive House next door and the Black Cinema House across the street).

Despite that, the episode (sprinkled with brief talking head interviews, including Tribune contributor Britt Joliouis) is such a terrific opportunity for Gates to talk about the ways he's specifically thought about combatting disinvestment on the South Side.

"We knew that the property values in my neighborhood were low," he says of the area around 69th and

Dorchester. "And none of us knew about whether or not those values would ever change. Friends of mine who had money sense would say, 'Don't invest all your money in this building 'cause you're never gonna get your money out of it.' I wasn't worried about or concerned about resale value, I was investing in my life. I was investing in my block."

Or, put another way: "It was about defending the right that a black person has to make black space work."

I find myself saying this again and again during the coronavirus quarantine, but it's a joy to see the city on screen and the Gates episode absolutely fills that craving, if only for its 34-minute running time.

"Poor places are always making richness happen," he says at one point, "but we have to believe in them in order to see the richness. And I feel like one of the unexpected byproducts of believing in the South Side and believing in Chicago is that it's allowed me to have one of the most amazing art careers I could have ever imagined."

"And allowed me to feel safe. And free. And home." The nine-episode docu-series "Home" is available on Apple TV+

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MONDAY EVENING, APR. 20

		MOVIES							
	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	
BROADCAST	CBS 2	The Neighborhood	Bob Hearts Abishola	All Rise: "Bye Bye Bernie."		Bull: "Imminent Danger."		News (N) ♦	
	NBC 5	The Voice: "The Knockouts Part 2."		(N) ©		(9:01) Songland: "Luis Fonsi."		NBC 5 News (N) ♦	
	ABC 7	The Bachelor Presents: Listen to Your Heart: "Week 2."		(N) ©		The Baker and the Beauty: "Ruin My Life."		News at 10pm (N) ♦	
	WGN 9	Draft Special (N)	black-ish	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N)		WGN News at Ten (N)	
	Antenna 9.2	Alice	Alice	3's Comp.	3's Comp.	Johnny Carson		Coach	
	Court 9.3	Court TV Live (N) (Live) ©							Court TV (N)
	PBS 11	Chicago Tonight (N)			Antiques Roadshow (N) ©		Antiques Roadshow: "Little Rock."	Independent Lens (N) ♦	
	CW 26.1	Whose? (N)	Whose Line	Roswell, New Mexico (N)		Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld	
	The U 26.2	Dr. Phil		Tamron Hall		Blakeman	Blakeman	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	The Women of Brewster Place © ♦								
FOX 32	9-1-1: "Eddie Begins." (N)		(8:01) Prodigal Son: "The Professionals." (N) ©			Fox 32 News at Nine (N)	Modern Family		
Ion 38	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal ♦		
Telem 44	Cennet (N) ©		La Doña (N) ©			Noticias Telemundo (N)	Chicago (N)		
MNT 50	Chicago P.D. ©		Law & Order: SVU			Law & Order: SVU	Chicago ♦		
UniMas 60	¿Qué culpa tiene	Nosotr.	Nosotr.			Noticiero (N)	Vas con todo ♦		
WJYS 62	J. Savelle	K. Hagin	Joyce Meyer	Robison		Blakeman	Wonderen		
Univ 66	Ringo (N)		Amor eterno (N)			Sin miedo a la verdad	Noticias (N)		
CABLE	AE	Jeff Dunham: Talking Heads				Jeff Foxworthy		C. Farley ♦	
	AMC	*(5) U.S. Marshals ('98) **	Better Call Saul (Season Finale)			Dispatches From (N) ©			
	ANIM	Alaska- Last Frontier		Alaska- Last Frontier (N)			Alaska- Last Frontier (N)	Raising ♦	
	BBCA	Planet Earth: "Jungles."		Planet Earth ©			Planet Earth ©	Earth ♦	
	BET	*(5) About Last Night ***		A Mad Max Christmas (PG-13, '13) *		Tyler Perry, Kathy Najimy.		© ♦	
	BIGTEN	Ohio State		Big Ten		Big Ten		Big Ten	
	BRAVO	Below Deck (N)		Below Deck (N)		Below Deck Sailing Yacht		Watch (N)	
	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N)		CNN Tonight (N)		Tonight (N) ♦	
	COM	The Office	The Office	The Office		The Office		Daily (N) ♦	
	DISC	Street-Memphis (N)		Fast N' Loud (N) ©		(9:01) Car Kings (N) ©		Fast-Loud ♦	
	DISN	Bunk'd	Bunk'd		Roll With It	Gabby	Coop	Sydney-Max	
	E!	Botched (N) ©		Botched (N) ©		Nightly (N)		Botched ©	
	ESPN	NFL Football From Nov. 7, 2005.							SportsC. (N)
	ESPN2	NFL Programming (N) ♦							
	FNC	Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News	
	FOOD	Guy's Grocery Games		Spring Baking (N)		Chopped Sweets (N) ©		Chopped ♦	
	FREE	* Wreck It Jumanji (PG, '95) **		Robin Williams, Bonnie Hunt.				700 Club ♦	
	FX	*(6:30) Jurassic World (PG-13, '15) **		Chris Pratt.		Breeders (N)	Better	Breeders	
	HALL	Bottled With Love (NR, '19)		Bethany Joy Lenz.		Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	
	HGTV	Celebrity IOU (N) ©		Celebrity IOU (N) ©		Home Town (N) ©		Home ♦	
	HIST	American Pickers		American Pickers (N) ©		(9:03) Pawn Stars (N) ©		Pawn ♦	
	HLN	Sex & Murder ©		Sex & Murder (Series Finale) (N) ©		Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	
	IFC	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	
	LIFE	The First 48 ©		The First 48: Homicide		(9:03) The First 48 ©		First 48 ♦	
	MSNBC	All In With (N)		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)	
MTV	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridic. (N)	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.		
NATGEO	Cosmos: Possible Worlds		Cosmos: Possible (N)		(9:03) Drain the Titanic		Drain ♦		
NBCSCH	White Sox Rewind From June 22, 2005.				Fight Sports MMA		White Sox ♦		
NICK	Danger	Young Dylan	All That ©		Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©		
OVATION	*(6) Blue Crush (PG-13, '02) **		Total Recall (R, '90) ***		Arnold Schwarzenegger.		♦		
OWN	Dateline on OWN		Vanity Fair Confidential		Deadline: Crime		Dateline ♦		
OXY	*(6) Snapped ©		Catching a Serial Killer: Sam Little ©				Snapped ♦		
PARAMT	Friday After Next (R, '02) *		Ice Cube, Mike Epps. ©		Friday (R, '95) ***		Ice Cube. © ♦		
SYFY	Battlestar Galactica ©		Battlestar Galactica ©		Battlestar Galactica ©		Battlestar ♦		
TBS	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	American (N) Amer. Dad		Conan ©		
TCM	Gentlemen Prefer Blondes (NR, '53) ***				Gentlemen Marry Brunettes ('55) ***				
TLC	90 Day Fiancé		Self-Quarantined (Series Premiere) (N)		Dragnificent! (N)		90 Day		
TLN	Supernatural	IMPACT	Prayer	Faithwire	Robison	Billy Graham	Answers ♦		
TNT	The Dark Knight Rises (PG-13, '12) ***		Christian Bale, Anne Hathaway.				©		
TOON	Home Movie	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Rick, Morty	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy		
TRAV	Beyond the Unknown (N) ©				The Alaska Triangle (N)		Unknown ♦		
TVL	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Two Men	Two Men	King		
USA	WWE Monday Night RAW (N) (Live) ©						Total ♦		
VH1	Love, Hip Hop (N)		T.I. & Tiny: Friends (N)		Love & Hip Hop: Atlanta		T.I. & Tiny ♦		
WE	Criminal Minds ©		Criminal Minds ©		Criminal Minds: "No. 6."		Criminal ♦		
WGN America	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Almost Paradise (N) ©		Last Man		
PREMIUM	HBO	♦ Slumdog Millionaire ***	Plot Against America (Series Finale) (N)	Friend (N Subtitled-English)	Plot-Amer. ♦				
	HBO2	♦ The Plot Against America	Team America: World Police ('04) ***	(9:40) Hall Pass (R) ***					
	MAX	Strike Back: "Episode 10."	(7:50) The Gunman (R, '15) **	Sean Penn. ©					
	SHO	Dexter ©		Homeland ©		Lies		America Desus (N)	
	STARZ	*(6:58) Outlander ©		Generation Columbine (NR, '19) ©		(9:31) Outlander © ♦			
STZNC	Vida ©	(7:36) Vida	(8:08) Vida	(8:44) Vida: "Episode 4."		American Gangster *** ♦			

MUSIC REVIEW

Fiona Apple's intimate album makes bold show of unpretentiousness

By MIKAEL WOOD
Los Angeles Times

"Fetch the Bolt Cutters" is Fiona Apple's third consecutive album with a title to suggest that one of pop music's flesh-and-bloodiest songwriters has cold, hard machinery on her mind.

In 2012, there was "The Idler Wheel ..."; in 2005, there was "Extraordinary Machine." Certainly you can hear evidence of Apple's fixation in the records' highly percussive arrangements, which often emphasize quasi-industrial rhythms — complicated beats tapped out on drums and cans and pieces of scrap metal — over the type of swooning melodies that defined early hits like "Criminal" and "Shadowboxer."

But taken together, the titles also get at the way Apple, 42, appears to regard her music as a device to process trauma: "I know none of this will matter in the long run," she sings in "I Want You to Love Me," which opens the new album, her fifth overall. "But I know a sound is still a sound around no one." Render the pain just so, her thinking seems to go, and you might contain its ability to continue hurting or staining you — like a dishwasher or a rock tumbler or an engine burning up toxic fuel.

Not that her interest in gadgets extends to an assembly-line approach. In the near-decade since "Idler Wheel ...," the singer has spent a decreasing amount of time outside her home near Venice Beach, even as her influence has spread among younger artists, such as Lana Del Rey, Billie Eilish and King Princess; she recently gave a rare interview to the New Yorker in which she described how tortuous she found the idea of reentering the fray to promote a new project.



'Fetch the Bolt Cutters'

Fiona Apple
★★★★

Indeed, you have to wonder if she elected to release "Fetch the Bolt Cutters" last Friday — months earlier than she's suggested unspecified suits wanted her to — because the COVID-19 pandemic would provide some cover for the publicity she was already planning to avoid. (The album's title quotes a bit of dialogue from the British crime drama "The Fall" in which Gillian Anderson's character calls for the tool required to open a locked door.)

The result of Apple's self-imposed social distancing is the stunning intimacy of the material here — a rich text to scour in quarantine. Her idiosyncratic song structures, full of sudden stops and lurching tempo changes, adhere to logic only she could explain, which forces you to listen as attentively as though a dear friend were bending your ear; thus dialed in, you notice the array of close-miked textures in the music, much of which she laid down at her house over the past five years with a cozy group of collaborators, including drummer Amy Aileen Wood, guitarist David Garza and bassist Sebastian Steinberg (familiar to '90s alt-rock fans from his stint in Soul Coughing).

In "Heavy Balloon,"

about the difficulty of keeping the weight of depression aloft, Steinberg's slithering bass is an almost tactile presence, while the album's memory-jammed title track ends with the sound of Apple's beloved dogs barking their heads off — a bug of home recording that she turns into a feature.

Apple delivers that number in a breathy, slow-and-low mode that can harken back to her sultry early work. But mostly she seems determined to display the frayed edges of her voice, as in the swaggering "Under the Table" and "Newspaper," which doesn't have a tune so much as a furious spray of loosely connected notes.

Basically, you'd need to go back to the later parts of Nina Simone's catalog to find another pop vocalist as eager as Apple is to make such a show of unpretentiousness — a shared result, perhaps, of exiling oneself from a business you can't stand.

As for her lyrics, Apple has never cut closer to the bone: "Well, good mornin', good mornin'!" she sings in "For Her." "You raped me in the same bed your daughter was born in." Yet as unflinchingly personal as this music feels, Apple isn't always mining her own troubled autobiography as she was widely assumed to be doing in her teenage-phenom days. "For Her," she told the New Yorker, was actually inspired by watching Brett Kavanaugh be confirmed to the Supreme Court; in "Newspaper" she identifies with a woman unfortunate enough to have ended up with her ex.

"I watch him let go of your hand, I wanna stand between you," she tells the woman over a clanking punk-cabaret groove. She's seething but she's empathizing — a feeling machine operating at full tilt.

Horoscopes



Today's birthday (April 20): Grow through travel and discovery this year. Strengthen career structures and routines for success. Summer cash flow delays motivate a surge in creativity. Expect travel barriers. A winter financial squeeze leads to surging gains for a shared venture. Investigate a beloved subject at a deeper level.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 9. You have extra energy. Pursue a personal passion. Don't worry about the future. Take care of yourself, here and now. Support yourself to help others.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 7. Focus to complete projects and tasks. Organize documents and files. Update plans for recent changes. Nature rejuvenates you.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. Coordinate action with friends for satisfying results. Together, you're a powerful force. Teamwork wins. Take advantage of a lucky break.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. Ensure that what you build is solid. Don't bend the rules. Powerful negotiations can persuade someone important. Proceed with caution.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. You're learning valuable new tricks. Apply them to real world problems. Practical actions get positive results. Grow your professional tool belt with new skill sets.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. You're smarter united. Put heads and hearts together to come up with financial solutions around a challenge. Collaborate and adjust for a growth trajectory.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Partnership is more than the sum of two parts. Amplify each other's talents to new heights and lucrative gain. Encourage and propel shared account growth.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 9. Prioritize health. Rely on a strong partnership. Provide your strengths and talents. Routines could get disrupted; maintain communication for smooth sailing. Collaborate for shared ease.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Love puts a spring in your step. Grow energy levels with rest, exercise and good food. Get your heart pumping for a passion.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Domestic pleasures entice. Play your favorite games with people you love. Avoid travel and settle in with popcorn and hot drinks. Share your heart.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Adapt to new circumstances. Change the story that you're writing. Postpone travel and get into domestic improvements. Cook up something delicious with your family.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 9. Your ideas are attracting attention. Don't count your chickens until they're hatched. Return correspondence and communications. Network and share ideas, resources and opportunities.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater

COMIC STRIP FIRST DRAFTS 4/20

CLAVIN & HOPS
YOU KNOW WHAT MAKES YOUR IPA BITTER, NORM?
WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE CLASS?
THE WORKING CLASS!
WHERE'RE MY READING GLASSES?
THE FAR SIGHTED HELPS ME SLEEP.

BARNEY GOOGLES
Google SHIRTLESS 21/06/21

PILLS BEFORE WINE

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Bliss

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DON'T LOOK NOW, BUT IN 3 SECONDS I WANT YOU TO VERY NONCHALANTLY LOOK AT MY TAIL AND TELL ME IF IT'S WAGGING.

www.harrybliss.com

Bridge

Here are the answers to the weekly quiz:

Q.1—Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ 10 9 6 3 ♥ K Q 9 8 6 5 ♦ 5 ♣ J 9

North	East	South	West
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	?	

What call would you make?

A.1—Partner's bid shows 18-19 and it does not deny four spades. Make whatever bid brings spades into the picture — for most that would be 3C- and bid 4H next if you don't uncover a spade fit.

Q.2—North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ K 10 9 ♥ A K 9 8 2 ♦ K 2 ♣ A Q 6

With the opponents passing, you open 1H and partner responds 1NT. What is your rebid?

A.2—A 2NT rebid by opener shows 18-19, whether or not it is a jump. Bid 2NT.

Q.3—East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ Q 10 9 8 6 ♥ Q J 6 2 ♦ 7 3 ♣ K 5

Partner opens 1C and right-hand opponent bids 1D. What call would you make?

A.3—In this precise auction, a negative double promises at least four cards in each major, while a bid of 1H or 1S only promises a four-card suit. Double.

Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A 3 ♥ 10 6 2 ♦ K 10 6 2 ♣ K 9 8 7

Partner opens 1NT, 15-17, and right-hand opponent bids 2H. What call would you make?

A.4—Should you play the Lebensohl convention, a bid of 3NT would deny a heart stopper. Perfect! Failing that, what can you do? Bid 3NT anyway and cross your fingers.

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Dilbert

Dilbert By Scott Adams

SORRY, I NO LONGER SHAKE HANDS.

I CAN PRACTICALLY SEE THE VIRAL LOAD ON THAT FILTHY PAW OF YOURS.

YOU CAN'T "SEE" A VIRUS.

HEE-HEE! THAT'S HOW WE GETCHA.

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Baby Blues

Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott

HEY, MOM, WHAT'S FOR DESSERT?

DESSERT??

WHY DON'T WE GET THROUGH DINNER FIRST?

DINNER?

OH, YOU MEAN PRE-DESSERT.

OKAY, LET'S CALL IT THAT.

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Zits

Zits By Jerry Scott and Jim Borgman

HOW LONG HAVE YOU HAD THAT TATTOO?

ABOUT A YEAR.

THE OLDEST STUFF IS AT THE BOTTOM, AND THEY GET NEWER AS YOU GO UP.

ARCHAEOLOGICALLY, I MAKE SENSE.

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Mr. Boffo

Mr. Boffo By Joe Martin

WHEN I GET OLDER, I'M GOING TO SIT IN THE FRONT SEAT AND DRIVE LIKE YOU DO

WHEN I GET OLDER, I'M GOING TO SIT IN THE BACK SEAT AND SLEEP LIKE YOU DO

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Frazz

Frazz By Jef Mallett

... AND YELLS, "THAT KIND OF LEASH IS DANGEROUS!"

AND I'M, LIKE, SO ARE CARS IF YOU USE THEM WRONG.

YOU BOTH HAD A POINT.

NOTED, THOUGH MINE WAS IN MY HEAD AND HERS WAS BEING YELLED OUT THE WINDOW OF A SERIOUSLY DINGED-UP RUNNER ROVER.

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Classic Peanuts

Classic Peanuts By Charles Schulz

WOODSTOCK WOULD HAVE MADE A LOUSY MOTH!

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Pickles

Pickles By Brian Crane

I CAME ACROSS AN INSPIRING QUOTE THIS MORNING.

OH?

"IF TODAY YOU ARE A LITTLE BETTER THAN YESTERDAY, THEN THAT'S ENOUGH." DAVID A. BEDNAR.

AND THIS MORNING I PICKED UP A CHEERIO OFF THE FLOOR WITHOUT BEING ASKED.

SO?

YESTERDAY I WOULD'VE JUST LEFT IT THERE.

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Dick Tracy

Dick Tracy By Joe Staton and Mike Curtis

MINIT MYSTERIES!

YOU CAN'T IMAGINE WHAT IT WAS LIKE AFTER YOU STOPPED WRITING! I WAITED ALWAYS HOPIN'...

I WAS KIDNAPPED! THEY TOOK AWAY MY MEMORY!

YOU REALLY DON'T REMEMBER? WE WERE GONNA BUY A PONY FARM TOGETHER.

IS THAT WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT?

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Animal Crackers

Animal Crackers By Mike Osburn

IT'S A BEAR MARKET.

WALL STREET ISN'T HAPPY.

LET'S HOPE THIS BEAR MARKET GOES BACK INTO HIBERNATION SOON.

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Prickly City

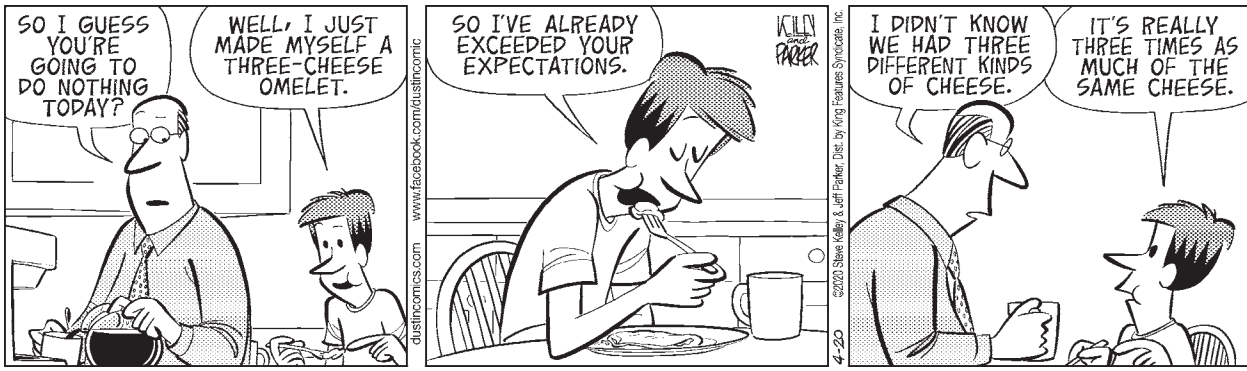
Prickly City By Scott Stantis

THE LITTLE BUGS ARE MAKING ME CRAZY. THE DARKNESS IS CLOSING IN. I AM SO VERY ALONE....

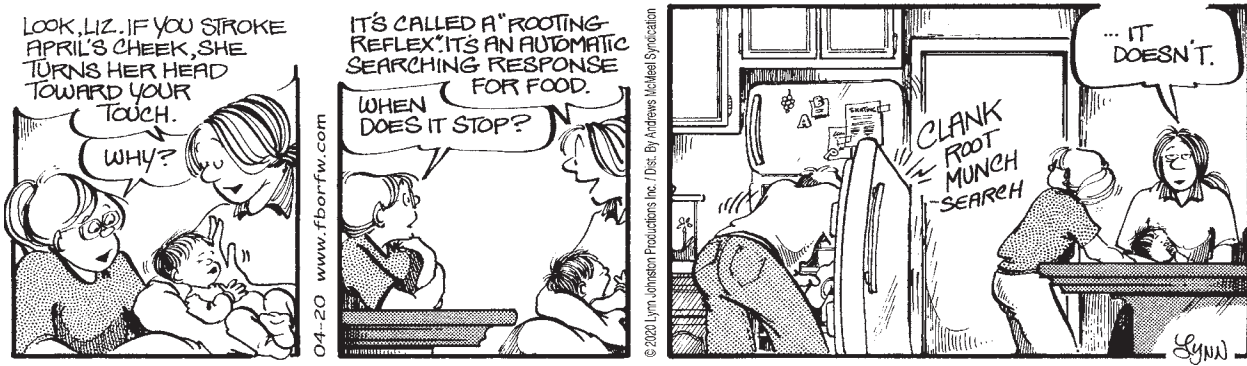
THE QUARANTINE IS ALMOST OVER, CARMEN. MOVE THE PHONE AWAY FROM YOUR FACE AND, FOR CRYING OUT LOUD, TAKE A BATH....

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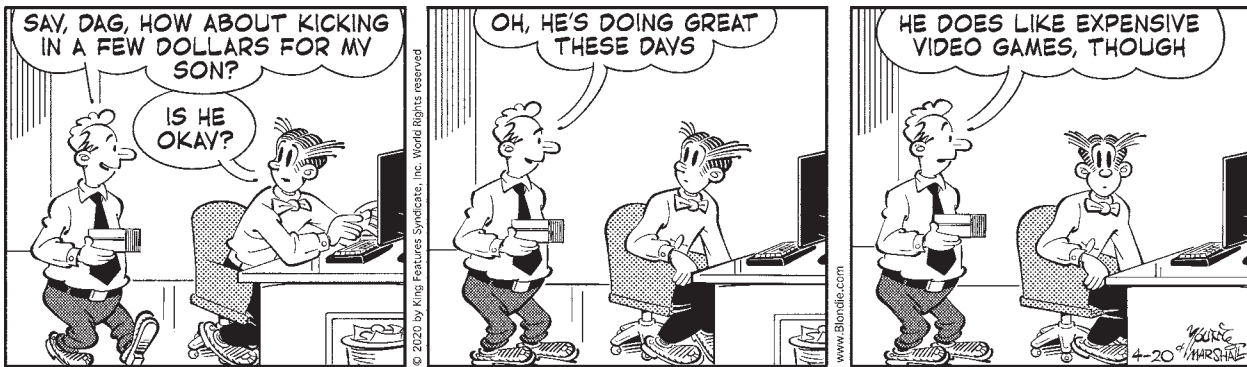
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Hägar the Horrible By Chris Browne



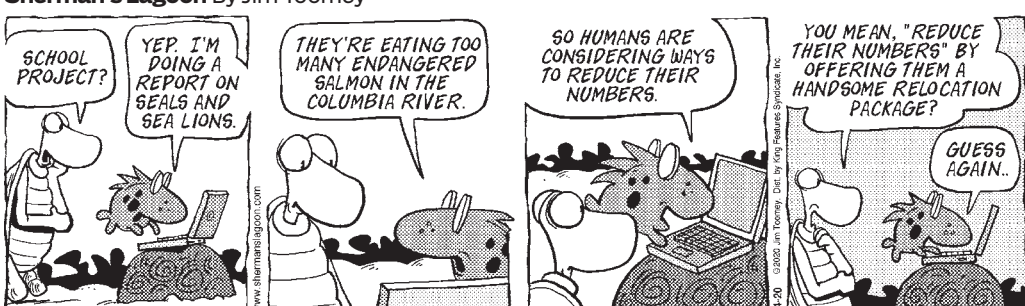
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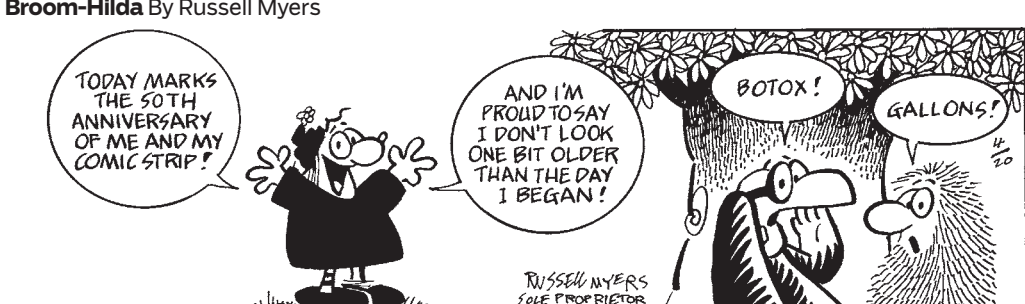
Sherman's Lagoon By Jim Toomey



Brewster Rockit: Space Guy! By Tim Rickard



Broom-Hilda By Russell Myers



Trivia Bits

In Richard Nixon's famous "Checkers speech," whom did he credit with naming the Nixon family dog?

A) Dwight D. Eisenhower
 B) Nixon's wife, Pat
 C) Nixon's daughter Tricia
 D) Earl Warren

Saturday's answer: Tibetan momo, Mongolian buuz and Chinese ha gow are types of dumpling.

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Jumble Crossword

CLUE ACROSS ANSWER

1. Crest BEELMM

5. Around longer ROELD

6. ___ Sea ISHIR

7. Account book ELGRED

CLUE DOWN ANSWER

1. Plenty GENHOU

2. ___ story EMIEBDT

3. Meriting RNEINAG

4. Wealthier ECRHRI

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.

4-20-20

CLUE: The official language of this country is English.

BONUS

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ANSWERS: 1-A-Eisenhower 5-A-Tibetan momo, Mongolian buuz and Chinese ha gow are types of dumpling. © 2020 Leslie Eiman. Dist. by Creators.com

Sudoku 1 2 3 4

4/20

	1	4	5					8
6				1				
			4					6
		1				9		
	3		1		9		4	
		5				2		
2								
				2		5		8
	4			3	5	7	2	

5	9	1	7	6	2	3	4	8
4	7	6	3	8	5	2	1	9
8	3	2	1	4	9	6	7	5
9	2	7	5	1	8	4	6	3
1	8	4	6	2	3	5	9	7
6	5	3	9	7	4	8	2	1
7	1	8	4	3	6	9	5	2
2	4	5	8	9	7	1	3	6
3	6	9	2	5	1	7	8	4

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Saturday's solutions

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Jumble

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.

CDNEU

CAKNK

OMUPID

CAFROT

Answer here

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Welcome back! You're looking good!

You look like you're back in shape.

I feel like myself again.

THE CIRCLE HAD BEEN SICK FOR A WHILE BUT WAS HAPPY TO BE ---

Saturday's answers

Jumbles: JOKER CRIMP POETRY TATTLE

Answer: The dogs learned to use tools so they could work on their — PET PROJECT

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Crossword

4/20

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9	10		11	12	13	
14					15								16		
17					18	19	20	21				22			
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54						55	56			57					
58						59				60			61	62	63
64						65							66		
67						68							69		

Across

1 Open spaces

5 Ancient Roman orator

11 Tablet download

14 "This doesn't look good!"

15 "The old-fashioned way" to make money, in an old ad

16 Hawaiian welcome

17 Like a versatile wardrobe

19 Implore

20 Mark of Zorro

21 Gloomy thinkers

23 Sub detection device

26 Devious

27 The "E" in Q.E.D.

28 Partner for the big high school dance

30 Full of pluck

32 Place for a bud or a plug

33 Solves, with "out"

35 Seafood-based party bowlful

38 Chess game blunder

42 Hastily donned

44 Geese flight formation

45 Alabama seaport

48 Dined

51 2010 Apple debut

52 Butter serving

53 Young women

54 Sell for

57 Bikini top

58 Little hill crawler

59 Frantic rush, or a hint to each set of circles

64 Hair-stiffening stuff

65 Not ready to eat, as fruit

66 Fairway club

67 Before, in verse

68 Up-and-down playground fixture

69 Auction-ending word

23 Blueprint detail, briefly

24 Daunting exam

25 Romance writer Roberts

26 R.E.M. frontman Michael

29 Blazing

30 Three-legged piano

31 Color of Hester Prynne's "A"

34 WWII naval threat

36 Crete's highest pt.

37 UPS competitor

39 Mind-matter link

40 ___ marsala: Italian restaurant choice

41 Snigger's catch

43 Doodad

45 Desert illusion

46 First game in a series

47 War movie scene

49 Taj Mahal city

50 Great Lakes natives for whom an Ohio county is named

52 Mission priest

55 Irreverent Don of talk radio

56 Turnpike division

57 Make, as tea

60 Tax whiz, briefly

61 Sis' sib

62 Online "Ha-ha!"

63 Come to a close

Down

1 Chewing ___

2 Sushi tuna

3 Quaint curse

4 Captain Marvel's magic word

5 Formally hand over

6 Beatles' "___ the Walrus"

7 Seafood item needing to be cracked

8 Way to get in

9 Puerto ___

10 Roman emperor for three months

11 Physicist Einstein

12 View with interest

13 Pen for porkers

18 Unhip type

22 Reason-based faith

Saturday's solution

SCHMO Ooze EVES
 ALOOF CROG DELI
 MANOFSTEEL GRAF
 MENTHE ITISNT
 PHOTOSPREADS
 BUSIED HATARI
 AZTEC ASTIN LSD
 LIU HEROICS LEI
 MSN ANDRE FLEES
 TARTER KIOSKS
 LUPITANYONGO
 ARIOSI REUSES
 CALL LESSFREVIL
 ELOI ELKO ELATE
 SISTS DYAN DYNES

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CHICAGO WEATHER CENTER

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MONDAY, APRIL 20 NORMAL HIGH: 61° NORMAL LOW: 40° RECORD HIGH: 87° (1985) RECORD LOW: 24° (1897)

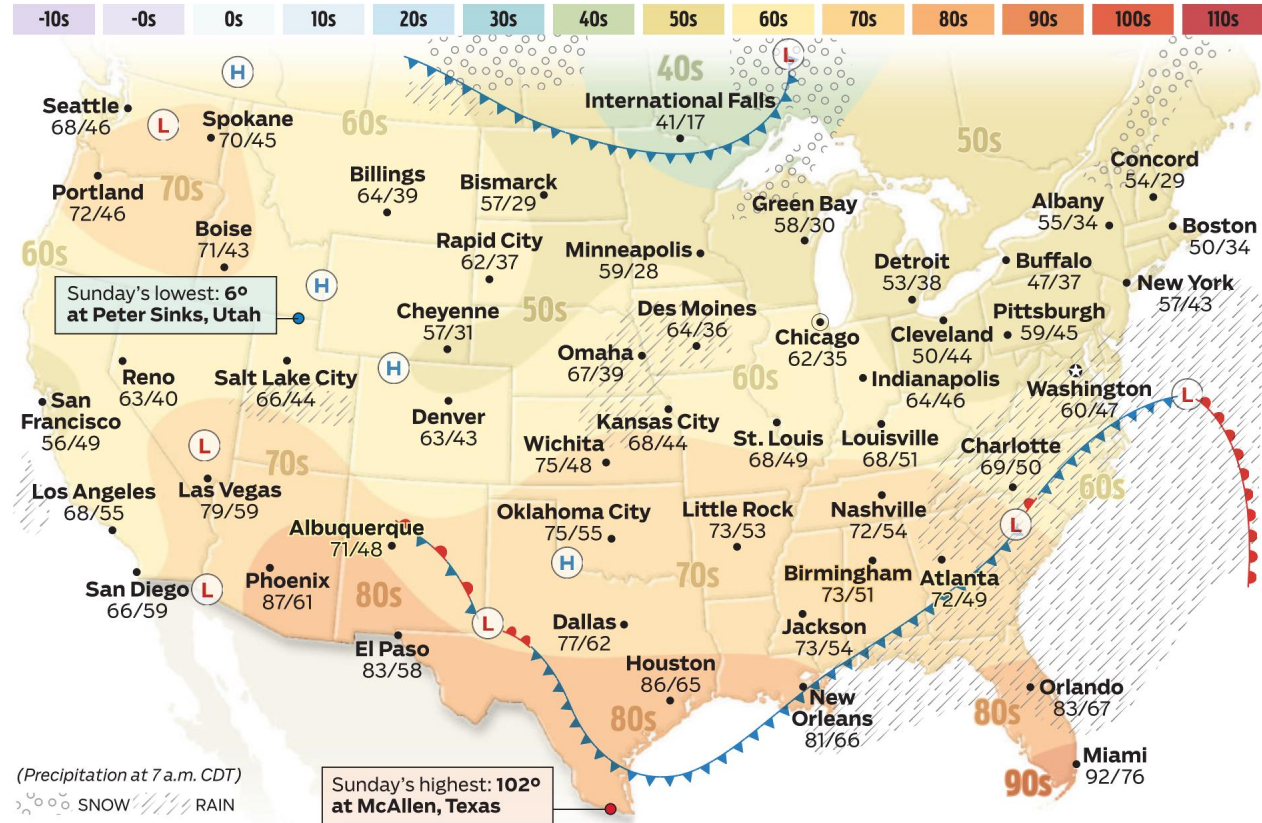
Clouds and winds increase in the afternoon

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 62 **LOW** 35

■ Morning sun but clouds steadily increase, becoming mostly cloudy by late afternoon.
 ■ Light SW morning winds strengthen to 10-15 mph by noon and gust to 30 mph in the afternoon.
 ■ Seasonable high in the low 60s.
 ■ Slight chance of light afternoon rain. Rain chance increases by sunset. An evening thunderstorms possible as a cold front passes.
 ■ Rain chance ends overnight and clouds begin to scatter.
 ■ Cold overnight low in the mid 30s. Gusty winds turn NW.

NATIONAL FORECAST



Morning sun to start the week but clouds begin increasing by lunch time. Skies become mostly cloudy by mid-afternoon producing a slight chance for a passing shower. Rain chances increase by evening. A thunderstorm is possible as a cold front passes. Strong, gusty daytime southwest winds will turn to the northwest after the cold front passes, bringing much colder air. The high temperature Tuesday will be at least 10 degrees colder than Monday. Approaching high pressure Tuesday will bring dry conditions before the next rain chance late Wednesday.

Another round of storms affected the south and southeast Sunday. Reports included golf ball size hail in Texas, a tornado in Texas and another in Mississippi. Wind damage were reported from Texas to South Carolina.

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

HIGH 50 **LOW** 36

Mostly sunny, breezy and much cooler. NW winds 15-20 mph gusting to 30 mph. High near 50, more than 10° below normal. Just a few overnight clouds. Winds weaken, becoming calm. Low in the mid 30s

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

HIGH 65 **LOW** 45

A sunny morning then increasing clouds. Slight chance for an afternoon shower. SW winds gusting to 25 mph. Warmer with a high in the mid 60s. Showers and possibly a scattered evening t-storm. Rain overnight.

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

HIGH 58 **LOW** 43

Scattered rain showers. Mostly cloudy, cooler with a high in the upper 50s. Winds become NE in the afternoon keeping it cooler lakeside. Mostly cloudy overnight with diminishing chance of rain. NE winds 8-12 mph.

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

HIGH 55 **LOW** 41

Slight chance of a scattered morning shower; chances increase in the afternoon but remain scattered. Mostly cloudy with a high in the mid 50s but cooler lakeside. NNE winds 10-16 mph. Showers persist overnight.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

HIGH 55 **LOW** 40

Mostly cloudy with scattered rain showers. High again in the mid 50s. Cooler by the lake with breezy NE winds. A slight chance for some brief overnight showers. A low near the normal of 42.

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

HIGH 54 **LOW** 41

A cloudy start to the day. Some peaks of sun by afternoon. High in the mid 50s but cooler near the lake with NNE winds 8-12 mph. Partly cloudy overnight. Light and variable nighttime winds. Low near 40.



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

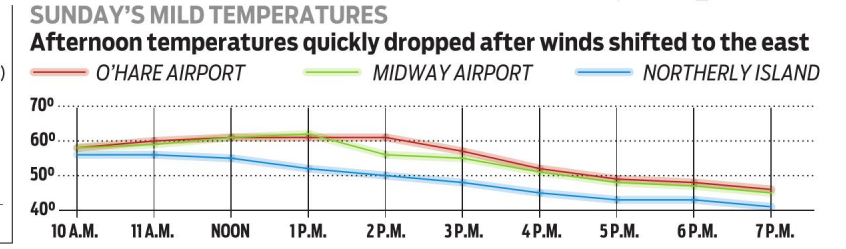
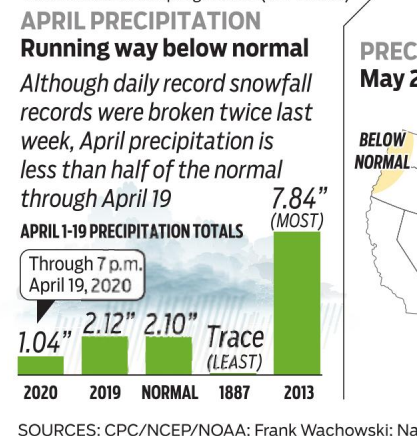
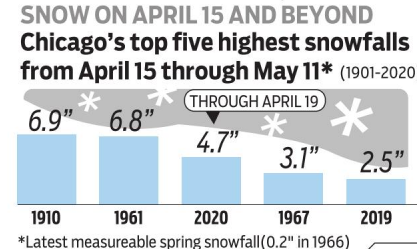
Dear Tom,
 Last year's snow-free season seems to be one of the shortest in terms of time between the last and first snows and this season seems to be one of the longest between first and last snows. Any records?
 Neil Libby, Glenview

Dear Neil,
 Last year the last measurable snow of the season was 2.5 inches April 27 and the first fall snow was 1.2 inches Oct. 30, giving the city a 185-day snow-free period, far short of the record 164 days in 1989 between a 0.5-inch snowfall May 6 and 0.7 inches Oct. 18. So far this season, the snow period spans 171 days from Oct. 30- April 17, also far short of the city's record 185-day snow season in 1953-54, from Nov. 5-May 5. We must remember that the book is not officially closed on this snow season, since the city has logged measurable snow as late as May 11 in 1966 with 0.2 inches.

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 asktomwhy@wgntv.com

Hear Demetrius
 Ivory's weather updates weekdays 3 to 6 p.m. on WGN-AM 720 Chicago.

Quick Sunday afternoon cool-down; a normal May expected



MIDWEST CITIES

CITY	MON	TUES	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois								
Carbondale	pc	69	50	su	63	39		
Champaign	pc	62	42	su	54	34		
Amarillo	pc	64	43	su	55	36		
Decatur	pc	63	37	su	54	40		
Moline	pc	62	39	su	54	36		
Peoria	pc	62	42	su	58	40		
Quincy	pc	61	35	su	51	36		
Rockford	pc	63	43	su	56	38		
Springfield	pc	62	35	su	52	37		
Sterling	pc	62	35	su	52	37		
Indiana								
Bloomington	su	65	48	su	54	34		
Evansville	pc	67	50	su	60	37		
Fort Wayne	pc	58	40	pc	44	30		
Indianapolis	pc	64	46	pc	52	34		
Lafayette	pc	64	44	pc	53	35		
South Bend	pc	60	37	pc	43	31		
Wisconsin								
Green Bay	sh	58	30	pc	44	32		
Kenosha	pc	60	34	su	48	36		
La Crosse	sh	61	32	su	50	39		
Madison	sh	59	32	su	48	36		
Milwaukee	sh	60	33	su	47	36		
Wausau	sh	50	26	pc	43	32		
Michigan								
Detroit	pc	53	38	pc	42	28		
Grand Rapids	pc	56	34	pc	40	29		
Marquette	sh	48	23	pc	33	23		
St. Ste. Marie	rs	46	25	pc	31	21		
Traverse City	sh	55	29	pc	34	26		
Iowa								
Ames	pc	64	34	su	57	44		
Cedar Rapids	pc	63	32	su	52	39		
Des Moines	pc	64	35	su	58	46		
Dubuque	pc	61	33	su	50	37		

OTHER U.S. CITIES

CITY	MON	TUES	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Albany	pc	79	56	pc	79	64		
Albuquerque	pc	55	34	rs	57	32		
Albany	pc	71	48	pc	72	47		
Amarillo	pc	73	49	rs	73	51		
Anchorage	sh	45	37	sh	45	36		
Asheville	rn	65	42	pc	65	38		
Aspen	sh	50	31	rs	52	32		
Atlanta	sh	72	49	su	73	46		
Atlantic City	sh	54	44	rs	60	36		
Austin	pc	87	62	pc	86	68		
Baltimore	sh	59	47	sh	64	39		
Billings	pc	64	39	su	70	44		
Birmingham	pc	73	51	su	75	47		
Bismarck	pc	57	29	pc	72	44		
Boise	su	71	43	pc	73	46		
Boston	cl	50	34	rs	57	33		
Brownsville	pc	96	72	pc	87	76		
Burlington	su	47	37	rs	44	27		
Butte	pc	60	39	ts	59	41		
Charlotte	rn	69	50	pc	74	44		
Charlottesville	ts	72	58	su	76	57		
Charlottesville	pc	64	48	sh	57	31		
Chattanooga	pc	57	31	pc	60	38		
Cheyenne	pc	65	48	pc	54	32		
Cincinnati	pc	65	48	pc	54	32		
Cleveland	su	50	44	sh	48	34		
Colorado Springs	pc	60	39	ts	59	41		
Columbia MO	pc	65	44	su	64	43		
Columbia SC	ts	72	52	su	77	49		
Columbus	pc	60	47	sh	49	29		
Concord	pc	54	29	rs	36	29		
Corpus Christi	pc	87	69	pc	82	73		
Crawford	pc	77	62	pc	82	66		
Daytona Bch.	ts	82	64	pc	84	61		
Denver	pc	63	43	pc	63	44		
Des Moines	sh	46	27	pc	43	32		
El Paso	pc	83	58	pc	87	58		

WORLD CITIES

CITY	MON	TUES	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Palm Beach	pc	93	73	ts	89	71		
Palm Springs	su	83	59	su	87	65		
Philadelphia	sh	58	40	rs	63	35		
Phoenix	su	87	61	su	84	61		
Pittsburgh	pc	59	45	rs	49	30		
Portland, ME	pc	51	34	rs	49	34		
Portland, OR	pc	72	46	cl	66	50		
Providence	sh	54	34	rs	56	32		
Raleigh	rn	60	47	pc	73	43		
Rapid City	pc	62	37	pc	71	45		
Reno	cl	63	37	pc	71	45		
Richmond	rn	60	46	pc	72	38		
Rochester	pc	48	34	rs	44	28		
Sacramento	pc	69	46	su	78	50		
Salem, Ore.	pc	70	42	pc	66	50		
Salt Lake City	su	66	44	su	69	46		
San Antonio	pc	92	59	pc	89	69		
San Diego	pc	66	59	pc	88	57		
San Francisco	pc	56	49	pc	60	51		
San Juan	pc	86	74	pc	85	75		
Santa Fe	pc	63	41	pc	65	39		
Savannah	ts	76	57	su	80	55		
Seattle	pc	68	46	cl	61	49		
Shreveport	pc	75	59	su	81	63		
Sioux Falls	pc	65	30	su	65	47		
Spokane	pc	70	45	pc	69	47		
St. Louis	pc	68	49	pc	63	41		
Tucson	su	86	54	su	83	55		
Tulsa	pc	77	50	pc	77	57		
Tallahassee	ts	83	59	pc	84	57		
Tampa	ts	81	66	pc	85	63		
Topeka	sh	72	54	su	71	40		
Turkey	su	86	54	su	83	55		
Tulsa	pc	77	50	pc	77	57		
Washington	sh	60	47	sh	66	39		
Wichita	su	75	48	pc	74	53		
Wilmington	pc	52	35	rs	49	25		
Wilmington	pc	52	35	rs	49	25		
Yuma	su	86	60	su	85	63		

FORECAST (FC) ABBREVIATIONS: su-sunny pc-partly cloudy cl-cloudy rn-rain ts-thunderstorm sn-snow fl-furries fr-freezing rain sl-sleet sh-showers rs-rain/snow ss-snow showers w-windy na-unavailable

CHICAGO DIGEST

SUNDAY TEMPERATURES

LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
Aurora	61	39	Midway	62	45
Gary	59	45	O'Hare	62	46
Kankakee	63	44	Romeoville	62	43
Lakefront	58	41	Valparaiso	60	44
Lansing	59	42	Waukegan	58	41

CHICAGO PRECIPITATION

PERIOD	2020	NORMAL
Sun. (through 4 p.m.)	0.00"	0.12"
April to date	1.04"	2.10"
Year to date	8.09"	8.12"

CHICAGO SNOWFALL

PERIOD	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Sun. (through 4 p.m.)	0.0"	0.0"
Season to date	34.8"	34.7"
Normal to date	36.2"	37.0"

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS

	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Wind	SW 15-30 kts.	NW 15-30 kts.
Waves	1-3 feet	3-5 feet
Sun. shore/crib water temps	48°/46°	

LAST WEEK'S PEAK POLLEN LEVEL

POLLEN	LEVEL
Tree	High
Grass	0
Mold	Low
Ragweed	0
Weed	0

ILLINOIS AIR QUALITY

Sunday's reading: Good
 Monday's forecast: Good
 Critical pollutant: Particulates

MONDAY RISE/SET TIMES

Sun	6:03 a.m.	7:36 p.m.
Moon	5:00 a.m.	4:23 p.m.

MONDAY PLANET WATCH

PLANET	RISE	SET
Mercury	5:37 a.m.	6:17