



CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Schools closed till April

Oak Park's safety measures may go into effect in more areas soon

Ill. cases surpass 400; Lightfoot creates fund for small businesses

Officials tell residents grocery stores, gas stations will stay open



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Front, Asia Brown and co-worker Lekia Wilson shop at Pete's Fresh Market in Oak Park on Thursday before the shelter-in-place order kicked in.

BY GREGORY PRATT, JOHN BYRNE, DAN PETRELLA, HANNAH LEONE, ROBERT MCCOPPIN AND MORGAN GREENE

State and local officials on Thursday praised Chicago's resilience and reassured Illinoisans that essential aspects of daily life will continue, as the human toll of the coronavirus escalated with three more deaths and more than 100 new cases reported in the state.

In a televised speech that promised her administration is up to the task of curbing the COVID-19 outbreak, Mayor Lori Lightfoot announced she will keep Chicago Public Schools closed through April 20 and a \$100 million fund has been created to provide low-interest loans to small businesses.

"I want you to be able to lay your head down at night comforted by the fact that we are ready to meet this challenge," Lightfoot said.

Earlier, Gov. J.B. Pritzker announced 134 new cases of COVID-19, bringing the statewide total to 422 in 22 counties, with more than 100 of those in Chicago. The patients, a handful of whom have fully recovered and are out of isolation, have ranged in age from 9 to 99.

Pritzker said there were three more deaths in Illinois associated with COVID-19: a Will County man in his 50s, a Cook County woman in her 80s and a Florida woman in her 70s who was visiting Sangamon County — the first confirmed case in the county and its first death.

"I feel like I can speak for all of Illinois when I say we offer them our collective strength at this time," Pritzker said.

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Oak Park shelters in place. Who'll follow?

Other parts of state mull move not fully understood by all

BY STACY ST. CLAIR, STEVE JOHNSON AND STEVE SCHERING

When the clock struck midnight, Oak Park residents went on lockdown, the subjects of a dramatic shelter-in-place order that essentially commands them to stay in their homes as public health officials try to slow the coronavirus' spread in the near western suburb.

Residents can still go to the grocery store, keep their doctor appointments, make pharmacy runs and get some fresh air. They'll also be able to go to work, especially if they have essential jobs such as health care providers, first responders and sanitation workers.

Otherwise, they'll mostly be required to stay home, perhaps foreshadowing the stringent rules the entire state could find itself living under in the coming days. Gov. J.B. Pritzker confirmed Thursday that his staff was considering a similar order and would rely upon public health experts to help make that call.

"My team and I are working day and night, closely considering every option on the table," Pritzker told reporters Thursday. "We've seen measures adopted in other countries, as well as places in the United States, like San Francisco. We're looking at every aspect of those steps to look at how best to keep Illinoisans safe."

The Oak Park order is in effect until April 3, which means local schools will be

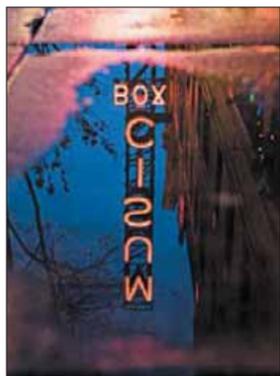
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Curtains close on Music Box Theatre

Along with all Chicago movie theaters, the Lakeview landmark closed this week. The April 3 reopening date feels more unlikely every hour, the company's president said. **A+E**

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A Chicago police officer patrols the CTA Jackson Red Line subway station earlier this month.

First responders see 1st virus cases

Retreat not an option, but many rethink things

BY JEREMY GORNER, ANNIE SWEENEY AND DAN HINKEL

By the nature of their work, Chicago's first responders are routinely in close quarters with people and duty-bound to perform in extreme situations.

They have even been spat on. Covered in blood. Exposed to dangerous substances used to mix narcotics.

And now this. The unfolding coronavirus pandemic — an unprecedented public health crisis that makes their jobs even more essential but still requires them to be in uncontrolled environments on the street.

Both the Chicago Police Department and the Chicago Fire Department have been left to

come up with ways to protect their own as they do their work, and to prepare contingency plans for what was inevitable — one of their own contracting the virus.

It was a threat made all too real Tuesday when a paramedic was reported to be the first from one of the departments to test positive for COVID-19. An assistant deputy chief paramedic soon followed, on Wednesday, and on Thursday, the first member of CPD tested positive.

"Until we go down, this is our job," one officer who spoke to the Tribune about his concerns said. "When s--- hits the fan, we can't retreat. ... It is what it is."

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Death toll in Italy now tops China's

BY NICOLE WINFIELD AND TIM SULLIVAN
Associated Press

ROME — Italy's death toll from the coronavirus outbreak eclipsed China's on Thursday as the scourge extended its march across the West, where countries increasingly improvised at every turn to get ready for the expected onslaught of patients.

Italy, with 60 million citizens, recorded at least 3,405 deaths, or roughly 150 more than in China — a country with a population more than 20 times larger. At the same time Italy reached its bleak milestone, Wuhan, the Chinese city where the coronavirus first emerged three months ago, recorded no new infections, a sign that the communist country's draconian lockdowns had worked.

On a visit to the hard-hit city of Milan, the leader of a delegation from the Chinese Red Cross castigated Italians

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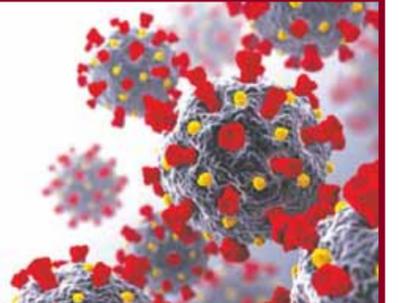
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JOHN KASS

There is nothing better to do than plan your garden

The coronavirus really doesn't give two figs for what you think. But Mother Nature doesn't care what the coronavirus thinks either, so they're even.

And now we're into the first days of spring, just as many of us are beginning to believe we'll go crazy from all the self-isolation ahead.

Happily, I've come up with a plant-based plan to keep you all quite sane: A coronavirus garden.

We all should have a coronavirus garden and now's the time to plan it out.

Why not? Do you have something else better to do?

Many Americans have been hunkering down in their homes and begun talking to their dogs. Some expect a response.

And before I started with the garden, I was looking for a book.

Zeus the Wonder Dog lifted a paw to say he doesn't know where I put that Hans Morgenthau book, "Scientific Man versus Power Politics."

"The book you really need to read right now with the culture about to go to hell in the coronavirus panic is 'Why Liberalism Failed' by Dineen," Zeus said. "But you stupidly put it in storage. Damn it, John."

Yes, Zeus, I did stupidly put my books in storage. And now that I'm self-isolating, I can't get to them.

I bit my tongue. When the dogs are right, you know the world has gone mad.

As a member of the immunocompromised community, I've stayed in for a week. But I've remained calm by avoiding watching any scary zombie movies on Netflix, especially ones featuring fast-running zombies.

The slow-moving ones are no problem. You can easily ward off slow-moving zombies with a gentle push of a sponge mop, as you might with Joe Biden.

But back to the gardening.

Many years ago, people planted victory gardens during the wars. Now we're at war with a virus. And coronavirus gardens across the land would be a benefit to all.

We could talk to our plants and quit

bothering our dogs.

In planning your coronavirus garden, forget the flowers. You can't eat flowers.

"The one thing I'm not growing is wheat," my friend and barber Raffaele Raia said over the phone Thursday. "I don't want pan di grano (wheat bread). No pan di grano for me."

Agreed. No pan di grano for me, either. Besides, wheat requires too much land and labor. You must thresh it or pile it into a blanket and beat it with sticks before grinding it into flour.

But we're not living in the early Middle Ages.

That comes next year.

For now, no matter where you live, in the city or the suburbs, if you have your own home, chances are you have some land. Naturally, if you live in an apartment, you're out of luck.

In your coronavirus garden, don't forget the potatoes. They'll keep. Onions too. Carrots and other root vegetables as well.

Beans on poles, cucumbers on trellises to save precious square footage. Tomatoes, of course.

But no watermelon. For one thing, they suck up too much water. And for another thing, watermelons are the wanton barbarians of fruit. They go where they please and strangle their neighbors at a whim.

If I were Draco, the severe lawgiver of ancient Athens, I'd mandate that everyone grow a coronavirus garden. And, in this time of sheltering-in-place laws, I'd mandate that garden centers remain open, along with liquor stores and government-licensed recreational marijuana peddlers.

People can't live on dried beans and beer alone. You need vegetables.

Some of you avid gardeners out there don't need any prompting from me. You're always bragging about your tomatoes. I know the type.

Once I knew a manic gardener. He'd crush all the dirt clumps by hand. His soil was loamy. He'd peg black landscape fabric down, stretch it tight, and cut holes in it to plant his garden.

The manic was so obsessed that he couldn't abide even a speck of dirt on his landscape fabric. He'd sweep it daily, with a push broom, so his vegetable garden was dirtless, like a tarmac with plants sticking out. You might say he was wound a bit tight in the garden department.

His wife and neighbors would just smile and shake their heads, because they already knew he was bat-crap crazy. He discussed books with his dog.

Some of you have never gardened, and only thought about it perhaps while watching a zombie movie in which the protagonist finally finds sanctuary, and relaxes, lowering his guard, cultivating his garden. Then a bunch of fast zombies show up, run him down in the tomatoes and eat the brains out of his head.

Please, don't worry about those fast zombies. I think they're just fiction.

The thing to do is grow food, including corn, on account of the paper product hoarders.

"And herbs!" said a chef friend of mine on the phone. "I need herbs to live!"

OK, herbs too.

But to stay sane, please avoid cable news, with all those agitated, frightened barking dogs of politics and media jealously tearing at the flesh of the republic.

There is no flesh in a coronavirus garden.

It's vegan. It's peaceful.

Now, in the cool wet of early spring, you can smell the earth. Some of you have already started seeds and are itching for that dirt.

Sadly, some have no dirt. They have no yards. That manic gardener I told you about has downsized. He has no garden.

He beseeches thee to pity the dirtless. And save me a tomato.

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A lone pedestrian crosses Milwaukee Avenue in Wicker Park in the rain on Wednesday.

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THE uplifting, unsettling PLEASURES OF GOING FOR A WALK

MARY
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We're living in an eerie moment filled with words many of us have never used before. Social distancing. Self-isolation. Sheltering in place.

This eerie moment has presented us with new questions, one of them being: Can I go out for a walk?

This has been a pressing thought for the ardent walkers among us, and the happy news is that we can. Health experts say it's fine to go outside to walk — or bike or run — as long as we stay 6 feet away from people who aren't in our "home unit."

So every day this week, I've untethered myself from the panicky, diseased world displayed on my little laptop screen and

stepped instead into the fresh air. The moment I step outside, the world feels bigger, brighter, more hopeful.

But walking is different now. I walk down nearly empty streets, past shops and restaurants that are locked in the middle of the day. A lot of other walkers are out, many with dogs, but an unusual number are otherwise alone.

I sometimes trade a distant wave or smile with someone I know, or someone I don't.

"You OK?" we call to each other. "Stay safe! Stay sane! Stay sanitized!"

On one walk, I spotted my neighbor Tom and we both extended our hands like shields, him on the sidewalk, me in the street.

"Don't burst my bubble," Tom called and we laughed. He looked around at the absent cars and absent people.

"I love it!" he called. "It's quiet! Clean."

From our safe distance — was this 6 feet? How far is 6 feet? — we chatted about the damage humans do to the environment. We pondered whether this terrible thing that's happening to people might wind up being good for the planet.

But who knows? Who knows anything for sure right now?

Out on my walks, I'm glad to see that most of the solitary walkers are as vigilant as I am, veering away when someone approaches, stepping aside to create a safe zone. Once, from down the sidewalk, a young guy halted to let me pass and when I'd hurried by, I turned around and shouted, "Thanks for keeping the social distance!" He smiled.

I've also muttered curse words at a couple of joggers who huffed by way too close.

When you're out walking, you can see who's still working. The clerk at a 7-Eleven. The bread delivery guy who hops out of his truck to go into the 7-Eleven. A couple of construction crews. The mail carriers.

I called to one of the carriers the other day, something I wouldn't ordinarily do, but walking with social distancing can be surprisingly social.

"Are you worried about staying safe?" I asked.

She nodded. "Yeah," she said. "But I wash my hands a lot."

We waved goodbye, but as I walked off I worried about her and all the people obligated to be out and about on what we call "essential business."

On one walk, I texted my friend Nancy, another ardent walker and my frequent walking companion, though I haven't seen her since she returned from Spain last week and put herself into a 14-day quarantine she interrupts only for solo walks.

"I am on a walk right now," she texted back from the lakefront. "Overly excited to see the first flowers coming out of the ground."

Being inside, she noted in her text, keeps your eyes focused on what's near. Being out, she could look into the far distance, out where a great lake meets a vast sky.

On another walk, I called a friend in Berkeley, California. He's sheltering in place under a new law that applies to seven counties in the San Francisco Bay Area.

"Does that mean you can't go for a walk?" I asked, imagining the day such a law would go into effect in Chicago. He said it didn't.

Because I believe we should all double-check everything we hear about the coronavirus, I checked the law. He was right, and it echoes the shelter-in-place order scheduled to go into effect Friday in the Chicago suburb of Oak Park.

Spending time outside improves mood and well-being, and is particularly beneficial to children. You can go for walks, go to the park, and engage in other similar activities, but should maintain social distance (i.e., be more than 6 feet away from persons who are not part of your household) when on walks and in parks to avoid spread of the virus.

Spending time outside does improve your mood and well-being, and in this eerie moment we need that medicine wherever we can find it.

So go outside, if you can. Take a walk. A run. A bike ride. From a safe distance, witness the wide world, the one with far horizons, where crocuses are pushing out of the dirt, impervious to the madness.

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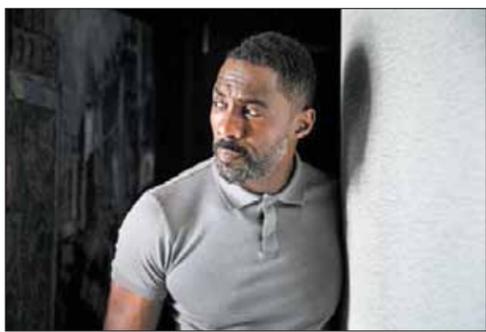
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Actor Idris Elba, shown in 2017, announced he had tested positive for the coronavirus.

Let's stop the spread of myth black people immune to virus



DAHLEEN GLANTON

One of my young friends posted this on Facebook the other day: "Corona lowering gas prices, flights, cruises and not messing with black people? God showing out?"

It wasn't a surprise. I'd heard the rumor going around that black people were being spared from the coronavirus. But this post was particularly troubling. It showed a

complete lack of understanding about the pandemic we are facing around the world.

Some folks actually believe that black people, either by genetics or some favor of God, cannot catch the coronavirus. Or if black people do get it, they are more likely to fully recover from it than other racial or ethnic groups.

Who knows how widespread this belief is? But even one person spreading such a misconception is too many.

Here's the truth, according to the World Health Organization: Anybody can contract the coronavirus. People over the age of 60 are at a higher risk of developing a severe case of illness, and the highest death rate is in people over 80. But anyone who suffers from chronic health conditions such as high blood pressure, kidney disease, heart disease, cancer, diabetes or asthma is likely to get very sick or die.

Black people rank at or near the top of just about every one of these conditions. That places them among the most vulnerable groups for which the virus could be fatal.

Though health officials are not releasing data regarding the racial or ethnic background of the people who have contracted or died from the virus, we know for certain that some are black.

Actor Idris Elba, who suffers from asthma, revealed Monday that he had tested positive for the coronavirus and is proving updates on his condition via Twitter. He said he'd discovered this "weird myth" in the social media comments.

In a Twitter Live video Tuesday, Elba pleaded with black people to stop spreading the "scary" rumor that they are immune, calling it "the quickest way to get more black people killed ... around the world."

"My people — black people, black people — please, please understand that coronavirus ... you can get it, all right?" he said. "There are so many stupid, ridiculous conspiracy theories about black people not being able to get it. That's dumb, stupid."

"Wherever we are, please understand that you can get it," he said. "Just know that you have to be as vigilant as every other race. The disease does not discriminate. As a black person who has contracted the virus, it needs to be said."

Others have come forward as well. NBA athletes Rudy Gobert and Donovan Mitchell revealed that they have tested positive for the virus. Patricia Frieson, a 61-year-old African-American woman, became the first person in Illinois to die of the virus.

The ridiculous claim seems to be rooted in a belief that melanin, the dark pigment in the skin of black people, is a natural antidote to the virus. Without checking facts, people often point to the low number of cases in Africa and the Caribbean.

Though there are fewer reported cases of the virus in Africa, compared with Europe and North America, we know that no country is immune to it. The few reported cases could, in part, be due to a lack of widespread testing.

In recent weeks, the virus has struck several African countries including Ghana, Rwanda, Ethiopia and South Africa. In some places, residents aren't taking it seriously.

In Jamaica, where 13 cases have been reported, however, the prime minister has declared a state of emergency on the island and is seeking nurses from Cuba to help manage the outbreak.

The rumor about black immunity began spreading on social media last month after reports that a 21-year-old Cameroonian student living in the Chinese city of Jingzhou recovered from the virus as thousands of others in China are dying.

According to news reports, Kem Senou Pavel Daryl was the first person of African descent to contract the virus. While hospitalized in the isolation unit of a local Chinese hospital, he was treated with drugs typically used for HIV. He began to show signs of recovery after two weeks, and eventually no trace of the virus was found.

A picture of him and his doctor giving a thumbs-up in his hospital room spread on the internet, along with a false claim that Chinese doctors confirmed African people are "genetically resistant" to the coronavirus.

It is easy to understand why some black people might want to believe they've been given a break. They often are hit disproportionately hard during a health crisis, largely because of the lack of access to financial and medical resources.

This pandemic is no exception. Economic inequality will likely be one of the primary determining factors as to who gets the necessary care upon contracting the virus and who ends up dying from it.

As with most things in America, the poorest people have the least access to the best health care and would suffer the harshest economic strain from quarantine.

The notion that black people have miraculously been spared from the virus is a cruel joke. Before this crisis is over, they could be the ones to suffer the most.

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Drive-up coronavirus tests coming to big-box stores

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Drive-thru coronavirus testing will be coming soon to a Walmart parking lot in west suburban Northlake, according to city officials, as efforts grow to expand testing to major retail sites across the country.

In a written statement Thursday, officials said the store on North Avenue was designated as a drive-up testing site but had no information on when testing would begin, operation times or the testing process. Walmart officials said the retailer is looking at several Chicago-area sites for a pilot program but would not confirm the Northlake location was among them.

A section of the Northlake Walmart parking lot was cordoned off Thursday morning with yellow caution tape. Several police barricades lined the perimeter of the site, and two solar traffic message boards were on the property.

Also Thursday, Gov. J.B. Pritzker announced he was enlisting the Illinois National Guard in the state's efforts to test for the novel coronavirus, which causes the potentially deadly disease known as COVID-19.

"Earlier this week, I activated the first members of the Illinois National Guard mission to join the fight against COVID-19," Pritzker said at his daily news briefing on the virus. "They bring to our preparations key capabilities in logistics, in transportation and even in medical specialties, allowing us to expand testing while ensuring our testing can be administered in the safest possible way."

Pritzker said that although the federal government is setting up drive-thru testing operations in other states, that is not yet happening in Illinois. "Instead, we're having our National Guard be part of efforts to help hospitals and other health care centers stand up those drive-thru capabilities. So, we'll be using the National Guard to assist other health care workers in that endeavor."

The efforts to facilitate more coronavirus testing comes as the nation struggles to test people for the new virus, which has sickened thousands across the country. In Illinois, four people have died from COVID-19 as of Thursday afternoon, according to state health officials.

Politicians and medical providers have criticized the

federal government for its slow rollout of drive-up testing stations, even as other countries like South Korea and Germany have already been testing in this manner for weeks. The method allows suspected patients to be tested inside their vehicles to minimize the spread of the highly contagious virus.

President Donald Trump announced in a news conference last week that drive-up coronavirus testing stations would soon be available in the parking lots of major American retailers, such as Walmart, Target, CVS and Walgreens.

"We've been in discussions with pharmacies and retailers to make drive-thru tests available in the critical locations identified by public health professionals," Trump said March 13. "The goal is for individuals to be able to drive up and be swabbed without having to leave your car."

Several Chicago-area hospitals are also launching drive-up testing stations. Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in northwest suburban Park Ridge began the program Wednesday, though patients must have a doctor's order and an appointment.

In Northlake on Thursday, one Walmart customer

said she was pleased at the prospect of coronavirus testing near the store, praising the plan to widen access to tests.

"I think there should be more testing available," said Christine Sanchez, of west suburban Melrose Park. "At this point, they should be testing everyone."

Walmart did not answer questions about who would qualify to be tested at these screening sites or offer more details on the specific testing process.

"We are pleased to support efforts to expand the availability of drive-thru testing in communities impacted by COVID-19," a Walmart statement said. "We are looking at several pilot sites in the Chicago area, but final decisions on testing locations will come from public officials."

Pritzker activated 43 airmen from the Peoria-based 182nd Airlift Wing's Medical Group on Monday to help with the escalating number of COVID-19 patients. The unit includes doctors, nurses and nurse practitioners, but it's mostly composed of medical technicians trained and certified in procedures such as blood draws, swab testing and immunizations, as well as maintaining medical records.

ICE to delay some deportations

Pressure mounts for Immigration Court to close

BY ELVIA MALAGÓN AND LAURA RODRÍGUEZ PRESA

While officials try to contain the spread of COVID-19, the federal government has scaled back immigrant-related operations, but attorneys, judges and even prosecutors are pushing for Chicago's Immigration Court to be shut down as community groups call for a moratorium on deportations.

The unlikely coalition of private attorneys, immigration judges and prosecutors has banded together to push for the closure of immigration courthouses across the country. As of Wednesday, the U.S. Justice Department, which oversees immigration courts, had shuttered some courthouses and postponed hearings for immigrants not in custody, through April 10.

Still, the courthouses handling cases of detained immigrants remain open in Chicago.

A detained person usually appears via video, and that's the practice being used across the board under coronavirus guidelines. But families sometimes attend the court hearings, although judges could use their discretion to close the courtroom to the public, said Samuel B. Cole, an immigration judge and spokesman for the National Association of Immigration Judges, one of the groups pushing for the closure of all courthouses.

"There is no safe way to conduct hearings involving attorneys, interpreters, judges, and court staff," Cole said by phone Wednesday. "And documents going back and forth."

The Justice Department has not shared its rationale for why some courthouses, like the one in Chicago, are still open while others have closed, Cole said.

"It's an indefensible position that is keeping the courts open in this time," he said.

In Chicago, children in immigration custody aren't scheduled to appear in court again until April, but other minors in custody are still appearing in court in other parts of the country, said Jennifer Nagda, from the Young Center for Immi-



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Chicago's Immigration Court is in the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services field office.

grant Children's Rights.

Federal officials are reviewing the situation, a spokeswoman said.

"The agency continues to evaluate the dynamic situation nationwide and will make decisions for each location as more information becomes available," said Gail Montenegro, a spokeswoman for the agency.

In Chicago, even though Montenegro said the court is still open, an attorney notified the American Immigration Lawyers Association that they went Wednesday to Chicago's Immigration Court to file paperwork and were met with a sign stating it was closed until April 10, said Kathleen Vannucci, a Chicago-based attorney and group member. The association has been pushing for the closure of immigration courthouses.

Vannucci said she worries about immigrants who don't have an attorney and weren't told about the postponement in hearings, meaning some people from as far away as Wisconsin or Indiana could have still showed up to Chicago Immigration Court. The Justice Department's Executive Office for Immigration Review noted information on individual cases might not be updated because of staff changes during the coronavirus pandemic.

"It's been extremely frustrating and I think it's been very irresponsible of EOIR to not have made the decision sooner," Vannucci said.

Other federal agencies that interact with immigrants have implemented

changes. As of Wednesday, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services suspended in-person interviews and appointments until at least April 1, according to an email from the federal agency.

On Wednesday, ICE announced agents would focus on "public safety risks and individuals subject to mandatory detention based on criminal grounds." The agency will delay deportations for other individuals, and agents did not plan to make any arrests near health care facilities, according to a news release.

"Individuals should not avoid seeking medical care because they fear civil immigration enforcement," ICE said in a statement.

ICE closed its Chicago office this week for most appointments, and people who had been scheduled for an upcoming check-in will receive a new date after the office reopens, according to an ICE official.

However, the Chicago office is still open and accepting bond payments for someone in custody, for anyone with a GPS ankle monitor problem and to attorneys filing legal documents, according to the ICE official. ICE is not accepting bond payments in its Milwaukee or Springfield, Missouri, offices.

Since March, activists have called for a moratorium on deportations. Emma Lozano, a community activist, said the federal government is pushing "people more into the shadows" by continuing deportations and possibly stopping people from seeking medical

help.

"Right now, their health should be everyone's problem, because if they don't feel safe, no one will be safe and the virus will spread," Lozano said.

Eréndira Rendón of Chicago's Resurrection Project, an organization that advocates for immigrants, said her group has heard from families who have relatives detained and are worried about the virus spreading to jails.

"ICE should cease all operations, not only because they are terrorizing our communities during this pandemic," Rendón said. "Worst case scenario is that a person with COVID-19 is detained and spreads like wildfire inside a facility"

Evelyn Venegas Cuzco, of the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights, said calls to her group's hotline to support families facing deportation have dropped since March 12.

Still, the group remains on "high alert," about deportations, Venegas Cuzco said.

An organizer for Organized Communities Against Deportations, Miguel Lopez, said his group is drafting a letter calling on local officials to act immediately to protect the immigrant community.

"We also want to call for the release of all people in ICE custody in Illinois," Lopez.

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CPS closures pose an atypical problem for standardized tests

BY HANNAH LEONE

Since August, Lincoln Park High School junior Luke Marren has completed more than 7,000 practice questions for a college entrance exam that continues to elude him.

He was signed up for the October PSAT that was canceled the week the teachers strike started, and was scheduled to sit for the SAT on March 14, but that was shelved because of the coronavirus. Then he was supposed to take the SAT at school in April, but Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot announced late Thursday that Chicago Public Schools will remain closed at least through April 20.

"It doesn't really get me down, but it's kind of like, I've been making a lot of sacrifices and stuff, late nights just to study for this one test," Luke, 16, said Thursday. "It's a setback." But when the time finally comes, Luke said, he feels prepared.

With upcoming SAT tests canceled nationwide, students in Illinois have been waiting to find out if they still need to prepare for standardized state assessments that are scheduled for this spring.

"I don't really get wrapped up in future prospects getting shut down because, like, I had no way of telling any of this stuff would happen," Luke said. "I don't try to make a lot of predictions about the future."

As a result of the extended shutdown of schools, CPS says it's canceling some of the end-of-year assessments and working on plans for other tests, including the SAT and PSAT.

The extension of the school shutdown so far applies only to CPS, though some other Illinois districts have also decided to remain shut beyond March 30, the end of the unprecedented statewide closure declared by Gov. J.B. Pritzker.

The Illinois State Board of Education is also working "in partnership with stakeholders to determine" what to do about government-mandated tests, like the Illinois Science Assessment and the Illinois Assessment of Readiness.

Amid a total shutdown of schools in Illinois and elsewhere to prevent the spread of the new coronavirus, the U.S. Department of Education has indicated it may waive assessments and accountability requirements placed on states.

"We may not be able to determine exactly what waivers ISBE will seek from the U.S. Department of Education until the full scope of the school closure is known, but we will make information available as soon as possible," agency spokeswoman Jackie Matthews said. "We understand that this is an urgent concern."

The federal government mandates that each state administer annual assessments in language arts, math and science, and most states administer these in the spring, according to a Department of Education fact sheet. The results of these tests factor into how school performance is determined by the federal government.

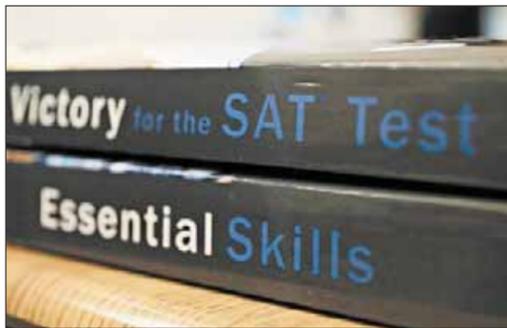
The U.S. Department of Education rarely waives these requirements, even if schools close for a variety of reasons, but has stated it would consider one-year waivers for schools that have closed because of the coronavirus.

"Due to the unique circumstances that may arise as a result of COVID-19, such as a school closing during the entire testing window, it may not be feasible for a state to administer some or all of its assessments," according to the federal fact sheet.

The Department of Education also suggests that states with COVID-19 closures consider changing the testing schedule.

Other states, including Washington and Texas, have already canceled state exams.

This week, the Chicago Teachers Union made a public plea to Pritzker and ISBE to suspend all standardized tests for the rest of



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CPS is trying to determine what to do about the SAT and PSAT now that spring tests have been canceled.

the school year and to amend graduation requirements so that the school closures due to COVID-19 don't prevent any students from graduating or advancing grades.

The union's position is that having students take high-stakes tests following school closures "makes no sense" and that time would be better spent helping students get back on track.

"This proposed move by ISBE would build on the state's commitment to protect our students from the harm of this pandemic and support their educational needs," CTU President Jesse Sharkey said in a statement.

In a letter to state officials, Sharkey wrote that proceeding with administering tests this year would only compound inequities.

"As is so often the case with public crises, our most vulnerable students, especially in Black and Brown communities on the South and West sides of Chicago, will suffer the direst effects of COVID-19 school closures," Sharkey wrote. "Theirs will be the families under the most economic duress during this crisis, and they will be least likely to have access to distance learning resources. Justice and equity demands that they not be subjected to standardized tests when their schools re-open."

The College Board on Monday announced the cancellation of the May 2 SAT, along with makeup exams scheduled March 28 for students like Luke who had been signed up to test March 14 but had testing centers close.

The calls were made "in response to the rapidly evolving situation around the coronavirus (COVID-19)," according to the College Board.

Affected students will be refunded, and more information will be available in coming days, according to the College Board, which said it's working with "local partners" regarding scheduled school-based administrations of the SAT and PSAT.

Replacement test dates still need to be determined, and the College Board is continuing to assess what to do about the June 6 administration, which has not yet been canceled, in light of health and safety priorities. They're also considering adding an international SAT administration later in the school year.

"We'll be as flexible as possible to give students the best chance to show their skills and stay on the path to college," the Board states.

In Chicago Public Schools, some of these school-based administrations were still up in the air this week.

"It is important to note that as of now, the SAT is still scheduled for April 14, the PSAT for April 15 and all our IB/AP tests will take place," stated an email from

Senn High School Principal Mary Beck to families sent as recently as Tuesday night. "This means that learning needs to continue for all students and our teachers are committed to guiding them through this process."

CPS officials on Thursday did not provide a clear answer about plans for the PSAT and SAT, but the district addressed testing in a statement following the mayoral announcement extending the school closures.

"We are working closely with ISBE, City Colleges of Chicago, the College Board, and our other partners to understand how this closure will impact other assessments such as the Illinois Assessment of Readiness, PSAT/SAT, Dual Credit/Dual Enrollment courses, and Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate exams as well as graduation requirements and grade promotion," CPS officials said in a statement Thursday. "While changes to the assessment calendar will likely be necessary, we are committed to ensuring students can access critical assessments tied to college entry, selective enrollment admission, graduation, and grade promotion."

CPS has already canceled end-of-year assessments including the Northwest Education Association MAP evaluation, STAR assessment and REACH performance tasks.

Another test used in college admissions, the ACT, has rescheduled its April 4 tests to June 13 throughout the country, also citing "concerns about the spread of the coronavirus." Students registered for the April ACT can reschedule to June 13 or another future testing date.

In addition to the COVID-19 closures and the fall teachers strike, students at Lincoln Park have also been affected by a leadership shake-up earlier in the year. A student athlete, Luke runs track and was vying with two of his friends to be the number one player on the tennis team, his dad said. But now the season is postponed. "His life has been kind of turned upside down" said Luke's father, David Marren.

To stay centered, Luke said he's been sticking to a routine: shower, breakfast, working out, doing school work, periodically writing down goals. But he also takes occasional downtime to listen to music, and makes a point of spending time outside.

"I think you can draw a lot of connections between this and college learning because it's totally independent and you have to, regardless of whatever chaos is going on around you, you have to find some sort of normalcy and some sort of motivation to not give up and not give in," Luke said.

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A training stoppage

Earlier this week, CPD canceled all of the training at its police academy on Jackson Boulevard, sending its more than 200 recruits to other police facilities to help distribute shipments of tens of thousands of bottles of hand sanitizer and hand wipes.

Recruits even were directed to help disinfect the inside of squad cars.

The canceling of the training was a bold step, as the academy has been a crucial part of changes to the department in recent years, including the effort to put 1,000 more officers on the street. And it is the hub for new training programs mandated under a court-enforced consent decree designed to bring sweeping reforms to a department with a history of misconduct and abuse.

Other steps were taken as well. Police said they would no longer respond to conduct death investigations if there was no clear indication of a crime, and there were some indications that some units had quietly shifted duties to help monitor public places such as grocery stores to keep order.

Each call to 911 was being screened, with operators probing for signs of the virus' presence.

The leader of the Chicago Fraternal Order of Police publicly called for a testing facility to be set up at police headquarters, a wish department spokesman Anthony Guglielmi said is still out of reach.

When the crisis started, even having the right protective masks was a hurdle, as the department had supplies that included generic surgical and gas masks. Now that it has the type of stronger mask suited to protect breathing and guard against the virus — known as an N95 — it faces the issue of training officers to use the masks.

As of Wednesday, with coronavirus entrenching itself across Chicago, training on the masks still was happening only with the SWAT teams, with district officers slated to go next. About 40 officers per day were being trained, officials said.

As 911 operators worked to isolate which calls might include a COVID-19 exposure, the department was preparing to designate two response cars per watch in each of the 22 patrol districts with officers who had been trained on the new N95 masks. Any call with an obvious exposure risk would include them.

As for other contingency plans, all sworn officers had been ordered to report to work in uniform so they could fill for another unit in the event that unit experienced a positive test that required a group quarantine.

And to reduce exposure across the board, the department was encouraging officers to be judicious in their arrests — even advising they issue an ordinance violation in response to a low-level crime as opposed to making a physical arrest.

In harm's way

This weekend, as Chicago airports struggled to



Chicago police Officers Jamie Toczek, left, and Bernardo Quijano practice how to fit an N95 mask Thursday at the Belmont police station.

handle overflowing crowds trying to return to the U.S. and make it through customs, EMS personnel were there, helping with screenings as hundreds of passengers waited in hourslong lines.

Like Chicago's police, the Fire Department has reemphasized training and implemented changes as two of its members tested positive this week, underscoring the looming threat.

According to a memo Tuesday about the first coronavirus case from Chicago Fire Department Commissioner Richard Ford II, the department has conducted a "thorough cleaning and disinfection operation" of the firehouse where the first infected paramedic worked, as well as any vehicles and equipment the paramedic used when symptomatic.

Officials were also trying to identify people who may have had contact with the paramedic, and that person's partner was ordered to self-quarantine.

Firefighters and paramedics responding to emergency calls are using personal protective equipment designed specifically for respiratory isolation, officials said. And the department has emphasized protocols on responding to 911 calls believed to have a higher risk for disease transmission.

The department was ensuring there were enough N95 masks, face shields, gloves for responders to wear two layers and disposable gowns.

Chicago Fire Department spokesman Larry Langford said emergency dispatchers have been flagging calls related to respiratory issues so paramedics can make an assessment of what precautions to take while treating and transporting those patients. Unlike at CPD, training has continued, although groups of recruits have been divided in attempt to avoid a catastrophic, sweeping infection that might take an entire class out of commission.

"We need to get the training done and we need to get them on the street," Langford said. "Being on the front line, there is a chance we may see more people that have to take time off, and we must be as robust as possible to replace them."

"Quarantine and isolation will be done as required, if required," he said.

'Flexibility is key'

Jeffrey Cramer, a former federal prosecutor in Chicago, said years ago, after the Sept. 11 terrorist at-

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tacks, large cities engaged in more scenario-based training exercises.

Pandemics were a part of those simulations, Cramer said, though not for something as specific as the coronavirus.

"You can do different exercises to prepare people, but you are never going to have the identical virus or chemical (in real life) that an exercise prepares you for," he said.

Cramer, now a security expert, said the most important thing for Chicago cops to do now is be flexible and ready to shift several officers to replace units that might have to go into quarantine because of a positive test.

"They are literally the definition of first responders," he said. "As we try to prognosticate what is going to happen in the next few weeks, that level of flexibility is key."

Dr. George Chiampas, who teaches emergency medicine at the Northwestern University medical school, said in an interview Monday that he supported the decision to continue aggressively training first responders.

Chiampas also encouraged civilians to avoid needlessly calling emergency services or jeopardizing the health of others by venturing out while ill, adding even more stress to the system unnecessarily.

"It's every citizen's responsibility to heed the directives that are being delivered," he said. "Resources will be available as long as citizens are responsible."

Drawing contingency plans

Interim police Superintendent Charlie Beck has expanded his daily briefings to three, police said, as the department works to cover every possibility.

One of them is the threat of a large-scale reduction in force caused by infection. Officers assigned to units inside police headquarters have been told they might have to fill in on the street.

Guglielmi, the department spokesman, said the department is still re-

sponding to each call it receives. It's a must, as the spread of coronavirus so far has done little to reduce violence. Actually the opposite has been true.

"We're in a crime uptick, and our core focus will always be violence reduction," Guglielmi said. "We have to balance this with this urgent pandemic."

In a COVID-19 world, some police facilities were working on social distancing, with cones set up to keep members of the public in a line, much like a bank, rather than just congregating around a district station's front desk.

In short, officers were taking no chances with a virus that has made their already dangerous job even more so.

"They are out there exposed to the possibility of contracting a communicable disease. Being hurt. Being shot. Being killed," one supervisor said. "They understand the risk factors on this job on a daily basis. Because this thing is more rampant, the possibility of exposure is greater. But they know and understand their jobs. This is what we do. These officers are taking care of each other."

The supervisor was among a handful of Chicago police officers — speaking on the condition of anonymity because they're not authorized to speak to the media — who acknowledged their concern.

Another supervisor said he was working to limit his contact with the public, primarily responding to 911 calls and not proactively stopping people on the street.

And while he may have washed his hands three to four times a day prior to the spread of the virus, he said he now washes them 10 to 11 times a day.

"My hands are all dried out," the supervisor said.

One Chicago police supervisor, who said he normally wouldn't hesitate to search a decrepit abandoned building, told the Tribune he now pauses for an extra second in some situations. Basic daily motions have now become magnified.

"You think twice about touching that doorknob," he said.

Amid the coronavirus threat, street outreach workers are adapting

BY MADELINE BUCKLEY

On Chicago's West Side, street outreach workers plan to wear gloves to pass out printed cards with public health information while using social media and the phone to keep in touch with community members and clients.

In Humboldt Park, workers are driving by known hot spots for violence to make sure large crowds aren't gathering.

While much of the city has closed down to slow the spread of the coronavirus, outreach workers are adapting their strategies to safely serve their neighborhoods where gun violence has been rising this year. Homicides jumped 50% in January, raising concerns after three consecutive years of declines following a spike in 2016.

"We're trying to flatten the curve, knowing it will hit the neighborhood, knowing we work with the highest risk population," said Teny Gross, executive director of the Institute for Nonviolence Chicago, which works in Austin, West Garfield Park and Back of the Yards.

Hundreds of outreach workers operate in Chicago, mediating gang conflicts and connecting people at risk for violence with economic opportunities and social services. The nonprofit groups that oversee them say the workers are taking precautions so they can continue to serve vulnerable populations.

The Institute for Nonvio-

lence Chicago, which staffs 24 outreach workers, is printing informational cards that workers plan to hand out, while wearing gloves, to people in the community. They are also receiving training so they can educate people about social distancing and coronavirus-related safety precautions in their work.

The workers are also doing as much of their work as possible remotely, using social media, phone calls and texts to keep in touch with people they serve, Gross said.

Workers in Humboldt Park are taking similar precautions, checking in with clients remotely rather than face-to-face, said Jorge Matos, director of violence prevention programs at ALSO, a group that does violence interruption and helps connect neighborhood residents to social services.

Outreach workers are keeping tabs on hot spot areas by car in order to disperse large gatherings, Matos said. They are also working to educate people about the need to stay inside and separate themselves from others.

The workers are concerned about a greater potential for domestic violence with people remaining in their homes, and school-age children and teens out in the neighborhood while school is not in session, Matos said. "There's a potential for things to spark up quickly."

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Funeral homes grapple with mission, mandates

BY DARCEL ROCKETT

Like a child who refuses to be ignored, the coronavirus pandemic continues to make its presence known.

The U.S. surgeon general said the number of coronavirus cases in the United States has reached the level that disease-battered Italy recorded two weeks ago, according to The Associated Press. Schools, churches and restaurants are adding to the lists of closings and cancellations. And while hospitals restrict visitors, funeral homes are doing what they can to adhere to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines restricting gatherings while also being of service to families who've lost loved ones.

"There are some families who have expressed their nerves on the situation because it's such a fluid concern," said Jacob Vandenberg, president and funeral director of Vandenberg Funeral Home in the Southland. "That's creating a little bit of uncertainty, and this is an industry where we're stuck between a rock and a hard place. Families want to be able to honor their loved one, and that's sort of being taken away from them, so to speak."

Vandenberg said he had just taken part in a National Funeral Directors Association webinar in which it was stated that practices of handling human remains with or without COVID-19 will be the same. He said he hasn't seen an increase in cremation since the virus became a pandemic. There will be changes, however, when it comes to visitation and funeral services.

Interacting with the deceased during a visitation can be limited, and viewings can be staggered so there's more time for cleaning. Webcasts and livestreams of services also are being recommended.

Recommended limits on the number of people who can gather at a public event mean "you can still have ceremonies and visitations but in a more intimate gathering with immediate family only, to kind of control the people that are attending the service and control the environment," Vandenberg said.

Shirley Calahan, vice president of Calahan Funeral Home Inc., says the 36-

year-old South Side funeral home offers livestreaming for its client families. A text is sent out with the time of the service, and the viewer just clicks on the URL when the time comes, she said. Charges for livestreams (around \$200-\$250) have been waived for now, Calahan said.

"We have capabilities to have the funeral service livestreamed so people can watch it wherever they are and just have the immediate family present here at the funeral home for a ceremony," she said. "People can just view it and go to our website and leave condolences and sign our digital register book online, and they can send flowers, but the massive contact would be eliminated."

Calahan suggests holding the repast, when family members gather for food after the service, in a private home with immediate family only.

Bob Maher, general manager of Maher Funeral Home in Tinley Park said they are doing the best they can with the necessary precautions — limiting handshakes and hugs, cleaning common areas and wiping down door handles. They, too, suggest keeping funeral services for immediate family or close friends only.

"Don't put it in the paper, and don't advertise it," he said. "Word of mouth it. We have a website that we put the notice on, so someone can go on our website and get the information also."

Regardless of the current or changing challenges, services will go on, those in the industry said.

"Funeral homes and directors are here to serve, so we're going to continue to do that," Vandenberg said. "However we need to adjust where needed. We have handled a couple of services, thus far, where families have posted information and notes around the funeral home for people to use social distancing to make sure that they're washing their hands, and if they're ill to please leave the funeral home. Those are tactics we'll continue to use. But at the end of the day, we have a job, and that's to provide an honorable and dignified service of the human remains and the families that decide to use our funeral service."

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Worried seniors face delays in mail service

BY NARA SCHOENBERG

When Susan Cicelsky's mail didn't arrive at the Brookdale Oak Park senior living community March 12, she went to the front desk to find out why.

There Cicelsky, 81, learned that a U.S. Postal Service mail carrier had refused a temperature check and questionnaire intended to protect residents against the coronavirus, she said. Cicelsky said residents, who rely on the mail for everything from tax documents to bills and medication, didn't get their mail last Thursday and Friday.

"I'm very disappointed in the Postal Service," Cicelsky said. "I thought they were one organization we could count on. I've never

had anything like this before, and I lived through Superstorm Sandy."

In a written statement, the U.S. Postal Service said, "The Postal Service recognizes that some customers have expressed concerns about accepting mail, and a few have asked for unusual measures for deliveries. Our operational protocol does not require any Postal Service employee to follow requests outside of normal delivery methods."

Customers who don't want mail delivered in the usual way can arrange with their local post offices to set up mail receptacles outside their homes, the statement said. Other options suggested by the Postal Service include picking up your mail at your local post office or opening a

post office box.

On Monday, Brookdale staffers picked up residents' mail from the post office, and staffers started to sort the mail themselves, according to Brookdale Oak Park senior living spokesperson Heather Hunter.

"We're doing what we can to support our residents ... until we can figure out a more permanent solution with the USPS," Hunter said.

Cicelsky said she had received her medication but not her mail. "People are waiting for tax papers, and they're getting anxious about that," she said.

There are 150 to 200 residents at Brookdale Oak Park, which offers both independent living and assisted living.

Residents at Brookdale

are being well cared for, Cicelsky said, and she's glad that staffers are taking precautions to protect against the coronavirus.

Part of the problem with mail delivery, she said, may be that one mail carrier drops off mail at Brookdale Oak Park, and a second carrier arrives later in the day to take mail to the second floor mailroom and sort it.

Asked why mail couldn't be left on the main floor to facilitate delivery, she said she didn't know.

"What do they say? 'It's above my pay grade,'" she said with a chuckle.

"I love that. That's a recent phrase that my children keep telling me."

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closed a week longer than the governor has commanded. While the order states that violations can result in a misdemeanor criminal charge, Mayor Anan Abu-Taleb said the goal is not to place people in jail, but rather to use the ordinance to explain the gravity of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"This is not to penalize people," Abu-Taleb said. "This is to help people protect themselves and protect others. We are not interested in making it more difficult for people (to live their lives), but we do have staff that will communicate with those folks who may not be taking this as seriously as they should. This is a way to reach out to people who may not know how serious this is and how this virus uses us against one another to harm us."

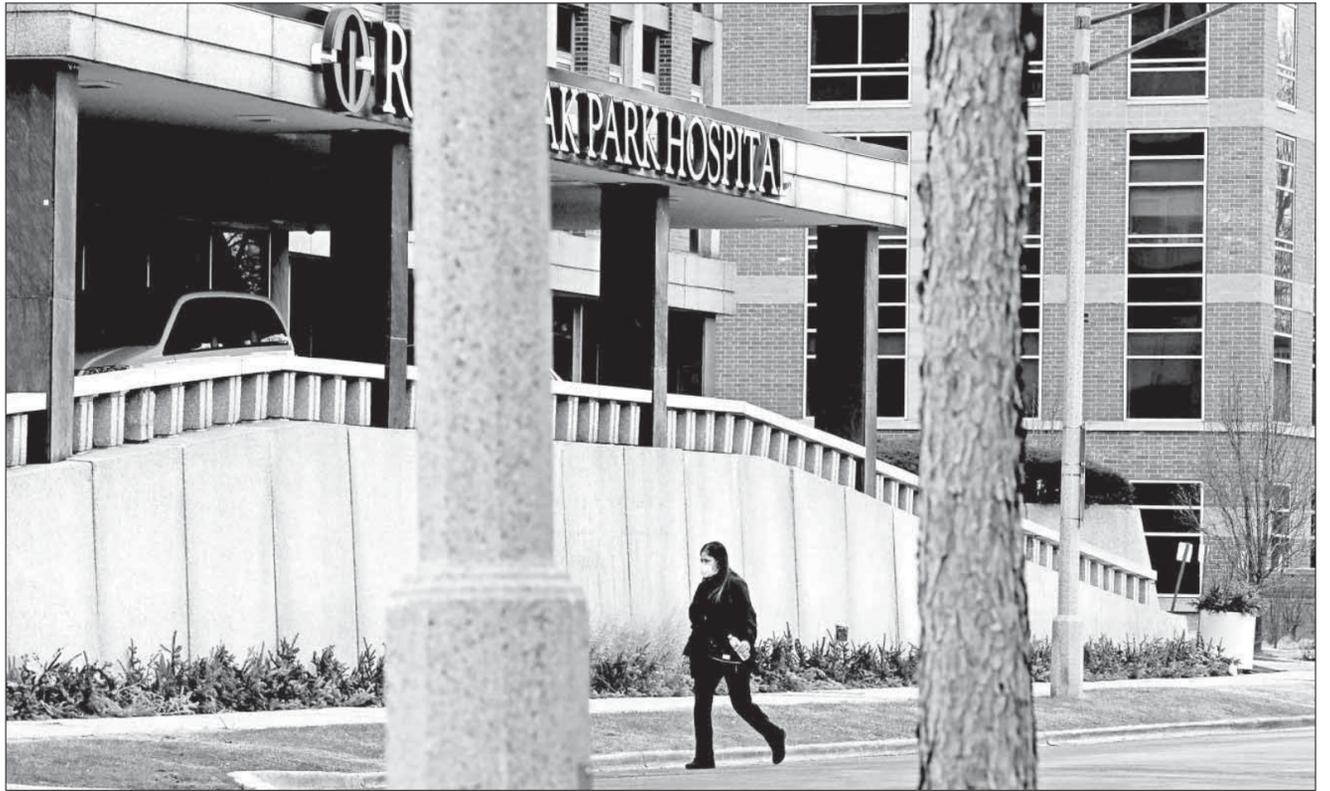
Oak Park residents clearly understand the seriousness now, but uncertainty about the shelter-in-place requirement remains.

"It's sounds like what we need to do, but it's confusing because no one knows what it means," said Kathy Osler, a mental health worker who has one son at Oak Park and River Forest High School and another in college in San Diego. "For example, if my teenager wants to go hang out with friends, can he go over and hang out? I don't know. It's not 'essential,' so I guess it's not OK."

To help calm concerns, village officials sent an email Thursday explaining that residents still could go to work if their businesses was open and they could walk pets outdoors as long as they maintained the recommended social distance of at least 6 feet. Walking, hiking and running are fine, but even small gatherings with people from different households are not.

The clarification, however, did not stop people from rushing to local supermarkets or ordering groceries for delivery. Arthur Paris, the owner of Carnival Grocery in Oak Park, reported traffic three to four times what's typical on Thursdays and not unlike the shopping rushes before Christmas and Thanksgiving.

"Yesterday and today, we've been extremely busy," Paris said. "We've seen a lot of new faces in the store



ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

A woman walks toward Rush Oak Park Hospital in Oak Park on Thursday, hours before the village ordered residents to shelter in place starting Friday.

today. Everybody's in an upbeat mood though and it's a community atmosphere."

Longtime Oak Park resident Davis Farnham said he believes the order will help people grasp why it's important to avoid social situations, especially with kids suddenly sent back from college.

"A lot of people are still not really understanding what it means to maintain distance, and really a lot of the kids are getting together and congregating," he said. "They haven't seen each other. They're home from school. It's understandable."

Even doing tasks the order cites as "essential" can be unsettling, though.

"I went to the grocery store, and that's an uncomfortable feeling, absolutely, because you're still with people," Farnham said. "I also am a volunteer at the Beyond Hunger food pantry. I did a stint over there today. I'm not sure what's going to happen."

The long-running hunger relief service says on its website that it will continue to serve clients through the COVID-19 crisis.

Mayors in neighboring River Forest and Forest Park have issued "voluntary" shelter-in-place or-

ders, creating different rules for the three closely connected communities. For example, there are no penalties for flouting the recommendation in either town.

Abu-Taleb said that since Oak Park has its own village health department, it has the ability to issue such an order. The mayor's own restaurant in Oak Park — the popular Maya del Sol — will remain closed during the lockdown, which lasts several days longer than the governor's order to close dine-in restaurants until March 30.

"We have the expertise and officials that can advise us on this matter," Abu-Taleb said. "What we are trying to do here is to make people understand the gravity of the situation. In the meantime, we don't want people to panic."

On Thursday, Cook County President Toni Preckwinkle said she would prefer a more uniform approach, with everyone following the same rules.

"This is a decision that that municipality made," she said while announcing 17 more suburban Cook cases of COVID-19, bringing the total to 75. "I guess my basic view is that it would be best if we had a consistent statewide policy on this issue."

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— Oak Park Mayor Anan Abu-Taleb

Illinois would be the second state to impose a shelter-in-place directive, after California Gov. Gavin Newsom issued one Thursday night. The San Francisco area was placed under one Tuesday. New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio also has told his residents to prepare for a possible order, though New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo dismissed the idea, saying his previous edicts are akin to a lockdown without the panic-inducing language.

On Thursday, Pritzker laid down the groundwork for a potential order in Illinois, telling parents to prepare for the statewide school closure to extend past March 30. Though the governor acknowledged he has discussed imposing more stringent rules on the general public, he said that no matter what he decides,

interstate highways, gas stations, grocery stores and pharmacies would remain open.

"There is no need to run out and hoard food, gas and medicine," he said. "Buy what you need within reason. There is enough to go around, as long as you do not hoard."

Mayor Lori Lightfoot also said she would consider putting Chicago on lockdown if necessary as the number of confirmed cases rises. On Thursday, her administration ordered anyone with the new coronavirus or who is exhibiting its symptoms to stay home, though it's not clear how police and health department officials will enforce it.

Illinois has been headed toward a shelter-in-place command for the past week, as Pritzker closed schools,

restaurants and bars for the next fortnight. He also issued an order that limited gatherings to fewer than 50 people, a move that shuttered fitness centers, bowling alleys, private clubs and theaters. And he urged the public to limit gatherings to fewer than 10 people.

Pritzker seemed to hint at more dire measures earlier this week, shortly after the first Illinois resident died from COVID-19.

"There are going to be moments during the next few weeks and months when this burden feels like it is more than we can bear. But we will bear it," Pritzker said Tuesday. "We will get through it. We will thrive and celebrate and gather and paint the river green for St. Patrick's Day and have weddings and parties and election night rallies again. And for the time being we will be strong because that's what this moment calls for."

Illinois had 422 confirmed cases of the new coronavirus across 22 counties as of Thursday, according to the state Department of Public Health. There have been four corona-related deaths, including three announced Thursday.

Chicago Tribune's Dan Petrella and Gregory Pratt contributed.

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The daily briefing came hours before Oak Park's shelter-in-place order took effect, a strict lockdown that offers a look at the conditions more residents could face in coming days. But Pritzker stopped short of issuing tighter restrictions on public gatherings or ordering Illinois residents to shelter in place. He also did not extend school closings beyond the current March 30 end date.

"I'm looking at all of these things, literally every day," Pritzker said. "We're contemplating what are the moves that we need to take based upon the guidance that we're given."

Dr. Ngozi Ezike, director of the Illinois Department of Public Health, said the dramatic increase in reported cases is likely to continue as the ability to test for the virus increases.

"Unfortunately, we do anticipate additional deaths," Ezike said. "We continue to issue the guidance: Please, everyone, stay home as much as possible so we can reduce the number of people who are infected, which will reduce the number of people who get serious illness, which will reduce the number of people who will lose their life."

The state's first fatality from COVID-19 was Patricia Frieson, 61, of the Gresham neighborhood on the South Side, who died Monday night at the University of Chicago Medical Center, according to the Cook County medical examiner's office and one of her siblings. She died of pneumonia related to the disease, the medical examiner's office announced Thursday.

There were no reports of additional cases as of



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

An address to the city by Mayor Lori Lightfoot is broadcast inside Chicago's Best Barber-shop in Logan Square on Thursday, amid the coronavirus pandemic.

Thursday afternoon at Chateau Nursing and Rehabilitation in Willowbrook, where 46 people — 33 residents and 13 staffers — had tested positive for the virus, with at least six hospitalized.

One woman was in critical condition but was "hanging in there," Mayor Frank Trilla said. There were no known cases in the general community, but that's likely a matter of time, Trilla said, since visitors to the nursing home could have been exposed, and it took several days to get test results.

"I think it could have happened anywhere," Trilla said.

On Thursday, more Illinois colleges canceled commencement ceremonies, Metra said it was cutting weekday service in half starting Monday and Illinois unemployment claims skyrocketed. Fallout from

the outbreak also hit the Catholic community, as the Archdiocese of Chicago said that Easter Sunday, Palm Sunday and Holy Week services, including the Chrism Mass, would not be celebrated publicly but some would be livestreamed.

The union that represents Chicago Public Library workers called on the city to close all libraries during the outbreak as librarians expressed safety concerns, even as the city has left nearly two dozen open "to ensure Chicagoans in dire need are still able to rely on libraries for basic services." But starting this weekend, 61 branches will be closed.

"People trust us," said one librarian, who wished to remain anonymous out of concern for her job. "And if we are open, we are telling them that we are still trustworthy, that they should

feel safe in our spaces, and I don't think there is any CPL (Chicago Public Library) staff who feel we have been able to make our spaces safe for the public now."

In Thursday's speech, Lightfoot highlighted a series of steps taken in recent days to try to stay ahead of the fast-evolving situation.

Closing CPS is necessary due to an anticipated "continued upward trajectory of the virus spread," Lightfoot said. "We need to give parents and guardians plenty of advance notice about this reality and the ability to plan," she said.

Lane Tech parent Bob Zehr said his wife and daughter, a 15-year-old sophomore, told him the news with "a little bit of dread and a little bit of joy."

"She is not happy because she has been bored," Zehr said. "But on the other hand, I think she's OK as long as the online e-learn-

ing system can at least keep them treading water, as far as completing their school year."

Zehr, of Portage Park, said he has been preparing to shelter in place and set up a home office for his job in sales and business development. His wife, who works in health care, is also starting to work from home because her workplace is trying to reduce the number of staff members in the office, he said.

"There's a million different things moving that are changing every day, and I was distracted from the potential disaster that the school year could be," Zehr said. "... Extending it to the 20th is probably a smart idea. I'm not mad at Lightfoot for making that decision. I think it's better to be safe than sorry."

On Thursday, Lightfoot's administration also ordered anyone with the virus or who is exhibiting symptoms to stay home. Police and health department officials are authorized to issue tickets to violators, although it's not clear how they will determine who's flouting the edict.

Lightfoot scolded those who haven't stayed home while sick.

"Most of you have listened, but some have not. And those of you that have not, have not only put yourselves at risk, you are endangering the public," Lightfoot said. "We have documented an increasing number of cases in which sick people went to their workplace and got other people sick with the coronavirus."

She also called on the federal government to pass a massive stimulus package and announced an effort at the city level to issue low-interest loans to help "severely impacted small businesses."

Additionally, the city will

delay collecting the city amusement tax, hotel tax, restaurant tax, parking tax, and taxes on bottled water and plastic bags until April 30 to give businesses more breathing room, Lightfoot said.

Pritzker said the administration is taking steps to try to soften the blow of his shutdown order on small and midsize restaurants and bars by allowing a two-month delay in state and local sales tax payments.

The sales tax holiday applies to dining and drinking establishments that had less than \$75,000 in sales tax liabilities last year.

They will not be charged penalties or interest on payments due in March, April or May.

The Illinois Department of Revenue estimates this will apply to nearly 80% of bars and restaurants statewide. Businesses must still file sales tax returns and will be able to make payments in four installments from May 20 through Aug. 20.

The governor sought to reassure Illinoisans on Thursday that important aspects of daily life will continue.

"Essential services will not close," Pritzker said. "Interstates, highways and bridges will stay open. Grocery stores, pharmacies, gas stations, these sources of fundamental supplies, will continue to operate."

As she did in her inaugural address, Lightfoot drew from Chicago poet Gwendolyn Brooks to call for citywide unity, saying: "We are each other's business."

More than 10,700 cases were reported across the U.S., according to Johns Hopkins University, with the death toll at 160.

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CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

McConnell's plan: \$1,200 payments

GOP unveils \$1T package, but some say it's not enough

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WASHINGTON — Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell proposed direct payments of \$1,200 per person and \$2,400 for couples as part of a sweeping response to the coronavirus outbreak, according to a copy of the legislation being crafted by the Kentucky Republican.

The GOP leader unveiled his plan Thursday as Congress raced to craft a \$1 trillion rescue package to shore up households, health care and the U.S. economy amid the pandemic crisis and nationwide shutdown that's hurtling the country toward a likely recession.

"We need to take bold and swift action as soon as possible," said McConnell in announcing his plan on the Senate floor.

Keeping paychecks flowing for idled workers as jobless claims skyrocket is a top priority for both the Republican and Democratic plans emerging from Congress.

McConnell's proposal aligns with the Trump administration's push to swiftly send checks to American households.

Under the GOP leader's plan, the aid would be phased down at income thresholds of \$75,000 for individuals and \$150,000 per couple. Additionally, there would be \$500 payments for each child.

But Democrats have their own proposals for ushering aid to Americans, and even



Grammy award-winning hip-hop artist Lecrae assembles a portable wash station on Thursday in College Park, Georgia.

RON HARRIS/AP

many GOP senators panned Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin's idea of direct checks of \$3,000 for a family of four — preferring instead to use the federal dollars to keep workers who are asked to stay home on business payrolls.

"What I want is income, not one check," said Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., summing up the views of some exiting a long, private meeting of GOP senators on Capitol Hill. One or two checks "makes no sense to me," he said.

Also in Washington, the State Department issued a new alert urging Americans not to travel abroad under any circumstances and to

return home if they are already abroad unless they plan to remain overseas.

Until the notification issued Thursday, the department's advice to U.S. citizens was to "reconsider" all international travel under what is known as a "level three" alert.

However, the upgrade will likely have little practical effect because it is not mandatory and there are now limited transportation options for international travel. The only way to ban Americans from going abroad would be to invalidate the use of U.S. passports for such travel.

Late Thursday, California Gov. Gavin Newsom put the

nation's most populous state on a stay-at-home order.

It expands to nearly 40 million people restrictions he said already applied to about half the state. He said that the statewide restriction on any nonessential movement outside the home is needed to control the spread of the coronavirus.

Newsom had issued the dire prediction that 56% of California's population could contract the virus over the next eight weeks.

Earlier in the day, President Donald Trump said the government should take partial ownership of companies bailed out during the pandemic, a step that would mark an extraordinary fed-

eral reach into the private sector.

Trump also insisted that the federal government is not a "shipping clerk" as he called on states to do more to secure their own critically needed masks, ventilators and testing supplies as the pressure mounted on hospitals struggling to cope with a rising number of coronavirus patients.

More than eight weeks after the first U.S. case of the virus was detected, the federal government is still struggling to respond. Testing in the U.S. lags dramatically behind other developed nations, and states still say they cannot conduct wide-scale testing because

they don't have the swabs or other materials necessary to process them.

And as the number of confirmed cases mounts, doctors and nurses are sounding warnings about the shortage of crucial supplies, including masks and other gear needed to protect health care workers, along with ventilators to treat respiratory symptoms of the virus.

Indeed, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention this week issued guidance telling health care workers that if no masks are available, they could turn to "homemade" options "(e.g., bandana, scarf) for care of patients with COVID-19 as a last resort."

But Trump insisted against the evidence Thursday that there are more than enough supplies available to meet needs. And he said that it was up to states to obtain them.

While willing to "help out wherever we can," he said "governors are supposed to be doing a lot of this work."

"The federal government's not supposed to be out there buying vast amounts of items and then shipping," Trump said. "You know, we're not a shipping clerk."

After the briefing, Trump traveled to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which has now been tasked with leading the national coronavirus response, for a teleconference with governors — some of whom have complained about a lack of guidance from Washington.

The U.S. death toll rose to 200, primarily elderly people. Johns Hopkins University said the U.S. had more than 13,000 cases.

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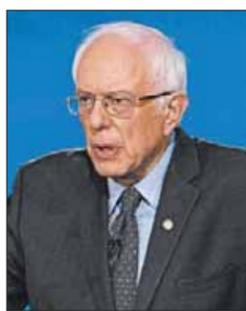
Dem front-runner in limbo as states postpone primaries

BY BILL BARROW,
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WASHINGTON — In the three weeks since his blow-out win in the South Carolina primary, Joe Biden has emerged as the Democratic presidential nominee-in-waiting. But, amid the uncertainty of the coronavirus pandemic, put the emphasis on waiting.

Biden holds an essentially insurmountable delegate lead over his last remaining rival, Bernie Sanders, yet the Vermont senator remains in the race. And with several states delaying their primaries to avoid the spread of the COVID-19 virus, Biden can't reach the required majority of pledged convention delegates until May or June.

Yet the former vice president, who proudly calls himself a "tactile politician," can't chase those votes in public because he's essentially confined to his Dela-



Sen. Bernie remains in the race for the Democratic presidential nomination.

ware home like any other American in a quasi-national quarantine. His new campaign manager and her staff are working from home, too.

For now, Biden's campaign has little choice but to embrace an unprecedented political purgatory.

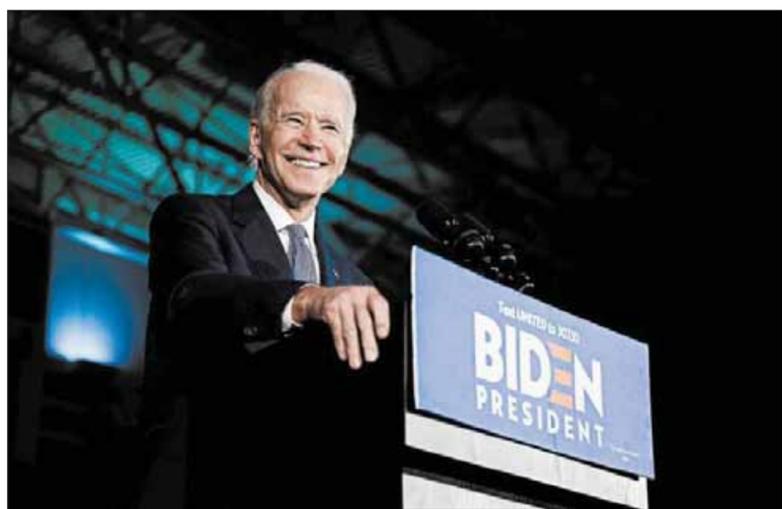
"Three weeks ago, we were on the verge of collapse as a campaign, so this is a very recent phenomenon," said Biden senior ad-

viser Anita Dunn, insisting that the 77-year-old candidate remains focused on playing a productive role in the coronavirus response and sewing up a nominating fight that he doesn't see as finished.

"We will figure out how to put together a general election campaign for this difficult time," Dunn said.

Biden is confident enough in his position, campaign co-chairman Cedric Richmond said, that he's started to consider possibilities for a running mate. But Richmond said no vetting process has begun in earnest.

Biden announced Jen O'Malley Dillon, a veteran Democratic operative, as his new campaign manager March 12, two days after another round of primary victories widened his lead over Sanders. But in the same gathering where O'Malley Dillon was introduced, she and Dunn told the staff they were shuttering the Philadelphia head-



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Democratic candidate Joe Biden now holds a big delegate lead over Bernie Sanders.

quarters and all other Biden offices.

With social distancing already taking hold nationally, Biden and his wife, Jill, addressed the group by telephone from their Wilmington home.

The immediate wild cards for Biden, though, are Sanders and the shifting primary calendar.

Though a lengthy primary could afford Biden media spotlights and fund-

raising hooks he might not otherwise get, Sanders' lingering presence also delays any effort to unify a party that was damaged in 2016 by a long primary fight between Sanders and Hillary Clinton.

Mathematically, there aren't enough delegates up in April for Biden to claim the nomination. But more likely, he'd need to win 75% of the delegates from scheduled contests to win the

nomination outright May 19 with Sanders still in the race. If he doesn't, June 2 would become his more likely clinching date.

At the least, Biden and Sanders have indicated they won't descend into a bitter fight.

In an email to supporters, Sanders didn't ask for campaign contributions for the second straight day, an indication he won't be in the race much longer.

Gabbard says she'll back Biden as she ends long-shot presidential bid

BY MEG KINNARD
Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Hawaii Rep. Tulsi Gabbard suspended her presidential campaign Thursday, ending a long-shot effort that saw her feuding with Hillary Clinton and raising fears among Democrats that she would mount a third-party 2020 bid.

In an email and a video posted to Twitter, Gabbard offered her full support to former Vice President Joe Biden, saying "it's clear that

Democratic primary voters have chosen" him to take on President Donald Trump in November.

Noting their political differences, Gabbard said she respected Biden and had confidence in the motivations of his campaign effort.

"Although I may not agree with the vice president on every issue, I know that he has a good heart, and he's motivated by his love for our country and the American people," she said.

As the coronavirus outbreak continues, Gabbard, a

military veteran and a major in the Army National Guard, said she would focus on her continued service, including military experience, should it be needed.

During her candidacy, Gabbard appeared often on Fox News Channel and angered fellow Democrats by voting "present" on the articles of impeachment against Trump.

With a primary challenge looming, she announced in October she would not run for reelection to her Hawaii congressional seat. Gab-

bard's decision became public shortly after a public feud with Clinton, the 2016 Democratic presidential nominee. In a podcast interview, Clinton appeared to call her "the favorite of the Russians" and said she believed Republicans have "got their eye on somebody who's currently in the Democratic primary and are grooming her to be the third-party candidate."

Gabbard responded by calling Clinton the "personification of the rot that has sickened the Demo-

cratic Party for so long." In January, she filed a defamation lawsuit against Clinton.

Asked to comment on the lawsuit, Clinton spokesman Nick Merrill said, "That's ridiculous."

Questions over whether Gabbard would mount a third-party run in November's general election continued. Even as she was questioned for her present vote on the impeachment articles, Gabbard maintained that a third-party campaign was not something she was considering.



NICHOLAS KAMM/GETTY-AFP
Rep. Tulsi Gabbard won two delegates in her campaign.

CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

China bounces back to help others

Beijing steps into role US once held to improve image

BY STEVEN LEE MYERS AND ALISSA J. RUBIN
The New York Times

BEIJING — China's leader, Xi Jinping, pledged to send more medical experts to Italy this week, on the same day Beijing sent 2,000 rapid diagnostic tests to the Philippines. Serbia's president pleaded for assistance not from the country's neighbors in Europe, which restricted the export of needed medical equipment, but from China.

"European solidarity does not exist," the Serbian leader, Aleksandar Vucic, said when he announced a state of emergency. "That was a fairy tale on paper. I believe in my brother and friend Xi Jinping, and I believe in Chinese help."

Only a few weeks ago, China was overwhelmed by the coronavirus epidemic that began in the central Chinese city of Wuhan, accepting donations of masks and other medical supplies from nearly 80 nations and 10 international organizations.

Now, with new daily cases reportedly dwindling to zero Thursday in Wuhan and surrounding Hubei province, China is mounting a diplomatic offensive to help, as the rest of the world struggles to get the virus under control.

From Japan to Iraq, Spain to Peru, it has provided or pledged humanitarian assistance in the form of donations or medical expertise — an aid blitz that is giving China the chance to reposition itself not as the authoritarian incubator of a pandemic but as a responsible global leader at a moment of worldwide crisis.

In doing so, it has



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A medical team checks in on people who had recently returned from Iran and were self-quarantined at home in Najaf.

stepped into a role that the West once dominated in times of natural disaster or public health emergency, and that President Donald Trump has increasingly ceded in his "America First" retreat from international engagement.

"This could be the first major global crisis in decades without meaningful U.S. leadership and with significant Chinese leadership," said Rush Doshi, director of the China Strategy Initiative at the Brookings Institution in Washington.

He noted that only a few years ago the United States led the fight against Ebola.

The outbreak that started in Wuhan, which has infected hundreds of thousands of people and killed thousands worldwide, has been a staggering setback for Xi's leadership,

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fanning discontent at home and questions abroad about the efficacy of the Communist state.

Now, the global failures in confronting the pandemic from Europe to the United States have given the Chinese leadership a platform to prove its model works — and potentially gain some lasting geopolitical currency.

As it has done in the past, the Chinese state is using its extensive tools and deep pockets to build partner-

ships around the world, relying on trade, investments and, in this case, an advantageous position as the world's largest maker of medicines and protective masks. The largesse is going a long way to help temper popular anger over its initial mishandling of the outbreak that is now wreaking havoc on every continent bar Antarctica.

"I don't know and now I don't care," Michele Geraci, a former undersecretary in the Italian econo-

mic development ministry, said when asked if the assistance reflected China's geopolitical ambitions as much as humanitarian concerns.

He said the urgent issue was to provide aid to save lives, something that Italy's allies in the European Union had been unable or unwilling to do.

"If somebody is worried China is doing too much, the gap is open to other countries," he said. "This is what other countries should do."

China has long aspired to assert a more prominent role in the United Nations and other international organizations while projecting its political, economic and military influence in more and more parts of the world — at times in direct competition with the

United States.

"China is now trying to repair its severely damaged international image due to its mishandling of the outbreak in Wuhan in early January," Minxin Pei, a professor of government at Claremont McKenna College in California, wrote in an email.

"Donating medical supplies shows China is a responsible and generous world power," he added. "It is also touting its success in containing the coronavirus outbreak to suggest its one-party regime is superior to the bumbling democracies in the West, in particular the U.S."

On Wednesday, China said it would provide 2 million surgical masks, 200,000 advanced masks and 50,000 testing kits to Europe.

"We're grateful for China's support," Ursula von der Leyen, the president of the European Commission, said in a tweet. "We need each other's support in times of need."

For countries on the receiving end of China's largesse, questions about the country's motives have largely taken a back seat. That has been especially clear in Iraq, a country that has been a focus of U.S. foreign policy for decades.

Ten days ago, a team of seven Chinese medical experts stepped off an Iraqi Airlines plane in Baghdad bearing medical equipment and supplies. Those included two machines that will allow Iraqi lab technicians to more than quadruple the number of coronavirus tests they do every day, according to doctors dealing with the outbreak.

"The Iraqi people value this initiative of the Chinese people," Jassim Al-Falahi, the deputy minister of health, said as he met the arriving team.

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for failing to take the national lockdown seriously.

Sun Shuopeng said he was shocked to see so many people walking around, using public transportation and eating out in hotels.

"Right now we need to stop all economic activity and we need to stop the mobility of people," he said. "All people should be staying at home in quarantine."

Health authorities have cited a variety of reasons for Italy's high toll, key among them its large population of elderly people, who are particularly susceptible to serious complications from the virus. Italy has the world's second-oldest population, and the vast majority of its dead — 87% — were over the age of 70.

Jonas Schmidt-Chanassit, a virologist at Germany's Bernhard Nocht Institute for Tropical Medicine, said Italy's high death rate could be explained in part by the almost total breakdown of the health system in the hard-hit northern part of the country.

As the outbreak spread westward, it infected at least one European head of state: Monaco's 62-year-old Prince Albert II, who continued to work from his office. And it appeared to be opening an alarming new front in Africa, where health care in many countries is already threadbare.

At the United Nations in New York, Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said the world is "at war with a virus" and warned that "a global recession, perhaps of record dimensions, is a near certainty."

"If we let the virus spread like wildfire — especially in the most vulnerable regions of the world — it would kill millions of people," he said.

Worldwide, the death toll crept toward 10,000 and the total number of infections topped 240,000, including nearly 85,000 people who have recovered.



LUCA BRUNO/AP

Lights at an office building urge Italians to "state a casa" (stay at home) Wednesday in Milan. In total, Italy has recorded about 150 more virus deaths than in China.

French Prime Minister Edouard Philippe pleaded with people to keep their distance from one another to avoid spreading the virus, even as the crisis pushed them to seek comfort.

"When you love someone, you should avoid taking them in your arms," he said in parliament.

The British government, criticized as slow to react to the virus, shifted gears and drew up legislation giving itself new powers to detain people and restrict gatherings. The bill is expected to be approved by Parliament next week.

In China, Thursday marked the first time since Jan. 20 that Wuhan, where thousands once lay sick or dying in hurriedly constructed hospitals, reported no new locally transmitted cases. Authorities said all 34 new cases recorded over the previous day had come from abroad.

"Today, we have seen the dawn after so many days of hard effort," said Jiao Yuhui, a senior inspector at the National Health Commission.

Meanwhile, the World Health Organization warned that the virus is spreading in Africa, from about five countries a week and a half ago to 35 of the continent's 54 nations — an

"extremely rapid evolution," said WHO's Africa chief, Dr. Matshidiso Moeti. Moeti said she did not believe that large numbers of infected people are going undetected but acknowledged a shortage of testing kits.

Moeti also expressed concern about travel restrictions and their effect on the ability to deliver resources. The WHO is considering humanitarian corridors, Moeti said.

But many African nations were taking their cue from China and other countries by restricting travel.

On Thursday, Senegal closed its airspace. Angola and Cameroon shut air, land and sea borders. Rwanda blocked all commercial flights for a month. The island nation of Mauritius closed its border after announcing its first case.

Meanwhile in Iran — the hardest-hit nation in the Middle East — the virus killed 149 more people in the past 24 hours, pushing the death toll there to 1,284 amid more than 18,000 cases. The government Thursday joined other countries in ordering all shopping centers closed for two weeks. Only pharmacies, food stores and other necessary supply stores will be open.

Coronavirus sparks surge of gouging complaints in US

BY REESE DUNKLIN AND JUSTIN PRITCHARD
Associated Press

One store advertised hand sanitizer at \$60 a bottle. Another was accused of hawking it at \$1 a squirt. Chain stores were accused of selling face masks at the "everyday low price" of \$39.95 a pair, while a convenience store offered toilet paper at \$10 a roll next to a sign reading: "This is not a joke."

Authorities are receiving a surge of reports about people trying to cash in on the coronavirus crisis with outrageous prices, phony cures and other scams. An Associated Press survey of state attorneys general or consumer protection agencies across the country found the number exceeded 5,000, with hundreds more coming in daily.

"Greed is a powerful motivator for some people," said Josh Stein, the attorney general of North Carolina, where the number of reports jumped from 72 to 131 in a day. "It is inexcusable to prey on people in a vulnerable time to make a quick buck."

AP's survey is the most comprehensive look so far at the emerging problem. In all, 40 states responded with numbers that included both tips and formally filed complaints against everything from individuals and mom-and-pop stores to big-box retailers. The count is certainly low because it only includes cases in which someone went online or called to register a grievance.

"STOP SHOPPING HERE!!" one woman blared on Facebook next to cellphone photos of a Southern California grocery charging \$6.98 for a gallon of milk and \$14.99 for cheese.

Beyond AP's state count, efforts to prevent exploitation are also being carried out by individual cities, such as New York, which alone has received more than



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Photos on March 11 show a \$4.47 price for Clorox bleach and a higher price for the same item at a Menards store in Jackson, Michigan.

1,000 complaints, issued 550 violations and imposed \$275,000 in fines for gouging, including one case in which a store was accused of selling bottles of Purell at \$79 each.

States are still checking out many of the claims. While some have gone to court against sellers, others have determined cases didn't meet their legal standard for price-gouging. About 10 states have no such law.

States typically try to resolve reports not by pursuing fines or criminal charges but by confronting the retailer, which typically apologizes and lowers the price.

In Maine, investigators had photographic evidence to back up the convenience store sale of the \$10 rolls of toilet paper. In Tennessee, where state lawyers forced two brothers to stop selling the more than 17,000 bottles of hand sanitizer they had hoarded, investigators checked out a tip that a store was charging \$1 for a squirt of sanitizer.

Some rural states reported no complaints. A small slice of reports involved not high prices but false claims that products or services can test for or even cure the virus, which in most people causes only mild or moderate symptoms but can be deadly for some. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has

approved no treatments or vaccines, and the National Institutes of Health says no scientific evidence exists to suggest alternative remedies can prevent or cure the illness.

That hasn't stopped televangelist Jim Bakker pushing treatments with silver particles and conspiracy theorist and Infowars host Alex Jones advertising toothpastes, creams and other products on his radio show. Both were targets last week of cease-and-desist letters from New York's attorney general, and the federal government has sent warning letters to seven companies.

A warning letter also went to the home improvement chain Menards. Some of its stores doubled the price of a gallon of Clorox bleach to \$8.99 and offered two types of 3M respirator masks for an "everyday low price" of \$39.95 a pair — more than four times what Home Depot advertised.

"I'm very disappointed with Menards' choice of actions during this uneasy time," one man wrote in an affidavit.

Menards spokesman Jeff Abbott said in a statement the Wisconsin-based chain considered the Clorox price reasonable because the product had a higher bleach concentration that would last customers twice as long. The statement didn't address the respirator masks.

Women's freedoms still a hot topic

Saudi law opens doors even if some families don't agree

By Vivian Yee
The New York Times

MEDINA, Saudi Arabia — On the question of women working, the law of the land was crystal clear. Raghda and Rafea Abuazzah's parents had ruled otherwise.

"What will people say? You'll be in public!" their father said after the sisters scandalized their parents by announcing that they wanted jobs at a coffee shop in Medina, Saudi Arabia — the second-holiest city in Islam, where the Prophet Muhammad was said to have died. "It's fine to work in an office because no one can see you there. But how can you work with men?"

Two years and much ado later, Raghda Abuazzah serves lattes filigreed with milk art at a strip-mall coffee shop, and Rafea Abuazzah hosts community gatherings at an event space across the way. Their co-workers and customers include men and women. Although their hair remains covered, their faces are bare. And their parents, to everyone's surprise, are coming around. Kind of.

"My parents are against me working here. But it's so good to finally be myself," said Raghda Abuazzah, 21. "Now I'm free. I can finally talk to people without covering my face."

For Westerners — squinting at Saudi Arabia across a vast landscape of stories about oppressed women, ultraconservative Islam and human rights abuses — the desert kingdom often leaves a single, damning impression: Here is a country that women are desperate to flee.

But the changes driven by Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, the kingdom's de facto ruler, have complicated that image



Sisters Raghda, center-left, and Rafea Abuazzah at the coffee shop where Raghda works in Medina, Saudi Arabia.

over the last few years, codifying for women the right to drive, attend sporting events and travel without a man's permission, among others. As the social codes that long governed their lives relax their grip, more women are wearing their hair uncovered and mingling openly with men — at least in larger cities.

But whether reality lives up to the law depends on the dice roll of birth. Day by day, it still falls to women in many households to negotiate their freedoms with the fathers, husbands, brothers and sons who serve as their legal guardians.

Even before the legal changes, Saudi women rarely had to chafe under requirements that a male guardian approve plans to get jobs or travel abroad. For them, permission was nearly always granted.

Although Crown Prince Mohammed has spoken of dismantling the guardianship system, women remain legal minors when it comes to marrying, living on their own and other matters. Those from more traditional families are still yoked to male guardians for whom fear of God, change or what the neighbors will think often outweighs the letter of the law.

For a long time, Raghda and Rafea Abuazzah seemed fated to retrace the path of their five older sisters: arranged marriages while still young; children soon thereafter; faces covered with the niqab, the black veil that reveals only the eyes. The sisters who worked did so in the seclusion of offices, segregated from male co-workers.

The younger siblings were not looking forward to it.

"Me and Raghda were so depressed," said Rafea Abuazzah, who is younger but more forceful. "We thought: We can't do anything. We don't have choices. This isn't the life we want to live."

Compared with girls they had seen in Jiddah, the Saudi port city where looser social customs allowed women to go unveiled, wear their all-covering robes open over jeans and mingle with men in public, the sisters felt anonymous, forgettable.

"We had no self-esteem," Raghda Abuazzah said, "because we all looked the same."

Triumphs that might seem trivial outside the kingdom loom huge within it, especially in the small cities and villages where most Saudis live, far from cosmopolitan Riyadh and Jiddah.

Female baristas were nonexistent in Medina when the sisters first got hired at a coffee shop whose owner had decided to brave it.

Skittish about their uncovered faces and flustered about their friendly interactions with boys, he fired them soon after.

By then, however, other cafes had opened with both male and female staff. The sisters found new jobs — Raghda Abuazzah at Dasoqa, a coffee shop whose name means "ladybug," and Rafea Abuazzah at Blink, a community gathering space nearby.

Their parents have caved a little but fretted a lot. They feared for the family's reputation as much as for their daughters' souls.

"Our dad says, 'What if my family came and saw you here working, making coffee and drinks?'" said

Raghda Abuazzah. "They'll see your face!"

To the sisters, that was the point. Raghda Abuazzah's hair remains neatly tucked under a lilac headscarf, Rafea Abuazzah's under a black one. But their faces — sometimes people still do a double-take when they see them — are bare.

"My face is my identity," said Rafea Abuazzah.

It was not only their parents who objected. When they waited for Ubers after work, the young men hanging around the mall often heckled them, suspicious of their uncovered faces and light makeup.

"What are you doing with those guys?" they demanded as the sisters chatted with male friends.

The lack of reliable public polling and free speech makes it difficult to gauge how Saudis view women's changing status.

But one study, from 2018, suggested that fear of social stigma may drive opposition more than personal resistance.

It found that a majority of Saudi husbands approve of their wives working outside the home, yet underestimate how many other men also support it.

Telling them that more men actually favored it was enough encouragement for them to register their wives for a job-recruitment service.

The problem is persuading individual legal guardians that attitudes are changing.

Not all the changes have been hard sells in Saudi Arabia.

Many Saudis, having traveled and lived abroad or seen the world through the internet, were ready for a more permissive way of life. Others, like Rafea and Raghda Abuazzah, were pushing for it from below.

"I think it's a huge wave that our parents can't stand in front of," Rafea Abuazzah said. "Even if they wanted to, they can't."

NEWS BRIEFING

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Trump seeks \$3B to shore up nation's petroleum reserves

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration said Thursday that it is seeking \$3 billion from Congress to top up the country's strategic petroleum reserves, potentially propping up U.S. oil producers after crude prices crashed globally.

President Donald Trump had directed the Energy Department last week to fill the United States' emergency stash of crude oil to the top, over objections from congress-

sional Democrats who said he was favoring climate-damaging fossil fuels and the profits of oil giants.

Energy Secretary Dan Brouillette said that the move was about filling up the country's 713.5 million barrel Strategic Petroleum Reserve at a time of cheap oil, not about throwing U.S. oil producers a lifeline in rough markets. The reserves are stashed underground in Texas and Louisiana.

US-led coalition troops exit Iraqi base despite more attacks

BAGHDAD — Troops from the U.S.-led coalition pulled out from a base in western Iraq on Thursday as part of a planned drawdown, Iraqi and coalition officials said, while training activities by the coalition were suspended amid concerns about the coronavirus.

Coalition forces withdrew from al-Qaim on the Iraq-Syria border, with others planned across Iraq in the coming weeks. The

plan was in the works since late last year, a senior coalition military official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

There are about 7,500 coalition troops in Iraq assisting and providing training to their Iraqi security counterparts to fight the Islamic State.

The drawdown comes amid an uptick in rocket attacks targeting Iraqi military bases hosting U.S. troops.

Minnesota deputy acquitted of manslaughter in '18 incident

STILLWATER, Minn. — A Minnesota sheriff's deputy was acquitted of second-degree manslaughter Thursday in the 2018 fatal shooting of a suicidal man who held a gun to his own head as he knelt in the street during a 40-minute standoff with police.

Prosecutors said Washington County Sheriff's Deputy Brian Krook acted with culpable negligence and created an unreason-

able risk when he shot 23-year-old Benjamin Evans.

Defense attorneys argued that Evans, an emergency medical technician and probationary firefighter, wanted to die and knew that he would live if he just put down his weapon.

Minnesota Public Radio News reported that the jury reached its verdict after deliberating for a total of seven hours.



Police officers scuffle with a man during a protest on Thursday outside the Israeli parliament in Jerusalem, where hundreds of people defied restrictions on large gatherings.

Israelis protest power grab by Netanyahu amid pandemic

JERUSALEM — Israel appeared to be barreling toward a constitutional crisis Thursday as opponents took to the streets and turned to the Supreme Court to fight a series of unprecedented steps taken by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu while confronting the coronavirus pandemic.

In recent days, Netanyahu and his surrogates have shut down the court system, approved the use of sophisticated phone-surveillance technology on the general public and temporarily suspended the activities of parliament.

While Netanyahu defended the moves, his op-

ponents accuse him of undermining Israel's democratic foundations in a desperate bid to cement his grip on power and derail a looming criminal trial after coming up short in parliamentary elections this month.

Israeli health officials have diagnosed nearly 700 coronavirus cases. The crisis has given Netanyahu the opportunity to flaunt his legendary leadership skills.

Dan Meridor, a former justice minister and one-time member of Netanyahu's Cabinet, said that Netanyahu's recent decisions were not "well considered."

Earlier Thursday, hundreds of people gathered

outside the Knesset, defying government restrictions on large gatherings to protest the shutdown. Some held signs that said "No to dictatorship," "Democracy in danger" and calling Netanyahu the "crime minister."

Police arrested three people for violating a ban on gatherings of more than 10 people. They also blocked a convoy of dozens of cars from entering Jerusalem to protest, and dozens of other motorists inside Jerusalem from approaching the Knesset building.

Many cars honked and hung black flags out their windows.

Wash. lieutenant governor to join the priesthood

OLYMPIA, Wash. — Washington Lt. Gov. Cyrus Habib said Thursday that he is not running for reelection and will join the Jesuit order of the Catholic Church to start the process of becoming a priest.

Habib, a Democrat and the state's first blind lieutenant governor, said the

decision comes after "two years of careful and prayerful discernment."

The lieutenant governor is best known as the president of the Senate and presides over that chamber during the legislative sessions, ensuring that protocol is followed and weighing in on parliamentary

questions that arise during debate.

Habib, 38, lost his eyesight to cancer at age 8. He became a Rhodes scholar and an editor of the law review at Yale before becoming an attorney.

Gov. Jay Inslee called Habib's life and career "an inspiration to many."

Cannes Film Festival gets pushed back to summer

NEW YORK — France's Cannes Film Festival, arguably the world's most prestigious film festival and cinema's largest annual gathering, has postponed its 73rd edition due to the coronavirus.

Organizers of the festival, scheduled to take place May 12-23, said Thursday they are considering moving the event to June or July.

Organizers had been extremely reluctant to cancel Cannes. For weeks, its organizers deflected questions and tried to push through its selection process. But as the pandemic spread through France, it became all but inevitable that it would be canceled.

On Saturday, France's Prime Minister Edouard Philippe ordered the closure of all restaurants, cafes and cinemas in France to increase social distancing and combat the virus.

In Germany: The German government banned two clubs linked to an anti-Semitic movement that refuses to recognize the modern German state, with the Interior Ministry ordering raids on the homes of the groups' leaders in 10 states as part of a crackdown on Germany's far right.

The banned clubs are part of the German autonomous movement, which is different from other far-right groups that focus on refugees, foreigners or Germans with immigrant background. Its members call themselves "Reich citizens."

The group is scattered across the country but exists mostly in the south and east. Members primarily focus hate on the modern German state and people.

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EDITORIALS

Coronavirus and 'e-school'

Before COVID-19 upended life as we've known it, a Chicago-area home at 10 a.m. on a weekday might be a pretty quiet place. Parents at work. Kids in classrooms. Maybe there'd be a spaniel or a tabby standing sentry at the homestead, or a long-tailed budgerigar.

Now, though, with Chicago and the rest of Illinois in the full throes of the coronavirus crisis, the dining room table and the kitchen counter have had their functions radically changed. The ever-growing pandemic already had turned many homes into WFH outposts. This week, a chunk of them became e-schools.

Gov. J.B. Pritzker was right to shut down all Illinois schools beginning Tuesday to minimize spread of the coronavirus menace. The shutdown continues through at least March 30. Teachers have been scrambling to craft lessons that keep students learning, and administrators have been scrambling to ensure that every kid has access to that material.

In Chicago, the schoolwork is meant solely to enrich, and won't be graded, Chicago Public Schools CEO Janice Jackson said Monday. "Learning for the sake of learning," she said. "This is an opportunity for people to apply that in their homes."

Across the metropolitan area, some schools are staying faithful to their basic mission: instruction. They're pushing out new material, monitoring homework assignments online and generally trying their best to sustain education-as-usual.

None of this is easy. Parents working



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Illinois schools were shut down this week to minimize the spread of the coronavirus.

That's e-school, kids, not 'No school!'

from home can multitask between company spreadsheets and making lunch for their kids. Even if that means chiming into a teleconference while a 6-year-old tugs on your shirt with nonstop pleas for attention. The barking beagle in the background is a bonus distraction.

But parents who can't work from home have been foraging for child care, encouraging school-age kids to keep busy, and worrying about whether a youngster will inadvertently start a fire while heating mac-and-cheese.

Nor is this easy for educators. Teachers are seeking innovative ways to keep connected with students who no longer are

sitting in front of them in classroom desks. Top o' the mornin' to the suburban parochial school where, on St. Patrick's Day, a teacher engaged students with an imaginative exercise: Using these online tools, design a leprechaun trap — a device or gizmo to capture those prank-pulling little people always searching for a pot of gold.

The most demanding lesson for students across Illinois: School at home, aka e-school, doesn't mean "No school!" Yes, there's a temptation to declare Spring Break Part I. Resist it, and realize that learning isn't confined by geography. It happens everywhere — any time, all the

time. Teachers will supply schoolwork that keeps you engaged with everything from past participles to quadratic equations. Sign off Candy Crush, and sign onto Google Classroom.

Many school districts in Illinois don't have e-learning capability. That's all right. There's an easy workaround that involves paper, pencil and a parent committed to making sure this pause in the school year doesn't seriously sidetrack a child's academic growth.

Chicago and Illinois aren't alone in putting families and school staffers in awkward but conquerable situations. With most states closing schools and at least 70% of students at home already, there's no telling when the shutdown ends. On Tuesday, Laura Kelly of Kansas became the first governor to declare that her state's schools will not reopen for in-person instruction this spring. Fair enough. Classrooms are hothouses for germ spread. And while young people aren't as vulnerable to this virus, they can carry a contagion from school to parents and grandparents.

The new dynamic at home requires a rethink that creates comfortable environments for working, living and learning. Parents have to steel themselves from groans and grunts when they tell their kids to put down their phones; for the next few hours, class is in session.

The goals at e-school and home-school are the same as at bricks-and-mortar school: Keep kids learning. And keep everyone healthy.

Another risk: Your anxiety, your inactivity and your fridge

You're worried about coronavirus, both as a health peril and a financial threat. You're out of sorts because you've joined the emergency work-from-home brigade. Nothing feels certain, except your powerlessness. You seek solace and companionship from a friend you don't often see during normal work hours: the refrigerator.

We're with you, fellow work-at-homers. Except pardon us as we head to the kitchen for some leftover ribs from last night's takeout that'll make a comforting second breakfast.

Now back to the theme of health and wellness during a national crisis. Beyond the life-and-death risks of COVID-19, dealing with this pandemic is upending all aspects of life as you knew it. News reports are freaking you out. You're anxious about your own health and family members'. Long-planned events, from spring-break trips to children's birthday parties, are imperiled. Options for coping feel limited, but, yes, the fast-food drive-thru is open.

These ripple effects of coronavirus are real, and signs of stress are normal: excessive worry, irritability, insomnia, an increase or decrease in energy, having difficulty giving or accepting help, wanting to be alone, an increase in use of tobacco, alcohol and drugs. Those are some of the impacts, according to a federal government fact sheet with the alarming headline: "Coping with Stress During Infectious Disease Outbreaks."

A few deep breaths and we'll continue. The best advice we're seeing starts with acknowledging the strange reality of the moment, taking all precautions possible to keep yourself and family members safe,



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A man jogs past The Helping Hand, a temporary sculpture by artist Carrie Fischer, at Palmer Square Park in Chicago on March 12.

and doing what you can to protect the public at large by contributing to the defeat of this virus. That's why we're all social distancing — yet the isolation contributes significantly to stress. You've suspended contact with friends and co-workers. It's just you, your TV and your anxiety-inducing social media feed. So let's talk about caring for yourself. We endorse the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's self-care advice, which suggests taking breaks from monitoring the news and obsessing over social media. Come back later to chicagotribune.com; we'll have updates for you. Other sound advice we've collected:

■ **Take care of your spirit.** Keep in touch with friends. Meditate if that helps. Unplug and unwind with other activities you enjoy. Read for pleasure (perhaps avoid zombie lit).

■ **Take care of your body.** Drink plenty of water and cut back on alcohol consumption. Keep to a normal schedule of waking and going to bed, and get plenty of sleep. "Maintaining some kind of schedule can be really impactful in a positive way for our mood," Andrea Graham, an assistant professor of medical social sciences at Northwestern University Feinberg School of

Medicine, told the Tribune.

■ **No, really take care of your body.** Eat healthy. Slap yourself *before* scarfing down five cookies while reading tweets. Watch it with fatty food that may feel soul-satisfying but adds pounds. Instead, dive into exercise. Do what you can and do it daily, whether it's stretching, walking or jogging.

Remember, there's no coronavirus on the running path. Going there will shed some calories, clear your head and lift your spirit.

The coronavirus crisis is real. So is the stress. Take care of yourself.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

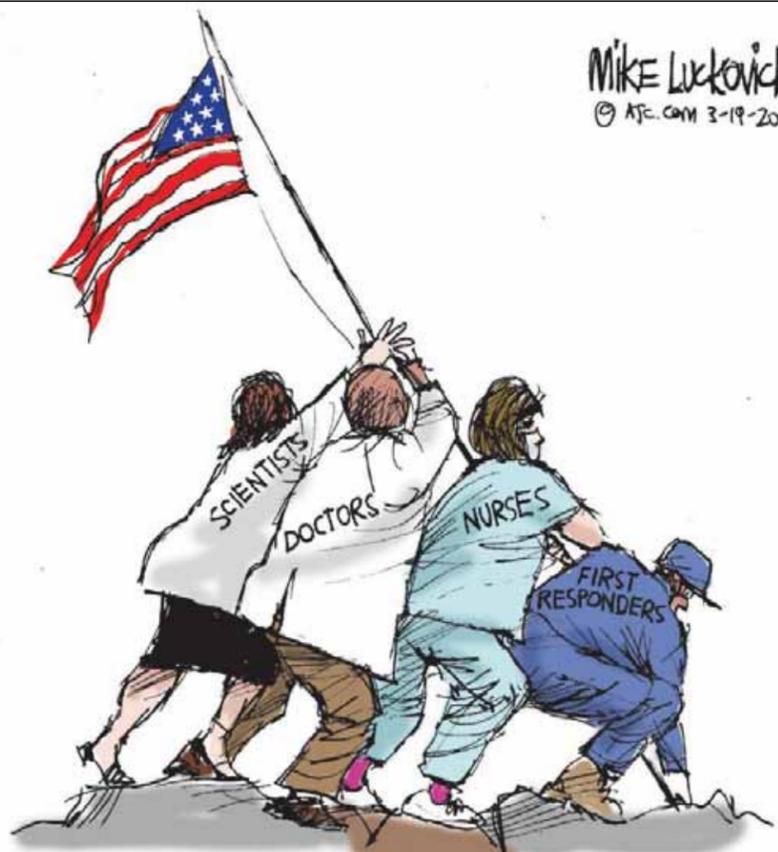
There are three reasons for our decaying institutions. First, Americans are complacent. They are too attached to their lifestyles, unwilling to make changes, even now in the face of catastrophe. ...

The second cause of our institutional failures is the tragedy of the anti-commons, a situation where too many actors have veto rights, leaving valuable resources underused because it becomes too costly to appease all the actors. ... Who holds the veto power is typically unclear, leaving private actors unable to respond quickly to a worsening crisis. ... In discussion groups about developing apps to help track COVID, HIPAA keeps coming up as a main concern.

The final reason for our decaying institutions is that our elite is simply not serious. The response to the crisis has hitherto been to deny and to focus attention on pet concerns: President Trump with the stock market. The left with prejudice. And so on. Our ruling class ignores the greatest threat to our way of life in a generation to focus on topics that aren't relevant.

The World Health Organization tweeted against using the term *inflecting others* as it "assigns blame." The elite does not understand moral responsibility. The people who are still going to events should be blamed. The leaders who force their staff to work should be blamed. The politicians who have not closed schools should be blamed. The World Health Organization, presumably staffed by epidemiologists, was more worried about policing language than preventing the spread of the worst pandemic in a generation.

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U.S. Rep. Dan Lipinski, with his wife, Judy, concedes to Marie Newman in the 3rd Congressional District race at his Oak Lawn campaign headquarters on Tuesday.

Newman ends Lipinski family reign — but was it really all about abortion?



ERIC ZORN

Marie Newman would not play along with the meta narrative, the headline summary that swept the nation late Tuesday that a pro-abortion rights challenger from suburban Chicago had unseated one of the last anti-abortion Democrats in Congress.

Yes, the factual skeleton is true. Newman, 55, a supporter of abortion rights from La Grange, narrowly beat staunch abortion foe U.S. Rep. Dan Lipinski, 53, of Western Springs in the primary race for a House seat that has been in his family since 1983.

"I don't think abortion was really a factor at all," Newman told me in a phone interview Wednesday morning. "I mean, yes, it's a very important issue. I believe in women's rights. I trust women to make decisions on their reproductive health. But I don't obsess over abortion like Dan does."

Lipinski, who has represented the Southwest Side and southwest suburban 3rd Congressional District since he succeeded his father, Bill, in 2005, is a co-chair of the House Pro-Life Caucus. He's voted against funding for embryonic stem cell research and for a federal ban on abortions after 20 weeks, and in January he was one of just two Democratic members of Congress who signed a brief with the U.S. Supreme Court arguing that the landmark 1973 *Roe v. Wade* ruling establishing abortion rights should be "re-considered and, if appropriate, overruled."

"He wanted to make this race just about abortion, as though I'm just a one-trick pony," said Newman, who is almost certain to beat Republican nominee Mike Fricilone of Homer Glen in November given the overwhelmingly Democratic composition of the electorate. "But the truth is that



Newman on the campaign trail in the 3rd District last year. She will face Republican Mike Fricilone in November.

we built a platform that's in line with the changing values of this district. I ran on providing health care for all, empowering unions, promoting infrastructure and good-paying jobs, and working together to make sure everyone's rights are respected."

Indeed, the nearly 2,000-word issues page on Newman's campaign website makes just one direct and one indirect mention of her support for a woman's right to choose abortion.

But in a news conference Wednesday, Lipinski told reporters that campaign commercials highlighting the issue "loomed large" in his defeat. "The pressure in the Democratic Party on the life issue has never been as great as it is now," he said. "To stand in solidarity with the vulnerable is to become vulnerable."

His vulnerability was evident two years ago when Newman, a business consultant and anti-bullying activist making her first run for office, nearly beat him. He won by a 2,145-vote, 2.2 percentage-point margin.

conservative interest groups over his own constituents."

Lipinski is in many ways a DINO — Democrat in Name Only — not just because of an anti-abortion stance that, as he said, is increasingly rare in the party, but also for his support of the anti-gay Defense of Marriage Act, his opposition to the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) and his refusal to endorse Democratic President Barack Obama's reelection bid in 2012. Yet the blue-collar district has a conservative streak as well, and its voters elected him to eight terms.

The district still has that streak. Newman's victory was hardly resounding. Her winning margin Tuesday looks as though it'll be roughly as narrow as her losing margin in 2018 — a couple thousand votes, a bit more than 2% of the total. The presence on the ballot of two other candidates who took a combined 8% of the vote resulted in Newman getting a slightly lower percentage in victory in 2020 (48.2%) than she got in defeat in 2018 (48.9%). Lipinski's support fell by more than 5 percentage points from 2018.

Given the breadth of Newman's progressive platform and the endorsement nods she got from an eye-catching array of liberal organizations and prominent political figures — including Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot, U.S. Sens. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts, Cory Booker of New Jersey, Kirsten Gillibrand of New York and Bernie Sanders of Vermont as well as U.S. Reps. Jan Schakowsky of Illinois, Pramila Jayapal of Washington and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez of New York — it's hard to know how much emphasis to place on one issue.

The surest headline is also the best news: The 3rd District will likely soon have a representative who will vote like a real Democrat in Congress.

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Pritzker should call virtual legislative session to deal with coronavirus

BY ROD BLAGOJEVICH

I am urging Gov. J.B. Pritzker to immediately call the Illinois General Assembly back to work for the purpose of extending emergency paid sick leave to all public and private sector workers forced into precautionary or mandatory quarantine due to the coronavirus pandemic and to suspend mortgage payments. Time is of the essence.

The Illinois Constitution gives to the governor the constitutional power to call the legislature back into special legislative session anytime he or she sees fit. In this time of a worldwide pandemic, Gov. Pritzker should wait no longer and immediately exercise that power by calling the Illinois General Assembly back to work. Tens of thousands of working people who have suddenly found themselves without a paycheck due to the economic dislocation caused by the coronavirus need help now.

Last week, the Illinois General Assembly



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Gov. J.B. Pritzker speaks about COVID-19 updates this week in Chicago.

canceled session for fears of the spread of the coronavirus. Since that time, Gov. Pritzker has ordered the closing of dine-in restaurants and bars in the state of Illinois, thereby causing thousands of people to be unable to work. It is time for the governor and the lawmakers to help those workers.

Summoning the General Assembly into special legislative session is not unusual. During the six years I was governor, I exercised that constitutional power to call the General Assembly into special session 36 times. And during none of those special sessions was there any emergency even remotely comparable to the one Gov. Pritzker and our elected representatives are facing now.

Recognizing the dangerous new reality posed by the gathering of people in close contact with one another, and in the wake of the likely spread of the coronavirus due to the long line of voters gathered together to vote in Tuesday's election, Gov. Pritzker should call the General Assembly into a virtual emergency special legislative session.

Gov. Pritzker is no stranger to virtual gatherings. Well before being elected governor, he had, to his credit, been a leader in the development of high-tech in Illinois. The governor should now draw on his tech

background to fulfill his duty to the people and provide for their welfare. A virtual emergency legislative session would protect the members of the General Assembly from exposure to the coronavirus while getting the job done to help the thousands of workers who are unable to do their jobs and pay their bills.

This week the New York State Legislature, meeting in Albany, seized the initiative and passed emergency legislation for workers impacted by the coronavirus. Gov. Andrew Cuomo immediately signed the bill into law.

We are living in extraordinary times that call for extraordinary measures. There's no time to lose. What are Gov. Pritzker and the lawmakers waiting for? The working people of Illinois need help now.

Rod Blagojevich served as the governor of Illinois from 2003 to 2009. He returned to public life in February after President Donald Trump commuted his prison sentence.

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Gov. J.B. Pritzker prepares to brief reporters on the coronavirus pandemic at the Thompson Center on Tuesday.

Pritzker steps up in face of coronavirus crisis

Similarly bold leadership would help solve Illinois' other problems

BY DAVID GREISING

Granted, there was some political posturing involved, but it's worth noting Gov. J.B. Pritzker's explanation for why he kept the Illinois polls open on Election Day.

Ohio's governor had closed his state's polls, defying a court order. The Chicago Board of Elections and others had urged the Illinois governor to do likewise, Pritzker said. But the state constitution doesn't give Pritzker that power, he said, and he wasn't about to use the COVID-19 crisis as a pretext.

"There are people out there who want to say, 'Oh, it's a crisis. Bend the rules. Overstep your authority,'" Pritzker said at a news conference Tuesday. "Let me tell you this: It is exactly in times like this where the constitutional boundaries of our democracy should be respected above all else."

The rule of law is worth clinging to these days. It's a toehold of certainty amid the yawning calamity of the coronavirus. With so much uncertainty out there — about the pandemic, the economy, the looming elections — it's good to have Pritzker, and other leaders, remind us of this bedrock of American civilization.

Pritzker's stand on elections was an act of leadership. Some disagreed, others agreed. And that's when leaders step up and make a judgment call.

Crises have a way of exposing leadership, or the lack of it. In the bright lights of a crisis, there is nowhere to hide for an elected official who is unprepared, dishonest, self-serving or unwilling to take responsibility for his or her actions.

Pritzker is showing the opposite: preparation, perseverance, candor, decisiveness. He closed the state's schools, despite concerns from Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot and others about the im-

pact on disadvantaged families.

When Pritzker talks about personally calling health care companies, transportation officials and just about anyone who might help — after midnight no less — it sounds plausible. His claims that his staff is working 24/7 to address the crisis are plausible too; just look at their exhausted faces lined up behind him at news conferences.

He even has shown a flair for the ALL-CAPS Twitter post. Outraged by the lines that formed Saturday night at O'Hare International Airport, and unable to rouse a response from federal government, Pritzker sailed a chin-high tweet in the direction of @realDonaldTrump, President Donald Trump's account.

"Since this is the only communication method you pay attention to — you need to do something NOW," Illinois' governor tweeted. Then, a beat or two later: "The federal government needs to get its s@#t together. NOW."

By Sunday night, personnel at the airport roughly had doubled in number. Travelers' waits in line shrank from hours to minutes. Just how big a part the Pritzker tweet-storm played in that, we may never know.

Pritzker, the governor in full, is something we had not yet seen until now. In the public eye at least, until now, Pritzker had hardly been tested.

A billionaire with an inherited fortune, he looked to have an easy path to the governor's office. He got a lot done in his first legislative session. But really, how hard was that? Of course a Democratic supermajority would approve a \$42 billion infrastructure program, as well as a tax hike, dubbed the "fair tax," that — if voters approve a constitutional amendment in November — would hit just the top 3% of the state's income earners.

Today, everyone including Pritzker can see, plainly, that the Illinois governor has the leadership quotient. The question for him, and for the state, is how he will act to leverage it.

When the legislature gets back to business one day, it will take real leadership from Pritzker to do the people's work. The immediate to-do list will include coronavirus-related responses, including health care needs and bagging all the federal help available.

A budget must be passed too. And, for now, there is a May 3 deadline for passing a bill for electoral-map reform.

There will be a temptation to set some urgent issues aside — or, worse yet, pass so-called reform bills that amount to nothing but window dressing.

It will take leadership by the governor, working with the legislature, to decide how to navigate this traffic jam of urgent needs. A special session may be a good way to proceed.

And if that happens, perhaps Pritzker can take advantage of the extra time — and his newfound leadership persona — to set his list of demands. That's needed on ethics reform and would be helpful on property tax reform too.

The curve of the coronavirus crisis will flatten one day. When that happens, the state will need Pritzker to continue exhibiting the kind of leadership he has begun to exhibit lately. The stakes will be higher than ever, the need for a strong governor greater than before.

As the governor himself might tweet: "There's a lot of s@#t to shovel in Illinois government. There's no better time for strong leadership than NOW."

David Greising is president and chief executive officer of the Better Government Association.

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Passing money on to others

I'm happy to learn that our government plans to offer financial help to citizens who have been negatively affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. As yet, we don't know how this will work. A check for every American, no matter his or her age or financial status?

I am by no means a wealthy person, but am in a position to weather this crisis without additional financial assistance. If I receive one of these checks, and I don't yet know that I will, I will be endorsing it over to someone I know who really needs it. This is no time to be greedy, thinking of this as some kind of windfall. I would urge everyone who is in a position to do so, to endorse the check to someone else. Or if not to an individual, endorse it to a food pantry or other appropriate charitable organization. You choose.

— Sandy Haen, Bloomington

Payments for unemployment

Giving everyone \$1,000 each is a terrible idea. I don't need it. None of my retired friends need it. Anyone continuing to get a paycheck doesn't need it.

Only those who have been laid off need it — desperately! And \$1,000 will not go far enough for them.

Adequate unemployment payments are the wisest way to spend money we don't have and the only way to save this economy.

— C. Huber, River Forest

City needs to stabilize renters

I am a Chicagoan currently self-isolating, and I feel very lucky. Many of my neighbors lost their jobs last week when the governor closed down restaurants. It was the right thing to do, but it won't help my favorite neighborhood bartender who is a single mom of four amazing kids all now out of school, and all now facing hunger and eviction. I'm lucky — my hourly job has switched to work-from-home. But I'm also asthmatic, and if I get sick, I'll almost definitely be hospitalized and unable to work.

My landlord is also lucky. I live in a building in Rogers Park where my apartment is owned by Jennifer Pritzker, one of our state's billionaires, and my \$800-per-month rent (or lack thereof) won't impact her ability to pay the mortgage on the building or put food on her table. Yet in my mixed-income neighborhood with a billionaire landlord, we still haven't heard anything about rent flexibility or a pause on evictions. My neighbors who work in the service industry, and their landlords who can barely pay the mortgage with rental income, are not as lucky.

It's far past time for the city and state to do something to stabilize renters during this pandemic.

— Monica Carmean, Chicago

Anyone thinking of 'Groundhog Day'?

Is anyone else feeling like they are in a scene from the movie "The Ten Commandments"? The one in which everyone is holed up in their homes, as prayers are chanted, and a creepy black smoke winds its way through narrow streets striking dead all the unprotected first born in its path?

I had been. But after days of waking up to the same frightening news, I have also felt like I was in the movie "Groundhog Day," and I much prefer its optimism.

Though the movie's central character Phil Connors (Bill Murray), first reacts with fear and later resignation when he can't escape the nightmare of endlessly reliving the same day, he eventually realizes that there is much more joy in using this gift of time to improve himself, become a better person and help others. At the end of the movie, Phil can play the piano, carve ice, change a tire and perform the Heimlich maneuver and is loved by all for his warmth and kindness. When the next day finally comes, he wins the girl and has a new appreciation for everything around him.

Though our current crisis is undoubtedly frightening, we will likely not die if we follow the advice of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. So it seems to make more sense to stop concentrating on the fear and instead follow Phil's lead and find joy in wisely using this gift of time. And when the coronavirus-fearing days finally end, we can then emerge with new skills, new knowledge, deeper relationships, a more orderly house, greater compassion for people worldwide and a new appreciation of the wealth of freedoms and social opportunities our nation affords.

— Mary Edsey, Chicago

Jail detainees need more consideration during crisis

BY NNEKA JONES TAPIA

Our Illinois state and local officials have been leading the nation in their response to the coronavirus by decisively shutting down dine-in restaurants, large public gatherings and other places where people could spread this new contagion. Yet there is deafening silence when it comes to one of the vulnerable venues for transmission — our jails and prisons.

According to the Cook County sheriff's office website, as of Wednesday, there were 5,593 men and women held within Cook County Jail, most of whom have not been found guilty of a crime. Yet they are in jail and at risk for the coronavirus; for many, this is simply because they can't afford bail.

The mayors, county officials and governors across the United States who are leading the charge on public health must also address what's happening in our correctional systems, where social distancing is not an option.

The risks are enormous. Preventive measures such as frequent hand-washing with soap and use of hand sanitizer are

difficult practices to implement given the high number of people in custody. Personal protective equipment is limited among the general population, and correctional facilities are no exception.

Many incarcerated people have chronic medical conditions, increasing their vulnerability. Any rapid spread of the virus within an institution poses a significant threat to communities as law enforcement and first responders return home to their families. And just as we have extended our compassion to families unable to visit older relatives, we should do the same for children with incarcerated parents.

It is within the power and expertise of the judiciary to expeditiously review the cases of all pretrial detainees being held within jails on bonds they cannot afford to pay and determine if they can safely be released, as was done in Travis County, Texas, and being planned in Clark County, Nevada.

With this in mind, it is unclear why we can't provide similar efforts to preserve the public welfare in this time of crisis. Further, it is in the best interest of the public to review the cases of men and

women housed in the Illinois Department of Corrections to identify all who are eligible for early release. The Cook County sheriff's office, in partnership with other county agencies, has already begun a similar process by releasing individuals housed within the jail who are eligible for release due to their extensive medical needs and low-level threat to community safety.

For the men and women who will continue to live and work in these facilities, personal protective equipment must be made available in critical areas. Soap, hand sanitizer and CDC-approved cleaning agents must also be made readily available throughout the institutions.

Officials at the state and local levels have demonstrated that they are thoughtful leaders who care about the people they serve, responding to the voices of millions. Let us not forget about the voices that are muffled by concrete walls.

Dr. Nneka Jones Tapia, a clinical psychologist, is the former warden of the Cook County Jail and the current leader in residence at Chicago Beyond.

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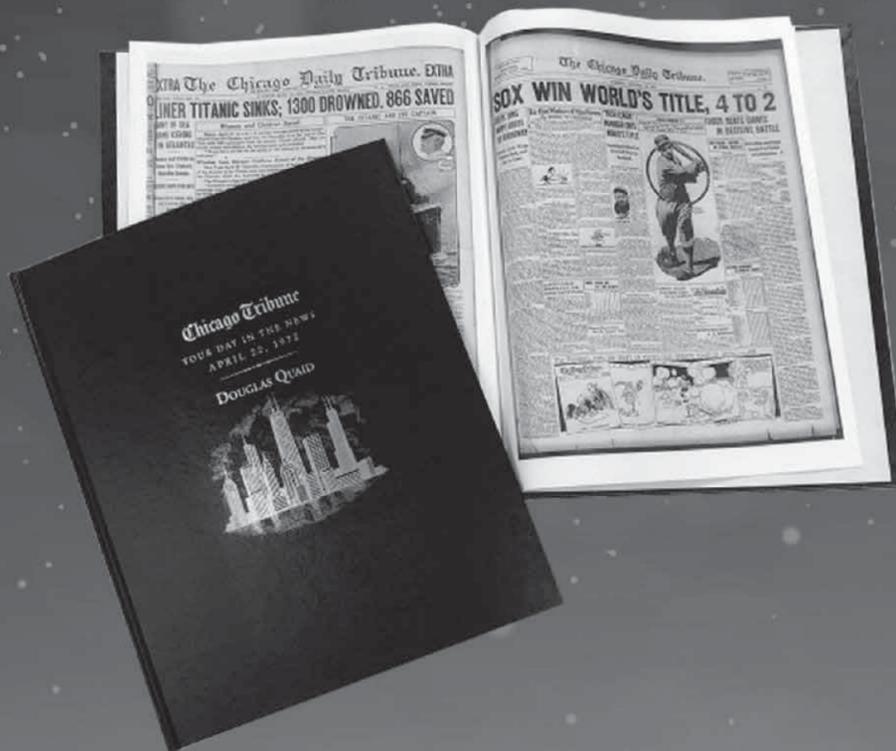
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CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Illinois unemployment claims skyrocket

Outbreak causes businesses across the state to shut down

BY ALLY MAROTTI

Tens of thousands of Illinoisans are seeking unemployment benefits amid the coronavirus pandemic, as workplaces of all sizes close.

More than 64,000 Illinoisans submitted unemployment claims to the state's Department of Employment Security from Monday through Wednesday, said spokeswoman Rebecca Cisco. That's more than 10 times as many as the state received on the same three days during the corresponding week last year.

Typically, the state requires people to be actively seeking work to receive unemployment benefits. But that changed under emergency rules adopted specifically to respond to COVID-19, the disease caused by the new coronavirus.

A person is considered to be actively seeking work as long as they're prepared to return to work as soon as the employer reopens, according to the Department of Employment Security's website.

The state has made other exceptions to the normal requirements to receive unemployment benefits, too. Usually, leaving a job to care for a child is considered voluntary, and would mean a person would not qualify for benefits.

But an executive order from Gov. J.B. Pritzker has closed public and private schools around the state at least through March 30, and some are already planning to stay closed longer. The state recognizes that a parent staying home with a child likely has no other child care option, and would consider that person eligible for unemployment benefits.

The heightened number of unemployment claims is straining the state employees that must process them, said Roberta Lynch, executive director of American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Council 31, which represents about 40,000 Illinois state government employees.

The computer systems the em-

"Workers are overwhelmed because there's a huge increase in applications over the last two weeks and it's growing daily."

— Roberta Lynch, executive director of American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Council 31

ployees use have crashed repeatedly, Lynch said.

"Workers are overwhelmed because there's a huge increase in applications over the last two weeks and it's growing daily," she said.

It has been just over a week since the World Health Organization officially declared that the COVID-19 outbreak is a pandemic. State officials announced

Thursday that Illinois now has 422 confirmed COVID-19 cases, and four deaths.

To help prevent the spread of the coronavirus, Pritzker ordered bars and restaurants around the state to close to dine-in business starting March 17. Some have remained open for carryout orders, a move that keeps some

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Beth Bond tries to work from home while entertaining her daughter Mady, 6, while her husband Lee Madsen feeds their nine-month-old daughter James on Tuesday at their River North apartment during the coronavirus pandemic.

A difficult balancing act

As day cares shut down, parents must juggle child care and working from home

BY ALLY MAROTTI

Bright and early on a recent morning, as River North resident Beth Bond took a conference call with international colleagues, her husband was nearby washing slime out of their daughter's hair.

The scene represented the family's new normal during the outbreak of COVID-19, the disease caused by the new coronavirus. With schools and day cares shutting down to quell the spread of the disease, and most offices closed, parents are juggling remote work and child-rearing.

"Before it was, 'Oh my God, that's so unprofessional to have your kids screaming in the background,'" Bond said. "Now everyone is in the same boat."

At day cares throughout the

Chicago area, the decision to close is not being taken lightly. The state told schools to shut down, but gave no such directive to day cares. Some remain open, knowing their clients are employed in health care fields and must continue going to work. Others have closed and are providing parents with activities for their kids, or recording videos for students to watch.

Before Sprouts of Joy Daycare shut down Tuesday, attendance had already dwindled from about 15 to eight children, said owner Elisa Alicea.

"A lot of parents were just texting me ... saying, 'For health reasons, we're going to keep so-and-so home today,'" Alicea said.

The Logan Square day care serves kids from 6 weeks old to 12 years old. Alicea had been sani-

tizing toys during nap time, doing laundry more frequently and having the students repeatedly wash their hands, but she decided it was time to close.

She's planning to share ideas for crafts and art projects involving Play-Doh, chalk and paint on the day care's Facebook page. Alicea intends to stay closed until March 31, the same day Chicago Public Schools are expected to reconvene.

Gov. J.B. Pritzker issued an executive order closing all kindergarten through 12th grade schools, public and private, from March 17 through March 30. Some districts have already chosen to stay closed longer, and it's possible the statewide shutdown will be extended.

Day cares have felt the impact. Children who come after school are staying home, and some

toddlers are being kept home with older, school-aged siblings.

"We had less kids show up today because a lot of our parents, if there's one child staying home, then they'll just keep the other one at home," Nongtipa Limson, an administrator at Rainbow School Daycare in the Albany Park neighborhood, said Monday.

The facility serves children ages 5 and younger, and has about 85 children enrolled. Fewer than 35 came Tuesday, Limson said. The day care decided to shut down Wednesday.

Though health officials say children are not at higher risk for COVID-19, day cares must consider whether staying open would contribute to the spread of the pandemic, Limson said.

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Retailers set aside hours for seniors

Time frame for those at a higher risk of contracting COVID-19

BY LAUREN ZUMBACH

Retailers from national chains to local supermarkets are encouraging consumers to set aside early morning hours for shoppers who could be at greater risk from the new coronavirus and may be hesitant to shop in crowded stores.

The special shopping hours are typically targeted at seniors or shoppers with health conditions that could make the virus more of a concern. The latter is hard for a store to check, and while some retailers are trying to enforce age limits, others are relying on the honor system.

Patel Brothers, which has five Chicago-area stores, opens its stores to seniors at 10 a.m., two hours before the standard opening time. Employees at the door won't card shoppers but have turned away young customers, said Swe-tal Patel, vice president of Patel Brothers.

"We just say it's open at 10 a.m. for seniors only, and ask people to please respect that," he said.

A few older shoppers asked if Patel Brothers could set up a dedicated checkout lane to help them get in and out of busy stores faster. Patel Brothers decided to set up dedicated hours since older customers tend to shop early, he said.

Whole Foods, which is opening to customers age 60 and older an hour before a store's posted opening time, also appears to be enforcing its age limit. An employee at the Deerfield store said shoppers needed to show an ID with their age to enter.

Sunset Foods, which on Wednesday began setting aside the hour after stores open at 7 a.m. for older shoppers or people with underlying health conditions, isn't checking early morning shoppers at the door. The company has stores in Highland Park, Lake Forest, Libertyville, Long Grove

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Former media CEO takes 7% stake in Tribune Publishing

Stock acquisition makes Florida investor the third-largest share holder in the company

BY ROBERT CHANNICK

Mason Slaine, an investor and the former CEO of business information publisher Thomson Financial, has acquired a 7% stake in Tribune Publishing, making him the third-largest shareholder in the company.

With Tribune Publishing's stock closing at an all-time low of \$5.50 per share on Wednesday, Slaine may be in the market to buy more.

"I like the business," Slaine, 66, said Wednesday. "I think it's an opportunity to be an investor at a good price and participate. I'll probably buy more if the stock stays cheap."

Slaine spent more than \$13.9

million to buy 1.58 million shares of Tribune Publishing stock between Feb. 3 and March 17, according to a Securities and Exchange Commission filing Tuesday. The purchases were made on the open market at an average price of \$8.79 per share.

The Boca Raton, Florida-based investor now owns nearly 2.5 million shares, or 6.9% of Tribune Publishing's 36.3 million outstanding shares. Slaine has become the company's third-largest shareholder behind hedge fund Alden Global Capital and Los Angeles Times owner Patrick Soon-Shiong.

Max Reinsdorf, a spokesman for Chicago-based Tribune Publishing, which owns the Chicago

Tribune and other major newspapers, declined to comment Thursday.

The stock purchases were made with personal funds based on the belief that Tribune Publishing's shares represent an "attractive investment opportunity," Slaine said in the filing.

Slaine also said in the filing he intends to ask the Tribune Publishing board to exercise an option to buy out minority investors in BestReviews and sell the profitable e-commerce website, which he said would generate \$200 million to \$250 million in cash proceeds.

"What are they doing running an e-commerce company?" Slaine told the Tribune. "They should sell it, whether they decide to pay out a dividend or whatever they do with it."

Tribune Publishing bought a



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The Chicago Tribune newsroom at One Prudential Plaza.

60% stake in BestReviews for \$66 million in February 2018.

Slaine has a long history as an executive in financial media and information publishing. A graduate of Amherst with a Harvard

MBA, Slaine was president and CEO of Thomson Financial from 1994 to 1996, an arm of the Canadian media giant that merged

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Panic buying leaves retailers scrambling

BY ANNE D'INNOENZIO
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Grocers big and small are hiring more workers, paying overtime and limiting purchases on certain high demand items as they scramble to restock shelves that have been wiped out by panic shopping in response to the global viral pandemic.

Amazon has said that it will only accept shipments from suppliers of cleaning equipment, medical supplies and household goods at its warehouses for the next three weeks to fill surging demand. It is hiring 100,000 people across the country to keep up with a crush of orders as more people stay at home and shop online. It will also temporarily raise pay by \$2 an hour through the end of April for hourly employees.

Many grocers are also limiting purchases of products like sanitizers, cleaning spray and canned soup so that there is enough to go



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Shoppers walk near empty shelves of produce Tuesday at a Publix Supermarket in Miami Shores, Florida.

around. Companies like Walmart, Target and Wegman's are curbing store hours for the public in order to give workers time to restock shelves.

The moves come as industry executives insist supply chains remain strong despite frustrated customers showing up to stores and sometimes walking away empty-handed.

"When you have runs at grocery stores, there is a little time needed to catch up," said Lowell Randel, vice president for government and legal affairs at the Global Cold Chain Alliance,

a trade group representing the refrigerated warehouse and delivery industry.

The National Retail Federation and the Retail Industry Leaders Association on Sunday urged shoppers to restrain themselves, asking that if they didn't need an item in the next two weeks to leave it for someone else who does.

Some stores like Target, Northeastern grocery chain Stop & Shop and Australia's Woolworth are implementing special hours to accommodate elderly customers, who have been avoiding crowds that leave them

susceptible to COVID-19. Jim Barth, owner of a family-owned butcher in New Providence, New Jersey, recently started a delivery service catering to older or sick customers but stopped taking online orders after getting inundated with other shoppers who were also trying to avoid crowds.

To help ease the bottleneck in the U.S., the federal government has suspended rules that limit the number of hours that truckers can drive.

Meanwhile, manufacturing facilities are seeking exemptions to state and local restrictions that limit the size of public gatherings so that they can keep moving products. And retailers are wrestling with labor shortages as workers worry about being exposed to the virus and stay home.

For the workers who show up, exhaustion is taking a toll as they must work faster while dealing with angry customers.

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What if a child carries the virus and then exposes an elderly grandparent?

Nook Daycare in the Bucktown neighborhood is still open, but has limited nonessential personnel in the school. That means no tours, no interviews with potential staff members and no delivery drivers.

Regional manager Mandy Doy said about half the parents are keeping their kids home, but others, some of whom work as nurses, firefighters or emergency medical technicians, still need care for their children.

The hardest part of all this?

"It's the unknown," Doy said. "How long is it going to last? It's the inconsistency for the children, because we know they thrive on the routine that we provide them."

To help maintain some consistency for the 2½- to 3-year-olds she teaches at the Board of Jewish Education Early Childhood Center in Wilmette, Sheryl Rosen and her co-teacher will send videos of themselves to the children.

Rosen will lead a morning meeting with them, like she does every day, and her co-teacher will do story time, yoga or another afternoon activity.

Annie Warshaw's 3-year-old son is in Rosen's class. She's planning virtual play dates with his friends via Zoom, a video conferencing service. The Skokie resident also has an 11-month-old daughter, and her husband is working from home too.

The two have established a schedule: Warshaw works for a few hours in the morning while her husband watches the kids, and they trade off.

"It's a very new groove," she said.

Warshaw is used to juggling work and parenting

duties. She's the co-founder and CEO of Mission Propelle, a yoga-based after-school program that serves more than 100 schools in the city and west suburbs. She sometimes works from home, using nap time to her advantage.

But take away the day care and factor in the havoc the outbreak is wreaking on her business, and this new routine has required some adjustment.

Additionally, Warshaw asked her babysitter not to come anymore to reduce potential exposure to the virus.

The question of babysitters is something of a Catch-22 during the outbreak: Though children are off school and parents could use the help, some are apprehensive about letting people into their homes.

Sittercity, a website that matches babysitters with families, has seen job posts decrease overall during the

COVID-19 outbreak because people aren't going out as much, said Aubry Parks-Fried, head of content and brand strategy.

But earlier this week, posts up from around the country specifically mentioning COVID-19 increased four times in two days, she said.

"Urgent need for experienced daytime sitters!" read one post from the Chicago area that mentioned COVID-19.

Parks-Fried said Sittercity is reminding families that sitters and nannies are in the same situation, worrying about their jobs and about what to do with their own children.

Child care professionals "are the backbone of how we work, and I think we're seeing that across the board," she said. "What do you do when child care is even more difficult?"

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with Reuters in 2008 and became Thompson Reuters.

He founded and led several prominent information services companies including Securities Data Corp. and Information Holdings, both of which were acquired by Thomson.

Slaine also was an investor and chairman at FT Media Holdings, and is currently an investor and chairman at Cast & Crew, an entertainment industry payroll and accounting firm based in Burbank, California.

About 18 months ago, Slaine said he approached Michael Ferro, then Tribune Publishing's nonexecutive chairman and largest shareholder, and inquired about buying his hometown newspaper, the South Florida Sun Sentinel.

"He wouldn't do it," Slaine said of the inquiry, which was confirmed by a source familiar with the discussion.

Ferro declined to comment.

In August, Slaine said he met with Tribune Publishing's then-CEO Tim Knight to express interest in buying BestReviews, but "he didn't even respond." Slaine remains interested in BestReviews — if Tribune Publishing takes his advice and sells it.

Knight, who stepped down as Tribune Publishing CEO in February, did not respond to a request for comment.

Tribune Publishing's stock briefly hit \$4.91 per share Thursday morning, the lowest price since it spun off from broadcast parent Tribune Media as a publicly traded newspaper company in August 2014.

Alden, a secretive New York-based hedge fund with a track record of sweeping

layoffs at its newspaper properties, took a 32% stake in Tribune Publishing in November, mostly through buying Ferro's holdings. In total, Alden purchased 11.5 million shares of Tribune Publishing for \$145.4 million, or about \$12.64 per share.

Soon-Shiong, who built his initial stake in Tribune Publishing at \$15 per share in 2016, owns about 8.7 million shares, or 24.2% of the company.

Both Alden and Soon-Shiong are restricted by ownership standstill agreements through June 30.

In addition to the Tribune and Sun Sentinel, Tribune Publishing owns the Baltimore Sun; Hartford Courant; Orlando Sentinel; New York Daily News; the Capital Gazette in Annapolis, Maryland; The Morning Call in Allentown, Pennsylvania; the Daily Press in Newport News, Virginia; and The Virginian-Pilot in Norfolk, Virginia.

Slaine said he remains a believer in the value of local journalism, and sees an opportunity for the newspaper company to become a "great digital business" over time. He is not, however, interested in becoming the controlling shareholder.

"I'm basically not active anymore; I'm an investor," Slaine said. "I'm not taking over anything."

Earlier this month, Sens. Dick Durbin and Tammy Duckworth, both D-Ill., sent a letter to Alden, expressing concern about the hedge fund's history of "dismantling local newspapers" and its plans for Tribune Publishing.

Slaine said he intends to protect his growing investment in Tribune Publishing. "If (Alden) did something I thought was detrimental to me, I would resist it," Slaine said.

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and Northbrook.

"We're just asking the community to do their part to let this vulnerable group have a safer space to shop in," said marketing director Sarah Hanlon.

Dollar General designated the first hour after stores open for senior shoppers "to allow our vulnerable and at-risk neighbors the opportunity to purchase the items they need in a less crowded environment," spokeswoman Crystal Ghassemi said in an email.

It isn't restricting other shoppers from coming during the first hour, but is "strongly encouraging customers who can wait an additional hour to do so," she said.

Mariano's will offer senior hours 6 to 8 a.m. seven days a week at all 44 of its stores beginning Friday. The company didn't say whether the policy would be enforced. Walmart stores will open to customers ages 60 and up an hour early every Tuesday.

Target began reserving the first hour of shopping every Wednesday for "vul-

nerable guests," including elderly shoppers and people with underlying health concerns, and asked other customers to shop at other times.

An employee at one Chicago store said they didn't check shoppers' IDs but did make an effort to assist older customers and make sure they got items they needed.

Jewel-Osco said it was asking customers to "voluntarily help us reserve" the 7 to 9 a.m. window every Tuesday and Thursday for seniors and "vulnerable shoppers."

Rich Bowman, 81, of Barrington, said he didn't notice anyone checking shoppers as they entered the Jewel-Osco in Barrington when he arrived to buy groceries around 7:30 a.m. Most customers appeared to be in their mid-50s or older, but that might not be unusual for the early morning hours, he said.

Bowman considers himself part of the "high-risk geezer group" but said the special hours didn't affect his decision to shop.

"It's nice that they've done it, but I don't think it will change anyone's lives one way or the other," he said.

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workers employed.

For weeks, the travel, hospitality and service industries have felt the effects of the pandemic, as conferences were canceled and people called off travel plans. People are being told to stay home, and that is hurting the economy and individuals alike.

"Every worker in Chicago has seen some change to their work life because of the outbreak," said Chicago Federation of Labor President Bob Reiter. "Many have seen their hours cut, layoffs or other drastic reductions at work."

During a call with reporters Thursday, union representatives spoke of how their members' jobs have shifted. Carpenters that work at trade shows are out of work and construction workers have stopped going to sites. Health care workers are being inundated, as are grocery store workers.

Karen Kent, president of UNITE HERE Local 1,

which represents hospitality workers, said roughly 12,000 of its 16,000 members in Chicago are out of work.

"I can't overstate how devastating this crisis has been to thousands of hotel, restaurant, airport and casino workers who were looking forward to the seasonal uptick in tourism and convention business," she said. "None of them know what they or their families will do next."

The pandemic is setting off an unprecedented scenario for many industries, as unions fight for aid for their members.

Airline workers have seen their jobs affected by sweeping flight cancellations before, following the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks, though not at this scale, said Sara Nelson, international president of the Association of Flight Attendants.

"We know what happens when the paychecks stop and we can't let that happen again," she said.

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SAVINGS UPDATE

Opting for a mortgage broker? Here's how to choose

Simply dip your toe into mortgage shopping and you'll immediately encounter more options than you can count. With so many lenders, rates, and loan types to consider, making a smart choice can quickly overwhelm.

That's why some homebuyers and refinance candidates work with a mortgage broker, helping them narrow the field to best options, and then efficiently navigating the involved paperwork process that follows.

Just as with anyone you hire, choosing the right mortgage broker can mean the difference between a smooth, cost-effective process and a bumpy one with higher costs. Arguably the best place to start is with recommendations from people you know, as favorable word of mouth is one of the strongest indicators that a broker delivers good value to clients.

Interviewing prospective brokers is important, and you'll want to ask several questions. An obvious one is how they charge for their service.

The most typical arrangement is 1-2% of the loan amount. But other fee types exist so it's important to clarify, as well as whether the fee will be folded into closing.

Another important question is what lenders the broker works with, and how broad that field is. The more options, the better the chance of your broker finding you a top rate and/or low fees.

To get a sense of the rates a broker can provide, you can ask them for a quote if you provide specifics on your credit score, desired loan amount, and planned down payment. If interviewing multiple brokers, ask for rate quotes on the same morning as mortgage rates change daily.

For those wanting to ease the sometimes daunting process of securing a new home loan, mortgage brokers can be a great partner in the process. Just be sure to do your homework on a positive fit and good value.

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Cautious optimism caps mixed day on Wall Street

Dow finishes up almost 1%, S&P settles with 0.5% rise

BY STAN CHOE, DAMIAN J. TROISE AND ALEX VEIGA
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stocks capped a wobbly day on Wall Street with solid gains Thursday, reflecting cautious optimism among investors that emergency action by the U.S. government and central banks will cushion the global economy from a looming recession caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

The swings in the market were markedly less volatile than recent days. The Dow Jones Industrial Average gained almost 200 points, or 0.9%. The S&P 500 rose 0.5% after bouncing between a gain of 2.9% and a loss of 3.3% early. That would be a notable change in normal times, but the index has had eight straight days where it bounced up or down from 4.9% to 12%.

Markets have been volatile because investors are weighing the increasing likelihood of a recession against huge, emergency efforts to prop up the economy on the other.

Wide swathes of the economy are

grinding closer to a standstill, from the travel industry to restaurants, as authorities ask Americans to stay home to slow the spread of the virus. Another weak manufacturing report, this time in the mid-Atlantic region, added to the worries.

The price of U.S. crude oil notched its biggest one-day jump on record Thursday, climbing nearly 24% to recoup nearly all its losses from the day before. Traders likely bid up oil prices following published reports saying the U.S. may intervene in an oil price war between Saudi Arabia and Russia that's helped knock oil prices into a steep skid this month.

Still, the market will likely remain volatile until investors see more economic data that shows just how badly the outbreak is hurting the economy.

"They're doing what they can, and I'm not sure what else they can do," said Sal Bruno, chief investment officer at IndexIQ.

The Dow rose 188 points, or 1%, to 20,087. It had been down as much as 721 points earlier and as high as 543. The tech-heavy Nasdaq gained 2.3%.

The S&P 500, which drives movements

for most 401(k) accounts more than other indexes, is down roughly 29% since its record exactly a month ago and close to its lowest point since late 2018.

Major indexes started the day lower, then rose before and during a late morning news conference led by President Donald Trump to give updates on the outbreak. The gains were mostly gone in early afternoon trading as the indexes turned mixed. The indexes snapped back into the green by midafternoon, however.

European stocks swung from gains to losses and back to gains. Asian markets dropped following the brutal 5.1% loss for U.S. stocks the prior day.

Investors say they need to see the number of new infections stop accelerating for the market's extreme volatility to ease.

Until the number of new cases peak, investors will struggle with uncertainty about how much to pay for a stock, bond or commodity when they don't know how long the downturn will last. Many economists expect a sharp drop in the economy, but disagree on how long it will take to rebound.

US jobless claims jump by 70,000 amid layoffs

BY MARTIN CRUTSINGER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The number of Americans filing new claims for unemployment benefits surged last week by 70,000 to the highest level in more than two years, indicating that the effect of the coronavirus was starting to be felt in rising layoffs in the job market.

The Labor Department reported Thursday that applications for benefits, a good proxy for layoffs, rose by 70,000 to a seasonally adjusted 281,000 benefit applications last week. That was the highest weekly total since Sept. 2, 2017, following Hurricane Harvey.

Both the one-week rise and the total number of applications were far above the levels seen over the past year as the country's unemployment rate fell to a half-century low of 3.5%.

Economists are predicting a surge in layoffs as efforts to contain the spreading coronavirus result in people losing jobs in a variety of industries from restaurants and bars to airlines and hotels.

"The more aggressive coronavirus containment measures imposed in recent days involving the near total shutdown of the retail, leisure and travel sectors in some parts of the country are clearly starting to have a dramatic impact," said Andrew Hunter, senior U.S. economist at Capital Economics.

He forecast that jobless benefit applications could easily exceed 1 million within the next few weeks, exceeding the weekly peak of 665,000 applications during the 2007-2009 Great Recession.

Economists are forecasting that economic growth will be negative in the upcoming April-June quarter and the third quarter, but Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said he was expecting growth to start to come back in the third quarter and be followed by a "gigantic" fourth quarter as the economy moves past the virus threat.



JOSHUA BRIGHT/THE NEW YORK TIMES

People wait in line from a distance Monday outside of a Social Security Administration office in New York.

Yet another US domino falls

Social Security services limited because of the spread of coronavirus

BY MARK MILLER
The New York Times

The Social Security Administration operates a vast network of more than 1,200 offices that help thousands of Americans every day with applications for retirement, disability and Medicare benefits.

No more. On Tuesday, Social Security's field office network closed to the public in most situations until further notice because of the coronavirus public health crisis, administration officials said. Offices that hear disability insurance appeals also are closed.

Service such as helping with benefit claims, checking the status of an application or appeal or requesting a replacement Social Security card will continue to be available via the agency's toll-free line, 800-772-1213, and its website. Payments to more than 69 million Social Security beneficiaries are not affected.

Field offices will offer in-person assistance only on a short list of crucial services. These include reinstatement of benefits in

dire circumstances; assistance to people with severe disabilities, blindness or terminal illnesses; and people in dire need of eligibility decisions for Supplemental Security Income or Medicaid eligibility related to work status. Those seeking these services must call in advance.

The decision to close offices came after several days of withering criticism from the unions that represent Social Security employees. The unions argued that keeping the offices open was a threat to the public's health and that of the agency's work force of 61,000.

Years of budget cuts have led to long wait times in Social Security field offices, many of which see several hundred people daily. Visitors often experience long waits in rooms filled with dozens of people — most often, seniors and disabled people, who are among those most at risk from the virus.

Cleaning of the offices is minimal, said Richard Couture, spokesman for the American Federation of Government Employees councils, which represent Social Security employees.

The offices have computer keyboards in self-help kiosks, which are infrequently sanitized, he said, that the agency has encouraged people to use for faster service.

"The offices are petri dishes," Couture

said. "People are sitting there for a long time, magnifying and multiplying the risk of infection for everyone there, and to people on the outside."

The Social Security Administration could not be immediately reached for comment on sanitation in its field offices.

Current Social Security leadership has been skeptical of remote work arrangements.

In November, it terminated a work-from-home pilot program that allowed 12,500 employees to work remotely one day per week.

As the coronavirus crisis has unfolded, a small number of offices were closed in areas experiencing a high number of infections, and a limited amount of remote work was permitted. Employees at some Social Security sites, including back office operations, were still reporting for work Tuesday.

But the agency had not announced plans to shutter its field office network until Monday, when it held a conference call with union leadership.

If you need to visit a local Social Security office for in-person services, call the office to request an appointment. You can find the closest office using an office locator tool on the Social Security website, where the agency is also providing updates and information on services.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

Mideast airlines lose over \$7B

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Seven Middle Eastern and North African countries have suspended all commercial flights due to the fast-spreading new coronavirus, as the aviation industry's largest trade association announced Thursday that airlines in the region have already lost more than \$7 billion in revenue.

Those losses translate into potentially hundreds of thousands of people losing their jobs in the airline industry in the Middle East alone, the International Air Transport Association said.

On Thursday, Egypt and Lebanon became the latest two countries in the Middle East to shut down airports and suspend all passenger flights, joining Jordan, Iraq, Morocco, Saudi Arabia and Tunisia.

Bank of England cuts rate to 0.1%

LONDON — The Bank of England slashed its main interest rate to 0.1%, the lowest level since its founding in 1694, and reactivated a bond-buying stimulus program to cushion against the economic shock of the coronavirus pandemic.

The bank's nine-member Monetary Policy Committee said Thursday that the moves were designed "to meet the needs of U.K. businesses and households in dealing with the associated economic disruption."

The interest rate cut comes just about a week after the central bank cut its rate from 0.75% to 0.25% at another emergency meeting.

Many economists think the outbreak will cause an economic slump of a depth unseen since the 1930s.

Fed, 9 central banks start currency swap plan

BY CHRISTOPHER RUGABER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve has set up a program to exchange dollars for foreign currency with nine central banks to support dollar lending in global markets that are under pressure from the effect of the viral outbreak.

The move, announced Thursday, enables foreign banks to provide dollars to their banks that sometimes lend and trade in US currency.

It is the latest effort by the Fed to smooth the functioning of financial markets, as investors, banks, and companies rush to stockpile cash amid plunging stock markets and a sharply slowing economy. Late Wednesday, the Fed also reactivated its

third lending facility dating from the financial crisis intended to provide more cash to banks in the form of short-term loans.

The currency swaps established Thursday are capped at \$60 billion for central banks in Australia, Brazil, Mexico, Singapore, Korea and Sweden. The exchange lines are capped at \$30 billion for central banks in Denmark, Norway and New Zealand. Under the swaps, the Fed provides dollars for an equal amount of foreign currency, which it can also use in short-term lending to banks if needed.

The Fed already maintains such currency exchanges with five other central banks, including the European Central Bank, the Bank of Japan, and the Bank of Canada.

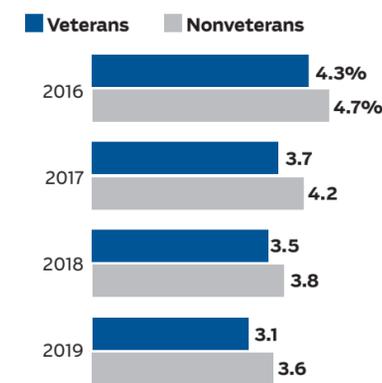
Late Wednesday, the Fed announced its third emergency lending program to provide money to banks that purchase financial assets from money market mutual funds, including short-term IOUs known as commercial paper.

By facilitating the purchase of commercial paper, which is issued by large businesses and banks, the Fed hopes to spur more lending to firms seeking to raise cash as their revenues plummet amid the spread of the coronavirus.

This facility, known as the Money Market Mutual Fund Liquidity Facility, is intended to help money market funds unload assets such as commercial paper, but also Treasury securities and bonds guaranteed by mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

Veteran unemployment rate

Annual average, all veterans

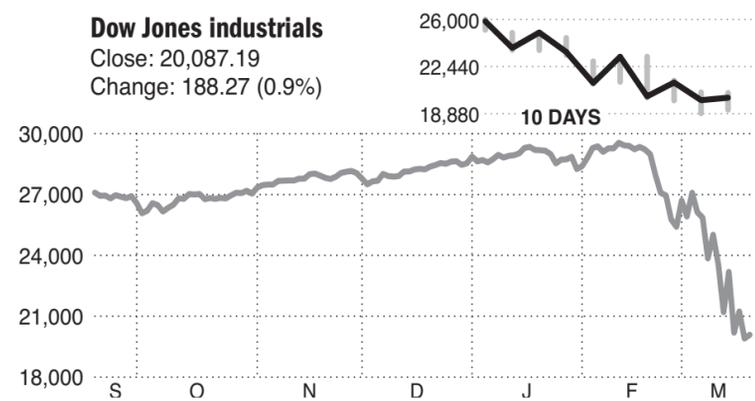


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MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow High: 20,442.63 Low: 19,177.13 Previous: 19,898.92



Nasdaq ▲ +160.73 (+2.30%) Close: 7,150.58 High: 7,341.38 Low: 6,858.38 Previous: 6,989.85	S&P 500 ▲ +11.29 (+.47%) Close: 2,409.39 High: 2,466.97 Low: 2,319.78 Previous: 2,398.10	Russell 2000 ▲ +67.59 (+6.82%) Close: 1,058.75 High: 1,069.15 Low: 968.86 Previous: 991.16
10-yr T-note ▼ -13 to 1.12%	Gold futures ▲ +1.30 to \$1,478.60	Yen ▲ +2.69 to 110.67/\$1
Euro ▲ +0.173 to .9370/\$1	Crude Oil ▲ +4.85 to \$25.22	

Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P
-5.25	-7.1	-2.87	-31.26	-26.67	-28.57	-22.63	-8.78	-15.60

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 20	508.50	540.50	508.50	535	+26.75
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 20	336.50	354.75	336.50	345.50	+10.25
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 20	829.25	855.75	825	843.25	+17.75
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	May 20	25.35	25.73	24.85	25.48	+4.4
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	May 20	305.00	320.50	304.00	314.80	+10.80
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Apr 20	22.80	27.71	21.36	25.22	+4.85
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Apr 20	1.632	1.683	1.602	1.654	+0.50
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Apr 20	.6629	.6987	.6266	.6850	+0.473

LOCAL STOCKS

Stocks listed may change due to daily fluctuations in market capitalization. Exchange key: N=NYSE, O=NASDAQ

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	74.50	-4.76	Dover Corp	N	70.80	+1.10
AbbVie Inc	N	71.06	+0.03	Envestnet Inc	N	54.75	-1.10
Allstate Corp	N	74.69	-.86	Equity Commonwlt	N	30.70	+2.36
Anixter Intl	N	77.71	+3.19	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	46.52	+1.28
Aptargroup Inc	N	98.88	+2.13	Equity Residential	N	60.61	-.26
Arch Dan Mid	N	33.46	+4.4	Exelon Corp	O	32.41	-.63
Baxter Intl	N	78.17	-6.42	First Indl RT	N	30.07	+8.4
Boeing Co	N	97.71	-4.18	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	37.72	+1.22
Brunswick Corp	N	31.28	+3.08	Gallagher AJ	N	68.55	-3.89
CBOE Global Markets	N	82.91	+7.06	Grainger WW	N	234.98	-.91
CDK Global Inc	O	32.36	+1.35	GrubHub Inc	N	36.81	+9.6
CDW Corp	O	88.27	+3.88	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	89.44	-4.34
CF Industries	N	22.98	+1.84	IAA Inc	N	31.00	+2.38
CME Group	O	155.22	+12.25	IDEX Corp	N	123.36	+9.36
CNA Financial	N	31.00	-.98	ITW	N	136.33	-5.43
Cabot Microelect	O	90.00	+6.3	Ingredion Inc	N	65.41	+4.61
Caterpillar Inc	N	103.01	+2.89	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	99.80	+7.10
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	26.31	-.95	Kemper Corp	N	58.91	-4.07
Deere Co	N	119.66	+5.45	Kraft Heinz Co	O	22.28	-1.41
Discover Fin Svcs	N	28.33	+1.33	LKQ Corporation	O	17.38	+1.48
				Littelfuse Inc	O	117.31	+11.51
				McDonalds Corp	N	149.50	+12.20
				Middleby Corp	O	50.67	+2.06
				Mondelez Intl	O	45.47	-1.08
				Morningstar Inc	O	109.91	+2.22
				Motorola Solutions	N	149.72	+1.52
				NiSource Inc	N	23.36	-.24
				Nthn Trust Cp	O	67.41	+1.23
				Old Republic	N	14.23	+1.22
				Packaging Corp Am	N	88.46	-2.57
				Payload Hldg	O	81.88	+3.49
				RLI Corp	N	76.92	+1.97
				Stericycle Inc	O	48.85	-.63
				TransUnion	N	58.67	-.29
				US Foods Holding	N	12.67	+2.95
				Ulta Salon Cosmetics	O	146.99	+18.47
				United Airlines Hldg	O	21.28	-1.10
				Ventas Inc	N	19.98	+3.01
				Walgreen Boots Alli	O	48.55	-4.26
				Zebra Tech	O	185.07	-.40

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Ford Motor	4.47	-.03
Bank of America	21.20	+4.1
Chesapck Engy	.19	+0.1
Gen Electric	6.48	-.12
Uber Technologies	20.49	+5.67
Energy Transfer L.P.	5.45	+8.9
AT&T Inc	31.15	-1.70
Pfizer Inc	30.42	-1.94
Petrobras	5.06	+7.5
Wells Fargo & Co	28.29	+1.7
Carnival Corp	10.00	+7.0
Itau Unibanco Hldg	4.49	+0.6
Exxon Mobil Corp	34.43	+1.31
Sprint Corp	8.01	+5.0
Delta Air Lines	21.51	-1.98
Citigroup	39.64	+3.21
Annaly Capital Mgmt	5.25	-.07
Slack Technologies	21.01	+3.00
CocaCola Co	41.83	-3.02
Nokia Corp	2.56	+1.3
Boeing Co	97.71	-4.18
Halliburton	4.80	+1.9
Sthwstn Energy	2.13	+0.8
Snap Inc A	9.47	+1.10

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
AT&T Inc	31.15	-1.70
Alibaba Group Hldg	180.88	+8.8
Alphabet Inc C	1115.29	+18.49
Alphabet Inc A	1111.67	+20.48
Amazon.com Inc	1880.93	+50.93
Apple Inc	244.78	-1.89
Berkshire Hath B	174.68	+2.24
Facebook Inc	153.13	+6.17
HSBC Holdings prA	23.11	+1.43
JPMorgan Chase	85.30	+1.41
Johnson & Johnson	127.05	-7.91
MasterCard Inc	227.15	-.78
Microsoft Corp	142.71	+2.31
Procter & Gamble	110.83	-6.62
Taiwan Semicon	43.89	-.07
Unitedhealth Group	219.80	+2.74
Verizon Comm	53.62	-.70
Visa Inc	152.25	-3.77
Walmart Strs	119.45	+5.59

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AmrcnBalA m	23.22	...	-9.4
American Funds CptWldGrInCA m	37.13	...	-20.1
American Funds CptlncBldrA m	49.07	...	-14.9
American Funds FdmtlInvSA m	44.44	+9.5	-18.5
American Funds GrfAmrCA m	39.82	+1.00	-13.2
American Funds IncAmrCA m	18.01	...	-13.8
American Funds InvCAmrcA m	29.46	+3.7	-16.0
American Funds NwPrspctVA m	34.81	+5.7	-16.0
American Funds WAMtInvSA m	34.48	+3.3	-18.0
Dodge & Cox Inc	13.23	-.20	+7
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	27.02	+1.8	-32.6
Dodge & Cox Stk	127.18	+3.01	-27.2
DoubleLine TlRetBdl	10.58	...	+4.6
Fidelity 500dxlnsPrm	83.91	+3.9	-13.3
Fidelity Contrafund	11.02	+2.3	-8.4
Fidelity InvMGradeBd	10.98	-.15	+2.4
Fidelity TlMktldxlnsPrm	66.40	+7.9	-15.8
Fidelity USBlddxlnsPrm	11.72	-.09	+5.6
Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	1.82	...	-17.0
Metropolitan West TlRetBdl	10.72	...	+5.4
PIMCO Incl2	10.58	-2.7	-4.1
PIMCO InclStk	10.58	-2.7	-4.0
PIMCO TlRetlns	10.00	-.06	+4.2
Schwab SP500dx	36.82	...	-13.7
T. Rowe Price BCGr	97.63	...	-11.8
T. Rowe Price GrStk	55.72	...	-13.9
Vanguard 500dxAdmrl	222.25	+1.05	-13.3
Vanguard BalldxAdmrl	32.57	+1.3	-7.2
Vanguard DivGrnv	23.50	-.01	-10.5
Vanguard GrldxAdmrl	74.82	+1.30	-5.6
Vanguard HCAmrl	70.90	+5.0	-10.3
Vanguard IntlGrAdm	9.52	-.16	+4.2
Vanguard IntlTEAdmrl	13.65	-.35	+2.1
Vanguard Inslldxlns	217.39	+1.03	-13.3
Vanguard InslldxlnsPlus	217.40	+1.02	-13.3
Vanguard InstSMlInPls	50.38	+6.1	-15.8
Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl	77.99	+1.26	-13.7
Vanguard MdCpldxAdmrl	150.37	+2.31	-2.7
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl	105.89	+3.1	-16.8
Vanguard STInvMGrdAdmrl	10.36	-.12	+2.4
Vanguard SmtCpldxAdmrl	50.51	+2.42	-30.2
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	27.32	+0.8	-8.1
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	16.14	+0.5	-10.4
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	28.93	+1.3	-12.2
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	17.43	+0.9	-14.0
Vanguard TlBlddxAdmrl	10.87	-.09	+6.6
Vanguard TlBlddxlns	10.87	-.09	+6.6
Vanguard TlInBldxAdmrl	22.36	+1.0	+4.0
Vanguard TlInBldxlns	33.55	+1.5	+4.0
Vanguard TlInBldxlnv	11.18	+0.5	+3.9
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Vanguard TlInSldxlns	81.05	+2.6	-26.0
Vanguard TlInSldxlnsPlus	81.06	+2.5	-26.0
Vanguard TlInSldxlnv	12.11	+0.3	-26.1
Vanguard TlSMldxAdmrl	58.48	+7.1	-15.8
Vanguard TlSMldxlns	58.49	+7.0	-15.8
Vanguard TlSMldxlnv	58.45	+7.1	-15.9
Vanguard WlngtAdmrl	59.86	-.13	-9.7
Vanguard WlslyncAdmrl	57.54	-.72	-4.4
Vanguard WndrslAdmrl	44.91	+6.4	-20.6

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Wairt Hldlns Inc	2.60	+6.3
Adv Micro Dev	39.82	+7.0
Microsoft Corp	142.71	+2.31
American Airlines Gp	10.29	-1.36
Apple Inc	244.78	-1.89
Aytu BioScience Inc	1.30	-1.7
Cisco Syst	37.71	+5.9
Gilead Sciences	78.55	-.87
Intel Corp	45.94	-1.67
Sirius XM Hldgs Inc	4.79	+0.4
Facebook Inc	153.13	+6.17
Moderna Inc	28.27	-3.31
Comcast Corp A	35.94	+2.6
T2 Biosystems	.45	+0.9
Caesars Entertain	5.02	+1.50
Noble Energy Inc	3.94	+9.2
United Airlines Hldg	21.28	-.10
Micron Tech	36.29	+1.60
Tesla Inc	427.64	+66.42
JD.com Inc	37.21	-.49
Starbucks Cp	61.41	+5.08
Zynga Inc	6.36	+1.6
Hungtgn Bancshs	7.68	-.04
Gardn Health Sci	.41	+1.1

FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	2702.13	-25.6/-9
Stoxx600	287.80	+8.1/+2.9
Nikkei	16552.83	-173.7/-1.0
MSCI-EAFE	1376.81	+6.6/+5
Bovespa	68331.80	+1436.9/+2.2
FTSE 100	5151.61	+71.0/+1.4
CAC-40	3855.50	+100.7/+2.7

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	0.03	0.02
6-month disc	0.05	0.07
10-year	0.41	0.25
30-year	1.75	1.86

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1478.60	\$1477.30
Silver	\$12,097	\$12,735
Platinum	\$596.80	\$663.00

INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	3.25
Discount Rate Primary	0.75
Fed Funds Target	0.00-0.25
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.36

OBITUARIES

AL WORDEN 1932-2020

Astronaut circled the moon, performed spacewalk in 1971

By **MARCIA DUNN**
Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Apollo 15 astronaut Al Worden, who circled the moon alone in 1971 while his two crewmates test-drove the first lunar rover, died Wednesday at age 88.

Worden died in his sleep at a rehab center in Houston following treatment for an infection, said friend and colleague Tom Kallman.

“Al was an American hero whose achievements in space and on Earth will never be forgotten,” NASA Administrator Jim Bridenstine said in a statement. He also praised Worden for his appearances on “Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood” to explain his moon mission to children.

Worden flew to the moon in 1971 along with David Scott and Jim Irwin. As command module pilot, Worden remained in lunar orbit aboard the Endeavour while Scott and Irwin descended to the surface and tried out NASA’s first moon buggy.

Scott is one of four moonwalkers still alive. Irwin died in 1991.

“Line of Grey, Be Thou at Peace! Godspeed Al,” tweeted Apollo 11 moonwalker Buzz Aldrin, borrowing from their West Point alma mater.

Once his moonwalking crewmates were back on board and headed home, Worden performed the first deep-space spacewalk — nearly 200,000 miles from Earth. He inspected the service module’s science instrument bay and retrieved film. His foray outside lasted just 38 minutes.

Worden said of the mission: “Now I know why I’m here. Not for a closer look at the moon, but to look back at our home, the Earth.”

Apollo 15 was Worden’s only spaceflight. He was in NASA’s fifth astronaut class, chosen in 1966. He retired



Astronauts Al Worden, center, David Scott, left, and Jim Irwin test the command module in 1971 at Cape Canaveral.

from NASA in 1975 and went to work for a few aerospace companies.

Born and raised on a farm in Jackson, Michigan, Worden graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York, in 1955 and was commissioned in the Air Force. He attended test pilot school.

While in the Air Force, “I began to realize that flying was kind of my game. It was a thing that I was very attuned to,” Worden said in a 2000 oral history for NASA.

Going to the moon was “like flying an airplane,” Worden said. “It’s a skill that you learn. It takes some knowledge. It takes some analytical ability if something goes wrong, but outside of that it’s like driving a car.”

In his 2011 book “Falling to Earth: An Apollo 15 Astronaut’s Journey to the Moon,” Worden wrote that NASA was leery about young children watching a rocket launch and so he called Fred Rogers in Pittsburgh. Worden, the father of three daughters, ended up doing a special show.

“It was so outside of what

most astronauts did, but I thought I was crazy. Astronauts liked to think they were super jocks who hunted, fished, drank and chased girls. We didn’t do kiddies’ shows.”

After returning from the moon, all three Apollo 15 astronauts became embroiled in a controversy over a few hundred stamped postal covers that flew with them to the moon. The astronauts planned to sell them to help pay for their children’s education, Worden said in the NASA oral history.

Worden said he assumed the stamped covers were on the official flight manifest, but wasn’t sure now that they ever were. All this resulted in “quite a flap.”

None of the three ever flew in space again. He blamed NASA management.

“Some senator or some congressman asked the question, and they caved under right away and tried to get rid of us,” he said in the oral history. “Nobody stood up for us. Nobody.”

Worden sued the U.S. government in 1983 and got his covers back.

poisonous gas sarin were leaked on five separate subway trains by Aum Shinrikyo cult members.

In 1996, a Los Angeles jury convicted Erik and Lyle Menendez of first-degree murder in the shotgun slayings of their millionaire parents.

In 1997, Liggett Group, the maker of Chesterfield cigarettes, settled 22 state lawsuits by agreeing to warn on every pack that smoking is addictive and admitting the industry markets cigarettes to teenagers.

In 1999, Bertrand Picard of France and Brian Jones of England completed the first round-the-world non-stop hot-air balloon voyage. They had lifted off from Switzerland 20 days earlier.

In 2003, U.S.-led forces launched war upon Iraq with a missile attack targeting senior Iraqi leaders, including Saddam Hussein, in Baghdad.

In 2008, Mao Asada of Japan won the women’s title at the World Figure Skating Championships in Goteborg, Sweden.

In 2010, the volcano Eyjafjallajökull in southern Iceland erupted for the first time in 200 years. Smoke and ash from the volcano would cause major problems for European air travel for months to come.

In 2016, President Barack Obama became the first sitting U.S. president in nearly 90 years to visit Cuba when he and his family arrived in Havana for a three-day visit.

In 2017, the University of Illinois announced that new men’s basketball coach Brad Underwood had signed a six-year \$18 million contract to revitalize the dormant program.

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Death Notices

Carlson, Audrey Rochelle

Audrey Carlson, nee Metrick, beloved wife of Bruce Carlson, cherished mother of Eric Carlson (Alejandra Carlson Rivera), Rachael Carlson (Anthony Grill), proud nana of Thomas Grill, Lucy Grill, and Samara Carlson Rivera, passed away on March 17, 2020 at age 67.

She will be memorialized when family and friends can safely gather together to celebrate her life.

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Coakley, Daniel J.

After much thought and consideration, the family of Daniel J. Coakley has decided to hold private services at this time. We will announce any future plans to celebrate his life at a later date. Thank you for your thoughts and prayers for our family. Arrangements by **Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale**. For information 630-703-9131 or www.powellfuneraldirectors.com.

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Henaughan, James E.

James E. Henaughan 82, of Lombard, IL U.S. Navy Veteran. Beloved husband of the late Wilma June. Loving father of Raymond (Meg), James W., Karen (Steve) Cappitelli, Aileen (Jeff) Schmidt and Kathleen (Vic) Fanelli. Dear grandfather of Kelly (Matt) Holtz, Daniel Henaughan, Taylor, Nicholas, Ava Cappitelli, Ryan, Aidan, Kylie, Molly Schmidt, Joseph and Rocco Fanelli. Great grandfather of Harrison Holtz. Fond brother of 2 sisters and 2 brothers. Uncle of many nieces and nephews.

Services and Interment Private. Due to circumstances a public memorial may be held at a later date. For info: Steuerle Funeral Home, Villa Park, IL. 1-630-832-4161

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See Orville W. Mormann notice.

Koloseike, William Joseph

William Joseph Koloseike, born April 5, 1927 Chicago, Illinois, to August and Margaret Koloseike, passed peacefully in his home in Naperville, Illinois, March 6, 2020. William (Bill) was born and raised on Chicago’s south side Auburn-Gresham neighborhood along with his late brother Charles Blake Koloseike. He attended Little

Flower grade school and Leo High School. He was called up for military service upon graduation from Leo and proudly served in the United States Marine Corps. After completing his military service he attended Marquette, and then Loyola University on the GI Bill, earning a degree in business. It was after his graduation that he took a job in the retail automobile business as a salesman. He remained in the automobile industry for over 50 years having started the Bill Kay Auto Group with his first dealership in 1969. His dealership organization grew to 9 dealerships in Illinois and Arizona before his retirement in 2002. He was very passionate about the automobile business and employed and mentored many that became dealers themselves. Bill was preceded in death by his wife of 50 years, Shirley Koloseike (McInerney) with whom he had 4 children. He is survived by Mark Koloseike, his oldest son, and his wife Jean and their 6 children, Katelyn, Kelly, Lauren, Colleen, Mary and Mark, William Koloseike and wife Janet and their two children, William and Blake, Judy Spellman, her husband, John Spellman and their two children, John and Ginny, and his daughter Nina Koloseike. He leaves 10 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren. Bill was known to anyone who knew him as a tough but generous man. Bill supported many charities and non-profits including Leo High School, where he was honored as a distinguished alumni and Man of the Year in 2009. In addition he supported Loyola University, University of Chicago, and JDRF. After his wife’s passing, he decided it was time to give back, not just monetarily, but give of his time and volunteered for many years helping nurture children and their families through the Family Focus organization. He also worked with the Ignation Volunteer Corps, a Jesuit ministry, and was instrumental in the construction of St Aloysius Gonzaga Secondary School in Nairobi, Kenya. St. Al’s is the world’s first high school for AIDS orphans. He was there for the groundbreaking and worked toward its completion. Later, Bill was able to travel back to Nairobi for the school’s dedication. Bill was a long time member of Naperville Country Club. He was an avid traveler and active in many sports including golfing, skiing, scuba diving and hunting. Bill had an incredible sense of adventure and would be willing to try just about anything whether it was riding motorcycles, zip lining, or traveling across the country by RV. Services will be private. There will be a Memorial Celebration of Bill’s life planned for a future date to be determined. In lieu of flowers memorials are requested to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Illinois Chapter, 1 N. LaSalle St. Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60606. Arrangements by **Beidelman-Kunsch Funeral Homes & Crematory**. Info www.beidelmankunschff.com. 630-355-0264.

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Kulyk, Ahaphia

Ahaphia Kulyk, 97, March 10, 2020. Beloved wife of the late Lew. Loving mother of Ewhen (Antoinette) Kulyk. Cherished grandmother of Alexander Kulyk and Elizabeth (Patrick) Kenney. Visitation and Funeral was held on Friday, March 13, 2020 at St. Andrew Living Community in Niles, IL. Ahaphia was interred at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Cemetery, Chicago, IL. Arrangements entrusted to **Muzyka Funeral Home**. Info: 773-278-7767.

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Mikell, Arkenneth 'Art/Ken-tuck/Kenny'

Kenny was born November 13, 1952, to the union of Ardell Mikell and Hattie Lee Williams Mikell. He departed this world on March 5, 2020 in Chicago, after a long illness. Kent reaffirmed his faith. He graduated from Dunbar High School in 1971 where he was trained in carpentry and played football. After employment with Bell and Howell he was an independent contractor. He will be remembered for warm smiles, a great sense of humor, and a charming personality. Throughout his illness he kept others laughing. The oldest male he felt the need to frequently give orders. His relationship with Ms. Shannon Thomas, the love of his life bore three sons. Kenny was preceded in death by his parents and Shannon. Survivors cherishing his memory: sons Arkenneth (Felicia)Thomas, Kenji (Lawanna) Thomas, Kevin (Tameika) Thomas; 6 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; 5 sisters Verastine (Benjamin) Wardlaw, Juanita (John) Tilgner, Patricia Chambliss, Sharlette Mikell, Elizabeth (Kenneth) Lonon; 4 brothers Jeriel (Janice) Mikell, Joel (Shevawn) Mikell, Ezra (Jacqueline) Mikell, Alvin (Debra) Mikell; aunts Katie (Bobbie) Hayes, Lela (Alfred) Herron; uncle, John (Willie Mae) Williams; cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends. Make donations to The Sickle Cell Foundation

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Mormann, Orville W.

Orville W. Mormann, Beloved husband and best friend of Mary Lou, nee Keating; Loving father of Raymond A. (Dorothy) Mormann and Mary Carol Mormann; Brother of Joyce (Tom) Woodward and Mel (the late Fran) Mormann; Proud uncle of many nieces and nephews and dear friend to many; Visitation Sunday 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at **Curley Funeral Home**, 6116 W. 111th St. Chicago Ridge, IL.; Funeral Monday, a private mass for the immediate family only will be held at St. Catherine of Alexandria Church, 10621 S Kedvale Ave, Oak Lawn, IL.; Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, in lieu of flowers, donations to Boys Town, P.O. Box 8000, Boys Town, NE., 68010; For Funeral info 708-422-2700 or www.curleyfuneralhome.com

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Mungerson, Helen

Helen Mungerson, nee Bylinowski, age 89, beloved wife of Robert Mungerson; dear sister of the late Stanley (the late Angelina) Bylinowski, Joseph Bylinowski, Lottie (the late Edward) Fuja and Michealene (the late Raymond) Sikora; dear aunt of Diane Vlachos, Mark (Dorothy) Sikora, Raymond (Kathy) Bylinowski, Thomas (Janet) Fuja, Edward (Karen) Fuja and Robert Mungerson; dearest great aunt of many including Michael, Dana and Nicholas Vlachos. Services are Private on Saturday, March 21, 2020. Interment Resurrection Cemetery, Justice. Family and friends are encourage to contact family. Arrangements entrusted to **Hitzeman Funeral Home, Ltd.**, 9445 W. 31st Street, Brookfield, IL 60513 Information 708-485-2000 or www.HitzemanFuneral.com

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Nelles, Bernadette E.

Bernadette E. Nelles (nee Czeszewski) age 95 of Des Plaines passed away on March 9, 2020. Beloved wife of the late William. Loving mother of Michael W. (Coreen), Pamela B. (W. Raymond) Pasulka and Laura A. (Barry) Klor. Cherished grandmother of Matthew (Prena) Pasulka, Benjamin (Kate) Pasulka, Katie (Max) Casas, Emily (Charles) Solberg and Rebecca Klor. Proud great grandmother of Ashna, Elizabeth, Nayana, Rutledge, Abigail, Logan and Colette. Dear sister of 7. Private services have been held for Bernadette. Funeral care provided by G.L. Hills Funeral Home. For information call (847) 699-9003 or ghillsfuneralhome.com

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Nickele, Anthony J. "Tony"

Anthony J. "Tony" Nickele. Age 88 of Park Ridge. Beloved husband of Betty Jean, nee Weber. Loving father of Gregory (Teri), Jeffrey, Thomas (Jane) and Jennifer. Devoted grandfather of Katie, Kristi, Courtney, Lauren, Kelly, Thomas Jr., Annie, Matthew and Meghan. Proud uncle of many nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by his parents, Angelina and Alberto; Sisters: Sr. Josephine (Sisters of Providence), Joseph (the late Marie), Albert (Victoria), Angelo (Nancy) and Reno (Maryanne). Due to the recent health concerns a private family funeral mass was held on Thursday at St. Paul of the Cross Church followed by burial in All Saints Cemetery. The Nickele Family will announce a memorial service at a future date. In lieu of flowers, memorials to The Alzheimer’s Assoc., www.alz.org, Mercy Home For Boys and Girls, www.mercyhome.org or Rainbow Hospice, www.rainbowhospice.org are appreciated. For further info, or to sign the online guestbook please visit www.ryan-parke.com.

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Pintozzi, Charles Rocco

Charles R. Pintozzi 86 of Arlington Heights, beloved husband of Rose Marie nee Iacullo; loving father of Elizabeth (Edward) Kruit, Rosemary (Vincent) Sacchetti, Charles W. (Marina), Barbara (Kevin Brown), and the late Diane; loved grandfather of Nick (Cindy) Milano, John Milano, Philip Milano, Joseph (Erin) Freund, Daniel Freund, Gina (Russell Smith) Sacchetti, Luciano Sacchetti, Michael (Jessica) Pintozzi, Lea Pintozzi, Nicholas Pintozzi, Declan Brown, and Calme Brown; and great grandfather of Alice and Adam Freund; dear brother of Anne Marie (George) Cina, Nicola (Connie) and the late Anthony (Maureen) Pintozzi; cherished uncle of many. In consideration of the current situation surrounding COVID-19, funeral services and interment are private. Family requests no flowers, please. Memorials given to the family will be used toward Parkinson’s disease research or to St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Riviera Beach, FL. Funeral information and condolences www.GlueckertFuneralHome.com or (847) 253-0168.

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Rihani, Gene

Beloved wife of Sam for 44 years; Loving mother of Dan (Sarab) and Nadia (Gregg); cherished grandmother of Adreana, Jordan, Michael, Frank, Dominic, and Leo; sister of Arvy (Tammy) and their children Alyssa and Alec. Due to COVID-19 all funeral services will be held privately. Memorial services will be announced later. Funeral arrangements entrusted Dalcamo Funeral Home. Info: (312)-842-8681 or www.dalcamofuneralhome.com

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Runkowski, Donald

Donald Runkowski, age 80, died March 17, 2020, at his Chicago residence. Veteran, U.S. Navy. Services and cremation are private. Funeral Info: 847.673.6111 or www.habenfuneral.com to sign guestbook.

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Sacco, Jean A.

Jean A. Sacco RN., beloved wife of the late Louis J. Jr.; loving mother of Mary Jean (Mark) Holub, Joanmarie (Fred) Fantozzi, Louis J. III (Yvonne), Michael (Barbara) and Vincent (Stacey); dearest grandmother of 11 and great grandmother of 5; preceded in death by 5 sisters and 1 brother; also many fond nieces, nephews, and friends. Funeral mass was Thursday 11 AM at St. Francis Borgia Church. Entombment Acacia Park Cemetery. Services were private to protect our friends and family during these uncertain times. Jean was a proud member of the historic U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps during WWII. 773-625-3444

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ON MARCH 20 ...

In 1602, the Dutch East India Company was chartered to establish bases and fortifications against Spain and Portugal and protect Dutch trade in the Indian and Pacific oceans.

In 1815, Napoleon Bonaparte entered Paris triumphantly and began his “Hundred Days” rule.

In 1816, the Supreme Court affirmed its right to review state court decisions.

In 1852, “Uncle Tom’s Cabin,” Harriet Beecher Stowe’s novel about slavery, was published.

In 1896, American Marines landed in Nicaragua to protect U.S. citizens in the wake of a revolution.

In 1956, union workers ended a 156-day strike at Westinghouse Electric Corp.

In 1969, Beatles singer John Lennon married artist Yoko Ono in Gibraltar.

In 1976, newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst was convicted of armed robbery for her part in a San Francisco bank holdup staged by the revolutionaries who had kidnapped her.

In 1981, former girls’ school headmistress Jean Harris was sentenced in White Plains, N.Y., to 15 years to life in prison for slaying “Scarsdale Diet” author Dr. Herman Tarnower. (Harris ended up serving almost 12 years.)

In 1985, Libby Riddles became the first woman to win the 1,100-mile Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race, traveling from Anchorage to Nome in 18 days 20 minutes 17 seconds.

In 1987, the Food and Drug Administration approved the sale of AZT, a drug shown to prolong the lives of some AIDS patients.

In 1990, Namibia became an independent nation, marking the end of 75 years of South African rule.

In 1993, Russian President Boris Yeltsin announced he had signed a decree giving himself “special powers” and that there would be a referendum April 25 on his presidency. (The Congress of People’s Deputies later found Yeltsin had violated the constitution and rescinded those powers.)

In 1995, in Tokyo, 12 people were killed, more than 5,500 others sickened when packages containing the

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ILLINOIS	
March 19	
Lotto	05 06 13 17 28 51 / 21
Lotto jackpot:	\$5.75M
Pick 3 midday	077 / 1
Pick 4 midday	5378 / 0
Lucky Day Lotto midday	05 09 23 36 43
Pick 3 evening	670 / 7
Pick 4 evening	6321 / 3
Lucky Day Lotto evening	04 13 31 42 44
March 20 Mega Millions:	\$96M
March 21 Powerball:	\$140M
WISCONSIN	
March 19	
Pick 3	749
Pick 4	9938
Badger 5	01 07 09 23 28
SuperCash	01 08 11 19 25 30

INDIANA	
March 19	
Daily 3 midday	107 / 9
Daily 4 midday	5313 / 9
Daily 3 evening	083 / 2
Daily 4 evening	2531 / 2
Cash 5	04 10 17 18 36
MICHIGAN	
March 19	
Daily 3 midday	677
Daily 4 midday	0044
Daily 3 evening	289
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Ted, Goldberg

Ted Goldberg, age 85, beloved companion of the late Ellen Bresler, together nearly 20 years; loving father of Erwin (Dawn) and Earl (Kathy) Goldberg, Robin Sanders, Karen (Jeff) Kray, Lauren Siwinski, David (Nicole) Young and the late Howard (Shirley) Goldberg also Michael (Julie) Helfer, Missy Raphael and the late Greg Bresler; dear brother of Sandra (the late Saul) Needleman; cherished Pops to eighteen grandchildren and treasured uncle to many nieces and nephews. A special thank you to Anise Fequiere for her dedication and care. 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 PAWS of Chicago or American Friends of Magen David Adom (AFMDA). For information and condolences please contact: 847-255-3520 or www.shalom2.com



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Tobin, Sadell

Sadell Tobin, nee Halsinger, beloved wife of the late George Tobin and the late Morris Alfassa; loving mother of Deborah Alfassa, Zachary Tobin (Niels van Dantzig), Andrew Tobin (Gary Haut) and the late Joel Alfassa. Graveside service Monday 1PM at Shalom Memorial Park, 1700 W. Rand Rd., Arlington Heights, IL. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Hadassah Chicago-North Shore, 60 Revere Drive #800, Northbrook, IL 60062, www.chicago-northshore@hadassah.org or PAWS Chicago, 1933 N. Marcey Street, Chicago, IL 60614, www.pawschicago.org. Arrangements by Chicago Jewish Funerals - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com



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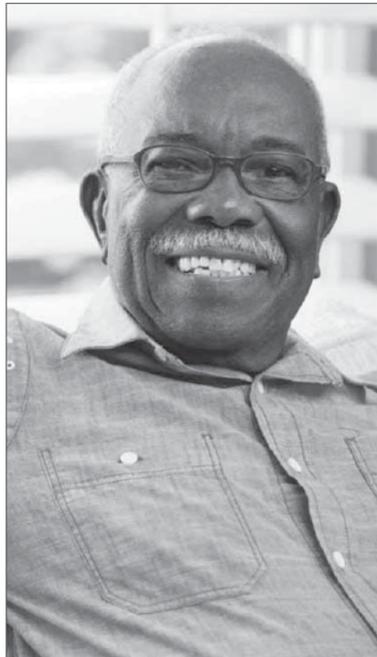


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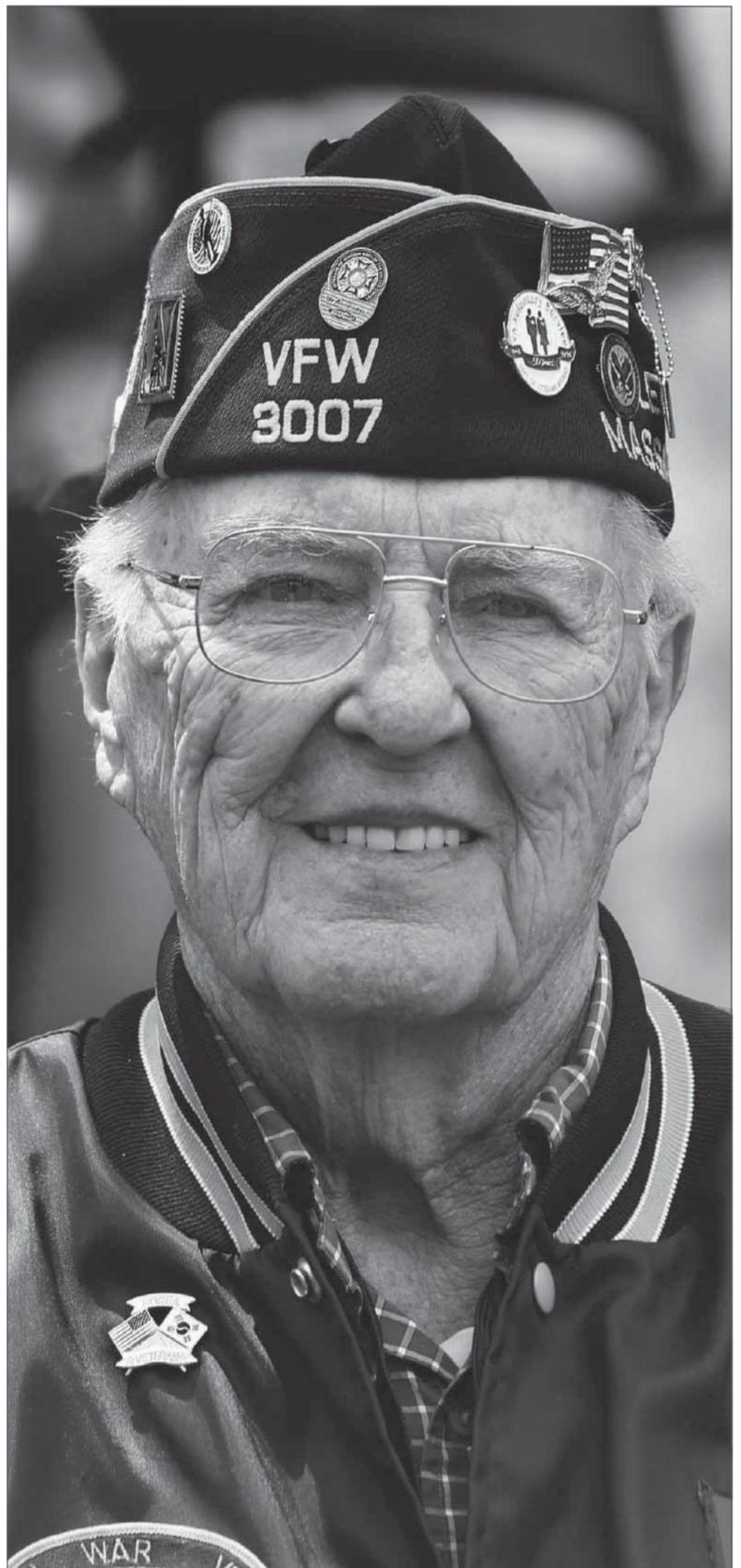
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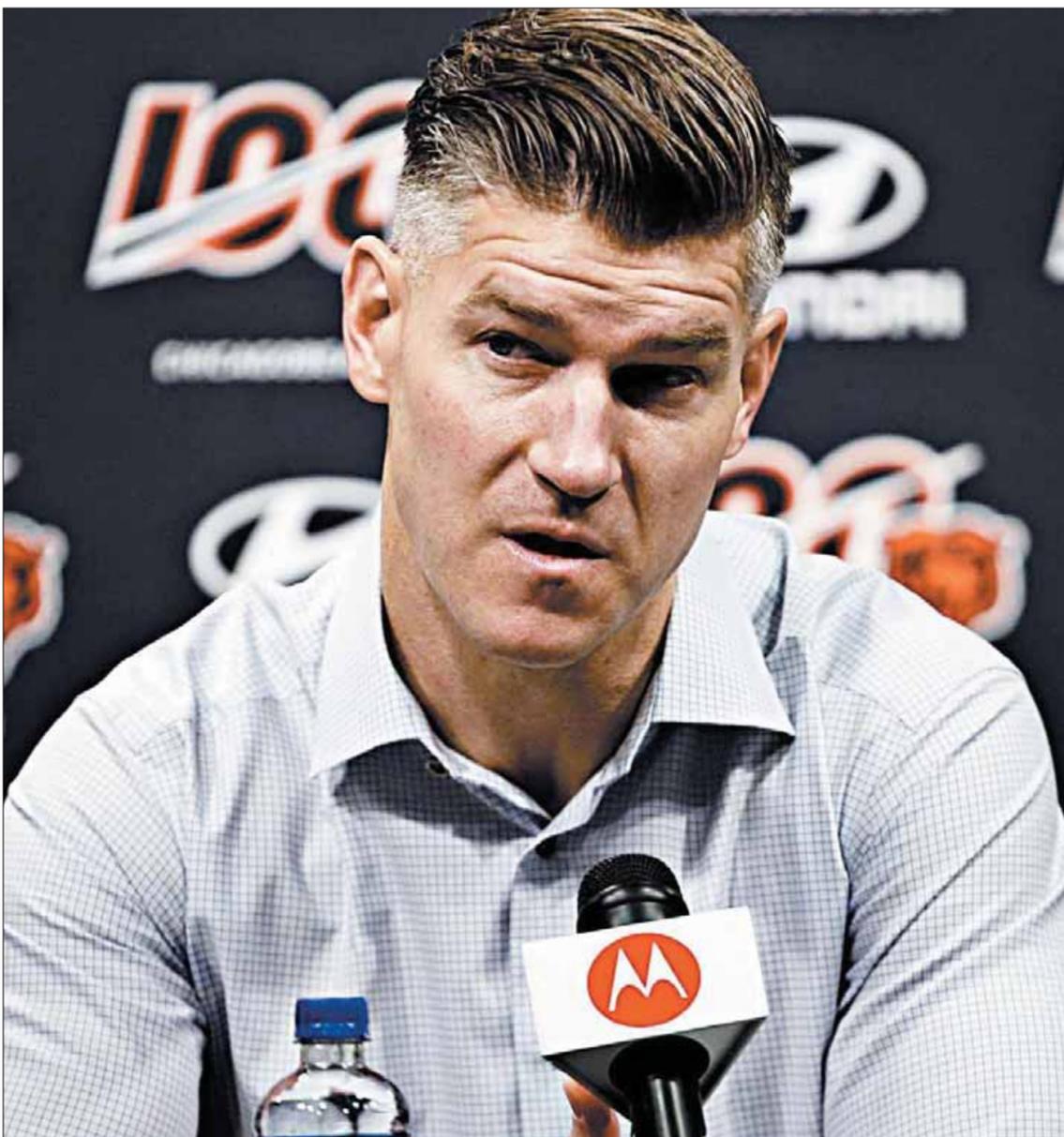
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WHEN SPORTS STOOD STILL

Keeping an eye on the impact of the coronavirus crisis:

NFL's 1st positive: Saints' Payton

Saints coach Sean Payton, right, says he has tested positive for the coronavirus, is resting comfortably at home and is making his test result public in hopes he can motivate people to do more to fight the pandemic.



Payton learned Thursday that he has tested positive for the coronavirus, he told ESPN before posting a photo of himself smiling as he sat on a couch next to his dog.

"Appreciate the well wishes," Payton wrote on his Twitter page. "I'm feeling better and fortunate to not have any of the respiratory symptoms. 4 more days at home."

Payton, 56, is the first employee of either an NFL team or the league to make such a diagnosis public.

Payton told ESPN that he was tested Monday for coronavirus after he began to feel ill a day earlier. He added that he has not been admitted to a hospital and does not have a fever or cough.

"I was fortunate to be in the minority, without the serious side effects that some have," Payton told ESPN. "Younger people feel like they can handle this, but they can be a carrier to someone who can't. So we all need to do our part. It's important for us all to do our part."

Payton said he felt it was important to be particularly vigilant in Louisiana and the New Orleans area because of international tourist traffic, especially around recently concluded Mardi Gras.

"So our parents, and those that are more susceptible to this virus, deserve everyone doing their best to combat it," Payton said.

— Associated Press

Home shopping

We're all staying put, but that doesn't mean the Bears don't have things to do



BRAD BIGGS
On the Bears

A day after the Bears took care of their most pressing offseason need — finding a quarterback — the marketplace is beginning to slow down.

Some top-tier players remain unsigned, but things are settling, allowing teams and agents to reset. It's in the second wave of free agency that Bears general manager Ryan Pace will be able to assess options with some items still remaining on the team's offseason shopping list.

The biggest signing since the end of last season was safety Eddie Jackson's extension. The Bears tied up more guarantees in him than they did outside linebacker Robert Quinn or quarterback Nick Foles. The only thing that should top Jackson's guarantee is a new contract for wide receiver Allen Robinson.

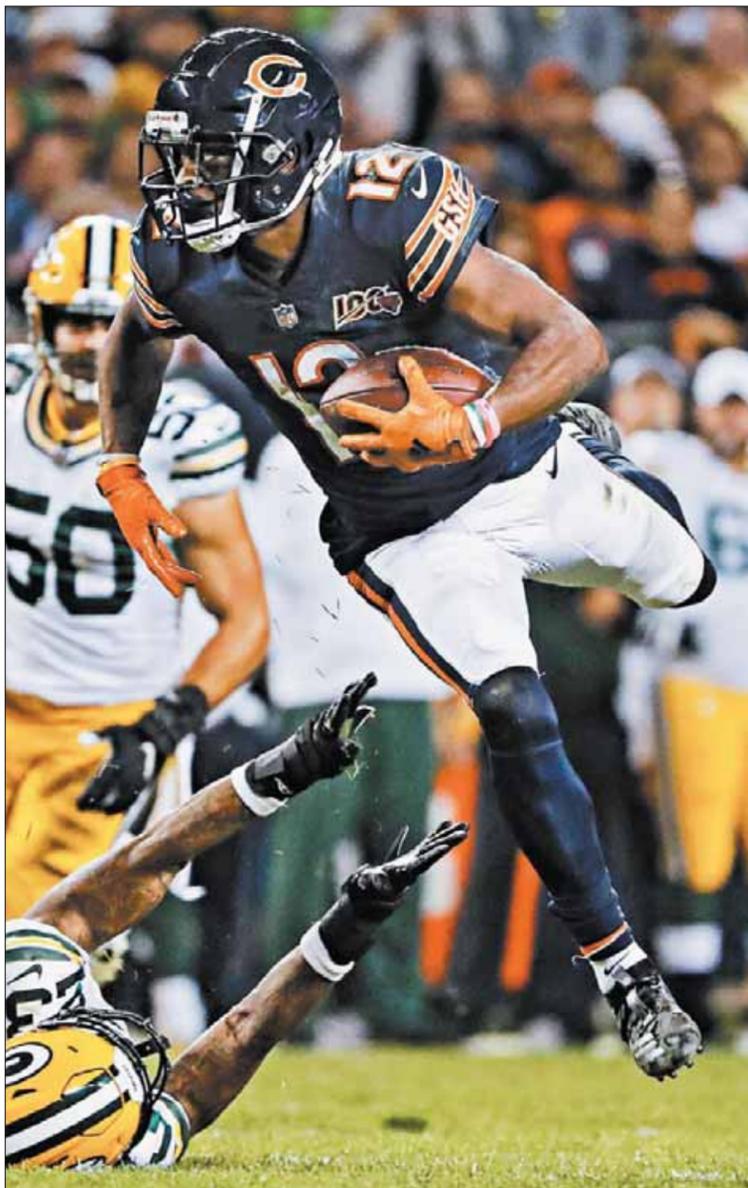
What's the timeline for Robinson's extension? The Bears potentially can lower his \$15 million cap hit for this season with a new contract, so the sooner, the better. There's no timeline for Robinson, however, to find the terms right for him. The salary cap of \$198.2 million in 2020 is expected to rise in 2021. Accordingly, Robinson will want to negotiate with the future in mind.

He's entering the final season of a three-year, \$42 million contract and likely will seek to move his annual average from \$14 million closer to \$20 million. The Bears, of course, hold the franchise tag as leverage after this season in case a deal hasn't been completed. But they should be motivated to keep Robinson happy as he has been a team-first performer.

In the last week, Pace has added Foles, Quinn and tight end Jimmy Graham and extended linebacker Danny Trevathan.

Inside: A list of remaining shopping items.

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JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Bears GM Ryan Pace, top, might want to work on an extension for WR Allen Robinson.

THE QUOTE

"We will continue to follow government advice and work collaboratively to keep the situation under review."

— English soccer authorities when announcing the Premier League season will remain on hold until at least April 30, adding that they will "explore all options available to find ways of resuming the season when the conditions allow"

THE NUMBER



BRIAN LAWDERMILK/GETTY

35 NASCAR drivers (if not more) who will compete in the first "eNASCAR iRacing Pro Invitational Series" event Sunday. The 90-minute, simulation-style eSports program to be aired on FS1 includes a cross-section of competitors who will virtually race at Homestead-Miami Speedway. The group of drivers participating is headlined by Dale Earnhardt Jr., above, Hall of Famer Bobby Labonte, two-time Cup champion Kyle Busch and three-time Daytona 500 winner Denny Hamlin.



NBA
Season suspended indefinitely



NHL
Season suspended indefinitely



MLB
Opening day delayed until at least mid-May



MLS
Season suspended until at least May 10



NFL
Draft set for April 23-25; OTAs canceled



NCAA
Spring sports schedule canceled

Others: PGA Tour suspended through the PGA Championship. NASCAR suspended until at least May 9. WTA, ATP suspended through at least June 7.

MLB scouts — and prospects — on lockdown

Baseball draft could take major hit because of pandemic

BY MARK GONZALES

With the benefit of a strong junior season at the University of San Diego, Kris Bryant was able to convince Cubs evaluators he was worthy being the second pick in the 2013 draft.

And travel resources and video enabled area scout Rich Schroeder to make several spring trips to the remote town of Chanute, Kan., to watch and eventually recommend the drafting of infielder David Bote in the 18th round of the 2012 draft.

Those opportunities, however, currently aren't afforded as Major League Baseball ordered all teams to stop scouting operations in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic.

That decision occurred less than a week after the NCAA canceled the College World Series in Omaha, Neb. — where the June 10-12 amateur draft was to take place for the first time — and several conferences followed by eliminating their spring seasons.

Draft-eligible student-athletes are left hoping they impressed enough teams during their brief spring season or last summer.

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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:

Rock shock, Jayhawk

(MARCH 20, 2010)

This story was published when 9th-seeded Northern Iowa stunned overall No. 1 seed Kansas in the NCAA Tournament's Round of 32. It has been edited for space.

By JOHN MARSHALL
Associated Press

Leading by one against the colossus of the bracket, Ali Farokhmanesh stood at the 3-point line, no one around. The prudent play? Pull it out, burn some clock.

Not a chance. Taking his shot at history, Farokhmanesh let fly from the wing.

Swish! The biggest upset in a tournament full of them was done. Northern Iowa had taken down mighty Kansas.

Playing with poise down the stretch and getting another big 3-pointer from Farokhmanesh, Northern Iowa pulled off one of the biggest NCAA tournament upsets in years by knocking No. 1 overall seed Kansas from the bracket with a program-defining 69-67 victory Saturday.

"If anybody's going to shoot that shot, I want it to be Ali," Northern Iowa's Jake Koch said.

This year's tournament has been defined by its upsets. Eight double-digit seeds moved through the bracket in the first round. No. 10 Saint Mary's beat Villanova on Saturday, and No. 11 Washington shoved aside New Mexico.

This was the biggest shocker of all. Winning the tempo tug-of-war, ninth-seeded Northern Iowa (30-4) grounded the high-flying Jayhawks with in-their-jersey defense, then withstood a furious rally to become the first team to beat a No. 1 seed in the second round since UAB and Alabama did it to Kentucky and Stanford in 2004.

Farokhmanesh, Northern Iowa's first-round hero, had the biggest play of all.

With Kansas charging and its fans roaring, the fearless son of an Iranian Olympic volleyball player caught the ball on the wing after the Panthers had broken Kansas' press.



TRAVIS HEYING/WICHITA EAGLE

Northern Iowa's Ali Farokhmanesh pumps his fist after hitting a 3-pointer late against Kansas in the second round of the NCAA Tournament in Oklahoma City, Okla.

The shot clock still in the 30s, he hesitated for an instant, then cast his bracket-busting shot with 34 seconds left on the game clock.

Trailing 66-62, Kansas had one last

chance, but Tyrel Reed was called for an offensive foul and Farokhmanesh sealed it with two free throws with 5 seconds left, sending the Panthers to the round of 16 for the first time.

OTHER MARCH 20 MOMENTS

1897: Yale beats Penn 32-10 in New Haven, Connecticut, in the first men's intercollegiate basketball game.

1971: Milwaukee's Lew Alcindor is named the NBA's MVP for the first of a record-breaking six times. Alcindor averaged 31.7 points and 16 rebounds per game.

1976: Boston's John Havlicek becomes the first NBA player to score more than 1,000 points per season for 14 consecutive years.

1994: Jockey Penny Chavez returns to the winner's circle after a 19-year hiatus from the saddle. The 42-year-old rider wins aboard Singer Slew, a 50-1 long shot, at Turfway Park, Florence, Ky.

2003: Shaquille O'Neal becomes the 28th player in NBA history to score 20,000 points during the Los Angeles Lakers' game against Sacramento.

2006: Japan beats Cuba 10-6 in the title game of the inaugural World Baseball Classic.

2010: Wladimir Klitschko knocks out Eddie Chambers in the 12th and final round to retain his WBO and IBF heavyweight belts in Duesseldorf, Germany.

"This team has done such a great job of turning the page to what's next, and this would be the biggest challenge of the year," Northern Iowa coach Ben Jacobson said. "A lot of positive things have happened because of the way these guys played."

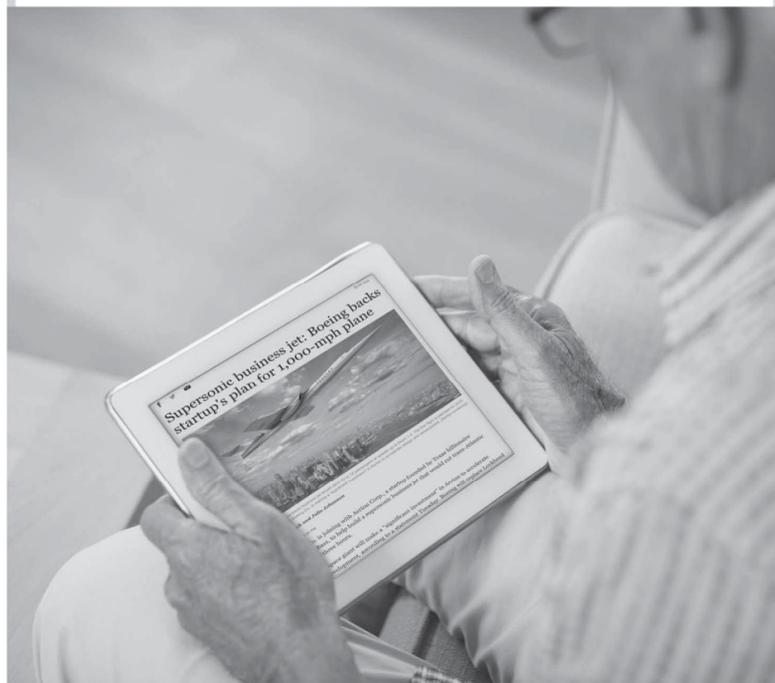
Kansas (33-3) trailed by 12 before using defense to pull within one with 44 seconds left. But the Jayhawks let Farokhmanesh sneak behind them for the deciding 3 to go down for the midmajor count, as they did to Bradley in 2006 and Bucknell the year before, also in Oklahoma City.

Marcus Morris scored 16 points, Cole Aldrich added 13 points and 10 rebounds and former Crane star Sherron Collins ended his stellar KU career with 10 points on 4-for-15 shooting.

"Obviously, everybody is disappointed on our team," Aldrich said. "To work so hard and to go through so much adversity ... it's disappointing that we couldn't have let Sherron go out in a better way."

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The Score opens up vault of classic local broadcasts

Memorable Sox, Cubs and Bears games to air again

By PHIL ROSENTHAL

Remember this?

"The 2-1 to Bartlett: Swing, shot to short, Ramirez has it, throws. Buehrle pitched a perfect game! His second no hitter! He no-hits the Tampa Bay Rays! People going crazy here at U.S. Cellular! He's mobbed by his teammates! A perfect!"

White Sox radio announcer Ed Farmer's call of Mark Buehrle's 5-0 gem against the Rays from July 23, 2009, will be the first of select baseball and football games WSCR-AM 670 plans to re-air beginning next week.

Also on tap are select Bears radio broadcasts from the past 20 years and all 17 Cubs postseason games from their 2016 march to a World Series title.

The rebroadcasts are part of the all-sports station's bid to fill the void of sports canceled because of the coronavirus pandemic.

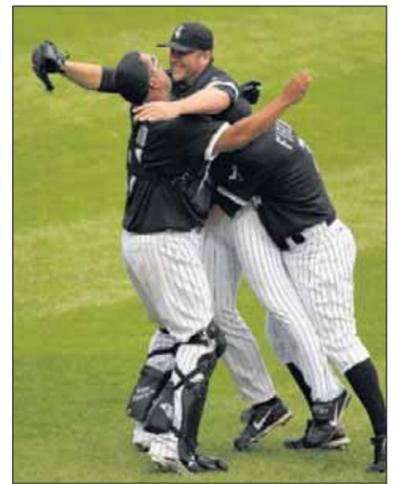
The Farmer-Darrin Jackson broadcast of Buehrle's 123-minute entry in the history books, as first heard on the Score, is scheduled for 6 p.m. March 26 on the station, the day the Major League Baseball season originally was scheduled to begin.

The Bears games to be re-aired haven't been chosen yet, but original WBBM-AM 780 broadcasts are slated to run on WSCR at noon on eight successive Sundays beginning March 29.

The Cubs' Marquee Sports Network this week began rerunning national telecasts of 2016 postseason games.

Alas, the Score's rebroadcasts with Pat Hughes and Ron Coomer won't begin until April 1, running nightly through Game 7 in Cleveland on April 17, culminating with Hughes punctuating the final out in the bottom of the 10th inning.

"The Chicago Cubs win the World Series!" Hughes said, as if Cubs fans needed to be reminded. "The Cubs come pouring out of the dugout, jumping up and down like a bunch of delirious 10-year-olds. The Cubs have done it! The longest drought in the history of American sports is over and the celebration begins."



CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The White Sox's Ramon Castro, left, and Josh Fields, right, celebrate Mark Buehrle's perfect game against the Rays in 2009.

More media: Elsewhere, as ESPN scours its archives to fill hours of TV, it is bringing back "The Ocho," its tribute to the oddball sports parody of itself from the 2004 Vince Vaughn-Ben Stiller comedy "Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story" on ESPN2 on Sunday. Among the competitions ESPN2 will showcase as "The Ocho" will be cornhole, cherry-pit spitting, sign-spinning, stone-skipping, bratwurst eating, miniature golf, arm-wrestling, ax-throwing, marble races, dodgeball and something called "stupid robot fighting." The main ESPN channel on Sunday, meanwhile, plans a seven-hour marathon of programming revolving around quarterback Tom Brady — like that's different from most recent days.

Following similar moves by the NFL and NBA, the NHL plans to make full replays of all 2019-20 NHL regular-season games available for free via the scores and schedule pages of NHL.com and the NHL app. Additional details are available via NHL.TV. The league also is increasing the content available through its web site, app, social media accounts and YouTube channel.

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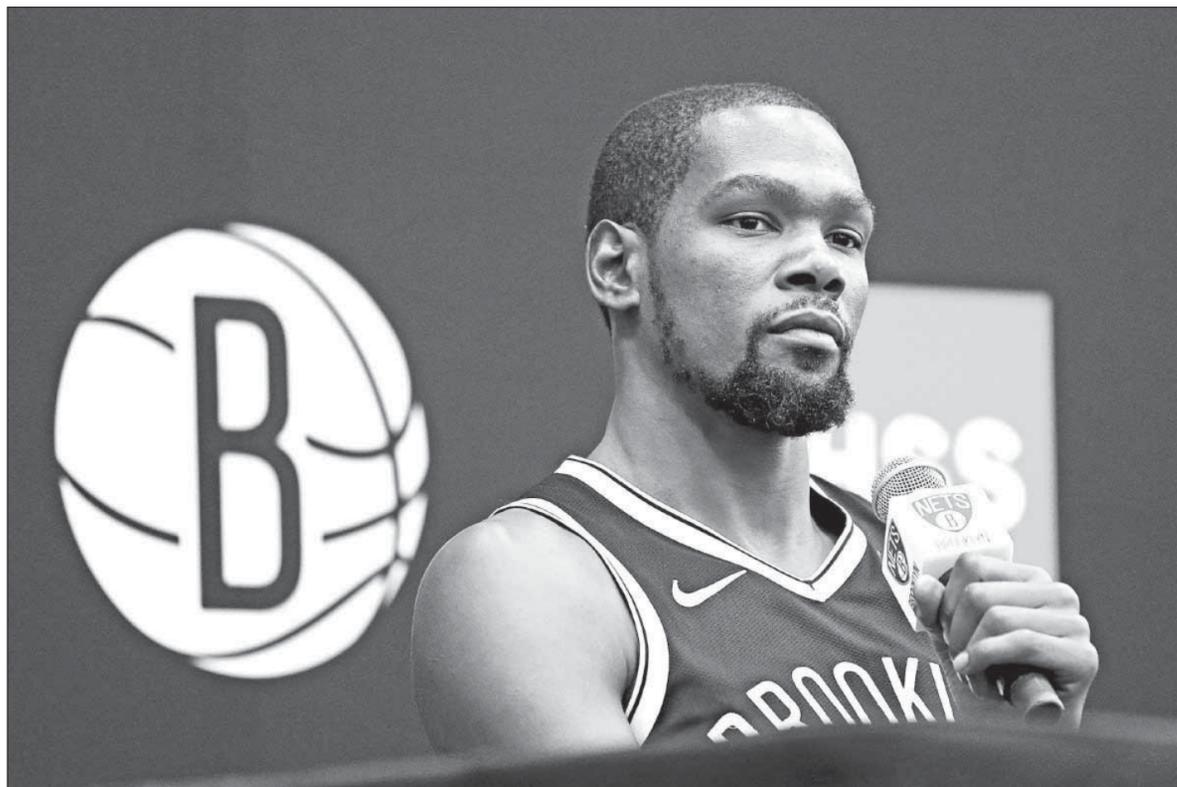
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CORONAVIRUS IMPACT ON SPORTS

Day 9

Since the sports world went mainly dark



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Is it playing favorites?

After Nets, others tested, perception rises wealthy, connected to front of line

BY MICHAEL BIESECKER,
MICHELLE R. SMITH AND
TIM REYNOLDS
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Celebrities, politicians and professional athletes faced a backlash this week as many revealed that they had been tested for the coronavirus, even when they didn't have a fever or other tell-tale symptoms.

That's fueling a perception that the wealthy and famous have been able to jump to the head of the line to get tested while others have been turned away or met with long delays.

The concerns over preferential treatment underscore a fundamental truth about inequalities baked into the American health care system — those with the financial means can often receive a different level of service.

Asked about the issue Wednesday, President Donald Trump said the well-to-do and well-connected shouldn't get priority for coronavirus tests. But the wealthy former reality star conceded that the rich and famous sometimes get perks.

"Perhaps that's been the story of life," Trump said during a briefing at the White House. "That does happen on occasion. And I've noticed where some people have been tested fairly quickly."

On Wednesday, the Nets announced the entire team was tested last week upon returning from San Francisco after a game against the Warriors. The team found a private lab to do the work, and on Tuesday announced that four of its players were positive for the virus, including perennial All-Star Kevin Durant.

Even though public health resources were not used, it raised the ire of many, including New York Mayor Bill de Blasio.

"We wish them a speedy recovery," the mayor wrote on Twitter. "But, with all due respect, an entire NBA team should NOT get tested for COVID-19 while there are critically ill patients waiting to be tested. Tests should not be for the wealthy, but for the sick."

Like Robin Fraser.

The 30-year-old has fibromyalgia and an autoimmune disorder that put her at high risk for complications if she contracts the virus. She's been running a fever and coughing since last week. Her doctor recommended she get tested at the emergency room, but there she was told there weren't enough tests, so she can't get one.

"That's just not fair," said Fraser, who



BRANDON DILL/GETTY

After Rudy Gobert tested positive for the virus, Jazz teammate Donovan Mitchell, above, also tested positive. (Top) Kevin Durant was one of four Nets players to test positive.

"We wish them a speedy recovery. But, with all due respect, an entire NBA team should NOT get tested for COVID-19 while there are critically ill patients waiting to be tested."

— New York Mayor Bill de Blasio on Twitter

lives in Victor, New York, near Rochester.

Fraser has seen celebrities and politicians getting tests, and that upsets her.

"Why are they getting in front of the line? People like me, average Joes, we get pushed to the back of the line. Why can Congress get it and we can't?" she asked.

Among the powerful people who have gotten tests in recent weeks were South Carolina Sen. Lindsey Graham and Florida Rep. Matt Gaetz. Both Republican lawmakers were exposed to someone who tested positive, but their tests came back negative.

Public frustrations over the difficulties getting tested for the new virus have been building since the first U.S. case was confirmed Jan. 20. Early missteps with test kits developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, coupled with strict government criteria about who qualified for screening, have led to widespread reports of people struggling to get tested. Even those who manage to get successfully swabbed often report long delays in getting the results back due to lengthy backlogs at government-run labs.

Seeking to break the logjam, the federal Food and Drug Administration announced earlier this month it would allow major

private diagnostic lab companies to begin rolling out new COVID-19 tests and relaxed regulations typically required before new tests can be brought to market.

Over the last two weeks, that has led to a surge in testing available from private doctors and labs not bound by CDC's criteria for which patients should be prioritized for testing, such as those with fever and difficulty breathing who have recently traveled to affected countries overseas, or those who have had close contact with someone confirmed to have had the virus.

LabCorp, a major lab testing company, began providing COVID-19 test on March 5. Quest Diagnostics, another major national provider, followed suit on March 9.

In a statement, LabCorp said its COVID-19 test is available on the order of any physician or other authorized health-care provider anywhere in the United States. The company said it expects to be performing more than 10,000 tests per day by the end of this week, ramping up to 20,000 tests per day by the end of this month.

By comparison, the CDC and other public health labs conducted about 30,000 tests in the eight weeks since the pandemic arrived in the U.S., according to data compiled by researchers at Johns Hopkins University.

The NBA suspended its season on March 11 after a Jazz player tested positive for the coronavirus just before a game — eventually canceled — with the Thunder. Oklahoma's state epidemiologist confirmed last week that the Jazz, their traveling party and a number of Jazz beat writers — 58 people in all — were tested after the cancellation of the game in Oklahoma City once it became known that All-Star center Rudy Gobert tested positive for the virus.

From Italy, emotional pleas to IOC

2 execs from stricken nation question stance on Games

BY ANDREW DAMPF
Associated Press

ROME — With the coronavirus death toll now higher in Italy than anywhere else, two senior sports executives from the country issued emotional appeals Thursday to the International Olympic Committee to revise its stance over the Tokyo Games.

"I'm not against the Olympics. But saying that the Olympics will still go on is a big mistake in communication," Giovanni Petrucci, who served as president of the Italian Olympic Committee for 14 years, said in an interview with The AP.

"This pandemic is affecting the entire world," Petrucci added, his voice breaking up with despair. "I know about the billion-dollar contracts, the insurance deals. I know it all. But human life is worth more than all of those things."

Petrucci's call came after regional Olympic officials rallied around the IOC's stance on opening the Tokyo Games as scheduled on July 24.

"I don't think I'm the only one who thinks this way. Others just don't want to say it," said Petrucci, who is now president of the Italian basketball federation. "I don't want to attack the IOC. There are too many people there that I know. But I don't know what else to say. I'm not trying to create controversy. I'm a realist. Look at the medical bulletins."

Athletes have also started questioning the IOC's unwavering stance that the Olympics are still on.

Athleten Deutschland, the main advocacy group for German athletes, said Thursday that the IOC is "stubbornly moving ahead with the planning of the games," even though competitors are struggling to stay fit with restrictions on their lifestyle due to the virus.

Italy, with a population of 60 million, has recorded at least 3,405 deaths, or roughly 150 more than in China — a country with a population over 20 times larger.

"There's no country that hasn't been affected. It's a matter of respect toward those that are suffering," Petrucci added, refusing to speculate whether the games should be canceled or postponed. "I'm not the one that should be saying. They should be saying this."

Paolo Barelli, the president of the Italian and European swimming federations, suggested the IOC needs to decide on the games' status by mid-April.

"By April 15, there will be some athletes who haven't trained for two months," Barelli told the AP.

"Athletes are like clocks. They have to train and function impeccably. Many of them still have to qualify, so they need to train not only to qualify but also for the Olympics."

"So any date after mid-April becomes very complicated."

All sports in Italy were suspended 10 days ago when the entire nation was placed under lockdown.

Events like the Olympic qualifying meet for the Italian swim team were postponed indefinitely. Top Italian swimmers like Federica Pellegrini and Gregorio Paltrinieri continue to train in Verona and Rome. But even they might have to get out of the water soon.

"Those that are lucky enough to have their pool open and near their homes can train. But if the pool is (60-125 miles) away, how can they? The venues are operated by sports clubs and cities that can't afford to keep them open for two or three people," Barelli said.

Even if they could train, many athletes have simply lost focus while worrying more about relatives in the areas of northern Italy hardest hit by the virus.

"They're not training in ideal conditions," Barelli said.

"If this situation continues like this into April, talking about the Olympics is ridiculous."

ROUNDUP

NBA teams to close facilities; MLB's Mexico, Puerto Rico games off

Associated Press

The NBA has told its teams to close its training and practice facilities to all players and staff starting Friday, saying the shuttering will last indefinitely in the latest response to the coronavirus pandemic.

The league told teams of the new directive in a memo Thursday afternoon, a copy of which was obtained by The AP. As recently as Monday, the NBA was telling teams that individual workouts could take place using what the league called the "one player, one coach, one basket" rule.

Now, that's not even permitted. If players are going to work out during the league's shutdown, they'll have to do it at home or some other private facility.

The number of known coronavirus cases for NBA players rose to 10 on Thursday, when Marcus Smart of the Celtics pleaded with people to take social distancing more seriously.

Smart revealed that he tested positive and the Lakers said two of their players tested positive as well.

Smart said he waited five days for his test results.

MLB's Mexico, Puerto Rico games off: Major League Baseball called off what was to have been its first two regular-season games in Mexico City, along with a three-game series in Puerto Rico because of the new coronavirus.

The Diamondbacks and Padres were to have played April 18 and 19 at Mexico City's Alfredo Harp Helu Stadium, a 20,000-capacity park that opened in March 2019.

The Mets and Marlins had been scheduled to play a series at Hiram Bithorn Stadium in San Juan from April 28-30.

Opening day is delayed until mid-May.

If the games are rescheduled, they would be at the home teams' ballparks in Phoenix and Miami.

"It breaks our heart we won't be playing in front of the incredible fans in Mexico this year, but health and safety come first," the Diamondbacks said in a statement Thursday. "We promise we'll be back soon."

The Cubs and Cardinals remain scheduled for a series at West Ham's Olympic Stadium in London from June 13-14, but it's anybody's guess whether that trip will be made. The Cardinals are listed as the home team in the series.

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	½
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

FORBES TEAM VALUATIONS

2020	CV	D/V	REV	OI
New York	\$4.6B	1%	\$472M	\$157M
L.A. Lakers	4.4B	0%	434M	178M
Golden St	4.3B	18%	440M	109M
Chicago	3.2B	3%	301M	103M
Boston	3.1B	3%	304M	88M
L.A. Clippers	2.6B	0%	282M	73M
Brooklyn	2.5B	8%	304M	42M
Houston	2.475B	7%	348M	110M
Dallas	2.4B	4%	307M	105M
Toronto	2.1B	5%	334M	79M
Philadelphia	2B	5%	300M	90M
Miami	1.95B	21%	294M	58M
Portland	1.85B	7%	287M	51M
San Antonio	1.8B	6%	285M	66M
Sacramento	1.775B	30%	286M	81M
Washington	1.75B	8%	269M	55M
Phoenix	1.625B	11%	246M	42M
Denver	1.6B	0%	252M	52M
Milwaukee	1.58B	17%	283M	69M
Okl. City	1.575B	9%	258M	-23M
Utah	1.55B	6%	258M	63M
Indiana	1.525B	13%	243M	55M
Atlanta	1.52B	16%	251M	78M
Cleveland	1.51B	13%	300M	39M
Charlotte	1.5B	10%	240M	39M
Detroit	1.45B	10%	255M	52M
Orlando	1.43B	10%	244M	70M
Minnesota	1.375B	11%	234M	46M
New Or.	1.35B	13%	224M	49M
Memphis	1.3B	25%	224M	24M

CV-current value; D/V-debt/value; REV-revenue; OI-operating income; As of Feb. 11 from forbes.com

2019 FORBES TEAM VALUATIONS

VERALL VALUE	2019	2018	% CHG
New York	\$4B	\$3.5B	14%
L.A. Lakers	3.7B	3.1B	19%
Golden St	3.5B	3.1B	13%
Chicago	2.9B	2.7B	7%
Boston	2.8B	2.6B	8%
Brooklyn	2.35B	2.1B	12%
Houston	2.3B	2.1B	10%
Dallas	2.25B	2.1B	7%
L.A. Clippers	2.2B	2.1B	5%
Miami	1.75B	1.6B	9%
Toronto	1.675B	1.5B	11%
Philadelphia	1.65B	1.5B	10%
San Antonio	1.625B	1.5B	8%
Portland	1.6B	1.5B	6%
Sacramento	1.575B	1.5B	5%

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ARIS MESSINIS/AP

PHOTO OF THE DAY

Travel plans unchanged for Olympic flame

Greek actress Xanthi Georgiou, right, performs during a subdued Olympic flame handover ceremony at Panathenaic Stadium in Athens. The 50,000-seat marble stadium, where the first modern games were staged in 1896, was empty apart from a handful of officials. The Olympic flame was passed to Tokyo officials and is set to arrive in Japan by plane on Friday, even as the opening of the Tokyo Games is in doubt with more voices calling for the event to be postponed. The International Olympic Committee maintains the Olympics will open as scheduled on July 24.

SOCCER

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER

Eastern	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Atlanta	2	0	0	6	4	2
N.Y. Red Bulls	1	0	1	4	4	3
Montreal	1	0	1	4	4	3
Toronto FC	1	0	1	4	3	2
Columbus	1	0	1	4	2	1
D.C. United	1	0	1	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	3
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
LA Galaxy	1	0	1	4	4	2
Los Angeles FC	1	0	1	4	4	3
Seattle	1	0	1	4	3	2
Portland	1	1	0	3	2	3
Vancouver	1	1	0	3	2	3
Real Salt Lake	0	2	2	1	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

NFL

SUPER BOWL LV ODDS

TEAM	NOW	FEB. 3	REC
Kansas City	5/1	6/1	12-4-0
Baltimore	7/1	8/1	14-2-0
San Francisco	15/2	8/1	13-3-0
New Orleans	11/1	10/1	13-3-0
Tampa Bay	12/1	50/1	7-9-0
Green Bay	18/1	16/1	13-3-0
Seattle	18/1	25/1	11-5-0
New England	18/1	11/1	12-4-0
Dallas	20/1	18/1	8-8-0
Philadelphia	20/1	28/1	9-7-0
Buffalo	20/1	40/1	10-6-0
Tennessee	24/1	30/1	9-7-0
Minnesota	25/1	30/1	10-6-0
Pittsburgh	25/1	22/1	8-8-0
Indianapolis	28/1	33/1	7-9-0
L.A. Rams	30/1	25/1	9-7-0
Chicago	35/1	25/1	8-8-0
Cleveland	40/1	33/1	6-10-0
L.A. Chargers	40/1	16/1	5-11-0
N.Y. Raiders	40/1	35/1	7-9-0
Houston	50/1	35/1	10-6-0
Arizona	50/1	80/1	5-10-1
Atlanta	66/1	25/1	7-9-0
Denver	66/1	50/1	7-9-0
Miami	70/1	125/1	5-11-0
Detroit	80/1	70/1	3-12-1
Carolina	80/1	66/1	5-11-0
N.Y. Jets	100/1	75/1	7-9-0
N.Y. Giants	125/1	100/1	4-12-0
Washington	150/1	150/1	3-13-0
Cincinnati	150/1	55/1	2-14-0
Jacksonville	150/1	50/1	6-10-0

Source: bovada.lv; 2019 records

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

2020 ALL-AMERICA TEAMS

FIRST TEAM (1st ptace votes, PTS)	THIRD TEAM (1st ptace votes, PTS)
Sabrina Ionescu , Oregon, 5 (30, 150)	Yasha Harris , South Carolina, (7, 57)
5-11, senior, Walnut Creek, Calif., 17.5 ppg, 9.1 rpg, 8.6 rpg	5-10, senior, Noblesville, Ind., 12.1 ppg, 5.7 rpg, 86.7 ft%
Rhyné Howard , Kentucky, (23, 134)	Michaela Onyenwere , UCLA, (0, 39)
6-2, sophomore, Cleveland, Tenn., 23.4 ppg, 6.5 rpg, 38.2 3-point %	6-0, junior, Aurora, Colo., 19.1 ppg, 8.6 rpg, 46.9 ft%
Ruthy Hebard , Oregon, (21, 126)	Kathleen Doyle , Iowa, 5-9, senior, (1, 36)
6-4, senior, Fairbanks, Alaska, 17.3 ppg, 9.6 rpg, 68.5 ft%	LaGrange Park, Ill., 18.1 ppg, 6.3 rpg, 4.6 rpg
Lauren Cox , Baylor, (20, 116)	Elissa Cunane , N.C.State, (0, 32)
6-4, senior, Flower Mound, Texas, 12.5 ppg, 8.4 rpg, 2.7 blocks	6-5, sophomore, Summerfield, N.C., 16.4 ppg, 9.6 rpg, 54.7 ft%
Megan Walker , UConn, (14, 97)	Kaila Charles , Maryland, (0, 31)
6-1, junior, Chesterfield, Va., 19.7 ppg, 8.4 rpg, 47.7 ft%	6-1 senior, Glenn Dale, Md., 14.3 ppg, 7.3 rpg, 50 ft%

HONORABLE MENTION (alphabetical)

Jaylyn Agnew, Creighton; Bella Alarie, Princeton; Brittany Brewer, Texas Tech; Te'a Cooper, Baylor; Crystal Dangerfield, UConn; Renna Davis, Tennessee; Ciara Duffy, South Dakota; Kiah Gillespie, Florida State; Haley Gorecki, Duke; Vivian Gray, Oklahoma State; Arella Guirantes, Rutgers; Ashley Joens, Iowa State; Stella Johnson, Rider; Ila Lane, UNC Santa Barbara; Beatrice Mompremier, Miami; Olivia Nelson-Ododa, UConn; Mikayla Pivec, Oregon State; Lindsey Pulliam, Northwestern; Nalysa Smith, Baylor; Chante Stonewall, DePaul; Unique Thompson, Auburn; Kiana Williams, Stanford.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE						
ATLANTIC						
W	L	OT Pts	GF	GA		
Boston	44	14	120	227	174	
Tampa Bay	43	21	6	92	245	195
Toronto	36	25	9	81	238	227
Florida	35	26	8	78	231	228
Montreal	31	31	9	71	212	221
Buffalo	30	31	8	68	195	217
Ottawa	25	34	12	62	191	243
Detroit	17	49	5	39	145	267
METRO.						
W	L	OT Pts	GF	GA		
Washington	41	20	8	90	240	215
Philadelphia	41	21	7	89	232	196
Pittsburgh	40	23	6	86	224	196
Carolina	38	25	5	81	222	193
Columbus	33	22	15	81	180	187
N.Y. Islanders	35	23	10	80	192	193
N.Y. Rangers	37	28	5	79	234	222
New Jersey	28	29	12	68	189	230
WESTERN CONFERENCE						
CENTRAL						
W	L	OT Pts	GF	GA		
St. Louis	42	19	10	94	225	193
Colorado	42	20	8	92	237	191
Dallas	37	24	8	82	180	177
Winnipeg	37	28	6	80	216	203
Nashville	35	26	8	78	215	217
Minnesota	35	27	7	77	220	220
Chicago	32	30	8	72	212	218
PACIFIC						
W	L	OT Pts	GF	GA		
Vegas	39	24	8	86	227	211
Edmonton	37	25	9	83	225	217
Calgary	36	27	7	79	210	215
Vancouver	36	27	6	78	228	217
Arizona	33	29	8	74	195	187
Anaheim	29	33	9	67	187	226
Los Angeles	29	35	6	64	178	212
San Jose	29	36	5	63	182	226

2 points for win, 1 for shootout/OT loss

2020 TEAM VALUATIONS

Team	CV	D/V	REV	OI
N.Y. Rangers	\$1.65B	1%	\$270M	\$123M
Toronto	1.5B	8%	243M	101M
Montreal	1.34B	16%	243M	106M
Chicago	1.085B	0%	208M	69M
Boston	1B	0%	228M	62M
Los Angeles	850M	5%	203M	54M
Philadelphia	825M	0%	187M	40M
Detroit	800M	0%	183M	31M
Washington	775M	18%	180M	38

SPORTS



CHARLES SYKES/AP

Amid the coronavirus outbreak, the Bengals created a montage of assorted tweets from reporters over a "SpongeBob" slide.

NFL teams keeping score on social media

BY HOWARD FENDRICH
Associated Press

A sense of humor and a dash of creativity, along with memes from "Friends," "SpongeBob SquarePants" and the "Real Housewives" franchise, helped NFL teams' social-media crews tell the story of free agency in the age of the coronavirus before deals eventually were allowed to just be announced normally.

It wasn't until Thursday — the second day of the new league year — that the NFL relented and sent around a memo saying it was OK for the 32 clubs to tell fans what was happening without, well, essentially pretending they didn't really know.

Here's the issue: Because of precautions owing to the COVID-19 pandemic, the league prevented players from going to club facilities. That meant that many contracts couldn't be finalized in a formal way, so the NFL told teams not to discuss them publicly.

Which led to all sorts of fun in the initial hours after the league year officially began Wednesday afternoon.

The Cardinals not only made the biggest early splash, move-wise, by landing wide-out DeAndre Hopkins in a trade with the Texans, but the NFC West team also might have generated the most "likes" via social media.

"As you may know, NFL policy currently prohibits teams from making any official

announcements. It does allow us to pass along media reports. And according to multiple reports, we have acquired WR DeAndre Hopkins via trade with the Houston Texans," the Cardinals' account tweeted.

As the day rolled on, that was followed by various memes with messages such as "That's all I can say" or "... but you ain't heard that from me" — making NFL Twitter timelines read more like a text-message group chat — interspersed with updates offered on other moves without actually announcing anything, so as to abide by the NFL's instructions.

Sort of. Phrases such as "There are also rumblings (potentially)" and "We've also heard through the grapevine from multiple sources that other potential moves are potential" were trotted out, too. The feed sounded like something from a plugged-in reporter on draft night who's promised not to tip upcoming picks.

Ever aiming to stand out in the crowded social-media space, teams found other ways to skirt the one-day rule and keep folks informed.

The Bears tweeted reports from the league-owned NFL Network. Hard for the league to complain about that, right? Same for the Browns' approach: They sent out a segment from that channel with a former player discussing what happened in free agency.

The Bengals created a montage of assorted tweets from reporters over a "SpongeBob" slide and wrote: "NFL policy currently prohibits teams from making any official announcements, but ... WE REALLY, REALLY WANT TO TALK FREE AGENCY WITH YOU."

And so they did, furtively. Other teams took the boring way out. Maybe they followed instructions and keeping quiet — notably the Buccaneers, whose pursuit of Tom Brady was the biggest story of all, and the Super Bowl champion Chiefs. Or just very plainly and matter-of-factly referenced trades that were official and could be revealed — such as the NFC champion 49ers or the Raiders, whose coach (Jon Gruden) and GM (Mike Mayock) both are former TV types who know a thing or two about promotion and publicity.

But by Thursday afternoon, according to the NFL memo obtained by The AP, teams were told they could announce free-agency signings once the two sides reached agreement on terms and a written contract had been sent to the player and his agent.

That allowed teams to set the truth free, and they began operating as usual, blaring their news to anyone who scrolled through Twitter.

AP Pro Football Writer Mark Long in Jacksonville, Florida, contributed to this report.



TONY AVELAR/AP

RB Todd Gurley II signed a four-year contract with the Rams in June of 2018.

NFL

Rams part with Gurley, Matthews

Associated Press

The NFL's off-the-field business has joined most of the rest of the country in full work-from-home mode, turning signings and trades into tests of patience and technology.

Conducting a free agency period during a global pandemic has produced complications well beyond the usual salary-cap constraints.

"It is an offseason unlike any other I have experienced in my three decades in the business," said Drew Rosenhaus, whose agency Rosenhaus Sports represents more than 100 players in the league.

Because team facilities have closed out of concern for the spread of the coronavirus, players have not been able to take the physical exams required to finalize contracts with team physicians.

The biggest move made Thursday? Todd Gurley got cut by the Rams, less than two years after one of the game's best rushers got a big new deal.

Plagued by injury lately, Gurley will still count \$20.15 million against the salary cap for the Rams. He signed a four-year, \$60 million contract with \$45 million guaranteed in June 2018, but after helping the Rams win the NFC that season, he hurt his left knee. That slowed him considerably, first in the playoffs leading up to the Super Bowl, then throughout the 2019 season. He rushed for a career-low 857 yards last year, playing sparingly.

His release can't be comforting to other running backs around the NFL. If Gurley is expendable — yes, the contract and injury played a key role — then can any running back feel secure?

Also Thursday: ■ The Rams also cut veteran linebacker Clay Matthews after just one season with his hometown club. Matthews was due a \$2 million roster bonus, among other guarantees.

■ The Lions agreed to trade their best cornerback, Darius Slay, to the Eagles. Rosenhaus confirmed the deal and that Slay has agreed to a three-year, \$50 million extension. Slay sought a new contract before last season and did not attend the Lions' mandatory minicamp. He ended up reporting to training camp and drew a third career Pro Bowl selection.

■ The Broncos waived 2013 Super Bowl MVP Joe Flacco. He had lost his job to rookie Drew Lock and also has neck issues that could affect him if he continues playing.

■ The Vikings added defensive tackle Michael Pierce, who played the first four seasons of his career with the Ravens, and brought back kicker Dan Bailey and backup quarterback Sean Mannion.

ON THE CLOCK

34 Days until the NFL draft, which is still scheduled for April 23-25.

Top 5 picks



Complete first-round order

1. Bengals	12. Raiders	23. Patriots
2. Redskins	13. 49ers	24. Saints
3. Lions	14. Bucs	25. Vikings
4. Giants	15. Broncos	26. Dolphins
5. Dolphins	16. Falcons	27. Seahawks
6. Chargers	17. Cowboys	28. Ravens
7. Panthers	18. Dolphins	29. Titans
8. Cardinals	19. Raiders	30. Packers
9. Jaguars	20. Jaguars	31. 49ers
10. Browns	21. Eagles	32. Chiefs
11. Jets	22. Vikings	

ROUNDUP

Red Sox ace Sale set for Tommy John surgery on left elbow

Associated Press

Red Sox ace Chris Sale will have Tommy John surgery on his left elbow, an operation that would keep him out the entire 2020 baseball season if and when it resumes after the coronavirus pandemic.

"There's no real way to sugarcoat this. It's not what anyone wants," Red Sox chief baseball officer Chaim Bloom told reporters Thursday night. "Chris is the type of player

that you just can't replace. He's an elite player. If he's unavailable to us, that's a blow."

The announcement comes two weeks after saying Sale had a flexor strain near the elbow. At the time, the Red Sox hoped Sale would avoid the operation that usually requires at least a full year of rehab. Bloom said it usually takes 14-15 months to recover.

Sale, who turns 31 this month, missed the



Sale

start of spring training with an illness that the team described as a flu that morphed into pneumonia.

A seven-time All-Star, Sale is 109-73 in 10 major league seasons and entering the second season of a six-year, \$160 million contract.

Ionescu headlines All-America team: Sabrina Ionescu has joined an elite group, becoming a three-time All-American.

The Oregon senior shattered the NCAA career triple-double mark and became the first player to have 2,000 points, 1,000 rebounds and 1,000 assists.

Ionescu earned a spot on The AP women's All-America team as a unanimous choice.

She was joined on the first team by Oregon teammate Ruthy Hebard, Baylor's Lauren Cox, Kentucky's Rhyne Howard and UConn's Megan Walker.

BEARS



MICHAEL CONROY/AP

Auburn defensive back Noah Igbinoehene could be a good fit for the Bears after the departure of cornerback Prince Amukamara.

Biggs

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1. Cornerback

That the Bears chose not to pay Prince Amukamara this season because he has slowed down wasn't a surprise. That they've paid Jimmy Graham and Danny Trevathan similarly is somewhat surprising given that Graham doesn't move like he used to and Trevathan has a history of injuries.

Perhaps Pace and the coaches feel good about Kevin Toliver despite a small body of work. Toliver could certainly compete for a starting role opposite Kyle Fuller. Tre Roberson also is in the mix, but expectations for the former CFL All-Star should be shaped by the guaranteed money in his contract — \$215,000. That's the investment typically made in a depth addition.

The Bears can wait for the market to slow to see about adding an experienced player at a low price. There is also the draft and as I have written the last few weeks, it's time for the team to invest in the position with youth. The last time the Bears prioritized cornerback in the draft was 2014 when Kyle Fuller was selected in the first round. The draft should offer some solid options in Round 2, where the team has two picks. Auburn's Noah Igbinoehene and Mississippi State's Cameron Dantzer both have good size and played at a high level in the SEC. They could be attractive targets.

2. Offensive line

Contracts for tackles Charles Leno and Bobby Massie and center Cody Whitehair are going to keep them in place. The Bears are in need of a right guard, and while they have a couple in-house guys that could potentially compete, including Rashaad Coward and Alex Bars, I think they find a veteran with some experience to add to the mix. New O-line coach Juan Castillo likes athletic big men, so think someone that maybe isn't a mauler but can get to the second level. A swing tackle remains a need.

3. Strong safety

This is a prime spot to fill via the draft, where Pace has had tremendous success with Jackson and Adrian Amos. This is a need the team can fill on Day 3. A couple of targets that come to mind, when thinking about a box safety, are Cal's Jaylinn Hawkins and Mississippi State's Brian Cole. The Bears could consider re-signing Deon Bush as depth, and having a guy familiar with the scheme is a good idea. Bush likely is a minimum-salary guy.



MICHAEL CONROY/AP

The Bears could bolster their depth at tight end with Notre Dame's Cole Kmet.

4. Wide receiver

Don't minimize the need for upgrades here, especially following the departure of Taylor Gabriel. A speedy complement to add to the mix would really help. It's such a good draft that the Bears should be able to find help, but they're short on picks before the late rounds. But don't forget about free agents. Yes, some are talking about this draft as a potentially historic one for wide receivers — but what that has done is suppress the market for veterans in free agency.

5. Tight end

At best, Jimmy Graham is maybe a one-year option at tight end. The Bears have enough of them with Graham being the ninth on the roster. It's a weak draft class for tight ends, but if the Bears really like Cole Kmet and believe the Notre Dame product can help stabilize the position for four or five years, he could be a Round 2 target.

6. Veteran depth

One thing Pace and the coaches have done a nice job of in recent years is finding rank-and-file players who can fill in and play well when called upon. Defensive lineman Nick Williams, linebacker Kevin Pierre-Louis and swing tackle Cornelius Lucas are recent examples — guys who were on minimum deals and played solid when injuries created needs. All three departed via free agency. How can Pace and his staff identify a new wave of veterans who can provide quality depth, the kind of thing winning teams need in November and December when there has been attrition?

7. Special teams

Special teams cannot be overlooked. The Bears re-signed long snapper Patrick Scates, but what will they do when it comes to guys such as defensive backs Sherrick McManis and DeAndre Houston-Carson? Do they fit in the 2020 plans?

Foles has experienced wild ride

BY COLLEEN KANE

The Bears acquired quarterback Nick Foles from the Jaguars on Wednesday for a fourth-round draft pick.

Foles, 31, will join his fifth team for his ninth NFL season. An Eagles third-round draft pick in 2012, he has started 48 career games for the Eagles, Rams, Chiefs and Jaguars.

We still need to hear from general manager Ryan Pace about whether Foles will be the new Bears starter or provide competition for Mitch Trubisky. But here are four things we do know about the newcomer.

1. Nick Foles was 4-2 over three post-season runs with the Eagles, including winning Super Bowl LII.

Foles was the Cinderella story of the 2017 season.

After Carson Wentz went down with a torn ACL in his left knee in December of that season, Foles stepped in for the next six games to lead the Eagles to their first Super Bowl championship. He threw for 373 yards and three touchdowns and caught a touchdown pass to help lift the Eagles over the Patriots 41-33 and win Super Bowl MVP.

"A lot of people counted him out, didn't think he'd get it done," Eagles coach Doug Pederson said after that game. "I believed in him, the staff believed in him, the players believed in him. We needed time. We needed time together to work out some things, and this postseason Nick has shown exactly who he is and what he can do and what he's capable of doing."

Foles' other career playoff win is even more memorable to Bears fans — the double-doink game.

When Wentz was out with a back injury in December 2018, Foles led the Eagles to three straight wins to end the regular season and then a 16-15 playoff victory over the Bears on Jan. 6, 2019, at Soldier Field. Foles completed 25 of 40 passes for 266 yards, two touchdowns and two interceptions. His 2-yard touchdown pass to Golden Tate on fourth down with 56 seconds remaining put the Eagles ahead.

But what most people remember is Bears kicker Cody Parkey missing a 43-yard field-goal attempt off the goal post and crossbar in the final seconds to seal the Eagles' win.

2. He is coming off a rough one-season stint with the Jaguars.

Foles' playoff heroics with the Eagles helped convince the Jaguars to give him a four-year, \$88 million contract last off-season.

But his run there appeared ill-fated from the start.

Foles broke his left collarbone in the first quarter of his Jaguars debut. When he returned in mid-November, the Jaguars lost their next two games to the Colts and Titans by a combined 42 points. When Foles had three turnovers by halftime in the third game, against the Buccaneers, coach Doug Marrone turned back to rookie Gardner Minshew.

"I just wanted to get a spark," Marrone said after that game. "These past couple of weeks, we haven't given ourselves an opportunity to win football games. It's easy to look at one person, but right now none of us are doing a good enough job."

3. He has a history with several Bears coaches.

Foles played under Bears coach Matt Nagy with the Eagles and Chiefs, new offensive coordinator Bill Lazor with the Eagles and new quarterbacks coach John DeFilippo with the Eagles and Jaguars.

Before the Bears and Eagles met in the playoffs two seasons ago, Nagy was asked about the summer of 2016, when Foles signed late in training camp to be the Chiefs backup. Foles didn't bring his car to Missouri with him, so Nagy let Foles use his.

"And he just rode with a coach, and that's just who he is as a person," Foles said.

Nagy said Foles returned the car "fairly clean."

"He put my back rest back too far because he's like (6-foot-6)," Nagy said. "But he took good care of it."

More importantly than car care, of course, is how Nagy views Foles on the field.

"He's a very confident kid in the huddle," Nagy said before their playoff meeting.

"He knows where he's going with the football. And he's a playmaker. He's a big individual that can break tackles. He's got a strong arm and he's football smart. So he knows where to go with the football. But he's just got a lot of great attributes that his players trust."

4. He contemplated retirement before the 2016 season.

One of the worst seasons of Foles' career was in 2015 with the Rams. He went 4-7 over 11 starts, completing 56.4% of his passes with seven touchdowns and 10 interceptions. After the Rams drafted Jared Goff with the No. 1 pick in 2016, Foles asked for his release that July and contemplated leaving football.

He said in an interview after the Eagles' Super Bowl win that he lost his love for the game.

"It was a tough six months," Foles said. "I went through a lot. My wife was there every step of the way. My faith was tested. But I just kept leaning on the Lord. I kept praying."

"I would not be the man, the person I am today without going through that. That just makes me grateful and blessed to be in this moment."

— eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE —



JERRY COLI/TNS

The coronavirus pandemic has put an indefinite halt to the NBA and Major League Baseball, which would normally make up the core of ESPN's live programming over the next few months.

How ESPN is adapting to the pandemic

BY STEPHEN BATTAGLIO
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Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — The 'S' in ESPN stands for sports. So what happens to one of the most-watched cable networks when its programming staple — live contests — shuts down?

It's an obstacle the network is facing as the coronavirus pandemic has put an indefinite halt to the NBA and Major League Baseball, which made up the core of ESPN's live programming over the next few months.

The shutdown of the entire sports world has also meant no fresh highlights for ESPN's signature news program, "SportsCenter."

The situation could have major financial implications for parent company Walt Disney Co., which has long relied on huge profits generated by its suite of ESPN channels. The virus outbreak comes at a critical time for ESPN, which has already seen its profitability fall due to cord-cutting consumers who are canceling or forgoing pay TV subscriptions.

ESPN did not make executives available, but Burke Magnus, executive vice president of programming, acquisitions and scheduling said in an interview posted on the network's website this week that the company has been focused on finding alternative ways to keep its audience engaged.

Magnus said ESPN remains relevant to fans this week as the NFL league calendar had its official start this week, leading to a spate of news on free agent signings by teams and the blockbuster news that superstar quarterback Tom Brady intends to move on from the New England Patriots.

"We've built our schedules with an eye toward that being a major topic of conversation," Magnus said of the NFL moves.

The company has been talking to leagues about getting permission to run encore presentations of classic games, something fans have been requesting.

ESPN is also developing programming that doesn't require a full production staff to come to its headquarters and studios in Bristol, Conn., as most of them are working at home to avoid the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Viewers are being asked to vote online to determine the greatest



ANDY LYONS/GETTY-AFP

Karl Ravech of ESPN talks on air after the announcement of the cancellation of the SEC Basketball Tournament at Bridgestone Arena on March 12 in Nashville, Tenn. The tournament has been cancelled due to the growing concern about the spread of the Coronavirus.

college basketball player of all time — in a bracket style similar to those used in the canceled NCAA College Basketball tournaments — with the results presented in a special airing Thursday.

While ESPN and other TV networks try to fill the gap created by the public health crisis, financial analysts who follow Disney are watching for any long-term impact on a business that has been weathering the challenges of shifting viewer habits.

ESPN's lack of live games is projected to lead to a ratings decline of as much as 80% and compound the problems for Disney, which has been reeling on multiple fronts due to the pandemic. Disney's theme parks are closed around the world, and its cruise ships are stuck in harbors. Movie theater closures have erased another big source of revenue for the company because Walt Disney Studios relies heavily on its box office blockbusters.

Analysts worry that a recession could prevent a return to business as usual, as leisure spending is discretionary and households will have less income for such extras. The challenges come at a time when Disney has more than doubled its corporate debt to \$47 billion to pay for its acquisition of much of 21st Century Fox. They also follow a recent changing of the guard as longtime Chief Executive

Bob Iger handed the day-to-day operations over to Bob Chapek, who had run Disney's parks and attractions.

A decade ago, ESPN was distributed in about 100 million homes, but now ESPN and ESPN2 are found in about 84 million pay-TV homes. The reduction means the company is taking in less money in fees received from pay TV distributors — known in the industry as affiliate fees — while programming costs continue to rise.

ESPN has countered the trend with the launch of its over-the-top streaming service ESPN+ — which is an eventual replacement for the traditional pay TV subscription — and the inclusion of its channels on internet-delivered TV services such as Sling and Hulu Plus. Jimmy Pitaro, who took over the reins of ESPN in 2018, has made the network's availability on digital platforms a priority.

But the virus has delivered an unexpected curveball. Media analyst Michael Nathanson wrote in a research note Tuesday that Disney's media networks, including ESPN, will likely take in \$250 million less in revenue in fiscal year 2020 than anticipated due to the sports cancellations.

Nathanson said that if the rest of the NBA season is canceled, ESPN will lose out on as much as

\$475 million in advertising revenues. There could also be an additional \$150 million decline in ad revenues related to all of the other sports that were shut down through the end of March, including the BNP Paribas Open tennis tournament in Indian Wells, Calif.

Nathanson expects Disney to save hundreds of millions of dollars by not having to pay as much in sports rights, although there will be an investment of as much as \$100 million required to program the hours that would ordinarily be devoted to live coverage. "We do think this will be done as efficiently as possible including reusing previously telecast games and specials," he said.

Todd Juenger, media analyst with Bernstein & Co, has an even rosier view about the cost savings realized from not incurring the cost of live sports programming.

"The shutdown of all organized sporting events is obviously a bad thing for the ESPN family of networks, the SEC network, and newly launched ACC network, as well as ABC broadcast," Juenger said. "Surprisingly, we believe the near-term impact on segment profits will be more-or-less profit. It could even be profit positive."

But there is no guarantee that TV rights fees that ESPN has already paid sports leagues will be immediately rebated to ESPN or

other networks that carry sports.

Lee Berke, a sports media consultant, said the leagues can also make up for lost games by extending deals, adding programming or granting networks permission to run more commercials.

"What nobody wants to do unless it's absolutely necessary is give money back," Berke said. "Most likely there will be tougher discussions down the road. It's a very rare event, and you're going to have to deal with it in a variety of ways to make people whole."

There is also a question of whether cord-cutting will accelerate as ESPN rides out the sports shutdown.

"We do expect some increase in cord-cutting, at least in the near term, from pay-TV subscribers whose main interest is sports, especially for those consumers who have lost their income," said Juenger. "We expect most of those subscribers will come back. Some will not."

David Carter, a professor at the USC Marshall School of Business who specializes in the sports business, believes fans will flock back to the games they love when play resumes, as a long hiatus will create pent-up demand for their return.

"These sports fans are incredibly resilient," Carter said. "They have just an unending appetite for content, especially live content, and they are certainly going to get tired of watching re-runs of curling and drone racing and billiards. And the moment they have a chance to watch something live, it will represent a return to some semblance of normalcy."

While fan interest is expected to come back when sports competition returns, there could also be a logjam of events in the fall as horse racing's Triple Crown and the Masters golf tournament have been rescheduled for September alongside the start of the NFL and college football season and Major League Baseball's pennant races.

That could cause more sports programming to move to streaming in order to accommodate the crowded schedule. Streamers already are getting a boost as media companies shift their movie releases to home viewing.

"It's going to hasten the day when these networks and these properties move more toward streaming content direct to consumers," Berke said. "It could change how these deals are done."

— eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE —

Shots of a lifetime

Shining moments define history of NCAA basketball tournament

BY DAVE SKRETTA

Associated Press

This is the time of year people usually start tweeting at Ali Farokhmanesh.

The Northern Iowa fans who remember his back-to-back buzzer-beaters to beat UNLV and Kansas and usher the Panthers to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament a decade ago. The Missouri and Kansas State fans still thankful he helped take down the top-seeded Jayhawks. And yes, there will be Kansas fans still pained by the memory.

"I mean, any time someone brings it up to me or somebody randomly tweets at me, or something along those lines, it brings me back," Farokhmanesh told The Associated Press this week. "And honestly, normally this time of the year is when I start thinking about that — thinking about when I was playing."

Nothing is normal this year, though. There will be no last-second heroics in the NCAA Tournament after the outbreak of the coronavirus led to its cancellation. There will be no underdogs taking down basketball bluebloods, or previously unheralded kids becoming household names because of their heroics during the madness of March.

Instead, basketball fans will be left — like Farokhmanesh — to reflect on the big games, big shots and big moments that have come to define the NCAA Tournament as one of the most heart-stopping sporting events in the country.

For Farokhmanesh, it is not necessarily the 3-pointer in the final minute that took down Kansas in the second round of the 2010 tournament that jumps to the forefront of his mind. It's the shot he hit two days earlier, a 3 from well beyond the arc in the final seconds, that gave the Panthers a 69-66 victory over the Runnin' Rebels.

"That one gets completely passed up," said Farokhmanesh, now an assistant at Colorado State. "Magnitude-wise Kansas was bigger, but the UNLV game, that was crazy too, because it was back and forth and we got lucky enough to have the last possession, and it was crazy because they were double-teaming us. I was pretty deep and let it fly."

There are plenty of other players in the history of the NCAA Tournament that have "let it fly," earning them a spot in the history books:

The shot

Christian Laettner hit plenty of memorable ones, including the winning jumper against Connecticut in the 1990 regional final and the winning foul shots against UNLV in the 1991 national semifinals. But it was his catch-and-shoot off a full-court pass from Grant Hill to beat Kentucky in double-overtime of their 1992 regional final that became historic.

"I don't realize what happened," Laettner said afterward. "I just caught the ball, turned around and made the shot."

For the win

Villanova and North Carolina had already played a championship classic in 2016 when the Tar Heels' Marcus Paige hit a 3 to tie the game 74-all with 4.7 seconds left. The Wildcats in-bounded the ball and Ryan Arcidiacono pushed up the floor, then dished to Kris Jenkins, who released the winning 3 as time expired to set off pandemonium inside NRG Stadium.

"I watched it one time," Villanova coach Jay Wright told AP this week. "I watch game film right after the game. That one I didn't. So I remember the day after the parade, our family said, 'We're going to sit down and we're going to watch this game.' We did it. The whole family sat down and watched the game and that was the only time I watched it."

The perfect miss

To this day, North Carolina State's Dereck Whittenburg jokes his deep jumper that came up woefully short against Houston in the 1983 title game was really the perfect pass. Regardless, the Wolfpack's Lorenzo Charles was in the perfect spot to make the catch, drop the ball through the net and send Jim Valvano racing across the court like a mad man.

"I never thought it was going to be short," Whittenburg told AP years later. "I thought it was going in."

The slipper fit

In the pantheon of Cinderella teams, the 1998 bunch from Valparaiso are near the top of the list, and the biggest reason is Bryce Drew's winning shot against Mississippi. With the No. 13 seed Crusaders trailing with 2.5 seconds left, Bill Jenkins caught an in-bound pass from Jaime Sykes and got it to Drew, who let loose a shot as time expired. It gave Valpo a 70-69 win, kicking off a run to the Sweet 16 for Homer Drew's team.

Chop

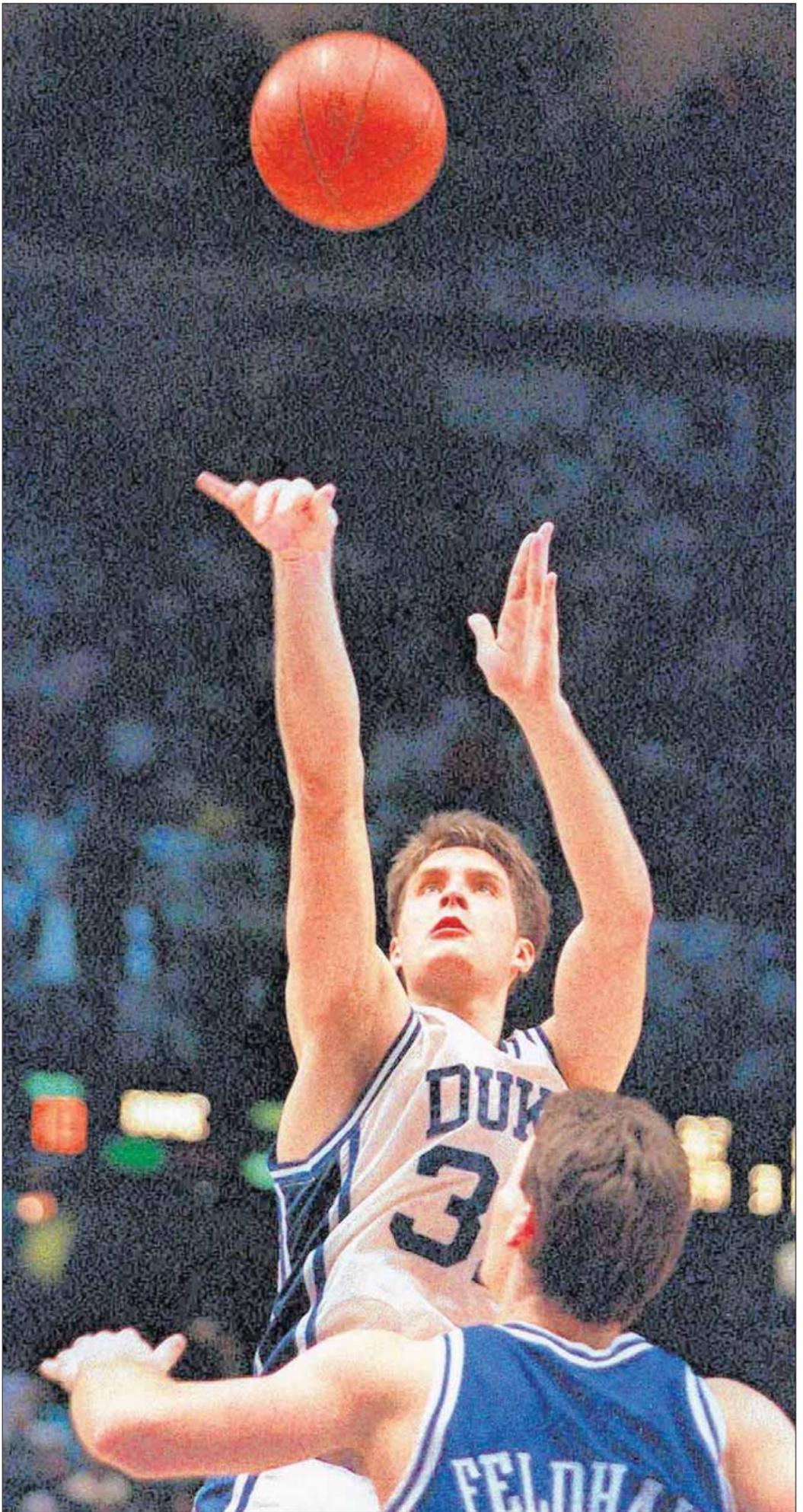
The play had been in the Kansas playbook for years, and it had been practiced so many times it almost seemed like second-nature to the Jayhawks. So when coach Bill Self called "chop" with his team trailing Memphis by three in the closing seconds of the 2008 national title game, Mario Chalmers knew he was likely going to get the shot. Chalmers curled off a screen, teammate Sherron Collins handed him the ball and he drilled the shot to force overtime.

"The biggest shot in Kansas history," said Self, whose team ultimately won 75-68 in OT. "It'll never be forgotten."

More memories

No list of clutch shots is complete without Michael Jordan's jumper to lift North Carolina over Georgetown for the 1982 title. Indiana's Keith Smart deserves a nod for his winner over Syracuse for the 1987 championship. UCLA's Tyus Edney is still cursed by Missouri fans for his coast-to-coast layup in the second round of the '94 tournament. And the indelible image of Loyola Marymount's Bo Kimball making a left-handed free throw in a first-round blowout of New Mexico State in 1990 to honor his best friend Hank Gathers, who had died days earlier from a heart issue, remains the stuff of NCAA lore.

AP Sports Writer Dan Gelston contributed to this report.



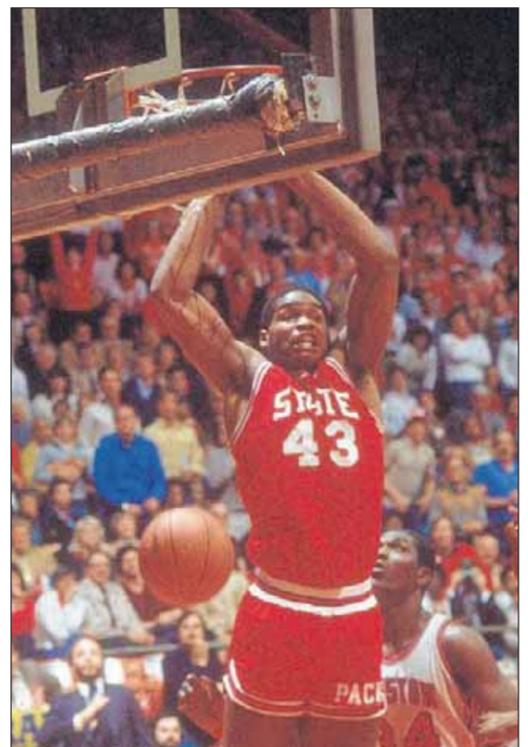
CHARLES ARBOGAST/AP

Duke's Christian Laettner takes the winning shot in overtime over Kentucky's Deron Feldhaus in 1992.



ERIC GAY/AP

Kris Jenkins (2) and his Villanova teammates celebrate his winning shot against North Carolina in 2016.



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North Carolina State's Lorenzo Charles slammed home the winning dunk against Houston in 1983.

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 MOVIES

Chicagoan Rey's indie film is put into limbo

Before cancellation of SXSW, she planned to unveil her movie there



NINA METZ
Chicago Close-up

It's hard enough getting a movie made in the first place. That goes double for indies.

Getting it into theaters is the next hurdle, which is why film festivals such as South by Southwest play a vital role: This is where distributors converge, looking for new titles to buy.

So what happens when your film is scheduled to open just as the coronavirus pandemic erupts?

I spoke with one Chicago-based indie filmmaker to get a better understanding of what it means career-wise when the theaters where your movie was set to premiere have all been shuttered for at least the next several weeks.

Kris Rey has been working as a writer-director in Chicago for the past 10 years, with credits including the low-key but absorbing story of "Empire Builder" (2014) starring Kate Lyn Sheil ("House of Cards") and the equally nuanced "Unexpected" (2015) starring Cobie Smulders as a pregnant Chicago high school teacher grappling with uncertainty about impending motherhood. (Both films were released under the name Kris Swanberg, prior to her divorce from fellow filmmaker Joe Swanberg.)

Rey's latest, "I Used to Go Here," was set to premiere at SXSW this month. It stars Gillian Jacobs ("Community") and Jeanine Clement ("Flight of the Conchords").

"It's a comedy about a woman in her 30s, and her life has just gotten to a place where everything is going wrong," said Rey. "She's just called off an engagement; meanwhile all her friends are getting married and having babies. She's also just written a book, and that's not doing well either. She was supposed to go on this book tour and it gets canceled, so she's at rock bottom."

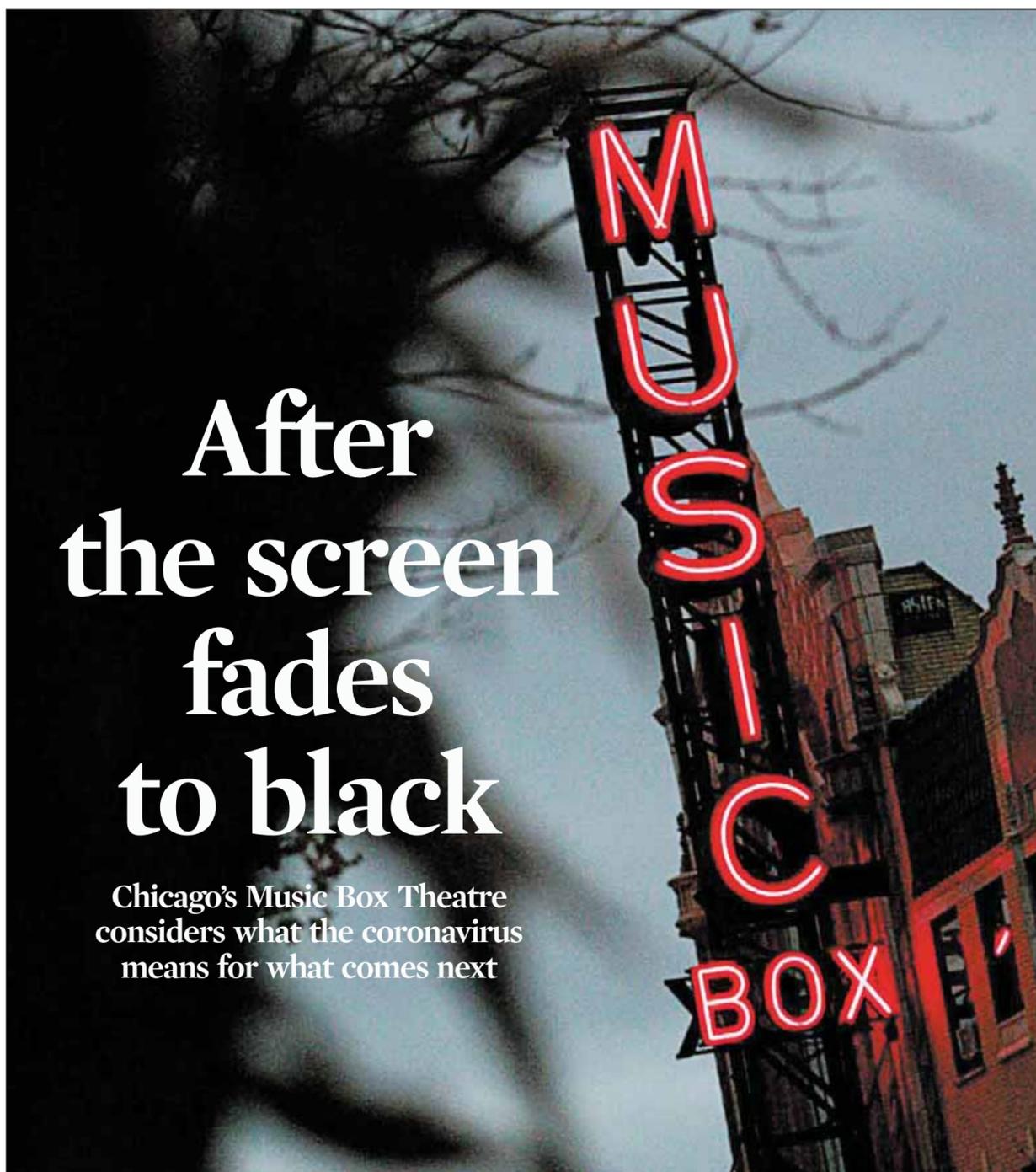
An old college professor invites her back to campus to do a reading, and the story progresses from there.

Rey has been working on the film for the last four years, and SXSW was where she intended to sell it. All her efforts were leading up to this moment. And now she — along with every other filmmaker — is trying to figure out

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After the screen fades to black

Chicago's Music Box Theatre considers what the coronavirus means for what comes next



WES POPE/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The Music Box Theatre in Chicago closed its doors Monday night after a 9 p.m. showing was completed.



MICHAEL PHILLIPS
Talking Pictures

There's nothing exceptional about the situation confronting the Music Box Theatre and its sister companies, Music Box Films and Doppelgänger Releasing. This week in pandemic disorder, everyone I talked to for this story — one among so many unfolding in Chicago civic life and culture — used the words "scared" and "scary" to describe their livelihoods and the threatening economic aftermath of the coronavirus, which claimed its first Illinois fatality Tuesday.

The movie theaters are closed now in Chicago. On Tuesday the Music Box offices, located in the

West Loop not far from all the restaurants no longer open for in-dining business, were down to three staff members.

William Schopf, president, was one. Brian Andreotti, Music Box Films head of acquisitions and theatrical distribution as well as the programming director for the Music Box Theatre on Southport Avenue, was another. Lisa Holmes, home entertainment sales director, was No. 3.

"We're rotating, taking turns coming in," she said.

Later than some, earlier than others, the Music Box Theatre closed its doors Monday night. This was after the last of the 24 moviegoers attending the 9 p.m. "Lifeorce" screening, the un-planned finale of the 70 Millimeter Film Festival, left the building. The gorgeously acted Chicago-made feature "St. Frances" was supposed to premiere at the Music Box Friday. Now it'll have to wait.

Schopf said he'll cover Music Box staff wages during the shutdown, at least through April 3.

"It looks like we'll be able to give them enough work, spring cleaning, stuff we'd be doing anyway, to get to half (wages)," he said. "And then I'll pay them the rest."

He paused before adding: "Depending on how long it goes."

The tentative April 3 reopening date, Schopf said, feels more unlikely every hour.

"I don't think this will be limited to two, three weeks; I think it's going to be three, four months," he said. "It could crash our local and national economy. We're going to have to do something to take care of people."

Another deliberative pause, then: "But we'll do our part."

Here's the week that was: On Thursday Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker and Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot set seating capacity for public gatherings at 250. State

and city mandates, often struggling to coordinate efforts and messages, wobbled downward from there, moving quickly to 100-person capacity, then to 50.

Now the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines, defaulting to the White House recommendations, urge no more than 10 per gathering.

Some cities, notably Los Angeles and New York, took the initiative to close movie theaters and other businesses ahead of the curve that we, as a nation, were already behind. Chicago was more of a piecemeal scenario, with national chains AMC, Regal, Cinemark and Landmark closing down their national and local screens on varying timelines. Meantime, nonprofit Chicago organizations such as Facets, or (under the School of the Art Institute of Chicago auspices) the Gene Siskel Film Center,

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IN PERFORMANCE 'Teenage Dick'

Audience at home, but the show goes on(ine)

Video-streamed play from Theater Wit manages to satisfy

BY CHRIS JONES

On Wednesday night, I entered Theater Wit from the street. I was handed a ticket. I was invited to peruse the program. I was walked past — *past*, sadly — the bar.

And like the VIP I surely am in my own head, I even got a special little tour of the lobby leading to Sotirios Livaditis' black-box set. Heck, I was even led to my seat.

Alas for us all, and for the teetering mass of global humanity, I really was standing inside my kitchen. Circumstances did not permit for the living, breathing, soul-sharing liveness of the theater, but it was something.

And opening night of director Brian Balcom's new Theater Wit production of Mike Lew's "Teenage Dick" took place as scheduled.

This was the procedure: You made your reservation (at the same price as the previously anticipated live ticket) and five minutes before curtain a unique Vimeo code arrived. At that moment you were asked to watch a welcome video — featuring the show's artistic director, Jeremy Wechsler, long a technology geek and practitioner of the fine art of the loquacious pre-show speech — that contained all the stuff above. Then you put in your code and watched the show. All the technology worked perfectly.

Crucially, and thankfully, the actors were not in the building. The show was recorded just once before a live audience Monday night. I was invited, but declined, to come in person as I was self-isolating after a trip to New York. I experienced it like the audience — cold.

In the few dozen people visible on camera, I recognized a couple of staffers, a pair of critics and an enthusiastic publicist ready to

lead the standing ovation. The audience was small but filled about half of the seats.

The product was not quite a single-camera-from-the-back kind of thing (there was more than one camera position and some light post-editing), but this was not filmed in the complex way some live performances are presented. The idea here was to replicate the live experience for a new, and let's hope temporary, reality. You could pause the action and go to the bathroom, but Wechsler had disabled the rewind and fast-forwarding functions, being as those conveniences are not available in the theater.

(Just to replicate the verisimilitude, and since "Teenage Dick" is a riff on "Richard III" taking place in a high school, I asked one of my unusually available teenage sons if he would like to join me for the night at the theater. As is now typical, he declined.)

Smartly directed by Balcom,



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MacGregor Arney plays Richard and Courtney Rikki Green plays Anne in "Teenage Dick" at Theater Wit.

"Teenage Dick" is a fun piece by a lively young writer and performed with matching exuberance at Theater Wit. The show stars MacGregor Arney as the Machiavellian teen, and a sup-

porting cast featuring Liz Cloud, Ty Fanning, Courtney Rikki Green, Kathleen Niemann and Tamara Rozofsky.

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O'Brien to return, with an iPhone

With an iPhone and Skype, Conan O'Brien is going back on the air.

The late-night host said he will resume putting out new episodes of TBS' "Conan" on March 30. His staff will remain at home, and the show will be cobbled together with O'Brien on an iPhone and guests via Skype.

"This will not be pretty, but feel free to laugh at our attempt," O'Brien said on Twitter.

All late-night shows have shut down production due to the coronavirus pandemic to avoid congregating live audiences and large TV crews. However, some hosts have pumped out web videos.

Jimmy Fallon has produced 10-minute "At Home" shows for NBC's "Tonight." In one episode, he did a video chat with Lin-Manuel Miranda.

Jimmy Kimmel and David Spade have given monologues from their homes. On Monday, Stephen Colbert delivered a 10-minute monologue from his bathtub in a segment that was added to an episode that was otherwise a rerun of CBS' "The Late Show."

O'Brien, though, is the first to try to remotely mount a full broadcast from home.

"The quality of my work will not go down because technically that's not possible," O'Brien joked in a statement.

Country singers to perform from home: The Academy of Country Music had to postpone its upcoming awards show because of the coronavirus, but CBS will air a new television special featuring country stars performing from their homes.

The academy announced Thursday that in place of its postponed show on April 5, "ACM Presents: Our Country" will feature conversations



EVAN AGOSTINI/INVISION

Late-night host Conan O'Brien, shown in 2019, will begin releasing new episodes of TBS' "Conan" on March 30.

and at-home acoustic performances from artists.

Many A-list touring artists who have had to cancel or postpone tours have participated in online concerts as the world continues to practice social distancing to slow the spread of the virus.

Performers have not yet been announced for the special, which will also feature clips from previous ACM awards shows.

Guthrie works from basement: Working at home on Wednesday was a little more involved than a laptop and cellphone for "Today" show host Savannah Guthrie.

Feeling too sick to come to NBC's Manhattan headquarters yet well enough to work, she had a makeshift studio set up in the basement of her suburban New York home and co-anchored the network morning show remotely with Hoda Kotb.

Al Roker, stuck at home because a "Today" show staffer he works with tested positive for the coronavirus, delivered the weather from his kitchen.

Guthrie's makeshift studio had two big lights, a blue background, television monitor and teleprompter. From her basement, she conducted remote interviews with Surgeon General Dr. Jerome Adams and New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio.

March 20 birthdays: Actor William Hurt is 70. Actress Amy Aquino is 63. Actress Vanessa Bell Calloway is 63. Director Spike Lee is 63. Actress Holly Hunter is 62. Model Kathy Ireland is 57. Actor David Thewlis is 57. Actor Michael Rapaport is 50. Actor Cedric Yarbrough is 47. Actor Michael Cassidy is 37. Actress Christy Carlson Romano is 36. Actress Ruby Rose is 34.



ASK AMY

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Reconnection will disrupt his family

Dear Readers: Every year I step away from my column for two weeks to work on other writing projects.

Enjoy today's "Best of" column from 2010.

I'll be back with fresh Q&A next week.

Dear Amy: Recently, I "virtually" reconnected with a woman I knew more than 25 years ago.

A few months ago, I was in her hometown, and she came to my hotel. We had a few drinks and spent the night together. Recently, I was at a convention she also attended, and we spent the week together. We virtually skipped the convention and just enjoyed each other's company.

More recently, I was back in her town, and we spent another few days together.

We talk about everything, share everything and have started talking about a new life together. This would entail us both leaving our spouses.

We talk every day and know the pain this may cause, but we truly are in love and want to be with each other.

We both have high school-age children.

Do I just tell my wife I am leaving her? Should I wait for a job in the new city first?

I am conflicted about the how/when/where.

— No Tiger

Dear Tiger: I've managed to stay sentimental enough about marriage that I would urge you to try to stay with — rather than flee from — your family.

All I can say is that there is no easy way to dump

your family, certainly if in the course of leaving them you intend to also leave town.

When faced with such a monumental life choice, it is helpful to sit down with a counselor to discuss your intentions. Try this first.

Dear Amy: A long time ago, I broke off my engagement and, shortly afterward, married another man. We were married for more than 30 years when he died of cancer.

Do you feel it would be inappropriate for me to try to contact my former fiancé after 40 years? After I broke our engagement, we had no further contact.

I am curious as to where life has taken him. I would like to drop him a note and offer to meet him for coffee and conversation to catch up.

What is your opinion?
— Curious

Dear Curious: My opinion is that you are lonely for companionship, and so you want to test the waters by returning to a familiar "lost love."

This is a completely understandable impulse. I've had it myself, which is why after my long-ago divorce, I dated everyone I ever knew in college.

Your motives might not be completely clear to you — or your motive might be mixed — but you should be prepared for the fact that he has changed, that you have changed and that, if he is married or in a committed relationship, he might see this contact as an unwelcome intrusion.

You should familiarize yourself with Facebook. Post an online profile, and then use it to get in touch

with all sorts of people. The way all of our personal webs intersect, I bet it wouldn't be two weeks before he was aware of how to contact you.

Dear Amy: I've had a friend from work for 25 years. We solved problems together, gripped about conditions, lunched and played tennis. We retired and have remained friends, albeit with less get-together time.

Well, suddenly my friend says he has to meet with a "group" every morning, including weekends. He is mysterious about the "group," saying that he is not permitted to talk about what they do.

Though I know his wife, I feel I can't ask her about this because I'm embarrassed.

Now I am not "permitted" to talk with him during the day. No more lunches. I should let it go, but I feel as if a friendship that I valued is devalued. Do you have any idea what sort of group could have such requirements as abandoning longtime friends?

— Puzzled Pal

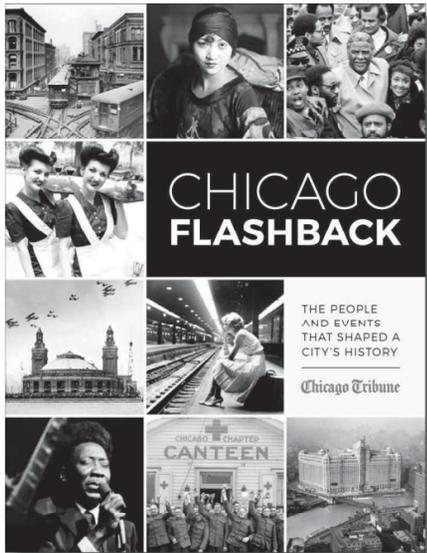
Dear Puzzled: Your friend might be attending AA meetings, religious meetings, getting dialysis treatments or playing poker. He also might want to exit the friendship, but not know how to tell you.

If you are truly worried about him, yes — you could reach out to his wife with an expression of concern.

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FACT #341
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or (hosted primarily by Northeastern Illinois University) the Chicago Film Society announced temporary closings.

Local film festivals scheduled for late March, April and May also postponed indefinitely, including the Chicago Latino Film Festival, the Onion City Film Festival and a Music Box staple, the Chicago Critics Film Festival.

Music Box operations manager Ryan Oestreich said Tuesday that he and Schopf initially believed aggressive cleaning measures and social-distancing seating of 250 or less was enough — and were in fact within guidelines.

The response from Music Box passholders and members, eager to soak up the widescreen nostalgia of the 70MM screenings as a kind of temporary last hurrah, was “overwhelming,” Oestreich said. Over and over, he heard from patrons: “So glad you’re staying open!”

Many theater staffers, though, felt less than glad and increasingly unsafe. By the weekend minds were changed and the doors



Lisa Holmes, home entertainment sales director, speaks on the phone at her desk at Music Box Films.

closed Monday night.

Reached at the Music Box offices Tuesday, Andreotti recapped a lousy day: “We were a few days away from publishing our schedule for the next few months. We’ve been continually revising. Now we’re postponing entirely.”

He has been calling distributors about their plans for films originally scheduled to play the Music Box and other specialty houses nationwide in the

coming weeks. Some titles are being held until summer — or fall.

“Even when the theater does reopen,” Andreotti said, “we’ll be starting cold. No trailers to get people interested in advance. It’s going to be a long time before audiences start coming back.”

With the major international film festivals canceled or pending, finding and competing for promising imports or American

indies has suddenly become a different ballgame.

“The most common place for us to acquire films,” Andreotti said, referring to the Music Box Films distribution arm, “is a prestigious festival like South by Southwest (which canceled earlier this month) or the Cannes Film Festival (held each year in May, though it’s nearly certain to cancel). If Cannes doesn’t happen, exhibitors and programmers around the

world won’t see the films.

“A lot can be done online and streaming. But you’re missing the launch, the buzz created when something enters the global marketplace in a big way.”

Look at “Parasite,” this year’s top Oscar winner, from South Korea. It premiered last May at Cannes. It won the Palme d’Or. In commercial theatrical release, it made a quarter-billion dollars worldwide.

Imagine if “Parasite” had never been experienced or judged with a crowd.

“If everyone in their home offices around the world watched ‘Parasite’ in isolation,” Andreotti said, “it would’ve been a very different story.”

For now, said Holmes, the company is directing Music Box members and fans and cinema aficionados to Music Box Direct. There’s a free 30-day trial offer, she says, with a boutique menu (90 titles) of U.S. and foreign-language fare: miniseries from Europe, splatter films and tender, highly worthwhile literary biopics such as “Becoming Astrid.”

“We’ve got the home entertainment side of things to help fill the gap,” Holmes said.

Late Tuesday I talked to one more Music Box fix-

ture: house organist Dennis Scott, who has been affiliated with the theater he loves since 1992.

Before the shutdown, as part of the theater’s 70MM festival, Scott performed a Jerry Herman medley ahead of “Hello, Dolly!”; late ’20s and early ’30s tunes as a prelude to “The Untouchables”; and, for “Once Upon a Time ... in Hollywood,” an all-1969 arrangement of pop hits.

“We’re in scary new territory here,” said Scott, a self-described optimist. “The Music Box is a survivor, and so am I.”

Amid a week built on quicksand and a barrage of ever-tightening options, scored by a soundtrack made up of the sound of doors closing, Oestreich said he hasn’t seen a movie in a long time.

I asked him what he’d like right now.

“You know what I’d like?” he said. “I bet a lot of people feel this way: I’d love to walk into a movie theater and let what’s on the screen be my center of attention.”

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how to proceed as movie-going (and movie-making) has all but ground to a halt.

It’s an emotionally draining and uncertain moment for everyone. Here’s an edited transcript of our conversation.

Q: SXSW was one of the first major events to cancel in the United States. Talk me through your experience of that.

A: At the time it felt almost like an injustice, like, they were canceling because big corporations are worried about liability and we’re losing such a big opportunity and I’m getting screwed by this virus.

Now I’m realizing it was a really good call, and thank God they canceled it.

Q: What happens now?

A: If we had found out earlier, we probably would have just held the film until another festival popped up or until this thing passed and we could do a proper screening.

But because it happened so close to the premiere, we’d already started showing the movie to other people. That’s usually what you do because not everyone can get to the fest. So we did a press screening in New York, a press screening in LA, and we also showed it to international buyers.

Q: Is the fear that if you pause your efforts now, the movie will somehow be perceived as stale when you pick back up again at a later date?

A: Big time, yeah. This whole industry is based on momentum and now-ness.

The idea at the big festivals is that you have a huge audience of enthusiastic viewers. We would have premiered in a theater that held 500 seats, and it would have sold out and those people are hopefully laughing. The buyers are seeing that and thinking, “Wow, this movie can really play. Let’s buy it and outbid the other people who are trying to buy it.” If you get a bidding war, you can go



Gillian Jacobs and Jemaine Clement in a scene from “I Used to Go Here” from writer-director Kris Rey, who shot it in Chicago and Carbondale. The film was scheduled to premiere at SXSW this month before the event was canceled.



Writer-director Kris Rey is a Chicago filmmaker whose credits include 2015’s “Unexpected.”

with whoever is going to give you the best release.

Q: Absent that, how do you sell your movie now?

A: We’re literally sending links out to these different buyers. We have a sales agent, and they have a list of 20 different companies.

Q: How are you picturing this: Distributors working from home with links to who knows how many indies that they’re watching and then teleconferencing with

tion the fact that the world is falling apart.

You also have to imagine that these companies are rethinking their strategies in terms of buying and releasing films, where they’re like, “We’re not making money on these titles that we *already own*” (with new releases postponed and movie theaters closed indefinitely). So why would they buy new titles?

Q: Have you wondered if the best option is to bypass theatrical altogether and get bought by a streaming service like Netflix?

A: I go back and forth on it. I know if my movie premiered on Netflix tomorrow that I’d have a captive audience. But I also only have a captive audience of people that I can reach directly and let them know the film is there.

Q: So what you mean is, “How do people find anything on Netflix?”

A: That’s right. How do regular people find anything on Netflix unless Netflix is advertising to them directly? And Netflix has different algorithms

that are spotlighting certain things to certain people.

One of the ways people find out about movies is through press coverage. And when your movie plays in a theater, it means you’re getting reviewed. It also means that you are up for all these awards, which you aren’t if your movie just goes direct to streaming.

And having a movie being out in theaters — even if it only plays here in Chicago at the ArcLight and a couple theaters in LA and New York — it serves as another kind of advertisement, so by the time the movie does end up on Netflix, people are, like, “Oh, yeah, I remember when that movie came out.”

There was all that groundwork laid ahead of time, and it’s got a little bit of a stamp of approval on it because there are so many movies streaming on Amazon or Netflix that you’ve never heard of, where you’re, like, “I don’t know, that looks kind of bad. I don’t even remember that being a real movie.”

I am in a place in my career where this is hurting me, but it’s not killing me. The movie is a fun, com-

mercial comedy with famous people in it. Someone’s going to buy it. I don’t know when, I don’t know in what way and I don’t know for how much — that I’m worried about — but people are going to be able to see this movie at some point.

But what I keep thinking about are filmmakers who are in the place I was when my first movie premiered at SXSW 10 years ago. If the festival had been canceled back then, I wouldn’t have known what to do.

In 2008, Barry Jenkins premiered his first movie, called “Medicine for Melancholy,” at SXSW. The movie was small, and he was a very young filmmaker that didn’t have a lot of connections. The movie didn’t blow up, but it got him enough credibility that he was able to go on and have a career and eventually make “Moonlight.”

Q: Tell me what your life is like these days. I’m guessing you’re at home with your two kids. Are you able to work on another project in the meantime?

A: Yes, I’m home with the kids. (Laughs)

I’m definitely thinking about and outlining the next film I want to write, but to be honest it is really tough with the kids because I don’t have any childcare and they’re not in school. Jude is 9 and Abby is 4, so my day is really built around homeschooling them.

I was a stay-at-home mom before I made “Unexpected,” which is a lot of the reason I was inspired to write that movie. I stayed home with Jude for three years, and it was completely consuming. I found it very difficult to do anything else. I do love it — and in my other life, I used to be a Chicago school teacher. I have a master’s in elementary education.

But I think very quickly I will start feeling like I need some time to be creative. Luckily my kids are old enough that I can say, “Let’s watch ‘Frozen 2’ again, and I’m going to go in the other room and write.”

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Play

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One of Lew’s central quests here was to showcase actors with disabilities (Balcom, the smart director, also uses a wheelchair). William Shakespeare, in the manufacture of his most famous villain, had cast upon the waters of history a stereotype of persons with disabilities, implying that a body deviating from so-called normalcy must cultivate melancholia at best or diabolism at worst.

“Teenage Dick” tries not

only to replicate some of the narrative in the famous history but also to critique its ableist assumptions. Doing both at once is far from easy, especially since some of the crucial physical intimacy in the script had been modified given the directives to not get too close, but much of this show works.

I found the piece overwrought in parts, which is the first danger of watching filmed live theater, where performers are scaling their performances further back than the cameras reside. As more theaters move to this format, it is something to correct.

That said, I likely would have made the same comment had I been there live: Lew’s imagination and language is potent and ebullient, and “Richard III” is not a subtle template. “Teenage Dick” tries to walk a difficult line between moralistic satire and intense truth-telling; my view is that Lew will write his best work when he focuses on the second of those impulses. Still, underplaying the characters works best.

But at least some of us got to go to the theater Wednesday night. Afterward, we all logged on to gotomeeting.com for a

post-show discussion. It was pointed out that for many disabled people, the experience of being denied access to public performances and shut off at home was very familiar.

Heads were nodding. Empathy was on the rise.

“Teenage Dick” runs through April 19 by video stream from Theater Wit; running time 1 hour, 35 minutes; tickets \$28; www.theaterwit.org

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Streaming for kids

10 to watch while school is closed due to the coronavirus

BY WEB BEHRENS
Chicago Tribune

Screen time is part of the equation when you need to preserve family sanity during the coronavirus pandemic.

But what to watch with kids? Here's how to go "Into the Unknown" now that you've already watched "Frozen 2" a gazillion times. And for those of you with older kids, we've got you covered too.

For the little ones

1. "Room on the Broom"

An animated short — although with a 25-minute running time — this 2013 film from the BBC ended up scoring an Oscar nomination. Adapted from a children's picture book, "Broom" follows the formulaic adventure of a friendly witch, whose flying broom grows increasingly crowded as she invites stray animals to join her and her cat.

With its lessons about making friends, patience and sharing, the charming short film is ideal for its intended audience. And the dragon antagonist is a bully but not too scary. *Amazon Prime Video*

2. 'A Shaun the Sheep Movie: Farmageddon'

All hail Aardman Animations! The British geniuses first gave us the multiple-award-winning "Wallace and Gromit" series, all well worn repeated viewings. "Shaun the Sheep" is a hit spinoff series about the very clever protagonist who keeps life interesting at Mossy Bottom Farm.

Shaun's claymation children's TV series spawned two feature films, the second being the brand-new "Farmageddon," which arrived in the States just last month via Netflix. This 86-minute movie owes a debt to "E.T.," as Shaun discovers a timid extraterrestrial on his farm

and determines to protect it.

Aardman's stop-motion animation really shines with its slapstick humor, which is sure to get all ages grinning. The barnyard characters don't speak; they just bleat or bark. So it doesn't matter what language you speak at home: Everyone can enjoy it. *Netflix*

3. 'The SpongeBob Musical: Live on Stage!'

Suitable for younger kids but witty enough for all ages, the exuberant, jubilant, groove-ulent "SpongeBob Musical" is a pop-art theater confection bolstered by some key moral messages. Most of the original cast of this eye-popping, Tony-winning show reassembled last year for this special, originally televised in December on Nickelodeon. As an impending volcanic eruption brings out the best and worst in Bikini Bottom's denizens, the show subtly champions the value of science, immigrants and collaboration.

The pastiche pop-rock score includes songs by John Legend, Cyndi Lauper and They Might Be Giants. Tom Kenny, the voice of cartoon SpongeBob, appears as Patchy the Pirate to sing a hilarious Sara Bareilles number. "The SpongeBob Musical" costs \$10, but you're going to need to own it so you can watch it again. *YouTube or Amazon Prime Video*

4. 'The Emperor's New Groove'

If Disney is your go-to for family entertainment, you don't have to be stuck exclusively in the Princess or Pixar ecosystems. Before falling entirely into computer-generated animation, Disney produced the surprising "Emperor's New Groove" in 2000.

A 78-minute-long oddball buddy movie, the slapstick flick follows Kuzco, an irritatingly selfish young emperor who's forced to



WARNER BROS.

The beloved '80s action-comedy "The Goonies" is streaming on Amazon.

grow up after a sorceress — the deliciously wicked Yzma (pictured), voiced by Eartha Kitt — turns him into a llama. The zippy comedy got winning marks recently from a 5-year-old, who initially insisted on watching "PJ Masks"; he quickly fell in love with this new groove. *Disney+*

5. 'The Princess and the Frog'

Meanwhile, if your kid insists on princesses, take a twirl with 2009's underrated "Princess and the Frog." This 97-minute-long movie transposes the old fable to Jazz Age New Orleans. The charming princess-to-be is Tiana, voiced by Tony-winner Anika Noni Rose, who works in a diner and dreams of opening her own restaurant. The film's voodoo-fueled villain, Doctor Facilier, gets a spooky showstopper of a number — "Friends on the Other Side," composed by Randy Newman — that ranks up at the top of Disney villain song list with Ursula's "Poor Unfortunate Souls." *Disney+ or Netflix*

For the older set

1. 'A Cat in Paris'

Nominated for the Best Animated Feature Oscar in 2011, this French cartoon noir (dubbed into English) distills Hitchcockian verve into 64 brisk minutes. It announces its retro hand-drawn style from the jump, with a dynamic title sequence that whooshes across the screen, Saul

Bass-style. The story follows the titular feline who lives a double life, cozying up to a mute girl and her police-detective mom by day, assisting a burglar at night. Although animated, some parents will deem it better for middle-schoolers as it involves genuine peril and even cartoon nudity. *Hoopla, which comes free to anyone with a Chicago Public Library card*

2. 'Adventures in Babysitting'

Set in Chicago and filmed party on location, "Babysitting" marks the directorial debut of Chris Columbus, who later helmed "Home Alone" and the first two "Harry Potter" movies. A high-school senior (Elisabeth Shue) takes the kids she's watching — plus hanger-on Daryl, played native Chicagoan Anthony Rapp — from Oak Park into Chicago to rescue a stranded friend. But car troubles start a domino effect on their night, launching the group into various urban encounters, including sequences involving a thief, frat party and blues club. Whether or not you're old enough to have nostalgia for this 1987 action-comedy, all ages can enjoy spotting Chicago locales on screen. *Hulu*

3. 'The Goonies'

Speaking of '80s nostalgia, this good-hearted PG flick makes parents of a certain age swoon. Its pedigree explains all the love: Written by Columbus and Steven Spielberg and directed by Richard "Super-



NETFLIX

Seo-Hyun Ahn as Mija and the character Okja in a scene from "Okja."

man" Donner, the "Goonies" follows a pack of teens searching for pirate treasure.

Its impressive young cast includes then-adolescents Josh Brolin, Sean Astin and Martha Plimpton; and the pop soundtrack was supervised by Cyndi Lauper, who provides the ear-candy theme song. If you watch, be prepared for your kids to start shouting "Jerk alert!" *Amazon*

4. 'Okja'

With its history-making triumph at last month's Oscars, Bong Joon Ho became one of the few directors familiar to casual moviegoers. Long before "Parasite," he'd been earning his place alongside names like Hitchcock and Scorsese — such as with this 2017 fable "Okja," an action-comedy-tearjerker hybrid about a South Korean girl and her genetically modified giant pig/hippo. Peril descends when the corporation that created Okja comes to claim her. Although unrated, this

movie is definitely not for younger or more sensitive kids. But Bong's incredible imagination is always on display, and the film (in both English and Korean) features the ever-watchable Tilda Swinton and Jake Gyllenhaal. *Netflix*

5. 'Rear Window'

The ultimate stuck-at-home film is Alfred Hitchcock's "Rear Window," which provides a chance to introduce the kids to truly classic cinema. The 1954 thriller traces the amateur detective work of a professional photographer, played by Jimmy Stewart, stuck with a broken leg in his Greenwich Village apartment. Out of boredom, he begins watching his neighbors through their window and eventually realizes one might be a murderer.

Bonus: After watching the real thing, stream "Bart of Darkness" ("Simpsons" episode 6.1) which is one giant homage to the original, this time with Bart stuck at home with a broken leg. *Hulu*



MICHAEL BROSILOW/HANDOUT

Robert Sims (left) and Tyrone Chambers, II in "Freedom Ride," which Chicago Opera Theater staged in February.

Chicago Opera Theater postpones rest of season

BY HOWARD REICH

Chicago Opera Theater has announced an "indefinite postponement" of the rest of its 2019-20 season, "in light of COVID-19," according to a statement from the company.

This means two productions will not take place as previously scheduled: "The Transformation of Jane Doe," by Stacy Garrop and Jerre Dye, on April 19; and "Soldier Songs," by David T. Little, May 14-17.

Chicago Opera Theater's gala, which was to have occurred on March 13, was canceled.

Ticket holders may apply their purchase to a later performance, make the purchase a tax-deductible gift or get a refund.

"This is an incredibly uncertain time for artists and arts organizations like ours, and we are in need of your ongoing support and advocacy in this crucial time now more than ever," said the COT statement. "We are committed to

mitigating the impact of all of these cancellations on our artists and production teams to the best of our abilities by still paying out contracted fees in full or in part, based on the immediacy of each project."

For more information, visit www.chicagooperatheater.org.

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'Very Cavallari' finale recap: Store drama was made up

Uncommon James opening crisis was clearly for viewers

BY TRACY SWARTZ

If former Bears quarterback Jay Cutler doesn't end up being a broadcaster, maybe he can get more acting work.

Thursday's Season 3 finale of "Very Cavallari" began with Cutler and his wife, jewelry designer Kristin Cavallari, discussing Cavallari opening an Uncommon James store in the West Loop.

"Can you believe that Chicago is so soon? I'm starting to get kind of nervous," Cavallari said.

"About it being done?" Cutler asked.

"Well, it's a lot of emotions. Like, I'm anxious to see the actual store. I'm nervous because if people don't show up, it's because I suck," Cavallari said.

The discussion unfolded in the couple's suburban Nashville kitchen, which featured a page-a-day calendar that noted the date as being Jan. 22, 2020. Cavallari's store opened Oct. 26, 2019, at 849 W. Randolph St. This is just another example of fakery on "Very Cavallari."

Cameras followed Cavallari as she and her publicist, Jack Ketsosyan, left the Hoxton hotel in the West Loop for a friends-and-family celebration at her



DIA DIPASUPLI/GETTY

Kristin Cavallari visits "Extra" at the Levi's Store Times Square on April 15 in New York City.

store before doors opened to the public.

"I want this to do well so badly. This is essentially my hometown," said Cavallari, who spent part of her childhood in suburban Barrington and married Cutler in 2013.

"I know a lot of people here, and to not have a successful store here would just be a massive embarrassment, and I would kind of feel like a failure."

Nevermind that Cavallari once told a magazine reporter that "Chicago's just not home."

Cutler's former Bears teammates Kyle Long and Zach Miller were at the party, and Cutler showed them the \$68 "sleek and modern" gunmetal bracelet he designed that comes with a bottle opener.

There was a very long line to get into the store when it finally opened to the public.

One group said they arrived at 1 a.m., while one man said he got to the store at 4 a.m., so his sister could get in line.

As of press time, the E! network has not announced if there will be a fourth season of "Very Cavallari," though Cavallari hinted on Thursday's finale that she is eyeing opening a store in Dallas.

As for the Chicago store, it is closed indefinitely amid the worldwide coronavirus outbreak. Cavallari, meanwhile, is on spring break. She posted a picture of herself Tuesday in a bathing suit on an empty beach with the caption: "Social distancing."

WATCH THIS: FRIDAY



Katrina Weidman and Jack Osbourne

“Portals to Hell” (9 p.m., 1 a.m., TRAVEL): A new episode takes paranormal investigators Katrina Weidman and Jack Osbourne to scenic Lake George, N.Y., where the region’s breathtaking natural beauty is wildly at odds with their destination: Fort William Henry, the site of one of the bloodiest massacres in Colonial America. The pair have received several reports of eerie activity at this venue.

“Widows” (6:50 p.m., Cinemax): British director Steve McQueen (“12 Years a Slave”) directed and co-wrote this crackling 2018 British-American heist drama about four Chicago women who try to rob \$5 million from a local politician to repay a crime boss from whom their late husbands stole before being killed in a failed getaway. The exceptional cast is led by Viola Davis, joined by Michelle Rodriguez, Elizabeth Debicki, Cynthia Erivo, Colin Farrell and Robert Duvall. Among several other accolades, Davis was nominated for a BAFTA Award (the British Oscar) as best actress.

“The Blacklist” (7 p.m., NBC): The hit drama returns from hiatus with a mid-season premiere consisting of two new back-to-back episodes. First, in “Victoria Feinberg,” the Task Force helps Red (James Spader) track a gifted art forger who has complicated Red’s scheme to sell some stolen art pieces. Elsewhere, Liz and Ressler (Megan Boone, Diego Klattenhoff) share confidences, while Aram’s (Amir Arison) love life becomes increasingly complicated. Immediately following, “Cornelius Ruck” features Joely Richardson as one of Red’s old flames.

“A Big Hand for the Little Lady” (7 p.m., TCM): A superior cast headed by Joanne Woodward, Henry Fonda and Jason Robards transforms this 1966 Western comedy-drama into something very special — at least for audiences with attention spans longer than a text message. Sidney Carroll’s shrewdly constructed screenplay builds to a taut climax in which an inexperienced woman (Woodward) must fill in for her stricken husband (Fonda) in a winner-take-all round of poker.

“Strike Back” (9 p.m., 9:50 p.m., 12:55 a.m., Cinemax): In a new episode, Wyatt and Novin (Daniel MacPherson, Alin Sumarwata) have a reunion with Mac (Warren Brown) long after the dust has cleared from the incident in Munich. Later, while he’s enjoying what seems to be an idyllic existence with his wife and daughter, Mac is haunted by nightmares of his violent past that make him worry his service was somehow inadequate and left some unfinished business.

TALK SHOWS

“The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon” (10:34 p.m., NBC): BTS talk and perform.*

“The Late Show With Stephen Colbert” (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actor Will Ferrell.*

“Jimmy Kimmel Live!” (11:05 p.m., ABC): Actor Ben Affleck (“The Way Back”); actress Justina Machado (“One Day at a Time”); Victoria Monet performs.*

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Margo Martindale plays the owner of a bed and breakfast in “Blow the Man Down.”

‘BLOW THE MAN DOWN’ ▶ ▶ ▶

Murderous undertow in a quaint, wintry fishing village

BY MICHAEL PHILLIPS
Chicago Tribune

MPAA rating: R (for language, some violence, sexual material and brief drug use)

Streaming: On Amazon Prime Video

“Blow the Man Down” wafts in at the end of a miserably strange week like a sea breeze carrying the scent of brine, fish-heads and a faint trace of blood. It’s an efficient, well-acted thriller from the writing-directing team — relative newcomers to features — of Danielle Krudy and Bridget Savage Cole. Filmed two years ago around Harpswell, Maine, north of Portland, and streaming as of Friday on Amazon Prime, it serves handily as a staycation inside whatever walls currently proscribe your field of vision.

In fictional Easter Cove, a funeral’s underway. Grown siblings Priscilla (Sophie Lowe) and Mary Beth (Morgan Saylor) have endured a tough year, with their mother dying and Mary Beth doing the caretaking, stuck in a town she sees as provincial, suffocating and full of secrets.

On the night of their late mother’s wake, Mary Beth hooks up with a fellow barfly. This leads to a drunken, careening drive back to his place along the shore, an attempted rape

and, a minute or so later, a harpoon *thwomped* in the would-be assailant’s neck. The sisters act quickly, packing up the body in a cooler and tossing it into the Atlantic. (All of this is in Amazon’s trailer, or I wouldn’t be telling you myself.)

A lot happens next, though even at 80 minutes not including credits, “Blow the Man Down” has its puttering stretches, especially in the middle. A second corpse turns up. Local law enforcement starts poking around. All guilty roads appear to lead to the bed-and-breakfast run by Enid (Margo Martindale, dry as a twig in her two-faced, neighborly venality). Even when the script wanders, the actors keep the story on course. June Squibb, Oscar nominee for “Nebraska,” is a gem as one of the eagle-eyed townsfolk, mobbed up in a Down East sort of way with fellow suspicious secret-keepers played by

Annette O’Toole and Marceline Hugot.

What emerges in “Blow the Man Down” is a wintry coastal portrait of a society, quaint on the surface, in which there can be no easy coexistence between exploited women and exploiting men. The women in charge, however, take economic control of the situation. In the sister roles at the center, the characters played by Lowe (a mite pristine and fresh-scrubbed for these circumstances) and Saylor (a vibrant, expressive presence) learn as they go.

Filmmakers and screenwriters Cole and Krudy introduce their story by way of an on-screen fisherman’s chorus, reappearing with another sea shanty each time. It’s a familiar device, but like the rest of the movie, it works, taking us somewhere specific and pungent. By the time we get to the second, loving close-up of fillet of had-dock sizzling in butter on the stove, I was ready to bust out of quarantine and drive east.

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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (March 20): Your career takes off this year. With a powerful team, you can move mountains. Professional breakthroughs lead to domestic changes. Summer reveals an enticing exploration before your home and garden flowers. Winter changes in the news motivate a beneficial long-distance connection.

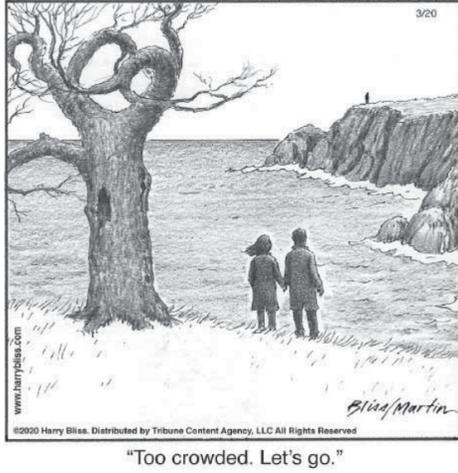
Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 9. Rise in your community to break free of the status quo. Saturn enters Aquarius for a long phase of deep-seated change and innovation.
Taurus (April 20-May 20): 8. Innovation sparks, with Saturn entering Aquarius for several years. Invent and discover new professional ideas. Reorder structures and institutions. Expect industrial change and technological breakthroughs.
Gemini (May 21-June 20): 9. Travel and learn. Expand your territory, with Saturn in Aquarius. Take your intellectual exploration to new heights. Embrace nonconformity, investigation and idealistic possibilities.
Cancer (June 21-July 22): 9. Align a financial collaboration to an inspiring vision or mission to advance, with Saturn in Aquarius. Your team can move mountains when motivated.
Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Discover and invent new ways to collaborate, with Saturn in Aquarius. New communications technology facilitates your connection.
Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 9. Things could seem intense over the next long phase, with Saturn in Aquarius. Practice steady routines to nurture your health as you adapt to changes.
Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 9. Your passion for truth, justice and freedom inspires you to act over the next several years, with Saturn in Aquarius. Protect what you love.
Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 7. Home nurtures and recharges you. Reinforce or rebuild domestic structures and support systems, with Saturn in Aquarius until 2023. Relocate or renovate.
Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Share your discoveries. You can more clearly grasp and express abstract intellectual and scientific ideas, with Saturn in Aquarius. Expect communication breakthroughs over several years.
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 9. Discipline pays in silver. Discover new income sources, with Saturn entering Aquarius for several years. Adapt to new technologies and paradigm shifts.
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 9. What do you really want? Justice, freedom and integrity inspire, with Saturn in Aquarius for several years. Hold yourself to your highest personal ideals to thrive.
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 7. Learn from the past to create a better future, with Saturn entering Aquarius for a long reflective phase. Envision the world you want. Make bold plans.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater



Bliss



Bridge

Neither vulnerable, South deals

North		East	
♠ AK 5	♥ A 3	♠ 10 9 8 7 6	♥ 7 5 4
♦ AQ 9 5	♣ K J 9 3	♦ J 6	♣ 8 7 6
West		South	
♠ J	♥ K Q 10 9 6	♠ Q 4 3 2	♥ J 8 2
♦ 8 4 2	♣ Q 10 5 2	♦ K 10 7 3	♣ A 4

Young American expert Ari Greenberg, South in today's deal, has been building a solid reputation for himself. Perhaps we should attribute his opening bid decision to the exuberance of youth and just admire his play as declarer. North must have checked the backs of his cards at his first turn to be sure they were the same color as everyone else.

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	1♥	Db1*	Pass
2♠	Pass	2♥*	Pass
2NT	Pass	5NT**	Pass
6♦	All pass		

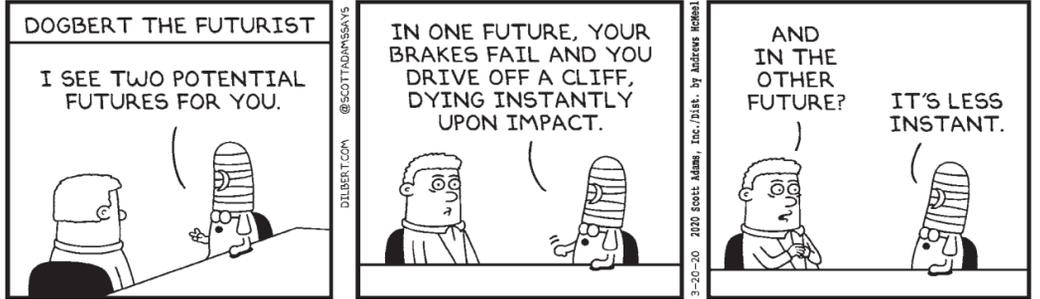
*Negative **Pick a slam
Opening lead: King of ♥

The ace, king, and a ruff failed to drop the queen, so he crossed to dummy with the ace of spades to ruff dummy's last club with the 10 of diamonds. The play and the bidding suggested that West had started with 1-5-3-4 distribution. Greenberg could not cross to dummy with a spade or West would ruff and cash a high heart.

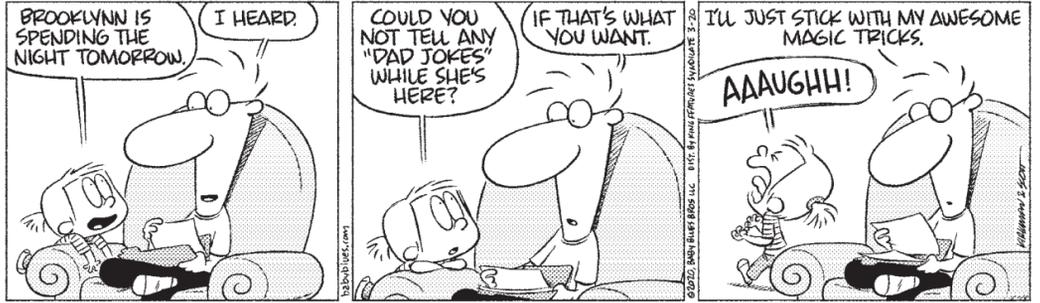
Instead, Greenberg exited with the jack of hearts to West's queen. There was nothing for West to do. He led a heart, which Greenberg ruffed in dummy and drew the last trump. Two high spades got Greenberg up to 12 tricks and he had his contract. Nicely played!

— Bob Jones
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Baby Blues



Zits



Mr. Boffo



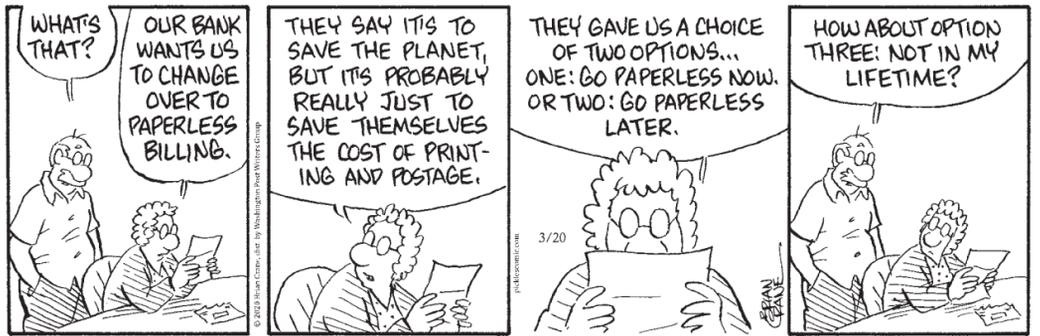
Frazz



Classic Peanuts



Pickles



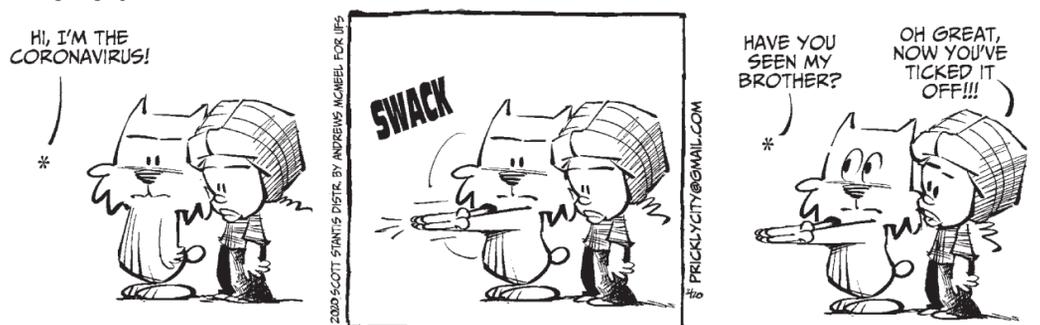
Dick Tracy



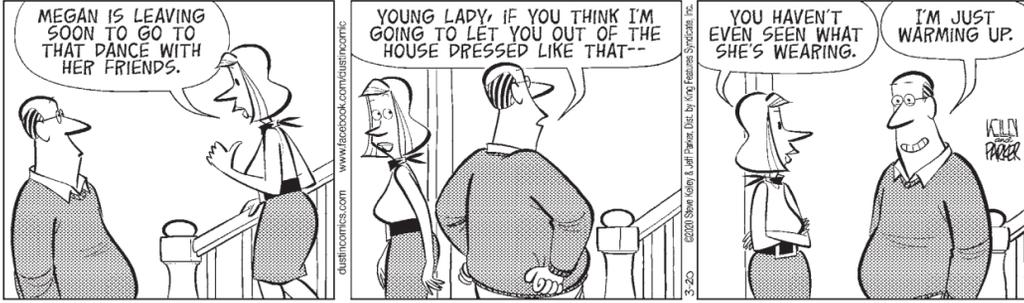
Animal Crackers



Prickly City



Dustin By Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker



For Better or for Worse By Lynn Johnston



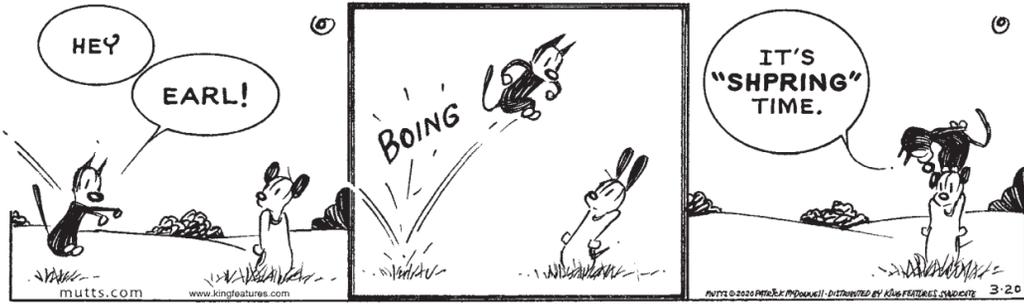
Blondie By Dean Young and John Marshall



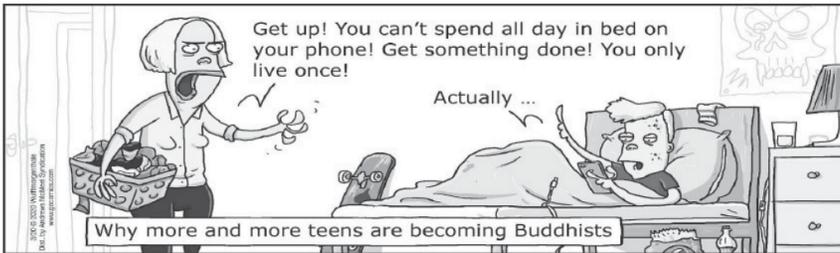
Hägar the Horrible By Chris Browne



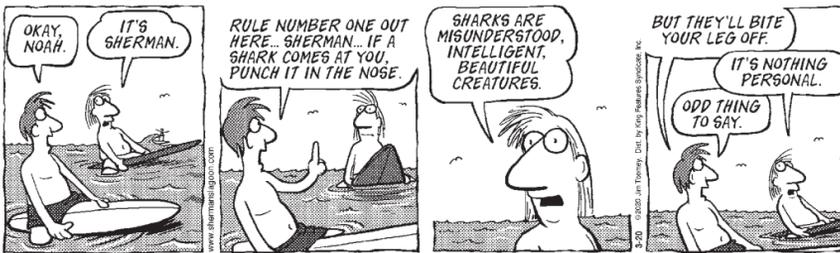
Mutts By Patrick McDonnell



WuMo By Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler



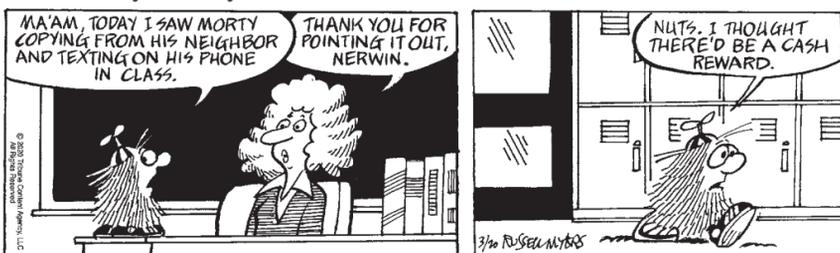
Sherman's Lagoon By Jim Toomey



Brewster Rockit: Space Guy! By Tim Rickard



Broom-Hilda By Russell Myers



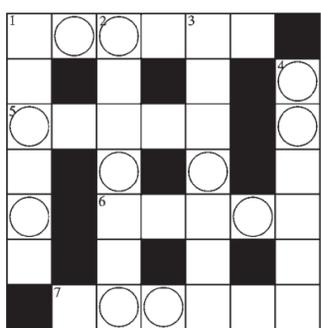
Trivia Bits

What color was Queen Victoria's wedding gown?

A) Gold
B) Red
C) Royal blue
D) White

Thursday's answer: "Benson" was a spinoff of the 1970s sitcom "Soap."

Jumble Crossword



CLUE ACROSS

- Means
- Fibbing
- Circle
- Established, situated

CLUE DOWN

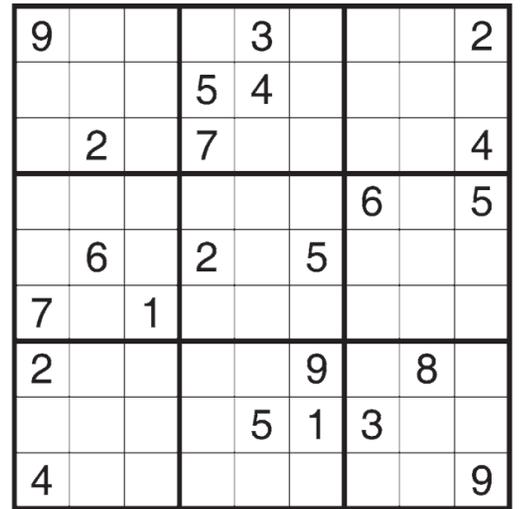
- Harmony tune
- Not important
- Compound
- Car

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

BONUS [Grid]

Sudoku 1 2 3 4

3/20



6	5	4	2	7	8	3	1	9
7	2	3	1	5	9	8	6	4
9	1	8	3	4	6	5	2	7
5	6	1	8	9	7	4	3	2
2	8	9	6	3	4	7	5	1
3	4	7	5	2	1	6	9	8
1	7	6	9	8	5	2	4	3
4	9	2	7	6	3	1	8	5
8	3	5	4	1	2	9	7	6

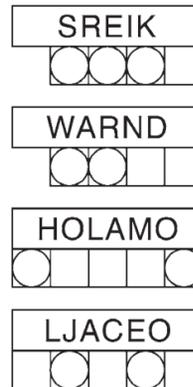
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Thursday's solutions

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Jumble

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.



Answer here



Thursday's answers

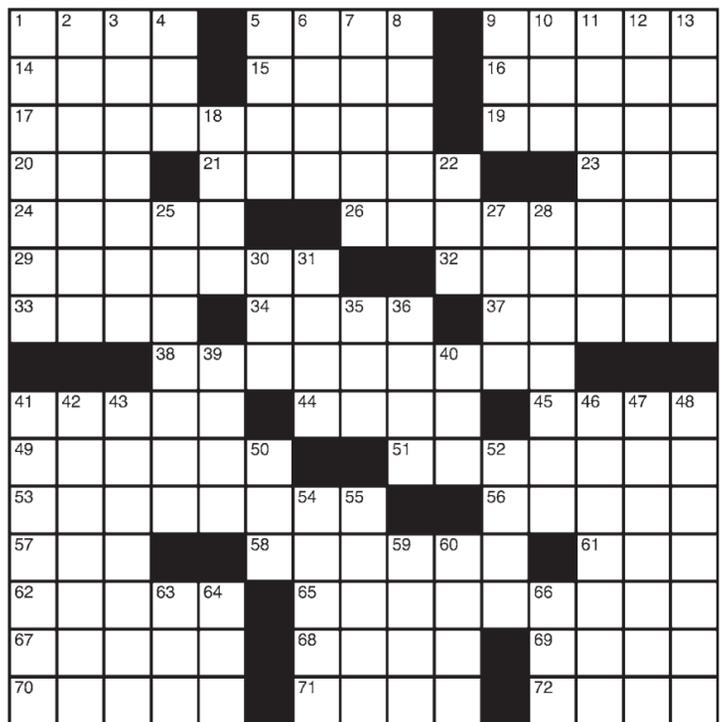
Jumbles: DIGIT ADAPT DISMAL MUFFLE
Answer: After Charlie Daniels had his favorite violin repaired, it was — FIT AS A FIDDLE

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Crossword

3/20



Across

- Incite
- Modern "methinks"
- Pink flowers in a van
- Gogh still life
- Water-diverting feature
- It's not optional
- Brigham Young University city
- *Bargain on the last day of Oktoberfest?
- Urdu for "palace"
- Blunder
- Barbarian in Dante's Seventh Circle
- Butterfield of "Ender's Game"
- Cartomancy deck
- *Singer Damone, vis-à-vis actor Morrow?
- Starfleet school
- Record holder
- Ship
- Accessories for a Red Hat Society lunch

- Bond and Bourne
- *Snoopy's specialist?
- Scratching post material
- Jai
- Its first version was egg-shaped
- Spotted cat
- Argentina's "City of Diagonals"
- *One who'll talk your ear off about osso buco and saltimbocca?
- Norse group that fought the Vanir
- Hypotheticals
- Part of AC/DC
- Minn. neighbor
- A-listers
- Basic auto maintenance, and how each answer to a starred clue was created
- "Who's on First?" catcher
- Composer Sibelius
- While away
- Note next to a red F, maybe
- Navy game
- Downfall of many kings?

- Sun: Pref.
- The "O" in football's OBJ
- Tach readout
- 60 minuti
- "Me too"
- Hard to follow
- Says "There, there," say
- Silver of FiveThirtyEight
- Spots
- Eccentric
- "What ___ can I do?"
- Snake, for one
- MIT Sloan deg.
- Class with mats
- Entirely
- Authenticating symbol
- North Carolina university
- Through
- Khrushchev and Gorbachev
- Baffin Bay hazard
- Coastal region
- Like some lodges
- Goose-pimple
- Price-fixing groups
- "Chopped" host
- Allen
- Way to go
- 52 Spanish red wine
- Less rainy, as a climate
- Oater actor Jack
- 60 Harlem sch.
- Bagpiper's hat
- London __: Ferris wheel
- Letters in an APB

Thursday's solution



Down

- Old Iberian coins
- Grid
- Exceeded, as a budget
- Agnus
- MIT center?: Abbr.
- Substantial content

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CHICAGO WEATHER CENTER

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FRIDAY, MARCH 20 NORMAL HIGH: 48° NORMAL LOW: 31° RECORD HIGH: 85° (2012) RECORD LOW: 4° (1885)

Colder Friday with brisk northerly winds

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 45 **LOW** 27

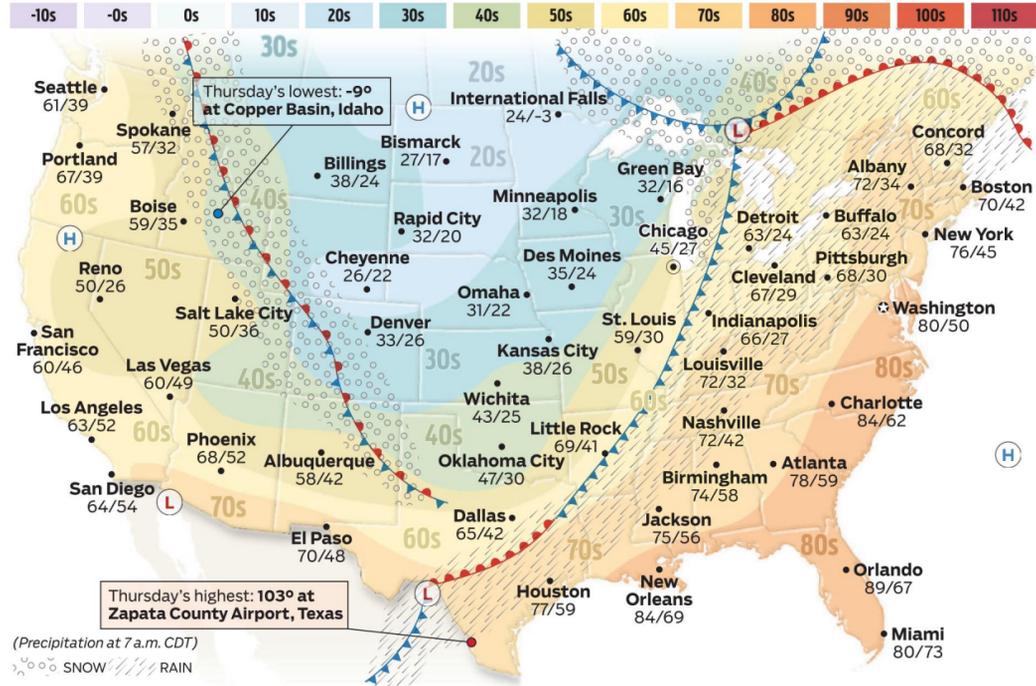
■ **Lakeshore Flood Advisory in effect noon Friday to 7 a.m. Saturday for the Lake Michigan shores in Cook County Illinois and Lake and Porter County Indiana.**

■ Strong northerly winds gusting over 30 mph on the backside of departing low pressure system along with falling temps will make for a chilly day across the Chicago area.

■ Friday's highs occur shortly after midnight with readings likely in the 40s during the forenoon and 30s in the afternoon.

■ Overnight rains end before morning. Winds diminish and temps dropping into the 20s.

NATIONAL FORECAST



As Friday's rain making weather system moves off to the east, strong northerly winds on the backside of the departing low pressure will gust well over 30 mph at times building waves as high as 12-14 feet on the southern Lake Michigan shoreline prompting lake-shore flood advisories. Some locations may come away with an inch or so of rainfall totals which in turn will cause rises and potential flooding on many area rivers and streams.

Cold temps will persist into Saturday with early morning lows in the 20s marking a huge temperature drop of some 35 degrees from 60 degree readings that occurred late Thursday night.

Low pressure disturbances aloft will spread clouds over our area Saturday night through Sunday with perhaps a little light precipitation southern portions.

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

HIGH 37 **LOW** 27

Partly sunny but cold with a high in the mid to upper 30s – more than 10 degrees below normal. NE winds 8-18 mph. Mostly clear skies overnight.

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

HIGH 42 **LOW** 29

Weak low pressure disturbances both north and south of our area will result in cloudiness here and a chance of a light rain or rain/snow mix in southern sections later in the day and overnight. ESE winds 8-15 mph.

MONDAY, MARCH 23

HIGH 50 **LOW** 37

Partly cloudy skies. Highs in the upper 40s to around 50 degrees. Increasing and thickening clouds overnight. SE winds.

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

HIGH 52 **LOW** 40

Clouds thicken with rain likely. Highs in the upper 40s to lower 50s. Clouds and a chance of rain overnight. An easterly component to the winds.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

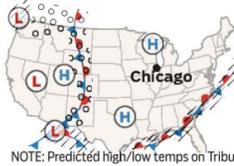
HIGH 56 **LOW** 44

Partly cloudy. Showers in the area both during the day and overnight hours – about a 40% chance in any given area. High temps in the 50s with potentially easterly winds holding readings in the 40s at the lakefront.

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

HIGH 59 **LOW** 48

Another cold front moves through the area early with associated clouds and chance of showers. Becoming partly sunny in the afternoon with highs approaching the 60 degree mark.



NOTE: Predicted high/low temps on Tribune weather page are chronological—the "high" refers to maximum reading expected during day and "low" is the minimum reading expected the following night.

ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
I heard that back in the 70s a tornado hit President Ford's motorcade. Is that true?
Thanks,
Patrick Selz

Dear Patrick,
Pretty much. During the early afternoon on March 12, 1976, an F-2 tornado cut a 17-mile path of destruction across the Chicago area from North-lake to Wilmette. The twister, which killed two and injured 66, heavily damaged Chicago's Northwest Side, including areas around O'Hare Airport. The storm made national headlines when it passed within one-quarter of a mile of the motorcade of President Gerald Ford, who was in town campaigning for the upcoming presidential election. Ford was back in town a few days later, this time assessing the damage and declaring the region a federal disaster area.

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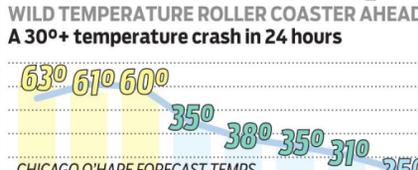
WGN-TV meteorologists Mark Carroll, Steve Kahn, Richard Koeneman, Paul Merzlock and Paul Dailey, plus Bill Snyder, contribute to this page.

Hear Demetrius WGN 720

Ivory's weather updates weekdays 3 to 6 p.m. on WGN-AM 720 Chicago.

Temps tumble after brief taste of spring late Thursday

WESTERN STORM
Blizzard in Colorado
Blizzard conditions in NE Colorado Thursday—roads closed with blowing/drifted snow/near zero visibility in spots.



SATURDAY'S SET-UP
"Split flow" developing
Chicago primarily influenced by southern branch "short wave" impulses.

- Clouds Sat. night/Sun. night
- Rain-maker developing in Pacific Saturday will track out of SW passing over Chicago Tuesday

SOME SNOWFALL REPORTS

Nederland	19.0"
Jamestown	18.5"
Geneseo	15.2"
Glen Haven	13.0"
Crisman	13.0"
Evergreen	12.2"

SOME WIND REPORTS

Washington	62 mph
Jefferson	60 mph
Holyoke	53 mph
Fort Morgan Airport	51 mph

FRIDAY EVENING



SATURDAY



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MIDWEST CITIES

FRI./SAT.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	sh	65	30	pc	45	31
Carbondale	sh	57	26	pc	38	27
Champaign	sh	57	26	pc	38	27
Decatur	sh	54	27	pc	39	29
Moline	pc	39	25	pc	40	30
Peoria	cl	44	25	pc	39	28
Quincy	pc	42	27	pc	42	32
Rockford	sh	39	22	pc	37	26
Springfield	sh	49	27	pc	40	30
Sterling	pc	39	23	pc	38	27
Indiana						
Bloomington	sh	66	27	pc	43	30
Evansville	sh	67	30	pc	46	32
Fort Wayne	sh	63	24	pc	38	24
Indianapolis	sh	66	27	pc	42	28
Lafayette	sh	62	25	pc	40	28
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St. Paul	sh	55	22	pc	38	25
Wisconsin						
Green Bay	pc	32	16	pc	33	23
Kenosha	cl	41	25	pc	32	27
La Crosse	pc	34	18	pc	38	28
Madison	pc	35	19	pc	37	26
Milwaukee	cl	38	22	pc	32	26
Wausau	pc	27	9	pc	33	20
Michigan						
Detroit	sh	63	24	pc	36	22
Grand Rapids	sh	48	20	pc	38	21
Marquette	ss	27	15	pc	29	16
St. Ste. Marie	sn	34	6	pc	28	12
Traverse City	sn	38	18	pc	31	20
Iowa						
Ames	pc	34	22	pc	41	29
Cedar Rapids	pc	34	22	pc	38	28
Des Moines	pc	35	24	pc	42	31
Dubuque	pc	35	21	pc	37	28
El Paso	pc	30	14	pc	32	25
Dallas	sh	65	42	pc	60	53
Daytona Bch.	sh	84	65	pc	86	65
Denver	ss	33	26	pc	47	29
Omaha	pc	31	22	pc	43	30
El Paso	pc	30	14	pc	32	25
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OTHER U.S. CITIES

FRI./SAT.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Albany	sh	56	37	sh	53	45
Albuquerque	ts	72	34	pc	45	22
Amarillo	pc	58	42	pc	65	38
Anchorage	pc	48	28	pc	53	37
Anchorage	pc	38	29	ss	37	25
Asheville	ts	76	52	pc	67	45
Aspen	ss	38	20	ss	39	26
Atlanta	ts	78	59	pc	72	51
Atlanta	ts	63	48	pc	51	36
Austin	ts	64	49	pc	58	44
Baltimore	ts	79	46	pc	53	36
Billings	pc	38	24	pc	51	29
Birmingham	ts	74	58	pc	66	51
Bismarck	pc	27	17	pc	39	22
Boise	pc	59	35	pc	59	35
Boston	pc	70	42	pc	46	26
Brownsville	pc	85	70	pc	72	51
Buffalo	ts	72	64	sh	76	60
Burlington	ts	63	24	pc	33	23
Charlottesville	ts	62	25	pc	34	18
Charlotte	pc	84	62	sh	75	50
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Chattanooga	ts	70	55	sh	62	44
Cheyenne	ss	26	22	pc	45	26
Cincinnati	sh	69	29	pc	43	26
Cleveland	sh	67	29	pc	32	27
Colo. Spgs	pc	62	25	pc	34	18
Columbia MO	pc	46	28	pc	46	34
Columbia SC	pc	87	65	pc	82	57
Columbus	sh	68	29	pc	41	25
Concord	sh	68	52	pc	43	19
Corpus Christi	ts	80	59	ts	70	64
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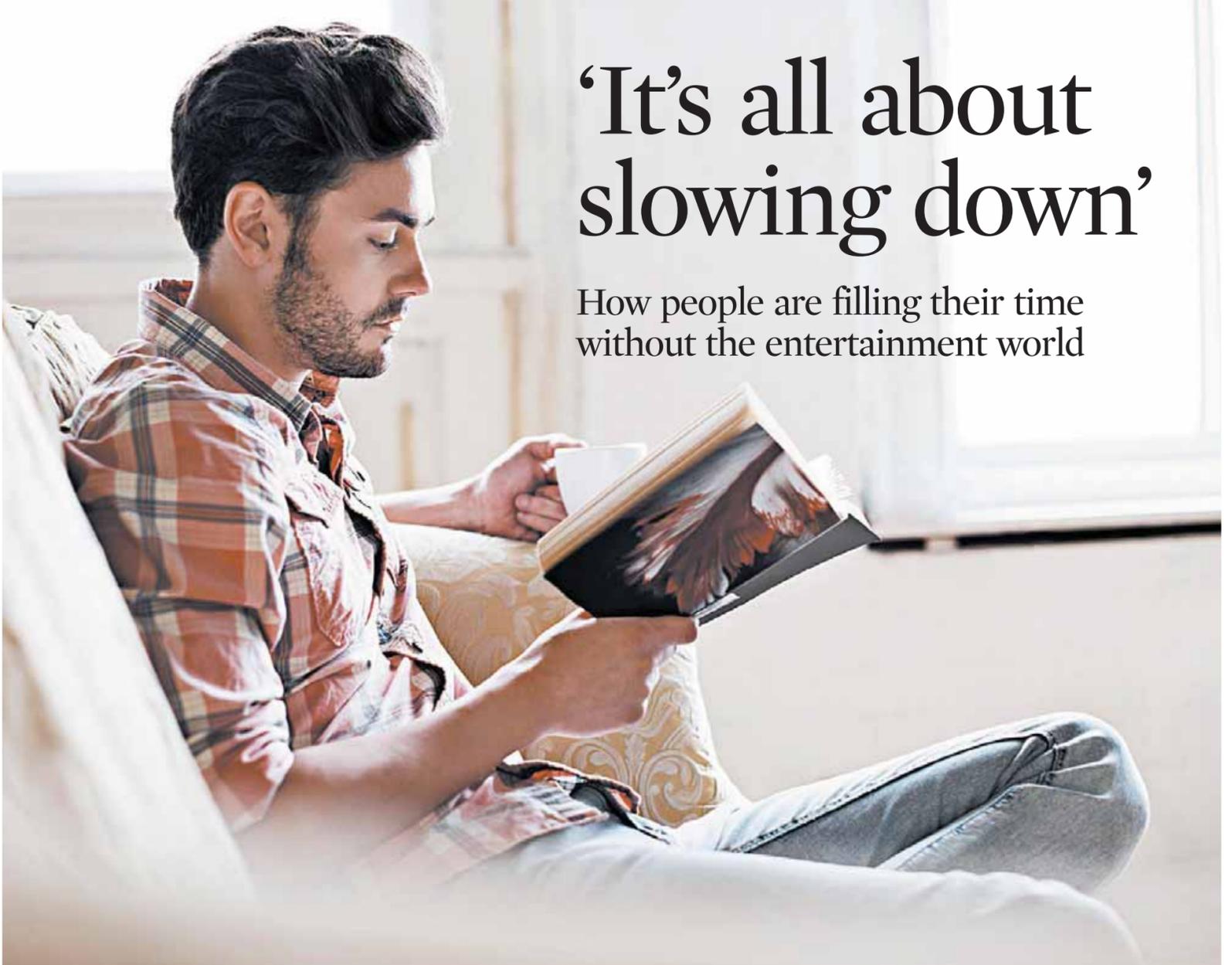
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ON THE TOWN

OR STAYING IN

'It's all about slowing down'

How people are filling their time without the entertainment world



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BY LEANNE ITALIE
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Overheard as the entertainment world stalled in response to the coronavirus outbreak: "What are we gonna do now, read books?"

That's exactly what Pamela Milam will be doing, and lots of them.

Milam is a selection reader for the Women's National Book Association, a nonprofit established in 1917 to support, well, reading. She and her colleagues began a marathon this month to make it through as many as 100 books each as they help develop the

organization's annual Great Group Reads list for National Reading Group Month in October.

She's also an avid theatergoer. She lives in the heart of Times Square and goes to the theater about once a week, but when Broadway and many other entertainments canceled, cut back seating or postponed performances last week, Milam knew exactly how she'd fill the extra time.

"I'm happy snug on my couch. I'll do my best to make the most of that," she said.

Many concert tours, awards shows, festivals, museums, sporting events and more have shut down to help "flatten

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— Pamela Milam

the curve" as the virus spreads around the globe. Bans on big and medium-size gatherings are proliferating, prompting more people to hunker down at home.

"We're catching up on our reading. I just started 'Love in the Time of Cholera.' It seemed appropriate," said Bev-

erly Pfeiffer in Silver Spring, Maryland, of the Gabriel Garcia Marquez classic that plays out amid an outbreak of the disease.

Other people are working more, especially now that they're doing it from home.

Some have upped their kitchen game by taking on fussy recipes and baking projects.

One company that offers online courses has seen a huge jump in business, as has another that sells digital photo scanning services.

Interior designer Genevieve Gorder,

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Take 5: Inside

BY ADAM LUKACH

Just because you can't go out and do anything doesn't mean there isn't plenty to do. Check out this list, and yes, we're practicing some social distancing with this weekend's things to do.

1. Spring cleaning

What better inspiration, truly, for cleaning up your place than a world-wide pandemic? This writer can't think of one. Now is the perfect time to turn on some tunes and have a little scrubbing session — plus, your place is probably dirtier than you expected, if you worked from home this week. Remember to crack those windows for a little fresh air! Plus, this way you can keep yourself from getting sidetracked in the middle of a Tuesday, binge-cleaning and digitally disappearing for the rest of the day. That procrastination spirit gets real.

2. Relive Chicago glory days

In the early 1980s, something astonishing happened in Chicago, when a man (now a famed recording engineer) named Steve Albini formed a band. He called it Big Black, and it changed the

face of music as its sonic aftershocks ripped out from Chicago. Albini was notable for having strong opinions and a lack of patience, and the band's metallic, precise, industrial-sounding grind reflected that. And thanks to YouTube, you can listen to a live Big Black performance and hear so many bands, from grunge to math rock to industrial, in the sound of three men and a drum machine. Albini, and two members of Naked Raygun (speaking of Chicago rock royalty), Jeff Pezzetti and Santiago Durango, became the group that changed so much. Visit YouTube.com, search for "Big Black live CBGB" and prepare to be amazed.

3. Old FXvorites

Did you know that FXX recently put its complete collection of shows on Hulu? Now you do. During this time of social distancing, you have the opportunity to get up close with acclaimed FX shows like "Justified" and "The Americans," or classic favorites, like the entire "Simpsons" series. And, since 2010-12 seems to be all the rage lately, why not try the one-and-done season of "Terriers," which you almost certainly heard someone performatively mourn in a conversation about "prestige TV" during the last decade? \$5.99-\$11.99 monthly, hulu.com

4. Game on

Video games are a wonderful way to waste time (kidding!), and there's nothing that feels more delightfully menial than "Animal Crossing," which is best described as Nintendo's version of "The Sims." Think less crushing family melodrama, more doing nice tasks for your talking-animal neighbors. The newest edition, "Animal Crossing: New Horizons," will be released Friday, and it's the first version for a Nintendo console since Gamecube. Switch users, now is your moment to play away. Available in-store or online, nintendo.com

5. 'Dine in, or takeout?'

In face of the new scene in Illinois, there is no more dine-in eating but your local watering holes and restaurants are still doing carryout and delivery, and you still need to support them. If you're nervous about that, check out the website of your favorite spot, as many Chicago restaurants have released statements outlining preventative measures taken for staff and in prep. Now remains a good time to spend your money with local businesses, even if it's for delivery, and don't forget to tip your driver. Or if you want to go out-out, carryout is also an option. Check restaurant websites for details on location, hours and delivery capabilities.

Editor's note on coronavirus

Dear readers:

The effect of the novel coronavirus has been far-reaching, and includes the world of arts and entertainment. In the wake of the State of Illinois' recently announced restriction on gatherings of crowds larger than 1,000 people, and an advisory regarding crowds larger than 250 and the closure of bars and restaurants (dine-in service), the Chicago arts and entertainment scene is in a state of flux.

This week and until the situation stabilizes, On The Town will be more like In The House. The focus will still be on entertainment and things to do, but with a focus on what you can do without going anywhere.

We will do our best to ensure that events contained in the section are current, but press times and a fluid situation means that there could be cancellations. Readers are encouraged to check websites and box offices to confirm an event. We apologize in advance for any complexities this difficult situation might cause, as arts organizations wrestle with where to be in thinking the show must go on versus erring on the side of caution. Thank you.

— Kevin Williams

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Togetherness amid the isolation

Slo 'Mo, Chicago's baddest LGBTQ dance party, is going digital so you can shimmy while at home



BRITT JULIOUS
Local Sounds

What does community mean in the face of social isolation?

That is the question many artists, musicians, and event creators are trying to figure out during this unprecedented outbreak and community quarantine due to the novel coronavirus. But one event producer, Kristen Kaza, has figured out a somewhat novel solution: take the party online.

Kaza, who has worked with publications and organizations like the Chicago Reader and Navy Pier, also hosts the monthly Slo 'Mo party at the Whistler. Originally scheduled to take place this upcoming Thursday, Kaza has had to brainstorm over new solutions in the wake of Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker's public closure of all bars and restaurants in the state of Illinois.

"During my first 36 hours, it was not even panic, but it was so incredibly disorienting to go from what has been one of my busiest seasons in a long time to having every single one of my events for the next couple of months either canceled or postponed," Kaza said.

The rapid cancellations were not only financially devastating, they were also a massive blow to one of the personal purposes of her career: public assembly and gathering community.

"For a moment, I really felt stuck on how do I help create community in this time without using in-person community connection?" Kaza asked. "It was really rough for a few moments, but I can't really stay in that mentality for very long. The next day, I was just like, I've got to get creative, and then I came up with this idea."

"Slo 'Mo from Homo: a Digital Dance Party" will be available through Instagram and Facebook Live. Along with live streams of DJ sets from previously scheduled performers Audio Jack and VITIGRRL, the



JACLYN RIVAS

Event producer Kristen Kaza normally hosts the monthly Slo 'Mo party at the Whistler. This month the gathering moves online.

When: 8 p.m. Thursday

Where: Online, @sломoparty on Facebook and Instagram

Tickets: \$5 suggested donation, all ages. sломoparty.com or @sломoparty on Venmo

event will also include dance lessons from performer Darling Shear, who has facilitated similar lessons during regular Slo 'Mo programming. The party includes a suggested (but not required) ticket donation of \$5. Once all of the artists and DJs have been paid, Kaza will use the funds to pay the bar staff at the Whistler to compensate for the party's absence.

Slo 'Mo is easily one of the beloved Logan Square bar's most popular nights, with lines regularly forming down the block.

Any additional funds will be donated to other LGBTQ+ artists who have been affected by gig cancellations due to COVID-19. "There are ways, when we are feeling helpless, (to show how) a small gesture of \$5 can go a long way," Kaza added.

The cultural and social fallout from the ongoing coronavirus crisis remains to be seen. But until the rate of infections go down rather than go up, many creators will need to find solutions that not only financially protect them, but also help maintain the strength and belief in their communities. "I didn't want to add to the disappointment," said Kaza. "I wanted to make sure we were still providing some sort of help or balm for the stress that this has caused."

Slo 'Mo, which has been around for nearly a decade, is something of an institution for its fans and community. Many

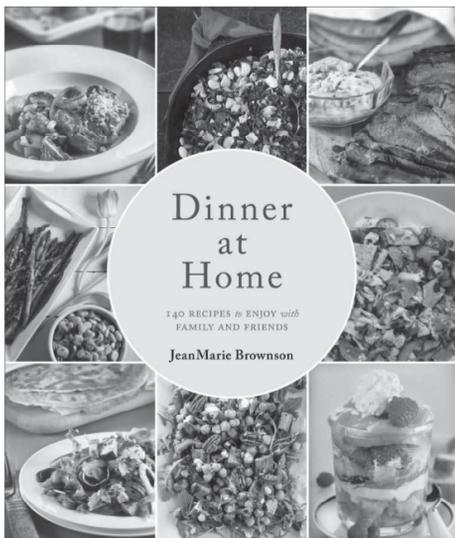
people go every month without fail. Making sure those person-to-person connections continue, even if they are through the tiny black mirrors of a cell phone, will be key for many people during these confusing times. It is possible to still have connection, to still have music, to still have some sense of normalcy. Everything is not banned, including connecting with loved ones and supporting each other. Kaza agreed.

"This is a collective experience. No one is alone in this. Creating a sense of togetherness is possible in so many different ways," she said. "We now have an opportunity to see what that can be. We have an opportunity to see how resilient we can be with our collective resources."

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Cooking at home doesn't have to be difficult, but it should always be delicious. Since 2007, JeanMarie Brownson, culinary director for Rick Bayless' Frontera Foods, has been helping readers put inventive, yet simple, dishes on the table through her Dinner at Home column for the *Chicago Tribune*. Her book includes everything you need to create spectacular food any day of the week, including sample menus and recipes for everything from prosciutto parmesan puffs to roasted chicken with tomato-olive relish. Dinner at home has never been better.

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Chicago Tribune

Getting your entertainment on while the virus crisis goes on

BY ALLISON STEWART

Even before Governor J.B. Pritzker and Mayor Lori Lightfoot ordered a coronavirus-related nightlife shutdown, the thought of standing around a crowded room with sweaty strangers was beginning to seem a little weird.

Now that the new era of social distancing and self-quarantine has begun, you've got some time to fill. Everybody's quarantine style is different: Some want comfort food like "The Office" or "The Great British Baking Show" playing on infinite loop; others want to immerse themselves in repeat showings of "Contagion" and books on the 1918 Spanish flu.

What follows is a list of some of the best things to stream, read and listen to during this, your time of indefinite confinement. No matter your method of self-isolating, there's something here for you:

To Listen

■ **Lucki, "Days B4 III"**: Last year was a big one for the West Side rapper, who used to record as Lucki Eck\$. He released two drowsy, gloomy, ridiculously good albums, "Freewave 3," and "Days B4 III." Lucki's big homecoming show at Bottom Lounge last weekend got postponed, but the best of his recent catalog is available on SoundCloud.

■ **CupcakKe, "Lawd Jesus"**: Last year, local-rapper-turned-underground-phenom CupcakKe announced she was quitting the business and for the most part, she did. But she's back with a fiery new track about fighting her demons, available at Spotify.

■ **This Podcast Will Kill You**: An irreverent, science-based rundown of some of the worst diseases, fevers and plagues (Hantavirus! Breakbone fever!) you will probably never get, this bi-weekly podcast is hosted by two epidemiologists. (Available on major streaming platforms)

■ **Curious City**: If you've ever wondered how the local tradition of calling "dibs" on winter parking spaces began, or what happens to the animals at the Lincoln Park Zoo in the winter (don't worry, they're fine), this is the podcast for you. WBEZ's long-running podcast offers up local oddities and secret histories in binge-worthy form-episodes usually run around 10 minutes or so. (Available on major streaming platforms, or WBEZ.org)

To Watch

■ **'80s nostalgia, rebooted**: Apple TV Plus has commissioned new episodes of Steven Spielberg's supernatural/fantasy anthology series "Amazing Stories," which ran for two seasons in the mid-1980s, and



SHAUN MICHAEL

CupcakKe has just the thing to get you off the couch and on your feet with her amazing new track, "Lawd Jesus."

both old and new episodes are currently airing on their platform. Are all the episodes amazing? They are not. But Martin Scorsese and Clint Eastwood both direct installments, and there's a legendary episode about a haunted toupee. (Apple TV Plus)

■ **'80s nostalgia, updated**: If "Amazing Stories" resembled a milder "Twilight Zone," nonfiction anthology series "Unsolved Mysteries" was like "Dateline" with cryptids. Hosted most memorably by Robert Stack, the show, which favored stories of missing wives, ghosts, and the occasional chupacabra, is still a completely absorbing time suck; some of its episodes feature updates of the now decades-old mysteries. (Amazon Prime)

■ **Nightly Met Opera streams**: Lyric Opera has canceled its schedule for the foreseeable future, including all three "Ring" cycles slated for April and May, but there is still opera to be had. New York's Metropolitan Opera will re-broadcast HD versions of its past performances; one per night, for the duration, including "Lucia di Lammermoor." (Metopera.org, or on their apps)

To Read

■ **Pandemics a go-go**: Let's be clear, reading books on historical pandemics is not a good idea, because they are not comforting. Curious about how things went for smallpox victims in Revolutionary War-era America? Turns out, not so great! Elizabeth A. Fenn's "Pox Americana: The Great Smallpox Epidemic of 1775-82" breaks it down in methodical, chilling detail. Laura Spinney's comprehensive 2017 book "Pale Rider: The Spanish Flu of 1918 and How It Changed the World" does the same for the Spanish flu. (At booksellers everywhere and Amazon.com)

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Jazz movies to watch — and avoid — at home



HOWARD REICH
On Music

With clubs and concert halls shut down, our musical needs must be satisfied at home.

And surely one of the best ways is by watching movies devoted to the subject.

With that in mind, here's one listener's guide to some of the best and worst movies on jazz:

The best

“Round Midnight” (1986). Sometimes it takes an outsider to illuminate what's happening inside another culture. Certainly that's the case with “Round Midnight,” the best feature film ever made about a distinctly American art form. Directed and co-written by the French master Bertrand Tavernier, “Round Midnight” captures the melancholy of a jazz musician's life, as well as the joys of making music on the bandstand. Part of the film's genius lies in its casting, with jazz saxophonist Dexter Gordon playing the tortured protagonist (loosely modeled on pianist Bud Powell), who battles addiction and other woes. Herbie Hancock won an Oscar for his original score in a film that makes the music a character in itself.

“Young Man with a Horn” (1950). Kirk Douglas, who died in February at age 103, turned in one of the most convincing and compelling characterizations of a jazz musician ever filmed. You can feel his character's obsession with the music, and you can witness its terrible cost. He's surrounded by a comparably effective cast, with Doris Day as the embodiment of hope, Lauren Bacall as the face of cynicism and immortal songwriter-pianist Hoagy Carmichael as the sage who narrates it all. Harry James recorded the trumpet solos that Douglas mimes so beautifully, James' famously golden sound easy to get lost in. The ending of director Michael Curtiz's film is not perfect, but just about everything else in it is.

“Chico & Rita” (2010). Can an animated film do justice to the elusive art of jazz? The Oscar-nominated “Chico & Rita” definitively answered that question. Very loosely based on the story of Cuban musician Bebo Valdes, the film shows American jazz and its Cuban counterpart intermingling to brilliant effect. Beyond the vivid animation — which recreates the likenesses of Dizzy Gillespie, Nat King Cole, Tito Puente, Chano Pozo and others — the music is the star, thanks partly to the contributions of Jimmy Heath, Arturo O'Farrill, and Valdes, who played piano tellingly.



Saxophonist Dexter Gordon stars in Bertrand Tavernier's “Round Midnight,” the greatest jazz feature film ever made.

“Jazz on a Summer's Day” (1959). The music never looked more beautiful nor sensuous than in Bert Stern's classic documentary, which chronicles the 1958 Newport Jazz Festival in ultra-poetic tones. Of course, any film that features live performances by Louis Armstrong, Mahalia Jackson, Dinah Washington, Anita O'Day, Thelonious Monk and others already has a great deal going for it. Stern interweaves the concert footage with lush cinematography of the environs, in effect shattering the unfortunate but widely disseminated myth of jazz as an inherently dark and forbidding world.

“Keep on Keepin' On” (2014). The jazz world has known few figures more

gifted or generous than trumpeter Clark Terry, whose final chapter is lovingly captured here. We see Terry mentoring the young pianist Justin Kauflin, just as Terry had encouraged and influenced future stars such as Miles Davis and Wynton Marsalis. When Marsalis and the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra come to play for an ailing Terry, we see — and hear — how jazz musicians connect and how legacies pass through generations.

The worst

“Whiplash” (2014). Writer-director Damien Chazelle made quite a splash with this feature film, which was so histrionic and exaggerated as to demean both its central

characters and the art of jazz itself. For those who believed such hysterical melodrama, please realize this soap opera has nothing to do with how jazz is played or lived.

“Bird” (1988). You'd think a lifelong jazz lover and advocate such as director Clint Eastwood would have a better understanding of Charlie Parker than he displayed in this starchy biopic. You would be wrong. To Eastwood, Bird was a swooning, drugged-out clown, which made this film a disgrace to Parker's music, his disease and his legacy.

“Jazz” (2001). It takes real talent to suck the life out of an art form as animated as jazz, but documentary filmmaker Ken Burns man-

aged to do it — and in only 19 hours! Errors, exaggerations and omissions abound in this 10-episode extravaganza of talking heads and precious little music-making. In all, an ideal expression of what jazz is not.

“Miles Ahead” (2016). Director-star Don Cheadle somehow turns Miles Davis, one of the most charismatic figures in jazz history, into a small, petty, ridiculous man. The laughable plot line concerns Davis and a fictional journalist hotly pursuing a stolen tape of the trumpeter's music, complete with car chase and gunfire. Really.

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With Broadway and some theaters closed, art lovers are getting their fill with special livestreams.

Time

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co-host of the Netflix series "Stay Here," asked followers on Instagram to share home improvement goals that had been lingering at the bottom of to-do lists. Cleaning blinds, a basement sort-out and deck repairs are now on front burners.

Nicole Schaefer in Portland, Oregon, is usually out doing something. Now, she almost feels guilty about all the free time. Almost.

"I feel like now I have time to relax, if that makes sense. With my evenings freed up, I'm learning to make my own macarons. I'm making a present for my boyfriend. I'm knitting. I'm exercising as long as I want to. There's so many things to do without concerts and plays and shows to go to," she said.

There's binge-watching galore, of course, and devotees of opera and art are being treated to special livestreams and virtual tours. Museums have joined a social media movement started by the Museum of the city of New York to offer art and other imagery using #MuseumMomentofZen.

Melanie Musson isn't focused on any of that, and social distancing shouldn't be a problem. She and her husband, along with their four children, love to spend time in the mountains surrounding their Belgrade, Montana, home.

"I have so many plans that I'm actually looking forward to being forced out of social gatherings," she said. "We plan to spend time outdoors camping, hiking and fishing. The sunshine and exercise will help us be as healthy as we can be."

While Musson and others head outdoors, some folks who are shunning or shut out of their exercise classes are working out new routines at home.

Linda Johnson Mandell in Los Angeles is going another route with her giant white Labradoodle, Frankie Feldman. The 5-year-old fur ball is a therapy dog who routinely visits patients at care centers. With new restrictions, those visits are on hold.

"So instead we're staying home, brushing up on obedience, and I'm teaching him some new tricks to amuse folks when the quarantines are lifted," Mandell said.

Cynthia Shaw in Brooklyn is a classical pianist and piano teacher who regularly gathers with students and friends who play for each other. Since many in their group of eight or so are older, including some in their 80s, they're giving up their monthly home gatherings for now, but played Sunday using a video conferencing platform instead.

"Some of the older members had a hard time figuring it out, but they did," she said. "I had my computer set up next to the piano. I played the first movement of a Beethoven sonata. People played Chopin. There was some Gershwin. I think we'll do it again."

Elsewhere, the TV binge is definitely on with some new gems on offer.

The Walt Disney Co. will release "Frozen 2" on Disney Plus several months early to give families cooped up by the coronavirus a welcome distraction, and give its streaming service a boost.

For documentary lovers, Netflix is rolling out new features and series from acclaimed creators, including "The Innocence Files" by Liz Garbus, Alex Gibney and Roger Ross Williams; "Jeffrey Epstein: Filthy Rich" by Lisa Bryant and Joe Berlinger; and "David Attenborough: A Life on Our Planet."

"We subscribe to nearly every streaming service, or so it seems. I'm hoping to find some gold in there," said Julie Crislip in Pennington, New Jersey.

Psychotherapist Jeff Larsen in San Diego has a plan for himself and his clients.

"It's all about slowing down," he said. "So absolutely pick up that book that's been gathering dust, watch that movie or binge-watch that TV show that you haven't had time to watch. Most importantly, it's the mindset that we, as humans, need to have going into this time period. It's always a good thing when we can simplify our lives."



GENARO MOLINA/LOS ANGELES TIMES

Billie Joe Armstrong performs with Green Day in Los Angeles in 2017. Concert films by Green Day, Patti Smith and more are on Stingray Qello.

Missing live music?

Here are 7 ways to experience concerts without ever leaving your couch

By RANDALL ROBERTS
Los Angeles Times

In September, the experimental rock duo 100 geecs premiered a new track to a gathered posse of avatars inside the video game Minecraft. Part of an event called the Mine Gala, it was organized and promoted by a team of real-life creators via an "independent virtual events platform" called Open Pit.

A cheeky reference to the New York art event the Met Gala, the Mine Gala offered many of the amenities familiar to those at an outdoor event: a VIP area for fans willing to pay for access; the freedom to explore various rooms and spaces; a feeling of being part of larger community; and the chance to hear artists or DJs make and mix music. It even featured an art gallery with original work.

Crucially, given the global coronavirus pandemic wreaking havoc on the spring concert season, the humans controlling the hundreds of avatars in attendance never physically interacted, so they couldn't spread real-life germs.

As the forecast for the 2020 festival season becomes more dire by the hour, fans, promoters and creators are facing an uncertain summer. With the road no longer calling, musicians may be forced to experiment with new modes of self-expression.

Listeners addicted to live music, and those whose livelihoods depend on touring, have options. Even if they don't scratch the exact same rhythmic itch, fans needing to let loose in the living room can look to screens for immersive musical events. Artists hoping to recover lost touring income can broadcast sets, charge fans a cover and market their T-shirts and records.

Whether through online pay-per-view and streaming portals where thousands of hours of live music events are broadcast and stored, or in the digital realm, where multiplayer online games, platforms such as Twitch and virtual reality headsets allow for a different sort of communal music experience, those looking to sate their live music hunger have a menu's worth of options. (And, of course, there's always YouTube.)

Here are some more services, platforms and stations offering COVID-free interactive music experiences.

Stingray Qello

A vast repository of filmed concerts, documentaries and miscellaneous audio-video content, Stingray Qello is the Netflix of music streaming services. Its deep selection is easily browsed by genre. Looking for punk? The great X documentary "X: The Unheard Music" is available alongside concert films by Green Day, the Undertones, Patti Smith, Fall Out Boy, Yeah Yeah Yeahs and dozens more. Similarly rich — if a little dusty — selections can be found by browsing dozens of other genres including hip-hop, Latin, classical, metal, indie rock, electronic, reggae and folk. ■ **Highlights:** Efterklang, "The Ghost of Piramida"; Cecil Taylor,



BRIAN VAN DER BRUG/LOS ANGELES TIMES

Catch a Billie Eilish concert in virtual reality with Oculus Venues. The app's social mode lets you interact with other people in avatar form.

"All the Notes"; Juan Gabriel, "Mis 40 en Bellas Artes" ■ **Availability:** Amazon Prime, Roku, Google ■ **Price:** \$7.99 per month, \$99 annually

Nugs.TV

Starting March 11, the rap-rock band 311 celebrated 3/11 with a trio of televised performances at the Park Theater in Las Vegas. The price of virtual admission for those logged in to rock music hub Nugs.TV was \$29.99. An offshoot of the Nugs.net archive of full concert audio performances by a variety of acts including the Dead & Company, Pearl Jam, Metallica, Wilco, Leftover Salmon and hundreds more, Nugs.TV offers fans an opportunity to bring the improvised thrill of live performance into your listening room.

■ **Highlights:** the Raconteurs Live at Third Man Records, Bob Weir & Wolf Brothers Live at Sweetwater Music Hall, Rebirth Brass Band at Tipitina's ■ **Availability:** Online streaming at Nugs.TV ■ **Price:** a la cart model for downloads and livestreams

StageIt

For a more intimate experience similar to a concert, the StageIt platform engages with a roster of well known songwriters, rappers, bands and solo musicians to present concerts broadcast from their homes to an audience watching in real time. StageIt's pitch: "unique experiences that are never archived." Attendees pay a cover charge calculated in purchasable "notes," money that goes to the performers. Fans can interact with the performers and tip them extra notes as well.

On Thursday, StageIt announced as a way to help artists affected by tour cancellations that it would increase its artist payout percentage to 80%. Singer-songwriter Jason Mann pitched his upcoming event as "social distancing done right," calling it part of his "no touch concert series."

■ **Highlights:** past gigs by Trey Songz, Jay Sean, Ryan Cabrera, Susanna Hoffs, Jimmy Buffett, Common and Bonnie Raitt ■ **Availability:** StageIt.com ■ **Price:** variable; viewable through the purchase of "notes."

AXS.TV Concerts

Currently in 50 million homes, the Anthem Sports & Entertainment-owned station offers a bounty of well curated music programming. Founded as HDNet by billionaire Mark Cuban and formerly owned by AEG, the network is heavy on classic rock and country music, and delivers big-time concert events. Although it doesn't offer simulcast concerts, its 24-hour schedule is filled with filmed sets by Amy Winehouse, Norah Jones, Cat Stevens, Sheryl Crow, ZZ Top and more. ■ **Highlights:** "Live From Redrocks" series featuring acts including Alan Jackson, Grace Potter, Cheap Trick; "Docs That Rock"

■ **Availability:** various cable providers and portals ■ **Price:** free with subscription to Sling TV, Spectrum, DirectTV Now, Philo and others.

Oculus Venues

Turn off your mind, relax and slip on your headset: Virtual reality technology has long hoped to revolutionize music performance, and the possibilities are mind-blowing — and don't spread COVID-19. The Facebook-owned Oculus Venues harnesses the company's Oculus VR technology to present music events unlike anything imaginable a decade ago. Available in solo or social mode, the experience in social mode presents a level of interactivity with other people (as avatars) similar to a concert.

As one attendee wrote on a VR site, "I expected to just be watching alone at home, or silently with others around me. I didn't realize the high level of interaction on offer, nor how open people would be to interacting with strangers sitting around them. The interface will even let you change seats to move closer to someone, or scroll through an index of people who are currently speaking." The best feature is one virtually every concertgoer has needed at some point: A mute button that shuts up the drunk couple who won't stop talking.

■ **Highlights:** Recent sets by marquee pop artists including Billie Eilish, Post Malone and

Empire of the Sun delivered visual effects unhindered by earthly constraints, with communal chats and comments occurring simultaneously.

■ **Availability:** via Facebook's Oculus Venues

■ **Price:** free with Oculus Quest VR headset (\$399-\$499) or HTC Vive (\$599-\$1,199)

Wave

Remember when U2 did that concert in Second Life? The architecture of fake worlds has improved, to say the least. As with Oculus and a variety of competitors including NextVR and MelodyVR, the company Wave hosts live virtual concerts, and exploits the infinite design possibilities available in this new headset-accessible reality.

Artists can tie melodies to visual accents, can transform settings at will or present themselves in digitally rebuilt old venues. For its part, MelodyVR promises to bring sold-out concerts into headsets that allow viewers to transport themselves into venues.

The Wave platform calls its performances "waves." A recent one by British singer-songwriter Imogen Heap found her singing as if floating through spangled cosmic dimensions. During bridges, she exploded into starlike smithereens.

■ **Highlights:** Tinashe, "Live in Wave"; The Glitch Mob, "See Without Eyes"; "Lindsey Stirling x Wave"

■ **Availability:** the VR app can be downloaded through Oculus Rift and HTC Vive

■ **Price:** free with Oculus Quest VR headset or HTC Vive

Minecraft

Last year the marshmallow-headed EDM producer Marshmello drew an astounding 10 million visitors to a concert held within the architecture of the online game Fortnite. Those inside were treated with a hallucinatory good time featuring bouncing Marshmello avatars the size of the Stay-Puft Marshmallow Man. Curiously buxom anime creatures danced, entertaining millions watching alone in bedrooms and man caves the world over.

A weirder spectacle, however, occurred in Minecraft courtesy of the Mine Gala promoter-designers Open Pit. Called FireFest, it drew an astounding array of electronic producers who caused real-life buzz. A participant in a Reddit thread on the Open Pit parties touted the event as a must-see. "Diplo has been here before, no joke," wrote a poster named Dylan Tallchief. "Diplo was at FireFest and he tweeted about Coalchella."

The pitch was enough to convince another participant in the thread to start planning for the next Open Pit adventure, which could happen as early as this summer, with an invitation: "Anyone looking to camp together?"

■ **Highlights:** Coalchella, FireFest, Mine Gala

■ **Availability:** via Minecraft app

■ **Price:** \$6.99

THE THEATER LOOP

BY CHRIS JONES



No shows to go to, no curtains to catch

I've written a Friday theater column for the Chicago Tribune for close to 25 years. The topics and issues have varied, but they've all had one thing in common. Each and every one has been inspired by the artists of the Chicago theater.

This week, for the first time, there is nothing going on.

No valid listings. No Chris Jones Recommends, because I could not in good conscience recommend that you do anything other than stay home for your own safety and that of your fellow citizens. This week, and probably for weeks to come, the Chicago theater is officially closed for business.

So by necessity, this has to be a column about absence.

It's personal, of course. I go to the theater most nights, most ordinary nights anyway. Being there, as some curtain somewhere goes up, is close to an obsession of mine. Strike "close to." The experience — the beauty, the ugliness, the rush of ideas, even the difficult confrontations — have sustained me though a good chunk of my adult life. It always has felt not so much like a job as a gift that transforms into something different every night and the chance to sing what happened from the rooftops.

Like many journalists — in times that were uncertain even before the coronavirus — I've long had in my head a farewell speech. In my case, I've always wanted to tell the people of the Chicago theater one thing: that everything I have been doing all these years is merely reactive.

Even though a review might look like an evaluation or a judgment, that is just a smoke screen.

While a review or a story may (or may not) be artful, it has no purpose for existing without the work it critiques. With the loss of that basis, it dies.

Without the work of the artists, there is nothing to riff on, be inspired by, cry at, get angry at,



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Audience members fill the mainstage space at Steppenwolf Theatre on Halsted Street in 2018. Both Chicago audiences and critics will have to wait before heading out to the theater again.

marvel at, dream on, laugh at, shout back at, object to, smile at, cheer on, ovate for, believe in, defend, attack, get defensive over, feel fragile over, be empowered by, live through. To be glad all the way to the bottom of your heart that this is the city where you chose to spend your life.

Simple as that. But fear not. As they say in the musical "Avenue Q," this is only for a while. While theater might seem like life and death, that is not the case and it can wait, even if it will have to be back in production before we will truly be able to say that we have come

alive again.

And then it will be the job of the Chicago theater to help us better understand all that we have been experiencing, and, in all probability, to help us to heal.

In the meantime, faithful readers of this column, the artists of the Chicago theater, even though they're under great financial duress, will find ways to keep you engaged. And I will do my part: This is time to dredge up old stories and memories of times spent together, and I have plenty of those to share.

And it's a time to support your local artists, especially if you are

missing them. You can buy a gift certificate for a show in the fall. You can pitch in to a campaign to help artists get through this income loss. You can donate your unused ticket, and not ask for a refund from a theater that may have very limited cash left in its accounts right now. I'll try and help you do that.

This is, for all its surface conflicts, a caring community of the impassioned, and the audience is the biggest part of that group.

As I was trying to figure out how to end this non-column, the phone rang. It was Deb Clapp, the executive director of the

League of Chicago Theatres, telling me that she had been told that The Saints, the volunteer (and mostly senior) group that ushers in most nonprofit Chicago theaters, had authorized an emergency grant of \$25,000 to support laid-off Chicago theater artists.

"They only had one question," Clapp said. "Where should I send the check?"

See, we'll be back. Watch this space.

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Chicago dance struggles to carry on



LAUREN WARNECKE
Dance Card

I went to four shows over a recent weekend.

I was saving space for a review of the North American premiere of Qudus Onikeku's "Spirit Child" at the Dance Center of Columbia College, which was abruptly postponed due to visa issues days before the show. I also interviewed Breanne Granlund, a corps de ballet dancer at American Ballet Theatre, scheduled to appear March 19-22 at the Auditorium Theatre, and the director of that company, Kevin McKenzie. McKenzie and I talked about how he's been a part of ABT for 40 years, half of that company's existence. We talked about how they were ready to perform sections from "La Bayadère," and the vast range between that and "Deuce Coupe," Twyla Tharp's fun romp set to music by the Beach Boys, also to appear on that program.

Shortly after ABT announced it would renege on a mid-April tour to Abu Dhabi, the Auditorium Theatre confirmed that their engagement here was still on. It wasn't until the governor's declaration Thursday, mandating no public gatherings of over 1,000 people for 30 days, came a cascade of cancellations. Those included ABT, and Hubbard Street Dance Chicago's "Decadance" at the Harris Theater, which was to open in two hours when the governor forced their hand.

I saw Ballet 5:8 at the Studenbaker Theatre on March 7. The next day, I glimpsed a gorgeous, salon-style classical Indian dance piece by Mandala South Asian Arts in the penthouse of the Logan Center before rushing from Hyde Park to Lincoln Square for the final performance of Theatre Y's "Juliet." Universities and schools were still open. There was talk of COVID-19 spreading rapidly in Italy and Asia, and a growing number of confirmed cases in Washington state, but no real cause for concern in Chicago

or reason to take extreme measures. When I saw Clinard Dance Monday night at Evanston's Space, I had an inkling that opportunities to see live performance might soon become rarer.

Space is a cabaret-style venue ideal for music and cocktails, rarely used for dance because the stage is quite tiny. But for dancer Wendy Clinard, and the three extraordinary musicians she's assembled for her ongoing Flamenco Quartet Project — violinist Steve Gibbons, guitarist and vocalist Marija Temo and percussionist Jose Moreno, who also danced flamenco, with fervor, that night — it was perfect. That room, being together, was electrifying and energizing.

Dance, like all live performance, relies on being together. Stripped of that ability for at least 30 days, big budget dance has been halted by mandate. Dance programs at the University of Chicago, Columbia College, Loyola and Northwestern University, among others, are migrating to distance learning and affiliated venues like the Logan Center, Wirtz Center and the Dance Center have suspended all public performances. Dance instructors and choreographers are grappling with how to put in-person technique classes online using video conferencing. Dance companies are questioning the feasibility and economic value of livestreaming their performances.

"A lot of university professors are anxious about doing this too well," said Lizzie Leopold, a dance professor at the University of Chicago and executive director of the Dance Studies Association, "because they think that if (administrations) discover their courses can be taught successfully using all these technological, collaborative tools, that when this passes, the powers that be will come back and say, well, you don't actually need a studio. You don't actually need a space. You don't actually need to meet in person."

"The same thing applies to performance," said Leopold on Saturday. "Let's do a good job at continuing to support the community and engage audiences. But if you do this too well, there are consequences also."



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Project Bound Dance has concluded its spring work, presented by choreographer Emma Draves and her ensemble, with Ashley Deran and Emily Loar.

Small and midsize organizations and independent artists, whose events fall below the recommended thresholds of 50 and 250 people, are questioning whether the show must go on, even if it can. And if these artists go ahead with live performances, will anyone show up?

Links Hall was one venue in question. The space, which seats fewer than 100 people, was open for business on Thursday, March 12, when the experimental puppet troupe Cabinet of Curiosity began its three-week run of "The Farewell Fables." About 25 people came, but the company opted to pull the rest of the shows the following day. Shortly after, Links Hall suspended all public performances through May 1, but intends to try and stay open for rehearsals during the day.

Movement Revolution Dance Crew, led by Chicago native Monternez Rezell, held its performances this weekend at Stage 773, whose four theaters each seat fewer than 150 patrons. The hip-hop crew opened its semi-annual showcase called "Opposites Attract" Saturday to an audience of about 75 people, one of just two shows planned.

"The show was amazing," said Rezell on Sunday. "The energy was beyond words. The audience loved it, the dancers had a great time performing, and we were happy that people still came out to see us."

"Honestly, people still are trying to participate and have a sense of normalcy," Rezell said. "Right now, whatever our normal was is completely eradicated. For 90 minutes, they didn't have to think about that."

Co-artistic directors Tiffany Lawson and Shayna Bjerke of Lawson Dance Theatre has postponed its new concert called "Elemental," a piece inspired by the periodic table. Lawson worked with chemist Josh Kurutz over the course of a year produce the company's only concert this year. They will continue rehearsals at Volta Dance, a studio that, as of now, remains open.

"We're hopeful that, in the next couple weeks, things will be better," said Bjerke on Saturday. "We want to keep the momentum going. We heard from one of our musicians, who was really grateful that we are continuing, because she's had a lot of things cancelled. To know that this show is still happening is a really good thing for her."

"We like to remain positive," said Lawson. "That's how people who make art are helpful in times like this. We're here to show there's something past this tragic time."

For companies like Lawson Dance Theatre and Movement Revolution Dance Crew, compared to large institutions, ticket revenue is a major percentage of

their overall budgets. So, a single performance can be a deciding factor in whether or not they remain open.

In many cases, dancers and other collaborators (musicians, set and lighting designers, stage crew, costumers, etc.) are also working on per-project stipends, supplementing their income in the service and gig economies.

"The nonprofit dance economy is not outside of the larger economy," said Leopold. "Not only will nonprofit dance companies suffer, but the larger structures that allow dancers to accept minimum wage or below for professional work will buckle."

Emily Loar said she got lucky that the company she co-directs, Project Bound Dance, finished its spring production three weeks ago. But Loar pays the bills working as a barista and bartender. "It wasn't nuts, but it was busy," she said Sunday about her shift the previous day. "I work at a very new shop with fewer than 15 employees. None of us have health insurance, including my boss. He's keeping the shop open because he has to." This was before the latest Illinois order to close bars and restaurants. "We're going to keep going to work until someone tells us we can't."

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Mercedes introduces another affordable SUV — the GLB 250

We've all seen it happen — luxury brands that lose cachet after confusing class production for mass production solely in the name of profits.

True luxury brands are rare and rarely seen but highly coveted — like a Hermes Birkin bag. Then there are designers like Ralph Lauren, whose Purple Label consists of clothing of the highest quality, made in some of the world's finest workshops. Of course, you're more likely to associate Lauren with the piles of poorly made Polo shirts and chinos that litter the aisles of Macy's; Purple Label is more of a loss-leader marketing exercise meant to maintain the upscale illusion of his mainstream merch.

The same tragic down-market slide happens to cars, and one has to wonder, is it happening to Mercedes-Benz? The thought occurs as the company expands its portfolio of lower-priced front-wheel-drive vehicles, which include the GLA, CLA, A-Class and the new for 2020 Mercedes-Benz GLB 250 4Matic.

The new SUV slots between the smaller front-wheel-drive GLA and the larger rear-wheel-drive, but still compact, GLC. At 111.4 inches, the GLB's wheelbase is 5.1 inches longer than the GLA, but overall length is 1.7 inches shorter than the GLC. At 182 inches long, it's fairly large for a compact, offering a surprisingly spacious cabin with two rows or three. And it seems somewhat affordable given that the front-wheel-drive GLB 250 starts at \$36,600, with all-wheel drive costing an extra \$2,000, along with a \$995 destination charge.

But the GLB is affordable only if one goes easy on the options.

For example, the GLB's leather seats? A \$1,400 option. Then there is the AMG sport steering wheel (\$360), 20-inch AMG wheels (\$1,050), heated and ventilated seats (\$1,030), Panoramic sunroof (\$1,500), adjustable suspension damping (\$900), SiriusXM Satellite Radio (\$460), and a Burmeister surround sound system (\$350). But you have to wonder why increasingly common items like ambient lighting (\$310), and wireless charging mat (\$200) aren't standard.

The test car also had a number of packages, such as the "Premium Package" that includes the center 10.25-inch digital display, 10.25-inch digital instrument cluster, and auto-dimming rearview and side mirrors. There's also the worthwhile \$2,250 "Driver's Assistance Package" that adds brake assist, cross traffic alert, blind spot detection, active cruise control, lane keeping assist, lane changing assist, emergency stop assist and evasive steering assist. There is also a \$1,090 "Parking Assistance Package" that allows the car to park itself, a \$900 "Exterior Lighting Package" with active LED headlamps and automatic high beams, an \$1,150 "Multimedia Package" that adds a navigation system with augmented reality and speed limit assist, a \$400 "Night Package" that adds high gloss black exterior trim, and \$2,250 worth of "AMG Line" trim along with front perforated discs.

The bottom line was \$57,475. I wondered what the vehicle would be like with the \$17,880 worth of options eliminated. It must have all the charm of a taxi cab, for the luxury is optional.

Nevertheless, the Monroney sticker had answered my question. Given that many of the optional items are standard on less-expensive cars, Mercedes-Benz is indeed a luxury automaker, and the GLB 250 is a laudable addition to the luxury brand.

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ASSUMED NAMES

Notice is hereby given, Pursuant to "An Act in Relation to the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in the State" as amended, that a Certification was filed by the Undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County File No. **Y20003281** on the Date: **February 26, 2020** Under the Assumed Name of: **SIMPLY DIVINE II** with the business located at: **4643 S WABASH AVENUE UNIT 210 CHICAGO, IL, 60653** The true name and residence Address of the owner is: **MARISHA UNDERWOOD 4643 S WABASH AVENUE UNIT 210 CHICAGO, IL, 60653**
3/6, 3/13, 3/20/2020 6625579

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

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 March 25, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. in accordance with Executive Order 20-0-1.

Very truly yours,
/s/KAREN A. YARBROUGH, Cook County Clerk and Clerk of the Board of the Commissioners of Cook County, Illinois
3/16-3/25/2020 6634018

COUNTY OF COOK OFFICE OF THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FACILITIES MANAGEMENT INVITATION FOR BID (IFB) FOR BATTERIES AND BATTERY CHARGERS IFB NO.: 1945-18089
IFB Document: The IFB document is available for download at: <https://legacy.cookcountyl.gov/purchasing/bids/listAllBids.php>

Contact Person: If you are not able to download the IFB or if you have other questions, please contact Angelique Randle, Contract Negotiator, at (312) 603-4478 or angelique.randle@cookcountyl.gov

Questions/Questions can be submitted in writing to the contact person above until 12:00 PM (CST) on June 3, 2020.

Bid Due Date, Time and Location: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at 10:00 AM (CST) Office of the Chief Procurement Officer Cook County Building 118 N. Clark Street, Room 1018 Chicago, Illinois 60602

Toni Preckwinkle, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners
Raffi Sarrafian, Chief Procurement Officer

Late Bids Will Not Be Accepted
3/20/20 6635597

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF COOK

In the matter of the revision of the assessment of Real Property for 2020:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the provisions of

Section 14-35 of the Illinois Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/14-35) that the Assessor of Cook County will sit for the purpose of reviewing the proposed 2020 assessment of Real Property located in the following township(s) or taxing district(s) in Cook County.

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Identified also as Area(s) 23, under the Permanent Real Estate Index Numbering System of Cook County.

The last date within which applications for revisions of assessment (Real Estate Assessed Valuation Appeals) may be filed for consideration at such sitting is April 23, 2020.

Such sitting will be held at the office of the Assessor of Cook County, Room 301, in the County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602, and will continue thereafter from day to day as necessary until all such revisions in said township(s) or taxing district(s) have been completed.

Done by the Assessor of Cook County this 20th day of March, 2020.

FRITZ KAEGI
ASSESSOR OF COOK COUNTY
3/20 & 3/27/2020 6632989

LEGAL NOTICE

Toni Preckwinkle, President of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, has directed me to cancel the Meeting of the Cook County Board of Commissioners scheduled for March 26, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in accordance with Executive Order 20-0-3. Very truly yours,
/s/KAREN A. YARBROUGH, Cook County Clerk and Clerk of the Board of the Commissioners of Cook County, Illinois
3/19, 3/20, 3/21, 3/22, 3/23, 3/24, 3/25, 3/26 6635732

FORECLOSURES

MANLEY, DEAS, KOCHALSKI LLC One East Wacker - Suite 1250 Chicago, IL 60601 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A MR. COOPER, Plaintiff, v. UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; LOLLITA SMITH; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JEARLINE SMITH, DECEASED; THOMAS P. QUINN, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR JEARLINE SMITH, DECEASED; JEARLINE SMITH; LEE ANDREW SMITH; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND BENEFICIARIES OF ANDERSON SMITH, DECEASED, Defendants. Case No. 2019CH06311 The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, The Unknown Heirs and Beneficiaries of Anderson Smith, deceased, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois by the said plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit: Lot 41 (except the West 17 feet thereof taken for street) in block 12 in East Washington Heights, being a Subdivision of the West half of the Northwest Quarter and the Southwest Quarter of Section 9, Township 37 North, Range 14, East of the Third Principal Meridian in Cook County, Illinois, 9717 South Halsted Street, Chicago, IL 60628 25-09-116-008-0000 Now, therefore, unless you, The Unknown Heirs and Beneficiaries of Anderson Smith, deceased, and the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Clerk of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois, on or before April 6, 2020, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/faq/gethelp.asp> or contact the Clerk of the Court, Shara A. Netterstrom (6294499) MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601 Phone: 312-651-6700; Fax: 614-220-5613 Atty. No.: 48928 Email: sef-sanettestrom@manleydeas.com One of Plaintiff's Attorneys 3/6, 13, 20/2020 6625345

FORECLOSURES

STATE OF ILLINOIS FIRM NO: 40466 COUNTY OF COOK IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS - CHANCERY DIVISION - WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY FS, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE OF HOME PRESERVATION PARTNERSHIP TRUST Plaintiff, vs. DONALD X MURRAY AND NADINE MURRAY; JOANNE MURRAY; PATRICIA NOWISZEWSKI; DAVID MURRAY; MARILYN STRANGE; THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS Property Address: 10320 S SEELEY AVE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60643 Defendants) NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF DONALD X MURRAY, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF NADINE MURRAY AND UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, defendants in the above entitled cause, that suit has been commenced against you and other defendants in the Circuit Court for the Judicial Circuit by said plaintiff praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: ALL THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS AND OTHERWISE MAKE FIVE (5) FEET OF LOT TWO (2) AND THE NORTH HALF OF LOT THREE (3) IN BLOCK TWO (2) IN CHAMBERS AND SPRINGERS SUBDIVISION OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE NORTH EAST QUARTER OF THE NORTH WEST QUARTER OF SECTION EIGHTEEN (18), TOWNSHIP THIRTYSEVEN (37) NORTH, RANGE FOURTEEN (14), EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Commonly Known As: 10320 S SEELEY AVE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60643 Property Index Number: 25-18-106-024 and which said Mortgage was made by DONALD X MURRAY and NADINE MURRAY as Mortgage(s) to METLIFE HOME LOANS, A DIVISION OF METLIFE BANK, N.A. as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 0912017031 and for other relief; that Summons was duly issued out of the above Court against you as provided by law and that said suit is now pending. NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Cook County on or before April 13, 2020, a default may be taken against you at any time after that date and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Date: March 10, 2020 By: Gersilda Bacì, Attorney Eric Feldman & Associates, P.C. Firm No: 40466 Eric Feldman & Associates, PC | Attorneys for Plaintiff 123 W. Madison, Suite 1704 | Chicago, IL 60602 P: 312.344.3529 | F: 877.571.4228 Firm No: 40466 | paralegal@efalaw.com 3/13, 3/20, 3/27/2020 6631616

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STATE OF ILLINOIS FIRM NO: 40466 COUNTY OF COOK IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS - CHANCERY DIVISION - WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY FS, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE OF HOME PRESERVATION PARTNERSHIP TRUST Plaintiff, vs. DAMON RITENHOUSE, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR LILLIE H REID; KATIE WALKER; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF LILLIE H REID; THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants. Case No. 2019 CH 10434 Cal: 56 Property Address: 10225 S BEVERLY AVE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60643 NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF LILLIE H REID AND UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, defendants in the above entitled cause, that suit has been commenced against you and other defendants in the Circuit Court for the Judicial Circuit by said plaintiff praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: LOT 45 AND THE SOUTH ½ OF LOT 44 IN BLOCK 1 IN WASHINGTON HEIGHTS, LYING AND BEING IN THE SOUTHWEST ¼ OF SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 37 NORTH, RANGE 14, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Commonly Known As: 10225 S BEVERLY AVE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60643 Property Index Number: 25-08-308-037-0000 and 25-08-308-038-0000 VOL. 455 and which said Mortgage was made by LILLIE H. REID as Mortgage(s) to OPEN MORTGAGE, LLC as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 081298268 and for other relief; that Summons was duly issued out of the above Court against you as provided by law and that said suit is now pending. NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Cook County on or before April 13, 2020, a default may be taken against you at any time after that date and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Date: March 10, 2020 By: Gersilda Bacì, Attorney Eric Feldman & Associates, P.C. Firm No: 40466 Eric Feldman & Associates, PC | Attorneys for Plaintiff 123 W. Madison, Suite 1704 | Chicago, IL 60602 P: 312.344.3529 | F: 877.571.4228 Firm No: 40466 | paralegal@efalaw.com 3/13, 3/20, 3/27/2020 663169

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MANLEY, DEAS, KOCHALSKI LLC One East Wacker - Suite 1250 Chicago, IL 60601 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff, v. MISAEI SILVA, EDGAR SILVA, MARIA LUISA SILVA; STATE OF ILLINOIS; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants, Case No. 2020CH01792 The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Misael Silva, Maria Luisa Silva, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois by the said plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit: Lot 7 and the North 1/2 of Lot 8 in Block 26 in Grant Locomotive Works addition to Chicago, in Section 21, Township 39 North, Range 13, East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Cook County, Illinois, 1312 South 49th Avenue, Cicero, IL 60804-0000 16-21-213-027-0000 Now, therefore, unless you, Misael Silva, Maria Luisa Silva, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, and the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Clerk of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois, on or before April 6, 2020, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/faq/gethelp.asp> or contact the Clerk of this Court, Zachariah L. Manchester (6303885) MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601 Phone: 312-651-6700; Fax: 614-220-5613 Atty. No.: 48928 Email: sef-zlmanchester@manleydeas.com One of Plaintiff's Attorneys 3/6, 13, 20/2020 6625300

FORECLOSURES

STATE OF ILLINOIS FIRM NO: 40466 COUNTY OF COOK IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS - CHANCERY DIVISION - WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY FS, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE OF HOME PRESERVATION PARTNERSHIP TRUST Plaintiff, vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF LESSIE M JACKSON; DAMON RITENHOUSE, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR LESSIE M JACKSON; CASSANDRA TAYLOR; THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants. Case No. 2019 CH 10749 Cal: 56 Property Address: 9209 SOUTH PRAIRIE AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60619 NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF LESSIE M JACKSON AND UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, defendants in the above entitled cause, that suit has been commenced against you and other defendants in the Circuit Court for the Judicial Circuit by said plaintiff praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: LOT 234 OF WEST CHESTERFIELD HOMES A SUBDIVISION OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO COUNTY OF COOK STATE OF ILLINOIS, ACCORDING TO THE RECORD RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF DEEDS OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS ON THE 14TH DAY OF DECEMBER 1948 AS DOCUMENT NO 14461739 AND NOW OF RECORD IN BOOK 374 OF PLATS AT PAGES 37 38 AND 39 THEREOF TOWNSHIP 39 NORTH, RANGE 13, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Commonly Known As: 9209 SOUTH PRAIRIE AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60619 Property Index Number: 25-03-311-040-0000 and which said Mortgage was made by LESSIE M. JACKSON as Mortgage(s) to AMERIFUND FINANCIAL INC, DBA ALL FUND MORTGAGE as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 0606627080 and for other relief; that Summons was duly issued out of the above Court against you as provided by law and that said suit is now pending. NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Cook County on or before April 13, 2020, a default may be taken against you at any time after that date and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Date: March 10, 2020 By: Gersilda Bacì, Attorney Eric Feldman & Associates, P.C. Firm No: 40466 Eric Feldman & Associates, PC | Attorneys for Plaintiff 123 W. Madison, Suite 1704 | Chicago, IL 60602 P: 312.344.3529 | F: 877.571.4228 Firm No: 40466 | paralegal@efalaw.com 3/13, 3/20, 3/27/2020 6631530

FORECLOSURES

MANLEY, DEAS, KOCHALSKI LLC One East Wacker - Suite 1250 Chicago, IL 60601 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, SELECT PORTFOLIO SERVICING, INC., Plaintiff, v. CASSANDRA WELCH, AKA CASSANDRA P WELCH; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. Case No. 2020CH01638 The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Cassandra Welch, AKA Cassandra P. Welch, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois by the said plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit: Lot 37 in Block 7 in Chatham Fields, a Subdivision of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 34, Township 38 North, Range 14, East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Cook County, Illinois, 7918 South Eberhart, Chicago, IL 60619 20-34-201-019-0000 Now, therefore, unless you, Cassandra Welch, AKA Cassandra P. Welch, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, and the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Clerk of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois, on or before April 6, 2020, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/faq/gethelp.asp> or contact the Clerk of this Court, Zachariah L. Manchester (6303885) MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601 Phone: 312-651-6700; Fax: 614-220-5613 Atty. No.: 48928 Email: sef-zlmanchester@manleydeas.com One of Plaintiff's Attorneys 3/6, 13, 20/2020 6625305

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MANLEY, DEAS, KOCHALSKI LLC One East Wacker - Suite 1250 Chicago, IL 60601 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A MR. COOPER, Plaintiff, v. LAVONE NAWLS, AKA LAVONE T. NAWLS; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants, Case No. 2020CH01514 The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Lavone Nawls, AKA Lavone T. Nawls, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois by the said plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit: Lot 33 (except the North 5 feet) in Block 34 in Cottage Grove Heights Addition, a subdivision of part of the North 1/2 of Section 11, Township 37 North, Range 14, East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Cook County Illinois, 9534 South Avalon Avenue, Chicago, IL 60628 25-11-200-046-0000 Now, therefore, unless you, Lavone Nawls, AKA Lavone T. Nawls, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, and the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Clerk of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois, on or before April 6, 2020, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/faq/gethelp.asp> or contact the Clerk of this Court, Shanna L. Bacher (6302793) MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601 Phone: 312-651-6700; Fax: 614-220-5613 Atty. No.: 48928 Email: sef-slbacher@manleydeas.com One of Plaintiff's Attorneys 3/6, 13, 20/2020 6624976

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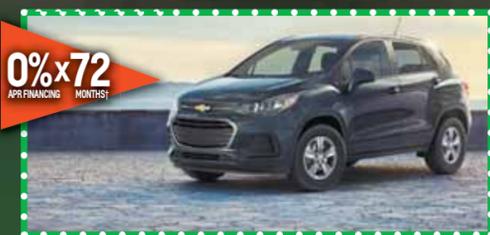


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