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A 'humble leader' for the CPD

Mayor announces former Dallas police Chief David Brown as choice for police superintendent

BY JEREMY GORNER
AND GREGORY PRATT

Mayor Lori Lightfoot announced her choice of former Dallas police Chief David Brown as the next Chicago police superintendent Thursday, calling him the "humble leader" the city needs to lead it through its violence problem and the unfolding coronavirus emergency.

The selection of Brown, chosen from among the three finalists for the job named by the Chicago Police Board this week, was a crucial choice for Lightfoot, who

picked a permanent top cop for the first time since being elected mayor last year.

At a news conference Thursday making the announcement, Lightfoot said Brown in Dallas made it a mission to bring peace to neighborhoods, and led initiatives on accountability and transparency. Highlighting Brown's lifelong history of overcoming adversity and track record of reducing crime in that city, Lightfoot declared him the best man for the job here.

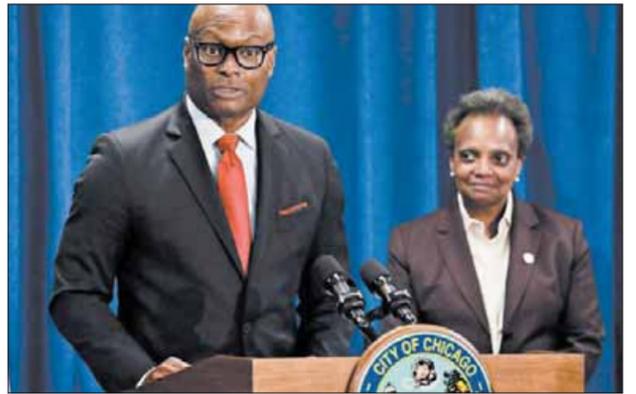
"In this time, in this moment, the Chicago Police Department — indeed our city — needs this hum-

ble leader," Lightfoot said. "A man of integrity whose mettle was forged in tragedy," she said, mentioning his time leading the department through a mass shooting in 2016 that took the lives of several police officers.

"I know well that a person's true character comes through in crisis," she said, adding Brown stepped up and showed exceptional leadership. She said when she watched news reports about the shooting four years ago, she couldn't have imagined the day when she would be mayor of Chicago and choosing him to lead the city's police force.

As the Dallas police chief,

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Former Dallas police Chief David Brown is introduced by Mayor Lori Lightfoot on Thursday as her choice for Chicago police superintendent.

CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK



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Sweet Vivares Yee, a nurse at the University of Illinois at Chicago, tosses her clothing in the washing machine after returning home from work.

'I tell my wife to get away'

Fear of infecting family is one more burden of Chicago nurses, doctors and other workers

BY ALISON BOWEN

Home should be a refuge. But for people reporting to a hospital during the coronavirus crisis, home is just one more place to dread.

Doctors, nurses and others working at Illinois hospitals where COVID-19 patients are being treated fear returning to their families, who might be more at risk because of invisible dangers they unwittingly bring

home. Each has a routine. It usually looks like this: Disrobe. Leave scrubs in the garage. Bleach shoes. Run in the shower. No hugs from the children, no welcome from a spouse. Shower, scrub.

For Terence Yee, an intensive care unit nurse at the University of Illinois at Chicago, there is no option but to come home. He and his wife, Sweet Vivares Yee, are both nurses; they have three

teenagers to take care of.

Both enter through the garage. They take off all of the scrubs from work. They put them directly into the washing machine. Shoes stay in a nearby plastic container. Walking into the house, they go directly to the shower.

Only after a hot shower does he return to begin the laundry. This, he hopes, will protect their daughters.

"We have to change the way we come home," he said. "You don't want to take it home."

Yee said they take vitamins to try to remain as healthy and

resilient as possible; other health care workers who shared their processes mentioned taking household temperatures at night or washing a jacket with soap and water.

One doctor sent an example of a 10-step list she has sent to colleagues, which begins with "shower if possible and change out of work clothes" and includes cleaning steering wheels, wiping down keys, pens and glasses, and keeping one's phone in a clear, zip-close bag. The list ends with the note: "You are clean. Relax."

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Jobless records shattered across US

Unemployment claims in Illinois top 178K; nationally 6.6M apply

BY MARY WISNIEWSKI

More than 178,000 Illinois residents applied for unemployment insurance benefits last week, as the number of workers who have lost their jobs due to the coronavirus pandemic continues to swell.

The surge in jobless claims in Illinois — up about 50% from the 114,000 reported for the week ended March 21 — comes as many struggle to file for benefits. With Illinois unemployment offices closed due to the pandemic, the state's computer systems have been overwhelmed, and many applicants have had trouble getting through.

The state said last week that additional steps were being taken to handle the "unprecedented volume" of applications, with new hardware infrastructure on the website, and increased call center capacity and staff.

But people who are newly unemployed say they continue to be frustrated by online glitches and trouble getting through by phone. The system went down for more than an hour on Thursday morning, and Gov. J. B. Pritzker acknowledged there weren't enough people to handle all the claims.

"I called yesterday all day long," said Nicole Morsut, of Round Lake, who has been trying to get benefits since March 20, after being furloughed from a retail sales job.

"The crazy part is you can get

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MORE COVERAGE

New campaign: As the state added more than 700 new cases and 16 deaths, Gov. J.B. Pritzker announced a celebrity-filled promotional drive to encourage residents to stay home. **Page 7**

First police death: Chicago police officer Marco DiFranco, 50, is the first cop in the department to die of coronavirus. **Page 6**

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Does wearing a mask in public help slow spread?

Signs indicate that face coverings could help 'flatten the curve'

BY HAL DARDICK

For weeks, officials from the White House to Chicago's City Hall told people that wearing a face mask in public isn't necessary as the novel coronavirus spread — and that it could even cause more harm than good.

But other countries took a different route, especially some Asian nations — including South Korea, Hong Kong and Singapore — where mask wearing became common practice. In Europe, the Czech Republic went so far as to require that people wear masks when they venture from their



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Jimmy Smart, 32, wears a mask while walking in Chicago's Streeterville neighborhood.

homes. Public health officials in those nations contend that widespread mask use limited the scope of their outbreaks, or "flattened the curve" in pandemic.

Medical professionals are taking notice, and some are now

pressing for more frequent mask wearing. Writing in the British medical journal *The Lancet*, a group of scientists suggested "universal use of face masks could be considered if supplies permit."

The supply question is key, especially amid a grave shortage of the masks used by front-line medical workers in the United States. Advocates say they aren't encouraging people to buy specialized N95 respirator masks or even regular surgical masks. Clean, homemade cloth masks that cover the nose and mouth will do the trick, they say.

"I think if everyone used masks, it would decrease the amount of transmission of the virus," said Dr. Rahul Khare, CEO of the Innovative Express Care immediate care facility on the North Side. "By

putting a face mask over your nose and mouth, you're decreasing the amount of the virus particles and therefore decreasing transmission rates."

Khare said he wants government officials to switch gears and advise people to wear masks if they must leave their homes. The White House on Thursday was finalizing a recommendation that many U.S. residents wear face coverings when they go out, according to published reports, and Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti urged his city's residents to wear masks outside.

The science is not definitive, and experts' opinions are not unanimous. Surgeon General Jerome Adams this week was still

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Ed Farmer waves from a broadcast booth as the White Sox host the Royals in 2017.



JOHN KASS

South Side kid and voice of the Sox: Ed Farmer, RIP

After days of bad coronavirus news and thick gray skies, there was finally some sun.

And it felt, finally, like baseball. The mind reaches out for it, the memory of a glove on your hand, the leather weight of it, playing fast pitch against some church wall with your friends.

Then came word that the kid from Chicago, that South Side pitcher from St. Rita, had died.

Ed Farmer, White Sox All-Star and radio voice of the Sox for 30 years, was gone. Sox fans knew that for years he'd courageously fought polycystic kidney disease.

"I just loved the game of baseball," he said in one of the interviews I found online. "I had a glove my mom got at the five-and-dime store at Kresge's."

Speaking of that first glove, he smiled, a universal smile, the way everybody smiles when thinking of their first glove.

"Farmio" was from 79th and Francisco, learned to play catch there in the alley with his friend Charlie. He was of St. Thomas More Roman Catholic Parish and loved Notre Dame.

If you're from some other place, some Arlington or leafy Bethesda, or sun-cracked Albuquerque or a San Jose, then place markers like 79th and Francisco, and Chicago alleys, parishes and neighborhoods might not mean that much to you.

Fat Johnnie's Famous Red Hots might not mean much to you, either.

But to many Sox fans that kind of thing means a lot, because it meant Farmer was of here, of the South Side, one of us.

A kind gentleman and friend to many off the field, he was a battler on the mound. He once broke slugger Al Cowens' jaw (and popped out a few teeth) with a fastball. A year later, Farmer again faced Cowens, who hit a ground ball.

Farmer turned to watch the play and Cowens attacked him from behind. It was a cowardly move and launched one of the more spectacular

baseball brawls. Sox manager Tony La Russa's mullet went wild.

"This is better than Leonard-Duran," shouted Harry Caray, before he left Sox Park to sell beer at Wrigley.

For decades we listened to Farmio calling the games in that famous monotone of his, telling those stories about his curveball and St. Rita that we all knew by heart. If you tuned in late and didn't know the score, you'd know by the sound of his voice if the Sox were down.

Baseball on the radio is a pleasure, and we listened to him from our cars and porches. I'd listen to him out in my garden, with a can of beer when he partnered with the great John Rooney, and Chris Singleton and for years now, his friend Darrin Jackson.

When the Sox were putrid, Farmer would get glum, like Hawk Harrelson would on TV. The sullen broadcast silences and sighs were positively Homeric.

Now the Sox have built a good, young, threatening ballclub, but Hawk has retired, and Farmio is gone. It seems unfair, worse with the season cut to pieces because of coronavirus. But it is just sport, not life, and Thursday's news that veteran Chicago police Officer Marco DiFranco had died at 50 is a reminder that the war against COVID-19 is a desperate one.

Yet perhaps because of the dread and the weight of morbid projections, we yearn for escape, for sports. Was it just days ago that I'd wondered about the relevance of sports talk radio without real games to discuss?

But there I was in need, and so I turned on the "Mully & Haugh" morning show on WSCR, to get help from the guys in mentally distancing myself from the virus and to hear more about Farmio.

Mitch Rosen, WSCR program director, was on, and told a great story. Many White Sox fans heard it Thursday morning, but on the chance that you haven't heard it, let Rosen tell it again.

"When Ed was 13 or 14 years old,

he and his brothers had a goal, to see Yankee Stadium, where Mickey Mantle and Joe DiMaggio played. He told me this story," Rosen said on the broadcast.

Farmer's mom didn't have much money. But her sons loved baseball, and they wanted to see that great ballpark. She saved and saved and took them on a trip to the East Coast. And there, finally, it was in front of them, Yankee Stadium.

"The Yankees were out of town," Rosen said. "So, they go up to the gate. There was a security guard there. And she said, 'I'm here from Chicago and my sons, all they want to do is go inside Yankee Stadium. They just want to see it.'"

"And the security guard was a real jerk and he said, 'No, ma'am. Get lost.' Ed always remembered the security guard was missing a thumb. Somehow, somehow, the security guard did not have a thumb," Rosen said.

Now fast-forward about 10 years. Farmer was in his early 20s, in the big leagues, in the visiting bullpen at Yankee Stadium. He was called in to pitch. As Rosen retold the story, a golf cart, shaped like baseball, arrived and Farmer got in for his ride to the mound. Who's driving?

"It's the same blank-blank that told his mother (to get lost)," Rosen said. "How does Ed know that? He was missing a thumb. And he says, 'You son of a blank, you didn't let my mother and my brothers in, and now I'm blanking pitching in Yankee Stadium. And you can go blank yourself: 'A great Ed Farmer story.'"

Yes, Mitch, it was a great Ed Farmer story.

A Sox fan's story, pure 79th and Francisco.

Farmio. RIP.

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If you get virus, would you, should you, go public?



MARY SCHMICH

If you were to get the new coronavirus, would you, should you, let it be widely known?

Or to put it another way: Would you want to keep it secret?

As more of us contract the wildly contagious disease officially known as COVID-19, this thorny question presses in. You may not know anyone yet who has it. I don't. Or, more likely, I probably do, it's just that those people haven't been identified to me.

Whether or not we feel our own health directly affected yet, all of us watch the growing infection count and we've all heard of famous people who've caught the virus. Three weeks ago — which in virus time feels like three centuries — Tom Hanks and Rita Wilson were the first of the famous to say so. Now the list of coronavirus celebrities is long: Boris Johnson, John Prine, Prince Charles, Idris Elba, Sophie Gregoire Trudeau, to name a few. There's another shorter, but significant, list of those who have died.

But even as COVID-19 seems to be all around us, it also seems to come with an aura of secrecy. Workplaces may notify workers that a co-worker has contracted the virus, but they're unlikely to say who. The media sometimes use phrases like "admitted he had the disease" or "revealed he had the disease," as if saying you have it is something to confess or hide.

There are variety of reasons — involving the legal and personal intricacies of privacy — why an individual might prefer not to acknowledge having COVID-19, and that a workplace might not tell. But when a disease is this contagious and threatens public health, would it be better if everyone who had it simply said so?

The other day I posted the question on Facebook — If you were to get the new coronavirus would you, should you, let it be widely known? — and response flooded in. A big majority said yes. A sampling of why:

So people can see how real this is.



A woman walks by windows bearing the words "WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER" outside the Aloft hotel in the Gold Coast neighborhood Wednesday.

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There cannot be shame in contracting a pandemic virus. It is our responsibility to look out for one another and part of that is being transparent about exposure to keep those around us safe.

Absolutely. A lot of us will get this — I already know folks who have it or have had it — and we need to eliminate the stigma around it.

Several Facebook commenters, however, said they wouldn't share the news, certainly not widely, if at all. One woman said she feared it would have repercussions for her job. One said she worried she'd be shunned by friends.

Another woman, making it clear that she would share it with anyone she had been in recent contact with, expressed this reservation: "The reason I wouldn't share it more widely would have more to do with my need to heal — physically and emotionally — than it would with any matter of privacy rights."

Several years ago she had a

medical emergency that leaves her more vulnerable now to the coronavirus.

"Every time a new set of people learned what I was going through, I received a new wave of very well-meaning calls, texts, emails. I was so grateful for all of it, but it also — in that moment — overwhelmed me and stressed me out because I didn't have the energy to reply."

Those are reasonable concerns. So are the concerns that secrecy leads to stigma. I took the question to Valerie Gutmann Koch, the director of Law & Ethics at the University of Chicago's MacLean Center for Clinical Medical Ethics.

"At the beginning of any outbreak, people are going to be more reluctant to share," Koch said. "That's part of human nature. There is this feeling that they're responsible for their own diagnoses, the concern that people are going to judge them and say they didn't take adequate precautions. The more patients

are diagnosed with coronavirus and test positive, the more access there is to testing, the more open individuals will probably feel about their diagnoses."

She notes that a majority of the population will be affected or have someone they love affected by this disease, and that's likely to dissipate much of the stigma. Nevertheless, in the first phase of the outbreak many people will be hesitant to say they have it, which is why it can be useful when famous people do.

"But," Koch added, noting that some media print lists of celebrities with the disease, "there's a weird undercurrent of: Why do we want to know this? It becomes like slowing down to see a car wreck, this weird uncomfortable interest in other people's suffering. You have to put that up against the notion that those in the public eye should be telling the world — to make it more understandable, so more people get tested and socially distance and flatten the curve and get us

out of this sooner?"

And if Koch were to get it, would she say so publicly? Yes, she said, "to put a face on it."

"As a medical ethicist, part of my job is education and outreach," she said. "I don't want to make it less scary — it's scary — but if I can make it more understandable, I would. But that's not everyone's position."

As for myself, I'm pretty sure I'd let it be known, and for similar reasons. And yet it's hard to know for sure what you'd do when you're sick until you're sick.

A lot more of us are going to get sick from the coronavirus, and the privacy issues go beyond the simple question I've asked. But it's worth asking yourself now, while you're healthy, what you think the best thing would be to do if you do get sick with the virus in this strange time when our private health is so connected to our public well-being.

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A baby book in thrift store led to priceless find



HEIDI STEVENS
Balancing Act

Stacy Myszewski purchased a box of old books from the Salvation Army near her Janesville, Wisconsin, home a few winters ago, figuring maybe she'd find a treasure or two buried within.

She sorted through the books at home, tossing the hopelessly damaged ones and keeping the rest. At the bottom of the box, she discovered a beautiful white book with periwinkle flowers and gold lettering on the cover: "Our Baby's History."

"I thought, 'Who would put that in a box to donate?'" Myszewski said.

She and her family were about to move, so she placed the book in a box with her daughters' baby things, figuring she'd get back to it when they settled in their new house and life calmed down.

Few would describe life as calm right now, but Myszewski has found herself, like a lot of us, with unexpected time at home. An administrative assistant for the Janesville school district, she's now working full time from her house. The family's social life and all nonessential errands have been put on hold.

"I thought, 'I have time now,'" Myszewski said. "I'm going to find an owner for this book."

A friend suggested she post pictures from the book on Facebook, which she did March 30. Another friend suggested she join ancestry.com, which she also did.

The baby, named Carolyn Lily Goosey, was born in Chicago on Aug. 18, 1905, according to the book, so Myszewski emailed the Chicago Tribune as well.

"I am not sure if your paper ever runs stories that assist with these kind of circumstances," she wrote, "but I thought I would ask."

By the time I reached Myszewski, she hardly needed our assistance. Her Facebook and ancestry.com efforts provided a bounty of information and even secured a new home for the baby book.

But I wanted to tell the story anyway, because it's a lovely little tale of human connection in a



STACY MYSZEWSKI

A photo from the baby book Stacy Myszewski found in a box of old books she purchased from a thrift store in Janesville, Wisconsin.

time when we need those connections to sustain us.

A close-up photo of Carolyn's parents' names from the baby book led one of Myszewski's Facebook friends to a record from the Indiana Archives and Records Administration, listing Carolyn as having died in Clarksville, Indiana, on Aug. 29, 1990. That record helped Myszewski track down Carolyn's official death certificate, which she posted on Facebook.

Meanwhile, Myszewski emailed several people who listed a Carolyn Goosey on their ancestry.com family trees.

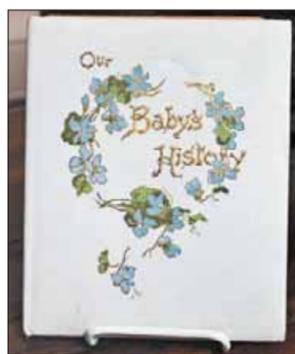
"I gave them my email and told them where to find the post on Facebook," Myszewski said.

"Boom, boom, boom, I started getting responses. 'I know her this way.' 'I'm related to her this way.' It just blew up within a day."

A woman named Erin Stone Taylor wrote on Myszewski's Facebook post, "Carolyn was my 2nd cousin 3x removed, but I never knew her."

But she knew a lot about her. "Grandpa Goosey was William Levitt Goosey," she wrote. "He was an English immigrant, having arrived at age 10 with his parents and two sisters. My 3rd great-grandmother was William's sister. The family settled in the Sheldon, Illinois, area."

William had a son named Charles Albert Goosey, who married Carolyn "Carrie"



Stacy Myszewski found a baby book in a box of old books she purchased from a thrift store in Janesville, Wisconsin, where she lives.

Gassman in 1903. In 1905, in Chicago, they had Carolyn Lily.

Taylor, who lives in Bowling Green, Kentucky, has been researching genealogy for 20 years. She was delighted to hear from Myszewski through ancestry.com.

"I've declared Stacy an honorary Goosey family member," Taylor told me Thursday. "She rescued this piece of our family's history."

Taylor alerted a relative named Emma Jane Light, a first cousin of Carolyn, about the baby book.

Light lives in Sheldon, a small village in eastern Illinois. Taylor was planning to visit Light in May to swap family history stories and artifacts, but that trip's been postponed because of coronavirus.

Taylor did put Light in touch with Myszewski though, and Myszewski has decided to mail the baby book to Light.

"I never felt like it was mine to keep," Myszewski said. "I just wanted to find it a home. It's not a person, but I just felt like it needed a home. I know I would treasure something like this from a great-grandpa or a great-great-aunt."

Another person Myszewski reached out to through ancestry.com, George Landry, also came to the Facebook post.

"My grandmother and her mother were sisters," Landry wrote on Myszewski's page. "They were part of the Gassman family of Olney, Illinois. Their father was famous for their ice cream. People came for miles around to have some of the ice cream."

Myszewski is mailing Landry a

loose photograph that was tucked inside the baby book. It shows baby Carolyn being held by her mother — Landry's grandmother's sister.

As far as anyone can tell, Carolyn didn't have children. None are listed on her death certificate or in her obituary. Taylor's research indicates Carolyn was divorced sometime before 1940 and she died at age 85 at a nursing home. She was buried at a cemetery in Jeffersonville, Indiana.

"Finding out what I did is kind of sad," Myszewski said. "I don't know if she died and her stuff was just put in a box and no one claimed it and eventually it was just donated."

Myszewski would love to know how the baby book ended up in Janesville, a town with no known connections to Carolyn. She'd love to see a photo of Carolyn as an adult.

"She was just the most beautiful little baby girl!" Myszewski said.

Taylor is hoping the book will cement a few more connections — within the family or outside of it.

One photo shows Carolyn with a bespectacled nurse. Taylor believes her to be named Jenny Williams, based on records showing who was present at Carolyn's birth.

"I did a little bit of searching for her but I kind of hit a dead end," Taylor said. "There may be a family who's never seen a photo of Jenny and now they could."

Taylor figures Jenny was born sometime in the 1850s, based on the age she appears to be in the photo.

And when Taylor's trip to Light's Sheldon home gets rescheduled — July, maybe — the two of them can page through Carolyn's baby book together.

"It was nice that so many people reached out and wanted to help find this baby book a home," Myszewski said. "Anytime you go on Facebook anymore, it's about all the horrors in the world. Anything about family right now is welcome."

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Prosecutors: Teen slain after \$5K bounty placed on her head

18-year-old, who was pregnant, had testified months earlier in murder trial

BY MEGAN CREPEAU

Treja Kelley had been hesitant to come forward after witnessing the murder of her 17-year-old cousin.

But she found the courage to take the stand at the trial last year. She helped secure a guilty verdict. And then a \$5,000 bounty was placed on her head, Cook County prosecutors said Thursday.

In September, just a few months after testifying, Kelley was shot dead not far from where her cousin had been slain. She was 18 years old and pregnant.

Kavarian Rogers later bragged that "he got \$5,000 for nailing a girl who testified against somebody," prosecutors said as Rogers appeared in court on first-degree murder charges.

He posted Facebook videos showing off his expensive new shoes and fanning himself with \$100 bills, prosecutors said. After his arrest, he told police he knew who Kelley was, and knew there was a price on her head.

Rogers, 22, was ordered held without bail for Kelley's murder, which Assistant State's Attorney James Murphy described as an execution.

Kelley had been the only eyewitness who testified against her cousin's accused killer, Deonte Davis. Jurors found Davis, 30, guilty on June 26 of six counts of murder and a single count of aggravated battery with a firearm. He is awaiting sentencing and remains in Cook County Jail.

Prosecutors did not name Davis in court, instead calling him "as-of-yet uncharged co-offender." He and Rogers were members of the same faction of the Black P Stones, prosecutors said.

Davis was recorded on phone calls from Cook County Jail talk-



FAMILY PHOTO

Treja Kelley

ing about a female witness who testified in his trial, wanting to find out where she is and "discussing how, when he gets a new trial, she can't be a witness against him," Murphy said.

Prosecutors did not say when the calls took place or who Davis was calling.

Jennifer Blagg, Davis' attorney, noted that he has not been charged with wrongdoing in connection with Kelley's murder. In fact, Blagg said, she often stressed to Davis that Kelley's testimony was not reliable, which could make her a useful witness in his effort to get a new trial.

"He knows my opinion is, she was not harmful to his case," Blagg said.

She said the phone calls from the jail can only be correctly interpreted in their full context, which prosecutors did not provide.

Prosecutors described the attack on Kelley as a targeted hit.

She was walking with a friend that night in September after Kelley finished her shift at a nearby grocery store. Her friend saw Rogers in an alley appearing to relieve himself, and then appar-

ently talking on the phone, prosecutors said.

As the two got closer, Rogers pulled a gun from his waistband, walked around Kelley's friend and fired directly at Kelley, prosecutors said. She was shot five times, including twice in the back of the head, prosecutors said. Her friend hid in the bushes nearby, and later identified Rogers as the gunman.

A few weeks later, Rogers began flaunting his wealth on Facebook, prosecutors said. In one video, he fans himself with \$100 bills. In another, he shows off his pricey new Yeezy shoes. Another video shows him driving past the scene of the shooting.

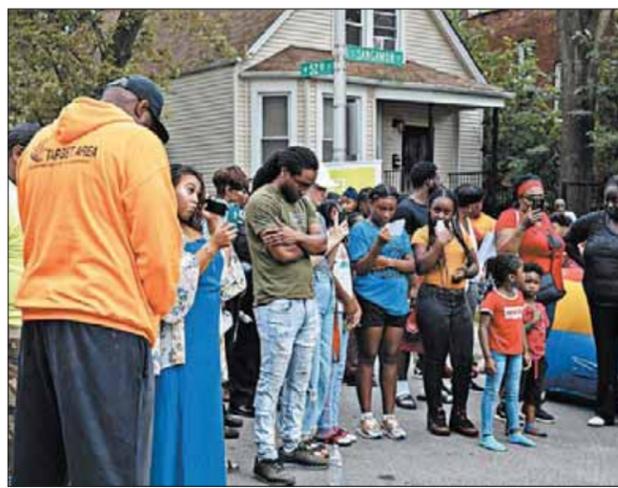
At the time of Kelley's death, Rogers was out on bond on an attempted armed robbery charge, records show.

Rogers' attorney, Assistant Public Defender Theodore Thomas, said his client lives with his mother and has a 2-year-old child. While Thomas said Rogers graduated from Urban Prep Academy, Urban Prep founder Tim King said in fact Rogers attended for two months his freshman year and then transferred.

Thomas asked that Rogers be given a bond in part due to "what's going on in the world" — that is, the novel coronavirus that has spread among detainees in the Cook County Jail.

Judge Mary Marubio denied the request, citing the "murder for compensation" scheme that was allegedly hatched after Kelley testified.

A transcript of her testimony shows she didn't waver in her identification of Davis as the man with shoulder-length dreadlocks who announced, "What's up now," before opening fire on Christopher Fields.



ERIN HOOLEY/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

People bow their heads in prayer during a nonviolence gathering Sept. 12 in response to the fatal shooting of Kelley.

Kelley told jurors she was about 15 feet away when Davis jumped out of a silver car, perhaps an Audi, and opened fire as she, her cousin and several friends talked outside one of their homes in the 5200 block of South Sangamon Street in the South Side's Back of the Yards neighborhood on June 11, 2016.

As the others took off running, Kelley, then 15, said she froze with fear. "I was in shock," she told jurors.

She fled after a few seconds, but in her panic stumbled and fell. While on the ground, she said she focused on the shooter as he continued to fire away. She got up and ran to the backyard of her grandmother's home on the same block, waiting there until the gunfire stopped and a car sped off.

It was then she discovered her cousin lying face down in the street by a curb.

"We were very close," testified Kelley, who had called Fields to walk her from a bus stop to her home that night.

About half an hour later, police drove her several blocks away for a "show-up" — a controversial identification on the street in which officers had her check out

first one man with dreadlocks and then a second. Critics say these differ from police lineups in which witnesses are asked to view several individuals with similar physical appearances at the same time.

Blagg plans to argue that Davis deserves a new trial, in part because Kelley's identification was shaky.

Kelley at first only tentatively identified Davis as the shooter. And despite being arrested shortly after the shooting, Davis did not test positive for any gunshot residue, Blagg said.

An allegation of retaliation against a witness has the potential to harm the entire criminal justice system, particularly if the allegation is false, she said.

"It's difficult as a defense attorney to get witnesses to come forward when I'm trying to prove my clients innocent, because of street rules. And it's difficult for prosecution to secure a conviction for the same reason," she said. "This has the potential to discourage people to come forward, to the detriment of the defense and prosecutors."

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An open letter from public health leaders around the nation:

Dear Fellow Residents,

April 3, 2020

As public health leaders of the largest cities and counties in this country, it is our mission and duty to assure transparency during this time of great uncertainty.

Our country has not faced a public health threat like COVID-19 in over 100 years. With worldwide daily increases in both confirmed cases and deaths, it is clear to us as public health experts that this pandemic is gaining momentum and not soon subsiding. If we do not act quickly and collaboratively, many more lives will be lost across our country.

It does no one any good to soften the reality of what we are confronting. We must all prepare ourselves for loss—of normal routines and services, of economic security, and, tragically, of many, many lives. The only question now is how great the losses will be—an outcome that depends on our shared commitment to take individual responsibility and civic accountability for adhering to preventative measures, and, above all else, to *stay home*.

To save lives, we urgently need to slow the spread of the virus now. Many of our cities have put measures in place to sharply limit the spread of COVID-19. But no matter the extent of these measures, and even if you feel fine, we again implore you: **Just Stay Home!**

We know there are certain people, essential workers, who must work, and we thank them for their dedication. Your staying home helps keep them as safe as possible.

Staying home *will* protect both you and everyone you would otherwise come in contact with. If everyone stays home as much as possible, we *will* limit the spread of the virus, we *will* greatly reduce the number of people getting sick, and we *will* save many lives.

It is also critical to follow other recommended and mandatory measures to ease the burden on our health care system. If too many people rush to our emergency rooms for non-emergency care, our system will buckle under the weight of the demand.

Stay home for yourselves. Stay home for your family and loved ones. Stay home for your friends. Stay home for your community. Stay home for the health and prosperity of your country.

We understand that what we are asking of you is not easy. We know that for many of you, sounding this alarm may cause fear and anxiety. But, we must.

While we ask you to stay apart physically, we implore you to come together emotionally and spiritually. Together we are the best defense against this pandemic.

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CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

First Chicago police officer dies of virus

62 cops on force have tested positive

BY JEREMY GORNER
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A Chicago police officer stricken with COVID-19 has died, making him the first cop in the department to die from the disease, officials said.

The officer, Marco DiFranco, 50, was pronounced dead at 1:02 a.m. Thursday at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge, according to the Cook County medical examiner's office.

An emotional Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot announced the officer's death, standing alongside interim police Superintendent Charlie Beck and Fraternal Order of Police President Kevin Graham.

"It is with profound sadness that I'm here to announce the painful news, that for the second time in two days, Chicago has lost another city employee to the COVID-19 virus," Lightfoot said. "This time, it was a Chicago Police Department officer."

Since the coronavirus outbreak began, health care workers and first responders have been on the front line protecting the public, she said.

"Tragically, this officer gave his life to that fight," Lightfoot said. "Our hearts go out to the individual's family, friends and fellow officers whose lives have been forever changed by this terrible loss."

At last report on Wednesday afternoon, 62 Chicago police officers and two civilian employees of the department had tested positive for the coronavirus.

The tragic news came exactly one year after Lightfoot was elected mayor. Asked how she's doing in light of the anniversary, Lightfoot choked up.

"I spoke to Officer DiFranco's wife right before I came out here. Those are very hard conversations to have, when a wife and a family are sitting in that moment with their grief, and I always offer my sincere condolences and sincerely offer to support the family in any way I can," Lightfoot said.

"But having been through death and grief myself, these moments are so surreal, they are so hard, so I'm feeling that for that family. I'm lucky because I still have my mother, I still have my siblings, and I have an incredible wife and daughter who sustain me every single day."

In a memo to the 13,000-strong department Thursday morning, Beck said DiFranco was a 21-year CPD veteran.

"I'm devastated to share the news that a member of the Chicago Police Department passed away last night from complications of the COVID-19 virus," Beck said.

In the memo, Beck said DiFranco contracted the virus last week, though he didn't say whether he likely got infected while on or off duty. The officer was hospitalized this past weekend.

Beck also said DiFranco had past health issues but didn't specify what they were.

"Despite some previous health challenges, the severity of the COVID-19 virus became overbearing," Beck said.

Hired by CPD in May 1998, DiFranco is survived by a wife and two children, and his brother is a Chicago police officer also assigned to the narcotics unit, Beck said.

DiFranco was also a highly decorated officer, earning over 150 awards.

"His sacrifice underscores the threats that are faced by public safety employees who are not, by nature of their profession, allowed to shelter in place, shelter at home," Beck said. "We have always been more at risk for violence because of our profession, and now I think we are more at risk of virus because of our profession."

Beck said DiFranco had "more minimal contact with the public than a patrol officer does" due to his undercover assignment in the narcotics unit.

He also worked by himself instead of with a partner in the same car. Pairing two officers to a car could potentially enhance the risk of an officer contracting the disease.

Beck said the department has been looking to have as many one-person squad cars on the street as possible. But he said that must be balanced against the need for more cops on the street to combat violence.

When cops work in two-person cars, Beck said, he's directed that officers work with the same partner consistently to minimize the chances of contracting the disease.

"As everybody that's listening knows, this is a silent killer who comes from many aspects in your life, and it's very difficult to tell where and when you would get it unless you've done some obvious traveling or things like that," Beck said.

He said DiFranco has family members who were quarantined and his workspace was sanitized.

Police officials, as well as Chicago Department of Public Health officials, were looking into whether DiFranco contracted the virus from another officer while reporting to the Homan Square police facility, where he was based, said Anthony Guglielmi, a police spokesman. But Guglielmi acknowledged DiFranco could have become infected elsewhere.

Guglielmi also said CPD was looking into whether DiFranco's death could be classified as being in the line of duty, which would entitle his family to special financial benefits.

In light of the pandemic, some Chicago police officers have complained to the Tribune about a shortage of personal protective equipment, including masks, gloves and other protective clothing.

On Thursday, however, Lightfoot said, "the truth is that the Chicago Police Department from the very beginning of this crisis was one of the first to receive thousands of pieces of equipment. Thousands."

Family

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Enjoy your evening."

Fear of infecting family members is one more burden for hospital workers — from food service to house-keeping to physicians — already enduring the stress of a lack of protective gear and treating patients during a pandemic, said Greg Kelley, president of SEIU Healthcare for Illinois and Indiana.

"Workers are bearing the brunt of this crisis," Kelley said. "They are doing this often at great personal cost to themselves and to their families."

Some are weighing whether to live apart from their children; many said they were watching the exploding cases in New York City, and hearing from colleagues and friends there.

Some knew people staying in hotels to separate from their families. Yee said one colleague treating COVID-19 patients had not been home in days, trying to protect his pregnant wife.

Yee said hospital workers treating COVID-19 patients should be provided hotel rooms, so they can remain away from their family if they choose. The city recently announced it will designate hotel space for first responders, like paramedics, police and firefighters, who fear bringing the virus home.

"The reality is that they are coming in contact with the virus every day and working long, hard hours," Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot said when announcing the hotel space. "And some of them may prefer to stay downtown rather than going home to their spouse, kids or friends."

The mayor's office told the Tribune it is actively exploring hotel spaces to provide relief to health care workers on the front lines of the coronavirus crisis.

"We expect to have options available very soon," said Eugenia Orr, deputy press secretary for the mayor.

Melissa Bertoletti, an



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University of Illinois at Chicago nurses Terence Yee, left, and Sweet Vivares Yee, second from right, hang out with their three daughters after Sweet's return home last Thursday.



Terence Yee adds bleach to the washing machine after tossing his wife's scrubs into the laundry in Bolingbrook.

"I don't want my family coming into contact with this at all. So it's stressful to come home."

—Melissa Bertoletti, an emergency room nurse at Amita Health's St. Joseph Medical Center in Joliet

emergency room nurse at Amita Health's St. Joseph Medical Center in Joliet, has not seen her parents, she said, "in, I don't know, oh my, God, I can't even remember."

About a month ago, she said, her mom asked her for help with taking her dog to the vet.

"I had to tell her no," she said. "If I went over there and something happened to them, I would feel like I caused that."

For Bertoletti, the stress of working in a hospital is not new. But the coronavirus challenges she

and her colleagues face — rationing protective equipment, weighing how many ventilators they will need, worrying about fellow nurses' risk of being exposed — are new. Still, her 26 years of nursing experience kicks in to cope.

"But what's scary is bringing it home to my family," she said. "I don't want my family coming into contact with this at all. So it's stressful to come home."

Planning extends beyond sanitizing phones or shunning family. It also reaches the to-do lists for

family tasks while away from the hospital.

Recently, Chicago pediatrician Deanna Behrens and her husband made sure their wills are up to date.

Daniel Ortiz, a nurse assigned to the COVID-19 unit at UIC last month, has not seen his parents in weeks. He barely sees his wife. He told her, "Working on this unit, I'm going to get sick."

His preparation to come home begins at the hospital, where he changes into new scrubs before heading out. Some hospitals have enough scrubs for nurses to change into new pairs when they arrive and when they leave, so they do not need to wear potentially contaminated scrubs home.

When he gets home, he strips and heads for the shower.

"I walk in almost bare," he said. "I tell my wife to get away."

They sleep apart. He takes the couch, giving her the bedroom.

Last week, he woke up with a headache. He thought it was stress. But the next day, he still felt sick. He was sweating. His body felt like he had just worked out.

He was tested for the coronavirus and is awaiting the results.

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Jobless

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all the way through, and then they say they're too busy to take your call."

Illinois Department of Employment Security spokeswoman Rebecca Cisco recommended Thursday that people who want to apply "just keep trying."

"We're trying as hard as we can to get to everybody," Cisco said.

The number of claims filed last week was the highest ever for Illinois, according to data available to the state that stretches back to January 1980.

Pritzker told reporters the agency's systems were rebuilt in 2010 and "not a lot of investment" has been made since then. He said he has talked with both the Department of Innovation and Technology and Department of Employment Security staff.

Applicants are being asked to call on alternate days, depending on the first letter of their last names.

"We're trying to spread it out as best we can, but the truth is that the system does go down," Pritzker said.

Unemployment claims are breaking records nationwide as the U.S. economy shuts down in order to slow the spread of COVID-19, the disease caused by the virus. In Illinois, residents have been ordered to stay home through April 30, and non-essential businesses have closed, causing massive layoffs.

During the week that ended March 21, 103,244 of the initial claims filed for unemployment in Illinois were associated with "layoffs in the accommodation and food services, health care and social assistance, and manufacturing industries," the U.S. Labor Department said in its Thursday report, citing information provided by the state.

Nationally, the Labor Department reported a

record-breaking almost 6.65 million people made their first applications for unemployment benefits during the week that ended March 28.

Compared with a week earlier, applications for the financial assistance doubled, as a staggering 3.3 million more people filed initial claims, and the previous week's level of 3.28 million claims was revised up by 24,000 applications.

Two weeks ago, for the week that ended March 14, only 282,000 initial claims for benefits were filed nationally.

Things may be even worse than they appear. Mark Hamrick, senior economic analyst for Bankrate.com, noted that state unemployment offices nationwide have been inundated with requests for assistance, and economic data is lagging more than usual behind the reality on the ground.

"We have a high degree of confidence that the situation is quite dire ... " Hamrick said. "There's every reason to believe that the next report will look just as bad, if not worse."

Morsut said she tried to apply for unemployment benefits online, but while she said she put in the correct information, she got an error message and was told she couldn't be verified. She has tried to get through by phone and finds the number "always busy."

She noted that friends said they have managed to get through and get their applications submitted. "It's kind of a gamble, it's a hit-and-miss kind of thing," Morsut said, adding that she's trying to stay positive. She said she has been relying on help from her father and friends to get by while waiting for benefits, and is applying for food stamps this week.

By contrast, Natalie Hurdle, 32, of Albany Park, reported a "smooth experience" with the website. Laid off from her job as a full-time teacher at CorePower Yoga last Friday, Hurdle said she was able to

file her application in just 15 minutes Sunday.

But now she has to sit tight and wait to find out what kind of benefits she'll get. She also applied for health insurance benefits through healthcare.gov, the Obamacare exchange, since she and her husband had both relied on her job for that coverage.

"Our health care costs just doubled on half the income," Hurdle said. "It's really an anxiety-inducing time. ... It's hard to know how long we'll be in this situation. You can't see the other side of it."

Those applying for benefits are being asked to follow an online filing schedule — people with last names beginning with the letters A-M file on Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, while those with last names beginning with letters N-Z file on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, with Saturdays available to accommodate those who could not file during their allotted window.

For phone calls, those with last names beginning with A-M are asked to call on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 7:30 a.m. and 6 p.m., while those with last names beginning with N-Z are told to call Mondays and Wednesdays, with Fridays as a flexible day.

'Absolute train wreck'

Chris Nugent, 66, of Bull Valley, said he usually earns up to \$1,000 a week as an Uber driver, but hasn't been able to work for weeks because of the pandemic. He said he kept getting rejected on the state's online system, and wasn't able to get through to a human being until his wife got her unemployment benefits and gave him the direct phone number to a state employee.

"I kept trying to log in, and the system said 'We don't know who you are,'" Nugent said.

Christian Anderson, 38, a freelance musician from

Barrington, said he has been calling 50 times a day and can't get through.

"The system is an absolute train wreck," Anderson said.

The federal stimulus bill expanded unemployment insurance to those who typically don't qualify, like independent contractors and the self-employed. Anderson would like to try getting benefits under the bill, but said he can't find out more information because he can't talk to anybody.

It's a particular challenge for those who don't have computers, since the state will not accept applications through a smartphone.

Suki Rodriguez, 23, a bartender, said trying to call to apply for benefits is "currently impossible." She said she can't apply by computer because she doesn't have one, and the libraries are closed.

Even assuming everyone who needs to apply for unemployment benefits can, Pritzker told reporters late last month there will not be enough money in the state pot to pay claims to everyone.

The latest federal stimulus package provided money for unemployment, and Pritzker said the federal government has done a "great job" providing funding. Pritzker also said the state also is allowed to dip below existing reserves if necessary.

Bankrate's Hamrick said there's "general agreement" that the economy won't start to improve until the high level of response to the coronavirus pandemic can be relaxed.

"Consumers can't fully consume if they're not free to leave their homes, and many consumers have been dealt a blow with respect to interruption of their employment and/or incomes," Hamrick said.

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CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

State adds 16 deaths, 715 cases

Pritzker enlists celebrities to encourage all Illinois residents to stay at home

BY DAN PETRELLA

Saying he's "nearly exhausted every avenue available" to slow the spread of the new coronavirus, Gov. J.B. Pritzker on Thursday announced a celebrity-filled promotional campaign to encourage Illinois residents to abide by his order to continue hunkering down at home throughout April.

The launch of "All in Illinois" — which features videos from notable people with Illinois connections such as actor and comedian Jane Lynch and three-time Olympic gold medalist Jackie Joyner-Kersey — came on the same day Pritzker announced the recently closed Westlake Hospital in west suburban Melrose Park will reopen as a facility dedicated to COVID-19 patients.

Plans call for 230 beds at Westlake, the fourth facility being readied to house coronavirus patients. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Illinois National Guard are setting up a 3,000-bed field hospital at McCormick Place, with the first 500 beds at the Chicago convention center are expected to be available Friday, Pritzker said.

The state also is setting up a total of 500 beds at two other closed suburban hospitals: the former Advo-

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— Gov. J.B. Pritzker

cate Sherman Hospital in Elgin and MetroSouth Medical Center in Blue Island. All the facilities are expected to be open by month's end, Pritzker said.

The state also is working on a plan to open another "alternate care facility in central Illinois in the coming weeks," the governor said, though he didn't offer additional details.

While expanding hospital capacity is a key step in fighting a new virus for which there is no vaccine or known treatment, that alone won't be enough, Pritzker said.

"We also must slow the spread of the virus," he said Thursday at his daily news conference. "If we don't, there could never be enough hospital capacity to treat all of those who would become ill. Our job — all of us in Illinois — our job is both to keep our health systems operating within capacity, and to keep our residents, especially our older and immunocompromised residents, safe."

That's where strict adherence to the stay-at-home order comes in, Pritzker said.

Nearly two weeks in, the death toll from COVID-19 in Illinois continues to swell, with state officials on Thursday announcing 16

more fatalities and 715 additional known cases.

There have now been 157 deaths related to COVID-19 statewide and 7,695 known cases. The ages of the patients range from younger than 1 year old to older than 100, according to the Illinois Department of Public Health.

Public Health Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike said the state is starting to see clusters of COVID-19 cases in "essential" businesses that are allowed to remain open during Pritzker's stay-at-home order.

"Although these businesses need to continue operating, they must take steps to protect both the employees and the customers," Ezike said, such as monitoring employees' temperatures and cleaning businesses thoroughly each day.

She declined to give specific locations where clusters have emerged. "We've seen cases in all settings," Ezike said. "We've seen it in schools and day cares. We've seen it in prisons. We've seen it in nursing homes and places of work."

With the holy seasons of Easter, Passover and Ramadan all approaching in the coming weeks, Ezike said the state is getting reports of religious congregations continuing to hold services, a practice she strongly discouraged.

"I understand the importance of communing with fellow believers, but let's understand: Kids are home from school, people are home from work, schools and offices are closed. Religious houses have to do the same. We all must make the sacrifice. Then on the other side of this pandemic, we can gather at the mosque or the synagogue, the church."

She added: "We must not continue putting people at risk. Please hold virtual services, whether by web or phone."

Mayor Lori Lightfoot, at a separate event on Thursday, said she isn't ready to close city parks yet, but that the city will monitor them for social-distancing compliance as temperatures warm.

"It is my expectation that people must comply," Lightfoot said. "This isn't a 'pretty please, will you?' This is a must."

Pritzker announced the plan for Westlake Hospital just two days after telling reporters that using the hospital was complicated by an ongoing bankruptcy proceeding.

Westlake closed last year after its staff and community leaders spent months fighting the decision, in and outside of court.

Westlake filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy in August. A bankruptcy judge granted a motion from the Illinois Emergency Management Agency on Wednesday, allowing it to move to take control of the hospital despite the bankruptcy proceedings.

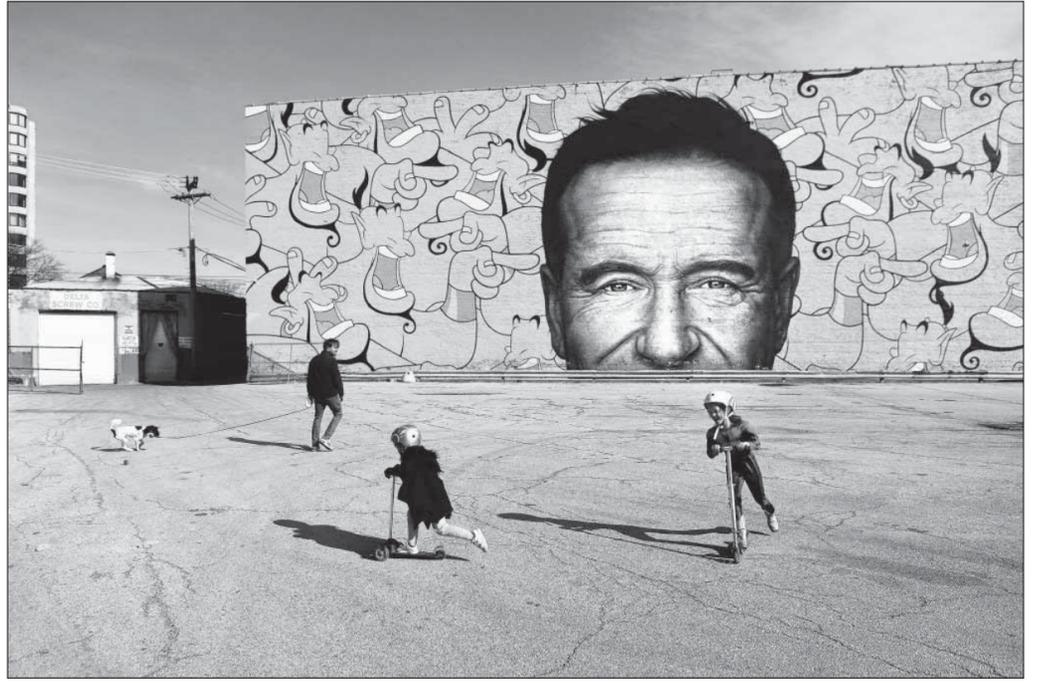
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Gov. J.B. Pritzker announced a promotional campaign to encourage Illinois residents to stay at home.



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Playing in the time of coronavirus

In an effort to find some safe space away from others during the coronavirus pandemic, Michael Ferbrache and his children take advantage of an empty parking lot off of Milwaukee Avenue near Armitage Avenue to get some exercise on Thursday. The mural in the background depicts an image of the late actor Robin Williams.

County aims to be link to relief funds

BY PETER NICKEAS

Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle on Thursday announced a program to help ensure that local business owners, nonprofits and contract workers have access to their piece of the \$2.2 trillion federal stimulus package.

The coronavirus relief package includes \$377 billion to help small businesses, nonprofits and independent gig workers, including money to bring workers back on the payroll.

"Cook County would be nothing without our restaurants, our mom-and-pop stores and most importantly our workers," Preckwinkle said at a Thursday news conference.

The funds will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis, officials said, with applications opening Friday. The county's efforts are aimed at connecting those eligible, who might not have large legal or accounting firms to



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Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle said local officials will assist small businesses.

help them navigate the application process, with the banks who will help administer the funds.

"We're doing everything we can in Cook County to ensure that businesses nonprofits and gig workers survive this crisis and thrive when it's finally over," Preckwinkle said.

Rebecca Shi, executive director of the American Business Immigration Coalition, said she wants to make sure the small businesses of Cook County are

at the front of the line for the federal stimulus money.

"There's going to be companies that have chief counsels and accounting firms ... that tomorrow morning, when those application becomes live, (will be) ready to hit the send button. And there are people like our small business owners and minority business owners that may be left behind," she said.

"\$377 billion seems like it's a lot, but this money will go quickly."

The county has a webinar scheduled for next week and a website set up with answers to common questions.

Last week, Preckwinkle announced that the county would defer tax collections and waive some fines and fees for all county businesses.

"We hope this can provide some breathing room for businesses that are struggling. We recognize that you are worried about rent, about payroll, about mounting bills," Preckwin-

kle said at the time. "You should not be worried that the tax collector is coming after you as well."

Under the relief package, the due date for filing all home rule taxes in Cook County was extended until May 1. The series of measures also extended Cook County liquor licenses expiring in April through July, and postponed or suspended various fees under the transportation and highways, environmental sustainability, revenue, building and zoning, and public health departments.

Cook County Chief Financial Officer Ammar Rizki said, during a news conference last week, the measures will temporarily free up at least \$30 million in cash flow for businesses during the public health crisis. Business owners can use money that they otherwise would have owed in home rule taxes to "cover payroll, rent, or just to keep the lights on."

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Masks

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expressing deep reservations during an appearance on television's "Fox & Friends."

And even those who advocate for wearing masks don't want people to feel like they can ignore stay-at-home orders if they use a mask.

Nevertheless, medical opinions and government advice appear to be shifting.

After discouraging people early in the pandemic from hoarding masks that are in short supply and badly needed by medical personnel, Gov. J.B. Pritzker on Wednesday said "we're thinking about" advising people to wear masks.

"I would not discourage people from wearing masks, and in fact I think that there's some evidence to show it can be effective," Pritzker said.

Dr. Allison Arwady, director of the Chicago Public Health Department, also began to soften her earlier stance that masks won't help much and could even cause people to touch their face more frequently — a big no-no given the highly contagious nature of the virus.

Arwady said new studies have concluded that some people who are infected with the new coronavirus have no symptoms. But they can still spread the virus, making others sick, and wearing a mask could reduce that risk, she said.

"We'll continue to make changes to our recommendations if we think that's necessary," she said Wednesday. "Stay tuned."

She made her comments at a news conference called by Mayor Lori Lightfoot,



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Two men wear medical masks while walking along the Lakefront Trail last month.

who quickly stepped up to the microphone to make sure people understand that even if the advice changes, people must still try to stay at home, wash their hands frequently and absolutely not leave the house if they are feeling sick.

"I don't want people to think that the mask makes them invincible, because it doesn't," Lightfoot said. "I don't want people to be misled that simply because you wear a mask you are fine going out and not practicing any of the other guidance that goes along with that."

Asked why the advice is shifting, Khare and other experts said authorities were initially afraid of people buying up medical-grade masks. They also were worried about sowing fear, he said.

Potential hoarding of the high-quality masks — such as the N95 respirator masks the world is learning so much about these days — is indeed a concern, said Dr. Robert Murphy, executive director of the Institute

for Global Health at the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. "The hospitals can't even get the damn masks," he said, calling the shortage "a national disgrace and embarrassment."

Khare said he's not suggesting that people go out and buy medical-quality masks, but rather that they should fashion their own. While not as protective as the masks used in hospitals and clinics, homemade fabric versions could still reduce the spread of the virus. "Bandanas, cloths, anything you put over your nose and your mouth," Khare said.

As the idea of wearing a mask spreads, many businesses and groups have begun posting tutorials on how to make masks at home. Some groups have begun coordinating efforts to sew homemade masks.

The idea of wearing a mask, Murphy said, is not to protect oneself but to protect others.

"Originally, we were not recommending that because it does not protect

the person wearing the mask from getting infected," Murphy said. "What the mask does is protect the people around you in case you are infected and don't know it."

"People will think, 'I have the mask, I'm not going to get it,'" Murphy added. "That's not why you wear the mask. You wear the mask because you might have it and give it to somebody else."

And the days of trying to avoid frightening the populace are over, Khare said.

"We're here and we know what this virus is doing now," said Khare, adding that he believes wearing a mask also provides some protection from getting infected. "And looking at the science, I think it's clear that the risks of wearing masks is very low, and the benefits of wearing masks is very high."

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Lawmakers look to craft post-virus budget

Pritzker trying to calculate massive revenue blow

BY DAN PETRELLA AND JAMIE MUNKS

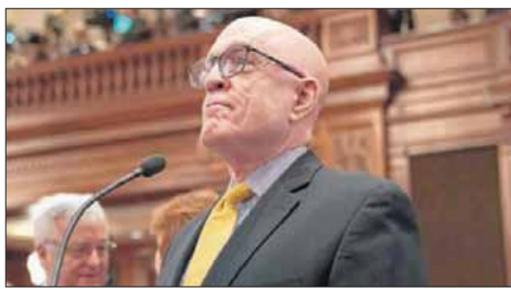
With large portions of the Illinois' economy grinding to a halt as a result of Gov. J.B. Pritzker's stay-at-home order, the chronically fiscally challenged state has yet to come up with a plan for filling the holes the ongoing public health crisis is certain to blow in this year's budget.

Pritzker said this week that his administration is trying to estimate how much revenue will be lost and figure out when things might rebound. But making those projections is no easy task as the shape of the pandemic shifts from day to day.

What is for sure is that the budget Pritzker proposed in February for the year beginning July 1 will have to be wholly rewritten.

"I don't think I could list all the changes that would need to be made to the original budget," Pritzker said Wednesday at his daily press briefing. "Our budget proposal was put together in January, presented in February ... weeks and weeks before the COVID crisis came upon us, or at least we were all aware of how serious it was."

In mid-March, before Pritzker closed schools, shut down dine-in service at restaurants and bars, and ordered all Illinoisans to stay home as much as possible, state budget watch-



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"The numbers we have right now are March, where you don't really see the totality of the damage done by the emergency ..."

— Greg Harris, House Democratic leader

dogs were already offering a grim outlook.

"While the certainty of the country, and world, plunging into recession seems to grow each day, attempting to value the impact of COVID-19 on state revenues is virtually impossible," the legislature's bipartisan Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability said in a three-year budget forecast released March 12.

"With that caveat, it seems reasonable to offer a scenario with more devastating impacts on revenues in the near-term than even the 'Great Recession.'"

As a result of the economic downturn that began in 2008, the state saw overall revenue drop 8.7% over three years, according to the forecasting commission.

The March report sug-

gests that with the economic downturn brought on by the coronavirus pandemic could result in a 20% drop in revenue — or \$8 billion — over several years.

Despite the statewide stay-at-home order limiting "nonessential" businesses that took effect March 21, and the earlier suspension of dine-in restaurant service, the state's sales tax revenue for the month was \$647 million, up \$15 million over March 2019, according to Illinois comptroller's office data.

Income tax revenue for the month was also up, by \$139 million, over March 2019.

The state also took in more sales tax and income tax revenue in February 2020 than it did in February 2019.

The full effect of the

shutdown likely will be much more evident when April revenue figures come in, said House Democratic Leader Greg Harris.

"The numbers we have right now are March, where you don't really see the totality of the damage done by the emergency; April numbers may give us better guidance," Harris said. "And then there will have to be some discussions about when do we think the economy will reopen, and how fast will it ramp back up, as we try to project off into the future" for the next budget year.

Democratic state Sen. Andy Manar of Bunker Hill, who chairs one of two Senate budget committees, said stabilizing the current budget and adopting a spending plan for next year is "going to be a sizable lift."

"Right now, when we have budget discussions, it's much like fitting pieces of a puzzle together, and there are pieces that aren't even on the table yet," Manar said.

In addition to lost tax revenue, the state's financial plan will have to deal with rising demand for health care and social services.

"Working with the administration on how we can contain spending is going to be a significant challenge because everything that's been done in Illinois to address the pandemic is costing money," Manar said.

Some of the steps Pritzker has taken to alleviate the financial pain for residents, such as pushing back the state income tax deadline to July 15 from

April 15, will likely add to the state's burden.

The delay of that deadline will put pressure on states' short-term liquidity, as April personal income tax receipts make up "a disproportionately large share of many states' total tax collections," according to a Fitch Ratings analysis released earlier this week.

"We do not currently anticipate any states will be unable to meet operating cash demands but consider liquidity the most significant risk the pandemic presents for states and are closely monitoring developments," the Fitch analysis states.

Illinois Comptroller Susana Mendoza acknowledged in a statement late last month that the delay in income tax revenue and expected lower payroll and sales tax revenues will pose challenges "to the state and our office's cash-management duties."

"Traditionally, April is the state's best revenue month," Mendoza said. "The receipts that come in from Illinois taxpayers in April allow us to address bills from low-revenue-producing months such as February."

The Illinois Department of Revenue does not yet have an estimate for the hit the state may take from pushing the tax deadline into the next budget year.

However, as of Tuesday morning, "58% of expected taxpayers filed their individual income tax returns, on par with last year," Department of Revenue spokesman Sam Salustro

said.

Another unknown is the full impact of the federal stimulus package, Salustro said.

The governor's office declined to make his top budget aides available for interviews.

It remains unclear when the Illinois General Assembly, which has canceled several weeks of the spring session already, will be able to meet to debate and vote on a budget.

"I know there's all different kinds of options being discussed and actually getting revisited every day or so as the facts out there about the epidemic change," Harris said. "It's a very big open question of how and when this would have to work."

Senate President Don Harmon said in a statement Thursday that "at first glance, there appear to be legal impediments" to a remote session, but that legislative leaders are continuing to evaluate potential alternatives.

"Pestilence isn't a word thrown around lightly, but there is a provision in state law allowing the General Assembly to meet somewhere other than Springfield in case of pestilence or public danger," Harmon said. "However, I don't think the framers of our 1970 Constitution envisioned the possibility of Zoom meetings and other virtual events we've all had to embrace recently."

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Brown

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Lightfoot said, Brown implemented community policing initiatives, implicit bias training, published never-before-released data on officer-involved shootings and made his city "the first in the nation to institute departmentwide de-escalation training."

"All of which helped bring Dallas's violent crime rate down to 50-year lows," Lightfoot said.

After he was introduced, Brown thanked Lightfoot and offered his condolences to the family of the first police officer to lose his life to COVID-19, a death the mayor had announced earlier in the day.

He said his call to serve crosses city lines, led him from Dallas to Chicago and drives his career.

"It's a fire in my bones," he said. "All of us are at our best when we serve others."

He said he was honored to lead police in Chicago. "Chi-Town," he said. "That Windy City."

Brown said in fact, Dallas and Chicago have much in common: "strong, proud and tough." But asked why he would want to take the job in his new city, Brown responded, "Are you kidding me? The city that produced Michelle Obama and elected Mayor Lightfoot? Sign me up for that."

He did mention the coronavirus pandemic and said it has shown the value of police officers. Brown pledged to help lead the city out of the crisis.

"We will get our communities up and running again," Brown said.

Brown's hiring by Lightfoot awaits official confirmation from the City Council later this month.

The 59-year-old Brown is the third Chicago police superintendent chosen from outside the force since 2008. That year, then-Mayor Richard M. Daley picked longtime FBI veteran Jody Weis as his police boss, and Mayor Rahm Emanuel's first selection was New Yorker Garry McCarthy, who held the job from 2011 until 2015.

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

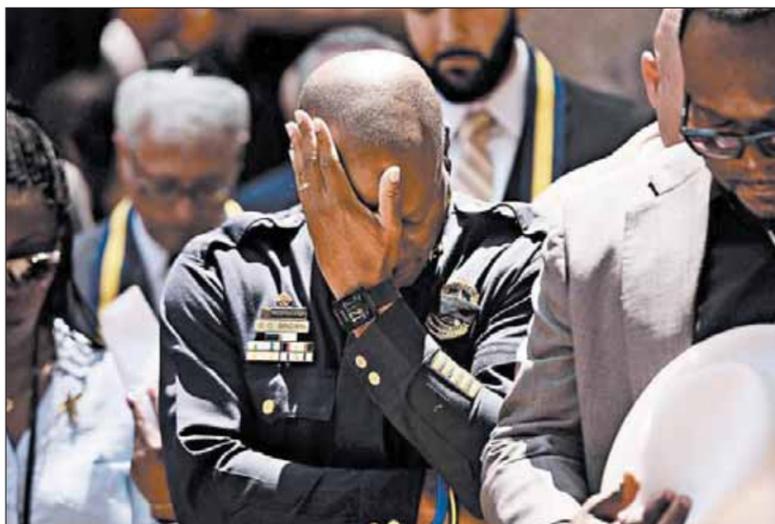
"You came to us in a time of need," she said, at times growing emotional and calling his departure bitter-sweet.

Johnson had been hired



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Then-Dallas Police Chief David Brown listens as dignitaries applaud during a memorial service for five police officers killed in Dallas.



SPENCER PLATT/GETTY

David Brown pauses at a prayer vigil following the deaths of five police officers on July 8, 2016, in Dallas.

by Emanuel in 2016 before Lightfoot dismissed him in December, alleging Johnson lied to her about a late night out in the fall when he had been drinking and was found slumped over in his city-issued vehicle.

Choosing a police superintendent is always politically risky for a mayor. The wrong choice could demoralize rank-and-file cops or anger members of the City Council, and then there's making sure the person is up for the position, which Lightfoot has said is "one of the toughest jobs in law

enforcement."

One item on the mayor's checklist: experience as a senior manager of a large organization. Of the three finalists for the job, Brown was the only candidate to lead a police department the size of Dallas, which had about 3,500 cops when he retired.

Brown will now be responsible for leading CPD through a federally mandated consent decree aimed at reforming the way the 13,000-strong department trains and supervises its officers.

when no one's looking without being ordered by a court," he said.

He will also now be in charge of crime-fighting strategies to combat intractable gun violence in the city, while Chicago's officers at the same time try to adapt to uncertain times brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic.

A veteran of the Dallas Police Department for more than 30 years, Brown was its chief for the 2016 shooting when five police officers were killed, and several others wounded, in an ambush-style rifle attack in downtown Dallas.

And while he was in the national spotlight, officers under his direction used a controversial method to kill the suspect in the shooting, deploying a remote-controlled robot carrying an explosive and detonating it.

Brown recounted his ultimate decision to use the tactic in his 2017 autobiography, "Called to Rise," co-written by journalist Michelle Burford. The plan Brown approved to kill 25-year-old Micah Johnson with the robot did work, but Brown in his book acknowledged some of the criticism about his department's handling of the incident, which essentially meant executing Johnson before he could have a trial.

"I had no hesitation about detonating the explo-

sive," Brown said in the book.

Brown retired the year of the shooting before working in the private sector, including as an ABC News contributor on law enforcement, race and social justice issues.

Born and raised in Dallas, Brown, a devout Christian, became a city cop in 1983 after seeing the negative effect the crack epidemic had on his neighborhood of Oak Cliff.

Brown's climb to the Dallas department's top post was marked by tragedy. His former partner was shot and killed in the line of duty in 1988, and his younger brother was slain by a drug dealer in 1991.

Then in June 2010, weeks into his tenure as police chief, his son fatally shot a cop in a Dallas suburb and wounded another man, before he was shot and killed himself by police.

On Thursday, Brown talked about how good things have come out of the tragedies he's experienced.

"As dark as some of those times have been, (it's) also in those times that I have seen incredible resiliency, faith and the infinite goodness in people," Brown said. "And I am confident the same characteristics are here in Chicago."

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CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Virus cases top 1 million worldwide

Over 51,000 dead with global figures expected to surge

BY LORI HINNANT AND MICHAEL R. SISAK
Associated Press

PARIS — The number of coronavirus infections worldwide surpassed 1 million Thursday, with more than 51,000 deaths, according to the tally kept by Johns Hopkins University.

The figures were another bleak milestone in the epidemic that has forced the lockdown of entire countries and brought economies to a shuddering halt.

The true numbers of deaths and infections are believed to be much higher, in part because of differences in counting practices, many mild cases that have gone unreported, testing shortages and suspicions of a cover-up in some countries.

Meanwhile, the worldwide race to protect people against being infected by unwitting coronavirus carriers intensified Thursday, pitting governments against each other as they buy protective gear and prompting new questions about who should wear masks, get temperature checks or even be permitted to go outside.

In Wuhan, China, where the pandemic began in December, a green symbol on residents' smartphones dictates their movements. Green is the "health code" that says a user is symptom-free. It's required to board a subway, check into a hotel or enter the city of 11 million. Serious travel restrictions still exist for those with yellow or red symbols.



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Passengers on a subway in Wuhan, China, must display a green symbol on a smartphone to prove they're symptom-free.

In northern Italy, the country with the most virus deaths in the world at more than 13,000, guards with thermometer guns decide who can enter supermarkets. In Los Angeles, the mayor has recommended that the city's 4 million people wear masks. They're mandatory for all Israelis who leave home, as well as customers at grocery stores in Austria and pharmacies in Pakistan.

A top official in France's hard-hit eastern region complained Thursday that American officials swooped in at a Chinese airport to spirit away a planeload of masks France had ordered.

"On the tarmac, the

Americans arrive, take out cash and pay three or four times more for our orders, so we really have to fight," Dr. Jean Rottner, president of the Grand Est regional council and an emergency room physician in Mulhouse, told RTL radio.

A study by researchers in Singapore on Wednesday estimated that around 10% of new infections may be sparked by people who carry the virus but have no symptoms yet or never do.

In Greece, authorities placed an entire refugee camp of 2,400 people under quarantine Thursday after discovering that a third of the 63 contacts of just one infected woman tested positive

and none had showed symptoms.

The top U.S. infectious disease official, Dr. Anthony Fauci, said medical experts are no closer to figuring out why some seemingly healthy people have only mild or no symptoms while others become catastrophically sick.

"I've been doing infectious diseases now for almost 50 years, and I can tell you I don't fully understand exactly what the mechanism of that is," he told NBC's "Today" show.

In response to the study, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention changed how it defined the risks of infection, saying

essentially that anyone may be a carrier, whether they have symptoms or not. But neither it nor the World Health Organization changed their recommendations that everyone need not wear a mask.

Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti said even a "tucked-in bandanna" could slow the spread of the virus and remind people to keep their distance from each other.

"We're going to have to get used to seeing each other like this," he said, donning a mask.

In Japan, where masks are a household staple, the government planned to mail two gauze masks each to the country's 50 million house-

holds.

With more than 236,000 people infected in the U.S. and the death toll topping 5,800, officials warned that the worst is still ahead.

President Donald Trump acknowledged that the federal stockpile is nearly depleted of the personal protective equipment needed to protect doctors and nurses on the front lines of the coronavirus fight. The Pentagon said Thursday that the Federal Emergency Management Agency had asked it to help by sending 100,000 body bags.

At FEMA, the agency tasked with coordinating the federal response to the coronavirus outbreak, about 9,000 additional ventilators are also on hold as officials seek to determine where they are needed most urgently.

Officials have warned states not to expect any shipments until they are within 72 hours of a crisis.

In New York, Gov. Andrew Cuomo warned that the state is quickly running out of breathing machines: "At the current burn rate, we have enough ventilators for six days."

He also said the state will pay a premium to manufacturers — and cover the cost of converting their factories, too — to produce gowns and other badly needed protective gear.

The slow deployment of ventilators underscores the ways in which the sprawling federal bureaucracy has fallen short in the nation's response to the crisis. Demand for medical equipment far outpaces the current supply, and the stockpiles that do exist aren't enough for the hardest hit areas.



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An engineer intentionally drove a locomotive off a track at the Port of Los Angeles because he was suspicious about the presence of a Navy hospital ship docked there.

Engineer crashes train near hospital ship in LA

BY MIHIR ZAVERI
The New York Times

The U.S. Navy's Mercy, a hospital ship, arrived at the Port of Los Angeles on Friday to bolster a health care system that officials worry could be overwhelmed by a surge in coronavirus patients.

One train operator and engineer who worked at the port grew suspicious, he later told authorities, according to an affidavit by an FBI special agent, Douglas Swain.

The engineer, Eduardo Moreno, told investigators that he wondered if the ship had some unstated purpose, or something to do with a government takeover, one of several baseless conspiracy theories emerging about the government's handling of the outbreak.

Those unfounded suspicions bubbled over Tuesday when Moreno, at the end of his shift, sent a train off its tracks at full speed and crashed it some 250 yards away from the Mercy, according to prosecutors and Moreno's statements recorded in the affidavit.

No one was injured in the crash and the Mercy was not damaged. Moreno, 44, was charged with one count of train wrecking,

according to a statement released Wednesday by the U.S. Attorney's Office in Los Angeles. The crime carries a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison.

Moreno was in custody Wednesday, prosecutors said. His lawyer, Lisa LaBarre, could not immediately be reached for comment.

Moreno said he acted alone, according to prosecutors.

He told detectives with the Los Angeles Port Police that he had not planned to crash the train, according to remarks from their interview included in the affidavit. But while he was "pushing" the last train car of the day, his thoughts "just kept going and going," he told detectives, according to remarks included in the affidavit.

"Sometimes you just get a little snap," he said, according to the affidavit. "I just had it and I was committed. I just went for it, I had one chance."

A spokesman for the port, Phillip Sanfield, said the ship was separated from the tracks by a grassy area, a parking lot and a channel of water.

"There was no way either on the tracks or off the tracks to get to the vessel,"

Sanfield said.

Moreno worked for a private rail company, Pacific Harbor Line, said Stefan Friedman, a spokesman for the company. He said Moreno had been "decertified" and could no longer work as an engineer.

Prosecutors said the locomotive crashed through at least three barriers and stopped near three occupied vehicles. They said authorities had to clean up a "substantial amount of fuel" that leaked from the train.

Video footage from the locomotive showed a man riding in the cab before the crash holding a lighted flare, prosecutors said.

An officer with the California Highway Patrol witnessed the crash and saw Moreno, wearing a bright yellow safety vest, climbing out of the locomotive's cab after the crash, according to the affidavit.

In interviews with the authorities included in the affidavit, Moreno admitted to crashing the train, saying he knew it would draw the attention of the news media. He said he was suspicious of the Navy ship and "wanted to bring attention to the government's activities," according to the affidavit.

2 cruise ships dock in Fla. after days of negotiations

BY ADRIANA GOMEZ LICON AND FREIDA FRISARO
Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — A cruise ship that has been floating at sea with coronavirus patients aboard for two weeks after being turned away from South American ports was finally allowed to dock in Florida on Thursday.

The Zaandam and a sister ship sent to help it, the Rotterdam, were both given permission to disembark passengers at Port Everglades after days of negotiation with local officials who feared it would divert needed resources from a region that has seen a spike in virus cases.

The final agreement was reached on Thursday afternoon between local, state and federal officials and Carnival Corp., which owns the Zaandam and the Rotterdam, said Broward County officials and Holland America, the company that operates the ships.

Port Everglades traffic records listed the two ships' arrival as "confirmed," and helicopter images showed the Zaandam reached the port in Fort Lauderdale.

Holland America had said 45 passengers who were mildly sick would stay on board until they recovered, but that it needed 10 people to be taken to a Fort Lauderdale hospital for immediate medical care. Broward County Commissioner Michael Udine said the agreement only allowed for fewer than five people to be taken to a hospital.

For nearly three weeks, passengers have not been allowed to step on dry land. Four elderly passengers have died on the Zaandam, at least two from COVID-19, said William Burke, chief maritime officer for Carnival Corp. Nine people have tested positive



SAUL MARTINEZ/THE NEW YORK TIMES

The Zaandam docked Thursday in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., after four died on board amid a coronavirus outbreak.

for the new coronavirus, Burke said earlier this week.

There are 442 guests and 603 crew on the Zaandam, and 808 guests and 583 crew on the Rotterdam. The Rotterdam was sent last week to take in some of the passengers and provide assistance to the Zaandam since it was denied permission to dock at ports in South America.

About 250 have reported influenza-like symptoms since March 22, including 17 aboard the Rotterdam, while 45 currently are mildly ill, Holland America Line has said.

In an email sent Wednesday night, Holland America said it had received approval from a hospital in Fort Lauderdale to treat fewer than 10 people "who need immediate critical care." Jennifer Smith, a spokesman for Broward Health medical center, said it would accept the critically ill patients from the ship. It is not clear why the number of patients that would be treated had dropped under the agreement.

Originally the firm's opposition to the ships' arrival, Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis told Fox News network earlier on Thursday that transferring critically ill patients to hospitals was "the humanitarian thing to do."

"There is no easy solu-

tion to this," DeSantis said.

DeSantis' comments came a day after President Donald Trump suggested that he had spoken to the governor and persuaded him to allow the ships to dock in Florida.

The passengers who are healthy need to get off the ships, and the rest need to be treated urgently, the nation's top infectious disease official, Dr. Anthony Fauci said on Thursday. "You have to take care of the people who are ill. You just have an obligation to do that. And as quickly as possible," Fauci said on "CBS This Morning."

Passengers and crew who have no symptoms of the virus will be bused to airports and will not be allowed inside the terminals, but will instead directly board airplanes, DeSantis said.

"You can't just release them into the general public if they have been exposed," he said.

Holland America has said that guests fit for travel under guidelines from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control would transfer "straight from the ship to flights on onward travel home, the majority on charter flights."

Guests have not left the ship since March 14 and have self-isolated in their staterooms since March 22, the company said.

CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Dems push back convention to Aug.

Pandemic presents new challenges to party in Milwaukee

By BILL BARROW
Associated Press

Democrats announced Thursday that they were postponing their presidential nominating convention until August, an unprecedented move that shows how the coronavirus is reshaping the battle for the White House.

The party had hoped that a mid-July convention would give them more time to rally behind a nominee and unify against President Donald Trump. But concerns that large crowds will spread the virus prompted Democrats, including prospective nominee Joe Biden, to press for alternatives.

"In our current climate of uncertainty, we believe the smartest approach is to take additional time to monitor how this situation unfolds so we can best position our party for a safe and successful convention," Democratic convention CEO Joe Solmonese said.

Milwaukee will still host the convention, which is now scheduled for the week of Aug. 17. Republicans are sticking with their plan to meet in Charlotte, North Carolina, a week later to renominate Trump.

The social distancing required to combat the coronavirus has already prompted multiple states to delay their presidential primaries from April and May into June. But the postponement of the convention is the most significant change to the presidential section process to date.

Outside circumstances have affected conventions in the past, including hurricanes that forced relatively minor scheduling changes to Republican gatherings in 2008 and 2012. Still, the major political parties have always pressed forward with their conventions,



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The Democratic National Convention has been rescheduled from July to mid-August at the Fiserv Forum in Milwaukee.

even during times of crisis as severe as the Civil War.

"Ultimately, the health and safety of our convention attendees and the people of Milwaukee is our top priority," Democratic National Committee Chairman Tom Perez said.

Biden began suggesting this week that changes were likely. Appearing on Jimmy Fallon's late-night NBC program Wednesday, Biden said he doubted "whether the Democratic convention is going to be able to be held" on its original July 13-16 dates.

"I think it's going to have to move into August," Biden said.

The announcement Thursday didn't specify whether the convention will remain a four-night affair or whether all aspects will be held in-person.

There has been discussion of holding parts of the convention virtually and allowing delegates to vote by proxy.

Still, the change presents logistical issues for the tens of thousands of delegates, activists, party leaders and media who planned to descend on Milwaukee in July. The party said the arena to host the convention along with hotels in the area are still available in August.

Neither Democratic nor Republican leaders want to sacrifice the boost that can result from an enthusiastic convention.

Trump thrives on big rallies and has missed that part of his routine amid the coronavirus outbreak, reluctantly turning the Rose Garden and the White House briefing room into substitutes. A traditional

convention, with a nationally televised nomination acceptance speech, could be even more critical for Biden, who has been relegated recently to remote television interviews from his Delaware home.

Biden has a commanding delegate lead, but Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders remains in the race and could keep the former vice president from winning the nomination until late June. That requires Perez to tread gingerly around any discussions that party leaders have with Biden or his advisers — especially given the skepticism among Sanders' supporters of the party establishment.

Sanders' campaign didn't comment Thursday on the delay. Solmonese and Perez didn't explicitly mention Biden in their statement

announcing the postponement.

The move could give Democratic officials more flexibility to deal with the changing primary calendar.

More than a dozen states have delayed their primaries, some of them pushing beyond the party's existing June 9 deadline to hold contests and the June 20 deadline to name convention delegates. Violating those deadlines can cost a state up to half its convention delegates.

The party's rules and bylaws chairman, Jim Roosevelt, said Thursday that his committee will consider waivers to the existing deadlines as they are submitted by state Democratic parties. The move also allows Democrats to avoid another potential conflict: rescheduled NBA playoffs.

It's not clear whether playoffs will occur, but existing convention plans had called for the party not to have access to prepare the arena until the Milwaukee Bucks had concluded their season. Rescheduled playoffs for July could have forced a renegotiation.

Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett said Thursday that he's "hopeful" about an overhauled convention, but he did not downplay the logistical challenges.

"I would love to say yes, and I hope it's yes and that we have tens of thousands of visitors, but we can see this is changing on an hourly basis," he said, "and so I think there's a lot of twists and turns between now and obviously the end of this month, not to mention the three months we have following that."

Europe's best hospitals can't handle pandemic

Top health systems no match for force of spreading virus

By MARIA CHENG
Associated Press

LONDON — As increasing numbers of European hospitals buckle under the strain of tens of thousands of coronavirus patients, the crisis has exposed a surprising paradox: Some of the world's best health systems are remarkably ill-equipped to handle a pandemic.

Outbreak experts say Europe's hospital-centric systems' lack of epidemic experience and early complacency are partly to blame for the pandemic's catastrophic tear across the continent.

"If you have cancer, you want to be in a European hospital," said Brice de le Vingne, who heads COVID-19 operations for Doctors Without Borders in Belgium. "But Europe hasn't had a major outbreak in more than 100 years, and now they don't know what to do."

Last week, the World Health Organization scolded countries for "squandering" their chance

to stop the virus from gaining a foothold, saying that countries should have reacted more aggressively two months ago, including implementing wider testing and stronger surveillance measures.

De le Vingne and others say Europe's approach to combating the new coronavirus was initially too lax and severely lacking in epidemiological basics such as contact tracing, an arduous process in which health officials physically track down people who have come into contact with those infected to monitor how and where the virus is spreading.

During outbreaks of Ebola, including Congo's most recent one, officials released daily figures for how many contacts were followed, even in remote villages paralyzed by armed attacks.

After the new coronavirus emerged late last year, China dispatched a team of about 9,000 health workers to chase thousands of potential contacts in Wuhan every day.

But in Italy, officials in some cases have left it up to ill patients to inform their potential contacts that they

had tested positive and resorted to mere daily phone calls to check in on them. Spain and Britain have declined to say how many health workers were contact tracing or how many contacts were identified at any stage in the outbreak.

"We are really good at contact tracing in the U.K., but the problem is we didn't do enough of it," said Dr. Bharat Pankhania, an infectious diseases physician at the University of Exeter in southwestern England.

As cases began picking up speed in the U.K. in early March, Pankhania and others desperately pleaded for call centers to be transformed into contact tracing hubs. That never happened, in what Pankhania calls "a lost opportunity."

Pankhania added that while Britain has significant expertise in treating critical care patients with respiratory problems such as severe pneumonia, there are simply too few hospital beds to cope with the exponential surge of patients during a pandemic.

"We are already running at full capacity, and then on top of that we have the arrival of the coronavirus at a time when we're fully



FRANCISCO SECO/AP

Staffers check on a patient last week in Liege, Belgium. Coronavirus causes mild or moderate symptoms in most people, but for some, it can cause more severe illness or death.

stressed and there isn't any give in the system," he said, noting years of reductions in bed capacity within Britain's National Health Service. The fact that health care workers and hospital systems have little experience with rationing care because European hospitals are generally so well resourced is now proving problematic.

Dr. Chiara Lepora, who heads Doctors Without Borders' efforts in the hot spot of Lodi in northern Italy, said the pandemic had revealed crucial problems in developed countries.

"Outbreaks cannot be fought in hospitals," she said. "Hospitals can only deal with the consequences."

Doctors in Bergamo, the epicenter of Italy's outbreak, described the new coronavirus as "the Ebola of the rich" in an article in the journal NEJM Catalyst Innovations in Care Delivery, warning that health systems in the West are at risk of being as overrun by COVID-19 as West African hospitals were in the devastating 2014-16 Ebola outbreak. "Western health sys-

tems have been built around the concept of patient-centered care, but an epidemic requires a change of perspective toward community-centered care," they wrote.

That model of community care is more typically seen in African or parts of Asian countries in , where hospitals are reserved for only the very sickest patients and far more patients are isolated or treated in stripped-down facilities — similar to the field hospitals now being hastily constructed across Europe.



The new FDA-approved test looks for protective antibodies in blood that show exposure to coronavirus.

FDA approves 1st virus antibody test in US

By APOORVA MANDAVILLI
The New York Times

The Food and Drug Administration on Thursday approved a new test for coronavirus antibodies, the first for use in the United States.

Currently available tests are designed to find fragments of viral genes indicating an infection. Doctors swab the nose and throat, and amplify any genetic material from the virus found there.

The new test, by contrast, looks for protective antibodies in blood. It tells doctors whether a patient has ever been exposed to the virus and now may have some immunity.

That is important for several reasons. People with immunity might be able to venture safely from their homes and help shore up the workforce. It may be particularly important for doctors and nurses to know whether they have antibodies.

Antibody testing eventu-

ally should give scientists a better sense of how widespread the infection is in the population — and help researchers calculate more precisely the death rate.

"If we don't know the asymptomatic or mild cases, we won't know if it's killing a sizable fraction of the people who have it, or only people who have underlying conditions or are very unlucky," said Dr. Carl Bergstrom, an infectious diseases expert at the University of Washington. Antibody tests already

are used in China, Singapore and a handful of other countries. Public Health England has purchased millions of antibody tests.

The new test, made by Cellex, looks for two types of antibodies.

The test delivers results in about 15 minutes. But just having antibodies does not guarantee immunity from the coronavirus.

The new test does not say how well any antibodies are working, said Dr. Angela Rasmussen, a virologist at Columbia University.

CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Virus used as excuse to quell dissent

Some nations take extreme measures during pandemic

By **DUSAN STOJANOVIC**
Associated Press

BELGRADE, Serbia — Soldiers patrol the streets with their fingers on machine gun triggers. The army guards an exhibition center-turned-makeshift-hospital crowded with rows of metal beds for those infected with the coronavirus. And Serbia's president warns residents that Belgrade's graveyards won't be big enough to bury the dead if people ignore his government's lockdown orders.

Since President Aleksandar Vucic announced an open-ended state of emergency March 15, parliament has been sidelined, borders shut, a 12-hour police-enforced curfew imposed and people over 65 banned from leaving their homes — some of Europe's strictest measures to combat the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Serbian leader, who makes dramatic daily appearances issuing new decrees, has assumed full power, prompting an outcry from opponents who say he has seized control in an unconstitutional manner.

Rodoljub Sabic, a former state commissioner for personal data protection, says by proclaiming a state of emergency, Vucic has assumed "full supremacy" over decision-making during the crisis, although his constitutional role is only ceremonial.

"The issues orders which are automatically accepted by the government," Sabic said. "No checks and balances."

In ex-communist Eastern Europe and elsewhere, populist leaders are introducing harsh measures including uncontrolled cell-phone surveillance of their citizens and lengthy jail sentences for those who flout lockdown decrees.

The human rights chief of



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Soldiers set up beds for treatment of possible COVID-19 patients inside of the Belgrade Fair complex in Serbia.

the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe said while she understands the need to act swiftly to protect populations from the COVID-19 pandemic, the newly declared states of emergency must include a time limit and parliamentary oversight.

"A state of emergency — wherever it is declared and for whatever reason — must be proportionate to its aim, and only remain in place for as long as absolutely necessary," said the OSCE rights chief, Ingibjörg Sólrún Gísladóttir.

In times of national emergency, countries often take steps that rights activists see as curtailing civil liberties, such as increased surveillance, curfews and restrictions on travel, or limiting freedom of expression. China locked down whole cities earlier this year

to stop the spread of the virus as India did with the whole nation.

Amnesty International researcher Massimo Moratti said states of emergency are allowed under international human rights law but warned that the restrictive measures should not become a "new normal." "Such states need to last only until the danger lasts," he told The Associated Press.

In European Union-member Hungary, parliament on Monday passed a law giving Prime Minister Viktor Orbán's government the right to rule by decree for as long as a state of emergency declared March 11 is in effect.

The law also sets prison terms of up to five years for those convicted of spreading the false information about the pandemic and up to eight

years for those interfering with efforts to contain the spread of the coronavirus, like a curfew or quarantine.

Rights groups and officials say the law creates the possibility of an indefinite state of emergency and gives Orbán and his government carte blanche to restrict human rights and crack down on freedom of the press.

"Orban is dismantling democracy in front of our eyes," said Tanja Fajon, a member of the European Parliament, "This is a shame for Europe, its fundamental values and democracy. He (Orban) abused coronavirus as an excuse to kill democracy and media freedom."

"This is not the way to address the very real crisis that has been caused by the COVID-19 pandemic," said David Vig, Amnesty Inter-

national's Hungary director.

Hungarian Justice Minister Judit Varga said criticism of Hungary's bill were "political attacks based on the wrong interpretation or intentional distortion" of its contents.

Other governments have also adopted extreme measures.

In Israel, Benjamin Netanyahu's caretaker government passed a series of emergency executive measures to try to quell the spread of the new virus. These include authorizing unprecedented electronic surveillance of Israeli citizens and a slowdown of court activity that forced the postponement of Netanyahu's own pending corruption trial.

In Russia, authorities have turned up the pressure on media outlets and social media users to control the

narrative amid the country's growing coronavirus outbreak. Moscow went on lockdown Monday and many other regions quickly followed suit.

Under the guise of weeding out coronavirus-related "fake news," law enforcement has cracked down on people sharing opinions on social media, and on media that criticize the government's response to the outbreak.

In Poland, people are worried about a new government smartphone application introduced for people in home quarantine.

Panoptykon Foundation, a human rights group that opposes surveillance, says some users who support government efforts to fight the pandemic worry that by using the app they could be giving too much private data to the conservative government.

Images of the transformation of a huge communist-era exhibition hall in Belgrade into a makeshift hospital for infected patients has triggered widespread public fear of the detention camp-looking facility that is filled with row-upon-row of 3,000 metal beds.

The Serbian president said he was glad that people got scared, adding he would have chosen even a worse-looking spot if that would stop Serbs from flouting his stay-at-home orders.

"Someone has to spend 14 to 28 days there," Vucic said. "If it's not comfortable, I don't care. We are fighting for people's lives."

"Do not Drown Belgrade," a group of civic activists, has launched an online petition against what they call Vucic's abuse of power and curtailing of basic human rights. It says his frequent public appearances are creating panic in an already worried society.

"We do not need Vucic's daily dramatization, but the truth: Concrete data and instructions from experts," the petition says.

Africa facing 'existential threat' as virus spreads

By **CARA ANNA**
Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG — Some African countries will have more than 10,000 coronavirus cases by the end of April, health officials projected Thursday, as the continent least equipped to treat serious infections has an "enormous gap" in the number of ventilators and other critical items.

While cases throughout Africa are now more than 6,000 at what has been called the dawn of the outbreak, the continent is "very, very close" to where Europe was after a 40-day period, the head of the Africa Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Dr. John Nkengasong, told reporters.

The virus "is an existential threat to our continent," he said.

All but four of Africa's 54 countries have cases after Malawi on Thursday reported its first, and local transmission has begun in many places.

Nkengasong said author-

ities are aggressively looking into procuring equipment such as ventilators that most African countries desperately need, and local manufacturing and repurposing are being explored.

"We've seen a lot of goodwill expressed to supporting Africa from bilateral and multilateral partners," but "we still have to see that translate into concrete action," he said.

The World Health Organization doesn't know how many ventilators are available across Africa to help those in respiratory distress, regional director Dr. Matshidiso Moeti told reporters.

"We are trying to find out this information from country-based colleagues. What we can say without a doubt is there is an enormous gap."

Some countries have only a few ventilators. Central African Republic has just three.

A small percentage of people who are infected will need ventilators and about 15% may need intensive care, said WHO official



JEROME DELAY/AP

Cars line up Wednesday at a coronavirus testing station near Johannesburg. All but four of Africa's 54 countries had reported cases of the virus as of Thursday.

Dr. Zabulon Yoti.

The health officials pleaded for global solidarity at a time when even some of the world's richest countries are scrambling for basic medical needs, including face masks.

"Countries like Cameroon just reached out yesterday, Ivory Coast, Burkina Faso, asking, 'Look, we need

tents because we're running out of hospital beds already,'" Nkengasong said.

Even if equipment is obtained, getting it to countries is a growing challenge with Africa's widespread travel restrictions, though countries have made exceptions for cargo or emergency humanitarian flights. Simply gauging the num-

ber of coronavirus cases in Africa is a challenge, even in South Africa, the most developed country on the continent, where authorities have acknowledged a testing backlog.

Other countries suffer from the widespread shortage of testing kits or swabs, though 43 countries in the WHO Africa sub-Saharan

region now have testing capability, up from two in early February.

As more African countries impose lockdowns, both the WHO and Africa CDC expressed concern for the millions of low-income people who need to go out daily to earn their living. That's a "huge challenge," Moeti said.



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The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has eased restrictions on blood donations from gay men and other groups.

US eases blood donation limits from gay men

By **MATTHEW PERRONE**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. government eased restrictions on blood donations from gay men and other key groups because of a drop in the nation's blood supply triggered by the coronavirus outbreak.

The Food and Drug Administration's new policy announced Thursday aims to allow tens of thousands more Americans to give blood, including gay and bisexual men and people

with recent tattoos and piercings.

"We want and we need healthy people — all healthy people — to give blood," said U.S. Surgeon General Jerome Adams.

Canceled blood drives have decimated donations to the American Red Cross and other nonprofits that provide most of the blood supply. Last month, the Red Cross estimated there had been 86,000 fewer blood donations in recent weeks because blood drives were canceled at workplaces, col-

leges and other locations.

The FDA's previous rules barred donations from men who have had sex with a man in the previous year. The same policy applied to women who've had sex with gay or bisexual men and people who've received tattoos and piercings in the past year. Under the new policy, the disqualifying time period was reduced to three months.

The FDA on Thursday made similar changes to restrictions for people who have recently traveled to

countries where malaria exposure is a risk. The agency expects the changes to remain in place after the pandemic ends.

The U.S. and many other countries have long restricted donations from gay and bisexual men and several other groups due to the risk of spreading HIV through the blood supply.

Donated blood is screened for a number of infectious diseases, including HIV. The new coronavirus can't be spread through blood.

Pakistan court overturns conviction in Pearl's death

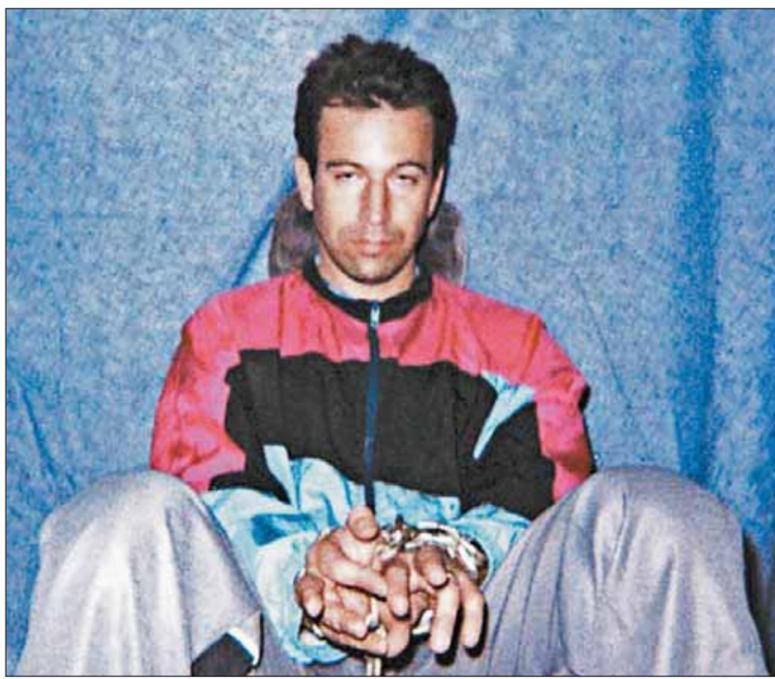
BY ADIL JAWAD
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Associated Press

KARACHI, Pakistan — A Pakistani court Thursday overturned the murder conviction of a British Pakistani man found guilty of the 2002 kidnapping and killing of Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl.

Instead, the court found Ahmed Omar Saeed Sheikh guilty of kidnapping and sentenced him to seven years in prison.

Pearl disappeared Jan. 23, 2002, in Karachi while researching links between Pakistani militants and Richard Reid, who became known as the “shoe bomber” after he was arrested on a flight from Paris to Miami with explosives in his shoes. Prosecutors said Saeed lured Pearl into a trap by promising to arrange an interview with an Islamic cleric who police believed was not involved in the conspiracy.

One of Saeed's lawyers, Khwaja Naveed, said Saeed could go free unless the government chooses to challenge the court decision. Faiz Shah, prosecutor general for southern Sindh province, said the government will appeal to the Supreme Court of Pakistan.



Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl, who was held captive by militants in Pakistan, was killed in 2002.

“The Committee to Protect Journalists is deeply disappointed to see justice in the murder case of Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl denied by a Pakistani court,” said Steven Butler, CPJ's Asia program

coordinator.

U.N. spokesman Stephane Dujarric, asked for Secretary-General Antonio Guterres' response, said: “We stand against the use of the death penalty. We do, however, strongly believe

that there needs to be accountability for people who take the lives of others, especially in this case of a journalist.”

Saeed has already spent 18 years in prison in southern Hyderabad on death

row. The seven-year sentence for kidnapping was expected to be counted as time served, Naveed said.

The Sindh High Court also acquitted three others accused in the case: Fahad Naseem, Sheikh Adil and Salman Saqib, who were earlier sentenced to life in prison. The defendants were also collectively fined \$32,000.

The Pearl Project, an investigative journalism team at Georgetown University, carried out a three-year investigation into Pearl's kidnapping and death. It included the reporter was beheaded by Khalid Sheikh Mohammad, who was arrested in Pakistan in 2003 and later described as the architect of the 9/11 terrorist attacks on the United States. Mohammad is a prisoner at the U.S. Naval Base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Soon after Pearl disappeared, Pakistani and U.S. news organizations received emails from the previously unknown National Movement for the Restoration of Pakistani Sovereignty. The group demanded better treatment for Taliban and al-Qaida prisoners at Guantanamo.

FBI agents traced the

emails to Saeed, who admitted his role in the kidnapping during his first court appearance but later recanted.

“Right or wrong I had my reasons,” Saeed told the court at the time. “I think that our country shouldn't be catering to America's needs.” The statement was ruled inadmissible because it was not made under oath. Saeed had been arrested in 1994 by Indian authorities, accused of kidnapping three Britons and an American, who were all freed unharmed, in Indian-ruled Kashmir, Hindu India's only Muslim-dominated region. Kashmir is divided between Pakistan and India but coveted by each in its entirety.

Since 1989, an insurgency in Indian-held Kashmir has been demanding either outright independence for a united Kashmir or union with Muslim-majority Pakistan.

In 1999, India freed Saeed and two other militants in exchange for the release of 155 passengers and crew aboard an Indian Airlines plane hijacked to Kandahar, Afghanistan.

The Pearl kidnapping was the first of five attacks against Westerners in Pakistan in 2002.

In Idaho, no aid for wrongly convicted, governor says

BY KEITH RIDLER
Associated Press

Idaho Gov. Brad Little has vetoed legislation that would have set up a process to compensate people convicted of crimes they didn't commit, but suggested he would approve future legislation that didn't put the state in court as a first step.

The Republican governor said the measure's objective was admirable, but that its process was flawed.

“The bill immediately forces the state into an adversarial legal proceeding in court with the claimant,”

Little wrote in his veto message last month.

He suggested instead using an existing board or commission to review cases, such as the Commission on Pardons and Parole or the Board of Examiners. He said that process would be faster and that denied claims could be appealed in courts.

The bill's sponsor, Republican Rep. Doug Ricks, said supporters were blindsided by the veto of the bill that passed the Senate 32-0 and House 64-1.

Those are numbers great enough to override a veto,

but the legislature adjourned due to concerns about the coronavirus.

Ricks said the bill had been vetoed by prosecuting attorneys, the courts and the Idaho attorney general's office.

Republican Sen. Todd Lakey, an attorney, also took part.

Little said his office will work with lawmakers to create an acceptable process for a bill to be submitted in the future, and Ricks said he'd be back again next year



Little

to do that.

“We do hope that the governor is sincere in working together next year, and I look forward to working with him to get this done,” Ricks said.

The legislation would have paid \$60,000 to people who have been wrongly incarcerated and \$75,000 per year to exonerated death row inmates.

Ricks said six former inmates could have benefited from the measure.

He has said the state

needs to take responsibility when innocent people are incarcerated. Idaho is one of 15 states that doesn't compensate people sent to prison for crimes they didn't commit.

Idaho has several notable cases of exonerated prisoners who have received no compensation, including Christopher Tapp and Charles Fain. Both testified before lawmakers earlier this year.

Tapp was convicted of rape and murder following the 1996 death of Angie Dodge. He was released in 2017; DNA evidence cleared

him in 2019. Brian Leigh Dripps was arrested on DNA evidence last year and is charged with rape and murder in Dodge's death.

Fain was convicted of kidnapping, rape and murder in 1983 following the death of 9-year-old Daralyn Johnson.

In 1984, he was sentenced to death.

But DNA evidence not available at the time of the conviction later cleared him, and he was released in 2001.

Johnson's killer hasn't been identified.

NEWS BRIEFING

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Regulators suing to break up Altria's investment deal in Juul

WASHINGTON — U.S. business regulators are suing to break up the multi-billion-dollar deal between tobacco giant Altria and e-cigarette startup Juul Labs, saying their partnership amounted to an agreement not to compete in the U.S. vaping market.

The action announced late Wednesday by the Federal Trade Commission is the latest legal headwind against Altria's investment in the embat-

tled vaping company. Juul's sales have been sliding for months amid state and federal investigations, lawsuits and flavor restrictions aimed at curbing the recent explosion in teen vaping.

In late 2018 Altria discontinued its e-cigarettes and took a 35% stake in Juul.

The complaint alleges that Altria agreed not to compete against Juul in return for the \$13 billion stake in the company.

Mass polio immunizations suspended due to coronavirus

LONDON — Health officials attempting to eradicate polio say they are forced to suspend mass immunization efforts amid the surging coronavirus pandemic.

The World Health Organization and partners said all polio activities “should be suspended to avoid placing communities and frontline workers at unnecessary risk” for the next six months.

Experts noted that

while halting efforts to stop polio is necessary given the speed at which COVID-19 is infecting people globally, it will result in the increased spread of the paralytic disease and the numbers of children paralyzed by the virus.

The vaccination campaigns are critical to stopping polio. Eradication requires that more than 95% of children under 5 be immunized.

Putin orders most Russians not to work through end of April

MOSCOW — President Vladimir Putin has ordered most Russians to stay off work until the end of April to curb the spread of the coronavirus.

Speaking in a televised address to the nation Thursday, Putin said he was extending the non-working policy, adding that there are exceptions for essential industries to keep operating, and that grocery stores and pharmacies will remain open.

Putin also said it would be up to the regional authorities to decide which sectors should keep working in their areas.

He said Russia's virus-prevention strategies have bought time and helped slow down the outbreak but also warned that cases haven't yet peaked.

Putin said that along with protecting the public, it's also important to protect people's incomes and curb unemployment.



JUAN KARITA/AP

Trying to keep the virus at bay: City workers fumigate a street to help contain the spread of the new coronavirus Thursday in La Paz, Bolivia.

Trump campaign to Sessions: Stop invoking president in race

President Donald Trump's campaign is demanding that former Attorney General Jeff Sessions stop attaching himself to the president in an effort to win back his Senate seat in Alabama, after Sessions distributed a campaign mailer that mentioned the president 22 times.

In a letter to the Sessions campaign, the Trump campaign called Sessions' claim that he is the president's top supporter “delusional.”

“The Trump campaign has learned that your U.S. Senate campaign is circulating mailers ... in which you misleadingly promote

your connections to and ‘support’ of President Trump,” Michael Glassner, the Trump campaign's chief operating officer, wrote in the letter, which was sent Tuesday.

Trump has endorsed former football coach Tommy Tuberville over Sessions in the runoff to be the Republican nominee taking on the incumbent Democrat, Sen. Doug Jones, in the fall.

Sessions, the first attorney general in the Trump administration, has repeatedly invoked Trump throughout the campaign, even after Trump endorsed Tuberville.

“The enclosed letter and donor form in fact mention President Trump by name 22 times. The letter even makes the delusional assertion that you are President ‘Trump's #1 supporter,’” Glassner wrote. “We only assume your campaign is doing this to confuse President Trump's loyal supporters.”

The letter adds that Trump and his campaign “unambiguously endorse Tommy Tuberville,” and concludes, “President Trump and his campaign do not support your efforts to return to the U.S. Senate.”

Ga. man pleads guilty in White House attack plot

ATLANTA — A Georgia man accused of plotting to attack the White House with an antitank rocket and explosives has pleaded guilty to a federal charge.

Hasher Jallal Taheb, 23, pleaded guilty Wednesday to a charge of attempting to destroy, by fire or an explosive, a building owned by or

leased to the United States, federal prosecutors said.

Local law enforcement reached out to the FBI in March 2018 after getting a tip from a community member saying Taheb had adopted radical ideas.

Federal agents arrested Taheb on Jan. 16, 2019, when he showed up for a

meeting with an undercover agent and an FBI source thinking they were going to rent a car and trade their vehicles for weapons, with the intention of driving to Washington to carry out the attack, prosecutors have said.

Taheb is scheduled to be sentenced June 23.

Billions in virus-related aid to help homeless

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration said Thursday that it is distributing about \$3 billion in coronavirus aid to help the homeless find emergency shelter and communities expand testing and treatment.

Advocacy groups say the homeless population is at risk during the pandemic. Many have underlying health problems, and live in conditions that do not allow for frequent hand washing and social distancing.

The initial installment represents about one-quarter of the total that Congress allocated to the Department of Housing and Urban Development as part of a \$2.2 trillion aid package.

The department said the biggest chunk of money for local governments and nonprofits will pay for new medical facilities for testing and treatment and other activities.

Double homicide in Wis.: University of Wisconsin-Madison police investigators were working Thursday to determine why a respected physician and her husband were targeted and killed.

The bodies of Dr. Beth Potter, 52 and her husband, Robin Carre, 57, were found by a jogger Tuesday morning in the UW Arboretum.

The arboretum is a research and popular recreational area that includes more than 1,200 acres of forests and prairies.

Potter and Carre died from “homicidal related trauma,” according to the Dane County Medical Examiner's Office.

Authorities have not disclosed the manner of their deaths, but UW police said the slayings were not by chance.

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EDITORIALS

Dear public officials: Trust us with information on COVID-19 cases

The growing number of coronavirus-linked deaths in the Chicago area shakes us to the core. Two local victims have raised particular anxiety: a baby and a police officer.

The March 23 death of a 9-month-old Chicago infant challenged one of the few areas of solace with this virus, that young children somehow had significant protection from it.

Then on Thursday, Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot announced the first death of a Chicago police officer, who had been diagnosed with the virus days earlier. Officer Marco DiFranco, 50, was admitted to the hospital over the weekend and died early Thursday. Public safety workers, at higher risk for contracting the illness because of their frequent interaction with the public, are worried.

Everyone is worried. The daily briefings from elected officials provide, in broad strokes, the progression of the virus and the efforts to combat it. This information is greatly appreciated. And yet, there are few details other than numbers being released. The public should be trusted with as much information as possible. After all, the first line of defense against virus spread is the decision-making by all of us to protect ourselves and those around us.

We understand the need and the legal concerns to protect patient privacy. We also recognize tracking chains of transmission is difficult. Still, is there more information that could be shared with-



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Gov. J.B. Pritzker talks about the coronavirus pandemic at the Thompson Center on Wednesday.

out violating individual privacy?

For example, the Cook County Department of Public Health recently released maps that pinpointed cases cropping up on a town-by-town basis. The information is instructive for residents in towns that appear to have hot spots. Perhaps the explanations are benign — more testing, for example, in some of those communities.

What we also learned: Nearly three-quarters of confirmed coronavirus cases in the suburbs of Cook County had no known origin. That's an important piece of information. If your town is

seeing an uptick in cases, maybe have those groceries delivered.

When Gov. J.B. Pritzker announced the death of the infant, he encouraged the public to grieve. "I know how difficult this news can be, especially about this very young child. Upon hearing it, I admit that I was immediately shaken. ... It's especially sorrowful for the family of this very small child for the years stolen from this infant. We should grieve."

He's right. The Tribune's Annie Sweeney reports that the Cook County medical examiner's office is conducting additional testing

on the baby, which could be completed soon. Maybe an underlying medical condition contributed to the infant's death. At this writing, though, the public doesn't know, and that leaves people more anxious about the possible implications for children.

We grieve for the family of Marco DiFranco. He worked as a narcotics officer and had less contact with the public than a beat cop. Officials aren't sure when or how he came into contact with an infected person. He leaves behind a wife and two children, whom Lightfoot mentioned during a news conference.

She had just spoken with DiFranco's wife.

"Those are very hard conversations to have, when a wife and a family are sitting in that moment with their grief, and I always offer my sincere condolences and sincerely offer to support the family in any way I can," Lightfoot said. "But having been through death and grief myself, these moments are so surreal, they are so hard, so I'm feeling that for that family. I'm lucky because I still have my mother, I still have my siblings, and I have an incredible wife and daughter who sustain me every single day."

For people of a certain age, the daily counts of U.S. lives lost are disturbingly familiar. We experienced it in the era of Vietnam, when newspapers and TV news reported the rise in casualties of U.S. soldiers.

If the grim predictions for coronavirus come true, the U.S. will lose two, three, perhaps many more times the 58,000 American lives lost in Vietnam — and in just a matter of months, not years. From the individual tragedies to the broader evidence of virus progression, this is a great deal to process. It is staggering.

Here's an ask of state and local officials: Be as transparent as you can about the what, where and how causing COVID-19 deaths. Trust the public with as much information as you can about the chains of events, as you learn them. Trust us. We will make better personal decisions, as we collectively grieve.

Colleges can help reduce stress as students apply amid virus

Every spring, many high school upperclassmen hand-writing over one of life's big decisions: where to go to college. This spring, the coronavirus pandemic has made that decision exponentially more stressful.

College fairs and campus tours have been canceled, making it more difficult for prospective students to get a feel for schools under consideration. The traditional deadline for graduating seniors to commit to a college or university, May 1, looms at a time when the pandemic has upended every family's calendar.

It's an extraordinary circumstance that necessitates amped-up flexibility from higher education institutions. Some have done so.

The University of Illinois at Chicago moved from May 1 to June 1 its deadline for high school seniors to commit, the Tribune's



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Claire Dwyer, 18, with her father, Kevin Dwyer, of Arlington Heights, had their college visitation plans upended by the coronavirus outbreak.

Elyssa Cherney reported. Bradley University in Peoria did the same, and Illinois Wesleyan University

in Bloomington moved its deadline to July 1. The trend isn't confined to Illinois; across the

country, more than 100 institutions have pushed back their decision day at least a month, according to The Washington Post.

Those institutions remain outliers, though, considering that there are more than 4,000 degree-granting postsecondary institutions in the U.S. as of the 2017-2018 school year, according to the National Center for Education Statistics. Schools that have kept their deadlines intact should reconsider. Seniors and their families have been waylaid by the pandemic, and they need time to size up what's their best path forward.

For many, the COVID-19 crisis may have stoked second thoughts about moving far from home for college. The focus may now be a college within driving distance from home. Another coronavirus-linked factor — the crisis' bludge-

oning of the stock market may have dramatically affected families' college savings plans. If the University of Michigan had been the dream school, Northern Illinois University may be more realistic.

Colleges also have to decide whether to waive test scores that usually play a key role in admissions decisions. The SAT session slated for May 2 has been canceled, and the ACT session scheduled for April 4 has been delayed until June 13. Some schools have chosen to make the taking of those tests optional; many others haven't.

The COVID-19 challenge daunts everyone — students, parents and schools. Colleges and universities can relieve much of that stress by giving students and their families what they really need right now. A little more time.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

There is every reason to think that our post-coronavirus future will see not an end to the globalizing trend of recent decades but a new chapter in that story. ... When this crisis passes, we are likely to find fresh confirmation of what we already know about globalization: that it's easy to hate, convenient to target and impossible to stop. ...

The scale of travel today for tourism, trade and business has made it far harder to contain a pandemic. In 1950, according to the U.N. World Tourism Organization, there were 25 million tourist arrivals; last year, there were 1.5 billion. ... The alarming spread of the coronavirus in recent weeks has indeed provoked a drawbridge reaction in many countries, but the response also suggests that the only reliable inoculation against future pandemics will be transnational cooperation. ...

Though months without familiar modes of travel may forever change patterns of behavior, judging from how people have snapped back after previous crises, that seems unlikely. Once the worst has passed, we may find waves of pent-up demand for millions of people to venture once more into the world, this time with coordinated health screening across countries akin to what emerged in the post-9/11 world to prevent the flow of people, money and goods that might support terrorist organizations. ...

The sheer scale of the globalization created over the past several decades, to say nothing of the enormous benefits that have flowed from it for billions of people, will preclude a lasting reversal. We will discover that we are indeed all in this together.

Zachary Karabell, *The Wall Street Journal*

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PERSPECTIVE

Rent strike a terrible idea that'll make terrible times even worse



ERIC ZORN

Today it's the tenants. Rent is due this week, and some renters and the nearly 200,000 Illinoisans who've recently lost their jobs due to the COVID-19 pandemic are finding it difficult to impossible to pay what they owe.

"In a city where 51% of households are rent-burdened" — meaning they spend more than 30% of their income on rent — "one missed paycheck can mean a choice between groceries or rent, with a looming potential for homelessness," says an online petition from Chicago's Autonomous Tenants Union.

That petition calls for "an indefinite freeze on collection of all rent, mortgage, and utility payments throughout the duration of the crisis," as well as a suspension "of court filings for evictions and foreclosures ... for at least as long as a risk to public health remains."

The organization goes on to explain that "freeze on collection" means forgiveness — "a waiver of payments, not a deferral in which people will find themselves saddled by debt after the crisis"

The national coalition Rent Strike 2020 is making similar demands, threatening "every governor in every state" with a mass refusal to pay rent unless the states agree to eliminate such payments for two months. Included in such an action would be tenants who haven't experienced drastic cuts in income. They would withhold rent in solidarity with those who have experienced such cuts in order to make retaliatory actions more difficult.

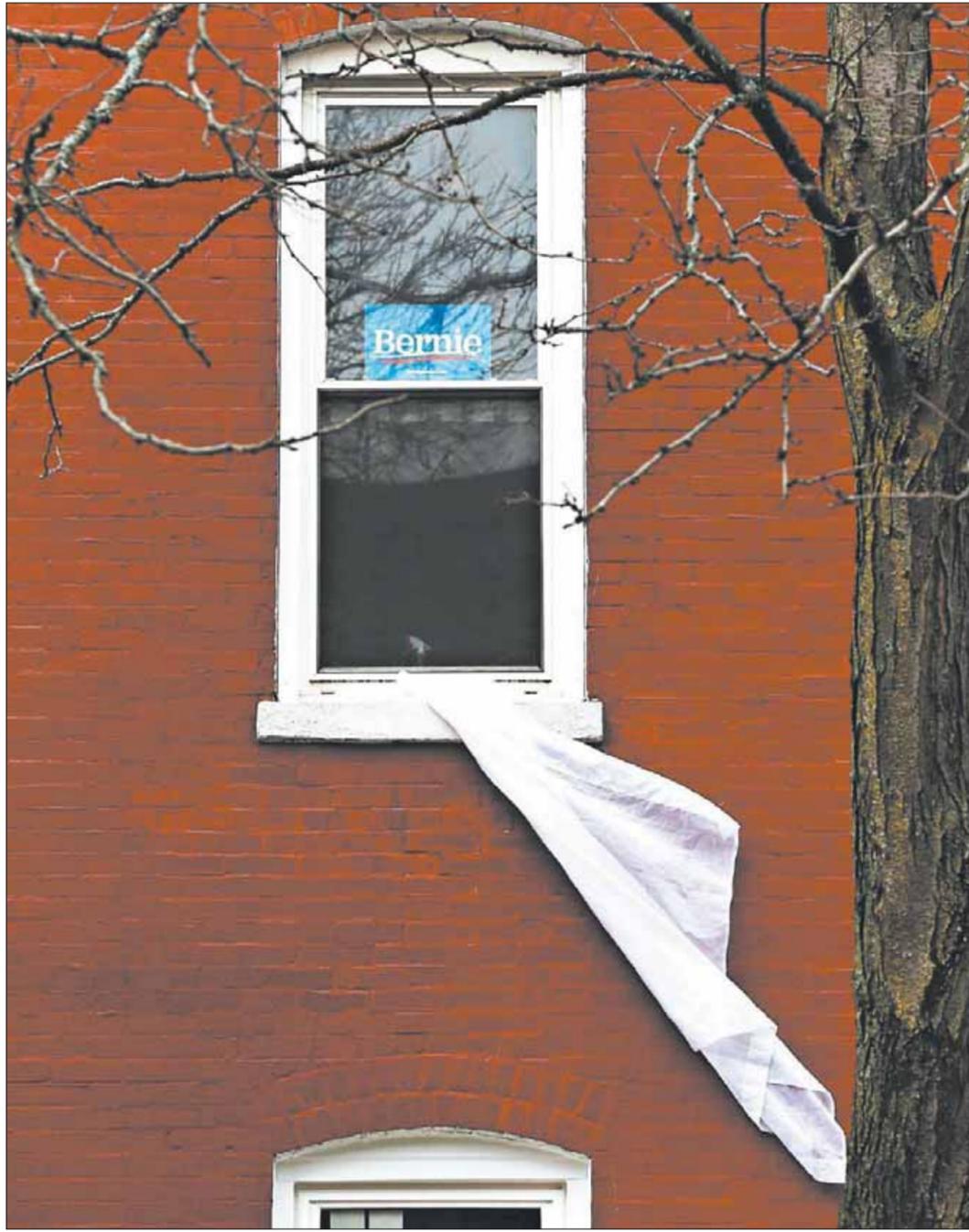
I sympathize. Yes, it's a brazen demand, but the suddenly unemployed are collateral victims of the rampaging coronavirus, and if they're among the majority of American workers living paycheck to paycheck and don't have the funds, what's the alternative? Putting them on the street?

True, Cook County has suspended eviction cases until mid-May, and evictions statewide are on hold for as long as Gov. J.B. Pritzker's stay-at-home order is in effect — at least until April 30. Many of those who've lost their jobs or had their hours reduced will be receiving extended and expanded unemployment benefits as well as federal recovery checks of up to \$1,200. They should be able to make rent for April.

But what about May? June? Beyond? The #CancelRent movement makes the point that even when the coronavirus threat crests and begins to ebb — informed estimates range from mid-April to mid-May in Illinois — jobs and incomes will not quickly snap back to pre-pandemic levels, and tenants won't be able to afford balloon payments if rent is simply deferred.

So tomorrow it will be the landlords.

Sure, some fit the stereotype of the



JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

A white sheet hangs off a window ledge Tuesday at an apartment in the 1700 block of West Huron Street. Sheets are hanging out of Chicago apartment windows to symbolize difficulties renters are facing in paying April rent because of COVID-19.

mustache-twirling profiteer with a heart the size of a mouse dropping or the faceless property-management corporation. But a 2015 U.S. Census Bureau survey showed that roughly half of all rental units are owned by individual investors. These are usually people with mortgages and property taxes due, maintenance and often some utility expenses to bear and emergency repairs to fund. Some who collect rent may simply be subletters.

The landlords are likely higher on the economic ladder than their tenants. For now. But that won't last long if the checks stop coming in. The banks will want to be paid. The county. The city. The vendors. The credit card and electric companies.

Then what? #CancelBills? I'm not being flip. I sympathize

with landlords too. In London, which has also been hit hard by COVID-19, reportedly only about a third of commercial tenants had paid their rent by the March 25 due date. The New York Times quotes real estate industry estimates that 40% of New York City tenants won't be able to make their April rent.

The cascading effects are obvious, which makes the idea of a rent strike not only unfair but destructive.

Today tenants. Tomorrow landlords. The next day everyone else. It will be you, your employer and your state and local governments with pockets turned inside out and unpayable bills on the table. Distressed tenants are just the leading edge of a problem that most of us are going to share soon enough, and that we're all

going to have to work together and sacrifice to solve.

"My hope is that we will give each other grace," Mayor Lori Lightfoot said Wednesday, addressing this issue. She urged landlords "if at all possible to forgo this month's payment just to give people a little bit of peace of mind and a cushion in reality, really tight financial circumstances." She should also have urged renters, if at all possible, to meet landlords partway and to see them as allies in the much larger fight we're now in.

In the end, when government swoops in to rescue dispossessed renters, as it must, it will also rescue landlords. And we'll all feel the relief.

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Behind race to fight virus, can state keep finances in order?

BY DAVID GREISING

Stores are closed, jobs are disappearing. People are barely driving, much less flying. Farmers are in the fields — where social distancing is a way of life — but there's no telling what the market for their crops will look like. The stock market is down 20% for the year.

And somebody's supposed to figure out the cost of all this?

Well, yes. Gov. J.B. Pritzker ultimately will be responsible for determining the impact on the state's budget — as if he doesn't have enough to do fighting the COVID-19 virus day and night. The human toll is climbing rapidly, and Pritzker has shown compassion for victims and caretakers, and a resolve to do his best for the state.

The effort ultimately will include addressing the financial fallout from COVID-19 too. Pritzker showed at a news conference this week that state finances are on his mind, even as he deals with the rest of the coronavirus pandemic. He said there is no telling yet what the financial cost will be, or how revenues and the rest of his 2021 budget will be affected.

Jim Muschinski is one person in state government whose job is to tally the troubles. As chief revenue officer of the Illinois Commission on Government Forecasting

and Accountability, he delivers forecasts to the state legislature. It's a demanding job under any circumstances and daunting now.

"Obviously, what has happened makes forecasting very difficult, if not impossible," Muschinski said.

To start, Muschinski has looked to recent history for similar cases. The Great Recession caused state revenues to drop nearly 9% from fiscal year 2008 to fiscal year 2010, for a combined revenue loss of \$4.5 billion.

In a recent COGFA forecast, Muschinski set forward a peak-to-trough scenario more than double that: a 20% hit to revenues. The cost in lost revenue, he figured, could exceed \$8 billion, nearly twice the hit from the Great Recession. Muschinski is expected to publish updated numbers as soon as Friday.

As Pritzker reworks his budget, the state has precious little flexibility. With \$74 billion in unpaid bills, a credit rating that's just one notch above junk and a pension system that eats up more than 20% of the state's operating budget, it faces a trifecta of trouble.

One telling measure of weakness is the state's "rainy day fund," which stands at only \$58,655. It's enough to run the state's operations for all of about 30 seconds.

Cash flow is always tight in Illinois. But in most years, the state can count on April

to bring in about \$1 billion in extra revenue to help ease through the June 30 end of the fiscal year.

This year, that bump won't come until July, thanks to Pritzker's decision to extend the state's tax deadline to July 15. But in the meanwhile, the three-month delay likely will create cash-flow problems that could exacerbate Illinois' bill backlog. State Comptroller Susana Mendoza and Treasurer Mike Frerichs have worked magic trying to keep cash flowing through the state — with Mendoza borrowing funds held by Frerichs, for example, in order to help pay the state's bills. But such cash-management finesse carries only so far, and that limit has been reached.

As Pritzker's budget team projects revenues for 2021, they'll be looking at big hits to the so-called big three revenue sources — personal income tax, corporate tax and sales tax. And likely shortfalls elsewhere will raise questions about some of Pritzker's big plans. The governor had counted on about \$2.8 billion in new revenue each year to fund his \$45 billion, six-year infrastructure program. In a deep recession, people will drive less, so his projected \$590 million in annual motor fuels revenue is suspect. Gambling drops during recessions too, meaning a slow start for a revenue stream projected to reach \$350 million a year.

And then there are pensions — always,

the state's pensions.

Moody's Investors Service last week published a report projecting investment losses of 21% for pension systems nationwide for the fiscal year that ends June 30. Moody's projects particular trouble for states, such as Illinois, that pay so little they can't keep their pension liabilities from growing year over year.

Due to the market meltdown, such "tread-water payments" will need to grow by 50% in the next fiscal year, Moody's projects. Pritzker has budgeted \$8.6 billion for pension payments for fiscal year 2021, which starts July 1. With the state facing the coronavirus fiscal fallout, Pritzker will be hard-pressed to find a few billion extra to keep pace on pensions.

And if Pritzker doesn't boost those pension payments, he risks a credit downgrade. With Illinois' debt teetering just one notch above junk status, the political and financial costs would be great.

Muschinski, the legislature's financial forecaster, is faced with the tough job of updating the state's financial forecasts in real time. Pritzker has even bigger trouble on his hands: He's the one who needs to pay the bills.

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

PERSPECTIVE



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Bill Quateman, from left, Bonnie Koloc, John Prine and Steve Goodman at Ravinia in 1972.

While John Prine battles coronavirus, Chicago cheers for an encore

BY MARK GUARINO

Two days after the Chicago Cubs won their first World Series title in 108 years, baseball fans were still crowding streets in the Loop, still screaming, still crying, and still chanting about a victory seen as a miracle for a legendary Chicago institution.

From many stories above, in his room at the Palmer House, another Chicago institution watched the throngs of people through his window on that 2016 autumn day.

"What a week to be home," said John Prine, wearing a black T-shirt and pants, his hands cradling a cup of coffee. He recalled sitting in Wrigley Field the previous season and hearing the unofficial team anthem written by Steve Goodman, his closest friend from his earliest days in Chicago, blast from the speakers.

"I had forgotten that everybody stands and sings the song, 'Go Cubs Go.' It gives me goose bumps on top of goose bumps to hear that," he said.

At his show at the Chicago Theatre the next night, Prine made his entrance to Goodman's song.

"Damn, it's good to be home," he told the audience.

The relationship between the songwriter and Chicago is, put simplest, a two-way love affair. So when news hit last weekend that Prine, 73, was stricken with COVID-19 and in critical condition, it created a storm of online grief. His fans, both famous and not, started posting tributes, memories and videos of them performing his songs in their living rooms. On Tuesday, Stephen Colbert interrupted his late-night show to air a duet he recorded with Prine in 2016. "One of the happiest moments I've had on my show," Colbert said.

(On Twitter on Monday, Prine's wife posted that Prine's condition was now "stable.")

His influence as a beacon for musicians of multiple generations is evident in his thick songbook, combed through by musicians as diverse as Southern soul singer Swamp Dogg, Pink Floyd's Roger Waters and Justin Vernon of Bon Iver.

But for Chicagoans, Prine and his songs represent something more relatable: An approach that uses plain-spoken language to peel back the mysteries of ordinariness. The key is understatement — minimal details and those generous spaces in the music and between the verses.

His 1971 debut album that put him on the map was written in an apartment on 19th Street in Melrose Park that he shared with his high school sweetheart. Many of

its characters could have populated those streets: A Vietnam veteran turned heroin junkie, an elderly couple abandoned by their children, a convict eating Christmas dinner behind bars, a wife caught in a small town and a loveless marriage who yearns to run away with the rodeo.

Strip out the music, and it's not far from the oral histories in "Division Street: America" by Studs Terkel.

Bob Dylan once famously described Prine's songs as "pure Proustian existentialism. Midwestern mind trips to the nth degree," also descriptive of other Midwestern writers such as Carl Sandburg or Mark Twain who understood this region not as forgettable flyover country, but a place of unadorned beauty, absurd humor and resolute individualism. Prine, who relocated to Nashville in 1980, agreed.

"I don't feel I could write songs about being a Southerner. I still got that Midwestern mentality. That's where I go back as a touchstone with my writing," he said that morning at the Palmer House.

He also came of age in a postwar Chicago that today is largely unrecognizable in its affluence and homogeneity. The saloons and clubs in Old Town and Lincoln Park where he plied his trade are now luxury boutiques and upscale restaurants. Where condo towers now stand once were the factories that employed both the people in his songs and those who came to hear him, including his father Bill Prine, a tool and die maker for 35 years at American Can Co.

Prine's grandfather moved his family from Kentucky to Maywood in 1924 looking for work as a carpenter and he found it in spades, including one job raising buildings for the 1933 Chicago World's Fair. The factories that created the collar suburbs — companies such as American Can, Western Electric, and Illinois Bell — brought with them blue collar jobs that attracted people of all races and ethnicities. Prine told this writer in 1999 how he considered Maywood as "a melting pot" where people of all backgrounds could make a good living and raise families.

He briefly took guitar classes at the Old Town School of Folk Music's Armitage Avenue location, but his real training was at the Earl of Old Town, a Wells Street pub that required its stable of musicians to play weeklong blocks of marathon sets that spanned seven hours, plus a matinee on Sunday afternoons. Besides endurance, the Earl, among other Chicago folk clubs of its day, also forced musicians to get comfortable winning over a crowd, no



Prine

matter how rowdy. The experience, said Prine, was "a great way to cut your chops."

Unlike Greenwich Village folk singers responding to the Vietnam conflict, such as Phil Ochs or Pete Seeger, Prine didn't aim to rally crowds with big gestures in those days. Instead, his sense of social commentary felt more

personal, as if designed for the front stoop, not the public square. "Sam Stone," a song about a returning veteran ravaged by war, remains so powerful because it channels every argument about the derangement of armed conflict into a single person. "I thought one day that song will be one more Vietnam song," he said. "But if I did a show and didn't sing that, people would think I was a traitor. The song doesn't wear on me."

In recent years Prine has had the luxury of earning icon status in his lifetime, racking up awards and recognition from the music industry, up-and-coming artists and peers. All of it has seemed to energize him more. Last June, his most recent time performing in this area, he stopped by Val's Halla, a record shop in Oak Park, to talk with fans and sign records. Owner Val Camilletti, another Chicago-area icon, recently had died, and Prine heard her shop was struggling.

On that sunny afternoon he told stories of growing up nearby. And like a true Chicagoan, he said he missed hot dogs, pizza and Italian beef sandwiches from Johnnie's Beef on North Avenue.

The appearance was similar to the time he returned to the auditorium at Proviso East High School in Maywood, his alma mater, to play shows that raised money for local community groups. Onstage he talked about his old job on North Avenue scrubbing parking lots, the Madison Street restaurant where a girlfriend dumped him, the intersection at 20th and Division streets in Melrose Park where he witnessed a car wreck or that mail route in nearby Westchester where he delivered Reader's Digests and thought up songs.

Then he sang them: "Donald and Lydia," "Hello In There," "Lake Marie," "Fish and Whistle" and other deceptively simple songs from the neighborhood.

"I bet you had no idea those songs came from here," he said.

Play us an encore, John. Chicago is on its feet for you.

Mark Guarino is a Chicago journalist who writes for *The Washington Post*. His book on the history of country and folk music in Chicago is due from the University of Chicago Press next year.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

'Tiger King' and big cat abuse

Regarding the April 1 story, "Florida sheriff seeks tips in 'Tiger King' mystery": Netflix's new docuseries, "Tiger King," explores the bizarre and unscrupulous dealings of big cat breeders and exhibitors, yet devotes only a few moments to the actual suffering of the lions, tigers and other cats they keep behind bars.

Thousands of big cats are in captivity in America — many kept as pets — largely because of breeding operations like the Oklahoma animal park operated by Joe Exotic that is featured in the series. These virtually unregulated facilities, which profit from cub petting and photo opportunities, fuel a rampant and vicious cycle of breeding and dumping cubs. Cubs are torn from their mothers at an early age and go on to lead miserable lives and put communities and first responders at risk.

Since 1990, there have been nearly 380 dangerous incidents — including human injuries, maulings and deaths — involving captive big cats in Illinois, 45 other states and the District of Columbia.

The only solution to this problem is to prohibit private ownership of dangerous big cats and direct contact between cubs and the public. Congress must pass the Big Cat Public Safety Act (H.R. 1380/S. 2561), sponsored by U.S. Rep. Mike Quigley, D-Ill., and endorsed by the Lincoln Park Zoo, to put an end to these abusive practices.

— Kate Dylewsky, senior policy adviser, Animal Welfare Institute, Washington

New protocols for COVID-19

Given that large stores are hot spots for COVID-19 transmission and that the virus can be transmitted when we touch virus-tainted surfaces and then touch our faces, why don't we: require hand sanitizing prior to entering and departing these stores? Discourage shoppers from touching any products unless they plan to take those products with them? Conduct quality-control evaluations of enterprises to determine whether they are complying with standards? Publish these evaluations and institute sanctions when appropriate to offenders?

— Fred Schein, Chicago

A strategy for survival

Despite the severity of COVID-19, a bit of humor can help in weathering the storm. I am bearing up the best I can while spending almost 24/7 in the house. One wonders if studies later on will focus on the mental strain resulting from near total confinement. Even the most loving families need an occasional break.

I've been able to tolerate my wife; that's not the case for her. I am mounting a mental counterattack. As she watches "Say Yes to the Dress" incessantly, I am dreaming up TV programs such as "Say Maybe to the Suit." After all, guys are even more picky when it comes to sartorial splendor.

As you can see, the quarantine is having no effect on my sense and sensibility.

— Dean Dranias, Plainfield

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UNMASKING INCOMPETENCE

BY JOE "LITTLE HELP?" FOURNIER

GOV. PRITZKER CALLS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO DISCUSS A RECENT DELIVERY

...AGAIN, THE STATE OF ILLINOIS WAS PROMISED - BY THE WHITE HOUSE! - 300,000 N95 MASKS FOR OUR FRONTLINE HEALTH CARE WORKERS!

HOW'S THAT? YES, YES, WE DID RECEIVE 300,000 MASKS, BUT THEY'RE NOT WHAT WE HAD REQUESTED!

WHAT'S THAT? YEAH, I AGREE, THEY'RE DELIGHTFULLY WHIMSICAL, BUT - FORGIVE ME FOR SAYING - I THINK YOU'RE MISSING MY POINT HERE.

Thank you to our everyday heroes

We'd like to express our profound gratitude to all the medical professionals, first responders and other essential workers keeping our families and communities safe during the coronavirus crisis.

We know the hours are long, the stress intense, the fear all too real. Your commitment and bravery are admirable beyond words.

As our medical professionals and first responders continue battling on the front lines of this outbreak, we commend your endless perseverance, resilience and hope.

To the local grocery store workers, delivery drivers, restaurant staff, educators and everyone else keeping our lives as normal as possible during this difficult time, we deeply appreciate your dedication and strength.

We will make it through this together -
thanks in large part to you.

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Tums performs at the Hideout. The Hideout said some ticket holders who received refunds for canceled shows gave the money back.

'It's so overly generous'

Chicago music venues refunding tickets due to coronavirus, but some donating the cash back

BY TRACY SWARTZ

When the Hideout announced March 13 that it was temporarily closing its doors because of coronavirus, the North Side venue's owners asked customers to "please be patient with us due to the high volume of refunds."

The Hideout said some ticket holders who received refunds for canceled shows immediately gave the money back to the bar via their online fundraising pages. A GoFundMe campaign is soliciting "tips" for Hideout staff. Patrons can also purchase a \$25 "Hideout Buck" that can be used as a \$20 gift card at the bar, with the remaining \$5 going to the artist who designed the fake cash.

"It's so overly generous," Hideout co-owner Katie Tuten said about the recent donations.

Owners and managers of Chicago music venues have a lot to worry about amid the coronavirus shutdown — from paying rent to taking care of staff to maintaining an event calendar, even though it's unclear when they will be able to open their doors again.

Several Chicago shows have been postponed indefinitely, which can make getting a refund tricky. If a concert is canceled outright, it seems venues often refund the ticket price in full. But if there's a postponement, ticket holders are typically asked to hold on to their tickets. These

days, it's difficult to know if and when the date will be rescheduled.

Though venues tend to use online platforms to handle ticket sales, it's best to go to the clubs directly with refund questions. Bruce Finkelman said his spaces, which include Empty Bottle in Ukrainian Village, Thalia Hall in Pilsen and the Promontory in Hyde Park, give refunds through the Eventbrite ticket system when a show gets canceled. He said lately he's been fielding questions from ticket holders about the speed of the refund process after a concert cancellation.

"When the date cancels, it usually takes 24 hours, 36 hours



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The Empty Bottle is at 1035 N. Western Ave. Though venues tend to use online platforms to handle ticket sales, it's best to go to the clubs directly with questions.

for the money to be refunded. People are pretty concerned about money right now, so as soon as the date gets canceled, they want to see some immediacy in the funds being transferred back to them," Finkelman said. "We're doing our best. But if anything, we're just talking to (patrons) to make sure that they know that we're on it, and that the process has been started. And I think that's really all that

people want, is they want to be talked to, they want to be kept in the loop."

Finkelman's venues are part of the Chicago Independent Venue League, a group of performance spaces that united more than a year ago to try to delay city approval of Sterling Bay's Lincoln Yards megadevelopment. Now the league is turn-

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Uber halts work in The Old Post Office

Delay marks first big office project stopped by coronavirus

BY ALLY MAROTTI
AND RYAN ORI

Uber has halted construction on its massive space at The Old Post Office, marking Chicago's first big office build-out to be put on hold because of the coronavirus pandemic.

The San Francisco-based company announced last year that it signed a 10-year lease for 463,000 square feet in the long-vacant Old Post Office. Uber plans to consolidate its Chicago offices and hire 2,000 employees in the city over three years. Originally, it planned to move in this fall.

"As a consequence of the current COVID-19 crisis, we are going to temporarily pause construction in Chicago," spokeswoman Alix Anfang said in a statement. "While we don't expect to move until 2021, we don't anticipate any changes to our strategy or expectations regarding growth in Chicago."

It was Uber's decision to pause construction, Anfang said.

The tech giant has been challenged with teams working remotely, as employees have been ordered to stay home to quell the spread of COVID-19, the disease caused by the coronavirus. The company is focusing on projects that serve drivers and customers while everyone works from home, she said.

Uber has also delayed some construction in Dallas. It also instituted a company-wide hiring freeze until May 31 amid the outbreak.

Lior Ron, head of Uber Freight, emailed Chicago employees Wednesday informing them of the delay at The Old Post Office.

Uber's new office will serve as headquarters for the tech giant's freight service, which connects truck drivers with shippers. Uber Freight has had a presence in Chicago since it launched in 2017, but the new office will serve as its first engineering hub outside of San Francisco.

In Chicago, Uber also employs people in the Uber Eats and Uber Ride businesses, such as sales staff, lawyers, marketing, and operational staff for Chicago and other Midwest markets.

Uber's new space will be as big as 24 football fields and spread over two floors. It's the largest lease signed in the building.

"We are not concerned about

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Mexican beer production reportedly halted during coronavirus outbreak

Distributors claim to have enough to supply stores for six weeks

BY JOSH NOEL

Toilet paper stockpile? Check. Bottled water? Check.

Mexican beer? Not so fast. Despite reports Thursday that the Mexican beer industry is shutting down for at least a month to help stem the spread of COVID-19, experts say it's not quite time to add Modelo Especial and Dos Equis to your list of panicked pandemic purchases.

For one, distributor warehouses in the United States already have enough Mexican beer to supply stores for as long as six weeks. Also, there are reports that beer production hasn't actually stopped at all Mexican breweries despite the order.

Lastly, and perhaps most relevant, the three major beer companies operating in Mexico — Anheuser-Busch InBev, Heineken and Constellation Brands — are believed to be lobbying furiously to have beer production deemed essential by the Mexican government, as it is during shutdowns in the U.S.

On Thursday, both Beer Marketer's Insights and Beer Business Daily publications reported that the Mexican government announced Tuesday a nationwide suspension of all non-essential activities through April. Essential industries included "non-alcoholic" beverage manufacturers, but not alcoholic beverage manufacturers, both outlets reported.

"This could end up being a big deal, but it could also just be a blip on the radar," Harry Schuhmacher, editor and founder of Beer Business Daily, said in an interview.

Even if the Mexican beer industry shuts down for one month, Schuhmacher said there's a good chance American consumers will barely be affected due to the reserves already on hand. Were a shutdown to persist, however, the supply chain may be affected.

"In that case there would definitely be a big short-term impact, and then they'd have to ramp up production quickly because we're going into the summer months — though we don't know what the 'new normal' is yet," he said.

Constellation Brands, whose beer division is based in Chi-

"This could end up being a big deal, but it could also just be a blip on the radar."

— Harry Schuhmacher, editor and founder of Beer Business Daily

ago, makes Modelo Especial, Corona, Pacifico and Victoria, among other brands, for the American market. Anheuser-Busch InBev makes those same brands for the rest of the world and Estrella Jalisco for the U.S. Heineken owns brands that include Dos Equis and Tecate. None of the three companies offered comment Thursday.

Of the three, Constellation has the most on the line. Its beer business largely amounts to making its portfolio of Mexican brands just over the Texas border, then importing them to the United States. They have been among the nation's most popular beers even as the overall industry struggles.

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The Boeing logo hangs on the corporate world headquarters building of Boeing in Chicago.

Boeing to offer voluntary layoff plan to employees

Airline company looking to prepare for post-coronavirus future

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Boeing is offering a voluntary layoff plan to prepare for an aircraft industry that the CEO says will take time to recover from the coronavirus pandemic.

CEO David Calhoun didn't rule out involuntary job cuts later. Chicago-based Boeing's airline customers are seeing a massive decline in revenue because of travel restrictions to contain the

spread of the virus, and many have made their own early out offers to employees.

Boeing was weakened before the virus hit as it grappled with the grounding of its 737 Max airliner after two deadly crashes.

In a letter to employees, Calhoun said Boeing needs to start adjusting to the likelihood that the size of Boeing's market will be different after the virus.

Under the voluntary layoff plan, eligible employees will be able to leave with a severance package of pay and benefits. Calhoun said more information will be provided in three to four weeks.

Illinois dispensaries sold \$36M worth of recreational marijuana in March

BY ALLY MAROTTI

Illinois marijuana dispensaries sold almost \$36 million worth of legal weed in March — a slight increase over February — even as the coronavirus pandemic shut down the state and people were ordered to stay at home.

Purchases by out-of-state residents comprised roughly one-quarter of sales, according to data from the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, which regulates dispensaries.

Since recreational sales started Jan. 1, Illinois dispensaries have sold roughly \$110.2 million worth of legal weed. March sales were up slightly over February sales, which totaled about \$35 million, and down from the \$39.2 million in revenue during January.

Dispensary operations were complicated last month, as Gov. J.B. Pritzker ordered nonessential business to shut down and people to stay home to beat back the spread of COVID-19, the disease caused by the coronavirus.

Dispensaries were allowed to stay open, but had to figure out how to enforce social distancing in their stores, and keep people 6 feet apart. For some, that meant halting recreational



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Employee Venus Bikos wipes down counters and product display cases March 12 at Dispensary 33 in Andersonville.

sales or shutting down altogether. Others reduced the size of their sales floor to keep customers apart, or implemented preorder systems and curbside pickup.

Though the number of customers walking through the door has dropped at most marijuana shops, operators say those who do come spend more.

The average sale in Illinois through March 25 was up 13% over February, according to New Frontier Data, which tracks sales at more than 40 dispensaries in the state.

"People stocked up, just like they did for TP and booze and cans of beans," said Beau Whitney, founder

and chief economist for Oregon-based business consulting company Whitney Economics. "Then they are using it, but they're using it at a higher rate."

People are staying home with little to do, and using marijuana, Whitney said. Additionally, anxiety levels are high surrounding the uncertainty with the coronavirus pandemic. Consumers often use marijuana to treat anxiety, and that is increasing demand.

The higher marijuana use balanced out the challenges dispensaries face in getting products to customers during the pandemic, keeping sales revenues essentially flat from February

to March, said Bethany Gomez, managing director of cannabis research firm Brightfield Group.

"The fact that March held is a strong indication of the future longevity of the industry," she said.

But there are still concerns about the impact coronavirus is having. March had two extra buying days, and Gomez said that without the pandemic, sales revenues would likely have been higher.

Additionally, the Illinois market is still facing ongoing product shortages as the state's limited growing facilities work to scale up and produce more marijuana. Some relief was expected as craft grow facilities opened throughout the state, but the deadline for those applications has been pushed back due to the coronavirus.

Pritzker also has extended the state's stay-at-home order through the end of April. Gomez said the pandemic likely will be felt in the industry for some time.

"There's still strong demand in Illinois, but we should definitely expect some strange months to come," she said.

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Uber

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Uber's commitment to The Old Post Office or to Chicago," said Cailin Rogers, a spokeswoman for the Telos Group, which oversees leasing of the building for New York-based building owner 601W Cos. Uber is the only signed tenant in the building at 433 W. Van Buren St. that has paused construction, she said.

The Tribune reported in January that Uber was looking for a tenant to take over a 65,000-square-foot block of the space it has leased but has yet to move into. Uber is offering a 10-year sublease beginning in January 2021, according to marketing materials from real estate brokerage CBRE, which represents Uber.

That space is about 14% of the 463,000-square-foot lease Uber signed last year.

Other tenants that have signed leases in the 2.8-

million-square-foot behemoth along the Chicago River include Walgreens, PepsiCo and Ferrara Candy.

The \$800 million-plus revival of the long-vacant former post office is the largest ongoing reuse project in the U.S.

Initial tenants, including Ferrara Candy, moved in last October.

When it's fully occupied, The Old Post Office is expected to have 15,000 to 16,000 office workers and amenities including a food hall, riverside plaza and 3.5-acre rooftop park.

Uber now leases about 185,000 square feet combined in office buildings at 225 W. Randolph St. and 111 N. Canal St., and the company has grown fast in Chicago in recent years.

The Tribune first reported Uber's plans to move to The Old Post Office in May 2019.

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Schuhmacher acknowledged much is unknown about the shutdown and quoted an analyst with RBC Capital Markets who said, "With the understanding that we are all each other's critical trade partners ... we feel it is very unlikely that Mexico will be able to interfere with (Constellation's) production and shipments to the U.S."

Modelo Especial is the fourth-best selling brand in the U.S. with \$437 million of year-to-date sales through March 22, according to market research firm IRI Worldwide. Corona is the seventh-best selling brand with \$353 million in sales.

"This thing is in effect, but Constellation does

have beer in the system and hopefully they'll be able to get this resolved in time," said Benj Steinman, editor of Beer Marketer's Insights.

Though beer sales initially surged during state-by-state shutdowns due to COVID-19, they're starting to slow, which may leave Mexican beer in the market longer than it would otherwise last, Steinman said. Ultimately, fallout depends on the length of the shutdown of the Mexican brewing industry, Steinman said.

"Let's say, best case, they resolve this in a couple weeks," Steinman said. "Then it's more of a blip. A month? It might get tight, especially around Cinco de Mayo. Longer than a month? You've got to think it's a problem."

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Refunds

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ing its efforts to fundraising for hospitality workers through GoFundMe.

Employees of Beat Kitchen, which recently started offering food carry-out and delivery, raised at least \$6,000, while more than \$2,000 has been collected for workers for Subterranean bar in Wicker Park. Though times are tough, owner Robert

Gomez said he has relaxed refund rules for shows that have not been canceled at those venues.

"A few months ago, if somebody wanted a refund on a ticket, we would make a decision based on the issue. But in this case, there's no evaluation of the reasoning for the refund," Gomez said. "If somebody needs a refund, then they get it."

City Winery, meanwhile, has relied on food, wine and merchandise sales and an online employee relief fund

to help weather the pandemic. The company, which has locations around the country including outposts in the West Loop and on the Riverwalk, has introduced a new facet to its refund policy. The policy was that tickets were non-refundable, and if a performance was canceled, store credit was given for a future show.

Now if a City Winery show is postponed, ticket holders are asked to keep their tickets. If they can't make the make-up date, City Winery said it offers

store credit for the full ticket value or a restaurant gift card in the amount of the ticket purchase plus a 20% bonus. The gift card is a new option "to try and preserve as much cash in our accounts as possible," City Winery founder and CEO Michael Dorf said.

He said some cash refunds have been issued, but few people have asked. "Most have been very responsive to our choices," Dorf said.

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Those without broadband struggle while stuck at home

BY TALI ARBEL
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Associated Press

NEW YORK — In Sandwich, New Hampshire, a town of 1,200 best known as a setting for the movie “On Golden Pond,” broadband is scarce. Forget streaming Netflix, much less working or studying from home. Even the police department has trouble uploading its reports.

Julie Dolan, a 65-year-old retiree in Sandwich, has asthma. Her husband has high blood pressure. Dolan doubts her standard home internet could manage a remote medical appointment, and these days no one wants to visit the doctor if they can help it. That leaves 19th-century technology — her landline phone. “That is all I would have,” she says.

As schools, workplaces and public services shut down in the age of coronavirus, online connections are keeping Americans in touch with vital institutions and each other. But that’s not much of an option when fast internet service is hard to come by.

Although efforts to extend broadband service have made progress in recent years, tens of millions of people are still left out,

largely because phone and cable companies hesitate to invest in far-flung rural areas. Government subsidies in the billions haven’t fully fixed the problem.

Many more simply can’t afford broadband. U.S. broadband costs more than in many comparable countries — an average of \$58 a month compared to \$46.55 across 29 nations, according to a 2018 Federal Communications Commission report.

Such disconnected people “already have to work harder to tread water,” said Chris Mitchell, who advocates for community broadband service at the Institute for Local Self-Reliance. “I don’t think people appreciated the magnitude of the problem.”

Even in cities, the high cost of internet access means many go without. Low-cost local alternatives such as libraries and cafes have shut down.

In St. Louis, Stella Ashcraft, 63, lives from check to check and can’t afford internet. Her senior center, where she plays bingo, does puzzles and gets lunch five days a week, is closed. So is her church and the library where she checks email. She’s gotten texted photos of her newborn grandchild, but forget about a Zoom call to see the baby.

“I feel very withdrawn, isolated, alone,” she said.

There are no definitive numbers on those without broadband. The FCC puts the number at 21 million, but its data is faulty and most likely undercounts the problem. An independent group called Broadband-Now pegs it at 42 million. The digital divide disproportionately affects rural areas, African Americans, Latinos and Native Americans on tribal lands.

Phone and cable companies have pledged not to cut people off if they can’t pay bills and opened their Wi-Fi hot spots to the public. Some are expanding low-cost programs for poor people and lifting data caps so more people can get and stay connected.

Millions of Americans working from home are learning to use online video in place of face-to-face meetings, but that’s not an option for those with only a trickle of data service.

Students, meanwhile, struggle with a “homework gap” when they can’t get or submit assignments, much less watch online lectures or participate in discussions. Online schoolwork is now the norm, but the millions of students who don’t have home internet or access to computers at home require creative solutions as schools shut down.



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Andy Hunter, who launched Bookshop.org in January, noticed a decline in brick-and-mortar bookstores long before most people.

Indie booksellers getting help

New online outlet offers help to shuttered stores during global pandemic

BY HILLEL ITALIE
Associated Press

Andy Hunter, founder of a new online sales outlet for independent booksellers, had seen a crisis building well before the coronavirus pandemic shut down many of the country’s stores.

“Between 2015 and 2018, I saw this big jump in the percentage of weekly sales for physical books that were going to Amazon.com,” Hunter says. “And it seemed like independent bookstores needed to do something to adapt, because the writing was on the wall.”

In January, Hunter launched Bookshop.org, which offers everything from the new Hilary Mantel novel to such classics as Boccaccio’s “The Decameron,” and shares proceeds with independent stores. Hunter says weekly sales at first were around \$30,000, but jumped to more than \$450,000 by mid-March, as the virus spread and readers no longer could visit their favorite local stores.

On Tuesday, Simon & Schuster became the first of the major publishers to launch a

formal partnership with Bookshop.org. Simon & Schuster is adding buy buttons for Bookshop.org to all of its websites and promoting Bookshop through emails and elsewhere online.

It also has enlisted numerous authors, among them Stephen King, Susan Orlean and Jason Reynolds, to get the word out about Bookshop on social media.

“Independent bookstores are the life-line of the intellect,” King said in a statement. “They have to remain strong, especially in difficult times like these.”

“Indie booksellers have consistently served as bonding agents for our communities,” Reynolds said in a statement. “They work tirelessly to make sure we not only have books, but also a base, a place to come and simply be. They are, quite literally, the cover that protects the pages of who we are. And now, it’s time for us to protect them.”

Hunter, who previously founded the digital publisher Electric Literature and helped create the online publication Literary Hub, sees Bookshop.org as serving a niche within a niche in independent selling.

While stores such as Powell’s Books in Portland, Oregon, and the Harvard Book Store in Cambridge, Massachusetts, have built effective presences online, many have lacked the resources and/or the desire to do the same.

Allison K Hill, CEO of the American

Booksellers Association, the trade group for independent stores, says many have seen “unprecedented online sales lately.”

However, she cautioned, “These sales don’t make up for lost sales due to stores being closed,” but added, “We’re also lucky to have Bookshop as part of the indie bookstore ecosystem, especially during this crisis.”

Joelle Herr, owner of The Bookshop in Nashville, Tennessee, had been thinking for a while about investing in e-commerce, but was deterred by the logistics. Her store is just 550 square feet and she has limited space for more inventory.

When she heard about Bookshop.org, its name comfortably close to her store’s name, she did a “mental heel kick.”

“My storefront has been closed as of March 15, and, since then, I have been putting most of my energy into creating curated lists on our Bookshop.org page and trying to convince folks (via social media) to order their books (plus games and puzzles) from us to prepare for what looks to be a long stretch of staying at home ahead,” she wrote in an recent email.

“Our customers have shown up for us in such a big way that it honestly makes my heart ache with appreciation — for them and for the Bookshop.org folks who created what has essentially turned out to be a lifeline during this terrible time.”

Oil price spurt helps Wall Street finish higher

BY STAN CHOE, DAMIAN J. TROISE
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Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wall Street rallied Thursday for its first gain in three days after a sudden surge in oil prices revived beaten-down energy stocks. But, as has so often been the case in this year’s market sell-off, it took a few U-turns to get there.

The price of crude spurted as much as 30% higher after President Donald Trump said he expects Russia and Saudi Arabia to back away from their price war, which erupted last month and helped drag U.S. oil to its lowest price in 18 years. The surge lifted energy stocks enough to pull the S&P 500 higher and outshine another dismal report showing millions more Americans are filing unemployment claims.

But stocks and oil quickly pared much of their initial gains and then seesawed through the day as markets weighed how seriously to take Trump’s statement, particularly after the Kremlin reportedly disputed part of his tweet, before climbing again to the close.

By the end of trading, the S&P 500 rose 2.3%, while U.S. oil was up \$5.01, or 24.7%, after settling at \$25.32 per barrel.

“Investors are just grasping at a positive straw here on a particular day,” said Phil Orlando, chief equity market strategist at Federated Hermes.

The market’s focus has been on oil not just because its plunge to below \$20 earlier this week from \$60 at the start of the year has caused stocks in the industry to more than halve. Another worry is that heavily indebted oil companies will also be forced to default, which could cause more damage in the bond market where the total amount of debt has exploded.

Producers have been continuing to pull oil from the ground to maintain their market share, even as demand for energy cratered because of widespread stay-at-home orders and other economy-damaging restrictions caused by the coronavirus outbreak.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

Milk thrown away due to coronavirus

WEST BEND, Wis. — Many dairy processing plants across Wisconsin have more product than they can handle and that’s forced farmers to begin dumping their milk down the drain.

That’s the case at Golden E Dairy near West Bend. Farmer Ryan Elbe told WISN-TV they are dumping about 30,000 gallons a day. The coronavirus has dried up the marketplace for dairy products as restaurants, schools and business in food service have been closed. About one-third of the state’s dairy products, mostly cheese, are sold in the food-service trade.

“Everybody’s rushing to the grocery store to get food, and we have food that’s literally being dumped down the drain,” Elbe said.

Nissan to replace air bags in recall

DETROIT — Nissan is recalling more than 250,000 SUVs, trucks and vans worldwide to replace potentially dangerous Takata air bag inflators.

The vehicles have air bags with volatile ammonium nitrate that can explode with too much force and hurl shrapnel. But they have a moisture-absorbing chemical that was supposed to make them safe.

The Nissan recall covers certain 2012 to 2017 Nissan NV Cargo and Passenger vans, the 2013 to 2015 Nissan Titan pickup and Armada large SUV, and the 2011 and 2012 Infiniti QX56 SUV.

Nissan will notify owners later this month and dealers will replace the front driver air bag inflator with one made by a different company.

Fix ventilators? Fuel cell engineer works it out

BY ADAM BEAM
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — It was late when engineer Joe Tavi’s boss called with an odd question: Could their company, which makes fuel cells, learn how to fix a ventilator?

California had a bunch of broken ones, and the governor had asked if San Jose-based Bloom Energy could repair them so coronavirus patients could breathe. Tavi, an engineer who grew up taking apart the family vacuum cleaner to see if he could put it back together, said he would sleep on it.

But he didn’t sleep. Instead, he made a pot of coffee and downloaded the more than 300-page manual for the LTD 1200,

the type of ventilator state officials said they needed repaired.

At 4:45 a.m. the next day, coffee still in hand, his boss called again.

“We can do this,” Tavi told her. “We won’t be able to do it if we don’t try.”

Since then, a company that knew nothing about ventilators has fixed more than 500 of them.

The Society of Critical Care Medicine estimates about 960,000 COVID-19 patients in the U.S. might need a ventilator. But there are only about 200,000 machines available.

In California, the nation’s most populous state with nearly 40 million people, Gov. Gavin Newsom is on the hunt for at least 10,000 ventilators. So far, he’s found just over 4,000 of them — including 170

from the federal government’s national stockpile that needed repairs.

Once he knew he could do it, Tavi gathered with other company engineers to come up with a plan, guided by lots of YouTube videos on ventilator settings and calibrations. The company’s head of supply chain ordered the parts.

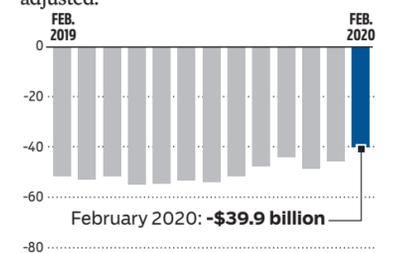
There were some anxious moments, especially during testing.

But once the team got the ventilators hooked up to balloons, hearing the soft “whoosh” of air as they expanded and contracted, Tavi said it went from being a machine to something more personal.

“I would think about my mom or my uncle or a family member of a friend or a co-worker needing one of those machines,” he said.

Trade deficit

U.S. exports minus imports, in billions, by month, seasonally adjusted:

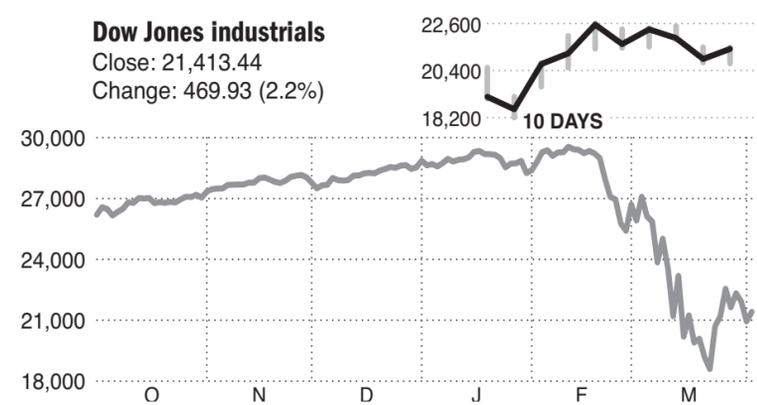


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MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow High: 21,477.77 Low: 20,735.02 Previous: 20,943.51



Nasdaq	S&P 500	Russell 2000
+126.73 (+1.72%)	+56.40 (+2.28%)	+13.82 (+1.29%)
Close: 7,487.31	Close: 2,526.90	Close: 1,085.81
High: 7,501.70	High: 2,533.22	High: 1,102.36
Low: 7,307.95	Low: 2,455.79	Low: 1,055.60
Previous: 7,360.58	Previous: 2,470.50	Previous: 1,071.99

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
-0.01 to .62%	+47.50 to \$1,625.70	+62 to 107.84/\$1	+0.0066 to .9216/\$1	+5.01 to \$25.32

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
-5.05	-3.98	-3.92	-18.02	-14.32	-16.44	-18.84	-5.13	-12.24

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 20	550.25	553.25	538.25	541.75	-8.50
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 20	335	343.25	333	333.50	-1.25
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 20	864.75	870	857	858.75	-4
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	May 20	26.05	26.83	25.82	26.24	+1.19
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	May 20	315.50	317.10	308.50	309.10	-5.80
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl- dollars per bbl.	May 20	21.22	27.39	20.76	25.32	+5.01
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	May 20	1.591	1.624	1.521	1.552	-0.35
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	May 20	.5809	.7574	.5671	.6628	+1.163

LOCAL STOCKS

Stocks listed may change due to daily fluctuations in market capitalization. Exchange key: N=NYSE, O=NASDAQ

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
AAR Corp	N	17.19	+0.70	Exelon Corp	O	34.68	+1.20	MYR Group	O	22.21	-2.23
ANI Pharma	O	38.74	+0.97	Federal Signal	N	25.40	+1.11	Middleby Corp	O	52.55	-0.46
Addus HomeCare	O	68.89	+3.60	First Busey Corp	O	16.00	+0.04	Mondelez Intl	O	50.38	+1.70
Allscripts Hlthcare	O	6.45	-0.26	First Indl RT	N	31.06	+0.54	Morningstar Inc	O	112.50	-2.97
Anixter Intl	N	88.12	+0.30	Fst Mid Bancshares	O	21.75	+0.44	NIsource Inc	N	23.49	+0.43
Arch Dan Mid	N	34.33	+0.46	Fst Midw Bcp	O	13.19	+0.34	Nthn Trust Cp	O	76.92	+3.92
BankFinancial Corp	O	7.37	-0.47	Gogo Inc	O	1.89	-0.12	Old Second Bcp	O	6.24	...
Boeing Co	N	123.27	-7.43	Great Lakes Dredge	O	7.91	-0.03	OneSpan Inc	O	17.49	-0.43
Brunswick Corp	N	29.55	-1.71	Groupon Inc	O	.79	-0.07	Paylocity Hldg	O	79.90	-2.43
CBOE Global Markets	N	92.37	+4.19	Heidrick & Struggles	O	22.73	+0.46	QCR Holdings Inc	O	23.81	+0.38
CDK Global Inc	O	30.06	-0.22	Heritage-Crystal Clin	O	15.69	+0.19	SP Plus Corp	O	17.57	-0.65
CDW Corp	O	87.97	-0.86	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	107.83	+3.71	Sanfilippo John	O	81.82	+0.73
CME Group	O	168.57	+2.37	Horace Mann	N	32.72	-1.04	Stericycle Inc	O	44.83	-1.64
Cabot Microelect	O	103.35	+1.50	Hub Group Inc	O	43.90	-0.34	Tribune Publishing	O	7.16	+0.07
Century Aluminum	O	3.31	-0.05	Huron Consulting Gp	O	43.92	+0.47	Ulta Salon Cosmetics	O	161.35	-0.15
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	29.93	+0.17	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	92.12	-2.24	United Airlines Hldg	O	23.42	-2.23
Consolidated Comm	O	4.47	+0.47	Kraft Heinz Co	O	24.64	+0.96	US Cellular	N	27.16	-0.54
+23				LKQ Corporation	O	18.51	-0.62	Ventas Inc	N	23.01	+0.06
Dover Corp	N	80.60	+0.62	Lawson Prod	O	25.88	+1.19	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	40.32	-2.71
Echo Global Logis	O	16.25	+0.53	Littelfuse Inc	O	129.34	+7.95	Wintrust Financial	O	31.74	+1.04

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS			LARGEST COMPANIES			LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS		
NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE			Based on market capitalization			Based on total assets		
STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.	FUND	NAV	CHG
Chesapeake Energy	17	+0.2	AT&T Inc	28.76	+0.71	American Funds AmrcnBalA m	24.81	+0.36
Boeing Co	123.27	-7.43	Adobe Inc	303.96	+2.75	American Funds CptWldGrInCA m	40.65	+0.84
Transocean Ltd	1.10	+0.02	Alphabet Inc C	1120.84	+15.22	American Funds CptlncBldrA m	52.56	+0.97
AT&T Inc	28.76	+0.71	Alphabet Inc A	1117.03	+14.93	American Funds FdmtlInvSA m	47.66	+0.90
US Steel Corp	6.14	-0.25	Amazon.com Inc	1918.83	+11.13	American Funds GrfAmrCA m	42.23	+0.62
Annaly Capital Mgmt	4.56	+0.19	Amgen	208.88	+11.07	American Funds IncvAmrCA m	19.08	+0.28
Williams Cos	14.38	+1.05	Apple Inc	244.93	+4.02	American Funds InvCmrcA m	31.31	+0.64
CenterPoint Energy	14.13	+0.01	Berkshire Hath A	271.475	+10.25	American Funds NwPrsptvA m	37.54	+0.55
Diamond Offshore	1.78	+0.19	Cisco Syst	39.80	+1.83	American Funds WAMtInvSA m	36.88	+0.87
Altria Group	36.22	-1.39	Comcast Corp A	34.37	+1.95	Dodge & Cox Inc	13.77	+0.02
Redwood Trust Inc	3.00	-1.34	Costco Wholesale	291.48	+4.70	Dodge & Cox IntStk	29.37	+0.51
PG&E Corp	8.28	-0.14	Eli Lilly	142.18	+5.76	Dodge & Cox Stk	130.87	+3.08
Raytheon Co	116.96	-5.47	Facebook Inc	158.19	-1.41	DoubleLine TlRetBdl	10.46	+0.33
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4 smart steps to take before opening a new CD

If you have money to sock away that isn't appropriate for the stock market, or you simply want to earn a safe, reliable return, certificates of deposit offer a virtually risk-free way to grow your savings.

CDs have much stricter rules than savings or money market accounts, in exchange for earning a higher interest rate than these other accounts pay. Because of this, savvy CD savers employ a handful of best practices before they open any new CD.

The first is simply shopping around, including among online banks and credit unions, as these two institution types often pay very competitive rates. Shopping for the best rate is critical as you can earn about 20 times more from a top-paying CD versus one paying the national average.

After narrowing your list, check the early withdrawal policy of any institution you're consider-

ing, since the penalties vary widely. Even if you don't expect you'll need to cash out early, it's best to compare how mild or onerous a bank's penalties are, and to avoid any policy that allows the penalty to eat into your CD's principal.

Once you've chosen an institution and a CD, it's important to think through how much you'll deposit. That's because you only get one shot with your initial CD deposit. Unlike savings and money market accounts, where you can make a small deposit at the time of account opening and then add more later, CDs generally only accept a single deposit.

Lastly, as soon as you open your CD, make a calendar reminder for yourself 2-3 months before the maturity date. This gives you time to decide what to do with the money coming out of the CD, and alerts you to watch for the bank's notification letter with instructions on how to convey your wishes.

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OBITUARIES

MANSOUR TADROS 1949-2020

Coronavirus suspected in death of news publisher

BY TED SLOWIK

Newspaper publisher Mansour Tadros, of Tinley Park, was a leader in the south suburban Arab American community who was constantly taking phone calls and greeting visitors.

"His phone would ring 100 to 120 times a day," his son, Fadi, recalled. "We had to cancel our home phone because it got so out of hand."

Tadros died Saturday, March 28 of a suspected case of COVID-19, his son said. He was 70.

He emigrated from Jordan with his parents and siblings in 1968 and worked in a variety of enterprises, his son said. He founded and published The Future News, an English/Arabic newspaper that serves an audience of Arab Americans in the Midwest.

"He covered world news," Fadi Tadros, 27, said Wednesday. "He was giving the community here in the United States a full-spectrum view of what was happening."

Tadros was in good health prior to last week, his son said. He awoke March 23 with chills. The next day, he had body aches and a slight fever, his son said. On March 25, he developed a terrible cough that concerned his family.

"I had never seen him this sick," Fadi Tadros said. "I said, 'We're going to get you tested right now.'"

Fadi Tadros said there were few options available for coronavirus testing last week.

Eventually a friend who is a nurse was able to help arrange a test at a clinic. By then, his father was wheezing and it was recommended he be taken to a hospital. He was admitted to Silver Cross Hospital in New Lenox March 25, Fadi Tadros said.

"He was shaking and they gave him oxygen," he said. "Then, for some reason, they released him."

His father was released without any prescriptions, Fadi Tadros said. Later, family members called and a doctor prescribed antibiotics and an inhaler, his son said.

A representative of Silver Cross Hospital did not immediately respond Wednesday to a request for comment.

Mansour Tadros returned home but his condition did not improve much, his son said.

"He got a little better



TADROS FAMILY

Mansour Tadros

Friday morning," Fadi Tadros said. "This was nothing like the flu. If you have a weakness in your body, it controls you."

Mansour Tadros was a longtime diabetic, his son said.

"My dad was extremely healthy," he said. "His heart and lungs were strong."

That final night at home, his father didn't get any sleep, Fadi Tadros said.

"On Saturday morning we called an ambulance to take him back to the ER," he said.

Before the ambulance arrived, his father brushed his teeth, combed his hair and put on cologne, his son said.

"It was almost like he knew he was going to go," he said.

He bid his father goodbye with an Arabic expression that means "God be with you," he said. His mother said goodbye to her husband of 35 years.

"They wouldn't allow us in the ambulance," he said.

Mansour Tadros died a few minutes later in the ambulance on the way to the hospital, his son said.

Ray Hanania, a south suburban Palestinian American writer and entertainer, had interviewed Tadros over the years about his various enterprises. Tadros worked in the import-export trade and consulted for petroleum companies and other interests before becoming a publisher.

"Publishing wasn't easy at all," Tadros told Hanania in an interview, according to a story published Monday by The Arab News, a media outlet based in Saudi Arabia. In 2018, Tadros ceased circulating print copies in Illinois, Ohio, Michigan and other states and switched to only online.

"It was difficult to get Arab American and Muslim companies to advertise," Hanania quoted Tadros as saying. "The community would pay for American

newspapers that constantly attacked us with negative stereotypes, but they wouldn't pay for an Arab American newspaper."

Many people, including complete strangers, would often seek advice and counsel from his father, Fadi Tadros said. Listening was his greatest attribute, he said.

"He was such a caring individual," he said. "He would listen and put himself in your shoes before he would give a response."

Samir Khalil, chairman of Chicago-based Arab American Democratic Club, said he became friends with Tadros 50 years ago when they were both students at Wright Junior College, now Wilbur Wright College in the City Colleges of Chicago system.

"He was generous with his time and resources," Khalil said. "It's a great loss for the people who knew him."

Tadros met his wife, Lidya, in San Diego, his son said. Fadi Tadros said his maternal and paternal grandparents were acquainted and introduced his parents to each other. They married in 1985.

In addition to his wife and son, Tadros is survived by another son, Faris (Bashier) and a daughter, Nadine. He was a sibling to Philimin, Elain, Philippin, Heyam, Musa and Kafa, and the late Amailan and Issa. He was an uncle to many, according to Lawn Funeral Home in Tinley Park.

Fadi Tadros said he, his mother and siblings attended a short prayer service Tuesday at the funeral home while dozens waited outside separately in their vehicles. A procession of about 80 vehicles then left the funeral home and went past the family home along 175th Street on its way to Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Alsip.

"It was so unusual to look back and see this huge line of cars," he said.

Fadi Tadros said he and his family members are closely monitoring their health. They measure the oxygen levels in their blood at least twice a day using a pulse oximeter, a device that is widely available at pharmacies and other stores.

They also take their temperature at least twice a day and stay hydrated by drinking a gallon of water per day, he said.

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In 1860, the Pony Express began service between St. Joseph, Mo., and Sacramento, Calif.

In 1948, President Harry Truman signed the Marshall Plan, allocating more than \$5 billion in aid for 16 European countries.

In 1968, less than 24 hours before he was assassinated in Memphis, civil-rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his "mountaintop" speech to a rally of striking sanitation workers.

In 1979, Democrat Jane Byrne was elected mayor of

Chicago with 82 percent of the vote, defeating Republican Wallace Johnson.

In 1991, the U.N. Security Council passes a cease-fire resolution to end the Persian Gulf War.

In 1998, the Dow Jones industrial average climbed above 9,000 for the first time.

In 2000, a federal judge in Washington ruled that Microsoft Corp. had violated U.S. antitrust laws by keeping "an oppressive thumb" on competitors during the race to link Americans to the Internet.

In 2003, the House and

Senate separately agreed to give President George W. Bush nearly \$80 billion to carry out the battle against Iraq and meet the threat of terrorism.

In 2004, surrounded by police, five suspects in the Madrid railway bombings blew themselves up in a building outside the Spanish capital, also killing a special forces agent.

In 2006, former Liberian President Charles Taylor pleaded not guilty before an international war crimes tribunal in Sierra Leone, denying he had helped destabilize West Africa through killings, sexual slavery and sending children into combat.

In 2008, NATO allies meeting in Bucharest, Romania, gave President George W. Bush strong support for a missile defense system in Europe and urged Moscow to drop its opposition to the program.

In 2016, an international coalition of media outlets published an extensive investigation into the shady offshore financial dealings of world leaders, business officials, celebrities and sports stars, based on a vast trove of internal documents from Panama-based law firm Mossack Fonseca provided by an anonymous source.

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Death Notices

Brucato, Lori

Brucato, Lori, formerly of Chicago Heights, loving sister of Sherrie, Doug, Jim and the late Joe. Cherished daughter of Helen and the late Sam Brucato. She will be remembered by many nieces, nephews and friends. Due to the ongoing COVID-19, private visitation will be held for the family.

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Groble Jr., James C.

James Groble Jr., 67, passed away March 26, 2020. Beloved husband of 43 years to Patricia (Jorns). Loving father of Sarah, James H. (Amber), and Kathryn Flinn (Sean). Brother of Anthony, Theresa Jakala, Rebecca Hull, and Michael. Dear grandfather of Abigail, Fiona, and Charlie. James is preceded in death by his parents, James and Mary Ann Groble. ALL SERVICES PRIVATE. A Memorial Service will be announced at a later date. Online condolences may be made at www.jardinefh.com.

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Grojean, Therese M. 'Terri'

Therese Mary Grojean (Fryszak) passed away on March 27, 2020 due to complications after a five-year battle with dementia. She was born in Chicago, IL on May 29, 1939 to Peter and Mary Fryszak. After graduating Cardinal Stritch High School in 1957, she thrived as an executive assistant to the VP of Sales for Motorola.

In 1959, she met her future husband, Tom, on a blind date, and they have been dancing through life together ever since. They married on May 6, 1961 and quickly grew to a family of six while moving around from IL to GA to CA to IL again and finally landing back in Los Angeles, CA in 1975. Terri's motto was "bloom where you're planted" and that she did with joy in her heart and a song on her lips. She grounded her life in Catholic faith, family, friends and community, and her marriage with Tom inspired everyone who knew them.

Terri was the consummate homemaker. Her home embodied love. She welcomed everyone with open arms and a warm smile. She gave comfort, rides, and Lucky Charms to countless neighborhood kids. She volunteered her time to a myriad of school, community, and church activities-doing all with a humble and quiet perfection-like her patron Saint, St. Therese of Lisieux. Filling and hanging Christmas stockings was one of her favorite activities of the season, especially as she watched her family blossom from six to twenty-eight.

She was active as a Eucharistic Minister, Dame of Malta, ARCS Auxiliary Board President, Trustee at Marymount High School, and Cardinal Awards Committee member. Terri was an avid tennis player, golfer, skier, and traveller of the globe with family and friends. She enjoyed spending time with her many wonderful friends. Terri and Tom constantly attended Notre Dame football games, countless family milestones, and grandchildren's sports games, performances and graduations.

Terri (aka Grammy) is survived by her beloved husband, Thomas, and their four devoted children: Tom (Susie) Grojean Jr. of Dallas, TX, Bill (Mollie) Grojean of Kansas City, KS, Janet (Randy) Seidl of Wellesley, MA and Beth (Rob) Healy of Laguna Beach, CA; her beloved grandchildren, Tom III (Michelle), Grant, Ryan (Val), Kendall, Emma (Jackson), Isabel, Philip, Shannon, Tommy, Billy, Casey, Robbie, Campbell; her treasured great grandchildren, Raleigh and Sienna Therese; also, her dear friend, Nancy Shute; and sisters-in-law Therese Fryszak and Patricia Swallow; as well as loving nieces and nephews.

Terri's caregivers Bertha, Gladys, Modesta, Sonia, and Winnie each tirelessly assisted Terri, and went the extra mile to comfort her during her illness. Terri's caring and generous heart, sweet smile, and warm hugs will be deeply missed by all.

In light of COVID-19 and in keeping with the CDC guidelines regarding public gatherings, we will be postponing her celebration of life to a later date. Her final resting place will be at the University of Notre Dame's Cedar Grove Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Marymount High School, 10643 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, online at www.mhs-la.org/giving or to St. Clare of Assisi Parish, PO Box 1390, Edwards, CO 81632.

Palmer Funeral Home - Hickey Chapel, South Bend, IN, is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.palmerfuneralhomes.com.

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Hagen, Margaret

Margaret Hagen, nee Dienhart, age 87; Beloved wife of the late Jack Martin; Loving mother of Suzan (Terry) Athas, Gail Bird, Scott (Vikki) Hagen and Mark (Kerri) Hagen; Dearest grandmother of Dean (Cristy), Shanna (Trent Dickey), Erin, Lauren, Kate, Peter, Nicole, Amanda, Kristin, Jessica, Kimberly (Anthony) Guidara, Timmy and Alissa; Caring Great-grandmother of Alexander, Nicholas, Ryan, Savannah, and Connor; Beloved sister of the late Catherine Dienhart; Fond aunt of Robin (Robert) Jackway and Kurt Hagen. Due to the current health situation, a Memorial Service will take place at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to Belmont Funeral Home. Info: 773-286-2500 or www.belmont-funeralhome.com

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Jones, Sally Burge (8/18/35)-(4/1/20)

SERVICE UPDATE

Passed away today at the age of 84. She leaves behind 3 children. Debbie Jones Williams, (Ken Williams) Scott Jones Gregg Jones, (Micki Zarnowski) and 6 grandchildren, And her younger sister, Nancy Wall.



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Kochan, Edwin Michael



Edwin Michael "Ed" Kochan, 80, went home to the Lord surrounded by family on March 31, 2020. Ed served as a Chicago Police Officer for 33 years. He served in the US Army Security Agency during the Cold War in Frankfurt, Germany from 1959 to 1962. Ed was a life long Chicago White Sox and NBA fan. He particularly enjoyed watching Michael Jordan, LeBron James, and James Hardin. He shared his love of Opera and art with his children. Ed is survived by his beloved wife of 55 years Carol; son John; daughter Jennifer; son Mark (Ann); and daughter Michelle (Chris) Manges. Ed is also survived by his grandchildren Kevin and Caitlin. Given the Covid 19 Pandemic and Stay at Home order, Ed's life will be celebrated at a funeral mass and luncheon at a future date when it is safe to gather together. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Ed's honor to the Boys Town organization at support.boystown.org or Boys Town, PO Box 8000 Boys Town, NE 68010. Services entrusted to Ridge Funeral Home, Chicago. (773) 586-7900.

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Lyons, William M.

Former spouse of the late Carol; Loving father of William Jr., Thomas, and John (Valerie); Cherished "Big Bill" of William III, Kyle, Joseph, Eric, Thomas Jr., Samuel, Ryan, and Johanna; Dear brother-in-law, uncle, and friend to many; Former Chicago Ridge Fireman; Avid beer can collector, and loved by all who knew him; All Funeral Services are Private; Arrangements entrusted to Curley Funeral Home, 6116 W. 111th St. Chicago Ridge, IL; For Funeral info 708-422-2700, or www.curleyfuneralhome.com.

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Pelletiere, Daniel

Daniel (Danny) Joseph Pelletiere, 60, passed away on March 31st peacefully in the comfort of his home surrounded by family. Danny was preceded in death by his beloved father John and is survived by his loving mother, Marie, his siblings JoAnn (the late Larry) Luke, John (Janice) and Debbie (Ron) Hamilton. Loving uncle to John (Magda), Joseph, Kristen and Luke and great uncle to Johnny and Mark. Loving nephew of Daniel (Diane) Pelletiere and dear cousin to many. Danny was a sweet, gentle man who brought joy to all who knew him. His life was full of great memories that included his 22 years working as a bagger at Dominick's grocery store in Park Ridge, his time as "Assistant Football Coach" at Immaculate Conception Grade School, his involvement with Special Olympics and all his good times with his family. Danny loved telling people about his dad who affectionally called him "his pal" and he was a special blessing to his Mom. He was a big fan of all Chicago sports but especially the Cubs. There will be a private interment at All Saints Cemetery, in Des Plaines, with a Celebration of Life to be held later. Memorial donations can be made in Danny's name to the Adult Down Syndrome Clinic at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge (847) 318 - 2303. For future info please refer to ragobrothersfuneralhome.com

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Plautz, Charles W.

Charles W. Plautz, age 100, Vet WWII, of Algonquin, formerly of Lombard, Carol Stream and Huntley. Beloved husband of the late Dolores nee Martin. Loving father of Robert (Deborah), Judith (Kenneth) O'Brien, and Susan (William) Jennrich. Cherished grandfather of Jamieson, Brian (Julie), Kenneth (Andrea) O'Brien, Katie (Scott) Benson, Gregory Jennrich, Alec Jennrich, Brett Jennrich. Great-grandfather of Aiden, Brady, Kailey, Aubrey, Brady, Katelyn, Jack and Madeleine. Brother of Lorraine Fleischman. Many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Preceded by a granddaughter, Meghan O'Brien, a sister, Lucille Bessey and a brother, Chester Plautz, his twin. Private Funeral Service Tuesday 10:30 AM at **Brust Funeral Home**, 135 S. Main St, Lombard. Interment Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood. Info 888-629-0094.

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Saksa, Margery Jean

Margery Jean Saksa completed life's journey after a brief illness and entered into eternal life Monday, March 30, 2020. She was born in Greenvew, Illinois on May 12, 1930. She was the middle daughter of Lucille (Biggs) and Isaac Gilkison. She graduated from LaSalle-Peru Township High School in LaSalle-Peru, Illinois. She later attended LaSalle-Peru-Oglesby Junior College and Northern Illinois University where she received her teaching certificate and started her teaching career which would span 30 years. She met and married Robert E. Saksa, Col Ret, December 27, 1953 and began a long career as an Army wife that took her around the world including Germany, the Pentagon and in the Pacific. From her first teaching position at Grace Episcopal Church in Yorktown, Virginia to her last at Parklawn Elementary School in Alexandria, Virginia, she touched the lives of countless students. After retiring from their last duty station in Hawaii, they relocated to Godfrey, Illinois where she joined her extended family. After the birth of her first grandson, she and Robert moved to Palatine, Illinois, where after her husband's death she met the next love of her life, Edwin Winclechter. She and Ed traveled extensively on cruises and wintered in Peoria, Arizona. She was an ardent volunteer all her life including serving as a member and President of the local Chapter of the American Association of University Women. Margery was active in her church, All Saints Lutheran Church in Palatine, Illinois and enjoyed weekly lunches with her friends.

Margery is preceded in death by her parents, her loving husband, Robert and her sister Juanita Tucker and brother Donald Gilkison. She is survived by Edwin Winclechter, her daughter Susan (Peter) Carlson, son Kurt Saksa and the light of her life, her two grandson's Tyler and Riley Carlson. She is also survived by her dear sister-in-law, Jean Gilkison, and various cousins, nieces and nephews including Carolyn Gerling, Vicki Watkins, Libby Cannon and David Gilkison. Margery loved traveling, fine dining and reading, but most of all she loved her family and friends. She always said, "My family is my lifeblood." She never met a stranger she didn't like, even in elevators. She lifted her glass in a toast daily to her friends everyday.

The family would like to thank Solana Deer Park where Margery had recently moved and enjoyed the new friends she had made there. A Celebration of Life service will be held at a later date. Margery will be laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Little Saints Preschool, 630 S. Quentin Rd, Palatine, Illinois 60067.

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Scannicchio, Joseph R.

Joseph R. Scannicchio died at age 85 on March 29, 2020. Devoted and loyal son of the late Louis and Lena (nee Cimbalò); cherished brother of the late John and Frances (nee Calabrese); the late Louis and Yolanda (nee Nardi); the late Alphonse and Karen Dioguardi; survived by his beloved sister Vita and late Frank Albachiaro; and his loving brothers Edward and Joan (nee Laino) and Michael and Constance (nee Rocks). A special uncle to many nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews and great-great nieces and nephews and an adoring and dedicated Godfather.

A self-made man, Joseph's life was an example of a strong work ethic and dedication to his trade as a member of the Cement Mason's and Plasterer's Union Local 502 for over 50 years. He will be remembered as a man with a huge heart and humble ways that lived life to the fullest in any adversity he faced.

Services will be private. A celebration of Joseph's life with a Memorial Mass at the Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii will be scheduled at a later date. Arrangement by Ralph Massey Funeral Director, LTD. For info 773-889-1700

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Signorelli, Anthony L. 'Tony'

Anthony L. "Tony" Signorelli, of Naperville, passed away peacefully on March 26, 2020. Born in Chicago August 29, 1932, Tony was the devoted and treasured husband for 67 years to Betty Dale "Betts" (nee Hanson); dear brother to Phyllis "Jean" and Albert (Maryann) and the late Carl (Joan); proud father to Scott (Jean) and Mark; beloved grandfather to Kyle, Dana (Ajay), and Rachel (Chris); fond uncle and great-uncle to countless nephews and nieces.

Principled, personable and playful, Tony was first a family man, committed to his wife, sons and grandchildren. He enjoyed a successful, decades long career in sales, beginning with Gibson Greeting Cards and finally as Vice President and General Manager of Oak Brook Office Supply and Equipment Corporation.

Throughout his sales career, he dedicated years of service to others. As a proud Rotarian, Tony lived by their motto, "Service Above Self." He had 54 years of perfect attendance, was a past president of both the Hillside and Oak Brook clubs, served three times as a District Secretary, was a recipient of the Cedric Pope Award, and named a Paul Harris Fellow for Oak Brook.

In addition to his commitment to Rotary International, Tony had been a member of Aldersgate Methodist Church, an Ambassador to the United Way, a member of the Oak Brook Association of Commerce and Industry, and a board member for the former West Suburban School for the Handicapped. Before becoming Director of Community & Corporate Operations for the Ray Graham Association for People With Disabilities, he volunteered there for many years, and named volunteer of the year in 1985.

Never at a loss for words, Tony always had a "true story" for anyone willing to listen. A service celebrating his life will be held at a later date - you know we'll get a "round tuit."

In lieu of flowers, donations to The Ray Graham Association For People With Disabilities would be appreciated. <https://www.raygraham.org/donate/>. Arrangements by **Beidelman-Kunsch Funeral Homes & Crematory**. Info www.beidelmankunschfh.com. 630-355-0264



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Silver, Sanford

Sanford Silver, age 82, beloved husband of Marsha Silver, happily married for 42 years; loving father of Robin (Ed) Bohrer, Scott Silver, Darryl (Deanna) Silver, Jeremy (Kathy) Kramer, and Jessica (Joshua) Skolnik; cherished grandfather of nine grandchildren. 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 a charity of your choice. For information or to leave condolences: **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 847-255-3520 or www.shalom2.com.



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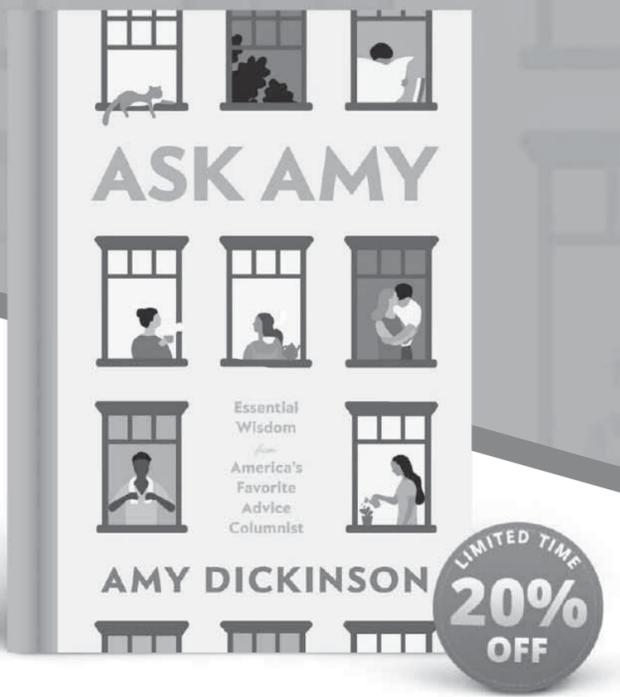


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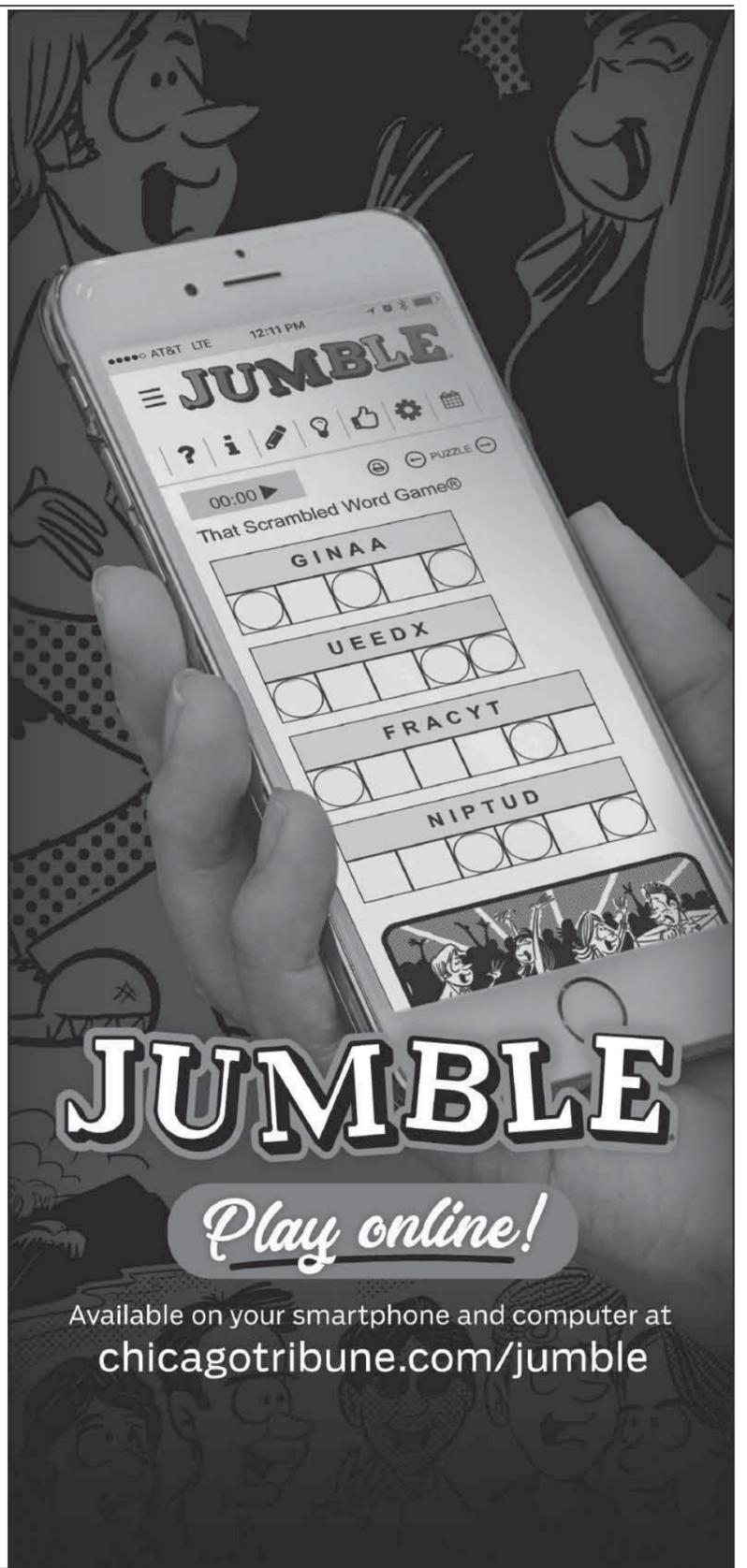


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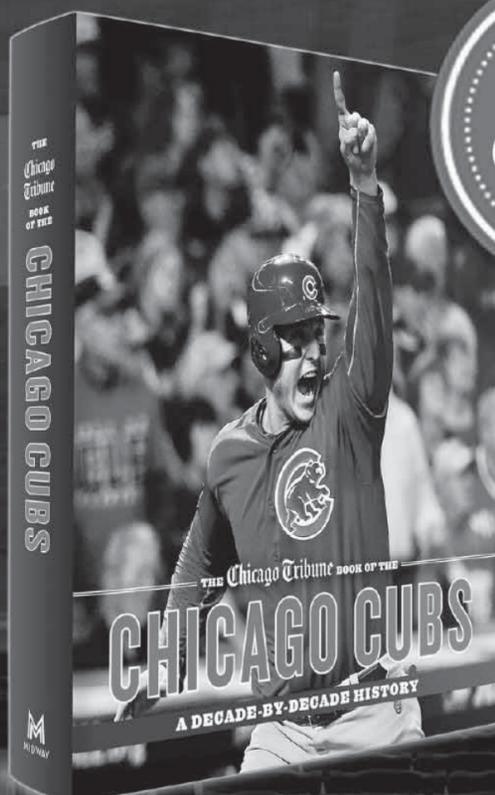
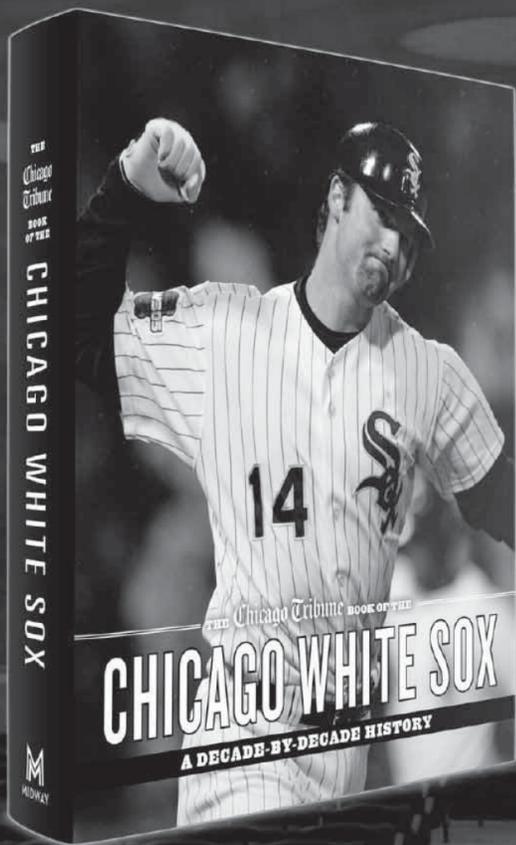


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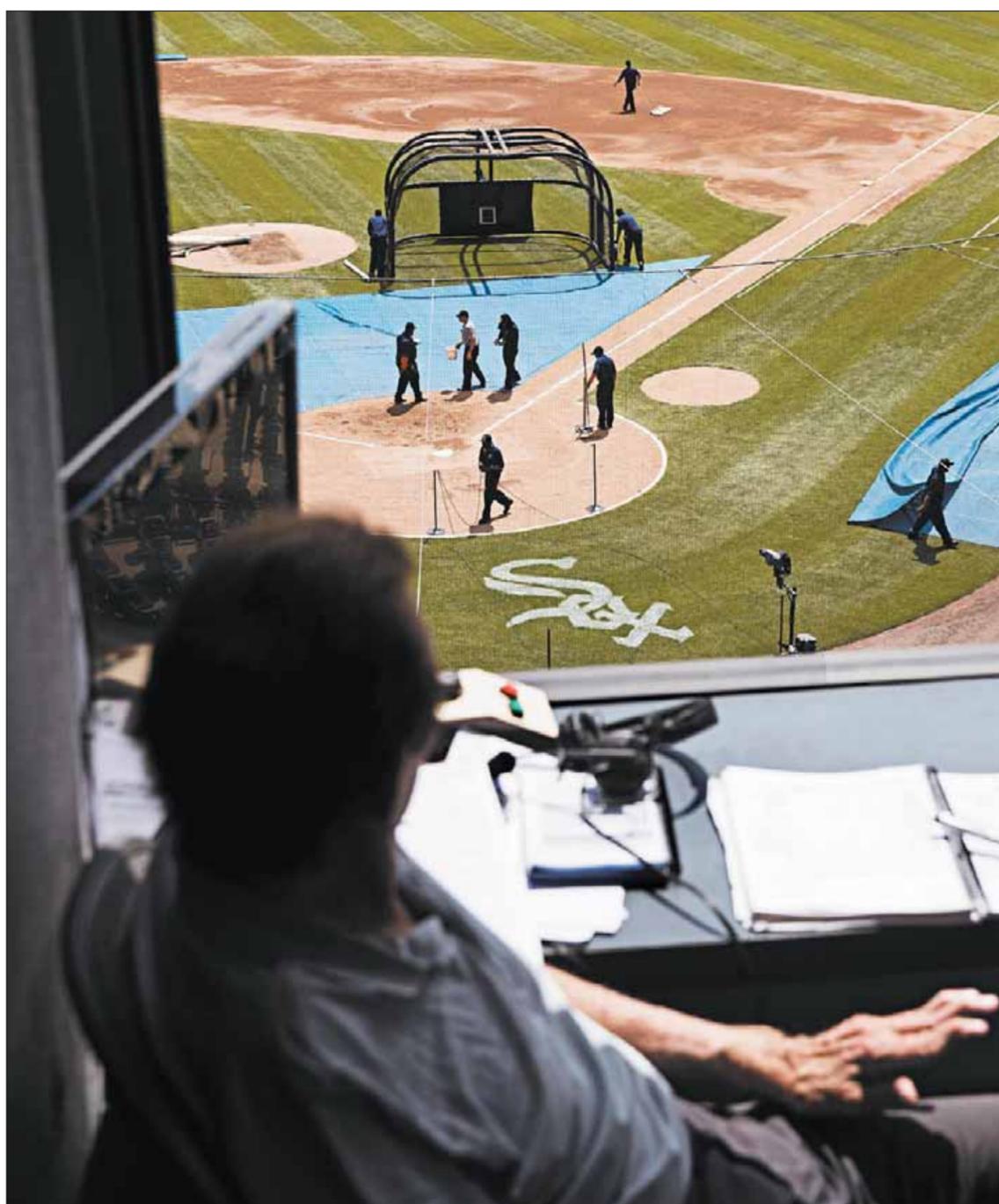
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'A SOUTH SIDER ALL THE WAY THROUGH'



PAUL SULLIVAN
On baseball

The White Sox family is a close-knit bunch, from the security guards at the clubhouse door to the office of Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf.

You understand why just by glancing through the media guide, where you'll

quickly notice the number of employees who have worked two, three or even four-plus decades in the organization.

You come to the corner of 35th Street and Shields Avenue for the job, and one day you look up and realize you've been there your whole career.

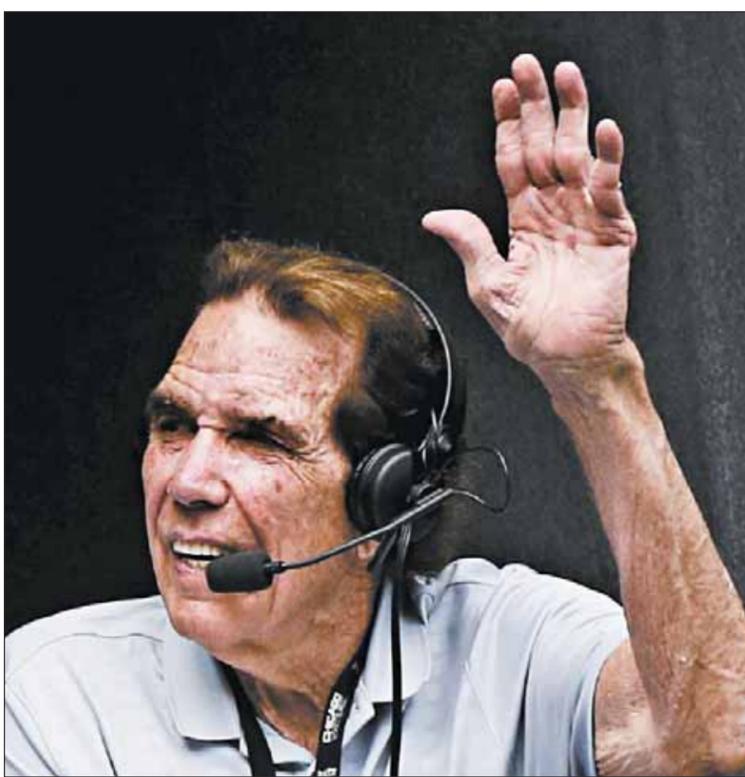
That's one of the reasons the loss of Ed Farmer resonates so much. Few members of the Sox family were as beloved as Farmer, the longtime radio voice who died Wednesday night at age 70.

Robin Ventura, the former Sox manager and third baseman, put it best Thursday when discussing the death of his old friend from his home in Stillwater, Okla.

"He was a South Sider all the way through," Ventura said. "It's a sad day."

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Ax falls at Score amid coronavirus pandemic

Hosts McKnight, DiCaro among layoffs at WSCR

BY PHIL ROSENTHAL

WSCR-AM 670 hosts Connor McKnight and Julie DiCaro were among those let go in a national cost-cutting initiative by parent Entercom Communications in response to advertising declines amid the coronavirus pandemic.

The full extent of the job cuts in

Chicago, where Entercom has six other stations besides The Score — WXRT-FM 93.1, WBBM-FM 96.3, WBMX-FM 104.3, WUSN-FM 99.5 and WBBM-AM 780, which simulcasts on WCFS-FM 105.9 — was not immediately known.

Dan McNeil and Danny Parkins, who co-host weekday afternoons on The Score, noted on the air that reporter David Schuster also was among those cut loose and suggested more cuts were likely in time.

Rick Camp, a WSCR midday producer, said via Twitter he had been let go after

more than eight years at the station.

The station has yet to say how it would make do with its reduced workforce.

McKnight and DiCaro confirmed their ousters via social media.

"These are tough and uncertain times. Moreso for others than myself, that's for sure," McKnight, who was hired to partner mid-mornings with Dan Bernstein in a major WSCR shake-up two years ago.

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WHEN SPORTS STOOD STILL

Keeping an eye on the impact of the coronavirus crisis:



CHRIS GRAYTHEN/GETTY

NASCAR: Debut of 'NextGen' car delayed until 2022

NASCAR's new generation of Cup Series stock car, targeted for debut at the 2021 Daytona 500, is designed to cure a lot of ills and concerns involved with its predecessors.

But it couldn't beat back the novel coronavirus.

NASCAR announced Thursday the debut of the "Next Gen" car will be pushed back to 2022 because of lengthy delays in preparation and testing due to the ongoing coronavirus crisis.

The official word came in a NASCAR statement attributed to John Probst, senior vice president of racing innovation:

"Due to challenges related to the coronavirus pandemic, the debut of the Next Gen car will be delayed until 2022. The decision was made in collaboration with the (manufacturers) and team owners. We will continue to develop the Next Gen car, and a revised testing timeline will be shared when more information is available."

Between last October and last month, NASCAR had four test sessions with the new car, and had many others planned throughout this season.

Assuming the season resumes and NASCAR follows through on its desire to run all 36 races, the condensed schedule would put an insurmountable amount of pressure on the period of time needed to make sure the car is ready for its 2022 debut.

— *The Daytona Beach News-Journal*

THE QUOTE

"I don't know if I ever was like I thought I was going to die, but I remember having the conversation with myself: I don't want to die here."



— *Former Jaguars Pro Bowl tackle Tony Boselli on his stay at the Mayo Clinic while battling COVID-19*

THE NUMBER

2,100

Ducks owners Henry and Susan Samuelli said they will pay their 2,100 part-time employees across all of their sports and event management companies through June 30 for work that was wiped out by the coronavirus pandemic.



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 July 13.

SPORTS

A GOOD TIME TO LOOK BACK

We're all missing sports these days. So with the games on hold, we're offering a daily dose of memorable moments as chronicled through sports history:

Michigan men the victors

(APRIL 3, 1989)

This story was published when Michigan, under the leadership of interim coach Steve Fisher, beat Seton Hall 80-79 in overtime to win the national title.

By SKIP MYSLENSKI
Chicago Tribune

It came down to this. After 40 perfect minutes in regulation and 4 minutes 57 seconds in overtime, it came down to Michigan guard Rumeal Robinson standing on the foul line with 3 seconds remaining and his team trailing by 1 in its national title game with Seton Hall.

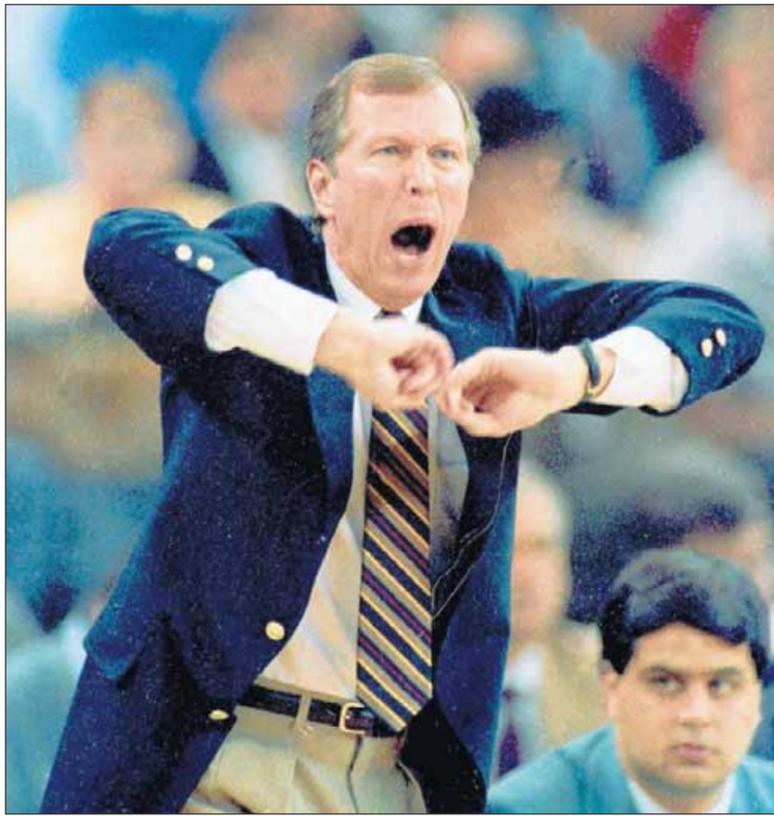
Robinson, who had just coerced a blocking call on Pirate guard Gerald Greene, hit but 65 percent of his foul shots during the season, but on this Monday night in the Kingdome, he had already gone 7 for 8. Now, calmly, he cleanly dropped two more, and after a desperation jumper by Daryll Walker bounded off the backboards and into Glen Rice's hands, Michigan had itself an 80-79 victory and its first national basketball title.

It won it after many questioned its character, and in a game that proved its character. It won it against a team as tough as a switchblade, and in the face of pressure as intense as a cauldron. It won it after being abandoned by its coach, Bill Frieder, and while guided by an interim head coach named Steve Fisher.

"We had critics saying this and that about us," forward Loy Vaught declared. "Now, we don't have to listen to those critics anymore."

They don't have to listen because their courage, their will, did not abandon them when Seton Hall came after them with the fury of a pit bull at the end of regulation. Until the last six minutes of regulation, the Wolverines controlled this game, controlled it and often seemed ready to put it away.

The keys to that early success were basic, and included control of the boards, attention to Seton Hall bomber Andrew Gaze and an interior defense that prohibited Walker and Pirates center Ramon Ramos from getting off shots. Mike Griffin and Sean Higgins took turns attending Gaze; Vaught, Terry Mills and Mark Hughes pounded inside, and that helped the Wolverines to a 37-32 halftime lead.



Michigan interim coach Steve Fisher shouts instructions during the NCAA title game against Seton Hall on April 3, 1989, in Seattle.

"We were keeping our feet moving instead of just standing behind them," said Vaught, explaining his team's success on defense. "We wanted them to be constantly guessing where we were."

Rice, who ended with 31 points and 11 rebounds, and Robinson, who ended with 21 and 11 assists, were the designated scorers for Michigan this night, and behind them their team surged early in the second half. After a Rice three-pointer, Michigan led 59-49 with just over eight minutes remain-

ing, but now this game entered what is known as Hall time.

That is the time its pressure, its depth and its pounding style of play start to tell on opponents, and here, inexorably, it started to tell on the Wolverines. Walker hit from down low, and then guard John Morton (35 points) hit a pair of foul shots and a pair of drives and suddenly Michigan's lead was 2.

Robinson and Morton traded foul shots, and then Rice hit a giant three-pointer while being knocked to the ground. Then-almost

OTHER APRIL 3 MOMENTS

1994: The St. Louis Cardinals beat the Cincinnati Reds 6-4 in Major League Baseball's first Sunday night opener, sending baseball into a new era with three divisions and a new playoff format.

1995: UCLA wins its first national basketball championship in 20 years and record 11th NCAA title, keeping Arkansas from repeating with an 89-78 victory.

2007: After a nine-year title drought, Tennessee and coach Pat Summitt are NCAA champions. The Lady Vols capture an elusive seventh national title, beating Rutgers 59-46.

2010: Bernard Hopkins wins a brutal unanimous decision over Roy Jones Jr. in their long-delayed rematch, emphatically avenging his loss in the famed champions' first fight nearly 17 years earlier.

2012: Brittney Griner scores 26 points and grabs 13 rebounds to help Baylor finish off an undefeated season with an 80-61 win over Notre Dame in the women's national championship game. Baylor becomes the first team in NCAA history to win 40 games.

palpably—the Hall moved its intensity up yet another level.

Between 6:05 and 1:06 remaining in regulation in this title game, it would allow Michigan but a single field goal.

"They regained the tempo of the game," said Vaught. "But we'd watched a lot of film on them, and our knowledge that they wouldn't fold helped us there. We knew basketball is a game of surges. We had just come off ours, and they went on theirs. It was up to us to stop it."

But they did not stop it until Morton gave Seton Hall the lead at 67-66 with 2:13 remaining, and then Walker hit a foul shot to push it up another point. Three Pirates spent this night beating up on Rice, but now, as he has all season long, he responded again with a three-pointer with Gaze flying in his face.

That came with 1:02 remaining, and 28 seconds later, Higgins hit a pair of foul shots and Michigan led by 3.

Morton hit a three with 25 seconds left to send the game into overtime.

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- ACROSS**
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 - 18 Tolerable
 - 20 Tricycle rider
 - 21 Mover's truck
 - 23 Tidbit
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 - 27 Uses up
 - 29 Arranges
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 - 65 Tim Daly's sis
- DOWN**
- 1 Majority
 - 2 Repeated sound
 - 3 Meteorologist
 - 4 Gullible fellow
 - 5 Some GE appliances
 - 6 Goodman or Cariou
 - 7 "The butler ___ it!"
 - 8 Sleeps
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- 25 Jealous feeling
- 27 ___ in the face; insult
- 28 Removes tater skins
- 29 Gentlemen
- 30 Brown or Rice
- 31 Not as vivid in color
- 33 Charges
- 34 Motorists' org.
- 36 Water sport
- 38 Boon
- 39 Man or boy
- 41 Overuse the mirror
- 42 New Testament book
- 44 Lend a hand
- 45 Derek & others
- 47 Daring
- 48 Sourpuss
- 49 Beatles' "___, There and Everywhere"
- 50 Plays a role
- 53 As strong ___ ox
- 54 Kelly or Autry
- 56 Cochlea's place
- 57 Org. for Hawks & Pelicans
- 59 Word attached to meal or cake

DEPAUL BASKETBALL

Leitao receives 4-year contract extension

Demons keep coach despite finishing last in Big East

By SHANNON RYAN

DePaul men's basketball coach Dave Leitao received a contract extension through 2023-24, the school announced Thursday.

Financial terms were not released. Leitao's contract was set to expire after the 2019-20 season.

The athletic department announced in September it was working on contract extension for Leitao, who finished his fifth season in his second stint with DePaul. He previously coached at DePaul from 2002-05, leading the Blue Demons to their most recent NCAA Tournament appearance in 2005.

DePaul is 64-98 in Leitao's second stint.

"We are happy to reach an agreement to continue the improvement and stability that Coach Leitao has instilled in our men's basketball program," athletic director Jean Lenti Ponsetto said in a statement. "His vision of academic excellence, athletic excellence and community service mirrors DePaul's mission in developing outstanding student-athletes and future leaders in our society."

DePaul completed a strange season, starting 12-1 but finishing 16-16 overall. The Blue Demons recorded impressive victories against Iowa, Texas Tech and Butler but unraveled during the Big East Conference season.

They finished last in the Big East at 3-15. It was the Blue Demons' fourth-straight season with the worst record in the conference.

DePaul won its first Big East Tournament game against Xavier before the league



ERIN HOOLEY/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

DePaul coach Dave Leitao is locked up with the school through the 2023-24 season.

canceled its postseason play because of concerns about the coronavirus.

DePaul's fan base has shown impatience with the team's NCAA Tournament drought and lack of advancement in the conference standings.

Rumors swirled about Leitao's status after the program received NCAA penalties last offseason, putting the Blue Demons on three years of probation for a recruiting violation and suspending Leitao from coaching the first three games of the season.

DePaul strongly defended Leitao after the NCAA's ruling and expressed disappointment in the committee. In July, Ponsetto called Leitao a "man of character and integrity who has the support of the administration in leading our men's basketball program."

The Blue Demons have upgraded their talent in recent years under Leitao.

Their 2019 recruiting class was No. 32 in 247sports.com's composite rankings, their highest since 2007.

BLACKHAWKS

Highmore, Lankinen get extensions

By PHIL THOMPSON

The Blackhawks agreed to contract extensions with forward Matthew Highmore and goaltender Kevin Lankinen, and signed forwards Evan Barratt and Andrei Altybarmakyan to entry-level contracts, the team announced Thursday.

Highmore and Lankinen's signings tick off two from the Hawks' list of young restricted free agents they'll try to sign — a task made tougher by what's expected to be a flat salary cap because of the suspended

NHL season.

Highmore agreed to a two-year extension that runs through 2021-22 and averages \$725,000. Lankinen's two-year deal averages \$800,000.

The Hawks like Highmore's speed, energy and work ethic. He split the season between Rockford and Chicago and had two goals and four assists in a career-high 36 NHL games.

Lankinen, an AHL All-Star for the first time season, posted a 8-10-2 record, 3.03 goals-against average and .909 save percentage with the IceHogs.

SPORTS

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Since the sports world went mainly dark



GERALD HERBERT/AP

An abbreviated college football season could cause schools like LSU and Clemson to lose as much as 20 percent in revenues.

COLLEGES

The mean season

Survey: Athletic directors bracing for financial crisis

By RALPH D. RUSSO
Associated Press

Athletic directors at the nation's biggest sports schools are bracing for a potential financial crisis related to the coronavirus pandemic.

According to a survey released Thursday by LEAD1, an association of athletic directors from 130 major college football schools, 63% forecast a worst-case scenario in which their revenues decrease by at least 20% during the 2020-21 school year. Even an abbreviated football season could cause schools to lose that much.

LEAD1 and Teamworks, a company that created an app designed to help keep teams and athletic departments connected, conducted the survey of more than 100 ADs from schools in Division I's Football Bowl Subdivision.

"The State of Athletics in the Face of the Coronavirus" provides a sobering glimpse of the top concerns for the wealthiest athletic departments in the country.

The NCAA canceled winter and spring sports on March 12, separating thousands of college athletes from teammates and coaches and leaving them unable to practice and compete.

Athletic directors surveyed said their greatest concerns about their athletes over the next three months were academic progress, mental health and a lack of resources for them while off campus.

And then there are the financial concerns. Canceling the men's D-I basketball tournament cost the NCAA \$375 million it was to distribute to its member schools.

Asked for their worst-case scenario analysis, 65% of the athletic directors said revenue for the 2019-20 fiscal year would drop from 0-20%, including 35% expecting a decrease ranging from 0-10%.

Some schools are already taking steps to deal with this year's shortfalls.

Trying to make up \$5 million in lost revenue from basketball tournament cancellations, Iowa State has announced a one-year, temporary pay reduction for coaches and certain staff to save more than \$3 million. The school will also suspend bonuses for coaches for a year to save an additional \$1 million.

"I've talked to many of my peers and they want to do what we just did," Iowa State athletic director Jamie Pollard said Friday.

Wyoming athletic director Tom Burman announced on Twitter he would be reducing his salary by 10% through Dec. 31.

In the LEAD1 survey, 40% of the 95 ADs who responded said they approve and strongly approve when asked if they believe high earners should offer to make a personal financial sacrifice during the crisis; about 15% disapproved or strongly disapproved.

Football season is six months away and for most FBS schools it is by far the biggest revenue driver. Any disruption to the



CHARLIE NEIBERGALL/AP

Iowa State Athletic Director Jamie Pollard announced a one-year, temporary pay reduction for coaches and certain staff to save more than \$3 million.

At a glance

Highlights from a survey of more than 100 athletic directors by LEAD1, an association of ADs from Bowl Subdivision schools, and Teamworks:

Q: What are you most concerned about in regards to your student-athletes over the next three months? (99 respondents, selecting up to three):

Academic progress — 89%
Mental health — 74%
Lack of resources (academic, athletic and other) while off campus — 53%
Sports performance (maintaining training regimen) — 48%
Tenuous home situation while off campus — 23%
Issue around sport eligibility — 16%
Transfers — 10%

Q: In your worst-case scenario analysis, what is your department projecting for your 2019-20 fiscal year revenue as a result of the crisis? (95 respondents):

0-10% decrease — 37%
10%-20% — 32%
20%-30% — 23%
Greater than 30% — 8%

Q: In your worst-case scenario analysis, what is your department projecting for your 2020-21 fiscal year revenue as a result of the crisis? (95 respondents):

0-10% decrease — 8%
10%-20% decrease — 27%
20%-30% decrease — 28%
Greater than 30% decrease — 35%

Q: In projecting your 2020-21 fiscal year revenue, which revenue streams are you most concerned about being at risk? (95 respondents, select up to three):

Donations — 75%
Ticket sales and other revenue from in-person events — 74%
Conference distributions — 56%
NCAA distributions — 51%
Sponsorship — 31%
Student fees — 28%

football season could be devastating to college sports because that revenue funds just about every other athletic program.

"We often hear from ADs and MMR (multi-media rights) sellers that around 85% of revenue comes from football," said Matt Balvanz, senior VP for analytics for Navigate, a sports marketing consulting firm.

He said the average Power Five school makes around \$120 million in revenue per year, "which means roughly \$100 million per year from football."

"The thought that no football or losing a season is, that's a complete game changer.

There are so many layers," Pollard said.

For the average Power Five team, a home game is worth \$14 million, including its value from a TV deal, which is over 10% of average total revenue, Balvanz said.

"Larger departments can likely absorb a 10% loss, but if that increases to 20% and 30% with more games lost then that could be a major issue," he said.

Playing games without fan in the stands? Balvanz said the average Power Five school gets some \$30 million in ticket sales.

If 85% of that is from football, that's a loss of \$25 million.

ROUNDUP

Players' union disputes claim over new CBA

NFLPA: Language changes in agreement not substantive

News services

The NFL players' union says changes made to the labor agreement players narrowly approved last month "reflects no substantive difference whatsoever," a claim the lawyers for free agent safety Eric Reid dispute.

The NFLPA added that Reid's claim that the CBA isn't valid is "completely false."

Ben Meiselas, who represents Reid, believes the changes regarding filing for Social Security disability payments should invalidate the CBA set to run through 2030.

Meiselas says the changes could affect thousands of former players.

Hall of Fame tight end Shannon Sharpe also questioned the validity of the new CBA, tweeting: "Nothing substantive, but changes were made? WOW. Why is D. Smith still running the NFLPA?"

DeMaurice Smith is executive director of the union.

Reid has called for an investigation and a re-vote on the labor agreement, which passed by a mere 60 votes, 1,019-959 on March 15.

■ Titans RB Derrick Henry signed a franchise tender that puts him under contract for the 2020 season as the team works toward reaching a long-term deal with the 2019 NFL rushing leader. The Titans gave him a franchise tag March 16, a move that means he will be paid \$10.2 million in the 2020 season unless they sign him to a long-term deal by July 15. ... The AP reported that the Cowboys signed Aldon Smith to a contract despite the suspended defensive end's playing status in the NFL being uncertain. Smith, 30, hasn't played in the NFL since 2015, when he was suspended for violating the league's substance-abuse policy while with the Raiders. ... Former Alabama QB Tua Tagovailoa underwent a voluntary medical recheck that was facilitated by the NFL combine, and the results of the comprehensive exam "were overwhelmingly positive," his representatives told ESPN and the NFL Network. The recheck was performed by an independent doctor who was selected by NFL team physicians. Tagovailoa sustained a posterior wall fracture and dislocated hip and underwent surgery in November.

Baseball: Former All-Star OF Jim Edmonds says he tested positive for the new coronavirus and for pneumonia. "I am completely symptom-free now and doing really well, and so I must have had it for a while," Edmonds, 49, said in a video posted to his Instagram account. "I appreciate everyone who has said well wishes and wished me the best." ... Ed Farmer, an All-Star reliever who spent nearly three decades as a radio broadcaster for the White Sox, died. He was 70. The White Sox said he died Wednesday night in Los Angeles following complications from an illness.

NHL: The Senators are making temporary layoffs and salary reductions because of COVID-19. The team's parent company says the full-time workforce will be reduced starting Sunday, when the club's season was originally scheduled to end. Those not laid off could be placed on furlough. Others could have their salaries reduced. Health benefits will continue uninterrupted.

Soccer: The AP reported that a European plan is being formed to resume soccer around July and August, with domestic leagues told Thursday not to abandon competitions yet due to the pandemic.

ON THE CLOCK

20 Days until the NFL draft, which is still scheduled for April 23-25.

The top 5



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| 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 | |

ED FARMER 1949-2020



CHICAGO TRIBUNE

White Sox broadcasters John Rooney and Ed Farmer, right, call a game against the Cubs at Wrigley Field in 2000.

Sullivan

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Farmer liked to talk and he loved to tell stories — from the minute he got out of his car in the Sox Park parking lot to the moment he left the booth after the game. And he was always networking, even before the term became popular.

“One of the greatest things about him, no matter what situation he was in, no matter who he met or who he was around, he was always himself,” Ventura said. “He was opinionated but also knowledgeable. His love of Notre Dame was funny. He never went there, but he was like the sacred son of Notre Dame.”

“He just knew so many people, had different connections and would always try to connect people together. He didn’t care what was going on, he was going to connect two people. Even with his health issues, he never had bad days.”

Farmer and I had a few things in common. We were born in the same hospital — Little Company of Mary in Evergreen Park — went to Catholic schools and grew up going to Sox games and loving Notre Dame football. I loved listening to his old stories, whether they were embellished or not.

But as affable as he was, Farmer could also be stubborn, such as last spring when the Sox offered him a handicapped parking pass and he refused to use it. I tried to talk him into it, telling him the word itself didn’t mean anything — that the pass would simply make his walk from the parking lot to the booth a little shorter and a lot easier.

Farmer’s response? He said he would just get to the park a few minutes earlier, but thanks anyway.

It was the old ballplayer in him, or maybe it was the South Side attitude he could never shed, even if he wanted.

When you know everyone, as Farmer seemed to, it’s hard to tell anyone not to stop by and say hi. That’s why the Sox radio booth was often as crowded as the State Street “L” stop at rush hour.

“A guy of his stature could’ve been phony and fake,” WGN-AM broadcaster Andy Masur said. “But the way he treated everyone was what I’ll remember. He was real. The true characters of the game, those old-school guys that have their opinions about how the game should be played and how it was played, there are not many of them left.”

Masur said Farmer had “a multitude of stories,” adding with a laugh: “Sometimes they ended differently than the first time you heard it.”

My favorite was about the time he went to New York with his family in high school and tried to get into Yankee Stadium during the offseason. His mother told a security guard that Ed would one day be

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— WGN-AM broadcaster Andy Masur

playing in the majors, but that still didn’t convince the guard to let them inside.

Years later, Farmer finally made it to the majors and was entering a game at Yankee Stadium out of the bullpen. Back then relievers were driven to the mound in bullpen carts, and as luck would have it, the same security guard — who Farmer said he remembered because he had a couple missing fingers on one hand — was driving the cart.

“Ed noticed the guy’s fingers, and looked at him and said ‘Remember me? You’re the guy that wouldn’t let me in,’” Masur said. “Then he got up and walked to the mound. He wouldn’t take the cart. What are the odds on that happening?”

Cardinals radio voice John Rooney, who was Farmer’s former radio partner with the Sox, recalled him flinging a burnt pizza onto the netting behind the plate during a game and once using a swear word after a brutal loss, referring to Detroit as the “(bleeping) Tigers.”

Farmer was a homer, no doubt about it. During a Sox losing streak in 1993, he decided to help out during a trip to Boston.

“The team wasn’t going well, so to lighten things up, I borrowed a bellhop uniform and went out one day and got the players cabs,” he told me later. “Made about \$35 in tips.”

“Really?” I asked. “From the Sox players?”

Farmer scoffed and walked away.

True story? Who knows? But in 2000, he gave the idea to Sox manager Jerry Manuel, who had been suspended for his role in the team’s brawl with the Tigers and had to go back to the hotel before the start of a game. When the team bus came back after a win, Manuel was there in the lobby wearing a bellhop hat, greeting the players as they entered.

Later that season, Farmer and coach Bryan Little bought giant Afro wigs for Frank Thomas, Ray Durham and Bill Simas to wear during pregame stretching, helping to lighten the mood.

Whatever it took.

But while Farmer never took himself too seriously, he was very serious about his craft.

“Ed knew what was going to happen in a game many times before it happened,” Rooney said. “He knew his baseball, really knew his pitching, and that’s what made him a good scout and then a good analyst. He was a quick study on play-by-play as well.

“You never knew what he was going to say, what was going to come out of his

mouth, but you knew it would be pretty entertaining. I like to think I learned a lot of baseball from Ed, and he learned a lot of play-by-play from me, and that’s why we got along so well.”

In his final years on the job, Farmer became a target for a vocal minority of Sox fans who didn’t like his style. That’s an occupational hazard for all broadcasters, though much of the criticism was unnecessarily harsh and personal.

“It bothered him a little, but at the end of the day he moved forward,” Masur said. “It wasn’t in his nature to let that stuff bother him. No one wants to hear that, but it didn’t affect the way he went about his job or his personality at all.”

Farmer fought through a hereditary kidney disease that eventually led to a kidney transplant from his brother, Tom, nearly three decades ago. But you wouldn’t know about his health issues from talking to him. During the SARS outbreak in Canada in 2002, he couldn’t travel to Toronto for fear of catching it, so he provided the color while watching games on TV back home.

“He battled the polycystic kidney disease like crazy,” Rooney said. “But he was so upbeat about it. He did the first game from the studio in Chicago, and you wouldn’t know he wasn’t there. Ed is definitely one of the voices of summer you’re going to miss. I don’t care if you’re a White Sox fan or a Cubs fan. We both shared the opinion that if we’re not having fun, the fan is not having fun.

“I know Ed enjoyed going to the ballpark every day and being around those people that he liked. I heard (Vin) Scully say in his message to the country on this coronavirus, that when he left the booth, it wasn’t so much the game he missed, but the people. Ed, I think, was the same way.”

Back in the mid-1990s, Farmer convinced me to become an organ donor to help others in need. I still have that faded donor card in my wallet, which was signed by Ventura, who was serving as a witness at the event Farmer organized seeking organ and tissue donors. Ventura said he wound up getting an ankle joint transplanted from a tissue donor after he retired, years after breaking it during a game.

Maybe the best way to honor the memory of Farmer is to become an organ and tissue donor yourself.

It would be a fitting tribute to a guy who was a South Sider all the way through.

Relationship was rocky road with Farmer



TEDDY GREENSTEIN

I’ll be honest: Ed Farmer did not always like me.

We got along great when I covered the White Sox from 1998-99 and in 2003. Anyone who would listen to him riff on Notre Dame football or indulge his shot-by-shot accounts of shooting 74 at Butler National was on his good list.

During a Sox trip to Tampa, Fla., he took me to World Woods Golf Club, but I suspect it was mainly so he could show off his juice at such a big-time track.

But there really was a sweetness to him, and I was sorry to hear he died Wednesday night at age 70.

Even after “Farmio” tried to embarrass me in front of a bunch of Sox players, I felt no anger toward him.

We all admired his determination in the face of kidney disease, which required him to take up to 56 pills per day and led to a kidney transplant from his brother in 1990. We saw him limp around and noticed that his spindly fingers seemed to jut out in every direction.

Here’s what led to the incident in the Sox clubhouse: I began to cover sports media and in 2007 wrote a column grading Chicago’s TV and radio broadcast teams.

I gave the Ed Farmer-Chris Singleton duo a “D” and wrote: “This is the most awkward pairing since Mike Ditka and Buddy Ryan. Actually, it’s worse. At least Ditka and Ryan were colorful.”

Farmer was paired with Steve Stone the following season, and I described how Farmer kept cutting him off in their debut: “Farmer would interrupt a call from the White House to tell President Bush about his last birdie.”

I added: “Stone has a one-year contract to do Sox radio, but it’s Farmer who’s on the hot seat. If he can’t work with Stone, he can’t work with anyone.”

Two months later I went to Sox Park to interview Ozzie Guillen Jr. about his Sunday night show on WSCR-AM 670. I passed through the clubhouse on my way to the dugout, and Farmer was there, guns blazing.

He berated me, saying “You don’t know baseball” and trying to quiz me on parts of the game. He was trying to intimidate me, but I found it hilarious. Intimidating was Albert Belle screaming, “Did you forget the (bleeping) protocol?”

I asked Farmer if he would prefer to discuss it on the field, away from the players. Nope, like a manager getting his money’s worth with an umpire before an ejection, Farmer wanted to rant before an audience.

The players went from amused — they generally loved seeing critical writers get a dose of their own medicine — to bemused. Farmer had made his point. Could he move on already?

“C’mon, Ed,” Paul Konerko said.

Farmer and I didn’t talk much after that. I was more of a Ken “Hawk” Harrelson guy anyway.

Fast-forward to a 2018 weekend in Kansas City, Mo. Five Sox-Royals games in four days thanks to an opening-week rainout.

I’m alone in an elevator on my way up to the press box. Who is walking toward me as the door begins to close? Ed Farmer. He slides in. Great.

Suddenly it was 2003 all over again.

Farmer acted like my long-lost buddy. We talked about Notre Dame’s 10-3 season and its upcoming opener against Michigan. We talked golf and the upcoming majors.

Other writers saw this and asked me: Wait, didn’t you two have a beef?

We did. And then, thankfully, we didn’t.



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Ed Farmer walks the hallway at Guaranteed Rate Field on April 26, 2017.

WSCR

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“Today’s show was my last on The Score. As a result of the pandemic, plans had to be altered and my position was eliminated.”

McKnight first joined WSCR-AM in 2009 through the station’s “Score Search” talent contest, then left for Tribune Broadcasting’s short-lived FM outlet The Game (WGWG LP 87.7), which operated for nine months in 2014.

After a stint at WGN-AM 720, McKnight

joined WLS-AM 890 and was for a time its White Sox pregame and postgame host, but the station tore up its multiyear contract with the team in early 2018 as part of parent Cumulus Media’s bankruptcy proceedings.

DiCaro, who practiced law for 15 years before segueing into media, hosted a weeknight program on The Score and co-hosted another on Saturdays.

“Obviously, there are bigger things in our world to worry about at the moment, but it bums me out that the number of women working in sports in Chicago just keeps dwindling,” DiCaro said via Twitter.

Entercom Chief Executive David Field

sent an email to all employees Thursday morning saying that the coronavirus pandemic had badly hurt advertising revenue.

“The severity of the situation necessitates us making significant cost reductions in order to cope with the realities at hand,” Field wrote in the memo, announcing there would be jobs cuts and furloughs.

No specific numbers were shared.

“Some very close friends are out of work right now, and it’s sad,” McNeil said during his show Thursday. “It’s been tough on everybody, and I wish nothing but the best for our teammates who got launched today. ... This sucks, man. This is an absolute

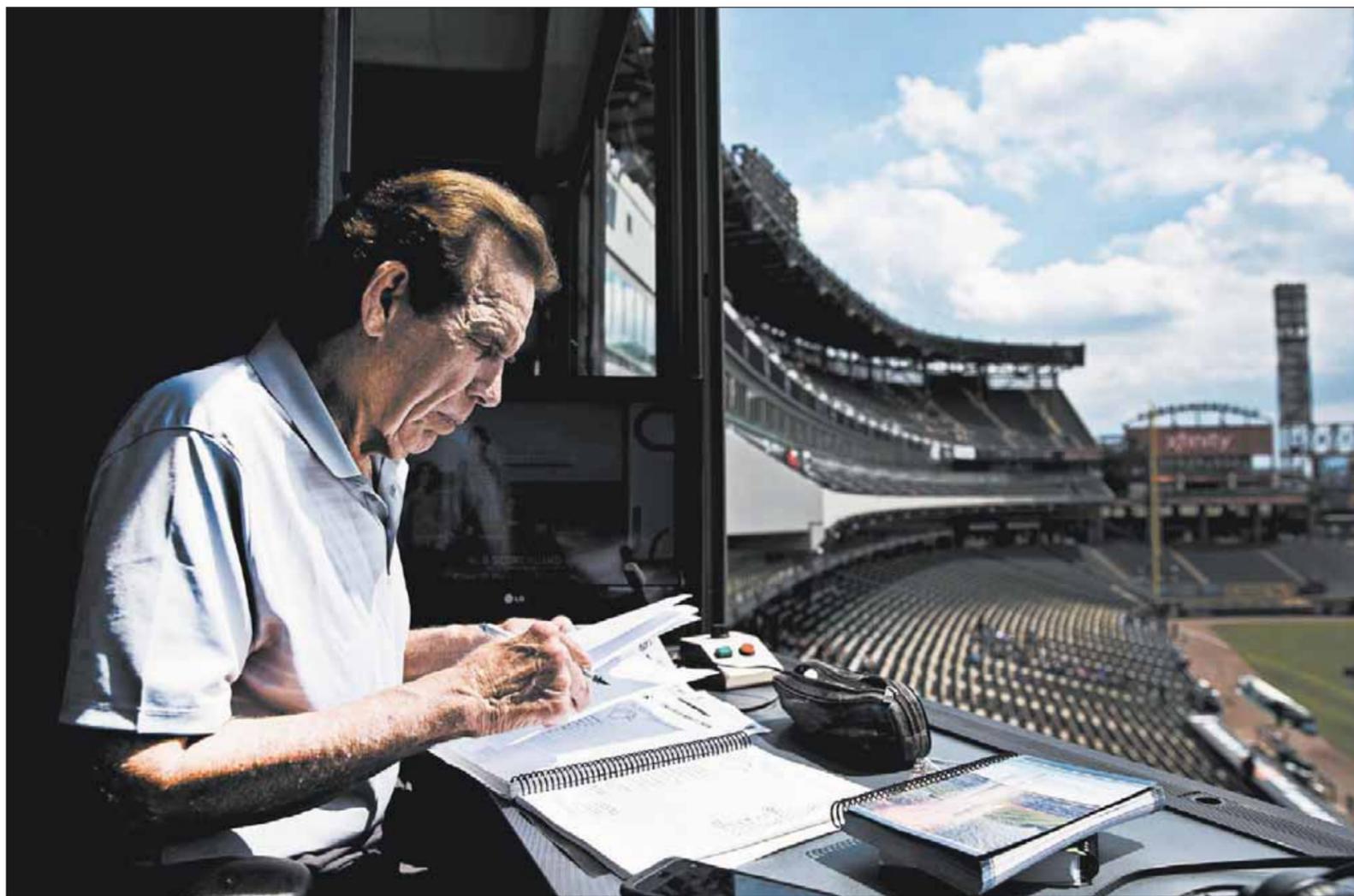
suckfest.”

Field also announced salary reductions of between 10% and 20% for those earning more than \$50,000 annually, elimination of 401(k) matches, first quarter and second quarter bonuses and a suspension of its dividend.

“I am deeply saddened that we need to make these painful moves at this time, but they are necessary under the circumstances,” Field wrote.

Field, who said his salary will be reduced 30%, indicated the company hoped to restore regular salaries, bonus eligibility and its 401K plan match at the start of the third quarter.

ED FARMER 1949-2020



Woven into Sox's fabric

Former pitcher, St. Rita graduate Farmer was team's radio voice for nearly 30 seasons

BY PHIL ROSENTHAL

Ed Farmer — a son of Chicago's South Side who spent 2½ seasons pitching for the White Sox during an 11-year major-league career and, for almost 30 years, was a radio announcer for the team — died Wednesday night. He was 70.

Farmer, who was an advocate for organ donations, dealt with kidney disease most of his life. The team said he died in a Los Angeles-area hospital of complications from a previous illness but shared no other details.

A member of the 1980 American League All-Star team while with the Sox, Farmer was a full-time radio announcer for the White Sox since 1992, first as an analyst and, beginning in 2006, as a play-by-play man.

"My heart is broken, but my mind is at peace knowing my dear friend is no longer suffering," Darrin Jackson, Farmer's broadcast partner for the last 11 seasons, said in a statement, calling Farmer "a competitor who also was everyone's best friend."

Team Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf, in his own statement, noted how Farmer's broadcast work played off his experience as a ballplayer, sense of humor, love of baseball and passion for the Sox.

"Ed grew up a Sox fan on the South Side of Chicago and his allegiance showed every single night on the radio as he welcomed his 'friends' to the broadcast," Reinsdorf said. "I am truly devastated by the loss of my friend."

Sox TV play-by-play announcer Jason Benetti, who grew up listening to Farmer and called him "a loyal, welcoming friend," tweeted that "scores of people have lost a piece of their heart, including me."

Former Sox pregame and postgame radio host Chris Rongey said, via Twitter, he had "never known anyone like him. Truly I haven't. And there isn't a chance on Earth I ever will again. Ed Farmer was generous. He cared about people. He was funny, often times on purpose."

Former Sox catcher A.J. Pierzynski, in a call with reporters Thursday, recalled how Farmer not only was quick to offer favors, he was quick to provide them.

"But the best part was he would let you know," Pierzynski said. "Ten years later, I saw Ed last year, and he came up to me and said, 'Remember that time we went on Air Force One?' And I was like, 'I do.' He said, 'That's 'cause I'm Ed Farmer.' That's just the way he was. He had a lot of connections. He had a lot of pull. And he was fun about it."

ESPN baseball reporter Buster Olney tweeted that Farmer "was incredibly funny, deeply knowledgeable, and intense in his love of baseball," while sportscaster Keith Olbermann noted Farmer "was also one of the best baseball broadcasters I've ever heard. No game I ever heard him do was boring or slow — even if he was complaining with a chuckle that it was boring or slow."

Farmer was plagued for years with polycystic kidney disease, an inherited disorder in which cysts form in clusters mainly around kidneys, eventually keeping them from functioning properly.

The same condition claimed the life of his mother, Marilyn, when she was 38 and Farmer was 17, in his first year of minor-league baseball.

The kidney disease began to affect him toward the end of his playing career, which included stints with the Indians, Tigers,



Phillies (twice), Orioles, Brewers and Rangers, concluding with the Athletics in 1983, although he continued to pitch in the minors through 1986.

Farmer received a transplanted kidney from a brother in the early 1990s and attempted to control his condition's ill effects with medications, a regimen that at one time required as many as 56 pills daily.

At his peak as a player, however, he could be scary on the mound.

In one memorable 1979 game for the Rangers, his first start in almost five years, he hit Royals leadoff man Frank White with the second pitch of the game, breaking White's right thumb.

Then, in the fifth, a Farmer wild pitch with runners on second and third enabled the Royals to tie the game 7-7, bringing Al Cowens to the plate. Another tight fastball from Farmer broke Cowens' jaw and some of his teeth. Cowens was taken off the field via a stretcher.

"I have to believe he was looking for a breaking pitch," Farmer said at the time. "He never moved."

Farmer said he didn't throw at White or Cowens on purpose.

"No, of course it wasn't intentional," Farmer said. Royals reliever Al "Hrabosky was yelling over there (in the bullpen), and I thought that was unfortunate. But, with their losing two key ballplayers, I can understand how they would feel that way. I'm sorry it happened."

White agreed, suggesting Farmer "was just trying to be impressive" and overthrowing. "I was lucky I got my hands up, or he would have hit me in the face too," White said.

Cowens was less forgiving. The next season, with Farmer playing for the Sox and Cowens for the Tigers, Cowens came to bat against Farmer to lead off the top of the 11th inning.

Cowens hit a grounder to short. Farmer turned to watch the play. Cowens opted to make a beeline for the mound rather than run to first, tackled Farmer and began wailing on him, triggering a benches-clearing melee.

Farmer would file assault charges against Cowens that would prevent Cowens from joining his team on its next trip to Chicago. Farmer agreed to drop the charges in return for a handshake.

Farmer would later say that, while on the bottom of a pile of players during the bench-clearing fracas, the weight on him burst the cysts on his kidneys and began to cause him health troubles.

"After that, I wasn't strong anymore," he said.

Edward Joseph Farmer was born at Little Company of Mary Hospital in Evergreen Park on Oct. 18, 1949, the second of nine children. His father, also named Edward, was an electrical contractor.

"I learned at an early age life was terminal," Farmer, whose father died at 41, told the Tribune in 2017.

"Never known anyone like him. Truly I haven't. And there isn't a chance on Earth I ever will again. Ed Farmer was generous. He cared about people. He was funny, often times on purpose."

— Chris Rongey, former White Sox pregame and postgame radio host, on Twitter

Farmer grew up on the South Side at 79th Street and Francisco Avenue. He was big for his age, taller than 6 feet by age 11, on his way to becoming a hard-throwing 6-foot-5 right-hander who impressed scouts while still attending St. Rita High School as a pitcher and third baseman.

Dozens of schools, including Notre Dame and Arizona State, offered scholarships.

His father hoped he would go to Notre Dame and play football. But the Indians selected Farmer in the fifth round of the June 1967 amateur draft, and his ailing mother believed he should take the \$10,000 contract and pursue his dream of being a big-league ballplayer.

Farmer made his major-league debut with the Indians against the visiting Sox on June 9, 1971, striking out Tom Egan to cap a 3-1 victory.

The Indians traded him in 1973 to the Tigers. In 1974, he was part of a three-team deal with the Indians and Yankees that included Walt Williams and Jim Perry, sending him to the Yankees, who promptly sold him to the Phillies.

The Phillies eventually sent him back to the minor leagues, and his career began to stall.

By 1976, he was out of the game and might have resigned himself to life without baseball if not for encouragement from his wife, Barbara. He was working in a warehouse in Southern California, which had become his off-season home and would be for the rest of his life.

While training in preparation for a tryout with an Orioles scout in 1977, Farmer was riding his bicycle when he was struck by a car, going through the windshield and losing his front teeth.

Farmer still impressed the scout and spent much of 1977 with the Orioles' Triple-A team in Rochester, N.Y., making just one appearance with the major-league squad, a game in which he faced two batters. One walked. The other homered. The Orioles released him the following spring.

He had a hitch with the Brewers in '78 and with the Rangers in '79 before landing with the Sox later that season on the recommendation of Jerry Krause, then a Sox scout before becoming general

manager of the Bulls, in a trade that sent Eric Soderholm to the Rangers.

Farmer racked up 30 saves for the Sox in '80. At that year's All-Star Game, he was a teammate of future fellow Sox announcer Steve Stone, who was on his way to the 1980 Cy Young Award.

Stone started for the American League and threw three scoreless innings. Tommy John in relief gave up a home run in the fifth and, after three straight one-out singles, another in the sixth.

Farmer took over for John to face three batters. Future Hall of Famer Dave Winfield reached on an error for a 3-2 lead. Keith Hernandez singled, and Pete Rose grounded into an inning-ending double play. The National League won 4-2.

With the Sox from mid-'79 to '81, Farmer was 13-19 with 54 saves and 3.31 ERA. He joined the Phillies as a free agent in 1982 and was released in August 1983, freeing him to sign with the A's 10 days later to close out the season.

Over his major-league career, Farmer was 30-43, with 75 saves and a 4.30 ERA, appearing in 370 games.

Farmer was working for the Orioles as a scout when the Sox asked if he would like to work a couple of games on the radio. After a broadcast, he ran into Reinsdorf.

As Farmer recalled: "He goes, 'Ed, can I talk to you for a second? If you want this job ...' I said, 'Jerry, I appreciate it, but I work for the Orioles.'"

The Sox subsequently hired Farmer in December 1990 as special assistant to general manager Ron Schueler.

Farmer began filling in regularly on the radio for John Rooney alongside Wayne Hagin in 1991 when Rooney was doing national broadcasts for CBS.

The next year Farmer replaced Hagin and, when Rooney left for the Cardinals after the Sox's 2005 World Series championship, Farmer slid into the play-by-play role alongside Chris Singleton, then Stone and most recently Jackson.

"Every organization does have a lot of characters, there's no doubt, but I would put the White Sox over the years up against anybody with the characters that have come in and out of the broadcast booth and the front office," former Sox first baseman Paul Konerko said on a media conference call. "Eddie was one of those guys. He was kind of like on the Mount Rushmore of that."

But what most distinguished Farmer might have been his resilience. As if his health challenges over the years weren't enough, he nearly lost his California home in the wildfires of late 2018.

"I'm lucky I'm alive. I'm lucky my family is alive," he told the Daily Herald. "I'm not kidding. When we were evacuating and driving out on the 101 Freeway, there were flames on both sides."

Farmer is survived by his wife, Barbara, and daughter, Shanda. The Sox said donations may be made in Farmer's name to the Polycystic Kidney Disease Research Foundation (support.pkdcure.org).

Jackson, who said Farmer "bled White Sox — simple as that," was taken with how fortunate his partner had been to go from Sox fan to Sox player to Sox broadcaster.

"Ed Farmer," Jackson told reporters, "will always be remembered as a Chicago guy that absolutely loved being in the White Sox organization. ... There was nothing more important (to him) than being part of the South Side and the White Sox."

Tribune reporter LaMond Pope contributed.

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NFL DRAFT

Prospects amid a pandemic

BY COLLEEN KANE

The public portion of the NFL draft in Las Vegas was canceled because of the coronavirus pandemic. NFL facilities are closed to all but essential personnel until at least April 8. Pro days and in-person visits for teams to get to know draft prospects better are banned.

But Commissioner Roger Goodell's memo to NFL teams Thursday was clear. Despite the many limitations,

the draft will go on as planned April 23-25.

According to the memo ESPN released, the NFL Management Council Executive Committee was "unanimous and unequivocal that the draft should go forward as scheduled."

The limitations make evaluations of prospects more difficult. They also disrupt the training plans for college players preparing for one of the biggest moments of their careers.

Players are affected differently by various factors, including whether they were invited to the NFL combine, if they got their pro day in before such events were canceled, if they have medical issues that might concern teams and whether they come from big or small schools.

Northwestern's Joe Gaziano, Notre Dame's Cole Kmet, Illinois' Oluwole Betiku Jr. and Illinois State's James Robinson shared with the Tribune how the coronavirus restrictions have altered their draft preparations.



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Joe Gaziano NORTHWESTERN | DL

When Illinois put its shelter-in-place order into effect, Joe Gaziano turned to a tool with which many businesspeople are becoming acquainted: Zoom.

With gyms closed, the 6-foot-4, 275-pound defensive lineman did video conferencing with his trainer from his Evanston apartment to stay in shape. The only equipment he had was a yoga mat, but he improvised by loading up backpacks and duffel bags to make weights. Gaziano also noted that "being a large human being" helps him get a lot out of body-weight exercises.

Because of the training limitations, he headed last week to his family's home in Massachusetts, where he at least is able to put on cleats and do work in the backyard.

"It's an adjustment, but attacking it head on and saying, 'Hey, this is a bump in the road for me, but every other prospect and NFL player is also going through the same thing' (helps)," Gaziano said. "What little we can do in staying quarantined could help a lot of people. Social distancing is very important, and our generation has a responsibility to take this thing seriously."

Gaziano, who set a Northwestern record with 30 career sacks, including nine in

2019, didn't receive a combine invitation. But he did play in the East-West Shrine Bowl in January and performed at Northwestern's March 10 pro day, which all 32 NFL teams attended. He called himself "very fortunate" to be able to perform in front of scouts and thought he had a solid day despite wishing some of his numbers were a little better.

He has friends whose pro days were canceled. They plan to put drills on video to send to teams, though a scout recently told the Tribune such tape can't always be trusted because it can be doctored.

Gaziano's main concern is that without a combine invite or in-person visits, teams won't have a physical to show he is healthy.

"Now they're relying on the word of my trainers and they have to eyeball how healthy I actually I am and see what injuries I've had throughout my career and see how they've progressed," Gaziano said. "That's a detriment from not going to the combine. Those physicals are really important. You don't want to invest a lot of money in damaged goods."

At the same time, Gaziano thinks it's good the draft is staying on track.

"People are craving any type of sports at this point," Gaziano said.



PAUL SANCYA/AP

Cole Kmet NOTRE DAME | TE

In the next couple of weeks, St. Viator alumnus Cole Kmet will experience one of the NFL's unique adjustments to draft scouting rules this year.

Instead of conducting prospect visits, teams are allowed to use phone calls or video conferences to get to know potential draftees, as long as they don't exceed three per player per week. Kmet said he has a couple lined up.

"I don't know what it's going to be like," Kmet said. "I'm sure in terms of question-wise, it will be similar to the interviews I've had so far, but it will be interesting to see how it works in terms of a video call."

Kmet, who had 43 catches for 515 yards and six touchdowns for Notre Dame in 2019, is the type of prospect who might not be affected much by the restrictions.

After his performance at the combine, where he ran the 40-yard dash in 4.7 seconds, NFL.com rated the 6-foot-6, 262-pound Kmet as the top tight end prospect in this draft. Some analysts have pegged him as a late first-round or early second-round selection.

He planned to run routes and talk to scouts at Notre Dame's April 1 pro day, but he is not as concerned about its cancellation as some of his friends are.

"The pro day was something they were looking forward to."

— Cole Kmet on players who weren't happy with their combine results or weren't at the combine

"Really all I missed out on was another opportunity to show scouts my ability in terms of the football field," Kmet said. "I know some guys were pretty upset because they weren't able to go to the combine, or they didn't do as well as they wanted to at the combine, so the pro day was something they were looking forward to. We're all kind of upset by it, but I know those guys especially are."

Kmet was training in Los Angeles when the city enacted a stay-at-home order, and he since has returned to Illinois so he can train at home, where he said he has a gym set up. He had planned to go to Las Vegas for the three days leading up to the draft but now will stay home through the weekend as he finds out where he'll begin his NFL career.



UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS ATHLETICS

Oluwole Betiku Jr. ILLINOIS | DL

For Oluwole Betiku Jr., the NFL restrictions have posed challenges, but he doesn't worry about those as much as everything else going on in the world.

Betiku immigrated from Nigeria in 2013. His father and brother still live there, and shutdowns have started with the hope of containing COVID-19. His mother and sister are in Dallas, where he was stationed earlier in his off-season training.

But after his gym shut down in Dallas, Betiku has since moved to train in California, where he attended high school and initially college at USC.

"I really envy people when I watch videos and I see people quarantined with their immediate family," Betiku said. "They're all having fun. They're shooting videos. I'm not going to have that."

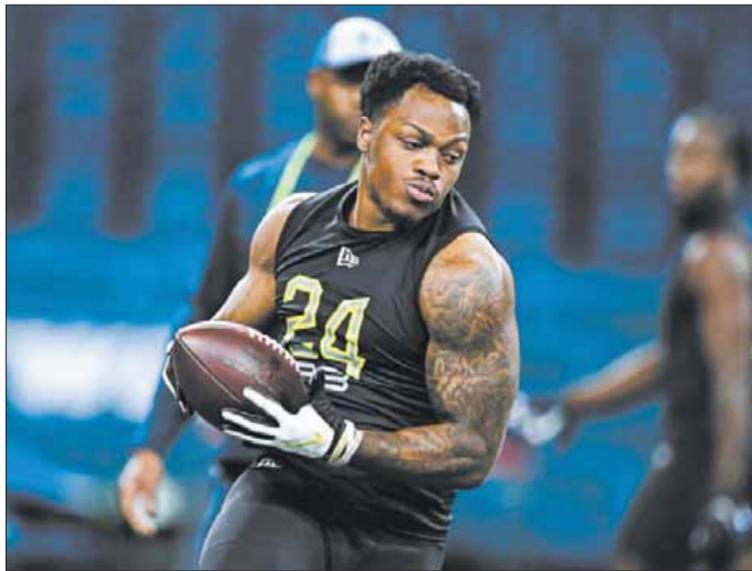
Betiku, a 6-foot-3, 250-pound edge rusher, had nine sacks and 13 tackles for a loss in his lone season at Illinois after transferring from USC. He didn't receive a combine invitation, but he was "really thankful" to have participated in Illinois' March 9 pro day. He was happy with those results and doesn't find the move to home training — with cones, a ladder, a medicine ball and a jump rope — that difficult.

"I've always been the type to train myself because I didn't grow up with nice gyms," he said. "Everything I did growing up was home gyms and working out at home."

More difficult has been pondering what the coronavirus pandemic means for his and his family's future.

He has a lawyer helping with his official documents to transition from a student to a worker in the U.S., though he said the process is likely on hold for now. But he also wonders when he might be able to share his career with his whole family. He recalled always being one of the first players on team buses after games because the others were talking to their families.

"I was hoping that by my rookie year, things could change and my dad could come and everybody could be over here," Betiku said. "But things happen with this coronavirus, and you wonder how long are the borders going to be tight? And the other countries, how fast can they handle the situation? The U.S. is one of the most developed countries, and it's still struggling. And that question comes to your mind: When is immigration going to be open to other countries? Is that dream going to be a possibility?"



MICHAEL CONROY/AP

James Robinson ILLINOIS STATE | RB

After James Robinson ran the 40-yard dash in 4.64 seconds at the combine at the end of February, the 5-foot-9, 219-pound running back returned to campus hoping to improve that number during Illinois State's March 18 pro day.

He worked with a track coach and wanted to show teams he could run the 40 in 4.5 seconds. But the NFL canceled all remaining pro days five days before ISU's scheduled event.

Robinson was otherwise happy with his combine results, which included a 40-inch vertical jump and 125-inch broad jump, the former the second-best mark among running backs and the latter tied for fifth. But he would have liked one more shot.

"I was looking forward to running my 40 again because I've been working on that a lot," Robinson said.

Robinson, who became the IHSA's all-time leading rusher at Rockford Lutheran, ranked second in the Football Championship Subdivision in 2019 with 1,899 rushing yards and 126.6 yards per game. He also had 18 rushing touchdowns.

Robinson was the only ISU player at the combine, so he is better off than teammates and other FCS players who weren't

"It would be weird if they kept pushing it back toward summer."

— James Robinson on the NFL keeping the draft in April

invited. Those players not only don't have as much film against top-tier teams as most FCS prospects, but also didn't get to show scouts their skill sets in person.

"That's a big thing," Robinson said. "I know there were a bunch of guys, some of my teammates, that were going to perform really well ... on pro day, and they didn't get a chance to. ... Hopefully they'll find a way to get teams to recognize them."

Robinson remains on campus and has mostly been running outside by himself to stay conditioned. He's grateful that he'll find out where he's going on schedule.

"It's good they're keeping the draft the same day, so once everything clears up, stuff will get back to normal," he said. "It would be weird if they kept pushing it back toward summer."

“Not knowing the restart date is the toughest challenge professionally. Obviously, we’re all limited in what we can do, and basketball takes a back seat right now to family and health.”

— Magic coach Steve Clifford



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Magic coach Steve Clifford calls out instructions during a game against the Pistons on Feb. 12 in Orlando, Fla.

NBA

Managing the unknown

Waiting game: For coaches, that's the new schedule

BY TIM REYNOLDS
Associated Press

MIAMI — The Magic's Steve Clifford figures he's like every other NBA coach right now: Wake up, go to whatever now serves as the office, study his own team, maybe think about possible opponents, and resume planning.

Of course, nobody knows what they're planning for — or when these plans will get used.

A stoppage in play doesn't mean vacation time has arrived for NBA coaches, especially those like Clifford in position to take their teams to the postseason — assuming this pandemic-interrupted season is able to resume. They're all spending more time at home, not able to run practices, but none seem to be sitting idly either.

“Not knowing the restart date is the toughest challenge professionally,” Clifford said. “Obviously, we’re all limited in what we can do, and basketball takes a back seat right now to family and health. But I will say this: When I talk to our guys, the one common question that comes up is ‘When do you think we can start again?’”

And that's a question with no answer. The waiting game is the only game in town right now.

Heat coach Erik Spoelstra was coaching the fourth quarter against the Hornets on March 11 when the NBA announced it was suspending the season, a move made once it became known that Jazz center Rudy Gobert was the league's first player to test positive for COVID-19. Spoelstra found out right after the final buzzer, as he walked to the Heat locker room.

He instantly realized that losing to the Hornets that night didn't ultimately matter much. Spoelstra and his staff are holding Zoom meetings every other day, but he's also enjoying the benefits of time away — getting more time with his two young sons, his wife and grilling for the family most nights — and is emphasizing to his coaches and players that this is a time to help those less fortunate.

He's checking the news as well, on a limited basis. “My routine is checking after dinner, and I usually get on my computer, watch a little bit of what's going on,” said Spoelstra, who often wears a T-shirt emblazoned with “Stay Positive” and like many coaches he taped a video telling fans the importance of hand-washing and other precautions. “So, I'm staying abreast of the current status of things, but I definitely do not try to start my day that way and I do not obsess about it during the day.”



BRANDON WADE/AP

Mavericks coach Rick Carlisle argues a call during a game against the Kings on Feb. 12 in Dallas.

Mavericks coach Rick Carlisle also went the video-message route, doing one for the going-stir-crazy crowd to demonstrate his “Balance, Balance, Shot Drill” that allows players to work on their shooting form even when they don't have access to a court or a rim.

Thunder coach Billy Donovan took advantage of downtime to appear on a virtual coaches clinic, and had a safety message for those who attended — online, of course — before spending about an hour breaking down his philosophy.

This is the first in-season stoppage of its kind in NBA history, but Bucks coach Mike Budenholzer is equating the unknown — in terms of when the next game will be — to

what the league went through with lock-out-shortened seasons in 1998-99 and 2011-12.

His message to his staff: Things may be slow now, but when the suspension ends the pace of everything will be frantic. So while some projects like things in the video room and breakdowns of his roster are being tackled, Budenholzer is also having staff get ready for potential playoff opponents with a first-round series against either the Nets or Magic likely for the NBA-leading Bucks.

“Things happen really fast, whether it's three games in three nights, or playoff series are shorter or the time between the end of the regular season to the first playoff

game, everything can be shorter or can happen quicker,” Budenholzer said. “We can put a little bit of money in the bank now with preparation for first round but also if you go a little bit deeper, the East.”

For 30 teams, 30 coaches, there's many ways to spend the down time.

And they all know that they're in the same boat — waiting and wondering.

“It's hard for all of us,” Clifford said. “It's hard to set a plan for yourself that will have you ready. But that's the parallel, not just for us, but for everyone around the world no matter what profession that you're in.”

AP Sports Writer Steve Megargee in Milwaukee contributed to this story.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Toronto	46	18	.719	—
Boston	43	21	.672	3
Philadelphia	39	26	.600	7½
Brooklyn	30	34	.469	16
New York	21	45	.318	26
SOUTHEAST				
Miami	41	24	.631	—
Orlando	30	35	.462	11
Washington	24	40	.375	16½
Charlotte	23	42	.354	18
Atlanta	20	47	.299	22
CENTRAL				
Milwaukee	53	12	.815	—
Indiana	39	26	.600	14
Chicago	22	43	.338	31
Detroit	20	46	.303	33½
Cleveland	19	46	.292	34

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Houston	40	24	.625	—
Dallas	40	27	.597	1½
Memphis	32	33	.492	8½
New Orleans	28	36	.438	12
San Antonio	27	36	.429	12½
NORTHWEST				
Denver	43	22	.662	—
Utah	41	23	.641	1½
Oklahoma City	40	24	.625	2½
Portland	29	37	.439	14½
Minnesota	19	45	.297	23½
PACIFIC				
L.A. Lakers	49	14	.778	—
L.A. Clippers	44	20	.688	5½
Sacramento	28	36	.438	21½
Phoenix	26	39	.400	24
Golden State	15	50	.231	35

SEASON'S BEST: SCORING

Tm	Opp	Date	Result
HOU	at WAS	10-30	W 159-158
HOU	ATL	11-30	W 159-111
ATL	WAS	01-26	W 152-133
MIL	WAS	01-28	W 151-131
LAC	ATL	11-16	W 150-101
LAC	WAS	12-01	W 150-125
SAS	at MEM	12-23	W 145-115
DAL	CLE	11-22	W 143-101
NYK	ATL	12-17	W 143-120
ATL	Char	03-09	W 143-138 (2OT)
DAL	GSW	11-20	W 142-94
LAL	MIN	12-08	W 142-125
MIN	LAC	02-08	W 142-115
LAC	at GSW	10-24	W 141-122
PHI	CLE	12-07	W 141-94
DAL	at GSW	12-28	W 141-121
BOS	LAC	02-13	W 141-133 (2OT)
ATL	BRK	02-28	W 141-118
BOS	WAS	11-13	W 140-133
WAS	at PHO	11-27	W 140-132
MEM	at LAC	01-04	W 140-114
BOS	NOP	01-11	W 140-105
TOR	WAS	01-17	W 140-111
OKC	ATL	01-24	W 140-111
ATL	NYK	02-09	W 140-135 (2OT)
HOU	MEM	02-26	W 140-112
PHO	MIL	03-08	W 140-131

Player	Date	Tm	Opp	PT
Damian Lillard	01-20	POR	GSW	61
James Harden	11-30	HOU	ATL	60
Damian Lillard	11-08	POR	BRK	60
James Harden	10-30	HOU	WAS	59
Bradley Beal	02-24	WAS	MIL	55
James Harden	12-11	HOU	CLE	55
James Harden	12-13	HOU	ORL	54
Kyrie Irving	01-31	BRK	CHI	54
Bradley Beal	02-23	WAS	CHI	53
D'Angelo Russell	11-08	GSW	MIN	52
Caris LeVert	03-03	BRK	BOS	51
Damian Lillard	02-01	POR	UTA	51
Khris Middleton	01-28	MIL	WAS	51
G. Antetokounmpo	11-25	MIL	UTA	50
Anthony Davis	12-08	LAL	MIN	50
Eric Gordon	01-27	HOU	UTA	50
James Harden	12-03	HOU	SAS	50
Kyrie Irving	10-23	BRK	MIN	50
Damian Lillard	01-26	POR	IND	50
Trae Young	02-20	ATL	MIA	50

source: basketball-reference.com



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PHOTO OF THE DAY

Hearts of a champion

Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker found himself in need of an assist to help the state fight the coronavirus pandemic. He called on the New England Patriots. The team's private plane landed in Boston from China on Thursday evening carrying more than a million masks critical to health care providers fighting to control the spread of the virus. Members of the Massachusetts National Guard met the plane and offloaded the containers of masks onto waiting trucks for transport to warehouses for distribution. Baker secured the N95 masks from Chinese manufacturers but had no way of getting them to the U.S. He reached out to Patriots owner Robert Kraft, who loaned the Boeing 767 painted in the team's colors and logo that is usually used to carry the team to and from NFL games. Baker detailed the joint venture Thursday, at one point getting emotional as he thanked the Kraft family for their assistance.

SOCCER

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER						
Eastern	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Atlanta	2	0	0	6	4	2
N.Y. Red Bulls	1	0	1	4	4	3
Montreal	1	0	1	4	4	3
Toronto FC	1	0	1	4	3	2
Columbus	1	0	1	4	2	1
D.C. United	1	1	0	3	3	3
Chicago	0	1	1	1	2	3
New England	0	1	1	1	2	3
Orlando City	0	1	1	1	1	2
Philadelphia	0	1	1	1	3	5
Cincinnati	0	2	0	0	3	5
Inter Miami CF	0	2	0	0	1	3
N.Y. City FC	0	2	0	0	0	2

Western	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Sporting KC	2	0	0	6	7	1
Minnesota	2	0	0	6	8	3
Colorado	2	0	0	6	4	2
FC Dallas	1	0	1	4	4	2
Los Angeles FC	1	0	1	4	4	3
Seattle	1	0	1	4	3	2
Portland	1	1	0	3	2	3
Vancouver	1	1	0	3	2	3
Real Salt Lake	0	0	2	2	1	1
LA Galaxy	0	1	1	1	1	2
San Jose	0	1	1	1	4	7
Houston	0	1	1	1	1	5
Nashville SC	0	2	0	0	1	3

3 points for victory, 1 point for tie

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

NAISMITH COACHES OF THE YEAR

YEAR	MEN'S COACH	SCHOOL
2020	Anthony Grant	Dayton
2019	Rick Barnes	Tennessee
2018	Tony Bennett	Virginia
2017	Mark Few	Gonzaga
2016	Jay Wright	Villanova
2015	John Calipari	Kentucky
2014	Gregg Marshall	Wichita State
2013	Jim Larranaga	Miami
2012	Bill Self	Kansas
2011	Steve Fisher	San Diego St
2010	Jim Boeheim	Syracuse
2009	Jamie Dixon	Pittsburgh
2008	John Calipari	Memphis
2007	Tony Bennett	Washington St
2006	Jay Wright	Villanova
2005	Bruce Weber	Illinois
2004	Phil Martelli	Saint Joseph's
2003	Tubby Smith	Kentucky
2002	Ben Howland	Pittsburgh
2001	Rod Barnes	Ole Miss
2000	Mike Montgomery	Stanford
1999	Mike Krzyzewski	Duke
1998	Bill Guthridge	North Carolina
1997	Roy Williams	Kansas
1996	John Calipari	UMass
1995	Jim Harrick	UCLA
1994	Nolan Richardson	Arkansas
1993	Dean Smith	North Carolina
1992	Mike Krzyzewski	Duke
1991	Randy Ayers	Ohio State
1990	Bobby Cremins	Georgia Tech
1989	Mike Krzyzewski	Duke
1988	Larry Brown	Kansas
1987	Bob Knight	Indiana

YEAR WOMEN'S COACH SCHOOL

2020	Dawn Staley	South Carolina
2019	Lisa Bluder	Iowa
2018	Vic Schaefer	Mississippi St
2017	Geno Auriemma	UConn
2016	Geno Auriemma	UConn
2015	Courtney Banghart	Princeton
2014	Muffet McGraw	Notre Dame
2013	Muffet McGraw	Notre Dame
2012	Kim Mulkey	Baylor
2011	Tara VanDerveer	Stanford
2010	Connie Yori	Nebraska
2009	Geno Auriemma	UConn
2008	Geno Auriemma	UConn
2007	Gail Goetseniors	Duke
2006	Sylvia Hatchell	North Carolina
2005	Pokey Chatman	LSU
2004	Pat Summitt	Tennessee
2003	Gail Goetseniors	Duke
2002	Geno Auriemma	UConn
2001	Muffet McGraw	Notre Dame
2000	Geno Auriemma	UConn
1999	Carolyn Peck	Purdue
1998	Pat Summitt	Tennessee
1997	Geno Auriemma	UConn
1996	Andy Landers	Georgia
1995	Geno Auriemma	UConn
1994	Pat Summitt	Tennessee
1993	Vivian Stringer	Iowa
1992	Chris Weller	Maryland
1991	Debbie Ryan	Virginia
1990	Tara VanDerveer	Stanford
1989	Pat Summitt	Tennessee
1988	Leon Barmore	Louisiana Tech
1987	Pat Summitt	Tennessee

GOLF

TOP 10 FINISHES

PGA TOUR	T10	EV	W	PCT
Rory McIlroy	6	6	1	100
Justin Thomas	5	8	2	62.5
Byeong Hun An	5	13	0	38.5
Harris English	5	11	0	45.5
Sungjae Im	5	14	1	37.5
Patrick Reed	4	8	1	50.0
Joel Dahmen	4	13	0	30.8
Scottie Scheffler	4	13	0	30.8
Jon Rahm	4	5	0	80.0
Bryson DeChambeau	4	7	0	57.1
Hideki Matsuyama	4	11	0	36.4
Gary Woodland	4	8	0	50.0
Webb Simpson	4	5	1	80.0
Billy Horschel	4	11	0	36.4

LPGA TOUR	T10	EV	PCT.
Celine Boutier	3	4	75.0
Christina Kim	2	2	100
Inbee Park	2	4	50.0
Sei Young Kim	2	2	100
Nasa Hataoka	2	2	100

PGA CHAMPIONS	T10	EV	W	PCT
Fred Couples	4	4	100	
Bernhard Langer	4	5	1	80.0
Kevin Sutherland	4	5	0	80.0
Woody Austin	4	5	0	80.0
Stephen Leaney	3	4	0	75.0
Brett Quigley	3	4	1	75.0

EV: events played; T10: top 10 finishes; W: season victories

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE						
ATLANTIC	W	L	OT Pts	GF	GA	
Boston	44	14	12	100	227	174
Tampa Bay	43	21	6	92	245	195
Toronto	36	25	9	81	238	227
Florida	35	26	8	78	231	228
Montreal	31	31	9	71	212	221
Buffalo	30	31	8	68	195	217
Ottawa	25	34	12	62	191	243
Detroit	17	49	5	39	145	267

METRO.						
W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Washington	41	20	8	90	240	215
Philadelphia	41	21	7	89	232	196
Pittsburgh	40	23	6	86	224	196
Carolina	38	25	5	81	222	193
Columbus	33	22	15	81	180	187
N.Y. Islanders	35	23	10	80	192	193
N.Y. Rangers	37	28	5	79	234	222
New Jersey	28	29	12	68	189	230

WESTERN CONFERENCE						
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

SEASON'S BEST

8+ GOALS	Opp	RES	Date
Vancouver	Boston	W	9-3 02-22
Tampa Bay	Vancouver	W	9-2 01-07
Tampa Bay	NY Rangers	W	9-3 11-14
Colorado	Nashville	W	9-4 11-07
Edmonton	at Nashville	W	8-3 03-02
Chicago	at Calgary	W	8-4 02-15
Edmonton	at Calgary	W	8-3 02-01
NY Islanders	Detroit	W	8-2 01-14
Florida	Toronto		

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ELIAS RAMOS JR.

Busker Gordon Walters is taking a different approach to performing during these days of quarantine.

A NEW CORNER TO PLAY ON

Chicago street musicians finding other places to share their music



BRITT JULIOUS
Local Sounds

"You can't control a situation," said Gordon Walters. "The only thing you can control is your attitude."

Like many musicians, Walters has been severely affected by the onset of the new coronavirus and Chicago's stay-at-home order. But unlike other artists who picked up gigs at traditional club venues, Walters, a composer and

bassist, most often performs as a member of Chicago Traffic Jam, a local collective of street musicians.

With all nonessential businesses either closed or using a work-from-home policy, the normal downtown foot traffic most street musicians need to survive was eliminated overnight.

"I didn't even try after that," said Walters. "I don't think any of my colleagues did either."

The group made more than their normal hourly wage as recently as the Saturday before St. Patrick's Day. But by the top of the following week, when the stay-at-home order became official, the viability of the street performance scene dissipated too.

"At that point, you know the game,"

Walters said. "We're not going to make any money if there's not going to be any foot traffic."

This major loss of both income and public performance opportunity might devastate the average musician, but Walters has found a new alternative: livestreaming performances. And despite assumptions, livestreaming has a lot more in common with street performing than may initially appear.

"Scrolling your Facebook news feed is like walking down the sidewalk, and the livestream is like busking," said Walters. "To me, it seemed like a natural transition."

Although Walters is very familiar

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To our readers

While theaters, movie houses and music venues are closed during the coronavirus outbreak, the Chicago Tribune is combining the Friday Arts + Entertainment and On The Town sections. For complete entertainment coverage, including a wide variety of ideas while we stay at home, go online to chicagotribune.com/entertainment.



MUSIC BOX THEATRE

Kelly O'Sullivan and Ramona Edith Williams in "Saint Frances."

A virtual revival for indie premiere



NINA METZ
Chicago Close-up

Two weeks ago the locally shot indie "Saint Frances" was set to begin its Chicago run at the Music Box Theatre. But those plans were put on hold when the movie theater — like all venues across the city — closed its doors due to concerns about the coronavirus.

The movie's writer and star, Kelly O'Sullivan, and director, Alex Thompson, took the postponement in stride. Their film originally premiered last year at South by Southwest and had already been picked up for theatrical distribution — two of the toughest hurdles for indie filmmakers once a movie is finished — and they assumed that their Chicago dates at the Music Box would simply be rescheduled when everything returned to status quo.

But with the future looking increasingly uncertain, their distributor, Oscilloscope Films, decided waiting is no longer an option and "Saint Frances" will "open" virtually this weekend: \$12 will get you a three-day streaming VOD window to watch the film, with a portion of rental proceeds going directly to the Music Box.

The option to rent will be available over the next week, and the Music Box can extend that if things go well.

Set over the course of a Chicago summer, the film follows a young millennial (O'Sullivan, a

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We must remember actors' safety



CHRIS JONES
Tribune theater critic

The last show I saw before the great theatrical shutdown of 2020 was the Broadway production of "Six" on March 11. As I sat there in my seat, questioning my own judgment and obsessive tendencies at every moment, I watched a cast hug, kiss, link arms and sing right in each other's faces.

Whatever I was risking to do my job, they were risking far more.

At the end of the night, I ran out of the theater like a scalded

cat. They went back to their cramped dressing rooms, no doubt filled with unscreened dressers, visitors and any number of other random people, any one of whom could have brought along the virus.

On that very night, Kate Shindle, the actress and president of Actors' Equity Association, was pretty much across the street watching one of the last Broadway performances of "The Inheritance," the moving Matthew Lopez play that deals with a previous plague, the AIDS crisis. Shindle saw a show in which cast members hugged, kissed, shared props, touched each other's mouths and faces and any number of the other intimate acts required of actors just doing their jobs. One actor even had wipe up the spittle of another. These are

the things you have to do when your job description requires you to re-create the most intimate acts of human beings, especially those trapped in a life-and-death crisis.

When we spoke this week, Shindle, her voice filled with emotion, wanted to make clear that she was not criticizing the direction of a show that was staged before any of the issues of the coronavirus were clearly on the horizon. But, she said, she also has not been able to get what those actors had to do that night out of her head.

"There is just no such thing as social distancing for actors," Shindle said. "You cannot prevent contact. That is just not the way our industry works. There is no

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MATTHEW MURPHY PHOTO

John Benjamin Hickey, from left, Kyle Soller, Arturo Luís Soria, Darryl Gene Daughtry Jr., Dylan Frederick and Kyle Harris in "The Inheritance" on Broadway at the Ethel Barrymore Theatre.

CELEBRITIES

Tribune news services

DiCaprio launches food initiative

Leonardo DiCaprio will help launch America's Food Fund, which has already raised \$12 million to help communities impacted by the coronavirus.

The organization said Thursday that the funds will be aimed to help low-income families, the elderly, individuals facing job disruptions and children who rely on school lunch programs.

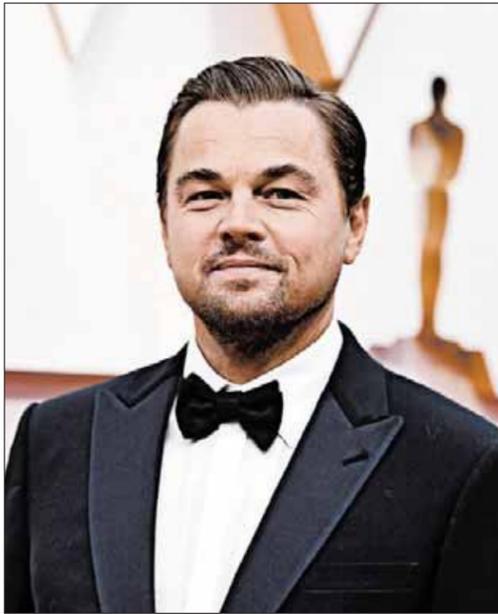
The food fund will work with hunger relief organizations World Central Kitchen and Feeding America.

DiCaprio co-founded America's Food Fund with philanthropist Laurene Powell Jobs. Apple and the Ford Foundation are also providing money to help launch the new initiative.

"In the face of this crisis, organizations like World Central Kitchen and Feeding America have inspired us all with their unwavering commitment to feed the most vulnerable people in need," DiCaprio said in a statement. "I thank them for their tireless work on the frontlines; they deserve all of our support."

James Patterson sets up fund to help indie booksellers: On Thursday, James Patterson announced #SaveIndieBook stores, a partnership with the American Booksellers Association and the Book Industry Charitable Foundation. Patterson is contributing \$500,000 and is urging others to contribute this month.

"I'm concerned about the survival of independent bookstores, which are at the heart of main streets across the country," Patterson said. "I believe that books are essential. They make us kinder, more empathetic human beings. And they have the power to take us away — even momentarily — from feeling overwhelmed, anxious and scared."



JORDAN STRAUSS/INVISION

Leonardo DiCaprio, pictured at the Oscars in February, is helping to launch the \$12 million America's Food Fund.

Rachel Bloom has first baby: "Crazy Ex-Girlfriend" star Rachel Bloom had her first child in what she says was a harrowing experience amid the coronavirus outbreak that has struck a close friend.

The 32-year-old Bloom said on Instagram that she and husband Dan Gregor returned home Wednesday with the healthy baby girl who had spent time in intensive care in a California hospital.

Bloom's friend Adam Schlesinger died from the coronavirus on Wednesday. "Having a baby in the NICU during a pandemic while a dear friend was in the hospital 3,000 miles away made this by far the most emotionally intense week of mine and Gregor's lives," Bloom wrote in an Instagram post shortly before Schlesinger's death was announced.

'Top Gun Maverick' postponed to December: "Top Gun Maverick"

became the latest would-be blockbuster to be rescheduled due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Paramount Pictures on Thursday announced that the sequel to the 1986 original will now open Dec. 23 instead of June 24.

Paramount also said that "A Quiet Place Part II," which had been scheduled to hit theaters in March, will now be released Sept. 4. "The Spongebob Movie: Sponge on the Run" will aim for July 31 instead of May 22. And the sci-fi war film "The Tomorrow War," with Chris Pratt, is now unscheduled instead of releasing on Christmas.

April 3 birthdays: Wayne Newton is 78. Tony Orlando is 76. Richard Thompson is 71. Alec Baldwin is 62. David Hyde Pierce is 61. Eddie Murphy is 59. Jennie Garth is 48. Adam Scott is 47. Cobie Smulders is 38. Leona Lewis is 35. Amanda Bynes is 34. Rachel Bloom is 33.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Mistakes come back to haunt mother

Dear Amy: I wish I could undo some of the terrible mistakes I've made.

My daughter hasn't spoken to me in years. When she was young, I divorced her dad and moved hundreds of miles away. I married a man with two sons and a parenting method that I didn't agree with, but I felt trapped with him — the way I'd felt trapped with her dad. We were together for 10 years.

I waited until after my daughter graduated from high school, and then I separated from her stepfather. It was difficult to live on my own, and we ended up getting back together. When I told my daughter that I was getting back together with him, she blew up and told me that her stepbrother had drugged and raped her several times. I was in complete shock! She has not spoken to me since.

I think about her every day. I stalk her on Facebook (with an unrecognizable profile) just so I can see her life. I can't be a part of her life because she has blocked me. This estrangement breaks my 83-year-old mother's heart, and I would like to see us all together again.

— *Regretful*

Dear Regretful: If you want your relationships to change, then you need to change. It's really that simple. Although you admit to having regrets, you don't seem to have taken responsibility for the role you played in your daughter's trauma. Your reaction to her disclosure that she was raped was to express shock, and then passively sigh — and continue on to reunite with

your ex.

Are you not aware that the best thing to do when someone reports a rape is to call the police? (And people wonder why assault victims hesitate to report!)

Yes, you've made mistakes. Admitting this is definitely a step in the right direction, but you don't get to claim victimhood. Until you take responsibility for your parental neglect, passivity and terrible judgment, you cannot hope for a reconciliation. Even your Facebook-stalking seems to me more melodrama than the action of a mother desperate to make things right. You are not Stella Dallas standing in the rain, wistfully watching your daughter through a window. You are not the victim of her blocking you. There are many ways — other than Facebook — to contact someone. However, until you can commit to positive change, it is probably wisest for your daughter to keep her distance.

A compassionate and competent counselor could walk you through the events in your life that have culminated in this moment. With coaching and positive change, the reconciliation you desire might be possible.

Dear Amy: "Queasy in Florida" wanted to put an anonymous note in the mailbox of a woman at her retirement community, criticizing her behavior at the home's communal dining table.

Thank you for recommending a discreet, in-person conversation. My loving, kind, 86-year-old parents just moved into an assisted living community.

My dad wore a hat in the dining room because his head is always cold.

Someone left a copy of the dress code at their apartment door with an arrow pointing to "no hats in the dining room."

My mother was furious, and I was heartbroken that someone would be so catty and cowardly toward my wonderful parents, especially as they were brand new and just getting used to their new home.

— *Protective Daughter*

Dear Protective: Non-judgmental, discreet and in-person is almost always the best way to communicate.

Dear Amy: I was absolutely blown away by the letter from "Justin," the young transgender man who sent you a follow-up after you published his question about how to communicate with his parents over the holidays.

So many of us in the LGBTQ community are tasked with challenging and awkward social or family related negotiations. It's not fair to us, but yes — humor always helps.

— *Been There*

Dear Been There: Justin is a special person — I appreciated hearing back from him that his parents are really coming around. The companion letter, from the mom of a transgender girl, showed how hard it can be for parents to adjust how they refer to their transgender kids.

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ADAM SCHLESINGER 1967-2020

Fountains of Wayne founder gained acclaim as songwriter

By ANDREW DALTON
Associated Press

Emmy- and Grammy-winning musician and songwriter Adam Schlesinger, known for his work with his band Fountains of Wayne and on the TV show "Crazy Ex-Girlfriend," died Wednesday after contracting the coronavirus.

Schlesinger died at a hospital in upstate New York, his longtime lawyer Josh Grier said.

It is not clear where or how Schlesinger, a 52-year-old father of two daughters, contracted the virus. He had been sedated and on a ventilator for several days.

Schlesinger was nominated for 10 Emmys for writing comical songs across several television shows, winning three.

He was also nominated for an Academy Award for writing the title song for the 1997 movie "That



RICHARD SHOTWELL/INVISION

Musician and songwriter Adam Schlesinger, seen at the Emmy Awards in September, has died from coronavirus.

Thing You Do," written and directed by Tom Hanks. The snappy pop ditty was the fictional one hit for a Beatle-esque band called the One-ers, later changed to the Wonders, on a label called Playtone, a name Hanks adopted for his production company.

"There would be no Playtone without Adam

Schlesinger, without his "That Thing You Do!" Hanks, who is himself recovering from the coronavirus, said on Twitter. "He was a One-der. Lost him to Covid-19. Terribly sad today."

Raised in New York and Montclair, New Jersey, Schlesinger formed Fountains of Wayne, named for a

lawn ornament store in Wayne, New Jersey, in 1995 with his classmate from Williams College in Massachusetts, Chris Collingwood.

With Schlesinger playing bass and singing backup, Collingwood playing guitar and singing lead, and the two men co-writing songs, the band known for its sunny harmonies and synthesis of pop, rock punk and comedy would have hits in 1996 with "Radiation Vibe" and 2003 with "Stacy's Mom." The latter was nominated for a Grammy.

The band was more New Jersey than New York. While most rock bands live for the city, Fountains of Wayne and Schlesinger's writing embraced the suburbs with finely etched tales of lives like a floor installer who's convinced his crush will come back looking for him and a com-

muter who's sure about his "Bright Future in Sales."

"That's a real Randy Newman thing," Schlesinger told The Associated Press in 2003. "That's a trademark of his writing that I was always amazed by — the sort of unaware narrator, where you learn more about him than he does himself inside of a few verses."

New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy said on Twitter that Schlesinger's death is a "sad, sad loss for Jersey's music scene."

Stephen King, Fran Drescher and many others were also singing his praises on social media.

After Fountains of Wayne's main run was done, Schlesinger would then drop behind the scenes and go on to be known for his writing.

He won the 2009 Grammy for best comedy album for co-writing with

David Javerbaum the songs on "A Colbert Christmas: The Greatest Gift of All!" a companion to a TV Christmas special with songs performed by Stephen Colbert and Elvis Costello.

In recent years, he was known along with the show's star Rachel Bloom as one of the songwriters behind "Crazy Ex-Girlfriend," the musical comedy series on the CW. Last year, Schlesinger, Bloom and Jack Dolgen won an Emmy for the show's song, "Antidepressants Are So Not A Big Deal!"

Working again with Javerbaum, Schlesinger won a 2012 Emmy Award for writing the song "It's Not Just for Gays Anymore," performed by Neil Patrick Harris to open the Tony Awards telecast. They wrote another song for Harris that won them another Emmy the following year.

ELLIS MARSALIS JR. 1934-2020

Jazz pianist, musical patriarch taught now-famous musicians

By JANET MCCONNAUGHEY AND REBECCA SANTANA
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Ellis Marsalis Jr., the jazz pianist, teacher and patriarch of a New Orleans musical clan, died late Wednesday from pneumonia brought on by the new coronavirus, leaving six sons and a deep legacy. He was 85.

"My dad was a giant of a musician and teacher, but an even greater father. He poured everything he had into making us the best of what we could be," Branford Marsalis said.

Four of the jazz patriarch's six sons are musicians: Wynton, a Pulitzer- and Grammy-winning trumpeter, is America's most prominent jazz

spokesman as artistic director of Jazz at New York's Lincoln Center. Branford, a saxophonist, has won three Grammys, led The Tonight Show band and toured with Sting. Delfeayo, a trombonist, is a prominent recording producer and performer. And Jason, a percussionist, has made a name for himself with his own band and as an accompanist. Ellis III, who decided music wasn't his gig, is a photographer-poet in Baltimore. Their brother Mboya has autism. Marsalis' wife, Dolores, died in 2017.

"Pneumonia was the actual thing that caused his demise. But it was pneumonia brought on by COVID-19," Ellis Marsalis III said.

He said he drove Sunday from Baltimore to be with

his father, who was hospitalized Saturday in Louisiana, which has been hit hard by the outbreak. Others in the family spent time with him too.

"He went out the way he lived: embracing reality," Wynton tweeted, alongside photos of his father.

Branford's statement included a text he said he got from Harvard Law Professor David Wilkins: "We can all marvel at the sheer audacity of a man who believed he could teach his black boys to be excellent in a world that denied that very possibility, and then watch them go on to redefine what excellence means for all time."

In a statement, Mayor LaToya Cantrell said of the man who continued to perform regularly until



SOPHIA GERMER/AP 2019

Ellis Marsalis Jr. performs during the New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival in New Orleans. He died Wednesday.

December: "Ellis Marsalis was a legend. He was the prototype of what we mean when we talk about New Orleans jazz. He was a teacher, a father, and an icon — and words aren't sufficient to describe the art, the joy and the wonder he showed the world."

Because Marsalis opted to stay in New Orleans for most of his career, his reputation was limited until his sons became famous and brought him the spotlight, along with new recording contracts and headliner performances on television

and tour.

The Marsalis "family band" seldom played together when the boys were younger but went on tour in 2003 in a spinoff of a family celebration, which became a PBS special when the elder Marsalis retired from teaching at the University of New Orleans.

Harry Connick Jr., one of his students at the New Orleans Center for the Creative Arts, was a guest. Connick is one of many now-famous jazz musicians who passed through Marsalis' classrooms. Oth-

ers include trumpeters Nicholas Payton and Terence Blanchard, saxophonists Donald Harrison and Victor Goines, and bassist Reginald Veal.

Marsalis was born in New Orleans, son of the operator of a hotel. He played saxophone in high school; he also played piano by the time he went to Dillard University.

In 1967, trumpeter Al Hirt hired him. When not on Bourbon Street, Hirt's band appeared on national TV — headlining shows on The Tonight Show and The Ed Sullivan Show, among others.

Marsalis got into education about the same time. When asked how he could teach something as free-wheeling as jazz improvisation, Marsalis once said, "We don't teach jazz, we teach students."

His melodic style, with running improvisations in the right hand, has been described variously as romantic, contemporary, or simply "Louisiana jazz."

Why we yearn to again attend concerts when the time is right



HOWARD REICH
On Music

For the first time in a half-century, I can't seek balm in the place where I've always been able to find it: the listening room.

By that I mean not the den or home office via the stereo or computer. No, that's not where music sounds best, regardless of the technology involved.

The only way to hear jazz or classical music — the dual realms in which I've spent most of my life — is in the intimacy of the jazz club or grandeur of the concert hall.

That's where real sound, with all its whirring overtones, plush resonances, subtle nuances and great waves of decibels can be savored fully.

I hasten to add that not going to concerts is no hardship at all compared with the miseries now inflicted on humanity by the coronavirus pandemic. But as this disease silences listening rooms large and small, I can't help but remember that 50 years ago I attended my first live concert and instantly realized

that no recording, no TV broadcast, no movie could compete with how music sounds and feels in a confined space.

The occasion was Sun Ra leading his Arkestra — an avant-garde ensemble of virtuoso instrumentalists and, I kid you not, acrobats, dancers and fire-eaters — in raising hell at the Jazz Showcase. I couldn't believe what I was hearing and seeing, a sensory overload in the most thrilling meaning of the term. My ears and eyes and the pores of my skin were awakened by the spectacle of it all.

From that moment on, my nights were devoted to absorbing music up close, where you don't just hear it but feel it, whether from the luxuriant notes of a jazz bassist or sensuous winds of a splendid orchestra. For jazz and classical music offer at once a physical, emotional and intellectual encounter, best experienced in the flesh, not through today's ubiquitous screens.

After that Sun Ra concert, I could not have imagined what lay ahead, but the revelations kept coming.

In 1976, I finally learned what everyone meant when they said Arthur Rubinstein had a golden tone on the piano. Indeed he did when he played the last Chicago



SUSAN RAGAN/AP 1992

Frank Sinatra: There was nothing quite like hearing him perform live in concert.

concert of his life, during his worldwide farewell tour, at age 89 in Orchestra Hall.

A "golden tone," it turned out, was an understatement for the radiance and warmth of his sound, the poetry of his lyrical lines.

Thousands of concerts later, the sounds I've collected in memory still inspire awe when I think of them.

The Chicago Symphony Orchestra and Chorus performing Ravel's "Daphnis and Chloe," a torrent of translucent tone color; Johnny Griffin issuing thunderous riffs at a breakneck tempo on his tenor saxophone; Frank Sinatra in his 70s turning the grain and grit of his greatly

weathered voice into an expressive tool that had been unavailable to him in his youth; the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra producing a depth of tone I'd never experienced in Brahms' symphonies.

Now all of that is gone, at least for a while. Yes, I listen to recorded music all the time, not as a substitute but to banish the silence and remember what music sounded like when performed live.

I realize, of course, that for long gone masters such as jazz singer Billie Holiday, classical pianist Artur Schnabel, trumpeter Louis Armstrong and violinist Jascha Heifetz, recordings are the only way to try to

understand why they captivated the world with the sound of their art. But their recorded masterworks, which define the history of jazz and classical music, remain to me pencil sketches compared with what they and other musicians achieve in concert.

And let's not forget that other essential aspect of live performance: the audience, all of us convening in a single room, which we're now understandably banned from doing.

When 2,500 people collectively hold their breath to better hear a pianissimo in Orchestra Hall, when they erupt with applause at the end of a performance, we realize

that music is as much a communal experience as a solitary one. It moves each one of us differently, yet the intensity seems heightened by shared reactions.

One of these days, we're going to experience that again. I believe that when we do, the music will sound, by turns, brighter and darker, hotter and cooler, sharper and softer than we realized before it was taken away.

That's when we'll know we're back to life and music as they ought to be lived and heard.

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The Brookfield Zoo introduces their new lions, 4-year-old brothers named Brutus (left) and Titus (yawning).

At closed Brookfield Zoo, new lions arrive

BY STEVE JOHNSON

The gates of Brookfield Zoo are closed to the public to help keep coronavirus from spreading, but life continues at the west suburban animal facility.

Thursday, the zoo had the happy occasion of announcing the arrival of two African lion brothers, 4-year-old, Brutus and Titus, via Facebook Live stream.

Our photographer Brian Cassella was there in person to take pictures of the imports from a Utah zoo.

"We brought these animals in during this quiet time because it was ideal for introducing them to their new environment," said Bill Zeigler, senior vice president of animal programs, during the zoo's daily 11 a.m. livestream.

"We hope when we do open back up you'll get a chance to come in and see them," he said. "They're going to be here for a long long time."

Before the lions came, photographer Jose Osorio visited the park in Brookfield to chronicle the work that goes on to continue caring for the wildlife and keep the grounds ready. He found lawn fertilization, eerily empty walkways and lots and lots of animal husbandry, especially of photogenic wallabies.

The lions were moved

to Brookfield following the mysterious death, in mid-January, of the zoo's female Isis, following a mysterious fall into her moat.

Two weeks earlier Brookfield medical staff euthanized her long-time male partner Zenda after age-related degeneration left him able to stand or walk only with great difficulty.

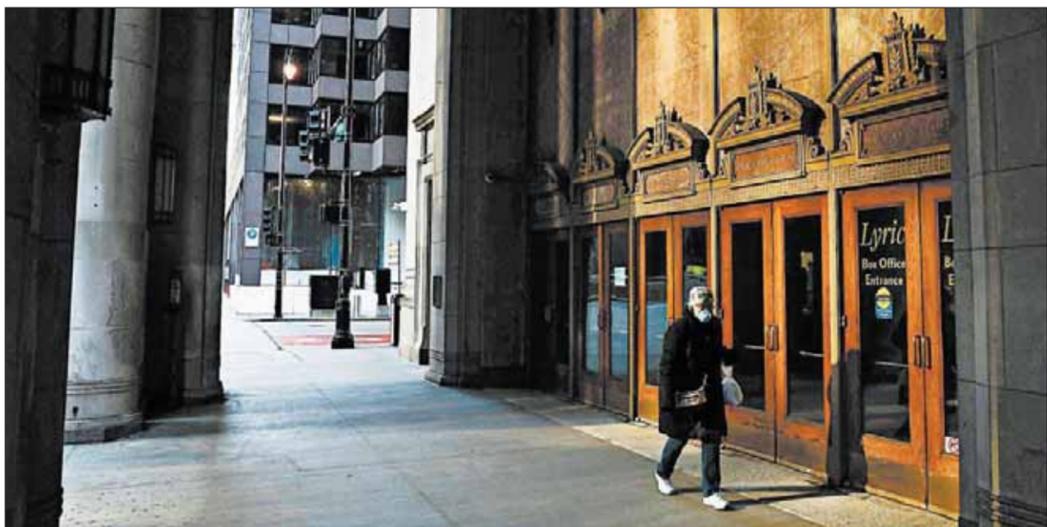
The arrival of the new lions, from the Hogle Zoo in Salt Lake City, came on March 17, Zeigler said, but Thursday was only their second day out in their environment, and they seemed calm but very curious, especially about Canada geese.

They moved to Brookfield on the recommendation of the Species Survival Plan for African lions, which coordinates the distribution and potential breeding of the animals among accredited North American zoos.

"These young males tend to buddy up, as these two have done, and then they'll spend the rest of their lives together" in the wild, unless they find a pride to take over as alpha male, reported Zeigler.

Brutus and Titus will stay in Brookfield's care unless and until the SSP deems their presence or genetic material more beneficial to the species elsewhere, he said.

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JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

A woman wearing a mask walks by the Lyric Opera in Chicago's Loop on Monday morning.

Lyric postpones remainder of season

BY HOWARD REICH

Lyric Opera of Chicago will postpone the rest of its current season because of the coronavirus pandemic, the company announced Thursday.

The musical "42nd Street," which was to run May 29-June 21, will be presented in spring of the 2021-22 season.

The Midwest premiere of "Blue," by composer Jeanine Tesori and librettist/director Tazewell Thompson, was to run June 16-28 at the Yard at Chicago Shakespeare Theater. Instead, it will be staged there in January 2021, conducted by Lyric music director designate Enrique Mazzola.

The Chicago premiere of "Proving Up" by Missy Mazzoli, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra's composer-in-residence, will be staged at a date to be determined.

"As I've always said, we have as our absolute universal priority the health and well-being of our company, our artists, our audiences," said Anthony Freud, Lyric Opera's general director, president and CEO.

"It seems clear in the context of both the letter of what we're hearing from the public authorities, and the spirit, that the idea of proceeding next month with a large-scale musical like '42nd Street' is frankly unthinkable.

"And so we've taken the decision now to postpone the musical, 'Blue' and all the other activities that we have planned for the rest of the season. It seems to me to be more humane to make

the decision sooner rather than later in the interest of our audiences, and in the interests of all those involved.

"What I'm particularly happy about is that we are in every case truly postponing them and not canceling them."

According to Lyric's projections, the direct financial cost of these postponements plus the previously announced cancellation of Lyric's new production of Wagner's "Ring" cycle will be about \$15 million.

"That will be the direct impact on this fiscal year," he said.

"Lyric is fortunate in having an endowment. Not as big an endowment as we would ideally need. But in terms of how we deal with that sort of direct loss on the fiscal year, we have the financial means to deal with it."

Freud estimates Lyric's endowment at \$180 million "before the current market volatility," he said.

"That very short-term solution happily is a solution," added Freud. "But clearly we have to focus now very keenly on the longer term."

The company plans to proceed with its scheduled installation of new seats in the Ardis Krainik Theatre.

"As things stand at the moment, our re-seating project is still scheduled to go ahead in the summer," said Freud.

"We're keeping an eye on what problems and risks there may be."

Lyric's annual Family Day, which had been

scheduled for May 16, will be postponed to May 22, 2021. And those who had been planning to attend backstage tours in May and June "will be offered backstage tour opportunities this fall as the 2020/21 season begins," according to a Lyric Opera statement.

Freud said he and his staff are in their third week of working remotely.

"From a practical point of view, that is going well," he said. "I've never appreciated the value of video conferencing as I have now. It does make a difference to be able to see people, as well as speak with them."

"We're having to deal with a huge range of consequences from decisions we're taking day by day, always bearing in mind that we can't predict what will happen next week or next month."

"Frankly, I'm always trying to remember that this is a truly national and global catastrophe and tragedy. Obviously our attention is focused on Lyric, but we're a tiny microcosm of an immense challenge."

Still, he said he remained "profoundly optimistic."

"I continue to believe passionately that the arts in general and Lyric in particular will have a great future."

"I think we all have to recognize that the new normal will be very different from the old normal."

"But as things stand in the moment, it's too soon to try and conceive of what the new normal will be."

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'NEVER RARELY SOMETIMES ALWAYS' ★★★ 1/2

Teen odyssey one that is heartbreakingly delivered

BY MICHAEL PHILLIPS
Chicago Tribune

Eliza Hittman's excellent drama "Never Rarely Sometimes Always" opened in a few theaters March 13. The coronavirus pandemic closed those theaters before many people could see what film festivalgoers at Sundance and Berlin had been debating since January.

Now, following the online release of the bracing Jane Austen adaptation "Emma," Focus Features is making Hittman's film available for home viewing starting Friday.

It's heartbreakingly good. It's a story about what it's like to be a teenage girl in many parts of America, before the pandemic, during and in the unwritten aftermath, though the U.S. Supreme Court may be rewriting its own story of reproductive rights as we go. The movie is issue-driven but gets where it's going through its characters' behavior, not a screenwriter's polemics.

Seventeen-year-old Autumn, played by newcomer Sidney Flanigan, learns she's pregnant. She keeps the news to herself, just as the film keeps the identity of the father ambiguous. Her mother and stepfather don't qualify as safe haven or potential sounding boards for anything this serious, but she has a cousin in town, a fellow grocery store cashier, Skylar, played by Talia Ryder.



Sidney Flanigan in "Never Rarely Sometimes Always."

Together, after her rural Pennsylvania health clinic steers Autumn away from having an abortion, the girls slip away by bus to New York City. There, in one quietly gripping sequence after another, "Never Rarely Sometimes Always" stays close to Autumn and Skylar through an odyssey. Just about every decision Hittman makes with her screenplay, her camera and her actors intensifies the experience.

Arriving at Manhattan's Port Authority terminal, Autumn and Skylar drag a suitcase around with them, as Autumn arranges for the abortion. On the street, a boy, Jasper (Theodore Pellerin), ingratiates himself after eyeing Skylar.

He offers to take them out for bowling and karaoke. He likes being the kid with the money and a shot at an out-of-towner; the girls are just looking to spend a

few hours off the streets before Autumn's Planned Parenthood clinic appointment the following morning. Without turning Jasper into a subhuman predator, the movie's clear about his transactional strategy: He's buying their gratitude, or he hopes to.

The film's title comes from questions listed on the Planned Parenthood questionnaire regarding Autumn's sexual history, health and partners. The scene in

MPAA rating: PG-13 (for disturbing/mature thematic content, language, some sexual references and teen drinking)

Running time: 1:41

Streaming: \$19.99 on Amazon Prime, Apple TV, Xfinity, Vudu, Google Play and Fandango Now

the clinic is remarkable. We learn more about Autumn, more or less against the character's own will. But Hittman has no use for pat solutions, beyond the presence of the main character's resourceful and reliable cousin.

Real-life social worker and onetime Planned Parenthood staffer Kelly Chapman plays Autumn's empathetic questioner at the health clinic. Acting is new to her. Flanigan, the lead actress, has never made a feature before, but you believe these two every second.

In an interview with The Playlist, Hittman said: "So much of becoming a young woman is about learning to navigate and deflect male attention and ultimately become desensitized to it." Like many of the best American independent films of recent years, "Never Rarely Sometimes Always" exists in a middle ground between wrenching drama and documentary-like reality.

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'SAINT FRANCES' ★★★

A story of sisterhood, co-starring Evanston

BY MICHAEL PHILLIPS

In "Saint Frances," a warm, skillfully acted Chicago-made debut feature now streaming, the central character, Bridget (not the title character), spends an eventful summer as a nanny in Evanston. This happens in the fraught months following her unplanned pregnancy and abortion. Smart, short-fused, prickly by temperament, for a long time Bridget doesn't want to talk about it. "Saint Frances" is about how she learns to talk about it.

It's about more than that, too. The movie's tough to describe without making it sound earnest and heavy. But the screenwriter and star Kelly O'Sullivan, working with her partner and director, Alex Thompson, take things in a more nuanced and tonally complicated direction, sometimes wryly funny, other times properly serious. The climax and wrap-up pushes its luck in the heartwarming department. But by then, the actors have filled "Saint Frances" with adroit and bracing details of what motherhood and personal choice can mean to a rich variety of characters.

No MPAA rating (some language)

Running time: 1:46

Now streaming online: \$12, at saintfrances.vhx.tv

Thirty-four-year-old Bridget, a server by trade, more or less stumbles into nannying when her best friend leaves town and vacates her old position working for Maya (Charin Alvarez) and Annie (Lily Mojekwu). The couple's soon-to-be-first-grader Frances (the effortless Ramona Edith-Williams) has a brother on the way. Once the initially wary Bridget starts getting the hang of her new line of work, Maya's struggle with her newborn, and a severe bout of postpartum depression, becomes increasingly worrying.

Alvarez and Mojekwu are such compelling figures in "Saint Frances," you wouldn't mind another 10 or 15 minutes of breathing room in the efficiently paced overall story. But all sorts of familiar Chicago talents pepper the scenes they're given, notably Mary Beth Fisher as Bridget's



Ramona Edith Williams and Kelly O'Sullivan star in the Chicago-shot indie "Saint Frances."

judgy but kind-hearted mother. Director Thompson catches some lovely bits on the fly, such as the improvised gamer's rant delivered by Danny Katlow. He plays the roommate of Bridget's sometime lover (Max Lipchitz, a genial asset), who persists in trying to find a way past Bridget's post-abortion defense mechanisms.

The movie looks good, photographed largely hand-held and digitally, gliding along to the guitar-based reassurances of

songs by Quinn Tsan and Alexander Babbitt, among others. O'Sullivan fearlessly embraces her tailor-self-made role's mood swings. I do wish "Saint Frances" indulged in one or two fewer getting-to-know-you montages. But I say that about most every movie that comes along, even the good ones. In this time of the coronavirus outbreak, "Saint Frances" is streaming for \$12 by way of the temporarily closed Music Box Theatre and the dis-

tributor, Oscilloscope Films. As pandemic scheduling has it, the movie is being made available the same week "Never Rarely Sometimes Always," which handles a similar range of subjects, themes and feelings in strikingly different fashion. Both, for the record, are worth your time.

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longtime stage actor and familiar face to local theatergoers) who is just sort of floating along without much direction, personally or professionally.

A hookup after a party results in an unexpected pregnancy, which she decides to terminate; she's not ready to raise a kid. Ironically, around the same time she's presented with an opportunity to work as a nanny for a lesbian couple (Lily Mojekwu and Charin Alvarez) who live in Evanston with their 6-year-old daughter.

"You must really like kids," one of the moms says during the initial interview. "I don't," comes the reply. But this wonderfully stubborn and funny child — the Frances of the film's title, played by Ramona Edith Williams — has a way of changing that sentiment in meaningful and non-cloying ways.

The script for "Saint Frances" started from a personal place, O'Sullivan said: Both the nanny and abortion experience draw from her own life.

"I wanted to write something where abortion was one of the events, but not the event of the movie, and bring some humor into it as well — the irony of she's just chosen not to be a mother and yet she's spending her day being a stand-in mother to this child," she said. "Just because you grow to love another child doesn't mean you regret the choice to not be a mother at that time."

The film, both sweet and grounded in humorously uncomfortable moments, was shot locally. O'Sullivan and director Thompson (who are a couple) are



NATE HURSELLERS

"Saint Frances" director Alex Thompson thinks the film's virtual-screening premiere is a "best-case scenario."



Ramona Edith Williams and Kelly O'Sullivan in "Saint Frances."

based in Chicago as well. There was a good deal of anticipation around the Music Box premiere, but holding the film back for an undetermined period of time during the quarantine began to seem more and more untenable.

"I can't overstate how difficult a decision it was for us to forgo

the theatrical opening at the Music Box," said Andrew Carlin, who heads theatrical sales for Oscilloscope, which is distributing the film. "I think our hearts all broke a little when we realized that wasn't going to be possible.

"Over the past two weeks Oscilloscope has quickly ramped up

its 'virtual cinema' program with theaters all over the country, which allows patrons an opportunity to rent the film digitally and, at the same time, support their local arthouse."

A few weeks ago Oscilloscope first experimented with this rollout in Washington D.C. at the Avalon Theatre, which sold 100 "virtual tickets" in less than 24 hours after reaching out to moviegoers on its mailing list, per the Washington Post.

"We opted not to go that route with the Music Box initially because it was always our intention to delay the release rather than cancel it," Carlin said. "At the end of last week, however, it became clear that shelter in place would be part of our lives for the foreseeable future and virtual screenings were the only path forward."

Because this VOD approach allows the Music Box to benefit financially as well, Thompson

said it is a way to "direct Chicagoans to a link that supports their arts community and this iconic theater. That's the best-case scenario — better even than a screening in the unforeseeable future."

O'Sullivan was philosophical about their circumstances.

"Everyone is experiencing loss and disappointment right now; ours is small in the grand scheme of things," she said. "We're healthy, we're supported by our community and we have fantastic partners in Oscilloscope and the independent movie theaters, who've come up with this brilliant new model.

"The fact that people will be able to watch our movie at home — staying safe and being responsible while supporting local theater — feels miraculous and resourceful, and I'm grateful and proud to be a part of it. We still get to have our premiere with the Music Box, just in a different way."

Both O'Sullivan and Thompson decamped for Kentucky a few weeks ago to ride out the quarantine with Thompson's family.

How have they been spending their days? Thompson said he's been cooking; O'Sullivan has been taking walks, reading, doing voiceover auditions and listening to books on tape.

"I'm going to be a part of the Hamptons screenwriting lab this weekend — now virtually — and I'm thrilled for that opportunity to push work forward," she said. "I want to use this time, but not feel pressured to use this time. I'm mostly trying to stay positive, safe, and adaptable."

For more information go to www.musicboxtheatre.com.

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BONUS PUZZLE PAGE

An extra array of word games, search, Jumble and other tests to help you pass the time at home

SUDOKU

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Level: **1 2 3 4**

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

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7	1	6	2	8	9	3	4	5
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9	3	5	7	4	6	2	1	8

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BOGGLE



INSTRUCTIONS: Find as many words as you can by linking letters up, down, side-to-side and diagonally, writing words on a blank sheet of paper. You may only use each letter box once within a single word. Play with a friend and compare word finds, crossing out common words.

BOGGLE POINT SCALE
 3 letters = 1 point
 4 letters = 2 points
 5 letters = 3 points
 6 letters = 4 points
 7 letters = 6 points
 8 letters = 10 points
 9+ letters = 15 points

YOUR BOGGLE RATING
 151+ = Champ
 101-150 = Expert
 61-100 = Pro
 31-60 = Gamer
 21-30 = Rookie
 11-20 = Amateur
 0-10 = Try again

O	P	U	J
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E	R	P	C
P	O	P	E

Boggle BrainBusters Bonus
 We put special brain-busting words into the grid of letters. Can you find them?
 Find AT LEAST SIX FOUR-LETTER WORDS STARTING AND ENDING WITH "P" in the grid of letters.

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WordWheel

Insert the missing letter to complete an eight-letter word reading clockwise or counterclockwise.

ANSWERS: SNOIHSANS, FASHIONS
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WORD SEARCH

ALL AT SEA

Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, even diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.

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| AFT | DECK | LIFEBOAT | SCHOONER |
| AHOY | DINGHY | LIGHTHOUSE | SHARKS |
| ANCHOR | DIVING | LINER | STARBOARD |
| BAY | DOCKS | MAST | SUBMARINE |
| BEACH | EMBARK | OAR | SWIMMING |
| BERTH | FATHOMS | PORT | TRAWLER |
| BUOY | FISH | QUAY | TUGBOAT |
| CABIN | HARBOR | RADAR | VESSEL |
| CHANNEL | HORIZON | ROPES | VOYAGE |
| COASTLINE | JETTY | ROWING | WAVES |

TV CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

- 1 "___ 54, Where Are You?"
- 4 "Hannah and ___ Sisters"; Mia Farrow movie
- 7 "America's ___ Talent"
- 10 Actor Christian ___
- 11 "Not ___ Stranger"; Sinatra movie
- 12 Family card game
- 13 Fragrance
- 15 "___ Deal"; Schwarzenegger film
- 16 "Orange Is the ___ Black"
- 17 "Once Upon a Time" role
- 20 Womanizer
- 21 Waterston or Elliott
- 22 Michael and Kate
- 27 Winter pear
- 30 Particle of soot
- 31 Classic Oldsmobile
- 32 Relatives
- 33 Cosmonaut ___ Gagarin
- 35 "___ Exposure"
- 38 Suffix for cartoon or balloon
- 40 "...had a farm, E, I, ___"
- 41 Actor on "S.W.A.T."
- 47 Boone or Sajak
- 49 Long-tailed rodent

DOWN

- 1 "Daddy Day ___"; film for Eddie Murphy
- 2 Like a bump on ___
- 3 Actress Lee ___
- 4 Lead role on "JAG"
- 5 Actor Morales
- 6 Singer Lou ___
- 7 James Arness western series
- 8 "___ Life to Live"
- 9 Disabled auto's need
- 10 Saloon
- 14 Actress Ortiz and others
- 18 Decorate
- 19 Blood analysis site
- 22 Mr. Leno
- 23 Univ. in Tempe
- 24 Model and actress Brinkley
- 25 Prefix for natal or classical
- 26 More tender to the touch
- 28 "To ___ with Love"; film for Sidney Poitier
- 29 Network for Wolf Blitzer
- 34 Suffix for self or fool
- 36 Allen and Conway
- 37 "T.J. ___"; William Shatner series
- 39 "___ of Endearment"; Shirley MacLaine/Debra Winger movie
- 42 Actor Harmon
- 43 Matlock or Perry Mason: abbr.
- 44 Lubricates
- 45 Take a nap
- 46 Historical period
- 47 Herman Munster, to Eddie
- 48 Rebecca's hubby on "Return to Amish"

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

LITET

TLASN

TAVLYS

EGNEVA

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer: They knew the time of the author's reading because of the ---
 Jumbles: TITLE SLANT VASTLY AVERAGE

ARROW WORDS

Fill in the grid using the clues provided in the direction of the arrows. When complete, unscramble the letters in the circles to reveal a mystery word.

Chest turn	Negative prefix	Vista	More cordial infamous emperor	Retainer	Musical pace	Venture	Teens, e.g. Change for a \$20	
Sway				Stir-fry vegetable	Lion's hair Firm			
Express								
Thin overlays	Susan Lucci's Emmy role	Moral offenders Alpine region						
		Bones	What we have here	Oklahoma city		Scope	Reporter's quest	On guard
Collection								
Mob action				Spin doc Pen filter			Mesh	
Blimp								
Trig function						Stadium		
"Seward's Folly"						More up-to-date		
						Yummy		

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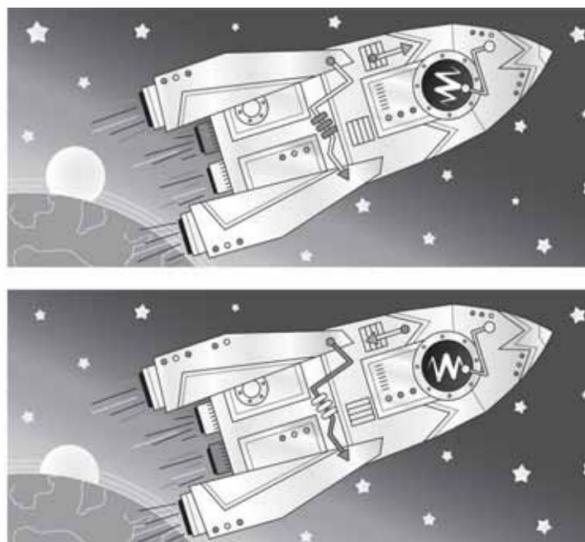
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KIDNEWS FUN & GAMES

Constellations

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R	E	N	P	E	G	A	S	O	S
U	M	I	A	R	B	I	L	R	P
X	L	X	N	Y	L	N	O	I	E
P	U	P	U	S	Y	D	R	A	E
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- Find all the words from the word list (ignore spaces and dashes, if any):
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| ARIES | PEGASUS |
| CRATER | PERSEUS |
| CRUX | PISCES |
| DRACO | PYXIS |
| GEMINI | SCORPIUS |
| HYDRA | SCULPTOR |
| LIBRA | VIRGO |
| LUPUS | |
| LYNX | |
| LYRA | |
| ORION | |



FIND 10 DIFFERENCES

Advice for the housebound: Take a stroll

There's plenty of architectural beauty out there



BLAIR KAMIN
Cityscapes

So you're stuck at home, sheltering in place and wondering how you're going to get through the coronavirus pandemic without going nuts or putting on 10 pounds.

Here's a suggestion: Go out for a stroll and take in some architecture.

It might be a brightly colored Victorian festooned with gingerbread, a bungalow crowned by a green tile roof, a spire-topped Gothic Revival church or a muscle-bound Chicago skyscraper.

Whatever your building of choice, you've probably buzzed right by it, either in a vehicle or on foot. But now, with the world on pause, you've got a chance to hit your own pause button and see things you've never taken the time to see before.

It might even raise your spirits.

Walks are allowed under Gov. J.B. Pritzker's stay-at-home order. You just have to be sure to maintain the social distancing that public health officials say is essential to halting the spread of the deadly virus.

If you know where to look, you might come across something fabulous.

Not too far from where I live, for example, is Frank



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The entrance to the Central Street Purple Line Station in Evanston rates as an overlooked architectural gem.



Frank Lloyd Wright's Frank J. Baker House in Wilmette.

Lloyd Wright's Frank J. Baker House, a Prairie style head-turner in the 500 block of Lake Street in Wilmette. I've driven and

biked by this house countless times, but only in last few days, out on one of my "stay sane, stay in shape" walks, did I stop and really

look at the sweeping horizontal lines and abstract, earth-hugging forms that make this house look bracingly modern, even 111 years after its completion.

There are minor gems out there too, such as the Chicago Transit Authority "L" station in the 1000 block of Central Street in Evanston.

Out for a stroll the other day, I had a chance to fully appreciate the plump classical columns that frame the entrance to the station and the laurels on the station's flanking walls, complete with stone versions of flowers, leaves and berries.

The architect, Arthur Gerber, used these Beau-

Arts details to endow the mundane act of taking transit with dignity and grace.

Among his other rail-related commissions is the CTA's Wilson Avenue "L" station, whose spectacular Gerber Building (named for the architect) was beautifully renovated in 2017 as part of a multimillion-dollar overhaul of the station.

If you live in downtown Chicago or Oak Park's Frank Lloyd Wright Historic District, both of which are customarily crammed with architecture tour groups, the urban emptiness enforced by the stay-at-home order further

enhances your chances for serious seeing.

Without interruption, you can take in such masterpieces as Louis Sullivan's former Carson Pirie Scott & Co. building at 1 S. State St. (now home to a Target), with its dazzling cast-iron ornament. That's kind of like being alone in the Art Institute with "American Gothic" or "A Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte."

Granted, you could decide to stay on your couch and do one of those virtual building tours that museums and other institutions are promoting in these strange times. But a virtual tour won't get you into the fresh air and it will shrink magnificent structures and spaces to the size of a computer screen.

How boring. Buildings are meant to be experienced both in the flesh and in three dimensions.

To get you going in the right direction on your walks, it helps to have a good guide. The one I highly recommend is the American Institute of Architects' "AIA Guide to Chicago," which, despite its 550-page bulk, is easy to tuck into your coat pocket.

This indispensable book is full of vivid and insightful descriptions of buildings throughout Chicago and in Oak Park. If you live somewhere else, try your local historical society for tips.

Happy walking and seeing! It beats sitting on the couch.

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AMAZON PRIME

Jonathan Pryce and Duncan Joiner in "Tales from the Loop," on Amazon Prime.

SERIES REVIEW

Sci-fi anthology makes sense for these pandemic times

BY MICHAEL PHILLIPS
Chicago Tribune

A gentle slow-burner ideal for our alternative pandemic universe, the eight-episode Amazon Studios series "Tales from the Loop" begins Friday. It's a moving, determinedly solemn adaptation of Swedish author/artist Simon Stålenhag's lavishly illustrated book, published in 2014 after his retrofuturist visions of a 1980s Sweden became an online sensation.

Comparisons have been made to grabber shows that do all the work for you, such as "Stranger Things," but they'll only mislead. The pilot introduces us to Russ Willard, portrayed by Jonathan Pryce. Watching his face in extended close-up, we hear a little about the Mercer Center for Experimental Physics, Willard's underground facility on the outskirts of Mercer, Ohio.

So it's Ohio, but in "Tales from the Loop," Ohio means black holes coexist with giant robots and hovercraft-style tractors, with surprising restraint. At heart, the show delves into childhood grief and resentment, all-too-ordinary fears of death, and unrequited

adult love. The loneliness and the spaces between the characters set the tone and rhythm here.

The underground lab employs seemingly the entire town. The forlorn security guard Gaddis (Ato Essandoh) bids the occasional hello to passing workers. Rebecca Hall's character, Loretta, is married to George (Paul Schneider), outfitted with an impressive bionic arm. They live in quiet, split-level surroundings with their sons Jakob (Daniel Zolghadri) and, crucial in Episode 4, Cole, played by a terrific young actor named Duncan Joiner.

That fourth installment, "Echo Sphere," scores with a simple, profound notion. Russ takes grandson Cole to explore a big, round, hollow metal structure. If you shout into it, the number of echoes you hear tell you how long you have to live. The rest of the episode charts Russ's final chapter, and how it affects everyone in a life preoccupied by work.

The title "Tales from the Loop" refers to "the beating black heart" of a wondrous black orb known as The Eclipse, the innermost secret of the clandestine underground physics proj-

ect. The three directors of the three previewed episodes treat these secrets in contrasting ways. Mark Romanek's pilot recalls the steady chill and precision of his earlier work, particularly "Never Let Me Go." The theme of doubles and mirror images threads all three stories together.

Andrew Stanton, co-writer and director of the miracle that was "Wall-E," makes "Echo Sphere" a spare beauty with a light touch. The sixth installment in this anthology, "Parallel," comes from director Charlie McDowell. The security guard named Russ, briefly, takes center stage with the most "Twilight Zone"-y of the episodes.

This is the kind of show where silence matters. In minute 42 of the first episode, there's a startling close-up of Hall's character responding nonverbally to a harsh comment made by a young, motherless girl. And it's a thunderbolt.

"Tales from the Loop" premieres April 3 on Amazon Prime.

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way to keep a safe distance from the people with whom you are working. It is completely impossible."

That's true, of course. And as Shindle talked that over with me, I had a growing realization that it's easy to put all the focus on when it will be safe for audiences to gather, which has been the bulk of my conversations these last few days, and too little on when it will be safe for performers to perform.

And there is another aspect of this whole affair that gets forgotten: actors are not good at not working. It is part of the competitive and fragile culture of the industry that work is to be appreciated, grasped, held, committed to, performed with full intensity. To refuse to continue is not only inherently disruptive to people not making that choice, but it goes against a deep seated value system that, for better or worse, has been part of live entertainment since at least the 19th century. The show

must go on.

"We will work in almost any circumstances," Shindle said, "yet what we do on stage is a vulnerability Olympics. It is now time that we better communicate that vulnerability to people."

Shindle was doing so in the context of her union thanking Congress for the inclusion of freelance arts workers in the CARES relief act. Although it is complicated, the federal legislation allows artists without traditional long-term employers to apply for unemployment in the light of expected future work that has been canceled.

The legislation also included an additional \$75 million for the National Endowment of the Arts. Actors' Equity also has announced a new "Curtain Up!" relief fund, designated to operate through the long-established Actors Fund and intended to provide relief for members dealing with canceled shows. The union is putting its own \$750,000 into the fund, and hoping that the fund will get larger as others contribute. "It is

astounding how much money actors have lost," Shindle said, "and how much of that money they absolutely were counting on."

Actors are not the only people, of course, whose work is inherently filled with personal contact. Healthcare workers have it much worse and, as we now all know by now, they sometimes have little or nothing in the way of protective equipment. And even athletes deal with many of those same intimacy issues: you can't social distance as you tackle a hefty fellow player, nor on your way to getting a ball in the basket. There is some evidence now, though, that an act like singing can increase the likelihood of transmission. Actors sing in each other's arms every night.

So when our theaters reopen, it will not just be about the comfort of nervous audience members, weighing up their own safety versus a need to get out of the house and go back to being together. We will have to be confident that the artists' workplace is safe too.

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with street performing, he only began four years ago after moving to Chicago from Boston, a city lacking a street performance scene.

"There's maybe some kids from Berklee who will do it now and again in the summer, but there's no actual street players in Boston," said Walters.

And because he didn't work or spend much time downtown, Walters didn't know what to expect. But when a fellow musician in need of a bass player asked him to perform with Chicago Traffic Jam, Walters jumped at the opportunity.

"I tried it one day, and immediately — this is such a cliché saying — it really was like love at first sight," he recalled.

"I was hooked right away. I was like, 'This is amazing. We're outside, I'm improvising, we're making money and I'm playing for thousands of people a day.' It gets your name out there better than any exposure any club pretends to offer you."

Although he still performs the occasional club

gig (when the clubs are open), Walters is now a full-time street musician. Some iteration of Chicago Traffic Jam played seven days per week, while most band members play around five days per week.

Restricted to indoors, Walters turned to livestreams out of boredom. On his first day, he spent the early part of the day practicing and figuring out what music he wanted to play. What kind of arrangements would he choose? Would he play with backing tracks or stick to just his bass?

His first set at noon lasted for an hour. Later in the evening, he played two more sets, ranging from a half-hour to an hour. With every livestream, he also provided his Venmo information so people could donate as much or as little to him as they liked.

The response, unsurprisingly, has been good. In a time when people are asked to be more empathetic, the plight of a street musician unable to hit the streets touched many.

"The people who were most passionate and touched by it were non-musicians," said Walters. "They think it's cool in the same way that they think it's

cool on the street."

Walters said he is still working out the logistics of his future performances. Moving indoors has been an adjustment to the physical rigors of what he normally faced.

"A weekend warrior musician is used to playing one or two hours of music at a time; a jazz club musician is used to playing three or four hours of music at a time," Walters said. "Street players, we play six to eight hours a day."

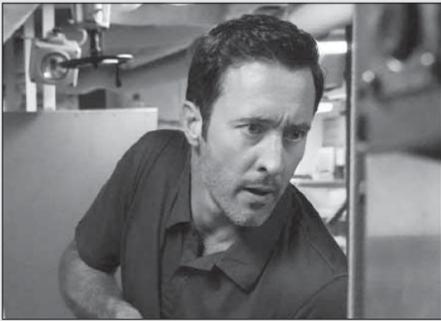
He may experiment with a whole day of playing, just like what he would do normally on the street. But right now he's not regimenting himself to a set-in-stone method of performance. What's most important is simply getting the chance to play for whomever will listen.

"That's the nice thing about community," Walters said. "It's nice to take that perspective of people who don't specialize in what you do. ... This is a time where the community is really supportive. We still have each other."

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WATCH THIS: FRIDAY



Alex O'Loughlin

"Hawaii Five-O" (8 p.m., CBS): It's never easy for fans to bid farewell to a popular TV series, but at least "Hawaii Five-O" is saying aloha on its own terms. With tonight's series finale, the crime drama will have cranked out 240 episodes over its 10 seasons, a remarkable record for a reboot. By comparison, the iconic 1968-80 Jack Lord original logged 279 episodes over 12 seasons. Alex O'Loughlin stars.

"Charmed" (7 p.m., CW): In the new episode "The Enemy of My Frenemy," the Charmed Ones (Melonie Diaz, Madeleine Mantock, Sarah Jeffery) quickly join forces with Parker (guest star Nick Hargrove) after Mel runs into grave danger in the demon world. Meanwhile, Harry and Jordan (Rupert Evans, Jordan Donica) infiltrate the Faction, but undesirable consequences follow. Poppy Drayton also stars.

"Zombieland: Double Tap" (7 p.m., 5:03 a.m., Starz): Lightning struck twice with this 2019 sequel to the 2009 apocalyptic comedy hit "Zombieland," with Woody Harrelson, Jesse Eisenberg, Emma Stone and Abigail Breslin all reprising their roles from that film. Set 10 years after the events in the original, the story finds their respective characters — Tallahassee, Columbus, Wichita and Little Rock — living together in the now-abandoned White House.

"Dynasty" (8 p.m., CW): Plot twist! Against all expectations, Fallon and Liam (Elizabeth Gillies, Adam Huber) start to discover the upside of parenting, so they try to persuade Heidi (guest star Emily Rudd) to keep young Connor (guest star John Jackson Hunter) near them in the new episode "Is the Next Surgery on the House?" Grant Show, Rafael de la Fuente and Maddison Brown also star.

"Mary Magdalene" (9 p.m., Showtime): Former Oscar nominee Rooney Mara ("The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo") gives a finely nuanced performance in the title role of Garth Davis' reverent 2018 biblical drama, which explores the occasionally tense relationship between Mary Magdalene and the male disciples of Jesus Christ (Joaquin Phoenix).

"Master of the Nine Dragon Fist: Wong Ching-Ho" (10:43 p.m., Cinemax): Si Xiao Dong directed this fourth installment in a martial arts anthology series that was filmed on location in China. The story is set in that country during the early 19th century, when British imperialists encouraged the use of Chinese opium in an attempt to turn around their trade deficit with China. Aghast at the toll this is taking on the locals, heroic Wong Ching-Ho (Shi Junzhe) — head of a martial arts alliance — resolves to burn down an opium warehouse.

TALK SHOWS

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): Singer-songwriter Miley Cyrus; Lewis Capaldi talks and performs; best of Fallon.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actor John Krasinski; Rachael & Vilray perform.*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live!" (11:05 p.m., ABC): Celebrity guests and comedy skits.*

* Subject to change

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FRIDAY EVENING, APR. 3

	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00
BROADCAST	CBS 2	MacGyver: "Father & Son & Father & Matriarch." (N)	Hawaii Five-O: "Aloha." (Series Finale) (N) ©	Blue Bloods: "The Puzzle Palace." (N) ©	News (N) ▶			
	NBC 5	The Blacklist: "Newton Purcell." (N) ©	Dateline NBC (N) ©					NBC 5 News (N) ▶
	ABC 7	Shark Tank (N) ©		(8:01) 20/20 (N) ©				News at 10pm (N) ▶
	WGN 9	black-ish ©	black-ish ©	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	WGN News at Nine (N) (Live) ©		WGN News at Ten (N)
	Antenna 9.2	Alice ©	Alice ©	3's Comp.	3's Comp.	Johnny Carson ©		
	Court 9.3	Court TV Live (N) (Live) ©						Court TV (N)
	PBS 11	Chi. Tonight: Review (N)	Washington Week (N)	Check Please! (Season Finale) (N)	Biking the Boulevards	Somewhere South: "Purridge for the Soul." (N) ©		Dishing-Julia (Series Premiere) (N)
	CW 26.1	Charmed (N) ©		Dynasty (N) ©		Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©
	The U 26.2	Dr. Phil ©		Tamron Hall ©		The Steve Wilkos Show	Cops ©	
	MeTV 26.3	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle	Green Acres	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett
H&I 26.4	Star Trek ©		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek ▶	
Bounce 26.5	In the Cut	Family Time		Any Given Sunday (R,'99) ***	Al Pacino, Cameron Diaz. ©			
FOX 32	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (N) (Live) ©				Fox 32 News (N)	Flannery Fired Up	Modern Family ©	
Ion 38	NCIS: Los Angeles ©		NCIS: Los Angeles ©		NCIS: Los Angeles ©		NCIS: LA ▶	
TeleM 44	Exatlon EE. UU. (N)		La Doña (N) ©		Operación Pacifico (N) ©		Chicago (N)	
MNT 50	Chicago P.D. ©		CSI: Miami: "Bolt Action."		CSI: Miami ©		Chicago ▶	
UniMas 60	The Wife He Met Online (NR,'12)	Cameron Mathison.			Noticiero (N)	Vas con todo (N) ▶		
WJVS 62	Kenneth Cox Ministries	Joyce Meyer	Robison		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	
Univ 66	La Rosa de Guadalupe	Amor eterno (N)			Sin miedo a la verdad (N)		Noticias (N)	
CABLE	AE	Live PD: Rewind (N) ©		Live PD: "Live PD -- 04.03.20." (N) (Live) ©				
	AMC	Top Gun (PG,'86) ***	Tom Cruise, Kelly McGillis. ©			The Outsiders ('83) ***		
	ANIM	The Zoo		The Zoo		The Zoo		The Zoo ▶
	BBCA	The Patriot (R,'00) ***	Mel Gibson. A man and his son fight side by side in the Revolutionary War.					
	BET	The Best Man Holiday (R,'13) **	Morris Chestnut, Taye Diggs. ©					Sistas ▶
	BIGTEN	Big Wres	College Wrestling From Feb. 15, 2020. ©			Big Wres		Wrestling ▶
	BRAVO	Shahs of Sunset ©		Shahs of Sunset (N) ©		Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley
	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N)		Cuomo (N) ▶
	COM	Tosh.0 ©	Tosh.0 ©	Tosh.0 ©	Tosh.0 ©	The Comedy Central Roast ©		
	DISC	Gold Rush: "Driven to Extremes." (N) ©						Outback (N)
	DISN	Sydney (N)	Coop (N)	Raven	Roll With It	Coop	Sydney-Max	Bunk'd ©
	E!	*(6) Maid in Manhattan (PG-13,'02) **		The Wedding Planner (PG-13,'01) **				
	ESPN	* NBA 2K (N)	Glory Road (PG,'06) ***	Josh Lucas, Derek Luke.			(9:45) SportsCenter (N) ▶	
	ESPN2	* Tiger (N)		NBA 2K Players Tournament: First Round. (N) (Live)				
	FNC	Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News
	FOOD	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners (N)	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive
	FREE	Everything	Everything	Everything	Everything	Everything	Everything	700 Club (N)
	FX	*(6) Minions (PG,'15) **		Peter Rabbit (PG,'18) **		Voices of James Corden. ©		Amazing ▶
	HALL	A Christmas Duet (NR,'19)	Teryl Rothery. ©			Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls
	HGTV	Dream	Dream (N)	Dream		Dream		Dream
HIST	Pawn Stars ©		Pawn Stars: "Across the Pawn'd." (N) ©				Pawn ▶	
HLN	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	
IFC	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	
LIFE	King	King	King	King	King	King	King ▶	
MSNBC	All In With (N)		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)	
MTV	The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1 (PG-13,'11) **						Twilight Saga-2 ▶	
NATGEO	Lockup: Grand Rapids		Lockup: Grand Rapids		Lockup: Women		Lockup ▶	
NBCSCH	Chicago Bulls Classic				White Sox Rewind ▶			
NICK	*(6) Kung Fu Panda 2 ***	SpongeBob	Friends ©		Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	
OVATION	*(6) Doc Hollywood (PG-13,'91) ***		The Money Pit (PG,'86) **		Tom Hanks, Shelley Long.			
OWN	20/20: Homicide		48 Hours: Hard Evidence		48 Hours: Hard Evidence		Homicide ▶	
OXY	Dateline: Secrets (Season Premiere) (N)		Cold Justice ©		Cold Justice ©		Cold ▶	
PARMT	Raiders of the Lost Ark (PG,'81) ****		Harrison Ford. ©				Indiana Jones ▶	
SYFY	John Wick (R,'14) ***	Keanu Reeves. ©			Vagrant Queen (N)		Futurama	
TBS	*(6) We're the Millers (R,'13) **		Identity Thief (R,'13) **		Jason Bateman. ©			
TCM	Baby Boom (PG,'87) ***	Diane Keaton. ©			Bachelor Mother (NR,'39) ***			
TLC	90 Day Fiancé: Before the 90 Days (N)				90 Day (N)	90 Day Fiancé		
TLN	Dream Motel	Your Bible	Lifestyle	The Three	Life Today	Dare	Prayer	
TNT	Star Wars: The Phantom Menace (PG,'99) **	Liam Neeson. ©					Star Wars ▶	
TOON	Final Space	Final Space	Burgers	Rick, Morty	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Family Guy	
TRAV	Ghost Loop: "Attachment from Another Realm." (N) ©				Paranormal Ca.		Paranorm. ▶	
TVL	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Two Men	Two Men	King	
USA	Chicago P.D. (7:45)	Chicago P.D.	Chicago P.D.		(9:11) Chicago P.D.		Mod Fam	
VH1	RuPaul's Drag Race: "Snatch Game." (N) ©				Good Deeds (PG-13,'12) **			
WE	Mama June- Not to Hot		Mama June (N)		Mama June- Not to Hot		Ma. June ▶	
WGN America	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	
PREMIUM	HBO	*(6:55) Slumdog Millionaire (R,'08) ***	Dev Patel.			Real Time, Bill Maher (N)		High (Season
	HBO2	Friend (Subtitled-English)		(8:05) Shutter Island (R,'10) **		Leonardo DiCaprio. ©		
	MAX	(7:05) Femme Fatale (R,'02) **				Strike Back (N) ©		Strike ▶
	SHO	*(6:30) Clear and Present Danger (PG-13,'94) ***				Mary Magdalene (R,'18) ©		
	STARZ	Zombieland: Double Tap (R,'19) **			(8:42) Outlander ©		Once Upon a Time ▶	
STZNC	* Born-4th July			Hellboy (PG-13,'04) ***		Ron Perlman. ©		Wet Hot ▶

BOOK REVIEW

Next space to declutter: The office

Once we're back at work, it's time to Kondo-ize

By **PENELOPE GREEN**
The New York Times

Marie Kondo, the tidying expert and bestselling author, has a new book, "Joy at Work," that takes her trademarked method to the workplace and encourages readers to find joy there by cleaning their desks, among other things.

Of course, the terrible joke right now is that the coronavirus is the new KonMari, having scoured most businesses more thoroughly than any decluttering plan could by sending its messiest elements — people — home, a turn of events unlikely to lead to much joy, professional or otherwise.

But back to the book.

Can you find joy at work, and is that a good thing? Is it asking too much of a stapler that it spark joy? Is it asking too much of a job?

To a Calvinist or early American, work was the embodiment of Christian principles, and so a duty: work for work's sake. Joy's? Not so much.

Marx thought work could be joyous, if the worker felt he or she was represented in the labor. Certainly happiness, if not actual joy, is a buzzword in the new business lexicon, decorating the covers of a flurry of business primers, from Zappos czar Tony Hsieh ("Delivering Happiness") on down.

And more employers have been offering wellness and other happiness-boosting programs and perks,

like nap rooms, fitness tracking and meditation (the last especially useful right now).

But the Goopification of the workplace is just a contemporary spin on what has long been a best practice of capitalism, albeit at specific times.

"Basically, worker happiness becomes an issue any time the labor market gets tight," said Charles Duhigg, a former New York Times reporter who studies productivity and wrote "Smarter Faster Better," among other books. "Look at Henry Ford. The reason he paid his workers twice as much as everyone else is he figured out it was so hard to train them, he needed a way to keep them."

A few decades ago, social scientists started measuring happiness and productivity, and what they found, Duhigg said, is that happier workers are more productive.

Kondo's first job out of college was in the sales force of a staffing agency, and she writes of how she floundered initially, finding herself overworked but getting nowhere, among the worst-performing of the 15 new hires that year.

With a desk awash in papers, office equipment, dried-up tea bags and pens with their caps missing, she had lost touch with her "inner tidying geek." After she snapped to, what followed was a publishing phenomenon.

Still, not all messes are physical, and an empty desk doesn't mean workers aren't suffering from virtual clutter and chaotic systems. Such messes, like pointless meetings, too much email,



ANDY KROPA/INVISION

Marie Kondo collaborated on "Joy at Work" with Scott Sonenshein, an organizational psychologist. They take turns explaining how to tidy desks, meetings, inboxes and behaviors.

too many decisions and lousy in-office communication, are not necessarily of their own making.

Kondo has gathered studies that show that the average worker spends half of his or her day answering emails (amplifying stress levels and untethering focus) and wastes 2 1/2 hours a week in ineffective meetings, at a cost of \$3.7 billion in lost productivity each year. Lost passwords, according to a study of U.S. and British workers, equals a loss in productivity, per employee, of \$420 each year. And so forth.

Our own bad habits and the natural entropy of most systems has caused misery and burnout, and attendant self-help books. Kondo collaborated on this one

with Scott Sonenshein, an organizational psychologist, and they take turns explaining how to tidy desks, drawers, meetings (otherwise known as activity clutter), time, inboxes, behaviors and, ultimately, careers.

Throw out random cords, ketchup packets and dried-up pens. Throw out business cards, an out-moded nicety, though many of Kondo's Japanese clients believe they are proxies for a person's soul. Thank them for their information, she suggests, and shred them. Stop accumulating snacks, along with airplane minis, apparently an especially American habit.

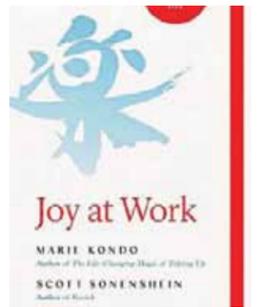
"Learning about different cultural characteristics is what makes tidying up in

other countries so fascinating," she notes impishly.

Keep your physical desktop clear of everything except that which you're working on at the moment, as well as your computer and perhaps a plant. In these dark times, an uncluttered surface anticipates the caress of the Clorox wipe.

As for your virtual desktop, clean that up too. You can thank your digital data for its service, as you once did your balled-up socks at home, and let it go. (Maybe backing the most important of it up first.)

Attitudes need cleaning too. Be kind, resolve personal conflicts, say thank you. Tidy your meetings: Don't pontificate, cut co-workers off or assign



'Joy at Work: Organizing Your Professional Life'

By Marie Kondo and Scott Sonenshein, 320 pages, Little, Brown, Spark, \$26

blame. Tidying such disordered systems may not be possible for most workers, for whom happiness at work is measured mostly, Duhigg said, by how much autonomy they feel they have.

"What matters is having agency," he said, "as does having one colleague that you feel a connection with, having a boss you don't dislike and, optimally, respect, and also feeling like your work has some impact or meaning. People are happier when they feel they have control over their environment. It doesn't matter if it's clean or not."

But Kondo's method offers tidying as a metaphor, "a dialogue with yourself," as she likes to say — and at this moment when no one feels they have control over their environment, it can be bracing.

Clear your head. Be brave. Kondo writes of her qualms about creating her own social media accounts; she dreaded the trolling that would surely ensue. When a therapist tells her, "Don't worry, Marie. Plenty of people hate you already," she Googles herself.

After her website and blog, the highest-ranking article she found was: "Why We Hate Marie Kondo."

"Too often we clutter our minds with our biggest fears," she writes.

Horoscopes



Today's birthday (April 3): Enjoy a professional surge this year. By working together with disciplined coordination, you can accomplish miracles. Summer travel and educational changes inspire domestic renovation and beautification. New professional directions and shifting communications motivate an exciting and satisfying exploration. Stay true to your heart.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Follow your heart. Prioritize beauty, fun and romance. You love learning this month, with Venus in Gemini. Words come easily. A creative project flowers.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 8. Stay close to home. Gather new income, with Venus in Gemini for a month. This phase can get quite profitable. Look for hidden opportunity.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 9. Use your charm and persuasive arts. You're irresistible, with Venus in your sign this month. Realize a personal dream with cleverness and creativity.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 9. Discover lucrative opportunities. Make plans in peaceful productivity, with Venus in Gemini. Finish old jobs. Envision the road ahead and plot your steps.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 9. Step into the spotlight. Get out in public. You're especially popular this month, with Venus in Gemini. Make new social connections. Have fun with friends.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Watch for opportunities for career advancement, with Venus in Gemini. Assume more responsibility, status and benefits. Put your heart into your work and it grows.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Make long-distance connections. Travel, study and investigate over the next month, with Venus in Gemini. Enjoy educational exploration.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Work together for shared profits. Together you can get the resources you need, with Venus in Gemini. Use creativity and coordination for satisfying results.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Collaboration percolates and bubbles, with Venus in Gemini. Form partnerships to share resources and benefits. Compromise comes easier. Elevate a relationship to new levels.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 9. Put love into your work. Practice for strength and endurance, with Venus in Gemini. Prioritize health and wellness. Movement gets your heart pumping.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 9. You're especially lucky in love this month, with Venus in Gemini. Creative endeavors provide satisfying results. Have fun with people you love.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 7. Turn your home into a love nest. Savor domestic arts, crafts and bliss, with Venus in Gemini. Focus on family. Add beauty to your surroundings.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn



Bliss By Harry Bliss



Bridge

Both vulnerable, South deals

North
 ♠ 842
 ♥ 42
 ♦ KQ8654
 ♣ 85

West
 ♠ Q753
 ♥ J10986
 ♦ Void
 ♣ AQT3

East
 ♠ J1096
 ♥ 753
 ♦ A1093
 ♣ 62

South
 ♠ AK
 ♥ AKQ
 ♦ J72
 ♣ KJ1094

South won the opening heart lead with his ace and led a low diamond to dummy's king. He expected the defense to duck the first diamond if they could and he would then go after clubs. Three club tricks and one diamond would assure South of at least nine tricks. Diamonds split 4-0 however, so there was no need for the defense to duck a diamond.

The bidding:
 South West North East
 2NT Pass 3NT All pass
Opening lead: Jack of ♥

East won the first diamond and reverted to hearts, won by declarer with the king. South led a low diamond to dummy's queen and then a low club to his jack. West won with his queen and led a heart to South's queen. South led a low club from his hand hoping that East held the ace with at most one heart remaining. West hopped up with his ace and cashed two hearts for down one.

Declarer certainly ran into a lot of bad luck on this deal, but he could have prevailed anyway. Can you spot how? All that was needed was for South to lead the jack of diamonds rather than a low one at trick two. Should East win and lead a heart, South could simply lead a diamond and play low from dummy, setting up the rest of the diamond suit. Should East duck the jack of diamonds, South could lead a low club to dummy's eight. Three club tricks would be a certainty and South would have his contract.

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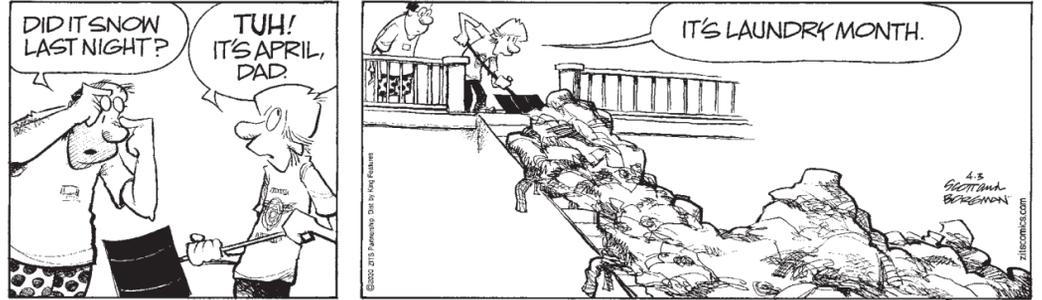
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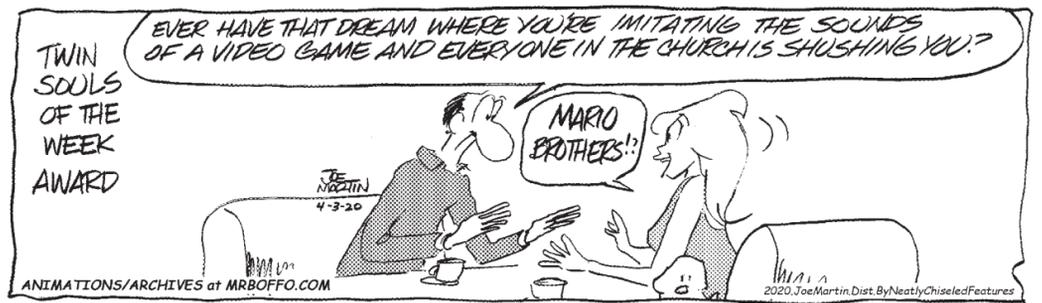
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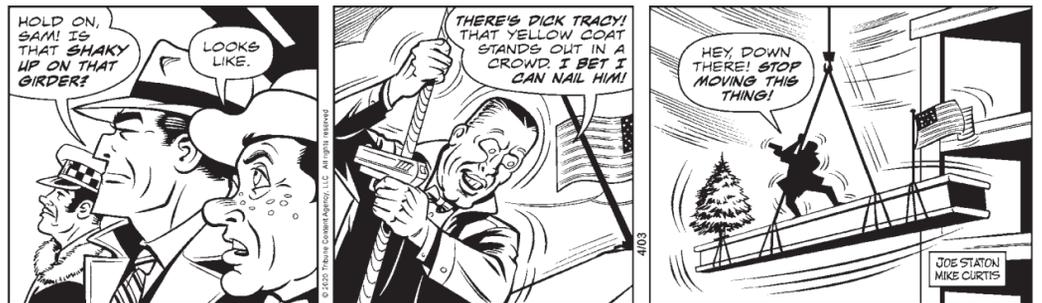
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Pickles By Brian Crane



Dick Tracy By Joe Staton and Mike Curtis



Animal Crackers By Mike Osburn



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FRIDAY, APRIL 3

NORMAL HIGH: 54°

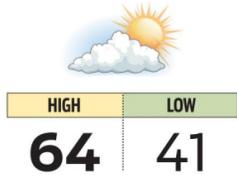
NORMAL LOW: 35°

RECORD HIGH: 81° (1956)

RECORD LOW: 17° (1987)

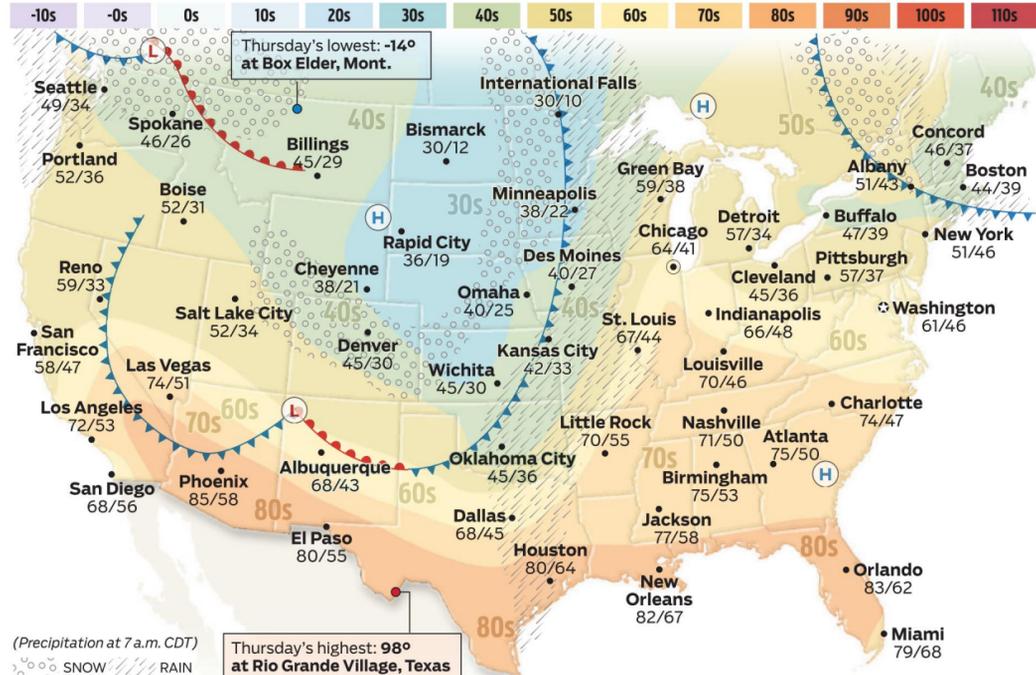
Mostly cloudy but mild day forecast for Friday

LOCAL FORECAST



■ A cold front slowly approaches from the west preceded by increasing clouds during the day and lowering clouds and increasing chances of rain overnight.
 ■ Considerable cloudiness with occasional peaks of sun possible.
 ■ Highs in the middle 60s. Breezy SE winds 10-15 mph keep it cooler lakeside.
 ■ A good chance of showers spreading into the area beginning in the far west later afternoon with rain likely spreading over the remainder of the area from the west after midnight.

NATIONAL FORECAST

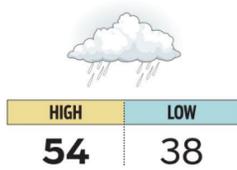


There will be considerable cloudiness with just peeks of sun likely Friday, but aided by a southerly breeze temps should warm well into the 60s. Rain is likely but probably won't occur over much of our area until after dark when a cold front approaches from the west.

Best chance of rain will probably be after midnight tonight and before noon Saturday, centering on a cold frontal passage here around 6 a.m. As the cold front moves off to the east, cooler high pressure will follow with Saturday's afternoon highs 10 degrees cooler than Thursday.

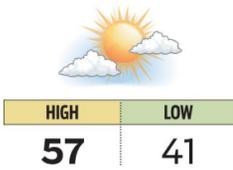
Sunday we will see another day in the 50s, but winds pick up again out of the south and temps soar well into the 60s along with an increasing probability of storms Monday. Readings should peak in the 70s Tuesday with more rain expected.

SATURDAY, APRIL 4



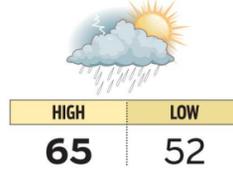
Cloudy with showers likely. Cooler with highs in the low to mid 50s. Winds turn N 10-15 mph. Rain ends by afternoon most of the area and skies begin to clear from the west overnight.

SUNDAY, APRIL 5



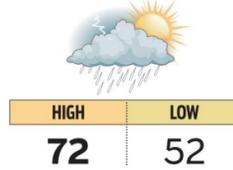
Mostly sunny - highs in the mid to upper 50s with cooler readings along the lakefront. Increasing and thickening clouds overnight. East winds 4-8 mph.

MONDAY, APRIL 6



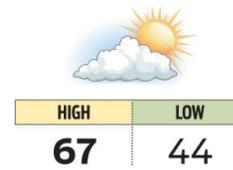
Mostly cloudy with an increasing chance of showers or t-storms by afternoon. A little warmer with a high in the mid 60s. Cooler lakeside with SSE winds 10-15 mph. Showers and thunderstorms overnight.

TUESDAY, APRIL 7



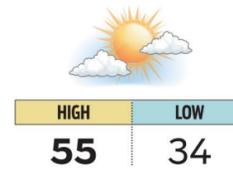
Showers and t-storms likely. Perhaps the warmest day of the year so far with highs 70 to 75. Breezy S winds. Showers/t-storms ending from the west overnight. Winds shift W late.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8



Partly sunny and mild. Highs in the mid to upper 60s. Gusty winds out of the NW. Clear skies overnight.

THURSDAY, APRIL 9



Mostly sunny and cooler as Canadian-source high pressure pushes into the area. Highs in the middle 50s. Clear skies and cool overnight. Northwest winds.



NOTE: Predicted high/low temps on Tribune weather page are chronological—the "high" refers to maximum reading expected during day and "low" is the minimum reading expected the following night.

ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
 What are the records for the warmest and coolest springs in Chicago? Also the wettest and driest.
 Kevin Mitchell

Dear Kevin,
 Meteorological spring consists of the months of March, April and May. Chicago's warmest and coolest springs were in 2012 with 56.6 degrees and 1892 with 42.2 degrees, respectively. The driest spring was in 1887 with 2.73 inches; wettest was 17.51 inches in 1983. Those figures are derived from the complete official station record, 1871 through 2019. However, the location of Chicago's official station has been moved to different spots several times and is currently located at O'Hare International Airport. Data for Midway Airport, 1928 to the present, are: warmest spring, 56.8 degrees in 2012; coolest, 44.1 degrees in 1947. Driest spring, 2.79 inches in 1934; wettest, 18.60 inches in 2019.

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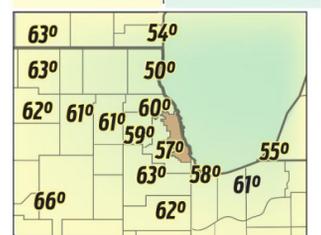
WGN-TV meteorologists Mark Carroll, Steve Kahn, Richard Koenenman, Paul Merzlock and Paul Dailey, plus Bill Snyder, contribute to this page.

Hear Demetrius
 Ivory's weather updates weekdays 3 to 6 p.m. on WGN-AM 720 Chicago.

Observing approach of cold front-impact of lake breeze

THURSDAY'S HIGH TEMPS "Cooler by the lake season" underlaid—inland highs 18° milder than immediate lakeshore

Warmer inland highs	Lake-cooled highs
64 HEBRON, IN	46 WILMETTE
63 DOWNERS GROVE	47 HIGHLAND PARK
63 KANKAKEE	47 CHI-LAKEFRONT
63 LEMONT	48 KENILWORTH
63 BURR RIDGE	49 GLENCOE
62 BLOOMINGDALE	



SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

RAINFALL OUTLOOK

Increasing chance for rain Friday night as cold front approaches from the west



FRIDAY SEVERE STORM THREAT



FRIDAY-SATURDAY Rain probability and wind speed/direction Forecast

FRIDAY				SATURDAY			
6 A.M.	NOON	6 P.M.	MDNT.	6 A.M.	NOON	6 P.M.	MDNT.
5%	5%	10%	30%	90%	30%	15%	10%
ESE 5MPH	SE 14MPH	ESE 12MPH	SSE 13MPH	WNW 15MPH	NW 15MPH	NE 12MPH	NNE 1MPH

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CHICAGO DIGEST

THURSDAY TEMPERATURES

LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
Aurora	61	30	Midway	59	31
Gary	52	34	O'Hare	61	34
Kankakee	62	31	Romeoville	63	31
Lakefront	47	32	Valparaiso	61	26
Lansing	58	30	Waukegan	50	27

CHICAGO PRECIPITATION

PERIOD	2020	NORMAL
Thu. (through 4 p.m.)	0.00"	0.11"
April to date	0.00"	0.21"
Year to date	7.05"	6.23"

CHICAGO SNOWFALL

PERIOD	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Thu. (through 4 p.m.)	0.0"	0.0"
Season to date	30.1"	30.2"
Normal to date	35.3"	36.3"

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS

	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Wind	SE 6-16 kts.	NW/N 8-18 kts.
Waves	1-3 feet	1-3 feet
Thur. shore/crib water temps	45°/43°	

THURSDAY PEAK POLLEN LEVEL

POLLEN	LEVEL
Tree	Moderate
Grass	0
Mold	Low
Ragweed	0
Weed	0

SOURCE: The Gottlieb Memorial Hospital Allergy Count, Dr. Joseph Leija

ILLINOIS AIR QUALITY

Thursday's reading	Moderate
Friday's forecast	Moderate
Critical pollutant	Particulates

FRIDAY RISE/SET TIMES

Sun	6:29 a.m.	7:18 p.m.
Moon	---	4:08 p.m.

1ST Q FULL 3RD Q NEW

Apr. 1	Apr. 7	Apr. 14	Apr. 22
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FRIDAY PLANET WATCH

PLANET	RISE	SET
Mercury	5:45 a.m.	4:58 p.m.
Venus	8:14 a.m.	11:24 p.m.
Mars	3:40 a.m.	1:07 p.m.
Jupiter	3:14 a.m.	12:36 p.m.
Saturn	3:35 a.m.	1:07 p.m.

SOURCE: Dan Joyce, Triton College

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