



## CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

# Data disparity and death

Even before the numbers, communities of color knew recovery would be slow



BY NAUSHEEN HUSAIN AND CECILIA REYES

In early January, months before the first case of the novel coronavirus in Illinois, Renee Mounia, 50, was admitted to Cook County Hospital with flu-like symptoms.

Mounia already had high blood pressure, but was now lethargic and having trouble breathing. She was put on a ventilator and died soon after. Doctors were never able to say what happened to her, according to her family, but Tariq El-Amin, Mounia's brother-in-law, thinks it may have been an undiagnosed case of COVID-19.

The earliest case of the novel coronavirus was confirmed in Illinois only three weeks later. Mounia's stepdaughter, who also fell sick around the same time Mounia did, is a flight attendant, and the family thought later that her travels could have put her in contact with the virus.

Spurred by his concerns about Mounia, and as he found out about more confirmed coronavirus cases in people the family knew, El-Amin, the imam of a South Chicago mosque, later joined the National Black Muslim Covid Coalition, which long before local coronavirus infection data was available, explained to its community what many already knew: Stubborn disparities meant the pandemic would affect black communities more.

Even with incomplete data, the COVID-19 fears of Chicagoans of color have been

## CHICAGO'S NEW NORMAL

A haunting, beautiful look at life as residents cope with coronavirus anxiety

BY ARIEL CHEUNG

Rebecca Resman's kids have a new game they play, shaped by the strangeness of the coronavirus pandemic.

At 5 and 7 years old, the two siblings stand sentinel at each end of their parent-approved sidewalk turf, spanning a couple of houses each way, binoculars in hand.

When someone approaches, they yell into walkie talkies, "Danger! People! Head to HQ!" Then they run, joyfully screaming, to their chalk-adorned makeshift clubhouse under their porch.

*"Sometimes we can't self-monitor very well in a time when we're just trying to survive ... you can have that type of moment where the straw breaks the camel's back, so to speak."*

— Keeshawna Brooks, clinical psychologist and professor

"It's a weird combination of 'Spy' and 'Pandemic,'" Resman said. "It's a blend of funny and sad."

She knows it's a game to them, but "I hope they recover from that strange detail of social distancing," she mused.

Now in their third week under the state's stay-at-home order, the Roscoe Village family, like the rest of the world, is finding its way forward. Collectively, adapting to a life-altering pandemic has been hard on the psyche, and experts are seeing widespread spikes in anxiety and coping mechanisms as we all try to adapt.

And while our panicked brains do settle into a new normal, the constantly changing situation and impossible-to-know duration of this way of life make it

hard to keep digesting the latest information.

"I definitely think it has the characteristics of trauma, especially if loss is felt in a proximal way to someone's life," said clinical psychologist and professor Keeshawna Brooks. "And the more you avoid processing these difficult events, the more you signal to the brain that it's so scary that whenever we do think about it, it becomes an amplified source of stress."

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## Deaths from virus pass 100K worldwide

Total likely to surge much higher due to a variety of factors

BY MATT SEDENSKY, MIKE CATALINI AND JIM MUSTIAN  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The worldwide death toll from the coronavirus surged past 100,000 on Friday as the epidemic in the U.S. cut a widening swath through not just New York City but the entire three-state metropolitan area of 20 million people connected by a tangle of mass transit.

In the bedroom communities across the Hudson River in New Jersey, to the east on Long Island and north to Connecticut, officials were recording some of the worst outbreaks in the country, even as public health authorities expressed optimism that the pace of infections appeared to be slowing.

As of Friday, the New York metropolitan area accounted for more than half of the nation's 18,000 or so deaths, with other hot spots in Detroit, Louisiana and Washington, D.C.

Worldwide, the number of deaths hit another sad milestone, as tallied by Johns Hopkins University, while confirmed infections reached about 1.7 million. More than 372,000 people around the globe have recovered from the illness.

The U.S. is on track to soon overtake Italy as the country

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Park Forest Mayor Jonathan Vanderbilt gives an elbow bump to Tofunmi Balogun on Wednesday.

## South suburbs a hard-hit area

6 residents of Park Forest have died of disease

BY JOE MAHR AND ZAK KOESKE

In an old T-shirt and jeans, Jonathan Vanderbilt sat alone Monday evening in Park Forest's village hall, with a local cable access TV camera trained on him.

As mayor, he was there to lead a council meeting. But, to keep social distance, the other village leaders attended by calling in. Over the phone lines, they unanimously passed the only agenda item: declaring a state of emergency.

State data reinforces the logic

of that decision.

A Tribune analysis found that, as of Friday, the ZIP code in Park Forest had among the highest rates of people testing positive for the new coronavirus outside of Chicago. Six residents have died of the disease, according to the Cook County medical examiner. The community is part of a group of south suburbs where higher rates have emerged in a swath of ZIP codes between I-57 and the Bishop Ford Freeway/Illinois 394 extension.

The figures didn't surprise Vanderbilt, whose town has one

identified cluster at a state center for people with developmental disabilities, along with three senior centers and many blue-collar residents who don't have the luxury of working from home.

"A lot of us are 'essential workers,'" said Vanderbilt, a union carpenter.

The ZIP code data — which the Illinois Department of Public Health began releasing this week — offers a more detailed map of the virus's spread in Chicago and its surrounding suburbs, though the information comes with the usual caveats.

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Arturo Ruiz, center, plays football Tuesday with Brandon Ruiz and Alina Bautista in La Villita Park in Little Village.

## Normal

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Almost half of Americans said the crisis has had a negative impact on their mental health, according to a Kaiser Family Foundation poll conducted at the end of March. The number of people who said their lives have been disrupted jumped from 40% to 72% in the span of two weeks. A majority also reported increasing fears over job security, risk of exposure to the virus and loss of income.

Alcohol sales online or in stores are growing at unprecedented rates, with some online delivery services seeing increases of 200 percent. Other signs of stress, like disrupted sleep or overeating, are joked about on social media, but are also an indication your mind is overtaxed.

"Sometimes we can't self-monitor very well in a time when we're just trying to survive," Brooks said. If those feelings of anxiety are being repressed and emotional reactivity escalates, "you can have that type of moment where the straw breaks the camel's back, so to speak," she said.

Working through those feelings with a therapist can make a significant difference, and teletherapy is proven to be an effective way to do so, according to the American Psychological Association.

Eventually, our brains level off and grow accustomed to the stressors, a process known as habituation, said Vaile Wright, APA director of clinical research and quality.

But our ability to adjust also depends on processing the stress in a healthy way. Getting enough sleep, eating healthy, being active and staying socially connected through virtual means are pillars of self-care, Wright said. Coping skills like physical exercise, cognitive activity like reading or doing puzzles, and sense-stimulating practices like taking hot baths are also recommended ways to unwind.

For children, the upheaval of our daily routine is just as hard.

"Children are really look-



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Terdarius Rucker, who usually manages a barber shop, touches up his neighbor, Euclid Cooper, in Logan Square.

ing to the adults in their lives to determine how to respond to this," said Brooks, who is also a certified school psychologist. "If they see adults maintaining a routine, that can encourage a sense of calmness and their own sense of control over a situation."

In Brighton Park, Yuritzza Rangel found creative ways to celebrate her youngest son's second birthday. With their favorite bakery closed, the family made its own cake. The three boys made banners and signs to decorate the house.

"We said if we can't have people over, we'll make it extra special," Rangel said. Although she once home-schooled her children before they went to public school, it's more challenging this time around.

"I used to take them to museums and stuff, and now it's just staying in all the time," she said.

The family keeps active with a pull-up bar, which the kids use as a makeshift monkey bar, and a bouncy house for the backyard. When their father, Hector Estrada, gets done with his work servicing trucks, he shows the kids how to garden, or takes them outside to ride bikes.

Things have been tough financially, as Rangel and Estrada, who do event photography and videography, have refunded close to \$10,000 in deposits for weddings and quinceaneras that are delayed due to the coronavirus. That money, Rangel said, is usually their safety net.

"If any of us get sick, we'll be in big trouble," she said. "It's our falling-on money, and right now, we don't have it."

Finding a sense of normalcy can be a challenge, Resman said. The kids don't go outside as often as they'd probably like to, especially as warmer weather arrives, but families on the block have worked out unofficial rotations for playing outside — if too many children are around, the Resmans wait until it's safer.

"If it overlaps, all the kids run out, because they're excited to see each other, and then everyone's yelling 'Six feet away,'" Resman said. "The kids try, but they just don't get it. They miss their friends."

Still, there are happy moments that shine through, she said. They've traced chalk messages of hope on their block. They eat family meals more often, since dad works from home. The kids walked to their grandma's building to wave and flash a "Miss you" sign outside her window.

"The first few weeks, there was a lot of fighting," Resman said of her children. "But I've definitely seen an acceptance in the last week of the fact that this is who you've got. I've definitely seen their relationship grow, which has been a nice byproduct."

"You gotta find those bright spots. It's just too dang hard (otherwise)."

The way communities come together, especially to help vulnerable populations or in low-income

neighborhoods, is an indicator of how well they rebuild following a crisis, said Kathleen Cagney, a sociologist at the University of Chicago who authored a 2016 study about the aftermath of superstorm Sandy.

"When people were in crisis, they turned more readily to informal services, like calling a neighbor before they called 311 or 911," Cagney said. "And they were able to bounce back more effectively if they had strong social ties and cohesion."

The dangers of a heat wave or crime rates are also lessened in places where neighbors check in on each other and stay connected, strengthening their community's resiliency, she said.

It's possible that one positive outcome of the current pandemic is that people will create those bonds and be better prepared in the future, Cagney said.

"But one concern is that while there's a lot of energy right now, one would hope that doesn't dissipate over time, as people become more fatigued in these various social roles," Cagney said. Continuing to check in and offer help in the coming weeks and months is just as important as that initial outreach.

And even as we adapt, sudden changes, like an extension of the state's stay-at-home order, can trigger those feelings of anxiety again.

"We should expect them to happen, accept that it's our reality and find ways to manage it when it does occur," Wright said.

Rangel, in her hunt for activities for stir-crazy sons, found a printable COVID-19 time capsule, where children can describe how they feel, list what they're excited to do once the pandemic is over, and write a letter to their future selves.

"Our kids are living through something historic," she said. "Having them document it could be amazing for them to come back and see everything that happened and what the differences are, because God knows what comes next."

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## Suburbs

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Officials say there's been far too little testing to determine the virus's true reach. Those tested sometimes wait a week or more for results, creating lags in the tally. The data includes everyone who's tested positive, even if they have recovered. And it's impossible to know to what extent a community's rates are higher because residents had better access to testing, rather than more infections.

Still, the state data offers the most precise indications available of how the virus has penetrated local communities.

While nearly every Chicago-area ZIP code now has cases, the Tribune analysis found some areas with higher concentrations, including the ZIP codes for north suburban Lincolnwood, Skokie, Glenview, Kenilworth and Winnetka. Along the Eisenhower Expressway, higher rates are seen in Bellwood, Maywood, Broadview, Westchester and Hillside, with lower rates in Oak Park.

But perhaps the starkest figures have emerged to the south of Chicago, including hard-hit Park Forest.

Data from the Cook County medical examiner also shows higher numbers of COVID-19 deaths in south suburban Cook. For the ZIP code that includes Homewood, seven residents have died after contracting the virus, according to medical examiner data.

Not far behind are the ZIP codes for Park Forest (six deaths), Matteson (six), Hazel Crest (five) and Harvey, Chicago Heights and Country Club Hills (each with four).

To try to stem the virus's spread, Homewood Mayor Rich Hofeld said the village hall has been closed since March 16, with village events eliminated through Memorial Day.

He said those measures may have to be extended through the July 4 holiday, and he's worried about a resurgence of the virus this fall.

Hofeld said he's been monitoring the state data but wishes for more details, such as how many people likely caught the virus in his village before the stay-at-home order and social distancing norms came into effect.

For now, he said, confronting the problem is simply a matter of following all precautions.

"This is insidious. We don't know what the devil it is and where it's coming from, but we know what the preventative measures are," he said. "I think the skin's going to come off my hands, I'm washing them so much."

Southland officials say there could be many reasons for the concentration of cases.

Many officials pointed

to residents' reliance on public transit and the prevalence of multifamily housing as risk factors that may have predisposed their communities to catching more COVID-19 cases.

One of the highest rates is in the ZIP code for south suburban Matteson, where — as of Friday — roughly 1 in 186 residents had tested positive.

Matteson Mayor Sheila Chalmers-Currin said she believed her village's per capita rate could be at least partially explained by residents' chosen professions.

"We have a large group of first responders" and health care workers, Chalmers-Currin said. "They are the ones that have been on the front lines, and they have been tested."

She said she suspected that if more residents in other communities were tested, the numbers there would increase.

The Southland's highest rate of cases is just to the southeast of Matteson, in the ZIP code for Park Forest, where 127 have tested positive. That's roughly one of every 173 residents, a rate that — as of Friday — put that ZIP code in a virtual tie with west suburban Bellwood's for the highest confirmed case rate of any Chicago suburb.

Vanderbilt, Park Forest's mayor, said leaders have done as much as they can do to try to limit the spread. Like other communities, they have canceled parks programming, put wood over the basketball hoops and closed the tennis courts. Police also have been watching for people disobeying the stay-at-home order — officers issued one citation to someone who threw a party over the weekend.

The village, which lacks a grocery store, has also conducted food drives and a blood drive. The mayor said the atmosphere in the suburb is a mix of eerie emptiness and lively scenes of kids playing with parents outside their homes.

"I woke up this morning and one of our neighbors had put hearts all along the driveways on our streets," he said Wednesday.

Two days earlier, at the village council meeting, Vanderbilt showed up in his 2002 Rich East High School T-shirt and jeans, fresh from helping with a food drive.

The meeting began with a series of thank yous to those helping out, pleas for residents to remain vigilant and a disaster declaration that seemed almost perfunctory.

The mayor ended the meeting looking up from the table in the council chambers and staring into the camera.

"Thank you and be safe," Vanderbilt said. "And we're all in this together."

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Amber Gercken and her daughter Lily, 10, play "Animal Crossing" outside of their home in Mokena on April 6.

# 'It could not be more perfect for right now'

Whimsical video game world of 'Animal Crossing' flourishes amid lockdowns

BY JOHN KEILMAN

Photographer Amber Gercken and her 10-year-old daughter Lily have been stuck in their Mokena townhouse since Illinois' stay-at-home order took effect. Yet as their physical world has contracted, a virtual one has bloomed.

The Gerckens are devotees of "Animal Crossing: New Horizons," a video game released just as COVID-19 drove most of the country indoors. It has since become a cultural phenomenon on par with the Netflix show "Tiger King," dominating countless social media feeds, breaking sales records and racking up more than 37 million hours of viewing time on the streaming platform Twitch.

But what especially matches "Animal Crossing" to the moment is that it replicate parts of everyday life that have been frozen by the pandemic. Players can build and decorate their homes, visit friends, even hold weddings and graduations. And they can do it all with a whimsical supporting cast of hedgehogs, owls and dodos.

"It is so wholesome and very silly," Gercken said. "These animals, when they talk to you, they are sassy. It's just a bit of levity and relaxation at a time when it's really hard to relax."

"Animal Crossing" is a social simulation game like "The Sims," where the object is to build a customized world. Players create an avatar, choose an island setting and start collecting the objects they need to build and decorate their surroundings.

The game, made for the Nintendo Switch platform, also allows players to visit islands made by others if they set up an online account. That has been a comfort to Carly Ilg, who recently moved to the Boston area from Chicago and has seen her nascent social life shut down by the virus.

"I can play 'Animal Crossing' with all my friends in Chicago," the 25-year-old software engineer said. "It's been great to be able to run around islands together, even if I'm not with them physically."

Chicagoan Alexander Kuliak, 21, who returned home from the University of Alabama after COVID-19 closed the cam-

pus, is intrigued by the game's mercantile twists. He created a chart that lets players see the color variations of furniture available in the game — including portable toilets, cotton candy stalls and Godzilla-esque statues — and express their interest in trading for the items.

But Kuliak said that's just one way to approach "Animal Crossing."

"It's great to see more people enjoying it, and to see how people enjoy it in different ways," he said. "Some people just want to make custom clothes. Some people just want to improve their island. Everyone's able to find their thing in it and still experience it together."

A professional video game streamer from the northwest suburbs who goes by Jambo (like many who pursue that career, she prefers not to use her real name out of safety concerns) plays the game for hours each day on Twitch. She spent one recent stream creating an expansive fruit orchard, a feat she called "very relaxing."

The 27-year-old said another soothing aspect of the game is making virtual trips to replicate what she's missing.

"Something I've really wanted to do is go to the

Shedd Aquarium," she said. "As silly as it seems, I've taken the time to go through the aquariums in 'Animal Crossing.' It's sort of a surrogate for things you'd like to do in real life."

Bartlett gamer Katie Rondono, known as Chrono Katie online, has treasured that simulated reality since falling ill with symptoms she thinks might be signs of a COVID-19 infection. Quarantined in her bedroom, unable to see her live-in boyfriend, she communicates with him when he visits her "Animal Crossing" village.

She said the virtual happenings have even enthralled her mother, a non-gamer who has taken an interest in her daughter's settlement all the way down to the outfits the characters wear. That sort of gentle connection has made "Animal Crossing" the signature video game of the shut-in coronavirus era, she said.

"It could not be more perfect for right now," she said. "We're living in a time of such high anxiety and chaos. More than ever we're seeking out a world that is without those things. In every way, that's what 'Animal Crossing' is."

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# State and Lurie are teaming to ramp up testing

Emphasis being placed on city's South, West sides

BY DAN PETRELLA AND GREGORY PRATT

Responding to the outsize number of infections and deaths from the new coronavirus in African American communities, Gov. J.B. Pritzker on Friday laid out plans to ramp up testing on Chicago's South and West sides, in the south suburbs and near St. Louis.

The announcement came as state officials reported 68 more deaths from COVID-19 and 1,465 additional cases, bringing the death toll to 596 and the number of known cases since the start of the outbreak to 17,887. While African Americans only make up about 15% of the state's population, they account for more than 40% of deaths from the virus in Illinois.

"The data accumulating over the last few weeks has shined a bright light on what seems like a uniquely American problem," Pritzker said at his daily news conference. "Many could have told you what it would highlight long before the data drew the picture. Generations of systemic disadvantages in health care delivery and in health care access in communities of color, and in black communities in particular, are now amplified in this crisis."

Starting next week, four health centers serving low-income and uninsured people on the South and West sides — Lawndale Christian Health Center, PCC Community Wellness Center, Chicago Family Health Center and Friend Family Health Center — will be collecting an additional 400 swabs daily from potential COVID-19 patients.

The samples will be sent to Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital for testing. Three health centers near St. Louis will do an additional 470 tests per day in partnership with Anderson Hospital in Maryville.

In addition to the increased testing at health centers, the state early next week will be opening a new drive-up testing facility in the south suburban Markham-Harvey area, which will collect "hundreds of specimens per day," Pritzker said. The governor's office said plans are still being finalized, so the exact location has not been announced.

"We're working hard to expand our state testing capacity, and as we do so, we're thinking seriously about where and how these tests are available, and to whom," the governor said, two days after acknowledging that the state is still falling far short of his goal of testing 10,000 people per day.

Pritzker's announcement took one key partner by surprise: Chicago Public Health Commissioner Dr. Allison Arwady, who told the Tribune she learned about the new sites from the governor's news conference.

"Honestly, we partner with the state on a lot of things," Arwady said. "We've really asked that, especially where there are conversations that are happening with Chicago hospitals or Chicago health care facilities, that we are part of that conversation. Coordination is so important, especially right now."

The extent to which African Americans are underrepresented in the testing done so far is unclear. According to data from the Illinois Department of Public Health, more than half of those who had been tested as of Thursday did not provide information about their race. Among the 11,413

who identified as black, 36% have tested positive, compared with 18% of those who identified as whites who were tested.

"Testing must be increased among disproportionately affected populations," Illinois Department of Public Health Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike said. "This will allow for more effective isolation and segregation of exposed individuals."

The department also has assembled a team to examine other ways to address the disparities in how the virus is affecting different racial groups, Ezike said.

In an effort to better isolate people who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 but don't require hospitalization, and those at high risk who need to increase social distancing as a precautionary step, Pritzker announced that the state is working with local communities to make 2,000 hotel rooms available as soon as next week.

The rooms, which also will be available to health care workers and first responders, are in Schaumburg, the collar counties and other towns around the state. Chicago and Cook County also are providing rooms.

People who need to use the rooms can go through their local health department, according to the governor's office.

Pritzker on Friday introduced Suzet McKinney, CEO and executive director of the Illinois Medical District, as the operations lead for the state's coronavirus alternative care sites, including the 3,000-bed field hospital being set up at McCormick Place. The facilities will be used only if existing hospitals are overwhelmed with COVID-19 patients.

The target date for completing construction at three closed Chicago-area hospitals that will serve patients with less severe cases of the coronavirus — the former Advocate Sherman Hospital in Elgin, MetroSouth Medical Center in Blue Island and Westlake Hospital in Melrose Park — is April 24, McKinney said. It will take two more days to train staff, she said. Construction at the former Vibra Hospital in Springfield is scheduled to be complete May 9.

Also on Friday, Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot announced the completion of 1,750 patient rooms at McCormick Place. Wearing a face mask emblazoned with a trademark city star, Lightfoot joined Chicago Federation of Labor President Bob Reiter on a tour of the alternative care facility.

"I want to stress just how remarkable it was to pull all this together in a short period of time," Lightfoot said. "Really quite stunning."

In addition to the beds, Chicago laborers installed more than 100 new water lines, 1,000 electrical outlets, and installed more than 100 data lines for records. The facility could start taking patients next week, Lightfoot said.

Last week, Lightfoot joined Pritzker to unveil the first 500 beds.

The Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority, the agency that runs McCormick Place, has been authorized to spend up to \$13 million on construction, which is being done by 400 workers representing the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Illinois National Guard and local contractors.

The overhaul will be paid for in part by \$15 million in federal funding from FEMA to support the Army Corps of Engineers' project.

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# Virus claims 2nd Cook County Jail inmate

1st victim's family files suit alleging mistreatment

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A second Cook County Jail detainee has died after testing positive for COVID-19, authorities confirmed.

Leslie Pieroni, 51, a convicted sex offender, had been hospitalized since April 3 and died Thursday. The sheriff's office said the official cause of death was pending an autopsy, but "preliminary reports indicate he died as the result of complications due to the virus."

Meanwhile, the family of the jail's first coronavirus-related fatality has filed a federal lawsuit alleging he was improperly shackled to his hospital bed for days.

The sprawling jail complex on Chicago's Southwest Side has been one of the country's biggest hot spots for coronavirus since the pandemic hit. As of Thursday, 276 detainees have tested positive, according to the Cook County sheriff's office.



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Protesters drive in a caravan in front of Cook County Jail Tuesday calling for the release of detainees.

Pieroni was jailed on Dec. 23, 2018, after he was accused of sexually assaulting a boy. He was charged with predatory criminal sexual assault and aggravated criminal sexual abuse. A judge denied bail.

In 2006, he was sentenced to eight years in prison for sexually assaulting two children. Pieroni was transferred to St. Anthony Hospital on April 3 and died Thursday.

That same day, the family of Jeffrey Pendleton filed a federal lawsuit against Sheriff Tom Dart alleging Pendleton's treatment in his final days was unconstitutional.

Pendleton, 59, was booked into the jail in July 2018 to await trial on charges including armed habitual criminal and armed violence. He was taken to Stroger Hospital on March 30 after testing positive for the virus and died there Sunday night.

The lawsuit, filed in U.S. District Court on Thursday by Pendleton's two brothers, alleges that Pendleton was shackled by his hand and foot to his hospital bed in accordance with Cook County sheriff's office policy, even though the policy called for an armed guard to be present around the clock.

"Dart's shackling policy, applied to Pendleton, was excessive, caused gratuitous pain, and violated his rights under the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution," the lawsuit states.

The lawsuit seeks class-action status for all other jail inmates being treated for COVID-19 symptoms at area hospitals.

A sheriff's office spokesman said the office had no comment because it had not seen a copy of the Pendleton lawsuit.

Records show Pendleton was locked up on a \$50,000 bond and would have needed \$5,000 for release. He had 15 previous convictions, including a 1997 conviction for aggravated criminal sexual assault that required him to register as a sex offender, the sheriff's office said in a statement announcing his death.

Public defenders argued for Pendleton's release on bond at a hearing March 26, but a judge denied their request.

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## CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

## South Side aldermen stressing importance of social distancing

BY JOHN BYRNE

Citing the high prevalence of the coronavirus in Chicago's African American community and parts of their wards in particular, three South Side aldermen on Friday called on residents to take the statewide stay-at-home order seriously.

Ald. David Moore, 17th, pointed to the particularly high numbers in the 60620 ZIP code around the Auburn Gresham neighborhood, which touches his ward and those of neighboring aldermen Howard Brookins, 21st, and Derrick Curtis, 18th. "That shows us, really drives home why it's critical that we shelter in place," Moore said.

"We have to let these young people know that they could take the virus home to their grandmother," Moore added. "They may feel like 'I didn't have any symptoms, I didn't give it to Grandma,' but we know that's not the case. You can pass it anyway, and older people are at real risk of dying, so we need to make



TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

As temperatures reach into the upper 70s Tuesday, young men gathered for a game of basketball in Jackson Park.

that very clear to people."

A Wednesday party in Auburn Gresham in Moore's ward to honor a man who had been fatally shot drew a large crowd and required a big police presence plus three arrests to break it up. "So not only are the people at the party putting themselves and all those responding officers at

risk, they're drawing police away from other critical tasks they could be performing," he said. "It has this ripple effect that we really need to make sure people understand."

Moore warned that this weekend's Easter religious holiday is no excuse for groups to meet up.

Curtis, whose ward in-

cludes parts of Ashburn, Wrightwood and Marquette Park, warned against assuming some demographics are safer than others.

"The life residents save may be their own," Curtis said in a news release. "This virus doesn't discriminate against race, age or gender. When you return back to your home with your love ones the virus could be in your clothes or on your skin. Therefore, it is your responsibility to take care of your relatives and stay at home."

Brookins this week removed basketball rims from the courts in his ward, after seeing groups of young people continuing to congregate to shoot hoops in spite of the stay-at-home order and repeated warnings from officials that coming into close contact with one another risks transmitting COVID-19.

Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot closed the city's lakefront, The 606 elevated trail and the Riverwalk after widespread flouting of Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker's stay-at-home order. Lightfoot

also has set a curfew order on all liquor sales across Chicago, banning sales after 9 p.m.

Black residents on the South Side make up the majority of the population in seven of 10 ZIP codes with the most deaths from the virus, according to census data. The 60620 ZIP code in Auburn Gresham, where more than 90% of residents are black, has the most COVID-19-related deaths in the city, according to the Cook County medical examiner's office.

As of Thursday, Chicago had 6,619 confirmed COVID-19 cases and 196 deaths. Illinois public health officials on Friday reported another 1,465 newly diagnosed cases and another 68 deaths, bringing the statewide total known COVID-19 cases to 17,887 cases and 596 deaths.

Lightfoot on Friday said people gathering this weekend for religious observances should expect the same treatment from police as others congregating in violation of the stay-at-home order.

"(I'm giving police) the same directive they've had all along, which is to give a warning, and if there's no (heeding the) warning, to give a ticket," she said. "You've got to go a long way to get arrested, which is why we've seen so few, but if necessary, if somebody is engaging in disorderly conduct, to make an arrest."

Churches should instead hold online services, the mayor said.

"While we appreciate that people are leaning into their faith during this time — and as a person of faith I certainly appreciate that — but the way to do it in the midst of a pandemic is not to gather in churches," she said. "We've been urging members of the faith community for weeks to host their services virtually so that people have access to the word in whatever way in which they worship, but not to do it by convening in churches. That's the worst way to do it."

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## Disparity

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confirmed. Higher rates of infection and death, especially in black communities, paired with broader economic and health issues, mean that recovery will take longer in some neighborhoods than in others. Some community leaders are now trying to brace for the impact.

Black residents on the South Side make up the majority of the population in seven of 10 ZIP codes with the most deaths, according to census data. Auburn Gresham, where more than 90% of residents are black, includes the Chicago ZIP code with the most COVID-19-related deaths in the city, according to the Cook County medical examiner's office. Two of those 10 ZIP codes were majority-Latino, and the remaining ZIP code was split roughly equally between Latino and non-Latino black residents.

Mayor Lori Lightfoot and Gov. J.B. Pritzker have joined people in the hardest-hit communities in pointing to long-standing failures that will hamper attempts to deal with the coronavirus pandemic.

Margari Hill, a co-founder of the National Black Muslim Covid Coalition, listed ways structural racism hits black and brown communities even before a pandemic comes into play: bias in medical care; targeting by the criminal justice system; neighborhoods that don't have fresh food access; and a reliance on public transportation.

Many of those issues can foster the spread of diseases like COVID-19. Riding public transit puts people more at risk of being exposed. In Chicago, food and pharmacy deserts are concentrated on the South Side, and eight of the 10 ZIP codes with the highest percentages of people without cars are on the South and West sides.

"Because the African diaspora is diverse, we are thinking about the rights of the undocumented. We are



Tariq El-Amin's sister-in-law was hospitalized in January with symptoms now associated with COVID-19. She died Jan. 6.

thinking about all poor people. We are thinking about the Muslim ban," Hill said. "But I do feel that it's a good strategy to focus on the most impacted because that will help all of us."

Jocelyn Wilder, a doctoral candidate at the University of Illinois School of Public Health, said she wouldn't want people to look at COVID-19 outcomes and conclude the disparities stem from one group choosing to not socially distance.

"Attribute the difference in mortality and infection rates to socioeconomic factors that preceded the epidemic," Wilder said.

While there's already evidence of higher rates of infection and mortality among black Chicagoans, data on coronavirus deaths in Chicago's non-black Latino communities remains incomplete — the Cook County medical examiner has labeled no death as "Latino" and more than a quarter of the city's confirmed illness cases do not report race.

County data does show that in the 10 ZIP codes with the most coronavirus-related deaths, three have a Latino population of at least 40%. One is in Chicago Lawn, near Midway Airport; another ZIP Code is split between Humboldt Park and Austin; and a third is in North Lawndale.

Despite the lack of accu-

rate numbers, health care providers at the CommunityHealth clinic in West Town, where 60% of the patients are Spanish-speaking, are brainstorming new ways to help patients get food and hygiene products. It's an issue they dealt with before the coronavirus hit, but the pandemic has made things worse.

"Before COVID times, we could help them connect to food pantries or housing assistance or other classes they may need," said CEO Stephanie Willding. "Now we don't know if those places are even open."

Another concern at the clinic, whose population is uninsured and low-income, said Willding, is a fear of seeking care that could be counted as a public charge on immigration applications, or encountering federal immigration agents at a health facility.

"Our immigrant communities are afraid to go to hospitals, they're afraid to get tested, they're afraid to get treatments," she said.

Of the 10 Chicago ZIP codes with the highest percentages of uninsured people, six are Latino-majority, according to census data. And even when people have access to insurance through an employer, it doesn't mean copays and premiums are affordable in an emergency.

Cynthia DeLira of West Humboldt Park would

count as insured, but said she is having trouble monitoring the myeloma she was diagnosed with at 22.

She's been in remission for four years and recently qualified for Medicaid, but needs to see a doctor every quarter for biopsies and PET scans, which has proved difficult when medical providers are backed up.

DeLira said she took a leave of absence from work in early March to not put herself at risk; she has left her apartment only four times since then. Her daughter, who is 9, got a computer from school, and mother and daughter have been able to get some meals from Chicago Public Schools. She said she's still paying off debt from previous radiation treatments, which were only partially covered by insurance.

"For me," she said, "the biggest concern is where the next chunk of change is coming from."

It's too early to say how much factors like car ownership and the low-wage service jobs determined as "essential" will play into the pandemic, but experts said earlier crises, such as the Great Recession of 2007-08, show there could be slow economic recoveries for the same communities now seeing starkly high rates of coronavirus. In ZIP codes with the greatest number of COVID-19 deaths, the median household income is between

\$22,992 and \$42,019, compared with the city's median income of \$55,198. Roughly 1 in 4 individuals who live in these areas have incomes at or below the poverty line.

In response to the disparities, Lightfoot announced a Racial Equity Rapid Response Team to mitigate the spread of the virus in communities hit hardest, though black officials are asking for other financial relief.

For small business owners on the South Side, where it's already hard to make a profit, the question is: "Will I have a business to return to?"

Corzetta Mubarak, who owns A Child's World Early Learning Center in South Chicago, said she was hoping the stay-at-home order would be manageable, but the business quickly ran out of money.

"Friday I made payroll and that was it," she said. "There are no more funds. I can't pay the mortgage, I can't pay Peoples Gas, I can't pay myself."

Mubarak said she considered keeping the center open as an emergency child care center, an option offered by the city. But only 10 children could stay at the center each day, and she didn't know how she'd choose.

"If I can go back at all," she said of the center, "it'll be like starting a whole new business all over again."

## KingFisher helping to diagnose at Shedd

BY GRACE WONG

A state-of-the-art machine that helps animals thrive at the Shedd Aquarium is being used to help humans fight the coronavirus outbreak.

The instrument is called the KingFisher, and the Shedd loaned it to the Illinois Department of Public Health's Chicago lab, where it's being used to confirm the presence of the virus in patients.

Samples are collected from patients and then prepared for testing with reagents, or special chemical compounds. Then they are loaded into the KingFisher machine, which purifies and amplifies the viral RNA before the results are analyzed. After the samples are collected, prepped and analyzed, scientists can determine if there is evidence of COVID-19.

"I think it's sort of an example of how sometimes we discover we can help in unexpected ways," said Dr. Bill Van Bonn, vice president for animal health at the Shedd.

The Kingfisher became an integral part of the Shedd's Aquarium Microbiome Project, which has its own in-house laboratory. The project seeks to understand the bacteria, fungi and viruses that share space with humans and animals, Van Bonn said.

By identifying these microbes, animal keepers can better understand which ones should be introduced to the animals to ensure optimal conditions, allowing the animals to thrive as if they were in a natural environment while living in a managed one.

The Shedd purchased the \$50-55,000 instrument after a donation was made to the aquarium. In the past, the aquarium had to send samples to other labs, which was not only more costly but also slow. The KingFisher was a "game changer" and Van Bonn said it accelerated the lab's program by 10 years.

When testing became essential to combating the virus, the state public health department reached out to ThermoFisher, the manufacturer of the instrument, asking about its availability because it had been approved by the Food and Drug Administration for coronavirus screening. The laboratory at the Shedd had been closed for weeks, leaving the KingFisher unused.

ThermoFisher reached out to the technicians and lab managers, asking if the Shedd would be willing to loan the KingFisher — and its accompanying components such as test tubes and reagents — out indefinitely for coronavirus testing. The Shedd said yes.

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with the highest number of dead, though the true figures on infections and lives lost around the world are believed to be much higher because of limited testing, government cover-ups and different counting practices.

In places such as New York, Italy and Spain, for example, many victims who died outside a hospital — say, in a private residence or a nursing home — have not been included in the count.

With Christians around the world heading into Easter weekend, public health officials and religious leaders alike urged people to stay home, warn-

ing that violating the lockdowns and social distancing rules could cause the virus to storm back.

Authorities in Europe put up roadblocks, used helicopters and drones, and issued summonses to drivers who had no permissible reason to be out.

Even in places where the crisis seemed to be easing, the daily death totals were hard to bear.

"I understand intellectually why it's happening," said Gov. Andrew Cuomo of New York, where the state's deaths rose by 777 to more than 7,800. "It doesn't make it any easier to accept."

But New York officials also said the number of people in intensive care dropped for the first time

since mid-March and hospitalizations are slowing: 290 new patients in a single day, compared with daily increases of more than 1,000 last week.

Cuomo said that if the trend holds, then New York might not need the overflow field hospitals that officials have been scrambling to construct.

For several days now, two of the globe's other worst-hit places, Italy and Spain, reported that new infections, hospitalizations and deaths have been leveling off even as the daily death tolls remain shocking. Spain recorded 605 more deaths, its lowest figure in more than two weeks, bringing its overall toll to more than 15,800. Italy reported 570 addi-

tional deaths for a total of more than 18,800.

With some signs of hope emerging, questions intensified about when restrictions might be loosened. Spain said factories and construction sites could resume work Monday, while schools, most shops and offices will remain closed. In Italy, there were pleas to restart manufacturing.

Though President Donald Trump insisted he would not lift restrictions until it's safe, he announced an "Opening our Country" task force and said, "I want to get it open as soon as possible."

The head of the World Health Organization, Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, warned that a premature lifting of restric-

tions could "lead to a deadly resurgence."

Cuomo echoed that, saying: "Before we take a step forward, let's look at what we're stepping into."

As the threat receded in some places, it increased elsewhere. In the U.S., Michigan announced 206 new deaths Friday, its highest daily total, and up from 117 a day earlier. In Europe, Britain recorded 980 new deaths, likewise a one-day high, for close to 9,000 dead in all.

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson remained hospitalized but out of intensive care.

On Good Friday, some churches around the world held services online, while others arranged prayers at drive-in theaters.

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## CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

# Apple, Google to team up in crisis

Smartphone tech will be deployed to help track spread

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Apple and Google launched a major joint effort to leverage smartphone technology to contain the COVID-19 pandemic.

New software the companies plan to add to phones would make it easier to use Bluetooth wireless technology to track down people who may have been infected by coronavirus carriers. The idea is to help national or regional governments roll out apps for so-called "contact tracing" that will run on iPhones and Android phones.

The technology works by harnessing short-range Bluetooth signals. Using the Apple-Google technology, contact-tracing apps would gather a record of other phones with which they came into close proximity.

Such data can be used to alert others who might have been infected by known carriers of the novel coronavirus, although only in cases where the phones' owners have installed the apps and agreed to share data with public-health authorities.

Software developers have already created such apps in countries including Singapore and China to try to contain the pandemic. In Europe, the Czech Republic says it will release such an app after Easter. Britain,

Germany and Italy are also developing their own tracing tools.

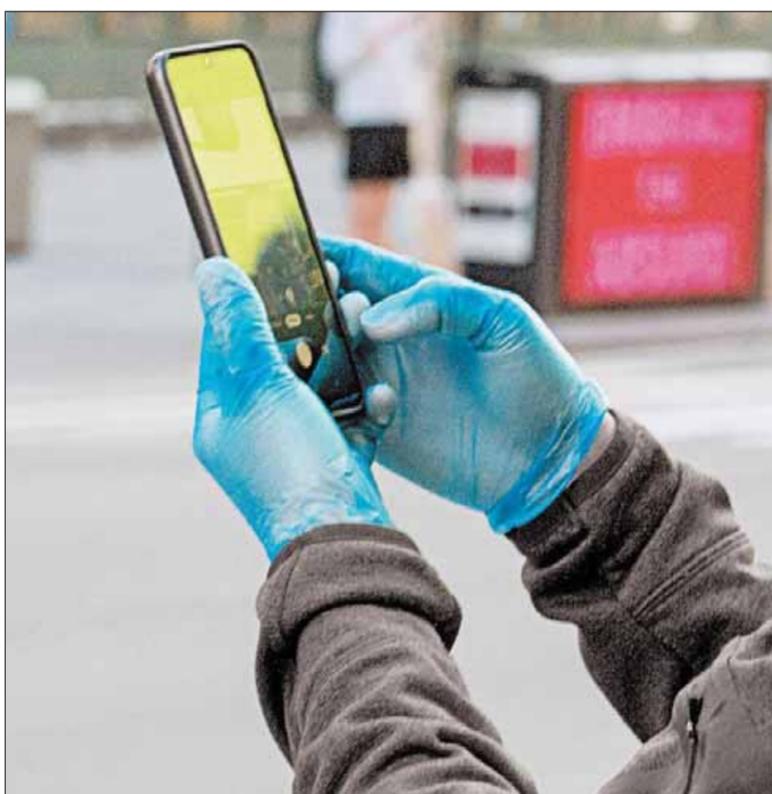
Privacy and civil liberties activists have warned that such apps need to be designed so governments cannot abuse them to track their citizens. Apple and Google said in a rare joint announcement that user privacy and security are baked into the design of their plan.

The technology might serve as a stopgap in the absence of widespread testing for the novel coronavirus, which in the U.S. remains limited after production problems and limited federal coordination of the tests' production and distribution.

"It's not a replacement for just having widespread testing, which would be more accurate," said Tiffany Li, a visiting law professor at Boston University who studies privacy and technology. "But clearly we have a huge shortage of tests."

Li suggested that Bluetooth signal tracking protects privacy better than the use of other options such as GPS or cell tower-based location data, which would allow centralized authorities access to the information. But it could still lead to numerous mistaken alerts, she said — for instance, if someone was in full protective gear or in an adjacent apartment while physically close to an infected person.

Pam Dixon, executive director of the World Privacy Forum, said a conversation with Apple's senior director for global privacy, Jane



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Apple and Google are installing tracking software into smartphones to try to help contain the coronavirus.

Horvath, assured her that the initiative will protect people's privacy. Sensitive information will stay on individual phones in encrypted form and alerts will be handled by public health agencies, not the tech companies, she said.

"I think they've taken care of some of the really big problems," Dixon said, noting the companies say they can turn off the system

when it's no longer needed. "The government is not going to have identity information of those testing positive."

Asked about the Google-Apple effort at his daily news briefing, President Donald Trump called it "very interesting" but expressed concern that "a lot of people worry about it in terms of a person's freedom. We're going to take a look at

that." Security experts note that technology alone cannot effectively track down and identify people who may have been infected by COVID-19 carriers. Such efforts will require other tools and teams of public health care workers to locate people in the physical world, they say. In South Korea and China, such efforts have included the use of credit-

card and public-transit records.

In general, epidemiologists say contact tracing won't be effective without widely available testing.

In the Czech Republic, the plan is to have soldiers perform testing; medical students have been trained to staff call centers for notifying people at high risk of infection. The Czech app will use both Bluetooth technology and geolocation data from wireless carriers and banks to create "memory maps" that trace the movement of infected people to identify others they came into close proximity with in the five to 10 days before they tested positive.

The hope is to quickly isolate people who may be affected so the virus can be contained and restrictions on movement relaxed. The app builds on a popular cellular-location mapping app used by one in 10 Czechs, who number 10 million.

Given the great need for effective contact-tracing — a tool epidemiologists have long employed to contain infectious disease outbreaks — Google and Apple will roll out their changes in two phases. In May, they'll release software that will support public-health apps for both Android and iOS phones. In coming months, they'll also build this functionality directly into the underlying phone operating systems.

The companies released preliminary technical specifications for the effort, called "Privacy-Preserving Contact Tracing."



MCCONNELL CENTER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE

Mitch McConnell with parents Julia "Dean" and A.M. McConnell in the 1940s in Alabama.

## For McConnell, virus carries echo of polio from childhood

BY LISA MASCARO  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Sen. Mitch McConnell's earliest childhood memory is the day he left the polio treatment center at Warm Springs, Georgia, for the last time.

He was a toddler in 1944, when his father was deployed to World War II, his mother relocated the family to her sister's home in rural Alabama and he came down with flu-like symptoms. While he eventually recovered, his left leg did not. It was paralyzed.

Two years later, after shuttling young McConnell to and from the center where President Franklin Roosevelt received polio care, his mother was told that day that her young son would be able walk into his life without a leg brace.

She immediately took the 4-year-old shopping for a new pair of shoes.

More than 70 years later, Senate Majority Leader McConnell walked into the U.S. Senate to pass a sweeping coronavirus rescue package — and shutter the chamber for the foreseeable future — as another dangerous flu-like virus fills the nation with anxiety, quarantines and unimaginable disruptions to American life.

"Why does this current pandemic remind me of that? I think No. 1 is the

fear," said McConnell in an interview with The Associated Press. "And the uncertainty you have when there's no pathway forward on either treatment or a vaccine and that was the situation largely in polio before 1954."

The two crises bookend McConnell's years, making the Kentucky Republican an unexpected voice of personal experience and reflection in what he calls these "eerie" times.

It's an unusual role for the famously guarded leader, who rarely says more when less will do, and relishes an image as a sly political tactician.

But as more than 18,000 people in the country have died from the coronavirus, the echoes are all too familiar. So too is the solution, as he sees it, to care for the nation's sick and produce treatments, and an eventual vaccine.

"There's hope that we're going to get on top of this disease," he said, "within a year, year and a half."

Polio ignited a dreadful fear across the country in those years, especially in summertime. The virus particularly struck children, forcing swift closures of schools and playgrounds and, in the sweltering heat, swimming pools. Towns shuttered, families isolated. Thousands died, others were hospitalized and some left permanently

paralyzed or with post-polio syndrome. The Salk vaccine was still years away.

"It was a scary virus," said Stacey Stewart, president and CEO of March of Dimes, which started as FDR's National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis but quickly took on the name that reflected the public service call for Americans to donate their dimes for a polio solution.

In the Senate last month, McConnell began linking past to the present "just as soon as it became clear that we were actually endangering each other to be together."

Senators were self-isolating and one, Rand Paul, also a Republican from Kentucky, announced he tested positive.

With the Capitol all but shuttered, the Senate raced to approve the rescue package. The votes tallied, McConnell adjourned the Senate.

"Let's continue to pray for one another," he said. "And for our country."

As Congress considers the next aid package, he said he wants more money for health care.

"I've had a normal life, but I've been acutely aware of the disease that I had and the relief that the country had when they found the vaccine," he said.

"We're going to get that relief."

## Trump not planning to seek advice from past presidents

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WASHINGTON — President George W. Bush turned to one of the world's most exclusive clubs for help in raising money after an Indian Ocean tsunami killed more than 200,000 people in 2004.

He paired his father, George H.W. Bush, and the man who defeated him to win the presidency in 1992, Bill Clinton. It worked so well that he signed up the duo again after Hurricane Katrina ravaged New Orleans less than a year later.

President Barack Obama followed the same playbook and sent Clinton and the younger Bush on a fundraising effort for Haiti after a devastating earthquake in 2010.

Not President Donald Trump, who has no plans to seek his predecessors' counsel during the coronavirus pandemic.

"No, not really," Trump said recently when asked if he would contact any of the living former presidents. "We're doing a great job."

Even in the face of the greatest challenge of his presidency, Trump has expressed confidence in his team and said he didn't want to "bother" the former presidents. He added that he would reach out if he thought he could learn from them.

Instead, he has frequently criticized his predecessors, disparaging Obama's handling of the H1N1 virus pandemic of 2009-2010 that killed nearly 12,500 Americans, and George W. Bush's response to a trina, in which more than 1,800 people were killed, mostly in New Orleans.

"Look, I respect everybody, but I feel I have an incredible team and I think we're doing an incredible job," Trump said at the White House. "So I don't want to disturb them, bother them. I don't think



SUSAN WALSH/AP 2005

President Trump hasn't contacted former Presidents Bill Clinton, left, and George W. Bush about the coronavirus.

I'm going to learn much. I guess you could say that there's probably a natural inclination not to call.

"Now, if I felt that if I called I'd learn something and that would save one life — it would save one life, OK? — I would make the call in two minutes. But I don't see that happening."

That hasn't stopped Clinton, Bush and Obama from getting involved in their own ways.

Obama has become more of a presence on social media during the pandemic, posting health and safety tips from public officials, news reports and uplifting accounts of the ways Americans are coming together during the crisis.

Bush hosted a teleconference this month with more than 500 mayors and local leaders who are working to keep their communities from being overrun by the virus. He is also using the Bush Institute to highlight how people across the country are helping each other, Bush spokesman Freddy Ford said in an email.

Bush and former first lady Laura Bush are also social distancing "to the max" at their ranch in Crawford, Texas, Ford said.

Bill and Hillary Clinton recently sent hundreds of pizzas to hospitals in Westchester County, New

York, where they live. Presidents seeking help from those who came before them isn't a modern phenomenon.

In the late 1940s, Harry Truman put former President Herbert Hoover in charge of a commission charged with streamlining the executive branch of government.

John F. Kennedy sought feedback from former President Dwight D. Eisenhower, who had been an Army general, after the failed Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba in 1961.

Jimmy Carter led a Clinton-sanctioned mission to North Korea in 1994.

"Former presidents are a rarity and they are a precious, valuable informed commodity," said Barbara Perry, director of presidential studies at the University of Virginia's Miller Center. And it's not only because they know issues, "but they also have the experience of being president."

Jeffrey Engel, director of the Center for Presidential History at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, said the fact that Trump doesn't "go outside of his own info bubble" to seek advice is perhaps among the biggest problems of his presidency.

"You don't know the information that you don't know," Engel said.



ALEX BRANDON/AP

A settlement was reached Friday in a lawsuit that alleged Education Secretary Betsy DeVos illegally stalled a program that promised to forgive some federal student loans.

## DeVos reaches settlement in suit over student loan relief plan

BY COLLIN BINKLEY  
Associated Press

The U.S. Education Department is promising to process student loan forgiveness claims for nearly 170,000 borrowers within 18 months as part of a proposed settlement announced Friday in a federal lawsuit.

The suit alleges that Education Secretary Betsy DeVos illegally stalled a program known as borrower defense to repayment, which promises to forgive federal student loans for borrowers who are cheated by their colleges. When the lawsuit was filed in June 2019, it had been a year since the department issued a final decision on any claim.

Most of the borrowers awaiting decisions attended for-profit colleges, and some borrowers have been waiting over four years.

Under the settlement, DeVos admits no wrongdoing but promises to issue decisions on all pending claims within 18 months, and to cancel debt for approved claims within 21

months. In court documents, the department said it had paused the program while officials crafted new regulations. The agency says it resumed processing claims in December.

In a statement released Friday, the Education Department called the proposed settlement “an important win for students and for taxpayers.”

Theresa Sweet, the lead plaintiff in the case, called the deal an “enormous relief.” She applied for federal loan relief in 2016 after graduating from the Brooks Institute of Photography, a now-defunct for-profit college in California. Sweet said the school lied about its graduates’ employment rates and salaries, and left her with a degree that never led to a job in the area she studied.

The borrower defense program dates to the 1990s but was expanded under former President Barack Obama. The update was directed at thousands of students who attended for-profit colleges that collapsed amid accusations that they lied about the

success of their graduates.

But DeVos suspended the 2016 rules when she took over the agency and last year issued new ones making it tougher for students to get loans cleared.

At the time, DeVos said the previous rules were overly generous and allowed too many students to get loans erased at the expense of taxpayers.

Under the settlement, the department says it will waive all loan interest that has accrued while students await a decision on their claims. If the agency fails to decide a claim within 18 months, officials must cancel 30% of debt for every month they’re overdue. And if the agency garnishes students’ wages or takes their tax refunds while they’re awaiting a decision, it must discharge 80% of the debt.

“This settlement is a very important step that will allow them to finally get a decision and move forward,” said Toby Merrill, director of the Project on Predatory Student Lending at Harvard University, which represented the plaintiffs.

## New, larger wave of locusts threatens millions in Africa

BY RODNEY MUHUMUZA  
Associated Press

KAMPALA, Uganda — Weeks before the coronavirus spread through much of the world, parts of Africa were already threatened by another kind of plague, the biggest locust outbreak some countries had seen in 70 years.

Now the second wave of the voracious insects, some 20 times the size of the first, is arriving. Billions of the young desert locusts are winging in from breeding grounds in Somalia in search of fresh vegetation springing up with seasonal rains.

Millions of vulnerable people are at risk. And as they gather to try to combat the locusts, often in vain, they risk spreading the virus — a topic that comes a distant second for many in rural areas.

It is the locusts that “everyone is talking about,” said Yoweri Aboket, a farmer in Uganda. “Once they land in your garden they do total destruction. Some people will even tell you that the locusts are more destructive than the coronavirus. There are even some who don’t believe that the virus will reach here.”

Some farmers in Abokat’s village near the Kenyan border bang metal pans, whistle or throw stones to try to drive the locusts away. But mostly they watch in frustration, largely barred by a coronavirus lockdown from gathering outside their homes.

A failed garden of cassava, a local staple, means hunger. Such worries in the village of some 600 people are reflected across a large part of East Africa, including Kenya, Ethiopia and South Sudan. The locust swarms also have been seen in Djibouti, Eritrea, Tanzania and Congo.

The U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization has



SVEN TORFINN/FAO

A swarm of desert locusts flies March 31 in Kipsing, Kenya. A second wave of insects is 20 times the size of the first.

called the locust outbreak, caused in part by climate change, “an unprecedented threat” to food security and livelihoods.

“The current situation in East Africa remains extremely alarming as an increasing number of new swarms are forming in Kenya, southern Ethiopia and Somalia,” a new FAO assessment said.

Favorable breeding conditions through May mean there likely will be another new round of swarms in late June and July, coinciding with the start of the harvest season, the agency said.

The U.N. has raised its aid appeal from \$76 million to \$153 million, saying immediate action is needed before more rainfall fuels further growth in locust numbers. So far the FAO has collected \$111 million in cash or pledges.

The locusts are “invading the Eastern Africa region in exceptionally large swarms like never seen before,” the Nairobi-based Climate Prediction and Application Center said.

The new swarms include “young adults,” voracious bugs “that eat more than the adult ones,” said Kenneth Mwangi, a satellite information analyst at the center.

Mwangi and other offi-

cialists in Kenya cited difficulties in fighting the infestation as coronavirus-related travel restrictions slow cross-border travel and delay the delivery of pesticides.

The verification work of field officers has been curtailed, making it harder for the center to update regional prediction models, Mwangi said.

In rural Laikipia county, among the worst affected in Kenya, some are calling attention to the threat to commercial farms.

“I think, unfortunately, because of other things going on around the world, people are forgetting about the problem with the locusts. But it’s a very, very real problem,” farmer George Dodds told the FAO.

Aerial spraying is the only effective way to control the locust outbreak. After the locusts crossed into Uganda for the first time since the 1960s, soldiers resorted to using hand-held spray pumps because of difficulties in obtaining the needed aircraft.

Uganda’s agriculture minister said authorities are unable to import enough pesticides from Japan, citing disruptions to international cargo shipments.

## NEWS BRIEFING

Staff and news services

### New Ebola case emerges days before reported end in Congo

BENI, Congo — A new case of the Ebola virus has been confirmed in eastern Congo, just three days before the country expected to declare an end to the outbreak, the World Health Organization said Friday.

The new case was confirmed in Beni, a community that had been an epicenter of the second-deadliest Ebola outbreak in history.

It had been nearly 42 days without a case, and

WHO chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said Congo’s declaration had been planned for Monday.

Health workers in Congo had been awaiting the end of one global public health emergency — Ebola — while bracing for the arrival of another: the coronavirus. Two coronavirus cases have been reported in Beni.

The Ebola outbreak has claimed over 2,260 lives — second to the 2014-2016 outbreak in West Africa.



KHALIL SENOSI/AP

**Chaos in Kenya:** A crowd tries to force its way through a gate at a food distribution center Friday at Kibera slum in Nairobi. Coronavirus restrictions are keeping many Kenyans from making a living. Police fired tear gas and injured several people, witnesses said.

### Watchdog says Treasury acted appropriately on Trump’s taxes

WASHINGTON — A watchdog has found that the Treasury Department appropriately handled Congress’ request for President Donald Trump’s tax returns, which Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin has refused to provide.

But the acting inspector general for Treasury, Rich Delmar, also said he had no opinion on whether the advice Mnuchin followed — which came from DOJ

attorneys — was well-founded.

The Justice Department legal opinion backed Mnuchin’s refusal, saying that Rep. Richard Neal’s request lacked a legitimate legislative purpose and was an “unprecedented” use of congressional authority. Neal, D-Mass., chairs the House Ways and Means Committee.

The fight between Democrats and Trump dates to the 2016 election.

### Judge: Failure to help whales skirts Endangered Species Act

PORTLAND, Maine — U.S. District Judge James Boasberg has ruled the federal government failed to adequately protect endangered whales from lobster fishing activities, sending the industry and regulators scrambling to figure out what the future holds for one of America’s most lucrative marine industries.

Environmental groups sued the government claiming regulators’ fail-

ure to protect the North Atlantic right whale was a violation of the Endangered Species Act.

Environmental groups, including the Center for Biological Diversity, which filed the lawsuit, heralded the ruling as a victory in the fight to protect the whales, which number only about 400.

Right whales have become a major focus of the worldwide movement to protect ocean life.

## Global pact on cuts in push to increase oil prices takes shape

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — The OPEC oil cartel and nations including Russia have agreed to boost oil prices by cutting as much as 10 million barrels a day in production, or a tenth of global supply. More countries, including the United States, were discussing Friday their own cuts in what would be an unprecedented global pact to stabilize the market.

The agreement between OPEC and partner countries aims to cut 10 million barrels per day until July, then 8 million barrels per day through the end of the year, and 6 million a day for

16 months beginning in 2021.

Mexico had initially blocked the deal but its president, Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, said Friday that he had agreed with President Donald Trump that the U.S. will compensate what Mexico cannot add to the proposed cuts.

Mexico had offered to cut production by 100,000 barrels per day, but OPEC wanted more of a sacrifice. So the U.S. agreed to fill in the gap and cut its production by 250,000 to 300,000 barrels per day, “which we’ve already done, by the way,” Trump said.

The U.S. is on track for a production decline of 2 million to 3 million barrels per day, said Dan Brouillette, secretary of the U.S. Energy Department.

Altogether, the agreements could cut production by 15 million barrels a day from May through June, Russian energy minister Alexander Novak said on state TV channel Rossiya-24. That’s about 15% of world production.

International benchmark Brent crude was around \$32 a barrel as of Friday, while the U.S. benchmark West Texas crude closed under \$23.

### FDA to Alex Jones: Stop pitching fake remedies

WASHINGTON — U.S. health officials are warning conspiracy theorist and radio host Alex Jones to stop pitching bogus remedies for the coronavirus.

The Food and Drug Administration sent a warning letter Thursday ordering Jones to stop falsely claiming that toothpaste, mouth

wash and other products sponsored by his show can help prevent COVID-19.

Jones, known for pushing conspiracy theories about school shootings and the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, touted the products on multiple shows last month, according to the letter.

The agency states that by making these claims Jones is promoting illegal, unapproved drugs, which can carry financial penalties and risk product seizures by government agents.

FDA warnings are not legally binding, but the agency can take individuals to court if they are ignored.

### Bipartisan aid talks get OK to move forward, Schumer says

WASHINGTON — Top Senate Democrat Chuck Schumer says the Trump administration has agreed to pursue bipartisan House-Senate talks on an interim bill to replenish a \$350 billion “paycheck protection” program for businesses that Treasury fears is being rapidly depleted.

Schumer, D-N.Y., said he spoke with Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin on Friday and hopes for a deal next week. Schumer is pressing to add funding for health care providers and cash-poor state and local governments.

The developments come a day after Democrats stifled an attempt by Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., to pass a \$250 billion infusion into the business program — just in its infancy and beset with hiccups as it starts up — by a voice vote.

**U.S. troops:** New air defense systems are protecting American and allied forces at military bases in Iraq where troops have been attacked by Iranian-backed insurgents in recent months, according to U.S. officials.

Patriot missile launchers and two other short-range systems are now in place at al-Asad Air Base, where Iran carried out a massive ballistic missile attack against U.S. and coalition troops in January, and at the military base in Irbil, said officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity. A short-range rocket defense system was installed at Camp Taji.

There are over 6,000 U.S. troops in Iraq. While some forces have been withdrawn, others have flowed in to set up and operate the new systems.

# BUSINESS

## Debt-laden millennials face first economic crisis

### Young Americans experiencing stress due to pandemic

BY NATHANIEL POPPER  
The New York Times

During the last serious economic downturn in 2008, Evan Schade was in high school and the crisis seemed like a news event that happened to other people. This time, as the coronavirus has brought the economy to its knees, it has become personal.

When nonessential businesses were closed last month in Kansas City, Missouri, where he lives, Schade, 26, lost his job at a carpet store and almost all of the shifts in his second job at a coffee shop. His girlfriend, Kaitlyn Gardner, 23, was laid off from a different coffee shop.

The money they have in their bank accounts — a little more than \$1,000 — is enough to cover only this month's \$800 rent check — forget about his \$300 student loan payments or the health insurance he was hoping to finally sign up for. The couple have spent their time at home applying for unemployment and fruitlessly looking for new work.

"I know so many people my age who are

going through the exact same thing," Gardner said.

The youngest American adults are facing what is, for most of them, the first serious economic crisis of their lives.

By most measures, they are woefully unprepared.

While the past few years were largely good for the American economy, that did little to help set millennials up with a solid financial foundation.

Overloaded with credit card and student debt, and underrepresented in the housing and stock markets, they entered this uncertain period with significant obligations and few resources to fall back on.

Their position looks doubly precarious when measured against older generations today and relative to those generations when they were the same age, from 23 to 35 years old.

The sudden disappearance of paychecks, combined with a wide array of monthly debt payments and the declines in any investments, is forcing some millennials to take desperate measures. Social

media has been filled with discussions about how to best take money out of 401(k) retirement accounts to pay rent.

"Over time, it is becoming more difficult for young families to accumulate wealth," said William R. Emmons, the lead economist at the St. Louis Federal Reserve's Center for Household Financial Stability. "We thought maybe they'd catch up later, but the current situation doesn't give me much reason to believe that's going to happen."

These disadvantages are already shaping the long-term prospects of young Americans. They are much less likely to be married, have children or own a house than Americans of a similar age in decades past.

Gardner said she and Schade eventually wanted to have a family and a house. But she said, "We're both going to be in debt for a while, and having kids is just not feasible."

While there is a chance the downturn will be short, economists are assuming the turmoil that has already happened will have long-term consequences for young households.

## Coronavirus takes huge toll on jobs in Mexico

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — Mexico's Labor Department has announced that the country has lost 346,748 jobs since mid-March due to the economic impact of the new coronavirus and distancing measures imposed to fight its spread.

The biggest job losses occurred in the heavily tourism-dependent Caribbean coastal state of Quintana Roo, which lost almost 64,000 jobs. The state is home to resorts like Cancun and Playa del Carmen, which have been hit hard by recommendations that people limit travel.

The department said the largest share of the job losses during the period from March 13 to April 6 — almost 250,000 — came at firms with 50 workers or more, rather than the smaller businesses that dominate Mexico's economic landscape.

"We are calling on these companies to reconsider, and recognize that the key thing at this moment is to show solidarity with workers," said Labor Secretary Luisa Maria Alcalde.

Officials said there was no legal basis for firing or laying off workers because of a public health emergency and praised smaller firms for trying to hold on to their employees.

President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador said small businesses "are holding up under the crisis, these small businessmen and women are acting responsibly and heroically, because they are caring for their employee's jobs."

Lopez Obrador, whose relationship with business sector has been rocky at times, even published a list of companies that had let go of workers.

"I have already said that we are going to create 2 million jobs between May and December as part of the emergency plan, and so when we issue a report like this, it is to issue a call for support, and for people not to fire anyone and preserve jobs," the president said.

Mexico has more than 140 deaths.



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Brian Chesky, chief executive of Airbnb, faces challenges due to a shutdown in global travel caused by the spread of the coronavirus.

## Airbnb adds \$1B to stockpile

### New funds help home rental startup fight downturn from virus

BY ERIN GRIFFITH  
The New York Times

SAN FRANCISCO — Airbnb said this week that it had raised \$1 billion in new funding as it grapples with devastation from the coronavirus pandemic and as some technology startups take extra measures to stockpile cash during the outbreak.

Private equity giant Silver Lake and investment firm Sixth Street Partners led the investment, which was a mixture of equity and debt. Airbnb, a home rental startup previously valued at as much as \$31 billion, also lowered its internal valuation to \$26 billion last month, according to a person with knowledge of the situation who declined to be identified because the information was confidential.

"The new resources will support Airbnb's ongoing work to invest over the long term in its community of hosts who share their homes and experiences," the company said in a statement.

Airbnb's business has been hobbled during a shutdown in global travel caused

by the spread of the coronavirus. It is also a delicate time for the company. Airbnb had said it plans to go public this year. But that may be in limbo because of stock market volatility and uncertainty caused by the virus.

Airbnb's new funding points to some of the tactical measures startups are taking as they navigate the difficult period. In the last month, numerous startups have laid off or furloughed staff, and cut spending and expansion plans in moves that signal the end of a long-running boom for the industry. Well-funded travel startups, including Sonder, Lyric and TripActions, have been hit especially hard.

Airbnb, too, enacted a hiring freeze, slashed its \$800 million marketing budget and cut the pay of its top executives last month. The company raised more money even though it has \$3 billion in cash on its balance sheet and access to a \$1 billion line of credit.

A company spokesman declined to comment on what the new funding meant for an IPO. Airbnb is under pressure to go public before some of its early employees' shares begin to expire later this year.

The difficulties Airbnb is facing have become increasingly apparent in recent weeks. The company has contended with frustrated customers who demanded refunds for canceled trips, while also trying

to find ways to support its "hosts," the people who rent their homes on its site.

Many of its hosts have had their bookings drop to zero over the past few months. The financial struggles of short-term-rental operators have manifested themselves in online petitions and threats of lawsuits against the company.

On March 30, Brian Chesky, Airbnb's chief executive, held a video call with the company's hosts and said the past few weeks had been a "wake-up call." He announced a \$250 million fund to compensate hosts for a portion of their booking cancellations, as well as a \$10 million pool of grant money for its "Superhosts," paid for by Airbnb's founders and employees.

"I'm sorry we didn't consult you as partners," Chesky said on the call.

In its funding announcement, Airbnb said it would now focus on travel that's closer to home and long-term stays, including students and people on extended work assignments.

"The desire to connect and travel is an enduring human truth that's only been reinforced during our time apart," Chesky said in a statement Monday. He added that, practically speaking, the way we connect and travel "will evolve as the world changes."

Private equity firms like Silver Lake are sitting on large reserves of cash.

### BUSINESS BRIEFING

## US to buy 30,000 ventilators from GM

The federal government will buy 30,000 ventilators from General Motors by the end of August for \$489.4 million.

GM says it will cover its costs but won't make a profit on the devices, which will cost the Department of Health and Human Services just over \$16,300 each. That includes the parts that hook the ventilators to patients.

HHS says in a statement that the ventilators will go into the Strategic National Stockpile for distribution to where they are needed most to treat coronavirus patients. GM will start by delivering 6,132 ventilators by June 1.

On March 18, GM began working with Seattle-area ventilator maker Ventec Life Systems to increase production.

## Corps delivers project warning

WASHINGTON — The general who heads the Army Corps of Engineers said communities are running out of time to build new medical facilities for any overflow of coronavirus patients that local hospitals can't handle.

Lt. Gen. Todd Semonite told reporters he believes the Corps will be done starting new projects by about the middle of next week.

If a city thinks it will see a peak of virus patients around April 24, and officials haven't made a decision to build more rooms, it may be too late, he said.

So far, 17 facilities, with about 15,000 beds, have been built, and another 17 are planned by the Corps, local communities and contractors. Another 23 facilities are pending.

## Tribune Publishing to cut pay as ad revenue drops

BY ROBERT CHANNICK

Tribune Publishing on Thursday announced pay cuts of up to 10% for nonunion employees making \$67,000 per year or more.

The pay cuts, effective April 19 across the Chicago-based newspaper chain, are aimed at reducing costs as print ad revenue declines while businesses are closed as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.

"In the wake of these revenue declines, we must take drastic actions to better position ourselves for the future," CEO Terry Jimenez said in a memo to employees.

The move will permanently reduce the base pay of nonunion employees between

2% and 10%, with those earning more taking a steeper cut. Employees will have until April 17 to accept the pay cut or apply to leave the company and receive a severance package.

The last day for Tribune Publishing employees who choose to exit the company will be April 24.

Tribune Publishing also will pursue cost savings within its unionized workforce across the newspaper chain, Jimenez said in the memo.

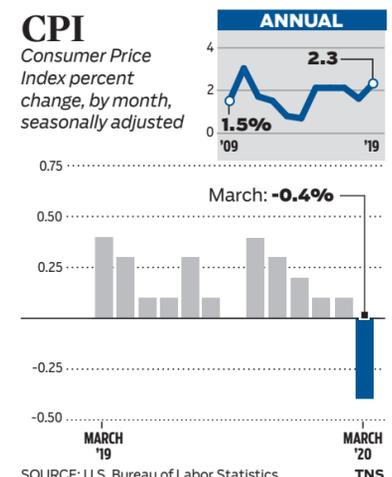
Top company executives also will take a pay cut, with Jimenez forgoing two weeks of salary in addition to a 10% cut in base pay, representing a 13.8% reduction. Jimenez has an annual base salary of \$575,000, according to a Securities and Exchange Commission filing made in

February when he was appointed CEO.

Tribune Publishing board members will see a 13.8% reduction in their fees.

Media companies have been especially hard-hit by the economic disruption caused by the pandemic. Last week, Gannett, the nation's largest newspaper chain, announced furloughs and pay cuts across the chain in the wake of coronavirus-related advertising declines.

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



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## EDITORIALS

### VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

#### Remove graduated tax from ballot

Recently, I voiced agreement with the Illinois Business Alliance's call for Gov. J.B. Pritzker and the General Assembly to remove his graduated income tax amendment from the November ballot. In this unprecedented time of uncertainty, our businesses are struggling to survive and to keep their valued employees on the payroll.

It is legitimate to consider whether Illinois businesses can withstand yet another "rock" on their collective backs with a crushing new tax burden just around the corner. Businesses and families need a predictable economic environment in order to plan, budget and, importantly, thrive. Yet we are now in the midst of the most unpredictable business climate that most of us have experienced.

With no immediate end in sight, Pritzker's stay-at-home order forcing closure of all "nonessential" businesses is causing tremendous uncertainty and economic distress for businesses and their employees. But when Pritzker was asked about removing the tax increase from the November ballot, his response was tone-deaf to the needs of Illinois businesses: "This isn't a time for politics. ... We have too much to do to save people's lives."

Why is it political to protect small businesses and the livelihoods of employees as part of the state's actions to combat the chaos created by COVID-19?

What is political is pushing a tax that will be devastating to businesses and jobs. What is political is putting the priorities of political parties and government special interests ahead of the people who have to pay the government's bills. Illinois businesses are taxpayers too.

Gov. Pritzker, push back against the political forces persuading you to push through a new tax structure that will devastate Illinois businesses. Put Illinois on a path to be a destination state again, where businesses and families want to move "to" instead of move "from."

— *Leslie Munger, former Illinois comptroller*

#### Worrying about US an ocean away

When my fellow service members and I left the U.S. on a Navy deployment a few months ago, no one had really heard of the coronavirus. Given what little we had heard of it, we expected it to pass or remain in certain pockets of the world. Now there is an uncanny feeling that the United States we will eventually return to is not the same country we left behind.

While the world is battling the coronavirus, we feel as we are facing the same challenges as our families, while being unable to assist them in these trying times from thousands of miles away. As the likelihood of getting extended on deployment increases, many of us can't help but feel that this is par for the course.

Deployments get extended frequently and result in missed important events and canceled trips, but none of us expected that this would be due to a pandemic. Now it feels like the entire country (and even world) is getting extended on deployment as well.

While we are the generation of Sept. 11, which occurred in our adolescence and motivated many of us to serve in the military, for those a decade younger than us, COVID-19 will be the defining moment of their adolescence. The impacts of COVID-19 will be felt long after the pandemic ends. I can only hope it will inspire a generation of nurses, doctors, epidemiologists, public health workers and other health care workers in fields that are facing dire shortages.

From one front line to the other, our most gracious appreciation goes out to those battling COVID-19 on the homefront. We hope you receive the same support as service members did in the months following our generation's defining moment. We are so used to hearing, "Thank you for your service," for our sacrifices, and we hope that everyone else who deserves it so much in times like these is hearing it too. From doctors to nurses and grocery store workers to delivery personnel: We salute you.

— *Lauren Hickey, Westminster, Maryland*

#### Revisiting Cubs' 2016 season

Recently I watched a recording of "Twas the Season," a WGN program about the miracle 2016 Cubs. I'm an old-timer, 83, and I've been a dedicated Cubs fan all my life. I hadn't seen that broadcast for at least three years, but since I am sheltering in place, I thought reviewing that series would take my mind off the turmoil that now confronts us. Watching the program gave me an uncomfortable feeling that I was peering into a different era, a simpler time when our most intense thoughts were: Will Javier Baez steal a base or will Anthony Rizzo hit a homer?

That was a happier period of innocence. Now the baseball season is in limbo, and all I see on TV are grim figures of sickness and deaths. Every time I cough or feel a hint of a sore throat, I conclude I have the virus and I'm a dead man. Still, I'll watch "Twas the Season" again and try to recapture those gleeful feelings of yesteryear. "C'mon, Jake Arrieta! Strike 'em out!" Boy, that felt good.

— *R. Conrad Stein, Chicago*

#### Assessing properties case by case?

In the April 9 letter "Assessor's reforms misguided," Jerry Ettinger makes some valid points about Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi's algorithm for assessing commercial real estate. The problem with his points is the great variety of commercial properties in Cook County. All properties are not alike and should be assessed at their true value. That is true for all real estate in general. But it would be impossible for the assessor to assess every property on an individual basis; there just is not enough manpower. I don't have an answer, and I'm guessing Ettinger does not either.

That said, at least it was nice to read about something other than the COVID-19 pandemic.

— *Harold Plucienik, Chicago Heights*



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Sabine Gonzalez verifies a first responder at the Illinois National Guard coronavirus testing site on the Northwest Side.

## To defeat COVID-19, bring on much more testing

You're pretty sure you have it. A fever that tops 100 degrees. Tightness in your lungs that feels like William "Refrigerator" Perry's sitting on your chest. Food doesn't taste right, and you don't have an appetite anyway. Your doctor tells you, "Yep, looks like you probably have COVID-19." Just don't expect to get tested.

The coronavirus crisis maddens in myriad ways, and for many victims one of the most vexing is the inability to get tested. It's been more than four weeks since the World Health Organization declared the spread of the coronavirus a pandemic. A day later, Dr. Anthony Fauci, a key member of President Donald Trump's pandemic team, said the country's inability to gear up testing for the coronavirus was "a failing."

Broader-scale testing is beginning to occur, but the progress is unacceptably slow. The lack of testing sites in Illinois and across the country has been a defining characteristic of this pandemic. Gov. J.B. Pritzker said this week that Illinois was processing just 6,000 tests a day, far short of his goal of 10,000 coronavirus tests a day.

The failure to ramp up quickly has forced health officials to prioritize which patients get tested. They include symptomatic individuals over 65, or who have underlying conditions such as heart disease or diabetes, or are health care or public safety workers.

That means there are legions of individuals who likely have been infected and have not been tested. Some of them may flout the rules of social distancing, and aggravate the pandemic's spread. Others may be younger, asymptomatic individuals with a what-me-worry approach to the crisis. Host a party, head out to a park for a pickup basketball game? Sure, why not.

Health officials are hamstrung by a dearth of testing equipment that includes solutions used to preserve and ship nasal swabs, laboratory machines, and protective gear for the people performing the tests. "We're working with what we've got," Dr. Allison Arwady, commissioner of the Chicago Department of Public Health, recently told the Tribune.

Pritzker has blamed Trump for failing to coordinate coronavirus testing in the U.S. Now the state's

aggressively pursuing a buildup in stockpiles of testing equipment needed to increase testing capacity and quicken the time it takes to get results. That's good to hear. More testing options also are coming online, including a newly developed portable test from the Chicago-area's Abbott Laboratories.

On Friday Pritzker said two federally qualified health centers on the West and South sides are working with hospitals to increase testing in predominately African American communities. A new drive-up test site will open soon in the south suburbs.

**Big picture:** The situation is improving, but testing needs to be a bigger priority. Rocket science isn't required. Action is. The more the federal government, state and local officials do, with contributions from private industry, the more people will get tested.

The country will never be able to defeat the coronavirus — and get the economies of Illinois and the rest of the country back on track — unless we get much more detail about where exactly the pandemic has struck.

### WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

When the federal government began rushing trillions of dollars of assistance to Americans crushed by the coronavirus pandemic, the hope was that some of the aid would allow businesses to keep workers on the payroll and cushion employees against job losses.

But so far, a staggering number of Americans — more than 16 million — have lost their jobs amid the outbreak. Businesses continue to fail as retailers, restaurants, nail salons and other companies across the country run out of cash and close up shop as their customers are forced to stay at home.

There is a growing agreement among many econo-

mists that the government's efforts were too small and came too late in the fast-moving pandemic to prevent businesses from abandoning their workers. Federal agencies, working in a prescribed partnership with Wall Street, have proved ill equipped to move money quickly to the places it is needed most.

An analysis by University of Chicago economists of data from Homebase, which supplies scheduling software for tens of thousands of small businesses that employ hourly workers in dining, retail and other sectors, suggests more than 40% of those firms have closed since the crisis began.

**Jim Tankersley, New York Times**



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"Improv House Party," Second City's new live-streaming comedy show, broadcasts via Zoom on April 9.

## Second City, we need you

### 'Improv House Party' should just be the first step

BY CHRIS JONES

Chicago needs its funniest collective citizen, Second City, perhaps more than any other time in this great city's history.

We're all flailing about, sinking into our beds or couches, streaming anesthetizing content, staring at the walls. We need vital, top-drawer sketch comedy as fresh as the dispiriting news, and it needs to be a blend of the national and the local. As a result of the coronavirus pandemic, government officials at all levels are gaining in power and in their ability to intrude on our lives.

Satirical comedy is a crucial weapon in the perennial democratic imperative that we hold the authorities accountable to the people they represent. No virus must diminish that inalienable right.

And since gathering on Wells Street currently might be injurious to our health, Second City will need to master the online universe — and fast.

Does the "Improv House Party," Second City's first three-times-a-week attempt to stream an improv show via Zoom, do any of this? Not really. It's a modestly amusing diversion, but it needs a lot of work.

But as I watched the show Thursday night, I certainly saw the necessity of this intervention. It'll take planning and more investment in technology, but it's entirely within Second City's formidable capabilities to get a fully rehearsed revue online. And there are plenty of mega-talented alumni sitting around to help.

To put it succinctly, Second City: Wake up to the legacy of Bernie Sahlins, Sheldon Patinkin and the rest of the foreparents, and put up a proper Chicago-based sketch show based on the news of the moment and insanity of this time. We'll even part with a few bucks if it's good.

How about next week? I'd like to see some spoofs of those J.B. Pritzker and Lori Lightfoot news conferences. We need to laugh! Comedy heals! Satire breeds complex thinking! Amusement promotes optimism, and without all of that we're all sunk.

"Improv House Party" is at least a start. And on Friday morning, there also came promising news of "The Second City Presents: The Last Show Left on Earth," a new weekly collaboration between the Topic streaming service and Second City, beginning next Thursday, when the show will star Jack McBrayer and musical guest Jeff Tweedy.

We'll have to see how that turns out, but it won't be specifically local. Here's what you can see right now: You sign up in advance (no charge, but donations to the Second City alumni fund are accepted) and get a link to enter one of those dreaded Zoom meeting rooms, but you're just a voyeur.

There is a host — on Thursday,

April 9, it was Sandy Jobin-Bevans, an alum of Toronto's Second City stage, who was friendly enough but looked pretty uncomfortable and struggled with his microphone. Three co-habiting, mostly Canadian, couples did the improv games: Kris Siddiqi and Aurora Browne; Matt Baram and Naomi Snieckus; and the well-known pair of Colin Mochrie and Deb McGrath.

The audience suggestions scrolled down the screen in the Zoom chat, not unlike the online trivia show known as "HQ." Reading these comments from Los Angeles, the South Loop and rural Ontario was often more fun than the actual improv, and the savvy audience worried aloud about the couple's unseen offspring ("the poor kid who has been left in the other room") and offered a variety of sadly unheeded technical-support suggestions ("Go to settings, Sandy, and uncheck the box").

Everyone had made an effort with their basements — candles were judiciously placed in the

Baram/Snieckus joint, and Mochrie and McGrath's retro-luxe setup had the vibe of a classic Vegas hotel room. Siddiqi and Browne were skilled at using camera depth, which is an important asset to have these days. And the evening's "special guest," Darryl Hinds, was notably charming.

The topics that came up? Disinfectant was big ("Sex with me is like Clorox. You need to clean the sheets.") So were cocktails (bottles of booze, unsurprisingly, were everywhere). And home-schooling was a thing ("I want an education outside the bathroom!").

So was the end of the world. It's not, people! Especially not if Second City gets its act together to remind us who we must be.

To join the "Second City House Party," visit [SecondCity.com](http://SecondCity.com). The next show is Saturday night at 7 p.m.

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SUELLEN ROCCA 1943-2020

## Hairy Who founding member created phantasmagoric art

BY RANDY KENNEDY

The New York Times

Suellen Rocca, a founding member of the short-lived but influential 1960s Chicago art group the Hairy Who and a fiercely original artist whose hieroglyphic, phantasmagoric work poked a finger in the eye of late-20th-century modernist purities, died March 26 at a hospice in Naperville. She was 76.

Matthew Marks Gallery in New York, which represents her, said the cause was pancreatic cancer.

At a time when the deadpan consumer imagery of pop art was giving way to the restraint of minimalism and conceptualism, Rocca and five former classmates from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago came together under the sway of influences as disparate as Dubuffet, Native American art, hand-painted store signs, the Sears catalog and the natural-history displays at the Field Museum to create a rambunctious form of painting and sculpture that tacked hard against prevailing orthodoxies.

"There is about many of these works a relentlessly gabby, arm-twisting, eyeball-contacting quality that comes as a great surprise in a gallery that we associate with the spare statements of Agnes Martin and Brice Marden," John Russell wrote in *The New York Times* in a review of a 1982 Pace Gallery show. He added: "Why are they so repulsive? Are they all equally repulsive? Are we wrong not to like them? These are fair questions, and they deserve an answer."

Eventually the answer was that

their unorthodox ethos, ignored by many East and West coast critics as a regionalist aberration, came to be embraced by younger generations who saw themselves reflected in its exuberance, irreverence and vernacular American overload.

Rocca and her compatriots, whose work helped foment a wider movement known as Chicago Imagism, "weren't interested in binary oppositions or the modernist arrow of progress," the curator Dan Nadel wrote in the catalog for a show of Rocca's work at Matthew Marks Gallery in 2016. "Art was art. This stoic, rather Midwestern philosophy would prove to be foundational."

In 2016, Rocca listed some of the imagery that formed the lexicon of her early work, often rendered in flat, quivery, cartoon-like lines.

"Palm trees, diamond rings, bra styles in the Sears Roebuck catalog, dancing couples from Arthur Murray ads and pictures of fancy hairdos tucked into the back pages of magazines were the cultural icons of beauty and romance expressed by the media that promised happiness to young women of that generation," she said. "This was the culture that surrounded me."

In a 2018 interview with *Garage* magazine, she said that much of her work was a form of picture-writing, analogous to hieroglyphics, taking in the same consumer flotsam that pop art used but deploying it more subjectively.

Asked in that interview about her approach, she said the short answer she liked to give was that "while New York was cool, Chi-

cago was hot."

Suellen Krupp was born on Oct. 2, 1943, the only child in a middle-class Jewish family. Her father, Phillip, whose family had immigrated from Russia, worked as a salesman for a lighting-equipment company, and her mother, Mildred, a talented amateur pianist who performed throughout her life, worked as a legal secretary and accountant.

Suellen's art talent emerged early and had propelled her by age 16 to the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, where one of her teachers was Ray Yoshida, a hugely important mentor to the Chicago Imagists who emphasized nonconformist thinking and eclectic sources of inspiration.

In 1962, she married Dennis Rocca, a third-generation jeweler; they divorced in 1975. She is survived by her son, Paul; her daughter, Lia Plonka; and three grandchildren.

The first Hairy Who exhibition, featuring the work of Rocca, Gladys Nilsson, Jim Nutt, Jim Falcner, Art Green and Karl Wirsum, was held at the Hyde Park Art Center in 1966. (The group's memorable name is said to have been inspired by a riff on the name of a local radio personality and art critic, Harry Bouras, whom the artists did not hold in high esteem.) Between 1966 and 1969, the group — which did not consider itself a movement or school, but simply an informal collection of like-minded artists — staged five more exhibitions, in Chicago, San Francisco, New York and Washington.

Rocca's work was included in several other shows before she



MATTHEW MARKS GALLERY VIA THE NEW YORK TIMES

Artist Suellen Rocca with her work "Curly Head" at an exhibition at the Art Institute in 1967. Rocca died from cancer March 26 at age 76.

moved to the San Francisco Bay Area in the early 1970s, at which time she stopped making art for a decade.

Upon returning to Chicago in 1981, she took up teaching and began to work again, making drawings and paintings that were emotionally darker, with titles like "Beware of My Mouth," "Don't" and "It's a Secret." A motif of purses and bags that runs through her work took on more unsettling implications. As she told an interviewer for the Archives of American Art in 2015: "Bags can hold things that you don't want to get out. Sort of like Pandora's box." She added, "I've always felt that my work is auto-

biographical."

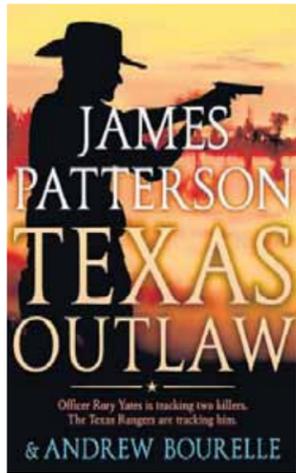
She was featured in "What Nerve! Alternative Figures in American Art, 1960 to Present," an exhibition curated by Nadel at the Rhode Island School of Design Museum in Providence in 2014 and 2015 and Matthew Marks Gallery in 2015 that has been credited with igniting wider institutional interest in Chicago Imagist work.

A survey of Rocca's work — which is held in the collections of the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the Whitney Museum of American Art, the Art Institute and several other important museums — is scheduled to open this year at the Secession museum in Vienna.

# NATIONAL BESTSELLERS

## HARDCOVER FICTION

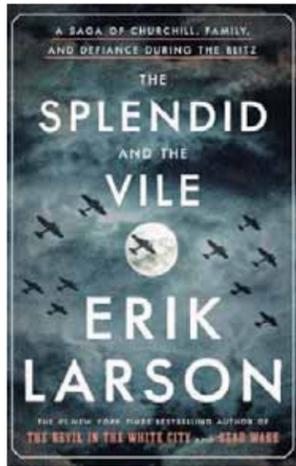
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- 2. **"The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse"** by Charlie Mackesy (HarperOne) Last week: 3
- 3. **"The Boy from the Woods"** by Harlan Coben (Grand Central) Last week: 1
- 4. **"Valentine"** by Elizabeth Wetmore (Harper) Last week: —
- 5. **"American Dirt"** by Jeanine Cummins (Flatiron) Last week: 2
- 6. **"Devoted"** by Dean Koontz (Thomas & Mercer) Last week: —
- 7. **"The Giver of Stars"** by Jojo Moyes (Viking/Dorland) Last week: 14
- 8. **"Blindside"** by James Patterson and James O. Born (Little, Brown) Last week: 8
- 9. **"The Night Watchman"** by Louise Erdrich (Harper) Last week: 22
- 10. **"The Numbers Game"** by Danielle Steel (Delacorte) Last week: 11

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1. **"The Splendid and the Vile: A Saga of Churchill, Family, and Defiance During the Blitz"** by Erik Larson (Crown) Last week: 1



- 2. **"Untamed"** by Glennon Doyle (Dial) Last week: 2
- 3. **"The Art of Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker"** by Phil Szostak (Abrams) Last week: —
- 4. **"The First Time: Finding Myself and Looking for Love on Reality TV"** by Colton Underwood (Gallery) Last week: —
- 5. **"Front Row at the Trump Show"** by Jonathan Karl (Dutton) Last week: —
- 6. **"Mitch, Please!: How Mitch McConnell Sold Out Kentucky (and America, Too)"** by Matt Jones (Simon & Schuster) Last week: —
- 7. **"More Myself: A Journey"** by Alicia Keys (Flatiron) Last week: —
- 8. **"Get Out of Your Head: Stopping the Spiral of Toxic Thoughts"** by Jennie Allen (WaterBrook) Last week: 7
- 9. **"Midnight Mom Devotional: 365 Prayers to Put Your Momma Heart to Rest"** by Becky Thompson and Susan K. Pitts (WaterBrook) Last week: —
- 10. **"Open Book"** by Jessica Simpson (Dey Street) Last week: 6

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— Publishers Weekly



# ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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## Couple disturbed by neighbor's noises

**Dear Amy:** My boyfriend and I just bought a condo.

Most of our neighbors are really nice and have been respectful (for the most part). However, an individual in the unit below ours has been doing something that's unsettling and disturbing to me.

He screams and shouts random words — for reasons unknown to us. I can hear him from every room in my unit, but mostly in my bedroom.

This occurs during late-evening hours, but sometimes at other times.

We've seen this individual while getting our mail and walking the dog. We have tried to say "hello," but he just ignores us and looks at the ground before retreating back to his unit.

Maybe he is disabled or suffering from a psychological condition. I'd like to pay him a casual visit to let him know he is disturbing us, but my boyfriend thinks I'm overreacting.

I don't want to berate him for being loud and disrespectful. I simply want to let him know that we can hear him, in case he is unaware. Part of me wants to believe he's just really into sports or video games, but I still don't think we should have to sit back and just deal with it, especially if his screaming is directed at another person living with him and the situation could potentially be dangerous.

Please advise!  
— Earplugs 24/7

**Dear 24/7:** If you have a credible belief that your downstairs neighbor is harming someone, you should act on your concern by calling the police. In the absence of that

belief, before politely notifying your neighbor that you can hear him, you could discreetly raise this issue with your condo board — they might be aware of his situation and be able to educate you about what is going on.

There is a brain disorder called Tourette Syndrome (or "Tic Disorder") that causes people to vocalize in ways like you describe; these are called vocal "tics" and may be accompanied by sudden physical movements. This is not a psychological but a neurological illness.

This is from the Tourette Association of America (Tourette.org): "Tics can be complex. Vocal tics (for example, coughing, sniffing, throat-clearing or yelling out a word or phrase) and multiple motor tics (for example, blinking or shrugging the shoulders) must both be present for a diagnosis of Tourette Syndrome (TS), although they might not always happen at the same time."

Obviously, you should do whatever you can in your own home to mitigate or muffle the sound. Rugs (or more rugs) might help.

**Dear Amy:** I am the parent of a senior in high school. With everything being shut down due to the coronavirus, my senior is concerned about graduation. My question is: What do I do about the graduation announcements?

Do I send them out, or wait until the school has decided whether to cancel the ceremony?

If I send them and the ceremony is canceled, what do I do then?  
— Wondering

**Dear Wondering:** When graduation draws closer and you are certain that your child is graduating, send out announcements.

Announcements aren't generally considered to be invitations to the ceremony but are justifiably proud "announcements" that your high schooler has completed secondary education. Your school will direct you and other parents regarding the graduation ceremony.

If you proactively invite people to the ceremony and it is canceled, simply contact each person to say so. We are all experiencing and expecting cancellations, and people are understandably disappointed, but generally understanding.

You might want to think about planning and hosting a celebration — perhaps in late summer.

**Dear Amy:** "Ignored" was upset by being ghosted by companies after interviewing for a position.

I have been a recruiter for many years. I would never let an applicant flounder in this way. Responsible recruiters give honest feedback and always let an applicant know where they stand in terms of the hiring process.  
— Recruiter

**Dear Recruiter:** Yes! Recruiters are such an asset to a job seeker — and good ones (like you) can offer sound coaching, honest assessment and encouragement.

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## Outdoor Living, a Family Tradition

A Note from Brett Williams 6 Generation owner of Williams Ski and Patio.

"During these trying times, we are all looking for some hope. We are all looking for something to do. We are all trying to look towards a day when things seem to go back to normal.

Much is still unclear about what the future holds. How long will social distancing need to be practiced? Our family has been taking the same recommended precautions that experts have been giving.

With all of that said, my family and I are looking forward to the weather warm up in Chicagoland. The prospects of warm weather to get outside after being cooped up for quite a while is what we are hoping for. Not only have the kids gotten restless, but us adults have too.

We are very much looking forward to breath the fresh air and take in some rays of sun. We know how important that is to our mental health. We know that having a place to spend time comfortably outside is critical for our

mental health. As we navigate through this uncertain time, we plan to take things one day at a time. We want to also be there as much as we can for people who want to create their own backyard retreat and safe-space.

For the time being we would love to be a resource to everyone with design help either by phone or email. We are here to help you dream of relaxing in your own backyard sanctuary.

Stay Safe!  
—Brett Williams



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Hong-Chi Lee, left, and Kunjue Li in Alan Yang's feature debut "Tigertail."

**'TIGERTAIL'** ★★★ 1/2

## An affecting look at a family's unspoken stories on Netflix

By GLENN WHIPP  
Los Angeles Times

In the opening 10 minutes of his affecting new film "Tigertail," writer-director Alan Yang introduces us to the movie's central character, Pin-Jui, in three stages of his life — as a young boy, a fledgling adult and, finally, a retiree — asking viewers to reconcile how a once-vital human could have turned so inward that he now leads a life that amounts to solitary confinement.

It's a mystery that Yang reveals methodically, purposefully, building toward a moving resolution that could prompt a few parents to share life stories with their adult children. I mean, we've got the time right now, don't we? And since "Tigertail" is streaming on Netflix, you don't have to be sheltering in the same home to partake. Set up a Zoom meeting for an after-movie heart-to-heart. Just remember to keep a box of tissues within reach.

"Tigertail" examines those unspoken family stories and, specifically, serves as a nuanced look at the Taiwanese immigrant experience — the sacrifices, the loneliness and the sheer exhaustion that can break people and leave

them unrecognizable. The heart of Yang's film — his feature debut after co-creating the vibrant Netflix comedy series "Master of None" and Amazon's underrated marriage story show "Forever" — is the relationship between the adult Pin-Jui (played by the great Tzi Ma) and his grown daughter, Angela (Christine Ko). Or, to be more specific, the absence of a relationship. Their time together is marked by pained silence. What wounds Angela is not just the lack of conversation, but her father's willful impenetrability.

"Maybe it's easier if we just stopped trying," she tells him.

Certainly, the notion of the emotionally distant Asian father has been mined in movies. What distinguishes "Tigertail" is the way Yang explores Pin-Jui's earlier life as a means of showing how duty and obligation brought him to that place. And as Yang takes us on

that journey with him, he also offers a low-key lesson for redemption — examine the past to escape regret.

Pin-Jui's history in Taiwan is steeped in loss, resulting in tears, which bring about familial reprimands. "Crying never solves anything," his grandmother (Li-li Pan) tells him.

But when we see Pin-Jui as a carefree young man (a charming Hong-Chi Lee), he's far from a tortured soul. Yes, he's impoverished, working in a sugar factory and living with his mother (Kuei-Mei Yang). But he's also a good dancer, picking up his technique from watching American movies, and he's enjoying romancing the beautiful Yuan (Yo-Hsing Fang) with his impetuosity and impeccable appreciation for music.

Because Yang himself possesses discriminating taste, the scenes between Yuan and Pin-Jui owe a certain debt to Wong Kar-wai, boasting a restrained sensuality tinged with sadness. And because we've already glimpsed the graying Pin-Jui, flabby and stoic, we know, like the entanglements in Wong's masterpieces, this particular story doesn't have a happy ending.

## WATCH THIS: SATURDAY



Dan McKernan

**“Saved By The Barn”** (9:01 p.m., 1 a.m., ANIM): Family man Dan McKernan had a high-paying tech job in Austin, Texas, when he realized there’s a difference between making a good living and having a good life, so he packed in that gig to move to Michigan and take over his family’s 140-year-old farm. This new series follows Dan and his family as they transform the property into the Barn Sanctuary.

**“It: Chapter Two”** (7 p.m., HBO): Andy Muschietti’s follow-up to — and continuation of — his blockbuster 2017 adaptation of Stephen King’s bestselling horror novel may not have been quite as scary as the terrifying original, but it still delivered some satisfying frights, thanks to the justifiably acclaimed central performance by Bill Skarsgard as the homicidal Pennywise the clown. The story takes place in 2016, 27 years after the events of the first film. Jessica Chastain, James McAvoy, Bill Hader, Isaiah Mustafa and Jay Ryan star.

**“The Clark Sisters: First Ladies of Gospel”** (7 p.m., 11:01 p.m., Lifetime): Queen Latifah, Mary J. Blige and Missy Elliott are among the executive producers on this new authorized musical biopic that chronicles the story of the Clark Sisters, who became the best-selling female gospel group in history, thanks to their pioneering mother, Mattie Moss Clark (Aunjanue Ellis, “Quantico”). Under her mentorship, the five sisters overcame humble Detroit beginnings to bring gospel music into the mainstream. Christina Bell, Kierra Sheard, Sheléa Frazier, Raven Goodwin and Angela Birchett make up the sister act.

**“Fashionably Yours”** (8 p.m., Hallmark): Lauren (Kat Graham) has spent the past three years organizing fashion collections at a top Seattle-based magazine, but when she’s passed over for a promotion, she decides it’s a sign that she should just give up and move back home. As she prepares to relocate, Rob (Kendrick Sampson), owner of the moving company she has hired, makes it his mission to help Lauren rediscover the wonders of their Pacific Northwest city in the time she has left there. Sheryl Lee Ralph also stars in this 2020 romantic comedy.

**“Semper Fi”** (8 p.m., Showtime): Directed and co-written by Henry Alex Rubin, this 2019 crime drama chronicles the relationships of a tight-knit band of childhood friends from upstate Bridgewater, N.Y. One of them, Cal (Jai Courtney), is both an honest cop and a sergeant in the Marine Corps Reserve. When Oyster (Nat Wolff), Cal’s reckless half-brother, is thrown in jail for accidentally killing a man, Cal and his friends hatch a plan to break him out of prison, no matter what the cost. Finn Wittrock, Beau Knapp and Arturo Castro also star.

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	<b>HLN</b>	Death Row Stories ©		Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic
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	<b>NBCSCH</b>	Chicago Blackhawks Classics				White Sox Rewind *		
	<b>NICK</b>	Danger (N)	All That (N)	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©
	<b>OVATION</b>	XXX: State of the Union (PG-13,’05) **	Ice Cube.			Black Hawk Down (NR,’01) *** © *		
	<b>OWN</b>	Love Goals		Love Goals (N)		Love Goals		Love Goal *
	<b>OXY</b>	To be announced		To be announced		Dahmer: A Serial Killer Speaks *		
<b>PARMT</b>	*Twilight Saga: Breaking 2		(8:15) The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1 (PG-13,’11) **					
<b>SYFY</b>	*The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift		(8:45) Fast & Furious (PG-13,’09) **	Vin Diesel. *				
<b>TBS</b>	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Full Frontal	Last O.G.	Bat V Sup *	
<b>TCM</b>	What’s Up, Doc? (G,’72) ***	Barbra Streisand. ©			Paper Moon (PG,’73) *** © *			
<b>TLC</b>	Say Yes to the Dress: Atlanta: “Eleganza Dahling.” (N)				Say Yes: ATL		Chantel *	
<b>TLN</b>	Prayer	Pacific Garden Mission	In Grace		Wretched	Prayer	Pure Pas	
<b>TNT</b>	San Andreas (PG-13,’15) **	Dwayne Johnson. ©				San Andreas (*15) *** *		
<b>TOON</b>	Dragon	Dragon	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	
<b>TRAV</b>	Woo.- Haunted		Woo.- Haunted (N)		The Alaska Triangle (N)		Haunted *	
<b>TVL</b>	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	
<b>USA</b>	*(5:45) Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (*05) ***				Harry Potter-Phoenix *			
<b>VH1</b>	*(6:30) Bad Boys II (R,’03) **	Martin Lawrence, Will Smith. ©					Security *	
<b>WE</b>	Criminal Minds ©		Criminal Minds ©		Criminal Minds ©		Criminal *	
<b>WGN America</b>	Blue Bloods: “New Rules.”		Blue Bloods ©		Blue Bloods ©		Blue Blood *	
PREMIUM	<b>HBO</b>	It: Chapter Two (R,’19) **	Jessica Chastain, James McAvoy. ©					Westworld *
	<b>HBO2</b>	Mrs. Doubtfire (PG,’93) ***	Robin Williams. ©		Last Week	The Darjeeling Limited *		
	<b>MAX</b>	*(6:50) Running Scared (R,’06) **	Paul Walker. ©			(8:55) Déjà Vu (PG-13,’06) *** *		
	<b>SHO</b>	*(6) Platoon (R,’86) ***	Semper Fi (R,’19) Jai Courtney. ©			(9:45) Rambo (*08) *** *		
	<b>STARZ</b>	*Night at the Museum	(8:06) Miss Bala (PG-13,’19) *	Gina Rodriguez.				21 Jump *
<b>STZNC</b>	(7:11) Nutty Professor II: The Klumps (*00) **				Spartacus: War		She’s-Bby *	

## ‘LOVE WEDDING REPEAT’ \*\*

## Rom-com remake devoid of dimension

BY GARY GOLDSTEIN  
Los Angeles Times

It would have been interesting to see what British rom-com maestro Richard Curtis (“Four Weddings and a Funeral,” “Notting Hill,” “Love Actually”) might have made out of “Love Wedding Repeat,” writer-director Dean Craig’s problematic English-language, Italian-set remake of the 2012 French film “Plan de Table” (No great shakes itself if its 28% audience score on Rotten Tomatoes is any indication).

“Repeat” works extremely hard, but with wacky results, to sell its surreal twist: What if it was possible to back up and alter the moment in one’s wedding day that caused everything to go wrong — and make it all turn out right? A decent-enough idea.

At its best, there’s a bit of “Sliding Doors” meets Curtis’ 2013 charmer “About Time” to the conceit of this busy comedy of errors — lots and lots of errors — set during the wedding of the English Hayley (Eleanor Tomlinson) to the Italian Roberto (Tiziano Caputo) at a sumptuous, Rome-area villa.

But the obstacles here soon prove so contrived and the setups so schematic the movie can feel like a not-very-well-oiled, Rube Goldberg-like machine. And a predictable one at that.

It’s the kind of picture in which, early on, the beaming bride announces “Nothing could spoil this day,” and the whole thing instantly begins to fall apart. Place cards are mischievously switched, battles erupt, jealousies flare, secrets are exposed, wires are

crossed, someone gets locked away in a closet and folks generally make fools of themselves (whether they realize it or not).

Then there’s the pivotal ruse in which a Champagne glass is purposefully spiked with sleeping drops. Is there any doubt that the wrong guest will end up downing the drugged bubbly?

Unfortunately, the “repeat” section doesn’t occur until an hour in, by which time the film’s overly broad farcical situations and conflicts, though not without their sporadic appeal and the occasional chuckle, have worn thin.

Although the cast, including Hugh Grant-ish lead Sam Claflin (“Me Before You”) as Hayley’s devoted brother, Jack, who’s given a ridiculous number of chances here to get it right with gorgeous American journalist — and



RICCARDO GHILARDI

Sam Claflin and Olivia Munn in “Love Wedding Repeat.”

Hayley’s friend — Dina (Olivia Munn), does nimble work, their characters feel more like types than authentic people.

We’re told and shown who they are — Hayley’s anxious, male “maid of honor,” Bryan (Joel Fry), is a struggling actor; her lovestruck admirer, Marc (Jack Farthing), is a party-crashing cokehead; Jack’s

ex, Amanda (Freida Pinto), is a self-centered nightmare — but there’s little bubbling beneath the surface.

This lack of dimension limits our investment in these table mates and their largely self-inflicted predicaments. For example, it’s hard to have much sympathy for Jack when, in the movie’s three-years-earlier prologue, this supposed

**MPPA rating:** Not rated

**Running time:** 1:40

**Streaming:** on Netflix

ladies’ man can’t put the bumbling and distractions aside and properly speak to the lovely, receptive Dina. Then again, there wouldn’t have been much need for the rest of the film, a lot of which revolves around Jack’s thwarted pursuit of Dina after she shows up unexpectedly — to Jack, anyway — at the wedding. Jack and Dina spend so little actual wedding-day time together that when the script should have been building their relationship to help us root for its success, it flings them apart with constant interruptions and miscues.

If Craig (he wrote another frantic ensemble comedy, “Death at a Funeral”) and its faithful 2010 American remake) had dispensed with the “do-over” concept and found a more realistic, organic, daresay human way to repair the multi-pronged mess made here, this could have been a more relatable, balanced, truly romantic film.

## CSO musicians and administrators take pay cuts due to coronavirus

BY HOWARD REICH

Chicago Symphony Orchestra artistic and administrative personnel will take pay cuts in response to financial pressures caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

CSO Music Director Riccardo Muti and Chicago Symphony Orchestra President Jeff Alexander each volunteered a 25% salary reduction, according to an announcement from the Chicago Symphony Orchestra Association, which manages the institution.

CSO musicians will take a 20% wage reduction starting April 27, but they will retain all health care, insurance and retirement benefits.

“Musicians also agreed to relax scheduling restrictions to allow for flexibility



TODD ROSENBERG PHOTOGRAPHY

Chicago Symphony Orchestra musicians will take a pay cut, as will orchestra administrators.

with postponed or rescheduled programs, and it is anticipated that restrictions pertaining to the orchestra’s significant archive of audio and video assets will be adjusted to make digital content available more

broadly during the pandemic,” according to a CSOA statement.

The Chicago Symphony Chorus also will have wages reduced by 20% “and has agreed to flexibility in scheduling postponed

and rescheduled concerts,” according to the statement.

Members of the Civic Orchestra, the CSO’s training ensemble, also will see a 20% reduction “in their remaining stipend for the season.”

Reductions of 20% also will affect stagehands, “and conversations are continuing about cost-saving measures with the other trades at Symphony Center,” said the statement.

Wages for CSOA administrative staff also will be reduced, including a 20% cut for CSOA vice presidents, and 5% to 15% on a sliding scale for other full-time administrative staff, depending on salary level; they also will keep health care and other benefits.

The CSOA, musicians and board “have worked together in recent weeks to

address the financial impacts of the current situation,” according to the CSOA statement.

The organization expects “significant financial losses for the 2019/20 season” due to cancellation of 58 paid, ticketed concerts to date, plus facility rentals between March 12 and May 10.

“We are grateful for the tremendous spirit of collaboration among the entire CSOA family who have worked together to develop ideas and make sacrifices that will allow us to balance taking care of our employees while mitigating a portion of the significant financial losses created by the difficult circumstances we are facing,” said CSOA President Alexander in a statement.

“The musicians of the

orchestra are committed to working with board of the CSOA and its leadership to address this crisis of the COVID-19 pandemic,” said CSO horn James Smelser, chair of the members’ committee of the CSO, representing the musicians.

In order to lessen the blow of the cancellations, the CSOA is encouraging ticket holders to convert ticket value into a tax-deductible contribution, exchange tickets for future events or return them and put the money on account.

For more information, visit [www.cso.org](http://www.cso.org). For information on donations, visit [www.cso.org/exchangetickets](http://www.cso.org/exchangetickets).

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### Horoscopes



**Today's birthday** (April 11): Lucrative professional opportunities abound this year. Rely on support from your powerful team. Summer travel deviations lead you to rediscover domestic pleasures before resolving a work challenge. Shift directions with a creative project next winter, leading you to take new territory.

**Aries** (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Set the pace. An exploration could take an unexpected detour. Go for endurance over speed. Turn down expensive options.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20): 8. Opposites attract. Bring your skills to a collaborative endeavor. Watch for pitfalls or obstacles. Plan moves in advance. Share perspectives for a wider view.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20): 8. Share and connect. Coordination team efforts for maximum reach. Get the word out to a wider circle. Grow social skills with practice. Have fun with friends.

**Cancer** (June 21-July 22): 8. Focus on your work. Take physical action to get projects complete. Others are impressed. You know what to do. Small changes can reap big rewards.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): 7. Spend time with someone beloved. Things may not go as planned. Talk about practical solutions and useful ideas. Keep a sense of humor. Discuss possibilities.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 7. Make changes at home to adapt to new circumstances. Shop for best value and quality. Get only what you need. Avoid the temptation to overindulge.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. You're especially brilliant. Plot and make plans. Collaborate with someone interesting and fun. Stay flexible and choose the most practical path.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 9. Make a lucrative deal. Talk about the practical details of your plan. Invest in your career. Meet deadlines and keep your customers satisfied.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Pamper yourself with simple pleasures like hot water and good food. Have patience with others. Focus on the basics. Less interference is better.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 7. Think about the changes you'd like to make. Plan upcoming purchases and renovations. Shop carefully to get the best deal. Imagine and envision perfection.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 9. Teamwork helps you around an unexpected obstacle. Make an important connection. Listen and follow instructions carefully. Network to share resources and information.

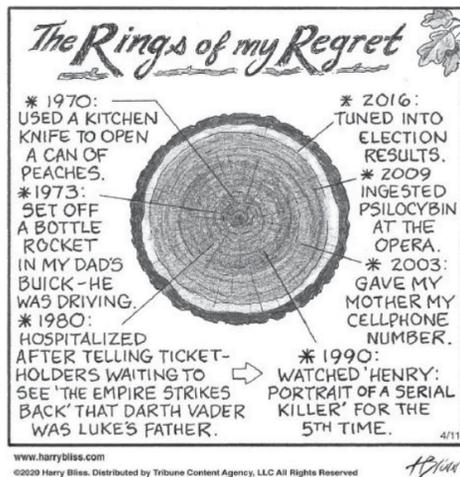
**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): 9. Focus to manage a professional challenge. Your quick action can have lucrative impacts. Stick to practical priorities. Heed the voice of experience. Produce satisfying results.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

### The Argyle Sweater



### Bliss



### Bridge

North-South vulnerable, West deals

<b>North</b>		<b>East</b>	
♠ J10 6 5 4 2	♥ 5	♠ 9	♥ K 8 6
♦ J 9 2	♣ K 9	♦ Q 8 7 6	♣ Q J 8 6 2
<b>West</b>		<b>South</b>	
♠ Q 8 3	♥ Q J 10 9 7 4 2	♠ A 7	♥ A 3
♦ 10 4 3	♣ Void	♦ A K 5	♣ A 10 7 5 4 3

A wild and wooly auction. West's double of seven spades might have been based on a sure trump trick, but South reasoned that it was more likely to be a Lightner Double, asking for an unusual lead. Looking at his club length, South could easily imagine West with a club void, so he ran to seven no trump, hoping for the best.

South won the opening heart lead with his ace and led a club to dummy's king at trick two, confirming that West was void in that suit. He led the jack of spades from dummy, saw East follow with the nine, and paused to think. South decided that, with West void in clubs,

**The bidding:**

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
3♥	Pass	5♥	Dbl
Pass	6♣	Pass	7♠
Dbl	Pass	Pass	7NT

All pass  
Opening lead: Queen of ♥

there was no reason to play him for shortness in spades also, so he won with his ace.

The ace and king of diamonds were cashed in case the queen fell, and a spade was led. East's jump to five hearts suggested a short suit somewhere, and it could only be spades. South took the winning view of playing dummy's 10 of spades and was rewarded when East discarded a club. It wasn't over yet, as South was still a trick short. He solved that problem by cashing all of dummy's spades, coming down to a two-card ending with dummy holding the jack of diamonds and the nine of clubs opposite his ace-10 of clubs. East couldn't defend the position. East could not keep the queen of diamonds and the queen-jack of clubs and South had his contract. Very well done!

— Bob Jones  
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### Dilbert



### Baby Blues



### Zits



### Mr. Boffo



### Frazz



### Classic Peanuts



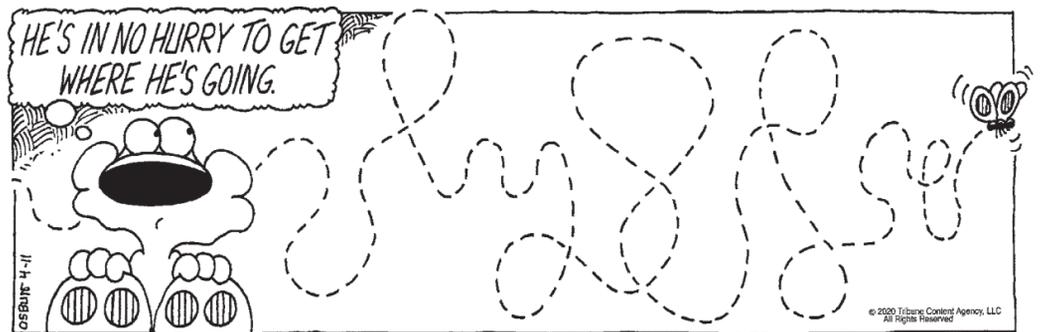
### Pickles



### Dick Tracy



### Animal Crackers



### Prickly City



**Dustin** By Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker



**For Better or for Worse** By Lynn Johnston



**Blondie** By Dean Young and John Marshall



**Hägar the Horrible** By Chris Browne



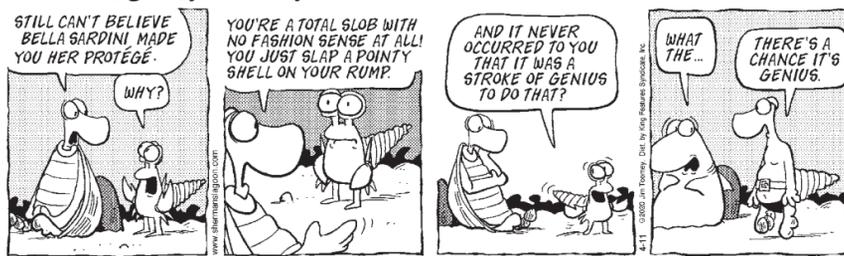
**Mutts** By Patrick McDonnell



**WuMo** By Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler



**Sherman's Lagoon** By Jim Toomey



**Brewster Rockit: Space Guy!** By Tim Rickard



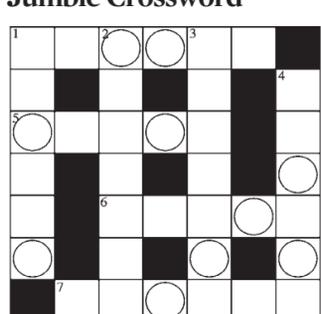
**Broom-Hilda** By Russell Myers



**Trivia Bits**

In a 1959 TV interview, who said, "I am not thinking of cutting my beard. ... My beard means many things to my country"?  
 A) King Abdulaziz of Saudi Arabia  
 B) Fidel Castro  
 C) Ernest Hemingway  
 D) Ho Chi Minh  
 Friday's answer: Masjed-e Jame, or "Friday mosque," is a UNESCO World Heritage site in Isfahan, Iran.  
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**Jumble Crossword**



**ACROSS**  
 CLUE  
 1. \_\_\_\_\_ store  
 5. Winner  
 6. Pay for  
 7. Brittle  
**ANSWER**  
 HCORRE  
 HCAPM  
 ATTER  
 SYCRPI

**DOWN**  
 CLUE  
 1. Marcus Tullius \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. Type of agent  
 3. Female ruler  
 4. Uncaring attitude  
**ANSWER**  
 ICORCE  
 ROTERLA  
 SMRSEPE  
 TAAPHY

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**DOUBLE BONUS**

The circled letters can be unscrambled to form two different BONUS answers.

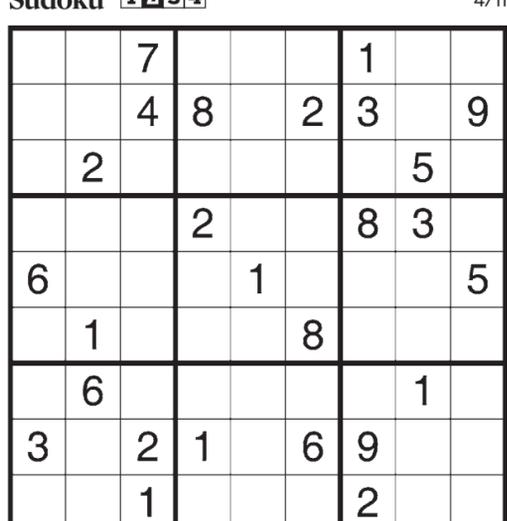
CLUE: These are also called French harps

CLUE: Cherry liqueur

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**Sudoku** 1 2 3 4

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1	5	7	2	4	8	9	6	3
6	8	2	3	9	7	5	4	1
3	4	9	5	1	6	7	8	2
4	7	3	9	5	1	6	2	8
9	2	8	7	6	3	4	1	5
5	6	1	4	8	2	3	7	9
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2	1	4	6	3	5	8	9	7

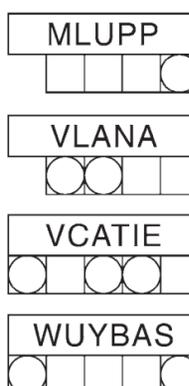
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

**Friday's solutions**

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**Jumble**

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.



Answer here



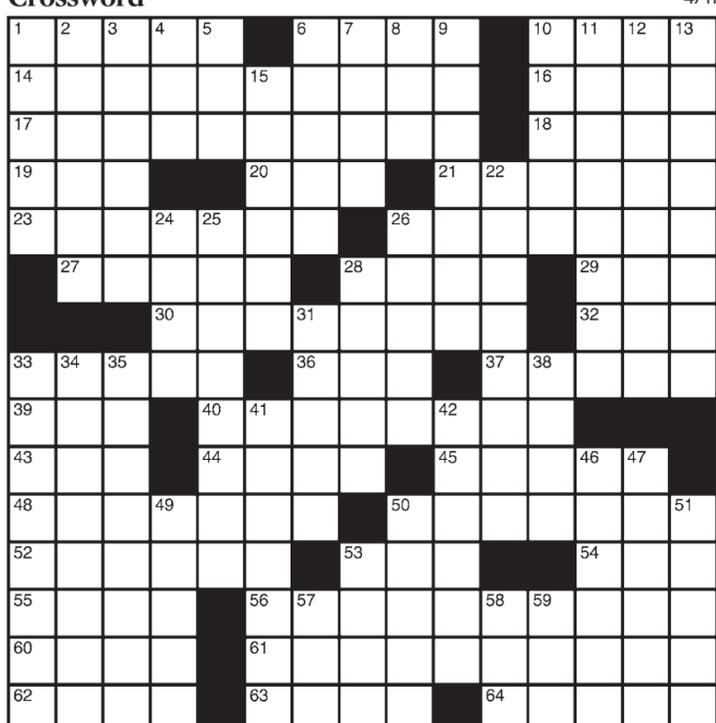
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Jumbles: GIANT ELITE WEAKLY INTENT  
 Answer: Karl Benz helped pioneer internal-combustion vehicles thanks to his — "ENGINE-NEW-ITY"

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**Crossword**

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**Across**

- 1 It's happening now
- 6 Controversial reading
- 10 Circumstance partner
- 14 Brain center associated with speech
- 16 '60s pop singer Sands
- 17 Borders of old, e.g.
- 18 First name in jazz
- 19 Abbr. on an invoice
- 20 Tech boss
- 21 Relating to the arrangement of atoms in space
- 23 Mealtime alert
- 26 Magic competition?
- 27 Give rise to
- 28 Rap's "Puffy" Combs
- 29 Head of Parliament?
- 30 '40s-'50s paranoia
- 32 Bud's bud
- 33 Judge in stripes
- 36 Anago or unagi
- 37 "\_\_\_ that been done?"

- 39 2019 Uber landmark, briefly
- 40 Brought under control
- 43 Soup sometimes served with banh mi
- 44 Eastern brew
- 45 Bass-baritone Simon
- 48 "Time to move on"
- 50 Co-star of Cox and Kudrow
- 52 "No worries"
- 53 Behave
- 54 Co-star of Ethan in "Gattaca"
- 55 Without rocks
- 56 Mexican fare
- 60 "Never go to a doctor whose office plants have died" writer
- 61 Latin American fare
- 62 Enervates
- 63 Certain farm, or one of its residents
- 64 Pesto ingredient

- 10 Crony of Captain Bildad, in "Moby-Dick"
- 11 Construction sight
- 12 Quick getaway for newlyweds
- 13 Hipster's "Later"
- 15 Vote to support
- 22 "Between the World and Me" National Book Award winner Coates
- 24 Henry VIII's sixth
- 25 Affirms
- 26 Author Zora — Hurston
- 28 Director's unit
- 31 Quartz watch innovator
- 33 Rainforest explorers' aids
- 34 Transient things
- 35 Military training site
- 38 Red stingers
- 41 Bald babies?
- 42 Most of a tooth
- 46 Liszt's "Paganini \_\_\_"
- 47 Mogadishu native
- 49 Little bits
- 50 Needed a massage
- 51 Like "m" or "n," phonetically
- 53 Org. co-founded by Helen Keller
- 57 Surfer's setting
- 58 Alley-oop pass
- 59 Actress Gardner

**Friday's solution**



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“...just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.”

*Romans 6:4*

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## MLB's 2020 vision (AND NEW DIVISIONS!)

Baseball's latest schedule proposal using the Cactus and Grapefruit leagues is worth a look — even if it means longtime rivals won't play each other

### MLB'S PROPOSED REALIGNMENT FOR 2020

First reported by USA Today, teams would play division opponents up to 12 times and the other 10 teams in their league six times.

#### GRAPEFRUIT LEAGUE

**NORTH DIVISION**  
Blue Jays | Phillies  
Pirates | Tigers | Yankees



**SOUTH DIVISION**  
Braves | Orioles  
Rays | Red Sox | Twins



**EAST DIVISION**  
Astros | Cardinals  
Marlins | Mets | Nationals



#### CACTUS LEAGUE

**NORTHEAST DIVISION**  
Athletics | Cubs  
D'backs | Giants | Rockies



**WEST DIVISION**  
Angels | Dodgers  
Indians | Reds | White Sox



**NORTHWEST DIVISION**  
Brewers | Mariners  
Padres | Rangers | Royals



**MARK GONZALES**  
On baseball

The Cubs and Cardinals were scheduled to play this weekend — until the coronavirus pandemic forced the postponement of the season.

But if fans can live without seeing this longtime rivalry at Wrigley Field, they should be able to stomach the thought of the two teams not playing if a 2020 season can be resolved.

That's the latest possibility in Major League Baseball's effort to salvage a season, according to a USA Today report.

The most recent proposal is more logical than an earlier scenario that would call for all 30 teams to play in the Phoenix area with access to only one major-league stadium — Chase Field.

According to the new proposal, teams would be split into two leagues based on their spring training headquarters in the Cactus and Grapefruit leagues. This would provide comfort to teams used to their training environment.

Teams also would have access to more ballparks instead of relying solely on the Arizona parks and chewing up their fields in the 100-degree-plus heat. That includes Marlins Park in Miami and Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg, Fla., each of which have roofs or retractable roofs. They also could be used for a World Series site.

According to the USA Today story, there are attractive television options such as starting with games in Florida and ending with night games in Arizona.

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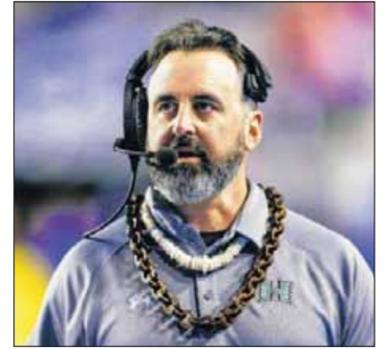


Dodgers' Mookie Betts, left, and Sox outfielder Nicky Delmonico talk prior to a spring training game.

RALPH FRESO/GETTY

### WHEN SPORTS STOOD STILL

Keeping an eye on the impact of the coronavirus crisis:



STEVE CONNER/AP

### 1st-year coaches falling behind

Nick Rolovich, above, dived right in when Washington State hired him in January. Like all first-year coaches, he had to make up ground in a hurry.

There were assistants to hire, a roster to learn, players and administrators to meet. He had to reassure the most recent signees, begin work on securing future recruiting classes. Rolovich also had to set expectations for coaches and players while implementing new offensive and defensive systems.

Just when it seemed like things were up and rolling, the COVID-19 pandemic hit. The ensuring national shutdown hurt coaches across college football as they prepare for next season, but it was particularly difficult on programs with first-year coaches trying to build something from the ground up.

"I think most people would say it'd be not advantageous for a first-year coach," Rolovich said.

Taking over a new program presents its own set of challenges. Coaches need all of spring to assess players and set a foundation, then build upon it in fall camp. Often, it's still not enough time, leading to growing pains for the first season, maybe more.

The pandemic wiped out all spring activities in college athletics and could possibly carry over into the fall. That erases time for first-year coaches to strengthen relationships with players they've only known for a month or two.

Colorado's spring football was suspended indefinitely three days before the first practice, leaving first-year coach Karl Dorrell and his staff no chance to work with their players on the field.

"I'm not looking at it as a detriment just because I'm new. I look at it like everybody's dealing with this," he said.

— Associated Press

### THE QUOTE

**"I don't think anyone would be able to say if it is going to be possible to get it under control by next July or not."**

— Tokyo Olympics organizing committee CEO Toshiro Muto on the coronavirus

### THE NUMBER

# 1,213

Athletes that had qualified to compete at the U.S. Olympic swimming trials, which have been rescheduled for June 13-20, 2021, in Omaha, Nebraska. The trials were originally scheduled for June 21-28 this year before the Tokyo Olympics were postponed until next year.



**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.

### BULLS

## No time to waste for Karnisovas

By **JAMAL COLLIER**

The Bulls added Arturas Karnisovas to their staff swiftly and gained a big advantage in the process. With Karnisovas in place as vice president of basketball operations, he can start his evaluation of the organization right away. Now that the Bulls have found the man to lead their overhaul, the franchise will be in proper position should the league have a condensed offseason or end the 2019-20 season. Inside: A look at items that should be on Karnisovas' to-do list as the team's new top basketball executive.

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SPORTS

A GOOD TIME TO LOOK BACK

We're all missing sports these days. So with the games on hold, we're offering a daily dose of memorable moments as chronicled through sports history:

# Lefty gets it right

(APRIL 11, 2004)

This published when Phil Mickelson erased years of frustrating finishes in major tournaments by winning his first, at the Masters, on April 11, 2004.

By ED SHERMAN  
Chicago Tribune

Augusta, Ga. — Not this time. There would be no painful portraits of Phil Mickelson putting up a brave front after another missed opportunity in a major. He wasn't going to feel the anguish of a heartbreak that had become all too familiar.

Mickelson did what he hadn't done in 42 previous majors as a pro. He seized the moment, exorcising all the demons that had blocked the path to his dream.

Finally, it was his time. In one of the most electrifying displays in Masters history, Mickelson concluded a back nine of 31 by sinking a 20-foot putt for birdie on the 18th hole. The dramatic ending lifted the 33-year-old left-hander to 9-under-par 279 with a 69, one shot ahead of Ernie Els, who shot a 67 Sunday.

When the putt fell, Mickelson awkwardly leaped in the air, seemingly using all his force to propel the monkey off his back. In an instant, all the years of being labeled as a player not capable of winning the big one disappeared into the Augusta night.

Mickelson was transformed from the best player never to win a major into a Masters champion. Beaming with a huge smile and tugging on his new 43-long green jacket, he said, "You're going to see me wearing these two things for a long time."

All the previous defeats only served to intensify the experience.

"I think having been close so many times in the past 10 years, to have it be such a difficult journey to win my first major, makes it that much more special, sweeter," Mickelson said. "It just feels awesome."

Mickelson made it awesome by participating in the most memorable final round in a Masters since Jack Nicklaus' victory in 1986. The last two hours featured two holes-in-one and an eagle from a fairway. It seemed as if Augusta National had been transformed into a putt-putt course.



DAVID MARTIN/AP

Phil Mickelson celebrates after finally winning the Masters on April 11, 2004.

But the biggest explosions were reserved for Mickelson and Els. Els made the first move by making eagles on the par-5 eighth and 13th holes. Opening up a three-shot lead, he seemed on track to collect his first Masters.

Mickelson, meanwhile, seemed helpless as Els whizzed by him. When he played the front nine in 2 over, it had all the makings of another empty major Sunday for Mickelson.

Mickelson, though, had a different feeling. "I just had a real belief that I was going to come through this week," Mickelson said. "I

felt very calm, and last night when (wife) Amy and I would talk, we were very calm.

"When I was out on the course, I didn't feel the anxiety of it slipping away, or how is the tournament going or who's doing what? It was, 'Let's hit some good shots.'"

The first good shot happened on the par-3 12th. Knowing he had to do something special, he went for the pin and then canned a 12-footer for birdie.

"When that putt went in, that's when I started to feel like I could make this happen," Mickelson said.

OTHER APRIL 11 MOMENTS

**1966:** Jack Nicklaus wins his third Masters and becomes the first to win in consecutive years as he shoots a 70 in an 18-hole playoff to beat Tommy Jacobs and Gay Brewer.

**1989:** Ron Hextall scores his second career goal and becomes the first goalie to connect for a playoff goal, and the Flyers beat the Capitals 8-5.

**1997:** Mario Lemieux becomes the first player in NHL history to score his 50th goal of the season on a penalty shot.

The rush continued with birdies on 13 and 14. Then on 16 another birdie enabled Mickelson to catch Els at 8 under.

Mickelson's confidence now was surging. The man who had self-destructed so many times in the past thought to himself, "I'll birdie one of the last two."

Mickelson put himself in position by knocking an 8-iron to 20 feet on 18. Then he got a huge break when DiMarco's sand shot stopped three inches behind his mark.

That allowed Mickelson to get a read off DiMarco's putt.

True to Mickelson's story, the final putt kept everyone hanging. It caught the cup on the left edge and did a half curl before finally disappearing.

Mickelson speculated that his late grandfather Al Santos, who died earlier in the year at 97, had nudged the ball in.

After waiting such a long time, the whole thing did seem mystical to Mickelson and his family.

"It was very surreal," Amy Mickelson said. "It still is. Is this real?"

Mickelson said he looked like an idiot jumping in the air. But there was nothing silly about his play Sunday.

"Phil deserved this one," Els said. "He didn't lose it like some of the other ones."

Mickelson did have the image of being a loser despite his 22 PGA Tour victories. He was golf's version of the four-time Super Bowl loser Buffalo Bills. He endured all the losses and the inevitable questions that followed. Yet he maintains he always believed he would get over the top.

"I always thought that I had plenty of time," Mickelson said. "I knew that I ultimately would win."

## Crossword

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  - 41 Conical abode
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  - 51 Forefathers
  - 56 New Testament book, for short
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  - 58 Tried out for a role
  - 60 Clog or pump
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  - 65 Tell whoppers
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  - 7 Oscar-winner
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  - 9 Large antelope
  - 10 Sing the praises of
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**Solutions**

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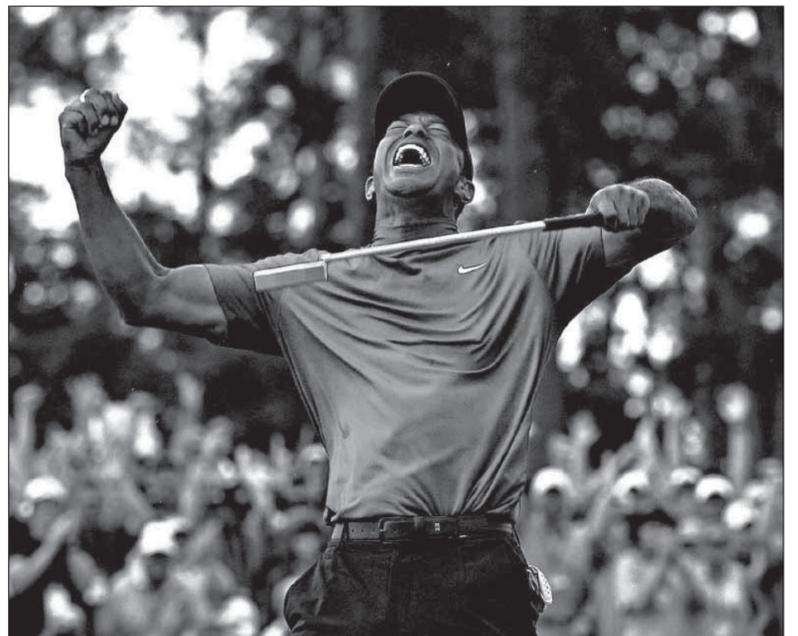
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DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP

Tiger Woods reacts as he wins the Masters golf tournament on April 14 in Augusta, Ga.

## Woods, Mickelson offer insight for Masters re-airs

Golf legends will break down final rounds from 2004, 2019

By TEDDY GREENSTEIN

Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson are like us — they have time on their hands.

Both afforded CBS Sports two-plus hours to make the re-airing of two Masters tournaments something special.

"These are not five-minute interviews in the body of the show," Jim Nantz said Friday by telephone. "Phil is working as a color commentator as I'm doing play-by-play. And Tiger could not have been better about giving the time needed to make this show really sing."

CBS Sports will re-air the final rounds of Mickelson's 2004 Masters victory (1:30-5 p.m. Saturday) and Woods' "Return to Glory" triumph last year (11:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday).

For action-starved golf fans, the timing could not be better.

With COVID-19 cases peaking in many parts of the country, Americans are desperate for a diversion. A rainy forecast in Chicago gives even less incentive to leave the house.

"The Masters brings out this emotional chord in me," Nantz said. "It's who I am. I don't want to make the Masters sound like this magic elixir, but this is around the time of the peak of the surge, it's a holy week (Easter) and these are two tournaments

that have positive messages, stories of triumph against odds."

As Nantz pointed out, Mickelson went winless in 2003, and his wife, Amy, nearly died while delivering son Evan. On top of that, Mickelson had no major victories.

Mickelson entered the final round tied with Chris DiMarco and dueling Ernie Els on the back nine, leading to a thrilling finish. (No spoilers here!)

"This is high-level insight," Nantz said. "We hear what Phil is thinking — the minute, tiny data points. He has such charisma and a magnetism about him."

Woods' victory was his first in a major since 2008. In between he suffered from self-induced public humiliation, a back condition that paralyzed him in stretches and chipping yips that made another victory at Augusta National seem preposterous.

Nantz said Woods, bearded and wearing his Green Jacket, offered the kind of commentary he normally keeps to himself.

"He is a lot more emotional and reflective than he was in Butler Cabin last year," Nantz said. "He stayed focus and didn't quite let us in. A year later it's a different side of him."

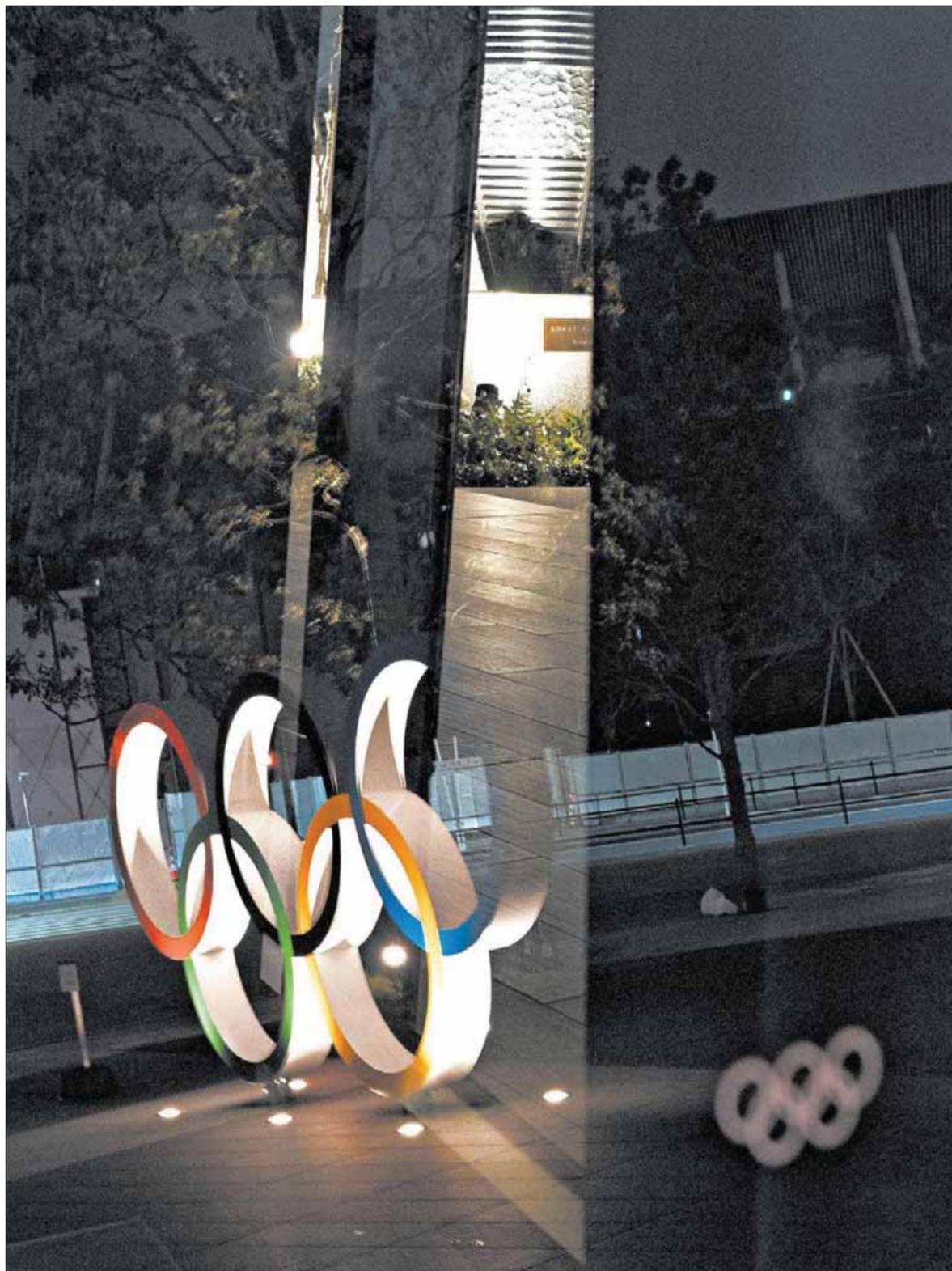
Nantz said Woods' breakdown of the final round and the turning point — when Brooks Koepka, Tony Finau and Francesco Molinari all dumped tee shots into Rae's Creek on No. 12 — is a window into the mind of a 15-time major champion.

"Tiger talked as you've never heard him before," Nantz said.

## SPORTS

# Day 31

Since the sports world went mainly dark



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## Tokyo CEO hints games could be in doubt even in '21

BY STEPHEN WADE  
Associated Press

TOKYO — As the coronavirus spreads in Japan, the chief executive of the Tokyo Games said Friday he can't guarantee the postponed Olympics will be staged next year — even with the long delay.

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe issued an emergency declaration this week to battle the virus, putting the country under restrictions after it seemed it had avoided the spread.

"I don't think anyone would be able to say if it is going to be possible to get it under control by next July or not," Tokyo organizing committee CEO Toshiro Muto said, speaking through an interpreter at a news conference conducted remotely. "We're certainly are not in a position to give you a clear answer."

The Olympics were postponed last month with a new opening set for July 23, 2021, followed by the Paralympics on Aug. 24.

Abe has been criticized for being slow to act against the coronavirus. Opposition political leaders have suggested he downplayed the severity of the virus and have said it may have been tied to wanting to hold the Olympics this year.

"We have made the decision to postpone the games by one year," Muto added. "So this means that all we can do is work hard to prepare for the games. We sincerely hope that come next year mankind will manage to overcome the coronavirus crisis."

Muto was asked if there are alternative plans to 2021.

"Rather than think about alternatives plans, we should put in all of our effort," he said. "Mankind should bring together all of its technology and wisdom to work hard so they can development treatments, medicines and vaccines."

Japan has reported about 5,000 cases and 100 deaths. The country has the world's oldest population, and COVID-19 can be especially serious for the elderly.



ISSEI KATO/AP

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Muto was asked several times about the added costs of postponing, which has been estimated by Japanese media at between \$2 billion-\$6 billion. He said it was too soon to know the price tag and who would pay.

He also acknowledged that Tokyo Olympic organizers had taken out insurance.

"Tokyo 2020 has taken out several insurance policies," he said. "But whether the postponement of the games qualifies as an event that is covered is not clear yet."

He was also asked about the Olympic flame, which was taken off public display this week in Fukushima prefecture. Muto had an away-from-the-microphone talk with Tokyo spokesman Masa Takaya before talking about the flame.

"After the Olympic torch relay was canceled, the Olympic flame was put under the management of Tokyo 2020," Muto said. "Obviously in the future there is a possibility it might be put on display somewhere. However, for now it is under the management of Tokyo 2020 and I'm not going to make any further comment on the issue."

There are suggestions the International Olympic Committee is thinking of taking the flame on a world tour, hoping to use it as a symbol of the battle against the virus. However, any tour would be impossible until travel restrictions are lifted.

Taking the flame away from Japan could also upset the hosts.

## IN BRIEF

### XFL suspends operations, future unclear

News services

The XFL has suspended operations and laid off its employees.

XFL workers were told of the layoffs during an in-house conference call Friday.

After canceling the remainder of its season last month because of the coronavirus pandemic, but promising to be back in 2021, the upstart league backed by WWE has left its future in doubt.

"Given the uncertainty of the current environment, the XFL has suspended operations and is evaluating next steps," WWE said in a statement.

League executives said they expected to be back next year soon after canceling their games. The XFL has eight franchises and played five games out of a planned 10-game schedule. It drew decent TV ratings early on and had deals with ESPN and Fox.

**Baseball:** Nationals general manager Mike Rizzo says one team employee — not a player — tested positive for the coronavirus and is "on the road to getting better." Rizzo says no players for the reigning World Series champions have shown any symptoms of COVID-19 at any point and so no one has been tested. Rizzo said the employee is fever-free and symptom-free.

**Colleges:** Iowa All-America C Luka Garza announced he'll enter the NBA draft process without an agent so he can maintain his college eligibility. Garza was runner-up to Dayton's Obi Toppin for AP national player of the year after averaging 26.2 points in Big Ten games. ... Duke freshman Vernon Carey Jr. is entering the NBA draft. The 6-foot-10, 270-pound Carey announced his decision following a season in which he was the AP player of the year and newcomer of the year for the ACC. Carey averaged team highs of 17.8 points, 8.8 rebounds and 1.6 blocks while shooting 57.7%. ... Arizona freshman G Josh Green declared for the NBA draft. Green averaged 12 points, 4.6 rebounds and 2.6 assists during his lone season with the Wildcats. He's projected to be a first-round pick. ... Ivy League scoring leader Mike Smith said he's transferring to Michigan. The 5-foot-11 Smith averaged 22.8 points per game last season at Columbia. ... Kentucky landed a commitment from Creighton graduate transfer Davion Mintz, who started all but one game over his final two seasons with the Bluejays.

**NFL:** The New York Post is reporting that Saints QB Brees will join NBC after he retires. Brees is expected to begin as an analyst on Notre Dame games and in the studio for "Football Night in America" before eventually moving into the "Sunday Night Football" booth. ... Hall of Fame QB Dan Fouts, a fixture as an NFL analyst at CBS for more than a decade, will not return in 2020. ... C Matt Skura will return to the Ravens on a one-year deal after signing his restricted-free-agent tender, his agent, David Canter, tweeted.

**NHL:** Tom Webster, the former NHL and WHA forward who also coached the Rangers and Kings, died. He was 71.

**Soccer:** Portuguese officials have defended Cristiano Ronaldo after he left home and was seen training with other people at a soccer pitch amid a national lockdown to stem the coronavirus outbreak. The incident occurred on the island of Madeira, his birthplace. He was observed shooting a ball at a goal with someone playing goalkeeper, along with two other people. They all appeared to be several meters apart. "Cristiano did solely a few minutes of exercise and from that comes no harm to the world," regional health authority Carlos Ramos said.

## ON THE CLOCK

12 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

## Karnisovas

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## 1. Expand the front office.

The Bulls' commitment to making multiple hires was one of the biggest keys to this entire search process. It was going to be an overhaul, transforming what historically has been one of the smallest front offices in the league to becoming more modern and diverse.

It begins with hiring a general manager, and Yahoo Sports reported the Bulls will seek a person of color for that opening. This was a revelation to many who watched the interview process for vice president of basketball operations, which included only white candidates before the team landed on Karnisovas. The reported hiring Friday of the Pelicans' JJ Polk as assistant general manager is a positive sign.

The Bulls franchise has had only a few African American executives in its history, and Bill Cartwright, who was fired in 2004, was the only head coach of color. While it's encouraging that diversity will be a focal point, it could be concerning that it comes after backlash from the rest of the league.

Karnisovas still has his work cut out for him to build the rest of the front office and he will be given authority to improve the team's scouting, player development and analytics departments.

Karnisovas found success with the Nuggets working in collaborative settings with President Josh Kroenke and president of basketball operations Tim Connelly. Perhaps Karnisovas can build the same model with the Bulls.

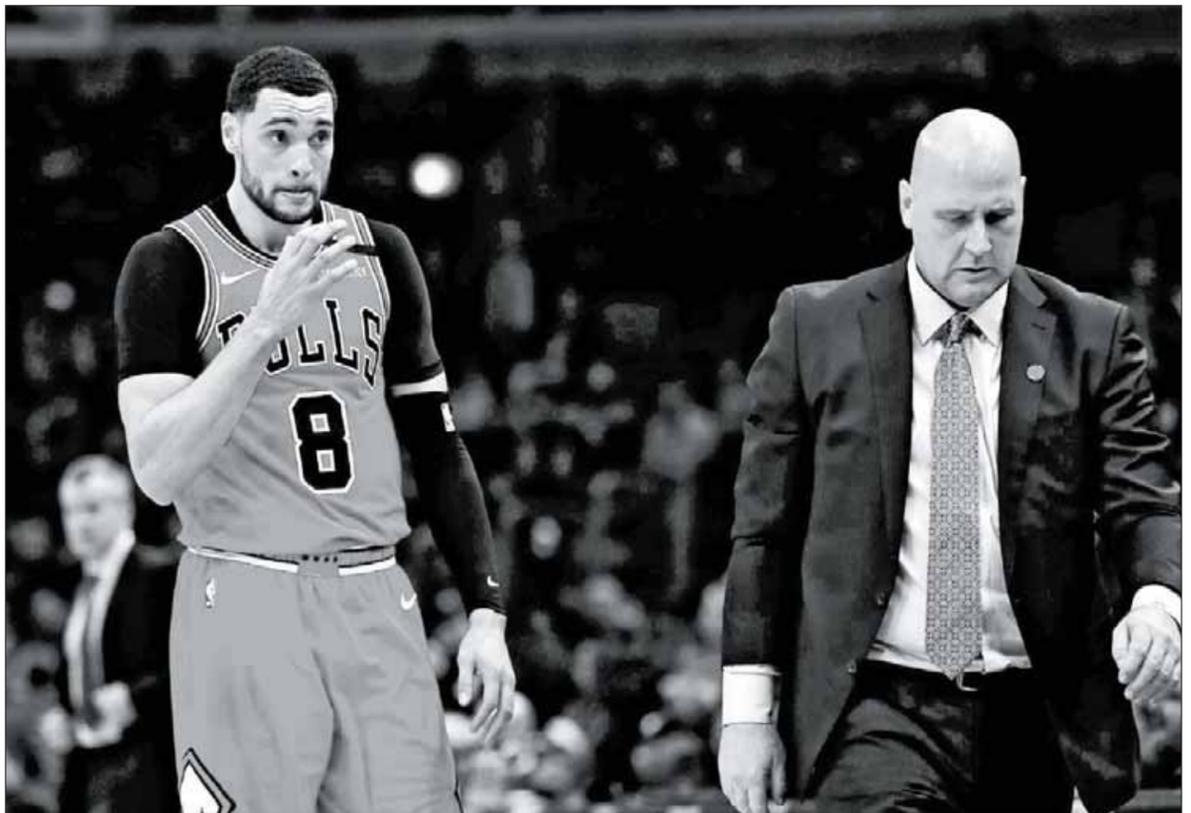
## 2. Determine the future of the coaching staff.

In the weeks before the NBA season was suspended, Jim Boylen expressed confidence in the job he had done since taking over as Bulls coach after the team dismissed Fred Hoiberg in December 2018.

Although it might have seemed misplaced for a coach with a 39-84 record (.317 winning percentage), Boylen believed he was hired to help develop one of the youngest rosters in the NBA and establish a culture, and he knew he had the approval of a John Paxson's front office.

Now that the front office has undergone a major change, Boylen's future is uncertain.

Most executives like to bring in their own coach. Boylen does have a few positives to stand on. He played a role in the development of rookies Daniel Gaffard and Coby White, challenged Zach LaVine to become a two-way player, pushed shot profiles based in analytics and designed a defense that hovered around the top 10 in efficiency before injuries struck.



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The Bulls need to decide if Zach LaVine is worth more as a cornerstone or trade bait.

He will have to argue that those qualities outweigh the drawbacks, which include the Bulls' record, Lauri Markkanen's regression and players openly questioning the system and becoming exasperated by his timeout usage.

The uncertain NBA calendar also could present a roadblock to determining the future of the coaching staff. It's unclear whether the 2019-20 season will continue or if next offseason will be condensed. Perhaps Karnisovas will want time to evaluate Boylen and will need some games to do so.

## 3. Change the Bulls' outside perception.

The Karnisovas hiring has been met largely with praise from those who know him and have worked with him. The process leading up to that hiring, however, was met with much less admiration.

It's part of the hurdle Karnisovas must overcome, rebuilding the reputation of a franchise that has become a bit diminished. In recent years the Bulls have faded from relevancy or been highlighted for the wrong reasons.

Embarrassing incidents of players punching each other during practice, a player mutiny, petty press releases to fire coaches and a lack of presence during All-Star Weekend in Chicago are some of the recent stains on the organization.

Karnisovas is the Bulls' first outside hire (and just third overall) to run basketball operations since the Reinsdorfs took over in 1984, so bringing in fresh eyes is a step in the right direction. Changing the perception of the Bulls around the league will take time, but it is crucial if they eventually want to attract the superstar players who could lead to championships.

## 4. Determine how to rebuild this roster.

Without knowing when the Bulls' next game will be, it might be difficult to take an assessment of the roster right away. But Karnisovas does have a few young, talented core players with whom to work, even if they come with question marks.

The best Bulls player is Zach LaVine, who has shown promise as an all-around scorer and made strides as a playmaker, even if he is still limited defensively.

Karnisovas will have to determine whether LaVine is trade bait to help acquire talent or if he has more to be unlocked and can serve as a building block for the next successful Bulls team.

Lauri Markkanen had the most perplexing season of any player on the roster. His production regressed, and he didn't make the expected leap in his third NBA season. Getting to the root of this will be one of the keys for Karnisovas, who needs to determine whether the problems in Markkanen's development are correctable.

Wendell Carter Jr.'s career is off to a promising start — when he's healthy — but injuries have slowed the first two seasons of his career. And Coby White's emergence before the abrupt end of the season was one of the team's few bright spots, but his playmaking skills and whether he can play point guard are still in question.

The Bulls were expected to contend for a playoff spot this season, and they still might be close to that goal in the Eastern Conference. But Karnisovas was able to set the Nuggets up as one of the premier teams in the West despite never having a draft selection higher than No. 7 and not being a traditional landing spot for superstar free agents.

## Thank you to our everyday heroes

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

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

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

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

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

Chicago Tribune

## Bulls reportedly set to begin search for new GM

Karnisovas wasting little time with 2 front-office additions

BY JAMAL COLLIER

New Bulls vice president of basketball operations Arturas Karnisovas is working quickly to rebuild the team's front office, making the first two additions to his staff on while building a list of candidates to interview for the team's general manager opening.

The Bulls are expected to hire J.J. Polk from the Pelicans as an assistant general manager and add Pat Connelly from the Nuggets to the organization, although his role remains unclear, according to ESPN's Adrian Wojnarowski.

Karnisovas' initial targets for general manager include Nuggets assistant general manager Calvin Booth, 76ers senior vice president of player personnel Marc Eversley, Clippers assistant general manager Mark Hughes and Magic assistant general manager Matt Lloyd. The Bulls also reportedly interviewed former NBA center Nazr Mohammed — who played in Chicago for three of his 18 NBA seasons before spending

time in the Thunder organization learning under Sam Presti — for a front-office role.

The Bulls are expected to begin calling teams for permission to speak with candidates soon, and judging by the pace of other front-office hires, the process could move quickly.

Most candidates do not have connection to the Bulls organization, and all should help provide a fresh set of eyes for a team seeking change. It is a departure from the norm for an organization that has often relied on familiarity to fill openings in the past.

This approach also adds credence to the Bulls' claim that it would hand Karnisovas full authority over basketball decisions.

In Polk, the Bulls are getting an assistant general manager who spent the last seven seasons in New Orleans as the executive director of basketball administration, working on player contracts with an expertise in the salary cap. Polk, who is African American, also adds diversity to an organization historically lacking in it. He is expected to be one of several assistant general managers. NBC Sports Chicago was first to report the Bulls planned to target Polk.

## Gonzales

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That wouldn't be unlike a normal season with teams on the East Coast usually playing earlier than West Coast teams.

Of course, safety and security issues need to be resolved in the wake of the pandemic. Quarantining the 15 Grapefruit League teams scattered farther apart than the Cactus League teams would be an added challenge.

But placing teams at their spring training facilities is an encouraging start to salvaging a season that could be postponed at least through May.

The delay should be enough to convince skeptics that a few wrinkles to the season would be a welcomed feature in a time of a worldwide crisis.

Under the proposal, each league would have three divisions based on geography. The Cubs would be placed in the Northeast Division with the Athletics, Diamondbacks, Giants and Rockies.

The White Sox would play in the West with the Angels, Dodgers, Indians and Reds but wouldn't face usual American League Central opponents — the Tigers (North) and Twins (South), who train in Florida. The Royals would be in the Northwest Division.

The Cardinals, who train in Jupiter, Fla., would be placed in the Grapefruit League East Division.

The longtime rival Yankees (North) and Red Sox (South) also would be separated in the Grapefruit League.

To maintain the semblance of a regular-season schedule, division teams would play each other up to 12 times and six times against the remaining 10 opponents in their league.

There have been some tweaks to division alignment in the last 23 seasons, from the Brewers switching from the AL to the NL in 1998 to the Astros moving in the other direction in 2013 to balance the divisions to five teams apiece.

The move also created two 15-team leagues and at least one interleague series on the schedule. Under the latest proposal, teams would be scheduled to play at least one doubleheader because of the odd number of teams in each league.

But during the last 28 seasons, baseball has been more accepting of change. The only major exception occurred in 1992, when the Cubs successfully fought an attempt by league officials that would have transferred them and the Cardinals from the NL East to the NL West and negatively affected their broadcast ratings for West Coast games.

This time, fans of the Cubs and Cardinals would have to live without their teams facing each other for one season.

## SPORTS

## A juggling act for Gould

Niners kicker getting creative while training, home-schooling kids

BY CHRIS BIDERMAN  
Sacramento Bee

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Niners kicker Robbie Gould is one of many NFL players trying to navigate an uncertain offseason that includes being stuck at home, home schooling children and preparing physically for the upcoming season.

It's all a bit hectic, particularly because there's no light at the end of the tunnel.

"Right now, the biggest problem for us is, when's everything going to start back up?" Gould, 37, said in a phone interview from his home northwest of Chicago this week. "You're normally training with a certain perspective to have yourself ready at certain stages of the spring and the summer — mini camps, training camp — and you just don't know when that's going to happen."

The league this week announced it was delaying the start of the offseason conditioning program because of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic that's forced people to stay home. This week would have marked the normal start of conditioning programs for teams that hired new coaches like the Panthers, Cowboys, Browns, Redskins and the Giants with all other teams, including the 49ers, starting next week.

Instead, the league and the NFLPA are working out ways to handle the offseason proceedings as all team facilities have been closed until further notice. It includes doing the three-day NFL draft starting April 23 virtually with executives and decision-makers operating from their home offices.

The quarantine orders from state governments haven't dramatically impacted offseason life for all players. Tight end George Kittle has been regularly working out in Nashville, Tenn., with his wife, Claire, which they've documented on social media. As has receiver Deebo Samuel, who's been working out in his home state, South Carolina.

Gould has three children ranging from 1 to 6 years old, which has forced the veteran kicker to get creative when it comes to daily scheduling and his workouts.

Once Illinois announced its statewide lockdown last month, Gould built out a home gym in a storage area in his basement to complement his kicking work. He purchased a squat rack, free weights and free-motion cable machine. He does his morning workouts with a trainer virtually through video conference on an iPad, which has gone well given the unusual circumstances.

"The nice part is, I've been able to train the way that I need to," he said. "It's just a matter of finding the places to kick. But the nice part is, before I left (the Bay Area). I've had the ability to kind of pick up where I left off and what I wanted to do based on being in the backyard, having fun with my kids kicking out there, or having them shag for me."

Gould doesn't have goal posts at his house to kick through. Instead, he targets landmarks like trees. His backyard has some 60 yards to work with.

Perhaps the harder part is being a parent and dealing with home schooling. Fortunately for Gould, his wife is a former elementary school teacher who's helped with much of the work with Gould's oldest son, Griffin, 6, who will likely miss the last couple months of his kindergarten school year. Gould's other son, Gavin, 4, is in preschool while Grayson will turn 2 later this year.

Gould said Griffin and Gavin partake in his morning workouts as their gym class. The rest of the day is typically a combination of home schooling, reading books, doing math, using the ABC Mouse app, and trying to find activities to keep the kids interested while having to follow directions, like baking. There's usually a family walk in the afternoons, weather permitting, followed by dinner and Disney movies.

The good news is Gould has been given time with his family after spending much of the last three seasons away. He's lived in a hotel near team headquarters since signing with San Francisco in 2017 while his family



Amid the pandemic, Niners kicker Robbie Gould has to juggle taking care of his children with offseason training while being confined to his suburban Chicago home.

BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE (WITH KIDS), JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE (WITH 49ERS)

end of July. Though it would take wide-ranging coronavirus testing before teams could safely reconvene. Testing has been hard to come by during the early stages of the pandemic and has been reserved only for those experience significant symptoms.

Whenever Gould and his teammates hit the field again, it will be without star defensive lineman DeForest Buckner, who was traded last month to the Indianapolis Colts for the No. 13 pick in the draft.

Buckner, a team captain and winner of the team MVP Bill Walsh Award in 2019, received a four-year extension worth up to \$84 million with the Colts.

The 49ers elected to trade Buckner rather than pay him while fellow defensive lineman Arik Armstead received a five-year, \$85 million deal on the eve of his free agency.

Gould, who stayed away from the team last offseason before inking a four-year contract worth up to \$19 million, understands Buckner's situation is part of the business.

"I'm happy for DeForest. He got a long-term deal, he earned that, he deserved that," he said. "And when you have success as a team, if you look across the National Football League, you can't keep everybody. The more success you have, there will always be difficult decisions. Every year they have difficult decisions. And as guys make more plays, as guys have more success as the team has more success, that's what just truly happens."

has stayed in their home outside Chicago.

"I've spent three of the last four years away from my family," he said. "And for me that's the most important thing. Whether it's kicking, whether it's going to a grocery store, whether it's working out in the basement, those are things that I find to be able to spend time with them. And I think they enjoy it too."

Another challenge for Gould has been trying to put what's happening in perspective, including keeping the kids away from their friends.

"I think it was probably 10 days ago, they were like, 'When's spring break over?' They

don't understand this whole COVID pandemic conversation," Gould said.

"It's trying to teach your kids what it's about, why they can't go to school probably for the entire year. Coming up with conversations to tell them what a pandemic is and why they can't be getting out of their house and going to school and going to karate — these are all things that they have to get adjusted to too and it's just about finding a routine."

It remains unclear when the 49ers will be able to get all their players back at team headquarters. The most likely scenario would be training camp that starts at the

## SCOREBOARD

NBA				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Toronto	46	18	.719	—
Boston	43	21	.672	3
Philadelphia	39	26	.600	7½
Brooklyn	30	34	.469	16
New York	21	45	.318	26
SOUTHEAST				
Miami	41	24	.631	—
Orlando	30	35	.462	11
Washington	24	40	.375	16½
Charlotte	23	42	.354	18
Atlanta	20	47	.299	22
CENTRAL				
Milwaukee	53	12	.815	—
Indiana	39	26	.600	14
Chicago	22	43	.338	31
Detroit	20	46	.303	33½
Cleveland	19	46	.292	34
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Houston	40	24	.625	—
Dallas	40	27	.597	1½
Memphis	32	33	.492	8½
New Orleans	28	36	.438	12
San Antonio	27	36	.429	12½
NORTHWEST				
Denver	43	22	.662	—
Utah	41	23	.641	1½
Oklahoma City	40	24	.625	2½
Portland	29	37	.439	14½
Minnesota	19	45	.297	23½
PACIFIC				
L.A. Lakers	49	14	.778	—
L.A. Clippers	44	20	.688	5½
Sacramento	28	36	.438	21½
Phoenix	26	39	.400	24
Golden State	15	50	.231	35

NHL						
EASTERN CONFERENCE						
ATLANTIC	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	44	14	12	100	227	174
Tampa Bay	43	21	6	92	245	195
Toronto	36	25	9	81	238	227
Florida	35	26	8	78	231	228
Montreal	31	31	9	71	212	221
Buffalo	30	31	8	68	195	217
Ottawa	25	34	12	62	191	243
Detroit	17	49	5	39	145	267
METRO.						
W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Washington	41	20	8	90	240	215
Philadelphia	41	21	7	89	232	196
Pittsburgh	40	23	6	86	224	196
Carolina	38	25	5	81	222	193
Columbus	33	22	15	81	180	187
N.Y. Islanders	35	23	10	80	192	193
N.Y. Rangers	37	28	5	79	234	222
New Jersey	28	29	12	68	189	230
WESTERN CONFERENCE						
CENTRAL	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	42	19	10	94	225	193
Colorado	42	20	8	92	237	191
Dallas	37	24	8	82	180	177
Winnipeg	37	28	6	80	216	203
Nashville	35	28	8	78	215	217
Minnesota	35	27	7	77	220	220
Chicago	32	30	8	72	212	218
PACIFIC						
W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Vegas	39	24	8	86	227	211
Edmonton	37	25	9	83	225	217
Calgary	36	27	7	79	210	215
Vancouver	36	27	6	78	228	217
Arizona	33	29	8	74	195	187
Anaheim	29	33	9	67	187	226
Los Angeles	29	35	6	64	178	212
San Jose	29	36	5	63	182	226

SOCCER						
MLS						
Eastern	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Atlanta	2	0	0	6	4	2
N.Y. Red Bulls	1	0	1	4	4	3
Montreal	1	0	1	4	4	3
Toronto FC	1	0	1	4	3	2
Columbus	1	0	1	4	2	1
D.C. United	1	0	3	3	3	3
Chicago	0	1	1	2	3	3
New England	0	1	1	2	3	3
Orlando City	0	1	1	1	2	2
Philadelphia	0	1	1	1	3	5
Cincinnati	0	2	0	0	3	5
Inter Miami CF	0	2	0	0	1	3
N.Y. City FC	0	2	0	0	0	2
Western						
W	L	T	PT	GF	GA	
Sporting KC	2	0	0	6	7	1
Minnesota	2	0	0	6	8	3
Colorado	2	0	0	6	4	2
FC Dallas	1	0	1	4	4	2
Los Angeles FC	1	0	1	4	3	2
Seattle	1	0	1	4	3	2
Portland	1	0	3	3	3	3
Vancouver	1	1	0	3	2	3
Real Salt Lake	0	0	2	2	1	2
LA Galaxy	0	1	1	1	1	2
San Jose	0	1	1	1	4	7
Houston	0	1	1	1	1	5
Nashville SC	0	2	0	0	1	3

3 points for victory, 1 point for tie

NFL	
NFL.COM'S TOP 100 DRAFT PROSPECTS	
<b>Alabama (9)</b>	Anternee Jennings, lb
	Henry Ruggs III, wr
	Jedrick Willis, ol
	Jerry Jeudy, wr
	Raekwon Davis, dl
	Terrell Lewis, lb
	Trevon Diggs, cb
	Tua Tagovailoa, qb
	Xavier McKinney, s
<b>Appalachian State (1)</b>	Darrynton Evans, rb
<b>Arizona State (1)</b>	Brandon Aiyuk, wr
<b>Auburn (4)</b>	Derrick Brown, dl
	Marlon Davidson, dl
	Noah Igbinoghene, cb
	Prince Tega Wanogho, ol
<b>Baylor (1)</b>	Denzel Mims, wr
<b>Boise State (1)</b>	Ezra Cleveland, ol
<b>Boston College (1)</b>	A.J. Dillon, rb
<b>California (1)</b>	Ashtyn Davis, s
<b>Clemson (4)</b>	A.J. Terrell, cb
	Isaiah Simmons, lb
	John Simpson, ol
	Te Higgins, wr
<b>Colorado (2)</b>	Davion Taylor, lb
	Laviska Shenault Jr., wr
<b>Louisiana-Lafayette (1)</b>	Robert Hunt, ol
<b>Louisville (1)</b>	Mekhi Becton, ol
<b>Michigan (2)</b>	Cesar Ruiz, ol
	Josh Uche, lb
<b>Minnesota (1)</b>	Antoine Winfield Jr., s
<b>Mississippi State (2)</b>	Cameron Dantzler, cb
	Tyre Phillips, ol
<b>Missouri (1)</b>	Jordan Elliott, dl
<b>North Carolina (1)</b>	Jason Strowbridge, dl
<b>Notre Dame (3)</b>	Chase Claypool, wr
	Cole Kmet, te
	Tristan Wirfs, ol
<b>Ohio State (4)</b>	Chase Young, dl
	J.K. Dobbins, rb
	Jeff Okudah, cb
	Malik Harrison, lb
<b>Oklahoma (2)</b>	Ceedee Lamb, wr
	Kenneth Murray, lb
<b>LSU (10)</b>	Damien Lewis, ol
	Grant Delpit, s
	Joe Burrow, qb
<b>Oregon (2)</b>	Justin Herbert, qb
	Peyton Young, qb
<b>Penn State (2)</b>	K.J. Hamler, wr
	Yetur Faison, ol
<b>South Carolina (2)</b>	Bryan Edwards, rb
	Justin Kinlaw, dl
<b>St. John's (Minn.) (1)</b>	Amik Robertson, cb
<b>Syracuse (1)</b>	Alton Robinson, dl
<b>Temple (1)</b>	Matt Hennessy, ol
<b>Texas A&amp;M (1)</b>	Justin Madubuike, dl
<b>TCU (4)</b>	Jalen Reagor, wr
	Jeff Gladney, cb
	Lucas Niang, ol
	Ross Blacklock, dl
<b>Texas Tech (1)</b>	Jordan Brooks, lb
<b>Tulsa (1)</b>	Trevis Gipson, dl
<b>UCF (1)</b>	Gabriel Davis, wr
<b>UCLA (1)</b>	Devin Asiasi, te
<b>Southern Cal (2)</b>	Austin Jackson, ol
	Michael Pittman, wr
<b>Utah (4)</b>	Jaylen Johnson, cb
	Julian Blackmon, s
	Terrell Burgess, s
	Zack Moss, rb
<b>Utah State (1)</b>	Jordan Love, qb
<b>Virginia (1)</b>	Bryce Hall, cb
<b>Washington (1)</b>	Jacob Eason, qb
<b>Wisconsin (2)</b>	Jonathan Taylor, rb
	Zack Baun, lb
<b>Wyoming (1)</b>	Logan Wilson, lb

## SPORTS



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Wes Judd runs March 31 near Clark Street at West Division Street in Chicago.

# Chicago runners paving new path

With trails closed and races canceled, people are finding creative ways to log miles

BY SHANNON RYAN

Wes Judd, an ultramarathoner, trained throughout Chicago's harsh winter for a 50-mile race in California scheduled for the spring.

But like most forms of competition and sports, the American River 50 was canceled because of concerns about spreading coronavirus, leaving him with an unexpected open calendar at the start of racing season.

"It's not easy to train through the winter," Judd said. "Spring races are our figurative light at the end of the tunnel."

Judd, 28, who grew up in Barrington, had toyed with the idea of trying to set an unofficial time record on the 36-mile round-trip lakefront path. He just never had the time.

Suddenly, he did.

He set the record for the fastest known time, according to the website with the same name, in 3 hours, 54 seconds (6:33 per-mile pace). Starting at the northern tip in Edgewater, he ran south to Jackson Park and back without assistance March 22.

Normally when he finishes a race, crowds and cheers greet him.

"It was a very strange feeling," said Judd, who coaches runners. "I was very proud of myself but completely drained. Usually you're surrounded by a bunch of people, you get a medal and people hand you a water bottle and Clif Bar. My sister and her boyfriend were out there to celebrate and take pictures. It was just weird feeling I had never had before."

Judd is one of many runners wondering how to navigate their training safely as outdoor spaces close and races are canceled.

Staying inside, which health officials recommend, minimizes the risk for runners and nonrunners alike — but is counterintuitive for distance runners.

"That's the essence of the dilemma we're feeling," Judd said. "We know how important regular exercise is to mental health. A lot of people are dealing with the ramifications of being inside every day. Athletes know the antidote to that. It's our daily release. We're training and trying to balance self-care with care for the community at large."

Chicago closed off its lakefront trail and the 606 trail March 26 after crowds gathered on the pathways, raising concerns about people ignoring orders to socially distance.

Judd said his runs through the city lately mostly have been like running in a ghost town. He recently ran 7 miles on Clybourn Avenue and passed only three cars.

Most road races have been canceled at least through June, from the Boston Marathon (postponed until September) to the Olympic Marathon (postponed until 2021) to Chicago's Shamrock Shuffle (canceled in March).

With training scrapped and their goals unattainable, runners are finding new paths — and creative ways to satisfy their competitive drives.

Virtual races have become a common alternative.

Sheri Jacobs, 52, and two friends

competed in several road races together. They had planned to run March 22 in the Naperville Women's Half-Marathon, which was postponed until June.

They registered for the Virtual Hot Chocolate 15K, which encouraged participants to run the race distance on their own and post photographs and results online. Organizers mailed race bibs and chocolate treats to runners to create a semblance of the race-day experience.

"It seemed like the perfect way to set a goal and to get out of the house," Jacobs said. "We thought it was important to do it following restrictions and safety guidelines."

The three ran along the Deerfield path in a triangle with a 6-foot distance between them. They're thinking of running their relay legs of the Ragnar 200-mile relay race, a May event that was canceled, the same way.

Finding ways to train for long distance races away from others forces runners to map other options.

"I don't want to be too close to another runner," Jacobs said. "This is a huge opportunity to find new routes."

Judd had a feeling the lakefront would shut down after seeing too many clusters of people walking together or crowding the trails. He said he grapples with how to be a morally responsible runner.

"I have been running through the city," he said. "I'm finding routes that are not along the lake. It's a bit of an ethical dilemma. I can't help but have it cross my mind, 'Am I putting myself or others at risk?' It's a strange time for runners. It's never been a hobby associated with being dangerous."

Jamie Hershfang, 27, had planned to run an April 100-kilometer race in Madison, Wis. It was postponed, but as part of her training, she decided to complete a solo 50-kilometer race along the lakefront trail before it closed.

She launched a GoFundMe campaign to raise money for the COVID-19 Solidarity Response Fund for World Health Organization. Hershfang will run the 100 kilometers on April 18 on a course she designs, hoping to raise \$1,000.

"Running can often be a selfish endeavor of personal bests," she wrote. "This time, I wanted to use my running in a way to help support something more than just myself and inspire others to do the same."

Hershfang, who runs for Chicago's DWRunning group, had hopes of qualifying for the U.S. Olympic marathon trials, but those didn't pan out. She turned her sights to ultramarathon running.

"Just because there wasn't a finish line doesn't take away the personal satisfaction of doing it," she said of completing her 50-kilometer run. "I come home and see 20 notifications of people who have been laid off. ... That's the one nice part of being out there — it takes away the stress and worry. You can focus on being in the moment. It's one of those things we can do outside as long as we're mindful and respectful."

Judd felt the same way during his 36-mile lakefront run, which he documented on the running data recorder Strava.

"I was probably an odd sight to see," he said. "I was in the depths of my pain cave and sprinting to the end. I was trying to be respectful as I could to everyone on the trail. But I had adrenaline. I had that elation at end of the race."

## Chicago Tribune Death Notices

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### Death Notices

#### Beers, John S 'Jack'

John "Jack" S. Beers was born March 6th, 1948 and passed away April 1st 2020 at St Alexis Hospital in Hoffman Estates, Illinois. Jack is survived by his wife Diane Beers (nee Leach) and his children Leonard D (Kristen) Beers and Tina (nee Beers) (Reuben) Beattie and his granddaughter Anastasia Beattie. Jack enjoyed Bracket racing, racing and building slot cars, riding his Harley with his wife Diane, and spending time with his grand-dogs. (Stevie, Albus, and Bella) He was preceded in death by his parents. Memorial services have yet to be determined, and will likely be held later this year. In lieu of flowers the family suggests a contribution to be made in his name to the Wright Way Rescue in Morton Grove.

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#### Bergmann, Grace Ella

Grace Ella Bergmann (nee Remle, Carberry) age 104, of Sister Bay, WI, passed April 6, 2020. Grace is survived by her two daughters, Susan (nee Carberry, husband, Richard) Farrell and Jean (nee Bergmann, husband, Alan) Dorsz. She is preceded in death by her parents; first husband, Samuel Carberry; second husband, Paul Bergmann. Service to be scheduled at a later date. View full obituary at [www.caspersonfuneralhome.com](http://www.caspersonfuneralhome.com).

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#### 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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#### Downing, William Thomas

William (Bill) Downing, of Crest Hill, Illinois, died peacefully on April 6, 2020. He was born October 24, 1934 in Des Moines, Iowa to the late Don and Billie (Jones) Downing. He is survived by his wife, Kathleen (Kay) Morrison; children: David Budwit, Bill Downing (Jacqui), Diane Budwit, Laura Ann Deutscher (Layne), Jane Seymour (Stan) and Kathleen Downing.

Bill was full of love, an avid fisherman and a proud veteran who served in the United States Navy. A celebration of Bill's life will be scheduled when it is safe for family and friends to gather. In place of flowers, donations may be made to the charity of your choice, or the Joliet Area Community Hospice at [www.joliethospice.org](http://www.joliethospice.org)

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#### Guido, Frank B.

Frank B. Guido, 73, of Chicago passed away Thursday, April 2, 2020. Beloved husband of Sandra L. Kinder-Guido for 38 years. Dear brother of Kathleen Rozhon (John, deceased); fond uncle of Kelly Stepps (Patrick); and fond great uncle of Anthony J. and Angelina Stepps. Predeceased by father Frank Guido, mother Alma Guido (nee Sarcletti), and brother Craig Guido. Frank passed away at Rush United Medical Center where he had been hospitalized since March 21st and had been diagnosed Covid-19 positive. Frank, a Chicago native, grew up in Chicago's westside Italian neighborhood and Cicero, IL. He attended the University of IL starting at then campus on Navy Pier, later at U of IL Circle, graduating with a BS degree. Following graduation, he began his life work in Social Services with Cook Co. Dept. of Public Aid, Illinois Dept. of Public Aid and Illinois Dept. of Human Services. Frank and Sandra met through their work and married Sept. 12, 1981. Frank had many interests. He loved traveling and was looking forward to going to Denali National Park, Alaska. He had a love of movies, a keen interest in investing, adding to his coin collection, and gardening. He was particularly adept at container plantings putting together the most stunning combinations. Frank was a friend to many and greatly enjoyed interacting with neighbors children, where his inner-child was on display. Described by a neighbor as having a larger than life personality, remembering details about others, making them feel special and important. He often helped others during their times of distress. Services have been held. Memorial donations may be made to PAWS Chicago. A memorial service is planned for later in the year when we are able to once again gather together. For information [www.lakeviewfuneralhome.com](http://www.lakeviewfuneralhome.com) 773.472.6300.

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#### Page, Marianne

Marianne Page (née Kucharski), 68, of Vandalia, Illinois passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, April 5, 2020.

A Visitation and Mass of Christian Burial will be held at a later date. Miller Funeral Home, Vandalia, IL, is in charge of arrangements. Online memories and condolences may be shared with the family at [www.millerfh.net](http://www.millerfh.net).

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#### Pankros, Matilda (Tillie) Julia

Matilda J. Pankros of Glen Ellyn died peacefully on Wednesday April 8, 2020. She was an active 106 year old. Matilda was born in Chicago in 1914. Beloved wife of the late Chester S. Pankros of 49 years. She was active in her church's senior group and a friend to all at her senior residence. Loving mother of Donald (Sheila), Paul (Carol), and Dennis (Joyce). Grandmother of six, and Great Grandmother of 12. A sister, aunt & cousin of many. There will be a Celebration of Life in the future at St. James the Apostle Catholic Church in Glen Ellyn, IL. Please share a memory or condolence at the Guest Book below. Any act of kindness or donation to St. James the Apostle Church will be greatly appreciated.



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#### Sink, John S.

John S. Sink, 67, fiercely loyal to family and friends, passed away suddenly on April 4, 2020. Predeceased by parents Helen (Burge) Sink, step-father Alan Sink, father H. George Galaudet and brother Alan Sink. He is survived by his wife Linda (Goldberg Leahy), and sisters Nancy (Sink) Plesha and Carolyn (Matt) Petruszewski; brothers Devin Galaudet (Morgana), and Ed Sink (Cheryl); daughters Liz Sink (partner Jesse), Angela Sink; son Aaron (Mandy), grandchildren Alicia, Brandon and Adley; and 10 nieces and nephews.

He offered his video expertise to Operation Support our Troops, St. Baldrick's Foundation, the Michael Jordan Foundations. As Director of Production at VidTech Audio Visual Events, and former owner of The Edge Multimedia, he was cherished mentor to his team and invaluable collaborator to his clients. John worked as contract CNN war photographer in the Afghanistan and Iraq wars.

He could play anything by ear on the piano, debate Marxism versus capitalism, win at online chess, and created a party wherever he went. Donations to Operation Support Our Troops and PAWS Chicago. Memorial life celebration TBD.

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#### Wells, William G 'Bill'

Passed away Monday March 30, 2020 in Los Angeles Ca. He was born in Libertyville and was a graduate of Libertyville Highschool. He graduated from the University of Illinois and became a member of the Illinois, Wisconsin and California Bar Associations. He was preceded in death by his parent's Aubrey and Mary Wells. Surviving are his wife Sheila nee Bittman, Wells; 2 daughters Dr. Pamela Wells and Catherine Wells, grandchild Caroline Worman, and his sister Nancy nee Wells, Ypma and dear friend Eisque "Ace" Kutsuna. A funeral service is pending at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home 120 W Park, Libertyville with interment following at Lakeside Cemetery. Info, 847-362-3009 or please share a memory at [www.burnettdane.com](http://www.burnettdane.com)



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#### Yourek, Stephen G.

Stephen G. Yourek, age 70, of McHenry. Beloved husband of the late Elizabeth nee Conti; loving father of Gregory (Adrienne), Christine (Timothy) Birns and Kenneth (Allison); fond grandfather of 6, Jianna, Delilah, Austin, JT, Ephraim and Frances; dear brother of Joseph (Arlene) and Thomas; uncle of 4, Vicky, Andy, Patty and Matt; fond friend of Hilde. Graveside Service Monday at Queen of Heaven, Hillside. Memorial Mass pending. Info [www.brustfuneralhome.com](http://www.brustfuneralhome.com) or 888-629-0094.

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Certification was filed by the Undersigned  
with the County Clerk of Cook County  
File No.

Y20003427 on the  
Date: March 12, 2020  
Under the Assumed Name of: **DYNAMIC  
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with the business located at  
2757 S LAWDALE AVE  
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The true name and residence Address of  
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LEGAL NOTICES  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF FILING OF  
EVIDENCE PURSUANT TO ORDER OF THE  
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION**  
To Patrons of The Peoples Gas Light and  
Coke Company.

The Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company  
hereby gives notice to the public that it  
has filed with the Illinois Commerce  
Commission, pursuant to the Commission's  
order in Docket 20-0131, dated February 5,  
2020, evidence relating to the reconciliation  
of revenues arising and costs recoverable  
under Rider 11 of its Schedule of Rates  
(Ill.C.C. No. 28) for Gas Service in Chicago,  
Illinois.

A copy of the filed evidence may be  
inspected by any interested party at any  
business office of this Company.

All parties interested in this matter may  
obtain information with respect thereto  
either directly from this Company or by  
addressing the Chief Clerk of the Illinois  
Commerce Commission, 527 East Capitol  
Avenue, Springfield, Illinois 62701.

THE PEOPLES GAS LIGHT  
AND COKE COMPANYBy Theodore Eidukas  
Vice President - Regulatory Affairs  
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## BID NOTICE ADVERTISEMENT

Sealed bids will be received on Thursday  
April 30, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. by the Board  
of Education, West Harvey-Dixmoor School  
District 147 in the County of Cook for the  
following:

Sale of Used as is GMC 2000 Pickup and  
1994 Dodge Ram Van

Bids for the vehicles will be received and  
publicly opened on April 30, 2020 at 10:00  
a.m.

Bids shall be submitted in an opaque sealed  
envelope addressed to: Mr. Gary Ofisher,  
Business Manager, West Harvey School  
District 147, 191 W 155th Place, Harvey, IL  
60426.

Payment for the vehicles must be made by  
certified check or cash.

Vehicle can be seen at the District Office at  
191 W 155th Place, Harvey, IL 60426

The Board of Education reserves the right  
to waive any or all Bids or parts thereof, or  
any irregularities or informalities. Bids will  
be awarded based on lowest responsible bid  
for each truck in their current condition with  
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LEGAL  
NOTICESNOTICE OF APPLICATION TO RELOCATE  
A BRANCH OF LAKE FOREST BANK &  
TRUST COMPANY, N.A.

Notification is given that Lake Forest Bank &  
Trust Company, N.A., 727 North Bank Lane,  
Lake Forest, IL 60045 has filed an application  
with the Comptroller of the Currency on  
April 10, 2020, as specified in 12 CFR 5 for  
permission to relocate a full-service bank  
branch at 2706 Grand Ave., Waukegan, IL  
60085 to 2634 Grand Ave., Waukegan, IL  
60085. Any person wishing to comment  
on this application may file comments  
in writing with the Director for District  
Licensing, Office of the Comptroller of the  
Currency, 425 S. Financial Place, Suite 2700,  
Chicago, IL 60605, within 15 days of the date  
of this publication.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO ESTABLISH A  
BRANCH OF WINTRUST BANK, N.A.

Notification is given that Wintrust Bank, N.A.,  
231 S. LaSalle Street, Chicago, IL 60604, has  
filed an application with the Comptroller of  
the Currency on April 10, 2020, as specified  
in 12 CFR 5 for permission to establish a  
full-service bank branch at 2642 W. Ogden  
Ave., Chicago, IL 60608. Any person wishing  
to comment on this application may file  
comments in writing with the Director for  
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