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CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Governor warns of fests

Pritzker says summer event organizers should think about canceling

BY JAMIE MUNKS
AND JOHN BYRNE

Gov. J.B. Pritzker began his daily coronavirus briefing Thursday on an optimistic note, saying trends in the increase of cases across the state seem to be signaling that Illinois is "bending the curve."

But any thoughts that the state could be sprung from a nearly

three-week-old stay-at-home order anytime soon were quickly dashed as Pritzker provided a series of clear caveats on how long it might be before normal routines can resume.

Among other things, Pritzker cast serious doubt on the summer festival season, cautioning that organizers should "think carefully about canceling large summer events."

"From my perspective today, I do not see how we are going to have large gatherings of people again until we have a vaccine, which is months and months away. I would not risk having large groups of people getting together, anywhere. And I think that's hard for everybody to hear, but that's just a fact," Pritzker said.

"Even with testing and tracing

and treating, as is necessary for us to begin to make changes, it isn't enough for me to say that it's OK to have a big festival with a whole bunch of people gathering together."

The Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events has so far only canceled events through May 15. That

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EVAN VUCCI/AP

President Donald Trump says he expects the U.S. economy to bounce back strongly after the coronavirus outbreak.

Rebound unlikely to be 'like a rocket'

Economic gains will not match speed of collapse, experts say

BY JOSH BOAK
Associated Press

BALTIMORE — President Donald Trump has been telling voters that the U.S. economy will leap back to life "like a rocket," stronger than ever after its bout with the coronavirus.

But there is a reason economics is called the "dismal science."

There are emerging signs that any recovery will fail to match the speed and severity of the economic collapse that occurred in just a few weeks.

"Anyone who assumes we're going to get a sharp snapback in activity isn't thinking about how consumers are going to feel. They're going to be very cautious," said Nariman Behravesh, chief economist at IHS Markit. "Households and businesses have seen their finances deteriorate. People are buying groceries on their credit cards."

To understand the consequences of a sudden negative shock on the economy, Behravesh studied how many people returned to flying after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

"It took 2½ years for airline passenger traffic to go back to previous levels," he said.

No longer able to campaign

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A staff member works in the room of a patient with COVID-19 in the intensive care unit at Rush University Medical Center.

The center of the storm

Preparations that began nearly two decades ago put Chicago on the front lines of the region's fight against a pandemic.

Rush University Medical Center was built for a moment like this.

BY STACY ST. CLAIR

Dr. Yanina Purim-Shem-Tov shoulders a lot as she helps lead the emergency department at Rush University Medical Center amid the coronavirus crisis.

The grueling 70-hour workweeks. An ever-evolving understanding of COVID-19. Her husband moving into the guest room to reduce the chance of a possible transmission.

Purim-Shem-Tov accepts it all with an unflustered shrug, confident in the knowledge that her department — the entire hospital, really — was built for this exact moment.

"Things are calm here because all these little pieces are in place."

— Dr. Mark Yoder, medical director of Rush University Medical Center's intensive care unit

"If I seem calm, it's because we are ready," she said. "Everybody has their own anxiety level, absolutely. But here at Rush, we are extremely prepared."

With the number of coronavirus cases predicted to peak in Chicago as soon as Saturday, Rush will serve as the city's bellwether hospital. If Rush reaches capacity during the surge, it will be an indication of trouble.

"There are other hospitals across the city that have been able

to step up in this time of need and assist in caring for the sickest patients," said Suzet McKinney, CEO and executive director of the Illinois Medical District and a former deputy commissioner at the Chicago Department of Public Health. "But if Rush becomes overwhelmed, it's a bad sign. If Rush is overwhelmed, so are many, many other places not just in the city, but in the state."

Preparations began nearly two decades ago, after the 9/11 attacks led hospitals and first responders to rethink the definition of a mass casualty. While Chicago had Level-1 trauma centers to handle gun

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Standoff over aid: Senate Dems stall Trump's request for \$250 billion to supplement a "paycheck protection" program, demanding protections for minority-owned businesses and money for health care providers, governments.

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Neighbors rally to handyman locked up in Cook County Jail

Chicago man held on bond as threat of coronavirus spreads

BY ANNIE SWEENEY

Peter Baumgartner's tool belt hangs exactly where he left it more than a month ago.

Nothing in the handyman's tidy work station along the east wall of the garage — not the hanging lawnmower or push broom, the rope or work boots — has been disturbed since the day in late February when he was taken to Cook County Jail.

Like many Chicagoans, Baumgartner's neighbors on their West Rogers Park block have been gripped by news of the

COVID-19 pandemic. They've stood on front lawns together, at a distance, holding candles to support first responders.

But worries over the impact of the deadly virus have hit even closer to home, with one of their neighbors stuck in Cook County Jail on an unusually high bond of \$475,000.



February on an outstanding warrant.

Some of his neighbors were aware that Baumgartner has had struggles with the law. But on their block, they said he is still a gentle giant they also know has worked to overcome issues in his life.

I want to get his court file'

On Wednesday morning, Baumgartner's case was before a judge for the second time since he was picked up on the warrant.

But a lot had changed since

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STACEY WESCHOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Honoring Chicago's first responder

Chicago police Officer Marco DiFranco, 50, died April 2 from complications of COVID-19, making him the first Chicago police officer to lose his life to the coronavirus. Dozens of squad cars from numerous police departments filled the street outside the funeral home where he was remembered Thursday, despite people not being allowed to exit their cars to pay their respects. **Chicagoland, Page 4**

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"Prisoner of Her Past" The 10th annual broadcast of "Prisoner of Her Past" will feature Tribune arts critic Howard Reich's mother Sonia Reich, who is in a nursing home and cannot see her son. The documentary will honor the Holocaust Remembrance Day as well as how much has changed in the past month, seeing as how the film's director Gordon Quinn has been hospitalized with COVID-19. In 1939, Sonia Reich lived in Dubno, Poland, near the border of Ukraine. In September of that year, as Hitler and Stalin agreed to divide Poland between them, German soldiers invaded from the west and Soviet troops from the east. Russian officers moved into the home of Reich's family, pushing everyone into a single room in back, facing the outhouse in the yard. The film talks about her experience during World War II and how it affects her and her son's life today, especially during this hard time and her 89th birthday. "Prisoner of Her Past," produced by Kartemquin Films in association with the Chicago Tribune, will air at 4 p.m. April 19 on WTTW-Ch. 11.

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Milwaukee residents wait in line to vote Tuesday at Riverside University High School.

SCOTT OLSON/GETTY



JOHN KASS

Did Wis. boost Dem hopes for a mail-in US election?

Will Democrats use fear of the coronavirus — and that hot mess of an election in Wisconsin the other day — to push for their ultimate power fantasy, a national mail-in election in November?

Of course. They're doing it now. Human beings leverage fear in the pursuit of power. Republicans do it. Democrats do it. This is part of the natural order of things, just as dogs eat meat.

Remember the wisdom of failed Chicago mayor and now ABC Democratic TV talking head Rahm Emanuel, who said: "You never let a serious crisis go to waste. And what I mean by that it's an opportunity to do things you think you could not do before."

The coronavirus pandemic has given Democrats an opportunity to do what they could not do before. They stuffed the coronavirus relief bill with Nancy Pelosi-approved pork, pushing the cost of the relief package into the trillions of dollars.

And now the Democratic push is on to leverage the next coronavirus aid package, "Phase 4" as it's being called, to force all states into the vote-by-mail camp.

Republicans insist that a mail-in vote would lead to massive vote fraud. They demand both in-person voting and voter ID. Democrats insist the Republicans argument is cynical, and really is about lowering Democratic turnout, while subjecting all of us to death by coronavirus.

The Constitution does not give Americans the "right" to vote by mail. But the danger of a federalized mail-in vote isn't about one side having a higher turnout.

The danger is that elections that are not perceived by all sides to be fair open the door to chaos, threatening the legitimacy of the government.

All politics is tribal, and tribes seek dominance. Ask yourselves, could the nation endure four more years of that?

But then, the left has been railing against the Constitution and the legitimacy of government since President Donald Trump was elected in 2016. Democratic presidential candidates demanded an end to the Electoral College, even as they campaigned in

low-population Midwestern states. These states, like Iowa, would cede all power to the coasts if the Electoral College was abolished.

Isolating the Midwest and South while granting hegemony to the high-population centers of the coasts would trigger the fall of the republic, perhaps cause civil war. But little of that was discussed as Democratic candidates repeatedly heaped scorn on the Electoral College, and the legitimacy of the election, because Trump was its beneficiary in 2016.

Trump, like other Republicans, has raised the prospect of vote fraud with a national mail-in vote. "You'd never have a Republican elected in this country again," the president said.

Much of the media are liberal and support the Democrats. They loathe Trump, and especially his voters. Liberal pundits push mail-in voting as a reasonable response to the coronavirus pandemic.

Democrat and former Vice President Joe Biden — referred to, oddly, as the "apparent" nominee of his party, with Bernie Sanders dropping out — has been pushing mail-in voting repeatedly in national media appearances.

Biden wants the presidential election on Nov. 3, and said he prefers in-person voting. The "Today" show teed it up for him, asking Biden whether the coronavirus would allow "safe" in-person presidential voting.

"We should be thinking now ahead, have all the experts, both political parties and academia laying out what it would take to have voting by mail. ... It depends upon the state of play, but we cannot delay or postpone a constitutionally required election in November," Biden said.

The Republican argument about mail-in voting leading to fraud is predictable. The Democratic response is also predictable.

"With the insanity of Wisconsin, Democrats have the proof they need to make this a mandate for November," Neera Tanden, the president of the left-wing Center for American Progress, was quoted as saying by NBC. She said Democrats need to do whatever they can to ensure vote-by-mail becomes law everywhere as a "fallback" in case the virus limits people from voting in person.

The Wisconsin vote was indeed insane. Wisconsin Republicans saw advantage in holding the vote. Democratic Gov. Tony Evers waffled for weeks, first supporting an election, then trying to stop it at the last minute, and desperately seeking to shove in new election rules without the benefit of legislation. This made a complete shambles of the law, and then conservatives on Wisconsin Supreme Court shot it down. And the U.S. Supreme Court ruled against a federal court extension of time to cast absentee ballots.

Democrats and their pundits pounced on the Republicans — and conservative justices — as monsters who'd risk the lives of voters in a bid for raw power.

But they weren't all that bothered when Illinois Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker pushed a coronavirus primary election on March 17. He'd already closed bars, restaurants and shut down St. Patrick's Day parades.

As the bar owners held last-chance farewell parties before the shutdown, Pritzker condemned them. He knew the virus was deadly. He said bar owners would be responsible for any coronavirus deaths.

And then, the next day, he held his election anyway.

What is the difference, really, between Republicans and Democrats?

It's not virtue. Only children and Twitter trolls seek virtue in politicians. Politicians are human, and humans use any advantage, including fear of a virus, or fear of terrorism, to leverage power.

Our founders understood the truths about tribal factions and human nature. They crafted the Constitution with this in mind. But now, it seems, we conveniently forget.

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She's known as 'the seamstress lady'

Her protective masks are in high demand in her CHA high-rise



MARY SCHMICH

Word recently got around that Jeliner Jordan was making protective masks, and before long her handiwork was in high demand in her senior high-rise.

"Jelly!" people plead. "Jelly, I need one of those masks!"

Jordan doesn't see her neighbors much these days, now that the activity room, popular among the bridge and domino players, is closed and everyone is instructed to self-isolate. Even so, whenever she does chance into someone — on occasional forays downstairs or into the courtyard or around the block — she's likely to hear about those masks.

Jordan is 76 and known as "the seamstress lady" in the Zelda Ormes Apartments, a Near North building run by the Chicago Housing Authority. For years she has offered free alterations to anyone in need. Are your pants too long? Is your zipper broken? Jelly will fix them, as long as your clothes are clean.

Jordan learned the power of sewing as a girl growing up in the South Side neighborhood of Bronzeville, the third of her parents' dozen children. She started out sewing doll clothes made from patterns ordered from the newspaper. When she was 12, her mother said, "It's time for you to make something real," and so she made her first dress. Her father bought her a Singer sewing machine and she made a yellow organza apron.

In high school, she learned how to make hats by molding fabric on hardwood heads. She moved on to reversible coats, eyelet dresses, pleated skirts.

By the age of 19, she was working in a Dr. Scholl's factory that was repurposed during the Vietnam War to make liners for sol-



Jeliner Jordan sews masks for her neighbors Thursday during the coronavirus pandemic.

diers' helmets.

"Gotta get these right," she told herself, sensing that she held the lives of soldiers in her hands.

At one point, she joined a small cadre of African Americans who integrated a garment factory, where she made bras and girdles, hard and fast work. For a while, she worked as a tailor at Robert Hall, a popular clothing store.

Eventually, as Jordan raised three kids, she moved on to work in insurance, a more stable line of work, but wherever life took her, she took her sewing machine.

In her one-bedroom home on the second floor of the Zelda Ormes Apartments, Jordan's machine sits next to a window, behind a divider, not far from the TV where a few weeks ago she

saw a report on the need for protective masks in hospitals.

"I'd like to make masks," she thought, and so it began.

She made a bunch for a nursing home. She made some for herself, her friends, her family. She gave one to a woman in the building who had had a stroke, then made one for a janitor. "I have a big face," he warned and she adjusted the mask pattern to fit him. Demand grew.

At first, she used baby burp cloth — soft flannel with small nap — but when she ran out, and the best material was no longer available, she took to using pre-cut fabric squares.

One early morning, having promised her children she'd stay off the bus and "L", she put on a mask and with a masked friend

walked to Target to buy T-shirts for mask-making, along with hair ties that could substitute for the necessary elastic, which is now hard to find.

Jordan has made 250 masks so far, always sitting at the machine by the window. Sewing is a lonely business, she says, and the window, which looks out at her church, is good company. Sometimes she wakes up at 4 a.m. to sew. She describes the feeling of the work as "joy."

"People need the masks and people love them," she says. "A lot has to do with fellowship. Maybe because I came from a large family I'm just — what is the right word? ... Maybe I'm just a herd or a pack person."

As far as Jordan knows, no one in her building has contracted

COVID-19. One of her cousins, a retired police officer working as a Walmart greeter, got it, but recovered. Just the other day, one of her nephews, who works security at a hospital, tested positive.

That news, she says, made her want to scream, but his calm helped to calm her.

As for herself, she's cautious, but not scared. "I realize anybody could get it," she says. "I just pray if I get it I survive it without a lot of pain. The only thing we can do is follow the known rules and be prayed up."

One of those rules is to wear a mask, and thanks to Jeliner Jordan a lot more people can.

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If you'll need coronavirus mortgage relief, communication is vital

The CARES Act passed last month offers some relief to homeowners struggling to pay their mortgage due to coronavirus impacts. The tricky thing is that, so far, the relief is not one size fits all. So talking to your lender sooner rather than later is imperative.

The CARES Act has so far provided two kinds of mortgage relief: a moratorium on any foreclosures until at least the middle of May, and the option for homeowners suffering income or job loss due to the pandemic to postpone mortgage payments for 6-12 months.

But whether you qualify for this relief, and when you'd need to repay the missed payments, depends on who owns your mortgage. The CARES Act applies to federally backed mortgages, which account for about 70% of U.S. home loans. Meanwhile, non-government loans may offer their own relief terms.

But it's not always obvious which type of loan you

have, as federally backed mortgages can be serviced by a bank. In addition, banks also service loans they own themselves. So the first step is figuring out who actually owns your mortgage.

The second confusing issue is that, so far, uniform rules have not been specified on when homeowners must pay back their postponed payments, which is called forbearance. So while some lenders are willing to tack those payments onto the end of the loan, others are requiring a balloon payment after 90 or 180 days.

Then there is also the wild card of not knowing whether Congress will approve or extend additional mortgage relief. Only passing time will answer that question.

As a result, if you think you may need mortgage relief, it is critical that you call your lender as soon as possible to begin the conversation, with long phone wait times being an additional reason to not delay.

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City expects \$1.5B federal stimulus package

Money to flow to Chicago government, CPS, CTA

BY GREGORY PRATT AND JOHN BYRNE

The city of Chicago and sister agencies will receive roughly \$1.5 billion from the federal stimulus package passed by Congress last month, but it's still too early to say how big of a hole the coronavirus crisis will blow in Chicago's budget or how much time it will take for the economy to recover, Mayor Lori Lightfoot said.

The bulk of the total federal influx includes \$470 million to the city from the Coronavirus Relief Fund, nearly \$800 million dedicated to the CTA and \$205 million for Chicago Public Schools.

O'Hare and Midway airports also will get a split of the \$10 billion the legislation includes for airports across the country. The city currently is in discussions with the Federal Aviation Administration and still doesn't know how much Chicago's airports will receive, but officials said they expect it will be "considerable assistance."

Even as she detailed Chicago's cut of the big federal pie, Lightfoot on Thursday declined to predict a return to normal for

the city's financial streams and public life.

Perhaps worried about residents seeing an economic recovery as an excuse to congregate outside, forcing her to again yell at them from her car window to "break it up," the mayor instead struck a cautious tone.

"The bottom line is, from an economic standpoint, how we recover and how long it takes is going to depend upon what the science and the data tell us about what the cases are," she said. "The other thing that's really top of mind for us is what testing comes online. I know from my perspective as the mayor of Chicago, we're not going to be comfortable kind of coming out of these closures until we have a better sense that we're going to be able to do much larger scale testing than what we have right now. We have to have the confidence as people return to the workplace that they have a level of confidence whether or not they're infected."

Lightfoot said revenues were strong in January and February, and while they're certain to be way down in March and April, the city still doesn't know how bleak things are. She repeatedly referred to a "yin and yang" situation, where some revenue streams are way up.

For example, more people are taking Uber and Lyft rides as they retreat from trains and buses, so ride-share taxes should increase, she said.

"There is a yin and yang to even this dramatic an economic downturn," Lightfoot said. "It's too soon to know what the full weight of the impact is gonna be. Of course there will be an impact. But how we weather that, in part, depends upon what we're able to do in terms of reimbursements for the additional outlays from the COVID response. We're going to aggressively seek every amount of reimbursement that we possibly can. And then of course some of it depends on who is doing well during this. Like groceries, ride-share, some of the other businesses are actually doing, I think, fairly well, given the circumstances."

About 30% of the city's amusement tax is streaming business, Lightfoot said, and it's doing well.

"People are watching a lot of Netflix and Hulu and everything else," Lightfoot said. "Now, it's just 30%, but that's what we have to kind of balance out, all these different revenue streams."

Lightfoot also noted she wants to avoid layoffs and cutting into the city's reserves.

"We want to make sure that we come out

of this experience as strong as possible, and what we don't want to do ... is do something that shrinks government at the expense of — to me, it's kind of penny wise and pound foolish. We're not going to do that, and we're certainly not going to undercut our long-term financial position," she said.

In addition to the big chunks of funding, Chicago also expects to receive \$46.7 million in Community Development Block Grants for senior citizens and the homeless, as well as \$23.7 million in Emergency Solutions Grants for the homeless.

An additional \$1.5 million will go toward housing for people with HIV/AIDS, the city said.

Another \$15 million will go toward addressing unemployment and economic disruption. City officials also expect to receive nearly \$7 million in Department of Justice grants as part of the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program.

The city will also get nearly \$10 million in Centers for Disease Control and Prevention grants for public health emergency preparedness, Lightfoot's administration said.

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E. JASON WAMBSGANS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Officers salute Thursday during a funeral procession for 21-year veteran Chicago police Officer Marco Di Franco at All Saints Catholic Cemetery in Des Plaines.

BY JEREMY GORNER

Lines of dozens of squad cars from numerous police departments filled the street outside a Norridge funeral home Thursday morning where Chicago police Officer Marco DiFranco was remembered.

DiFranco, 50, died April 2 from complications due to COVID-19, making him the first Chicago police officer to lose his life to the coronavirus.

The day after his death, interim Chicago police Superintendent Charlie Beck declared DiFranco's death as being in the line of duty, even though the department hadn't determined how the officer got infected. The on-duty death designation entitled DiFranco to an honors funeral on Thursday from CPD, just as it does for officers slain on the job.

But unlike other honors funerals, officers were not allowed to exit their squad cars to pay their respects to DiFranco at the Cumberland Chapels because of social distancing require-

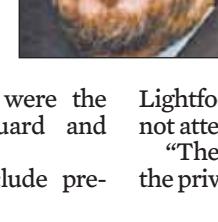
A true honor, despite distance

Funeral for first Chicago cop to die of COVID-19 has procession, but limited by coronavirus rules

ments brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Donning masks to cover their noses and mouths, there were other officers outside the chapel helping with traffic control and other functions related to the services. Among those officers were the Chicago police's honor guard and mounted patrol unit.

Such funerals usually include pre-



pared remarks from the police superintendent, mayor, governor, and friends and family members of the fallen officers. But not in this case.

DiFranco was the first Chicago cop to die in the line of duty since Mayor Lori Lightfoot was elected last year. She did not attend Thursday's services.

"The mayor was not in attendance at the private service at Cumberland Chap-

els, which was for close family members only," said Patrick Mullane, a spokesman for the mayor's office. "Since last week, she has been in close communication with the DiFranco family, whose lives have been forever changed by this terrible loss."

DiFranco was among more than 100 Chicago police officers who have tested positive for the coronavirus since last month.

"The sadness is compounded by our inability to give him the kind of sendoff that is typical for a Chicago police officer whose life is taken in the line of duty," Beck said outside the funeral home, reported by WLS-Ch. 7. "We're doing our absolute best to recognize his sacrifice, to recognize the daily sacrifices of first responders and health care workers during this time of pandemic."

From the funeral home, DiFranco's body was escorted to All Saints Catholic Cemetery in suburban Des Plaines, where only his family and various police officials were allowed.

With virus hitting black community hard, leaders call for relief

BY JOHN BYRNE AND ANTONIA AYRES-BROWN

Black officials stepped up their demands Thursday for Mayor Lori Lightfoot and Gov. J.B. Pritzker to provide rent and mortgage relief and other help for minorities who are getting hit hard by the coronavirus pandemic.

Pointing to recent statistics that show African Americans in Chicago and statewide contracting the virus and dying from it at much higher rates than other ethnic groups, Cook County Commissioner Brandon Johnson, D-Chicago, called on county officials to provide free COVID-19 testing and treatment to at-risk groups such as service workers who have to keep going out to work.

It remains to be seen how many of their aims this coalition can achieve. City and state leaders are trying to triage while responding to the economic and health

fallout from the disease, and broader policy changes such as an end to the state ban on rent control will be difficult to pull off in this climate.

But progressive politicians have continued to push their position that the virus shows the importance of goals they have had for a long time.

"It is becoming increasingly clear that the communities that have suffered through institutional racism and crisis and pandemic for generations have certainly born the brunt of this disease," Johnson said. "But we are very clear that this pandemic has certainly exposed the gross isolation of poverty in the city of Chicago and Cook County, quite frankly the country."

South Side Ald. Jeanette Taylor, 20th, called for the Chicago Housing Authority to fill thousands of empty units, and for the city to stop charging for utilities. "In my community, the majority of the calls have been, 'Listen, I'm not paying my rent, I'm

not going to pay my light and gas, because I need to feed my children,'" Taylor said.

Jawanza Malone, the executive director of the Kenwood-Oakland Community Organization, said Pritzker should invoke emergency powers to lift the state's ban on rent control and cancel rent and mortgage payments statewide.

"Gov. Pritzker needs to immediately call for a rent holiday and mortgage forbearance to provide relief for all the families who are struggling," Malone said. "We are witnessing the chickens coming home to roost. If our elected officials had exercised the political will to address the critical need for affordable housing, we would not be in this precarious situation."

State Rep. Sonya Harper, a Chicago Democrat, said she supported lifting the Illinois ban on rent control, which normally would require an act by the General Assembly. She also urged Pritzker to issue a statewide moratorium on utility shut-offs

for the duration of the COVID-19 crisis and up to six months afterward.

"The same reason we are losing the most deaths to COVID-19 is because we are the only group of people who have barely survived policies that have intentionally kept certain communities down — or from achieving a basic, decent quality of life," Harper said.

Greg Kelley, the president of the SEIU Healthcare union in Illinois, said it is unfortunate that the Illinois General Assembly — which has not convened since early March — cannot immediately address racial inequities.

"We think that waiting will cost lives. We think that the General Assembly has a unique role in this process, and we urge the Assembly, upon getting together, to immediately tackle these issues," Kelley said.

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The Rev. Matt O'Donnell stands Sunday outside St. Columbanus Catholic Church in the Park Manor neighborhood.

Cadre of priests trained to minister to the dying

COVID-19 patients can know they're not alone at end

BY JAVONTE ANDERSON

He had done it hundreds of times, but this time was different.

The Rev. Matt O'Donnell, pastor of St. Columbanus in the Park Manor neighborhood, stepped inside the hospital room to perform last rites on a dying COVID-19 patient. But there was no family — only O'Donnell, the patient and a nurse. The patient was unresponsive.

"I think that for individuals and families, it really gives the sense of comfort and peace to know in this moment they're not alone," O'Donnell said. "When the anointing of the sick is celebrated, the church is present to that person at that moment."

His clerical attire was covered by a sterile jumpsuit, plastic glasses, a face mask, hair net, shoe coverings and plastic gloves.

But most of the rituals were the same: the sign of the cross, prayer, a scripture reading, the anointing of the oil on the person's forehead and hands, more prayer and a final blessing.

He wasn't in the patient's room long. He estimates five minutes.

That was a Wednesday in the middle of March. One day earlier, he just learned he'd been assigned to an archdiocese response team designated to minister to COVID-19 patients who are in imminent danger of death.

As the medical crisis deepened, religious leaders were devising ways to attend to those facing death. To ensure priests can minister to the sick and dying, the archdiocese created the 24-man response team.

"I think it is Cardinal (Blase) Cupich's commitment to making sure that

to people who are in a very vulnerable state of their life that they can be shown that they are not alone," O'Donnell said.

Ordinarily, family members would contact their local parish to have what's often known as last rites performed. Now, when a local parish is contacted, the parish must then notify the archdiocese. And from there, a priest from the team will be sent to carry out the sacrament, formally called the anointing of the sick.

When trying to put together the group two weeks ago, the archdiocese

asked priests who were

under age 60 with no

chronic illness to volunteer.

The archdiocese, in consultation with medical professionals, gave the priests a 2 1/2 hour training

on the proper protocols

and supplied them with

protective equipment.

"We're going to be the

first responders on the

spiritual side for Catholics

in Cook and Lake county,"

said the Rev. Manuel Dorantes, the 36-year-old past

or at St. Mary of the Lake

in Buena Park. "Whatever

happens, it's going to be

the 24 of us on the front

lines."

But performing the

anointing of the sick is

especially hard now, when

many hospitals have

banned visitors.

Loyola University Medical Center's current visitor policy prohibits outside visitors, including clergy, according to Loyola spokesman Chris Vicki. Loyola does, however, have an internal team of chaplains for patients and staff at Loyola, Gottlieb Memorial Hospital and MacNeal Hospital.

Northwestern Memorial Hospital has encouraged outside clergy to contact patients by phone or video, said Mark Bradley, manager of pastoral services at Northwestern.

But the hospital has

made "compassionate exceptions," he said, including family members asking for the "Catholic anointing of the sick" for their loved ones.

"We have facilitated many of those in the last few weeks," Bradley said.

"In our Catholic tradition, to have the last rites is a privilege and a deep desire for a person to make their peace with God before they meet God," said Auxiliary Bishop Joseph Perry of the archdiocese.

Perry said there are some drawbacks for priests who end up having to speak to patients on the phone.

"We do believe the sacrament is very, very, very important when a person is dying, and they have a right to it," he said. "But this particular virus is no respecter of religion, that's for sure. It's just a huge nightmare."

Other faiths with rituals

or sacraments performed

when someone is dying

also are dealing with similar strictures.

In Judaism, there is a

series of prayers that are

commonly recited before

someone dies, said Rabbi Baruch Epstein with Lubavitch Chabad of Illinois.

It is tradition to recite

Viduy prayers, which are a

form of confessional, and

to recite Scriptures that

are a declaration of faith.

The Greek Orthodox

Metropolis of Chicago has

not created a designated

response team, but issued

directives to its 58 parishes

on how pastors should

handle visitations. Pastoral

visits could only be per-

formed for end-of-life cir-

cumstances, according to a

metropolis spokesman.

But with many hospitals

banning visitors alto-

gether, some clergy are

forced to perform the end

of life rituals virtually.

Two weeks ago, the Rev.

Theodore Poteres, pastor

of Sts. Constantine and

Helen Greek Orthodox

"It was difficult for me, I never had to do anything like that before."

— The Rev. Theodore Poteres

Cathedral in Merrillville, Indiana, received a call that one of his parishioners, a woman in her 80s, tested positive for COVID-19 and was likely to die.

As the woman lay in bed on a ventilator, a nurse placed a phone to her ear as Poteres said a prayer.

Within minutes of the prayer, the woman was taken off the ventilator and died, Poteres said.

"It was difficult for me, I never had to do anything like that before," Poteres said. "But we were still able to bring the love of the church to the patient and the family."

When the 33-year-old O'Donnell first received the call to minister to a dying COVID-19 patient at the University of Chicago Medical Center, he was shocked.

"It just made it more real. It's not just something I was reading about in the news, but something I was experiencing for myself," he said.

O'Donnell said he understands the risk of ministering to COVID-19 patients, but that the faithful need priests more than ever.

"I think that the risk has been explained to us, but all of us realize this is what our priesthood is meant to be about," he said. "It's to bring Christ to people and to bring a sense of hope to people might otherwise be in a place of despair."

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REFRIGERATION TRAILERS SIT OUTSIDE THE COOK COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE MONDAY IN CHICAGO.

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Refrigeration trailers sit outside the Cook County medical examiner's office Monday in Chicago.

whelmed.

"We are paying special attention to the southern portion of Cook County, an area that is traditionally disproportionately impacted during crises," said William Barnes, executive director of the county's Emergency Management and Regional Security Department.

Dr. Ponni Arunkumar, the county's chief medical examiner, told the Tribune last week that she was looking to set up a surge center, both to handle any spike in cases but also to better accommodate fam-

ilies visiting the morgue.

"We are the last physicians these individuals will ever have, and we take that responsibility very seriously," she said Thursday. "We treat these patients with dignity and respect."

We treat them the way we would want our loved ones to be treated."

As of Wednesday, more than 10,000 people have tested positive for the coronavirus in Cook County and at least 323 have died.

Illinois coronavirus tracker

Data from Illinois Department of Public Health and Chicago Tribune reporting as of April 9.

Total reported cases:	Total deaths:	Total tested:	% of Ill. residents tested:
16,422	528	80,857	0.64%

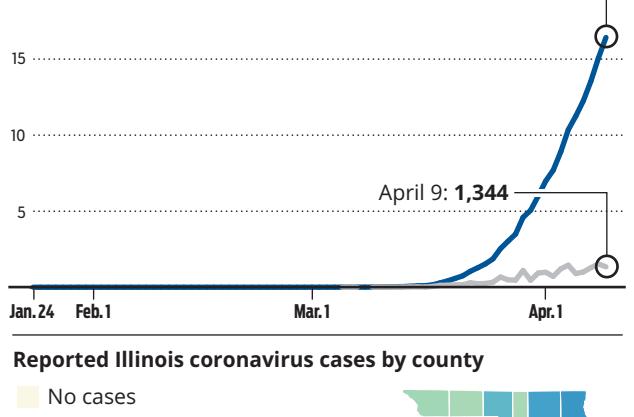
Reported coronavirus cases and deaths

Geography (Population)	Number positive tests	Rate per 100,000 residents	Deaths
Chicago (2.7M)	6,648	245.7	198
Suburban Cook (2.5M)	4,767	192.6	153
Lake (700,832)	1,124	160.4	27
DuPage (928,589)	1,010	145.9	36
Will (692,310)	943	101.6	46
Kane (534,216)	318	59.5	20
McHenry (308,570)	198	64.2	5
Kendall (127,915)	86	67.2	2

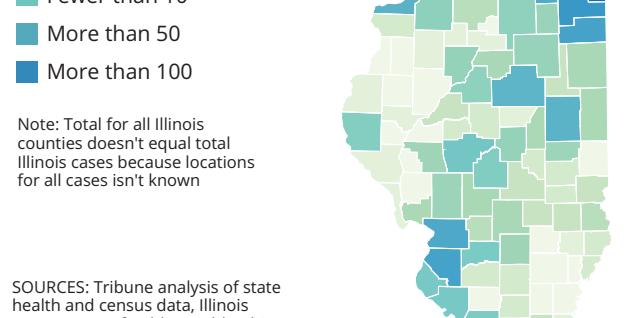
Note: 2018 population figures

Reported Illinois coronavirus cases:

Daily vs. cumulative cases



Reported Illinois coronavirus cases by county



SOURCES: Tribune analysis of state health and census data, Illinois Department of Public Health, Chicago Tribune reporting

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Festivals

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but if we are improving here in the state, it is because people are staying at home," Pritzker said.

The statewide stay-at-home order remains in effect through April 30, and officials have cautioned that additional restrictions will need to remain in place beyond that point to prevent cases from spiking again.

Pritzker's stay-at-home order took effect March 21, and it has already been extended once. Pritzker said he doesn't expect he'll lift the order any earlier, and restrictions are likely to continue beyond the end of the month.

"It isn't going to be that all of a sudden you're going to drop the stay-at-home and every other restriction," Pritzker said. "If you do that, we're going to see a big spike upward and once again hospitalizations, ICU beds filled, beds filled and more deaths."

With the new coronavirus hitting Chicago's black community disproportionately hard, Pritzker said there's a plan to establish a drive-thru testing site in an area of the south suburbs that is largely African American.

"We're looking at other sites," Pritzker said. "And the placement of testing sites is directly related to who's getting tested, of course. So we wanted to make sure that we spread out those five-minute tests, or five- to 15-minute tests, into communities where we know we have significant issues, like the African American community."</p

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Rush

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violence, burn victims and car accidents, the city seemed less equipped to deal with bioterrorism or a pandemic.

In 2012, Rush filled the void with a distinctive butterfly-shaped building along the Eisenhower Expressway. Every room at the groundbreaking hospital can be outfitted with an ICU bed, and even the soaring Brennan Pavilion was designed to become a low-grade emergency department if needed.

That forethought has landed Rush on the front lines of the region's fight against the coronavirus. According to the hospital, its intensive care unit has roughly 25% of all COVID-19 patients on ventilators statewide. And 1 of every 20 people hospitalized because of the virus in Illinois is being treated there.

Many of the patients have been transferred to Rush from local hospitals that didn't have the ability to care for them, said Dr. Paul Casey, the hospital's acting chief medical officer. Some of those hospitals sent ventilators along with their patients to help Rush cope with the onslaught.

"We have been pretty aggressive in making sure we're there to support those hospitals and those patients," Casey said. "So we are seeing a lot of people in our critical care area."

On Tuesday, the medical center allowed a Tribune reporter and photographer inside its emergency department and intensive care units. The latter has expanded by 50% as the number of COVID-19 cases statewide has climbed to more than 15,000.

Unlike the chaotic scenes playing out in images from hospitals in New York and Italy, the Rush corridors were calm and the staff seemingly calmer. Neither visitors nor staff are allowed to congregate, so some parts of the medical center have a quiet, empty feel that belies the sense of urgency with which everyone works.

Still, the fight against the virus is evident. The 14-story building smells of newly wiped countertops and hand sanitizer. Most employees move about with extraordinarily dry-looking hands, as if testifying to the incompatibility of constant hand-washing and Chicago's chilly spring weather.

Anyone who comes into the medical complex first must have their temperature taken and grab a surgical mask. Those with fevers — including employees — are not allowed to enter. Staff members showing signs of illness are placed on paid furlough until their conditions improve, Rush spokesman Tobin Klinger said.

He declined to confirm how many employees have been diagnosed with the coronavirus. Purim-Shem-Tov said "a couple" emergency department nurses have contracted the virus, but no attending physicians have tested positive thus far.

Doctors and nurses interviewed by the Tribune expressed satisfaction with the level of personal protective equipment available, though, in some cases, they aren't wearing brands they're accustomed to because of national shortages. The hospital has stocked its inventory in keeping with a predictive modeling tool that weds data about the virus's spread with the staff's PPE burn rate.

"Things are calm here because all these little pieces are in place," said Dr. Mark Yoder, medical director of the hospital's medical intensive care unit. "We see how it works and it's working well."

The hospital had its first COVID-19 patient test positive March 4, but it was already prepared for such an eventuality. Rush was among the first Chicago hospitals to designate beds for infected patients and among the first to envision the surge and plan accordingly, said Dr. Allison Arwady, commissioner of the Chicago Public Health Department.

"They don't just do it for their hospital, they make that knowledge widely available for some of the smaller hospitals that need to be thinking about surge," said Arwady, whose office speaks with Rush and other area hospitals each day. "They're excellent partners for us."

Rush's COVID-19 response is overseen by a command center, a group of roughly 90 people from the hospital's various departments. Twice a day, there are hourlong video conferences in which the group goes over the current coronavirus caseload, shares the latest research and reviews the Chicago area's projected infection rates, among other things.

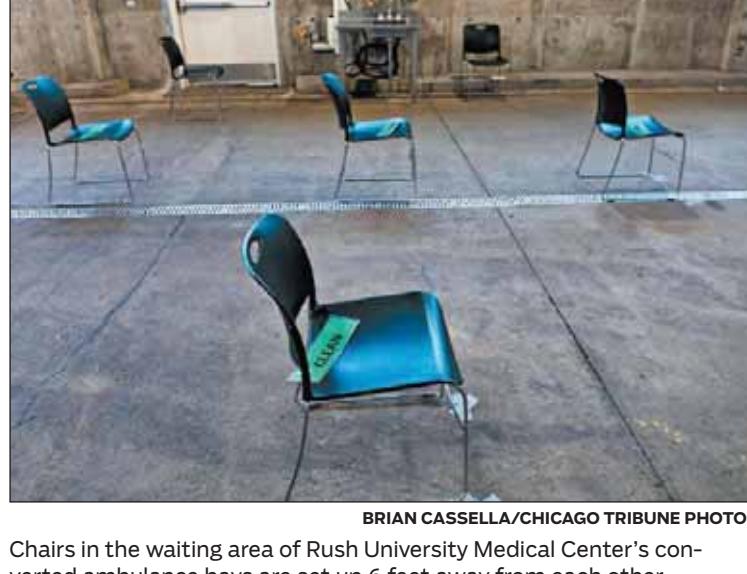
The sessions — part medical symposium, part brainstorming session — began in February, a week before the medical center had its first patient test positive. As employees sit in conference



Dr. Srini V. Mukundan, right, reviews patient information with other medical staff in the intensive care unit at Rush University Medical Center.



Medical staff talk with an incoming patient at the triage center for suspected coronavirus patients.



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS
Chairs in the waiting area of Rush University Medical Center's converted ambulance bays are set up 6 feet away from each other.

rooms scattered throughout the sprawling hospital complex to maintain social distancing, Rush officials repeatedly ask what they should be doing today, tomorrow and into the foreseeable future.

The answer, so far, has been a lot.

During the past three weeks, the medical center has refashioned its ambulance bay into a triage center for suspected coronavirus patients and shifted floor plans to turn the neonatal intensive care and endoscopy units into ICU rooms for COVID-19 patients. Under normal circumstances, the planning, construction and consensus-building for these projects would take years to complete.

Rush got them done in three weeks.

"We say that we're built for this (pandemic) from the facilities standpoint, but we're also built for it from a team standpoint," Casey said. "Everyone is willing to stand up to the challenge and do what needs to be done."

One of the biggest transformations has been in the emergency department, where patients enter through a specified door and are required to put on a surgical mask before approaching the front desk.

Inside the ambulance bay, chairs are set up 6 feet away from each other with signs that say "clean" on the seats to indicate they've been sanitized since the last person sat there. Patients are called one-by-one into private screening areas or tents, where they go through a routine examination that includes their medical history and a check of vital signs.

Those deemed healthy enough

to go home are ushered out through a side door with a recommendation to self-quarantine for 14 days. Those who need further care, typically people with difficulty breathing or oxygen rates lower than 95%, are taken out a different door. They exit onto a sidewalk covered with scaffolding and sheeting to protect the public from any droplets the patient may release.

A few yards away is Pod C, a section of the emergency department dedicated solely to possible COVID-19 cases. The spartan rooms are stripped of the typical carts and large medical equipment so the area can be cleaned more easily between patients.

Like the ambulance bay, the entire pod is a negative-pressure area where the ventilation system prevents airborne viruses from drifting to other parts of the medical center. In yet another example of prescience, the system was designed to prevent a deadly contagion from spreading inside the hospital's walls.

On Tuesday morning, six of the pod's 21 beds were occupied by patients suspected of contracting the virus. Each room has a sign on the door declaring PUI — Patient Under Investigation.

Purim-Shem-Tov, vice chair of the emergency department, said fewer people are coming in now, but the ones who do are much sicker. At the beginning of the pandemic, the emergency department typically admitted 1% of patients for critical care. Now the admission rate is about 30%.

In anticipation of more cases as the virus hits its predicted peak in Illinois, Rush turned its pavilion into a low-grade emergency room where patients with minor injuries such as ankle sprains and broken fingers can be sent. About

two dozen individual recliners walled off by privacy screens already have been set up, though the hospital has not needed to use the area yet.

As part of the building's architectural design by the Chicago office of Perkins and Will, medical gases and electrical access lines were built into the pavilion's support columns and hidden so the casual observer wouldn't notice.

Ten floors above, nurses in the ever-expanding intensive care units move quietly from room to room amid the syncopated rhythms of medical monitors. Dressed in face shields, surgical masks, gloves and surgical smocks, they check vital signs and relay telephone messages from family members. If the patients are well enough, the nurses often help them use FaceTime to the connect with friends and relatives.

The doors are supposed to be opened as little as possible, so doctors routinely check on their patients through windows if they don't absolutely need to go inside.

When they're not inside a patient's room, employees still must wear surgical masks, a medical center directive that makes the quiet conversations among hospital staff sound even more muted.

With the ICU admission rate outpacing its discharge rate, Rush continues to expand its critical care unit. Doctors from across the hospital — surgeons, nephrologists, anesthesiologists and residents of all specialties — have volunteered to help. The hospital has a finite number of ICU-qualified nurses, so officials are looking at ways to accommodate expansion without sacrificing critical nursing care.

The building's total critical care bed capacity on the top five floors is 304, with additional capacity elsewhere in the hospital based on surge plans. There are two critical care units on the 10th floor, with a combined 55 beds.

The unit the Tribune visited had 28 beds, all designated for COVID-19 cases. On a normal day, about 30% of ICU patients at Rush require ventilators. On Tuesday, that number was around 80%.

If Chicago reaches the point where it needs to open the 3,000-bed field hospital at McCormick Place, the convention center could provide Rush some relief by accepting its low-risk patients. It will not, however, ease the demand for critical care at the West Side hospital.

Once patients are placed on ventilators, they typically remain on them for a week or two, creating a slow turnover time for the life-sustaining machines. With about 30 ventilators still in reserve



Marks from protective goggles can be seen on nurse Amanda Chow's face.

as of earlier this week, Rush doctors said they felt confident about their ability to weather the predicted peak.

"We're not unaccustomed to running 28 patients in a unit. That's normal," Yoder said. "It's just that the patients are all, across the board, really sick. I think that's what's wearing on people."

Throughout the hospital, there are signs of the pandemic's emotional toll on the staff. Mental health workers walk through the various departments checking on employees, while wellness rooms in the ICU and emergency departments have essential oils and endless meals donated by restaurants in the Medical District and Little Italy neighborhoods.

A coffee shop in suburban Glenview brought pastries and coffee for doctors and nurses one day too. And handmade signs in front of the employee parking garage offer words of gratitude such as: "Not all heroes wear capes" and "We stay home for you."

"Everyone who shows up right now, in a sense, is putting themselves on the front line and in danger," Purim-Shem-Tov said. "We signed up for this, of course, but it's nice to know people appreciate it."

The employees practice self-care, as well. Yoder exercises, Purim-Shem-Tov binge-watched "Tiger King" on Netflix with her kids. At least one intensive care unit begins each day with group prayer or inspirational reading.

"We can't do much outside of work, so I think it's hard to really find that inner peace," Yoder said. "But people are doing what they can."

Karol Cordon can handle a lot that comes as a nurse at Rush these days.

The 12-hour shifts in the intensive care unit. The constant threat of infection. The meticulous decontamination process she goes through every night just so she can hug her three kids.

What tests her resolve is the way most of her patients with COVID-19 are dying — suddenly, and without family beside them.

Visitors are barred from the medical center during the pandemic. If they have enough time to get to there after a patient takes a turn for the worse, they can only watch helplessly from the other side of an ICU room door as those final breaths are taken. More often, though, patients go into cardiopulmonary arrest before relatives can even be called.

And so it falls to nurses like Cordon to comfort patients in their final moments, to hold their hands and relay messages of love that family members have asked to be delivered.

"We try to have a moment of silence for everyone," Condon said. "But it's hard. It's the hardest part about this whole thing."

Even at a hospital built specifically for this moment, the coronavirus can still be devastating.

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Frank Jeffers, right, and neighbor Mike Kneafsey talk about Peter Baumgartner outside Jeffers' home on April 2 in Chicago.

Jail

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February. The Cook County court system is now on a near-shutdown. Two "duty courtrooms" at the county's main criminal courthouse are open to hear cases on an emergency basis.

Baumgartner was not even in the courtroom, as jail detainees are no longer being brought to the courthouse. Instead, his public defender waived his presence and asked that the bond be reduced.

Judge Angela Petrone, the duty judge who that day was handling cases from more than a dozen other judges' court calls, immediately asked for time to catch up.

"I want to get his court file," she said. "I am not operating in the dark. I see there is such a history here."

A court employee volunteered to go get the paperwork.

Suddenly at risk

Cook County Jail under any circumstance is the wrong place for Baumgartner, his neighbors said. And as the pandemic ripped through the jail and forced a delay in many court hearings, they became desperate to get him out.

"One of our neighbors is presently in the Cook County Jail," read an email sent late last week to the Tribune by someone in the area who knew the situation. "He is not a threat to anyone. He is a handyman and has done work for some neighbors including myself. A number of our neighbors are concerned. Can you help?"

Since that email arrived, an inmate at the jail has died after contracting the virus. And attorneys have filed a federal lawsuit to try and expedite releases from a facility that now ranks among the U.S. locations with the highest number of known COVID-19 cases.

The Tribune reached out to the Cook County public defender's office, which is representing Baumgartner, on April 1. The office has refused to comment, but a day later, filed a motion for an immediate hearing to reconsider Baumgartner's bond, calling the current amount "oppressive."

"His friends are concerned about his health and safety in the jail," the motion reads.

Baumgartner went into the jail just as the coronavirus was taking hold.

It presents a distinctly dangerous threat behind bars. Social distancing is not possible and sanitary conditions are often lacking.

In response, Cook County officials in mid-March launched a concerted, if at times rocky, effort to expedite releases, targeting low-level, non-violent offenders for hearings to reconsider bail. The jail population has fallen to its lowest level in recent memory, at 4,567.

But Baumgartner, though not accused of a violent crime, had an enormously high bail, likely reflective of his history of skipping multiple court dates and repeatedly defying orders from Judge Thaddeus Wilson.

Lost in the system'

Neighbors on the block have maintained contact with Baumgartner by phone. And they said they've called his public defender for updates.

On one call to neighbor Maggie Speer, Baumgartner asked if she could ask his attorney to move up his court date. He didn't seem to understand that the courts were all but shut down.

"He is lost in the system," Speer said.

So Speer did what she could. She went down twice to put cash into his commissary account.

When Baumgartner's landlord Frank Jeffers spoke with him April 3, Baumgart-



Peter Baumgartner's workspace is still as he left it a month ago in Frank Jeffers' garage.

ner told him he had talked to a social worker in the jail. But he was still uncertain about what would happen.

"He is," Jeffers said, his voice trailing off, "it's like, almost helpless."

Baumgartner has become a beloved presence on the block, where he lives in a basement room of Jeffers' home and is often hired by neighbors for odd jobs.

"See there, he did the painting," Jeffers said from his front steps recently, gesturing to his next door neighbor's house and then to his own garden. "And here, he planted for me. Painted the eaves."

Jeffers said Baumgartner quickly folded into the fabric of the close-knit neighborhood.

"They love him," Jeffers said. "He does terrific work. He is always friendly. He is like a light in the neighborhood."

Jeffers, 66, knew Baumgartner and his family from growing up in the neighborhood.

While Jeffers stayed — he lives in a home that his grandfather lived in — Baumgartner moved away for several years, Jeffers said.

Their paths crossed about three years ago when Baumgartner walked into a social service agency where Jeffers was working to seek assistance, Jeffers said.

Soon after, Baumgartner was looking for an apartment, and Jeffers offered him a room in his basement, just off a sweeping backyard.

Baumgartner planted hydrangeas and gardenias there, a huge space where Jeffers hosts neighborhood parties.

Jeffers showed the Tribune a corner of the property where Baumgartner built a fire pit and a place to sit, just outside the car garage where his work space is.

Mike Kneafsey, a neighbor across the street who met Baumgartner at one of Jeffers' parties, stood nearby in the yard, saying he was hoping something could be done to help the handyman, who is known for his generosity.

"He shouldn't be there," said Kneafsey, 83, who had written to the Tribune. "No matter what happened."

A judge hears the case

After Judge Petrone finished the rest of her call Wednesday, she returned to Baumgartner's file.

Sitting on the bench wearing a mask, she read through the papers as the public defender and assistant state's attorneys

"They love him. He does terrific work. He is always friendly. He is like a light in the neighborhood."

— Frank Jeffers, Peter Baumgartner's landlord

waited. They wore masks as well and sat at opposite sides of the courtroom, more than 6 feet apart.

Already there had been a few other attorneys seeking COVID-related relief on behalf of detained clients. One represented a 24-year-old who had allegedly stabbed someone in the back with a sushi knife. That request was denied.

After a few minutes, Petrone looked up.

"OK, counsel, you may begin," she said.

Baumgartner's public defender asked Petrone to release him on his own recognizance, pointing out that Baumgartner is being held on a nonviolent charge and has some mental health concerns. He told the judge about Baumgartner's strong support network.

The prosecutor objected, pointing to the eight times Baumgartner had failed to appear in court, and also adding Judge Wilson, who set the bond, had previously indicated he would be sentencing Baumgartner to prison.

Baumgartner's public defender, Juan Ponce de Leon, pleaded for mercy, citing the coronavirus.

"Right now I don't think is the time to be held in the Department of Corrections, county or IDOC," Ponce de Leon said. "Until this whole mess gets straightened out."

A host of setbacks

Jeffers said Baumgartner has worked in the past as a painter and construction worker.

But he said he has also suffered setbacks in life. It's a history confirmed in public court records showing that Wilson ordered alcohol and drug evaluations.

Jeffers and other neighbors also said Baumgartner sometimes experiences bouts of anxiety. They are convinced, in fact, he had a panic attack before he ran out of court.

According to a Tribune review of court

records, Baumgartner has a criminal history that includes numerous nonviolent offenses, including felony forgery convictions, and misdemeanor drug possession and fraud charges.

In 2017, he pleaded guilty to a felony charge of trying to evade a drug test.

What followed, according to the public record, are numerous failures by him to report to probation as required by the court or to pay fines. There is at least one missed court date and one time when Baumgartner was in court but walked out before the case was called.

When he appeared in court on Feb. 26 after his arrest on what Jeffers said was a traffic violation, Wilson set the cash bail amount at a stunning \$475,000.

Jeffers said he attended the February hearing and listened in shock as Wilson strongly chastised Baumgartner. Jeffers said attorneys assigned to the case tried to speak, telling the judge that Jeffers was there on Baumgartner's behalf. But Wilson was not persuaded.

Baumgartner's next date was set for March 17, but it was the first day of the court shutdown. So the case was automatically continued until April 21.

That was, until his public defender filed a motion last week and got a hearing moved up to Wednesday. Neither Judge Wilson nor Baumgartner himself could be reached for comment on this story.

The judge makes her choice

Before issuing her decision, Petrone acknowledged that what had brought Baumgartner's plight before her Wednesday was "not the worst case."

"But it is a class 4 felony," she said. "Because of that I am not going to disturb the bond," she said. "There has been a repeated history of non-compliance and failure to come to court. I am not going to touch what Judge Wilson has done."

The case was continued to May 20.

None of Baumgartner's neighbors opted to come to court for the hearing amid the pandemic.

When reached afterward, Jeffers was stunned. He knew that Baumgartner had defied the judge and that he might be heading back to prison because of it, he said, but to hold him now was not safe.

"I think it is putting his life in danger," Jeffers said. "If he had committed murder, to hell with COVID. But he didn't."

CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Advocates for immigrants again press for halting detention

Call hearings 'reckless and dangerous' during pandemic

BY ELVIA MALAGÓN

Carlos Yáñez has kept up with the news of the coronavirus pandemic from his two-person cell at the McHenry County Jail, where he is federal custody awaiting deportation.

The 20-year-old doesn't know how he'll keep his space sanitized in such tight quarters, he said recently on a webinar organized by an immigration rights group.

"They don't offer hand sanitizer and we can't buy it," Yáñez said in the webinar, put together by Chicago-based Organized Communities Against Deportations.

Immigration advocates have been pushing U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to halt the detention of immigrants not living in the country legally and to release those in

custody during the outbreak. In the Chicago area, the federal agency contracts with some local jails to house those facing deportation.

On Tuesday, ICE released a statement saying the agency was reviewing cases of people in custody who could be vulnerable to COVID-19.

"Utilizing CDC guidance along with the advice of medical professionals, ICE may place individuals in a number of alternatives to detention options. Decisions to release individuals in ICE custody occur every day on a case-by-case basis," ICE said in the statement.

The agency had identified 600 people in custody who could be considered vulnerable to contracting the coronavirus. By the end of March, the agency had released more than 160 people

who fit that category, according to the statement.

As of Wednesday, there had been 32 confirmed cases of COVID-19 among people in immigration custody. None of the cases involved people detained in Illinois or Wisconsin, but there was one confirmed case in a county jail in Huron, Michigan, according to the federal agency.

In addition, 11 employees at detention centers have tested positive for COVID-19. Another 63 people employed by ICE in other capacities have also tested positive.

In immigration court, the National Association of Immigration Judges is pressing the U.S. Department of Justice, which oversees these types of courts, to close. Citing examples of attorneys and staff who have tested positive for



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A U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement detainee makes a phone call at the Kankakee County Jail in 2019.

COVID-19, the association this week continued to push for the courts to close in cities such as Chicago still hearing cases for people in immigration custody.

Judges have also had technical difficulties holding virtual hearings for

those detained, according to the association.

"Keeping courts open at this time is reckless and dangerous," said Ashley Tabaddor, a U.S. immigration judge and the association's president in a statement.

"Not having function-

ing modern technology so we can conduct remote hearings is simply embarrassing. Public and private organizations all over the world are adapting rapidly to remove work. What's wrong at the U.S. Department of Justice?"

Francisco Torres, who is detained at a facility in Wisconsin, told the Chicago-based organization in a phone call that he worries about shared spaces, such as telephones.

"We don't have any gloves, we don't have any masks," Torres said in the webinar. "In fact, not even the officers who are the ones coming in and out of the facility, neither the medical staff or any staff is using masks. Nothing has changed with my pod. We have a communal bathroom that we have to share."

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Jeffrey Baute, father of Alexandria Baute, 27, holds a cellphone image of his daughter outside the Cook County medical examiner's office Wednesday.

'The world has lost a great spirit'

Logan Square woman gunned down while social distancing outside 7-Eleven

BY ROSEMARY SOBOL

A "vibrant" Logan Square woman who "loved the city" was shot dead while waiting in a social-distanced line outside a 7-Eleven on Tuesday night, only blocks from her apartment, her family and police said.

"She was awesome," her tearful father, Jeffrey Baute, said of his only child. "She was vibrant and happy. Full of life, independent and stubborn. She wanted to make people happy and to live life and to be happy."

Shortly after 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Alexandria M. Baute, 27, was outside 7-Eleven at Milwaukee and Fullerton avenues with a friend. As they waited to get inside and buy cigarettes, they watched fireworks that had gone off just west of the store.

The friend stepped away to lock his bike, and when he turned around he saw her crumple to the ground. "He thought she tripped," her father said. "He rolled her over, and she was bleeding out of her mouth."

The man called her mom as paramedics worked on her but he got worried when it seemed to be taking a long time. Then he heard one of the paramedics say: "She's been shot," Jeffrey Baute said. "He didn't even know."

Paramedics tried to resuscitate her and took her to Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center, where she was pronounced dead at 8:45 p.m., according to the Cook County medical examiner's office.

Frantic, Jeffrey Baute's



Jeffrey and Patricia Baute, of St. Charles, parents of Alexandria, talk with a TV crew Wednesday.

ex-wife called him and he rushed to the hospital. "They brought us into the chapel and told us," he said.

Police said someone fired eight rounds a few blocks west of where she was, but it was not clear if it was connected. Detectives were trying to recover surveillance photos from businesses in the area. A motive was not known, and no arrests have been made.

Baute was shot just a few blocks from where she lived in the 2400 block of North Richmond Street. The attack was among eight homicides recorded in Chicago Tuesday, the deadliest violence the city has seen in a single day for nearly two years.

Local community activist Andrew Holmes, who himself lost a daughter to gun violence, was helping the family organize. Baute said a \$6,000 reward was being offered for information that leads to an arrest. He said anyone who knows anything about what happened should contact him at 773-407-9460.

Alexandria Baute worked at a tavern nearby and played bass in a band. "She

loved music," her dad said. She was strong, independent and loved the Logan Square community. She found people who were "like her," he said.

She enjoyed working with the public. "She really appreciated the restaurant industry and dealing with people. She would say, 'Dad, I get to talk to people and I love it!'"

When the coronavirus began gripping the city, she was laid off from her job and went back to the suburbs to be with her dad. "We had a really nice time for two weeks."

But she yearned to get back to her place downtown. "So I bought some food and brought her home. That was a few days ago," Baute said, choking up. "I talked to her every day. We always said good night."

She grew up in the west suburbs, St. Charles and Roselle. After attending Trinity Lutheran elementary school, she graduated from Lake Park High School and began taking classes at Columbia College in the Loop.

"She was into photography and arts and music. She was a little rebel rocker, good spirited," her dad recalled.

Wednesday afternoon, Baute and his ex-wife, Patricia, spoke to reporters outside the medical examiner's office on the Near West Side. Baute, who hadn't slept in nearly a day, said he had not absorbed the finality of her death.

"I know it's going to hit me," he said through tears. "That the sweetest, kindest, nicest daughter that you could have... I'm going to realize that she's gone."

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Guard charged after gun goes off on train

Shot himself and a 16-year-old girl during scuffle at Belmont stop, cops say

BY KATHERINE ROSENBERG-DOUGLAS AND ROSEMARY SOBOL

A 38-year-old security guard and a 16-year-old girl have been charged with felonies after the guard shot himself and the girl during a pre-dawn scuffle at the Belmont Red Line station in the Lakeview neighborhood.

Eric Camp, 38, was charged with two counts of aggravated unlawful use of a weapon, one of which is a felony, according to Chicago police. Camp, of the 8000 block of South Colfax Avenue, was also cited with a city violation, and he is expected to face the allegations Friday during a hearing at the Leighton Criminal Court Building.

The girl, who was not being identified because she is a minor, was charged as a juvenile with two counts of aggravated battery to a transit worker,

robbery and aggravated battery in a public place, police said.

The situation began about 4 a.m. Thursday as Camp and another guard were working on a train and one of them approached the girl because she was causing a disturbance, according to police and a CTA statement. Police spokeswoman Kellie Bartoli said the report was not yet complete, so it wasn't immediately clear what the girl was doing.

"He approached her and a minor physical altercation ensued, which caused the handgun he was carrying inside his pocket to discharge, striking him in the leg and grazing her stomach," according to preliminary information from police about the shooting.

Officers responded when the train was in roughly the 900 block of West Belmont Avenue.

Both the guard and the girl were taken to Illinois Masonic Medical Center, where they were listed in good condition, officials said.

It wasn't clear whether Camp had a concealed carry license. Even with a license, loaded concealed weapons are prohibited on CTA property.

"The actions of these security guards are completely unacceptable — and wholly contrary to their mission to protect customers," the CTA said in its statement.

Digby's Detective & Security Agency said in a statement that two guards, who were working together on the train, "have been removed from their position." A spokeswoman later said they have been placed on leave.

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State police, pastors urge leaders not to hold services for Easter

BY JAVONTE ANDERSON

public worship gathering at this time."

Illinois State Police and a handful of pastors in a Thursday news conference implored religious leaders throughout the state to not hold services over the Easter holiday.

"We realize that this is the holiest week for Christians and Jewish people of faith, and many traditions are being broken at this time," said Bishop Henry Phillips, pastor at Power of Change Christian Church in Cahokia, during the streamed news conference.

Phillips said under the current circumstances, typical religious traditions "have to be broken," and he beseeched religious leaders to "refrain from any

law enforcement storming into church buildings," he said. "That's not what's going to happen here. That's not the way to do this. But if people's lives

are at risk, there are consequences for that down the road if there's appropriate evidence of that."

Thursday's news conference was held with pastors from southwest Illinois. Most religious leaders in Chicago are now holding virtual services and closed the doors to places of worship.

The Rev. Ron Young, pastor of Impact Church in East St. Louis, still urged all pastors to be "considerate" of people's well-being at this time.

"If we are to model Jesus, what I've noticed about Christ is that his most powerful work was done from an empty tomb," he said. "So, our most powerful work must be done from empty pews."



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The Rev. Georges Nicoli celebrates a Holy Thursday Mass on Thursday, livestreamed, with pictures on pews, in the empty Notre Dame De Lourdes church in Corsica, France.

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CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Standoff over new virus aid request

GOP says no to Dems' additions as Pelosi slams 'stunt'

BY ANDREW TAYLOR
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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate twisted itself into knots Thursday over President Donald Trump's new coronavirus aid request, as Democrats refused to rubber stamp his proposal for \$250 billion more to boost small businesses, demanding modifications along with an additional \$250 billion for health care providers and states. Republicans wouldn't go along.

The standoff doesn't end the pursuit of more rescue funds, but it came as the government reported that 6.6 million more people filed for unemployment benefits last week, increasing worries that the economy is sliding toward a severe recession. The small business program at issue is off to a rocky rollout.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell sought to keep Thursday's debate limited to Trump's request and wouldn't accept Democratic additions. Even if the GOP plan had succeeded in the Senate, the Democratic-controlled House is determined to make changes to ensure small businesses in minority communities benefit from the burst of government funding.

Democrats and Republicans agree the aid is urgently needed and talks are sure to continue, but it reinforces that Congress and the White House will need to find bipartisan agreement — especially with lawmakers scattered



Following social distancing, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell speaks with reporters Thursday in Washington.

15% boost in food stamp benefits. They hope this serves as a basis for talks with McConnell going forward.

With Capitol Hill virtually shut down, legislation is most easily passed through unanimous agreement, which is often not an easy task.

Another complication is lone wolf Republican Rep. Thomas Massie of Kentucky, who promises to block efforts to pass such huge legislation through the House without lawmakers present and ready to vote.

The Senate is used to passing legislation by unanimous consent, but the House is more typically driven by the majority party imposing its will.

Pelosi said McConnell's request "simply can't" advance through the Democratic-controlled House under unanimous consent.

The future of the legislation is likely to be largely determined by a small, familiar group of senior Washington hands, including Pelosi, McConnell and Mnuchin, along with Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer.

Vice President Mike Pence convened another day of conference calls with lawmakers and the coronavirus task force, talking separately with Senate Republicans and Democrats, on the crisis and federal response.

The Senate convened for the brief pro-forma session with just four senators present — none in masks — to consider the proposals.

Sen. Roy Blunt, R-Mo., who presided over the brief session, told reporters it is "unlikely" the chamber will reopen April 20 as planned.

in their states and districts and both the House and Senate unable to conduct roll-call votes.

"Nobody thinks this will be the Senate's last word on COVID-19," McConnell said. "Let's continue to work together, with speed and bipartisanship. We will get through this crisis together."

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi declared the Senate vote merely a "stunt" as the country faces an "epic" crisis. She ridiculed the administration for trying to jam a \$250 billion request through Congress with 48 hours notice with little data to back it up.

"Really?" Pelosi said on a conference call with report-

ers.

The stall comes as communities across the nation strain to meet health care needs and salvage local economies pummeled by the crisis.

A new jobless report shows 16.8 million Americans are out of work.

With Congress all but shuttered — and unlikely to return April 20, as planned — lawmakers pledged to keep negotiating with the White House.

McConnell and Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin say the Paycheck Protection Program, which involves direct subsidies to companies to keep employees on payroll and pay company rent, is on track to quickly

deplete its first \$350 billion infusion as businesses rush to apply for the aid.

Democrats are not opposed to boosting the payroll fund, but they want to ensure that the new program delivers benefits to businesses in minority communities that are often under-served by traditional lenders.

"What the secretary requested and the bill that the Senate majority leader brought to the floor would never pass the House," Pelosi said. "It is a basis for some negotiation."

Sen. Chris Van Hollen, D-Md., accused McConnell of trying to ram through legislation and detailed a variety of glitches in the

program, including fears that many big lenders are not serving minority neighborhoods.

Democrats are pressing for half of the White House request, or \$125 billion, to be channeled through community-based financial institutions that serve farmers and family-, women-, minority- and veteran-owned small businesses and nonprofits in rural, tribal, suburban and urban communities.

They circulated a \$500 billion plan that would include the Trump request and add \$100 billion for hospitals and other health care providers and \$150 billion to state and local governments, as well as a

Venezuelan young, rich still partying in pandemic

Positive tests follow reckless bashes on Caribbean island

BY JOSHUA GOODMAN
Associated Press

MIAMI — They whiled away the week on a sex- and drug-fueled romp: dancing on white-sand beaches and frolicking on a Caribbean island with prostitutes from Europe, some snapping selfies with famous reggaeton artists.

But unbeknownst to several children of Venezuela's ruling elite, the coronavirus was spreading among them.

For some of Venezuela's high-flying "Bolichicos" — the privileged offspring of the socialist revolution — the party hasn't stopped amid a widening pandemic in a country already gripped by crisis.

To date, the virus has infected at least 167 people and killed nine in Venezuela.

But the potential is high for the pandemic to overwhelm an already crippled health system, where hospitals lack water, electricity and supplies.

It's not clear how many people got sick last month

on the Los Roques archipelago. But a raucous party that became a cluster of infections has raised concerns at the highest level of the government and drawn condemnation from Venezuelans locked down at home for weeks.

"There was a party, on an island, and practically everyone at the party is testing positive," embattled leader Nicolas Maduro said March 20 on state television.

Three days later, as embarrassing Instagram posts leaked out under the hashtag #CoronavirusParty, he downplayed it.

"Who is going to criticize a party? They didn't know they were sick," said Maduro, who was indicted by the U.S. last month on narcotics charges.

Whether it's crowded Miami beaches during spring break or clandestine raves in Spain and Italy in the pandemic's early days, parties among the young and rich have been tough to tamp down.

In Latin America, the world's most unequal region, jet-setting elites are blamed for importing the virus. In Mexico, for example, nearly 20 people were found to be infected after

returning from a ski trip to Vail, Colorado. But it's the poor — lacking medical care and struggling to hold down informal jobs — who bear the brunt.

In Venezuela, engulfed by food and medicine shortages that have forced 5 million to flee, lavish celebrations are even more vexing.

Such pockets of wealth are also harder to see amid incessant propaganda extolling the hardworking poor.

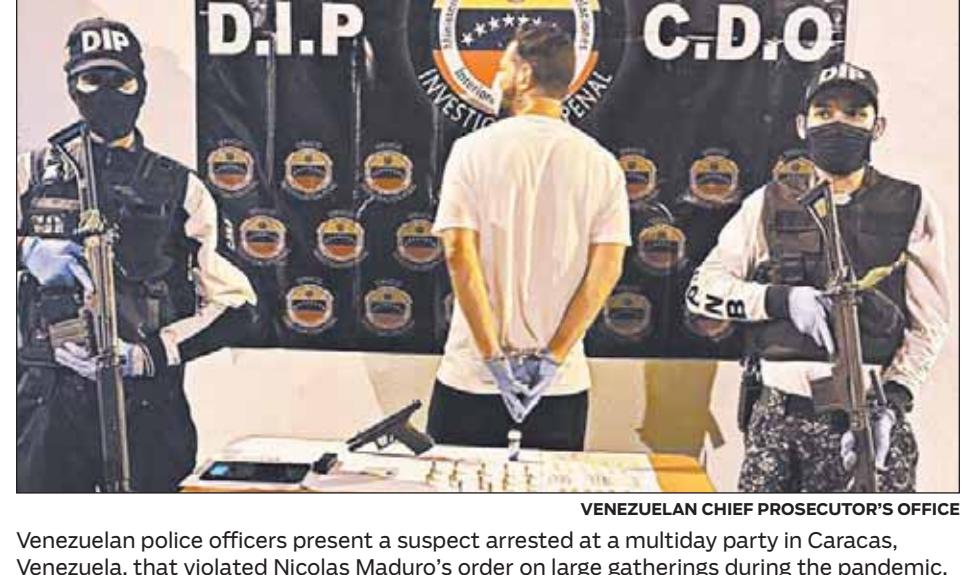
The festivities in Los Roques were organized by several government-connected businessmen, according to two people familiar with the gatherings who spoke on the condition of anonymity for fear of retaliation.

While neither of the two

people who spoke to The Associated Press were at the party, they have attended other gatherings with the same group and are in contact with several of those who went.

Among the young revellers was Jesus Amoroso,

son of Maduro's top anti-corruption official, who has been sanctioned by the U.S. Treasury Department for allegedly undermining Ven-



Venezuelan police officers present a suspect arrested at a multiday party in Caracas, Venezuela, that violated Nicolas Maduro's order on large gatherings during the pandemic.

ezuela's democracy.

The two people said Venezuelan prostitutes from Madrid and London were flown in just before air travel was closed to Spain, one of the nations hit hardest by the pandemic.

In a nation plagued by misery, Los Roques is an oasis for the few who can afford it, including aides and relatives of top officials who travel by private plane to the band of tiny islands.

Parties in the cluster of tiny islands have become more popular, with Miami,

Madrid and New York out of reach after U.S. sanctions cut off access to foreign bank accounts and easy

travel. Among them are Maduro's sons, according to the two people, although none attended the latest gathering.

One of the two people provided a video of the recent soiree, showing bikini-clad women dancing on March 11 at a beachfront home rented from an exiled Venezuelan banker.

"Certainly one of the girls had the virus and nobody knew," a local resident and partygoer said in an audio message leaked on social media. The person, whose authenticity was verified by one of the two people who used to attend the parties, recounted how he and his

girlfriend had to be evacuated with high fevers. He said six people tested positive for the virus.

Last week, police arrested several people who were in Los Roques, including the suspected madam for the upscale prostitutes, after breaking up a multiday party in an upscale Caracas home.

Officers found a handgun, ecstasy pills and eight women belonging to a suspected prostitution ring, according to the police report.

Of the 18 arrested for violating Maduro's ban on large gatherings, two tested positive for the virus, according to police.

General anticipates virus will affect more Navy ships

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Pentagon leaders anticipate that the coronavirus may strike more Navy ships at sea after an outbreak aboard an aircraft carrier in the Pacific infected more than 400 sailors, a top general said Thursday.

Gen. John Hyten, vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said one member of the crew of the USS Theodore Roosevelt

was hospitalized Thursday in intensive care on Guam, where the carrier has been docked for more than a week. He said 416 crew members are now infected and that 1,164 test results are pending.

"It's not a good idea to think that the Teddy Roosevelt is a one-of-a-kind issue," Hyten told a Pentagon news conference. "We have too many ships at sea. To think that it will never happen again is not a good way to plan."

The Navy's top officer,

meanwhile, said the biggest problem is the inability to test enough people quickly, including those aboard the USS Nimitz, the next U.S.-based aircraft carrier due to deploy out to sea.

"The challenge that we have now, is having that type of capability where we can test in volume and at speed," Adm. Mike Gilday said Thursday. "I really don't have a good estimate right now on when that testing capability might be available in the kinds of quantities we would like to

see."

He said sailors on the USS Nimitz, which is in port preparing for a deployment, will have all movement restricted for two weeks before the ship leaves.

One sailor was taken off the Nimitz more than a week ago after showing symptoms, but the test was not conclusive, the Navy said. Hyten suggested a small number of sailors were ill, but the Navy said Thursday that no sailors currently on the carrier

have tested positive for COVID-19 or are showing symptoms.

A retired Navy admiral and former top NATO commander in Europe, James Stavridis, sees trouble ahead.

"Clearly there are more cases to come," Stavridis said via email. "The Navy and all the services have some hard choices ahead in terms of whether to pull units off the line to get them well or accept some level of casualties due to the coronavirus."



Gen. John Hyten, vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Voters' rights up in air during crisis

Wisconsin primary just start of hectic times for elections

BY NICHOLAS RICCIARDI
Associated Press

Wisconsin's chaotic primary may just be the beginning. Both major parties are preparing for a months-long, state-by-state legal fight over how citizens can safely cast their ballots should the coronavirus outbreak persist through November's election.

The outcome of the court battles — expected to litigate mail-in voting rules, voter identification requirements and safe access to polls — may have a significant impact on how many people turn out to vote in hundreds of elections across the country, including the White House race.

It will likely play out in presidential battlegrounds amid an already roiling debate over voting rights and protecting access to the ballot.

"We have already seen more litigation, even before COVID, than ever before in 2020," said Marc Elias, a prominent attorney who represents the Democratic Party on voting issues. "What COVID has done is added fuel to that fire."

Elias said he expects to file lawsuits within the coming weeks against states that Democrats argue haven't taken adequate steps to protect voters and poll workers during the outbreak. The party is pushing steps to make it simpler to request and return mail-in ballots.

Republicans are ready to fight back. President Donald Trump has already tried to portray voting by mail as suspicious and warned that it could lead to so many people voting that "you'd never have a Republican elected in this country again." The Republican National Committee will



People wait near a polling location Tuesday in Milwaukee. Wisconsin previewed the confusion court fights could cause.

spend some of the \$10 million it set aside for presidential-year election-related litigation to fight back against Democratic lawsuits over the virus.

Tuesday's presidential primary in Wisconsin was a preview of confusion the court fights can cause. After Democratic Gov. Tony Evers tried to delay the election at the last minute, a court initially postponed and tweaked the rules for the contest, only to have the U.S. Supreme Court on Monday night reinstate many of the original rules and the election.

The election went on as planned — although Milwaukee opened just five of its 180 in-person polling places after hundreds of poll workers declined to show up. Voters cast ballots — some while wearing protective masks — and stood in long lines, trying to keep a safe distance in a state where the virus has killed at

least 99 people.

Only five states send ballots to all voters to be returned through the mail. Roughly one-third of states require a formal excuse to procure an absentee ballot that can be sent in remotely, including the swing state of New Hampshire, which has yet to designate the pandemic as a legitimate reason to get a mail ballot.

Other states crucial to the presidential contest, like Wisconsin and North Carolina, require a witness to sign an application for a mail ballot — a requirement that can be difficult to meet for voters in quarantine.

In Texas, the state Democratic Party has filed a lawsuit seeking to allow the pandemic to qualify as a legitimate excuse for any voter seeking an absentee ballot.

The Republican National Committee, meanwhile, helped New Mexico Republicans try to stop that state's

Supreme Court from allowing a request by county clerks to turn their June primary into an all-mail event.

The party argues that such changes are premature and, in some cases, unworkable.

"Imposing a new system onto states unnecessarily will result in significant problems in the November election, and it is critical we work to preserve the integrity of the democratic process," said RNC spokeswoman Mandi Merritt.

The Trump campaign has laid down markers on what sort of changes it expects state Republicans to fight. Vote-by-mail options can "play a role during a pandemic by enabling at-risk voters to vote safely," legal counsel Justin Clark said in a statement.

But, Clark added, "states should resist proposals that open the door to voting fraud such as mailing bal-

lots to voters who haven't asked for one." Notably, some Republican secretaries of state, such as in Iowa and Ohio, have already moved to send mail ballots out widely.

The brewing legal fight comes as Democrats' efforts to mandate no-excuse mail-in voting have fizzled in Congress.

Senate Republicans prevented measures from making it into the stimulus bill passed last month.

Democratic leaders said the Wisconsin primary strengthened their resolve to try again in the next bill, but voting rights groups are pessimistic that will succeed.

Instead, advocates are trying to secure more funding for local elections offices.

They got \$400 million in the last stimulus but estimate at least \$1.6 billion more would be needed to enable the states to prepare

for a radically changed voting landscape in November.

"Making sure that our elections can be conducted fully and fairly is a very high priority for us," Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer told reporters Tuesday.

Still, voting rights advocates believe more litigation is inevitable as parties look closely at vote-by-mail procedures.

Elias said Democrats are pushing for some standards, including a postage-paid return envelope, counting ballots postmarked by Election Day, allowing voters to resolve issues arising from questions about a signature, and allowing groups to drop off and collect mail ballots from voters.

Democrats argue the latter provision, dubbed "ballot harvesting," is essential for elderly voters and others isolated by the pandemic.

But it's another red line for the Trump campaign.

Trump complained Tuesday that Democrats wanted to extend the time for mail ballots to come in.

"Now, mail ballots, they cheat, OK? People cheat. Mail ballots are a very dangerous thing for this country," said the president, who requested an absentee mail-in-ballot last month for Florida's primary.

Rick Hasen, an election law professor at the University of California-Irvine, said he expects "a lot of litigation, especially in states that offer excuse absentee balloting." But, he added, fighting over elections was already going to be intense before the outbreak.

Hasen tracks election litigation and said it soared to a high record in 2018 — an unusual mark for a non-presidential year.

"Part of it is hyperpolarization," Hasen said. "Part of it is that we have a lot of close elections, and people realize that, in really close elections, rules matter."

Economy

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on a half-century low unemployment rate, Trump has begun to tell voters that he can quickly rebuild the economy. He said measures like the \$2.2 trillion rescue package — with more money likely on the way — can send employment and economic growth to new highs.

Jeffrey Pollock, a Democratic pollster, said voters will judge in November whether the Republican president has delivered an economic revival, and they will be taking a similar measure of incumbent members of Congress.

"The fact that we're as partisan as ever doesn't mean we're destined to forgive a president who fails on the economy," Pollock said.

If his view holds, that plays to the advantage of likely Democratic nominee Joe Biden. But Biden will have to give voters a fuller idea of how he would boost the economy, Pollock said.

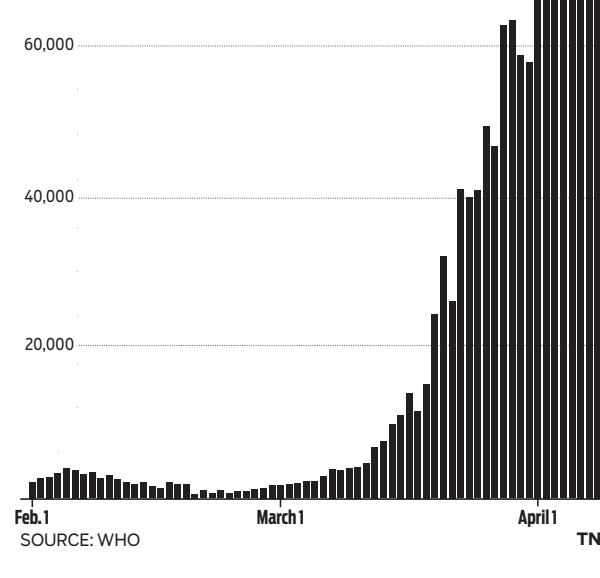
Trump has repeatedly sought to portray the situation as the U.S. economy being sideswiped by the "hidden enemy" of COVID-19, which he and his advisers initially downplayed in February and March and later suggested was impossible to foresee. His message to voters is that his leadership will make the economy even stronger. "Our Economy will BOOM, perhaps like never before!!!," Trump tweeted Wednesday.

Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin, who has been leading the stimulus efforts, has said there will be "a very big bounce back," though he noted the gains could be uneven. "Certain parts of the economy you're going to see come back immediately," he said Tuesday on the Fox Business Network. "Certain things are going to take a little bit longer."

One of the arguments for a quick recovery came from the Harvard University economist Larry Summers, who served as a top econo-

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mic adviser to President Barack Obama during the Great Recession. He suggested on Twitter that the U.S. economy would be much as a beach town on Cape Cod, which closes in the winter and reopens around Memorial Day for a burst of summer activity.

Adding to the challenge is that political leaders cannot simply command an economic recovery to occur. The timing depends on the shared actions of millions of consumers and employers, said Paul Winfree, a former Trump White House official who is now director of economic policy at the conservative Heritage Foundation.

"I don't think we're going to get out of this because of political leadership," Winfree said in an email. "This isn't WWII. Rather, things won't turn around until a significant majority of people decide that we've done enough (privately and publicly) and have to move along."

A strong economic rebound likely depends on people and companies being able to preserve their money, so that it can be spent and invested once the gloom begins to subside.

Not only have 16.8 million Americans lost their jobs in the past three

weeks, but workers have seen their hours slashed, have seen sales commissions disappear and have accepted salary cuts, such that incomes have declined for half of U.S. working households, according to a survey from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

Children can no longer attend school, reducing the productivity of their parents. And on a regional basis, many state economies may take time to claw back what has been lost.

Stanford University economist Nicholas Bloom believes the economy will end this year 10% smaller than it was at the start of 2020, a loss of nearly \$2 trillion even with the \$2.2 trillion rescue package.

The long-term outlook also has deteriorated, he added, in ways that could hurt the recovery.

"Working from home is creating a collapse in investment," Bloom said. "All firms I have spoken to have canceled training, new product introductions and R&D projects, while at U.S. universities and laboratories unless you are working on COVID-19 you have stopped work. So innovation — the main driver of long-run U.S. growth — has stopped."

Biden courts Sanders backers on health care, college debt

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WASHINGTON — Joe Biden on Thursday unveiled plans to expand eligibility for Medicare and forgive college debt for millions of Americans, as the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee attempts to unify his party by courting progressives who lost their top choice when Bernie Sanders left the presidential race.

Biden's swift move to shore up his left flank underscores the difficult choice many progressives began facing when Sanders abandoned his presidential bid. Side with the more centrist former vice president or keep up the fight and potentially lose the White House again.

As they weigh their options, activists are already working to persuade Biden on key issues. And Biden is amenable to the idea because he will likely need them to defeat President Donald Trump.

A strong indication of just how much came when Biden announced he'd support expanding federal health insurance through Medicare to people 60 and older who opt out of employee-sponsored coverage — down from the current 65 minimum age requirement. Biden also promised to forgive student debt for many low- and middle-income borrowers.

"Senator Sanders and his supporters can take pride in their work in laying the groundwork for these ideas," Biden wrote in an online post announcing what he called "two important steps we can take to help ease the economic burden on working people."

Neither proposal goes as far as Sanders promised had he won the presidency.

And they may not be enough to persuade sup-

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"We can try all we want to use our leverage as a movement, but at the end of the day, I wouldn't expect anything coming from the establishment, the Biden campaign or the Democratic National Committee as a way to bring in the base," said Nomiki Konst, who worked on Democratic Party reforms on Sanders' behalf. "I think they want power — and I think they want money."

If Biden can't bridge the ideological divide, he risks heading into the fall with the same vulnerabilities as Hillary Clinton in 2016. But if he gives too much to progressives, he could be portrayed as too far left, an argument the Trump campaign is already trying to make.

Despite Thursday's moves, Biden has signaled he's not willing to make concessions on the most important issues in the minds of many Sanders' supporters: embracing Medicare for All universal health insurance and the sweeping Green New Deal to combat climate change. He has, however, embraced an overhaul of bankruptcy laws proposed by Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren, the other leading progressive, who ended her presidential bid last month.

RoseAnn Demoro, a close friend of Sanders and former head of the National Nurses United union, predicted Biden would also move to appease Sanders supporters on labor and environmental issues — but said she's unsure it'll be enough.

"The calculation is, this base has nowhere to go but Biden because of Trump," she said. "But if history teaches anything, a lot of the base sat it out last time."

Demoro noted that, after 2016, many Sanders supporters knew he would try again for the presidency four years later. That seems unlikely going forward, potentially raising the profile of rising-star congressional progressives such as New York Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, who endorsed Sanders, and Massachusetts Rep. Ayanna Pressley, who was a Warren backer.

Sanders and Warren have notably stopped short of endorsing Biden.

Biden aides began outreach to Sanders' camp to discuss policy weeks before the senator suspended his campaign.

The former vice president himself also has had conversations with some of his former rivals — the kind of direct interactions that preceded his adopting Warren's bankruptcy proposals.

Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders have stopped short of endorsing likely presidential nominee Joe Biden.

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Easter imagery hangs in Valencia, Spain. Many churches will offer online services only.

Some churches confront virus restrictions on Easter services

BY CURT ANDERSON

Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — At the holiest time of year for Christians, churches are wrestling with how to hold services amid the coronavirus outbreak, and in some cases, that has set up showdowns with local governments over restrictions that forbid large gatherings.

Many churches are offering parishioners livestreaming options so they can observe Good Friday and Easter on TVs, smartphones and computers. Others are sending worshippers to drive-in movie theaters for services.

Governors in several states have deemed church an essential service, allowing Easter worship to proceed even as public health officials warn that large gatherings could be a major setback amid a pandemic that has killed more than 16,000 people in the U.S.

The restrictions have created conflicts with state and local authorities. Kansas lawmakers on Wednesday threw out an order by the governor that limited church gatherings to 10 people. A Georgia church where more than 30 people congregated inside a small building on Palm Sunday,

prompting a visit from state troopers, plans to move forward with normal Easter worship.

The Rev. John Greiner said the Glorious Way Church in Houston initially moved services online after the county limited large gatherings, but his congregation will hold in-person services on Easter.

"We can't do what God called us to do on live stream," Greiner said.

The church has installed hand-washing stations and rearranged the 1,000-person sanctuary to hold about 100 people with 6 or more feet between them, Greiner said. They plan to hold two abbreviated Easter services to accommodate everyone who wants to attend.

The pandemic has ended other rituals. Easter egg hunts have been canceled in favor of virtual events where children go on the internet to find eggs. Families are reconsidering whether to invite grandparents and other relatives to dinner.

Meanwhile, religious leaders around the globe Thursday also urged people to celebrate Good Friday and Easter from the safety of their homes as governments warned that the hard-won gains against

the scourge must not be jeopardized by relaxing social distancing over the weekend.

Across Europe, where Easter is one of the busiest travel times of the year, authorities set roadblocks and otherwise discouraged family gatherings.

Pope Francis will celebrate Easter Mass in a nearly empty St. Peter's Basilica instead of the huge square outside. In England, the Archbishop of Canterbury will deliver his Easter sermon by video.

The British government is running ads urging people to "Stay Home, Save Lives" over the weekend. German Chancellor Angela Merkel emphasized that "even short trips inside Germany, to the seaside or the mountains or relatives, can't happen over Easter."

Greece also tightened restrictions ahead of next week's Orthodox Easter, increasing roadblocks, doubling fines for lockdown violations and banning travel between islands.

Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei suggested mass gatherings may be barred through the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan, which runs from late April through most of May.

Trump shuts asylum system at US borders in virus fight

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SAN DIEGO — A U.S. Border Patrol agent wouldn't let Jackeline Reyes explain why she and her 15-year-old daughter needed asylum, pointing to the coronavirus. That confrontation in Texas came days after the Trump administration quietly shut down the nation's asylum system for the first time in decades in the name of public health.

"The agent told us about the virus and that we couldn't go further, but she didn't let us speak or anything," said Reyes, 35, who was shuttled to a crossing March 24 in Reynosa, Mexico.

The U.S. government used an obscure public health law to justify one of its most aggressive border crackdowns ever. People fleeing violence and poverty to seek refuge in the U.S. are whisked to the nearest border crossing and returned to Mexico without a chance to apply for asylum. It eclipses President Donald Trump's other policies to curtail immigration — which often rely on help from Mexico — by setting aside decades-old national and international laws.

The Trump administration has offered little detail on the rules that unlike its other immigration policies, have yet to be challenged in court. The secrecy means the rules got little attention as they took effect March 20, the same day Trump announced the southern border was closed to nonessential travel.

"The administration is able to do what they always wanted to do," said Aaron Reichlin-Melnick, policy counsel for the American Immigration Council, which has criticized the administration. "I don't see



U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents detain people in San Diego near the border with Tijuana, Mexico.

this slowing down."

The administration tapped a law allowing the head of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to ban foreigners if their entry would create "a serious danger" to the spread of communicable disease. The U.S. has the most cases in the world by far. Dr. Robert Redfield, the CDC director, issued a 30-day order but said he may extend the rules.

Mexico won't take unaccompanied children and other "vulnerable people," including people over 65 and those who are pregnant or sick, said Carlos Gonzalez Gutierrez, Mexico's consul general in San Diego.

The U.S. also is returning Central American children who travel with grandparents, siblings and other relatives, said a congressional aide who was briefed by U.S. Customs and Border Protection officials and spoke on the condition of anonymity because the information was not intended for public release. Previously, children without parents or guardians were considered unaccompanied and automatically put into the asylum pipeline.

The health risks of holding migrants in crowded spaces like Border Patrol stations is "the touchstone of this order," Redfield wrote. He said exceptions to immediately expelling someone can be considered but didn't elaborate.

An internal Border Patrol memo obtained by ProPublica said an agent who determines that a migrant claims a "reasonably believable" fear of being tortured can be referred for additional screening under the U.N. Convention Against Torture, a lesser form of asylum that's harder to qualify for.

Under the rules, agents take migrants to the nearest border crossing in specially designated vehicles and avoid stations, minimizing the risk of exposure to the virus.

Matthew Dyman, a spokesman for Customs and Border Protection, the Border Patrol's parent agency, declined to comment on the internal memo or the new rules.

In less than two weeks, the U.S. has expelled more than 7,000 people, according to the congressional aide who was briefed last week. Those not sent to Mexico are flown to their home countries. CBP had about 300 people in custody last week, down from a peak of more than 19,000 last year.

Ten Senate Democrats sent a letter to acting Homeland Security Secretary Chad Wolf, who oversees border agencies, saying the Trump administration appeared to have "granted itself sweeping powers to summarily expel large, unknown numbers of individuals arriving at our border."

NEWS BRIEFING

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Pope Francis honors priests, medical staff on Holy Thursday

VATICAN CITY — Pope Francis on Holy Thursday hailed priests and medical staff who tend to the needs of COVID-19 patients as "the saints next door."

Francis celebrated the Holy Week evening Mass in St. Peter's Basilica, which was kept off-limits to the public because of restrictions aimed at containing the spread of the new coronavirus.

The same precautions forced the pope to forego a

symbolic ritual traditionally observed on the Thursday before Easter — washing the feet of others in a sign of humility.

The pope began his off-the-cuff homily by honoring the memory of priests who gave their lives in service to others, singling out those who died after tending to sick people in Italy's hospitals.

There are more than 143,000 cases and over 18,000 people in Italy have died in the pandemic.

Calif. teleconference on fishing regulations devolves into chaos

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — A teleconference with California regulators to discuss a potential limited ban on freshwater sport-fishing amid the coronavirus pandemic was abruptly canceled Thursday after it descended into chaos, with some of those who called in branding officials as "fascists" and shouting "make fishing great again."

The Fish and Game Commission meeting was

aimed at deciding whether to give emergency powers to Charlton Bonham, the governor's appointee overseeing the Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Sacramento Bee reported.

But the meeting was overwhelmed by more than 500 participants on the call, many of whom mistakenly believed commissioners might cancel the entire fishing season statewide.

Epstein gave \$336K to museum at Ohio State, review shows

COLUMBUS, Ohio — A review released by Ohio State University on Thursday identified \$336,000 in donations and pledges the university received from Jeffrey Epstein and his foundation. The school said it was donating those funds to fight human trafficking.

All the donations went to the Wexner Center for the Arts, a campus museum bearing the family name of L Brands billion-

aire Leslie Wexner, who employed Epstein as his personal money manager in the late 1980s.

An earlier review found no evidence that Epstein influenced the fiscal operations of Wexner's multi-million-dollar charitable foundation.

Both reviews were ordered after Epstein's arrest last year on federal sex trafficking charges. The financier was convicted and later died in prison.

In Mooresville, about 15 miles southwest of Indiana-



Superheroes answer the call during the pandemic: Costumed police officers spray disinfectant on a passing rider Thursday on a street in Pasuruan, Indonesia. The action by law enforcement was part of a coronavirus awareness campaign.

Amid recent political infighting, Iraq taps new PM for 3rd time

BAGHDAD — Iraq's intelligence chief was appointed the country's third prime minister-designate in just over a month Thursday after the resignation of the most recent candidate amid political infighting.

Adnan Al-Zurfi's candidacy was imperiled in recent days when key Shiite parties rallied around Iraq's intelligence head, Mustafa al-Kadhimi, to replace him. His chances were further diminished when the main Kurdish and Sunni blocs withdrew support for his candidacy.

Iraq's president appointed Kadhimi, 53, as

prime minister-designate after Al-Zurfi's resignation.

"With my mandate to lead the Iraqi government, I pledge to my honorable people to work to form a government that puts the aspirations and demands of Iraqis as the top priority," Kadhimi tweeted shortly after his appointment was announced.

Kadhimi was appointed by former Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi as head of the Iraqi National Intelligence Service and has served in this post since June 2016.

Al-Zurfi faced stiff resistance from Iraq's powerful

Iran-backed political parties since his appointment in March.

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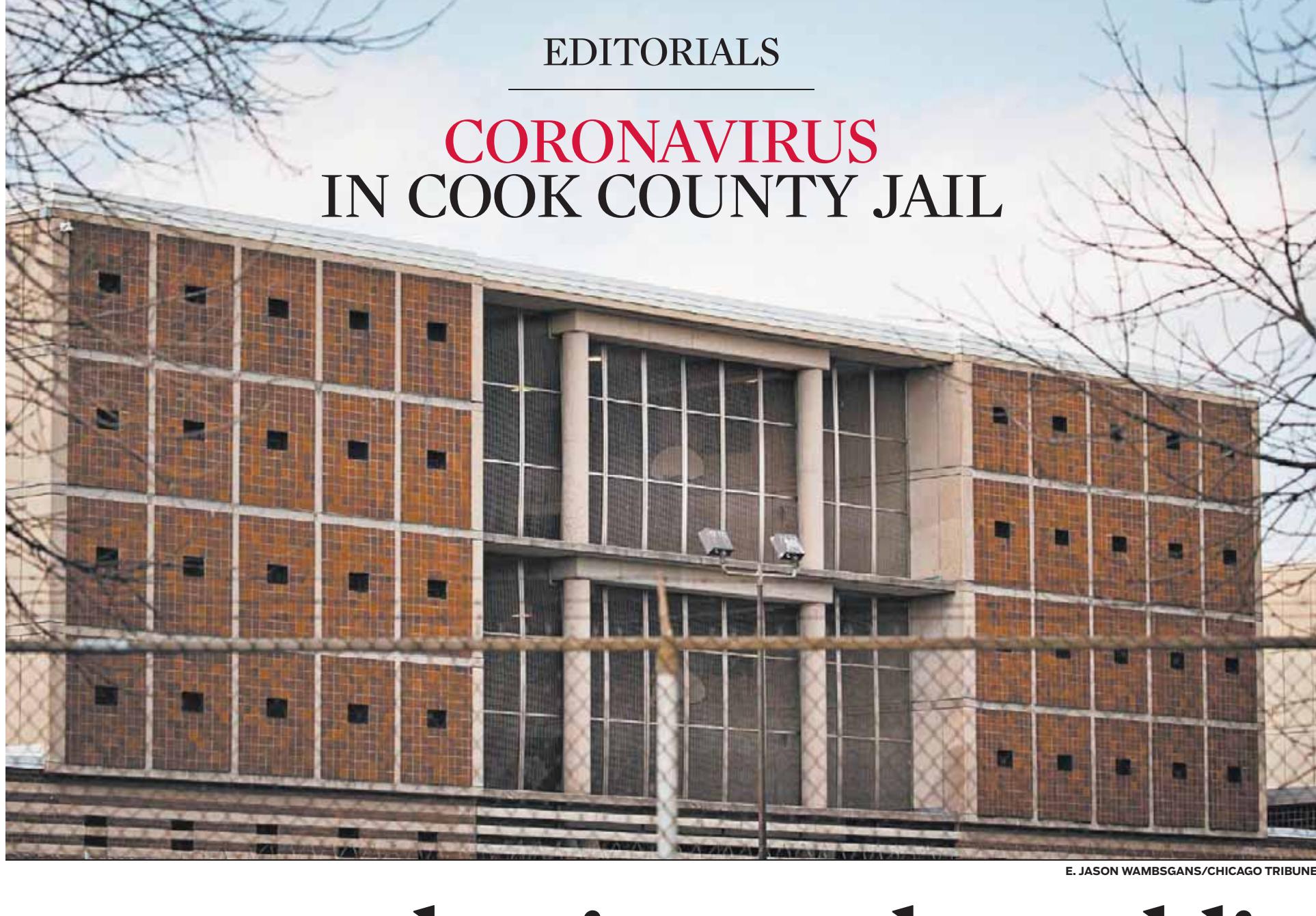
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EDITORIALS

CORONAVIRUS IN COOK COUNTY JAIL



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Protect detainees, the public and criminal justice system

In West Rogers Park, the caring neighbors of handyman Peter Baumgartner worried about their own vulnerability to COVID-19. They also feared for Baumgartner, a beloved presence with legal troubles.

Baumgartner, 55, has been locked up in Cook County Jail, a coronavirus hot spot, held on an unusually high bond of \$475,000 for a nonviolent offender. The neighbors were rooting for his release, the Tribune's Annie Sweeney reports. They had a realistic expectation Judge Angela Petrone would be swayed, given Cook County's imperative to fend off a deadly jail epidemic by letting out detainees not considered community threats. "He shouldn't be there," one neighbor wrote to the Tribune. "No matter what happened."

County officials are getting hit on all sides by petitioners wanting the jail cleared of as many suspects and offenders as possible. Few places are more hospitable to a deadly contagion than a house of correction, with its confined conditions, unruly occupants, limits on resources and ban on alcohol-based sanitizer. As of mid-week, 234 county jail detainees and 78 staff members tested positive for the virus, including one inmate who died. The New York Times crunched the numbers and declared that Cook County Jail is the

nation's largest-known source of coronavirus infection.

Jails are inhospitable institutions by nature, but that doesn't alleviate public officials of their responsibility to manage correctional facilities responsibly. Cook County Jail has longstanding overcrowding problems. We've supported county criminal justice reform steps to reduce the number of suspects held for nonviolent offenses simply because they couldn't afford to bond out. Our caveat: Such releases cannot endanger public safety, which means carefully considering individual cases, even amid a pandemic.

Cook County officials, including Sheriff Tom Dart, are reacting to the COVID-19 challenge. Dart's office worked with prosecutors and defense attorneys to release at-risk detainees, moved inmates to separate cells in an effort to enforce social distancing and handed out soap and, yes, sanitizer. The jail population has dropped to a low in recent memory — but there are limits to what a criminal justice system should do. As of last week Dart said 70% to 75% of detainees were locked up on violent charges. "There's some bad people in this world, and those people cannot be released," the sheriff said reassuringly.

This week a federal judge was hearing arguments on a lawsuit that sought the immediate release of detainees with con-

ditions putting them at special risk of coronavirus, including age or underlying medical conditions. That could have meant releasing hundreds of detainees, potentially including those prone to violence. Thursday afternoon, U.S. District Judge Matthew Kennelly rejected that request but ordered the jail to beef up sanitation protocols and provide prompt COVID-19 testing to detainees who exhibit symptoms. If Dart wasn't already operating the jail at DEFCON 1, he will now.

And what about Peter Baumgartner?

Judge Petrone, new to the case, reviewed the file and the defendant's troubled past. Baumgartner had pleaded guilty to a 2017 charge of evading a drug test and had a history of missing required court appointments. He walked out on one hearing.

Eventually he was picked up on a warrant. On Wednesday, Baumgartner's public defender argued for his release, citing his nonviolent background, strong support network and some mental health concerns. Neighbors, who kept in touch with Baumgartner by phone, didn't attend the hearing because of coronavirus concerns.

What would you have decided? If you read Sweeney's story in the Tribune, you know the judge couldn't get past Baumgartner's record of defying court directives. The crime wasn't violent, "but this is

a class 4 felony case." Judge Petrone kept the bond amount in place and sent him back to the jail.

Neighbors were stunned, but Judge Petrone made the right call, however difficult. Judges must uphold the law and protect the integrity of the criminal justice system. Defendants who repeatedly ignore court orders put their freedom at risk, even during a pandemic. To release Baumgartner after he flouted the law would have disrespected the justice system as he did, and potentially weakened its authority. His case is not over; his next court date is in May.

Fair treatment of defendants is crucial. That includes protecting their rights and safety in the face of a viral epidemic.

Baumgartner's case was heard and carefully weighed. He got a fair shot. And as long as the jail takes all reasonable actions to keep the jail safe, and assures that eligible nonviolent detainees get their requests for release considered, Cook County is fulfilling its mission under trying and unprecedented circumstances.

Baumgartner's neighbors probably didn't like the verdict this go-round. The coronavirus pandemic is giving cases like his deeper scrutiny, and that's a good thing. But it is not license to forgive repeated disregard of the law.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

If what we are doing is unprecedented, it is only because earlier societies simply weren't wealthy enough to manage it — as, tragically, many developing countries still aren't. The last time we saw such a plague was 1918, when average household income was about a third of what it is today, in inflation-adjusted dollars. We could shut down the entire economy for four months, produce not one good or service, and still be, collectively, twice as rich as our ancestors who lived through the 1918 flu pandemic.

Besides, we aren't actually shutting down completely. We're going to be providing quite a lot of health care, making a lot of masks and ventilators, crash-prioritizing a lot of scientific research. We're also tossing out regulations that were crippling innovation in areas such as telemedicine. Some of that effort is simply the expense of virus fighting. But some of that effort will result in long-term gains, just as fighting World War II did.

But that's paltry comfort to those who have sunk decades of their lives into building businesses that are threatened, or gaining skills and industry contacts that could suddenly become useless. So, while you're cheering the health-care heroes running to the front lines, save some mental applause for the millions of people who are sitting inside right now and quietly, desperately, watching their expectations evaporate.

When this is over, they, too, will deserve our deepest gratitude — and all the help we can give them to get back on their feet.

Megan McArdle, The Washington Post



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Chicago Tribune PERSPECTIVE

"I'm a cheerleader for this country. ... I'm not going to go out and start screaming, 'This could happen. This could happen.' ... I think a president has to be a cheerleader for their country!"

Sis boom ... bah!

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The nation doesn't need Trump to be a 'cheerleader.' It needs him as head coach.

Why did President Donald Trump mislead the public so dramatically about the threat posed by the novel coronavirus?

Why did he say on Jan. 22 that "we have it totally under control," and repeat that sentiment on Feb. 24? Why did he

say on Feb. 26 that "within a couple of days (the number of cases) is going to be down to close to zero," and then on March 10 — just a month ago Friday — tell us to "just stay calm. It will go away"?

It didn't go away. The virus wasn't under control, and the number of known cases of COVID-19 in the U.S. went from 937 on the day he told us to just stay calm to more than 363,000 as of Thursday afternoon, with more than 15,700 deaths, according to a tally kept by Johns Hopkins University.

He downplayed and minimized the threat posed by the virus and exaggerated the availability and efficacy or tests at nearly every turn. Why?

"You have to understand," Trump said when challenged by a reporter Tuesday on his reign of error. "I'm a cheerleader for this country." He went on in the same news conference to add, "I'm not going to go out and start screaming, 'This could happen. This could happen.' ... I think a president has to be a cheerleader for their country."

It was a reiteration of what he'd said on March 31: "Everybody could be negative, but I'm a cheerleader for our country."

But here's the thing about cheerleaders. They don't win games. They



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don't even move the ball. They hop around on the sidelines yelling and chanting upbeat clichés that are often unrelated to the actual score.

Nothing against them. Many are fine athletes in their own right with impressive skills in choreography and gymnastics. They add to the pageantry and pomp of athletic events (remember those?), as do marching bands and costumed mascots.

What this country needs right now, however, is a head coach. A Phil Jackson, if you will, not a Luvabull. A Joe Maddon, not a Clark the Cub.

Effective head coaches select the best performers and put them in position to be as successful as possible. They know the difference between encouragement and false hope.

Effective head coaches read the scouting reports carefully to take the measure of their opponents. They know never to underestimate a foe. They understand that sugarcoating the truth makes it *more* difficult to inspire confidence than being candid about the situation. They bring out the best by not hiding from the worst.

Effective head coaches delegate authority and alter their game plans as circumstances change. They own up when they make mistakes. They accept blame in defeat and distribute credit in victory. They know, in the end, it's not about them, it's about the team.

Many U.S. governors, including Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker, are now showing us how this is done. They are projecting steely resolve in the face of a nearly overwhelming crisis and offering directives and best estimates based on what epidemiological experts are telling them.

The public is approving. A Quinnipiac University poll released Wednesday found 78% of respondents approve of the way their state's governor is handling the COVID-19 crisis.

But in a national pandemic, governors are just assistant coaches — helpers tasked with managing discrete parts of the overall game plan.

They can't rely on guidance from a cheerleader to help them win the game.

Particularly, as some have said, when that cheerleader is actually a misleader.

In the name of giving people hope, Trump has led many of his supporters, including Republican governors,

to drag their feet on accepting the need for physical distancing and stay-at-home orders that health experts tell us have saved countless lives.

He now says it was "aspirational" when, on March 24, he said he'd "love to have the country opened up and just raring to go by Easter." But to those of us paying attention to the science, it rang as delusional, the equivalent of "that's all right, that's OK, we're going to beat 'em anyway" from a pompom squad whose team is losing by seven touchdowns.

The public is tiring of the president's rah-rah act. That same Quinnipiac poll showed only 46% approval of Trump's handling of the coronavirus crisis, compared with 51% disapproval. The RealClearPolitics average of polls on this question now shows 47% approval and 49% disapproval, an eight-point change in the gap from March 28, when 51% approved and just 45% disapproved.

The daily news conferences where Trump berates reporters, plumps for an unproven drug cocktail and enthuses about the great job his administration is doing as the infection curve rises and the bodies continue to pile up are wearing on us.

When he says of the viral threat, "It's going to go away, hopefully at the end of the month," as he did Wednesday, the cheerleader in chief wants us to rise to our feet.

Instead we slump in our seats. Ugh. This again?

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Pandemic no excuse for government to ignore transparency

BY MARIE DILLON AND MATT TOPIC

Staying at home saves lives. Illinois residents have absorbed that message, and it's reinforced daily by Gov. J.B. Pritzker and Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot.

Riding out the COVID-19 emergency in our socially distanced units, we've come to rely on their afternoon briefings for detailed and forthright updates. Public cooperation depends on knowing what our government is doing to meet these unprecedented challenges, and why. Lightfoot and Pritzker seem to get that.

The rest of us get this: It's impossible for governments to do all the things they'd normally do. Protecting citizens and public employees is job one. That's why Pritzker's March 16 executive order allows governments to prioritize their actions, performing only essential functions.

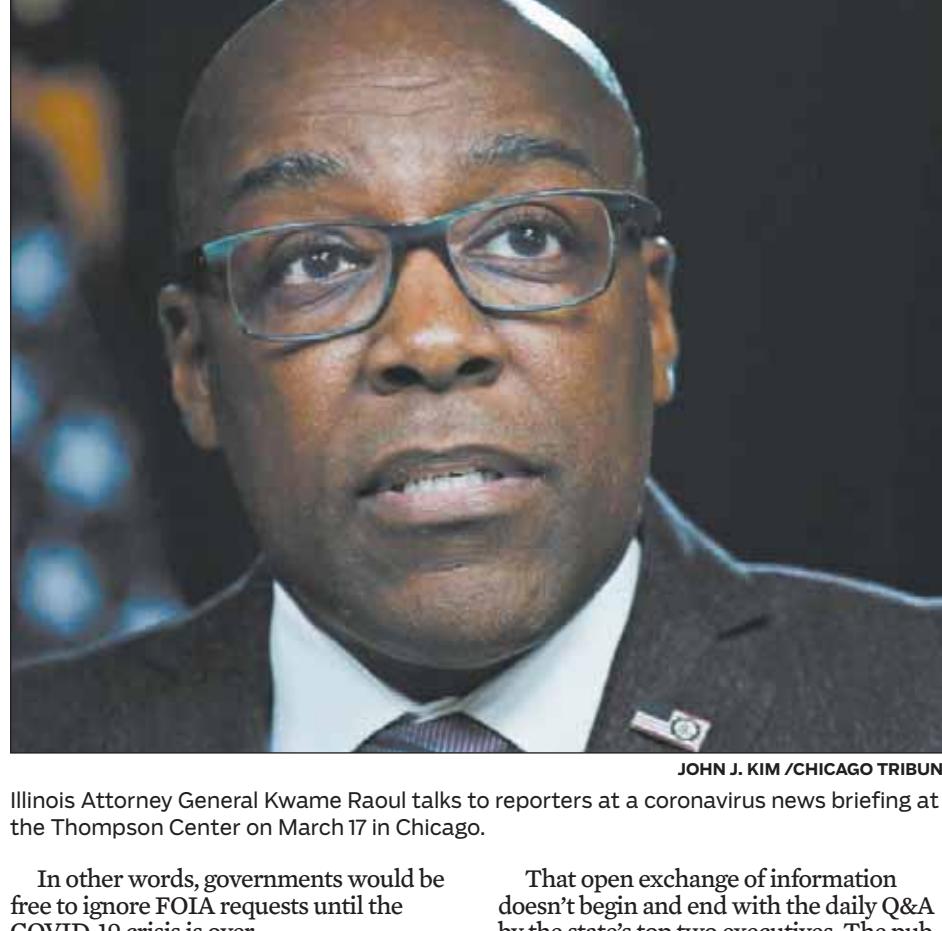
But what's nonessential? Chicago isn't towing or booting vehicles except for safety-related violations. The secretary of state is extending deadlines for driver's license renewals and vehicle registrations. The state crime lab isn't processing routine drug tests.

Now there's a debate over whether it's essential for governments to respond to public records requests from reporters and citizens during the pandemic.

It's easy to agree with Lightfoot's spirited assertion during Wednesday's briefing: Public epidemiologists shouldn't be diverted to process Freedom of Information requests. Nobody is suggesting that.

But the state Freedom of Information Act is clear: "It is a fundamental obligation of government to operate openly and provide public records as expeditiously and efficiently as possible."

The Illinois Municipal League wants to dispense with that obligation during the state emergency, and Lightfoot has signaled her support. The group, which represents local governments throughout the state, has written two letters asking Attorney General Kwame Raoul to suspend the statutory deadlines until the governor's executive order expires.



Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul talks to reporters at a coronavirus news briefing at the Thompson Center on March 17 in Chicago.

In other words, governments would be free to ignore FOIA requests until the COVID-19 crisis is over.

Raoul's office houses the public access counselor, which mediates disputes over Freedom of Information Act requests. But the attorney general doesn't have the authority to waive state law. And Raoul has positioned himself as an advocate for open government. His website says "The attorney general believes that an open, honest and accountable government, the cornerstone of a democracy, can be achieved only through the free and open exchange of information between government and the public."

That open exchange of information doesn't begin and end with the daily Q&A by the state's top two executives. The public has an urgent interest in records that show how governments are responding to COVID-19. Those requests have to be prioritized case by case, like everything else — not summarily swept aside until the virus runs its course.

On March 17, Raoul posted a pitch-perfect document providing guidance for public bodies during the state emergency.

It recognizes the need for information at a time when governments are stretched thin by other demands, but makes clear that transparency remains a priority: "Pub-

lic bodies should continue to comply with FOIA and respond to each request promptly, to the extent they are able to, given the limitation on staff and resources during the COVID-19 pandemic."

With public buildings closed and employees working remotely, some records are hard to access. Some requests require more than one set of eyes before they can be fulfilled. Staffing shortages are a valid concern.

There's no need for emergency action to deal with those issues, though. FOIA has built-in accommodations that don't sacrifice the public's right to know. The law allows for delays or even exceptions when a public body legitimately can't meet its deadlines.

But governments can't unilaterally grant themselves an exception or an indefinite delay. Instead, FOIA allows requesters and the public body to work out a timetable themselves.

Requests that involve urgent information needed to monitor the government's handling of the pandemic need to be processed.

If the burden of responding to a request under the circumstances outweighs the public interest in disclosure, the law allows government bodies to deny those requests. But that clearly won't be the case for all requests.

From the city's ongoing claims in court that "private" email accounts aren't subject to FOIA to the Chicago Police Department's long-standing failures to respond to requests on time, or often at all, it's tough enough already to get government records, and blanket secrecy is an invitation for problems.

State and local governments have exercised extraordinary authority to deal with the public health emergency. That calls for more transparency, not less. Suspending the FOIA is a hard no.

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The performance of a new coronavirus vaccine is tested at the Wistar Institute in Philadelphia.

A sobering lesson: More, not less, international cooperation needed

BY IVO DAALDER

For the past 30 years, international politics have been shaped by two fundamental realities: America's unrivaled power and the forces of globalization. While already waning for some time, both realities are threatened with death blows from the COVID-19 pandemic.

America emerged from the Cold War in 1990 as the sole remaining superpower. Its military was larger than that of the next 10 countries combined, and it was the only one with true global reach. Its economy accounted for more than a quarter of global GDP, even though Americans represented less than 5% of the world's population. And politically, the United States was the "indispensable nation" — a guarantor of global stability and the leader that drove multilateral institutions and multinational actions.

Along with America's unrivaled power, globalization helped shape global politics over the past 30 years. The increasingly voluminous and speedy transfers of people, goods, money and ideas around the globe benefited people across the globe. Global poverty declined from nearly 36% in 1990 to less than 10% today. The number of democracies in the world nearly doubled. And the internet and global spread of cellular networks created new cross-border communities, even a Facebook Nation that today encompasses one-third of humanity.

But the age of global politics that emerged in the wake of the Cold War has been coming to an end. While America unquestionably remains the most powerful country in the world, other nations have risen to challenge its global power and influence — none more so than China, whose rapid rise was greatly aided by globalization. America's decadeslong wars in Afghanistan and the Middle East have

left many Americans exhausted. And President Donald Trump's "America first" approach entailed a deliberate abdication of the global leadership role America pursued for decades.

Globalization, too, had its downsides. The world's very interconnectedness meant that local issues could rapidly turn into global problems. The financial crises in 1998 and 2008 reverberated around the globe, cutting jobs and growth. Terrorists plotted attacks in Kabul, trained in Hamburg and struck in New York. AIDS/HIV infected millions in every corner of the world. Computer hackers in St. Petersburg disrupted elections in Britain, France and the United States. Exploding greenhouse gas emissions from America, Europe and China melted ice caps in Greenland and Antarctica.

The coronavirus, which in just three months has infected 1.5 million people and killed nearly 100,000, has accelerated both of these trends.

America has been noticeably absent from the global response to the pandemic. Unlike in previous global crises, Washington did not convene international leaders nor marshal international institutions toward common action. Instead, it has blamed the outbreak on China and Europe, shunned working with others to devise a common response, and even sought to seize medical shipments destined for other countries.

The impact of the pandemic has been as dramatic when it comes to stalling the movement of people and goods across borders. Whereas just a few months ago millions of people traveled around the world for business and pleasure, cross-border travel has essentially come to a halt. Today, 90% of people in the world live in countries that have imposed travel restrictions and nearly 40% live in places that have barred all entry to foreigners.

As the global economy has come to a screeching halt, trade in goods and services has begun to decline precipitously. The World Trade Organization now estimates that overall trade this year will decline by as much as a third compared to last year.

More fundamentally, however, some 70 countries are now restricting exports of medical goods and many are outbidding each other in the global marketplace to secure urgent supplies. These beggar-thy-neighbor policies are increasing prices, reducing supplies and souring relations even among close trading partners and allies.

The inward focus of all nations is understandable given the sudden emergence of this once-in-a-lifetime viral threat. Clearly, the coronavirus has exposed the danger of relying on just-in-time supply chains, single sourcing of medical and other critical products, and markets that can be manipulated by authoritarian leaders.

But the answer is hardly a return to autarky, which will make every nation poorer. Globalization isn't just a policy preference, it is a reality of our world. The question is how to manage that reality in ways that enhance, rather than degrade, people's security, prosperity and health.

The answer lies in more, not less, international cooperation. That's why central bankers around the world have worked together to stabilize financial markets. For

they know that national financial stability requires global financial stability. And it is why scientists around the world are working together to find a vaccine for COVID-19. For them, too, know there is no national cure for this pandemic. There's only a global cure.

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A CHALLENGE FOR PREACHERS:

Connecting with congregations during the COVID-19 crisis

BY THE REV. SHANNON J. KERSHNER AND RABBI SETH M. LIMMER

Usually preachers are in the pulpit taking in the fullness of the congregation. While the community is listening to our words, we have the benefit of beholding everyone's faces. The preaching moment is always meant to be a kind-of conversation between speaker and listener, rather than a performance between actor and audience.

That perspective has now shifted as reverends, rabbis, imams and other spiritual leaders livestream services from empty sanctuaries or dining room tables. We are learning audiovisual technology, turning pages of e-liturgy, and trying our best to create worship experiences of meaning and authenticity while ignoring the absurdity of speaking and singing into screens and cameras.

We now have to imagine your faces and the way you might react. We no longer get to receive the courage from an uttered "Amen" or a slight nod of the head.

And yet, for all that is new in the days of social distancing, a few important aspects of our perspective remain.

One key lesson emerges from what is shared by both our Christian and Jewish communities, and comes to the forefront as we each welcome in our sacred season of Passover and Holy Week.

This week especially, our core religious narratives speak to us about life in a time of death.

There is no sugarcoating the biblical Book of Exodus. It opens with oppressive enslavement, moves to Pharaoh's murder of male newborns, suffers through 10

plagues and culminates with the drowning of the entire Egyptian army.

Passover does not avert its gaze from suffering, but pain is not the focus of our festival. Liberation is. Our Seder instructs us that, in every generation, each of us must see ourselves as if we personally experienced redemption from Egypt. Our meal moves us through sensations of sight, sound, smell, taste and touch so we might literally experience first oppression, and then freedom.

The goal of Passover is to be sensitized to suffering so that, in our day, we might bring an end to suffering. We do not celebrate that we are free from servitude; we remind ourselves that since we who were once oppressed are today fortunate enough to know liberty, it is all the more so our task to work for the safety and security of all humanity.

For Christians, Good Friday is a day to stop, to be silent, and to meditate on the Christian promise that through Jesus, even God knows what suffering and death feel like. The path Jesus takes to the cross is the Via Dolorosa, a road paved with pain. Yet that pain is not only the physical agony of Jesus' crucifixion, but also the emotional rejection he felt as he walked through the streets of Roman Jerusalem, as well as the spiritual anguish of feeling God-forsaken as he hung on the cross itself. To observe Good Friday is to be in touch with the stark reality of suffering and death.

But the gospel's great "nevertheless" is that every Good Friday is indeed followed by the promise of Easter Sunday. To be an Easter people means that we know that neither death nor suffering will get to

have the last word on our lives or on the life of the world. Only God will get to do that and we trust God's last word is always Yes and Life and Hope.

Therefore, we are to live out that promise in the ways we live our own lives, doing whatever we can, in a way similar to our Jewish siblings, to work for an end to suffering and injustice in all forms. We are to live as Easter people who trust that God is not done with God's work of healing and transformation, and we are invited to be co-laborers with God.

Over two millennia have passed since the original Good Friday, and over 3,000 years have elapsed since the exodus from Egypt. But those moments continue to hold such truth and power. In these COVID-19 days, our Holy Weeks can help us reclaim the vision we need in order to do our best to help individuals and communities survive this pandemic, and then to live toward the hope for the great potential for rebirth and liberation that can follow.

We know there is much work to do now to help those who hurt, and there will be more work to do to care for our most vulnerable neighbors even when we begin a time of recovery. But as we measure our time, our traditions remind us that better days will come. May we all cling fast to that holy promise and vision so when the moment arrives, we will all be ready to work together in God's repairing of the world.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

One doctor's message of heartbreak and gratitude

I was on a 12-hour shift recently in the intensive care unit of the hospital I work for, taking care of intubated and ventilated COVID-19 patients. These were some of the sickest patients I have ever managed, and I had the constant fear that one or several of them would die on my shift. The enemy here is a silent one. Even though we do put our lives at risk, it is an honor to care for these patients at a critical time in their lives.

We appreciate everyone for their efforts: physicians, nurses, technicians, respiratory therapists, the environmental services employees who clean the infected rooms, the individuals who help us put on and take off our safety equipment, and all the others who are placing their personal and family health at risk. We appreciate the restaurants that are feeding our staff for 60 days for free, giving us one less thing to worry about and more time to focus on patient care.

We are heartbroken that many patients will die with no loved ones near them as visitors are not allowed. We will never forget members of one family, a wife and three daughters, who parked outside the hospital and waved up and showed signs to their loved one who was sedated and ventilated. It is disturbing for medical care workers to be the ones at the bedside of these patients when they pass away, rather than their loved ones. We are their surrogate family. We all give these patients the greatest respect and dignity.

We also appreciate all those heroes who don't work in hospitals: police and fire personnel, paramedics, grocery clerks and all others who are out there putting their lives at risk for the rest of us.

During this crisis, we have not heard one word of complaint, not one bit of self-pity — just amazing encouragement and willingness to fight and win this war. We are proud to work in health care along with all these heroes. Most will never get their names in the paper or on television, or get any sort of recognition, but nothing can be greater than trying to save a life and bring healing and compassion to those who need it most.

— Dr. Joseph W. Szokol, Chicago

Community rises to the challenge

My husband, Shu Chan, is an emergency room doctor at Amita Health Resurrection. Since this crisis started, many of our friends have wondered about his well-being and sent messages of support. After receiving an overwhelming number of messages, Shu asked me to send a text to our friends: "He thanks you for all your good wishes but what he really needs are more masks and sterile gowns — if any of you have supplies or access to such things, please send them his way for his team at the ER, AMITA Resurrection Hospital, Chicago."

One of the first friends to react was Meredith Shi, a high school teacher of Chinese. She shared his request with her friends and groups. Immediately, a group of Chinese Americans responded. It turns out they've been organizing donations of masks for several weeks across the six-county area. Led by Hong Liu, executive director of the Midwest Asian Health Association, they have to-date raised over \$70,000 and distributed over 100,000 masks to 10 hospitals, clinics and organizations.

Recently they donated 2,700 masks to Amita Resurrection's ER department, allowing frontline workers like my husband to continue their important work without worrying about having adequate supplies. They anticipate a big influx of patients in the coming weeks and have experienced daily increases in usage.

Given the political climate in some places and the racial profiling of particularly early COVID-19 patients, this story about a local group of Chinese Americans, mainly immigrant professionals, working tirelessly to bring more masks to community institutions, sends a powerful message about building community and unifying diverse groups across the region in this common struggle to flatten the curve and help all of us stay safe.

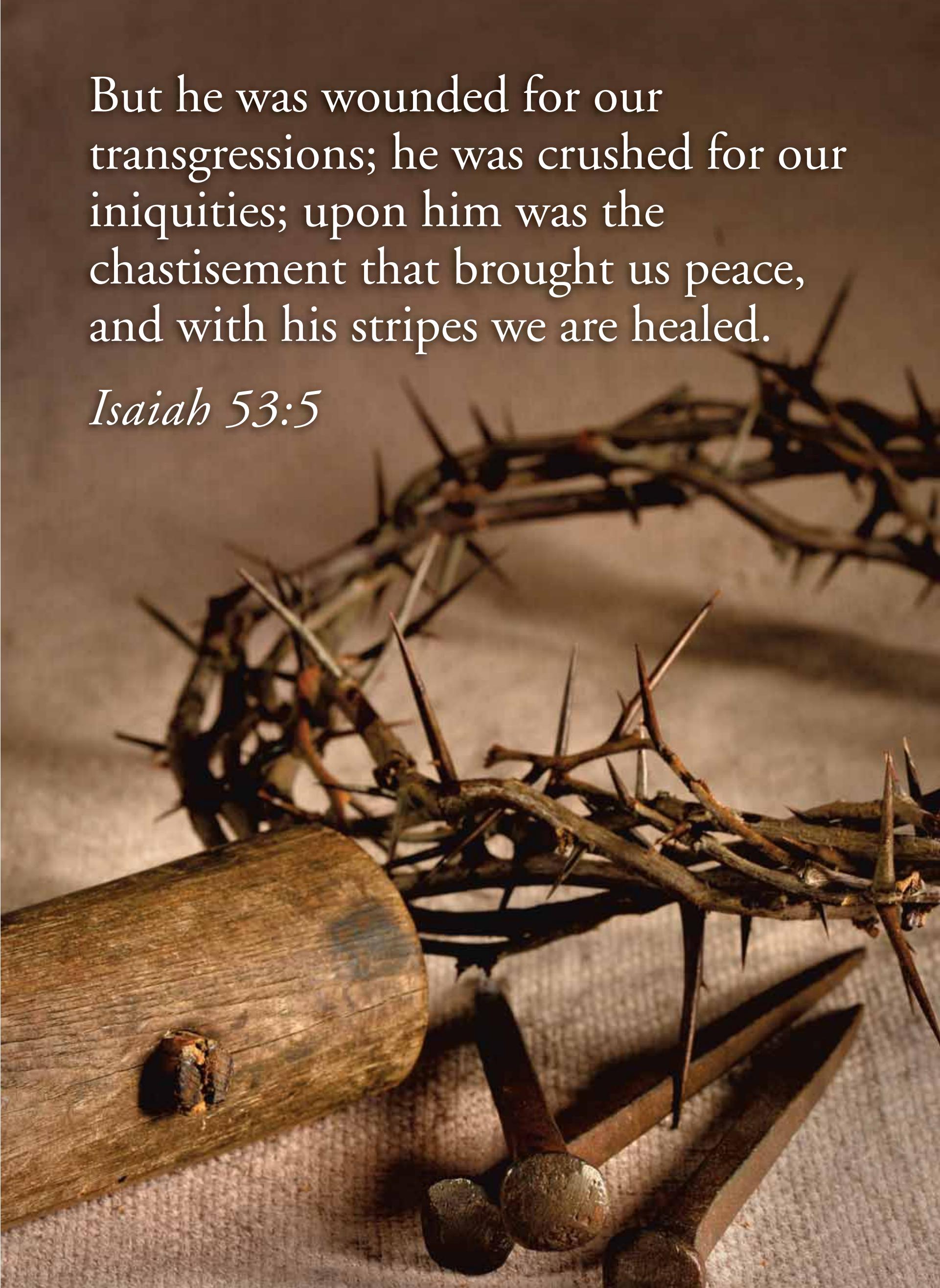
As a Chinese American, I'm proud to recognize that this organization has spearheaded this effort to help the larger Chicagoland community, volunteering countless hours to contribute to the safety and well-being of so many patients, health care workers and their families.

— Yvonne M. Lau, dean of academic affairs, Instituto del Progreso Latino, Chicago

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Isaiah 53:5



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Illinois unemployment claims top 201,000 amid pandemic

Number breaks record as more than 493K file in 3-week period

By ALLY MAROTTI

The number of Illinois workers seeking unemployment insurance benefits last week topped 201,000, breaking the previous record as the coronavirus pandemic continues to wreak havoc on the state's economy.

In all, more than 493,500 people have filed initial claims for unemployment in the past three weeks in Illinois, or about

1 in 12 workers.

Nationally, more than 6.6 million people filed initial claims for benefits during the week that ended April 4, the U.S. Labor Department reported Thursday. That is a slight decline from the revised figure of 6.8 million claims a week earlier.

Illinois saw no such decline, but the rate of increase slowed. For the week ended April 4, Illinois received 201,041 initial claims for the financial assistance, up 22,620 from the number of claims filed a week earlier, according to the Illinois Department of Employment Security. That week earlier revised

total of 178,421 was 64,000 claims higher than the previous report.

For the second week in a row, weekly claims in Illinois broke a record, based on data available to the state that stretches back to January 1980.

Gov. J.B. Pritzker said recently the state might not have sufficient funds to handle the surge in claims. It reportedly had \$1.4 billion in unemployment funds at the end of January. Employers pay into state unemployment funds through payroll taxes. Some money also comes from federal taxes.

More help from the federal

government is on the way. Congress approved an economic relief package last month that provides an extra \$600 a week in benefits on top of what states provide, and extends how long people can receive benefits. It also expands eligibility for gig workers such as Uber drivers.

The rush of unemployment claims tied to the pandemic is far from over, said Andrew Stettner, senior fellow at The Century Foundation, a nonpartisan think tank based in New York City and Washington, D.C.

"There are a lot more people

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Former execs can't access \$10M in funds

Judge denies request to use frozen money to pay attorneys' fees

By ALLY MAROTTI

Former Outcome Health CEO Rishi Shah and former president Shraddha Agarwal wanted to access \$10.3 million the government froze as part of a \$1 billion fraud case playing out in Chicago federal court. A federal judge has denied the request.

Judge Thomas Durkin ruled Wednesday that the money was "indisputably derived" from Agarwal and Shah's alleged fraud, and therefore would remain frozen.

Court documents filed by the former executives' attorneys in February listed Shah and Agarwal's assets and argued they cannot pay their attorneys' fees Shah without the frozen \$10.3 million. Shah and Agarwal need "at least" \$14 million to \$15 million to pay their lawyers, according to the documents.

The government has repeatedly rebuffed that argument, saying both have assets they could sell or use as collateral for loans to pay their lawyers.

Shah and Agarwal collected \$225 million from investors, but they paid most of that money back to settle a lawsuit those investors brought. The government had previously argued the \$10.3 million was part of a chunk of investor funds that Shah and Agarwal did not pay back, and that the money should be frozen because it was obtained through the alleged fraud.

After declining to rule on the issue at a court appearance in March, Durkin agreed.

The decision is the latest development in an ongoing criminal case against the former executives, which Shah and Agarwal's attorneys have said they plan to fight.

Outcome Health installs screens in doctor's offices and waiting rooms that combine health information with drug advertising. Pharmaceutical companies pay Outcome to run the ads and other content on the screens.

The charges allege the former executives ran a massive fraud scheme that brought in \$487.5 million in financing, a \$10 million loan and a \$375 million loan, amounting to nearly \$1 billion. The indictment also alleges the executives lied to clients and billed them millions of dollars for ads that never ran.

Also charged in the case is Brad Purdy, who held various roles including chief financial officer and chief operating officer. A fourth former executive who was charged in the case, Ashik Desai, pleaded guilty and agreed to cooperate with the government's investigation.

Court appearances have been delayed due to the coronavirus pandemic.

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Evelyn Okorie sits outside her South Shore home Wednesday when she was supposed to be in Miami with her two children on spring break.

'Airlines are playing games'

Amid the coronavirus pandemic, passengers battle to get refunds for canceled flights

By LORI RACKL

The new coronavirus has brought travel to a near standstill, wreaking havoc on passengers and airlines alike.

The pandemic has put the two groups against each other as customers try to claw back money spent on scuttled trips and airlines grasp for ways to preserve cash. Ticket refunds — or a lack thereof — are a major sore spot.

"What we're seeing is the airlines, who are facing unprecedented financial distress, are trying to find ways to get around having to offer consumers refunds because that's cash that comes out of their bottom line," said John Breyault, head of public policy for the National Consumers League in Washington, D.C. "They're aggressively trying to push vouchers instead of cash refunds. But for many consumers facing tough times, a voucher for travel a year from now just isn't an option when you're not even sure you're going to have a job."



Evelyn Okorie shows the text message United Airlines sent her about her canceled flight to Miami.

A few days before Evelyn Okorie and her two children were supposed to fly to Miami for spring break, the South Shore mom got a text message from United Airlines saying the flight was canceled.

It was a relief. Okorie had no intention of taking a family vacation in the midst of a pandemic. But she knew that if she canceled her flight, she'd only get a voucher for future travel. If

the airline pulled the plug, federal rules say she's entitled to her money back.

Okorie reached out to United to get the refund. What she got, she said, was the runaround.

The airline had rebooked her on another flight. Okorie told the customer service agent she didn't want to be rebooked; she wanted her money.

Then she was told her basic economy tickets didn't qualify

for a refund. Okorie pushed back, noting that even nonrefundable tickets are refundable in this situation.

"It's like they were doing everything at their disposal to keep the money," Okorie said.

She called United back later that night and talked to a different agent who agreed to refund her money.

"It leaves a bad taste in your mouth that you have to fight for something that's yours," Okorie said. "For some people, a refund is really meaningful, and you're pushing them into a credit they may never use."

Airlines initially responded to the coronavirus crisis with uncharacteristic flexibility, temporarily waiving fees for trip changes and cancellations. More recently, several big carriers extended their frequent flyer benefits, made it easier for customers to get elite status (and therefore more perks) and lengthened the expiration date on travel credits, making them

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Anixter International shareholders approve \$4.5B merger

Deal has received regulatory approval in the US, but is awaiting approval in Canada and Mexico

By ABDEL JIMENEZ

Shareholders of Glenview-based Anixter International approved a \$4.5 billion acquisition by Wesco International on Thursday, moving the merger another step toward completion.

More than 99% of the votes cast were in favor of the deal. The vote took place at a special meeting of Anixter shareholders, which was held virtually due to the new coronavirus.

Anixter accepted Wesco's offer in January, paving the way for a deal that could create an electrical and data communications distribution company with \$17 billion in annual revenue. The two companies are competitors.

Anixter employs about 9,300 people, including 950 in two buildings in Glenview, said Ted Dosch, the firm's executive vice president and chief financial officer.

It is unknown what the deal will mean for Anixter's executives and

its facilities in Glenview. Wesco said it expects to realize \$200 million in cost savings over three years by consolidating operations and streamlining its branch footprint.

The deal, which has received regulatory approval in the U.S. but is awaiting approvals in Canada and Mexico, is expected to close in the second or third quarter, Anixter said.

Wesco amended its original cash-and-stock offer and will now use some debt to finance the deal.

Under the terms of the deal, Anixter stockholders will receive a cash and stock payment valued at

\$100 a share, including \$70 in cash, the companies said.

Wesco stockholders will own 84% of the combined company, while Anixter stockholders will own 16% after the deal closes.

Anixter was at the center of a months-long bidding war between Wesco and an affiliate of private equity firm Clayton, Dubilier & Rice. In October, Anixter announced it agreed to be acquired by Clayton for \$3.8 billion. But Pittsburgh-based Wesco made its own offer and raised it multiple times until it emerged as the winning bidder.

William Anixter and his brother,

Alan, started Anixter Bros. in 1957. Each pitched in \$5,000 that they borrowed in part from their mother, Zelda. The firm went public in 1967 and by 1982, sales exceeded \$500 million. The company had a broad reach as the leading nationwide independent distributor of wire and cable.

In 1986, with Anixter Bros. generating more than \$700 million in sales, the brothers decided to sell the company to Sam Zell's Chicago-based Itel Corp., which later changed its name to Anixter and then to Anixter International.

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valid for up to two years. But the battle over refunds rages on.

A proposed class-action lawsuit against United was filed earlier this week in federal court in Chicago. The plaintiff, a Minnesota police officer, alleges the Chicago-based airline denied his request for a \$1,521 refund after his flight was canceled by United, which issued him a travel credit instead.

United spokeswoman Leslie Scott declined to comment on the lawsuit, saying the airline hasn't been served with it.

The lawsuit comes on the heels of a stern warning issued late last week by the U.S. Department of Transportation, reminding airlines of their refund obligations.

Breyault, of the National Consumers League, called it "a very strong signal from the department that they recognize the airlines are playing games with consumers when it comes to refunds."

A spokeswoman said in an email that the Trans-

portation Department has received "a high volume of complaints and inquiries from ticketed passengers who describe having been denied refunds for flights that were canceled or significantly delayed."

The department is giving airlines a chance to work with wronged customers. The so-called enforcement notice says carriers won't be penalized as long as they contact "in a timely manner" passengers who were given vouchers for flights the airline canceled or significantly delayed and let them know they have the option of a refund.

The federal government doesn't specify what constitutes a significant delay, which is different than a postponement caused by weather. American Airlines, for example, has long used schedule changes of 61 minutes or more as its threshold for refunds. But the airline narrowed its rules Wednesday for flights booked after April 7, requiring in some cases that delays be at least four hours and one minute to warrant refunds.

Other airlines have changed their refund policies and added restrictive new rules as the pandemic unfolded. United, which

has drawn the most consumer wrath on social media, had been issuing credits to passengers with canceled international flights, telling them that if they didn't use the credit within a year, they'd get their money back.

At one point, United was limiting refunds to itineraries disrupted by at least 25 hours. JetBlue adopted a similar stance but recently did an about-face, reverting to its original policy that allows refunds on flights with schedule changes of two or more hours.

United now refunds customers whose travel has been affected by more than six hours. If the itinerary change is less than six hours but the passenger doesn't want to travel, United will issue a travel credit that lasts for two years.

"We have changed our policy a few times over the last two months as this unprecedented situation has evolved," United's Scott said. "Our current policy ... offers our customers flexibility in changing or canceling their travel and also maintains our ability to manage our business through this evolving and difficult set of circumstances."

With travel grinding to a

halt, airlines are bleeding money at a rapid clip. The economic stabilization package passed by Congress last month includes \$50 billion in grants and loans for the beleaguered airline industry. But airline representatives say demand has tanked and the sector is burning through cash at a dangerous rate.

The International Air Transport Association, a trade association for the world's airlines, estimates \$61 billion could disappear from the industry's cash reserves in the second quarter alone. More than half of that amount — \$35 billion — can be chalked up to ticket-refund obligations.

"We do believe that the requirement to refund tickets that were unflown owing to government-imposed travel restrictions could drive some airlines into bankruptcy," the trade group's spokesman Perry Flint said in an email.

Reuters reported the European Union transport chief on Wednesday rejected carriers' calls for an EU-wide waiver of refund obligations, saying airlines have to reimburse customers for flights canceled because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Economic hardship is no excuse for the way some airlines have behaved during the health crisis, said Susan Grant, director of protection and privacy at the Consumer Federation of America.

"The airlines are getting a tremendous shot in the arm with taxpayer dollars to keep on paying employees and contractors, which is fine, but we need help too," Grant said, adding that she thinks any customer who doesn't want to fly during a pandemic should be able to get a refund, regardless of whether the flight was canceled or delayed.

"It's really unfair to say to a large part of the public who only flies once a year that you have to accept a voucher, when what people really need right now is money in their pockets," said Grant, whose flight to Paris was canceled by American Airlines.

Grant got a refund, but she said the process wasn't straightforward. "From my own experience, the airline systems are deliberately designed to conceal the fact that you're entitled to a refund and push you into getting a voucher instead."

American spokesman

Ross Feinstein said the company has made changes to its website so it's easier for customers to choose between a voucher and a refund. He also said the airline has added more flexibility for customers in light of COVID-19. This week, American extended the window for waived change fees on flights already booked through the summer, allowing those passengers to travel through 2021.

All airlines are losing money because of the coronavirus crisis, but some stand to lose customers' trust as well, said the National Consumers League's Breyault.

"Consumers will look back on this time and say, 'Who tried to work with us in this unprecedented situation?'" he said. "The airlines who did the right thing will be rewarded once we come out of this. But even those who don't are likely to be insulated from massive blowback because we have a concentrated airline industry where 80% of domestic flights are controlled by four carriers. The lack of competition allows airlines to get away with some of the games they're playing."

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Claims

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at risk of losing their jobs ... given the depth of the closures and slowdown in economic activity," he said. "You could see those numbers continue to grow through the month of April."

Some companies continued to pay employees for several weeks even after closing down, so those workers may not have filed for jobless claims yet. But jobless claims may peak sooner in Illinois than in other states that were slower to order shutdowns of nonessential businesses, Strettnet said.

Many would-be filers have hit technical glitches as the state's system strains under the increased volume.

It has been more than

three weeks since an order from Gov. J.B. Pritzker closed bars and restaurants to dine-in customers, prompting layoffs and furloughs. Other nonessential businesses closed days later. The order runs through April 30.

Corie Tiencken was furloughed from her bartending job at The Purple Pig in Chicago and filed for unemployment benefits March 15. She received her first check Wednesday.

Tiencken, 25, postponed some monthly payments and tapped her savings to get by. But she worries that roughly \$1,300 every other week won't be enough.

"I understand where they get that number from," she said. "But it's still just like a complete financial restructure to try to figure out how I'm going to live."

Crystal Lake resident Nils Montag filed an unemployment claim March 20,

the day he was furloughed from his job at a company that dispatches technicians to do electrical and HVAC work.

He has yet to receive any benefits, and said he's been frustrated with the lack of communication from the state throughout the process.

After his claim was approved, Montag said he tried for two weeks to contact the state to see when benefits would start. He and his wife both depend on medication, and they wondered how long they could get by without money to help pay for it. Finally, a letter arrived earlier this week with more information, but waiting is still stressful, he said.

"I get it, this is way more than they've ever had to do and it wasn't designed to ever be this busy," he said. "But they have got to let people know what to do."



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Corie Tiencken, who was furloughed from her job as a bartender and filed for unemployment mid-March, sits on the steps of her home with her dogs Thursday.

The Illinois Department of Employment Security is asking applicants to file claims and call in on alternate days, depending on the first letter of their last

names.

People with last names beginning with the letters A-M are asked to file on Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, while those

with last names beginning with letters N-Z file on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Saturdays are 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. Fridays are flexible days.

Illinois also has loosened requirements for those receiving unemployment benefits under emergency rules adopted to respond to the outbreak. A person is considered to be actively seeking work as long as they're prepared to return to work as soon as the employer reopens.

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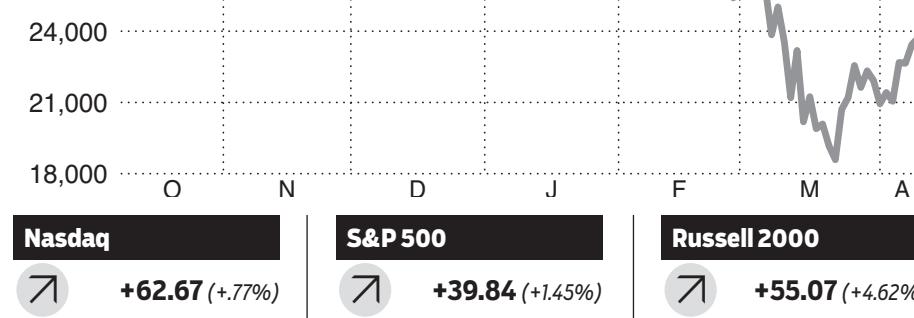
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New \$2.3T Fed plan to aid localities, companies

S&P jumps 12% in week, its best performance in 45 years

BY MARTIN CRUTSINGER

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve unleashed a new series of moves Thursday to try to make loans available to states, localities and companies that have been hard hit by the coronavirus.

In doing so, the Fed will pump an additional \$2.3 trillion into the U.S. economy. The central bank, in part, is drawing on money made available in Congress' new economic relief package to buy municipal bonds as well as debt that did not previously qualify for federal backing.

The extraordinary rescue package comes on top of efforts the Fed has already made to bolster the economy, including cutting its benchmark interest rate to near zero and supplying more than \$1 trillion to purchase Treasury and mortgage-backed securities to help keep credit flowing.

On the same day that the number of Americans seeking unemployment benefits reached 16.8 million in just three weeks, Chairman Jerome Powell said the Fed fully intended to use its powers

"forcefully, proactively and aggressively until we are confident that we are solidly on the road to recovery."

Meanwhile, Wall Street — propelled by the Fed's announcement — closed out its best week in 45 years Thursday.

The S&P 500 rose 39.84 points, or 1.4%, to 2,789.92. The Dow Jones Industrial Average added 285.80, or 1.2%, to 23,719.37, and the Nasdaq climbed 62.67, or 0.8%, to 8,153.58.

For the week, the S&P 500 jumped 12.1%, its best performance since late 1974. Markets will be closed for Good Friday.

In his remarks, Powell said there was "every reason to believe that the economic rebound, when it comes, can be robust" because the economy was doing well before the virus hit.

The Fed said it was activating a Main Street Lending Program authorized by the CARES Act, the largest economic relief package ever passed by Congress.

Among the actions taken Thursday, the Fed activated a loan program for municipal governments, as well as additional support for the Paycheck Protection Program,

which the Small Business Administration rolled out last week. The program provides loans to businesses with fewer than 500 employees.

The Main Street lending program "will make a significant difference for the 40,000 medium-sized businesses that employ 35 million Americans," Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said.

The government's pay protection plan for small businesses is off to a rocky start. Businesses have had difficulty getting banks to provide the loans. The banks have said that the government has not made clear how they should process such loans.

The Fed on Thursday said it would purchase up to \$500 billion of municipal bonds to help state and local governments borrow enough to cover day-to-day operations.

Both state and local governments are facing precipitous drops in revenue as sales tax receipts plunge and millions of Americans lose jobs and pay less income tax. At the same time, governments are facing rising social safety net costs, as the ranks of recipients swell.

Deal sought to stabilize global oil market

BY DARIA LITVINNOVA

Associated Press

MOSCOW — Oil-producing countries including those of the OPEC cartel and Russia are trying to strike a global deal to pump less crude in a bid to limit a crash in prices that, while welcome for consumers, has been straining government budgets and pushed energy companies toward bankruptcy.

Thursday's videoconference is part of a series of talks on stabilizing the market, where oil prices have more than halved since the start of the year amid a pricing war between Saudi Arabia and Russia.

The drop was intensified when the coronavirus pandemic caused a further plunge in the demand for oil as travel and business ground to a halt globally.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said Thursday that Russia will advocate for a global move that not only includes OPEC and Russia, which had coordinated production cuts for four years until they fell out spectacularly this year, but also the United States. The U.S. is the world's top producer now and the slide in crude prices is causing huge financial damage to companies in the oil patch.

President Donald Trump has said that output could be cut by as much as 15 million barrels a day, or about 15% of global production, though experts say that is unlikely. Last week, President Vladimir Putin said he supported an overall cut of about 10 million barrels a day.

"We are ready for agreements with partners and within the framework of this mechanism — OPEC-plus — and we are ready for cooperation with the United States of America on this issue," Putin said.

The oil market was oversupplied when Russia and OPEC failed to agree on output cuts in March. Analysts say Russia refused to back even a moderate cut because it would have helped U.S. energy companies, which were pumping at full capacity.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

Wholesale prices dip 0.2% in March

WASHINGTON — Wholesale prices fell for a second consecutive month, led by a big drop in energy prices.

The Labor Department reported Thursday that its producer price index, designed to measure inflation before it reaches the consumer, dropped 0.2% in March after a bigger 0.6% decline in February.

Energy prices dropped a sharp 6.7% in March, the third straight monthly decline as global oil prices have taken a nose-dive, in part because of falling demand as the coronavirus affects travel.

Over the past year, wholesale prices are up 0.7% from a year ago, indicating that even before the coronavirus disrupted economic activity, there were no signs that inflation was becoming a problem.

30-year mortgage rate steady at 3.3%

WASHINGTON — U.S. long-term mortgage rates were stable to slightly lower this week after two weeks of declines amid deepening anxiety over the severe damage to the economy from the coronavirus pandemic.

Home-loan rates have been hitting all-time lows, and mortgage buyer Freddie Mac says there's room for them to move lower. Freddie Mac reported the average rate on the benchmark 30-year loan was unchanged this week at 3.33%. A year ago the rate stood at 4.12%. The average rate on the 15-year fixed-rate mortgage declined this week to 2.77% from 2.82% last week.

Demand from prospective homebuyers has weakened in response to economic concerns.



Pro video game streamers like Ben Lupo, left, are used to spending their days in isolation long before the coronavirus pandemic.

Gaming possibly the safest job

Esports industry is booming in times of coronavirus pandemic

BY DAVID SEGAL

The New York Times

Ben Lupo sat in his basement in Omaha, Nebraska, one recent afternoon, trying to kill a brigade of heavily armed Russians before they killed him.

"I'm getting shot at already, dog," he said into a headset, as the sound of machine guns echoed in the air. "So, this is not cool."

Moments later, the Russians had cornered and finished him off — also not cool. It was a grisly end to an ill-fated campaign in Call of Duty: Modern Warfare, a first-person shooter video game set in the fictional country of Urzikstan.

Lupo did not stew over his demise. He didn't have time. About 13,000 people were watching him live on Twitch, the streaming platform where hordes of fans can pay to follow the best online gamers in the business. Few attract bigger crowds than Lupo, and since the coronavirus began forcing people to shelter in place, his crowds have only grown. He estimates that his viewership is up 25% to 30%.

"I feel," he said in an interview, "like I've

been preparing for this moment my whole life."

It's hard to think of a job title more pandemic-proof than "superstar streamer." While the coronavirus has upended the working lives of hundreds of millions of people, Dr. Lupo, as he's known to acolytes, has a basically unaltered routine. He has the same seven-second commute down a flight of stairs. He sits in the same seat, before the same configuration of lights, cameras and monitors. He keeps the same marathon hours, starting every morning at 8.

Social distancing? He's been doing that since he went pro, three years ago.

For 11 hours a day, six days a week, he sits alone, hunting and being hunted on games like Call of Duty and Fortnite. With offline spectator sports canceled, he and other well-known gamers offer one of the only live contests that meet the standards of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Viewership numbers on Twitch leapt 31% from March 8 to March 22, according to Arsenal.Lgg, a data analytics firm. By then, 1 in 4 Americans was under shelter-in-place orders. During that two-week span, the numbers of hours a day watched on Twitch rose to 43 million from 33 million.

Lupo and his peers were having the best financial year of their lives even before

COVID-19 struck. Three of the biggest tech companies in the world — Microsoft, Facebook and Google — have been trying to raise the profile of their online gaming platforms: Mixer, Facebook Gaming and YouTube Gaming, respectively. Their goal is to catch up with Amazon, which owns Twitch and 70% of online gaming viewership.

"You've got the biggest tech companies in the world competing for the top talent to stream exclusively on their platform," said Rod Breslau, who helped start the esports section of ESPN's site. "That gives the talent agency that works for a guy like Lupo a huge amount of leverage to negotiate."

In December, Breslau said, Twitch signed Lupo and two other streaming stars to multiyear deals worth millions. It was a counterattack of sorts. Over the summer, Tyler Blevins, who plays under the name Ninja and is widely considered one of the best Fortnite players in the world, left Twitch for Mixer in a multiyear deal reportedly worth as much as \$30 million.

These are sums that may startle the uninitiated. But Lupo and Blevins are celebrities in a gaming industry that generates more than \$150 billion a year in revenue, according to Newzoo, a gaming analytics company — more than double the global film and music industries combined.

Smithfield to shut, sanitize pork plant in SD

Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. — The Smithfield pork processing plant in South Dakota will close temporarily for cleaning after more than 80 employees were confirmed to have the coronavirus, the company announced Thursday.

Smithfield Foods plans to suspend operations in a large section of the Sioux Falls plant Saturday, then completely close Sunday and Monday. The company plans to sanitize the plant and install physical barriers to "enhance social distancing."

South Dakota health officials announced Wednesday that more than 80 employees of the plant had tested positive for COVID-19, while the union representing workers said over 120 have confirmed

infections.

The plant, which employs about 3,700 people, has emerged as a hot spot of infections, accounting for at least 1 in 5 confirmed cases in South Dakota.

Smithfield CEO Kenneth Sullivan said in a statement that the plant dishes out nearly 18 million servings of meat per day.

There has been no evidence that the coronavirus is being transmitted through food or its packaging, according to the Department of Agriculture.

Sullivan said the company is taking "the utmost precautions and actions to ensure the health and well-being of our employees — with an even increased emphasis on our critical role in the ongoing supply of food to American families."

Smithfield said it would pay employees

who were scheduled to work those days.

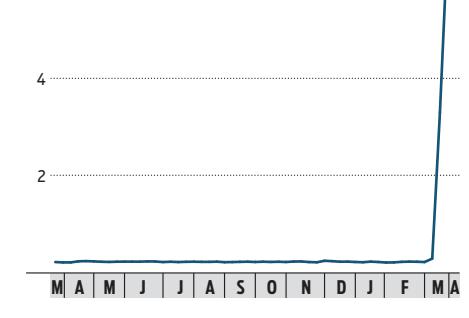
South Dakota Gov. Kristi Noem has been in communication with the company and appreciated its "decisive action," according to spokeswoman Maggie Seidel.

Other meat processing plants have also closed temporarily because of outbreaks of the coronavirus. Tyson Foods suspended operations at its pork processing plant in Columbus Junction, Iowa, this week after more than two dozen employees tested positive for COVID-19.

Tyson, Cargill and other major meat processing companies say they are taking precautions to keep workers safe, such as taking the temperature of everyone entering their plants and adding clear plexiglass shields between work stations.

Jobless claims

Initial unemployment claims, in millions per week



SOURCE: Department of Labor

TNS

OBITUARIES

REMEMBERING THE LIVES OF THOSE IN ILLINOIS WHO DIED FROM CORONAVIRUS

They were mothers and fathers, daughters and sons. Many were proud grandparents. Two were sisters from a tight-knit South Side family. All were loved, relatives say, and will be forever missed.

As the number of deaths attributable to the coronavirus ticks upward, the Tribune is working to chronicle those who have lost their lives in the Chicago area or who have connections to our region. These are some of those victims.

PETER SAKAS, 67

From Northbrook, died March 30.

Dr. Peter Sakas ran the Niles Animal Hospital, and saved countless animals and birds in his veterinary medical career. In his Northbrook home, according to Sakas' youngest brother, Jim, you'd typically find "some type of stray animal, some creature in distress."

Sakas' sister-in-law, orthodontist Jackie Rosen, recalled how Sakas consulted with her many years ago on an exotic bird with a broken beak, unable to eat. The pair figured out how to bond orthodontic braces with rubber bands to the outside of the bird's beak.

"Six weeks later, we took the braces off and the bird was healed," she said. "Pete was probably the only one who ever put braces on a bird."

The longtime owner of Niles Animal Hospital and Bird Medical Center died March 30, after a brief stay in Glenbrook Hospital. Sakas was admitted after experiencing flu-like symptoms, his brother Bill Sakas said.

Sakas' daughter, Dr. Courtney Sakas, an emergency room physician at Boston Medical Center, said doctors at Glenbrook Hospital confirmed that her father had tested positive for COVID-19.

After he was admitted to the hospital, doctors placed Sakas, who had lost a kidney to cancer, on dialysis, but he appeared to be improving later in the week, as reports from the hospital had him telling jokes and laughing with his nurses, Bill Sakas said.

"By Saturday or Sunday, things went downhill pretty rapidly," his brother said. Sakas was on a ventilator and in a medically induced coma before he died.

His COVID-19-related death cut short a widely admired career devoted to the care and treatment of animals and birds.

As a teenager Sakas caddied at the Evanston Golf Club, recalled his sister, Connie Markoutas.

"One day, as he was walking home from there, there was a little bird on the sidewalk. He bent down, picked up the bird and carried it home. Pete said he wanted to help the bird so badly, and he felt helpless. That's when he decided he wanted to become a vet."

The father of two grown children, Courtney and Christopher, Sakas joined Niles Animal Hospital in 1980 while still a veterinary student. He took over the practice in 1985.

"He was a vet in the same way he was a person: caring and compassionate," said Al Whitman, who attended veterinarian school with Sakas at the University of Illinois. "He was able to do good and he did it effortlessly because that is the person he was."

In the mid-2000s, Sakas formed a partnership with Barrington-based Flint Creek Wildlife Rehabilitation, an organization that provides medical care to injured wildlife and releases the animals back into their habitats when they are well again, said founder and director Dawn Keller.

"He saw the cases that were the toughest, that were beyond what we could do without him," Keller said. "We took in a really sick red-tailed, adult male hawk that had a huge mass on his neck. (Sakas) did brilliant surgery to remove the mass. It turned out it was benign, the hawk made a recovery and was released."

Daughter Courtney Sakas said she and her father would joke about her decision to become a physician.

"In a teasing way, I would say, 'There's a

real doctor in the family — I take care of people,'" she said. "He had this really characteristic twinkle in his eye and he would smirk and say, 'You're just a specialized veterinarian.'"

Courtney Sakas noted her appreciation for her father because he would give "patients a voice that didn't have one."

"There's a book called 'All Creatures Great and Small,' and he completely embodied that," she said of the James Herriot novel about a beloved veterinarian.

Son Christopher, who worked alongside his father as a veterinary assistant at Niles Animal Hospital, called Sakas his idol.

"I plan on going to veterinary school," he said. "He was my inspiration, being able to work with him and seeing how he interacted with people and animals and how knowledgeable, passionate and loved he was."

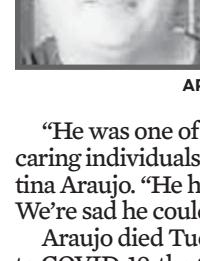
Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there are no public funeral plans, but his family hopes to honor him in the future.

"No one was with him when he died, and that's the worst part of it," Bill Sakas said. "None of us could see him."

— Jennifer Johnson and Michael Phillips

MARIO ARAUJO, 49

From Chicago, died April 7.



AP

Mario Araujo was as committed to his family as he was to his job as a Chicago firefighter, those who knew him said. In both aspects of his life, he was driven by a single motivation — he wanted to help.

"He was one of the most selfless and caring individuals," said his niece, Christina Araujo. "He had such big dreams. We're sad he couldn't get to them all."

Araujo died Tuesday of causes related to COVID-19, the Chicago Fire Department said. He was 49.

Araujo, who grew up in Chicago, joined the department in 2003 and spent most of his career with Truck Co. 25 in Rogers Park. While colleagues remembered him at a news briefing Wednesday as helpful and dedicated to the city's residents, his friend Rosa Elena Castillo said his devotion to his family went far beyond the norm.

She said he helped to raise her 7-year-old son, Leo Anthony, taking him to school or watching him while she worked, even if he had just completed a 24-hour shift.

"He took 100% responsibility, as if (Leo Anthony) was his blood son," she said. "He was doing the most he could for my son. He was always with us when we needed him."

That same dedication came through in his work, she said.

"He said he enjoyed the job because it gave him the opportunity to help people who need it," she said. "When there was a chance to do something for someone, he was there."

Christina Araujo said the same was true when it came to his relatives.

"He was just a great person and had a big heart," she said. "This has really put our family in shock. We're all just trying to do the best we can to support each other."

Araujo is survived by his mother, Maria.

— John Keilman

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ON APRIL 10 ...

ill-fated initial voyage to America.

IN 1947,

Brooklyn Dodgers President Branch Rickey announced he had purchased the minor league contract of Jackie Robinson, who would become the first black player in the modern major leagues.

IN 1996,

President Bill Clinton vetoed a bill that would have outlawed a technique used to end pregnancies in their late stages that opponents call "partial-birth" abortion.

IN 1997,

a federal judge struck down the Line-Item Veto Act, a law that let the president strike specific items from spending bills passed by Congress.

IN 2001,

the Netherlands legalized euthanasia and assisted suicide for patients with unbearable, terminal illness.

IN 2006,

former Enron Chief Executive Jeffrey Skilling began testifying in his fraud and conspiracy trial in Houston, declaring himself "absolutely innocent."

Chicago Tribune Death Notices
 Chicago Tribune extends our condolences to the families
 and loved ones of those who have passed.
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In Memoriam



Tara Michelle Feldman

IN LOVING MEMORY

July 4, 1975 - April 10, 2010

A million times we've needed you.

A million times we've cried.

If love alone could have saved you,

You never would have died.

In life we loved you dearly.

In death we love you still.

In our hearts you hold a place,

No one else can ever fill.

I broke our hearts to lose you,

But you didn't go alone.

Part of us went with,

The day God took you home.

It has been 10 years that you have been gone,

But you are always in our hearts

And we miss you everyday.

Love,

Mom, Dad, Travis, Leo, and Maya

Sign Guestbook at chicagotribune.com/obituaries

Brower, Marcy

Marcy Brower, nee Gordon, 91, died of heart failure on Friday, April 3. Loving wife of Bob Brower for 71 years, cherished mother of Todd (Steve MacIsaac) Brower, Aaron (Nancy) Brower and Adam Brower, adored grandmother of Jake (Katya Tepper) Brower and Nat Brower, dear sister of Sheldon (Danna) Gordon, fond aunt of many nieces and nephews.

Beyond her deep love for her family, Marcy had three passions, her love for children, her love for equality and her love of painting. Marcy taught elementary school in Chicago; La Mesa, Calif.; and Wheeling, Ill. She and Bob founded and operated Circle M Day Camp in Wheeling for 45 years, one of the first private camps to hire minority staff and enroll minority children. Her interest in opportunities for children eventually influenced the whole of private camping in the national organization of private camps.

Marcy was active in the civil rights movement and in the struggle for the rights of the LGBTQ community. She raised funds for civil rights groups and labor unions by sponsoring folk music concerts on the campgrounds during the 1960s, and marched with Martin Luther King Jr. in Washington in 1963.

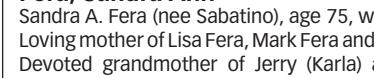
She was a gifted artist, and painting was one of her lifelong passions. She started painting at the age of 12 under the direction of teachers at Hull House in Chicago and at the Art Institute of Chicago. She had a natural eye for bold color, design and composition and was a master in non-objective painting. Private burial was held on April 5th at Memorial Park, Skokie. In lieu of flowers, memorials in her honor can be made to the American Camp Association - Illinois Section, 5 S. Wabash, Suite 1406, Chicago, IL 60603. Specify: Marcy and Bob Brower Campership Fund on the memo line.

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Elegant, Joan

Joan Elegant, 93, beloved wife of the late Lawrence Elegant, for 68 years; loving mother of Linda Elegant Huff (Raymond Huff), Bruce Elegant (Debra Gurney), Jeffrey (Janet) Elegant and Michelle Elegant Sherman (David Sherman); devoted "Bobbie" of Matthew (Jeanne) Huff, Jennifer (Todd) Freedman, Jacqueline, Melissa, and Danny (Rae) Elegant, Elizabeth (Rob) Hadfield, Samantha Sherman and Zachary Sherman; adoring great-grandmother of 9.

Due to the pandemic and out of concern for our extended family and friends, services and shiva will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Jewish United Fund (JUF). For information or condolences **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**: (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com.



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Fera, Sandra Ann

Sandra A. Fera (nee Sabatino), age 75, wife of Peter. Loving mother of Lisa Fera, Mark Fera and Kristy Fera. Devoted grandmother of Jerry (Karla) and Joshua Lindsey, and Damen Fera. Great-grandmother of Camden. Fond sister of Daniel (Gale) Sabatino. Also many beloved nieces and nephews. Funeral services are being held privately for family members in accordance with all current state and federal recommendations.

Chicago Tribune Death Notices

Chicago Tribune extends our condolences to the families and loved ones of those who have passed.

chicagotribune.com/deathnotice

Kahn, Lois S.



Lois S. Kahn, age 80, of Northbrook, IL, passed away peacefully on April 8, 2020. Beloved wife of Sid. Loving mother of Marcey (the late Paul) Barichello and Michael (Suzanne) Kahn. Proud grandmother of Nicole, Jaclyn, and Michelle Barichello, Maria, Alexander, Andrew, and Isabella Kahn. Dear sister of Lenora (the late Robert) Schur. Fond sister in law of Cheryl (Rich) Lucas and cherished friend to many. Known as "Lolo," she is remembered for her unconditional love, upbeat personality, and her extraordinary ability to make you feel special and treasured.

She will be missed but will continue to live in our hearts forever. She spent 45 wonderful years working side by side with her husband and daughter at B & F Coffee Service. Known for her ability to befriend just about anyone she met, her spirit and zest for life was remarkable. Her loving nature and kindness will be forever cherished and carried on by her family and loved ones. May her memory always be a blessing.

Due to the pandemic, the memorial service will be private, but a video stream will be available. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to Shriners Hospitals For Children, whose mission was close to Lois's heart, at 2211 N. Oak Park Avenue, Chicago, IL 60707, www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org. Arrangements by Chicago Jewish Funerals - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com

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Levenson, Rose

Rose Levenson, nee Fisher, 105. Beloved daughter of the late Manya and Morris; adored wife of the late David Levenson; loving sister of the late Ida (the late Clement) Malki; devoted mother of the late Norman (Cece) Levenson and Bailie (David) Rosenthal; Proud grandmother of Lisa (Eric) Friedman, Ruth (Chris) Peterson and Mark (Anna) Rosenthal; Doting great-grandmother of Nolan, Ryan, Alex, Abby, Adam and Ian. Treasured Aunt and cherished friend to many. Rose exuded positivity and will forever be remembered for her gracious, warm and generous spirit. She brought people together everywhere she went. She was passionate about singing and piano and an active member of Hadassah. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Hadassah, www.hadassah.org. Service Friday 10:30 AM at Westlawn Cemetery, Norridge, IL. Arrangements by Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home, 847-256-5700.

WEINSTEIN & PISER FUNERAL HOME

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Leverenz, Ted E.

Ted E. Leverenz, 78, of Melrose Park, IL, passed away peacefully on April 8, 2020. Beloved husband to his bride Kathleen Jarecki-Leverenz. Loving father of Tracy (William Bergh) Leigh Bergh, Kevin (Jamie Francis-Leverenz) Leverenz, Brian (Gina) Jarecki, and Michael (Chirag Badani) Jarecki. Gentle grandpa to Melanie, Christina, Abigail, Ethan, Brian, Jr., and Ronen. Dear brother of Thomas (Sonia) Leverenz and uncle to many. Dedicated doggie dad to many, including Bailey, Bella and Mia. Ted served as an IL State Representative from 1974 to 1991, including as Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, and a Senator from 1991 to 1993. He is remembered as a dedicated public servant who "Never Had a Bad Day," with a smile to prove it. His loving nature and kindness will be forever cherished and carried on by his family, loved ones and many friends. Due to the pandemic, no public memorial service will be held. Contributions to honor Ted's life and legacy may be made to the American Lung Association, lung.org.

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Mallon, Charlotte

Charlotte Mallon, nee Roda, 90. Beloved wife of the late Marshall; loving mother of Alan Mallon; caring sister of Roberta Chang; fond sister-in-law of the late Norman Mallon and Siegmund; dear aunt of Andrew (Tina) Weinstein, Benjamin (UR) Jonna Chang, and Noah (Anna) Chang; proud great-aunt of Breona, Lorna, Kayla, Lily, Ruby and Theo. Services private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the National Kidney Foundation of Illinois, www.nkfi.org.

WEINSTEIN & PISER FUNERAL HOME

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Niles, Mary Evelyn

Mary Evelyn Niles, 88, of Winnetka, IL / Naples, FL, passed away after a short illness, on March 28, 2020. Marye (88), was preceded in death by her husband, Frederick A. Niles; daughter, Regina Ann; brother James Walter.; and sister, Barbara Ruth. She is survived by her sons, Martin Evenson, daughter-in Lynda Evenson and Frederick A Niles, Jr.; step daughters Stephanie, Debra and Victoria; and her triplet granddaughters, Macy, Maya and Marye Evenson. She was born in St. Charles, Virginia, but moved to La Porte, Indiana while I was in grade school. After High School she moved to Chicago and attended Gregg College and later had the opportunity to become a professional model and spokesperson; modeling on print ads as well as providing on camera and live product demonstrations. Marye volunteered in a several charitable-organization and eventually served as president of Chicago Service Club. One of her passions was traveling, she and Fred couldn't wait to get on to a plane for their next great adventure, traveling most of the world. She loved to play golf, and after she moved to Florida, played almost every day. Many people don't know that she was a skilled horse handicapper, she loved playing the ponies. She will be missed by her family and leaves a large void in her family's life with her guidance, adventurous stories and positive attitude. Due to the health and travel restrictions in place right now, a memorial service will be held at a later date, which has yet to be determined.

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NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS COMBINED NOTICE

April 8, 2020
Housing Authority of Cook County
175 W. Jackson Blvd., Suite 350
Chicago IL 60604
312-663-5447

To All Interested Persons, Agencies, and Groups:

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about April 24, 2020, the Housing Authority of Cook County (HACC) will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the clearance of project based vouchers under 24 CFR 983.58 for the following project: Union Avenue Apartments.

The HACC has awarded 14 project based vouchers to the Union Avenue Apartments. The project will consist of new construction of 16 units of permanent supportive housing in Orland Park IL.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Cook County Department of Planning and Development performed the environmental review and has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Report (ERR) on file and available for the public's inspection. Please call and come up to receive between the hours of 9:00am - 5:00pm Monday - Friday (except holidays) at 69 W. Washington St., Suite 2900, Chicago IL 60602.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Cook County Department of Planning and Development. All comments received by April 24, 2020 will be considered by Cook County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

Cook County is certifying to HUD that Cook County and Jay Stewart in his capacity as Acting Bureau Chief consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the HACC to use program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and Cook County's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt by the responsible agency. If there are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the certifying officer; (b) the applicant has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or required finding by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs, or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD/State; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Section 76) and shall be addressed to HUD at 77 W. Washington St., Chicago IL 60602. Attn: William O. Dawson III, Public and Indian Housing Director. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

4/10/20 6651811

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

COUNTY OF COOK JUSTICE ADVISORY COUNCIL REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

(RFQ) NO PLACE TO STAY: ADMINISTRATION SERVICES AND HOUSING SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS AWAITING TRIAL RFP NO.: 1205-2006

RFQ Document: The RFQ document is available for download at: <http://www.cookcountylaw.org/purchasing/bid/list/tbids.php>

Contact Person: If you are not able to download the RFQ or if you have other questions, please contact

Chris Hawkins-Long, Cook County Justice Advisory Council (312) 633-1141 or

Chris.Hawkins-Long@coookcountyil.gov

Non-Mandatory Pre-Submission Conference Date, Time, and Location:

Wednesday, April 22nd, 2020 at 10:00am Central Time

Online Conference Registration Required by April 17, 2020.

Questions: Questions can be submitted in writing to the contact person above until 3:00 PM Central Time, Friday, April 24th, 2020.

Submission Due Date, Time, and Location:

Friday, May 15th, 2020 at 3:00 PM Central Time

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Late Proposals Will Not Be Accepted

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FORECLOSURES

STATE OF ILLINOIS FIRM NO: 40466 COUNTY OF COOK IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS CHANCERY DIVISION - WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE OF HOME PRESERVATION PARTNERSHIP TRUST Plaintiff vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JANET GRANDYS, JULIE FOX, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR JANET GRANDYS, DENISE KRISTINE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS Defendant(s). Case No. 2020CH00280 Cal No. 62 Property Address: 6864 W 177TH ST, TINLEY PARK, ILLINOIS 60477 NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given that suit is pending against UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JANET GRANDYS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, defendants in the above entitled cause, in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: LOT 22 IN BLOCK 3 IN BARRETT BROTHERS ADDITION TO TINLEY PARK OF SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 36 NORTH, RANGE 13 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED AUGUST 9, 1956 AS DOCUMENT NO. 16664915, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, Commonly Known As: 6864 W 177TH ST, TINLEY PARK, ILLINOIS 60477 Property Index Number: 28-31-111-022-0000, in which said Mortgage is held by JANET GRANDYS as Mortgageholder(s) to BERKSHIRE MORTGAGE CORPORATION as Mortgagor, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 99357330 and for other relief; that Summons was duly issued out of the above Court against you as provided by law and that said suit is now pending. NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Cook County on or before April 27, 2020, a default may be taken against you at any time after that date and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Steven C. Feldman & Associates PC Firm No. 40466 Eric Feldman & Associates PC, Attorneys for Plaintiff 123 W. Madison, Suite 1704 | Chicago, IL 60602; P: 312.344.3529 | F: 877.571.4228 Firm No: 40466 | paralegal@falaaw.com | 3/27, 4/3, 4/10/2020 6641843

FORECLOSURES

F20010221 STB IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION Waterfall Victoria Grantor Trust II, Series G Plaintiff vs. Sherry L. Johnson aka Sherry Johnson; Illinois Housing Development Authority; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants Defendants. CASE NO. 20 CH 2147 12914 South Normal Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60628 Spratt Calendar 64 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Sherry L. Johnson aka Sherry Johnson, and UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, defendants in the above entitled cause, that suit is being commenced against you and other defendants in the Circuit Court for the judicial circuit by said plaintiff praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: THE SOUTH 10 FEET OF LOT 16 AND LOT 17 (EXCEPT THE SOUTH 2 FEET THEREOF) IN BLOCK 10 IN NEW ROSELEN, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF FRACTIONAL SECTION 33 NORTH OF THE INDIAN BOUNDARY LINE AND PART OF FRACTIONAL SECTIONS 28 AND 33, SOUTH OF THE INDIAN BOUNDARY LINE, TOWNSHIP 37 NORTH, RANGE 14 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. P.I.N.: 25-33-115-080-0000 Said property is commonly known as 12914 South Normal Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60628, and which said mortgages were/were made by Sherry L. Johnson and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 0715854110 and for other relief; that Summons was duly issued out of the above Court against you as provided by law and that said suit is now pending. NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Cook County on or before April 27, 2020, a default may be taken against you at any time after that date and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-provider.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or are having trouble e-filing, visit www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp. This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Steven C. Lindberg ANSELMO LINDBERG & ASSOCIATES LLC 1771 W. Diehl Rd., Ste. 120 Naperville, IL 60563-4947 630-453-6960 | 866-402-8661 | 630-428-4620 (fax) Attorney No. Cook 5882, DuPage 293191, Kane 031-26104, Peoria 1794, Winnebago 3802, IL 03126232 ilpleadings@AnselmoLindberg.com THIS LAW FIRM IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR.

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BULLS

ARTURAS KARNISOVAS REPORTEDLY WILL BE THE NEXT HEAD OF BASKETBALL OPERATIONS

Good diversion



In Karnisovas, Bulls go outside of organization for head of basketball ops for first time since 1985

BY JAMAL COLLIER

Arturas Karnisovas has become one of the most coveted and respected executives in the NBA, one several teams — the Bucks, 76ers and Nets included — have attempted to lure away from the Nuggets with no success.

The chance to run the Bulls, a job only two men have held since 1985 and one that has not been open since 2003, finally was enough to entice him.

The Bulls and Karnisovas were finalizing a deal to make him the franchise's new executive vice president of basketball operations, ESPN's Adrian Wojnarowski reported late Wednesday. Karnisovas will replace John Paxson as the organization's top basketball executive and will be tasked with overseeing a front-office overhaul, including hiring a new general manager.

Karnisovas, 48, joins the Bulls after spending the last seven years with the Nuggets, the last three as general manager. He helped build one of the most talented young rosters in the league. The Nuggets were the No. 3 seed in the Western Conference and on pace for more than 50 wins when the season was suspended because of the coronavirus pandemic.



GARRETT ELLWOOD/NBAE VIA GETTY (KARNISOVAS), CHICAGO TRIBUNE 2017 (TOP)

Arturas Karnisovas will oversee a team that includes Lauri Markkanen, from left, Kris Dunn and Zach LaVine, who were brought to the Bulls by John Paxson and Gar Forman.

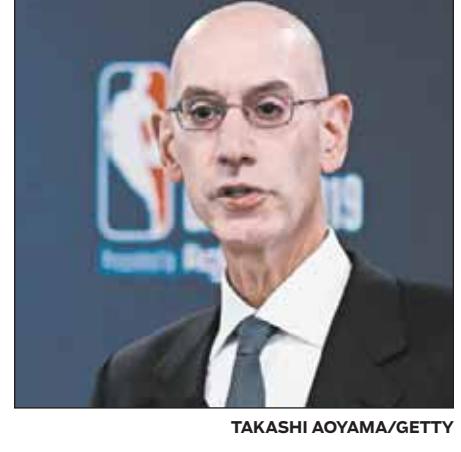
Karnisovas has received a lot of credit for that success as the right-hand man to president of basketball operations Tim Connelly and was crucial to their success building through the draft with connections around the globe. Karnisovas spent a few years working for the NBA league office, tasked with identifying and developing

international talent. He played college basketball at Seton Hall and represented Lithuania in the Olympics. Before arriving in Denver, he gained a background in analytics as an international scout with Daryl Morey and the Rockets.

Turn to Karnisovas, Page 5

WHEN SPORTS STOOD STILL

Keeping an eye on the impact of the coronavirus crisis:



TAKASHI AOYAMA/GETTY

NBA players will get full paychecks

NBA players will receive their full checks when the next payday for most of them arrives April 15 despite no games having been played for more than a month at that point.

The league gave teams the directive Thursday in a memo that was obtained by The Associated Press.

The league and the National Basketball Players Association has been in talks for weeks about the status of salaries during the game's shutdown. The last NBA games were played March 11, the day that Jazz center Rudy Gobert became the first player in the league to test positive for the coronavirus.

The pandemic will lead to the delay of at least 259 regular-season games through April 15, what would have been the end of the regular season. NBA Commissioner Adam Silver, above, said earlier this week that no decisions about the rest of the season, including whether play can resume, would occur before May.

None of the games have been canceled yet. The playoffs were to begin April 18, and the losses in revenue should the season either be shortened or not finished could easily reach hundreds of millions of dollars.

Being paid in full now also doesn't mean that things will stay that way for players. What the collective bargaining agreement between the league and its players describes as a "Force Majeure Event" — the legal term for unforeseeable circumstances, such as an epidemic or pandemic — could still come into play.

Per the Collective Bargaining Agreement, players could lose 1.08% of their annual salary for each game that is canceled.

If the rest of the season is called off, that means players would lose, on average, about 21% of their salary.

— Associated Press

THE QUOTE

"He's running around, he's bouncing around with high energy."

— Agent Leigh Steinberg on former Alabama quarterback Tua Tagovailoa, who underwent hip surgery in November but has recovered and held a virtual pro day Thursday

THE NUMBER

72%

Percentage of respondents to a poll who said they would not attend sporting events if they resume before there is a vaccine for the coronavirus. The poll of 762 Americans was conducted by Seton Hall University's Stillman School of Business. The margin of error was plus-or-minus 3.6%.



NBA
Season suspended indefinitely



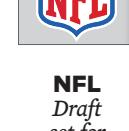
NHL
Season suspended indefinitely



MLB
Opening day delayed until at least mid-May



MLS
Season suspended until at least May 10



NFL
Draft set for April 23-25



NCAA
Spring sports schedule canceled

Others: PGA Tour suspended until at least May 21.

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:

A chip for the ages

(APRIL 10, 2005)

This story published when Tiger Woods won his fourth Masters title on April 10, 2005, aided by an improbable 15-foot birdie on No. 16, the first of three playoff holes. Woods called the shot "one of the best ones I've ever hit."

Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Tiger Woods thrust a fist in the air, let out a scream and headed off to hug family and friends huddled around the 18th green at Augusta National.

His wife, mother, caddie, agent.

Yes, order is restored in the world of golf. Woods is a major champion again, and No. 1 in the world, too, making Masters magic instead of swing changes, and back to chasing Jack Nicklaus' record.

But someone important was missing from this fourth Masters victory — the man who steered a toddler to a set of golf clubs, molded his swing, toyed with his mind, instilled a love for the game.

As Woods collected another green jacket, he couldn't help but think of his dad. And that's when Tiger, all grown up now, did something unusual Sunday.

He cried.

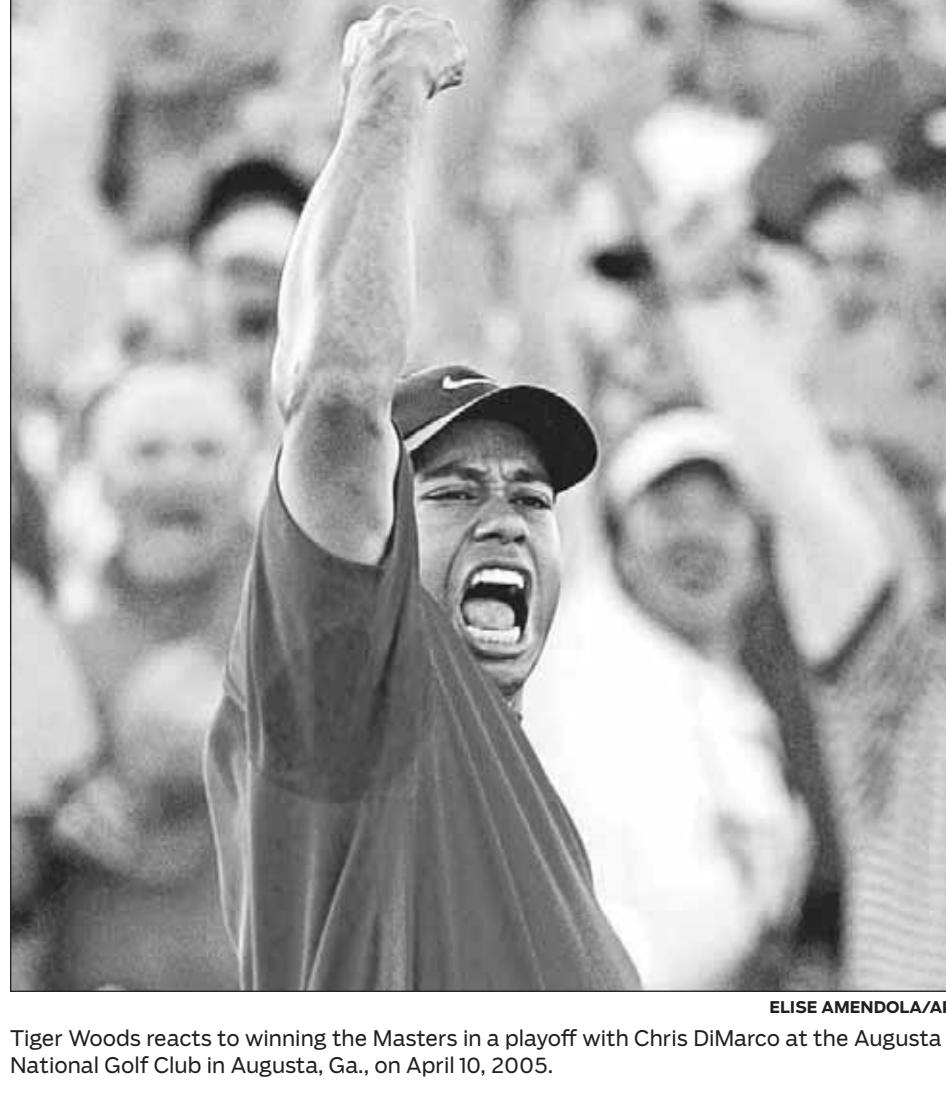
"I want to dedicate this to my father," Woods said, his eyes filling with tears. "I could feel him out there with me on the course."

Earl Woods, who has suffered from cancer and heart problems, didn't feel well enough to leave his hotel room. But he surely was watching on television, and surely proud of what he saw.

After surging to the lead with seven straight birdies in the weather-delayed third round, and after finishing up on the dew-covered grass of morning, Woods pulled off a shot for the ages in the fading sunlight of afternoon.

Then, he made the most important stroke of all: a 15-foot birdie on the first playoff hole to beat gritty Chris DiMarco.

Woods was clinging to a one-stroke lead and on the ropes when his tee shot at the par-3 16th hole sailed long. DiMarco was safely on the green and facing a 15-footer for birdie.



ELISE AMENDOLA/AP

Tiger Woods reacts to winning the Masters in a playoff with Chris DiMarco at the Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Ga., on April 10, 2005.

Woods played his chip up the slope and watched it trickle toward the flag. The ball dipped slightly to the right, wobbled back to the left and stopped at the edge. Hanging there for two full seconds before finally toppling into the cup.

Sarazen's double eagle, meet Woods' improbable birdie.

"I would rank that as one of the best ones I've ever hit," Woods said. "It turned things

around. It was pretty huge."

DiMarco mumbled "nice shot" toward Woods, then missed his own birdie attempt. The Masters, it seemed, was over.

Not so fast.

The greatest closer in golf — Woods has never blown a final-round lead in a major and never squandered more than a one-stroke advantage on the last day of any tournament — made a mess of the final two

OTHER APRIL 10 MOMENTS

1961: South Africa's Gary Player becomes the first foreign player to win the Masters, edging Arnold Palmer and Charley Coe by one stroke.

1990: Dave Taylor, Tomas Sandstrom and Tony Granato score three goals apiece as the Kings pound the Flames 12-4, marking the first time in NHL playoff history that three hat tricks are recorded in one game.

1993: Manon Rheaume, pro hockey's only female goaltender, allows six goals in her first International Hockey League start for the Atlanta Knights — an 8-6 loss to Cincinnati.

1996: Norm Duke sets a Professional Bowlers Association record with three consecutive 300s. Duke, who finished the first round with consecutive 300s, opens the second round with his third perfect game of the day.

holes. His tee shot at 17 flew into the pines, leading to bogey. Then he missed the fairway off the tee at 18, pushed his second shot into a bunker and failed to get up-and-down.

DiMarco's approach rolled off the front of the 18th green, but he nearly won the tournament with an amazing chip of his own. From 40 feet, he caught the right edge of the cup, his ball spinning around the flagpole before winding up 6 feet away.

"The difference was his chip went in on 16 and my chip lipped out on 18," DiMarco said. "I don't know how it didn't go in."

For the playoff, the two returned to the 18th tee to do it all over again. This time, Woods came up with two of his best shots of the day under stifling pressure.

He split the fairway with his tee shot and covered the flag with an 8-iron. The winning putt slid into the corner of the cup, giving Woods his ninth major championship at age 29.

Woods and DiMarco posted 12-under 276s over 72 holes. No one else was within seven strokes.

"Twelve under is usually good enough to win," DiMarco said.

"It's just that I was playing against Tiger Woods."

Crossword

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Solutions

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23 Give a __; care	39 Sticks around
24 Round up cattle	40 Keep __ on;
25 Bookie's concern	watch carefully
26 Bo, for one	42 Take for granted
27 Cause of distress	43 Shaped
28 Ready to say "I've had it!"	45 Sifting device
29 In a bad mood	46 Apple computers
31 Happy expression	47 Canyon sound
32 Put a __ on it!"; cry to a windbag	48 Bathtub ring, e.g.
34 Forest animal	49 Sing alone
36 Shine	50 Fail to include
38 "Ready, __, go!"	52 Forbids
39 Water park attraction	53 NBC competitor
40 Sample	55 Sunbather's goal
41 Michael or Diane	56 Introverted
43 Colosseum victim	
44 Noticed	
45 Not smashed	

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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.

Chicago Tribune

SPORTS

Day 30

*Since the sports world
went mainly dark*

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No jacket required: 'Ready' Woods waits like the rest

BY DOUG FERGUSON

Associated Press

Tiger Woods felt strong and fit enough to compete for another green jacket. He could sense the adrenaline starting to flow, along with a strange sensation.

He was grumpy.

Instead of flying to Augusta National for the Masters this week, he was home in Florida, where the only competition for a green jacket was a putting contest with his 11-year-old son, Charlie.

"I felt energetic, I felt really alive and wired and kind of irritable, and I didn't know what was going on," Woods said in an interview with GolfTV made available Thursday. "And I realized it was Sunday morning. ... And my body, subconsciously, I knew I was supposed to be getting ready to leave and start playing the Masters."

"My body was ready, and I didn't know why I was acting that way," he said. "It's crazy."

The interview recorded Wednesday with Henni Zuel of GolfTV — Woods has an endorsement deal with the Discovery-owned channel — was his first since the final round of the Genesis Invitational in February. Woods chose not to play the next four tournaments because his back was not ready. And then golf was shut down along with other sports by the COVID-19 pandemic.

He has been at home with his two children and girlfriend, riding bikes for exercise, occasionally playing golf at The Medalist Club and having putting contests with Charlie, with the green jacket going to the winner.

That's another reminder of these times. This will be the longest a Masters champion has been able to keep golf's most famous piece of clothing at home. Woods is not required to leave it in his locker at Augusta National until he returns to defend. And that won't be until November at the earliest.

"This is not the way that I would've wanted to keep the jacket for a longer period of time," Woods said. "I wanted to get out there and compete for it and earn it again, like I did in '02. But it's not a normal circumstance, it's not a normal world. It's a very fluid environment and it's very different for all of us. Fortunately, we potentially could have a Masters in November and play it then. I guess I'll be defending them and hopefully that all comes about."

In the meantime, he started playing for the jacket with Charlie at the start of the year, wanting to take advantage while the jacket was at home.

"I don't know if I'll be able to defend, I don't know if I'll be able to win again, but let's just take a moment to have a little fun with it," Woods said. "Occasionally, it's gone into his closet. Primarily, it's stayed in mine."



ANDREW REDINGTON/GETTY

Tiger Woods says he would have been healthy enough to defend his Masters title.

KEY DATES**ON REVISED MEN'S GOLF SCHEDULE**

- May 21-24: Earliest restart of PGA Tour.
- Aug. 6-9: PGA Championship.
- Aug. 13-16: End of PGA Tour regular season.
- Aug. 20-23: Start of FedEx Cup playoffs.
- Aug. 27-30: Second playoff event.
- Sept. 4-7: Tour Championship.
- Sept. 17-20: U.S. Open.
- Sept. 25-27: Ryder Cup.
- Nov. 12-15: Masters.

But the fact he's been able to earn it off me — because there are no wins that are given in this family — it's been fun to see him tease me about beating me and being able to wear the jacket and have it in his closet where he says it belongs."

Woods would rather let 95 other players try to take it over 72 holes at Augusta National.

That will have to wait.

The time off has been helpful in one regard. Woods, who won the ZoZo Championship in Japan late last year for his record-tying 82nd victory on the PGA Tour, was off to a slow start this year. He didn't seriously contend at Torrey Pines and finished last at Riviera. And then he shut it down, his back not feeling quite right as he resumes his career following four surgeries, the last one to fuse his lower spine.

"Night and day," he said about the difference in how he feels from the last time

he played on Feb. 16 in Los Angeles. "I feel a lot better than I did then. I've been able to turn a negative into a positive and been able to train a lot and get my body to where I think it should be at."

He still struggles to think about what he should be doing this week: a flight to Augusta on Sunday to practice and help hand out trophies in the Drive, Chip and Putt National Finals; the noise and bustle of practice rounds on Monday and Tuesday, the Masters Club dinner on Tuesday night for only champions, the Par 3 Tournament with his kids as caddies on Wednesday, and then quiet of the eve of the Masters as he tries to build toward the final round of his favorite tournament.

He stuck to one tradition — the Champions Dinner.

Woods tweeted a photo of him having his dinner Tuesday night, wearing the green jacket, with his girlfriend and children and food that he wants on the menu — steak and chicken fajitas, sushi and sashimi, milkshakes. Also on the table were cupcakes.

Whenever he gets around to hosting the real dinner at Augusta National, it probably won't end the same way.

There was a food fight at home.

"It got a little bit interesting at the end, a little ugly, where icing was flowing across people's hair and face, and so we had a little bit of fun at the end," Woods said. "I did take the jacket off. This jacket cannot get any cupcake on it."

IN BRIEF

UFC yields to pressure, cancels event

Associated Press

UFC 249 was canceled Thursday after ESPN and parent company Disney stopped UFC President Dana White's plan to keep fighting amid the coronavirus pandemic.

After vowing for weeks to maintain a regular schedule while the rest of the sports world halted, White announced the decision to cease competition on ESPN, the UFC's broadcast partner.

UFC 249 was scheduled for April 18 on ESPN Plus pay-per-view, and White planned to follow it with weekly fight cards from Tachi Palace Hotel & Casino on tribal land in California's Central Valley.

White said he "got a call from the highest level you can go at Disney and the highest level of ESPN" asking him to cancel. The UFC moved to ESPN in 2019 with a reported \$1.5 billion deal.

White's frustration with the decision was obvious after he had repeatedly vowed to fight on amid mixed public opinion. The UFC boss still remained upbeat, vowing to be "the first sport back" after the pandemic eases.

"Our relationship and partnership with ESPN has been an incredible one," White said. "The powers that be there asked me to stand down and not do this event next Saturday. We were ready to go, and Tachi Palace has had our back this whole time, has stood their ground and was willing to do this fight."

White announced the cancellation shortly after U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein issued a statement urging the mixed martial arts promotion to reconsider its plan. A few hours earlier, former strawweight champion Rose Namajunas dropped out of her co-main event bout at UFC 249 after two deaths in her family related to the pandemic.

Baseball: Slugger Mark Reynolds, 36, announced his retirement. He hit 298 HRs over 13 seasons with eight teams.

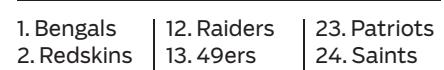
Basketball: The NBA, the National Basketball Players Association and ESPN will stream a HORSE tournament on ESPN's app. The NBA HORSE Challenge will have eight participants. The quarterfinals are to be shown Sunday and the semifinals and final on April 16. The quarterfinal matchups are Trae Young of the Hawks against former NBA player and ESPN analyst Chauncey Billups; WNBA great and 2020 Basketball Hall of Fame inductee Tamika Catchings against Mike Conley Jr. of the Jazz; Zach LaVine of the Bulls against NBA retiree and ESPN analyst Paul Pierce; and Chris Paul of the Thunder against Allie Quigley of the WNBA's Sky. Players must call their shots before the attempt and dunking is not allowed. The players will be isolated and competing on separate home courts. State Farm will offer a prize pool exceeding \$200,000 to charities working on the coronavirus response. The event will be pre-taped.

NFL: The Rams will trade WR Brandin Cooks to the Texans, ESPN reported. The Texans will send a second-round draft pick to the Rams in exchange for Cooks, 26, and a future pick.

NHL: Oilers forward Colby Cave remains in a medically induced coma in a Toronto hospital after suffering a brain bleed earlier in the week. The Oilers, through Cave's family, provided an update on Cave's status on their Twitter account. The 25-year-old native of Battleford, Saskatchewan, was airlifted Tuesday to Sunnybrook Hospital and underwent emergency surgery. Doctors removed a colloid cyst that was causing pressure on his brain. Cave scored one goal in 11 games this season.

ON THE CLOCK

13 Days until the NFL draft, which is still scheduled for April 23-25.

The top 5**Complete first-round order**

1. Bengals	12. Raiders	23. Patriots
2. Redskins	13. 49ers	24. Saints
3. Lions	14. Bucs	25. Vikings
4. Giants	15. Broncos	26. Dolphins
5. Dolphins	16. Falcons	27. Seahawks
6. Chargers	17. Cowboys	28. Ravens
7. Panthers	18. Dolphins	29. Titans
8. Cardinals	19. Raiders	30. Packers
9. Jaguars	20. Jaguars	31. 49ers
10. Browns	21. Eagles	32. Chiefs
11. Jets	22. Vikings	

SPORTS

Night lights a 'sign of hope'

Schools illuminate fields, stadiums to lift spirits during virus outbreak

BY DAVE CAMPBELL

Associated Press

The virus outbreak weighed heavily on Brett Beesley's heart and mind as the Dumas High School principal drove past the stadium along the main highway in his Texas Panhandle town.

Seeking to brighten the spirits of his suddenly disconnected students in a gloomy and frightening time, he made a decision. They should turn on the lights.

"To let them know that we're thinking about them and we miss them and we love them," said Beesley, who quickly called football coach Aaron Dunnam with his idea.

Dunnam didn't wait for their conversation to end before climbing into his car to head to the field and do the honors back on March 24 during the first full week of closed schools in Texas.

"I had chills running down my arms, running down my body," said Dunnam, who has flipped the switch each weeknight at 8 p.m. since for an hour of hope and encouragement.

Nearly as fast, the symbolic act became a movement — fueled by social media with the hashtag #BeTheLight — across the country.

"I just love the focus to be on kids of this nation now," said Beesley, who used Twitter to challenge other Texas schools to follow suit.

Dunnam's oldest daughter, Lyssa, is the top-ranked powerlifter in Texas, a senior who likely won't get to compete for a state title this spring. She joins her dad every night at the stadium.

"This has probably been the hardest situation I've had to deal with because I don't have all the answers for her," Dunnam said.



With school closed and sports on hold, the lights still shine on the empty football stadium, above, and baseball field at Richfield High School in Richfield, Minnesota.

It's fitting this originated in Texas, the home of the book, movie and television series "Friday Night Lights" about the windswept oilfield towns where high school football shapes both culture and community. As the author H.G. Bissinger wrote, "It could be anywhere in this vast land, where on a Friday night, a set of spindly stadium lights rises to the heavens to so powerfully, and so briefly, ignite the darkness."

The goal was to provide a beacon for all

students in the district, not just the seniors or the athletes. Leaving the lights on for an hour costs adds \$25 to the electric bill, Beesley said.

"I didn't think the taxpayer would mind too much if it meant giving our kids some hope," he said.

Adam Bright, an assistant commissioner at the Colorado High School Activities Association, discovered the ritual on Twitter and shared the news. More than 80 schools have joined.

Christopher Noll, the athletic director for District 11 in Colorado Springs, challenged coaches, teachers and administrators to place a combined 1,000 phone calls to families simply to be supportive during the shutdown. The total for that first effort was 1,728 calls and the number was put up in glowing orange numbers on the stadium scoreboard.

"I'm a huge believer that positivity is contagious," said Noll, who produced a 14-minute video on Monday night inside an illuminated and vacant Garry Berry Stadium in Colorado Springs.

In Minnesota, the mother of a senior lacrosse player at Centennial High School pointed out the trend in Texas to activities director Brian Jamros, who first flipped on the lights March 30 in Circle Pines, a suburb north of the Twin Cities.

"As you get older, it brings you back in time, what it means to be that student-athlete representing your community," Jamros said. "Even for those with no affiliation to athletics or Centennial, there's this metaphor that there's light at the end of the tunnel."

The next morning, Minnesota State High School League information specialist John Millea sent out the clarion call to his 23,000-plus Twitter followers for schools to participate. Less than a week later, he stopped counting at 236, roughly half of the state's high schools.

Most have chosen Mondays or Fridays for the lighting, often for 20 minutes to commemorate the class of 2020. Some turned the event into a parade of first-responder vehicles in tribute to emergency workers. Others pushed play on a recording of the school fight song.

"At some point we're going to be under these lights again, gathering together as a community," Millea said. "To me, it's like the ultimate sign of hope."

Campbell reported from Minneapolis. AP Writers Schuyler Dixon in Dallas and Pat Graham in Denver contributed to this report.

SCOREBOARD

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC

W	L	PCT	GB	
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	—
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Orlando	30	35	.462	11
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Washington	24	40	.375	16½
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Charlotte	23	42	.354	18
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Atlanta	20	47	.299	22
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MILWAUKEE	53	12	.815	—
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Indiana	39	27	.597	1½
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Chicago	22	43	.338	31
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Detroit	20	46	.303	33½
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Cleveland	19	46	.292	34
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WESTERN CONFERENCE	SW	PCT	GB
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Houston	40	.24	.625	—
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Dallas	40	27	.597	1½
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Memphis	32	33	.492	8½
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New Orleans	28	36	.438	12
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San Antonio	27	36	.429	12½
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NORTHWEST	Denver	43	.22	.662	—
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Utah	41	23	.641	1½
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Oklahoma City	40	24	.625	2½
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Portland	29	37	.439	14½
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Minnesota	19	45	.297	23½
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NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	44	14	12	227	174
Tampa Bay	43	21	6	245	195
Toronto	36	25	9	238	227
Florida	35	26	8	231	228
Montreal	31	31	9	212	221
Buffalo	30	31	8	195	217
Ottawa	25	34	12	162	191
Detroit	17	49	5	145	267

METRO.

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
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Washington	20	8	9	240	215
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Philadelphia	41	21	7	239	232
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Pittsburgh	40	23	5	226	196
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Carolina	38	25	5	181	222
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N.Y. Islanders	35	23	10	180	193
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N.Y. Rangers	37	28	5	179	222
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New Jersey	28	29	12	168	189
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2020 FORBES TEAM VALUES	TEAM	CV	IY	REV	OI
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Eastern	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
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Atlanta	2	0	0	6	4	2
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N.Y. Red Bulls	1	0	1	4	4	3
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Montreal	1	0	1	4	4	3
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Toronto FC	1	0	1	4	3	2
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Columbus	1	0	1	4	2	1
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D.C. United	1	1	0	3	3	3
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Chicago	0	1	1	1	2	3
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New England	0	1	1	1	2	3
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Orlando City	0	1	1	1	1	2
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Philadelphia	0	1	1	3	3	5
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Cincinnati	0	2	0	0	3	5
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Inter Miami CF	0	2	0	0	1	3
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Western	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
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Sporting KC	2	0	0	6	7	1
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Minnesota	2	0	0	6	8	3
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Colorado	2	0	0	6	4	2
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FC Dallas	1	0	1	4	4	2
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Los Angeles FC	1	0	1	4	4	3
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Seattle	1	0	1	4	3	2
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Portland	1	1	0	3	2	3
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Vancouver	1	1	0	3	2	3
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BULLS & BLACKHAWKS

Karnisovas: From Seton Hall to playing vs. Dream Team

BY JAMAL COLLIER

The Bulls are moving toward a deal to make Arturas Karnisovas their vice president of basketball operations, according to multiple reports.

Karnisovas has spent the last seven seasons in the Nuggets organization and is one of the most respected and coveted executives in the NBA, but Bulls fans can be forgiven if they know little about him. Karnisovas has been the Nuggets general manager for the last three seasons, working under president of basketball operations Tim Connelly.

It has been well-documented how Karnisovas helped build the Nuggets through the draft, was instrumental in the selection of two-time All-Star Nikola Jokic in the second round in 2014 and how much he is respected after his time as a player and international scout and years as an executive.

Karnisovas has built a lengthy resume during his ascension through the basketball ranks with a long track record of success as one of the most qualified executives available.

Here are seven things for Bulls fans should know about Karnisovas:

1. He played basketball at Seton Hall for P.J. Carlesimo.

Karnisovas was the first player from the former Soviet Union to play college basketball in America, requiring approval from the KGB to play. When he arrived, he didn't speak much English, but he began teaching himself by watching "The Price is Right" and "Family Feud." Eventually he became one of two players in Big East history to win two scholar-athlete of the year awards.

On the court, he was a key contributor to teams that won two Big East Tournaments and appeared in four consecutive NCAA Tournaments, finishing his career 14th on the all-time scoring list at Seton Hall. He also overlapped with former Bulls assistant coach Adrian Griffin for two seasons.

2. He has a decorated Olympic career, playing against the Dream Team in 1992 and serving on Team USA's coaching staff in 2014.

Karnisovas returned to his native Lithuania in summer 1992 after his sophomore season at Seton Hall to play in the Olympics, a little more than one year after the country gained its independence. During a podcast with ESPN's Adrian Wojnarowski, Karnisovas recalled the trepidation he had returning to his homeland for the first time, not knowing whether police would be waiting for him when he got off the plane.

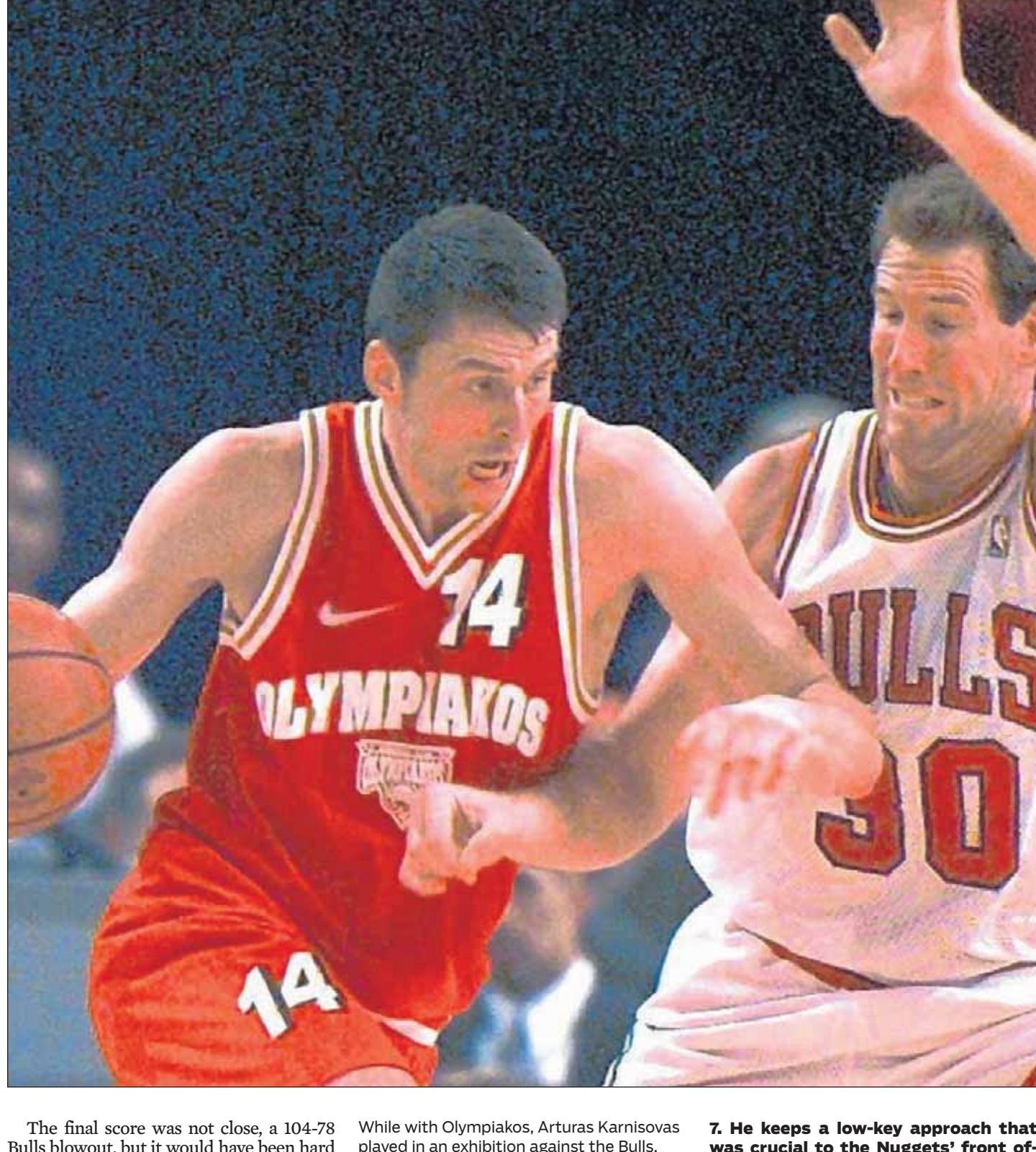
Then he participated in one of the wildest and most memorable summers of his career. He played against the Dream Team in 1992 and by the second half of a 127-76 U.S. rout, he was snapping pictures on the bench.

"They're still my heroes," Karnisovas said, according to the Los Angeles Times. "It doesn't matter that we played against them. I know we're not on the same level. They are the stars of stars."

Karnisovas helped lead Lithuania to back-to-back bronze medals in the 1992 and '96 Olympics and was an assistant coach for Team USA during their run to the gold medal in 2014.

3. He never played in the NBA — but he played against the Bulls once.

In the finals of the 1997 McDonald's Championship — a club competition featuring a team in the NBA against champion club teams from Europe, Australia and South America — Karnisovas was the leading scorer for the Greek club team in their matchup against Michael Jordan and the Bulls.



The final score was not close, a 104-78 Bulls blowout, but it would have been hard for him to imagine that a little more than two decades later he would be leading the charge for the Bulls.

4. He's a huge fan of electronic dance music.

This comes from 11-year NBA veteran Jared Jeffries, who spent four years working alongside Karnisovas in the Nuggets front office and told the Denver Post about how they would work out to their favorite EDM DJs, including Calvin Harris, Kaskade and Armin van Buuren.

"When me and him used to work out in the gym, we would always play that," Jeffries said. "Everyone would play hip-hop and stuff like that, but me and him would always go in and steal the radio and play like hardcore EDM."

5. He spent five years in the NBA league office.

The Bulls will count on Karnisovas to help them make strides in their global scouting department, which was one of his areas of expertise during his five years in the league office.

While with Olympiakos, Arturas Karnisovas played in an exhibition against the Bulls.

GABRIEL BOUYS/AFP

7. He keeps a low-key approach that was crucial to the Nuggets' front office running smoothly.

Connelly was the leading man in Denver, but Karnisovas' style complemented that of his boss.

While the Denver Post described Connelly as "imaginative and energetic," it painted Karnisovas as the more organized executive and someone who is stoic in his approach.

It's potentially why Karnisovas was so comfortable in his role, able to remain in the background while allowing Connelly to be the front-facing member of the front office.

It offers a window into his style. Consider this anecdote, also from Wojnarowski's podcast, about Karnisovas' scouting of Jokic.

He could see Jokic's skills were there, from passing to shooting with great hands. So although Jokic's athletic ability was lacking, Karnisovas searched to see if there was a path forward, watching footage of a young Marc Gasol at 18 and 19 years old to see how Jokic could improve and how his body would work.

His assessment paid off.

Karnisovas

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Those strengths in scouting, drafting and player development — in addition to his reputation around the league — made Karnisovas a strong choice to reshape the Bulls. And they moved quickly to hire him: After interviewing earlier in the week, Karnisovas emerged as an early favorite and reportedly received a second interview Wednesday with Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf and Chief Operating Officer Michael Reinsdorf.

The Bulls began laying the groundwork for this move in February, so while it's no surprise they were ready to act quickly, their process still had its flaws. They were not able to successfully interview some of their top initial targets and met with candidates who exited their previous organizations under controversy with incidents of racism — all while not interviewing any minority candidates in a league in which three-fourths of the players are

African American, catching criticism from black executives around the league.

The Bulls and Karnisovas are expected to hire a person of color to be their next general manager, Yahoo Sports reported Thursday, as they attempt to add some diversity to what has been a historically white and small front office.

Karnisovas marks the Bulls' first outside hire for the basketball operations position since Reinsdorf took over in 1984.

Jerry Krause worked for the organization before he was named general manager in 1985, and Paxson was a Bulls player, coach and broadcaster before he got the job in 2003.

Paxson is expected to remain in the organization as an adviser, willing to accept either as large or small of a role in the restructured front office as Karnisovas would like.

By moving now, the Bulls give themselves a chance to have a new executive in place for the resumption of the NBA season, whenever that could be. It also gives Karnisovas a chance to begin evaluating the organization while the league is on pause. The futures of general manager Gar Forman and coach Jim Boylen also remain unclear, but the Bulls will give Karnisovas full authority in the decision-making process.

Karnisovas, of course, checked off all of the boxes for the Bulls as they looked to reshape their organization and will give them fresh eyes to lead the charge.

He was a member of a collaborative front office in Denver and provided integral drafting skills, with his claim to fame being identifying two-time All-Star Nikola Jokic and pushing the team to select him in the second round of the 2014 draft. On that same night, the Nuggets pulled off a trade that sent Doug McDermott to the Bulls and landed Gary Harris and Jusuf Nurkic.

Karnisovas is described as low key and was happy to fly under the radar during his time in Denver, so perhaps there will be some adjustment in his new role. But after years of Karnisovas being one of the most sought-after candidates in the NBA, the Bulls were successful in prying him from the Nuggets, ushering in the kind of leadership change that happens once about every two decades in the organization.



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Arturas Karnisovas spent the last seven years as the Nuggets' general manager.

PAT STAPLETON 1940-2020

Former Blackhawks captain, played on 2 Stanley Cup finalists

Chicago Tribune

Pat Stapleton, a three-time All-Star with the Blackhawks who was a top defenseman on two Stanley Cup finalists, died Wednesday night. He was 79.

The Hawks announced the news Thursday, saying he died of complications from a stroke.

Known as "Whitey" for his shock of bright

blond hair, Stapleton played two seasons with the Bruins before joining the Hawks in 1965. He was the captain of the 1969-70 team and played eight seasons in Chicago, totaling 41 goals and 286 assist in 545 games.

Stapleton's Hawks teams made the playoffs seven times, including the Cup Final in 1971 and '73. The native of Sarnia, Ontario, was No. 44 on the Tribune's ranking of the 100 most important people in

Blackhawks history in 2017, when the NHL celebrated its centennial season.

"The Chicago Blackhawks organization would like to express their deepest sympathy to the family, friends and former teammates of Pat Stapleton," the team said in a statement. "As a former team captain and valued member of the Blackhawks Alumni Association, Stapleton's contributions to the organization will forever be remembered

by the entire Blackhawks community."

Stapleton left for the Chicago Cougars of the WHA in 1973 and played five seasons in the rival league, adding two All-Star appearances. His son, Mike, played parts of five seasons with the Blackhawks from 1986-92.

Stapleton is survived by his wife, Jackie; sons Tom, Mike and Chris; daughter Susan; and 13 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by daughters Mary and Maureen.

SPORTS

BRUCE KLUCKHOHN/AP

Veteran offensive lineman Germain Ifedi, right, a former Seahawks first-round pick, signed a one-year contract with the Bears for the league minimum.

Ifedi good fit for O-line

Buy-low addition gives Bears motivated competitor for right guard position



BRAD BIGGS

On the Bears

Free agency didn't deliver what Germain Ifedi was expecting, but that did not suppress his level of excitement about joining the Bears.

A Seahawks first-round draft pick in 2016, Ifedi hit the open market last month with 60 career starts, a proven track record for durability and experience at tackle and guard. He reportedly scored a 27 on the Wonderlic test coming out of Texas A&M, so he's bright. And with a massive 6-foot-5, 325-pound frame and 36-inch arms, he possesses the physical stature that won't leave an offensive line coach wanting more.

Sirius XM analyst Geoff Schwartz, a lineman for eight years in the NFL, predicted to NBC Sports Northwest that Ifedi, 25, would land a deal averaging \$6 million to \$7 million annually and perhaps more because of the nature of free agency and the shortage of experienced linemen, especially younger ones.

But it wasn't until a week after free agency opened — well into the second wave of signings — that Ifedi agreed to a one-year deal with the Bears for the minimum of \$1,047,500.

"The thing about free agency and the thing I am glad I did from the beginning is you just learn to taper your expectations, especially with all of the uncertainty we had with the CBA and uncertainty with the crisis going on around the world," Ifedi said. "It was tough to see the market start off slow, but once it did that, you changed gears and you just looked for the best opportunity."

"Still at a pretty young age, I wasn't too crazy about, 'I need this or that.' I just need opportunity to play. I know people love big numbers and all that, but I love to play ball and I love the opportunity. That is always going to win out for me."

The opportunity to compete for the starting right guard job was appealing to Ifedi, who started at the position as a rookie in 2016 and some before that at Texas A&M. In the pre-draft process, some believed he projected better on the interior because of his movement skills, so it's possible the Bears' need will fit his strength.

"Talking with Coach (Matt) Nagy and Ryan Pace, it's a team that is hungry coming off of a tough year there," Ifedi said. "The culture is good there, and we have an opportunity to do special things. I wanted to be a part of that, and it just seemed like a great fit for me. ..."

"It's just getting back into that guard world. With all of this time off, it will be the perfect time to get back to that."



Ted Phillips, left, said the Bears committed \$1.92 million to coronavirus relief efforts.

Bears commit nearly \$2M to aid

BY COLLEEN KANE

The Bears and their charitable arm, Bears Care, are committing \$1.92 million to COVID-19 relief efforts, the team announced Thursday.

The Bears previously announced a \$250,000 donation to the Chicago Community COVID-19 Response Fund as part of that commitment. They will also give \$250,000 each to the Advocate Charitable Foundation's Relief Fund for Critical Care, Illinois COVID-19 Response Fund and the University of Chicago's Community Support Programs.

They will assess more community needs and look for ways to assist other local charitable organizations in the coming weeks, they said in the announcement.

"During this unprecedented crisis, we all need to join forces and do what we can

to overcome this challenge together," Bears President Ted Phillips said in a statement. "At the Bears, we have committed \$1,920,000 to local COVID-19 relief efforts and are encouraging fans to lend a helping hand in whatever ways possible. We will be forever grateful to the healthcare providers, first responders, grocers, sanitation workers, janitors and everyone keeping our communities healthy and safe during this time. Please continue to do your part and stay home so we can slow down the virus and save lives."

Along with the city's other professional sports teams, the Bears also are participating in the Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot's "We Are Not Playing" campaign, which is using local athletes to encourage residents to stay at home and practice social distancing.

"I'm real comfortable with either position and ... it just depends on what the fit is. It wasn't a big decision for me. It was a no-brainer because when you're comfortable doing two things, you never feel like, 'This is going to be a drastic transition.' It's just getting back to what I have been used to."

It's a buy-low scenario for Pace, and the organization is confident new line coach Juan Castillo can lead a resurgence in the trenches. It's likely right guard will be the only position on the line that will have a new starter.

"He's a guy that we liked coming out in the draft. We've kept close tabs on him," Pace said last week. "We got him to really add competition to the offensive line. That depth there is important."

Inconsistency hurt Ifedi at times and led him to be penalty-prone. It's fair to wonder how a young, experienced player could wind up having to settle for a minimum salary. Following the money is always the first way to shape expectations.

Ifedi led the NFL with 16 accepted penalties in 2017, followed by 10 in 2018 and 12 last season, so the Bears will want to clean that up. Some believe he needs to be more patient with his hands.

Castillo communicated with Ifedi during free agency and was another selling point that made it a comfortable decision.

"He seemed really excited to be able to work with me and thinks he can continue making me a better player," Ifedi said. "His reputation speaks for itself. He's been in the league a couple decades and is as respected as there is as a coach, so it's a really cool opportunity to be able to work with him and all of the offensive staff, starting with Coach Nagy, who is a highly regarded offensive mind."

Ifedi remains in his hometown of Houston during the Covid-19 pandemic. He has been doing what he can to stay in shape so he's ready whenever the NFL greenlights teams to start organized activities.

ASK THE REPORTER BRAD BIGGS

What are the chances Ryan Pace trades down with one or both of his second-round picks to gain an additional third-round or two fourth-round picks?

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I would be stunned if Pace does not explore trading down with one of the Round 2 picks, and I would not rule out the idea of moving both picks in the right scenario. Questions about trading up or down come often, and there is a little bit of a misperception about how this works. Just because a team is open to moving one way or the other — or perhaps both — doesn't mean a deal will happen. It's not as simple as Pace sending out a For Sale notice on his second-round picks. The Bears could be very interested in a small group of players at No. 43 and then seek to add depth to the draft class by peddling the No. 50 pick. Of course, they could get a better return on their first selection. But after they traded their fourth-round pick (No. 140) to acquire Nick Foles, I believe the Bears will be motivated to add some mid-round picks, and swapping at least one of the Round 2 selections would accomplish that goal. The flip side is the Bears believe they've done a good job of finding players in Round 2 and could prefer to stay where they are to increase the possibility they get two players with a chance to make an impact this season. Another thing to keep in mind is when a team explores trading down, it has to draw a line of how low it wants to go.

"I am trying to stay safe and keep doing the right thing," he said. "I've got a few medicine balls and a few weights. You work out long enough, you can get yourself a good workout. You turn up the heat, do whatever you have to do to get your heart rate going and get moving. There are always creative ways to get some work in, and you can always go to a field and run."

The Bears have done well with finding linemen at cheaper deals and plugging them in. The Redskins paid swing tackle Cornelius Lucas in free agency after he filled in for half the season in 2019. Guard Ted Larsen was a steady performer, and Nick Williams proved to be a good fit on the defensive side.

If Ifedi can earn the job and show improvement, he'll have a chance to generate much greater interest in free agency in March, which means the Bears are getting a motivated competitor.

"You embrace whatever the hardship is or whatever the adversity is," he said. "Nobody anticipated having to sign that type of deal, but you just embrace it. This is such a great opportunity you can't help but do that. So much good can come of it."

"I can help this team win a championship. I can help me become the best version."

Cubs are worth \$3.2 billion, Sox are at \$1.65 billion, per Forbes

BY MARK GONZALES

Neither a recession nor the coronavirus shutdown appears to have effected the value of the Cubs, according to Forbes' list of the most valuable teams in baseball.

The Cubs ranked fourth with an estimated net value of \$3.2 billion, according to Forbes, a 3% increase over last season. The Ricketts family purchased the team for a record \$845 million in 2009.

The Yankees, as expected, led all teams for the 23rd consecutive season of Forbes' rankings with a value of \$5 billion. The Yankees were followed by the Dodgers (\$3.4

billion), Red Sox (\$3.3 billion), Cubs (\$3.2B) and Giants (\$3.1 billion).

The White Sox ranked 14th with a value of \$1.65 billion.

According to Forbes, the average team worth is \$1.85 billion, an increase of 4% from 2018. The Astros drew the highest profit in 2019 at \$99 million, with the Marlins suffering the only loss at \$5.96 million, according to Forbes.

The White Sox's Yasmani Grandal walks past Cubs catcher Victor Caratini.

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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.



KEVIN ESTRADA/NETFLIX

Chicago native Mike Castle stars on "Brews Brothers."

Chicago native stars in Netflix comedy

BY TRACY SWARTZ

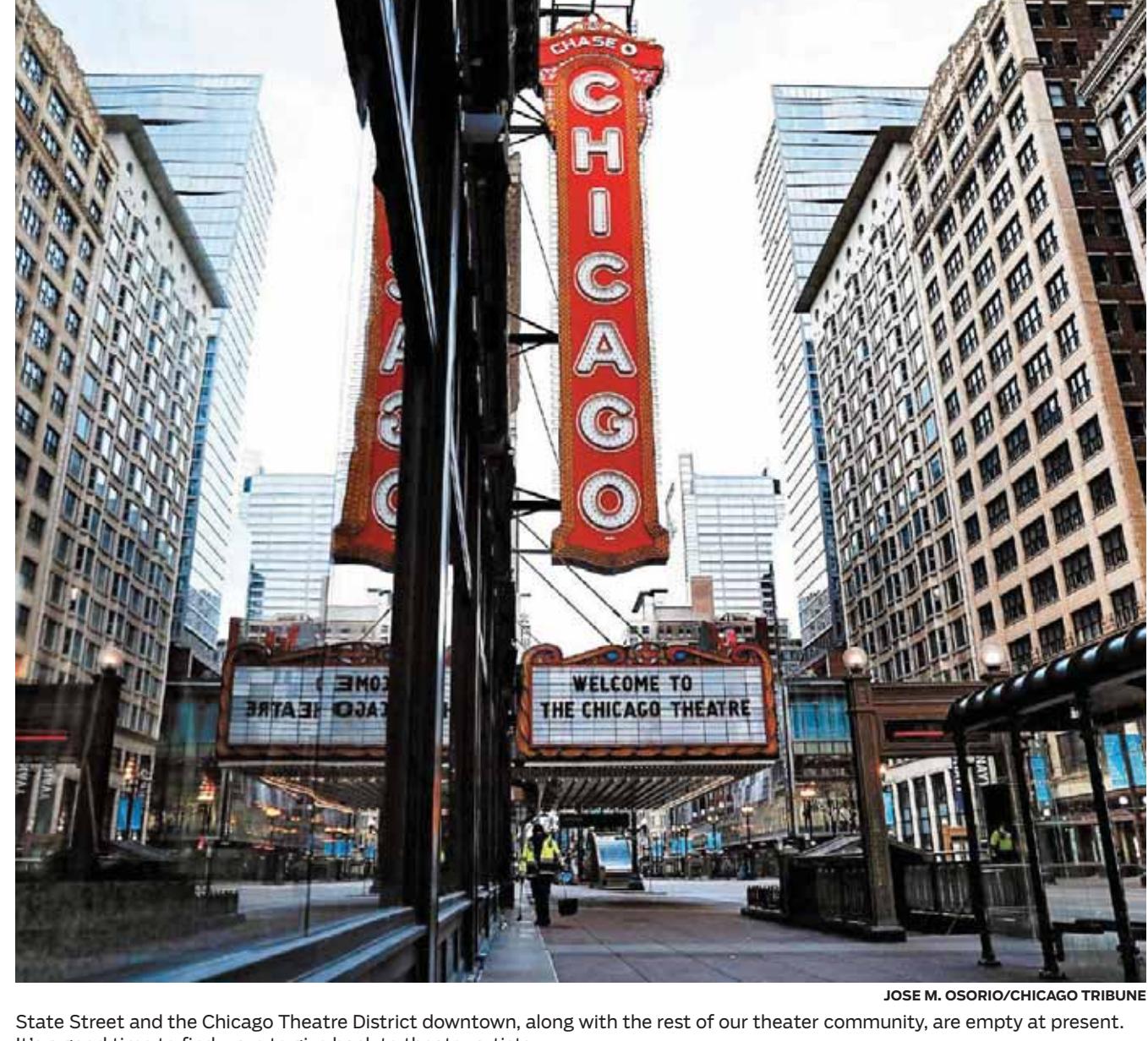
These are the characters you didn't get to see Chicago native Mike Castle play on TV: Mandy Moore's younger brother; a bright-eyed and good-natured 20-something; a physician from rural Ohio; and the younger brother of a Wall Street womanizer.

"I've done so many unaired pilots that the way I almost view the work is, I do this job, we film it, everyone thinks it's going to go, it doesn't go and then no one ever sees it," Castle told the Tribune by phone. "So this is already pretty awesome to have a show that will be on Netflix and that I actually really enjoy."

On the series "Brews Brothers," due out Friday, Castle plays Adam Rodman, an arrogant brewmaster who shows up unannounced at the failing brewery run by his younger brother, Wilhelm (Alan Aisenberg). The two bicker over brewing techniques and the taproom layout but end up working together to try to re-create a beer with a one-of-a-kind ingredient that impressed a distributor.

Castle, 31, grew up in the Beverly neighborhood with two older brothers and got into performing at a young age.

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JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

State Street and the Chicago Theatre District downtown, along with the rest of our theater community, are empty at present. It's a good time to find ways to give back to theater artists.

Many good ways to help theater

Here are 6 avenues through which you can lend much-needed support

CHRIS JONES
Tribune theater critic

Readers — kind, generous readers of the Chicago Tribune — have been writing to tell me they want to support Chicago theater during the COVID-19 pandemic, and they've been asking for suggestions on how best to do that.

Many of them are saying they're not rolling in cash, especially now, but that doesn't mean they don't care about the theaters that provide them with so much year-round sustenance. If you're a major philanthropist, you've probably already got your process. But what if you just want to lend a hand?

First, make a key decision: Do you

want to support individual artists or the theaters themselves?

Both of these intertwined categories face similar struggles: Theaters have lost box-office revenue and artists have lost employment. Very few artists are staff members. Unless you count the privileged few who have full-time university paychecks and do their art on the side, almost all of Chicago's actors and most directors and designers are members of the gig economy.

If you want to support artists directly, I'd suggest the **Chicago Theatre Workers Relief Fund** (chicagoplays.com).

This relatively modest fund, created with a \$25,000 donation from the aptly named corps of volunteer ushers "The Saints," and a similar amount from members of the Joseph Jefferson Awards Committee, is designed to go straight to Chicago theater artists. Basically, an actor (for example) sends in a request showing that they had been offered paid work at a theater and that

the offer was rescinded.

The fund has raised \$90,000 to date, and according to Deb Clapp, executive director of the League of Chicago Theatres, \$81,000 has already been given directly to recipients. Clapp said she is making the decisions herself and focusing on those who are not immediately eligible for unemployment benefits (union members, typically paid as employees, have better access to that help, although it's complicated).

"These are small grants of no more than \$500 each," Clapp said. The money is going to non-Equity actors, designers, production staffers and "everybody who can be defined as a Chicago theater worker."

Clapp says the point is to offer a stopgap measure with the kind of immediate payout that can help artists make rent. She also says there is a backlog of requests.

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Judy Roberts battles rare cancer with the help of her husband

HOWARD REICH
On Music

About six months ago, Chicago singer-pianist Judy Roberts was feeling tired and weak and didn't know why.

Roberts, who divides her year between residencies in her hometown and the Phoenix area, noticed swelling in her feet.

So she and her husband, Chicago saxophonist Greg Fishman, went to the ER, then to other doctors and last December received a difficult diagnosis: amyloidosis, which Fishman describes as "similar to multiple myeloma — it's a blood cancer."

Roberts played her last gig at Hey Nonny, in Arlington Heights, on Nov. 28. Not long after, she and Fishman headed to their Arizona home so she could receive treatment nearby at the Mayo Clinic.

"I wanted the absolute best hospital help for her," said Fishman, who has "been together" with Roberts since May 23, 1993, and married her on Feb. 2, 2002.

"It's such a rare disease," he said. "She had already started three rounds of chemotherapy in Chicago, and we continued that here."

"She's really weak. She plays the piano every day at home for as much as she can, before she gets tired. And she's on Facebook talking to her friends."

"I'm basically Judy's caretaker. It's my whole mission in life to get her through this ordeal and try to get her back to playing gigs again. I've never been in this situation



ERIN HOOLEY/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Greg Fishman and Judy Roberts, seen during a 2018 performance, are still practicing together at home.

before.

"It's turned into a full-time job, just dealing with nurses and doctors and prescriptions — it's a massive undertaking. I don't know how people do it. I certainly have more of an appreciation for people who are caretakers."

For the past few months, Fishman has been driving Roberts to Mayo for treatment once a week, the only time she leaves home. But their lives aren't devoted exclusively to fighting the illness. They're also making time for their art.

"I'll get my horn out and we'll play music," said Fishman, as they've done together for decades in jazz clubs and concert halls around the world.

"My latest plan, when she's not

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CELEBRITIES

Tribune news services



Gayle King, of the "CBS This Morning" team, broadcasts from home.

Morning shows invite viewers home

Morning shows on ABC, CBS and NBC thrive by fostering a sense that their personalities are a chummy family. Now, due to coronavirus restrictions, those family members appear on-screen in dislocated boxes, and invite viewers into their homes instead of vice versa.

"CBS This Morning" was first evicted from its New York studio on March 12 after someone in the building came down with the coronavirus. Because past health issues compromised Robin Roberts' immune system, her doctor ordered ABC's "Good Morning America" anchor out of New York. A cold first forced the "Today" show's Savannah Guthrie into a basement in uptown New York.

Roberts said she senses viewers looking over her shoulder at pictures in the background of the daily camera shot from her Connecticut home, trying to figure out who they are.

"We're opening up our homes," she said. "We're being very vulnerable in sharing so much of ourselves, and people that are at home and missing their colleagues, they're doing

the same thing. It's very relatable."

NBC's Al Roker, delivering weather forecasts from his kitchen with his backyard in view, has one of the more interesting backdrops. So is the knick-knack filled dining room where CBS' Anthony Mason sits, dominated by a large painting of the Piazza San Marco in Venice.

Passover benefit event online: The coronavirus won't stop a lot of Hollywood, TV and Broadway stars from celebrating the Jewish holiday of Passover.

Jason Alexander, Rachel Brosnahan, Andy Cohen, Fran Drescher, Billy Eichner, Harvey Fierstein, Josh Groban, Judith Light, Idina Menzel, Debra Messing and Ben Platt are among those who will join a April 11 streaming event.

The Passover Seder begins at 8 p.m. Eastern and will be streamed on www.SaturdayNightSeder.com and Tasty's YouTube channel. It is free but will try to raise money for COVID-19 first responders.

'Full House' Broadway producer Miller dies: Thomas L. Miller, who

produced a string of hit TV comedies including "Full House" and "Perfect Strangers" before beginning a new chapter as a Broadway producer, has died. He was 79.

Miller died Sunday in Salisbury, Connecticut, from complications of heart disease, a spokeswoman for Miller's family said Wednesday.

Miller worked at 20th Century Fox and Paramount Studios, where he developed "The Odd Couple" and "Love, American Style." He and his early business partner, Edward K. Milks, worked with Garry Marshall on sitcoms, including "Happy Days," "Laverne & Shirley" and "Mork and Mindy."

April 10 birthdays:

Sportscaster John Madden is 84. Actor Steven Seagal is 68. Actor Peter MacNicol is 66. Singer-producer Babyface is 62. Musician Brian Setzer is 61. Comedian Orlando Jones is 52. Singer Shemekia Copeland is 41. Actress Laura Bell Bundy is 39. Actress Chyler Leigh is 38. Singer-actress Mandy Moore is 36. Actress Daisy Ridley is 28. Actress Sofia Carson is 27.



ASK AMY

BY AMY DICKINSON

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Woman pressing partner on surgery

Dear Amy: I've been with my partner for two years — he is 15 years older.

We don't want kids together for the foreseeable future. I hate using birth control. I hate what it does to my body/hormones, despite the fact that it protects me from unwanted pregnancy.

I've asked my boyfriend if he could store his sperm and get a vasectomy so that I can go off birth control.

He comes up with excuses as to why he shouldn't, such as, "It'll change me as a man" and, "I need to do more research." I certainly understand needing to do more research. However, it's been almost a year since I originally brought this idea up to him. The idea behind this decision is: If we decide to have kids later on, I'll still be able to try and conceive with the sperm that we've stored.

I resent that I'm forced to continue to use birth control, despite the fact that neither of us wants children, just because "he doesn't want to." I also resent the fact that a man's only forms of "birth control" are abstinence and condoms.

If we were the same age, I would probably just get sterilized myself. But, I'm in my 20s, and I don't see this as the best option at the moment. He's in his 40s and has yet to conceive children.

I feel like I'm forced to suffer just because my partner doesn't understand my point of view and isn't viewing this situation in the most ethical, economic sense.

What should I do?
— Not Planning on Pregnancy

Dear Planning: Underlying this birth control challenge might be questions about your relationship, as well as perhaps unexpressed feelings (on his part) surrounding the idea of possibly never having children.

A vasectomy is a surgical procedure that, while low risk (and surgically reversible in some cases), is considered permanent. In order for your boyfriend to participate in your plan, he would "donate" and store sperm, and then also have this surgery. Either of these things might cause anxiety in some men — the idea of having both of these experiences might be paralyzing for him. His "It will change me as a man" is a nonstarter — but is indicative of how reluctant he is to make this commitment.

He should communicate with other men who have had this procedure to see what it is like.

You should both do additional research with medical sources, and you should do this together — and share and discuss your findings. Together.

Otherwise, you should investigate using an over-the-counter spermicide along with him using a condom. Every single time. This more-or-less balances the responsibility for birth control between you.

Your other option is abstinence. You might force the conversation by exercising this 100% effective form of birth control until you two have come to a mutual decision that works for both.

Dear Amy: My boyfriend and I have been dating for a while now, long distance. Things were going well,

then he started not returning my calls or texts, and flat-out ignoring me.

Before we got together, he posted on his social media that he deals with anxiety and depression.

Why is he ignoring me if he said the day before that he loves me so much and values me? I am genuinely confused.

— Confused

Dear Confused: During this very anxious national moment, a lot of people are seeing their anxiety and depression spike. It is possible that your boyfriend is pulling away from you because he is pulling away from everyone. Unfortunately, you cannot force him to the phone if he is dodging you.

For the next few weeks, be extremely gentle and understanding. Ask him if he is OK, tell him that you are always available to talk, but do not push too hard.

One resource for people in crisis is Crisis Text Line. Simply text 741-741 and a crisis counselor will quickly connect with you.

Dear Amy: I was somewhat taken aback that "Lea, in Santa Cruz, CA," refers to her adult children living at home as "tenants." What's with that?

— I'm a Mom, not a Landlord

Dear Mom: Well, the law considers adult children living at home with their folks as "tenants." Parents quickly learn this when trying to "evict" them.

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An amusing distraction we need at this moment

Listen to a podcast about 'Scrubs' hosted by its stars

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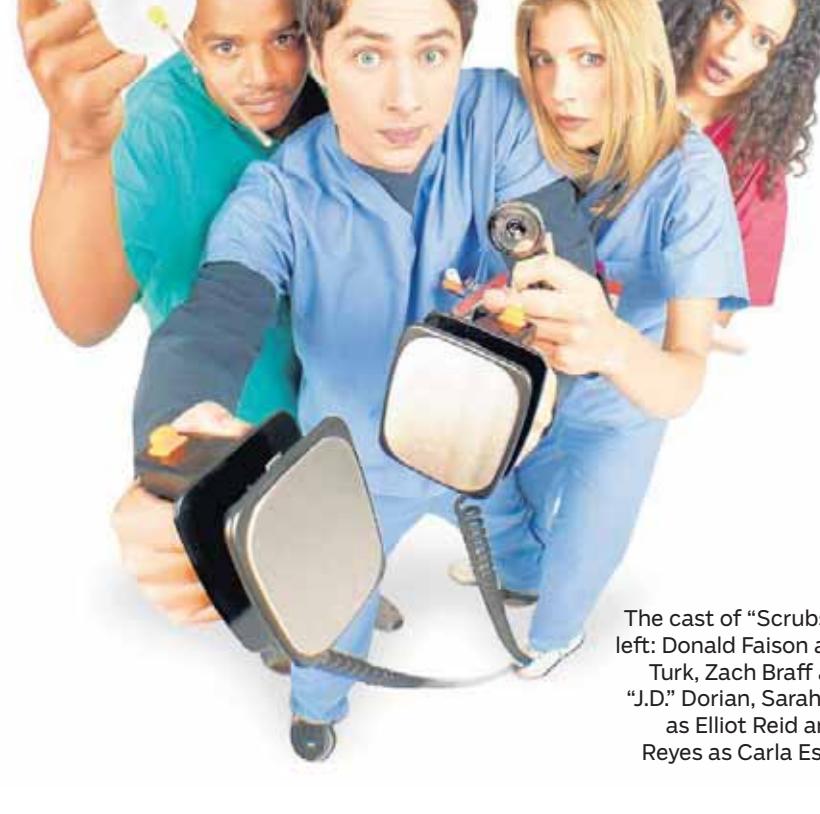
We're all looking for distractions from the reality of what the coronavirus has wrought. And a new podcast about the sitcom "Scrubs" called "Fake Doctors, Real Friends with Zach and Donald" is an utterly charming way to pass an hour or so and momentarily forget about everything else that's happening in the world.

The hospital-set comedy, which originally ran from 2001-2010, is currently streaming on Hulu. Hosting the newly launched podcast (produced by iHeartRadio) are stars Zach Braff (a Northwestern University alum) and Donald Faison who plan to rewatch episodes from the show each week and tell old stories.

"We're going to do this in person," Braff says at the outset of the first episode, "but then of course because of this COVID insanity, the good people of iHeart have figured out how Donald and I can do this remotely. So we're looking at each other over Zoom and he's in his closet, which is fricking hilarious — because I guess it's the only place you can hide from your kids to feed."

"Yeah, they're downstairs," says Faison. "We put on 'Captain Underpants' so they'll be quiet for a bit."

Best pals on the sitcom, the pair became good friends in real life as well and it is their easy banter that makes the podcast work so well. They know how to keep the conversation from stalling. And crucially, they also understand that people want the



The cast of "Scrubs," from left: Donald Faison as Chris Turk, Zach Braff as John "J.D." Dorian, Sarah Chalke as Elliot Reid and Judy Reyes as Carla Espinosa. NBC

kind of backstage stories that at least feel revealing.

Here are a few highlights from the first episode, which focuses on the "Scrubs" pilot.

Their audition stories

The actors were at different stages of their careers when they started on the show. Faison had already done a number of movies including "Clueless" and "Remember the Titans" and had a recurring role on "Felicity": "I remember all my agents being like, 'This is the No. 1 pilot of the season, everyone wanted to be part of this and you booked it!'" he says. "And I remember being like, 'Holy cow! I was just looking at it as, let me get another job because I got kids to feed.'

Braff had a couple of indies on his resume, including "The Broken Hearts Club" but that was it. At the time, he was still waiting tables.

"I was a waiter at a French-Vietnamese restaurant in Beverly Hills ...

'Broken Hearts Club' was in theaters and people would come from the theater for dessert to the restaurant and be like, 'We just saw your movie.' And I'd be like, 'Oh, cool thank you for going!' And they'd be like, 'You were great!' And I'd be like, 'Oh, thank you, thank you so much. Let me tell you about our specials ...'

Only in Hollywood can you go see a movie and then have the star of the movie wait on you for dessert."

(He tells a cringe-worthy story of taking a meeting about his acting career during the day and then seeing those same people showing up at the restaurant when he was on shift, and it reminded me of a similar story for "My Worst Moment" by "Grey's Anatomy" star Camilla Luddington. In that same vein, Mike Cutler also has some amusing things to say about working as a waiter while he was on "The Good Wife," which he talked about for "My Worst Moment" as well.)

"I was a waiter at a French-Vietnamese restaurant in Beverly Hills ...

Braff felt as inexperienced as the young doctor he was playing

"There's no person better to play someone young and in over their head than me because here I was, I didn't know anything. It was all method acting. I didn't know anything about starring on a TV show ... Every time I was playing the wide-eyed guy walking around, I was just being me."

Producers wanted the cast to go on medical rounds with a doctor. Braff was game; Faison refused.

Faison: "I was like, 'I don't want to see any of this! ... If you could just tell me some anecdotes that'd be great.'"

Braff: "I remember thinking it was really inappropriate, actually, that she was having me go around and visit patients with her. She put a stethoscope around my neck so I would look legit. I know,

it's kind of (messes) up in hindsight."

The title sequence

Faison: "Dude, how much did you hate that until you saw it?"

Braff: "It was a motion-control camera and it really took a long time to do that, and at the time we didn't know how cool it would look, so it took a full day to do it. And I remember we were all kind of really over it by the end; then it came out and it was really (very) cool. And we've heard this many times in our whole 'Scrubs' existence, but the X-ray at the end was backward. Every doctor wanted to point that out and we used to be like, 'Oh yeah, yeah, that's on purpose. Get it? They're med students, they don't get it!'"

In truth, it was an error.

Faison: "We got lucky with that too because it kind of set the tone for this offbeat wacky show of ours."

There's a whole thing about Faison's teeth and his hairline.

Braff: "Let's talk about your teeth for a second, because I don't think we can just let this go."

Faison (long exasperated sound): "I had baby teeth when we started shooting the show; I don't have baby teeth anymore. I spent a lot of money on new teeth."

Faison says they had him wear fake braces in "Clueless" to hide his small teeth. "And they shaved my head in 'Clueless' because my hairline was receding at 18 ... when I was a kid they called me George Jefferson because of my hairline, are you happy?"

Initial impressions of their fellow cast members

Like his character, John C. McGinley (Dr. Cox) was intimidating — but also had the most confidence from the start about how to play his character. What is he like in real life? Braff: "He literally is this intense, but he's a super sweet nice

person."

Chicago improviser Neil Flynn (the janitor) wasn't supposed to be a regular cast member, Braff said. "But he was so hilarious that Bill just kept adding him and adding him and adding him, to the point where he became one of the stars of the show. And Neil is a hilarious improvisational actor, so a lot of times he would just make up his own lines — throughout the whole run of the show. In fact it got to a point where sometimes in the script it would say, 'And then Neil makes up something funny.' Like, it wouldn't even have a line for him because Neil was so gifted and hilarious."

Pot on the show

At some point during the series' run the writers came up with a medicinal marijuana storyline that was nixed by the network and never filmed. Apparently there was a good deal of pot smoking going on behind the scenes when it became legal in California for medicinal reasons.

Faison: "I remember that because (pause) there were a lot of people smoking weed."

Braff: "Well, we probably shouldn't bring that up in the first episode of this. Let's get to how high everybody was in future episodes. We have to tease something."

Faison: "I'm just saying, that was a tease."

Braff: "OK: In future episodes, Donald will out who was baked when."

Faison: "That would be so funny if that's how we did it: 'In that scene, he's high!'"

Braff: "I think you need to come clean when we get to scenes where you were baked."

Faison: "That will be, like, the whole series run."

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How the virus hits at every level

Looking at impact of COVID-19 on people at one local venue

BY STEVE KOPPER

Like every bar, restaurant and club in Chicago, 26-year-old Beat Kitchen packed up its beer kegs for coronavirus-mandated hibernation, which its 22-person staff desperately hopes won't become permanent.

The brown-brick corner club in Roscoe Village, whose restaurant reopened recently for carryout and delivery, had a loaded spring schedule, from bluegrass brunches to comedy nights to local bands, and its bartenders and sound techs are trying to recover from the sudden, unexpected quiet.

Here are their stories:

Christina Kirts

General manager, 45

This will be my 24th year at Beat Kitchen. I was in college, moving back to Chicago and looking for a bar job. My father was one of the contractors. He was like, "Go in and talk to this guy." He hired me on the spot and I started work the next week. I started as a cocktail waitress.

When the governor was speaking, I was behind the bar. Five of my regulars were there and one waitress. I knew it was coming. I pretty much just closed right after that.

Some people couldn't verbalize what they were feeling. They were just kind of in shock. One of my regulars just started crying. She made me tear up too. I was like, "Stop." I just closed the door.

I'm OK for the next two months or month-and-a-half. I've been so busy checking on other people that I haven't even sat down and had a chance to figure out my own stuff yet. When people talk longer than that, I immediately start to get a little stressed.

Samantha Bermudez

Bartender, 40

I've been there for a little over 10 years. It's a family. People tend to stay there when they start working there. I work a couple of double shifts a week — open and close Tuesdays and Fridays, then Thursday nights and every other Wednesday. Then I fill in.

Luckily, my husband is still working, for now, for Koval whiskey. I've applied for unemployment. I've applied for some of the grants that are out there.

I'm generally a very social person. We're all texting constantly and downloading different apps. When my husband comes home from work, it's really hard, like, "Oh, you're home, it's exciting! Another person!"

I miss my regulars, you know? We have our martini guys that come in almost every day. Uncle Ronnie, we call one of them. And Bess is our little-old-lady neighbor we're all checking on to see if she's OK.

I actually don't think I've had a drink since we closed all the bars and restaurants. Maybe tonight.

Benjamin Avelar

Kitchen manager, 40

They closed on Sunday. My son got into college to be a chef, and I need to pay for all this. I don't know what's going to happen. For



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Chef Benny Avelar cooks on the griddle at Beat Kitchen, 2100 W. Belmont Ave. in Chicago. The Roscoe Village establishment reopened recently, but only for food carryout and delivery.



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Cook Victor Avelar, left, and his father, chef Benny Avelar take a break from making food at Beat Kitchen in Chicago.



ALEX BEMIS PHOTO

Chicago band Sleep On It features, from left, Luka Fischman, Zech Pluister, TJ Horansky and Jake Marquis.

Cara Roxanne Young

Wait staff, 35

My live-in partner is in music production. He went from having two double (shifts) a day, five days a week for the rest of March, to losing all but two shifts. Then we got the word the day Pritzker announced everything would be closing.

I have the benefit of a daytime job and have my salary, for now. I am a personal assistant. Right now we're just hunkering down. I called credit-card companies (and) canceled a bunch of auto-

matic payments for things we don't need. We followed the CDC recommendations of stocking up on two weeks of food and we're trying not to spend a single penny. We don't know if and when this income will be coming back.

I've gone from a massive community of people I see daily to seeing one person. It's been hard learning to manage the anxiety of not seeing people. I never thought I would say that after working with people for 21 years of my life. I actually miss them.

Patrick Kelly

Production manager, 33

It's been jarring for many reasons — trying to find some

semblance of a normal schedule and a normalcy in all of this. My body clock is completely thrown off. I would not be able to live if my partner did not have an income. I would probably bug my parents to help.

There's going to be some collateral damage because of this. Some venues won't open back up or are financially ruined because they've been stretched so thin.

Music is so vital to this city. What it will look like, how big it will be, how lucrative it will be, is still up in the air.

TJ Horansky

Vocalist, Sleep On It, 29

We were halfway through our first headline tour, in Georgia, on our way to Columbus, Ohio, when all the news started breaking about the states limiting the people gathering. We were in Chattanooga and started heading back toward home in Chicago.

We have a 15-passenger van and a 6-by-12-foot enclosed trailer that has all of our gear and merchandise. The last two shows were at Beat Kitchen. We had two sold-out shows. We were crushed. I was heartbroken.

We're regrouping and figuring out what the next move is. We feel really good about where the band is and we don't want to slow down.

Most of us work in the service industry, at least part time, when we're home. A couple of guys in the band, their bar has shut down completely. I work at a restaurant that I might be able to get some part-time hours at.

I really hope there's going to be concert fever when things finally come back. We're going to be ready to hit it hard.

Mark

Security, 50

When you're working strictly nights, you don't go to bed once you get home at 3, 3:30 a.m. You don't just fall asleep. Normally you would eat something; I don't typically fall asleep until 5 or 6 or later every morning. Even though I haven't worked for a week, I still

haven't adapted to a regular schedule. I'm still going to bed really late and waking up really late. It's weird sitting home.

Basically, you hope that whatever reserves you have will last. Then you plan on not eating as much. Somebody like me, I'm not going to get unemployment, I'm not going to get certain benefits. It's a grave concern how you're going to survive. It's not a very comfortable feeling.

They sent out a notice on Wednesday that Beat Kitchen was closed for the foreseeable future, then they added a link for a GoFundMe for the employees. That was very nice. That was unexpected. I do sell some stuff on eBay. I'm not going to say it's something to fall back on, but it's something I can get on the side.

The problem with that is, what if the post offices close? Like anybody else, I have debt. I contacted one of my banks and said, "Look, I'm not working right now." They luckily gave me a 60-day extension.

We have to get through it. If we got through the great influenza of 1918, we're going to get through this. So that's positive.

Paul Gulyas

Audio engineer, 33

I'm an expect-the-worst kind of guy. I checked in with my boss today and he was like, "No work right now."

Normally I'd say, "To hell with St. Patrick's Day," but this year, after not being able to have it, it was like, "Oh, St. Patrick's Day" — in tears. We put on green and were dancing around with Irish music in my apartment.

I don't miss the guitar amps that are too loud. Obviously, that's just a joke — I would take that back in a second if I could. My ears are given a grace period for the time being from the punishment they receive daily, but I would gladly take more hearing damage to be working there, like I love.

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Guidelines announced for arts organizations to secure share of stimulus

BY CHRIS JONES

The National Endowment for the Arts has released guidelines for arts organizations craving a share of the \$75 million in federal stimulus funding earmarked for the arts from the so-called CARES Act (the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act) estimated to cost \$2.2 trillion.

A wide variety of nonprofit organizations can apply for a share of the money, including "arts organizations, local arts agencies, statewide assemblies of local arts agencies, arts service organizations, units of state or local government (and) federally recognized tribal communities or tribes."

But all applicants, the NEA says in its guidelines, must be previous NEA award recipients from the past four years, presumably making it faster for the agency to verify and validate those who apply. In the Chicago area, those recipients include such arts organizations and non-

profits as the American Indian Center, Inc., the Chicago Architecture Foundation, Chicago Human Rhythm Project, Red Clay Dance, Chicago Sinfonietta, Facets, Steppenwolf, the Goodman, the Joffrey and the Hyde Park Jazz Festival.

The money can be used for salaries and artist fees as well as for rent, utilities and other aspects of general operating support. The NEA also said it intends to give preference to awards that "will impact a broad constituency."

"This includes a wide geographic range," the agency said, "and organizations that serve underserved populations."

This policy is notable in its contrasting with the legislators' decision to give an additional \$25 million directly to the John F. Kennedy Center for the Arts in Washington D.C., a full third of the funding earmarked in the act for all arts organizations in the rest of country.

The NEA's "applicant portal" will be open between April 27 and



RAYMOND JEROME PHOTO

Red Clay Dance performs at the South Shore Cultural Center as part of Elevate Chicago Dance.

May 4, with awards anticipated in June.

Separately, the National Endowment for the Humanities said it will grant \$22.4 million across 224 humanities projects across the country, part of its regular process. The NEH also said that it has received its \$75 million in "supplemental funding to assist cultural institutions and humanities affected by the coronavirus

pandemic," also as part of the CARES Act.

The NEH plans to distribute about 40% of the appropriation, about \$30 million, to the 56 "state and jurisdictional" humanities councils, basing awards on population sizes. The remaining 60%, about \$45 million, it says will support "at-risk humanities positions and projects at museums, libraries and archives, historic

sites, colleges and universities, and other cultural nonprofits that have been financially impacted by the coronavirus."

The NEH has not yet announced application procedures for organizations but says it will do so by April 30.

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'COFFEE & KAREEM' ★

BY KATIE WALSH
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The best part of Netflix's new action-comedy "Coffee & Kareem," from "Stuber" director Michael Dowse, is right there in the cute, punny title. And that's it. The title is the best part. One could assume screenwriter Shane Mack, in his feature debut, came up with the clever title and expanded from there, crafting a blaxploitation-inspired raunchy buddy movie. Who's Coffee? Well, that's Officer James Coffee (Ed Helms), a dorky Detroit police officer. Who's Kareem (Terrence Little Gardenhigh)? He's the foul-mouthed pubescent son of Coffee's new girlfriend, Vanessa (Taraji P. Henson). You can likely extrapolate the rest of the movie from there, and enjoy a far more peaceful evening.

The main comedic fulcrum of "Coffee & Kareem"



Taraji P. Henson, from left, Terrence Little Gardenhigh and Ed Helms in "Coffee & Kareem."

is that well-worn, worn-thin writerly device: children swearing. The cherubic Gardenhigh is tasked with delivering reams and reams of dirty dialogue. Kareem, indeed, thinks his special talent is talking smack (he doesn't say "smack," as you could have surmised). His big mouth

gets him in trouble at school, and it gets him in trouble with a few gangsters on the lam for a drug bust when he seeks out their help intimidating his mom's cop boyfriend, who has picked him up from school that afternoon.

A meleee ensues, naturally, in which Kareem

captures video on his smartphone of the gangsters murdering another police officer, and even evidence of police corruption in said drug bust. Yet even more melee ensues, repeatedly, while Coffee and Kareem hit the streets together trying to save themselves and Vanessa,

No MPAA rating

Running time: 1:28

Streaming: on Netflix

until the blessed end of this noisy and annoying 88-minute caper.

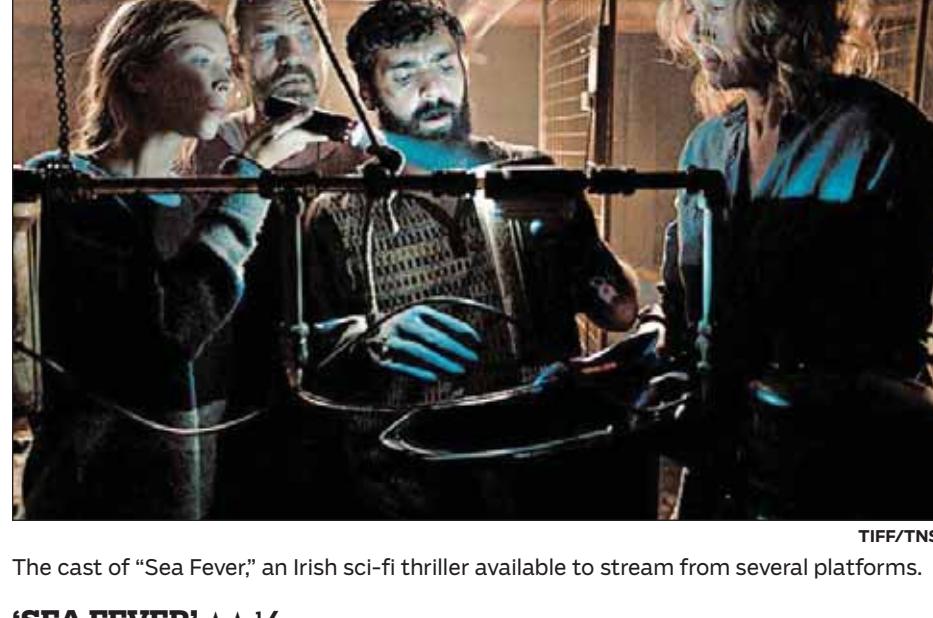
"Coffee & Kareem" has a lot in common with "Stuber": a vehicular setting, an odd-couple friendship, a hard-hitting female police officer with some things to hide (here she is played with the customary vigor Betty Gilpin brings to even the most thankless roles). The action and comedy are also similarly clumsy.

What's so wrong with a little light, ultraviolent humor as escapism? If only the humor were humorous. "Coffee & Kareem" whipsaws wildly between potty-mouthed material with a particular focus on reproductive organs, and "edgy" jokes about police brutality that are neither funny nor

trenchant. They just sort of hang in the air like bad memories. Is now, or ever, the right time to mine that collective cultural wound for laughs?

The refusal to land on a consistent tone is the downfall of "Coffee & Kareem," in which cartoonishly shocking violence is coupled with the strange familial bonding between the titular pair. Boundary-pushing precocious naughty kid comedy can be a tricky line to walk, a line "Coffee & Kareem" doesn't bother even toeing. It just blows the line up. The whole thing is a profoundly irritating, cacophonous mess that would be wildly offensive, except, of course, that characters always helpfully state that something is wildly offensive.

Betty Gilpin deserves better. Taraji P. Henson deserves better. Ed Helms deserves better. And we do too.



The cast of "Sea Fever," an Irish sci-fi thriller available to stream from several platforms.

'SEA FEVER' ★★ 1/2

Timely story of isolated people, fear of infection

BY KATIE WALSH
Tribune News Service

Superstition tangles with science in Neasa Hardiman's "Sea Fever," a watery, undersea take on "The Thing" or "The Thing From Another World."

Ambitious but awkward scientist Siobhan (Hermione Corfield) takes to an Irish fishing boat for a research expedition, where her presence is initially seen as an inconvenience, then a bad omen once she reveals her brilliant ginger hair. But no amount of luck is going to save the crew when it becomes entangled with a mysterious creature from the deep.

A salty, stern and religious couple, Gerard (Dougray Scott) and Freya (Connie Nielsen), helm the old vessel, casting a wary eye at Siobhan's research. But her expertise comes in handy once the vessel becomes caught by some kind of giant squid with barnacle tentacles that ooze a foreboding blue goo that eats through the hull.

You'll squirm every time that gunk squishes onto a

MPAA rating: Not rated

Running time: 1:29

Streaming: On Demand and on digital platforms

surface. Infection, it's so hot right now.

Not to place this review,

and the film, into too static a cultural moment, but "Sea Fever," about a group of isolated people stuck at sea with a rapidly escalating parasitic infection wiping them out one by one, is a fascinating watch in the time of COVID-19.

As a researcher looking at behavioral patterns, Siobhan's fellow crew mates become her research subjects. She observes how they react to the crisis, reading their reactions and questioning their motives.

Her pleading and reasoning is eerily reminiscent of many of the coronavirus canaries in the coal mine. She asks them for transparency and honesty, to be given the chance to aggressively attack the microscopic invaders and quarantine the crew away from land.

Furthermore, Freya's protestations about risking the integrity of the rusty old ship sound like Trumpian economic entreaties.

"Sea Fever," which refers to the kind of cabin fever suffered by sailors, is a sturdy little thriller, punctuated by a few juicy horrific moments. Hardiman effectively builds suspense, but she doesn't go for the kind of Kurt Russell-style heroics of "The Thing," especially with a modest and socially awkward scientist as our heroine. Rather, Siobhan's heroics are quietly determined, acted on alone and with little fanfare.

"Sea Fever" only momentarily touches the highest registers of operatic bloody horrors and outlandish fantasy sci-fi. Rather, it remains in the realm of the moral, the ethical, the human-scaled losses and decisions, which makes for just as, if not more, torturous personal quandaries. It's an absorbing (if sometimes muted) battle with the notions of ethics and infection, in a moment that couldn't be more appropriate.

BY OWEN GLEIBERMAN

Variety

As the first major Hollywood movie since the outbreak of the coronavirus to bow out of its scheduled theatrical release and reposition itself on a home-viewing platform, "Trolls World Tour" has the chance to be a bigger event than it might have otherwise. Or maybe a smaller one. The film now stands as the one and only new mainstream commercial release that movie-starved audiences will get a chance to see in April (available on demand Friday).

That said, there may be less significance to its changed circumstances than you might think. When Universal first announced its sequel to "Trolls" would bypass theaters altogether, some observers took it as the first domino to fall in an increasingly tense cold war, the one between movie studios and exhibitors over the issue of how long a film should be allowed to play in theaters before it's made available for home viewing.

In the case of "Trolls World Tour," it might have mattered — a bit — if the film were as sparkly, enchanting, and all-out maniacal fun as "Trolls," the 2016 dolls-R-us fantasy.

MPAA rating: PG (for some mild rude humor)

Running time: 1:30

Streaming: Friday, \$19.99 on Amazon Prime, Apple TV, Xfinity, Vudu and Google Play

"Trolls World Tour" has the same delectably tactile eye-candy look; it's set in a storybook kingdom that's all sweetness and light and glitter and fuzz and bursting psychedelic pastels. And since a key element of the first film's charm was how unabashedly it used pop music not just as the usual aural wallpaper but to color in the ecstatic spirit of the Trolls, "Trolls World Tour," as its title suggests, is even more of a music-drenched fairy tale.

The film opens with a hypnotically cool-looking land of Trolls that's different from the one before — a darkly pulsating Day-Glo nightclub kingdom that turns out to be the home of the Techno Trolls, an enraptured tribe of disco revelers. Their rave is then invaded by spaceships designed like mini-dungeons.

They're a fleet led by Queen Barb (Rachel Bloom), monarch of the Hard Rock Trolls. A heavy-metal hellion in a red mohawk, wearing fishnets and three thick hoop ear-

rings, she's a self-styled demon goddess of hard rock, and she has arrived, with villainous fervor, to stamp out any music that is not her own.

If you sense a metaphor for the intolerance of others, you'd be right. Our eager, floppy-pink-haired heroine, Poppy (Anna Kendrick), is now queen of the Trolls, who receives an invitation to join Queen Barb's One Nation Under Rock World Tour, not realizing that it's actually a tour of oppression dedicated to stamping out everything else. Poppy climbs into a hot-air balloon to go meet her sister Troll queen, with the ever-forlorn Branch (Justin Timberlake) along for the ride, but not before the two learn that there are, in fact, six tribes of Trolls, all divided up by musical passion.

The movie does have its wild-card moments, such as the exuberant medley of pop songs, from "Wanna-be" to "Party Rock Anthem," that Poppy and friends perform in Lonesome Flats, or the very funny idea of having Queen Barb's bounty hunters disguised as musicians from genres such as smooth jazz (which lulls everyone into a stupor they start hallucinating). Yet the first "Trolls" had a much richer and better story.

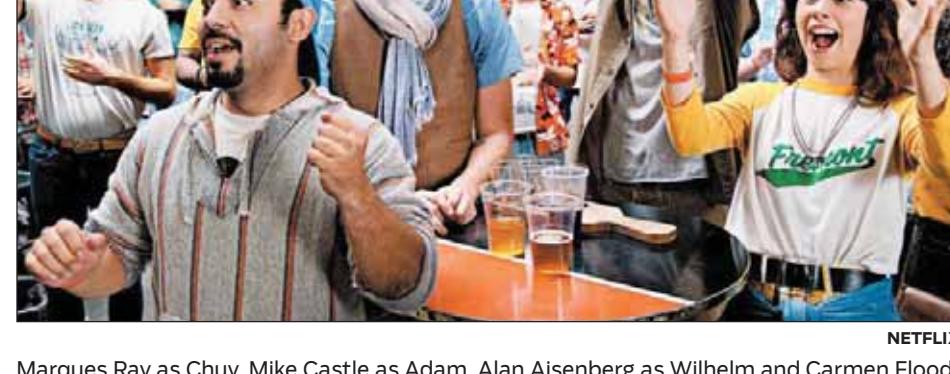
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He attended Brother Rice High School and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (an experience he didn't enjoy because he was "always very bored") before moving from Chicago to Los Angeles in 2011. Castle said he trained at iO, Second City and Upright Citizens Brigade.

"Brews Brothers" executive producers Greg and Jeff Schaffer describe him as a sharp-witted improviser, which is important because scripts for the eight-episode, half-hour comedy were "just a jumping-off point." And while Castle enjoys drinking beer, he said he didn't know much about making it when he landed the role.

"We did beer school on our first day after rehearsal, then continued to do more



Marques Ray as Chuy, Mike Castle as Adam, Alan Aisenberg as Wilhelm and Carmen Flood as Sarah in a scene from the new Netflix series "Brews Brothers."

beer practice with a brewmaster who owned and operated the place that we shot, which was a real brewery," Castle said. "If we were talking about beer, I wanted to actually know what we were talking about. It would be too hard

to improvise it if we didn't know things."

Jeff Schaffer, who wrote for "Seinfeld" and co-created "The League," noticed Castle when he auditioned for Schaffer's "Dave" series, which premiered last month on the FXX

winning a chess match.

"As brilliant an actor and improviser as Mike is, he's actually more passionate about one other thing, and that's chess," Jeff Schaffer said. "There are few things more humiliating than playing him in chess because as he plays you and beats you easily, he is also smack talking you. So you're getting broken down physically and mentally. You're being spoken to like you're a child."

Castle is married to Evanston native and DePaul University alum Lauren Lapkus. The two starred on the TBS comedy "Clipped," which was canceled in 2015 after one season. Castle and Lapkus come from different sides of town, but Castle said there's no North Side/South Side smack talk.

"I actually did my first improv at the Piven Theatre, which is in Evanston and very close to where Lauren lived," said Castle,

whose mom is a DePaul administrator. "Around that same time, when I was about 12, I also did a play at Northwestern. So I was just always on the North Side."

"I really never felt like a South Sider, if that makes sense. I didn't care about baseball, which is the key divide there, the Cubs versus the Sox."

"I also spent so much of my time growing up commuting to the North Side. There's no rivalry there whatsoever, even in jest."

Castle and Lapkus are on this week's episode of the "Comedy Bang! Bang!" podcast. He also has a movie with Pauly Shore and Billy Zane, "Guest House," due out this year. He said he is "cautiously optimistic" about "Brews Brothers."

"If this fails, it's not his fault," Jeff Schaffer said about Castle. "If it succeeds, it's in large part because of his brilliance."

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VICTOR SKREBNESKI
1929-2020

'My heart is broken'

Friends remember legendary photographer and lifelong Chicagoan

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Famed photographer Victor Skrebneski has died, friends and officials said.

Skrebneski, who was 90, passed away Saturday of cancer after a 70-year career, according to a statement from Emily Osborne, of Jasculca Terman communications.

"He was a creative genius," said Skrebneski's assistant, archivist and friend, Dennis Minkel, who saw Skrebneski on Friday. "I learned everything about photography from him. ... It wasn't only a work relationship, it was a friendship as well."

Minkel said he felt lucky to have known and worked alongside him for 40 years.

Born Dec. 17, 1929, in Chicago, Skrebneski attended the School of the Art Institute of Chicago and the Illinois Institute of Technology. In 1989, SAIC featured an exhibit of his art, and in 1999, a 50-year retrospective of his work was organized by The Museum of Contemporary Photography.

Earlier this year, Skrebneski published his 18th photojournalism book, "Skrebneski Documented."

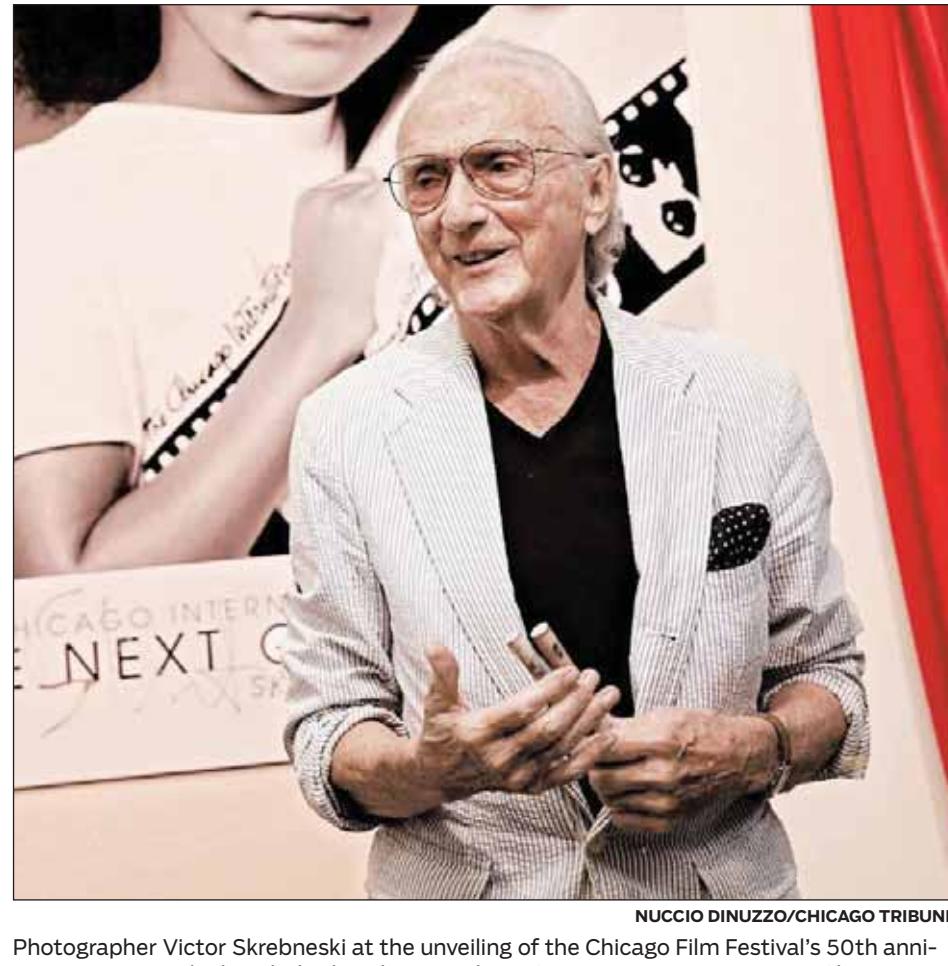
A lifelong Chicagoan whose studio was in the city's Old Town neighborhood, he was well-known for iconic black and white portraits of Hollywood stars and supermodels including Cindy Crawford and Iman, and celebrities such as Oprah Winfrey, Faye Dunaway, Michelle and Barack Obama; Iman's husband, David Bowie; and even Bette Davis, one of his favorites.

His gorgeous works, many of which were semi-nudes used in the Chicago Film Festival's promotional photographs, portrayed Crawford, who met Skrebneski when she was 17 and just starting out as a model.

In 1952, Skrebneski set up his own studio in Chicago and got his first big break in 1962 as the exclusive photographer for Estée Lauder's worldwide ad campaign "the Estée Lauder woman."

Always well-dressed, Skrebneski was glamorous, deeply creative and fairly private, but he had a down-to-earth warmth, a mischievous sense of humor, and he adored parties.

Longtime Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas said she met Skrebneski at a party



Photographer Victor Skrebneski at the unveiling of the Chicago Film Festival's 50th anniversary poster, which includes his photograph, on Sept. 10, 2014, at Expo 72 in Chicago.



Bette Davis is photographed in 1971 by Victor Skrebneski.

about 15 years ago, and he told her he wanted to take her picture.

"When he was finishing his last book, and he would show me a photo and I would see what he saw, what he was trying to convey, he would get so excited," Pappas said. "Because I wasn't an artist, it made him very happy when I could see what he wanted to show with a shot."

But while he did shoot several photos of



Givenchy Red, 24 July 1990, Paris by Victor Skrebneski.

her over the years, their friendship deepened far beyond the art.

"It wasn't about the photographs, it was about the relationship," Pappas said. "We would finish each other's sentences. He was my guy."

"Sometimes we would call each other, and he would say one word or I would say one word, and we would get it. It was just a very special relationship," Pappas said. "I'd

cook for him. He loved french fries."

Chicago International Film festival founder Michael Kutza wanted to meet the artist decades ago after seeing a short film by Skrebneski titled "No Comment."

And when Kutza needed help with the festival, it was Skrebneski he turned to.

"I came to him and said, 'I've got a problem, I need to make (the Chicago International Film Festival) sexy.' And he did," Kutza recalled. "He suddenly comes up with some photographs, and they were outstanding. ... He helped me put it on the map."

"He had a great sense of humor, he was mischievous," Kutza said.

Over the years, Skrebneski became somewhat of a fixture at La Scarola, 721 W. Grand Ave., a low-key Italian restaurant that draws high-profile diners, with close friend and La Scarola partner Joey Mondelli.

"He was one of my best friends," said Mondelli, who had known Skrebneski for 30 years. "He was like a brother to me."

Mondelli, who was also friends with Skrebneski's mother, Anna, said Skrebneski's favorite dish at La Scarola was the mostaccioli, because his mother made it for him.

"He always wanted the mostaccioli," Mondelli said.

Mondelli, also the former proprietor of Kelly Mondelli's on Clark Street, recalled many nights after Skrebneski had a good photo shoot, he'd show up there and hang out, with models in tow.

"He used to bring Cindy Crawford and Iman there. Every time he got two models working, he'd bring them over there, and we've been close ever since then," Mondelli said.

"Working with Victor was one of the great privileges of my modeling career," said Cindy Crawford in a statement. "He was my first mentor and taught me so much about the art of modeling and photography. Those years I spent on his set under the beautiful lighting being directed by a true artist, prepared me for my life in fashion, but also, his elegance and sophistication shaped my definition of a true gentleman. He will be missed."

One hot summer night, Skrebneski announced he was going to throw a party at Kelly Mondelli's. "It's a small place, I can't fit 40 people," Mondelli said.

"Don't worry, we'll squeeze them all together," he said Skrebneski reassured him.

"It was about 80 degrees. He brought an ice sculpture and everyone was outside," including Crawford. "He wanted to give me the business," Mondelli said.

The last time Mondelli spoke to Skrebneski, who he nicknamed "Victorio," it was about a month and a half ago. He was in a hospital after falling ill.

But he was still in upbeat spirits, cracking jokes, Mondelli said.

"His work ... he liked to take pictures. That was his life right there. My heart's broken."

A private memorial is planned.



JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Judy Roberts performs with her quartet at the 2016 Jazz Showcase in Chicago.

Reich

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too tired for it: I want to do a set every day. Just pretend we're playing a set every day, just to keep our chops up.

"I'm writing original songs, saying we're going to play these when we get back to doing gigs. I'm trying to really stay positive and keep looking forward to everything."

In an email, Roberts summed up her daily life this way:

"It's good to stay connected with my Chicago friends through Facebook," she said. "People have been so wonderful and supportive, and I'm so grateful. Greg and I are already working on new tunes to play when we come home to Chicago."

(Jazz Showcase owner) Wayne Segal stays in touch with us, and we're looking forward to returning to the Jazz Showcase. We're also looking forward to our suburban gigs, like Suzette's in Wheaton and Hey Nonny in Arlington Heights."

Still, the coronavirus pandemic has not made things easier.

Fishman no longer can go to Mayo to pick up his wife's prescriptions. Instead, they must wait for the medicine to arrive in the mail.

"Judy is most susceptible ... she's immune-compromised right now," said Fishman. "So I'm very careful. I go out minimally."

"I try to shop for a week or two and stock up. If I pick up a prescription, I do it through the drive-through window. I

sanitize my hands before and after. Judy and I fortunately were nuts about hand sanitizers, so we have gallons of the stuff."

Both musicians are cheered by the support they've received from a Go-FundMe page. But like most jazz musicians, they're concerned about the fate of small venues that, even in good times, didn't turn much of a profit.

"We're worried about all the clubs where we used to play, and whether they'll be able to open again after all this," said Fishman.

Still, he remains hopeful.

"We're looking forward to getting back to Chicago at some time," said Fishman, who spends several hours a day teaching lessons to students around the world via Skype.

"God willing, she can get into remission and get back to playing our gigs."

"The one thing we have is the music. We're in the house here, listening to music, and we're enjoying it. I'm playing some piano, and Judy is helping me with chord voicings and things like that."

"I can sit there and analyze it and figure it out. She just does it. ... It's just organic for her. I've got the greatest piano teacher in the world here."

Whenever they go to Mayo, they see "a grand piano in the lobby," said Fishman.

"I always ask her if she feels like playing it, and she says no. But I'm praying one day she's going to play it."

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Christine Baranski and Cush Jumbo in a scene from "The Good Fight."

For Baranski, a strange new world in 'The Good Fight'

Fourth season opens in a reality where Clinton beat Trump

BY DANIELLE TURCHIANO

Variety

Christine Baranski has played lawyer Diane Lockhart for more than a decade, originating the role in Robert and Michelle King's "The Good Wife" for CBS in 2009 and starring in their spinoff "The Good Fight" for the Eye's streaming service, CBS All Access, since 2017.

The fourth season of "The Good Fight," which premiered April 9, starts with a showcase episode for Baranski, in which Diane finds herself in an alternate political world.

Q: In the third season of "The Good Fight," Diane joined a radical group to try to take down Donald Trump and ended up with SWAT at her door. How is Diane different this season?

A: The first episode exists almost on its own. It's like a little prologue, and it doesn't necessarily launch the whole season or all of the characters, but you could say it launches Diane in another direction. Although I would argue Diane has always been a fighter, it's the nature of the fight that changes every year with where she puts her energy and how she focuses her intellect and her anger.

Q: What does Diane learn from living in a world where Hillary Clinton is president?

A: We live our lives as, "It never would have happened if Hillary had been president. We wouldn't be in the situation that we're in now." You could argue that about this pandemic — because she wouldn't

have fired smart people; she's not anti-science. I think the first episode is a brilliant examination of, yes, there might have been wonderful things about the Clinton presidency and much would have been avoided, but there was another aspect to the Trump presidency that unleashed an anger that led to a movement that led to powerful men coming down.

Q: What does that mean for Diane for the rest of the season?

A: In the second episode, Diane begins her new life at this newly merged, international corporate takeover of our firm. She's called up to meet with the head of the firm, brilliantly played by John Larroquette in utterly perfect casting, and he gives her a whole zen master monologue. She knows she's in a very strange new world, but he hands her pro bono cases, which, ostensibly, is Diane's thing. He says, "You're at your best when you have a cause," and she's a fighter for liberal causes and the underdog. So he hands her these cases and says, "Go for it." Because of that she begins to uncover something going on within the judicial system itself that is deeply disturbing.

Q: The sense of humor in "The Good Fight" has allowed it to be something of an escape, even when telling these very real, at times scary stories about real-life politics and law. How does that tone feel in the age of coronavirus?

A: If any show has tried to keep up breathlessly with the insanity and the moral laxity and the moral dilemma of our time, it's our show. We're dealing with, "If the rule of law doesn't hold, then where are we?" So I look at our country now and I say, "Why didn't we have enough masks? How did this happen? That was a lapse — a lapse in vision, a lapse in judgment. There was hubris involved there."

WATCH THIS: FRIDAY



Jay Hernandez

"Magnum P.I." (8 p.m., CBS): It's do-or-die time for this reboot of the 1980-88 Tom Selleck crime drama as this remake returns to finish out its second season in a time slot vacated by another reboot: "Hawaii Five-0," which ran for 10 seasons. In tonight's midseason premiere, "Say Hello to Your Past," Magnum and Higgins (Jay Hernandez, Perdita Weeks) launch a frantic search for Kumu (Amy Hill) after she is kidnapped by an injured man.

"Mortal Engines" (6:50 p.m., Cinemax): After languishing in development limbo for several years, Christian Rivers' 2018 adaptation of Philip Reeve's post-apocalyptic literary thriller finally made it to cinemas with a screenplay penned by Fran Walsh, Philippa Boyens and Peter Jackson, who had collaborated on Jackson's blockbuster "The Lord of the Rings" film trilogy. Hera Hilmar, Robert Sheehan, Hugo Weaving and Patrick Malahide appear in the large cast.

"MacGyver" (7 p.m., CBS): In the new episode "Code & Artemis & Nuclear & N3mesis," Mac's (Lucas Till) friends all surround their teammate during his time of grief, but soon the real world inserts itself via a fresh crisis. The Los Angeles power grid is taken hostage in a ransomware attack that results in a citywide blackout. As the crew springs into action, they're stunned to discover that the code used in the attack was written by Riley (Tristin Mays) several years ago.

"The Blacklist" (7 p.m., NBC): As the team investigates a mysterious disappearance in the Alaska Triangle, this Blacklist case takes a decidedly personal turn for Agent Park (Laura Sogni) in a new episode called "Twamie Ullulaq." Elsewhere, Aram (Amir Arison) turns to Red (James Spader) for help with finding out what really happened to Elodie's (guest star Elizabeth Bogush) husband.

"Sword of Trust" (7:30 p.m., Showtime): An excellent cast of comedy pros helps elevate Lynn Shelton's amiable, character-driven 2019 comedy, which stars Jillian Bell as Cynthia, who receives a bequest from her late grandfather as the film opens. It turns out to be a valuable sword that her eccentric departed relative always believed was hard evidence that the South actually won the Civil War.

"Strike Back" (9 p.m., 9:53 p.m., 1 a.m., Cinemax): The penultimate episode of this action drama finds Chet (Varada Sethu) on the run and Carolyn (Lorraine Burroughs) in hot pursuit of them, forcing Novin, Wyatt and Coltrane (Alin Sumarwata, Daniel MacPherson, Jamie Bamber) to weigh personal loyalty against duty and self-preservation.

TALK SHOWS

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actress Kerry Washington; actor Andrew Rannells; Anderson Paak and the Free Nationals perform; best of Fallon.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): Keith Urban talks and performs; actress Casey Wilson.*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live!" (11:05 p.m., ABC): Actress Jennifer Aniston; Grouplove performs.*

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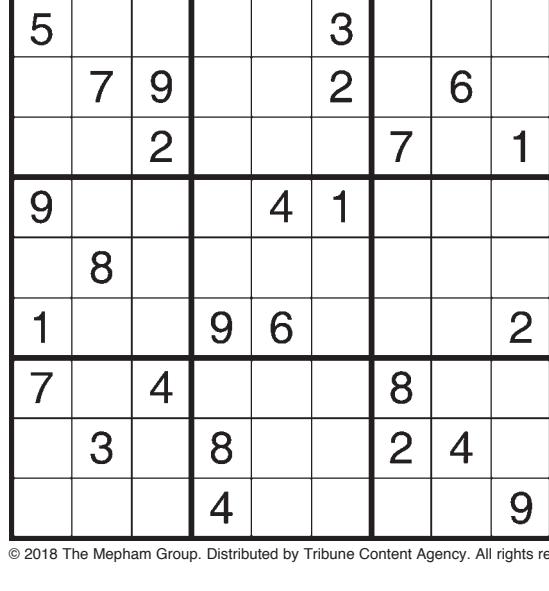
FRIDAY EVENING, APR. 10

		PM		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	MOVIES
BROADCAST	CBS	2	MacGyver (N) © HD			Magnum P.I.: "Say Hello to Your Past." (N) © HD		Blue Bloods: "Grave Errors." (C) HD			News (N) ♦
	NBC	5	The Blacklist: "Twamie Ullulaq." (N) © HD			Dateline NBC (N) © HD					NBC 5 News (N) ♦
	ABC	7	Shark Tank (N) © HD			(8:01) 20/20 (N) © HD					News at 10pm (N) ♦
	WGN	9	black-ish © HD	black-ish © HD	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	WGN News at Nine (N) (Live) © HD				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)
CABLE	PBS	11	Chi. Tonight: Washington Review (N) Week (N)	Check, Please!	Biking the Boulevards	Somewhere South: "Dump-Dishing Dilemma." (N)					Dishing-Julia (N)
	CW	26.1	Charmed (N) © HD	Dynasty (N) © HD		Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©			
	The U	26.2	Dr. Phil © HD	Tamron Hall (N) ©		Steve Wilkos Show (N)	Cops ©				
	MeTV	26.3	Andy Griffith Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle Green Acres	Hogan Hero Hogan Hero	C. Burnett					
	H&I	26.4	Star Trek: "Spock's Brain."	Star Trek: Next	Star Trek: Deep Space 9	Star Trek ©					
	Bounce	26.5	In the Cut Family Time	Maid in Manhattan (PG-13-'02) ★★ Jennifer Lopez. ©							Parker ***
	FOX	32	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (N) (Live) HD					Fox 32 News (N)			Modern Family ©
	Ion	38	NCIS: Los Angeles HD	NCIS: Los Angeles HD	NCIS: Los Angeles HD	NCIS: LA ♦					
	TeleM	44	Cennet (N) ©	La Doña (N) ©	Operación Pacífico (N) ©	Chicago (N)					
	MNT	50	Chicago P.D. ©	CSI: Miami: "Bad Seed."	CSI: Miami © HD	Chicago ♦					
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	AE		Live PD: Rewind (N) ©	Live PD: "Live PD -- 04.10.20." (N) (Live) © ♦							
	AMC		• (6) The Karate Kid (PG-'84) ★★ Ralph Macchio. ©	The Karate Kid Part II (PG-'86) *** ♦							
	ANIM		Tanked: Sea-Lebrity Edition (N)		Tanked ©	Tanked ♦					
	BBCA		• From Russia Goldfinger (PG-'64) **** Sean Connery, Gert Frobe. ©					Norton (N) ♦			
	BET		• (6) This Christmas (PG-13-'07) ★★ © Welcome Home Roscoe Jenkins (PG-13-'08) *** ♦								
	BIGTEN		BIG Show © BTN Football in 60 ©	Football	BTN Football in 60 ©	Football					
	BRAVO		Shahs of Sunset ©	Shahs of Sunset (N) ©	Watch (N)	Shahs of Sunset ©					
	CNN		Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Cuomo Prime Time (N)	Cuomo (N) ♦					
	COM		Tosh.0 © Tosh.0 ©	Tosh.0 © Tosh.0 ©	Kevin Hart	Yankers					
	DISC		Gold Rush (N) ©		(9:03) Gold Rush ©	Outback (N)					
	DISN		Sydney (N) Coop (N)	Raven	Roll With It	Coop	Sydney-Max	Bunk'd ©			
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	FREE		Family Guy Family Guy	Back to the Future (PG-'85) *** Michael J. Fox. ©	700 Club (N)						
	FX		The Greatest Showman (PG-'17) ★★ Hugh Jackman.	The Greatest Showman (PG-'17) ★★ ♦							
	HALL		Christmas at the Plaza (NR,'19) Elizabeth Henstridge.	Christmas Town (NR,'19) Tim Rozon. ♦							
	HGTV		Dream Dream	Dream (N) Dream (N)	Unsellable	Dream Dream					
	HIST		Pawn Stars ©	Pawn Stars (N) ©	(9:03) Pawn Stars (N) ©	Pawn ♦					
	HLN		Sex & Murder ©	Sex & Murder ©	Sex & Murder ©	SexMurder ♦					
	IFC		Two Men Two Men	Two Men Two Men	Two Men Two Men	Two Men Two Men					
	LIFE		Miracles From Heaven (PG,'16) ★★ Jennifer Garner. ©		Faith Under Fire ♦						
	MSNBC		All In With (N)	Rachel Maddow Show (N)	The Last Word (N)	11th Hour (N)					
	MTV		• (6:30) Rush Hour 3 (PG-13-'07) ★ © Families of the Mafia ©	Ridiculous. ©							
	NATGEO		Lockup: Boston Lockup: Wabash	Lockup: Cincinnati Lockup:							
	NBCSCH		Chicago Bulls Classic NBA Final, Game 2. From June 7, 1996.		Sneaker White Sox ♦						
	NICK		• The SpongeBob Musical SpongeBob SpongeBob	Friends © Friends © Friends ©							
	Ovation		• (6) Sneakers (PG-13-'92) ★★ Robert Redford.	XXX: State of the Union ('05) *** ♦							
	OWN		20/20 on OWN 20/20 on OWN	48 Hours: Hard Evidence 48 Hours: Hard Evidence	20/20 ♦						
	OXY		• Kemper on Kemper Snapped: "Notorious: Aileen Wuornos." ©		Serial ♦						
	PARMT		Twilight (PG-13-'08) ★★ Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson. ©	Twilight: New Moon ♦							
	SYFY		• (6) Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets ***	Vagrant Queen (N)	Hitman ♦						
	TBS		• (6) Suicide Squad (PG-13-'16) ★★ Justice League (PG-13-'17) ★★ Ben Affleck. ©								
	TCM		The Wizard of Oz (G,'39) **** Judy Garland. ©	The Blue Bird (G,'40) ★ ♦							
	TLC		90 Day Fiance: Before the 90 Days (N)	90 Day (N) 90 Day Fiance							
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	USA		• (6) Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets ***	Harry Potter-Prisoner of Azkaban ♦							
	VH1		RuPaul's Drag Race (N) ©	Titanic (PG-13-'97) **** ©							
	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 Last Man					
	HBO		(7:10) Quantum of Solace (PG-13-'08) ★★ ©	To be announced	Atlanta's ♦						
	HBO2		The Plot Against America Friend (Subtitled-English)	American Pie (R,'99) *** © ♦							
	MAX		• (6:50) Mortal Engines (PG-13-'18) ★★ Hera Hilmar.	Strike Back (N) ©	Strike Back (N) ©	Strike ♦					
	SHO		• Green Book (Sword of Trust (R,'19) Marc Maron. ©	SCB30 ©	Boxing ©						
	STARZ		21 Jump Street (R,'12) ★★ Jonah Hill. ©	(8:52) Spider-Man (PG-13-'02) ★★★ ♦							
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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

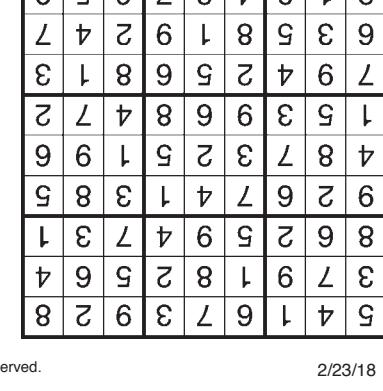
SUDOKU



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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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WORD SEARCH

ALL GO

Can you find all the words beginning with GO? 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.



GOADED	GOITRE	GOODS	GOSH
GOALIE	GOLDEN	GOOFY	GOSLINGS
GOATS	GOLDFISH	GOOSE	GOSPEL
GOB	GOLF	GOOSEBERRY	GOSSIP
GOBLET	GOLOSHES	GORE	GOT
GOBLINS	GONDOLA	GORGE	GOULASH
GODFATHER	GONE	GORGEOUS	GOURMET
GODWIT	GONG	GORGONZOLA	GOUT
GOES	GOO	GORILLA	GOVERNMENT
GOGGLES	GOODNESS	GORING	GOWN

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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 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 = 5 points
8 letters = 6 points
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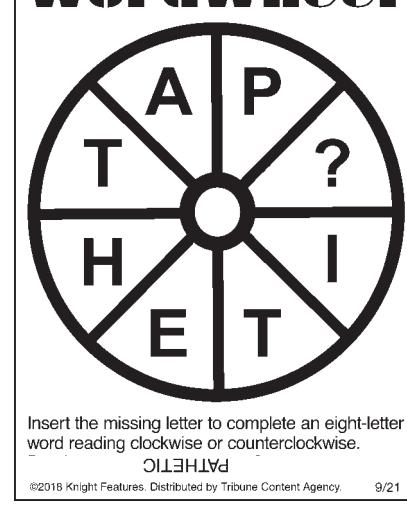
YOUR BOGGLE RATING
151+ = Champ
101-150 = Expert
61-100 = Pro
31- 60 = Gamer
21 - 30 = Rookie
11 - 20 = Amateur
0 - 10 = Try again

SE A POND LAKE OCEAN LAGOON HARBOUR

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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Boggle BrainBusters Bonus
We put special brain-busting words into the grid of letters. Can you find them?
Find AT LEAST SIX BODIES OF WATER in the grid of letters.

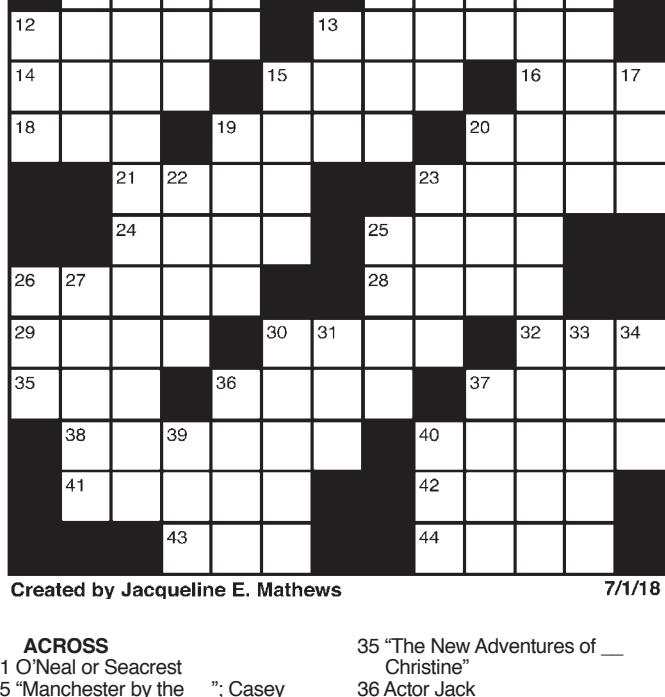


Insert the missing letter to complete an eight-letter word reading clockwise or counterclockwise.

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TV CROSSWORD



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ACROSS

- 1 O'Neal or Seacrest
- 5 "Manchester by the ___"; Casey Affleck film
- 8 Sharpen
- 9 Bart's mom
- 12 Anson ___; actor on "Inhumans"
- 13 Those who get just their feet wet
- 14 Poet ___ St. Vincent Millay
- 15 His and ___; like matching items for Dad & Mom
- 16 Letter from Greece
- 18 Henpeck
- 19 "Mr. Candid Camera"
- 20 John of "Touched by an Angel" and his family
- 21 Laurel or Musical
- 23 David ___; role on "Criminal Minds"
- 24 ___ to Hart"
- 25 Judy Garland's eldest child
- 26 "A League of ___ Own"; Tom Hanks film
- 28 Sherman Hemsley sitcom
- 29 Ferrell or Smith
- 30 Skillet
- 32 Rebecca's husband on "Return to Amish"



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35 "The New Adventures of ___ Christine"
36 Actor Jack ___
37 "The ___ Ant Show"; 1960s cartoon series
38 "The Day of the ___"; film for Donald Sutherland
40 "___", 1960s sitcom
41 Asp or adder
42 Shade trees
43 Knight or Danson
44 Racer A.J.

DOWN

- 1 Valerie Harper role
- 2 Series for Iain Armitage
- 3 Actress Faris
- 4 Butterfly catcher's need
- 5 "Get ___"
- 6 Actor George ___
- 7 "Car 54, Where ___ You?"
- 10 Medical drama series
- 11 Actor Rob
- 12 ___ Behaving Badly"
- 13 Ming-Na ___
- 15 Actress Helen
- 17 ___ walked out in the streets of Laredo..."
- 19 Jamie of "M*A*S*H"
- 20 Drift off
- 22 "An American ___"; film about Fievel
- 23 Curved edges
- 25 Promised ___; Gerald McRaney series
- 26 ___ and a Half Men"
- 27 "Beverly ___, 90210"
- 30 Sat for an artist
- 31 Carney or Linkletter
- 33 Helpful lift
- 34 Napoleon or Hirohito: abbr.
- 36 Nolan Gould's role on "Modern Family"
- 37 Woody Guthrie's boy
- 39 Felix or Garfield
- 40 Monogram for singer Tennessee

JUMBLE

JUMBLE
Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

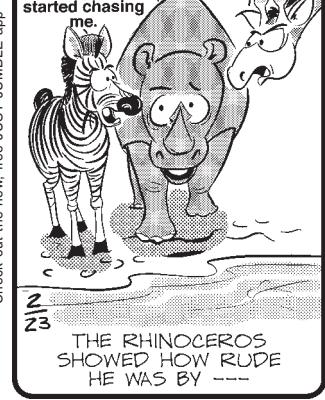
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CYITH

THAT SCRABMED WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



What are you guys talking about?
Hey! This is a private conversation.
...and then he started chasing me.

The RHINOCEROS SHOWED HOW RUDE HE WAS BY ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

NIESUG

Check out the new free JUST JUMBLE app

CANUNE

Answer here:

ALL GO

Answers: OFFER ITCHY GENIUS NUANCE

Jumbles: The rhinoceros showed how rude he was

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Horoscopes

Today's birthday (April 10): Ride a career rocket this year. Coordination and teamwork provide essential support. Shifting summer travel and study plans inspire a delightful full domestic phase before a professional challenge takes focus. Winter changes in the news inspire an amazing long-distance connection.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Educational opportunities present themselves. You're exceptionally clever with words over the next few weeks, with Mercury in your sign.

Taurus (April 20-May 18): 8. Monitor budgets. Finish old business. Modify long-term plans over three weeks, with Mercury in Aries. Review what worked and didn't.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. Participate with an energetic team over the next phase, with Mercury in Aries. Friends are a source of inspiration, and group activities produce results.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 9. Practice your moves. Watch carefully for professional opportunity, with Mercury in Aries. Prepare to jump when the moment is right. There may be a test.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 7. Have fun. Travel beckons, with Mercury in Aries. Make long-distance connections over the next few weeks. Study and research are favored. Document your views.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Adapt to domestic changes. Pay bills and figure out how much you can spend. It's easier to organize shared finances, with Mercury in Aries.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Communication flowers between partners, with Mercury in Aries. Compromise and negotiate. Coordinate and collaborate. Delegate more.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 9. Pursue a lucrative opportunity. What you're learning energizes your work, health and fitness, with Mercury in Aries. Raise performance levels through diligent practice.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Put your love into words. Express your affection and deepest feelings. Romantic communication flowers over the next three weeks, with Mercury in Aries.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 7. Make long-term plans. Take on a home renovation project over the next three weeks, with Mercury in Aries. Set family goals. Clean house.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Learn voraciously, with Mercury in Aries. You're especially creative and words flow with ease. Write, record and report. Share and connect with a wider community.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 9. Communication benefits your career. Develop lucrative opportunities, with Mercury in Aries for three weeks. Make profitable connections and grow the scale of your endeavor.

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Bridge

North-South vulnerable, East deals

North

♠ J 9 4 3 2
♥ 7
♦ A J 8
♣ K 7 4 3

East

♠ 7
♥ A K Q 8 7 6 5
♦ 5 3
♣ 9 8 5

West

♠ A K 8
♥ 10 4 2
♦ Q 9 6 4 2
♣ 10 2

South

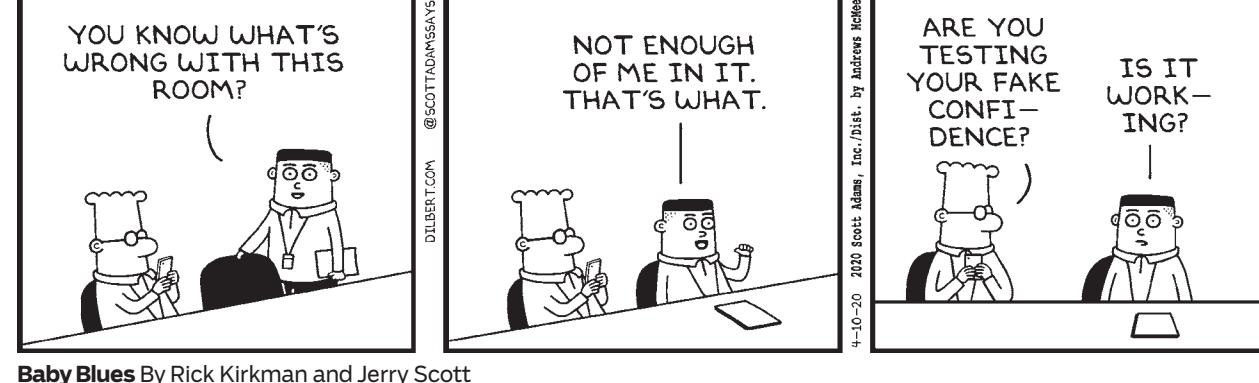
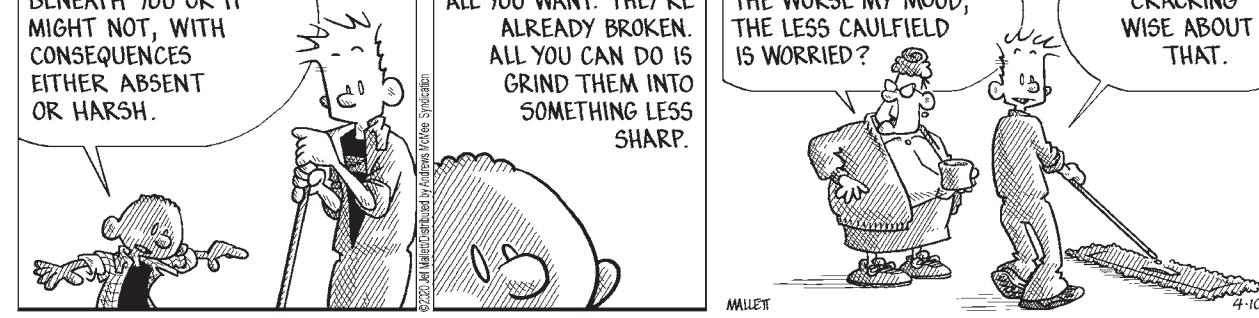
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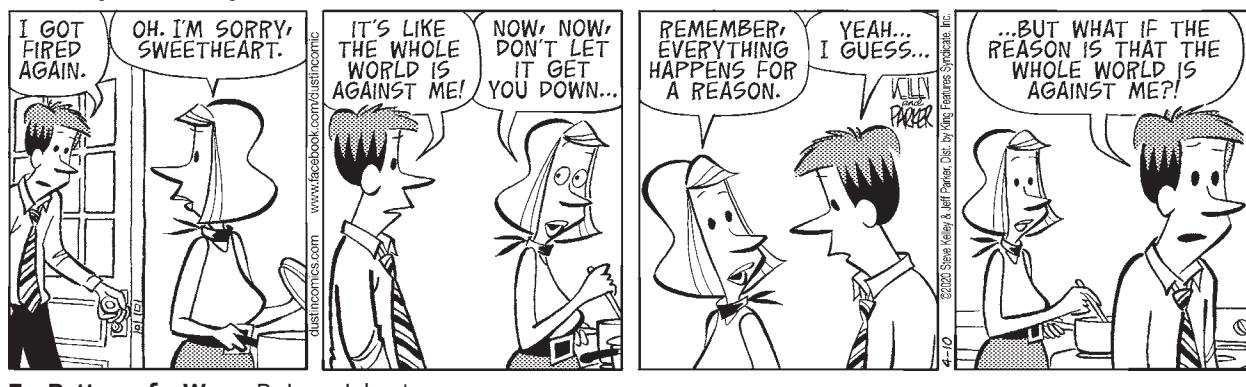
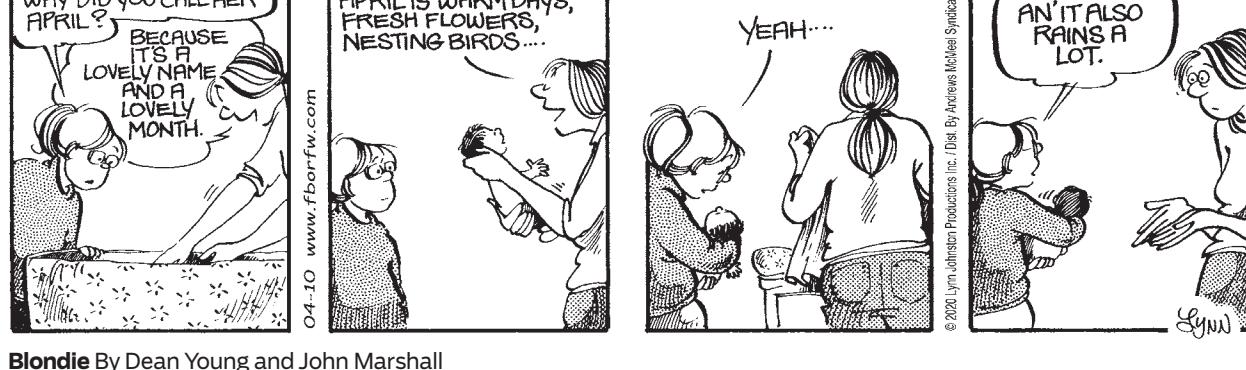
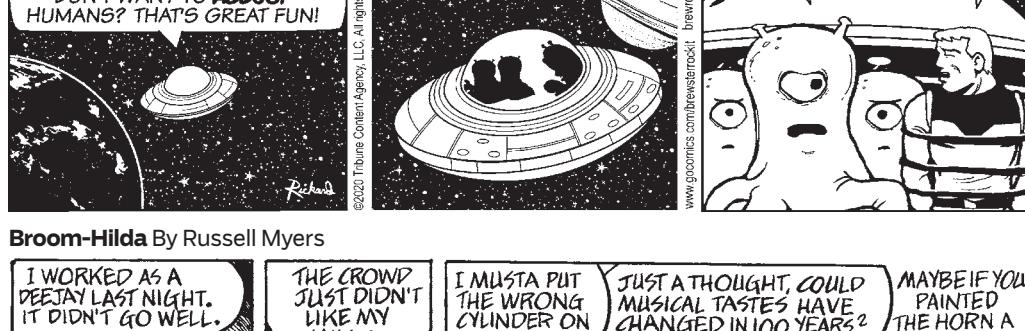
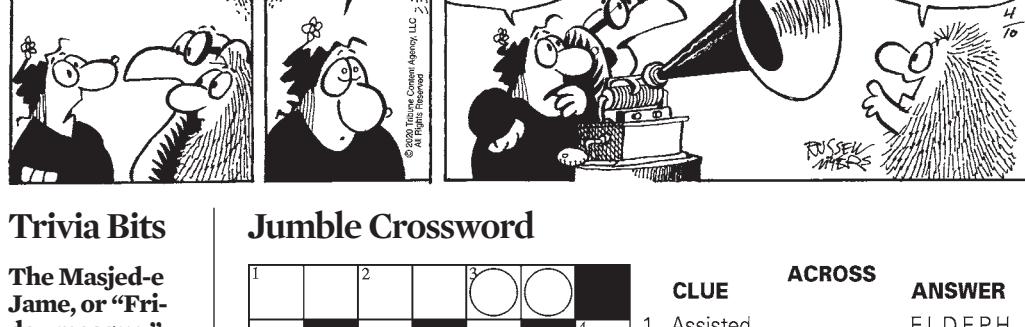
East's aggressive pre-empt jockeyed North-South into a skinny, but sound, game contract. They would have to lose two trumps and a heart, and then guess who had the queen of diamonds. West would always be played for the queen of diamonds after the pre-empt, so the contract seemed to depend on not suffering a defensive ruff.

The opening club lead, rather than a heart, looked like a short-suit lead. Most declarers would react immediately and try to "get the children off the street." That's a popular slang term for drawing trumps. That would fail on this deal as West would win the first trump and lead his remaining club. West would also win the next trump and lead a heart to partner for a club ruff. Down one.

When Australian expert Matt Brown played this deal in the Australian National Open Teams earlier this year, he realized that "getting the children off the street" would be no easy task when the opponents held both the ace and king of trumps. Instead of leading a trump at trick two, he led a heart. That did the trick, as the East-West communication was now severed. He could knock out the top trumps at his leisure and then score up his contract when West, as expected, held the queen of diamonds. Well played!

— Bob Jones
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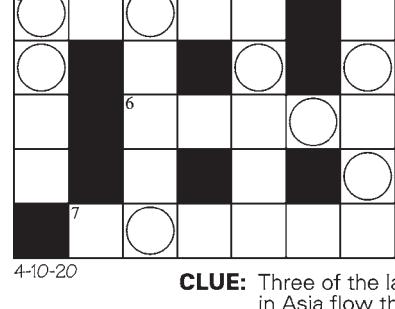
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The Masjed-e Jame, or "Friday mosque," is a UNESCO World Heritage site in what city that was once a Persian capital?

A) Beirut
B) Isfahan
C) Nicaea
D) Palmyra
Thursday's answer: Peter Frampton was never a member of the Yardbirds.

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Jumble Crossword**ACROSS**

1. Assisted
5. Prize
6. Wash off
7. Holy

DOWN

1. Clothes
2. Sierra Leone neighbor
3. "Rigby"
4. Sustained

ANSWER

ELDEPH
ENLBO
RESIN
ARDECS

ANSWER

HEARING
BLIRAEI
ANEORLE
PHULED

CLUE: Three of the largest rivers in Asia flow through _____.



ANSWERS: 1A-Holiday 5A-Nobles 6A-Fairies 7A-Spared 10A-Humans 12A-Legends 13A-Elves 14A-Myths 15A-Deities 16A-Mythical 17A-Mythical 18A-Deities 19A-Deities 20A-Deities 21A-Deities 22A-Deities 23A-Deities 24A-Deities 25A-Deities 26A-Deities 27A-Deities 28A-Deities 29A-Deities 30A-Deities 31A-Deities 32A-Deities 33A-Deities 34A-Deities 35A-Deities 36A-Deities 37A-Deities 38A-Deities 39A-Deities 40A-Deities 41A-Deities 42A-Deities 43A-Deities 44A-Deities 45A-Deities 46A-Deities 47A-Deities 48A-Deities 49A-Deities 50A-Deities 51A-Deities 52A-Deities 53A-Deities 54A-Deities 55A-Deities 56A-Deities

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Sudoku

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Thursday's solutions

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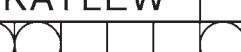
Jumble

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.

NAGTI



LTEIE



KAYLEW



ETNNI



Answer here

" - - "

Thursday's answers

Jumbles: PURGE PRESS SHODDY DISMAL

Answer: Even without a tuxedo, the porcupine was — SHARPLY DRESSED

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Crossword

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Across

- 1 Stat cousin
5 Acronym often seen with a plus sign
10 1886 debut at Jacob's Pharmacy in Atlanta

14 Unflappable

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FRIDAY, APRIL 10

NORMAL HIGH: 57°

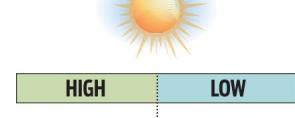
NORMAL LOW: 37°

RECORD HIGH: 90° (1930)

RECORD LOW: 18° (1989)

Mild start to April in the rear-view mirror

LOCAL FORECAST



■ High pressure drifting east out of the Central Plains will dominate our weather Friday.

■ A chilly start to the day with area temps in the upper 20s to lower 30s in many locations. NW winds will be considerably lighter than they were Thursday.

■ With abundant sunshine in the afternoon, although in a cold air mass temps should approach the 50 degree mark.

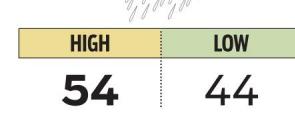
■ Increasing high and mid-level clouds overnight. Winds diminishing and becoming more southerly.

NATIONAL FORECAST



The mild start to April is history. The first eight days this month were in the top 10 percent warmest of all Aprils dating to 1871, but cold air swept into the area Thursday on the wings of northwest winds that gusted at times over 50 mph. Afternoon highs were some 30 degrees colder than those observed Wednesday. As low pressure departed to the east, and the leading portion of cold high pressure nosed into the Midwest and western Great Lakes, a wind advisory was posted Thursday. The highest gusts recorded were 58 mph at the Gary, Indiana, airport and 55 mph at the Aurora-Sugar Grove airport. Temperatures should moderate a little, reaching into the 50s this weekend, but a strong low pressure system will roar through the area Sunday, dumping heavy, wet accumulating snow to our north and west.

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

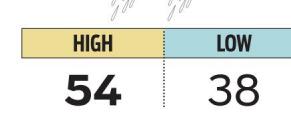


Mostly cloudy. High in the low 50s. Rain spreading east across our area during the afternoon and evening. Rain overnight. Southerly winds.



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.

SUNDAY, APRIL 12



Breezy, cloudy. Scattered rain showers. Highs in low to mid 50s with readings in 40s along lakefront. Turning colder overnight—light rain possibly mixing with snow before ending from west. Southerly winds shift NE.



MONDAY, APRIL 13



Mostly cloudy and cold with a chance of a few wet snow showers. High temps struggle to reach the 40 degree mark. Chilling NW winds gusting to 30 mph. Clearing skies overnight.



TUESDAY, APRIL 14



Partly cloudy and continued cold with a high 40-45 nearly 15 degrees below normal. Scattered clouds overnight. West to northwest winds 10 to 20 mph.



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15



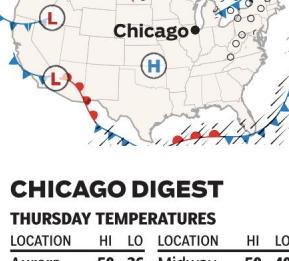
Partly sunny, continued cold with afternoon highs in the middle 40s. Partly cloudy overnight. Northwest winds.



THURSDAY, APRIL 16



Still under cold high pressure. Partly sunny with highs in the middle 40s. Mostly clear skies overnight. Light NW winds.



ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
I've noticed that several record low temperatures were established in early April 1982. What happened?

Thanks,

Greg Pracz
Westchester

Dear Greg,
April 1982 opened quite mild with highs reaching the 60s on the first three days of the month. An intense spring storm swept the Midwest on April 3, accompanied by widespread thunderstorm activity and followed by a late-season Arctic outbreak. As the cold air moved into Chicago, another storm system developed, bringing 9.4 inches of snow to the city. Record cold ensued with record low maximums of 31 and 32 April 5-6 and record lows of 15 and 7 April 6-7. Slow temperature moderation followed with highs returning to the 40s that allowed all of the snow to melt by April 11. Spring then returned in full force.

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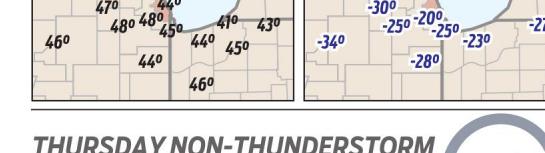
Hear Demetrios Ivory's weather updates weekdays 3 to 6 p.m. on WGN-AM 720 Chicago.

Cold hits with strong winds Thursday—next storm Sunday

STUNNING CHANGE IN 24 HOURS

Mid-afternoon temps Thursday and change from mid-afternoon Wednesday—equivalent of going from late-May temperatures back to early March

Current temperatures 24-hour temperature change



CHICAGO AREA

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SETUP

■ NW flow brings very cold pool of air over Wisconsin/Northern Illinois

■ Temps at surface fall to 45-50°

■ With cold air aloft sinking and relatively warm air at the surface rising it creates a very convectively unstable condition

■ Air is lifted to condensation and then clouds produce mixed rain/ice and snow that falls out of cloud base reaching ground in the form of snow, rain/snow mix, graupel

■ Condensation of clouds at 5,000 feet, then continues to build; precipitation falls out of cloud base

■ "Warmer" air rises

■ Precipitation in form of rain/rain/snow mix, graupel

■ Convection in cloud

■ SNOW/ICE

■ VERY COLD AIR SINKS

■ 49° "Warmer" air rises

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