



CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Tackling jobless claims

Pritzker promises upgrades; GOP leader says it was 'avoidable'

BY JAMIE MUNKS AND DAN PETRELLA

Seeking to blunt criticisms of his administration's failure to handle the deluge of new unemployment insurance claims, Gov. J.B. Pritzker on Monday outlined efforts to fix the problem while continuing to lay blame on out-

dated technology that has crumbled under the surge in demand brought on by the coronavirus pandemic.

"Our state unemployment filing systems, which were built a decade ago for a much lower number of claims, simply haven't kept pace," Pritzker said at his daily coronavirus briefing. "This was

the painful truth that we discovered when unemployment began to spike."

As Illinois' unemployment claims continue to increase, so have the numbers of confirmed COVID-19 cases and deaths. The state now has nearly twice as many cases as a week ago, while the death toll has more than

doubled. The 74 new deaths announced Monday were up significantly from a six-day low of a day earlier.

Pritzker said the state is bringing in outside experts to help upgrade computer systems and is working to boost the Illinois Department of Employment Security's call center capacity. The state is also recruiting retired workers and establishing an outside call center with 200 addi-

tional agents to process claims.

He made those announcements as Illinois House Republican leader Jim Durkin of Western Springs and other GOP lawmakers were holding a conference call with reporters to demand immediate fixes to the problems, which have left many frustrated workers unable to secure their unemployment benefits.

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HONORING A FIRST RESPONDER



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FALLEN HERO

The casket containing the remains of Chicago firefighter/EMT Mario Araujo is placed into a vehicle after a small service at Theis-Gorski funeral home in Chicago on Monday. Araujo, a member of CFD Truck Company 25, died from complications of COVID-19 on April 7.

SERVICE INDUSTRY

Grubhub comes under fire for high fees

Chicago restaurants are dropping food delivery service

BY NICK KINDELSPERGER

As you've probably heard a hundred times, now is not a good time for restaurants. To contain the spread of the coronavirus, dining rooms in Illinois are closed, which means that restaurants must now rely on pickup or delivery.

For many establishments, that means that their customers are spending even more time engaging with food delivery apps like Grubhub, Uber Eats, DoorDash and Postmates. But there are some serious questions about



TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/TRIBUNE
Ulysses Campos puts together orders at Fry the Coop restaurant's West Town location.

whether these apps treat restaurants fairly, with some prominent local restaurateurs loudly decrying the high fees and the badly

behaved delivery drivers.

Grubhub has also had to deal with backlash from a recent promotion, which was pitched as a way to help struggling restaurants. The offer was for \$10 off an order of \$30 or more. While Grubhub came up with the offer, any restaurant that opted to participate was supposed to eat that cost while also paying Grubhub a commission based on the original price of the meal. This led to negative articles from the Los Angeles Times, Eater, The Verge and even The New Yorker. Recently, Grubhub walked back somewhat, promising to give restaurants that participated \$250 each.

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Springfield feeling economic impact

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WASHINGTON

Trump: Reboot his call to make

But governors push back, will say when to ease virus rules

BY JILL COLVIN, ZEKE MILLER AND GEOFF MULVIHILL
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump claimed the authority Monday to decide how and when to reopen the economy after weeks of tough social distancing guidelines aimed at fighting the new coronavirus. But governors from both parties were quick to push back, noting they have the primary constitutional responsibility for ensuring public safety in their states and would decide when it's safe to begin a return to normal operations.

Democratic leaders in the Northeast and along the West Coast announced separate state compacts to coordinate their efforts to scale back stay-at-home orders or reopen businesses on their own timetables, even as Trump tried to say it's his call.

Anxious to put the health and economic crises behind him, Trump has backed federal social distancing recommendations that expire at the end of the month. But it has been governors and local leaders who have instituted mandatory restrictions, including shuttering schools and closing nonessential businesses.

Taking to Twitter, Trump wrote that some are "saying that it is the Governors decision to open up the states, not that of the President of the United States & the Federal Government. Let it be fully understood that this is incorrect it is the decision of the President, and for many good reasons."

Trump can use his bully pulpit to pressure states to act or threaten them with consequences, but the Constitution gives public health and safety responsibilities to state and local officials.

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A bad moniker for the big river

Mississippi named America's most endangered

BY PATRICK M. O'CONNELL

The upper Mississippi River, from its headwaters in Minnesota to the southern tip of Illinois, has been named the most endangered river in the United States, according to an annual list released by American Rivers, a national advocacy group.

Citing record-breaking flooding in 2019, which left cities, towns, farm fields and marshlands along the river waterlogged for months, the group urged federal,

state and regional leaders to work toward solutions that allow the landscape to hold more water and give the river room to flood safely.

American Rivers says development, crop drainage systems, levees, disparate flood plain management and climate change in general have made the Mississippi River less stable and more prone to flooding. The situation not only puts people at risk, the group argues, but harms fish habitats and essential ecosystems along the river.

"People are starting to understand that the flooding control systems you put in place upstream can have a profound effect downstream," said Chris Williams, senior vice president for conservation at American Rivers.

Williams said the group debated whether to postpone the release of its annual Top 10 most endangered list during the coronavirus pandemic, but decided to move forward because climate change, flooding and the issues affecting rivers and ecosystems do

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Flooding on the Mississippi River and its tributaries in the Midwest caused an estimated \$6.2 billion in damage across 13 states in 2019.



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“Prisoner of Her Past”

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

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President Donald Trump and Vice President Mike Pence watch Dr. Deborah Birx address a news conference Friday.

Trump decrees he’ll decide when states reopen, sowing confusion



REX W. HUPPKE

On Monday morning, President Donald Trump tweeted this sensible declaration, Trump-spaining presidential powers as they relate to the coronavirus pandemic:

“For the purpose of creating conflict and confusion, some in the Fake News Media are saying that it is the Governors decision to open up the states, not that of the President of the United States & the Federal Government. Let it be fully understood that this is incorrect. ... It is the decision of the President, and for many good reasons. With that being said, the Administration and I are working closely with the Governors, and this will continue. A decision by me, in conjunction with the Governors and input from others, will be made shortly!”

This took some in the “Fake News Media” by surprise, presumably because they have foolishly read the Constitution and listened to previous things the president has said about governors being wholly responsible for responding to the COVID-19 outbreak. It’s the classic Fake News Media scam of “remembering things that happened in the past” instead of “lacking object permanence and existing only in the moment.”

As a public service, allow me to clear up a few facts regarding President Trump

and the role U.S. governors play in coronavirus-related decisions.

First, governors are totally responsible for their states, and anything that has gone wrong in any state with regard to the coronavirus outbreak is the fault of the governor, not President Trump. The president has no authority to tell states what to do.

Second, President Trump has absolute authority to tell states what to do. When the president decides it’s time to “open up” the states and get the economy rolling, he will order it done and the states will comply.

How do we know this to be true? Just look at the president’s Monday morning tweet. Of the claim that “it is the Governors decision to open up the states,” Trump decreed: “Let it be fully understood that this is incorrect.”

I don’t know of anything more legally binding than a presidential tweet-decree.

Now some anti-American, backward-looking nit-pickers will whine, “If the president believes he can decide when states open back up and end coronavirus restrictions, why didn’t he direct them to shut down in the first place to slow the spread of the virus?”

And they might point to an April 5 White House news briefing where a reporter asked the president: “But there are still eight governors, all Republicans, who have refused to issue these statewide stay-at-home orders. Your own experts, including Dr. Fauci, have said stay-at-home orders are the most effective way to stop the

spread of this virus. So why not do everything possible and urge those governors right now to do that?”

To which Trump responded: “We have a thing called the Constitution, which I cherish, number one. Number two, those governors — I know every one of them — they’re doing a great job. They’re being very, very successful in what they’re doing. And as you know, I want the governors to be running things.”

Or they’ll point to this April 1 comment by Surgeon General Jerome Adams: “We trust the governors and the mayors to understand their people and understand whether or not they feel like they can trust the people in their states to make the right decisions.”

Or Trump’s April 2 tweet — relating to a global pandemic he previously described as “an unforeseen problem” — in which he blamed governors for not foreseeing the problem by stocking up on medical supplies: “Remember, we are a backup for them. The complainers should have been stocked up and ready long before this crisis hit.”

All three of those things, and the entirety of the president’s smart and patriotic efforts to generously distribute blame to everyone not named Donald Trump, are irrelevant because they happened in the past. What matters now is what the president is saying now, and what the president is saying now is he’s in control and states will reopen when he says they’ll reopen. And if they choose not to reopen because they

think it’s “unsafe” or “a decision that could cost lives,” the president will be able to blame them for the economic downturn, same as he blamed them back when he said they were responsible for all coronavirus-related decisions.

I reached out to Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker’s office Monday to gauge the state’s reaction to President Trump’s decree that reopening things “is the decision of the President.”

This is the response: “Weeks ago when the President was still calling this virus a hoax, Governors across the country were taking steps to protect their residents. Gov. Pritzker has been clear that science will guide his decisions on how best to move forward and he agrees with the experts that we must be able to test expansively, closely trace the virus, and offer treatment before we can slowly return to normal.”

Classic lefty thinking. The governor is willing to sit back and let “science” violate the clear presidential powers outlined in Trump’s Consti-tweeton. Disgraceful.

Just remember, Gov. Pritzker and all other governors out there: If Trump says America is open for business and the economy doesn’t immediately improve, the blame will fall on each of you.

Much like it fell on each of you back when Trump wanted “the governors running things.”

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Brightening blocks, one balloon bouquet at a time



HEIDI STEVENS
Balancing Act

When students arrived at George Washington High School on Chicago's Southeast Side on Monday to pick up e-learning materials, they were greeted by a big, bright, bouncy wall of happy — a visual antithesis of our time, if ever there was one.

But also an antidote to it. Chicago artist Elaine Frei, wearing a “spreading joy not germs” mask, arrived on the scene early Monday to create one of her signature balloon installations on the chain-link fence outside the school. The finished product is more than five dozen biodegradable balloons of various sizes — most of them yellow, many of them smiling — that dares anyone in its path not to feel an immediate burst of something unexpected: Joy? Hope? Community?

Maybe you've seen one of her installations. Frei has been traveling all over Chicago since Illinois' stay-at-home order took effect, brightening blocks and buildings, one balloon bunch at a time.

“I'm just trying to figure out how to connect people,” Frei, 41, told me. “I kind of see balloons as this universal medium of nostalgia and joy.”

In the past few days, Frei has created outdoor balloons installations for a virtual bridal shower, a couple of new parents bringing their baby home from the hospital and one “Star Wars”-loving boy's 5th birthday, which was supposed to be celebrated at Disney World with his mom and dad (who has pancreatic cancer), but was instead spent hunkered down at home. (Frei found some life-size, inflatable Storm Troopers to work into that installation.)

“I was kind of moved to tears this weekend doing deliveries,” Frei said Monday. “This really is humanity. The whole range of emotions of these people.”

Frei is the founder of Luft Balloons, a small, 4-year-old



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Artist Elaine Frei pulls a joyful balloon installation out of her truck.

company that operates out of a studio in Logan Square. Pre-pandemic, she and her team were hired for weddings, showers, banquets and high-end birthday parties. Frei has a degree from the Rhode Island School of Design. She used to work as a landscape architect. Her work is elegant and layered in a way that you don't reflexively associate with latex and helium.

With coronavirus holding Chicago in its grip, Frei temporarily closed her shop, slashed her prices and pared down her offerings and staff (most of whom she worked with on a contract basis). She rents a delivery truck from O'Hare International Airport, stuffs it with balloons and drives around installing her artwork on

fences and stoops and porches.

“The nice thing is now I can get all over the city in a half hour,” she said.

People order her arrangements for the neighbors and friends and family members they can't visit, comfort and celebrate with in person. An administrator from George Washington asked Frei to install the one outside the school Monday. Frei and her lone employee, Caroline Dodd, sometimes do the installations for free, depending on the client.

“I've been surprised how many people want to do these for other people,” she said. “It's really wonderful to see.”

In March, Frei launched a Joy Club as an offshoot of her company. She invited her customers

to join an email list and receive a monthly mission that would spread kindness in their communities. For the first mission, she shared the story of Charlie Lawrence, a man who sells peanuts — every day, rain or shine — where Sacramento Boulevard meets Interstate Highway 290. Lawrence turned 73 on March 25, and Frei urged her Joy Club members to pay him a visit and buy his peanuts sometime during his birthday month.

In April or May, she's hoping to install a huge balloon arrangement inside Northwestern Memorial Hospital with the help of her Joy Club. She and Dodd would blow up hundreds of balloons at Luft's studio and then, wearing masks and gloves, load

them into the cars of people who want to help deliver them to the hospital for the installation.

“Instead of a funeral procession, it would be a joy procession,” she said. “To honor the work of the real heroes in all of this.”

On her website, alongside the products you can order and the backstory of the company and the invitation to join her Joy Club, Frei has a manifesto. It's a six-point mission statement. One of the items is this: “There is joy in celebrating the big and small moments of now.”

I couldn't agree more. Even now. Especially now.

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Virus deals severe economic blow

Springfield hurting with historic sites closed, General Assembly not meeting

BY JAMIE MUNKS

Springfield — After sleepy winters, spring reanimates Illinois' capital city — the General Assembly is in session, convention business picks up, larger numbers of visitors trek in to tour historic sites and museums, and the buildup to the busy summer tourism season begins.

This year, the new coronavirus has dealt a triple-pronged blow to Springfield's economy during a time when it depends on money flowing in from conventions and the General Assembly bringing people to town from all over the state.

For Springfield restaurants, the spring legislative session provides a revenue boost like St. Patrick's Day does for bars and the Christmas season does for retailers, said Lisa Clemmons Stott, executive director of Downtown Springfield Inc., a nonprofit business association.

"Our restaurants usually count on the legislators returning to town for their baseline support," she said. "It starts the year out better for them and it gets them through the year in many cases.

"So, losing that has been devastating. Between the legislature not being in and losing conventions that were scheduled for March, April and May, if you're just talking this spring, we've lost hundreds of millions of dollars."

Some hotels in Springfield have

been reporting single-digit occupancy rates, and one major downtown hotel has temporarily closed. A significant share of downtown businesses have seen more than 75% of their revenue drop off, and at least 20% of the downtown workforce has been laid off, according to Downtown Springfield Inc.

Springfield's spring convention season was shaping up to be the busiest in several years, and now it's been "zeroed out," said Scott Dahl, director of the Springfield Convention & Visitors Bureau. "Since early March we've had over 200 groups representing over 25,000 room nights in March, April and May cancel. And those are just the meetings we know about at this time."

While the General Assembly was scheduled to be on spring break this week, so far the House has canceled 11 session days, and the Senate has canceled 10.

Despite a May 31 deadline for lawmakers to approve a state spending plan for the budget year that begins July 1, it's unclear when lawmakers will return to the Capitol. A regular session day brings together not only 177 lawmakers but also hundreds of staff members, lobbyists, members of the public and other stakeholders.

With the legislature in session, the Illinois State Capitol building saw 8,650 visitors in March last year, 21,601 in April and 40,652 in May during final stretch of ses-

sion, said Dave Druker, spokesman for the secretary of state's office.

The spring months are also busy for the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, which typically draws tens of thousands of visitors during the season. And the Illinois State Museum sees 40% of its visits for the year in March, April and May, Director Cinnamon Catlin-Legutko said.

Spring is usually busy for conventions, ramping up to the summer travel season when tourists stop in Springfield to see the Abraham Lincoln home, tomb and other historic sites. In August, the Illinois State Fair draws hundreds of thousands of visitors annually.

The American Truck Historical Society is still scheduled to hold its national show for the first time in Springfield in late May, and if it goes off, it could "really save our year," Dahl said.

"We're really hoping that June 1 will be the restart of our tourism year. And if it is indeed June 1, I expect a regional travel boom," Dahl said. "People have been quarantined at home and want to get out and travel. Springfield is a drive market, we're affordable. I just feel we're in a good position if we can get post-COVID and start this rebound that we will have a very busy leisure summer."

Gov. J.B. Pritzker, however, cast doubt on summer festivals and even the Illinois State Fair's annual August run when he suggested Thursday that "everybody needs to think carefully about canceling large summer events."

"The health and safety of fairgoers is our top priority and we continue to work closely with the Illinois Department of Public Health to determine the best course forward for the 2020 State Fair," an Illinois Department of Agriculture spokeswoman said in a statement Friday.

Clemmons Stott said Pritzker's stance on large summer events provides a wake-up call for business owners about "just how long this new economic reality will last."

She said the next month would be crucial, as business owners wait on edge for federal stimulus dollars to enter their bank accounts.

"I think that our small business community could be radically changed in six months," Clemmons Stott said. "I haven't heard anyone tell me that they've made the decision to close yet, so I think the next four weeks are going to be critical for that decision-making."

Springfield Mayor Jim Langfelder said he's heard from some small business owners who said they might be able to "weather a month" of the widespread shutdown that took effect in March and currently extends through the end of April.

"I think if you go well into May, or past that point, it could be very harmful, it could be potentially devastating to small businesses," Langfelder said.

Longtime downtown restaurant Maldaner's has been making boxed lunches to go for Memorial Medical Center and some other local businesses, and while it's still

doing curbside pickup meals, that's been up and down, owner and chef Michael Higgins said.

On the banquet side of the business, there have been cancellations into September, amounting to a loss of about \$70,000 "that we'll never get back," Higgins said. International tour groups canceled events in October, and wedding "rehearsal dinners went by the wayside."

Groups that would usually be having dinners while in town for the General Assembly session are not, and "even if they get the legislature back here, it will probably be pretty quick business, not a lot of lobbying and stuff like that," Higgins said.

Business at Maldaner's was down more than 50% in March, with the statewide dine-in service suspension taking effect midway through the month, but April will be "really, really down," Higgins said.

Still, Higgins noted an outpouring of community support for the long-established restaurant. People have been buying large quantities of gift certificates and making donations for the Maldaner's employees, which led to a special fund.

"We're very fortunate in one sense — that we're a smaller town and we have direct impact with people," Higgins said. "We're very involved with the community, and I guess it's paid off in the sense that people understand that and respect that and they've looked after our employees."

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McHenry Co. ordered to disclose names of ill

Patient info sent to emergency dispatchers

BY ROBERT MCCOPPIN

A judge has ordered that the McHenry County Department of Health divulge the names of coronavirus patients to emergency dispatchers so police know who has the virus when they respond to emergency calls, prosecutors said.

State's Attorney Patrick Kenneally's office filed a lawsuit last week on behalf of the sheriff. After the filing, police departments from Algonquin, Lake in the Hills, the city of McHenry, and Woodstock joined the suit.

On Friday, McHenry County Judge Michael Chmiel entered a temporary restraining order mandating that the Health Department disclose to police the names of those actively infected with COVID-19.

Sheriff Bill Prim had asked the Health Department to provide the names and addresses of those infected to the county's Emergency Telephone System Board, which oversees the dispatch of 911 calls.

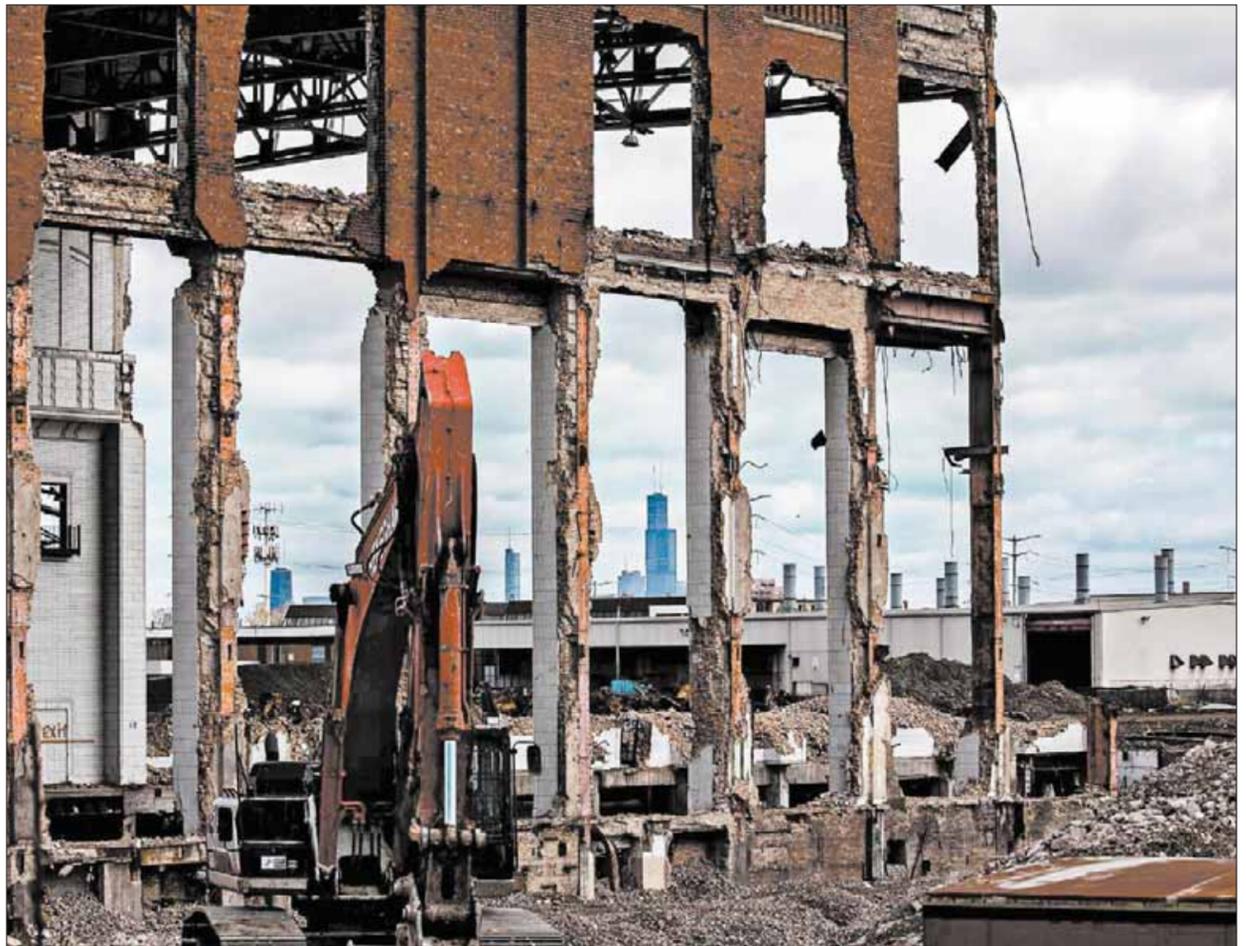
The information would be relayed to responding officers on each call as necessary to help them protect their health, Prim said.

The Health Department refused to reveal the names, prosecutors stated in a news release. Health departments have typically cited privacy concern in withholding such information, specifically the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act.

The court order directed the Health Department to disclose the names within 24 hours of being notified. The order also required that the names of patients shall be purged from the dispatch system seven days after the health department deems the patients no longer contagious. The court also ordered that all the information received by the dispatch system be kept confidential.

Health Department officials could not immediately be reached for comment.

"This was a no-brainer for the Health Department, a commonsense, confidential, and entirely lawful way they could have worked collaboratively with police departments to assist in enhancing the safety of officers and the community in these dangerous times, and they strangely refused," Kenneally said.



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The Chicago skyline is visible through what's left of the old Crawford coal plant, in Chicago's Little Village neighborhood Monday.

Little Village developer did not follow plan, mayor says

Demolition is part of a \$100 million project to build a warehouse

BY GREGORY PRATT

The developer whose weekend demolition of a former coal plant in Little Village sent massive dust clouds into the working-class community has acknowledged not following a plan it gave city officials that would've prevented the situation, Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot said Monday.

Lightfoot ordered Chicago's building department to stop any nonemergency demolitions this week after Saturday's demolition at the Crawford coal plant at 3501 S. Pulaski Road. The site had been shuttered since 2012 after a contentious push by activists who argued the plant symbolized environmental racism.

Saturday's demolition drew an angry response from the mayor,

aldermen and activists.

Asked Monday why the city didn't stop the implosion despite some community opposition, Lightfoot said city departments and Little Village Ald. Mike Rodriguez had been in touch with the developer.

"All of us were assured that there was a very specific plan, that there would be water on site, and that they would be using the water before, during and after to make sure that a dust cloud didn't migrate off site," Lightfoot said. "Obviously, that didn't happen. My understanding is Hilco has now acknowledged that they did not follow the plan that they had told us and I think told the alderman. If we had known, obviously, that they weren't going to do what they said they were going to do, we wouldn't have allowed this to go forward."

The company did not return messages seeking comment over the weekend or Monday.

Public Health Commissioner Dr. Allison Arwady said the city did reports on the main part of the building in November 2019 for asbestos and another location in March 2020. Neither suggested asbestos would be a problem, Arwady said.

The city took residue and dust samples that are still in the lab, Arwady said.

Lightfoot said she's in touch with Rodriguez about residents' needs for masks. The cleanup started over the weekend and is ongoing, Lightfoot said.

Street sweepers have been out there, and Hilco has sent a team of people door to door to assess damages. Lightfoot said she made it clear to the company that Hilco must "mitigate the harm that has been done to residents and residents' property."

"But, as I said, I want cars cleaned, I want streets swept, I want houses to be cleaned of the dust that's settled," Lightfoot said.

"That's the charge I've given to my team and Hilco is going to have to own responsibility for that."

The demolition is part of a \$100 million project that will redevelop the area into a 1.06 million-square-foot warehouse, which could become the largest in the city.

The developers were cited by the city and won't be allowed to continue working on the property until the city conducts an investigation into the demolition, the mayor said.

Lightfoot also said she isn't opposed to an inspector general investigation, which a group of progressive aldermen have requested.

"If the aldermen want to have the inspector general engage, have at it," Lightfoot said. "But I'm not going to wait for an inspector general report."

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CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

'It took a pandemic to separate them'

Anchor Kathy Brock lost mom to virus, while dad still in ICU

BY SUSAN BERGER

Carol and Frank Brock met on a blind date in high school, discovered they shared a birthday and forged a bond that lasted for the next 71 years.

They attended the same college — with Carol choosing a sorority next door to Frank's fraternity house — and married two years after their first date. They built a family farm and raised their children Kerry, Kathy and Doug Brock. Kathy Brock would go on to become the longtime WLS-Ch. 7 news anchor in Chicago.

Having reached their mutual 87th birthdays last November, the Brocks were still actively working their farm outside Pasco, Washington, which they would regularly traverse together in Frank's pickup. On their 65th anniversary last summer, the couple had their picture taken in front of the church in Walla Walla where they married. They were rarely apart.

"It took a pandemic to separate them," Kathy Brock told the Tribune in an exclusive interview.

Carol Brock died April 5 from COVID-19. Her husband is still waging his own battle with the coronavirus and remained in an intensive care unit as of Sunday.

Kathy Brock, who retired from ABC 7 in 2018 and lived in Winnetka for many years, said her parents were infected during her mother's monthslong stay in a rehab facility, where she was sent after falling ill last November and being hospitalized. Frank Brock would visit his wife at the rehab every day, and the goal was to bring her home on April 1.

But on March 14 — the day after Frank



FAMILY PHOTO

Kathy Brock's parents, Carol and Frank Brock. Carol died of the coronavirus April 5, and Frank is sick with the virus.

last saw his wife there — the rehab center was closed to outside visitors after staff members tested positive for COVID-19.

Then, a few days later, Frank himself started feeling ill. A big man who usually wore a large black cowboy hat and cowboy boots, Frank was busy preparing for his wife's homecoming and dismissed his own symptoms — something his daughter said was totally in character for him. She called him a "force of nature."

It took five days to convince him he was much sicker than he thought, Kathy Brock said. He eventually was tested for coronavirus and, even before the results came in, ended up being admitted to the hospital.

He continued to ask about his wife. On March 28, he was placed on a ventilator.

At the same time, the situation at Carol Brock's rehab center went from bad to worse. Records from the local public health district show dozens of employees and residents of care centers in the area have now been infected with coronavirus.

At her mother's rehab center, Brock said, the family learned that several employees

had been infected with COVID-19, along with their mother's roommate, who was moved to a hospital. It was, Brock said, a "frantic" situation.

"The place is on lockdown. ... She needs nursing care, but we have no choice but to leave her there. We are frantic," she said.

But on April 1, Carol Brock fell in her room and was taken to a hospital. She'd already been tested for the coronavirus and while the results weren't in yet, the admitting doctors told the family they were sure she had COVID-19.

Late that night, Kathy Brock said, a doctor called the family and delivered the news that her mother, who already had asthma and COPD, was not a candidate for a ventilator.

She and her siblings could not visit their mother in person but had a chance to see her on a FaceTime call in the hospital. She was clearly short of breath.

"We tried to soothe her, tell her she was being well taken care of, that we were there," Brock said. "But it was so sterile, the least personal way possible to connect with someone who was struggling, someone you love."

"My final visual image of mom: She was in ICU isolation as a nurse administered medication. Mom took the nurse's hand and wouldn't let go. I hope she thought that hand was mine as I told her I loved her," Brock said.

Carol Brock died at 12:45 a.m. on April 5. Frank Brock has not yet been told.

He came off his ventilator on April 6 but since then has been confused and disoriented. His daughter said he's strong and his vital signs are good so the family is hopeful. But he tested positive again for COVID-19 and needs two negative tests before he can be moved out of intensive care, Brock said.

"Part of his reorientation and healing is

getting out of the environment — where there is not day and night — and be surrounded by people who love him and can talk to him. It's just not possible right now. So, we wait," his daughter said.

Among those who have sent words of condolences and concern is another Chicago celebrity, former Bears linebacker Brian Urlacher, who coincidentally spent his early years on a farm neighboring Brock's parents'.

Brock said she's ceaselessly amazed by the grace of the health care professionals who've tended to her parents.

"They have been generous with their time, and I know they are putting their own lives on the line every day," Brock said. "They are busy. I can hear it. But they always take the time to talk and are patient with my questions."

A nurse named Shannon recently helped set up a video call where Brock could talk to her father. She said there were some speech issues, but for the first time in two weeks, "Dad was there."

"He remembered stuff. He laughed at my jokes," Brock said from her winter home in Florida.

During visits there, her father loves sitting on the balcony and having a beer. So, during this Skype call, she showed him the view from that balcony.

"I told him he needs to get out of bed and get back here — there is a beer waiting for him," Brock said.

Shannon, the nurse who has been with him through his intubation, told Kathy Brock she too feels like her father has turned the corner.

"This is the biggest ray of sunshine," Brock said. "We were so scared. But now we are feeling hope. We are deeply grateful."

Susan Berger is a freelance reporter.

They sit in prisons, claiming innocence

Hearings will have to wait, with courts shut down during ongoing pandemic

BY DAN HINKEL AND MEGAN CREPEAU

Inmates Wayne Antusas and Nicholas Morfin have been approaching a potential turning point in their criminal cases — a chance to go before judges and argue their innocence in a 1995 double murder.

The evidence has shifted in the decades since their convictions for helping to plan the gang shooting on Chicago's Southwest Side. A key witness has changed his testimony to say the men weren't involved, the admitted shooter has said there was no plan for the attack, and prosecutors already have dropped charges against a man who had been accused of ordering the killings.

But now it's unclear whether Antusas and Morfin will have their hearings, previously set for May, anytime soon. Innocence claims such as theirs are among the many legal matters potentially delayed by the spread of COVID-19, a pandemic that has brought the Cook County court system to a virtual halt while also elevating the danger of sitting in prison or jail.

Last year, Illinois led the nation in exonerations with 30, and the state has cleared more than 300 convicts over the last three decades, according to the National Registry of Exonerations. Now with the coronavirus gaining a foothold in the Cook County Jail and the state prison system, prisoners who may have been wrongfully accused or convicted could remain stuck behind bars and in harm's way, just like the guilty.

Neither Antusas nor Morfin is at a prison that has yet reported a case of COVID-19, but their attorneys worry it may be only a matter of time. Antusas' sister, Nicole Loye, worries for her brother and her parents, who she said are in poor health.

"He deserves his freedom, and it feels like if he gets (the coronavirus), that's my worst nightmare," she said as she wept. "I don't even know when my brother will be back in court, if he even makes it, or if we even make it."

Investigations slowed too

Along with largely shuttering the courts, the pandemic has made it hard to even investigate claims of innocence, lawyers said.

While some forms of legal work transition easily to a home office, attorneys noted that innocence claims often depend on interviews and other kinds of shoe-leather work that is now nearly impossible.

Attorney Joshua Tepfer represents some of the many people who have alleged they were railroaded by former Chicago Detective Reynaldo Guevara. More than a dozen convictions related to Guevara have been tossed since mid-2016 amid accusations that he framed and coerced suspects during his time on the force.

Tepfer, of the Exoneration Project at University of Chicago Law School, said he'd been preparing for an expanded review of cases involving Guevara, hoping to see even more people freed.

But now, Tepfer said, "We can't talk to these witnesses, we can't do anything on these cases, we had a lot of clients who finally might have had their hopes up."



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Nicole Loye stands outside her Chicago home. Loye is the sister of Wayne Antusas, who is in prison, charged in a 1995 double murder.

Prosecutors are still reviewing "dozens" of cases related to either Guevara or criminally convicted former Sgt. Ronald Watts, said Aviva Bowen, a spokeswoman for Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx. Bowen said that prosecutors are doing as much as they can from home and "urgently and thoroughly reviewing matters on a case-by-case basis, including cases presented for emergency bond hearings as well as petitions seeking compassionate release during this unprecedented crisis."

Coronavirus infections increase

Questions of guilt and innocence aside, public debate and court battles continue to rage over how the justice system should protect inmates. Lawyers have filed several lawsuits, including class-action litigation against Gov. J.B. Pritzker seeking transfers to home detention or release.

As of Tuesday, there had been 95 confirmed cases among inmates at Stateville Correctional Center near Joliet, and two — both convicted murderers — had died. Across the system, officials had reported 180 confirmed cases among inmates or staff.

Meanwhile, the first Cook County Jail inmate died Sunday, apparently of the virus, and more than 200 detainees there had tested positive by this week.

Both Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart and officials with the Illinois Department of Corrections have said they are doing all they can to safeguard those in their custody, as state and local officials work to clear cell blocks of those who are most at-risk for contracting a serious case of COVID-19.

A troubled case

Antusas and Morfin were convicted of plotting a gang-related shooting in the Clearing neighborhood a quarter-century ago that killed two 13-year-old girls, Carrie Hovel and Helena Martin.

Authorities alleged that the participants, members of the Almighty Popes street gang, had killed the girls while trying to attack members of the rival Ridgeway Lords with one of a pair of guns stolen in a burglary earlier in the day. Morfin has acknowledged that the assailants had been at his home

before the shooting and a stolen gun was fired there before the attack. Testimony also indicated that Morfin helped scratch serial numbers off of the guns.

One of the defendants, William Bigeck, testified that Morfin and Antusas had helped plan the attack while another man, Matthew Sopron, had ordered it, court records show.

But Bigeck eventually recanted in prison, and Sopron claimed innocence. At a 2018 hearing in Sopron's case, Bigeck said he'd lied to spare himself the death penalty.

Convicted triggerman Eric Anderson, meanwhile, testified that he fired to impress his friends while his adrenaline was pumping. Anderson has signed a sworn affidavit saying that neither Sopron nor Morfin nor Antusas helped make any plan.

Prosecutors dropped Sopron's case. Lawyers for Antusas and Morfin argue that their clients should go free based on the new evidence, but it is unclear when they'll get to make that case before a judge. Cook County Chief Judge Timothy Evans has pushed back nearly all proceedings until at least May 18.

To be sure, the reopening of criminal cases be stressful for the families of victims, and Tom Hovel, Carrie's father, said he's tired of endless court proceedings. He voiced skepticism of the claims of innocence, and said it's the responsibility of state officials to protect people inside prison walls, even from COVID-19.

"It is what it is. They were found guilty by their own peers and they were told on by their own gang members," he said.

Prosecutors have responded to the efforts of Antusas' lawyers from Northwestern University law school's Center on Wrongful Convictions with procedural arguments rejecting the claim that he had new evidence likely to clear him. And they filed a general denial of Morfin's claims and challenged his attorney, James Kogut, to meet the burden of proving them.

Neither Antusas nor Morfin is at the state's hardest-hit prison, Stateville, but there are pending innocence claims from inmates there.

'You know he's worried'

John Galvan is serving a life sentence for arson and murder in a 1986 fire that killed

two young men. He and his co-defendants were arrested nine months after the blaze, but Galvan alleges that he was beaten into signing a false confession.

He won a hearing after years of legal wrangling, and an expert testified that the fire could not have started the way Galvan's confession said it did. In addition, evidence surfaced that not long before the fire, a woman in the neighborhood had threatened to burn that building down in an apparent attempt to "get even" with one of its residents.

Several witnesses testified that the same detective who allegedly beat Galvan had also physically coerced them into confessing.

But Cook County Judge Timothy Joyce rejected the innocence claim. He found the witnesses were not credible, and he said that Galvan was not believable, as the details of his claims changed between his trial and the later hearing.

Galvan's hopes were revived, however, when a state appellate court reversed Joyce, noting that the inmate had presented "strong evidence of actual innocence." The court ordered further hearings at which Galvan and a co-defendant, Arthur Almenarez, could again attempt to get their convictions thrown out.

Since then, Galvan's attorneys have tried — so far, unsuccessfully — to have him released on bail. While county criminal courts are largely shut down, they have asked the state Supreme Court to instruct appellate judges that they have the authority to give him a bond.

His mother, Linda Flores, said he told her that members of the National Guard came by recently to squirt sanitizer onto inmates' hands. She added that he has to see medical personnel for an infection in his leg, and he has developed a cough. His lawyers were unaware of whether he'd been tested for the coronavirus.

Flores worries for her son constantly, she said.

"Sometimes he'll call me, every other day or so. ... And in his voice I can tell, I mean, he says he's OK but you know he's worried," she said. "I'm afraid he's going to get the virus, not be able to prove his innocence and come home."

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Chef, teacher surprises neighbors with ice sculptures

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Hearing the buzz of a chainsaw and seeing ice flying in her Orland Park neighbor's front yard on a recent sunny day, Trish Soltys stopped her car and watched as the neighbor, a chef and teacher, made a stunning sculpture from ice.

"It was just such an unexpected, sweet, wonderful surprise. With coronavirus, now you just notice things more and appreciate it more," she said.

When coronavirus began to overtake the news, administrators at Joliet Junior College had to decide whether to turn to distance learning.

As head of the culinary arts department there, chef Michael McGreal at first couldn't envision how his hands-on courses, such as breadmaking and ice sculpting, would translate online. But since he shifted to making instructional videos for his students, they've continued their studies and McGreal's neighbors have formed lines of cars to see his creations.

"All the kids and adults who attend are pursuing their careers and life goals, and that can't just stop. This is their career program," said McGreal, who has worked at the school since 1996. "We have a lot of students that are in their 30s, 40s or 50s. There are a lot of dreams at stake in a program like ours."

The school was able to move all 1,400 courses online in a matter of two weeks, he said, including those in his domain. Any student who wished to drop a course could have taken it again later, but none have dropped it. So McGreal figured out how to teach ice carving, using tools such as a chainsaw and chisel to create a work of art out of a 400-pound block of crystal clear ice, online.

In his typical four-hour-long, weekly lab, McGreal wouldn't finish an entire sculpture for his students. He would get them started and then spend his time visiting each student and helping them with their technique. To create instructional videos, though, he was granted permission to retrieve several large blocks from campus, and he worked two days creating videos of different carvings.

He's now out of the clear and currently hard-to-find ice blocks, which are made by circulating the water as it freezes so no oxygen is caught in it, he said. He and his student Miranda Standish, 19, agreed the timing of the move to online instruction — students were halfway through the semester when the decision was made — was critical to the success of the switch.

"It's definitely going to be different, but we were so fortunate to have had the first half of the semester together in person — that's when you're really learning techniques, and this half is more about building on them," McGreal said. "They've laid the groundwork already for two months."

Standish is graduating next month with her associate degree in science, in the culinary arts program. She had never handled a chainsaw before deciding to take ice carving, which she said is the most talked-about course in the program. Only about a dozen schools in the country teach ice carving, because of the lack of experts to teach it and liability issues with using chainsaws. Now Standish not only wields a chainsaw, but also knows how to assemble one and care for it like her other kitchen equipment.

"I'd be too scared to pick up a chainsaw on my own if this would've been an online course to begin with. It wouldn't have worked," she said. "It's a shift when you're used to being hands-on, but I also think you can learn by seeing it done, and I can rewind it and watch certain cuts or techniques over and over."

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Milwaukee Election Commission workers process absentee ballots on April 7.

Under cloud from virus, Biden wins Wisconsin

Democrats take key state Supreme Court seat with 84% of precincts reporting

BY BILL RUTHHART

Former Vice President Joe Biden easily won Wisconsin's Democratic presidential primary Monday in an election overshadowed by a partisan legal battle that resulted in thousands of voters risking their health to vote amid the coronavirus pandemic.

With 84% of precincts reporting, Biden had easily dispatched Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, with 64% to 30.7% of the unofficial vote. Sanders, who dropped out of the nominating contest last week, formally endorsed Biden on Monday during an online videoconference.

Four years ago, it was Sanders who scored the convincing win in Wisconsin, taking all but Milwaukee County in defeating Hillary Clinton. This time around, Biden was on track to win all 72 of the state's counties as results were still rolling in, including a dominant victory in Dane County, a liberal bastion that is home to the capital city of Madison and the flagship University of Wisconsin.

Clerks across the state tallied the results under a court-mandated, six-day delay and the threat of lawsuits amid reports of thousands of Wisconsin voters not receiving their absentee ballots and thousands more of those ballots arriving to election officials too late or without required postmarks.

After failed attempts by Democrats and Gov. Tony Evers to postpone the election in the state legislature and in state and federal court, the voting took place without either presidential candidate stumping in the state. Both campaigns also abandoned all get-out-the-vote efforts in the final weeks to avoid encouraging voters to possibly expose themselves to the highly contagious virus.

Many Wisconsin voters and political

operatives followed another contest more closely — a fierce battle for a seat on the state Supreme Court. Democrats pointed to the race as the reason they say Republicans were so insistent in moving forward with in-person voting amid the coronavirus pandemic.

The matchup pitted conservative Justice Daniel Kelly, whom former Republican Gov. Scott Walker appointed to finish out a term, against liberal Dane County Circuit Judge Jill Karofsky, who was backed by Democrats. In the final days leading up to the vote, Republican President Donald Trump repeatedly urged Wisconsin voters to turn out to vote for Kelly, but it was not enough.

With 84% of precincts reporting, Karofsky had defeated Kelly, with 53.5% of the unofficial vote to 46.5%.

The state's Supreme Court has a 5-2 conservative majority. With Karofsky's win, the advantage will narrow to one seat.

The race was viewed as key by many in both parties, since the winner would have a role in deciding a case pending before the court that would purge 200,000 voters from the state's rolls, an effort backed by Republicans and opposed by Democrats. A state appeals court earlier this year ruled against the effort.

Even in victory, Wisconsin Democratic Party Chairman Ben Wikler slammed Republicans' "savagely and shameful attempt to suppress votes and steal Wisconsin's Supreme Court election."

"It's a victory for justice and democracy in an election that should never have taken place in person," Wikler said as he called on Republicans to agree to cancel in-person voting for an upcoming May 12 special election for a northwestern Wisconsin congressional seat.

Republicans insisted all along that voting last week was safe as polling locations took precautions to have voters practice social distancing in line while workers sanitized voting stations. They accused Democrats of trying to rig the

election by pushing lawsuits trying to "chip away at Wisconsin's voter integrity laws."

"We're disappointed in rule of law Justice Daniel Kelly's loss," the state GOP said in a statement. "We look forward to continuing to stand up for the rule of law and supporting President Donald J. Trump's reelection this November."

Wisconsin holds the status of a critical swing state in the fall. Trump narrowly won the state four years ago, and for the last decade it has been home to some of the nation's most bitter partisan battles. While the loss in the Supreme Court race is a stinging defeat for Republicans, leaders in both parties cautioned ahead of the election that it means very little for the fall.

For one, the electorate is much larger for a general election, and unlike the Democrats, the Republicans did not have a contested presidential primary on the ballot. Plus, the haywire nature of the unprecedented last-minute scramble for absentee ballots and the decision by some not to risk contracting the virus also affected turnout. And both parties largely abandoned efforts to identify and turn out new voters amid a statewide stay-at-home order during the election's final days.

"The winner is going to try to say this is going to foreshadow what is going to happen in November, no matter who wins," Wisconsin GOP director Mark Jefferson said before the election. "You just can't read a lot into the spring elections and apply it to the fall."

Wikler agreed. "I don't think anyone believes what happens in Wisconsin in the first election held during a pandemic predicts anything in either direction," the state Democratic chairman said. "This is such an unusual situation, and this is the first time anyone is figuring out how to operate in this environment."

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"This was an avoidable problem," Durkin said. "When we shut down Illinois businesses, the nonessential businesses, through an executive order, through the stroke of a pen, we should have anticipated ... that many Illinoisans would be out of a job for an indefinite period of time."

Durkin said he had sent Pritzker two letters in recent weeks urging him to bring in outside consultants to help address the problems. Republicans also urged the governor to shift workers from other state agencies to the Illinois Department of Employment Security to help ease the overload. Pritzker largely dismissed that request on Monday, saying, "You can't just grab people from anywhere."

"There are federal rules that apply to those who take unemployment applications, those who are responsible for taking your unemployment application at IDES, they have to be trained in a certain way," Pritzker said. "This is sensitive information for individuals."

The state received 513,173 initial unemployment claims between March 1 and April 4, which is larger than the total number of initial claims filed in all of 2019, Pritzker said.

"The computer system that was built to handle unemployment claims for our state was built in 2010 in the wake of the Great Recession, and it was built with the idea that unemployment would never really exceed what we saw in 2008 and 2009," Pritzker said. "But today we are seeing five times that number of claims."

More than 500 IDES employees have processed and paid over 270,000 new claims for \$200 million in unemployment

benefits. The agency's phone system has also been updated to increase capacity by 40%, and call center hours have been expanded while the online platform has been overhauled, Pritzker said.

The governor called the state's response to the issues with the unemployment systems "still a work in progress," but there's "no doubt it's better than it was."

Independent contractors or so-called gig workers who are newly eligible for unemployment benefits under federal legislation President Donald Trump signed into law last month will be able to apply online by May 11 through the Department of Employment Security, the governor's office said.

And in an emergency meeting Monday, the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission passed a rule to expand workers' compensation insurance for first responders, health care workers, grocery store employees and some others considered "essential" under Pritzker's stay-at-home order if they contract COVID-19.

The rule states that if these workers are exposed to the virus, it will be presumed to have resulted from their work duties as a first responder or front-line worker.

"Sadly, we've seen some employers argue with nurses about where they became infected, completely ignoring the obvious risks created by the work they do every day," Alice Johnson, executive director of the Illinois Nurses Association, said at the news briefing Monday.

But several groups that represent employers, including the Chicagoand Chamber of Commerce and the Illinois Retail Merchants Association, voiced opposition, issuing a statement calling the rule a "drastic policy change that will significantly increase costs and require employers to pay for medical expenses and salary benefits if an employee is diagnosed with COVID-19 without proof the illness was contracted at the workplace."

Pritzker said the change is aimed at protecting the workers who are most affected by COVID-19.

"We are in a pandemic, in an emergency. This is what we need to do right now to protect people," he said.

The state on Monday announced an additional 1,173 known cases of the new coronavirus, including 74 deaths. Sunday's tally was 43. The death toll in Illinois stands at 794, and the statewide count of known cases is 22,025 since the outbreak began earlier this year.

A week ago, the Illinois Department of Public Health was reporting 12,262 known cases of COVID-19, including 307 deaths. While the totals are now significantly higher, Pritzker's administration has voiced some optimism about the case count trends that aren't rising as sharply as they once were.

"If you look back over the course of six days, there's kind of a leveling effect," Pritzker said. "We've had days that are above today's, days that are below, but there's a leveling effect that you can kind of see in those numbers."

While again acknowledging that his stay-at-home order is unlikely to be lifted at the end of the month, Pritzker said Monday that "it's likely adjustments will be made" as the state starts to see slower growth in number of cases.

"It's not like we're anywhere near herd immunity, and there isn't a treatment," Pritzker said. "And in order for you to get to a point where you want to start moving significantly back to normalcy, you need widespread testing. We don't have anywhere near widespread."

In the Northeast and on the West Coast, groups of Democratic governors are coordinating efforts to ease restrictions, though no specific plans have been announced.

Pritzker said he's started having conversations with business and labor leaders

about how specific industries could be reopened and what extra precautions would need to be taken to protect workers and the public. He's also continuing to consult with public health experts, he said.

"I was a businessman before I became governor. I understand the challenges businesses are going through," Pritzker said. "And I'm also very concerned to make sure that the workers who go back to work are safe."

While neighboring states like Indiana and Missouri are keeping schools closed for the rest of the academic year, Pritzker said he has yet to make that call.

"I promise I will tell you as soon as I know the answer to that question," he said.

The governor also addressed news that a Chicago poll worker had died after testing positive for COVID-19.

Pritzker reiterated that he did not have legal authority to call off the election, and noted that he had pressed voters to send in their ballots by mail in the weeks leading up to the March 17 primary.

"It is horrific. This virus does not know any boundaries. There's no doubt about it, and that anywhere you go it is possible to pick it up," Pritzker said.

The poll worker, identified as Reval Burke, was at Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church on the South Side for the election. That was one of four polling places where voters or poll workers later tested positive for coronavirus, the city said.

Voters, poll workers, building owners and managers, field investigators and cartage companies that might have been present are all being notified by letter.

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Grubhub

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This isn't the first time that restaurateurs have called out food delivery apps like Grubhub. But with restaurants struggling to make money during a pandemic, many are becoming more vocal in their opposition.

While the amount differs slightly for each restaurant, it's common for a food delivery app to have a commission fee of 20 to 30% of each order. In the restaurant business, where margins are already tight, that can be a nonstarter.

Cesar Gonzalez, the co-owner of L' Patron in Logan Square, doesn't use any of the apps because he doesn't like that percentage. "I've had long conversations with them, but all those guys, they want 30% off the tab," says Gonzalez. "It's just too much. I sell tacos, tortas and burritos. I'm not making 30% off a taco. They are bullying restaurants."

Gonzalez decided to avoid online ordering altogether, so if you want delivery from L' Patron you have to call. "I don't want to pressure the kitchen to work faster than they already are," says Gonzalez. "If it's too busy, I just take the phone off the hook. Otherwise, everything just takes too long. You upset the customer on the phone, the customer in the dining room and you're putting more pressure on the kitchen."

But for restaurants that want online ordering, the delivery apps do provide a lot of appealing features.

"Think of all things you have to worry about for online orders," says Jim Graziano, the owner of J.P. Graziano Grocery in the West Loop. "You have to have a website and a developer to create an ordering system. It needs to take orders, process credit cards, notify you and the customer. You need to figure out what happens when you get an order, and then time it all out so the customer gets it in a reasonable time. All of this happens while you have the business operating."

Plus, Grubhub allows restaurants to reach many more customers than ever before. "The reach that Grubhub has is miles ahead of anyone," says Graziano. "No single restaurant could have the reach of Grubhub."

All the restaurateurs interviewed for this story admitted that third party apps brought in loads of orders. "We would turn on DoorDash, and then turn it off after 15 minutes because we had so many orders," says Dave Bonomi, owner of the West Town pizzeria, Coalfire. "That was so appealing."

"For a while, I was in one gear: sell as many sandwiches as I possibly could," says Graziano. "Grubhub and Uber Eats would send me a ridiculous amount of orders. 'Look at all this money!' I'd say."

But then he realized some of the downsides of the high commission fee. "When you look at the books at the end of the month, you realize how hard you worked, how little profit there was and how much you paid for these apps," says Graziano. "Now you're a third party for Grubhub. You're working for them."

Bonomi concurred: "You are making more revenue but not profit."

More than the slim margins, a number of restaurateurs disliked giving another company control of their brand. "Yeah, the 30% sucks, but it goes so much deeper," says Graziano. In particular, restaurateurs expressed how frustrating it was to deal with delivery drivers.

Joe Fontana, owner of Fry the Coop, says he had the most trouble with Grubhub. "They didn't have enough drivers, and the ones they had weren't trained," says Fontana. "We'd get a ticket for a Grubhub delivery, make the food, and then it would



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Cort Henson, center, and other customers practice social distancing at Fry the Coop.

sit for 30 minutes to an hour because the driver was so late. When the driver finally arrived, we'd have to re-fire the order so that it wouldn't be terrible."

Fontana says that sometimes a driver wouldn't even show up, so the restaurant, known for its fried chicken sandwiches, decided never to complete a Grubhub order until the driver walked through the door. "But then the customer would be angry because the order took so long to arrive," says Fontana.

Aaron Steingold, owner of the modern Jewish deli Steingold's of Chicago, says that along with drivers never showing up, he's had multiple occasions where drivers would curse out his staff and even his guests. "I'm a pretty relaxed guy, but I've had to kick them out of the restaurant," says Steingold. "We have a packed restaurant and they are yelling for the food."

Bonomi says that most of the drivers he dealt with had no regard for the food. "I'd put it at over 70% had issues," says Bonomi. "They'd walk in without the warmer bag for the pizza. I'd ask them politely to grab a warmer bag, and then you get an attitude. They'd say, 'Other restaurants aren't as strict as you.' But why does my food have to suffer because you don't do things correctly?" Bonomi knew that if a pizza arrived cool, customers wouldn't blame the delivery person, he or she would call the restaurant. "Every night there was something," says Bonomi. "I can't spend my life in the office instead of out front, just to fix your orders."

The experience at the restaurant changed, too. "The kitchen would be slammed with tickets," says Bonomi. "Delivery drivers would crowd the dining room and talking on their speakerphone, ruining the atmosphere for the diners. Then you are paying the company a commission on top of it."

Fontana agrees that Grubhub started hurting his restaurant's image. "We were calling customers, giving them gift cards, but it made us look bad. They weren't mad at Grubhub, they were mad at Fry the Coop." He got so fed up he canceled his Grubhub account, but even that was a hassle. "I called them and said, 'We have to cancel. This is not working out.' Next day, more Grubhub orders arrived." Fontana says it took three weeks for GrubHub to finally take Fry the Coop off its service. "It was a nightmare," says Fontana. He says that the drivers at Uber Eats have been much better, so he continues to use that service.

After restaurant dining rooms had to close, Steingold decided to get rid of all the delivery apps. "It's been the best thing I've ever done," says Steingold. "I realized that

you can't serve high quality food while giving up 30%. That was our issue. We could never sacrifice the quality."

Steingold now uses an ordering app developed by ChowNow, which charges a fixed monthly rate, instead of a commission fee on every order. And he's using his own delivery drivers. "We are now able to operate with a smaller staff in the restaurant, yet employ more people, because we use our own drivers," says Steingold. "People who would have been laid off are driving now and making more money."

Bonomi also decided to hire his own delivery drivers for Coalfire, so that he can make sure they are providing the right kind of service. "Our accounts are now better," says Bonomi.

Graziano decided to get rid of all the third-party apps and create his own online ordering system. "I still don't have the reach of Grubhub," says Graziano. "But I don't need the whole city. I need a good base." For deliveries he uses a local delivery company. "Now when I sell a sandwich, I get 100% of that money," says Graziano. "The customer pays the delivery fee and tips the driver. I don't have to pay that."

Steve Kaplan, owner of Five Squared, a pizza food truck, says he used to use the delivery apps, before he decided he could do the delivering. "I realized I could cut out the middle man," says Kaplan. "So I just decided to put the addresses into Google and try to make our easiest route."

Some of the delivery apps have decided to reduce their commission fees during this tough time. DoorDash announced Thursday that it is reducing commission fees by 50% on delivery orders placed between April 13 and May 31. Caviar, which DoorDash owns, will also take part in the deal.

But none of the people contacted for this article think the Grubhub promotion was a good deal for their restaurants. "That whole 'Save \$10' promotion comes out of the restaurant," says Kaplan. "It just doesn't make sense. This is the natural time for Grubhub. I don't get why they are doing that promotion. I was a business major, I don't understand why they'd do this when business is up. It's like they are trying to profit even more."

We reached out to Grubhub to ask about the promotion, but they politely declined to speak on the matter, saying only that they couldn't "provide any information."

"I'm sure there are fine people at Grubhub," says Graziano. "But I'm glad it's getting exposed. They could have turned into the biggest thing in the world if they had played this correctly. They could have absorbed delivery fees. They could have been heroes. Instead, they decided to be greedy."

Chicago opens 100-bed isolation area for homeless

BY CECILIA REYES AND GREGORY PRATT

The city of Chicago has opened an isolation facility with 100 beds for homeless people diagnosed with the coronavirus, and the city will increase COVID-19 testing in homeless shelters, Mayor Lori Lightfoot's administration announced Monday.

The city opened the facilities in partnership with A Safe Haven, Rush University Medical Center and Heartland Alliance, and it will also have workers to provide mental health and substance abuse treatment, Lightfoot said.

More than 700 homeless people and shelter staff could get tested for the coronavirus each week, city officials said.

"The end of this crisis may just be a speck at the end of a tunnel right now, but it's through measures like these that we will be able to make that light eventually shine brighter," Lightfoot said.

Public Health Commissioner Dr. Allison Arwady said the moves are necessary to help support the city's less fortunate.

"Obviously, a stay-at-home order assumes that people have a home to stay in," Arwady said. "From the beginning of this crisis, folks at (public health), with so many partners across this city, have been calling out to make sure we do not forget the people who don't have a home to be able to stay in at all."

Previously, the city had partnered with YMCA of Metro Chicago and the Salvation Army to offer locations throughout the city to thin out existing homeless shelters funded by the city and facilitate social distancing in congregate-style shelters.

"We have major concerns of spread in those settings," Arwady said. "It spreads through close contact especially among people who live together and may not be able to maintain social distancing."

Officials at the Department of Family & Support Services, which funds and issues guidelines to some city shelters, said the emergency shelter beds also will serve to take in referrals from 311. In all, the city has readied 699 beds, including for women, children, and residents returning from Cook County Jail. City officials at first projected 900 beds would be available two weeks ago.

Doug Schenkelberg, executive director of the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless said that bed availability in new locations has been influenced in part by staffing shortages in shelters that were spread thin before the pandemic. One option to add to the number of beds, Schenkelberg said, is to provide hazard pay for people working in the emergency locations.

According to DFSS, 169 individuals had been moved into the alternate locations from other shelters as of April 6. The majority of those people were younger than 60 years old and had no preexisting conditions. Nearly 100 other "high-risk" individuals had been moved into hotel rooms the city rented.

DFSS Commissioner Lisa Morrison Butler said in late March that existing city shelters are at capacity and will not take in any new people.

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not stop during a health crisis. If anything, Williams said, coronavirus may provide additional challenges for river communities if spring flooding begins to occur and stay-at-home and social distancing guidelines remain in place.

Flooding on the Mississippi River and its tributaries throughout Illinois and the Midwest caused an estimated \$6.2 billion in damage across 13 states in 2019, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The floods, which overwhelmed towns, farms, roads, bridges, levees and dams, contributed to the deaths of four people. The 2019 Midwest flooding was the 51st costliest climate disaster in the U.S. since NOAA began tracking the cost of floods, hurricanes, severe storms, droughts, wildfires and winter storms in 1980.

Williams said state and federal agencies should work to develop a coordinated watershed management system that ensures that vulnerable communities are involved in decision-making that accounts for climate change and gives the river room to flood safely.

Many farmers, residents and leaders of towns on the banks of the river and those in the shipping industry argue the network of levees that lines the Mississippi protect valuable agricultural land and homes and businesses while allowing for the safe transportation of goods along the river. But groups such as American Rivers, along with many scientists, say the levees restrict the natural flow of the river, constricting its path and exacerbating flooding downstream, especially as the Midwest has experienced more frequent downpours in recent years. As floodwaters funnel southward, counties in Illinois and Missouri have been particularly deluged when the Mississippi spills over its banks.

Two other Midwestern rivers made the Top 10 list this year, including the lower Missouri River, which flows into the Mississippi north of St. Louis. American



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A farmer drives through floodwater surrounding his land in Annada, Missouri, nearly 4 miles from the usual banks of the Mississippi.

Rivers highlighted the section that flows past Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas and through Missouri, which also was plagued by flooding last year.

The other Midwestern waterway is the Menominee River, which forms the border between Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. A new metallic sulfide mine is being planned near the banks of the Menominee, drawing the ire of environmentalists who argue the operations will pollute the waters, harm wildlife and threaten the area's drinking supply.

The Menominee River also is central to the history and culture of the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin, and American Rivers contends the mine may threaten the tribe's sacred sites.

The fate of the mine, which is proposed for the Michigan side of the river about 75 miles north of Green Bay, Wisconsin, remains up in the air. Federal litigation and permits are pending.

Dick Dragiewicz, a member of the Coalition to Save the Menominee River, said he is worried the chemicals and runoff from the mine will pollute the river all the way to where it drains into Lake Michigan.

"Lake Michigan also would be affected by the pollution. If you destroy all this, or certainly damage it, then what do you do? You don't have a river anymore," said Dragiewicz, who lives in Northbrook and frequently visits the river to fish for smallmouth bass with friends.

The rest of the Top 10: the Big Sunflower

River in Mississippi, the Puyallup River in Washington state, the South Fork Salmon River in Idaho, Rapid Creek in South Dakota, the Okefenokee Swamp & St. Marys River in Florida and Georgia, the Ocklawaha River in Florida and the lower Youghiogheny River in Pennsylvania.

American Rivers selects its yearly list based on a river's significance to human and natural communities, the magnitude of threats and whether there is a major public decision or policy action that will affect the waterway during the coming year.

"This is not a list of rivers that are gone," Williams said. "It's a list of rivers that are still with us that we have a chance to help."

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Seeking unity, Sanders backs Biden

Despite differences, ex-rivals on same page: Beat Trump

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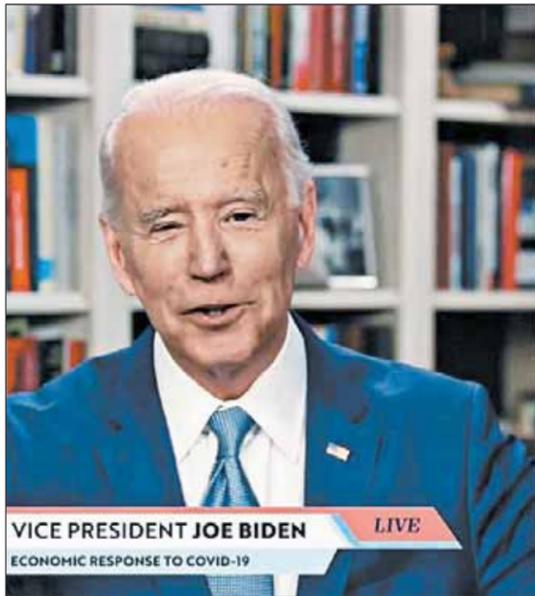
WASHINGTON — Bernie Sanders endorsed Joe Biden's presidential campaign Monday, encouraging his progressive supporters to rally behind the presumptive Democratic nominee in an urgent bid to defeat President Donald Trump.

"I am asking all Americans, I'm asking every Democrat, I'm asking every independent, I'm asking a lot of Republicans, to come together in this campaign to support your candidacy, which I endorse," the Vermont senator said in a virtual event with Biden.

The backing came less than a week after Sanders ended his presidential campaign, which was centered on progressive policies such as universal health care. There were early signs that some leading progressives weren't ready to fully follow Sanders' lead. And Trump's campaign was eager to use the endorsement to tie Biden more closely to Sanders, whose identity as a democratic socialist is objectionable to Republicans and some Democrats.

Still, Sanders' embrace of Biden was crucial for someone who is tasked with bridging the Democratic Party's entrenched ideological divides. Democratic disunity helped contribute to Hillary Clinton's loss to Trump in 2016.

Perhaps eager to avoid a repeat of that bruising election year, Sanders offered



Sen. Bernie Sanders, right, endorses Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden on Monday via a livestreaming event.



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his endorsement much earlier in the 2020 campaign. Sanders backed Clinton four years ago, but only after the end of a drawn-out nomination fight and a bitter dispute over the Democratic platform that extended to the summer convention.

Biden and Sanders differed throughout the primary, particularly over whether a government-run system should replace private health insurance.

Biden has resisted Sanders' "Medicare for All" plan and has pushed instead a public option that would operate alongside private coverage.

Sanders said there's "no great secret out there that you and I have our differences."

But Sanders said the greater priority for Demo-

crats of all political persuasions should be defeating Trump.

"We've got to make Trump a one-term president," he said. "I will do all that I can to make that happen."

The coronavirus prevented Biden and Sanders from appearing together in person. But they made clear they would continue working together, announcing the formation of six "task forces" made up of representatives from both campaigns to work on policy agreements addressing health care, the economy, education, criminal justice, climate change and immigration.

Biden, 77, has already made some overtures to progressives by embracing aspects of Sanders' and Massachusetts Sen. Eliza-

beth Warren's policies. The day after Sanders exited the race, Biden came out in support of lowering the Medicare eligibility age from 65 to 60 while pledging to cancel student debt for many low- and middle-income borrowers. He's also previously embraced Warren's bankruptcy reform plan.

Sanders, 78, is sure to remain a force throughout the campaign. When he ended his candidacy, he said he would keep his name on the ballot in states that have not yet voted in order to collect more delegates that could be used to influence the party's platform. He didn't say Monday whether he would continue to fight for those delegates.

Still, Sanders and Biden emphasized their mutual respect for each other.

Sanders referred to the former vice president as "Joe." Biden answered him repeatedly as "pal."

Biden told Sanders: "I really need you, not just to win the campaign but to govern."

While Sanders campaigned for Clinton dozens of times after the 2016 primary, the rapport on display with Biden on Monday was far lighter than anything voters saw four years ago.

Some progressive leaders were positive but guarded in response to Sanders' endorsement.

"This endorsement shows that everyone wants to beat Trump," said Adam Green, co-founder of the Progressive Change Committee that originally supported Warren.

"Our side will be increas-

ingly energized the more it's clear that progressive ideas and progressive leaders like Elizabeth Warren, Bernie Sanders and grassroots organizations have strong positions of influence with Biden," Green said.

But others remained skeptical. In an interview just a few hours before Sanders' endorsement, New York Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez criticized Biden's overtures to progressives on health care.

"We need a real plan and not just gestures," said Ocasio-Cortez, a key Sanders surrogate during his campaign. "What I'd like to see at a bare minimum is a health care plan that helps extend health care to young people."

Trump's campaign, meanwhile, seized on Sanders' endorsement to underscore Biden's embrace of some of his plans. In a statement, Trump campaign manager Brad Parscale said that "though Bernie Sanders won't be on the ballot in November, his issues will be."

"Biden had to adopt most of Bernie's agenda to be successful in the Democrat primaries," Parscale said.

Sanders could go a long way toward infusing Biden's campaign with additional energy if he's able to bring his enthusiastic following of millions of young and progressive voters along with him to support Biden.

Biden and Sanders on Monday emphasized the need to address the challenges confronting young people during the pandemic, with Sanders describing "a generation of young people who are experiencing crisis after crisis."

Outbreak of storms spreads misery across Southeast

Over 30 dead with power out at 1M homes, businesses

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CHATSWORTH, Ga. — Storms that killed more than 30 people in the Southeast, piling fresh misery atop a pandemic, spread across the eastern United States on Monday, leaving more than 1 million homes and businesses without power amid floods and mudslides.

In Alabama, people seeking shelter from tornadoes huddled in community shelters, protective masks covering their faces to guard against the new coronavirus. A twister demolished a Mississippi home save for a concrete room where a married couple and their children survived unharmed, but 11 others died in the state.

About 85 miles from Atlanta in the mountains of north Georgia, Emma and Charles "Peewee" Pritchett laid still in their bed praying as a suspected twister splintered the rest of their home.

"I said, 'If we're gonna

die I'm going to be beside him,'" the woman said Monday. Both survived without injuries.

Nine died in South Carolina, Gov. Henry McMaster said, and coroners said eight were killed in Georgia. Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee said two people were killed in Chattanooga, and others died under falling trees or inside collapsed buildings in Arkansas and North Carolina.

With a handful of tornadoes already confirmed in the South and storms still raging up the Eastern Seaboard, forecasters fanned out to determine how much of the widespread damage was caused by twisters.

Mississippi Gov. Tate Reeves said the storms were "as bad or worse than anything we've seen in a decade."

"We are used to tornadoes in Mississippi," he said. "No one is used to this."

Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp said some storm victims already were out of work because of shutdowns caused by COVID-19. "Now they have lost literally everything they own," he said.

Striking first on Easter

across a landscape largely emptied by coronavirus stay-at-home orders, the storm front forced some uncomfortable decisions. Alabama Gov. Kay Ivey suspended social distancing rules, and some people wearing protective masks huddled closely in storm shelters.

The storms blew onward through the night, causing flooding and mudslides in mountainous areas, and knocking out electricity for nearly 1.3 million customers in a path from Texas to Maine, according to power-outages.us.

As much as 6 inches of rain fell over the weekend in the Tennessee Valley. The Tennessee Valley Authority said it expected to release water to regulate levels in swollen lakes and rivers in Tennessee and Alabama.

In southeast Mississippi, Andrew Phillips crowded into a closet-sized "safe room" with his wife and two sons hours after watching an online Easter service because the pandemic forced their church to halt regular worship. Then a twister struck, shredding their house, meat-processing business and vehicles in rural Moss, Missis-



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Amanda Pais removes items from the remains of her parents' trailer Monday in Chatsworth, Georgia. Strong storms that started Sunday pounded the Southeast.

sippi. The room, built of sturdy cinder blocks, was the only thing on their property left standing.

"I'm just going to let the insurance handle it and trust in the good Lord," said Phillips.

The National Weather Service tallied hundreds of reports of trees down across the region, including many that punctured roofs and downed power lines. Meteorologists warned the mid-Atlantic states to prepare for potential tornadoes, wind and hail. The storms knocked down trees across Pennsylvania.

In northwest Georgia, a

narrow path of destruction 5 miles long hit two mobile home parks. A terrified David Baggett of Chatsworth survived by cowering with his children in the bathtub of his mobile home, which was cut in two by a falling tree.

"It got quiet and then the wind started coming in really fast," said Baggett, 33.

To the north in Chattanooga, Tennessee, at least 150 homes and commercial buildings were damaged and more than a dozen people treated, but none of their injuries appeared to be life-threatening, Fire Chief Phil Hyman said.

It wasn't clear whether the combination of destroyed housing and social distancing requirements would lead to problems for tornado survivors, some of whom said they planned to stay with relatives.

The deaths in Mississippi included a married couple — Lawrence County Sheriff's deputy Robert Ainsworth and a Walthall County Justice Court deputy clerk, Paula Reid Ainsworth, authorities said.

"Robert left this world a hero, as he shielded Mrs. Paula during the tornado," said a Facebook message by the sheriff's office.



RICK BOWMER/AP

Spectrum Solutions in Draper, Utah, helped develop a test kit to detect the coronavirus in patients' saliva.

US clears 1st saliva test to help detect virus

By **MATTHEW PERRONE**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Rutgers University researchers have received U.S. government clearance for the first saliva test to help diagnose COVID-19, a new approach that could help expand testing options and reduce risks of infection for health care workers.

The Food and Drug Administration authorized the test under its emergency powers to quickly clear new tests and therapies to fight

the outbreak, the New Jersey university said Monday. The test initially will be available through hospitals and clinics affiliated with the school.

The announcement comes as communities across the U.S. continue to struggle with testing to help track and contain the coronavirus.

The current approach to screening for COVID-19 requires health care workers to take a swab from a patient's nose or throat. To lessen infection risks, many

hospitals and clinics instruct staff to discard gloves and masks after close contact with anyone who may have the virus. And many institutions are struggling with shortages of basic medical supplies, including gloves, masks and swabs.

With the new saliva-based test, patients are given a plastic tube into which they spit several times. They then hand the tube back to the health care worker for laboratory processing.

"This prevents health

care professionals from having to actually be in the face of somebody that is symptomatic," said Andrew Brooks, who directs the Rutgers lab that developed the test.

Rutgers developed the laboratory method for the test using saliva collection kits from Spectrum Solutions, a Utah company that provides similar devices for DNA-based ancestry testing services. The Rutgers lab can currently process 10,000 patient samples per day, according to Brooks.

Biden accused of sex crime

Ex-Senate aide alleges assault occurred in '93

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WASHINGTON — A former Senate aide who last year accused Joe Biden of inappropriate touching has made an allegation of sexual assault against the former vice president, the Democratic Party's presumptive presidential nominee this fall.

Tara Reade, who briefly worked as a staff assistant in Biden's Senate office, told The New York Times that in 1993, Biden pinned her to a wall in a Senate building, reached under her clothing and penetrated her with his fingers. A friend said Reade told her the details of the allegation at the time. Another friend and a brother of Reade's said she told them over the years about a traumatic sexual incident involving Biden.

A spokeswoman for Biden said the allegation was false. In interviews, several people who worked in the Senate office with Reade said they did not recall any talk of such an incident or similar behavior by Biden toward her or any women. Two office interns who worked directly with Reade said they were unaware of the allegation or any treatment that troubled her.

Last year, Reade and seven other women came forward to accuse Biden of kissing, hugging or touching them in ways that made them feel uncomfortable. Reade told The Times then that Biden had publicly stroked her neck, wrapped his fingers in her hair and touched her in ways that made her uncomfortable.

Soon after Reade made the new allegation, in a podcast interview released March 25, The Times began reporting on her account and seeking corroboration through interviews, documents and other sources. The Times interviewed Reade on multiple days over hours, as well as those she told about Biden's behavior and other friends. The Times has also interviewed lawyers who spoke to Reade about her allegation; nearly two dozen people who worked with Biden during the early 1990s, including many who worked with Reade; and the other seven women who criticized Biden last year, to discuss their experiences with him.

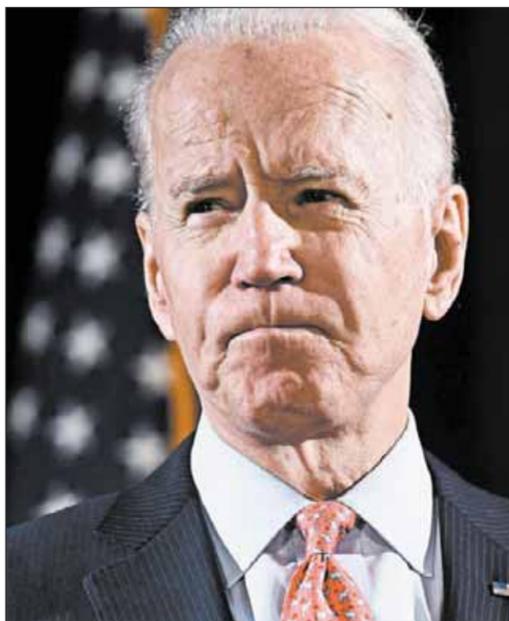
No other allegation about sexual assault surfaced in the course of reporting, nor did any former Biden staff members corroborate any details of Reade's allegation. The Times found no pattern of sexual misconduct by Biden.

On Thursday, Reade filed a report with the Washington, D.C., police, saying she was the victim of a sexual assault in 1993; the public incident report, provided to The Times by Reade and the police, does not mention Biden by name, but she said the complaint was about him. Reade said she filed the report to give herself an additional degree



MAX WHITTAKER/THE NEW YORK TIMES

Tara Reade, who worked as a staff assistant in Joe Biden's Senate office in 1993, has accused him of assaulting her nearly three decades ago and says she told others about it. A Biden spokeswoman said the allegation is false.



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In 2019, Reade and seven other women came forward to accuse Biden, the former vice president, of kissing, hugging or touching them in ways that made them uncomfortable.

of safety from potential threats. Filing a false police report may be punishable by a fine and imprisonment.

Reade, who worked as a staff assistant helping manage office interns, said she also filed a complaint with the Senate in 1993 about Biden; she said she did not have a copy of it, and such paperwork has not been located. The Biden campaign said it did not have a complaint.

The Times reviewed an official copy of her employment history from the Senate that she provided showing she was hired in December 1992 and paid by Biden's office until August 1993.

The seven other women who had complained about Biden told The Times this month that they did not have any new information about their experiences to add, but several said they believed Reade's account.

Last year, Biden, 77, acknowledged the women's

complaints about his conduct, saying his intentions were benign and promising to be "more mindful and respectful of people's personal space."

In response to Reade's allegation, Kate Bedingfield, a deputy Biden campaign manager, said in a statement, "Vice President Biden has dedicated his public life to changing the culture and the laws around violence against women. He authored and fought for the passage and reauthorization of the landmark Violence Against Women Act.

"He firmly believes that women have a right to be heard — and heard respectfully. Such claims should also be diligently reviewed by an independent press. What is clear about this claim: It is untrue. This absolutely did not happen."

Reade made her new allegation public as Biden was closing in on the Democratic presidential nomination after winning a



TARA READE/THE NEW YORK TIMES

After the alleged assault, Reade said she filed a written complaint with a Senate personnel office. She said office staff responded by taking away most of her duties.

string of primaries against his chief rival, Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt. Reade, who describes herself as a "third-generation Democrat," said she originally favored Marianne Williamson and Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., in the race but voted for Sanders in the California primary last month. She said her decision to come forward had nothing to do with politics or helping Sanders and added that neither his campaign nor the Trump campaign had encouraged her to make her allegation.

President Donald Trump has been accused of sexual assault and misconduct by more than a dozen women, who have described a pattern of behavior that went far beyond the accusations against Biden. The president also directed illegal payments — including \$130,000 to a pornographic film actress, Stormy Daniels — before the 2016 election

to silence women about alleged affairs with Trump, according to federal prosecutors.

Reade, 56, told The Times that the assault happened in the spring of 1993. She said she had tracked down Biden to deliver an athletic bag when he pushed her against a cold wall, started kissing her neck and hair and propositioned her. He slid his hand up her cream-colored blouse, she said, and used his knee to part her bare legs before reaching under her skirt.

"It happened at once. He's talking to me, and his hands are everywhere, and everything is happening very quickly," she recalled. "He was kissing me, and he said, very low, 'Do you want to go somewhere else?'"

Reade said she pulled away and Biden stopped.

"He looked at me kind of almost puzzled or shocked," she said. "He said, 'Come on, man, I heard

you liked me.'"

At the time, Reade said she worried whether she had done something wrong to encourage his advances.

"He pointed his finger at me, and he just goes, 'You're nothing to me. Nothing,'" she said. "Then, he took my shoulders and said, 'You're OK. You're fine.'"

Biden walked down the hallway, Reade said, and she cleaned up in a restroom, made her way home and, sobbing, called her mother, who encouraged her to immediately file a police report.

Instead, Reade said, she complained to Marianne Baker, Biden's executive assistant, as well as to two top aides, Dennis Toner and Ted Kaufman, about harassment by Biden — not mentioning the alleged assault.

The staff declined to take action, Reade said, after which she filed a written complaint with a Senate personnel office. She said office staff took away most of her duties, including supervising the interns; assigned her a windowless office; and made the work environment uncomfortable for her.

She said Kaufman later told her she was not a good fit in the office, giving her a month to look for a job. Reade never secured another position in Washington.

In an interview, Kaufman, a longtime friend of Biden's who was his chief of staff at the time, said, "I did not know her. She did not come to me. If she had, I would have remembered her."

Toner, who worked for Biden for more than three decades, said the allegation was out of character for Biden. Other senators and office staffs had reputations for harassing women at work and partying after hours, according to those who worked in the office at the time. Biden was known for racing to catch the train to get home to Wilmington, Delaware, every night.

The Biden campaign issued a statement from Baker, Biden's executive assistant from 1982 to 2000.

"I never once witnessed, or heard of, or received any reports of inappropriate conduct, period — not from Ms. Reade, not from anyone," she said. "I have absolutely no knowledge or memory of Ms. Reade's accounting of events, which would have left a searing impression on me as a woman professional and as a manager."

Reade said that she could not remember the exact time, date or location of the assault but that it occurred in a "semiprivate" place in the Senate office complex.

At the time of the alleged assault, Reade said she was responsible for coordinating interns in the office. Two former interns who worked with her said they never heard her describe any inappropriate conduct by Biden or saw her directly interact with him in any capacity but recalled that she abruptly stopped supervising them in April, before the end of their internship.

Others who worked in the office at the time said they remembered Reade but not any inappropriate behavior.

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Meanwhile, the president's guidelines have little force. Governors and local leaders have issued orders that carry fines or other penalties, and in some jurisdictions extend out into the early summer.

"All of these executive orders are state executive orders and so therefore it would be up to the state and the governor to undo a lot of that," New Hampshire Republican Gov. Chris Sununu said on CNN.

Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf, a Democrat, told reporters at a conference call that until people are healthy, reopening the economy's "not going to work."

"Seeing how we had the responsibility for closing the state down, I think we probably have the primary responsibility for opening it



ALEX BRANDON/AP

President Donald Trump has backed federal social distancing recommendations that expire at the end of the month.

up," he added.

Wolf joined governors in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Delaware and Rhode Island in agreeing to coordinate actions. The governors of California, Oregon and Washington an-

nounced a similar pact. While each state is building its own plan, the three West Coast states have agreed to a framework saying they will work together, put their residents' health first and let science guide decisions.

Though Trump abandoned his goal of rolling back social distancing guidelines by Sunday, he has been itching to reopen an economy that has dramatically contracted as businesses have shuttered, leaving millions out of work and struggling to obtain basic commodities. The closure has also undermined Trump's reelection message, which hinged on a booming economy.

Trump's claim that he could force governors to reopen their states represents a dramatic shift in tone. For weeks now, Trump has argued that states, not the federal government, should lead the response to the crisis. And he has refused to publicly pressure states to enact stay-at-home restrictions, citing his belief in local control of government.

While Trump can use his daily White House briefings and Twitter account to try

to shape public opinion and pressure governors to bend to his will, "there are real limits on the president and the federal government when it comes to domestic affairs," John Yoo, a University of California, Berkeley law school professor, said on a recent Federalist Society conference call.

"The government doesn't get opened up via Twitter. It gets opened up at the state level," Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, a Democrat, said.

Mississippi Republican Gov. Tate Reeves, a supporter of Trump, said the question of when to lift restrictions would be "a joint effort" between Washington and the states. Talk about how and when to reboot the nation's economy has come as Trump has bristled at criticism that he was slow to respond to the virus and that lives could have been saved had social distancing recommendations been put in

place sooner.

That frustration was amplified by comments made by Dr. Anthony Fauci, the nation's top infectious diseases expert. Asked Sunday on CNN if acting earlier could have saved lives, Fauci said that, "obviously, you could logically say that if you had a process that was ongoing and you started mitigation earlier, you could have saved lives. Obviously, no one is going to deny that. But what goes into those kinds of decisions is complicated."

Trump responded by reposting a tweet that referenced Fauci's comments and included the line, "Time to #FireFauci," raising alarms that Trump might try to oust the doctor. Fauci, 79, has served in both Democratic and Republican administrations and has emerged as one of the most recognizable and trusted faces of the federal government's response.

CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK



JOHN MINCHILLO/AP

A patient arrives Monday at NYU Langone Medical Center. Deaths from COVID-19 in New York passed 10,000 as governors in several northeastern states said they joined forces.

NY death toll over 10K as fresh hot spots lessen

BY ERIC TUCKER, ARITZ PARRA AND JOSEPH WILSON
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — New York state's coronavirus death toll topped 10,000 on Monday even as the lack of fresh hot spots in the U.S. or elsewhere in the world yielded a ray of optimism and fueled discussions about how some places might begin to reopen.

The brunt of the disease has been felt most heavily in New York, Italy, Spain and the United Kingdom, but grim projections of a virus that would spread with equal ferocity to other corners of America and the world had not yet materialized after over a month.

The statewide death toll in populous states like Florida and Pennsylvania was on par with individual counties outside New York City. As Colorado deaths surpassed 300 on Monday, Gov. Jared Polis compared that figure to New York's thousands and called it "a tragic indication of our success in Colorado."

Officials around the

world worried that halting quarantine and social-distancing measures could easily undo the hard-earned progress that those steps have achieved in slowing the spread.

Still, there were signs countries were looking in that direction. Spain permitted some workers to return to their jobs, and a hard-hit region of Italy loosened its lockdown restrictions. Governors on both coasts of the U.S. announced that they would join forces to come up with a coordinated reopening at some point, setting the stage for a conflict with President Donald Trump, who asserted that he is the ultimate decision-maker for determining how and when to reopen.

New York saw a few positive signs Monday at the same time that it reached another bleak milestone. It marked the first time in a week that the daily toll dipped below 700. Almost 2,000 people were newly hospitalized with the virus Sunday, though once discharges and deaths are accounted for, the num-

ber of people hospitalized has flattened to just under 19,000.

"This virus is very good at what it does. It is a killer," Gov. Andrew Cuomo said Monday during a state Capitol news briefing.

In the U.S., about half of the more than 23,000 deaths reported are in the New York metropolitan area. Meanwhile, tracking maps maintained by Johns Hopkins University show a dense patchwork of coronavirus cases along the Northeast corridor, as well as significant outbreaks corresponding to other major metropolitan areas — though nothing on the scale of what New York has endured.

Dr. Sebastian Johnston, a professor of respiratory medicine at Imperial College London, said it appeared that COVID-19 had peaked in much of Europe, including France, Spain, Germany, Italy and the U.K. He was worried the virus might now start to take off in countries across Latin America, Africa and Southeast Asia. There's also concern about Russia.

First virus death from USS Roosevelt reported

BY ROBERT BURNS
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A member of the crew of the coronavirus-infected USS Theodore Roosevelt died Monday of complications related to the disease, 11 days after the aircraft carrier's captain was fired for pressing his concern that the Navy had done too little to safeguard his crew.

The sailor who died — and whose name and other identifying information were not publicly released pending notification of relatives — had tested positive for coronavirus on March 30. The sailor was taken off the ship and placed in "isolation housing" with four other sailors at the U.S. Navy base on Guam. On April 9, he was found unresponsive during a medical check and was moved to a hospital's intensive care unit.

Over the weekend, four additional Roosevelt crew members were admitted to the hospital for monitoring of coronavirus symptoms, the Navy said. All are in stable condition and none are in intensive care or on ventilators.

The death was the first among the crew of approximately 4,860, of which 585 had tested positive for coronavirus as of Monday. Over 4,000 crew members have been moved ashore. A number have been kept aboard to attend to the enormous ship's nuclear reactors and other sensitive systems.

The Navy's top officer issued a statement of condolence.

"My deepest sympathy goes out to the family, and we pledge our full support to the ship and crew as they continue their fight against the coronavirus," Adm. Mike Gilday, the chief of naval operations, said. "While our ships, sub-



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A sign Friday at a Tumon, Guam, hotel, one of several in the area housing sailors from the USS Roosevelt.

marines and aircraft are made of steel, sailors are the real strength of our Navy."

Defense Secretary Mark Esper noted that the Roosevelt sailor was the first active-duty military member to die of coronavirus. One member of the New Jersey National Guard died of the virus in late March.

"We remain committed to protecting our personnel and their families while continuing to assist in defeating this outbreak," Esper said in a statement.

The Roosevelt has been in a coronavirus crisis that prompted the Navy's civilian leader, Thomas Modly, to fire the ship's captain on April 2. Five days later, after having flown to the ship and delivered a speech in which he insulted the skipper, Capt. Brett Crozier, and criticized the crew for supporting Crozier, Modly resigned.

Modly said he felt compelled to remove Crozier from command because he had distributed too widely via email a letter in which he called for more urgent Navy action to prevent a deeper coronavirus crisis aboard his ship. Crozier's words angered Modly but were seen by others as necessary.

"We are not at war. Sailors do not need to die. If we do not act now, we are

failing to properly take care of our most trusted asset — our sailors," Crozier wrote March 31. The letter appeared a short time later in the San Francisco Chronicle and other news media. Modly said the letter was inappropriate and that Crozier had failed to consult sufficiently with his immediate superior before writing it.

President Donald Trump initially criticized Crozier for writing the letter but later said he didn't want Crozier's career ruined over a single mistake.

Navy officials have not ruled out the possibility of Crozier being reinstated.

Adm. Robert Burke, the Navy's second-ranking admiral, conducted a preliminary inquiry into the Roosevelt's coronavirus outbreak and related events. Cmdr. Nate Christensen said Monday that Gilday has received and is reviewing Burke's inquiry report.

The Navy also announced that an aircraft carrier strike group led by the USS Harry S. Truman, which had been heading home to Norfolk, Virginia from a months-long deployment in the Middle East, will instead be kept in the Atlantic for now as a way to protect the ship's crew from coronavirus.

NEWS BRIEFING

Staff and news services

Wis. television station sued by Trump reelection campaign

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's reelection campaign is suing Wisconsin TV station WJFW for running an anti-Trump commercial that pieces together audio clips of the president talking about the coronavirus outbreak in a way they argue is misleading and false.

The ad by the Democratic super PAC Priorities USA features sound bites in which Trump downplayed the threat posed by

the virus, while a chart that is splashed across the screen gradually begins to shoot upward as cases of the virus skyrocketed across the U.S.

The lawsuit, filed in Wisconsin state court, alleges the ad splices together the clips in a way that makes it appear the president said the virus was a "hoax." Trump's campaign argues that the president was referring to Democrats who have politicized his handling of it.

Census Bureau seeks to delay deadlines for 2020 count

ORLANDO, Fla. — The U.S. Census Bureau wants to delay deadlines for the 2020 census because of the coronavirus outbreak. If the move is approved, it would push back timetables for releasing data used to draw congressional and legislative districts, the chair of the House oversight committee said Monday.

Census Bureau director Steven Dillingham and Secretary of Commerce

Wilbur Ross, whose department oversees the bureau, are seeking to delay the deadline for delivering state population counts used for apportionment — the process of carving up congressional districts — from the end of this year to the end of next April.

They also want to push back the deadline for giving states data for redistricting from the end of next March to the end of next July.

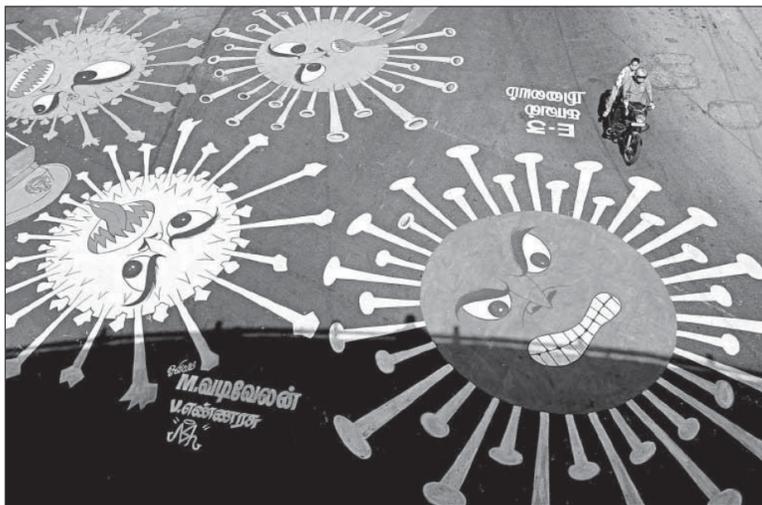
Egypt reopens Gaza border for returnees stranded in outbreak

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Egypt reopened its border crossing on Monday with the Gaza Strip after nearly three weeks, allowing hundreds of Palestinians stranded by the coronavirus pandemic to return.

Hamas, the militant group ruling Gaza, coordinated the reopening to coincide with the completion of 1,000 rooms to place the returnees into mandatory quarantine.

The arrivals were taken by buses, without luggage, under police escort into the quarantine centers. Sick returnees would be placed in hospitals and the old at hotels. Security forces and medics waited for the arrival in full protection gear.

Only 13 cases have been diagnosed in the Palestinian enclave that the two countries blockaded following Hamas' 2007 takeover.



ARUN SANKAR/GETTY-APP

Awareness through street art: A motorist rides past graffiti painted on a road to raise awareness about the coronavirus Monday in Chennai, India. The South Asian nation of more than 1.3 billion remains on a lockdown that started in late March.

Talks between Netanyahu, rival result in 'meaningful progress'

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his chief rival said early Tuesday they had made "meaningful progress" in their efforts to form a joint government to confront the coronavirus crisis, agreeing to continue talks this week after a midnight deadline expired.

The announcement provided a glimmer of hope that the sides could end the country's prolonged political paralysis and avoid a fourth election in just over a year.

In a joint statement, Netanyahu's Likud party and challenger Benny Gantz's

Blue and White said they had asked the country's figurehead president for more time "with the aim of completing negotiations to form a national emergency government."

President Reuven Rivlin agreed to extend negotiations until midnight Wednesday. It said there was an "understanding that they are very close to reaching an agreement."

The sides said they would resume negotiations Tuesday.

Ahead of the deadline, Gantz had urged Netanyahu to seal a deal or risk dragging the country into

an unwanted election at a time of national crisis.

"Netanyahu, this is our moment of truth. It's either an emergency national government or, heaven forbid, expensive and unnecessary fourth elections during a crisis. History will not forgive either of us if we run away," he said in a nationally televised address.

Netanyahu invited Gantz to his official residence for last-ditch negotiations.

Israel last month held its third straight election in less than a year, after the previous two ended inconclusively.

Turkey minister resigns, but offer not accepted

ISTANBUL — Turkey introduced a new coronavirus lockdown over the weekend that took many by surprise and led to Interior Minister Suleyman Soylu offering his resignation late Sunday.

The 48-hour curfew across 31 cities marked a major development in Tur-

key, which had previously adopted a more relaxed approach to fighting the virus than its neighbors in Europe and the Mideast.

Soylu took responsibility for the poorly timed announcement of the weekend curfew that prompted thousands of people to rush into the streets, many with-

out mandatory face masks.

Soylu is one of the most senior figures in President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's government.

However, the Communications Ministry later issued a statement saying Soylu's resignation had not been accepted and he would continue to serve.

Fundraising for Trump slows slightly due to virus

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's record-setting fundraising pace slowed slightly amid the coronavirus outbreak but remained strong as he maintains a massive cash advantage over Democrats.

The Trump reelection campaign and the Republican National Committee raised more than \$212 million in the first quarter of 2020, according to figures first obtained by The Associated Press, bringing their total to more than \$677 million since 2017.

Their haul for March, even as the nation's economy began grinding to a halt to slow the pandemic, was more than \$63 million after \$86 million was raised in February.

The pro-Trump effort will report having more than \$240 million in the bank at the end of March — more than \$40 million more than two months prior.

Myanmar criticized: Amnesty International criticized Myanmar's government on Monday, saying it has failed to safeguard freedom of expression and the rights of human rights defenders and activists.

The London-based rights organization expressed disappointment that after four years in power, the government of Nobel Peace Prize laureate Aung San Suu Kyi has done little to change the country's legal framework. Myanmar is scheduled to hold a general election late this year.

In a report issued Monday, the group noted that Suu Kyi was a target of the same repressive legal system during her previous years-long struggle to end military rule and bring democracy to the nation.

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Shoppers line up to get into a Costco store on Ashland Avenue in Chicago on March 20.

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STAY HOME. AT THE STORE, WEAR A MASK.

Don't give in to lockdown fatigue

Walk into any grocery store, and you'll see two kinds of people. First, there are the customers and workers who grasp the gravity of the COVID-19 pandemic and wear some kind of face covering to protect themselves and those around them.

Then there's the "I've-had-enough-of-this" gang who shop the aisles and line up at the cashier without wearing a mask or face covering. Maybe they think they're immune. Maybe they're fed up with how the coronavirus has upended our lives. Maybe they don't think it's necessary.

As for store employees roaming the aisles with faces as naked as the day they were born, we can only shake our own masked heads in exasperation. They potentially are risking their own health and the health of others. Any scarf or bandanna would be better than nothing. Can we do

that?

More than three weeks into the state's stay-home directive, the primary danger remains COVID-19. But it's followed closely by another creeping contagion: lockdown fatigue.

Millions of us are begging for liberation from isolation. No one enjoys these restrictions, and so we have seen continued acts of defiance by people violating social distancing rules and forgoing the use of masks in public settings. We're antsy. We long for interaction. And Gov. J.B. Pritzker has indicated Illinois may have hit its pandemic peak.

But that is precisely why this is no time to relax our defensive postures. It is the reason to keep them in place. They're working.

On Sunday, the village of Glenview be-

gan enforcing an order that requires residents over the age of 5 to wear a face mask or something else to cover their noses and mouths while working at or visiting essential businesses in the village, such as grocery stores, or using public transportation or a ride-share company. Homemade masks, bandannas, handkerchiefs and scarves all will suffice. Violators face fines of \$100 to \$1,000.

In times of crisis — or a pandemic — the line between recommended and draconian shifts. Glenview's mandate goes too far in threatening police intervention and costly fines. Video that went viral of Philadelphia transit officials dragging a man off a bus prompted a reversal of policy there. Masks are highly recommended. Highly. But a crime? An ordinance violation worthy of physical involvement by law enforcement?

Let's keep cooler heads.

The daily COVID-19 numbers suggest the pandemic might, just might, be approaching a peak or plateau in Illinois and elsewhere. Hospitalizations have leveled, and the state's positive test rate has stabilized.

That should hearten all of us — and frighten us, too. If these early indications prove durable, we'll surely witness even more knuckleheads breaking don't-congregate edicts before the pandemic has been sent packing. Mayor Lori Lightfoot said Wednesday she anticipates the stay-at-home order will be extended into May. COVID-19 remains a threat. Lockdown fatigue is another enemy.

Resist the seduction. Stay at home, and when you venture out for groceries, please wear a mask. No police necessary.

'Major, major problem' in Little Village smokestack demolition

On Saturday morning, lifelong Little Village resident and now Ald. Michael Rodriguez of Chicago's 22nd Ward stood near the shuttered Crawford Power Generating Station to observe the scheduled demolition of a tall and crumbling plant smokestack.

The tower represented a yearslong battle to close the Southwest Side coal plant, the subject of air quality and lung complaints, and make way for a healthier project — possibly warehousing. The new developer, Hilco Redevelopment Partners, had assured Rodriguez and city officials "no dust was supposed to leave the demolition site," Rodriguez told us.

Instead, as explosives tipped the smokestack onto its side, clouds of ash and debris floated off site and across rooftops, into window screens and down streets and alleys throughout the neighborhood. A coating of unknown dust — at a time when residents are being asked to stay home to stop the spread of the respiratory illness coronavirus — seemed doubly disturbing. "I knew right away we had a major,



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A cloud of dust coats Little Village neighborhood streets near the demolition of the former Crawford Power Generating Station on the Southwest Side on Saturday.

major problem for our community," Rodriguez said.

What went wrong?

Mayor Lori Lightfoot on Monday said the city is investigating, and she welcomed a dual probe from the inspector general if

the City Council approves it. Lightfoot should get to the bottom of what happened as quickly as possible to mitigate residents' concerns. This is not a mishap that should be stalled by bureaucracy or legal proceedings or a task force.

What chemicals, if any, were in the dust? Why wasn't the spread contained as promised? Was the permit process by city departments thorough? Or a rush job?

The plant's closure, announced in 2012, came after years of marches, petitions and a campaign that at one point involved then-New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg to shutter coal-powered plants. The project to redevelop the site has involved years of planning and, supposedly, careful removal of asbestos and other toxins.

It's no picnic to try to clean up and redevelop dirty property. It's expensive and risky for investors. But clearly, the company's plan on this demolition went awry. The project is now on hold. It will be up to Lightfoot to get to the bottom of it — and get redevelopment, safely, back on track.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

In January, as career politicians in Washington, D.C., and their media allies smothered the American public in a sham impeachment, President Trump was working to establish a coronavirus task force with little to no fanfare. Primarily composed of health care professionals, that task force has led the way in the battle to "flatten the curve," advise the public and gain private sector cooperation to produce more personal protective equipment for front-line health care workers.

As a practicing family physician (married to an ER doctor), I applaud the actions this task force has taken to follow the science and save lives. As chairwoman of the Arizona GOP and a former two-term state senator, I equally applaud the president for taking great care to ensure the federal government empowers, rather than impedes, states to lead at the local level — as they should under our Constitution.

But as a physician, I am also a former small business owner. And like so many small business owners all across the country, I have watched the devastation caused by China's exported pandemic. Businesses are shutting down, millions of jobs have been lost, and years of savings have been completely wiped out.

Just as in World War II, when our nation was forced to fight a two-front war, the present crisis requires fighting on two fronts as well — one against the virus and the other to revive the greatest economy the world has ever known. America can be — we must be — up to the task.

Kelli Ward, Newsweek



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Kristan Vaughan stands inside Corcoran's Grill & Pub, one of the seven Irish pubs in the area that she owns and operates within Vaughan Hospitality Group.

Illinois must build a life raft as it navigates the COVID-19 fallout

BY JOHN TILLMAN

Each of us will feel the effects of the coronavirus quarantines differently.

Those on the front lines in hospitals and makeshift health care facilities will see the face of this pandemic firsthand.

Too many of them will be forced to battle with the virus themselves. Others of us who are fortunate enough to work remotely will be able to continue producing, albeit away from colleagues and the norms of pre-pandemic everyday life.

Many of the millions of small business owners will stay glued to the news, wondering how long their doors will have to remain closed and how much money they'll end up losing. Many of them will end up shuttering for good.

Kristan Vaughan is one of those small business owners crunching the numbers to figure out what the future looks like. She operates Vaughan Hospitality Group, with seven Irish pubs in Chicago and its suburbs.

"We've been in business 20-plus years," Vaughan said. "If I want to be

open in two weeks, people will think I'm not concerned and just want to make money. But for me not to be open, I stop making money and the expenses continue.

"So much of our lives, so many activities center around our businesses," she added. "My son took his first steps in the restaurant. We're here all the time. It would just be heart-breaking to lose them."

As a lifelong entrepreneur, I understand Vaughan's fears and feelings all too well. For many years, I owned and operated a Play it Again Sports business on the North Side. The margins were small and the work was hard, but it was rewarding and fulfilling.

In July 2007, I took the reins at the Illinois Policy Institute. A year later, Lehman Brothers folded and a slowing economy turned into the Great Recession. We raised no material revenue until late January 2009. To survive, I cut every dollar of spending I could. I went without pay. I reached into my savings account and covered payroll, week after week and month after month.

So I cannot stop thinking about

Vaughan, her family and her employees. I know what she's going through. COVID-19 isn't just creating budget crises for local, state and federal governments — it has unleashed a tidal wave of uncertainty for workers and small business owners.

As officials work to stop the health crisis in its tracks, lawmakers can provide a life raft that's seaworthy for small businesses. And the state should do everything it can to take financial pressure off job creators to avoid pushing them underwater.

A good first step includes a delay in collecting business property taxes until at least Oct. 1, helping companies keep workers on the payroll. To cover the temporary loss to local governments, state officials can make use of emergency borrowing authority granted in the state constitution to issue short-term bonds.

Other emergency measures include expanding Chicago's fine and penalty relief policy statewide and broadening its scope. That means temporarily halting tickets and towing for parking violations; suspending the red-light camera program; and implementing a

forgiveness program for existing violations for anyone making less than Illinois' median household income who can demonstrate significant economic harm from COVID-19.

In the long term, fostering a strong economic recovery means eliminating avoidable uncertainty, particularly as it relates to tax burdens. That means abandoning plans to place a progressive tax hike on recovering businesses and canceling scheduled gas tax increases.

It also means pausing all new capital spending and re-prioritizing projects from last year's \$45 billion capital bill, given now-lower revenue expectations.

This is a time to remember that every single dollar that state and local governments spend starts out in a worker's wallet and in a business's cash register — businesses like Vaughan's. Our shared imperative is to act responsibly and compassionately today to empower our business community tomorrow.

John Tillman is CEO of the Illinois Policy Institute.

COVID-19 isn't just creating budget crises for local, state and federal governments — it has unleashed a tidal wave of uncertainty for workers and small business owners.

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YES NO

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YES NO

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President Franklin D. Roosevelt speaks on the radio from the White House on Feb. 27, 1941.

‘Wartime’ leadership? Donald Trump is no FDR

BY THOMAS G. WEISS

Among the most preposterous of delusions from our delusional president is that he is qualified to lead the country in the “war” against COVID-19. Could we imagine a contrast more ludicrous than that between the recycled reality-TV host and Franklin D. Roosevelt?

Amid a global economic meltdown and pandemic, the breakdown in international cooperation is devastating. We urgently require a robust multilateral system to deal with the crisis. Yet President Donald Trump and his craven team have spent three years routinely denigrating international organizations. There is no room for partners or allies in their zero-sum ideology.

The World Health Organization should be leading the charge against the coronavirus but cannot because of political problems in appointments mixed with donor manipulation. Seeking a scapegoat, Trump is threatening to eliminate U.S. contributions.

But WHO is only one of the international organizations on the sidelines because of the administration’s foreign policy. This regime treats NATO as obsolete or too costly so the venerable alliance fares no better than such cooperative economic efforts as the European Union, the Trans-Pacific Partnership and the World Trade Organization. As Washington pouts, discrete problem-solving efforts, including the Paris climate agreement and the Global Compact on Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration are dismissed. So too are informal groupings such as the G-7 minus 1 and the G-20 minus 1. The administration eliminated funding for the United Nations Population

Fund and for Palestinian refugees. Even the Universal Postal Union was on the chopping block until recently, and the three-party NAFTA, a minimal “multilateral” agreement, was reduced to two sets of bilateral talks.

FDR in wartime spoke straightforwardly with the American public; he avoided baseless cheerleading. Most importantly, he led by seeking genuine partners in confronting the existential threat from Germany and Japan. The Declaration by the United Nations of January 1942 committed the Allies to multilateralism not only to crush fascism in the short term but also over the longer term to maintain international peace and security and to foster postwar economic and social stability.

In San Francisco 75 years ago at the end of this month, the U.N. Conference on International Organization convened. It reflected both wartime cooperation and a commitment. Wartime efforts had strengthened the political will of populations and reinforced the diplomatic bonds among their leaders. The United Nations Alliance operated militarily on the European, North African and Asian battlefields. It also existed in the commitment to robust intergovernmental organizations, which were viewed as realist necessities not liberal window-dressing.

In the minds of leaders, collaboration and the rule of law replaced unilateralism and the law of the jungle as the foundations for the postwar order. The might-makes-right lawlessness of the Third Reich and the Japanese Empire were thought to be forever vanquished.

Trump’s emphasis on going it alone and sacrosanct sovereignty is reminiscent of the mindless patriotism that Samuel

Johnson condemned as “the last refuge of scoundrels.” The Trump base apparently responds warmly to “America First.” They are no doubt unaware that the predecessor namesake, the America First Committee, was the largest and best-organized anti-war group ever. In 1940 such proto-fascists as Charles Lindbergh, Henry Ford and Father Charles Coughlin founded it.

Trump’s behavior in the current crisis is antithetical to anything FDR ever said or did. Nothing resembles less the “fire-side chats” than Trump’s daily performances, which are laden with falsehoods and misleading “optimism.” His principal criteria for action are his trends on Facebook and his electoral prospects.

The 45th president frequently disparages the United Nations as largely a waste of money. His aversion to collaborative decision-making in any context ignores the stark reality of today’s pandemic: No country is powerful enough to solve global problems on its own, to impose its will on others. Alone, the United States cannot manage globalization or climate change, or protect itself from terrorism or the coronavirus. Tending one’s own garden is not a strategy in 2020.

The America First Committee collapsed after Pearl Harbor. Trump’s version muddles on. In the mind of this president and his administration, the United States can only “win” and prosper when others lose. There are no universal values, no community of nations and no common good. Facts and collaboration are apparently for dummies.

Where is FDR when we need him?

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Slow infections at Cook jail

We urge the release of all nonviolent offenders from Cook County Jail. With over 350 cases of COVID-19 already diagnosed at the jail and the potential for many more unknown carriers, our county jail is in crisis. COVID-19 is highly contagious, spreads rapidly, often in the absence of discernible symptoms, and carries a high rate of morbidity and mortality. Incarcerated individuals have no freedom to practice social distancing, and the degree to which COVID-19 has affected jail staff and inmates puts everyone at unacceptable risk.

Although the sheriff’s office has taken steps to identify and quarantine some individuals at the jail and improve sanitation practices, we believe the outbreak is beyond short-term control and targeted containment. We recommend prompt action to test all people currently incarcerated and urge the release of nonviolent offenders either to their homes or to appropriate outside quarantine facilities. Special consideration should be given to inmates older than 60 years, those with medical comorbidities, those with elderly or dependent family members, and pregnant women. Employees of the jail, already a third of the confirmed cases, are also in danger, and rapidly decompressing the population will make working conditions much safer.

Nonviolent drug offenses or unpaid tickets are no reason to jeopardize human lives. We ask our elected officials to please act swiftly and compassionately to protect all members of our community from this terrible disease.

— Dr. J.P. Murray, Dr. George Weyer, Dr. V. Ram Krishnamoorthi and Dr. Isabel Malone, Chicago area

Sterilizing masks for hospitals

Regarding the Chicago Tribune’s criticism of ethylene oxide usage while ignoring its invaluable role in the health care setting, the piece doesn’t offer enough context about my workplace, Medline.

In Waukegan — where our ethylene oxide medical sterilization facility has functioned safely for more than 25 years — the amounts of ethylene oxide in the surrounding air were measured in 2019 as lower than the national average.

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And now here’s why the context of our safety precautions matter more than ever: Medline is using its system to address shortages of critical personal protective equipment. We have begun decontaminating and reprocessing face masks, which will make available 100,000 face masks per day for the health care industry, and it will soon be even more.

Each day, hundreds of Medline employees proudly come to work in Waukegan because their jobs are essential to health care — to supporting frontline health care workers and our nation’s response to COVID-19.

— Joe O. Sanchez, warehouse manager, Medline

Let’s return to reusable PPE

I am old enough to remember when all hospital personal protective equipment (PPE) was reusable and washed in bleach solution. Additionally, tools and syringes were sterilized in autoclaves, not thrown away or sterilized with ethylene oxide. I think it is time to reexamine the benefits of developing durable, reusable hospital equipment that is safely sterilized as a means of maintaining supplies during a crisis.

Hospital staff may go through numerous throwaway masks in a day during a pandemic. If a reusable face mask meeting N95 standards were developed, hospitals would only need to keep enough masks on hand to supply their staff. Should a small number of masks start reaching the end of their usable life, it would take much less effort to replace them. Our throwaway lifestyle is actually making us less safe during periods of high demand for medical supplies.

— Floyd Catchpole, Joliet

Plants’ free pass to pollute

The Trump administration just gave polluters a free pass to pollute our air and water.

Using COVID-19 as cover, the Trump administration’s Environmental Protection Agency announced it will be taking a break from enforcing legally mandated public health and environmental protections nationwide — indefinitely.

Letting oil refineries, chemical plants and other industrial polluters off the hook is disgusting and shamelessly opportunistic. The coronavirus crisis has upended what is normal for everyone, but that’s not an excuse to toss aside fundamental environmental protections.

— Christina Bueno, Chicago

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The danger of thinking ‘I’m not at risk’

BY JENNIFER SENIOR

Within the space of just 24 hours, two friends of mine — one an ICU nurse, the other an ER doctor — told me that they’d each watched a 50-year-old woman die of COVID-19.

I, too, am a 50-year-old woman. As I listened to their stories, I had to stifle the same unlovely impulse. “But did your patients have a preexisting condition?” I wanted to ask. “Were they fighting cancer, were they smokers, were they already floridly unwell?”

Which is ridiculous, honestly. Even if their patients had a history of heart disease or were partial to Camels, they no more deserved to die a frightening and solitary death than anyone else.

But my reaction, I think, was fairly typical of this exceptional moment, when reminders of our own mortality are never more than a few paces from our conscious, clattering minds: We are silently building moats that separate ourselves from the dead.

It’s the other culturewide distancing campaign.

The first, we know about: to socially distance, which is deliberate and altruistic. But this one, to psychologically distance from the suffering and the deceased, is more furtive and fraught. It is certainly understandable, and probably even adaptive. But we’d do well to guard against it.

For Exhibit A, look no further than the Twitter account of David Lat, the 44-year-old lawyer, legal recruiter and founding editor of Above The Law, an immensely popular blog. Lat was diagnosed with COVID-19 in mid-March, and he’s tweeted about it ever since, save for the chilling stretch during which he was on a ventilator. When he returned, he posted a thread exploring the reasons some people die from COVID-19 while others suffer not at all.

He was suddenly pelted with queries about his own health. People were subtly probing to see whether there was a hid-

den reason he’d fallen ill.

I emailed Lat to ask him about this. (We would have spoken, but his voice is still ragged from intubation.) “Maybe I’m reading too much into things,” he replied, “but I received a number of responses that seemed to latch on excitedly to the mention of my exercise-induced asthma.”

That he ran two New York City Marathons with this asthma in his 30s — and did high-intensity interval training three times a week until he fell ill — didn’t move a number of his followers. (The bluntest response: “Asthma is still asthma, waiting to knock you out, and any severe respiratory illness reveals the fundamental weakness of your lungs.”) Nor did the fact that Lat was healthy in every respect: normal blood pressure, normal weight, didn’t smoke, barely drank.

“I have definitely had people trying to psychologically distance themselves from me and my case,” he said, “but I haven’t been surprised by these reactions — partly because, truth be told, I used to engage in them, too.”

In a way, this bias is a modified, pandemic-ready version of the just-world fallacy, the bias that makes us believe that good things ultimately happen to good people and bad things ultimately happen to bad ones. We’d all like to believe there’s a reason for a person’s ill luck. That bad luck might be insolently random, working its way through the world with pitiless indifference to who or what we are, is simply too upsetting.

It is, of course, a natural instinct to fear our own mortality. In “The Denial of Death,” published in 1973, the cultural anthropologist Ernest Becker went so far as to argue that our dread of dying is what motivates all of human behavior, that it’s responsible for the whole of culture, of civilization; how else to create meaning for ourselves?

But it’s irresponsible when this denial affects our political rhetoric, especially during a historic pandemic. “The risk to the average American is low” went the

Trump administration mantra for weeks on end — meaning that older Americans weren’t average, and neither were smokers, or people with heart disease or diabetes or compromised immune systems.

Now we see that African Americans and Latinos are disproportionately dying, because they’re more apt to work high-exposure jobs and less apt to have access to high-quality health care. Are they not average either?

And what of all the Americans who are dying of COVID-19 for reasons doctors can’t discern at all?

How you speak about a disease matters, as Susan Sontag pointed out so long ago in “Illness as Metaphor.” It informs the very way that you treat it. When the president described COVID-19 as “the Chinese virus,” he wasn’t just deflecting blame for his slow response; he was explaining it. He thought of the novel coronavirus as something that happened only to Americans who went to China, or those who were in contact with people who had been to China. This was our testing policy for weeks.

It was, once again, Donald Trump’s own form of psychological distancing, and it had lethal consequences. It’s little different from the mentality that led young people to go tra-la-la-ing on the beaches of Florida over spring break, oblivious to the notion that they might silently spread the disease to the busboys who cleared their food, the cashier who handed them their beer or their parents who waited for them back home. (It was also foolish for them to believe they were completely immune. Statistics say otherwise.)

The only way to fight this pandemic is through identification with its victims, not deliberate estrangement from them. As we spend weeks — months — in isolation, it’s our connectedness we ought to keep in mind. This virus affects us all. *Je suis Covid.*

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CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Groupon to cut 2,800 workers

Company to adopt 'poison pill' amid economic fallout

BY ALLY MAROTTI

Groupon expects to lay off or furlough about 2,800 employees, in part because of the economic toll the coronavirus pandemic and widespread stay-at-home orders are taking on the Chicago-based deals company.

Most of the terminations, which amount to about 44% of the company's employee base and "a significant portion" of its sales team, should be complete by June, according to a filing Monday

with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. The company said it will continue to evaluate its costs, including additional layoffs.

The health crisis has ravaged the U.S. economy, and left few companies unaffected. Groupon, whose core business is to offer people discounts on services and experiences, has been particularly shaken. The company has spent the last several years scaling back and reinventing the ways it reaches customers.

Groupon said it expects the negative impact on its business to continue at least as long as customer behavior is affected by stay-at-home orders and other mea-

sures the government puts in place to quell the spread of COVID-19.

The company also said it implemented a hiring freeze and reversed its decision to stop selling products through its Groupon Goods marketplace. And its board of directors adopted a shareholders rights plan to defend Groupon against any bids to take control of the company.

Groupon said the rights plan, commonly called a "poison pill," was not adopted in response to any specific takeover bid. Instead, the board believes it will protect shareholders interests amid the market volatility caused by the co-

ronavirus pandemic.

The "poison pill" will kick in if one group acquires 10% or more of Groupon's outstanding common stock, or an eligible passive investor acquires 20% or more. The plan expires in 11 months.

If the plan is triggered, existing shareholders can buy shares at a discount, diluting the stake of an acquiring company.

To adapt to the current environment, Groupon plans to highlight deals customers can use from home, such as wine delivery or virtual workout packages, according to the filing.

In February, the company announced it would aban-

don online merchandise sales and instead focus on its "experiences" marketplace, where customers can buy a haircut coupon or discounted tickets to the ice skating rink. Groupon reported a loss of \$22.4 million for 2019.

Employees were first notified about the cuts last week in an email from interim CEO Aaron Cooper.

As of Dec. 31, Groupon employed 2,358 people in North America, including 933 sales representatives and 1,425 corporate, operational and customer service representatives, according to a February SEC filing. It had 3,987 international employees, including 1,383

sales representatives and 2,604 corporate, operational and customer service representatives.

Groupon did not respond to a request for comment Monday.

The company, which launched more than 11 years ago with a two-for-one pizza deal at a Chicago bar, ousted its CEO last month after reporting a disappointing fourth-quarter performance and plans to reduce costs.

Groupon shares closed at 87 cents Monday, down about 70% since Jan. 31.

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Onward and upward

Salesforce Tower lands \$500 million-plus loan; construction of 60-story office building kicks off along Chicago River despite coronavirus slowdown



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Development of the 60-story Salesforce Tower office has kicked off along the Chicago River after the project secured a \$500 million-plus construction loan that is one of the largest in Chicago history.

Financing was finalized amid a major economic slowdown resulting from the coronavirus pandemic, which has put into question the fates of big real estate projects throughout the world.

Salesforce Tower was able to move forward because of its deep-pocketed investors and a 500,000-square-foot lease in hand from the namesake tenant, the San Francisco-based software firm.

The loan was finalized April 2, said Greg Van Schaack, a Chicago-based senior managing director at development firm Hines. Work on the skyscraper's foundation began a day or two later on the site at Orleans Street and the Chicago River, he said.

Hines is developing the site with the Kennedy family, which has owned the riverfront land for decades; Chicago businessman Larry Levy; and the AFL-CIO Building Investment Trust, which is advised by PNC Realty Investors.

Lenders included JPMorgan Chase, Wells Fargo and U.S. Bank, among others, according to Van Schaack.

He said the loan is for more than \$500 million, but Van Schaack declined to be more specific. The exact amount was not yet recorded with Cook County.

"It's a tough time for any project that has smaller investors distracted by other issues," Van Schaack said. "With the lenders and investors that we have, we were able to stay on course. We're very lucky for that."

Construction loans of more than a half-billion dollars are extremely rare in Chicago.

It is the largest loan since 2017, which



ILLUSTRATION BY STEELBLUE FOR HINES

This rendering shows what Salesforce Tower Chicago will look like once completed.

included a Chicago-record \$700 million in debt for the 101-story Vista Tower condominium and hotel project expected to open later this year, and a \$500 million loan for the Old Post Office redevelopment that opened to the first office tenants in late 2019.

Salesforce in November 2018 confirmed plans to anchor the riverfront tower, saying it had leased floor five through 23 and 55 through 57, in a consolidation of spaces in several River North and Loop office buildings it occupies now.

The company expects to pay \$475 million in rent over 17 years in the new tower, according to a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Salesforce Tower is expected to cost more than \$800 million to build.

The 820-foot-tall Salesforce Tower, designed by architecture firm Pelli Clarke Pelli, is expected to be completed in fall 2022, Van Schaack said. The developers continue talking with prospective tenants for the approximately 700,000 square feet of office space that remains available.

It is the third and final tower to be built on the Wolf Point site near the Merchandise Mart on the north banks of the river. The second of two apartment towers, the 60-story Wolf Point East, is open to residents while construction work is completed within the top 20 floors. Wolf Point West opened in January 2016.

The long-term impact of the health crisis on commercial real estate is uncertain, but it's expected to delay many leasing decisions in the months to come. But the tower's foundation work will take at least six months to complete, and the hope is that the downtown office market will reemerge by late this year, Van Schaack said.

"Short term, I think things are going to be very bumpy, with tenants reassessing their needs," Van Schaack said. "But this building won't be ready for two to three years, and I think by then things will be back to normal."

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For some, Wednesday still tax day

Most forms aren't due until July, but not everyone gets reprieve

BY MARY WISNIEWSKI

If you pay quarterly estimated taxes, the state still needs you to get them in by the end of the day on Wednesday, even though other tax deadlines have been pushed back because of the coronavirus pandemic.

People who are self-employed, have second jobs or run a business often have to pay estimated taxes on a quarterly basis, as well as filing returns for the full year. If they pay too little, they may have to pay penalties. Individuals must make



Richard Pruitt waves a flag at passing traffic last week, trying to attract business for Liberty Tax Service in a strip mall in Dallas.

estimated payments if their Illinois individual income tax liability is more than \$1,000 for the year, according to the Department of Revenue's website.

The filing deadline for state and federal annual tax returns has been pushed back until July 15. For federal estimated taxes, July 15 also is the new deadline for the first two quar-

ters of tax payments, usually due on April 15 and June 15.

But Illinois still wants its quarterly estimated tax payments by the usual deadlines, though it is offering alternative ways to calculate what they owe, said Department of Revenue spokesman Sam Salustro.

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Federal stimulus cash starting to reach accounts

BY SARAH SKIDMORE
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Associated Press

Americans are beginning to see the first economic impact payments hit their bank accounts.

The IRS tweeted Saturday that it had begun depositing the funds into taxpayers' bank accounts and would be working to get them out as fast as possible.

The one-time payments were approved by Congress as part of an emergency relief package intended to combat the economic damage from the coronavirus

pandemic.

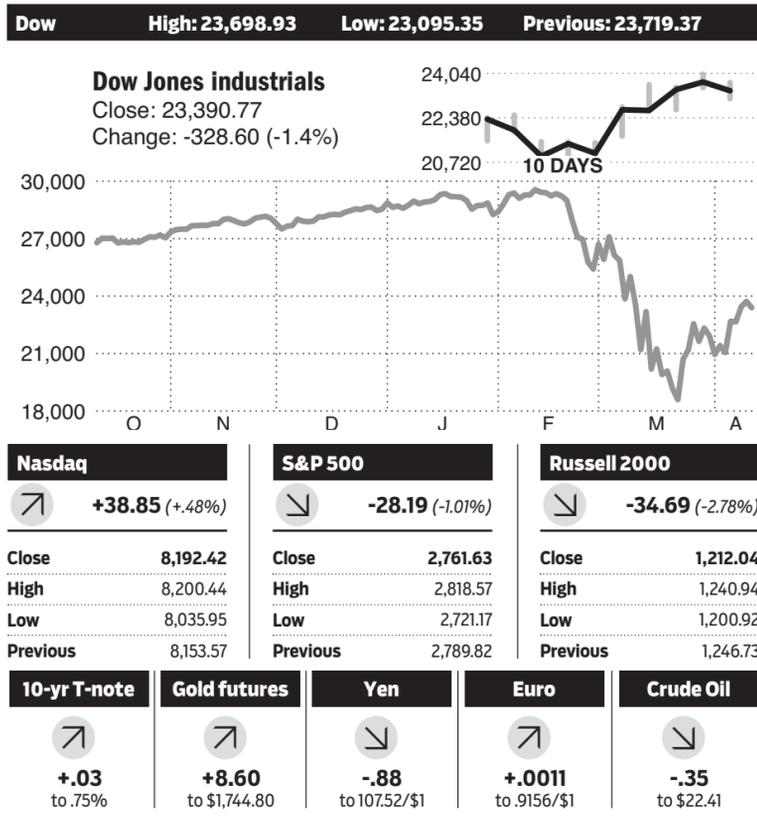
The exact timing of when people get their money depends on a few factors, such as income and payment delivery method.

On Monday the IRS said on Twitter that it would launch a tool "that will provide the status of a payment, including the date it's scheduled to be deposited or mailed."

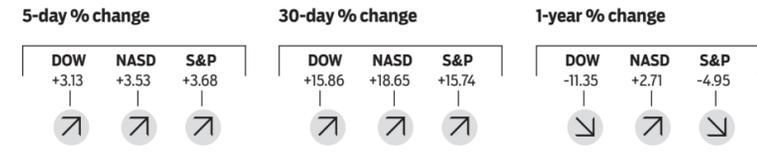
Those seeking information were directed to irs.gov/eip. As of Monday afternoon, the "Get My Payment" app was described as

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MARKET ROUNDUP



Major market growth and decline



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“coming mid-April.”

Here is what Americans should know about the payments:

Who is getting a check?

Any adult earning up to \$75,000 in adjusted gross income who has a valid Social Security number will receive a \$1,200 payment.

The payment steadily declines for those who make more and phases out for those who earn more than \$99,000.

Parents will also get payments of \$500 for each eligible child; this is generally those 16 years old or younger.

For heads of household with one child, the benefit starts to decline at \$112,500 and falls to zero at \$136,500.

Even those who only receive Social Security or other government benefit programs can receive a check.

Who doesn't get one?

High-income filers are excluded, as is anyone without a valid Social Security number.

If someone can be claimed as a dependent on someone else's return, such as an adult child or student, they will not get a payment.

Nonresident aliens aren't eligible. People who filed Form 1040-PR or 1040-SS for 2019 are not eligible; these are IRS forms used for certain types of self-employment income in Puerto Rico.

What do I have to do to get one?

For most people, nothing.

Checks will arrive via direct deposit if a taxpayer included the relevant information on their tax return filed this year or last.

Some Americans are not required to file a tax return — such as low-income taxpayers, Social Security recipients, some veterans and people with disabilities.

After some back and forth with lawmakers, the Treasury and IRS ultimately decided Social Security recipients and railroad retirees, who aren't typically required to file taxes, would not need to file a simple tax return to get the payment.

Anyone else who isn't typically required to file taxes and does not receive Social Security will still need to file an abbreviated return to get the payment. On Friday, the Treasury unveiled an online tool that allows these nonfilers to more quickly register to get their check.

If someone didn't file a tax return for either the 2018 or 2019 tax year, the IRS is urging them to file as soon as they can.

And for people who filed taxes for those years but did not include direct deposit information, the IRS plans to have its “Get My Payment” app available later this week that will allow them to add their bank information so their payment can be deposited.

For everyone else, the government will mail a check.

When will I get the payment?

Direct deposits began this weekend. The Treasury said paper checks will begin to be issued later in the month.

Everyone who gets a payment will receive written notice within 15 days after the payment that specifies how much you received

and how it was delivered. The IRS also said the “Get My Payment” app will allow taxpayers to track the status of their payment.

A memo from lawmakers earlier in the month said that paper checks wouldn't start being mailed until May. And because the paper checks would be issued at a rate of about 5 million a week, the process could take through August.

The Treasury, however, said that paper checks payments would begin later in April but did not confirm a date or how long it would take to complete those distributions.

All payments will be made based on income, with lower-income individuals receiving payment first.

Why so long?

It's a tough wait for those who are struggling financially.

However, the Treasury and the IRS need to sort through a tremendous amount of data and create a complex distribution method plan quite quickly, said Mark Mazur, director of the nonprofit Tax Policy Center. The IRS' outdated technology could also slow things down.

“For the vast majority of people this will work, it may not be as fast as they may like but it will work,” Mazur said.

Be alert for scams

Additionally, the IRS is urging people to be on the lookout for any scams related to the economic impact payments.

The IRS will not call, text, email or contact people via social media asking for personal or bank account information ever. It also warns taxpayers to watch out for emails with attachments or links claiming to have special information about economic impact payments or refunds.

fied public accountants. “It eliminates some of the burden of the estimated filer having to figure out the estimated payment they would owe, without having their taxes done.”

He said about 20% of the state's taxpayers have to pay estimated taxes, and some accounting clients have said they're having a hard time paying because of lost income as a result of the coronavirus. He added that many certified public accountants are working with their clients to get data together to apply for small business loans, through the \$2.2 trillion federal relief program or CARES Act.

Richard Allen, president of the Independent Accountants Associ-

ation in Illinois, a trade group headquartered in Springfield, said he guesses the state is keeping the estimated tax deadlines because “they need the money.”

“Are they going to charge late fees for it?” Allen wondered. “They've got a year to decide that.”

For many people who have to pay estimated taxes, the state quarterly payments are “the least of their worries,” he said.

“They have to make their payroll payments to their employees, their mortgages and their utilities,” Allen said.

“They're applying for emergency loans.”

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Pandemic results in a pause on US plastic bag bans

BY GILLIAN FLACCUS Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — Just weeks ago, cities and even states nationwide were busy banning straw, limiting takeout containers and mandating that shoppers bring reusable bags or pay a small fee as the movement to eliminate single-use plastics took hold in mainstream America.

What a difference a pandemic makes.

In a matter of days, hard-won bans to reduce the use of plastics — and particularly plastic shopping sacks — across the U.S. have come under fire amid worries about the virus clinging to reusable bags, cups and straws.

Governors in Massachusetts and Illinois have banned or strongly discouraged the use of reusable grocery bags. Oregon suspended its brand-new ban on plastic bags, and cities from Bellingham, Washington, to Albuquerque, New Mexico, have announced a hiatus on plastic bag bans as the coronavirus rages.

Add a rise in takeout and a ban on reusable cups and straws at the few coffee stores that remain open, and environmentalists worry COVID-19 could set back their efforts to tackle plastic pollution for years.

“People are scared for their lives, their livelihood, the economy, feeding their loved ones, so the environment is taking a back seat,” said Glen Quadros, owner of the Great American Diner & Bar in Seattle.

Quadros has laid off 15 employees and seen a 60% decline in business since Seattle all but shut down to slow the pandemic. For now, he's using biodegradable containers for takeout and delivery, but those products cost up to three times more than plastic.

The plastics industry has seized the moment and is lobbying hard to overturn bans on single-use plastics by arguing disposable plastics are the safest option amid the crisis. California, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Maine, New York, Oregon and Vermont have statewide bans on plastic bags, and Oregon and California have laws limiting the use of plastic straws.

New York's statewide plastic bag ban is on hold because of a lawsuit.

The Plastics Industry Association recently sent a letter to Alex Azar, head of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and asked him to speak out against plastic bag bans because they put consumers and workers at risk. And the American Recyclable Plastic Bag Alliance is doubling down on its opposition to plastic bag bans under a preexisting campaign titled Bag the Ban.

Grocery worker unions, too, have joined the chorus. The union that represents Oregon supermarket workers is lobbying for a ban on reusable bags, and a Chicago union called for an “end to the disease-transmitting bag tax.”

Critics argue people with reusable bags don't regularly wash them.

“If those bags coming into the store are contaminated with anything, they get put on the conveyor belt, the counter, and you're putting yourself in a bad spot,” said Matt Seaholm, executive director of the American Recyclable Plastic Bag Alliance. “It's an unnecessary risk.”

A study by the U.S. National Institutes of Health found the novel coronavirus can remain on plastics and stainless steel for up to three days, and on cardboard for up to one day. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says it appears possible for a person to get COVID-19 by touching a surface that has the virus on it and then touching their mouth, nose or eyes — but it's not thought that's the main way the virus spreads.

More studies are needed to fully assess the dangers posed by reusable bags, which are mostly made of fabric, said Dr. Jennifer Vines, lead health officer for the Portland metropolitan area.

“It's not clear that a virus that you can find on a surface — whether it's cloth or something else — is viable and can actually make you sick,” she said.

Some stores such as Trader Joe's and Target are letting customers use their own bags if they sack their groceries themselves, while others are banning them.

Stocks slump ahead of expected earnings hit

S&P rallies, but cannot build off last week's big gains

BY ALEX VEIGA
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Stocks fell on Wall Street on Monday, erasing some of the market's big gains from last week, as investors braced for a sobering first look at how the coronavirus pandemic has hurt company earnings.

The S&P 500 fell 1% after cutting its early losses by more than half toward the end of the day. The benchmark index surged 12% last week, its best gain since 1974.

The pullback followed news over the weekend that OPEC, Russia and other oil producing nations have agreed to cut output in a bid to stem a slide in crude prices following a collapse in demand due to the outbreak.

Financial, industrial and health care stocks took some of the heaviest selling. Amazon and a few other retailers were bright spots. Traders continued to watch for more signs that the coronavirus outbreak may be leveling off and what that could mean for the prospects of reopening

the economy.

Cautious optimism that the outbreak has begun to plateau in some of the worst-hit areas and another big infusion of economic support by the Federal Reserve helped spur last week's big rally. This week, stocks could be in for more volatility as companies report first quarter results, though analysts will be focused primarily on what management teams have to say about what the rest of the year looks like.

Details may be hard to come by, as many companies have ceased giving earnings forecasts because of the uncertainty over when government officials will determine it's safe to roll back the social distancing and stay-at-home mandates.

"The companies don't know what demand is going to be over the next three months or over the next six months," said Willie Delwiche, investment strategist at Baird.

The S&P lost 28.19 points to 2,761.63. The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 328.60 points, or 1.4%, to 23,390.77. The index had been down 624 points. The Nasdaq reversed an early slide and rose

38.85 points, or 0.5%, to 8,192.42. The Russell 2000 index of smaller company stocks lost 34.68 points, or 2.8%, to 1,212.04.

European markets were closed for a holiday, and Asian markets ended mostly lower.

Bond prices fell. The yield on the 10-year Treasury to 0.75% from 0.72% late Thursday. U.S. markets were closed last Friday for the Good Friday holiday.

Several major banks, including JPMorgan Chase, Wells Fargo and Bank of America, and big companies, including UnitedHealth Group, Johnson & Johnson and Rite Aid, are on deck to report results this week.

Analysts predict that earnings for all the companies in the S&P 500 will be down 9% in the first quarter from a year earlier, according to FactSet. That would be the biggest annual decline in earnings for the index since the third quarter of 2009 when earnings slumped nearly 16%.

"Our view is its one big write-off year," said Keith Lerner, chief market strategist at SunTrust Advisory Services.

Trump's safety net shackles Obamacare

BY RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration's unrelenting opposition to Obamacare could become an obstacle for millions of uninsured people in the coronavirus outbreak, as well as many who are losing coverage in the economic shutdown.

Experts say the Affordable Care Act's insurance markets provide a ready-made infrastructure for extending subsidized private coverage in every state, allowing more people access to medical treatment before they get so sick they have to go to the emergency room. In about three-fourths of the states, expanded Medicaid is also available to low-income people.

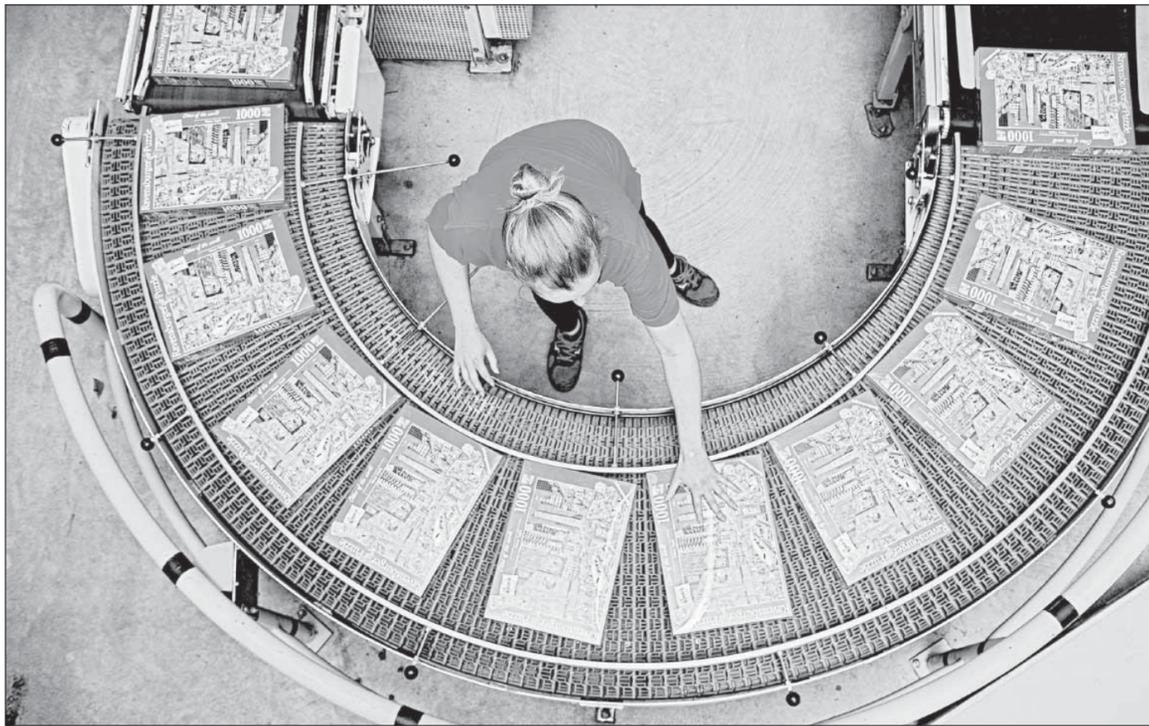
But the Trump administration has resisted reopening the ACA's HealthCare.gov marketplace for uninsured people who missed the last sign-up period. And it doesn't seem to be doing much to inform people who lost job-based coverage that they're eligible for insurance now through the ACA.

State-run exchanges prominently promote the availability of coverage, but users of HealthCare.gov have to go through a series of clicks to get that information.

On Monday, leading congressional Democrats wrote Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar to urge reopening HealthCare.gov and a focused effort to inform people who lose job-based coverage of their rights to an ACA plan.

"Many remain unaware of how to sign up or the existence of financial assistance to lower their costs," wrote Reps. Richard Neal, D-Mass., Frank Pallone, D-N.J., and Bobby Scott, D-Va., along with Sens. Ron Wyden, D-Ore. and Patty Murray, D-Wash.

In a statement, HHS did not address the question of opening the health insurance marketplaces, as several states have. The statement referred people who have lost job-based coverage to a page on the HealthCare.gov site.



RODERICK AICHINGER/THE NEW YORK TIMES

German puzzle maker Ravensburger has had difficulty keeping up with the increased global demand for its products.

Popularity not a conundrum

Suddenly stuck indoors, more people are passing time with jigsaw puzzles

BY AMIE TSANG
The New York Times

Patrick Stewart once called the world of jigsaw puzzles a "secret society."

There were always high-profile fans, such as Hugh Jackman, but most only whispered about their passion.

Now, with much of the world under lockdown and looking to kill time, jigsaw puzzles have taken on new role: a tool to save humanity. Australia's prime minister, Scott Morrison, even referred to jigsaws as essential and allowed people to leave the house to buy them.

Celebrities and commoners, stuck in their homes, have shown off their puzzles. Ellen DeGeneres recorded her travails with a 4,000-piece puzzle on Instagram.

The rush to get hold of a jigsaw puzzle — and even stockpiling by regular enthusiasts — has transformed this quiet hobby and put companies under pressure as demand surges past Christmas levels.

Ravensburger, a German puzzle maker with global sales of about \$600 million, has been trying to meet the sudden blizzard of

orders even as social-distancing measures have limited the number of puzzles it is able to produce at its factory in the south of Germany. The company can't easily ramp up production because each new puzzle takes weeks to create.

Each puzzle piece must be uniquely shaped to keep one from accidentally fitting into the wrong place. That means 1,000 different shapes for a 1,000-piece puzzle, each drawn by hand by workers. Before a puzzle is cut for the first time, each piece is sketched on a sheet of paper draped over the finished image.

Pieces of metal are then shaped to form an elaborate cookie cutter made just for that jigsaw puzzle; it takes about four weeks to build one. The cutter can be used only a limited number of times before its edges are dulled. It can be resharpened once and must then be discarded. At busy times of the year, the company will go through several cutters a day.

Before any pieces are cut, the company chooses the right image for a puzzle.

"Very rarely does it work well to just take a good-looking image and put it on a puzzle package," said Filip Francke, the chief executive of Ravensburger in North America.

People tend to prefer images jam-packed with details rather than broad swathes of color, unless they want to

torture themselves with a one-color puzzle.

"We're looking at an immersive image that allows the puzzler to kind of get transported into a different place, potentially even time," said Thomas Kaeppler, president of Ravensburger in North America.

Images that evoke a sense of coziness are always popular, but interests will vary by age. One British company, Gibsons, has a line of puzzles targeted at millennials that feature avocados.

Ravensburger runs focus groups and monitors platforms such as Reddit, Instagram and Etsy to identify trends. It creates a profile of a target customer and assembles a visual mood board that represents the kind of person the customer is and what else that person might like.

Retailers have been scrambling to deal with the sudden demand for puzzles. Older residents of Britain, who have been urged to quarantine for 12 weeks, have started stocking up.

Joe Rushton, the director of Yorkshire Jigsaw, a retailer in the north of England, said he had stopped taking orders on Amazon and was just focusing on direct sales. The company has been receiving a month's worth of orders each day and is "pretty much cleaned out" until more puzzles come in.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

Condé Nast to impose pay cuts

Condé Nast, the most glittering of all magazine publishers, is the latest media casualty of the coronavirus pandemic.

Roger J. Lynch, chief executive of the company behind Vogue, Vanity Fair and The New Yorker, sent a memo Monday to 6,000 employees around the world to inform them of an austerity plan that includes pay cuts, furloughs and possible layoffs.

Those earning \$100,000 or more — approximately just under half the company — will have salaries reduced by 10% to 20% for five months, starting in May, the memo said. Executives in the senior management team, including Anna Wintour, the artistic director and Condé Nast's best-known figurehead, will have their pay cut by 20%.

Delta says unpaid leaves not enough

ATLANTA — Nearly 35,000 of Delta Air Line's employees have volunteered for unpaid leave, yet the company is still seeking aid from the federal government to pay its workers.

The Atlanta-based airline also is applying for unemployment benefits in Georgia for those taking leave.

In the federal stimulus package approved by Congress, \$25 billion is earmarked to go to airlines, which have been hit hard by the coronavirus pandemic as travel has slowed significantly. Airlines are supposed to use the money to continue to pay their employees.

Delta CEO Ed Bastian told employees in a memo last week that the company still needs more to volunteer for unpaid leave.

Virus fuels push for online pot sales, delivery

BY THOMAS PEIPERT
Associated Press

DENVER — Colorado has made online sales of recreational marijuana legal during the coronavirus pandemic, fulfilling one of the pot industry's biggest wishes and fueling its argument for more concessions that could be made permanent when the crisis eases.

It's one of several signs emerging from the virus outbreak of how far ingrained marijuana has become in mainstream life in several states.

Dispensaries are being designated "critical businesses" and are allowed to operate through statewide stay-at-home orders. Large markets such as California, Washington state and Oregon are allowing

curbside pickup during the crisis.

Under Colorado's emergency rules, customers can pay for marijuana online and then pick up their purchase at the store.

"We have an opportunity to prove that cannabis businesses can run these operations and do so effectively under extremely dire circumstances," said Morgan Fox, a spokesman for the Denver-based National Cannabis Industry Association.

Massachusetts, Michigan, Illinois and Oregon also allow online recreational marijuana sales. But the practice remains severely limited because credit card companies tend to shy away from dealing with a drug that is still illegal under U.S. law.

Fox said easing restrictions on dispensaries is a step, but he doubts credit card companies will embrace the marijuana

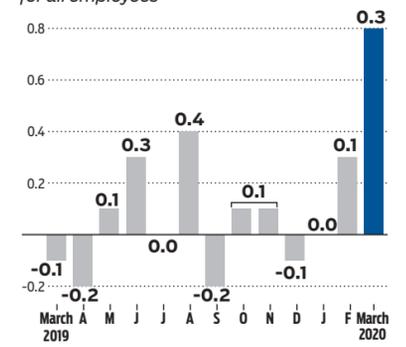
industry unless lawmakers provide some cover by passing the Secure and Fair Enforcement Banking Act, which aims to protect financial institutions that serve cannabis-related businesses.

One example is Cannabis Station by Rocky Mountain High, a dispensary housed in an old filling station in downtown Denver. The dispensary has been providing curbside pickup after Gov. Jared Polis' March 20 directive, but it hasn't delved into online sales because it hasn't found a credit card company willing to process the transactions.

The dispensary's manager, Ben Prater, said he believes the state should allow deliveries during the crisis. Home delivery of marijuana, already allowed in several states, was not covered by Polis' order.

Real earnings

Monthly percent change in real (adjusted for inflation) average hourly earnings for all employees



SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics

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OBITUARIES

REMEMBERING THE LIVES OF THOSE IN ILLINOIS WHO DIED FROM CORONAVIRUS

They were mothers and fathers, daughters and sons. Many were proud grandparents. Two were sisters from a tight-knit South Side family. All were loved, relatives say, and will be forever missed. As the number of deaths attributable to the coronavirus ticks upward, the Tribune is working to chronicle those who have lost their lives in the Chicago area or who have connections to our region. These are some of those victims.

JAMES GETTINGS, 94

Took part in Great Migration; died March 29



Born in Birmingham, Alabama, in 1925, James Gettings moved north to Chicago in his early 20s and paved a way forward for generations to come.

A true patriarch, Gettings' family said they will remember him as someone who always reached back for others.

Gettings was one of many African Americans to leave the south during the years of the Great Migration. He first arrived in Pennsylvania and worked in a shipyard, learning to weld. Two years later, he moved to Chicago where he worked as a journeyman until the day he retired.

"He made it, that's the best way that I can put it," said Gettings' granddaughter in-law Napatia Gettings. "You don't have many people still living from the Great Migration. To even think about what they had to go through to pick up and move to the big city and also be successful is just huge."

In the time she knew him, Gettings said her grandfather-in-law still had that fighting spirit. He saw himself as a provider, working to ensure others had the same opportunities for a good life.

Gettings died March 29 in Flossmoor as a result of pneumonia due to COVID-19. It all happened in a matter of a week according to his granddaughter in-law.

A family member sent her and her husband a video of Gettings just the night before his passing. "He was on the ventilator and that for me was just very traumatic just to see him like that," Gettings said.

Up to that point, the family says he was still sharp and high functioning for a 94-year-old.

"He survived more than most people, even colon cancer, just to live this long to die from this," Gettings said. "That's just kind of the real disappointment for all of us as a family."

About five years ago, Gettings sold his property on the South Side of Chicago and moved into a senior living home. In hindsight, Gettings said she wished they had taken him out of the home as the virus began to spread, but says the family was given so little time to act. Gettings did not know how many other residents at the assisted living facility have contracted the virus.

Gettings' wife and high school sweetheart Carrie Bell Scott died in 1998. The two are survived by four sons, as well as many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Unfortunately, like many others, the large family will not be able to gather for a funeral anytime soon.

"That's the other really hard part," Gettings said. "Not being able to have that home-going celebration that you want, or that they deserve. You live 94 years, you deserve that."

— Sophie Sherry

MARY MINERVINI, 91

'She would do without to make other people happy'; died April 1



Mary Minervini remained a caregiver long after her six children grew to have grandkids of their own.

At ManorCare nursing home in Palos Heights, she spotted residents who needed a drink or a blanket and enlisted the nurses for help. When her children visited her there, she still found ways to comfort them.

"She would be like, 'Here, sit down, kick your feet up, let me rub your feet,'" said Marie Minervini, her youngest child.

"She always wanted to help people. She would do without to make other people happy."

Minervini grew up in Chicago and moved to Oak Lawn when she married her husband, Frank, in 1946. They were married for 53 years until his death. She had their children — Michael, Mario, Frank, Daniel, Mary (Gallegos) and Marie — over 21 years.

She was a stay-at-home mom for some of that time but worked as a sign-language interpreter by the time Marie was born. Both of Minervini's parents were deaf, Marie said, and the work was important to her. She interpreted at hospitals and courthouses and later taught park district classes.

Minervini most loved to be around family, whether it be for game nights or big parties that required her to cook Italian food all day.

She often offered up food to her children. If they visited after she went grocery shopping, she tried to hand off some spaghetti. If she made or ordered a meal for herself, she asked to share it with them. She knew how to cook on a budget, and she made a delicious manicotti.

Minervini's attachment to her family made their separation due to coronavirus even more difficult. Her nursing home closed to visitors March 10, and a week later, Minervini was rushed to Palos Hospital in Palos Heights because she wasn't feeling well and had a high fever. She had a gallbladder infection but also tested positive for coronavirus. She had sepsis when she died.

She was hospitalized for two weeks, and that made the family wonder if she could have been retested for coronavirus to see if she could be removed from isolation. They were told there weren't enough tests, Marie said.

"It was the worst," Marie said. "Between my sister and I, we would visit my mom every day at the nursing home. She's always been around family. She's never been alone. If we were gone for one day, she was like, 'I haven't seen you in a week.' We went from seeing her every single day to nothing for (weeks)."

A priest visited Minervini in the hospital to anoint her, and that offered some comfort.

Minervini did not want a wake or funeral. She wanted to donate her body to science because she had deformities she thought could be studied, but she was told she was past the age limit for such a donation, Marie said.

Her birthday was July 3, and Marie is hopeful the family can hold a celebration of her life if circumstances improve by then. Minervini has 20 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren to help celebrate.

— Colleen Kane

SANDRA PIOTROWSKI, 77

Married to childhood friend more than five decades; died March 28



Sandra Piotrowski and her husband Don hadn't just been married for nearly 57 years.

They had known each other since they were children, back in the 1940s, in Chicago's Back of the Yards, home of the Union Stock Yards.

They both went to Florence Nightingale Elementary School. Married at age 21 in 1963, they had two sons, Blake and Brian.

Don Piotrowski worked as a meat cutter for Jewel supermarkets. Sandra, who had attended Gage Park High School, worked in the accounting departments of the Joslyn Manufacturing Co. in Chicago and two manufacturing companies in Bedford Park, Ringwood and Weld-Rite Services Inc.

"They both worked hard, kept food on the table," Blake Piotrowski, now director of corporate services for the Chicago-based American Medical Association, recalled Monday. "Me and my brother were able to go to college."

His brother, Brian, is vice president and general manager of Flowchem, LLC, of Waller, Texas, a supplier of oil pipeline operators.

In late February, Sandra Piotrowski, 77, who lived with her husband in southwest suburban Tinley Park, was admitted to Ingalls Memorial Hospital in south suburban Harvey, part of the University of Chicago hospital network.

She had an infection, was dehydrated and her kidneys and liver were failing, Don Piotrowski recalled.

"I visited her every day," he said.

After rehab treatment, Sandra returned home around March 22. But her condition worsened, forcing a return to the hospital, where she died March 28.

The chief cause of death was pneumonia, according to the Cook County medical examiner's office, which also said she suffered from a COVID-19 viral infection.

Her husband, 77, is now quarantined. He said the family is arranging a memorial service.

"They knew each other a long time. It's really tough on my dad," Blake Piotrowski said.

— Blair Kamin

GEORGE PARROTT JR., 77

Always trying to throw a party; died April 2



George Parrott Jr. had happily settled into retirement after long careers first as a salesman for Ford and later as the owner for four apartment complexes that he

managed. After selling the property in recent years, he and his wife Jearlene enjoyed their retirement at the Providence Manor subdivision in south suburban Matteson, seeing friends

Two years ago, he hosted a lively 75th birthday party with more than 150 guests.

"He always trying to throw a party. He was always a fun guy," said his grandson Brennan Parrott, 26. "He always had a good spirit and kept a positive energy around people."

But after undergoing a medical procedure late last month, Parrott's family said he developed a fever that progressed to pneumonia. Both he and his wife went to Advocate South Suburban Hospital where they both tested positive for COVID-19. While Jearlene Parrott's condition improved, her husband's condition worsened.

Parrott died early Friday morning at the Hazel Crest hospital. An autopsy found that Parrott died of bronchopneumonia with COVID-19 infection and diabetes as contributing factors, according to the medical examiner's office.

Parrott's death came as a shock to his family, who said the man remained strong and active and festive following his retirement from managing four real estate properties.

Brennan Parrott said his grandfather doted on him and other family members, an extension of his good nature toward the people in his life.

"He really was a loving caring family man and a hard worker, as well," Parrott said. "He had an entrepreneurial mindset — he thought about different ways to get different challenges done and he was just always just there for everybody when people needed him."

Though his family didn't get a chance to see Parrott in the hospital before he died, Parrott said he was able to say goodbye to his grandfather by cellphone thanks to nurse.

In his final message he told his grandfather "I love you. My dad loves you. My mom loves you. Grandma loves you. Everybody loves you and I know you've got some fight left in you."

In addition to his grandson, Parrott is survived by his son Darrin, and his wife of 52 years. Another son preceded him in death.

— William Lee

NANCY HALBAUER, 62

'Teaching was her life'; died March 31



Where was Nancy Halbauer happiest? "I would have said the classroom," said her only sibling, Mark Halbauer, "except that she also loved being on the athletic field, or taking

kids on field trips to places like Yosemite. Teaching was her life, and it really was a 24-7 vocation for her."

Nancy Halbauer, of Orland Park, died March 31 due to complications from the COVID-19 virus. She was 62.

Born in 1952 in Evergreen Park, Halbauer did not marry, nor did she have any children. Her professional life, one of service, was dedicated to the teaching of Catholic children. In her personal life, she enjoyed eating out, cheering on the Chicago Cubs, visiting with her plethora of dedicated friends and even saving up and heading to New York for the occasional Broadway show.

Halbauer brought to her vocation, and to her students, a formidable battery of academic qualifications, including an undergraduate degree in kinesiology from the University of Illinois, a graduate degree in education from Stanford University and a second masters in administration from Dominican University. She earned a Juris Doctor degree from the University of San Francisco, a program that also involved study at Trinity College in Dublin, but, although she considered becoming a lawyer, she ultimately found the pull and rewards of teaching too strong to do anything else.

"You know that Catholic schoolteachers don't get paid very well," said her brother. "That was especially true in Nancy's case, because she had a single-minded pursuit. She thrived by educating kids. She made sure they were up to speed on their academics. She always felt the need to engage positively with life."

Although her first job out of college was teaching at Carl Sandburg High School in Orland Park, she later moved to Northern California, teaching at a variety of schools in that state, including the San Domenico School in San Anselmo.

"Nancy loved everything about California," her brother said. "The Golden Gate Bridge. Wine country. The whole vibe. She was a very free-spirited person."

But also a person with a profound sense of mission. Once her mother's health began to decline, Halbauer returned to the Chicago area to attend to her mom's care, teaching thereafter at Queen Of Peace High School in Burbank, St. Raymond School in Joliet and St. Linus School in Oak Lawn.

"I could not have handled that situation without Nancy," said her brother. Mark and Nancy Halbauer's parents are both now deceased.

Mark Halbauer also said that he had not yet been able to complete Nancy's funeral arrangements, given the quarantine strictures, and that he knew his sister would not want anyone to risk their lives by attending. He hoped, he said, to arrange a memorial service once the situation has abated.

Nancy Halbauer's Facebook page still contains a profile picture with the backdrop of a stained-glass window. There are two inset images: One of the Cubs winning the World Series and the other of palm trees.

— Chris Jones

Chicago Daily Tribune

ON APRIL 14 ...

In 1775 the first American society for the abolition of slavery was organized by Benjamin Franklin and Benjamin Rush.

In 1828 the first edition of Noah Webster's "American Dictionary of the English Language" was published.

In 1865 President Abraham Lincoln was shot and mortally wounded by John Wilkes Booth while attending the comedy "Our American Cousin" at Ford's Theater in Washington. (Lincoln died the following morning.)

In 1890 the First International Conference of American States met in Washington, where delegates agreed to form the International Union of American Republics, a forerunner of the Organization of American States.

In 1910 President William Howard Taft set a precedent by throwing out the first ball at the baseball season's opener in Washington.

In 1956 Ampex Corp. demonstrated its first commercial videotape recorder, or VCR, at the National Association of Radio and Television Broadcasters Convention in Chicago.

In 1986 Americans got first word of a U.S. air raid on Libya. (Because of the time difference, it was the early morning of April 15 where the attack occurred.)

In 1988 Afghanistan, Pakistan, the United States and the Soviet Union signed agreements providing for the withdrawal of Soviet forces from Afghanistan and creation of a nonaligned Afghan state.

In 1995 the UN Security Council gave permission to Iraq, still under sanctions for its invasion of Kuwait, to sell \$2 billion worth of oil to buy food, medicine and other supplies. (However, Iraq rejected the offer.)

In 1999 NATO mistakenly bombed a convoy of ethnic Albanian refugees; Yugoslav officials said 75 people were killed.

In 2000, on Wall Street, stocks plummeted in heavy trading, with the Dow industrials down 617 points and the Nasdaq composite index falling 355 points, capping one of the worst weeks ever for U.S. stocks.

In 2003 Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit fell with unexpectedly light resistance, the last Iraqi city to succumb to overpowering U.S.-led ground and air forces.

In 2004, in a historic policy shift, President George W. Bush endorsed Israel's plan to hold on to part of the West Bank in any final peace settlement with the Palestinians; he also ruled out Palestinian refugees returning to Israel, bringing strong criticism from the Palestinians.

In 2014 Boko Haram militants abducted more than 270 schoolgirls in Chibok, Nigeria, and later threatened to sell the students into slavery.

In 2015 a judge sentenced all but one of 10 former Atlanta public school educators convicted in a conspiracy to inflate student scores on standardized tests to jail time.

WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

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Lotto jackpot: \$8.5M
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Pick 4 evening 5977 / 6
Lucky Day Lotto evening
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WISCONSIN
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April 14 Mega Millions: \$145M
April 15 Powerball: \$22M

Chicago Tribune Death Notices

Chicago Tribune extends our condolences to the families and loved ones of those who have passed.

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Death Notices

Bercovitz, Minnie

Minnie Bercovitz, nee Gershberg, 93. Beloved wife of the late Leo; devoted mother of Terry (Laura), Neil (Ann), and Ellen (Neal); cherished grandmother of Rachel (Krista), Jennifer (Kevin), Jordan, Bradley, and Michele (John); proud great-grandmother of Levi; dear sister of the late David (late Helen); and loving aunt to many nieces and nephews. Services are private by necessity. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to area food banks. For info: 847-256-5700.



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Bourne, Debra Ann

Debra Ann Bourne, 64, of Wheaton, Illinois, passed away Saturday, April 11, 2020, after a long battle with pancreatic cancer.

Debra was born November 9, 1955, and raised in Oak Park IL, to parents Edward and Mildred Luga. She will always be remembered as a kind, generous and beautiful soul who cherished and loved all who touched her heart. Debra worked in Telecommunications at CDH, and remained loyal for 32 years before her passing. She loved live music, a good laugh, and most of all she was proud of her sons and grandchildren.

Debra is survived by her three children, James (Brienne), Eric (Hollie) and Bryan Bourne, her siblings Linda (Bill) Bargi, Paul (Bridget) Luga, Patricia (Lee) Muratori, her cherished grandchildren Heidi, Andrew and Colton Bourne. A devoted Aunt to Rhiannon (Kyle) Sieck, Rachelle (Pete) Kienlen, Regina (Nicholas) O'Donnell, Nolan Luga, Stephanie (Alex) Rodriguez, Christine (David) Preciado. The 'greatest' Great Aunt to William, Caden and Mason Sieck, Brooklyn and Zachary Kienlen, Elsa and Kora O'Donnell, Gabriel and Alysia Rodriguez and Hendrix Preciado.

Debra will be missed with great love, celebrated with memories of laughter, and will never be forgotten for her fighting spirit she had until the end. Forever remembered by countless hearts she touched.

Visitation Tuesday, April 14, 3pm - 7pm, Leonard Memorial Home, 565 Duane St. Glen Ellyn. Funeral Service Wednesday, April 15, 10 AM at the funeral home. Interment, St. Michael Cemetery, Wheaton. Due to State restrictions, no more than 10 guests are allowed at one time. In lieu of flowers a donation to Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (www.pancan.org) Fundraiser for Debra Bourne in her honor would be greatly appreciated. A celebration of her life will take place at a later date.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Debra Bourne, please visit our floral store.

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Carlson, Ann

Ann L. Carlson nee Bayard, age 95. Beloved wife the late Allen Carlson; loving mother of Scott Carlson and Sandy Lukitsh; devoted grandfather of Kelsey Carlson, John Lukitsh, Eric (Stephanie) Lukitsh. Family visitation and service will be private. Interment Chapel Hill Gardens West Cemetery. Funeral info: www.knollcrest.net or 630-932-1500.

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Costello, William T.

William T. Costello, age 91, U.S. Army veteran of Korean War. Beloved husband of the late Gloria "Jean" (nee Reich). Devoted father of Karl Francis (Patricia), Christine Claire Kidder and the late Gregory William (Nancy). Loving grandfather of Lee Mitchell, William David Kidder and the late Greg Mitchell. Dear brother of the late Mary Ganey. Many years of service with Mystik Tape and Advanced Wheel Corporation. Very active with St. Frances of Rome (Cicero) and St. Mary of Celle (Berwyn). Bill volunteered countless hours to West Cicero Little League and was a founding member of Mid America War Gamers. Devoted White Sox fan. Funeral services private. Express your thoughts and memories in the online Guest Book at www.palosgaidasfh.com (708) 974 4410



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Gleeson, Mary

Mary Kathleen Gleeson nee Cahill, passed away peacefully in her home; beloved wife of the late Michael Gleeson; proud mother of Sheila (Michael Strizich), Noreen (Tracy Dugan), John (Michelle), Michael (Katie), Kay (Kevin) Austin and the late Patsy; loving grandmother of Joseph and John Strizich, Alana, Marena, Ava and John Austin, Connor, Pierce, Michael and Joseph Gleeson; dear sister of Eileen Carroll, Peg Lynch, Liz Cline, Kevin, Pat, John, Bernadette Ryan, Cathy, Frank, the late Bill, Tom, Dan, Joseph and Stephen; dear sister-in-law of the late Nellie McGrath, John, Phil, Tom, Owen and Tim. A Native of Ballyhahill, Co. Limerick, Ireland, Mary braved new surroundings at a young age to make a life in America. A proud registered nurse, Mary cared deeply for others as she did for her beloved family. Her loving, courageous, and resilient spirit will be deeply missed by all who knew her. "Though we need to weep your loss, You dwell in that safe place in our hearts, Where no storm or night or pain can reach you...". Arrangements entrusted to **Gibbons Family Funeral Home**. For info 773-777-3944 or www.GFFH

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Haag, David Bryan

Dave Haag passed away Tuesday, April 7, 2020 in his home in Lake Villa IL after losing his long battle with cancer. He was born June 19, 1957 in Chicago IL, the son of Hilmer (Bud) V. Haag Jr and Frances Lorraine Gubbins Haag. He is survived by his wife Annette Miller Haag, brother Paul Haag and nephews William, Joseph & Andrew.

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Karlin, Daniel Irving

Daniel Irving Karlin, 88, passed away peacefully April 10th, at his Glenview residence. He is survived by his loving wife Nancy, of 66 yrs., and two sons, Robert (Linda, grandsons Daniel and Matthew) & son Steven. He was born on Dec 24, 1931 and raised on the south side of Chicago, having graduated South Shore HS in 1949 and then completing 3-1/2 years in architectural studies at Univ. of Ill. Dan became a "cold war" naval aviator "warrior", '53-'57, stationed at Pensacola, & VP-16, Jacksonville, FL NAS. After serving 4 years, he returned to his life's work as an architect becoming licensed in 1959, practicing in his loop firm for about 30 yrs. specializing as a consultant to the lending industry. A family celebration of life will be announced this summer. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Alzheimer's Research Fund.

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Katz, Marilyn Beverly

Marilyn Beverly Katz, nee Altman, age 92. Beloved wife and best friend of 62 years to the late Irving Katz; most cherished mother of Gayle (Barry) Rutstein, Gary (Sherry) and Gregg (Wendy) Katz; loving grandmother of Bradley Goldstein, Jennifer (Kenneth) Stoller, Brandon (Brittany) and Brian Katz, Alex and Rachel Katz and great-grandchildren Cameron and Gavin; devoted daughter of the late William and Henrietta Altman. Private graveside services are necessary, however family and friends who can't attend can view the funeral at Marilyn's webpage on www.mitzvahfunerals.com Thursday April 16th at 1:30 PM, or any-time after the funeral. Info Mitzvah Memorial Funerals 630-MITZVAH 630-648-9824



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Kurland, Gary Edward

Gary Edward Kurland, age 61. Beloved husband of Kathy nee Ramos. Loving father of Benny, Jackie, and Jennifer. Devoted son of Ethel nee Kurnick and the late Howard D. Kurland, MD. Cherished brother of Robin (Marshall) Ross and Anne (Scot Warady) Kurland Warady. Adored uncle of Elizabeth (Joel) Holland, Zachary Ross, Victoria Warady, and Maxwell Warady. Great uncle of Jace and Brayden Holland. Private graveside service on Friday but accessible for streaming via the following link <https://bit.ly/GaryKurland>. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Wildlife Conservation Network, www.wildnet.org. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com



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Markovic, Phyllis J.

Phyllis J. Markovic, 69 of St. Charles, IL, died April 12, 2020. Arrangements by **Yurs Funeral Home** of Geneva, 630-232-7337 or visit us at www.yursfuneralhomes.com



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Mayhan, Catherine 'Kate'

Catherine ("Kate") Mayhan (nee Joyce), age 68, left this world on April 11, 2020. What would Kate want you to know about her? That she was a natural-born blonde. That she was born to the two best people to ever walk the earth - the late Daniel and Elizabeth Joyce, whose greatness was rivaled only by her many loving late aunts and uncles, by birth and marriage, including a priest, a nun, a teacher, and a suspected but yet to be confirmed CIA operative, who (except for the priest and nun, of course) provided her with an infinite number of first cousins, whom she could name, in order, despite having names like Dinky and Noonie; That she grew up on the South Side where Chicago ends, the best neighborhood in the world, with her (much) older brother Dan, noted inventor of dipping your french fries in your chocolate milkshake, her baby sister and best friend Mary Beth, and her lifelong friends, Patty, Kathy and Susie (x2); That she loved her husband, Tom Mayhan (aka "Doc"; aka "The Donald") and every minute they shared together, despite the fact that he swears like Darron McGavin in A Christmas Story whenever conducting home repairs; That she adored her children - Mary, Tommy ("Digger") and Annie, and every second of the joy and madness that filled their home; That she was equally adoring of her sisters-in-law Pat and Donna, her nieces, nephews, her son-in-law Bill and daughter-in-law Barbie; And that all of that aforementioned love and adoration is dwarfed in comparison to the love she ("Nana") has for her grandchildren, Katie, Billy, Patrick and Rosie, which is somehow more infinite than her list of first cousins; But if you can only remember one of those things, it would be that she was a natural-born blonde. What would we want you to know about Kate? That she was the most loving and generous daughter, sister, wife, mother, aunt, Nana, friend and neighbor you could ever hope for, and she will live on in the hearts of all that she has touched. Due to current restrictions on large gatherings, a wickedly joyous celebration of Kate's life will be scheduled at a later date. To honor Kate now, please perform an anonymous and unexpected act of kindness. In lieu of flowers, donations to your local food bank would also be appreciated. Arrangements by **Kurtz Memorial Chapel**, 102 E. Francis Road, New Lenox, IL 60451, 815-485-3700 or www.kurtzmemorialchapel.com.

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Moran, James

James "Jim" Edward Moran, 78, of Barboursville, WV, formerly of Chicago, Illinois, passed away Saturday, April 11, 2020. He was born October 25, 1941 in Chicago, IL, a son of the late James Edward and Helen Ferguson Moran. He was a retired school teacher and was a member of St. Joe Catholic Church. He is survived by one son, Matt (Renee) Moran of Huntington; one brother, Tom Moran of Chicago, IL; four grandchildren, McKenzie, Mason, Rachel, and Riley Moran; and a host of nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held at later date in Chicago. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph Catholic School. Wallace Funeral Home, Barboursville, WV, in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.timeformemory.com/wallace.

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Mulcahy, Shirley J.

Shirley J. Mulcahy, nee Koziarz, age 91, of Skokie, died Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020. Beloved wife of the late Thomas M.; dear mother of Kim, Kris, and Karen; loving grandmother of Lindsay (Nick) Esposito and Whitney Gomes; fond sister of the late Dorothy Zierfuss. Funeral Service and Interment, at St. Adalbert Catholic Cemetery, Niles, are private. Info: 847.673.6111 or www.habenfuneral.com to sign guestbook.



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Rabe, Arlene

Arlene Rabe, 94, of Lincolnshire, Illinois passed away on April 10, 2020. She was born in Chicago, Illinois on October 28, 1925 to Charles and Susan (nee Weber) Reil. Arlene was the loving wife to the late Robert (2004). She is survived by her loving children Lynne and Bob, Jr and other loving extended family. She was preceded in death by her loving sister Lorraine Snow. A Memorial Mass will be held at a later date at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Lake Forest. A Private interment will take place at All Saint's Catholic Cemetery, Des Plaines. Info: **Wenban Funeral Home** (847) 234-0022 or www.wenbanfh.com



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Ralson, Barbara J.

Devoted wife of the late Gerald "Jerry"; Loving mother of Joan (Gilbert) Gizowski, Jean (Donald Jr.) Van Witzenberg, and Tim Ralson; Proud grandma of Angela, James, Christine, and Erika; Cherished great-grandma of 3; Beloved sister of the late John (Marie) Kandyba; Dear sister-in-law of Kay Ralson; Fond aunt and great-aunt of many; All Funeral Services are Private, and a Memorial Mass, in honor of Barbara, will take place at a later date; Arrangements entrusted to **Curley Funeral Home**, 6116 W. 111th Street, Chicago Ridge; For Funeral info 708-422-2700, or www.curleyfuneralhome.com



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Render, Barbara M.

Barbara M. Render, nee Pasmanter, age 89, beloved wife of the late Henry "Hank" Render; loving mother of Marc (Ellie) Render, Ellen (Julian) Sims, Robert (Deborah) Render and Renee (David) Kaplan; cherished Bobbie of Miriam Render, Yael (Yhonatan) Elbaz, Tzvi Render, Anna Sims (Max Collet), Andrew (Kumi) Sims, Daniel (Emily) Render, Nathan Render (Tal Bendor), Sylvie Render, Ethan Kaplan and Ryan Kaplan; adored great-grandmother of Malachi, Michael, Oriya, Elnatan, Orly, Naomi, Kate, Izumo and Tenma; devoted daughter of the late Anna and Morris Pasmanter; dear sister of the late Sylvia (the late Abraham) Mitchnick, the late Norman (Charlotte) Pasmanter and the late Martin (the late Eleanor) Pasmanter. Cherished friend of many, she expressed her love of Judaism through her many good deeds and lifelong learning, becoming a bat mitzvah at age 85.

Due to the pandemic and out of concern for our extended family and friends, services and shiva will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Tsad Kadima, www.tsadkadima.org.il. For information or condolences, (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com.



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Richardson, David Michael

David Michael Richardson, age 63 of Smyrna, GA formerly of IL, passed away suddenly Thursday, April 9, 2020. A memorial service will be held at a later date. A long-time resident of Illinois, Dave had been employed by AT&T for over 43 years. He is survived by his loving companion Judi Koschalke, beloved son Del (Jillian) Richardson of Villa Park, IL, beloved daughter Amanda (Joseph) Peacock of Villa Park, IL, loving mother and father Betty and Amado delaRosa of Chicago, IL, step sister Eva delaRosa of Lombard, IL, dear step children Eric Wilder of Lombard, IL, Jennifer Wilder-Gawat (Gerald) of Lombard, IL, loving grandchildren Michael, Clare, Grace, and Hope Richardson, Austin, Nora, and Riley Peacock, Hannah and Emma Gawat. Fond uncle to nieces, nephews, and loved by many other family and friends. As an expression of sympathy, donations accepted to American Heart Association <http://www2.heart.org/goto/DavidRichardson>. Carmichael Funeral Home in Smyrna is in charge of arrangements. www.carmichaelcares.com 770-435-4467

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Rohman, Terrence J.

78 of Minooka, IL passed away Wednesday, April 8, 2020 at Presence St. Joseph Medical Center, Joliet, IL. He was preceded in death by his parents Lionel and Anne (nee Murphy) Rohman and his wife, Judith (nee Cavanaugh). Terrence is survived by his daughters Laura (Randolph) Farmer of Morris, IL and Amy (Jeffrey) Friant of Naperville, IL; grandchildren Tia and Andrew Featherston, Hunter Farmer and Moira, Keegan, and Keira Friant; great grandchildren, Marley Featherston, Lily Mae Belle Shell and Alessandro Servino Calderon, Jr. Private Interment Service was held at Woodlawn Memorial Park, Joliet, IL, on April 13, 2020. For more information 815. 467-1234 or visit the Memorial Tribute for Terrence at www.themaplefuneralhome.com

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Sameshima, Tsuneko

Tsuneko Sameshima, nee Hamada, 83, passed away on April 8, 2020 from Covid-19. Born to Toukichi and Shio Hamada in Kagoshima City, Japan. Survived by her husband, Saburo Fred Sameshima of 58 years, and daughters, Susan Sameshima-Tzeng (Richard) and Betsy Sameshima, and five grandchildren, Michael, Matthew, Kayla, Dean, and Jamie and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives. Private Memorial Service at **Lakeview Funeral Home**, Chicago, IL.



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Shapiro, Muriel 'Cissie'

Shapiro, Muriel "Cissie", nee Smason, passed away on April 12, 2020. Beloved wife of the late Sidney (Syd Jerome Menswear). Loving mother of Lee (Valerie), Scott (Allison) and Jeff (Nancy). Cherished grandmother to Danny, Traci, Jake, Zach, Jordan, Sara and Max. Sister to the late Steve (Jackie) and the late Ed (late Ethel). Daughter of the late Cecelia and William Smason. Dear aunt to many nieces and nephews. Cissie left an enduring impression on anyone she met. A private graveside service will be held on Tuesday, 12 Noon at Shalom Memorial Park in Arlington Heights. A live stream of this funeral service will be available to view at www.chicagojewishfunerals.com. Memorial contributions to Gastro-Intestinal Research Foundation (www.giresearchfoundation.org) or American Cancer Society (www.cancer.org). Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Buffalo Grove Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com



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Silverman, Muriel Kibril

Muriel Kibril Silverman, age 93, of Lincolnshire, formerly of Chicago, beloved wife of the late Rafael Kibril and the late Sidney Silverman; loving mother of Pola (Sonny) Grego, Beverly (Asian) Cohen, Dr. Gabriel (Jill) Kibril, and the late Dr. David Kibril; adored grandmother of 11; proud great-grandmother of 22; devoted daughter of the late Jacob and the late Lottie Walter; cherished sister of the late Alfred (late Janet) Walter, dear sister-in-law of Alberto (Linda) Kibril, Sarita (late Jaime) Micha, and the late Federica (late Solomon) Kalach; treasured aunt and friend to many. Muriel was a very loving mother, grandmother, and great grandmother, who enjoyed entertaining and sharing family gatherings and mitzvahs. Due to the pandemic virus and our concern for the health our extended family and friends, the Tuesday graveside service and shiva will be private. Contributions may be made to the Jewish United Fund, www.juf.org. Info: **The Goldman Funeral Group**, www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com (847) 478-1600.



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Smith, Richard R.

Richard R. Smith. Beloved husband of Joyce for 55 years. Loving father of Bill Smith and Leslie (Dominick) Owens. Cherished grandfather of Kaylee, Lauren, Molly, Jack, Aria, and Caera. Richard was a 40 year employee of Sears and a 50 year member & secretary of the Clarence P. Schwarz Masonic Lodge #1163. Funeral Services will be private.



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Verta, Ann Marie

Ann Marie Verta, aged 96, passed away after a brief illness on April 1, 2020, in Frisco, Texas. She is predeceased by her husband, Michael J Verta. She is survived by her children Michael Jr (Kathleen), Lynn (the late Dean) Naylor, her grandchildren Michael Verta III (Laura Beth Love) and Loretta Verta (Joseph Eskey), and her two great-grandsons Draco Verta and Leo Eskey. She was a beloved Mother, Gram, and Gigi and will be deeply missed.

She was a lifelong resident of Winnetka, a graduate of New Trier High School, and a founding member of Saints Faith Hope & Charity church. After graduating from high school she went to work as a telephone operator for AT&T in Winnetka and was manning the switchboard on December 7, 1941 when calls began coming in about the events at Pearl Harbor. She was a caring woman, always doing for others. She was one of the longest-serving volunteers at Evanston Hospital and was recognized for her 12,000 hours of service.

She will be remembered for her kindness and generosity as well as her fierce independence, having lived in her childhood home by herself until she was 95. She loved to travel and never turned down an invitation to go out to dinner. She will be remembered most for her wit and sense of humor. Once, when a younger member of the family asked just how old she was, she replied that she was so old she had gone to high school with Moses. When this was met with some skepticism, she promptly opened her New Trier Echoes of 1941 yearbook and pointed to a picture of her classmate, Charlton Heston, saying, "See? Moses!"

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Interment will be at All Saints Cemetery.

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Zarek, Joan L.

Joan L. Zarek, age 87; loving and devoted wife of 65 years to the late Donald; dear mom of Glenn (Christine), Mary Welsh, Nancy (Mark) Haynes, Mark (Nita), Barbara (the late Dan) Sanello and Christine (Robert) Zeman; grandma of Michael, Angela, Matthew (Elizabeth), Jenna (Bryce), Cheryl, Ryan (Gabriela), Elyse, Bryan (Jordan), Kim, Karen, David and Laura. Funeral services and interment at All Saints Cemetery are being held private due to current mandates. All are welcome to watch a live stream of the funeral service, Wednesday, at 12:00 p.m. on **The Elms Funeral Home** site at www.elmsfh.com In lieu of flowers, donations in Joan's name to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America would be appreciated. For information 708-453-1234



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Zaremba, Robert S. "Bob"

Robert S. "Bob" Zaremba, age 72, of Chicago, passed away Sunday morning, April 12, 2020. Beloved husband of Linda (Lin) of 53 years; loving father of Rob (Shawynn), the late Jennifer, and Amy; dear brother of Carol (Mark); Tom (Kathy); and Steven (Joyce); and he will also be missed by his furry companion Buddy. A private Funeral Service will be held at **Muzyka & Son Funeral Home** for the family. Interment will follow at Maryhill Cemetery in Niles, IL. In lieu of flowers, donations to Catholic Charities, 721 N. LaSalle, Chicago, IL 60654 or <http://www.catholiccharities.net/DonateNow/GeneralDonations.aspx>. For more info, call (773) 545-3800 or visit Bob's memorial at www.MuzykaFuneralHome.com.



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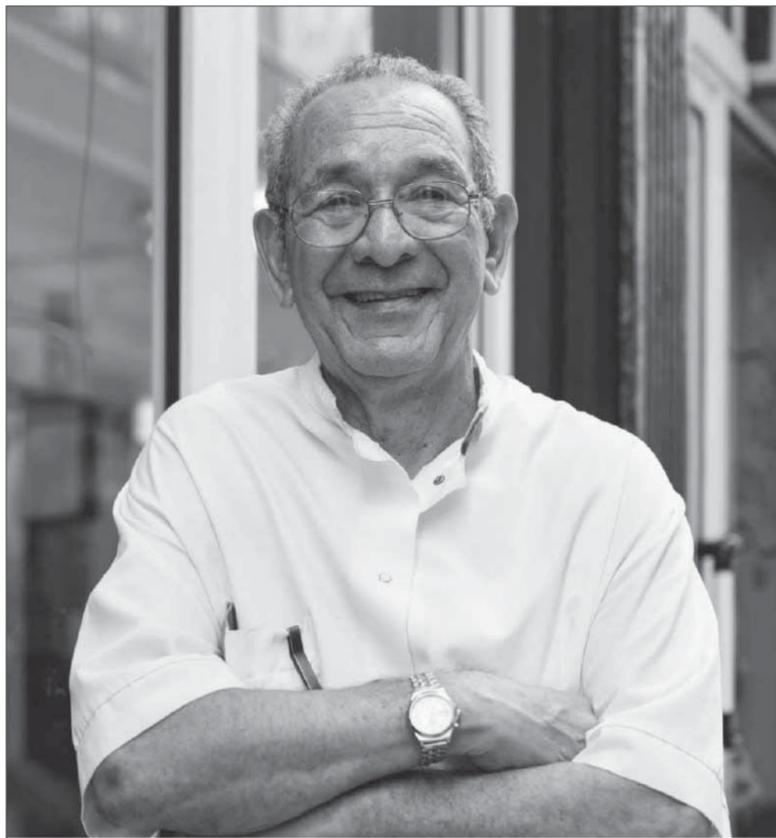
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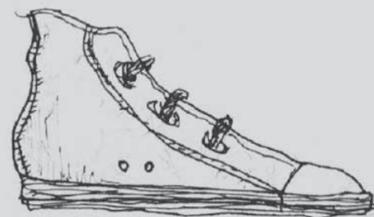
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On the day his hiring is announced by the Bulls, Karnisovas fires Forman: 'It was apparent we had different philosophies'



Paxson remains with team as an adviser; Boylen waits while the new boss begins 'comprehensive evaluation'

BY JAMAL COLLIER

The Bulls officially ushered in a new era in their front office Monday, announcing the hiring of Arturas Karnisovas as executive vice president of basketball operations while providing clarity for the future of the old regime.

Gar Forman, who was with the organization for 22 years, the last 10 as general manager, was fired from that role and will not be involved in basketball operations going forward.

Meanwhile, John Paxson, the team's top basketball executive since 2003, will move into a new role as senior adviser of basketball operations.

"Regarding Gar, after some consideration and conversation, it was apparent we had different philosophies that would prevent us from moving forward," Karnisovas said during an introductory conference call Monday afternoon. "I'm sure Gar gave his best to the Bulls organization, but those decisions are never easy. I was hired to effect change in the current situation."

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CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY TERENCE ANTONIO JAMES (FORMAN) AND CHRIS SWEDA (BOYLEN)
Gar Forman, top, is out as general manager. Coach Jim Boylen's future is less certain. Arturas Karnisovas is starting a "comprehensive evaluation" of every department.

Chicago athletes using video games to interact with the fans and get their competitive fixes

BY COLLEEN KANE

Tarik Cohen finished his first "Call of Duty: Warzone" game of the day and thanked the 120 people who watched him stream it on Twitch — the most he ever has had watch live.

The Bears running back was gearing up for his second game, making his character parachute into the fictional city of Verdansk, when his phone rang for an interview. The timing didn't bother him.

"I got time," he said into the phone. "I can play. I can multitask."

Then he turned to his viewers, who could see him — shirtless with headphones on — in a small window to the left of the game.

"Hey, chat, I'm doing an interview," Cohen said. "I'm going to be right back. I'm still playing."

As his character landed and stormed gun-first through the city, Cohen answered questions about how he started playing video games on PlayStation 2 with his brothers and why he streams about seven hours a day during the coronavirus quarantine.

The interview was on mute, but his viewers could see him talking and playing.

And they ate it up. "what a boss." "this man drops 12 kills gets an interview da (expletive) i need to step up my game."

"Tarik to the Pats confirmed?" "How do u compare football to game tarik — not much difference, kill left and right n all over (the) place."

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WHEN SPORTS STOOD STILL

Keeping an eye on the impact of the coronavirus crisis:



PATRICK SMITH/GETTY

International soccer off until '21?

International soccer might not be played until 2021 due to coronavirus pandemic travel restrictions and the need to give club competitions the chance to resume, a FIFA VP said Monday.

Victor Montagliani, a Canadian who's president of the governing body for North and Central America and the Caribbean, has been heading a FIFA working group formulating plans to deal with the implications of the world's biggest sport being largely shut down since last month.

FIFA already has called off matches between countries that were due to be played in March and June. Montagliani, CONCACAF's president, believes the September, October and November windows for national team matches could be scrapped.

"I personally think that might be a bit of a challenge, not so much because of just the health issues around the world and the various degrees of preparedness, but also committing to international travel as soon as we come back," Montagliani said in an interview with The Associated Press.

"I think that domestic football is a priority. September is still in the books, but I would garner to say that I'm not sure it's there on solid ground the way things are trending right now."

The return of fans into packed stadiums could be dependent on a vaccine for the COVID-19 disease being ready — and that might not be until 2021.

"If we get the green light to play a football match. I highly doubt that first match will be with fans. I just can't see that. I think that would be taken a massive risk," he said. "I'm pretty sure it'll be a phased in approach, just like the rest of society."

A full resumption of soccer in 2020 might not be possible in parts of the world hardest hit by the pandemic, including Europe and North America.

— Associated Press

THE QUOTE

"I don't see how this season is going to return. I really don't. We have no idea when this virus is going to be over."

— Kings defenseman Drew Doughty on whether he thinks the NHL can complete the 2019-20 season

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The Panthers and Christian McCaffrey reportedly agreed to a four-year, \$64 million contract extension through the 2025 season. The \$16 million annual salary will make McCaffrey the highest-paid running back in NFL history, eclipsing the \$15 million a year deal Ezekiel Elliott signed with the Cowboys in 2019.



NBA
Season suspended indefinitely



NHL
Season suspended indefinitely



MLB
Opening day delayed until at least mid-May



MLS
Season suspended until at least May 10



NFL
Draft set for April 23-25



NCAA
Spring sports schedule canceled

Others: PGA Tour suspended until at least May 21.
NASCAR suspended until at least May 9.
WTA, ATP suspended through at least July 13.

SPORTS

A GOOD TIME TO LOOK BACK

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

A nightmare finish

(APRIL 14, 1996)

This published after Greg Norman's epic collapse at the 1996 Masters. Nick Faldo won the tournament for his third green jacket after Norman relinquished a six-stroke lead with a final round 78.

BY RON SIRAK | Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Greg Norman simply found history too heavy to carry over the rolling hills and treacherous greens of Augusta National Golf Club.

For the sixth time, Norman took a lead into the final round of one of the Grand Slam events only to lose. But none was as shocking nor as complete as the unraveling that began on the ninth hole at the Masters and ended in the water in front of the 12th green.

In that four-hole stretch, Norman went from three strokes ahead to two behind, enabling Nick Faldo to play the kind of golf he does best — methodical, precise, controlled.

"I screwed up. I really screwed up," Norman said after his shocking 78 on Sunday squandered a six-stroke lead, the biggest collapse in major championship history, and gave Faldo his third green jacket.

"It was all my mistakes today," Norman said. "But it's not the end of the world."

Faldo, whose 67 was the day's best score, ended the round with a birdie on the last hole and an embrace for Norman.

"I honestly and genuinely feel bad for Greg," Faldo said. "I just wanted to give him a hug. What he has been through is horrible."

By making up six shots on the final day, Faldo staged the third greatest comeback in major championship history. Jackie Burke came from eight strokes back in the 1956 Masters.

But no one ever went into the final round of a major championship with a six-stroke lead and lost.

"Maybe these hiccups that I have, that I inflict on myself, are meant for another reason," Norman said. "Maybe something good is waiting for me down the line."

If there is any course where such a lead can be squandered and ground made up quickly, it is Augusta National under the intense pressure of a final-round Sunday at the Masters.



CURTIS COMPTON/AP

Greg Norman reacts to a bad tee shot on the fourth hole during final round of the 1996 Masters. Norman held a six-stroke lead after three rounds, but lost to Nick Faldo.

"It's the most nerve-wracking course in the world," Faldo said. "It's as simple as that."

Faldo finished at 12-under-par 276, five strokes ahead of Norman and six better than

Phil Mickelson. But the only two players on the course who really mattered were Faldo and Norman.

It was reminiscent of the third-round confrontation between Faldo and Norman

OTHER APRIL 14 MOMENTS

1960: The Canadiens win their fifth straight Stanley Cup with a four-game sweep of the Maple Leafs.

1991: The North Stars beat the Blackhawks in six games making Chicago the first regular-season champion in 20 years to lose in the opening round of the NHL playoffs.

1993: The NHL's longest winning streak ends at 17 games as the Penguins settled for a 6-6 tie with the Devils on a late goal by Joe Mullen.

1994: Seattle becomes the first team in NBA history to have 10 double-figure scorers in one game, as the SuperSonics beat the Clippers 150-101. All 12 Sonics score in the game and Steve Scheffler's layup with 8.4 seconds left makes him the 10th Sonic to score in double figures.

1996: The Red Wings wrap up the winningest season in NHL history by defeating Dallas 5-1. The Red Wings finished with 62 victories, beating the 60 wins of the 1976-77 Canadiens.

2002: Tiger Woods becomes the third player to win back-to-back Masters titles. He closes with a 1-under 71 to claim a three-stroke victory over Retief Goosen.

2014: Chiney Ogwumike is selected No. 1 by Connecticut in the WNBA draft, joining her sister Nneka, drafted by Los Angeles in 2012, as the only siblings to be chosen first in the league.

at the 1990 British Open at St. Andrews. Playing together, they started the day tied and Faldo beat him 67 to 76 and went on to win the championship.

Norman would have needed only an even-par round in the final round to win.

"Obviously, I didn't play as well as I could," Norman said. "Things didn't go my way. Nick played solid and steady and it was all my mistakes."

The previous biggest blown lead in the Masters occurred when Ed Sneed took a five-stroke lead into the final round of the 1979 Masters, won by Fuzzy Zoeller in a playoff with Sneed and Tom Watson.

Norman's worst previous collapse was in the 1986 PGA Championship when he led by four going to Sunday, shot a 76 and finished two behind Bob Tway.

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 - 21 Bigwigs, for short
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 - 26 ___ up; amassing
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 - 4 Recipe verb
 - 5 Vetoing
 - 6 Aswan Dam's location
 - 7 Woes
 - 8 Hair gel, for example
 - 9 Toad's movement
 - 10 Candlestick bracket
 - 11 Yearn
 - 12 Change for a five
 - 13 Pain in the neck
 - 19 As ___ as an ape
 - 21 Climbing plant

Solutions

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- 24 Put on ___; act snobby
- 25 Bathing spots
- 26 Football play
- 27 Potato exporter
- 28 "That ___ it!"; cry of frustration
- 29 Books of the Bible
- 30 Steam bath
- 32 Londoner, for short
- 33 Lubricate
- 35 Not as much
- 37 In the ___; once
- 38 Glasgow souvenirs, perhaps
- 40 Gathers crops
- 41 Max ___ of "Barney Miller"
- 43 Beverages
- 44 Bartender
- 46 Bullwinkle, for one
- 47 "___ and smell the roses"
- 48 Threesome
- 49 Angry speech
- 50 Male animal
- 52 Ooze out
- 53 Crooked; asked
- 55 Not well
- 56 Body of water
- 57 Ike's monogram

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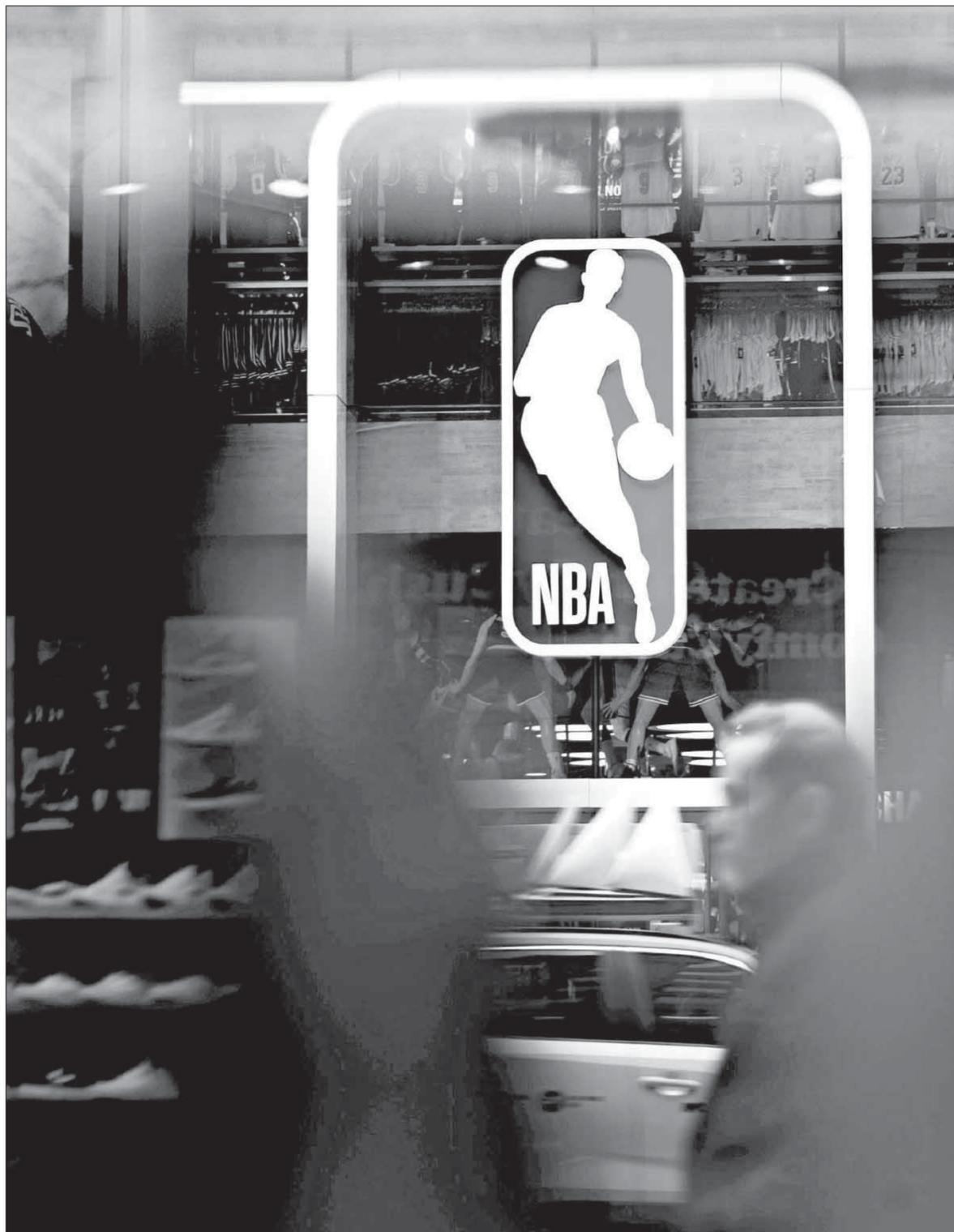
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Full-court press: NBA draft evaluations remain critical

BY TIM REYNOLDS
Associated Press

There are many unknowns about the NBA draft, though some elements are proceeding as usual and one deadline is looming this week.

The NBA — as per usual — has been sending evaluations to players who are considering leaving college early and entering the draft and will continue doing so to all underclassmen who ask for them before Thursday's deadline. That task falls to the league's Undergraduate Advisory Committee, which understands that what it says in these uncertain times may carry even more weight than usual.

"This is a process that's important, maybe more important this year than ever," said Kiki VanDeWeghe, the NBA's Executive Vice President of Basketball Operations and UAC committee chair. "We're trying to get the athletes and the schools as much information as we possibly can. It's important that they have the clearest picture."

Because of the coronavirus pandemic that has shut down the sports world, including the NBA, nobody knows when the draft will be held, who will have the No. 1 overall pick or how that will be decided. Nobody even knows when or if the draft combine, which is scheduled for mid-May and technically has not yet been changed, will take place.

When underclassmen ask, the NBA sends evaluations with a percentage of likelihood that they will fall into one of five draft-night categories — lottery (picks 1-14), first-round non-lottery (picks 15-30), first half of second round (picks 31-45), second half of second round (picks 46-60), and undrafted.

It's not an exact science, but the league has pretty good success with it. Since 2016, based on its own evaluation and feedback that the 30 NBA teams share as part of the process, the league has told 66 candidates that they are first-round material and 49 others that they wouldn't be drafted. They hit on 89% of those first-round projections and 96% of the undrafted projections.



DUANE BURLESON/AP

"Even in a normal year, student athletes are very nervous about applying for the draft."

— Kiki VanDeWeghe, left, the NBA's Executive Vice President of Basketball Operations and Undergraduate Advisory Committee chair

The evaluation-request and early entry deadlines aren't changing, as of now anyway, VanDeWeghe said. Everything else is on a very fluid timetable.

"The in-person workouts and the combine and all of that type of stuff looks like it will be significantly impacted by COVID-19, but it doesn't mean that the work stops," Los Angeles Lakers general manager Rob Pelinka said. "Our scouts are doing tons of film study. I'm doing tons of synergy, watching, studying guys overseas, studying guys here, and that work has to continue. We have to be as well-prepared as we can for when the draft occurs."

The draft was supposed to be June 25. That now seems highly unlikely, and plenty of teams have asked the NBA for a delay that looks inevitable. The NBA is looking at several options, just as it is when it comes to possibilities for resuming the season when public health officials say that would be appropriate.

Not having NCAA Tournament games is not hurting the process, VanDeWeghe said, noting that the players who are most likely to come out early — especially the likely lottery and first-round picks — have been well-known to teams and scouts for many years.

"We'll get through this," VanDeWeghe said. "We'll get through it together and hopefully come out the other side a little better, a little stronger, a little wiser."

AP Sports Writer Greg Beacham in Los Angeles contributed.

IN BRIEF

NASCAR's Larson gets ban for slur

News services

Kyle Larson's racial slur cost him his two primary NASCAR supporters. It likely will cost him his job soon.

McDonald's and Credit One Bank ended their sponsorship of Larson on Monday, a day after he used the N-word during a live stream of a virtual race. The decision came hours after NASCAR and Chip Ganassi Racing suspended Larson indefinitely, his team doing so without pay.

Without funding from McDonald's and Credit One Bank, Ganassi seemingly will be forced to dump Larson in favor of a different driver.

"We were extremely disappointed and appalled to hear about this incident," McDonald's USA said in a statement. "The comments made by Kyle Larson are insensitive, offensive and not reflective of our inclusive values and will not be tolerated."

McDonald's has partnered with CGR for nearly a decade and sponsors the team's No. 42 Chevrolet in the Cup Series. Ending its relationship with Larson would make it next to impossible for Ganassi to stick with Larson behind the wheel.

NASCAR ordered Larson, who's half Japanese and whose grandparents spent time in an internment camp in California during World War II, to complete a sensitivity training course before he can be eligible for reinstatement.

Larson, 27, apologized in a video posted on his social media accounts.

NBA: Jacqueline Cruz-Towns, the mother of Timberwolves center Karl-Anthony Towns, died due to complications from COVID-19 after more than a month of fighting the virus. She was 59. Karl Towns Sr., the father of the two-time All-Star player, was also hospitalized with the virus but has since recovered.

NFL: The NFL and the NFLPA finalized plans for modified offseason workout rules to govern this offseason in which the coronavirus pandemic is preventing teams from gathering at team facilities. According to a league memo obtained by ESPN, under the plan all offseason work aside from mandatory June minicamp is voluntary for players, as it is in a normal year. The memo also states that no team is required to hold an offseason program in any league year according to the collective bargaining agreement, but that if teams decide to hold offseason workout programs this year, "classroom instruction and on-field activities that customarily take place at the Club facility ... are being supplanted by on-line classroom instruction and virtual workouts for an indeterminate period." ... Former NFL QB Tarvaris Jackson died in a one-car crash outside Montgomery, Alabama, on Sunday night. He was 36. Authorities said that Jackson's car went off the road, struck a tree and overturned. Jackson was hired as QBs coach for Tennessee State last season after a 10-year NFL career with the Seahawks, Vikings and Bills.

Soccer: MLS commissioner Don Garber told ESPN that the league is "focused at getting in as many games as possible" but that the season's suspension due to the coronavirus pandemic will alter how they will be played. Garber said the league is exploring alternative formats to completing the season, which was halted two matches into the regular season last month. The league is considering tournament formats and neutral locations as part of an abridged regular season. Garber added that if play does resume, games would mostly be played behind closed doors in what he dubbed as "MLS Studio" games.

ON THE CLOCK

9 Days until the NFL draft, which will be held in a virtual setting from April 23-25.

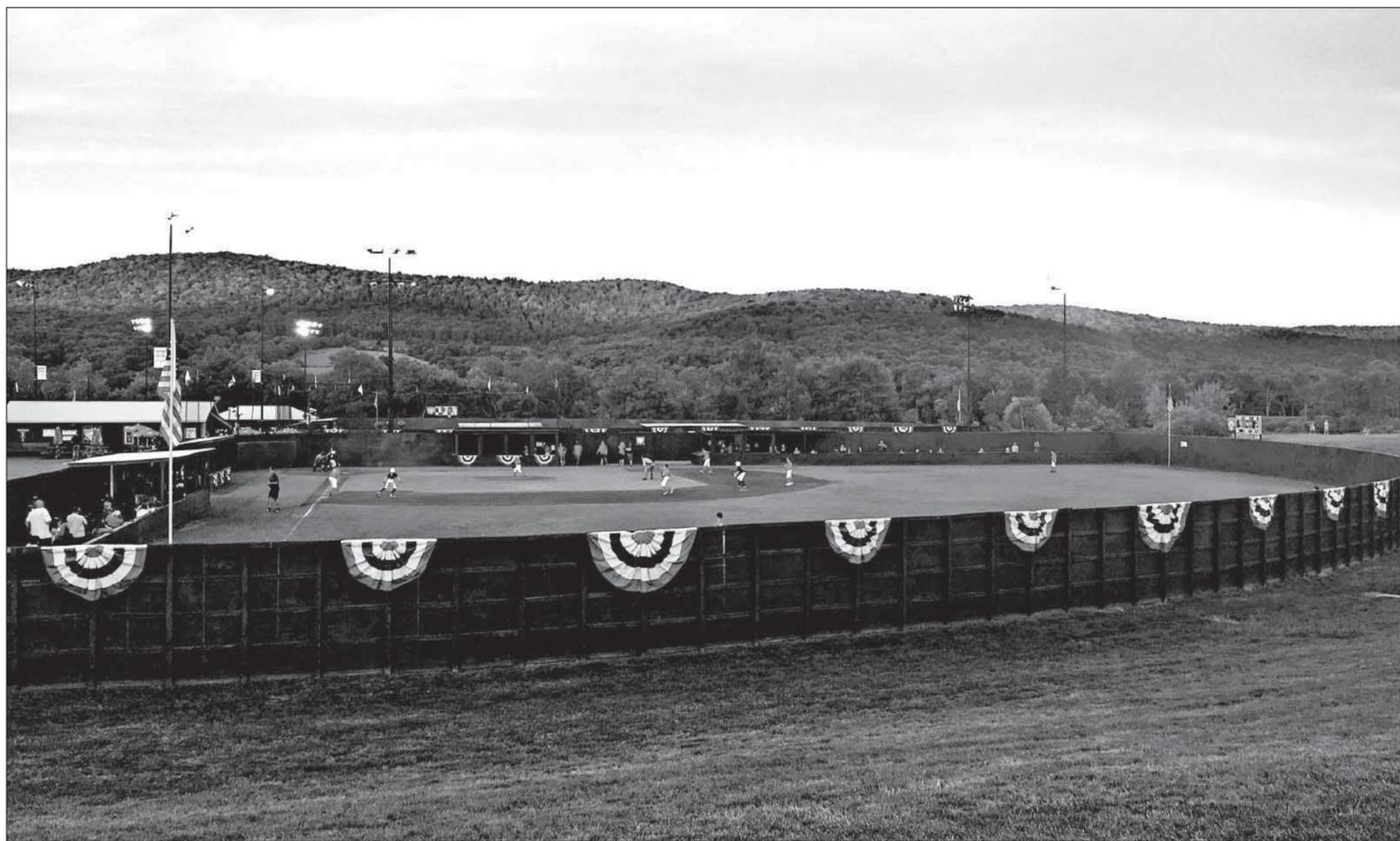
The top 5



Complete first-round order

1. Bengals	12. Raiders	23. Patriots
2. Redskins	13. 49ers	24. Saints
3. Lions	14. 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



“WE’RE NEVER GETTING BACK WHAT WE THOUGHT WE WERE GOING TO HAVE.

WE’RE NOT.

”

Youth baseball leagues left scrambling amid coronavirus pandemic

BY WILL GRAVES
Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — The end of months of fundraising, planning and practice ended with a press release and tears.

Mike DeLuca envisioned his youngest son, John, capping his baseball career the same way most 12-year-old All-Star squads from Monroeville, Pennsylvania, had for the last two decades: with a week spent playing teams from all over the country at Cooperstown Dreams Park in early August.

Then the COVID-19 pandemic arrived in the United States and the shutdowns began. The sprawling complex near the Baseball Hall of Fame in central New York was no exception. Park officials announced in March they had canceled the entire 2020 summer tournament season.

When Mike DeLuca told his son, the boy cried.

“It’s devastating,” said DeLuca, who is also the team’s coach. “But it is a hard lesson in life and unfortunately thousands upon thousands of 12-year-olds are learning this lesson right now.

“It’s still a kids’ game. They should always play like the cliché says: Play it like it’s your last game, because you never know.”

No one does. Youth sports leagues and businesses all over the country are scrambling, though baseball and softball are feeling immediate effects more acutely than most. Basketball and hockey seasons are over, their tournaments called off. Soccer runs year-round in many places. Football for many seems months away.

Baseball and softball had an estimated 4.5 million players between the ages of 6-12 in 2018, according to the Aspen Institute. Yet fields normally filled with the familiar “ding” of aluminum bats this time of year now sit silent — a particular sting as winter finally gives way to the warmth of spring.

“It’s like Mother Nature is mocking you,” said Lafe Hermansen, treasurer of North Shore Little League in the northern Seattle suburbs.

Hermansen’s sons, ages 14 and 11, are trying to fill the void with games of catch in the yard and batting practice in the garage. It will have to do for now even as their patience is being tested while they wait until at least May 11 — the date until which Little League International has (for now) suspended all league activities.

President Donald Trump tweeted he hopes youth baseball returns “soon.” Soon enough to salvage some semblance of a season? That’s where things start to get tricky.

Even if federal guidelines limiting crowd size are eased, it doesn’t mean teams will sprint to the field to play.

Some leagues are already offering refunds to families wary of having their kids put back in a team setting.

Others are concerned about the potential financial fallout.

The cost for returning sponsors in the Capitol Hill Little League in Washington, D.C., is \$800.

Most are small businesses, many of which have been hit hard by the slowing economy. League president David Fox wonders if those businesses would be better served asking for their donations back.

“That \$800 might go to pay and, quite honestly, should go to pay people who need it rather than a logo on the back of a T-shirt,” Fox said.

Which might produce a ripple effect a year from now. Capitol Hill LL needs to pay three different entities for field permits, an expensive proposition even for a league whose participation levels increased dramatically this year following the Washington Nationals’ World Series triumph. A drop in sponsorship could curtail momentum.

“We couldn’t do anything else,” Fox said. “Couldn’t do tournaments. Couldn’t do any fun activities. We were actually starting a pretty robust fundraising effort. But we can’t do clinics, can’t pay beyond fields and equipment if we lose 15% to 20% of our sponsors.”

The stakes are higher for Matt DeSantis, president and CEO of AC Baseball, which organizes baseball and softball tournaments in Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and South Carolina.

With the calendar seemingly changing by the day, DeSantis and his handful of full-time employees are scrambling to find a way to accommodate more than 1,400 teams that registered to play this spring and summer. He hopes the \$2.2 trillion federal stimulus package helps him avoid layoffs.

DeSantis is offering teams scheduled to play in May the option to find a tournament later in the summer. While a Canadian club has bailed, no one else has taken him up on it.

“Nobody’s transferring. They want to play,” he said.

Tournament teams represent the committed, but the heartbeat of local youth leagues are the recreational players who might not play this year — and then never come back.

ABOVE | Cooperstown Dreams Park in New York, near the Baseball Hall of Fame and seen here in 2018, currently is shut down.

LARRY LAGE/AP

“These in-house kids, you go to them next year, they’ll be, ‘Hey, you dropped us last year,’” said Gary Sifkey, a board member with Montour Youth Baseball League in the Pittsburgh suburbs. “We’ve lost them to deck hockey, we’ve lost them to video games, we’ve lost them to soccer.”

Mike Glover, president of Central Perkiomen Youth Association north of Philadelphia, believes age 10 is the tipping point.

“When they get to 10, 11, the kids start to have choices,” he said. “There might be the most at-risk age group. In our case, the 12 year-olds, they want to play their last season. They want to see it through.”

Central Perkiomen holds a “bat ceremony” every spring to honor kids graduating out of the program. For some, it will be the end of baseball.

A week in Cooperstown was supposed to serve as that rite of passage for John DeLuca and his teammates. Though the park is offering a chance to come back in the future, by next spring the Monroeville group will be teenagers, too old and too big to play on fields designed exclusively for kids. They’re in the process of having their \$17,000 entry fee refunded. Mike DeLuca found another tournament in South Carolina in early August. He’s holding out hope the lockdown will be over so he won’t have to disappoint his players yet again.

The coach and the father has already made one rule, however. No one is allowed to talk about Cooperstown anymore. What’s the point?

“We’re never getting back what we thought we were going to have,” DeLuca said. “We’re not.”

AP Sports Writers Ben Nuckols and Tim Booth contributed to this report.

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
Phoenix	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

WNBA				
DRAFT ORDER				
Draft is Friday				
FIRST ROUND				
1. New York	19. Seattle	2. Dallas	20. Los Angeles	21. Dallas
3. Indiana	22. Los Angeles	4. Atlanta	23. Connecticut	24. Washington
5. Dallas	6. Minnesota	7. Dallas	8. Chicago	9. Dallas
10. Phoenix	11. Seattle	12. Washington	13. New York	14. Indiana
15. Dallas	16. Minnesota	17. Atlanta	18. Phoenix	19. Phoenix
SECOND ROUND				
1. New York	2. Chicago	3. Las Vegas	4. Dallas	5. Los Angeles
6. Minnesota	7. Connecticut	8. Washington	9. Phoenix	10. Chicago
11. Seattle	12. Atlanta	13. Indiana	14. Dallas	15. Las Vegas
16. Minnesota	17. Connecticut	18. Washington	19. Phoenix	20. Chicago
ODDS ON TOP THREE PICKS				
PLAYER	NY	DAL	IND	
Sabrina Ionescu	1/40	12/1	50/1	
Lauren Cox	10/1	20/21	4/5	
Satou Sabally	10/1	4/5	20/21	
Chennedy Carter	10/1	12/1	5/1	
Megan Walker	30/1	50/1	25/1	
Ruthy Hebard	30/1	50/1	25/1	
Tyasha Harris	30/1	50/1	25/1	
Beatrice Mompremier	50/1	75/1	50/1	
Crystal Dangerfield	50/1	75/1	50/1	
Kiah Gillespie	50/1	75/1	50/1	
Te'a Cooper	50/1	75/1	50/1	

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

Tentative date for the MLS All-Star Game July 29 vs. La Liga MX All Stars Banc of California Stadium in Los Angeles

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.						
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	187	177
Winnipeg	37	28	6	80	216	203
Nashville	35	26	8	78	228	217
Minnesota	35	27	7	77	220	220
Chicago	32	30	8	72	212	218
PACIFIC						
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	23	35	6	64	178	212
San Jose	29	36	5	63	182	226

NFL		
TOP AVERAGE YEARLY SALARIES, RB		
REPORTED DEAL	TEAM	AVERAGE
Christian McCaffrey, Car		\$16 mil.
Ezekiel Elliott, Dal		\$15 mil.
Le'Veon Bell, NYJ		\$13.125 mil.
David Johnson, Hou		\$13 mil.
Derrick Henry, Ten		\$10.28 mil.
Kenyan Drake, Ari		\$8.48 mil.
Melvin Gordon, Den		\$8 mil.
Saquon Barkley, NYG		\$7.986.688
Leonard Fournette, Jax		\$6.786.894
Lamar Miller, Hou		\$6.5 mil.
Austin Ekeler, LAC		\$6.125 mil.
Todd Gurley, Atl		\$5.5 mil.
Duke Johnson, Hou		\$5.203.333
Giovani Bernard, Cin		\$5.15 mil.
Mark Ingram, Bal		\$5 mil.
Jordan Howard, Mia		\$4.875 mil.
TOP CURRENT AVERAGE SALARIES		
1. Russell Wilson, QB, Sea		\$35 mil.
2. Ben Roethlisberger, QB, Pit		\$34 mil.
3. Aaron Rodgers, QB, GB		\$33.5 mil.
4. Jared Goff, QB, LA Rams		\$33.5 mil.
5. Kirk Cousins, QB, Min		\$33 mil.
6. Carson Wentz, QB, Phi		\$32 mil.
7. Matt Ryan, QB, Atlanta		\$30 mil.
8. Ryan Tannehill, QB, Ten		\$29.5 mil.
9. Dak Prescott, QB, Dallas		\$28,728,536
10. Jimmy Garoppolo, QB, SF		\$27.5 mil.
11. Matthew Stafford, QB, Det		\$27 mil.
12. Derek Carr, QB, Raiders		\$25 mil.
12. Philip Rivers, QB, Ind		\$25 mil.
12. Tom Brady, QB, TB		\$25 mil.
12. Drew Brees, QB, NO		\$25 mil.
16. Khalil Mack, OLB, Chi		\$23.5 mil.
16. Alex Smith, QB, Wash		\$23.5 mil.

GOLF		
WORLD RANKINGS	COUNTRY	AVG
1. Rory McIlroy	N Ireland	9.45
2. Jon Rahm	Spain	8.48
3. Brooks Koepka	U.S.	7.73
4. Justin Thomas	U.S.	7.41
5. Dustin Johnson	U.S.	6.45
6. Adam Scott	Australia	5.97
7. Patrick Reed	U.S.	5.87
7. Patrick Cantlay	U.S.	5.87
9. Webb Simpson	U.S.	5.84
10. Tommy Fleetwood	England	5.58
11. Tiger Woods	U.S.	5.44
12. Xander Schauffele	U.S.	5.38
13. Bryson DeChambeau	U.S.	5.15
14. Justin Rose	England	5.02
15. Marc Leishman	Austria	4.79
16. Tony Finau	U.S.	4.62
17. Matt Kuchar	U.S.	4.43
18. Gary Woodland	U.S.	4.38
19. Louis Oosthuizen	S Africa	4.33
20. Shane Lowry	Ireland	4.27
21. Tyrrell Hatton	England	4.23
22. Hideki Matsuyama	Japan	4.14
23. Sungjae Im	S Korea	4.04
24. Paul Casey	England	3.99
25. Matt Fitzpatrick	England	3.79
26. Bernd Wiesberger	Austria	3.77
27. Rickie Fowler	U.S.	3.50
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Bulls

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Change does not happen frequently within the upper levels of Bulls management. Karnisovas, 48, becomes only the third head of basketball operations since Jerry Reinsdorf took control of the team in 1985 and the first to come from outside the organization.

These were the first steps in a front-office overhaul that Bulls Chief Operating Officer Michael Reinsdorf said he hopes will set up the team “for the next 10 to 15 years.”

Reinsdorf said Paxson initiated the process, approaching him and his father, Bulls Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf, in December about making organizational changes. Paxson indicated he did not believe he was the right person to lead the restructuring and was willing to accept a role change or even step down if it was right for the franchise.

“He felt that we were too set in our ways,” Michael Reinsdorf said. “When you look at it, our basketball department had long been one of the smallest departments in the league, and it hadn’t really grown with the times.”

That set the Bulls on a path toward Karnisovas, who had worked in the Nuggets front office since 2013, initially as assistant general manager. He was promoted to vice president of basketball operations before the 2016-17 season and was named general manager in 2018.

Michael Reinsdorf knew he wanted an executive with experience in helping to build a successful organization, a strong background in player development and the ability to navigate the international basketball market and work in a collaborative front office.

He spent the last few months consulting people around the league, including other owners, former and current general managers, agents, former players and media members. Karnisovas’ name kept coming up.

When Reinsdorf spoke to Nuggets Chairman Josh Kroenke earlier this month



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Arturas Karnisovas has wasted no time as he reshuffles the lineup in the Bulls’ front office.

seeking permission to interview Karnisovas, he asked Kroenke whether he would have promoted Karnisovas to replace president of basketball operations Tim Connelly, who had interviewed for a recent front-office opening with the Wizards. Absolutely, Kroenke responded.

“It was so clear that Arturas checked every box for us,” Reinsdorf said. “And I was excited, really excited. I knew he was the right person for us.”

Even before his hiring became official Monday, Karnisovas began the process of reshaping the Bulls front office, although the coronavirus pandemic has altered the way he has to go about it. He said he has reached out to the current basketball operations and coaching staffs and will host video calls and make more phone calls to gather as much information as possible while the NBA season is suspended.

He confirmed two additions to his staff, hiring J.J. Polk from the Pelicans as assistant general manager and Pat Connelly, who had been the Nuggets director of pro personnel.

Next up on the agenda: hiring a new

general manager.

Karnisovas did not go into detail about the qualities he is seeking in a general manager, but he said he wants someone to complement his strengths as an executive.

“This process is going to be extensive and diverse,” he said. “I was telling Michael that I have an advantage over him in terms of hiring the right person because personally I know most of those guys in this industry. Over the years in my role in scouting and the front office, I got to know them, and the list is very extensive. The talent pool is great, and I will explore all the options.”

Forman held the general manager title since 2009, a rocky tenure that featured some highlights in talent evaluation, including drafting Jimmy Butler at No. 30 and being named NBA Executive of the Year in 2011. During the last few seasons, however, his role was reduced largely to scouting while Paxson was the lead decision maker.

“Gar Forman worked tirelessly for the Chicago Bulls organization, first as a scout and then as an executive,” Jerry Reinsdorf said in a statement. “He made many

“The talent pool is great, and I will explore all the options.”

— Arturas Karnisovas on his front office

significant contributions during his time here and helped to bring some of the brightest young basketball talent to our team, from Derrick Rose, Joakim Noah and Taj Gibson to Jimmy Butler and Coby White. He has been a trusted adviser and friend to me over the years, and on behalf of everyone I want to thank him for his commitment to the organization. Gar will always be a part of our Bulls family.”

Paxson has been a player, assistant coach, broadcaster and executive for the Bulls spanning 35 years and now shifts to an advisory role. Karnisovas said he views Paxson as “an asset of information” and the idea of Paxson remaining in the organization never gave him pause because the Bulls made it clear they were seeking a top decision maker.

That gives Karnisovas authority to decide on the future of coach Jim Boylen and his staff, a process, like the general manager search, Karnisovas did not want to place a timeframe on.

He said he is starting a “comprehensive evaluation” of every department in the organization and has been in contact with Boylen. That decision will likely come once there is more certainty about when or if the season will resume.

The Bulls were able to take advantage of this stalled time to get Karnisovas in place early, allowing him to begin gathering information on the organization and start having in-depth conversations with executives, scouts, coaches and players so he can hit the ground running when basketball resumes.

“This organization is at a crossroads,” Michael Reinsdorf said. “We’re fortunate enough not only to find someone who can lead this organization, but someone who’s as qualified as Arturas.”

eSports

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Sports may be on hold during the pandemic, but athletes still are giving fans a chance to watch them compete — in the form of video games.

In the Chicago sports world, Cohen streams “CoD” or “NBA 2K” on Twitch. White Sox pitchers Carlos Rodon, Lucas Giolito and Dallas Keuchel join up on Twitch to play “MLB The Show” or “CoD.” And former Bears offensive lineman Kyle Long has a 13-hour weekly streaming schedule and also competes in an iRacing series.

More formally, Giolito is the Sox representative and Ian Happ the Cubs representative in an “MLB The Show” tournament that is being streamed on players’ Twitch accounts or teams’ channels. Bulls guard Zach LaVine participated in an “NBA 2K20” players tournament that aired on ESPN. And Fire defender Francisco Calvo will represent the team in a five-week “FIFA 20” tournament that will air on FS1 and Fox Deportes, starting Sunday.

All three tournaments have charitable components. And for the players and fans, the games serve the same purpose: entertainment in strange times.

“(Fans) don’t really get to interact with you except when they’re at games, and now with this pandemic going on, I think it helps people,” Rodon said. “It helps us as players to be able to interact with fans. We’re playing video games anyway, so we might as well broadcast that out and enjoy what we do with fans that like to game as well.”

‘Part of my life’

Rodon bought a PC a couple of months ago for better graphics when he plays “CoD.” One day, he went to his desk and found a camera and microphone, gifts from his wife, who figured if he played all the time, he might as well start streaming.

Rodon became hooked, investing in a green screen, lighting and a professional microphone so he could give his viewers better production quality. He streams every night from 8 to midnight and has about 1,300 followers and 120 subscribers who pay to support his channel.

“When I start things, I go all-in,” Rodon said. “And it evolved a little bit.”

The goal is to entertain — “I’m not on there to try to be bad at video games,” he said — and for fans, part of the enjoyment is being able to talk to players in real time.

Rodon says he tries to stay on to answer questions from his chat if he doesn’t get to them during the game. Cohen, who has more than 7,000 followers, is a natural entertainer, “so it’s a perfect fit for me,” he said. He has studied how well-known gamers, including Ninja and Sypher, operate and said the interactions are key to building his fan base. That includes fielding questions about video games, football and life off the field.

One of the most popular questions: Does Mitch Trubisky play video games?

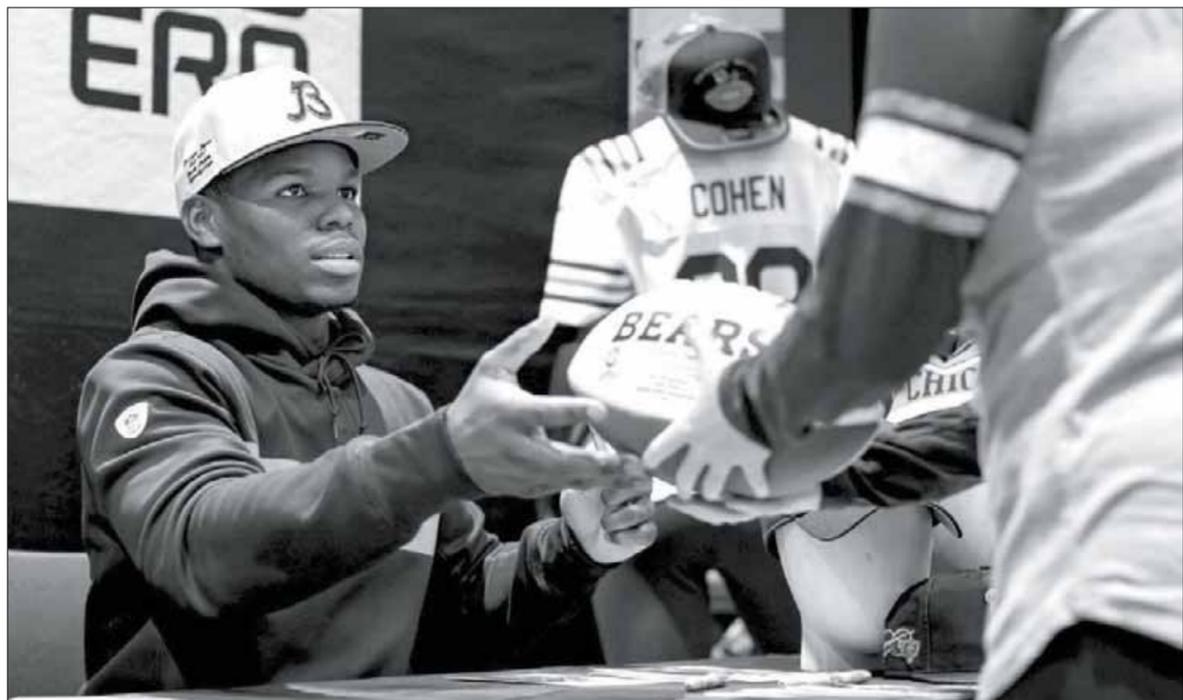
“I’m trying to get him into playing games, but he’s so stubborn,” Cohen said. “He doesn’t want to do that. He’s too focused.”

Another: Does he use himself when he plays “Madden”?

“I don’t like ‘Madden’ as much because I feel like I’m kind of living the ‘Madden’ game right now,” Cohen said. “So I only play basketball games and shooting games now.”

Cohen’s base has grown because he sometimes streams with Long, who has been on Twitch for years and has about 36,000 followers. During the aforementioned “CoD” game, Long gifted 10 subscriptions to Cohen’s stream.

Long, who plays many games with his subscribers, has a big enough following that he actually makes money off his streams. He



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Bears running back Tarik Cohen has always been a fan favorite. Now he’s just as popular — if not more so — with video game fanatics.

said he has raised “a lot of money” for Waterboys, the clean-water initiative started by his brother, former NFL defensive end Chris Long. But now that Kyle Long is retired from football, he plans to keep some of the money while also supporting charities.

Throughout his life, Long turned to video games to occupy his time — when he was bullied as a kid, when he didn’t want to get in trouble in high school, when he was too tired to go out with friends while playing in the NFL. So when he tore up his right ankle against the Buccaneers in November 2016 and couldn’t play, he dived in again — to iRacing.

He has advanced from playing on a controller to adding a wheel and pedal to buying his current Fanatec setup with three monitors to mimic what it feels like to be in the cockpit of a car.

“It’s kind of become a part of my life, and I love it so much — the opportunity to do the things I never will have a chance to do in real life,” Long said. “I get to do them in the comfort of my own home, simulated in a badass cockpit that I designed. I can race against real-life race-car drivers or I can race against a guy down the street, but we can all have an even playing field.”

Long is part owner of Mode Motorsports, which has cars in the eNASCAR Coca-Cola iRacing series. He also drives in The Replacements iRacing Series, a venture that started during the coronavirus quarantine and includes participants from all levels of NASCAR, including Cup Series drivers Kyle Busch, Kevin Harvick and Dale Earnhardt Jr.

Though he finished 10th of 37 in the most recent Replacements race at virtual Myrtle Beach Speedway, Long called himself “just a hobbyist” and said he streams on Twitch to draw in more fans.

“Really that’s where I get enjoyment is bringing eyes to the service,” Long said. “Getting people to see iRacing for the first time and say, ‘Holy crap, this is awesome.’”

More and more have been doing that recently as the eNASCAR iRacing Pro Invitational Series, featuring real drivers, is airing Sundays on FS1. As networks look for events to air and sports organizations look for ways to interact with their fans in the absence of live sports, iRacing and other eSports are having their moment.

“I feel like it was going to be big eventually anyway, but during quarantine, it’s really blowing up,” Cohen said. “eSports

is on its way to becoming crazy, especially in the racing world. It’s like real racing, but you don’t get injured and you can’t die from a virtual simulator.”

‘This will have to do’

Virtual Lucas Giolito was on the mound Sunday night at Guaranteed Rate Field facing the Braves, and the man controlling him was ... Lucas Giolito.

The White Sox pitcher prepared for his “MLB The Show” game against Braves pitcher Luke Jackson by talking to viewers who left messages in the Twitch chat. Giolito put on his 1983 throwback jersey to please the group. He acknowledged the fan who said the bare wall behind his setup was a perfect place for future Cy Young Awards.

To another, he said: “I know, Calypso, I want real baseball back too, but this will have to do.”

Giolito and Jackson provided their own play-by-play of the three-inning, 1-0 Braves win in front of more than 1,200 people watching and leaving comments. When reliever Aaron Bummer gave up the winning home run to Freddie Freeman, Giolito apologized to his teammate.

“Bummer doesn’t give up home runs,” Giolito said. “That’s on me, Aaron.”

Rodon was viewing and jumped in with a message for the chat: “Eh, I don’t think that’s realistic left on left.”

Giolito’s night went on like that for another three games Sunday. He and 29 other major-league players are competing in a 29-game regular season that will be followed by a postseason that starts April 30 and a best-of-five World Series.

MLB and its tournament partners are donating money to local Boys and Girls Clubs, including a \$25,000 donation for the championship player’s community. Giolito also has used his Twitch page to raise money for his charity, the Orphan Kitten Project. Likewise, the NBA and Major League Soccer are donating money to COVID-19-related causes through their tournaments, and the NFL did the same through its “Madden” players tournament.

Part of the fun for fans in the tournaments is hearing how the players view the games and interact with one another.

As LaVine’s Heat played Deandre Ayton’s Rockets in the first round of the “NBA 2K20” tournament, the pair talked about where they loved to play (Ayton at Madison Square Garden, LaVine at the old Kings

arena) and who LaVine thinks would win a dunk contest with Derrick Jones Jr. (he said a younger version of LaVine might win, but he’s done with dunk contests now).

After Ayton won 57-41, LaVine said he played better than he thought he would since it had been a while. Ayton, who advanced to the tournament championship and lost to Devin Booker, praised LaVine.

“Bro, you’re OP on the game, bro,” Ayton said. “You have your own dunk packages. You have your own jump-shot animation, crossover animations. You’ve got everything, bro.”

Calvo knows well his first-round opponent for the “FIFA 20” tournament, which also will include each team’s professional eMLS player. Calvo and FC Cincinnati defender Kendall Waston played together on the Costa Rican national team, and when they faced off in “FIFA” in the past, Waston has won.

Calvo isn’t worried, though. “I will start today or tomorrow texting him and telling him I’m going to beat him,” he said.

Since MLS suspended the season, Calvo has been quarantined at home in Chicago while his family, including his 2½-year-old son, remain in Costa Rica. He was happy when the Fire asked him to play in the tournament.

“It’s a nice thing because the people want to see this,” Calvo said. “Either way, you have to bring entertainment to the people at home.”

For those wondering, players also are keeping up with their training for their real sports.

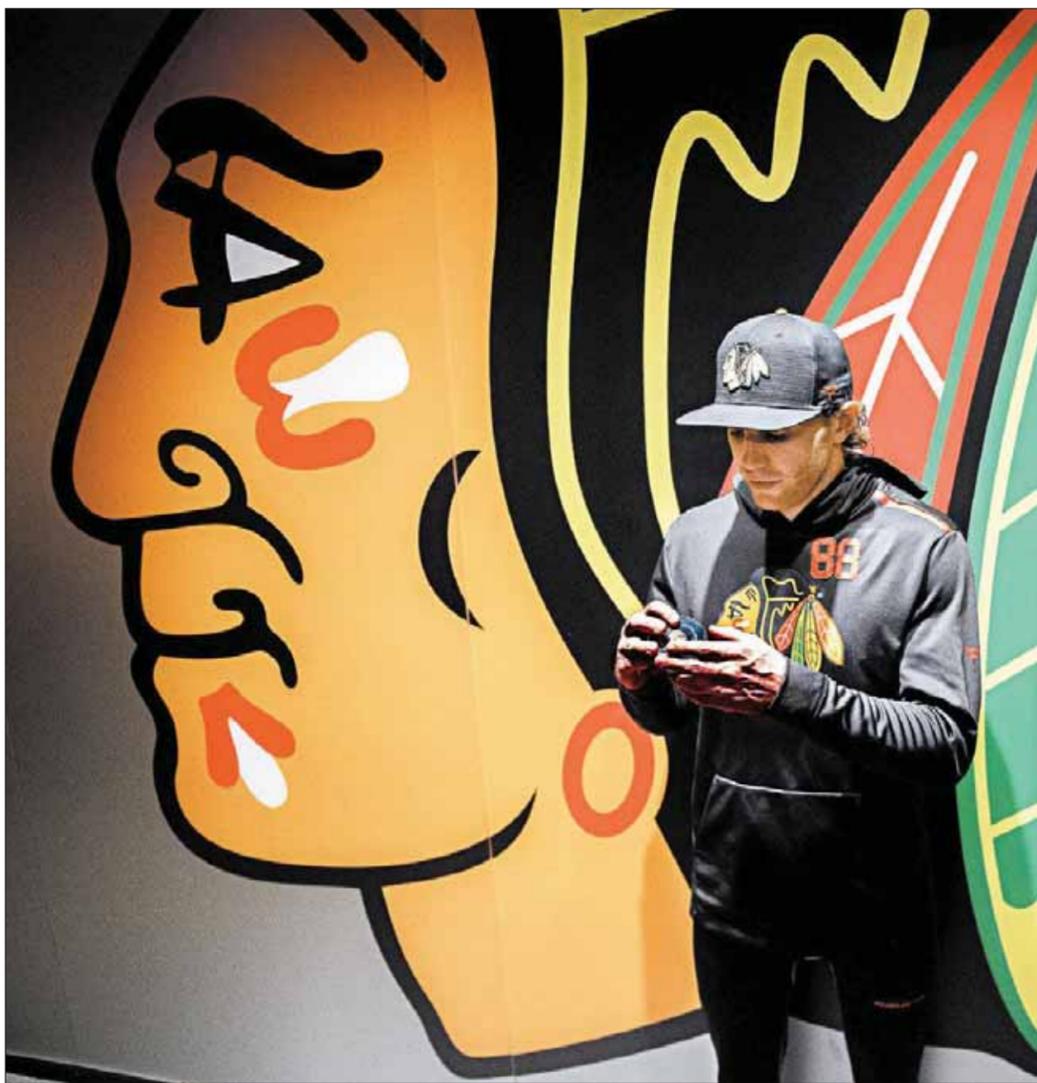
Calvo said he has a treadmill, bike and weights set up at his place. Cohen said he has been using a bike to stay in shape. Rodon still goes to the Sox fields in Arizona to continue rehab on his surgically repaired left elbow. Giolito said on his stream that he goes to a park near his place to simulate long toss, is getting a throw-down mound and has a weight room in his garage.

At some unknown point in the future, their real seasons will start again, and their video-game playing will dwindle to the occasional free night.

Until then, they’ll get their competitive fix on a screen.

“There’s nothing else to do, right?” Rodon said. “There’s not much else we can do, so why not practice social distancing the safe way and game and interact with each other on there?”

BLACKHAWKS



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Pickin' Kane's brain: 5 things on his mind

BY PHIL THOMPSON

Patrick Kane is doing what most NHL players are doing while they wait for the season to resume.

"I've been going down to what is known as the Pilates studio in my building," the Blackhawks winger said Monday during a video conference call with media that also included Islanders forward Mathew Barzal and Jets forward Mark Scheifele. "It's a pretty big space, so there's a lot of space to train."

Kane also has enjoyed watching replays of the Hawks' 2010 Stanley Cup playoff run on NBC Sports Chicago.

"I've been tuning in to those," he said. "It's kind of fun to look back and see how good of a team that was and how we played back then. I probably haven't played video games in the last five (or) six years, (but) I started playing Xbox again with my friends online. That's been pretty fun."

Here are five things we learned about Kane and the Blackhawks from Monday's video chat.

1. Patrick Kane really misses Artemi Panarin — but you already knew that.

Kane never has hidden his disappointment that the Hawks couldn't find a way to keep his former linemate, though the seven-year, \$81.5 million deal Panarin got from the Rangers last July would've been way too rich for the Hawks.

Asked to dream up his ideal partner on a two-on-one break, Kane fell back on memory rather than fantasy.

"The way he sees the game and the way he plays was very similar to the way I saw the game," Kane said of Panarin. "Just really, really fun hockey, just playing off each other, kind of hanging around our sides, almost like mirroring each other on what the other person was going to do."

Kane played with Panarin for two seasons, 2015-16 and 2016-17, and recorded his second-most (106) and third-most (89) points in a season and a career-high 46 goals in 2015-16.

"That was probably the funnest hockey I've ever played was playing with him," Kane said. "If I'm coming down on a two-on-one, (I would) throw him a little saucer pass and he's going to bang it in the net most of the time."

The right-handed Mathew Barzal said Kane would be his second choice behind Alexander Ovechkin, a sniper from the left circle.

"If I was coming down on my left side, maybe throw Kaner over there, give him a (one-timer)," Barzal said. "But down my right side, a little saucer to Ovie — it's probably going in."

2. Patrick Kane's dream team would have Wayne Gretzky, Mario Lemieux and Bobby Orr.

Kane got first draw on another what-if scenario: The best three-on-three overtime unit he could put together from anyone in history. He picked three legends who once shared a stage at the NHL's 100 greatest players forum in 2017, rendering any further discussion moot.



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Artemi Panarin (72) and Patrick Kane were Hawks linemates for two seasons.

"Be hard to bet against those guys," Kane said. "You look at Bobby Orr and the amount of points he had, his career as a defenseman was just unbelievable, especially at that time. Probably changed the way a defenseman played the game."

"Watching some of those highlights with Lemieux and Gretzky playing on Team Canada back in the day, it seemed like they had a lot of chemistry where Gretzky was feeding Lemieux a lot. That would be fun to watch."

3. Former enforcer Dustin Byfuglien left the Blackhawks in stitches — and still does.

Byfuglien has been a physical presence on the ice going back to his time in Chicago (2005-10) and a humorous one on and off the ice.

Kane cited former teammates Ben Eager and Adam Burish as being able to chirp with anyone and said, "Byfuglien might be up there as well."

"He's hilarious," Kane said. "Even in the middle of games, especially when we were playing Winnipeg, he (had) recently got traded there ... and him and (Hawks coach Joel) Quenneville would be chirping each other and laughing and joking around in the middle of an NHL game."

Mark Scheifele knows that all too well because he plays with Byfuglien on the Jets.

"He's by far the most relaxed guy in the game," Scheifele said. "No matter what's going on, no matter how the game's going, he will definitely make a joke and get you going. I could hear him from the other side of the bench yelling at someone. I don't even know who he's yelling (at). He could be yelling at a fan."

4. Patrick Kane's dad was his hockey companion then and now.

Kane shared a couple of anecdotes illustrating how Patrick Kane Sr. remains a silent partner in his hockey journey.

"When I was younger, I would go to a lot of Sabres games," said Kane, a native of Buffalo, N.Y. "My dad would take me early and I would go to the warm-ups and I would tune in to the other team's best player. So I really had a soft spot for Alexei Yashin. He was a really fun player for me to watch. He put on a show in warm-ups one day. I had a Yashin jersey on and he was kind of playing up to me throughout the whole warm-ups, so that was fun. He had the big turtle-neck and his tape was, like, perfect and he had perfect equipment."

Patrick Sr. accompanied Kane to this year's All-Star Game in St. Louis. Mark Scheifele also represented the Central Division.

"My dad had a funny story," Kane said. "Me and (Scheifele) were on the way to the All-Star media (day) this year, and he said we just talked about hockey for 30 minutes. My dad didn't say a word the whole bus ride."

5. The summer camp Patrick Kane plays in must stoke some great rivalries.

Kane and Mathew Barzal gave a peek into the competitiveness that goes on in Estero, Fla., south of Fort Myers, at skills trainer Darryl Belfry's summer camp. The Maple Leafs' Auston Matthews, the Predators' Roman Josi and the Hawks' Alex DeBrincat and Dylan Strome are among others who have participated.

"With Barzy, he was a kid that obviously had a great rookie season (in 2017-18) and got to skate with him this summer for five days in Florida, and it was really fun to see how good he was on the ice. I hate to say that he was probably the best player at the camp," Kane said as Barzal laughed during the Zoom video chat, "but (we) kind of developed a little inner competition with them and it's fun to go at them."

Barzal chimed in: "I'll say I think I got the best of Kaner in the summer at the camp, but I'll give him the regular season. He kind of roasted me on two plays this year that we laugh about it."

FIRE

Five local teens signed from youth academy

Coach Wicky: 'It's not the age. You're either a good player or you're not.'

BY JEREMY MIKULA

It's almost as if Alex Monis was destined to become a Chicago Fire player.

His father, Rich, was the Fire's head athletic trainer from their inaugural season in 1998 through 2001 — years before Monis was born — and later served as a sports medicine consultant in 2006-07.

So when Monis, 17, signed a homegrown contract with the Fire in March, it was only fitting.

"It's really surreal for our family for this to happen," Rich Monis said. "It's a surreal experience for us to come full circle."

The Naperville native is one of five players the Fire signed from their youth academy last month along with Brian Gutierrez (16, Burbank), Javier Casas (16, Addison), Chris Brady (16, Naperville) and Allan Rodriguez (15, Elkhart, Ind.), giving the team 11 homegrown players on its roster — tied for second-most in Major League Soccer.

Brady, Casas, Gutierrez, Monis and Rodriguez impressed sporting director Georg Heitz and coach Raphael Wicky during the preseason and earned professional contracts despite their ages.

"It's not the age," Wicky said. "You're either a good player or you're not such a good player. You can be 28 and not good enough, but you can be 17 and good enough."

Not long after taking over their respective roles in December, Heitz, Wicky and technical director Sebastian Pelzer met with the team's academy staff, including director Cedric Cattenoy and operations head Brian Roberts, to discuss which players showed promise.

"They adapted very quickly to the pace," Heitz said of the players. "You could literally see on a day-by-day basis how they progressed, and it's not so easy to go there as a 15-, 16-year-old guy and to play against men. It's not that easy, but they really adapted quickly and this was the main reason. Technically, you will find many gifted players, young players, gifted players, but it's a question of adaptation. They did a great job."

Wicky said he was impressed with the players' mental strength.

"A lot is between our ears," he said. "If you want to have a big career in every sport or in a lot of other jobs, you have to be very, very strong mentally because it's not easy when you go into the professional team. Everyone is competing for a spot."

Competition for spots could be increasing for younger players — seven of the Fire's 11 homegrown players were added this season. And considering the Fire have only 20 homegrown players in their history, that's a noteworthy shift in the club's philosophy.

"This is something that we want to build more and more," Heitz said. "We want to be the place for soccer talent from close and far to develop. I always said you have an area with, I think, 10 million people who live here, so we definitely should have a couple of talents."

Despite offering contracts, both Heitz and Wicky stressed there are no immediate expectations other than to continue developing. Some will continue to play matches with the academy teams while others could be sent on loan to Forward Madison, the Fire's United Soccer Leagues affiliate, when sports resume from the coronavirus shutdown.

That likely means the five recent signings won't be rushed into first-team action this season.

"What we will definitely do is keep them training with the first team, and they will also play in the youth academy teams," Heitz said. "We expect them to be the best players every time, which also is mentally not so easy because you come from the first team and maybe you think that things go easier now. No, they don't get easier because you have to be a role model. Your goal must be that you're the best player every week, so it's mentally not so easy."

If any of the Fire's recent signings are looking for inspiration, Djordje Mihailovic might be their best model.

The Lemont native, who signed a homegrown contract in 2017, started both of the team's matches this season before MLS halted its season because of COVID-19. Mihailovic assisted on the Fire's only two goals this season, and his two assists were tied with eight others for most in the league.

"Djordje is probably the perfect example for every youth player in terms of how he developed," Wicky said. "I believe he has a lot of tools to become a very good player. He has to prove everything on the training field and on the field that he can take the next step."

The ideal for the Fire — and any soccer club, for that matter — is a squad built of academy products at its core that's also capable of challenging for trophies.

That's partly why the Fire have focused on their youth, but such a philosophical shift also has several components to it.

From a practical perspective, homegrown players don't carry the same salary-cap hit and roster restrictions as other first-team players, and signing youth players to professional contracts enables the Fire to receive some form of compensation should a player go play overseas.

Additionally, it could help the Fire avoid missing out on players from their academy, such as Cameron Lindley, Andrew Gutman and Damian Las, all of whom didn't sign with the club for different reasons.

But, Wicky said, there is another layer that's important: building an identity.

"When you look all over the world in soccer, in football, the academy is the future and it's also the identity," he said.

Wicky, who coached at several youth levels in his native Switzerland and served as the U.S. under-17 coach, cited the way European clubs foster an identity by developing players from a young age.

"The best players in the region, they all dream of going to the biggest club there," he said. "So then you create an identity because they all dream of becoming a professional player with that club. They all tried to go to that system, and they're very proud of that once they come up."

"These players are the future of the club," he said of the Fire's youth players. "If we have academy kids playing in our club, you also have a stronger identity toward your club."

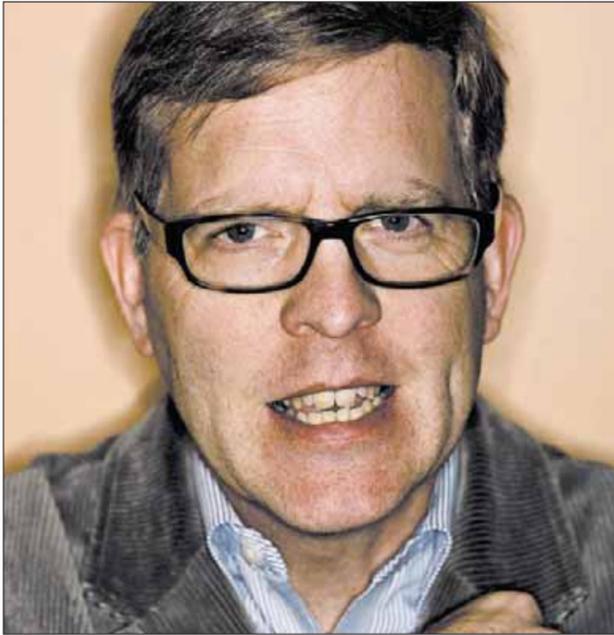
That's part of the reason behind the Fire's recent youth movement. Owner Joe Mansueto has talked openly about expanding the Fire academy, and part of the team's amended lease agreement with Bridgeview included an upgrade to the soccer facilities at SeatGeek Stadium, where the academy continues to be based.

Asked if even more resources will be poured into the academy, Heitz was adamant: "Yes. Yes. Yes. Yes. Yes. Definitely."

"We will expand our scouting system in this area because this area is really big," he said. "We have many, many young players in this area and we need to find the best ones. That is the ambition and we don't have to hide this ambition. This is absolutely clear."

MICHAEL C. MCCARTHY 1959-2020

Creative 'SNL' veteran leaves loving legacy



JOHN DZIEKAN/CHICAGO TRIBUNE 2006

Michael C. McCarthy, 61, died Wednesday at his North Side home.

Second City standout remembered as smart, funny — and humble



RICK KOGAN
Sidewalks

Though he shared stages at the Second City with talented folks who would go on to become stars — Steve Carell and Amy Sedaris among them — Michael Clayton McCarthy was an influential and inspiring presence on the national comedy scene for decades. Beloved, too.

McCarthy — performer and writer and pal to everyone he met — died Wednesday at the North Side home he shared with his wife, the acclaimed performer and writer Susan Messing, and stepdaughter Sofia Mia Canale.

The cause of death was cancer. He was 61.

"He was great, the kind of person who never forced me to open up and talk to him, but always made himself available," said 17-year-old Sofia. "And I always wanted to talk to him because he was genuinely so wonderful to talk to."

McCarthy, his friends say, was inspired as a kid to become a comedy writer by watching the "Dick Van Dyke Show." He was born in Cleveland on Feb. 15, 1959. He came to Chicago in 1980 and was hired as Second City's first intern. By the time he was 24 he had joined the writing staff of "Saturday Night Live."

The esteemed actor and writer Tim Kazurinsky was part of that "SNL" cast and says "I've met few humans as sweet, loving and kind as Michael. His New York apartment was a crash pad for any Chicagoan who needed a place to stay. He'd not only give you the shirt off his back, he'd insist on washing and ironing it first. Then he'd stuff a few bucks in the

pocket. He was forever bestowing kindnesses on friends, students, and pretty much any soul in need."

By the late 1980s McCarthy was back in Chicago and that was when I first saw him, reviewing a 1989 Second City show titled "The Liberalarium." I lauded the cast, writing that it would be "impossible to diminish the versatility of Michael McCarthy, whose white bread manner and look made him a devilish Dan Quayle."

He stayed with this gang, appearing in other shows into the 1990s, with such others as Carell and Tim O'Malley.

"I met Michael in 1980 in Del Close's private workshop," says O'Malley. "Michael was funny and so was I. But he was smart funny, super smart. He gave me my first paid job in show business — 14 bucks a week — when I joined his 'Let's Have Lunch' comedy group. We had one weekly gig at the No Exit Café, passing the hat for our 'salary'."

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CHICAGO INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL
 Christy LeMaster, one of the organizers of the Chicago Cinema Workers Fund.

Help is on the way for local theater employees

New Chicago Cinema Workers Fund to begin seeking donations today



MICHAEL PHILLIPS
Talking Pictures

The popcorn guy is out of work. The woman in the projection booth is unemployed.

With nonprofit and for-profit moviegoing operations alike on hold, along with so much of the rest of our lives, hundreds of Chicago area movie theater employees find themselves out of an hourly wage-earning job. They await the month when a diminished theatrical exhibition landscape reopens for business.

Meantime you can help these people out. Starting today, the Chicago Cinema Workers Fund is taking tax-deductible donations. It's an emergency relief fund, with an initial \$15,000 fundraising goal.

If the goal is met, 50 workers will receive \$300 apiece. That's the equivalent of half-a-week's work, 20 hours, at \$15 an hour.

"Any of us who've been hourly workers at some point in our lives knows that every little bit can help," said co-organizer Christy LeMaster, formerly a curator at the Museum of Contemporary Art, currently teaching film theory (online, of course) for Columbia College.

The key partners in the fundraising project include Full Spectrum Features, a Chicago film and video production house, and the Chicago International Film Festival, held annually in October. Other relief mechanisms have emerged in the COVID-19 era, such as the Art-House America

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DAN MEYER PHOTOS/MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY

Museum of Science and Industry 3D printers are loaded up behind the building for transport to a North Side location. Now there, they are engaged in making PPE for medical personnel fighting COVID-19.

Shuttered museums join COVID-19 fight

Various high-tech tools, including 3D printers, in use to combat virus

BY STEVE JOHNSON

As the Museum of Science and Industry was preparing to close because of COVID-19 last month, some of the people who work in its 3D printer lab got an idea.

"We thought, we have the capacity to print parts" for personal protective equipment needed by medical personnel, said Manny Juarez, director of science and integrated strategies. "We're an educational institution first and foremost, but we do have a lot of expertise in this field."

So this week 20 of the museum's printers are humming away in a North Side building, printing plastic frames for face shields and plastic masks that, with the right filter insert, might be able to fill in for the undersupplied N95 masks, said Juarez.

MSI is not alone. Forced to close to the public, Chicago museums have been examining their resources to try to figure out novel ways to contribute to the community and battle the coronavirus. They are enlisting everything from raw computing power to specialized scientific



Museum of Science and Industry 3D printers are being used to make PPE in the coronavirus fight. The printers make plastic frames for face shields and plastic masks.

machinery, from 3D printers turned into PPE manufacturers to, simply, the empty museum buildings themselves.

At Adler Planetarium, the space visualization team has repurposed its array of

computers that normally project detailed images of the cosmos onto the institution's domed theater. Now the machines'

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CELEBRITIES

Tribune news services

Stephanopoulos positive for virus

“Good Morning America” host George Stephanopoulos revealed Monday that he has tested positive for the coronavirus, but has been relatively symptom-free.

The ABC newsmen revealed his diagnosis on the show, telling co-host Robin Roberts that “I feel fine.”

Stephanopoulos’ wife, Ali Wentworth, had come down with COVID-19 and tweeted that she’s “never been sicker.” Her husband has been taking care of her, their children and doing his TV job in the interim.

He said the only potential symptoms he has felt were a lower backache that he had attributed to a hard workout, and a briefly diminished sense of smell.

CNN host Chris Cuomo has been undergoing a public battle with the disease, continuing his show despite a rough case. But Stephanopoulos provides a new example for the television viewing public of a relatively asymptomatic case.

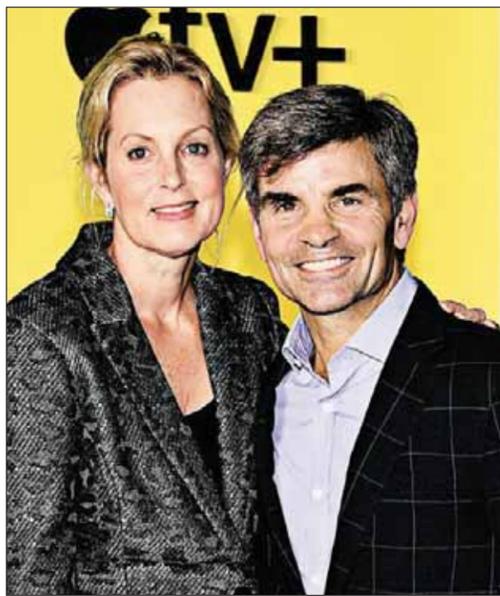
Andrea Bocelli live-streams message of ‘Hope’:

Andrea Bocelli was not going to let a pandemic stop him from helping deliver a little hope on Easter Sunday.

Invited by the city of Milan, the Italian opera star livestreamed a solo performance on YouTube — “Andrea Bocelli: Music for Hope” — from the city’s main cathedral, the Duomo di Milano, on Sunday.

Showing sweeping views of the city, the video’s introduction carried Bocelli’s voice-over Easter message, also a reference to the coronavirus outbreak that has ravaged his country and weighs on most of the world.

“I believe in the strength of praying together. I believe in the Christian Easter, a universal symbol



George Stephanopoulos and wife Ali Wentworth, pictured in October, both have reported cases of the coronavirus.

of rebirth that everyone whether they are believers or not truly needs right now.”

Backed only by organist Emanuele Vianelli in the empty cathedral, Bocelli ran through a program that included performances of “Panis Angelicus,” “Ave Maria,” “Sancta Maria,” “Amazing Grace” and other selections.

TCM film festival moves inside:

The Turner Classic Film Festival usually takes place in Hollywood in the spring, but this year that’s not going to happen because of the coronavirus. Moviegoers can’t attend the festival no matter how deep their devotion to Burt Lancaster, Marilyn Monroe or Kirk Douglas. So the festival will be coming to them.

Starting Thursday and running through Sunday, TCM will offer evergreen feature films collated from past festivals along with knowledgeable hosts,

luminary guests and some special cinematic events.

The armchair fest offers a couple of new generations the chance to find out what all the shouting was about back then. The 24-hour festival includes movies like the 1954 version of “A Star is Born,” starring Judy Garland and James Mason; “Sounder” with Cicely Tyson; “Singin’ in the Rain”; “A Hard Day’s Night,” starring the Beatles; Orson Welles’ “The Magnificent Ambersons”; and Alfred Hitchcock’s “The Lady Vanishes.”

April 14 birthdays: Singer Loretta Lynn is 88. Guitarist Ritchie Blackmore is 75. Actor Peter Capaldi is 62. Actor Brian Forster is 60. Actor Brad Garrett is 60. Actor Anthony Michael Hall is 52. Actor Adrien Brody is 47. Rapper Da Brat is 46. Actress Sarah Michelle Gellar is 43. Actor Nick Krause is 28. Actress Abigail Breslin is 24.



ASK AMY

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Friend overstays guesthouse welcome

Dear Amy: A friend has been living in my very small Los Angeles guesthouse for the past three months. She pays no rent. She really offers nothing.

Fortunately, I am not there, as I am staying at a home in Ohio during the pandemic. However, that will end at some point, and then I will want to come back to LA.

I’m not sure how to get her out. She went through a terrible breakup with her husband, and he basically left her destitute.

She has few (if any) marketable employment skills, but she is studying to become a masseuse. However, that takes time, and classes have been canceled for the foreseeable future. Until she makes money, she has no place to go.

As you may have heard, even with roommates, rent in LA is expensive.

Bottom line, my LA space is too small — it’s a guesthouse. At some point, I will want it back. How can I get rid of her without adding to the homeless population and making a friend’s life substantially worse than it already is?

— M

Dear M: When your friend moved into your guesthouse, she was destitute, and you — out of the goodness of your heart — offered housing. You don’t mention any conversation regarding length of stay or the possibility of her paying rent.

Now — when she is quite literally trapped in this space (because of the pandemic) — you seem to be worried about and resenting her presence.

You should make a determination not to give

in to that feeling. Your resentment will fuel more resentment and anxiety, and nobody needs that right now. Is she responsibly looking after your property? Is she providing a human presence over your otherwise empty property, available to check on things and call for local help if your place is broken into or if the plumbing fails? If so, that has some value. You might consider yourself lucky that she is there, while you are stuck 2,000 miles away.

In this moment, pat yourself on the back for your generosity, and focus on the positive. Realistically, in order for her to emerge from the pandemic, continue her training and build some financial security — it could take up to a year.

Understand also that if you accept rent money from your friend, she legally becomes your tenant, and getting her to leave might involve an eviction proceeding.

You might feel better if you grasp your own realistic expectations and communicate clearly with her that your ultimate goal is for you to have your guesthouse back — and for her to live independently. Lay out a general timeline and communicate clearly, so she knows what goals she must work toward. A written agreement, signed by both of you, might help to concentrate her efforts.

Dear Amy: I’m so sad. My fiancé and I have had to cancel our wedding. For the past two years, we have been planning and saving for our special day — in May — and now all of our plans have been scrapped.

What do you think we should do?

— Prospective Bride

Dear Bride: I think you should take a breath — and then go ahead and get married, if possible, allowing others to witness the special moment through video conferencing.

When all of this is finally over, many of us will joyfully celebrate all of the milestones we missed. I hope you can plan a big and wonderful party to be held sometime in the not-too-distant future.

Dear Amy: I’d like to share an important piece of advice for your readers regarding the current COVID-19 pandemic.

It is important to write up a medical history for each and every member of your family, including a full list of medications.

Have this available in case one of them — or you — has to go to the hospital for any reason. Many hospitals and EMS will not allow anyone to be with the patient. Because of this, you don’t want medical personnel to miss important information about you or your loved one because there is no one present to provide it.

For most of us, I imagine that there is plenty of time right now to spend a few moments on this project.

— Dave Statter, Washington, D.C.

Dear Dave: Great advice! Let’s tape these envelopes to the fridge.

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‘SNL’ memories come alive in web series

John Mulaney shares stories from his time as a writer

By NINA METZ

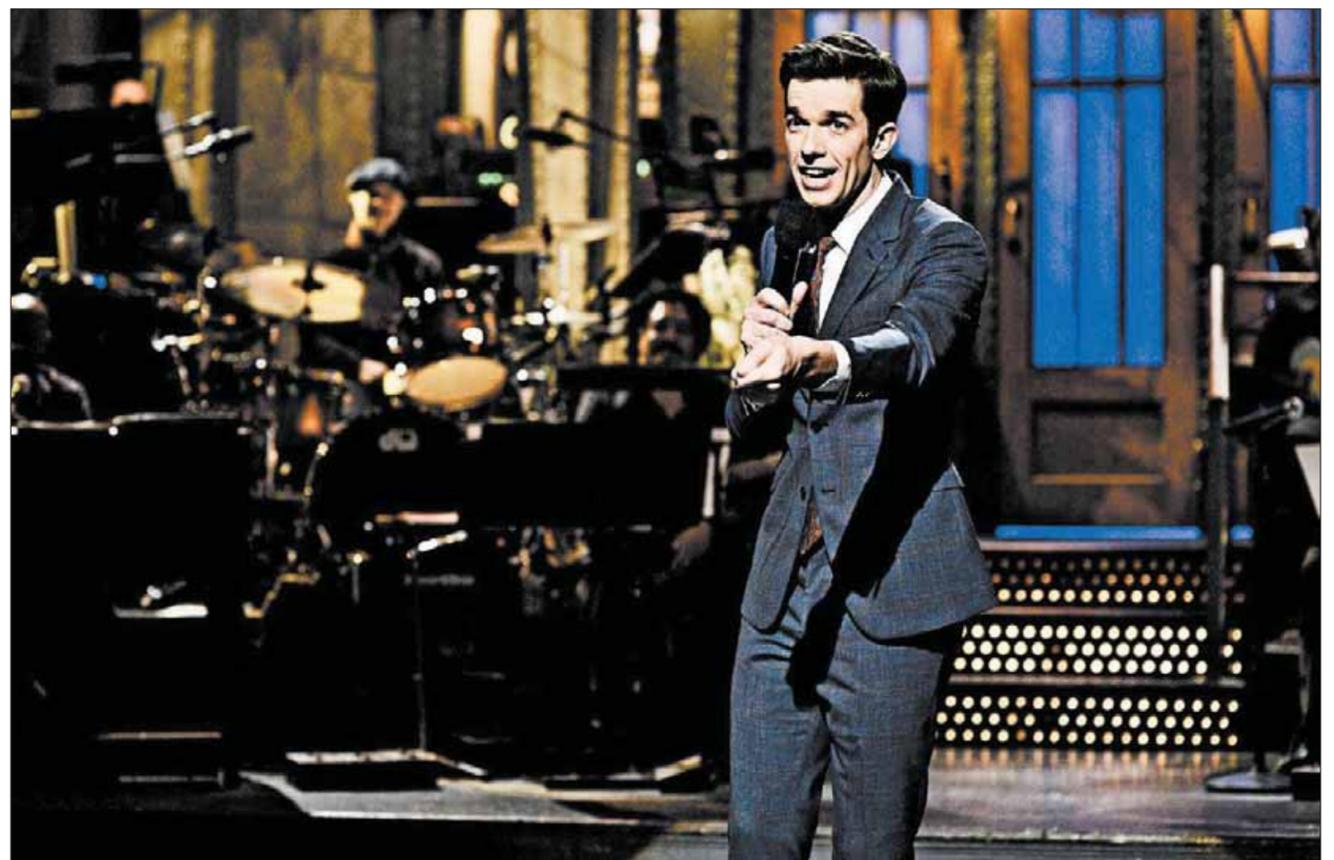
“Saturday Night Live” hasn’t been broadcasting new shows for weeks, due to safety concerns over the coronavirus. But the show will air “remotely produced content at its usual Saturday time slot on the broadcast network,” according to NBC and it will include a Weekend Update and sketches from cast members.

In the meantime, you can catch up with a new SNL video series called “Stories From the Show” that is wonderfully low-key and amusing.

The first episodes were posted on YouTube in January, featuring four- or five-minute interviews with Eddie Murphy, Will Ferrell and Second City, and Annoyance alum Aidy Bryant. There was extended pause on new episodes until this week, when a 10-minute interview with John Mulaney went up. If possible, “SNL” should roll out more of these on a regular basis; it’s a smart way to keep the show front of mind with new content.

The series is directed by Paul Briganti, who has directed pre-taped segments on the show since 2016, and he gives “Stories From the Show” a witty shape. Especially that of Mulaney, a droll storyteller who puts that to good use here. (Though Mulaney’s episode was posted this week, the interview took place before the quarantine.)

A Chicago native, Mulaney was asked to audition in the summer of 2008 and we see a snippet from that as he riffs on stock “Law & Order” characters. (Even early in his career, you can see Mulaney’s sensibility was pretty firmly in place.) Others auditioning that day included Nick Kroll, T.J. Miller, Ellie Kemper, Don-



John Mulaney, hosting “Saturday Night Live” in 2019. “Stories From the Show” is wonderfully low-key and amusing.

ald Glover and the person who ultimately got hired, Bobby Moynihan.

After the audition, Mulaney came back home to Chicago: “And I was at a restaurant and a 212 number called and I told my mom to shut up and it was Seth Meyers (also a veteran of the Chicago comedy scene) and he said, ‘We want to offer you a writing job on the show,’ and I said, ‘Yes.’ And he goes, ‘I want to be clear, this is not the cast.’ And I said, ‘I want to be clear, I would never think I’d be in the cast.’”

A year later Mulaney was back in Chicago, this time with Michaels, to scout for new talent: “Going to Chicago — where I am from, where I lived in the city, not far from Wrigley Field, with Lorne Mich-

aels — it was like I was going to Chicago for the first time.”

I was aware that every year or so, either Michaels or his head writer bring a team to Second City Theater looking for new writers and performers. What I didn’t know was that they flew in on a private plane. This was new information to Mulaney as well: “It was like being in a car in the sky and everybody was acting like it was normal.”

(Though no one from Chicago was hired to be on camera from that scouting trip, Second City alum Mike O’Brien was picked up as a writer.)

In Bryant’s episode of “Stories From the Show,” she talks about sharing a dressing room with Kate McKinnon and fellow

Chicagoan Cecily Strong. (Bryant has been with the show since 2012 and is the star and executive producer of the Hulu series “Shrill.”)

“Our first year I do feel like our dressing room kind of became the hub for all the new cast and new writers, like Timmy Robinson,” also a Second City alum. (Robinson would go on to create and star in the Netflix sketch show “I Think You Should Leave.”)

The episode featuring Murphy acknowledges that the show was going through a period of transition in the early ’80s. Unlike the original cast of “SNL,” his background was in stand-up. He doesn’t mention it here, but Murphy (a New Yorker) actually came to Second City to

train for about half a second after he was hired on “SNL.”

His fellow cast member at the time, Tim Kazurinsky, shared that memory with me a few months ago:

“I was touting Second City and saying those guys — meaning Eddie Murphy and Joe Piscopo — could maybe benefit from some stuff at Second City,” Kazurinsky said. “The rest of the cast, which included me, Mary Gross, Brian Doyle Murray, Brian Duke, we were all Second City people. Joe and Eddie were the only ones who weren’t. They came from stand-up.”

“So we flew in for a week — I had a condo at 4652 N. Hermitage, so I just sublet in New York for the four seasons I was on ‘SNL’ — and one of them stayed on

the couch and the other was on a sleeping bag on the floor. And they came in and improvised every night at Second City for a week.

“Joe found it difficult. He struggled. The stand-up mentality is ‘it’s me against the world’ kind of thing.”

“Whereas Eddie is literally the only person that I ever met who could walk on to the Second City stage and do it without any lessons, without any training whatsoever. He had that ability to let go and play and easily fit into whatever the game was or whatever the scene was. Joe was like a deer caught in headlights.”

“Stories From the Show” can be found on YouTube.

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TV Q&A

Is 'Perry Mason' returning?

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Q: HBO has promoted "Perry Mason" returning with a 1930s setting. Is that still a go or a no-go?

A: A definite go, although I am not sure when. The HBO rendition of the defense attorney most famously played by Raymond Burr was not listed for HBO premieres through June in a recent network announcement, but the announcement did list it as in production, with Matthew Rhys of "The Americans" playing Mason. With a cast that also includes Tatiana Maslany and John Lithgow, the drama looks at Mason's development during a sensational case in 1931 Los Angeles.

Q: I would like to know if "The Amazing Race" will ever be on again.

A: The answer is yes. CBS has not yet scheduled the 32nd season of the reality competition, but it is completed. In fact, the series was working on its 33rd as the coronavirus became a threat. Production was shut down in February "out of an abundance of caution," a CBS

representative told Variety. Contestants and staff went home; the network said no one was infected at the time and continued monitoring was planned.

Q: There was a show before "The Amazing Race" where a group of people were blindfolded and put on an airplane and they didn't know where they were going. When they landed, they were dropped off with no money and no phone and they had to find their way home — from Mongolia. Do you remember this show? My family thinks I'm nuts.

A: The series, called "Lost," premiered on Sept. 5, 2001 — which, several references say, was the same night that "The Amazing Race" began on CBS. According to "The Complete Directory to Prime Time and Network Cable TV Shows," "Lost" involved three teams of two strangers "blindfolded and airlifted to a remote location" and tasked with finding their way to the Statue of Liberty. And, yes, the first contest involved Mongolia.

"Lost" was not a success; one problem was a delay between its first and

second episodes because of coverage of the 9/11 attacks.

Q: I saw that "FBI" on CBS added a new agent, Hailey, who was on "Chicago P.D." on NBC. What happened to the old agent?

A: Missy Peregrin, who plays Special Agent Maggie Bell on the drama, is on maternity leave and is expected back on the "FBI" beat next season. Tracy Spiridakos, who plays Hailey Upton on "Chicago P.D.," crossed networks to guest-star on "FBI" because both shows come from megaproducer Dick Wolf, the man responsible for the "Chicago" series, the two "FBI" programs and anything with "Law & Order" in its name.

Q: Years ago, I saw a movie, I think made in the '40s, about a wealthy British family traveling with their household staff aboard a ship. The ship is wrecked on an island, and the butler takes over running the island and his former employers. What is it?

A: That is "The Admirable Crichton" (also known as "Paradise La-



CBS PHOTO

Raymond Burr starred in "Perry Mason."

goon"), based on a play by J.M. Barrie and brought to the screen in 1958 with Kenneth More in the title role. Turner Classic Movies' website notes that "films about servants who dominate their masters comprise a diverse catalog

of titles" that often seem to have borrowed from Barrie's play. "Early film adaptations included G.B. Samuelson's "The Admirable Crichton" (1918), Cecil B. DeMille's "Male and Female" (1919) and Norman Taurog's "We're

Not Dressing" (1934)."

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Museums

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aim is much smaller and closer to home: They've joined computers nationwide to form a virtual supercomputer that's helping scientists understand exactly what the coronavirus looks like to help come up with a vaccine.

Shedd Aquarium loaned a high-tech machine that prepares DNA and RNA for analysis, called the King-Fisher, to the Illinois Department of Public Health so that it can process COVID-19 tests more quickly.

Adler and Field Museum have done their own 3D printing work to make PPE, and Field has contributed its supply of protective gear used in preparation of biological materials to medical organizations.

Chicago History Museum, meanwhile, is under consideration as a possible site for blood donation to help alleviate the critical shortage of plasma.

"Feeling like we can contribute directly has meant a lot to people," said Mark SubbaRao, director of Adler's Space Visualization Laboratory.

Some 56 Adler computers, used to show the "Imagine the Moon" and "Destination Solar System" sky shows when the public was last allowed to visit, are now part of the Rosetta@home distributed computing project run by the University of Washington.

Adler systems engineers were able to shift the computers over from running Windows to booting in open-source Linux to join the R@h project, and by April 2, the Adler machinery was part of the massive hive mind of almost 100,000 computers worldwide.

Fulfilling tasks submitted by specific scientists, what they've been seeking is models of what the virus looks like in all its particulars, and that requires great computing power, SubbaRao explained. The R@h project looks to model proteins within the coronavirus' structure, which will help in the design of

potential vaccines and antiviral medications.

"By understanding the structure you can design a vaccine to combat it," he said.

On the blood front, Chicago History Museum is under consideration as a potential donation site by the American Red Cross to help replace some of the sites it has lost in the widespread shutdown — if both organizations determine the museum can be used safely, said CHM executive John Russick.

MSI's 3D printing is part of a larger effort by Chicago's maker community, one in which DePaul University plays a key role, Juarez said. After museum brass OK'd their plan to repurpose the printers, he and his team moved them off site so people wouldn't have to be entering the closed museum building to do their work.

Starting in earnest last week, they're focusing on two publicly available designs approved by the National Institutes of Health, according to MSI. The potential N95 mask replacement is a frame into which hospitals could place a filtering fabric.

The more popular item has been the face shields, essentially a sort of glasses frame into which users snap a clear plastic folder, like those typically used in office work, to serve as the shield.

These are in demand, Juarez explained, because they can protect the regulation N95 masks worn by medical personnel, thus prolonging the useful lives of the scarce filtering masks.

After working out some kinks, such as tailoring the designs to the specific machines owned by MSI, Juarez said he hopes the effort can produce 50 or more masks a day beginning this week.

"We are asking that the parts we make are distributed to South Side institutions," he said. "It feels good that we can do something meaningful and that we can help people on the front lines."

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The marquee on the Logan Theatre at 2646 N. Milwaukee on the Northwest Side promises a return to moviegoing.

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Campaign. That one supports nationwide independent cinemas, such as Chicago's Music Box Theatre, currently dark and revenue-free in the face of the coronavirus pandemic.

There's also a COVID-19 emergency grant program, set up by the Will Rogers Motion Picture Pioneers Foundation. The program likewise supports movie theater workers out of work, though the grant requires five or more years in the exhibition industry to qualify.

"We all know some hourly employees — ticket takers, concessionists, projectionists, front-of-house staff — who don't qualify for that," LeMaster said.

Among LeMaster's fellow organizers: Chicago International Film Festival director Mimi Plauché; Full Spectrum Features programmer Raul Benitez; and Northwestern University Block Museum of Art Curator of Media Arts Michael Metzger. The model for the Chicago

fund came from its New York predecessor, known as the Cinema Workers Solidarity Fund. Created March 14, the New York fund raised \$75,287 from 1,400 donors, the majority in the \$50 range.

"We reached out to the New York organizers early on," said Metzger, sharing a Zoom video conference call with LeMaster, Benitez and Plauché. "They were very helpful in the initial phase." He noted the Chicago effort represents "a different sort of coalition that reflects the diversity of the Chicago film landscape. And we felt it was important to get more feedback from people working at theaters while all this was developing."

When the closings began last month, said Benitez, "they happened within days, very quickly. It felt so sudden." Since then, for-profit multiplex chains such as AMC Theatres and Cinemark Theatres have made particularly grim headlines, with AMC bankruptcy speculation rampant and Monday's news of Cinemark (hobbled by a \$3.4 billion debt load as of Dec. 31,

2019, in the pre-pandemic era) selling a quarter-billion in debt.

The big spring and summer movies have largely been postponed until later in 2020 or 2021.

Global multiplex brands such as AMC don't typically have much in common with a Chicago landmark such as the Music Box, or Facets Cinematheque, or academically affiliated operations such as the Gene Siskel Film Center (a program of The School of the Art Institute) or Northwestern's Block Cinema. In recent weeks, however, their similarities have become clearer as the exhibition lockdown continues.

The lucky employees remain compensated; many more have been laid off. Meantime programmers have turned their efforts to cultivating an audience for online programming.

"Ann Arbor just did a really good virtual film festival," Benitez noted.

Plauché said she was gratified at the accessibility and ease of the Copenhagen International Documentary Film Festival's

online iteration. A few titles featured in that festival remain stream-able, for a small fee, through April 30.

When our new normal phases gradually into the next new normal, LeMaster said, "I think we're going to be just so hungry to get together, you know? Over the last five, 10 years, the viewing public started to take the live cinematic event for granted." No more, she hopes. "I think we might come back for it."

Meantime, said Metzger, the Chicago Cinema Workers Fund can do some good. "In addition to providing relief," he said, "this is a way for all of us to materialize our commitment to cinemagoing in Chicago."

To donate or to apply for aid, go to chicagocinema.org. Updates at [chiccineworkers](https://twitter.com/chiccineworkers) on Twitter and Instagram.

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Kogan

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"He took a chance on me, and I am forever grateful. We ended up on the (Second City) Mainstage together, always my goal. Great person, loving friend, smart, funny man."

McCarthy was always a barrel of creative energies, moving to and living mostly in Los Angeles, where he created the first Second

City writing program and wrote for and appeared in such TV shows as "According to Jim" and "Curb Your Enthusiasm." In 1995 he founded the still-active Cat Laughs comedy festival in Kilkenny, Ireland.

In 2012 he was back here for keeps, having married Messing and devoting himself to writing and teaching at DePaul University.

One of the advantages of our hooked-up, plugged-in world is that in the wake of

a person's death, the internet swells with memories and do-it-yourself eulogies and you will find many heartfelt McCarthy messages at www.facebook.com/michaelclaytonmccarthy and elsewhere.

I asked Messing what her late husband would have made of all this.

Before she answered she talked of having known McCarthy for more than three decades in the local comedy scene, once working with him on a pilot for a

television show; how they came to marry one another, with Kazurinsky officiating; and about his diagnosis with a debilitating form of cancer more than two years ago and his strength to "every day drag himself down to the basement to write."

During his illness, McCarthy was regularly visited by Kazurinsky and other improv pals such as David Pasquesi, Peter Burns and Howard Johnson.

"We were his four horse-men," said Kazurinsky.

Messing welcomed this gang whenever they would show up.

"Michael was ever upbeat," she said. "He never complained and in our time together he allowed me to know for the first time what love is all about. He was just so humble too. What would he have thought of all this outpouring of affection and love about him on the internet? I know exactly what he

would say.

"He'd say, 'Wow, must have been a slow news day.'"

In addition to his wife and stepdaughter, McCarthy is survived by stepson Liam Maxwell Conner and siblings Patrick McCarthy, Mary Ellen Davis, Matthew McCarthy and Soren McCarthy.

A memorial is being planned.

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BONUS PUZZLE PAGE

An extra array of word games, search, Jumble and other tests to help you pass the time at home

SUDOKU

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Level: **1** 2 3 4

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

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WORD SEARCH

IN AND OUT

Can you find all the words with IN and OUT? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, even diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.

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| BRAIN | GOUT | OUTLAW | TOUTING |
| CABIN | GROUTED | OUTRAGE | TROUT |
| CHIN | ICING | PINCH | TWIN |
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| CURTAIN | MACHINE | ROUTINE | YOUTH |

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BOGGLE

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

G	R	O	C
E	P	A	L
T	N	O	R
I	A	E	L

INSTRUCTIONS: Find as many words as you can by linking letters up, down, side-to-side and diagonally, writing words on a blank sheet of paper. You may only use each letter box once within a single word. Play with a friend and compare word finds, crossing out common words.

BOGGLE POINT SCALE
 3 letters = 1 point
 4 letters = 2 points
 5 letters = 3 points
 6 letters = 4 points
 7 letters = 6 points
 8 letters = 10 points
 9+ letters = 15 points

YOUR BOGGLE RATING
 1151+ = Champ
 101-150 = Expert
 61-100 = Pro
 31-60 = Gamer
 21-30 = Rookie
 11-20 = Amateur
 0-10 = Try again

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WordWheel

Insert the missing letter to complete an eight-letter word reading clockwise or counterclockwise.

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TV CROSSWORD

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Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews 6/10/18

ACROSS

- Farrell and Wallace
- Series for George Eads
- 99; Barbara Feldon's "Get Smart" role
- Baio or Caan
- "Everybody ___ Raymond"
- Actor Nick and his family
- Prefix for cycle or angle
- Actress Delany
- "The ___"; Fran Drescher series
- Folk singer and actor Burl Ives
- Region
- "___ Window"; James Stewart film
- "A ___ Man"; Patrick Wilson series
- Sitcom for Ted Danson
- "Don't have ___ man!" Bart Simpson's line
- Harmon ___; role on "JAG"
- "Que Sera, ___"
- "The ___ Purple"; movie for Oprah
- "U ___"; Sean Penn/Jennifer Lopez film
- "Fresh ___ the Boat"
- One of the Seven Dwarfs
- ___ Mandel

DOWN

- Sweet creamy drink
- Pianist Stravinsky
- Role on "Chicago P.D."
- 180 degrees from WSW
- Wall and Easy; abbr.
- Portable bed
- Sault __, Marie
- "___ Always Sunny in Philadelphia"
- "Sanford and ___"
- Role on "The Good Doctor"
- Anti's vote
- FBI crime lab evidence
- "Who Do You Think You ___?"
- "___ and Stacey"
- 1960s pop singer Bobby Darin
- Hearing organ
- Yrkb. section
- Helium or hydrogen
- "___ Age: Continental Drift"; animated film sequel
- "Grounded ___ Life"
- Coolidge or Ripken
- "The Sopranos" network
- Howard or Ely
- "Boys Don't ___"; Hilary Swank movie
- "___ Lazy River"; Hoagy Carmichael song
- ___ of rage; temper tantrums
- Suffix for song or gab
- Univ. in Dallas
- "NCIS: ___ Angeles"
- Start of the "Old MacDonald" refrain
- "Hee ___"
- French affirmative

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

DLNAB
 NORGP
 RMILEB
 SCUACE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

May I take your orders?
 I miss giving orders.
 I miss the officers' club.
 I've got to be home at 1300 hours.

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer: The four-star military commanders retired and became part of the ---
 Jumbles: BLAND PRONG LIMBER ACUUSE

ARROW WORDS

Fill in the grid using the clues provided in the direction of the arrows. When complete, unscramble the letters in the circles to reveal a mystery word.

Ill humor	Children's get-together	Entice	Further period of play	Ages and ages	Kimono case	Royal Norwegian name	Attorney's org.	Chimney feature	Coloring agent
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	8					Battleship letters	Botched Historic time		
1890s French style								Atoll enclosure	
		3			Fall shade	Overthrow	TV Tarzan Ron		9
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Prank					Buckeyes' school	Science guy Bill	Turkish title		4
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		1			Elvis classic			Fawn's mother	
Sports squad	India's first prime minister		Catch sight of						2
					African grazer				

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KIDNEWS FUN & GAMES

Deserts

S	O	N	O	A	T	N	R	E	G			
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V	A	J	A	N	G	I	R	T	S			
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A	K	A	G	S	O	N	N	G	I			
R	I	N	R	N	A	U	H	H	I			
S	I	A	A	G	O	B	A	U	H			
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O	N	T	E	S	I	A	N	R	J	A	D	O
M	T	E	S	I	A	N	B	A	G			

Find all the words from the word list (ignore spaces and dashes, if any):

- | | |
|------------|----------|
| CHIHUAHUAN | RANGIPO |
| GIBSON | REGISTAN |
| GOBI | SINAI |
| KALAHARI | SONORAN |
| MARANJAB | SYRIAN |
| MOJAVE | THAR |
| MONTE | |
| OGADEN | |
| PATAGONIAN | |

This is zigzag word search puzzle. Words go left, right, up, down, not diagonally, and can bend at a right angle. There are no unused letters in the grid, every letter is used only once.

Find 12 differences

WATCH THIS: TUESDAY



Janet Montgomery

"New Amsterdam" (8 p.m., NBC): In "Matter of Seconds," the final new episode of Season 2, Sharpe and Bloom (Freema Agyeman, Janet Montgomery) scramble to figure out the root cause when multiple patients throughout the hospital begin to display similar alarming symptoms. Elsewhere, Iggy (Tyler Labine) tries to restore peace to a divorced couple in a dangerous situation.

"NCIS" (7 p.m., CBS): In a new episode called "The Arizona," Gibbs (Mark Harmon) and his team try to verify the true identity of an elderly man known as Joe Smith (guest star Christopher Lloyd), who claims he used his older brother's ID to serve on the USS Arizona during the attack on Pearl Harbor. Now, it's his devout wish to be buried there upon his death. Sean Murray, Emily Wickersham and Wilmer Valderrama also star.

"Deadliest Catch" (7 p.m., 11 p.m., Discovery): For the first time in this show's history, Season 16 — which premieres tonight with a three-hour episode — will see the Alaskan crab fleet facing off against their biggest commercial rivals: the Russians, who are making some changes to fishing regulations that seem likely to send the price of King Crab skyrocketing. The season also spells a big shake-up for Captain Jake Anderson on The Saga, who coaxes Time Bandit skipper Johnathan Hillstrand out of retirement to join him.

"mixed-ish" (8 p.m., ABC): When she learns that climate scientists predict the planet's ozone layer will run out in 20 years, Rainbow (Arica Himmel) freaks out and immediately tries to stage an Earth Day event at her school to change some hearts and minds in the new episode "Nothing's Gonna Stop Us Now." Instead, she runs into some surprising resistance, but that only motivates her to take matters into her own hands. Caitlin Kimball and Paulet Del Castillo guest star; Mark-Paul Gosselaar and Tika Sumpter also star.

TALK SHOWS

- "Conan"** (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actor-comic Keegan-Michael Key.*
- "The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon"** (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actor Michael Shannon; professional football player JJ Watt; best of Fallon.*
- "The Late Show With Stephen Colbert"** (10:35 p.m., CBS): The comic interviews guests and introduces musical performances.*
- "Jimmy Kimmel Live!"** (10:35 p.m. 11:36 p.m., ABC): Celebrity guests and comedy skits.*

* Subject to change

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TUESDAY EVENING, APR. 14

	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00
BROADCAST	CBS 2	NCIS: "The Arizona." (N) ©	FBI: Most Wanted: "Iron-bound." (N) ©	FBI: Most Wanted: "Ride or Die." (N) ©	News (N) ▶			
	NBC 5	Ellen's Game of Games: "Life in the Blast Lane." (N)	New Amsterdam: "Matter of Seconds." (Season Finale) (N) ©	NBC News-Coronavirus Pandemic (N)	NBC 5 News (N) ▶			
	ABC 7	The Conners	Bless This Mess (N)	mixed-ish (N) ©	black-ish (N) ©	For Life: "Buried." (N) ©	News at 10pm (N) ▶	
	WGN 9	black-ish ©	black-ish ©	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	WGN News at Nine (N)	WGN News at Ten (N)	
	Antenna 9.2	Alice ©	Alice ©	3's Comp. ©	3's Comp. ©	Johnny Carson ©	Coach ©	
	Court 9.3	† Closing Arguments (N)		OJ25 ©		OJ25: "Diagrams of Death."	Closing ©	
	PBS 11	Chicago Tonight (N)		The Gene: An Intimate History (N) ©			Definitn-In-sanit (N) ▶	
	CW 26.1	The Flash ©		DC's Legends		Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©
	The U 26.2	Dr. Phil ©		Tamron Hall ©		Steve Wilkos Show (N)	Cops ©	
	MeTV 26.3	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle	Green Acres	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett
H&I 26.4	Star Trek ©		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9	Star Trek ▶		
Bounce 26.5	88 Minutes (R,'07) ★ Al Pacino	Alicia Witt. ©			Any Given Sunday (R,'99) ★★ ©			
FOX 32	The Masked Singer ©		Empire: "Over Everything." (N) ©		Fox 32 News at Nine (N)	Modern Family ©		
Ion 38	Criminal Minds ©		Criminal Minds ©		Criminal Minds ©	Criminal ▶		
TeleM 44	Cennet (N) ©		La Doña (N) ©		Operación Pacifico (N) ©	Chicago (N)		
MNT 50	Chicago P.D.: "You Wish."		Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago P.D.: "Sacrifice."	Chicago ▶		
UniMas 60	† ¿Qué culpa tiene		Nosotr.	Nosotr.	Noticiero (N)	Vas con todo ▶		
WJYS 62	Israel	Paid Prog.	Joyce Meyer	Robison	Dr. T Felder	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	
Univ 66	Ringo (N)		Amor eterno (N)		Sin miedo a la verdad	Noticias (N)		
CABLE	AE	The First 48 ©		The First 48: Women (N)		The First 48: Women (N)	First 48 ▶	
	AMC	† (6) Top Gun (PG,'86) ★★	Tom Cruise.	Speed (R,'94)	★★★ Keanu Reeves. © (SAP) ▶			
	ANIM	Bush People (N)		Bush People (N)		Homestead Rescue (N)	Rescue (N) ▶	
	BBCA	The Patriot (R,'00) ★★	Mel Gibson.	A man and his son fight side by side in the Revolutionary War.				
	BET	† (5) ATL (PG-13,'06) ★★		When the Bough Breaks (PG-13,'16) ★	Morris Chestnut. © ▶			
	BIGTEN	The Journey	Big Ten Elite ©		The Journey	BTN Football in 60 ©		
	BRAVO	Vanderpump Rules ©		Vanderpump Rules (N)		Family Karma ©	Watch (N)	
	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N)		CNN Tonight (N)	Tonight (N) ▶	
	COM	The Office	The Office	Drunk	Drunk	Drunk	Daily (N)	
	DISC	Deadliest Catch: "The Russians Are Coming." (Season Premiere) (N) ©					Catch ▶	
	DISN	Bunk'd ©	Bunk'd ©	Raven	Roll With It	Gabby	Coop	Sydney-Max
	E!	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley
	ESPN	† (6) MLB Baseball From Oct 15, 1988.						SportCtr (N)
	ESPN2	Top Rank (N)		Top Rank (N)		Top Rank (N)		Top Rank (N)
	FNC	Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News
	FOOD	Chopped ©		Chopped (N) ©		Supermarket Stakeout (N)		market ▶
	FREE	† National	National Treasure: Book of Secrets (PG,'07) ★★	Nicolas Cage. ©				700 Club ▶
	FX	† (6) The Equalizer (R,'14) ★★	Denzel Washington. ©			The Equalizer (R,'14) ★★ ©		
	HALL	Love by Chance (NR,'16)	Ben Ayers. ©			Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls
	HGTV	Bargain Mansions (N)		Bargain Mansions (N)		Hunters (N)	Hunt Intl (N)	House-Hurry
	HIST	Digging Deeper (N)		Curse-Island (N)		The Secret of Skinwalker		Oak Island ▶
	HLN	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic
	IFC	† AVP: Alien vs. Predator		Predators (R,'10) ★★	Adrien Brody, Topher Grace. ©			
	LIFE	Stepmom (PG-13,'98) ★★	Julia Roberts, Susan Sarandon. ©					Married ▶
	MSNBC	All In With (N)		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)
	MTV	Teen Mom OG ©		Families of the Mafia ©		Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.
	NATGEO	Life Below Zero: Port		Life Below Zero: Port (N)		(9:03) Life Below Zero		Life Below ▶
	NBCSCH	Chicago Blackhawks Classics				White Sox Rewind ▶		
	NICK	Danger	SpongeBob	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©
	OVATION	† (6) Eat Pray Love (PG-13,'10) ★★	Julia Roberts.			Everybody's Fine (PG-13,'09) ★★		
OWN	If Loving You Is Wrong		If Loving You Is Wrong		Loving You (N)		Loving ▶	
OXY	† (6) Snapped ©		Ted Bundy: In Defense of		Manson: The Women © ▶			
PARMT	† (6) Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade ('89) ★★				Ink Master (N) ©		Raiders ▶	
SYFY	† Harry Potter	Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban (PG,'04) ★★	Daniel Radcliffe. ▶					
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Last O.G. (N) Conan ©		
TCM	Cheaper by the Dozen (NR,'50) ★★		(8:45) The Man Who Never Was (NR,'56) ★★					
TLC	Little People, World (N)		Little People, World (N)		7 Little Johnstons (N)		Sextuplets ▶	
TLN	Way-Master	Studio 5	Dream Motel	Manna Fest	Life Today	Prayer	Paid Prog.	
TNT	† (6:30) Shooter (R,'07) ★★	Mark Wahlberg. ©			The Longest Yard (PG-13,'05) ★★			
TOON	Home Movie	Burgers	Burgers	Rick, Morty	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Family Guy	
TRAV	Ghost Adventures (N) ©				Ghost Nation (N) ©		Ghost ▶	
TVL	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Two Men	Two Men	King	
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Mod Fam	
VH1	Wild/Out (N)	Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	
WE	Law & Order ©		Law & Order: "Amends."		Law & Order: "Thin Ice."		Law ▶	
WGN America	† (6) Captain Phillips (PG-13,'13) ★★	Tom Hanks. ©			Captain Phillips (PG-13,'13) ★★ ©			
PREMIUM	HBO	Westworld ©	Insecure ©	(8:35) X-Men (PG-13,'00) ★★	Hugh Jackman.			
	HBO2	Last Week	Friend (Subtitled-English)	Westworld ©	Insecure ©	Doubtfire ▶		
	MAX	Wild Hogs (PG-13,'07) ★	Tim Allen. ©	(8:40) The Rundown (PG-13,'03) ★★	The Rock. ©			
	SHO	Homeland ©		Mary Magdalene (R,'18)	Rooney Mara. ©		Black Mon	
	STARZ	† Spider's Web		(8:01) Outlander ©		Once Upon a Time... In Hollywood (R) ▶		
STZENC	† 30 Minutes or Less (R) ★★		Showtime (PG-13,'02) ★	Robert De Niro.	Nutty Prof. 2 ▶			

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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (April 14): Your career status rises this year. Together with a powerful team, you're unbeatable. Unplanned summer detours inspire home renovation and beautification projects. Shift professional focus for new opportunities. Resolve winter miscommunications before launching an educational adventure.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Share what you're learning. Adapt to unexpected news with a group venture. Teamwork helps to navigate obstacles.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 9. Take charge for a professional rise in status. Disciplined action matters. Adapt to changes that affect your industry or market. Reinforce structures for support.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 7. Explore your subject in greater detail. Dig into research projects. Travel directly for a personal connection. Check conditions before setting off, though.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. Handle financial obligations. Review and adjust plans and budgets for current events. Discuss short-term solutions and long-term possibilities. Consider potential ways around a barrier.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Collaborate for more ease and fun. Manage practical tasks to fulfill deadlines and goals. Compromise when necessary. Reduce stress through coordination and shared support.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. The work is in the details. Modify and adjust to tune from your most recent performance. Assess and evaluate. Provide the missing ingredients.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 7. Relax and enjoy the company. Apply practical solutions to recent challenges. Love heals and soothes. Provide compassion, support and understanding. Someone special finds that attractive.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Home and family take your attention. Consider long-range plans. Replenish reserves and work together on home organization and improvement projects.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Listen to all considerations. Anticipate changes and prepare the messaging. Write and edit statements, pitches and invitations.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 9. Your morale gets a boost with your paycheck. Don't overextend. Postpone unnecessary expenses. It takes discipline to stick to the budget.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Take action to manage a personal challenge. Don't worry about money or spend much. Talk to people you trust. Discover resources in your networks.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 7. Contemplate moves before making them. Settle into a peaceful spot to organize and plan. Avoid risk or hassle. Adjust schedules for changes.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater



Bliss



Bridge

East-West vulnerable, West deals

North		East	
♠ Q 6 4	♥ K 5 3	♠ 10 7 3	♥ 10 9 7 6 4
♦ 8 4	♣ A K J 9 2	♦ 9	♣ 10 7 6 3
South		West	
♠ A J 9 5 2	♥ A	♠ K 8	♥ Q J 8 2
♦ 7 6 5 3 2	♣ Q 8	♦ A K Q J 10	♣ 5 4

Today's deal is from a recent competition in Istanbul. West continued with a second diamond at trick two as East innocently discarded a low heart. A third diamond from West

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
1NT	Pass	2♦*	Pass
3♥	Pass	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All pass	

*Transfer to hearts

Opening lead: Ace of ♠

heart. West needed four hearts for his jump to three, so his entire hand was known. South cashed the ace of trumps and overtook his queen of clubs with dummy's ace, leaving this position:

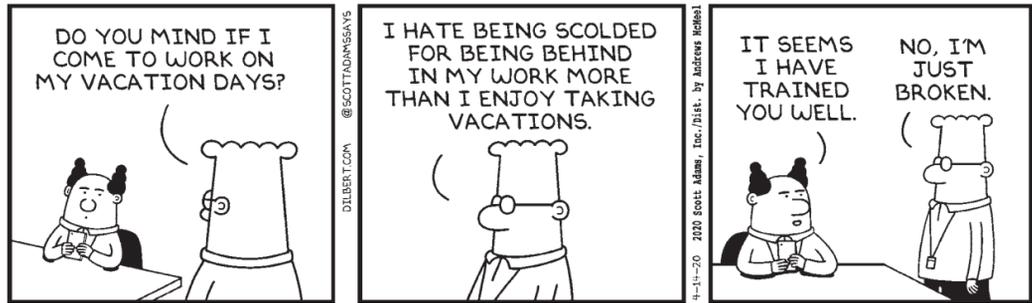
North		East	
♠ 6	♥ Void	♠ 10 7	♥ Void
♦ Void	♣ J 9 2	♦ Void	♣ Void
South		West	
♠ J 9 5	♥ Void	♠ K	♥ Q
♦ 7	♣ Void	♦ Q J	♣ Void
♣ Void		♣ Void	

South led the jack of clubs and discarded his remaining diamond. West ruffed but had to lead a red card. Dummy ruffed with the six and East was helpless. Should he overruff dummy, South would overruff him and claim. Should he discard instead, South would undertruff with his five and, with the lead in dummy, take the last two tricks.

This was well played, but East could have defeated the contract by discarding clubs on the second and third diamonds. How many of us, holding that pathetic East hand, would realize that we had a key decision to make at trick two?

— Bob Jones, tcaeditors@tribpub.com

Dilbert



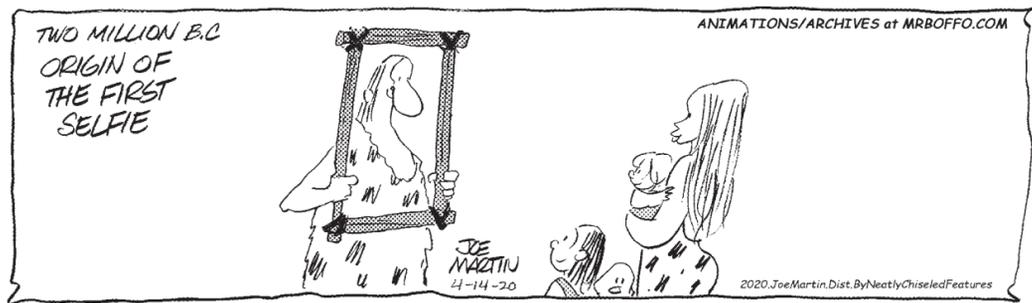
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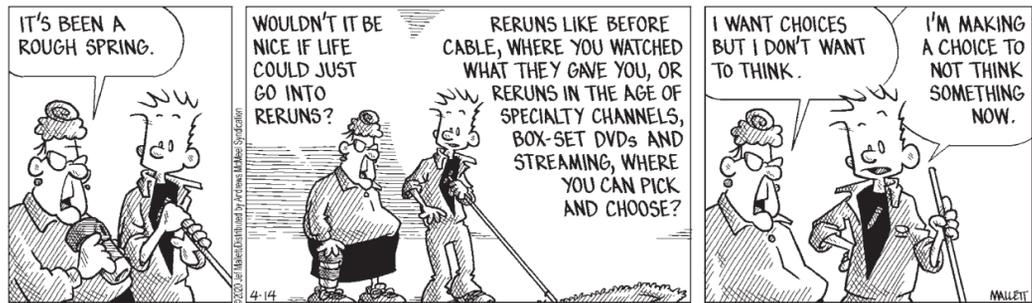
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