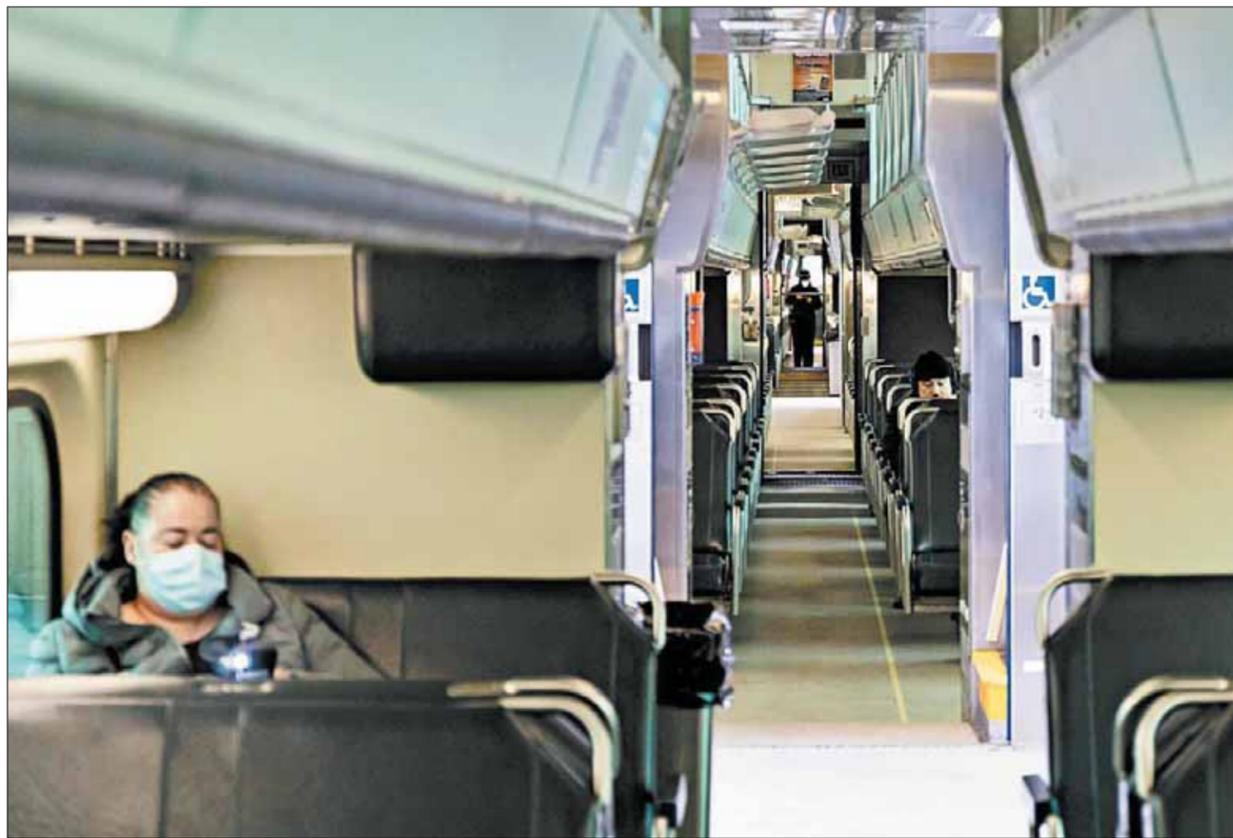




## CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

# State facing a 'world of hurt'

### Pritzker says \$2.7B revenue shortfall in 2020 looms and up to \$7.4B next year



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Customers ride a sparsely occupied Metra Electric line on Wednesday during a coronavirus pandemic that has hit the agency's business hard.

BY JAMIE MUNKS,  
DAN PETRELLA  
AND RICK PEARSON

Gov. J.B. Pritzker on Wednesday provided a glimpse of the havoc the new coronavirus is unleashing on the state's already precarious finances, starting with a projected shortfall of \$2.7 billion for the budget year that ends June 30.

To fill that hole, which is due in part to Pritzker's decision to move the state's income tax filing deadline from April to July to match a federal delay, the governor is authorizing up to \$1.2 billion in short-term borrowing, which will need to be repaid during the state's next budget year.

That budget, taking effect July 1, faces a projected \$4.6 billion shortfall, which with the repayment of the short-term borrowing would grow to \$6.2 billion. And if voters in November don't approve an amendment to the state constitution to move from a flat-rate to a graduated-rate income tax, the shortfall would widen to \$7.4 billion, he said.

The General Assembly has yet to take up the budget Pritzker proposed in February, more than a month before issuing his stay-at-home order, and it remains unclear how lawmakers will vote on a budget this spring if that order or other such restrictions extend into May.

"Illinoisans are all too familiar

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## MASS TRANSPORTATION

# Metra's ridership derailed

April volume down by 97% and \$500M hole forecast for 2 years

BY MARY WISNIEWSKI

Metra expects to lose more than \$500 million in sales tax and ticket revenues by the end of 2021 due to fallout from the coronavirus pandemic, and there are worries that some riders may not return once the health crisis is over.

"Commuter rail will not be the same after COVID-19," Metra Chief Financial Officer Thomas Farmer told board members in an

online meeting Wednesday.

Ridership may never go back to 2019 levels, and if it does, it may take one to three years, Farmer said.

Metra ridership is projected to be down 97% in April, compared with April 2019, while CTA ridership is down about 80% compared with normal levels.

CTA and Pace are seeing less extreme hits to ridership because passengers are more likely to use the CTA for non-work trips, like grocery shopping or doctor visits, Farmer said. But Metra is almost entirely dependent on commuters, who are mostly working from home, if they still have jobs.

"We have just been crushed," Farmer said.

Despite the agency's concerns, several riders contacted by the Tribune said they planned to go back to Metra once the crisis is over, because it's better than dealing with traffic and high garage parking rates.

Stefanie Wright, 43, of Logan Square, said she misses Metra and will take it again once she resumes commuting downtown. But she suspects some people won't because they're losing their jobs and won't be able to stay in the area.

"I think ridership will be down for an extended period of time,"

Wright said.

Kelly Walsh, 45, also of Logan Square, said she plans to resume riding Metra when her office reopens too. She thinks it will be safer than the "L," because it's much less crowded and social distancing is easier.

"I expect that I will be continuing and so will everybody that I know," Walsh said.

Crysta Vesely of Wheaton told the Tribune that she usually takes Metra into the city once a week to see a client, but hasn't made the trip since the client's office shut down and everyone started work-

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## TRACKING THE DISEASE

# City said to be 'bending the curve'

New data from officials offer perspective on battle against virus

BY JOE MAHR  
AND CECILIA REYES

Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot and the city health commissioner, Dr. Allison Arwady, released new data Wednesday that they say show the city is winning the fight against COVID-19, though the endgame remains unclear.

Lightfoot's administration rolled out the new numbers around the same time that Gov. J.B. Pritzker has offered a similar perspective on the state's battle.

Those messages are being delivered as the governor and mayor, both Democrats, could face pressure to scale back restrictions that were instituted to limit the virus's spread.

The state's stay-at-home directive is scheduled to expire April 30, and Republicans both in Illinois and Washington, D.C., are asking when the economy will be reopened.

City officials promised Wednesday to post the new data on the city's coronavirus website and continue to update it, so residents can get a better picture of the information the city is using to make its decisions.

Here's how Chicago officials

described the so-called pandemic curve and the city's place on it:

**What's the curve?** Public health officials talk about visualizing a pandemic like the hill of a roller coaster. The number of cases starts low, then begins to increase rapidly. The rise slows down before the number of cases crests and then drops back to nearly none. Interventions, such as people staying at home, can affect this trajectory.

**Where are we on the curve?** Nobody can say with certainty, given the relatively low numbers

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Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot has told reporters that the city remained "some good ways away" from the coronavirus peak.

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# 23 deaths due to virus at Joliet facility

The number of coronavirus-related deaths at the Symphony of Joliet nursing home has risen sharply since last week, when it reported a total of three deaths, including a staff member. A spokeswoman says workers at the home are following all government guidelines for minimizing spread of the disease. **Page 5**

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A beach in Porter, Indiana, is closed after an August 2019 chemical spill in a tributary. The public wasn't alerted to the spill until days afterward.

# After fish-killing spill, fishy acts alleged

Indiana accuses steel mill of manipulating water pollution samples

BY MICHAEL HAWTHORNE

After an ArcelorMittal steel mill dumped fish-killing cyanide and ammonia into a Lake Michigan tributary last summer, Indiana state inspectors showed up at least four times to gauge how the company responded.

They didn't like what they found.

Despite promises to regain the trust of neighboring communities, executives at the sprawling Burns

Harbor complex failed to stop cyanide- and ammonia-laden wastewater from pouring into the lake, the inspectors concluded.

Their investigations turned up something else that disturbed them.

In a scathing report filed in January, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management inspectors accused ArcelorMittal of reanalyzing water samples containing high levels of pollution and replacing the initial results with others that came back clean.

"This practice is not allowable," the report concluded. "Arcelor-Mittal's self-monitoring program is either capable of generating

valid results based upon one analysis of a given sample or it is not."

The Luxembourg-based company denied it manipulated test results. So state inspectors went back to the steel mill with colleagues from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. They also stopped by the contract laboratory that analyzed the suspect water samples.

A summary of the inspections, posted on IDEM's website without notice last month, details how ArcelorMittal and the lab botched the legally required docu-

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# Changes to news, sports sections



McMahon

Dear readers,

You will notice something different about today's paper, especially if you are a sports fan. For the first time I can remember, there is no stand-alone Chicago Sports section in the Chicago Tribune. Instead, we've folded the sports pages in with Business, in the back half of that section. No doubt you know the reason.

The coronavirus.

With no major sports leagues to cover, we've got no results to report and far less sports news than usual. At the same time, we are running out of room in the paper for all the stories our hardworking newsroom is producing about COVID-19 and its effects on our daily lives. So, we're adding to the main section that houses most of the coronavirus news. We added two pages of space a few weeks ago and still more space this week.

We're still reporting on and writing about the Bears (especially next week's NFL draft) and the Cubs, Bulls, White Sox and Blackhawks (among others). We're still publishing commentaries, having fun and inciting argument in our sports pages. Don't miss out on all that, even if you have to hunt a bit to find it.

And while I am not daring any predictions about the future or when we will get back to "normal," I can safely say that when the time is right, the Chicago Tribune will again have a stand-alone sports section.

You can expect to see a few more changes in our print section lineup over the coming weeks. But please know that our goal in all of this is to focus our reporting, editing and design power on the news and events that matter most to you right now. Our journalists are working diligently to explain the complex phenomenon that is COVID-19 and its effects on our communities.

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Colin McMahon  
Editor-in-Chief

## 'PRISONER OF HER PAST': CELEBRATING AN 89TH BIRTHDAY AMID A PANDEMIC

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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MARGARET HOLT, standards editor

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**Corrections and clarifications:** Publishing information quickly and accurately is a central part of the Chicago Tribune's news responsibility.

- The today-in-history feature on Page 4 of Wednesday's Business section incorrectly stated a Chicago jury convicted Richard Speck in 1967. The trial was held in Peoria.
- A story Wednesday said the Navy hospital ship USNS Mercy had taken in only 20 patients since it docked off Los Angeles last month. In fact, 48 people have been treated by the ship's staff.
- In Wednesday's Business section, a bar chart about airline traffic erroneously included an extra bar. The bar two to the left of the right-most bar should be omitted.
- In Tuesday's Business section, a chart about real earnings had incorrect labels for the monthly percent change in average hourly earnings for all employees in February and March of 2020. The correct figures are 0.3% for February and 0.8% for March. The Tribune regrets the errors.

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Then-Vice President Joe Biden, left, sits with then-President Barack Obama on Jan. 4, 2017.



## JOHN KASS

# Obama endorsing Biden doesn't have much teeth

Joe Biden just loves talking about ice cream. "I'm an ice cream guy," said the former vice president as he campaigned for the Democratic nomination for president.

Who doesn't like ice cream? But now after former President Barack Obama's profile-in-courage endorsement of Biden — without any other candidates in the race — it's plain that Joe should have developed a fondness for pudding.

Because Obama's endorsement was pure tapioca. Bland, predictable and soft. And you don't need teeth to enjoy it.

Obama's endorsement helped Biden a little, though it doesn't mean all that much, since by the time Obama finally got around to endorsing, his former vice president was the last Democrat standing.

But after Joe received Obama's video kiss on both cheeks, you've got to wonder:

When will the Democrats sit Joe down and give him the long goodbye? When do they tell Joe that it's not his turn, that he's just lost too much off his fastball, even though he never had much of a fastball?

When do they tell him they've found someone more vital, stronger, younger, like Gov. Andrew Cuomo of New York, to take on President Donald Trump?

The party never thought much of Biden. Democratic bosses were worried about Bernie Sanders. They were worried Sanders at the top of their ticket would cost them in local state-house races.

In Washington, the corporate overlords of the Democratic Party would never allow Sanders to be their nominee, not after he identified them as the enemy of the people.

If Joe ever does get that long goodbye, it'll happen when he least expects it, like when a friend invites you to Chinatown for a late spaghetti dinner and says there'll be a car waiting outside your door just before midnight.

And then you arrive and there's Visqueen on the floor and nobody has to explain a thing.

But now, let's think happy thoughts, of pudding and journalists

gushing over the Obama endorsement. They gobbled it up the way kids gobble pudding.

I never really minded Barack Obama, the man, all that much. His policies were a different matter. Obama wasn't evil incarnate. He was just a politician from Chicago, a great communicator, who came into the White House to face a crippling economic depression not of his making, with America already hip deep in costly, needless wars started by Republicans.

It was the cloying treatment he received from American journalism that was galling. And obviously, he's still receiving that cloying treatment today.

Journalists smoked the Hopium and treated the guy from Chicago as if he were the huggable gentle forest faun Mr. Tumnus, from the Narnia stories. They weren't bothered by the White House run the Chicago Way, with Rahm Emanuel and later Bill Daley as White House chiefs of staff.

Journalism didn't seem all that bothered. Journalism wasn't bothered by the Obama White House's political weaponization of the IRS. Or the weaponization of the FBI, CIA and other intelligence agencies used to muscle political enemies, including Trump. Journalism wasn't outraged by the Obama White House bragging that they'd manipulated journalists into supporting the Iran nuclear deal.

"We created an echo chamber," Obama national security adviser Ben Rhodes bragged to the New York Times magazine. "... The average reporter we talk to is 27 years old, and their only reporting experience consists of being around political campaigns. That's a sea change. They literally know nothing."

Rhodes knew that all the journalistic know-nothings could see was Mr. Tumnus when he smiled at them. It must have felt as cozy as tea and cakes served in a warm hollow tree, with Mr. Tumnus playing his pipes near the fire as the snow fell upon Narnia.

American journalism has never reconciled its fawning behavior when it came to Obama. And that cost journalism.

Only little children and political

tribalists seek virtue in politicians. Some want a knight in shining armor, others want a unicorn. But grown-ups can't afford belief in fairy tales. They don't look to politicians for virtue.

They know politics isn't some moral crusade, but a brutal game of leverage, of who gets what, how much and who pays.

Yet there was some searing news in Obama's silky endorsement of Biden. And as I've told you a million times before, you've got to first find the negative space, and sketch out what's not been said, so you're not manipulated by puppeteers like Ben Rhodes and his kind.

Many of the news accounts of Obama's endorsement, on TV and in print, mentioned that Biden would unite the country in a "great awakening."

"We need Americans of goodwill to unite in a great awakening against a politics that too often has been characterized by corruption, carelessness, self-dealing, disinformation, ignorance and just plain meanness," Obama said of Trump and the Republicans.

News organizations were thrilled. They used "great awakening" in their headlines, and in their copy. If Trump is blunt force trauma to the establishment, Obama is its master in the use of language. But few, if any, bothered to explain just what Obama meant by "great awakening."

The Great Awakening was a movement that swept the American colonies in the 1730s. It wasn't an awakening of politics. It was a Christian spiritual revival that had nothing to do with Joe Biden.

So then what was Obama saying to America? Simply this:

That politics is the new religion, that government is the new church and only the faithful will be rewarded.

But that doesn't go down as easily as ice cream or pudding, does it?

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## CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

## Keeping it real about your kids' virtual learning



**HEIDI STEVENS**  
*Balancing Act*

It's a dystopian twist that Ray Bradbury himself couldn't have conjured.

Parents who've spent their children's entire lifetimes monitoring and fretting over screen time suddenly find themselves enforcing a totally tethered-to-a-device existence.

Then: Put down your iPad/Nintendo Switch/Xbox/phone and go play!

Now: Stop playing and get on your Chromebook/iPad/phone/laptop for math and reading and social studies and science and art and gym and music so we can squeeze in a Zoom call to the Minnesota relatives before tonight's online math skills refresher followed by online Uno with Grandma!

Depending on the district, kids are either a few days or a few weeks into this grand experiment, which has no precedent and no determined end. So far, I'm hearing a lot of phrases like, "cruel joke," "constant tears," "panic attacks" and "how early can I start drinking" from parents.

Educators, I should note, are doing the Lord's work. Their livelihoods have been turned upside down and inside out, and on they press — determined to teach and inspire our kids by whatever means possible.

But the internet is spotty and the apps are fritzzy and the logistics are not ideal: A couple dozen kids, with different learning styles, at different learning levels, trying to focus on a single teacher and a single topic on a single screen with kids talking over each other and assignments not loading properly and a pandemic swirling around them in the background.

It's a lot. No wonder everyone's crying.

If you're not crying, that's OK, too, of course. Some families are doing just fine with this setup.

For the families who are not



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doing just fine, I called Phyllis Fagell. She is a Washington, D.C., mom of three e-learning kids (ages 11, 16 and 18), an elementary and middle school counselor and the author of "Middle School Matters: The 10 Key Skills Kids Need to Thrive in Middle School and Beyond — and How Parents Can Help."

I'm a fan of Fagell's calm, empathetic approach to parenting, particularly parenting our kids through school stuff. I asked her Wednesday if she had some words to live by as we navigate these choppy, uncharted e-learning waters.

She did. Here you go:

**Teachers know your kids won't retain much.** "What I am hearing from educators, and what I firmly believe myself, is that no matter how much kids study or spend time listening to online lectures, they're very unlikely to retain, in the longrun, very much of what they acquire, content-wise, right now," Fagell said. "Everybody is trying to process tremendous changes overnight and that triggers stress, uncertainty and panic."

Coronavirus affects each family differently, depending on what parents do for a living, how many adults live in the home, whether technology is readily available,

whether members of the family are sick and so on.

"But across the board, everybody is feeling tremendously anxious and everybody is feeling insecure about their ability to manage these changes," Fagell said. "Educators are prepared to reteach, review and meet kids where they are when we return. Remember, a lot of educators are parents too."

**That doesn't mean kids should give up.** "Kids should be delving into the material and attempting to engage with their teachers," she said. "I think there's a lot of value in the distraction. I think there's value in transcending themselves and thinking about some other issues besides coronavirus."

Fagell said she's had fantastic conversations with kids in the last few weeks about spiders eating their own webs and the power of books to take an utterly uneventful day and infuse some adventure into it — things kids may not have had time or interest for when their lives were chock-full of extracurriculars.

And, she finds, feeling like the rest of the class is meeting and moving along without them can contribute to kids' (and parents') anxiety levels. So don't check out; just check in with the knowledge

that everyone realizes this isn't ideal.

**Know that they're learning when they're offline too.** "Parents forget that learning is happening all the time," Fagell said.

Baking is arithmetic. Card games are critical thinking. Board games require reading.

"They're also learning how to manage stress, learning how to create new routines, learning flexibility, learning how to socialize in different ways," Fagell said.

"There's research showing kids and young adults who have to endure forced periods of uncertainty tend to have more gratitude, flexibility and satisfaction later in life," she said. "The key is that the kids who manage that adversity better than others are the ones who have consistent unwavering support at home. So if you have a choice between making pancakes with your kid and bagging an assignment, or having a screaming fight with them because they won't sit down and pay attention to what's going on in the Zoom lesson, I would say choose the pancakes every time."

**Some kids don't want a full social life right now.** "A lot of parents are panicked about their kids' inability to connect virtually

with their friends," Fagell said. "Not every child has the same social needs."

Some aren't really craving conversations with friends right now, Fagell has found. Others are craving it, but are fine waiting until they can connect in person.

"Putting a 10-year-old boy in front of a screen and expecting them to have a deep conversation with a classmate he now hasn't seen in a month and expecting it to be organic and natural is just not going to work for a lot of kids," she said. "Parents are imposing a lot of their own anxiety on their children when they say things like, 'Why aren't you calling anyone? You need to get on the Zoom call!' Not only is it OK for them to not acquire all of the school content in this period, it's also OK if they're not quite as connected to their peers. If it's not bothering them, let it go."

**Remember: You're not home-schooling.** "The burden parents put on themselves should not be to homeschool their children while working from home," Fagell said. "It should be to navigate a crisis and do what they can to help their children adjust and adapt to unfathomable changes and stress while retaining as much of a sense of safety as possible."

Temper your expectations for yourself and your kids, she said.

"I don't know about you, but it's taking me about 47 times longer than usual to write one sentence," she said. (Yes. Same.) "If you think about the brain fog we're experiencing and the amount of time it takes us to do very simple tasks and how we squander time and how we have very little idea what day of the week it is and how all of the hours can blend together and how at the end of the day it's not clear what we've even accomplished — our kids are in the exact same position. So let's just keep it real."

Join the Heidi Stevens Balancing Act Facebook group, where she continues the conversation around her columns and hosts occasional live chats.

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## CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK



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Mayor Lori Lightfoot prepares Wednesday to lead the first online City Council meeting from her City Hall office. Residents were able to vent in an electronic public comment period.

# In real first, council meets virtually

N. Side shredder's operation leads an abbreviated agenda

BY JOHN BYRNE

Chicago's aldermen joined the ranks of the stay-at-home workforce during the ongoing coronavirus pandemic Wednesday, logging in remotely for the city's first-ever online City Council meeting.

Members of the public got a chance to speak and the council and Mayor Lori Lightfoot adopted rules to allow them to hold a more substantive remote meeting next week.

The whole process took

just half an hour, far short of the regular meetings laden with ceremonial flourishes that routinely stretch into daylong affairs.

Still, the scene of dozens of elected officials shouting at once while trying to conduct business from their homes and the mayor urging them to mute their feeds promises to be one of the lasting moments of a city brought to heel by the coronavirus.

Residents who signed up ahead of time vented during an electronic public comment period.

Several speakers called on the city to shut down General Iron Industries, the controversial North Side scrap shredder that contin-

ues to operate during the pandemic.

Aimee Roland said she and her children can smell the "pungent odor" of the scrap yard outside their home, and find their sidewalks dusted with pollution from the site near Cortland Street and Clybourn Avenue.

"I am shocked that General Iron remains open during regular days, much less during a COVID-19 pandemic, a respiratory virus that we know is exacerbated by pollution," Roland said.

At a later news conference, Lightfoot said people who oppose General Iron "were prompted to talk today at the City Council

meeting."

The mayor then punted to Gov. J.B. Pritzker for deciding which businesses should stay open because they are essential. But she also said the city is "looking at General Iron and other places across the city that have historically been a concern."

"We're checking air quality, we're looking at particulate matter," Lightfoot said. "We've already had a conversation today as a follow-up to some of the things we heard this morning. If we need to take decisive action, I think I've demonstrated that we won't hesitate to do that."

Little else happened at the meeting, though several

aldermen inadvertently cast votes in favor of blocking the rules to allow the online meeting, before the mayor clarified that they needed to vote no to proceed.

It remains to be seen next week whether aldermen can whip up votes for their pet proposals if they aren't able to wander around the council chambers, leaning in and whispering in colleagues' ears to try to drum up support.

Wednesday's test flight meeting went off without hackers getting into the feed to shout profanity or post lewd pictures, as has been the case at some other online events in recent weeks. Most aldermen and the mayor would probably

consider it a success on those grounds alone.

The council Public Safety Committee has scheduled an online meeting for Monday to consider Lightfoot's appointment of David Brown to be the next superintendent of the Chicago Police Department.

In March, Lightfoot gavelled in the scheduled City Council meeting because the date had been set by statute. Presiding over a nearly empty City Council chambers, she then immediately recessed it until Wednesday.

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# Pritzker, not Trump, acquiring masks? Now that's a disgrace.



REX W. HUPPKE

To get personal protective equipment for state workers on the front lines of the coronavirus pandemic, the governor of Illinois has had to spend nearly \$2 million on charter flights that will haul "millions of masks and gloves" — from China.

That's also ridiculous. And it should also make you mad.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency last week agreed to buy 750,000 coronavirus test kits — from South Korea.

That's also ridiculous. And it should also make you mad.

In the span of eight days — from last Tuesday to this Tuesday — the coronavirus killed five times as many Americans as terrorists did on 9/11.

Five times.

In just those eight days, 14,974 souls gone.

And America, self-branded as the most-powerful country on the planet, is chartering flights to bring masks and gloves in from China? The U.S. government is buying test kits from South Korea because we can't manufacture our own quickly enough?

What's happening in this

country right now — from the lack of widespread testing to states bidding against each other for safety gear to keep health care workers and first responders healthy — is outrageous. It's a disgrace.

There's no reason, more than three months into this pandemic, that the governor of any state should be having to hunt down gloves and masks in far-flung places. American companies should long ago have started producing the personal protective equipment that's needed, as well the testing kits that are desperately needed to get a hold on this outbreak.

From the Tribune report on Gov. J.B. Pritzker's chartered flights: "Had the president directed American companies to produce more masks, ventilators and other equipment, 'we wouldn't be paying \$5 or \$6 sometimes for an N95 mask that in a normal circumstance costs 85 cents or a dollar,'" Pritzker said.

On Tuesday, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that as of April 9, more than 9,000

health care workers had contracted the coronavirus. And 27 had died from COVID-19. The agency said those numbers are "likely an underestimation."

Let's not beat around the bush: our federal government has responded to the coronavirus outbreak with rank incompetence. The seriousness of the virus was grossly downplayed through much of January. Any additional time the country gained from Trump's decision to ban some travelers from China (more than 40,000 travelers from China arrived in the U.S. after the "ban" was in place) was wasted in a feckless February.

And now? Now we have governors who know they're largely on their own, a stunning lack of coronavirus testing nationwide and the world's largest coronavirus death toll. As of Tuesday night it was 25,992 people.

We lost 2,977 people on Sept. 11, and having lived through that day, I recall the fear that swept across America as we collectively processed such a massive loss.

But I also remember anger. We were livid over the attack, united in our outrage and determined to do whatever was necessary to prevent it from happening again.

The deaths from the coronavirus pandemic have eclipsed the toll of that



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Sample testing devices used in diagnosing the novel coronavirus are checked on a production line as they are prepared to be included in kits near Cheongju, south of Seoul.

awful day. And we have ample fear and frustration. But I don't see the anger.

Maybe it's muted because we're locked down and socially distanced.

Maybe it's because we're so fiercely divided, with loyalty to the president driving individuals and even entire states to treat a virus like something that can be beaten with stubborn defiance and good ol' American gumption.

It's ridiculous. This isn't a game. The president can stand in the White House briefing room each day for however many hours he wants and blather lies and blame everyone — governors, China, the media, Barack Obama, Nancy Pelosi — until he turns from orange to blue.

But until governors don't have to fetch basic supplies from China, until there's enough testing and contact tracing to allow medical experts to safely guide us out of our lockdown, Trump's words mean even less than usual.

Consider this: According to NBC News, during Trump's more than two-hour coronavirus press briefing Monday, a lie-filled circus of distortions and narcissism, there were 93 coronavirus deaths reported.

Forty-two in California. Sixteen in Georgia. Eight in Washington. Seven in Kentucky. Six in Delaware. Five each in New Mexico and South Carolina. And four in Alabama.

That's over the course of just a couple hours.

That should make you mad. It should hurt, the same way the lives we lost in one day in 2001 hurt.

As we did then, we should unite to do everything humanly possible to prevent more deaths. As we did then, we shouldn't accept failure.

Failure is the governor of any state spending \$2 million on charter flights to get equipment from China that should be made here in America.

Failure is promising a virus test to anyone who wants one and not keeping that promise

Failure is exactly what we have right now.

And that should make you blood-boiling mad.

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## CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

## County prepping alternative housing

BY ANTONIA AYRES-BROWN

Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle announced at a news conference Wednesday an alternative housing plan that will provide temporary accommodations for populations most vulnerable during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Preckwinkle said the alternative housing plan will be implemented in multiple phases, beginning with support for patients who have tested positive for COVID-19 and require temporary housing to properly self-isolate. The county already has secured roughly 400 hotel rooms and is prepared to acquire more, she said.

“Qualifying participants in the program may include the homeless, the housing insecure or those who do not have a separate room and bathroom to safely isolate at home,” Preckwinkle said. “Additionally, we’re finalizing details to help ensure that essential health workers, first responders and those who are confirmed with exposure to the virus have an alternate place to stay if they need it — in order to protect their family at home, while also decreasing the rate of community spread.”

Beginning Wednesday, hospitals in Chicago and suburban Cook County will be notified that the program can accommodate medically stable patients recovering from COVID-19. If an individual being discharged from a hospital identifies as someone who cannot safely self-isolate at home, the hospital may call a Cook County Department of Public Health hotline, which will assist in connecting patients to housing support.

Bill Barnes, the executive director of the county’s Department of Emergency Management and Regional Security, said Cook County officials will work in coming weeks to finalize a plan to expand alternative housing to accommodate health care workers and first responders as well.

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A man takes a smoke break Wednesday outside Symphony of Joliet nursing home, where 23 coronavirus-related deaths have been reported.

# Virus ravages Symphony of Joliet nursing home

23 related deaths reported, says spokeswoman

BY ROBERT MCCOPPIN

Twenty-two residents and one staff member at Symphony of Joliet nursing home have died of COVID-19, a spokeswoman for the facility said Wednesday.

The number of deaths at Symphony has risen sharply since early last week, when it reported a total of three deaths, including the staff member.

Nursing homes nationwide have become epicenters and “accelerators” of the spread of the coronavirus that causes COVID-19, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Symphony of Joliet spokeswoman Lauryn Alli-

son said workers at the home are following all government guidelines for minimizing the spread of the disease, and have adequate staffing and protective equipment, despite claims by some nurses that many nursing homes have shortages of staff and equipment.

“It’s a global pandemic, there’s nothing they could’ve done to prevent it,” Allison said. “They’re working so diligently to protect their patients and guests. ... We’d like to send the message that we are with our providers right now, they are such heroes, and our hearts go out to them.”

Earlier this month, Symphony began moving healthy residents from the Joliet home to other locations in its network, Allison said last week.

A brother and sister of a

woman who was among 23 people to die at Symphony say they were disappointed by care at the facility.

Diane Brooks was 65 when she died earlier this month, and had lived about two years at Symphony of Joliet, her sister, Dorisell Brooks, said. She needed around-the-clock care and couldn’t walk after suffering an aneurysm and stroke.

Brooks, a former Cook County Clerk employee, complained that her feet hurt, but she often didn’t get her medication on time, Dorisell Brooks said. Dorisell and her brother, Michael Brooks, said they also found their sister in bed with bed sores and a soiled diaper.

“She was complaining that she was constantly in pain,” Michael Brooks said. “Sometimes she would def-

ecate herself without them changing her. We’d come visit her, and who knows how long she was like that?”

The brother and sister said someone from the nursing home called over a week ago to tell them Diane Brooks had been taken to St. Joseph’s Hospital and was put on oxygen, but never mentioned the coronavirus. It was a hospital representative who told them their sister had COVID-19, and she died soon thereafter.

“I’m disappointed with the way the nursing home handled the whole thing,” Michael Brooks said. “We’re still grieving. Nobody’s gotten over this.”

Latasha Allen said she worked as a certified nursing assistant at Symphony through an agency last year, and again for two days last month, but she stopped

working because of the lack of proper care and equipment.

“It wasn’t right, I couldn’t handle it,” she said. “I’ve worked 18 years and never seen nothing like it. There was a lot of sick people, no PPE, no proper care.”

Allison, the Symphony’s spokeswoman, on Wednesday evening did not respond to a request for comment about the complaints made by the Brooks and Allen.

The Symphony Care Network’s website shows that it operates 27 sites in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin.

The Will County Health Department on Wednesday reported 86 COVID-19 deaths and 1,440 known cases in the county.

Freelancer Alicia Fabbre contributed to this story.

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of people tested. Health officials say there are many people who have the disease or have recovered from it who aren’t counted among the confirmed cases. Still, city officials say it looks like we’re approaching the peak. Though the number of new confirmed cases is generally rising, the level of growth is slowing.

A key measure is the number of days it takes to double the number of known cases. In mid-March, that was every two days. Recently, it’s down to every 12 days, which Arwady called “really significant progress.”

**How full are hospitals?** Newly released Chicago data show that the number of open ICU beds in the city is actually higher than a month ago, even with the rapid rise in COVID-19 cases.

That’s partly because the city has expanded bed capacity but mostly because ICU beds were increasingly freed up as the number of virus cases rose. In essence, the system largely absorbed the growing caseload, which now appears to be leveling off.

**How about ventilators?** More good news, so far. Ventilators are typically used on the sickest of the sick, often a last resort to keep someone breathing long enough to fight off the virus. The use of ventilators in Chicago nearly doubled in the past month. The city also has boosted its total number of ventilators by

40%.

As late as this week, roughly half of the city’s ventilators were still available for new patients, thanks to the built-in cushion. Ventilator use now appears to be leveling off, as well.

**Why is the curve bending?** In short, city officials say, people are staying put more. The city pointed to an outside firm’s analysis of smartphone movement, which concluded that the typical time residents spent at home went from 60% to 80% in the past month. Gains were seen in all parts of the city, though officials did not address whether the data represents an accurate sample of residents in all community areas. The data comes from people who own a smartphone or tablet and have robust data plans that send location check-ins throughout the day.

City officials, perhaps not surprisingly, credited the changes to a series of orders that include Pritzker’s state-of-emergency declaration on March 9, the state’s stay-at-home order March 21 and the closure of the city’s lakefront parks on March 26. Lightfoot said that after each step, the curve began to bend more.

According to the city’s estimates, if the number of confirmed cases had steadily doubled every three days, roughly 2,000 residents would have died so far from the virus, instead of the roughly 300 confirmed COVID-19 deaths so far.

“There’s no doubt in my mind that what we’ve done has made a difference in both the trajectory of these cases and in saving people’s

lives,” Lightfoot said.

**Have we peaked?** This has been a key debate, often taking place behind closed doors. Researchers across the country have built models projecting when various places will peak. They often share those forecasts with health officials but not with the public — typically saying they’re uncomfortable publicizing guesses about a new virus that’s hard to accurately predict. One model that is public — a University of Washington model — estimated that deaths and hospital bed usage peaked in Illinois on April 8.

City officials haven’t adopted that viewpoint, saying that Chicago’s flatter curve has likely pushed back the peak date. Arwady said city officials are looking at additional factors beyond those used by the University of Washington team.

“Right now, we are still in a phase where we are seeing the curve going up,” Arwady told reporters Tuesday.

Lightfoot told reporters Tuesday that the city remained “some good ways away” from the peak, adding at a Wednesday news conference: “We can’t look into the crystal ball and tell you when that is.”

**How could more testing affect the numbers?** Lightfoot said she expects testing to be expanded soon to some drugstores as part of a broader effort to get a better handle on who’s infected. City officials said they would be monitoring demographic data as more accessible “point of care” testing ramps up, adding

that it is critical to understand the impact of the pandemic across neighborhoods.

Officials say many infections have escaped detection because of the scarcity of testing. Arwady said Wednesday that the city wants it to be possible for everyone with symptoms to get tested: “We need to get to a point where we’re not having to turn people away or encourage people not to get tested.”

As testing becomes more widespread, no doubt more infections will be uncovered, leading to questions about whether a growing case count could make it seem like the virus is spreading faster than it really is.

Arwady said that, as of now, the overall number of confirmed cases remains the best “top line” measurement of the city’s position on the curve, and that the trend in confirmed cases has tracked with the increasing numbers of hospitalized patients. If the trends start to diverge — or if the percentage testing positive changes dramatically — the city may have to adjust its views.

**After the peak, how quickly will infections drop?** This is one of the big, open questions. Picture that roller coaster. In theory, case counts drop off as quickly as they once rose. But officials suspect the number of confirmed cases may hover at the same level for a while before slowly dropping. And then there’s the fear of a double peak — where cases rise again if the virus continues to circulate among susceptible people grouped too closely.

“We had expected, a few weeks back, that we were looking at a peak, from which we would then descend,” Lightfoot said. “We’re seeing something that’s much more rounded, if you will, in shape, and probably will be a little more elongated before we start to see a significant decline.”

**When will the stay-at-home order be lifted?** Amid an emerging national debate on when to relax restrictions, the city offers no specific answers save for one: not yet.

Arwady — leery of the virus spreading quickly again — said she’d first want to see the number of new cases steadily decline and hospitals continue to operate below crisis levels. As cases drop, she’d want the city to be able to better isolate carriers and trace contacts. And she’d want far more robust testing, which could include not just people with the active virus but those who may have recovered and developed antibodies.

The mayor said it’s still unclear how to ensure the virus doesn’t spread in large gatherings, such as concerts and sports events, or even smaller gatherings, such as workplaces.

“Think about a world in which you go back to work. When are you going to feel comfortable?” Lightfoot said. “I think most people are going to feel comfortable ... when we have a widespread testing regime, when we have some system in place where employers and individuals can be certain, not just about themselves, but also about their colleagues.”

## 2nd Chicago firefighter dies from COVID-19

A second member of the Chicago Fire Department member has died after contracting COVID-19.

Edward Singleton, 55, died Tuesday, after suffering from complications from the novel coronavirus, Fire Commissioner Richard Ford said in a statement. He is survived by his wife and two children.

Singleton joined the department in August 1987, and his most recent assignment was at Midway Airport on the Southwest Side.

“It is with a heavy heart that I announce the loss of a second dedicated member,” Ford said in the statement.

“Firefighter Singleton’s contributions and his spirit will live on forever,” Ford said. “We ask that the entire city add Firefighter Edward Singleton, his wife Nicol, and his two adult children Breonna and Edward II to their prayers.”

Singleton was a “dedicated public servant” who loved his city, Mayor Lori Lightfoot said Wednesday afternoon. His death is “another painful and tragic reminder” of the dangers “of this tragic disease,” Lightfoot said.

Earlier this month, firefighter Mario Araujo, 49, who worked in the Rogers Park neighborhood for more than 16 years, became the first Chicago firefighter to die after suffering from the coronavirus.

— Rosemary Sobol

## CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK



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Barbara Sinclair, 84, near her Naperville condo, is among hundreds of retirees volunteering to teach students stuck at home amid the pandemic.

## Retired teachers dust off chalk

They're offering free online tutoring to thousands of Ill. kids now learning remotely

BY ELYSSA CHERNEY

Before the coronavirus pandemic confined Barbara Sinclair to her Naperville condo, the former public schoolteacher put her experience to use tutoring students in a GED class at a local college.

When it became clear that activity would have to go on hiatus, the 84-year-old wondered how she would spend all her newfound free time.

But her break from teaching would be brief. Along with more than 360 former educators, Sinclair has raised her hand to provide virtual tutoring sessions to kindergarten through 12th grade students during the school shutdown in a volunteer effort organized by the Illinois Retired Teachers Association.

The first-of-its-kind program for the association aims to keep students motivated while alleviating stress for parents, many of whom must juggle working from home with overseeing their children's remote learning. Yet the initiative also benefits the volunteers who want to keep busy, a previously untapped resource that can help students remain on track academically despite the un-

precedented disruption. "Right now, we're locked down, and I feel kind of useless," Sinclair said. "I'm used to tutoring and so forth. It's something I felt like I needed to do."

The program matches the volunteers with students who need extra help in reading, writing, math or the sciences. Parents and students can sign up online with a form detailing the subjects they find challenging.

John Flaherty, president of the IRTA, said his organization brainstormed the program about a week ago and began the matching process Thursday. Flaherty said he hopes to assist students who might be falling behind since all public and private schools in Illinois closed March 17, under Gov. J.B. Pritzker's orders.

"Our members are ready to help students build their learning skills and tutor in highly advanced subject areas like chemistry and mathematics," Flaherty said. "For elementary students, self-paced and self-directed learning is a foreign concept. A teacher-mentor will help students take their own initiative and focus their learning at their own pace."

Once paired up, the tutors will conduct video ses-

sions with students for the remainder of the school year, or through June 1. The video sessions can be held over Zoom, Skype, FaceTime or other electronic means. Tutors will determine how often sessions should be scheduled, based on the students' progress.

Parents are encouraged to monitor the individual appointments, Flaherty said. For security, tutors will only receive the name and email address of the student they are matched with, and those who want to volunteer must be members of the IRTA so their credentials can be verified.

"We've never had a situation like this before, and this kind of presents a lot of opportunities," said Flaherty, a former high school and special education teacher in Rock Island. "Retired teachers, like everyone else, are staying at home. The majority of them volunteer quite a bit and they can't do those same things."

Sinclair, who taught in Barrington 220 School District, said she is excited to connect with the student assigned to her.

A seventh grade student indicated needing help with math, and Sinclair said she feels confident she can make a difference, drawing

on her 30-year career in elementary, middle and high schools. She said she emailed the student to set up an initial consultation. While the student was on spring break, Sinclair said she brushed up on lessons about decimals, fractions and geometry.

But the biggest challenge, she said, will be embracing new technology. Though Sinclair said she sometimes struggles with tasks like answering her iPhone, she's game to learn about videoconferencing and give it a try. Worst case, she said she will enlist her grandson, also a teacher in the Barrington district, to help set it up.

"I think all I need is some tutoring in how to work the internet," she said, feeling positive about her prospects.

To date, far more teachers have signed up for the program than students, said Nathan Mihelich, IRTA's director of membership and marketing. He said he hopes more parents will reach out as word about the program spreads.

"I think for our retirees, they have a real heartfelt desire to help during these times," Mihelich said in an email. "I feel very proud."

Kathleen Stoch, 66, is a retired educator waiting to

be matched. Stoch, who specializes in technical reading and writing, said she can help students with essays or understanding tricky story problems in math or science classes.

Stoch, who taught much of her 38-year career at Argo Community High School in Summit, said she takes the role seriously. Noting that her late husband was an educator and so is her son, Stoch said she heeded the call from IRTA when she learned about the program through an email.

"This is what we believe in, and the opportunity to serve the students and families of Illinois is an opportunity that I would never not take advantage of," she said. "It's what I do. It's my life's work, and I'm happy to participate."

For now, Illinois schools are slated to reopen May 1, unless Pritzker extends his order. But schools in other parts of the country are staying closed for longer. Over the weekend, New York City schools, the nation's largest district, announced plans to remain closed until the end of the academic year, though the governor still needs to sign off on that.

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## Cops plan to nudge folks to stay home

But checkpoints raise concerns of union and ACLU

BY PETER NICKES

Chicago police are setting up checkpoints throughout the city both to remind people about the statewide stay-at-home order during the coronavirus outbreak and to "show a strong police presence" in areas hit by violence.

A department memo obtained by the Tribune calls them "seat belt safety and informational" checkpoints, and adds that the "goal of this mission is to engage the community in a positive and informative manner while providing a visible police presence in areas affected by violence."

Each of the city's 22 patrol districts is to have one checkpoint each day, staffed by a supervisor and an unspecified number of officers, according to the memo.

Any officer "interacting with any occupants of a vehicle will don a mask and gloves," according to the memo. Each checkpoint will last up to an hour.

The Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 7, which represents rank-and-file police officers, said the checkpoints conflict with the

**"Are we stopping some poor nurse on her way home after a 12-hour shift? Or are we stopping a hardened criminal?"**

— Kevin Graham, FOP Lodge 7 president

union's guidance that officers "only be engaged with the public when you have to."

"We do not need unnecessary exposure," said FOP Lodge 7 President Kevin Graham.

He acknowledged the department was responding to an uptick in shootings, but said it's unlikely the checkpoints would act as a deterrent because those engaged in violence would try to avoid a checkpoint.

"Usually people are on their way home from work. There are still people out there providing necessary functions. Who are the people we're stopping then?" he asked. "Are we stopping some poor nurse on her way home after a 12-hour shift? Or are we stopping a hardened criminal?"

"I think most people just want to get home. I think most people don't want any interaction with anybody. It puts an undue danger on the officers," Graham said. "I'm not one to shy away from police work, but at this particular time, it doesn't seem like it's a reasonable thing to do."

The American Civil Liberties Union said it, too, was worried that the checkpoints would unnecessarily expose both officers and the public to the virus.

"Enforcing two dozen checkpoints each day across the city creates a risk of further spreading the coronavirus to members of the CPD and to residents — many of whom want to social distance while traveling to essential work, like grocery store workers and health care providers," the ACLU said in a statement.

The organization said it was also concerned that the checkpoints could be used "as a cover for race-based enforcement schemes or other heavy-handed police tactics. We will monitor all policing tactics during this time to assure that they are constitutional and align with public health requirements."

## A robin's nest outside my window and the enduring ritual of spring



DAHLEEN GLANTON

Outside my dining room window a robin is building a nest.

Every morning, I stand in silence, watching in awe as nature takes its course. She flies in and out of the leafless dogwood tree with bits of twigs and grass in her beak, poking them meticulously into a finely woven basket that will soon hold fragile eggs.

I am quiet because I don't want her to notice. It would be dreadful if a startling noise from some unknown source inside my home made the robin think that she had chosen an unsafe place to raise her children. I would hate to see her flee in fear, with so little time to build a new home somewhere else.

So I stand at a distance, with my cellphone camera ready to pounce whenever there is movement. Often, she is too quick to capture in flight. I settle instead for a grainy portrait of the robin, with her warm orange breast protruding, perched on the edge of the nest, waiting and perhaps pondering her next move.

There is little to do these days while sheltering in place. Being inside has

forced me, and I am sure many others, to look for pleasure in little things. I am more mindful now of the sunlight beaming through my window, of birds chirping outside and on Tuesday, unexpected snow flurries on an otherwise springlike day.

I have worked from home for years. I'm used to sitting at my computer in the quiet of my office and churning out a column. I still prefer it to the office.

What is lost in this coronavirus pandemic is the ability to engage with others at the end of the day. On Tuesdays, I would rush to finish early so that I could join friends downtown on discount movie night. On Fridays, I was often hurrying off to a dinner date, a play or a concert once my work was done.

There is no reason to rush now. There is nowhere to go, no people to meet, no reason to even get dressed.

So in my robe and slippers, I stand at the window each morning, looking for a glimpse of something to remind me that life goes on, no matter what.

A robin building a nest is such a simple thing — especially when you're observing from inside the house. All I see is the fruit of her labor. I have no idea what she goes through to gather the things she needs.

Watching the robin at work piqued my curiosity. I wanted to know as much as possible about her life, even before she arrived at my window. So I took to Google and found this from the Cornell Lab of Ornithology at Cornell University.

I was happy to learn that in some species of birds, it is the male that builds the nest — but not American robins. The female takes sole responsibility for choosing the nest site and building it from the inside out.

Using the wrist of one wing, she carefully presses dead plants and twigs into a cup shape. She might add paper, feathers, roots or moss to make it sturdier. She uses soft mud gathered from worm castings to hold it together, and then lines it with fine dry grass.

In a few days, the structure will be complete and the nest, ranging 6 to 8 inches wide and 3 to 6 inches high, will be ready to welcome life. But there are no guarantees.

An American robin can produce three successful broods in one year, but less than half of the nests successfully produce young.

If things go well, she will lay three to five tiny sky blue or blue-green eggs, which probably won't be visible from my vantage point in the dining room. But I will get to see



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In a ritual of spring, an American robin is building a nest in a dogwood tree outside the author's window.

the mother incubate them for 12 to 14 days, which is enough of a treat for me.

The most interesting part will come later. At birth, the young birds are helpless and mostly naked, sparsely covered in whitish down. Their mother will fly in and out of the nest again, this time bringing earthworms, insects and tiny pieces of fruit.

Most of the brood will not survive. Those that do will fly away in two weeks, but their chances of survival remain slim. Only about half of the robins alive this year will make it to the next. Though they are common in our city, the entire robin population overturns about every six years.

I hope the mother I have become so fond of will brood outside my window over and over this season. And if I'm lucky, another female will choose our dogwood tree next spring.

Like other female robins, she will be lured into love by a male's melodic

song. She will notice his raised tail spread wide and his wings shaking wildly, revealing a striking white-striped throat. They will approach each other slowly, holding their beaks wide open until they touch. And the reproductive cycle will begin.

On Sunday, I noticed two birds perched on the limb. I'd like to think the young couple was contemplating their future together. I am enchanted by the robins' story of love at first sight. But their love is fleeting.

Unlike some birds, robins don't mate for life. He sticks around until the nesting season is over, and in a few weeks, moves on. Chances are neither will survive to see another nesting season.

Love stories, unfortunately, don't always have a happy ending. But even a pandemic that halts the world cannot stop this enduring ritual of spring.

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## State

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with the pain the lack of a state budget can cause. So let me just say upfront: We will not go without a state budget," Pritzker said. "We will need to make extraordinarily difficult decisions on top of the difficult decisions that we've already made. But together with the state legislature, we will make them."

The update on the state budget came as Pritzker's administration announced 1,346 new known cases and 80 additional deaths, bringing the statewide known case count to 24,593 and the number of deaths to 948.

In addition to authorizing up to \$1.2 billion in short-term borrowing, Pritzker announced the extension of \$400 million in investment borrowing agreements that were due to be repaid in March and April to July, when the state's next budget year begins.

Earlier this month, the Governor's Office of Management and Budget directed state agency directors to put nonessential purchases and operational spending on hold, freeze travel that is "not mission essential" and limit nonessential hiring.

Pritzker made an unvarnished appeal for help from Washington to assist Illinois and other states and municipalities in dealing with revenue losses due to increased joblessness and shuttered businesses largely caused by stay-at-home orders.

He estimated at least \$500 billion in state and local government funding would be required from the federal government nationwide, and urged that it be part of the next congressional relief proposal to deal with the coronavirus.

Illinois is already getting \$2.7 billion from the last federal relief package, but Pritzker said its use was tied to coronavirus-related spending and that it could not be used to fill budget gaps caused by loss of revenues due to the pandemic.

"The federal government acted swiftly to step in and support businesses and corporations so they can come out on the other side of this and jump-start the economy," Pritzker said. "But the same type of action is needed in support of state governments."

Democrats in Washington want billions of dollars federal money for states and municipalities in a new relief bill. But Republicans who control the White House and the Senate want to limit additional funding



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Gov. J.B. Pritzker on Wednesday appealed to Washington to assist Illinois and other states.

to a Small Business Administration program known as the Paycheck Protection Program, which provides money to businesses that keep their workers on the payroll.

Senate Democrats on Wednesday pushed for a \$30 billion program to comprehensively test Americans for the virus as a precondition to any relief package.

Even before the coronavirus pandemic put the brakes on the national economy, House Democratic Leader Greg Harris was anticipating significant challenges in crafting a 2020-21 state spending plan.

Now, "every state is facing terrible decisions" unless the federal government delivers relief through an-

other stimulus package, he said.

"But even if there is some federal assistance, dealing with a \$6.2 billion shortfall is going to require some really, really difficult decisions," said Harris, a Chicago Democrat.

What's more, he said, "things could potentially be worse than the projections today as we get further into April and see what the revenue numbers are going to be at the end of the month."

Still, Harris said, it's too soon to consider whether lawmakers should consider changes to the graduated income tax rates that would take effect in January if voters approve the constitutional change this fall, such as raising the top rates on the highest earners or lowering the income level at which higher rates kick in.

"We have a lot of work to do to analyze the depths of the effect on our state budget, but we also really have to wait and see what the feds are going to do," he said.

"If the feds don't step up and help Illinois and the other 49 states, we're in a world of hurt and going to have to look at all kinds of different options — none of them good."

Pritzker in February presented two options in his annual budget address. His

preferred \$42 billion budget would have linked a funding increase for public schools and a pension payment boost to voters approving his graduated-rate income tax plan in November.

Pritzker said the budget imbalance on top of the state's precariously precarious financial situation helps make the case for voters to approve the graduated-rate income tax, his signature issue.

"I would argue, in a way, that we may need it now more than ever," Pritzker said. "And of course, this isn't just about one year — it's about fixing the structural deficit that exists for the state."

Republicans oppose the tax change, and state GOP Chairman Tim Schneider called the governor's pitch during a briefing on the pandemic "inappropriate and unfortunate."

Rep. Tom Demmer of Dixon, the House Republicans' lead budget negotiator, noted that Pritzker's shortfall projections are based on his proposal, but the GOP will also be looking at areas where spending could be cut.

"We're looking at it more from: What would the gap be if we passed sort of a maintenance budget, keeping things at current levels?" Demmer said.

Pritzker has directed nearly \$500 million in additional spending authority to the Illinois Emergency Management Agency, much of which is focused on obtaining personal protective equipment for front-line workers and ventilators to treat patients suffering severely from the new coronavirus. Federal funding is expected to cover many of these costs.

As of Wednesday, the state had made nearly \$170 million worth of purchases related to the pandemic, including more than \$1.7 million on a pair of charter flights to bring personal protective equipment to Illinois from China.

Pritzker said Wednesday he was unsure when the shipments will arrive "but they are scheduled to arrive," and he acknowledged concern about reports that the federal government has intercepted and redirected equipment in other states.

"It is true that the federal government seems to be interrupting supplies that are being sent elsewhere in the nation and so I wanted to make sure that we receive what we ordered," Pritzker said.

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## Metra

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ing remotely.

Vesely said she will start riding Metra again once her client's office reopens, but is wary of riding on a packed train full of people who may be asymptomatic for COVID-19, and hopes there will be plenty of space for social distancing.

"I'd still rather ride the train than deal with traffic," Vesely said.

In the first few months after the state's stay-at-home order is lifted, some commuters may take advantage of low gas prices and less-congested roads to take cars to work instead of the train, Farmer said during the agency's regularly scheduled board meeting Wednesday. Others may switch to working from home on a regular basis, move closer to their offices or move to less populated areas, he said.

"Some people will never return," but Metra also could gain new riders, he said.

The railroad will have to do marketing and build confidence in the system, he said.

Farmer predicted that Metra will lose about \$535 million in sales tax receipts and ticket revenues over 2020 and 2021. Transit agencies depend on both ticket sales and sales taxes collected by local governments to fund their operations. He noted that while



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Kristie Cambric of Metra hands out complimentary hand sanitizer to customers at Millennium Station on Wednesday.

the railroad expects \$400 million in federal assistance from the recent coronavirus relief package, that will likely not be enough.

Metra also may look for more help from the state, and might have to change the way it operates, Farmer said. The railroad must research to understand how to better serve existing passengers and find out why

some people prefer driving, he said.

DePaul University transportation expert Joseph Schwieterman said transit agencies might be overly pessimistic about future ridership, though he admits there is reason to be nervous.

"The combination of low gas prices and more working from home — and lin-

gering concerns about the health risks of crowded environments — will likely mean tough times ahead," Schwieterman said.

Meanwhile, Farmer said Metra has to continue to manage the pandemic by making things more sanitary through the system, for both riders and employees. "We need those cars to look clean and we need

them to be clean, because the riding public right now is very concerned," Farmer said.

One Metra employee, who worked in the engineering department doing maintenance and construction, died due to COVID-19, according to spokesman Michael Gillis.

A Union Pacific supervisory employee who worked

for the Metra service also died due to COVID-19 complications, said UP spokeswoman Kristen South. Union Pacific operates three Metra lines. South said an employee in ticket sales also died, but it is uncertain whether it was related to COVID-19.

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## Mill

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mentation of when and where samples were taken, who handled them and which toxic chemicals were measured, raising more questions about the accuracy of the results.

Only samples that revealed violations of the company's permit were re-analyzed, the inspectors noted. They demanded a list of all of the samples re-analyzed at ArcelorMittal's request during the past two years, and stressed that future sampling must be conducted using approved methods.

"They are gaming the system," said Howard Learner, executive director of the nonprofit Environmental Law and Policy Center, which along with the Hoosier Environmental Council filed a lawsuit last year based on state documents showing more than 100 other violations of clean water laws at the lakefront steel mill during the past four years.

Indiana's more aggressive scrutiny of ArcelorMittal began after the two environmental groups first



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The ArcelorMittal plant, shown in 2018, in Burns Harbor, Indiana, is 20 miles from Chicago.

announced they intended to file a citizen complaint. Neither IDEM nor the EPA had taken recent action against the company, but inspectors have since forwarded their findings to the state agency's enforcement division.

Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot and two other Illinois Democrats, U.S. Sens. Dick Durbin and Tammy Duckworth, also have pressured federal and

state regulators to crack down on ArcelorMittal.

The legal and political actions were prompted by an August 2019 equipment failure at the Burns Harbor mill, which released a plume of concentrated cyanide and ammonia into a ditch that drains into the East Branch of the Little Calumet River.

Company and state officials failed to notify the public about the spill until

four days later, after thousands of dead fish began floating past a bustling marina near Lake Michigan.

Local officials closed several beaches, including portions of Indiana Dunes National Park, and shut off a nearby drinking water intake as a precaution.

At the time, ArcelorMittal called the fish kill a "unique and unfortunate event" and pledged the company would "remain fo-

cused on maintaining compliance and understanding the root cause so that we can implement appropriate measures to prevent future occurrences."

The company did not respond to emails about this story. In a recent statement, ArcelorMittal said its daily water sampling shows pollution from the mill has remained below permitted limits since the August spill.

"ArcelorMittal has a track record of providing accurate sampling data to the agencies," the company said.

The ongoing dispute is the latest in a long struggle to clean up the northwest Indiana steel industry.

It took the U.S. EPA until 1977, five years after the Clean Water Act took effect, to secure a court decision forcing the U.S. Steel Gary Works to reduce the amount of industrial waste it dumped into Lake Michigan and the Grand Calumet River.

Gary Works is still the biggest polluter in the Lake Michigan basin, and as recently as 2007 the EPA intervened to prevent Indiana from scrapping or relaxing limits in the facility's water pollution permit.

Two years ago, public

interest lawyers found a pattern of violations at another U.S. Steel plant next door to the ArcelorMittal mill.

Attorneys from the Abrams Environmental Law Clinic at the University of Chicago threatened to sue U.S. Steel on behalf of the Surfrider Foundation, a nonprofit that represents Lake Michigan surfers. Federal and state regulators ended up negotiating a legal settlement with the company, but Surfrider's lawyers, joined by the Chicago Law Department, are urging a federal judge to impose stiffer penalties.

The nearly \$900,000 in fines and penalties proposed by the government are woefully inadequate when compared with the ecological damage caused by U.S. Steel's discharges of highly toxic hexavalent chromium, the city and environmental lawyers contend.

U.S. Steel reported \$711 million in earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortization during 2019.

ArcelorMittal reported earnings of \$5.2 billion.

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David Brown is presented with outgoing interim Chicago police Superintendent Charlie Beck's star during a ceremony Wednesday.

# Brown eager to work toward making Chicago 'safer place'

Takes reins from Beck as acting top cop, with council OK looming

BY JEREMY GORNER AND JOHN BYRNE

Former Dallas police Chief David Brown took over the reins Wednesday afternoon as Chicago's acting police superintendent, city officials said, days before the job is expected to become permanent.

At a ceremony in police headquarters for outgoing interim Superintendent Charlie Beck, he presented his superintendent's star to Brown, who is now in charge of the nation's second largest police department.

"Chicago's skyline may be a world away from the Lone Star State of Texas," Brown said. "But starting today, Chicago is now

home for me and my family, and I promise to never stop working to make it a safer place."

Brown also praised Beck for orchestrating one of the most significant restructurings in the history of Chicago's force — by giving more resources to patrol commanders and establishing a bureau devoted to professionalizing the department — during his nearly five months at the helm. Brown also touted Beck's leadership of the 13,000-strong department during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The policing mind of Charlie Beck is deep, it's wide and it's quick," Brown said, "and I will ensure that what he's begun to set in place, in motion, here in Chicago, flourishes and reaches its full potential."

On his last day leading CPD, Beck, a former longtime chief of the Los Angeles Police Department,

was presented at the ceremony with a certificate of appreciation and a souvenir police baton from First Deputy Superintendent Anthony Riccio, his second-in-command. Afterward, Beck was given a police escort to O'Hare International Airport to board a flight home to the LA area to be with his family.

"I've been a cop for a very, very long time, and ingrained in me is running to our brothers and sisters when they're in trouble, when officers request help, when they request assistance, anything to come to their aid," Beck said. "And I felt that way when I came to Chicago. I saw a good department with a proud tradition with incredibly talented men and women in a time of crisis."

"I didn't get them through the time, I helped them through the time," he also said.

Brown's takeover of the CPD

comes about a week before the Chicago City Council plans to vote on whether to officially confirm him as the city's next permanent top cop. The council's Public Safety Committee has scheduled an online meeting for Monday to consider Lightfoot's appointment of Brown, where the appointment could be sent to the full body.

The search for a permanent police superintendent began last year when then-top cop Eddie Johnson fell under an internal investigation for questionable conduct related to him being found asleep behind the wheel of his city-issued SUV after a later night out in the fall. Lightfoot then fired Johnson in December and hired Beck to take over the CPD on a temporary basis.

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## Email by candidate plagiarizes Trib story

Fundraising message lifts two sentences about mail-in voting

BY BILL RUTHHART

A fundraising email sent this week from suburban congressional candidate Jeanne Ives plagiarized a Chicago Tribune article about mail-in voting.

The Ives email sent late Monday afternoon lifted two sentences nearly verbatim from the Tribune article, which first published online Friday and in print Monday morning.

The article focused on how Gov. J.B. Pritzker and other top Democrats are in favor of increased mail-in voting for the November election amid the coronavirus pandemic, but laid out complications in achieving that goal. Ives emphasized Democrats' support of vote-by-mail in an appeal to supporters for campaign contributions and volunteers.

"Even advocates acknowledge the need to allow people — among them those who don't trust the post office — to show up at a polling place to cast their vote. There are also the added costs of printing, mailing, securing and counting mail-in ballots, as well as allowing for drop-off boxes for those who don't believe their vote will be delivered in time," the Tribune article read.



Ives

The Ives email, which included her signature and photo at the bottom, included that identical passage, with the addition of the abbreviation VBM (for vote-by-mail) in front of the word "advocates."

Ives narrowly lost a 2018 primary challenge to then-Gov. Bruce Rauner, running to his right. The former Wheaton City Council member and state representative won the GOP primary earlier this year in Illinois' 6th Congressional District and will challenge incumbent Democrat Sean Casten for the west suburban seat in the November election.

In response to questions, Ives communication director Kathleen Murphy took responsibility for the plagiarism.

"The line (that) was included is my fault, not Jeanne's," Murphy said in an email. "I am the director of communication for the campaign, the content of an email is my responsibility."

"That should have been cited — absolutely," Murphy said in a second email regarding the Tribune sentences used in the campaign communication. "Information gets pulled from different sources, and it was an oversight. We will review emails more carefully going forward."

In the process of acknowledging the error, Murphy also attacked the "Chicago media," claiming it was biased. Murphy declined to make Ives available for an interview and declined to say whether the candidate reviewed the email before it was sent.

Ives, who became known for her combative style during her three years serving in the Illinois House, is a 1987 graduate of West Point. On the campaign trail, she often cites the academy's honor code: "A cadet will not lie, cheat, steal or tolerate those who do."

This is not the first ethics slip-up for the Ives campaign. In January, the Tribune reported her campaign published a flyer seeking contributions of up to \$80,000 despite a federal campaign donation limit of \$5,600.

In the email solicitation, Ives joined with other Republicans, including President Donald Trump, in voicing opposition to increased access to vote-by-mail.

"Democrats have said from the beginning that this crisis was an opportunity to advance their radical agenda," Ives wrote. "While I understand the concerns about the impact of COVID-19, we can't lose who we are as a country in the process. All Americans deserve to know that the results of our elections are legitimate and we cannot compromise the integrity of our elections."

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*"They were just as decent and wonderful of people you'd want to meet. They'll always be remembered as wonderful attorneys, but the depth of their kindness and generosity is the thing that marks them as human beings."*

— Attorney Jeffrey B. Gilbert

## Deaths in Oak Park are ruled homicides

Medical examiner finds that married attorneys were stabbed to death

BY STEVE SCHERING

Two prominent attorneys who were found dead inside their Oak Park home on Monday evening were stabbed to death, according to the Cook County medical examiner's office.

On Wednesday evening, the medical examiner ruled both Leslie Ann Jones, 67, and her husband, Thomas E. Johnson, 69, were killed as a result of "multiple sharp force injuries." Both deaths were ruled homicides.

The news came as neighbors were preparing to hold a memorial observance in front of the home Jones and Johnson shared in the 500 block of Fair Oaks Avenue.

Police were initially called to the home Monday night to conduct a welfare check, and officers located their bodies inside. Johnson and Jones were pronounced dead at 7:47 p.m. by Oak Park police.

Oak Park police Chief LaDon Reynolds said a preliminary investigation showed the deaths occurred under "suspicious circumstances," later saying the deaths were not self-inflicted.

Police called on the West Suburban Major Crimes Task Force for assistance with the investigation. The task force offers expertise and resources of police departments across the region.

On Wednesday morning, the Federal Bureau of Investigation confirmed through a statement it is also assisting with the case.



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Friends and neighbors sing during a vigil for Thomas E. Johnson and Leslie Ann Jones in Oak Park on Wednesday. The couple was found dead Monday by police conducting a wellness check at their home.



Johnson



Jones

also presided over the hearing of an officer who shot and killed 55-year-old Bettie Jones and 19-year-old Quintonio LeGrier during a confrontation with LeGrier in 2016.

Among Johnson's clients were coal miners seeking black lung benefits and children from Chicago's Austin neighborhood who sued the state for tighter regulation of gun sales, saying they had suffered trauma from witnessing shootings.

Jones, also an accomplished attorney, was known for her charitable efforts. She was involved with the arts council in Oak Park and was a longtime board member of Hephzibah Children's Association.

Johnson and Jones, both graduates of Harvard Law School, were partners in the downtown law firm of Johnson, Jones, Snelling, Gilbert & Davis. Jones specialized in health care, civil rights and real estate law,

while Johnson worked on issues of social justice and corporate accountability, litigating cases all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Attorney Jeffrey B. Gilbert joined the two at the firm in 1994, but knew Johnson since 1973. He came to know Jones in the 1980s when the couple married.

"They were wonderful people," Gilbert said. "He was the sort of person where, if you needed somebody, he'd be there. Leslie was quieter, but she was a person who was incredibly artistic and well read. She'd read three novels a week. They were just as decent and wonderful of people you'd want to meet. They'll always be remembered as wonderful attorneys, but the depth of their kindness and generosity is the thing that marks them as human beings."

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## CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

# Relief money pours into accounts

Time will tell if funds too little, late to save economy

BY CHRISTOPHER RUGABER, PAUL WISEMAN AND KELLI KENNEDY  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Government relief checks began arriving in Americans' bank accounts as the economic damage to the U.S. from the coronavirus piled up Wednesday and sluggish sales at reopened stores in Europe and China made it clear that business won't necessarily bounce right back when the crisis eases.

With many factories shut down, American industrial output shriveled in March, registering its biggest decline since the U.S. demobilized in 1946 at the end of World War II. Retail sales fell by an unprecedented 8.7%, with April expected to be far worse.

The world's biggest economy began issuing one-time payments this week to tens of millions of people as part of its \$2.2 trillion coronavirus relief package, with adults receiving up to \$1,200 each and \$500 per child to help them pay the rent or cover other bills.

The checks will be directly deposited into accounts or mailed to households in the coming weeks.

Among those receiving a check was Jacqueline Gonzalez, a 32-year-old single mother who was laid off from her job as a bartender and lives with her mother, a teacher, in Miami Lakes, Florida. Gonzalez paid her car insurance and gave her mother \$500 for rent. She has signed up for food



CHARLES KRUPA/AP

A man walks past a Macy's in Boston. U.S. retail sales plummeted last month in an unprecedented decline.

stamps.

"There is no other form of income for us right now. We have no other choice. We can't work from home," she said. "We're just sitting here. Bills are racking up."

Meanwhile, President Donald Trump said Wednesday that he's prepared to announce new guidelines allowing some states to quickly ease up on social distancing even as business leaders told him they need more testing and personal protective equipment before people can safely go back to work.

The industry executives cautioned Trump that the return to normalcy will be anything but swift.

The new guidelines, expected to be announced Thursday, are aimed at clearing the way for an easing of restrictions in areas with low transmission of the coronavirus, while keeping them in place in harder-hit places. The ultimate decisions will remain with governors.

"We'll be opening some states much sooner than others," Trump said.

But in a round of calls with business leaders Wednesday, Trump was warned that a dramatic increasing in testing and wider availability of protective equipment will be necessary for the safe restoration of their operations.

Trump said at his daily briefing that data indicates the U.S. is "past the peak" of the COVID-19 epidemic, clearing the way for his plans to roll out guidelines to begin to "reopen" the country.

Dr. Deborah Birx, the White House coronavirus task force coordinator, added that data from across the country showed the nation "improving," but that Americans had to recommit to social distancing to keep up the positive momentum.

In a tweet midway through Trump's round of conference calls with dozens of high-profile CEOs, union officials and other executives, the president

said the participants were "all-in on getting America back to work, and soon."

But participants in a morning call that included dozens of leading American companies raised concerns about the testing issue, according to one participant who spoke on condition of anonymity to describe the private discussion.

Another person who participated in Wednesday's calls said it was stressed to Trump that expansion of testing and contact tracing was crucial, as well as guidelines for best practices on reopening businesses in phases or in one fell swoop.

In other parts of the world, the first steps in

lifting restrictions are running into resistance, with customers staying away from reopened businesses and workers afraid of risking their health.

In China, millions are still wary of spending much or even going out. Some cities have resorted to handing out vouchers and trying to reassure consumers by showing officials in state media, eating in restaurants.

"I put off plans to change cars and spend almost nothing on eating out or entertainment," said Zhang Hu, a truck salesman in Zhengzhou who has gone back to work but has seen his income plummet because few people are buying 20-ton rigs.

In Austria, Marie Froehlich, who owns a clothing store in Vienna, said her staff was happy to be back after weeks cooped up at home. But dependent largely on tourism, which has dried up amid the travel restrictions, her business will take months to return to normal, she said.

"Until then, we are in crisis mode," she said.

Rome's streets were also largely deserted despite the reopening of some stores.

With deaths and hospitalizations stabilizing or dropping, Germany announced plans to let smaller shops reopen next week and for school to resume in early May. France reported a decrease in hospitalized COVID-19 patients for the first time since the outbreak began in the country.

The U.S. has recorded more than 28,000 deaths — highest in the world — and over 636,000 confirmed infections, according to a tally kept by Johns Hopkins University.

## World leaders decry US funding freeze to WHO

Trump's timing couldn't be worse, say allies, experts

BY JAMEY KEATEN AND MARIA CHENG  
Associated Press

GENEVA — The head of the World Health Organization on Wednesday lamented the U.S. decision to halt funding for the U.N. agency, promising a review of its decisions while sidestepping President Donald Trump's complaints about its alleged mismanagement, cover-up and missteps.

WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus was on the defensive after Trump announced a halt to U.S. funding that has totaled nearly a half-billion dollars annually in recent years. Trump claimed the WHO had parroted Chinese assurances about how the virus is spread, failed to obtain virus samples from China and made a "disastrous decision" to oppose travel restrictions as the outbreak spread.

Countries and health experts around the world expressed alarm at Trump's

move and warned it could jeopardize efforts to fight the coronavirus pandemic. Philanthropists such as Bill Gates and Michael Bloomberg joined European and African leaders and health experts who lined up behind the WHO or insisted the U.S. shouldn't cut off funding at such a critical time.

While Trump pointed to a U.S. investigation of the U.N. agency, Tedros stopped short of addressing his complaints directly and said the WHO's performance in handling the outbreak would be reviewed as part of a "usual process" to ensure transparency and accountability.

"We regret the decision of the president of the United States to order a halt in funding to the World Health Organization," Tedros said. "WHO is reviewing the impact on our work of any withdrawal of U.S. funding and will work with our partners to fill any financial gaps we face."

"No doubt, areas for improvement will be identified and there will be lessons for all of us to learn," he added. "But for now, our focus — my focus — is on stopping this virus and sav-

ing lives."

The exact fallout from a halt in U.S. funding was far from clear.

The WHO runs on biennial budgets, and U.S. funding comes in two main forms — about three-fourths of it through "voluntary" contributions and one-fourth through "assessed" contributions, which are a bit like regular dues. The U.S. already contributed at least \$15 million to a \$675 million emergency fund set up by the WHO to help pay for the initial coronavirus response through April.

"Trump has a mercurial reputation. So he sort of promises death and destruction and then it doesn't necessarily happen," said Gian Luca Burci, a former legal counsel for WHO who now teaches at Geneva's Graduate Institute. "I think it will become more clear in the next few weeks."

He noted WHO's tricky task of uniting opposing constituencies: China and the U.S. have been at odds on a number of issues.

"Maybe Tedros went too far," he said. "But you can see also some of the reasons why he wanted to secure China's cooperation."



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The World Health Organization, which is headquartered in Geneva, has a tricky task of uniting opposing constituencies, such as the United States and China.

Trump has repeatedly labeled COVID-19 the "Chinese virus" and criticized the agency for being too lenient on China, where the novel coronavirus first emerged late last year.

Outside experts have questioned China's reported infections and deaths from the virus, calling them way too low and unreliable. An investigation by The Associated Press has found that a six-day delay between when Chinese officials learned about the virus and when they warned the public allowed the outbreak to blossom into an enormous public health disaster.

The WHO has been particularly effusive in its

praise for China, calling on other countries to emulate its approach and repeatedly praising its transparency.

Tedros has also heaped compliments on Trump, praising his "great job" in responding to the outbreak last month.

The European Union on Wednesday said Trump has "no reason" to freeze WHO funding at this critical stage and called for measures to promote unity instead of division.

In Beijing, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian said the country is "seriously concerned" about the U.S. decision.

A spokesman for British Prime Minister Boris John-

son, who this week emerged from intensive care after contracting the virus, declined to criticize either China or Trump.

"The U.K. has no plans to stop funding the WHO, which has an important role to play in leading the global health response," James Slack said.

Political fault lines emerged in the U.S., with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, a Democrat, saying the "dangerous, illegal" decision to halt funding "will be swiftly challenged."

Sen. Lindsay Graham, a Republican ally of Trump, insisted that "we cannot afford China apologists running the WHO."

## Trump threatens to adjourn Congress to push through nominees

BY NICHOLAS FANDOS  
The New York Times

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump, furious over government vacancies he said were hindering his administration's coronavirus response, threatened Wednesday to invoke a never-before-used presidential power to adjourn Congress so he could fill the positions temporarily himself.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., quickly let it be known that

would not happen.

Days after insisting he had "total" authority to supersede governors' decisions about whether to reopen their states, Trump floated the unprecedented step during a White House news conference as he lashed out at Democrats for opposing his nominees.

He demanded that Republican leaders immediately call the Senate back into session to confirm them or take a recess for an extended period of time so he could install stopgap

appointees without a vote, a practice known as a recess appointment.

The House and Senate have both taken extended recesses amid the pandemic, convening at least every few days for so-called pro forma sessions — brief meetings that last mere minutes and require the presence of only one lawmaker — to keep their chambers technically in



McConnell

session even though they are not doing business.

The maneuver is routine in the Senate to prevent presidents from making recess appointments, which they can do if the Senate is in recess for 10 days or more.

"The current practice of leaving town while conducting phony pro forma sessions is a dereliction of duty the American people

can't afford during this crisis," Trump said Wednesday. "They have been warned."

If the Senate did not do his bidding, Trump said he would use the "very strong power" afforded to him by the Constitution to force an adjournment.

He appeared to be referring to Article II of the Constitution that gives the president the power to adjourn Congress until a time of his choosing if the House and Senate are unable to agree on when they should

go out of session.

But there is currently no disagreement between the two chambers — they have already agreed to adjourn Jan. 3, 2021 — and the office of McConnell suggested in a statement Wednesday night that he was not inclined to change that.

A spokesman said McConnell had spoken with the president earlier in the day about Senate Democrats' "unprecedented obstruction" of nominees and he shared Trump's "frustration with the process."

## CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

## 5G conspiracy theory spawns frenzy

Speculation linking Wi-Fi tech to virus agitates Britain

BY ADAM SATARIANO  
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The New York Times

LONDON — On April 2, a wireless tower was set ablaze in Birmingham. The next day, a fire was reported at 10 p.m. at a telecommunications box in Liverpool. An hour later, an emergency call came in about another cell tower in Liverpool that was going up in flames.

Across Britain, more than 30 acts of arson and vandalism have taken place against wireless towers and other telecom gear this month, according to police reports and a telecom trade group. In roughly 80 other incidents in the country, telecom technicians have been harassed on the job.

The attacks were fueled by the same cause, government officials said: an internet conspiracy theory that links the spread of the coronavirus to an ultrafast wireless technology known as 5G. Under the false idea, which has gained momentum in Facebook groups, WhatsApp messages and YouTube videos, radio waves sent by 5G technology are causing changes to people's bodies that make them succumb to the virus.

The incidents starkly demonstrate how coronavirus conspiracy theories have taken a dark turn by spilling out into the real world. In just a few weeks, the pandemic has given preexisting fringe ideas online new urgency.

Before the coronavirus, rarely did such theories cause as much tangible harm so quickly, disinformation researchers said.

In the United States, one person died after self-medicating with chloroquine, which was touted online as a miracle cure for the co-



SUZIE HOWELL/THE NEW YORK TIMES 2019

A conspiracy theory linking 5G technology to the coronavirus is being amplified by some celebrities.

ronavirus even though its efficacy is unproven. And Dr. Anthony Fauci, the head of the U.S. National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, was assigned more security this month after unfounded theories spread that he was part of a secret cabal working to undermine President Donald Trump.

"Most conspiracies stay online, but this is having real-world impact," said Alexandre Alaphilippe, executive director of the EU DisinfoLab, a Brussels-based group tracking virus conspiracy theories. He called managing pandemic misinformation "a new problem" because the disease is global and people everywhere are hunting for information.

The false theory linking 5G to the coronavirus has been especially prominent, amplified by celebrities like

John Cusack and Woody Harrelson on social media. It has also been stoked by a vocal anti-5G contingent, who have urged people to take action against telecom gear to protect themselves. Representatives for Harrelson and Cusack, whose 5G posts have since been deleted, declined to comment.

The idea has deep internet roots. An analysis by The New York Times found 487 Facebook communities, 84 Instagram accounts, 52 Twitter accounts, and dozens of other posts and videos pushing the conspiracy. The Facebook communities added nearly half a million new followers in recent weeks. On Instagram, a network of 40 accounts nearly doubled its audience this month to 58,800 followers.

On YouTube, the 10 most popular 5G coronavirus conspiracy videos posted in

March were viewed over 5.8 million times. Today, the conspiracy can be found on Facebook in over 30 countries, including Switzerland, Uruguay and Japan.

British politicians said the conspiracy theory and the violent acts it was causing were unacceptable.

"This is nonsense of the absolute highest order," said Julian Knight, a member of Parliament who leads a committee investigating coronavirus-related online misinformation. He said Facebook and YouTube needed to "get a grip" on the situation or risk undermining the crisis response.

Knight added that the spread of 5G conspiracies raised alarms about how information about a future coronavirus vaccine would be disseminated.

"If we were to get a vaccine for COVID-19, can we trust the social media

companies to ensure that the right public health messages are put out about that vaccine?" he asked. "That could be a question of life and death for many people."

Facebook, which also owns Instagram and WhatsApp, said it was "starting to remove false claims that 5G technology causes the symptoms of or contraction of COVID-19." YouTube said it would reduce recommendations of videos linking the coronavirus to 5G, while Twitter said it had taken action against misleading and harmful content about the illness.

Wild claims about 5G are not new. The technology has an outside political importance because it may provide countries with a competitive edge, with faster wireless speeds enabling more rapid development of driverless cars and other innovations.

Internet trolls have seized on 5G and its political implications to sow fear, leading to protests in the United States and elsewhere against the technology in recent years. Russians have pushed claims that 5G signals were linked to brain cancer, infertility, autism, heart tumors and Alzheimer's disease, all of which lacked scientific support.

In January, as the coronavirus rippled through Wuhan, China, and beyond, it provided new fodder for anti-5G trolls. On Jan. 19, a post on Twitter speculated on a link between 5G and the disease, according to Zignal Labs, a media insights company that studied 699,000 mentions of the conspiracy this year through April 7.

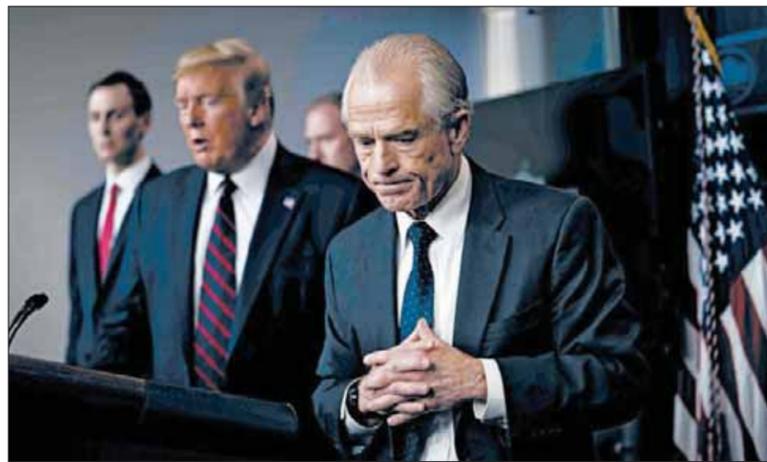
"Wuhan has 5,000+ #5G base stations now and 50,000 by 2021 — is it a disease or 5G?" the tweet said.

Telecommunications companies, which have added more security and are working with law enforcement, said the attacks against their workers and equipment had been widespread, threatening communication networks during the crisis. Vodafone said it had experienced at least 15 incidents, while BT has had at least 11. The companies said that in many cases, vandals had damaged existing infrastructure and not new 5G gear.

Police in Belfast, Liverpool and Birmingham said they were continuing to investigate the incidents, reviewing security-camera footage and asking the public for leads.

Anti-5G groups have continued adding hundreds of members. One Facebook user shared photos this week of a wireless tower being constructed in an unidentified area of Britain.

"Light it up," one commenter responded.



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Peter Navarro, right, shares hard-line views on trade with President Donald Trump.

## Trade guru Navarro throws elbows for Trump amid crisis

BY KEVIN FREKING  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Peter Navarro's eagerness to confront, attack and be, as one former associate put it, "a real jerk to people" didn't serve him well as a political candidate in the 1990s. But it fits what President Donald Trump was looking for to muscle companies to make critical supplies needed to fight the coronavirus.

And it fits much of what Navarro has long wanted as well. As the president's trade adviser, he hasn't been afraid to raise his voice inside the White House and out. The self-styled China hawk has seized on the coronavirus pandemic as the opportune moment to push nationalist trade views that line up with Trump's.

Reliance on foreign-made medical supplies, he says, is the "original sin" that underpins current shortages. China's "non-transparency" on the virus outbreak, he says, cost the U.S. five weeks in preparing for the coming pandemic.

Navarro, who holds a doctorate in economics but has no formal medical training, got into a recent blowup with the nation's top infectious disease ex-

pert, Dr. Anthony Fauci, in the Situation Room when he challenged the doctor's resistance to pushing use of a malaria drug to fight the virus based only on anecdotal evidence.

That same week, word leaked that Navarro had warned in a late January memo about the high potential toll — both in lives and economic damage — from a potential pandemic. Navarro explained that he "felt the need to write that memo" because others in the West Wing weren't taking the threat seriously enough.

His concerns didn't get much traction among others who saw them as more alarmist talk from Navarro. And Trump, for his part, said last week he hadn't read the memo, adding, "Peter writes a lot of memos."

But the president and Navarro, a former Peace Corps volunteer, have long connected over their shared hard-line views on trade and their willingness to blame China for many of America's ills.

Navarro, 70, has used his time in the spotlight to offer a combative defense of the administration's efforts to slow the spread of the virus. "Who coulda done better on this?" he asked during a recent ap-

pearance on "60 Minutes" on CBS. "I mean, really, think about this."

Perhaps nobody in the administration better fits Trump's nationalist tendencies. The president looks to place blame on China and the World Health Organization for the damage the virus has brought to the United States. Navarro doesn't miss a chance to do the same, telling Fox News on Tuesday that the WHO has "blood on their hands."

WHO declared a global health emergency Jan. 30. The next day, Trump banned foreigners who had traveled to China in the past 14 days from entering the U.S. In public comments, however, he continued to downplay the threat. On March 10, for example, he said: "Be calm. It's really working out. A lot of good things are going to happen."

Navarro came to Trump's attention with his searing reviews of policies that left American manufacturers at a competitive disadvantage with China. Navarro's job is promoting American companies to make the ventilators, N-95 masks and other equipment that states and health care workers have been calling for as the virus spreads.

## Feds face pressure to publicly track nursing home outbreaks

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NEW YORK — Federal health officials are under increasing pressure to start publicly tracking coronavirus infections and deaths in nursing homes amid criticism they have not been transparent about the scope of outbreaks across the country that have already claimed thousands of lives.

Experts say the lack of tracking and transparency has been a major blind spot, and that publicizing outbreaks could not only alert nearby communities and anguished relatives but also help officials see where to focus testing and other safety measures.

"This is basic public health — you track this, you study it, and you learn from it," said David Grabowski, who specializes in health care policy at Harvard Medical School.

He said it's difficult to have confidence in officials' ability to contain the virus if they aren't tracking where it has struck and why.

Such an action by the agencies that oversee the nation's 15,000 nursing homes is seen as long overdue, coming more than a month after a nursing home in Washington state became the first COVID-19 hot spot in the United States with an outbreak that ultimately killed 43 people and a near-daily drumbeat of new cases that in some instances forced entire homes to be evacuated.

Because the federal government has not been releasing a count, The Associated Press has been keeping its own running tally based on media reports and those from state health departments. The AP's latest count of at least 4,485 deaths is up from about 450 just two weeks ago.



STEVE HELBER/AP

Experts say having data on coronavirus outbreaks in nursing homes would help officials see where to focus testing.

"We recognize there should be more reporting," said Seema Verma, head of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

Verma said her agency is working with the Centers for Disease and Control and Prevention to increase reporting on outbreaks.

But she did not provide details on how that would work or what information would be made public, other than to say her agency was considering requiring homes to disclose information to residents and their family members.

Many states have added to the lack of transparency by releasing only totals of infections and deaths and not details about specific outbreaks.

Foremost among them is the nation's leader, New York, which accounts for more than 2,200 nursing home deaths — 20% of the state's entire death total — but has so far refused to detail specific outbreaks, citing privacy concerns.

New York Health Commissioner Howard Zucker said this week that even releasing total numbers by nursing homes could violate the privacy of individuals, which is protected under federal health privacy law.

Nevada, on the other hand, unveiled an online tool this week that allows people to track cases in specific nursing homes and

other assisted living facilities.

"It's just scandalous not to tell the public which facilities have the virus," said Charlene Harrington, a professor emerita at the University of California San Francisco and former state health official. "Even some staff members don't know. They're hiding it because it's bad for business, and it's just horrible."

Mark Parkinson, head of the American Health Care Association, said a national reporting system for nursing homes could at least help prioritize the potential hot spots most in need of testing and personal protective equipment such as masks and gowns.

That lack of PPE and mandatory testing for residents and staff are among the gaps experts say have allowed deaths to continue mounting at nursing homes, despite federal officials ordering them in mid-March to ban visitors, stop group activities and screen workers for respiratory symptoms on every shift.

Chris Laxton, executive director of The Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine, said a national database would help to create a picture "of how completely dire the situation is in nursing homes. Not only is it underreported, but we're nowhere near the peak and it's continuing to surge."

## CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

## Pressure building to end shutdown

GOP allies, protests embolden Trump to reopen economy

By LISA MASCARO  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Leading Republicans say the coronavirus shutdown cannot go on. Car-honking activists swarmed a state-house Wednesday to protest stay-home restrictions. Capitol Hill staffers are quietly drafting bills to undo the just-passed rescue aid and push Americans back to work.

Behind President Donald Trump's effort to accelerate reopening the U.S. economy during the pandemic is a contingent of GOP allies eager to have his back.

"It's very much time to start having that conversation and start figuring that out," said Sen. Pat Toomey, R-Pa., who has shared his views with Trump.

The push to revive the economy is being influenced and amplified by a potent alliance of big-money business interests, religious freedom conservatives and small-government activist groups, some with direct dial to Trump. They are gaining currency as a counterpoint to the health professionals who warn of potentially deadly consequences from easing coronavirus restrictions too soon.

The mobilization is reminiscent of the tea party rebellion a decade ago, when conservatives roared against federal intervention in recession recovery. It's drawing a similar band of deficit hawks alarmed by the \$2.2 trillion rescue package, religious congregants who say their right to worship is being violated and conservative lawmakers warning of a slide toward big government "socialism" with expanded safety net programs.



President Donald Trump holds his daily coronavirus briefing Wednesday in the Rose Garden at the White House.

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"How do you rein in some of the tyrannical enforcement?" said Rep. Andy Biggs, R-Ariz., chairman of the House Freedom Caucus, in a radio interview.

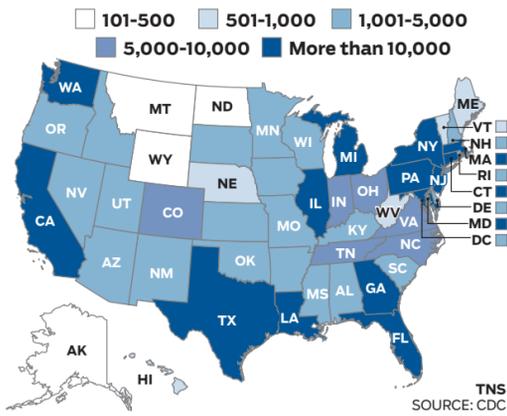
Economist Stephen Moore is leading a new coalition to fire up activists nationwide. The conservative Heritage Foundation put forward a five-point reopening plan. Republicans discuss options almost weekly on the House GOP's private conference calls.

"It's about promoting liberty and freedom," Moore said. "It's about stopping spending that will bankrupt the country and getting the \$20 trillion engine that is the American economy started again as soon as possible — as in tomorrow."

Early on in the crisis, Trump's instinct to reopen was kept in check by two unlikely forces — the health professionals on the White House's coronavirus task force and the Trump campaign, which warned that

## Coronavirus cases across the US

Confirmed coronavirus cases by state as of April 14



widespread fatalities would be more damaging to the president's reelection than the economic fallout, according to a Republican granted anonymity to discuss the private assessment.

But as the national stay-home guidelines appear to

have limited the outbreak, and the mounting death toll, now beyond 27,000, is less than first envisioned, those political calculations seem to be shifting toward the economic concerns, the person said.

"We have to learn to live with this," said Adam Bran-

don, president of FreedomWorks, which is holding weekly virtual town halls with members of Congress, igniting an activist base of thousands of supporters across the nation to back up the effort.

Advocates say they are focusing on parts of the economy and regions of the country where virus spread is low or workers can do their jobs while maintaining social distancing. They point to construction, landscaping and factory floors. They envision new rules — everyone wears face masks — and other safety precautions.

These Republicans warn that the public health emphasis has failed to take into account the broader societal toll of a prolonged shutdown and potential for a Great Depression. The government cannot keep throwing around money to prop up the economy, they say.

Toomey worries that dis-

eases of despair, including substance abuse, will deepen with unemployment and rising poverty, and supply chain disruptions could lead to civil unrest. He said there are segments of the economy, particularly in rural Pennsylvania, "that could be open today."

Democrats warn that jumping ahead of public health guidelines could have disastrous effects if Americans retreat from social distancing and spark new hot spots that overrun hospitals with more patients than available beds.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi issued a stark warning for Americans to "ignore the lies" and "listen to scientists and other respected professionals" to protect themselves and loved ones.

Across the nation, end-the-shutdown protests are flaring up.

In Texas, conservative state legislators said in a letter to Gov. Greg Abbott that it's ultimately the "individual Texan's responsibility" to keep themselves safe. Many are backed by Texas oilman Tim Dunn, who co-authored a similar letter to Trump.

On Wednesday, drivers staged "Operation Gridlock" at the Michigan state Capitol after Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's decision to toughen rather than relax what already was one of the nation's strictest stay-home orders.

"This arbitrary blanket spread of shutting down businesses ... is just a disaster," said Meshawn Maddock, a member of the Michigan Conservative Coalition, which organized the rally.

Whitmer said she was "really disappointed" to see protesters close together without masks.

"I saw someone handing out candy to little kids barehanded. We know that this rally endangered people," Whitmer said.

## Outbreak exposes depth of inequality across US

Federal aid helps those in need now, but solution elusive

By PAUL WISEMAN  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The sick who still go to work because they have no paid leave.

Families who face ruin from even a temporary lay-off.

Front-line workers risking infection as they drive buses, bag takeout meals and mop hospital floors.

For years, financial inequality has widened in the United States and elsewhere as wealth and income have become increasingly concentrated among the most affluent while millions struggle to get by. Now, the coronavirus outbreak has laid bare the human cost of that inequality.

Congress, the Trump administration and the Federal Reserve have mounted the largest financial intervention in history — a full-scale drive that includes mandating sick leave for some, distributing \$1,200 checks to individuals, allocating rescue aid to employers and expanding unemployment benefits to try to help

America survive.

Yet those measures are only temporary.

And for millions of newly unemployed, they may not be enough.

The disaster igniting what's likely to be a deep recession also raises the question of what happens once life begins to edge back to normal.

Will the U.S. remain an outlier in providing limited protections for the financially vulnerable? Will it expand the social safety net, as it did after the Great Depression of the 1930s but largely did not after the Great Recession that ended in 2009?

"Maybe there will be a cultural shift," said Elise Gould, senior economist at the progressive Economic Policy Institute. "I see it as a great opening to try to (provide) those labor protections that low-wage workers didn't have before."

Alone among advanced economies, the United States doesn't require employers to grant sick leave and paid time off. America's system for providing unemployment aid, a patchwork of state programs, isn't as generous or efficient as European government programs that subsidize wages

or provide safeguards to limit layoffs.

Meanwhile, the coronavirus has struck the most vulnerable. African-Americans account for 42% of the nearly 3,300 COVID-19 deaths that The Associated Press reviewed — twice their share of the population in the areas covered by the analysis. Blacks as a group earn less, endure higher rates of unemployment and have less access to health care than other Americans.

They also suffer disproportionately from the underlying conditions that make them more vulnerable to COVID-19: Diabetes, obesity, asthma.

The financial pain, too, has landed hardest on the neediest as the economy locks down to fight the outbreak. The United States last month lost 713,000 private sector jobs. Jobs in leisure and hospitality (mostly restaurants and hotels) accounted for 64% of the losses. And those workers earn an average of just \$16.83 an hour, 41% less than the average American.

They are people like Alexi Ajoste, who worked at a Panera Bread shop for three years before being furloughed in March. Ajoste, a



RICK BOWMER/AP

With unemployment claims having spiked amid the coronavirus outbreak, people line up this week outside the Utah Department of Workforce Services in Salt Lake City.

20-year-old from Tempe, Arizona, has filed for unemployment benefits.

"I have a savings account and have money backed up for emergencies, but it scares me," Ajoste said. "I don't know if my savings account is enough for all of this."

Congress' rescue plans are intended to ease the pain. They require companies with fewer than 500 workers to offer paid sick leave, although employers with fewer than 50 can seek an exemption. The government is sending \$1,200

checks to Americans who earn up to \$75,000 and smaller checks to many who earn more.

The rescue plan extended unemployment benefits for the first time to part-time and gig workers such as Uber drivers. And it added \$600 a week to existing state unemployment payments. But states have been swamped by claims for jobless benefits — nearly 17 million over the past three weeks — and are struggling to deliver the new federal aid.

President Barack Obama

countered the Great Recession with a stimulus package and pushed through legislation that provided health insurance coverage to millions of Americans. But a backlash by conservative critics, decrying what they called meddlesome and costly government programs, stymied further action.

This time, said Alexandra Cawthorne Gaines of the liberal Center for American Progress, "What we want to see are long-term structural changes," including expanding access to health care.



FAMILY PHOTO

Tom Moore, a 99-year-old British army veteran, walks laps in his garden.

## WWII veteran's garden strolls raise funds, rally Britons

By SYLVIA HUI  
Associated Press

LONDON — A 99-year-old British army veteran who started walking laps in his garden as part of a humble fundraiser for the National Health Service has surprised millions by generating millions of dollars within days.

Tom Moore's family used social media to help him get donations to support health care workers during the coronavirus pandemic as a way to thank the doctors

and nurses who took care of him when he broke his hip.

Moore, who uses a walker while putting in his paces, is well on his way to completing 100 laps of his 27-yard garden before he turns 100 on April 30.

His family thought it would be a stretch to reach the \$1,250 fundraising goal initially set for Moore's campaign last week.

But the drive captured the public mood at a time of national crisis.

By Wednesday, the cause had attracted more than

250,000 supporters pledging close to \$10 million.

Celebrities, fellow veterans, health workers and many other Britons have rallied behind Moore after the World War II veteran and his family appeared on national television.

Moore said the response was "completely out of this world."

"Thank you so much to all you people who subscribe to the National Health Service, because for every penny that we get, they deserve every one of

it," he told the BBC.

Moore trained as a civil engineer before enlisting in the army during WWII. He rose to the rank of captain and served in India and Burma.

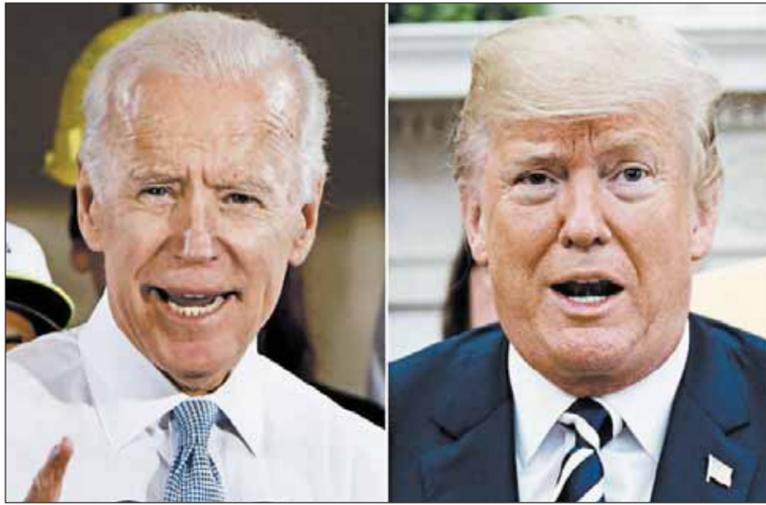
His daughter described the flood of donations as "beyond our wildest expectations" and a gift for her father.

"Whilst he's had a life full of purpose, he did fall and break his hip and became much less independent than he had been for the preceding 98 years," Han-

nah Ingram-Moore told the BBC on Wednesday.

"What you have done, the British public and everyone who's supported him, is giving him his next purpose," she said.

U.K. Health Secretary Matt Hancock, who spent a week in self-isolation after both he and Prime Minister Boris Johnson tested positive for the virus, gave Moore a shout-out during the government's daily public health briefing Wednesday: "Captain Tom, you're an inspiration to us all."



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## Placing bets on presidential election not legal in US

BY WAYNE PARRY  
Associated Press

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — Double down on Donald, or bet big on Biden?

Plenty of Americans would like the chance to place a bet on the upcoming presidential election (and sportsbooks would love to take their money), but so far, it is not legal anywhere in the country.

It actually was permitted for about an hour last week in West Virginia as the state gave — and then quickly rescinded — permission for sportsbooks to take bets on the election, saying it needed to study the issue further.

With sports betting continuing to spread in the U.S., bookmakers are taking bets on things that have nothing to do with sports.

And with all the major sports on hiatus during the pandemic, they're desperately looking for new things on which gamblers can bet.

Jay Kornegay, executive vice president of operations at the Westgate SuperBook, said industry colleagues in Europe and at offshore unlicensed sportsbooks have said they take in 10 to 15 times as much money on

the U.S. presidential election as American sportsbooks take on the Super Bowl.

"It would be gigantic," he said. "It would be the biggest offering we would have on the board."

But no U.S. jurisdiction has yet allowed betting on elections, and several explicitly prohibit it.

PredictIt, a website built by a group of researchers in New Zealand, allows people to buy and sell shares of a candidate at prices up to \$1. Bets are limited to \$850.

West Virginia had a false start April 7, approving bets on the presidential election before reversing itself.

"It got put up as a market that is legal in West Virginia, but we hadn't done all the research we need to do, and we pulled it down after an hour," said John Myers, director of the West Virginia Lottery.

During that time, FanDuel offered odds on the election that had Republican Donald Trump a slight favorite at -110, meaning you would need to bet \$110 in order to win an additional \$100. Democrat Joe Biden, who all but clinched the nomination April 8 when his last major com-

petitor, Bernie Sanders, dropped out, was listed at +125, meaning a \$100 bet on him would return an additional \$125.

FanDuel took one bet, during the narrow window that betting was open, but would not say who it was for or how much was involved.

Presidential elections are a market most U.S. sportsbooks would love to be able to offer.

A survey by The Associated Press of major sportsbooks over the last six months found virtually all in favor of such betting once it is explicitly permitted.

"It's something we offer in other parts of the world and it's very popular," said Joe Asher, CEO of William Hill US. "I have made bets on the presidential election in the past, and made a recent bet on Joe Biden when I was in London a couple of months ago."

In the U.K., American presidential elections are big business for bookmakers.

Smarmets, a London-based online betting exchange where elections constitute a major part of its business, said 2019 was its biggest year ever.

## Sanders backers on Biden: 'Hold your nose and vote'

BY SARA BURNETT  
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Associated Press

CHICAGO — When Sen. Bernie Sanders didn't win the Democratic presidential nomination in 2016, Silvia Machado and Patrick Gibbons voted for Green Party candidate Jill Stein in protest.

Four years later, the couple are still passionate about the Vermont senator's progressive agenda. But they're open to voting for the relatively centrist Joe Biden if that's what it takes to defeat President Donald Trump.

"It's like hold your nose and vote," Gibbons, 59, said.

A week after Sanders' exit left Biden as the presumptive Democratic nominee, the former vice president is working to win over voters such as Machado and Gibbons. The party is desperate to avoid a repeat of 2016, when ideological divides helped Trump win the White House.

Biden has made a series of proposals intended to appeal to progressives and won endorsements this week from Sanders and Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren, another liberal rival during the Democratic primary.

"Joe Biden has spent nearly his entire life in public service. He knows that a government run with integrity, competence and heart will save lives and save livelihoods," Warren said Wednesday in a nearly four-minute video announcing her decision. "And we can't afford to let Donald Trump continue to endanger the lives and livelihoods of every American."

Biden saluted Warren for the series of detailed policy proposals she released as a candidate and said he will count on her to help rebuild the economy once the threat of the coronavirus lifts.

But the tensions that



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Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, who backed Sen. Bernie Sanders, said Wednesday that she supports Joe Biden.

have weighed on Democrats for years aren't suddenly evaporating. While some voters are making a practical calculation to beat Trump by supporting Biden, other leaders of the movement are urging caution until Biden embraces priorities such as the universal health care plan known as "Medicare for All."

"The Biden that exists now will not get a lot of votes from progressives currently inclined to not vote at all or to vote third party," said Norman Solomon, co-founder of the activist organization Roots Action. "The only tool now to defeat Trump is Joe Biden, and the only way to sharpen that tool is to move him in a more progressive direction."

AP VoteCast surveys of the electorate conducted before Sanders dropped out of the race show skepticism among his supporters about Biden. Across 17 states where the survey was conducted, 54% of Sanders backers said they would be dissatisfied if Biden were the nominee. Just 28% of all Democratic primary voters said the same.

In the three states that voted March 17 — Arizona, Florida and Illinois — some Sanders supporters went further, vowing not to support Biden. Thirteen percent said they would defi-

nately not vote for Biden, and an additional 10% said they probably would not. A slim majority, 54%, indicated that they definitely would support the Democrat against Trump, while 23% said they probably would.

In Arizona, a state that Democrats are hoping to flip in November, 8% of Democratic primary voters overall said they would not vote for Biden in November. But among Sanders supporters, that figure increased to 17%. In Michigan, which flipped to support Trump in 2016 and is now a key 2020 battleground, 19% of Democratic primary voters said their vote in November depended on which candidate the party nominated. That figure climbed to 26% among Sanders voters.

Biden is consolidating support in the party much earlier than nominee Hillary Clinton did in 2016. That year, Sanders waited until just before the party's July convention to endorse Clinton.

The future of the progressive movement may rest with leaders such as Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez. The New York Democrat has long said she would back the ultimate Democratic nominee. She told Politico on Wednesday that she supports Biden "in solidarity with the families I represent."

## NEWS BRIEFING

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### High turnout in South Korean election despite pandemic fears

SEOUL, South Korea — Millions of South Koreans wore masks and disposable gloves as they voted in parliamentary elections Wednesday, the highest turnout in nearly three decades despite the coronavirus.

The government resisted calls to postpone the elections billed as a midterm referendum on President Moon Jae-in, who enters the final two years of his single five-year term grappling with a

historic public health crisis that is unleashing massive economic shock.

Exit polls conducted by TV stations indicated that Moon's Democratic Party and a satellite party it created to win proportional representative seats would combine for a majority in the 300-seat National Assembly.

The long lines followed record-high early voting Friday and Saturday, and defied expectations of a low turnout.



CHRISTOPHE ENA/AP

People stop in front of Notre Dame Cathedral as the bells ring Wednesday to mark the one-year anniversary of its blaze. A year after the devastating fire, the restoration of cathedral has been suspended by a lockdown in Paris to battle the coronavirus.

### FDA OKs low-cost ventilator developed by U. of Minnesota

MINNEAPOLIS — The U.S. Food and Drug Administration on Wednesday approved a low-cost ventilator developed by the University of Minnesota.

The FDA authorized use of the compact device, known as the Coventor, that was developed and designed by a team of university researchers, a medical school resident and an engineer.

The developers hope

the Coventor will be used in clinical settings where traditional ventilators are unavailable.

"With FDA authorization, we are closer to that happening," said Stephen Richardson, a cardiac anesthesiology fellow in the Medical School, M Health Fairview.

Ventilators are used to help increase blood oxygen levels and have been in short supply as hospitals deal with COVID-19.

### Students could take SAT at home if schools remain closed

A home version of the SAT college entrance exam is being prepared in case schools remain closed into the fall, College Board officials said Wednesday as they announced the cancellation of June testing.

Instead of a paper-and-pencil test given under proctors' supervision, the home version would be digital and rely on "remote proctoring." That could include using the comput-

er's camera and microphone to monitor movement or talking, College Board President Jeremy Singer said on a conference call with reporters.

Coronavirus-related school closures forced cancellation of spring testing for 1 million first-time test-takers, the majority of them juniors planning to enter college in 2021, officials said. The national June 6 session is the latest to be canceled.

## Richest countries will freeze poorer nations' debt payment

JOHANNESBURG — The world's richest countries agreed Wednesday to freeze poor nations' debt obligations, shortly after nearly 20 European and African leaders made a joint appeal for a massive international effort to boost Africa's coronavirus response, saying that "only a global victory that fully includes Africa can bring this pandemic to an end."

Finance ministers of the G-20 group of major economies, which includes the U.S., China, India and others, said they will immediately put on hold poor countries' obligations to

service debt they owe. The statement issued after a video conference put to rest concerns that China would block such a measure, which is aimed at helping the poorest nations focus their spending on health care and assistance to vulnerable people to contain the outbreak and its fallout.

The joint appeal signed by the leaders of France, Ethiopia, Germany, South Africa and other nations, published in the Financial Times, had called for dramatic measures that include an immediate moratorium on all debt payments, public and private, until the

pandemic is over.

While the G-20 did not specify how many countries would benefit, French Finance Minister Bruno Le Maire said 76 countries were eligible for the moratorium, including about 40 in sub-Saharan Africa. Debt payments worth \$20 billion will be suspended, including \$8 billion owed to private creditors and \$12 billion owed to other countries, he said.

An additional \$12 billion in debt payments to multilateral institutions like the World Bank are also under consideration for a debt freeze.

### DOJ watchdog reviewing prisons for virus safety

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department's inspector general will conduct remote inspections of Bureau of Prisons facilities to ensure they are following best practices to mitigate the spread of the coronavirus after hundreds of federal inmates tested positive for the virus.

The review announced Wednesday comes as the federal prison system struggles with a growing number of coronavirus cases and complaints from inmates, advocacy groups and correction officers about how officials are handling the pandemic among their 122 facilities.

Attorney General William Barr recently sent some of his closest advisers to federal prisons identified as coronavirus hot spots, a Justice Department official said. The attorney general's counselors were sent to observe the conditions on the ground firsthand and report back to Barr.

### Calif. to give cash payments to immigrants hurt by virus

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — California will be the first state to give cash payments to immigrants living in the country illegally who are hurt by the coronavirus, offering \$500 apiece to 150,000 adults who were left out of the \$2.2 trillion stimulus package approved by Congress.

Many Americans began receiving \$1,200 checks from the federal government this week, and others who are unemployed are getting an additional \$600 a week from the government that has ordered them to stay home.

But people living in the country illegally are not eligible for any of that money, and advocates have been pushing for states to fill in the gap. Wednesday, Gov. Gavin Newsom announced he would spend \$75 million of taxpayer money to create a Disaster Relief Fund for immigrants living in the country illegally.

**In Iran:** The death toll in Iran from the coronavirus pandemic is likely nearly double the officially reported figures, due to undercounting and because not everyone with breathing problems has been tested for the virus, a parliament report said.

Iranian health officials offered no comment on the report, which represents the highest-level charge yet from within the Islamic Republic's government of its figures being questionable, something suspected by international experts. Iran on Wednesday put the death toll at 4,777, out of 76,389 confirmed cases of the virus.

The report, released Tuesday, comes as Iranian President Hassan Rouhani continues to push for a slow reopening of the country's economy.

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## EDITORIALS

# Two plagues, one city

## Chicago's new police superintendent takes on COVID-19 and gun violence

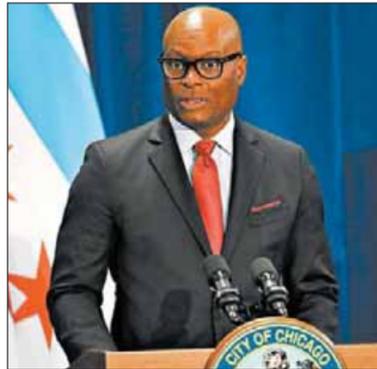
Wednesday was handoff day for the Chicago Police Department as interim Superintendent Charlie Beck gave way to David Brown, the new chief from Dallas. Now Brown has responsibility for policing a city under siege — by both viral pandemic and violence.

**Somehow, COVID-19 appears** to be the easier crisis to address. Chicagoans are committed to bending the curve of infection. First responders, doctors, nurses and other health professionals are focused on treating the sick. In time, a coronavirus vaccine is likely to be developed.

The plague of gun violence in Chicago is so much more difficult to solve.

Beck, who was headed home to Los Angeles, made the connection between viral pandemic and gun violence epidemic in an insightful Chicago Tribune commentary that appeared in our Wednesday print edition and at [chicagotribune.com/opinion](http://chicagotribune.com/opinion). His point: Chicago needs to unite in the battle against shootings and killings with the same tenacity and dedication it is applying to the defeat of COVID-19.

“Chicago needs to take a public health approach to the problem of violent crime,” Beck wrote. “Just as we universally sought to halt the progression of COVID-19, the people of Chicago should take the same approach to ending the gunfire that plagues too many of its neighborhoods.



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Former Dallas police Chief David Brown appears with Mayor Lori Lightfoot at City Hall on April 2, when she announced he's the next Chicago police superintendent.

Violence in Chicago is everyone's problem, just as COVID-19 is not just the concern of the elderly or the sick.”

**The analogy works**, but only so far as describing what an all-out public commitment to heal a societal trauma looks and feels like: an urgency to act upon ills, not just contemplate. A citywide silo collapse that connects Andersonville with Auburn Gresham and Lincoln Park with

Hegewisch. A daily, concentrated focus of resources from the mayor, aldermen, neighborhoods and the media. An acknowledgment of a health crisis. Complacency is not an option.

Employing that kind of far-reaching campaign to reduce violence would take extraordinary effort. Unlike with the coronavirus, there are no simple prevention strategies to stop gang shootings. There is no medical cure to eradicate gunfire. To go after gun violence requires confronting its connections to deep-layered social problems of poverty, isolation and joblessness in deprived Chicago neighborhoods. The Tribune Editorial Page is exploring some of those issues and encouraging citywide involvement in a series of editorials, Chicago Forward: Young Lives in the Balance.

Beck puts one prescriptive focus on CPD's responsibility to repair broken trust with residents. The city operates under a federal consent decree designed to oversee police reforms. Chicago will become safer, and better-positioned to combat violence, when residents of all neighborhoods are willing to cooperate with police. “It's a tall order,” Beck wrote, “but the most important ingredient is already there. People love this city. And as the coronavirus has shown, they are willing to take action to make things better.”

**Brown is now acting superintendent.**

The Chicago City Council's Public Safety Committee meets Monday to consider his appointment. Hours into the job, he already has seen the heartache Chicago can deliver:

On Tuesday, family members — following social distancing rules — attended the funeral of 16-year-old Darius “DJ” Lane Jr., who had been shot in the 2100 block of West Maypole Avenue in West Town, according to the Tribune's Paige Fry. Police found nearly two dozen 9 mm shell casings at the scene. Six months ago, Lane's best friend, Frank Looney, also 16, was shot to death on the West Side.

Around the same time people were attending Lane's funeral, someone shot and killed 17-year-old Juan Martinez and a dog in Little Village, the Tribune's William Lee reported. Martinez lived on the same block where he died. The dog was also dead at the scene.

As of Wednesday there were no reports of arrests in either killing.

**This week, both Gov. J.B. Pritzker** and Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot reported progress in “bending the curve.” They sounded hopeful. Both have been working around the clock to slow the progress of one of Chicago's illnesses.

They were talking about coronavirus. The city's other disease has proved harder to bend.

## No pajamas equals success for City Council virtual meeting

The public didn't get a peek at any nightgowns or flannels. No house cats were seen creeping across computer screens. And “The Price is Right” theme song was not heard in the background. All in all, the Chicago City Council's test run Wednesday of a virtual meeting could be described as a success.

At least they tried.

The meeting conducted online featured Mayor Lori Lightfoot in a blazer seated at a desk and a few glimpses of aldermen at their homes or offices talking through basic parliamentary procedures. The council did not take up any substantive issues; the majority of the 35-minute meeting was dedicated to public comments during which citizens called in. The callers complained about the closed Lakefront Trail, construction workers not wearing masks at work sites, the lack of minority workers seen at a redevelopment project and an alleged polluter near Lincoln Park.

**The real action is expected** at the next virtual City Council meeting scheduled for April 22. That meeting will test whether government business can effectively be carried out during the coronavirus shutdown, which has halted public bodies across the state from gathering. The Illinois General Assembly has been on hiatus for weeks during a time it normally scrambles to pass a state budget and hundreds of bills.

Anyone miss it? Do we need government in action as much as we think we do? We



ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Chicago aldermen wait as the first-ever online City Council meeting is prepped at Mayor Lori Lightfoot's City Hall office on Wednesday.

certainly don't miss the look-at-me antics of quotidian politics, and a break from gridlock, cynical gamesmanship is rather nice.

But even citizens of battle-weary Illinois require government in action. There is important work to be done in Springfield reassessing budgets that have been blown out of the water by COVID-19. If the City Council can pull off a substantive virtual meeting next week, it will put pressure on

other governmental bodies to at least try.

**Just a reminder for participants:** Don't be like lawyers in Broward County, Florida, chastised recently by a judge who got tired of seeing them inappropriately dressed for video conferences. The judge, Dennis Bailey, posted a letter on the local bar association website, describing lawyers “in casual shirts and blouses, with no concern for ill-grooming, in bedrooms with the

master bed in the background, etc. One male lawyer appeared shirtless and one female attorney appeared still in bed, still under the covers.”

He added: “And putting on a beach cover-up won't cover up you're poolside in a bathing suit. So, please, if you don't mind, let's treat court hearings as court hearings, whether Zooming or not!”

Good advice. Good try, Chicago City Council. Until next time.

## WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

The fawning interviews and puff pieces from cable news networks and progressive media outlets happy to carry the Democratic Party's water have helped frame (Michigan) Gov. Gretchen Whitmer as a shoo-in for Joe Biden's running mate.

Just look at how harnessing the media quickly shaped Pete Buttigieg — an unknown mayor from South Bend, Indiana — into a serious contender for president. That helps explain why Whitmer brought on Buttigieg's former press secretary, Chris Meagher, shortly before the state went on a hiring freeze. While Whitmer is basking in the national spotlight, things at home in Michigan are a little less rosy.

Michiganians are starting to question the governor's decisions as the state responds to the coronavirus. Her latest stay-home order is rubbing many citizens the wrong way, given the seemingly arbitrary stipulations. Garden seeds, paint and golf? Not OK. Alcohol, pot and lottery tickets? Go for it.

And Whitmer's unwillingness to listen to the concerns of Republican legislative leaders and business groups about the negative impact the shutdown is having on the economy has contributed to a growing backlash. Case in point: On Wednesday, the Michigan Conservative Coalition is hosting an event in Lansing called “Operation Gridlock.” Think of it as a drive-in rally. The Facebook event page has garnered more than 3,500 “going” responses and 15,000 are interested.

Ingrid Jacques, *The Detroit News*



MICHAEL RAMIREZ/LAS VEGAS REVIEW-JOURNAL

# Chicago Tribune PERSPECTIVE



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President Donald Trump listens during a meeting with health care executives Tuesday in the Cabinet Room of the White House in Washington, D.C.

## Trump's push for higher gas prices is misguided



STEVE CHAPMAN

For decades, American presidents and American consumers have complained when oil prices rose and rejoiced when oil prices fell. But this week, President Donald Trump helped forge an agreement with Russia, Saudi Arabia and other oil-producing nations to raise prices by slashing production. Then he bragged about it. "The big Oil Deal with OPEC Plus is done," he tweeted. "This will save hundreds of thousands of energy jobs in the United States. I would like to thank and congratulate President Putin of Russia and King Salman of Saudi Arabia ... Great deal for all!"

Well, not all. Right now, pump prices are below \$2 a gallon, down from a national average of \$2.66 in January. In normal times, the decline would yield a handsome windfall for motorists. Most Americans aren't driving much these days, but for those who have to, it's a welcome consolation.

The administration, however, won praise for supporting the oil industry. Bob McNally, an analyst at Rapidan Energy Group, told The Wall Street Journal, "President Donald Trump proved to be master of the deal." Amy

Myers Jaffe, a senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations, told The New York Times, "Hopefully, the American oil industry has avoided a worst-case scenario."

Yes, the deal is good for that particular sector. But there are a lot more Americans who buy oil and gasoline than there are people who produce them. Ordinary people will foot the bill for Trump's dubious triumph.

Most of the benefits, however, will go abroad, to the likes of Vladimir Putin and Mohammed bin Salman. That's because Russia and Saudi Arabia have much lower production costs than oil companies that are fracking in West Texas and North Dakota.

As University of California at Berkeley economist Severin Borenstein has noted, if it costs an average of \$40 a barrel to produce oil here and \$10 a barrel in Saudi Arabia, raising the world price to \$50 a barrel will yield a nice profit to our producers and a huge one to the Saudis. But Americans will pay more for all the oil they use.

Ryan Kellogg, a former oil company engineer and now an economist at the University of Chicago, says now is an especially bad time for this deal. "Increases in oil prices hurt consumers, many of whom now have reduced or even zero income but still need to drive to the store or run errands," he told me. "The gains go to oil company shareholders and debtholders, and to royalty owners — folks that tend to be higher income."

Trump's approach breaks with his

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predecessors. In 2011, Barack Obama released oil from the government's Strategic Petroleum Reserve to offset supply disruptions from Libya, a move obviously aimed at keeping prices in check. George W. Bush did the same thing after Hurricane Katrina. In 1996, Bill Clinton put 30 million barrels of oil on the market because gas prices had gone up.

Any method that would help motorists fill their tanks has always been attractive to politicians. During the 2008 presidential primaries, with prices rising, both John McCain and Hillary Clinton proposed to suspend federal gas taxes from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

Trump, by contrast, is overtly placing the needs of one industry above the interests of the average person. And no, he won't be saving lots of jobs. Oil and gas extraction accounts for

only about 145,000 jobs in the United States — far fewer than the economy was adding every month until recently.

The recent slump in oil prices signaled that something resembling a normal market was setting prices, a departure from the artificially high prices set by OPEC and its co-conspirators. That's a good thing. But Trump wants to restore the power of that foreign cartel.

Last year, Rep. Steve Scalise of Louisiana, a member of the House GOP leadership team, introduced a resolution opposing a carbon tax — which is the most cost effective and least disruptive way to deal with the problem of global warming.

He argued it would "mean that families and consumers will pay more for essentials," "fall hardest on the poor, the elderly, and those on fixed incomes" and "increase the cost of every good manufactured in the United States."

What did Scalise say about the Trump deal — which would have exactly the same consequences, but without the environmental benefits? He's for it.

That's the Republican plan: Billions to enrich foreign oil producers, but not one cent to combat climate change.

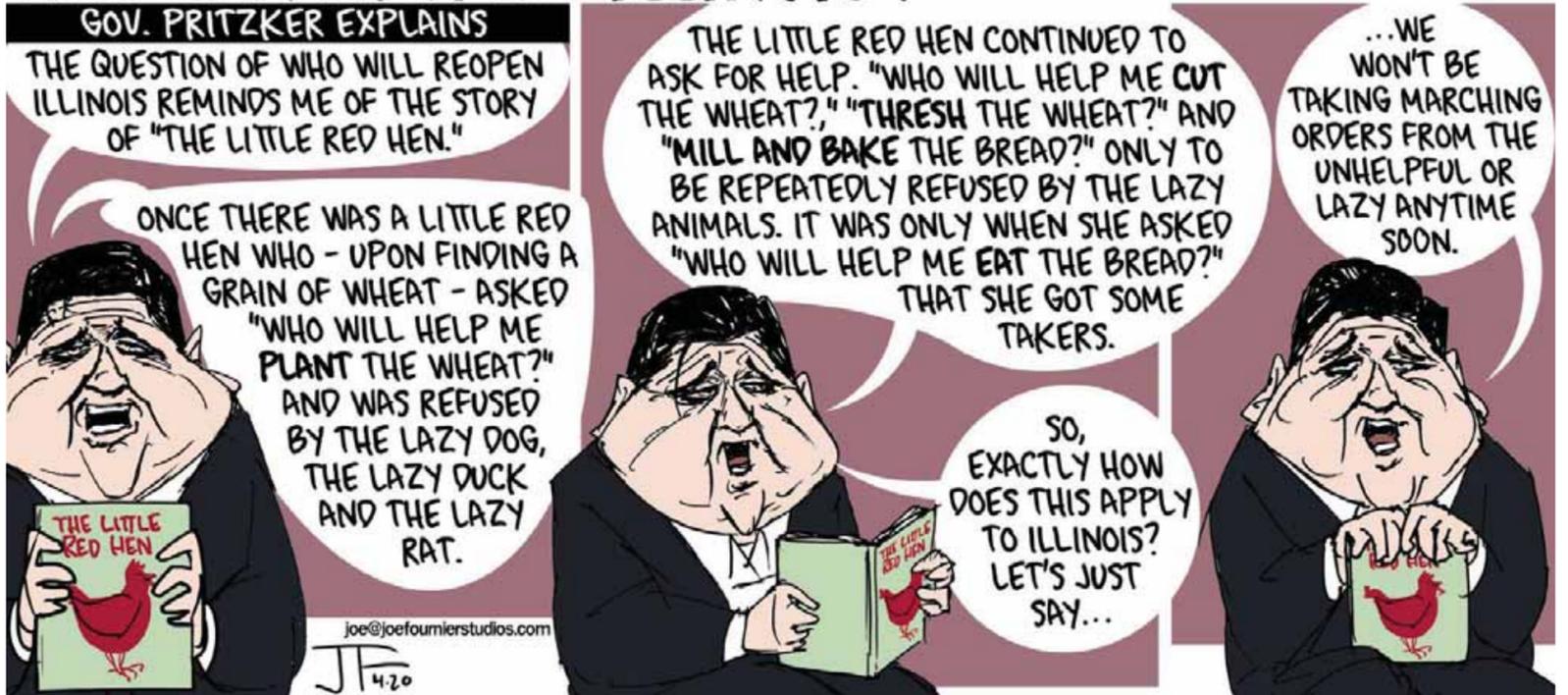
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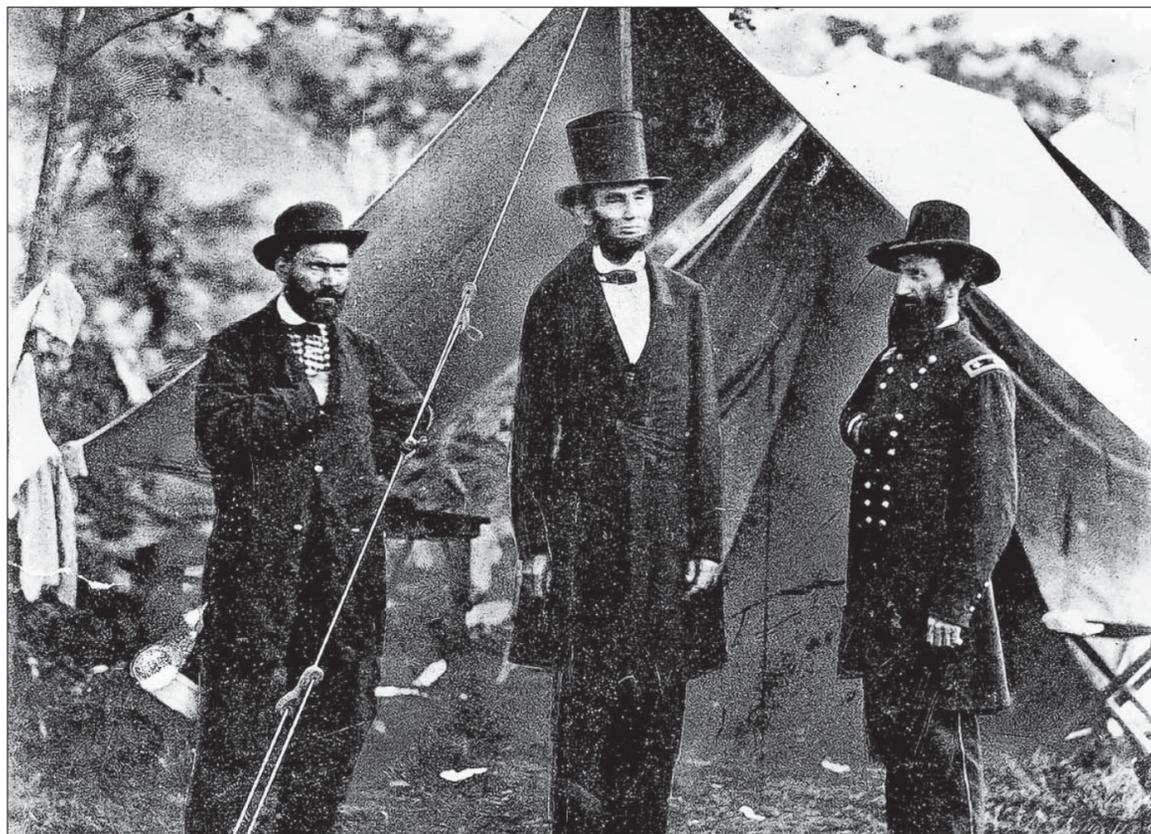
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## WHO CAN REOPEN ILLINOIS?

BY JOE "CAN' OR 'SHOULD'?" FOURNIER



# PERSPECTIVE



CHICAGO HISTORY MUSEUM

President Abraham Lincoln visited with Maj. Allan Pinkerton and Maj. Gen. John A. McClernand on Oct. 2, 1862, in Antietam, Maryland.

## What would Abe Lincoln do? How the 16th president led through adversity

BY SAMUEL WHEELER

Abraham Lincoln was no stranger to the deadly toll of disease. Cholera, consumption and typhoid claimed the lives of many Americans, including his friends and family members. Still, as president he never faced the kind of pandemic now spreading across the world.

In early 1861, however, Americans faced a crisis of a different sort. It ushered in an era of unprecedented uncertainty and foreboding that threatened the lives of millions, as well as the very existence of the nation.

Seven southern states seceded from the Union following the election of 1860. Many white southerners feared that President-elect Lincoln and the new Republican Party would attack slavery and, in the process, radically alter their way of life. In response, they formed a new nation, elected a president of their own and vowed to resist any attempt by the federal government to coerce them back into the Union.

The next four years were terrible for nearly every community, both North and South. Before it was over, the war claimed approximately 2% of the American population; should a catastrophe on such a scale befall America today, it would claim some 7 million of us.

For the last century and a half, whenever Americans have confronted moments of vast uncertainty, they have turned to Lincoln and the example he set during the Civil War. Today's leaders might find that tradition useful. By doing so, they could see that Lincoln always pushed on despite hardships, he listened to new ideas and embraced new technology, and he had the ability to clearly state the nation's peril without suggesting the situation was hopeless.

Lincoln was a person of tremendous resilience. His early life was filled with hardship and loss, but instead of giving up or becoming embittered by the many

challenges thrown his way, he always pushed forward. His path to the presidency was not an easy one, but the many adversities he was forced to endure prepared him to lead the nation through the tragedy of civil war. He lost scores of personal friends during the conflict, as well as his son Willie, but even in his grief he remained resolute.

Our present crisis is filled with heartbreaks and setbacks, but cultivating a Lincoln-like resilience will allow us to mourn our losses while still moving forward to confront new challenges.

Another useful characteristic proved to be Lincoln's enduring interest in innovation and technology. More than a decade before being elected president, Lincoln received a patent for his invention that lifted riverboats over shoals and other obstructions. Around the same time, Lincoln began using the telegraph, and as president he used the invention to follow the war and communicate with his generals on the front lines.

He also hoped new technology could bring an end to the conflict. He often met with inventors and encouraged their efforts. He even test-fired newly developed weapons on the White House lawn and made recommendations for their implementation on the battlefield.

Lincoln's habit of questioning tried-and-true methods throughout the war proved essential to his success. When his generals failed to achieve victories using traditional tactics, Lincoln borrowed books on military strategy from the Library of Congress and challenged them to adapt to changing realities.

"The dogmas of the quiet past are inadequate to the stormy present," Lincoln told Congress in late 1862, as he targeted the entrenched institution of slavery. "The occasion is piled high with difficulty, and we must rise with the occasion. As our case is new, so we must think anew and act anew. We must disenthrall ourselves, and

then we shall save our country," Lincoln advised.

In our current crisis, an innovative spirit from our state and national leaders, medical professionals on the front lines and scientists working behind the scenes to develop effective treatments and a vaccine will likely be critical to our success.

Perhaps Lincoln's greatest attribute during the war proved to be his ability to communicate. As president-elect, with secession threatening to derail his presidency, Lincoln could have blamed his predecessors for their failed leadership, but he did not use his platform to convey that message. Instead, he carefully articulated the challenges ahead and clearly defined why confronting and overcoming them was necessary.

To amplify his message, Lincoln sometimes wrote public letters that were printed in newspapers and composed some of the most eloquent, yet readable, speeches in American history. While his finely crafted Gettysburg Address and Second Inaugural are his most revered efforts, he rarely missed an opportunity to strengthen the nation's resolve and articulate what was at stake, which was no less than America's novel form of self-government, which Lincoln called "the last best hope of earth."

Today, we look to our leaders to emulate Lincoln's example during this time of great uncertainty. From the Great Depression and World War II to 9/11, the American people have proven we can handle hard truths. Armed with facts and buoyed by occasional reassurances, we have also demonstrated a remarkable ability to find solutions, even in the darkest of circumstances.

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### VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

#### Help for those with addictions

As a former heroin addict of Chicago, and someone who has worked in the addiction and mental health treatment industry over the past eight years, I felt compelled to take a page out of the book of Nelson Algren, bard of the outsider, and offer some of my experience, especially because people are dying of overdoses in the midst of this crisis we're in.

I was especially heartbroken recently after hearing about the loss of one of my patients, David. He came to the rehab I work at in California, desperate for help, and did really well there. I offered to help get him a job with my family's company in Bridgeview; however, shortly after returning to Chicago, David overdosed and died.

I've spent years in and out of Chicago's known drug neighborhoods, as well as its hospitals, jails, rehabs, psych wards, etc., and I know full well the struggles that addicts and their families face. But, as someone who has been sober for years and has helped others achieve and sustain sobriety, I also know that there's hope, and that people do recover.

I beg of people who are struggling with addiction to take steps toward harm reduction.

If you are an active opiate user, never use alone and always have naloxone. You can get some from your pharmacy without a prescription, from the Chicago Recovery Alliance, and other outreach programs, which also provide education.

Never mix alcohol, tranquilizers or other downers with your opiates. And don't shoot up if possible.

And if you suspect someone you know has an opioid problem, please get naloxone and educate yourself on how to identify and respond to an overdose.

There is help available! Please talk to your provider about potentially getting on a medication-assisted treatment, such as methadone or suboxone. Do research on rehabs. And if you don't have the means to do these things, go to a 12-step meeting online and meet people. It's free. You are not alone. Put out your hand and ask for help. There are many people out there who want nothing more than to be of service. And if you run into speed bumps along the way, keep trying. Where there's a will, there's a way.

— Charles J. March III, San Juan Capistrano, California

#### Outrage over release of ash

A story by Elvia Malagon reports on the demolition of the smokestack at the old Crawford coal plant now owned by Hilco Redevelopment Partners, a planned explosion that filled the air of Little Village on Saturday with a cloud of pollutants. Before the action, the mayor and alderman heard from Hilco and the Little Village Environmental Justice Organization. LVEJO expressed concern over the potential to fill the air with pollutants in the midst of a virus pandemic. Hilco said it would be fine. Whom did the politicians listen to? The big company, of course, and with hideous results.

What does it take people in power to learn to listen to community voices raising concerns, and to have some skepticism toward the blandishments of commercial enterprises whose sole aim is to make a profit? The city had the authority to stop the demolition from happening, to delay it, to do more research to make sure it wouldn't be harmful. The mayor's righteous anger now does not heal damaged lungs.

— Rebecca Wolfram, Chicago

## Capt. Crozier should be commended, not censured for his actions on the USS Roosevelt

BY D'JUAN WILCHER

One of the most challenging jobs in the United States Navy is command at sea. This single officer orchestrates often thousands of crew members to work in concert and complete complex daily missions while under crisis to protect America's national security.

Anyone in this position must possess exceptional leadership qualities, virtue and courage. As our nation faces unprecedented and frightening times, one would hope these traits would be lauded by our nation's leaders, but this honor was wrongly denied to Capt. Brett Crozier.

On April 1, Capt. Crozier was relieved of his duties for not following protocol when he penned a letter to senior military officials requesting permission to disembark his entire crew in Guam. Three officers on Crozier's ship, the USS Theodore Roosevelt, had tested positive for COVID-19 two weeks after a stop in Vietnam. President Donald Trump publicly criticized the letter.

Anyone who has served on a ship knows maintaining a 6-foot social distance is a physical impossibility. Predictably, the virus spread like wildfire. Soon, over 100 sailors tested positive and Crozier requested the crew be allowed to quarantine on land. It was reported Crozier's letter bypassed his chain of command and used an unclassified system to sound the alarm concerning the

well-being of his crew — which he knew was in urgent danger.

Abiding by protocol is part of our culture in the Navy. It is drilled into our heads and expected from us on day one. But the true test of exceptional leadership is knowing when and how to divert from protocol, when that trusted protocol all of a sudden puts your crew in danger.

The U.S. services oath of office provides officers the latitude to apply judgment to the orders that they are to execute. Young naval officers are trained to believe that we have license to draw attention to important issues. And it is our duty to ensure our nation is operating at maximum effectiveness for war or other service. No factor determines effectiveness more than the state of a commander's personnel.

The decision to fire Crozier was an overreaction, which could have dangerous consequences. To relieve Capt. Crozier of his duties for faithfully executing his oath of office, and to do so for a "loss of confidence," is inconsistent with our values, and could have a chilling effect on the trust sailors have in leadership, and conversely, breed risk-averse officers. Faithful execution of the oath of office and career promotion potential should not be mutually exclusive.

Days after his dismissal, Capt. Crozier tested positive for the coronavirus, nearly 600 other sailors contracted the virus and one of his crew members has died.

Great naval heroes such as Sen. John McCain, Adm. William "Bull" Halsey and Adm. Chester Nimitz all behaved similarly to Capt. Crozier during parts of their career. Should we have fired them too? Although the Navy does not publicly ascribe to a zero-defect mentality, our culture has evolved to be exactly that. The unfortunate example of Capt. Crozier should force the Navy to decide what type of leaders it wishes to breed.

I am professionally disappointed, and frankly, embarrassed by the decision to relieve Capt. Crozier for his selfless action. The decision seemed shortsighted and could negatively impact recruiting.

In the book "Command at Sea," Adm. James Stavridis wrote, "In each ship there is one man alone who in the hour of emergency or peril at sea can turn to no other man. There is one man alone who is ultimately responsible for the safe navigation, engineering performance, accurate gunfire and morale of his ship. He is the Commanding Officer; He is the ship." I was proud to see how Capt. Crozier's crew supported him as he crossed the brow for the last time.

Capt. Crozier gave a master class in what it means to be a servant leader.

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#### Coordinating contact tracing

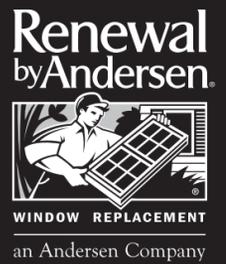
According to Dr. Anthony Fauci in an April 13 article ("Fauci: 'Rolling re-entry' of economy possible in May"), the economy in parts of the country could have a "rolling re-entry," provided "health authorities can quickly identify and isolate people" who still have the virus.

Quickly identifying and isolating people depends on the mass manufacture and rollout of testing for the virus itself and for virus immunity, as well as on massive contact tracing. Both are huge undertakings, for which the White House has unforgivably abdicated its responsibility. My fervent prayer is that as the COVID-19 curves bend down, governors organize and deputize a leading group of epidemiologists, public health experts, tech leaders and drug manufacturers to plan, coordinate and execute this testing, tracing and isolating of the coronavirus.

If we don't get this right, those curves bending down will be bending right back up in a month or two.

— Jeanne Follman, Wilmette

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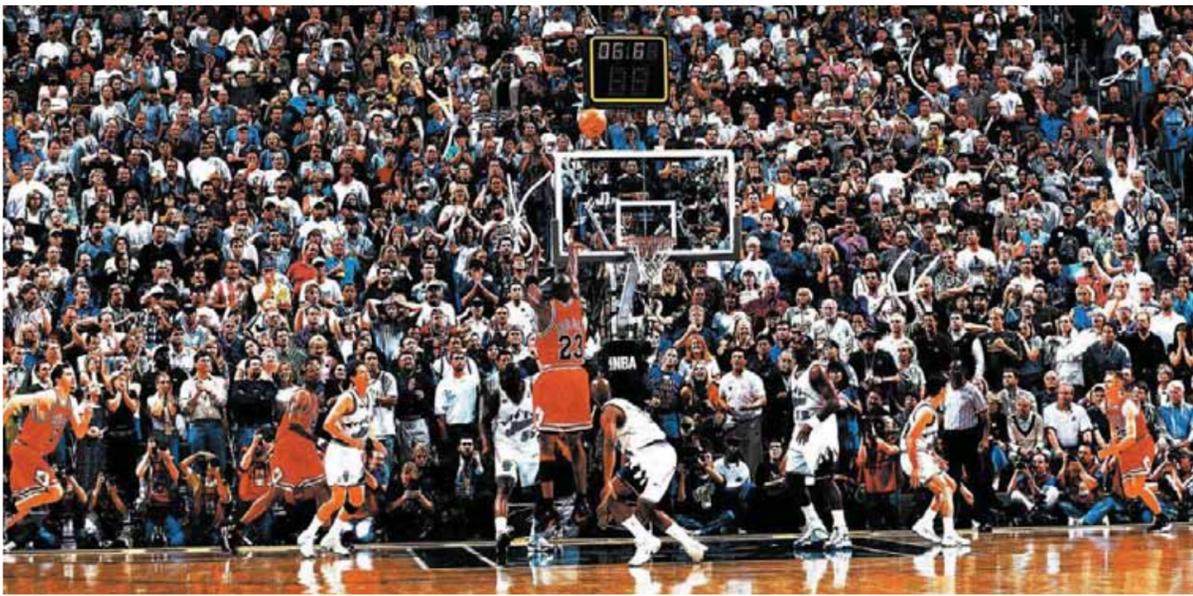
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**‘Last Dance’  
is just what  
sports fans  
are craving**

ESPN's 10-part documentary on the 1997-98 Bulls opens with the first two episodes on Sunday night. Tribune reporter Phil Rosenthal calls the series "both a perfect diversion and a tribute to shared sacrifice." Chicago Sports begins on **Page 7**

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**BUSINESS**

**Auto industry frets over possible price collapse**



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The pandemic has slowed left used-vehicle auctions across the U.S.

With sales plummeting, used vehicles starting to stack up at auction sites

**BY DAVID WELCH  
AND KEITH NAUGHTON**  
Bloomberg News via TNS

The auto industry — already fretting lengthy factory shut-downs and depressed new-vehicle demand — is sounding the alarm about a potential used-car price collapse that could have far-reaching consequences for manufacturers, lenders and rental companies.

Used-vehicle auctions are for now virtually paralyzed. The grave concern market watchers have is that vehicles already are starting to pile up at places where

buyers and sellers make and take bids on cars and trucks — and the imbalance will last for months.

If that fear is realized and prices plummet, it will be detrimental to automakers and their in-house lending units, which likely will have to write down the value of lease contracts that had assumed vehicles would retain greater value.

“Six months from now, there will be huge, if not unprecedented, levels of wholesale supply in the market,” Dale Pollak, an executive vice president of Cox Automotive, which owns North America’s largest auto-auction company, wrote in an open letter to auto dealers last week. “Cars are coming in, but they aren’t selling. Today’s huge supply of wholesale inventory suggests supplies will

be even larger in the months ahead.”

General Motors Co. and Ford Motor Co.’s finance units already are offering customers one-month lease extensions. This delays some of the influx of off-lease vehicles headed to auctions that are for now operating only virtually.

But these measures are unlikely to go nearly far enough to address the asymmetry between the supply of used vehicles and demand that is unlikely to rebound anytime soon given that almost 17 million Americans sought jobless benefits in just the last three weeks.

“There aren’t a lot of people in gloves and masks running out to

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**Online  
issues  
reported  
by banks**

Clients overwhelm account access in search of stimulus

**BY ABDEL JIMENEZ**

Several banks reported issues with online banking services as millions of Americans check their accounts for federal stimulus checks.

Banks said they are experiencing high volumes of clients using their websites, mobile phone applications and call centers. Customers trying to log in to their accounts with SunTrust Banks, BB&T, PNC Bank, TCF Bank and Fifth Third Bank all had trouble Wednesday morning.

The federal government is sending payments of up to \$1,200 per adult and \$500 per dependent child to certain taxpayers under the CARES Act, the \$2.2 trillion stimulus package Congress passed to aid the economy during the coronavirus pandemic. Americans who filed taxes in 2018 and 2019 could see checks dispersed this week through direct deposit or by mail, depending on how they filed their returns.

The U.S. Department of Treasury estimated about 80 million Americans would receive payments starting Wednesday.

Clients with Fifth Third Bank had difficulties logging in to their accounts as a large number of customers were trying to check for federal stimulus funds.

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BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Kurt Ebenhoch says passengers who don’t want to travel should wait as long as possible to cancel their flights in the hopes airlines will do it first.

**Navigating refund policies**

From hotline help to ‘the nuclear option,’ customers seeking to recoup money spent

**BY LORI RACKL**

As the new coronavirus continues to cripple the travel industry, consumers are clamoring to get their money back for the unused airline tickets, lodging, tours, car rentals and cruises booked before their plans were hijacked by a pandemic.

For some, recouping what they spent has been straightforward and simple, or they’re content to accept credits for future travel in lieu of cash.

Others have found that in a

world without sports, getting refunds is the new national pastime. They’ve spent countless hours on hold, ping-ponged between travel providers passing the buck and struggled to make sense of companies’ shape-shifting refund policies.

“Every stakeholder in travel is frustrated,” said Kurt Ebenhoch, executive director of Travel Fairness Now, a consumer advocacy group based in suburban Lake Villa. “There’s never been this kind of volume of refund activity. It’s a confusing, difficult time for

consumers, especially when the rules aren’t being adhered to.”

There’s no one-size-fits-all solution for getting cash back on travel plans derailed by the health crisis. Some people, try as they might, will simply be out of luck depending on the fine print of their contracts, among other variables. But for many consumers, there are ways to bolster the chances of a refund. Here are some tips and advice on how to do that.

**A hotline  
and other help**

One of the biggest battles for cash has been the fight between

airlines and passengers over canceled and delayed flights.

When an airline nixes a flight or makes a significant schedule change, the U.S. Department of Transportation says consumers are entitled to their money back, even on cheaper, nonrefundable tickets.

“During the coronavirus, the airlines started ignoring this rule,” said FlyersRights.org President Paul Hudson, a member of the Federal Aviation Administration’s rulemaking advisory committee.

Multiple carriers changed their policies during the pan-

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**Best Buy to furlough 51,000 employees amid sales slump**

Nearly all part-time workers will be affected

**BY LAUREN ZUMBACH**

Best Buy will furlough about 51,000 store employees in the U.S. on Sunday, adding to the thousands of retail workers thrown out of work when efforts to contain the coronavirus pandemic forced many companies to close stores.

Most Best Buy stores have

remained open as essential businesses since they sell items families working from home or teaching kids may need. Still, stores have switched to a curbside-only model, with no customers allowed inside, and the company stopped doing deliveries and repairs.

Nearly all part-time employees will be furloughed, while about 82% of full-time workers will remain on the payroll, Best Buy said Wednesday. Furloughed workers will receive health ben-

efits for at least three months.

Some corporate employees also have taken voluntary furloughs or pay reductions, and CEO Corie Barry will give up 50% of her base salary through at least Sept. 1. Executives reporting to the CEO will also take 20% pay cuts, the company said.

U.S. retail sales plunged 8.7% in March as the COVID-19 pandemic forced many stores to close and consumers, many under “stay-at-home” orders, hunkered down at

home.

The deterioration of sales far outpaced the previous record decline of 3.9% that took place during the depths of the Great Recession in November 2008.

Best Buy said it has held on to about 70% of its sales, compared with last year, but has started taking in less merchandise to meet the reduced demand and is focusing on essential items.

Barry said the company is taking steps to resume in-home

services “in the near future,” while preparing to reopen stores when safe to do so. The timing will likely vary across the country.

“In the meantime, as you would expect, we are focused on making the difficult decisions necessary to ensure that at the end of this crisis Best Buy remains a strong, vibrant company,” Barry said in a news release.

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# Refund

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demically to make refunds more restrictive and leave people with seemingly little choice other than to accept a voucher for future travel. The nonprofit group has a hotline, 877-FLYERS6, to help people navigate these sticky situations.

The air travel assistance company Cranky Concierge recently launched a new offering called Refund Hunter to help airline customers figure out their options for postponing or getting a refund on a particular flight. Once the customer decides what to do, the company tells them how to handle that request with their airline or travel agent.

The service costs \$30 per reservation, no matter how many flights or passengers. It's been in high demand, said company President Brett Snyder.

"Airline policies are changing all the time, and it's really hard for the layperson to keep up," Snyder said. "We help them cut through the clutter."

Consumer advocates recommend filing complaints online with the U.S. Department of Transportation to pressure the agency to hold airlines accountable for refunds.

For refund gripes not related to airlines, consumers can file online complaints with the Illinois Attorney General's Office.

"We are looking into travel complaints and attempt-

ing to mediate where appropriate," spokeswoman Annie Thompson said in an email. "Of the more than 1,200 complaints we have received that are related to COVID-19, a handful pertain to travel."

Under DOT rules, customers with nonrefundable tickets who choose not to travel during the pandemic aren't eligible for cash refunds. This ranks a lot of people who feel they're being penalized for following health orders to avoid nonessential travel to stop the spread of COVID-19.

"There is some legal argument to be made that travel restrictions and government orders are defenses against the airline not giving your money back," said Hudson, a lawyer. "But that could potentially require litigation."

## 'The nuclear option'

The fight over coronavirus-related airline refunds has already moved into the courtroom.

"It's the nuclear option, and I think we're there," said William McGee, who works in the advocacy division of Consumer Reports. The nonprofit group's website started soliciting people's airline refund stories last week and already has more than 1,800 entries. "Consumer anger is at an all-time high."

Proposed class action lawsuits over denied refunds have been filed in federal court against several airlines, including United,

Southwest and Spirit.

Chicago attorney William Sweetnam predicts it is just the beginning.

"You'll see a lot more cases," said Sweetnam, who recently filed one in Chicago against low-cost carrier Volaris. The lawsuit alleges the Mexico-based airline refused his client, Gold Coast resident Samantha Levey, a full refund for her flight the airline canceled in March.

"I've tried so many times to get a hold of them," Levey said about Volaris. "They were hanging up on calls as soon as you were placed on hold. I sent an email and tried reaching out on social. I just want my money back. There are a lot of people in my situation. I don't think it's right."

She paid \$636.57 for a round-trip ticket to Guanaquato, Mexico.

"We're asking that money be returned to not only Samantha but also to (refund) other class members," Sweetnam said. "I imagine you're talking about several thousand, if not tens of thousands, of affected consumers."

Volaris said the airline hasn't been notified of the lawsuit.

## Timing is everything

A key lesson: Passengers wanting cash back shouldn't be in a rush to cancel their flights.

"Wait and let the airline cancel first," said Ebenhoch of Travel Fairness Now. "That puts you in a much

better position for a refund."

The home-sharing and rental site Airbnb initially offered full refunds on reservations with check-in dates between March 14 and April 14. It later extended the window for COVID-19-related refunds to May 31. The refund offer isn't retroactive, so guests with trips in late April or May who canceled before Airbnb extended the deadline aren't covered by the updated policy.

One of Airbnb's competitors, Vrbo, has taken a lot of heat over the way it's handled refunds during the coronavirus crisis. The company has essentially left it up to guests and hosts to hash it out. That meant Aurora resident Drew Nicholson was on the hook for about \$2,500 for a couple of homes he rented in Brownsburg, Indiana, to house 36 people in late March, when both states were under stay-at-home orders. Nicholson wants his money back but the host refuses, offering a credit instead.

Nicholson is disputing the charge with his credit card, a route many consumers are taking in the wake of coronavirus cancellations.

Credit card disputes are by no means a slam dunk, but they're worth a shot, said TedCQ Rossman, CQ industry analyst at CreditCards.com.

## Dealing with the middleman

Vacation packages, flights and hotels booked

through Expedia, Orbitz and other online travel agencies have added an extra layer of hassle for many refund seekers, particularly with airline tickets.

So where should customers go to get back their money: the online travel agency or the airline?

United spokeswoman Leslie Scott said that if a vacation package was bought through an agency where airfare was bundled with a hotel stay, for example, the agency should handle the request because the airline doesn't know how much the ticket cost. But if it's just an airline ticket purchased through an agency, the customer can work with either party.

"A simple way to tell would be to go to their credit card statement," Scott said in an email. "If the charge says 'Expedia' or some other OTA (online travel agency), they must go back to the OTA for processing. If the charge says 'United Airlines,' they can go to the OTA or to our website."

Customers flying with low-cost carriers need to make their requests directly with the airlines.

For an April trip to Hawaii, Darris Lee Harris used Chicago-based Orbitz to reserve some of his flights — one on American Airlines and one on United. When the pandemic prompted airlines to slash service, Harris' flights were canceled.

Orbitz emailed the Rogers Park photographer saying there was no need to call, he'd been issued flight

credits. But Harris did call, several times, because he didn't want credits. He wanted a refund. Because his now-canceled flights were more than 72 hours away, he kept getting disconnected after entering his reservation number.

Harris eventually got through to an Orbitz agent who continued to push a credit for the United flight.

"I know people want to rage on them, but I just stayed nice and explained that I'm not working right now and these refunds are like relief checks for me," said Harris, who was on the phone with Orbitz for nearly three hours. "I quoted some language from the DOT guidelines about being owed a refund and I think that might have tipped the scale. He put me on hold again and came back and said United is offering the refund."

Orbitz spokeswoman Mel Dohmen said companies like Orbitz, which is owned by Expedia Group, generally follow the refund and cancellation policies of their travel partners — in this case, the airlines.

She added that many international carriers have blocked online travel agencies from processing refunds in an automated way, "which adds complexity for our agents and clearly presents a blocker to providing the level of service we would like to help our customers in a timely fashion."

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# Auto

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buy cars," said Maryann Keller, a former Wall Street analyst who's now an auto-industry consultant in Stamford, Connecticut. "Auctions are mostly shut down and they're filled with cars that have no buyers."

Used-car sales fell 64% in the last week of March, according to Manheim. The Cox Automotive-owned auction company estimates that prices have fallen about 10% in recent weeks, though that figure

is based on unusually low volume at auctions.

If that level of decline lasts or worsens, it could have huge implications for GM, whose General Motors Financial unit had \$30.4 billion worth of vehicles leased to customers at the end of last year. If GM Financial needs to boost its estimate of how much those vehicles are going to depreciate in value, each percentage point increase raises the firm's expenses by \$304 million, according to a regulatory filing.

GM assumed a 4% decline in residual values this year.

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"The online mobile banking platforms were not available this morning for a short period of time due to high volumes of people trying to access their accounts. Users were experiencing temporary log in issues," Fifth Third spokesman Larry Magnesen said.

Magnesen said some users had been able to regain access to their accounts but the company was still working to restore full service as of Wednesday afternoon.

Truist Financial, which

was formed after the merger of SunTrust and BB&T in 2019, said it experienced high traffic on its online banking platforms that prevented some customers from accessing their accounts Wednesday morning.

"Some of the issues have already been resolved, and we're working as quickly as possible to restore all services," Kyle Terrance, a Truist spokesman, said in an emailed statement.

PNC reported similar issues.

"PNC customers have experienced intermittent mobile and care center access today. This is the result of an unprecedented volume

of customers using these channels to check their accounts for Economic Impact Payments and other forms of financial hardship relief. Our technical teams are engaged and we appreciate our customers' patience as we work as quickly as we can to address the issue," Marcey Zwiebel, a spokesperson for PNC, said in an emailed statement.

TCF Bank had a short outage on its online banking platforms earlier this week, but the company said customers can start accessing their online accounts again.

"We were experiencing intermittent outages on our online banking platform

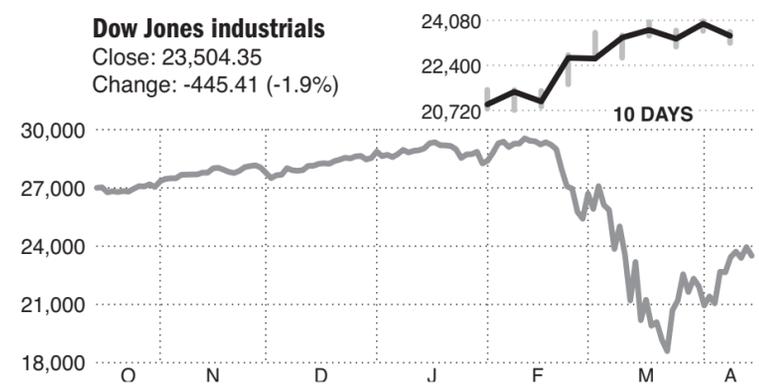
Monday and Tuesday along with extremely high login volumes. We made some adjustments to the platform and are currently serving our customers with no issues right now," Tom Wennerberg, a spokesman for TCF Bank, said in an emailed statement.

The IRS on Wednesday launched a free web application tool titled "Get My Payment" that allows individuals who filed tax returns but did not include their banking information to submit direct deposit information.

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## MARKET ROUNDUP

**Dow** High: 23,649.72 Low: 23,233.32 Previous: 23,949.76



**Nasdaq**  
-122.56 (-1.44%)

Close: 8,393.18  
High: 8,464.66  
Low: 8,308.79  
Previous: 8,515.74

**S&P 500**  
-62.70 (-2.20%)

Close: 2,783.36  
High: 2,801.88  
Low: 2,761.54  
Previous: 2,846.06

**Russell 2000**  
-53.35 (-4.31%)

Close: 1,183.98  
High: 1,221.71  
Low: 1,176.03  
Previous: 1,237.33

**10-yr T-note**  
-11 to .64%

**Gold futures**  
-29.50 to \$1,727.20

**Yen**  
+.28 to 107.46/\$1

**Euro**  
+.0048 to .9156/\$1

**Crude Oil**  
-.24 to \$19.87

## Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P
+30	+3.74	+1.21	+18.12	+20.08	+16.07	-11.14	+4.97	-4.04

FUTURES							
COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 20	546.50	548.75	529.75	540.25	-8.50
		Jul 20	548	550	531.50	540.50	-9.25
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 20	326	326.75	317.50	319.25	-6.75
		Jul 20	332.25	333	325	326.75	-5.50
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 20	847.50	852.50	838.75	842	-5
		Jul 20	856	862.50	848.75	851.75	-3.75
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	May 20	26.64	26.90	26.24	26.55	-19
		Jul 20	27.05	27.33	26.63	26.94	-22
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	May 20	287.90	294.80	287.90	292.20	+4.70
		Jul 20	293.40	298.00	293.30	296.60	+3.50
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	May 20	20.72	20.89	19.20	19.87	-24
		Jun 20	27.84	28.14	25.84	26.04	-1.36
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	May 20	1.639	1.666	1.586	1.598	-0.52
		Jun 20	1.819	1.831	1.738	1.748	-0.78
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	May 20	.7568	.7643	.6922	.7204	+0.004
		Jun 20	.8100	.8174	.7500	.7676	-0.120

Source: The Associated Press

## LOCAL STOCKS

Stocks listed may change due to daily fluctuations in market capitalization.

Exchange key: N=NYSE, O=NASDAQ

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	90.94	+1.80	Dover Corp	N	84.39	-3.78	LKQ Corporation	O	20.39	-1.05
AbbVie Inc	N	81.82	-.31	Envestnet Inc	N	53.84	-2.78	Littelfuse Inc	O	130.56	-6.16
Allstate Corp	N	97.94	-4.50	Equity Commonwealth	N	33.11	+0.04	McDonalds Corp	N	177.84	-6.15
Anixter Intl	N	89.01	-1.34	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	62.46	-1.77	Mondelez Intl	O	53.71	-.80
Aptargroup Inc	N	100.93	-3.09	Equity Residential	N	65.99	-2.93	Morningstar Inc	O	130.60	+2.36
Arch Dan Mid	N	35.49	-1.75	Exelon Corp	O	37.03	-2.04	Motorola Solutions	N	148.62	-4.17
Baxter Intl	N	86.89	-1.36	First Indl RT	N	34.66	-1.70	NiSource Inc	N	25.45	-1.17
Boeing Co	N	145.98	+4.98	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	43.33	-2.82	Nthn Trust Cp	O	78.89	-4.50
Brunswick Corp	N	35.52	-2.45	Gallagher AJ	N	83.65	-2.89	Old Republic	N	16.15	-.78
CBOE Global Markets	N	98.09	-2.42	Grainger WW	N	279.43	-8.20	Packaging Corp Am	N	85.55	-2.95
CDK Global Inc	O	34.20	-1.57	GrubHub Inc	N	40.35	-1.45	Payload Holdings	O	97.08	-2.90
CDW Corp	O	103.68	-3.07	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	111.41	-1.85	RLI Corp	N	82.00	-4.14
CF Industries	N	28.12	-1.93	Hyatt Hotels Corp	N	54.10	-.61	Stericycle Inc	O	47.47	-2.87
CME Group	O	184.98	-3.09	IAA Inc	N	32.76	+2.23	TransUnion	N	70.90	-1.44
CNA Financial	N	31.35	-2.08	IDEX Corp	N	145.40	-4.82	US Foods Holding	N	17.23	-.77
Cabot Microelect	O	111.60	-14.63	ITW	N	152.70	-3.36	Ultra Salon Cosmetics	O	201.52	-3.48
Caterpillar Inc	N	111.53	-4.95	Ingredion Inc	N	75.44	-6.11	United Airlines Hldg	O	31.86	+9.96
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	32.87	-.47	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	106.93	-2.87	Ventas Inc	N	30.52	-2.66
Deere Co	N	135.31	-2.82	Kemper Corp	N	67.73	-3.75	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	43.44	-2.94
Discover Fin Svcs	N	32.98	-2.55	Kraft Heinz Co	O	28.05	-.40	Zebra Tech	O	196.81	-10.07

## MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Gen Electric	6.50	-.43
Bank of America	22.19	-1.54
Delta Air Lines	24.35	-.19
Ford Motor	5.03	-.26
Carnival Corp	12.38	-.13
Energy Transfer LP	5.89	-.25
Occid Petl	13.61	-1.29
Penney JC Co Inc	.23	-.09
Marathon Oil	4.23	-.02
Wells Fargo & Co	28.44	-1.74
Boeing Co	145.98	+4.98
AT&T	30.09	-1.04
MFA Financial	1.67	-.16
Halliburton	6.95	-.68
Exxon Mobil Corp	40.48	-1.95
Citigroup	42.86	-2.56
Virgin Galactic Hldg	19.98	+9.95
Transocean Ltd	1.32	-.22
JPMorgan Chase	90.79	-4.71
Aurora Cannabis Inc	.71	-.04
Macy's Inc	5.73	-.47
Cleveland-Cliffs Inc	3.80	-.47
Tallgrass Engy LP	21.58	+1.98
Petrobras	6.32	-.36

## NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
American Airlines Gp	12.29	+3.35
TOP Ships Inc	.23	-.05
Adv Micro Dev	54.99	+0.06
Vislink Technol	.19	+0.02
United Airlines Hldg	31.86	+9.96
Microsoft Corp	171.88	-1.82
Apple Inc	284.43	-2.62
Taronis Technologies	.11	-.01
Liberty TripAdv A	2.55	+4.45
JetBlue Airways	9.19	-.05
Bed Bath & Beyond	4.44	-.93
Tesla Inc	729.83	+19.94
JD.com Inc	44.60	+7.74
Intel Corp	58.87	-1.79
Micron Tech	46.43	-1.19
Sabre Corp	6.24	+1.17
Sirius XM Hldgs Inc	5.30	-.12
Applied DNA Sci	5.76	+1.21
Oasis Petroleum	.28	-.03
Aytu BioScience Inc	1.55	-.02
Comcast Corp A	37.16	-1.36
Cyprus Semi	23.82	-.01
Zynga Inc	7.45	+2.23
Cisco Syst	41.52	-1.26

# Retailers suffer disastrous March as sales slide 8.7%

April 'may be one of the worst months ever,' expert says

By SAPNA MAHESHWARI  
AND BEN CASSELMAN  
The New York Times

Retail sales plunged in March, offering a grim snapshot of the coronavirus outbreak's effect on consumer spending, as businesses shuttered from coast to coast and wary shoppers restricted their spending.

Total sales, which include retail purchases in stores and online as well as money spent at bars and restaurants, fell 8.7% from the previous month, the Commerce Department said Wednesday.

The decline was by far the largest in the nearly three decades the government has tracked the data.

But those bleak figures don't capture the full impact of the sudden economic freeze on the retail industry.

Most states didn't shut down nonessential businesses until late March or early April, meaning data for the current month could be worse still.

"It was a pretty catastrophic drop-off in that back half of the month," said Sucharita

Kodali, a retail analyst at Forrester Research. She said April "may be one of the worst months ever."

Previously, the largest one-month drop in retail sales came in the fall of 2008, when the financial crisis led spending to plunge nearly 4% for two straight months. Sales ended up falling more than 12% before they began to recover.

The current crisis is on pace to surpass that collapse in a matter of weeks.

Grocery stores, pharmacies and other sellers of essential items saw a surge of demand as consumers stocked up.

But that didn't come close to offsetting the steep drop in sales in virtually every other category. Spending on cars and car parts fell by more than 25% in March.

Sales at gas stations, pushed down by low oil prices as well as reduced commuting, fell 17%. And sales at clothing stores fell by more than half.

Now the question is how quickly spending will bounce back when the economy reopens, and how many businesses will survive until then.

Economists often distinguish demand

that is deferred because of a crisis from demand that is destroyed. Retail probably has some of each. Someone who needs a new dishwasher might put off the purchase but will probably buy one eventually.

But an office worker who puts off her springtime wardrobe refresh might just skip a year, meaning those sales are lost.

"Pent-up demand is what drives recoveries, and the good news there is we will come out of this with some degree of pent-up demand," said Ellen Zentner, chief U.S. economist for Morgan Stanley.

She added, however, that there are "a lot of caveats."

People who lose jobs won't quickly resume spending when businesses reopen.

And people willing to spend might be reluctant to congregate in malls, restaurants and other businesses that rely on face-to-face contact.

Even when demand does rebound, it might come too late for some retailers, many of which were struggling even before the pandemic because of changes in mall traffic and a long-term shift to online sales.

# Stocks sink after grim data on hit from virus

By STAN CHOE, ALEX VEIGA  
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Associated Press

NEW YORK — Selling swept Wall Street on Wednesday after a dismal lineup of reports made clear how historic the coronavirus crunch has been for the economy.

Markets are already bracing for what's forecast to be the worst downturn since the Great Depression, but Wednesday's data was even more dispiriting than expected, including a record drop for U.S. retail sales.

Adding to the gloom: More banks made moves in anticipation that households and companies will be forced to default on billions of dollars of debt as businesses remain shut and millions of workers lose their jobs.

Stocks around the world fell, reversing Tuesday's up trend, as markets continue to cycle between fear and budding optimism about how long and deep the recession will be.

The S&P 500 lost 62.70 points, or 2.2%, to 2,783.36. The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 445.41 points, or 1.9%, to 23,504.35, and the Nasdaq was down 122.56, or 1.4%, at 8,393.18.

Stocks will likely remain volatile as long as investors are uncertain about how long the downturn caused by the outbreak will last, and that ultimately depends on when health experts can corral the virus.

Wednesday's economic lowlight was a report showing U.S. retail sales plummeted 8.7% last month. Industrial production across the country also dropped in March by the largest percentage since 1946, while an April survey of manufacturers in New York state fell to its lowest reading on record. A measure of confidence among home builders hit its lowest level since 2012.

Treasury yields sank after the release of the reports, a sign of concern about future growth in the economy. The yield on the 10-year Treasury fell to 0.63% from 0.75% late Tuesday.



JEFF ROBERSON/AP

Monica Mileur boxes items this month at Union Loafers restaurant in St. Louis. The restaurant is selling groceries to make up revenue.

# Restaurants turn into grocers

Downturn in pandemic forces businesses to shift into survival mode

By JIM SALTER  
Associated Press

O'FALLON, Mo. — Charlene Gulliford at the Gandy Dancer never figured there would come a day when the Michigan restaurant known for its steaks and seafood would sell toilet paper and cartons of eggs, but the coronavirus has restaurants in survival mode.

The popular restaurant in Ann Arbor now doubles as a grocery store, offering staples such as milk and bread in addition to meats and fish from its own pantry — and yes, even paper towels and the ever-elusive toilet paper. Sales began late last month and the Gandy Dancer has found an income source to make up for some of its lost dine-in business, while also filling a need since traditional grocers are struggling to keep up with demand.

"A lot of people are saying they're happy to support us, but a lot of people are saying, 'Thank you for helping us,'" said Gulliford, the restaurant's general manager.

The idea is catching on nationwide. Stay-at-home and social distancing orders

meant to slow the spread of COVID-19 have put restaurant dining on hold, forcing many to close and leaving others barely surviving. From large chains to mom-and-pop eateries, restaurants are increasingly turning to grocery sales.

Panera this week launched Panera Grocery, offering not only the St. Louis-based chain's popular breads, bagels and sweets but items such as milk, eggs and fresh produce that its 2,100 U.S. stores normally use to make meals. Grocery items can be delivered or picked up.

Subway is selling groceries at 250 stores in California, Connecticut, Oregon, Tennessee and Washington. Potbelly Sandwich Shop franchises launched Potbelly Pantry, offering mostly foods that the chain uses to make its sandwiches, such as meats, cheeses and breads.

Panera's vice president of wellness and food policy, Sara Burnett, said the decision to sell groceries is a reaction to "the unprecedented crisis our country's going through right now." She wouldn't disclose how much the pandemic has cost Panera, but said 30% of its business typically comes from in-restaurant dining.

The National Restaurant Association says the industry has lost 3 million jobs and \$25 billion in sales since March 1. Spokeswoman Vanessa Sink said 3% of restaurants have closed permanently and

11% expect to do so by the end of the month.

The move to grocery sales has been swift. Panera would typically spend months on a new business proposal, doing research, conducting surveys and opening test markets. Not this time. Panera Grocery went from an idea to launch in two weeks, Burnett said.

Grocery items sold by restaurants vary. Some offer mostly the types of things already in their pantries, such as meats, vegetables, fruit, cheese, milk and eggs. Others, like the Gandy Dancer, offer a much broader selection.

Union Loafers in St. Louis is opting for quality, even if it means a higher price. The restaurant began selling locally produced goods such as eggs, milk, jams and meats on March 31. Co-owner Sean Netzer said patrons don't mind the higher price — most items are selling out daily.

Chain restaurants, which buy in extraordinary bulk, can afford to sell at a lower cost. Subway and Panera Grocery prices are comparable to grocery store prices, the companies said.

Many of the restaurants-turned-grocery stores are offering "contact-free" service in which the customer place orders by phone or online and the goods are delivered straight to the trunk or back seat of the car.

## BUSINESS BRIEFING

### Shutdowns near post-WWII levels

WASHINGTON — American industry collapsed in March as the pandemic wreaked havoc on the U.S. economy. Manufacturing and overall industrial production posted the biggest declines since the United States demobilized after World War II.

The Federal Reserve reported Wednesday that manufacturing output dropped 6.3% last month, led by plunging production at auto factories that have entirely shut down. Overall, industrial production, which includes factories, utilities and mines, plummeted 5.4%. The declines were the biggest since 1946 and far worse than what economists had expected.

Production of autos and auto parts went into free fall, dropping 28%.

### Banks brace for big loan defaults

NEW YORK — The major banks in the U.S. are anticipating a flood of loan defaults as households and business customers take a big financial hit from the coronavirus pandemic.

JPMorgan Chase, Wells Fargo, Bank of America, Citigroup and Goldman Sachs raised the funds set aside for bad loans by nearly \$20 billion combined in the first quarter, earnings reports released over the past two days show. And Wall Street expects that figure may go even higher next quarter.

Bank of America and Citigroup said Wednesday that their profits sank more than 40% in the first quarter as both set aside billions for potentially bad loans. A day earlier, JPMorgan Chase and Wells Fargo reported even steeper drops in profit.

# Old-school look, new-school feel for iPhone

By BRIAN X. CHEN  
The New York Times

SAN FRANCISCO — In some ways, there couldn't be a worse time than a pandemic to introduce a new gadget. But Apple unveiled its latest iPhone on Wednesday anyway, seizing on a time when many of us are sheltering indoors and glued to our devices.

The new iPhone SE arrives with a lower price. At \$399, it costs about 40% less than the regular \$699 iPhone. The device has the design of an older generation of iPhones, with the same computing power as newer ones. That means the SE looks like an iPhone from 2014, with a smaller screen and a home button instead of a face scanner, but is as fast as the fancier iPhone

11 from 2019.

Apple, which relies on factories in China to produce its smartphones, warned in February that production would be hampered because the factories were only slowly reopening after business was largely shut down because of the coronavirus outbreak there.

The tech giant said its sales would also be hurt by slowing consumer demand and closures of its retail stores.

At the same time, iPhones and other computing devices — such as iPads and Mac laptops — have become essential tools to many people who are working or learning from their homes under shelter-in-place orders. That may stoke interest in a new and less expensive iPhone.

Apple was the world's No. 1 phone

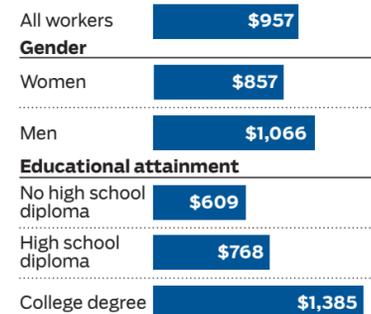
maker in the fourth quarter of 2019 by shipments, according to the research firm IDC. Its iPhones sold particularly well in developed regions like the United States. A lower-priced smartphone gives the company an opportunity to compete in developing markets like India, where people have gravitated toward cheaper phones.

The new iPhone will become available April 24, Apple said.

Apple has said it plans to use its iPhones to help halt the spread of the coronavirus. Last week, it announced that it had teamed with Google to build software into smartphones that would tell people if they were recently in contact with someone who was infected with the illness, a move that facilitates a method of tracking the virus known as "contact tracing."

## Weekly earnings

Median weekly earnings of full-time wage and salary workers, first quarter of 2020, not seasonally adjusted



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.

## JIM WOLF SR., 72

From South Holland, died April 6.

Jim Wolf Jr. drove around Chicago, Blue Island and South Holland with his two sons and wife the day after his father died.

Among their stops, they visited a bowling alley where Jim Wolf Sr. had bowled a 299, a church parish where he played Simon the Zealot in an annual "living Last Supper" play and the White Sox stadium where he enjoyed taking in summer games with his family.

"It was a really great day," Wolf Jr. said. "A lot of laughter."

Wolf Sr., known as "Big Wolf" to the basketball players he coached and "Papa Wolf" by almost everyone else, died April 6 from complications due to coronavirus. He was 72.

After a stint in the Army, discharged in 1971, he married and had four sons.

He worked in the family business all his adult life as a union sheet metal journeyman at John J. Rickhoff Sheet Metal Co. in Harvey. He also served as a longtime assistant basketball coach at St. Francis de Sales after coaching at St. Jude for about 10 years.

"He was all about fundamentals," St. Francis de Sales head basketball coach Kevin Wolfe said. "He would break down stuff at practice, chart stuff from games and break it down on the board for kids too. He was perfect for the game. He was always four or five steps ahead. In the huddle, the info he had was so good. And after games we would have pop and pizza and just talk about things."

The unusual gym at St. Francis runs east and west with the benches a step up from the court running north and south, making it seem like the players compete in a pit.

"Jim was always behind the bench in a director's chair taking stats and charting," Wolfe said. "You would hear this loud voice out of nowhere, 'Put in so-and-so, so-and-so needs some time.' If the starters weren't playing well, he'd say give the other kids a shot, maybe it will light a fire under the starters' rear end."

Wolf Sr. reveled in doing the "little things" for friends and family.

Before he became ill, he delivered groceries for senior citizen friends.

With little notice, he would drive as far as North Carolina to babysit his grandchildren. He once went to Pennsylvania to watch a former basketball player compete at a small aviation school. "The kid told him, 'Nobody has ever come watch me before,'" Jim Wolf Jr. recalled his dad telling him.

Handy with tools, he built shelves and designed so many closets that the sales staff at the Container Store knew him by name. He noticed creaky steps to a friends' pool and rebuilt their stairs.

"He never charged," Wolf Jr. said. "That's how he would get to know people better."

He once even built a three-wheel motorcycle from metal scrap and an old Volkswagen engine in the late 1970s, giving kids rides on it at his children's birthday parties.

Wolf Sr. doted on his seven grandchildren, keeping their heights recorded on a cabinet wall at his home.

On March 26, family took Wolf Sr. to the hospital after a few days of symptoms, including an increasing fever. A few hours later he was on a respirator.

He occasionally showed signs of improvement, but he remained in intensive care. Wolf Jr. said he last talked to his dad after he checked into the hospital.

"I told him we loved him and were praying for him and he'd be OK," he said. "The last thing he said was, 'I love you.'"

Wolf Sr. "was a list-maker," his son said. He left his family with a detailed chart of wishes for his wake and funeral.

The family plans to cremate and hold a memorial service at a later date.

A "car guy" who preferred Ford, Wolf Sr. requested no General Motors vehicles be part of transporting his body. He also asked for homemade chocolate chip cookies "made with love."

"He said I don't want anyone to be given a hard time if they take too many cookies," Wolf Jr. said, a nod to how the family would rib him for often grabbing an extra cookie at gatherings.

"He made us laugh," Wolf Jr. said.

— Shannon Ryan

## NORMA HOZA, 101

From Wilmette, died April 2.



HOZA FAMILY

In 1918, Lina Bratschi of Chicago was pregnant and suffering from the Spanish flu. But the Swiss immigrant survived, and in February 1919 delivered a healthy baby girl she named Norma.

More than a century later, longtime Wilmette resident Norma Bratschi Hoza died of complications from COVID-19 on April 2. She was 101. According to available public records, at the time of her death Norma Hoza was the oldest recorded COVID-19 death in Cook County.

Norma Bratschi Hoza was born Feb. 16, 1919, to Walter and Lina Bratschi, who settled in Chicago before moving their young family to Winnetka in 1924. It was in the north suburbs that Walter Bratschi found jobs as a plumber. The couple bought a home in Wilmette, where they

juggled their work at the family plumbing business with raising three sons, and volunteering with the Boy Scouts and the Lions Club. When a couple from the neighborhood died in close succession, leaving behind three young boys, Norma Hoza stepped in immediately, Carrie Hoza said.

"My grandmother just decided, 'We're taking these boys in,'" Carrie Hoza said. "Harvey was 18, Marty was 13 and Vic was 11. And they already had my dad and two uncles, so after they folded the three other kids into the family, they now were raising six boys. From the stories I've heard, it sounds like the Hoza home was the place to be."

Norma Hoza would go on to host homecoming celebrations for three Army veterans — two of her sons, Phil Hoza III and Jeff Hoza, who served in Vietnam in the late 1960s and early 1970s, and granddaughter Carrie Hoza, who served in Iraq in 2004.

In 1979, with their family grown, Norma and Phil Hoza found "a slice of heaven" when they bought a cabin on Wheeler Lake in Lakewood, Wisconsin, which soon became known to family and friends as "Loon-E-Lodge," said Carrie Hoza, recalling that her grandparents loved to entertain and threw "lovely parties where everyone felt welcomed."

Phil Hoza died in 2004, and in 2007, Norma Hoza moved from the family's Wilmette home to Mather Place, a senior living residence, and continued to work at Bratschi Plumbing until 2009, when she retired at the age of 90.

Carrie Hoza said the family had celebrated Norma's 101st birthday in February, and the matriarch had enjoyed her celebration and was mentally "sharp as a tack." But after being diagnosed with the coronavirus last month, after just a few days the family knew the end was near.

With family and friends prohibited from entering Norma Hoza's hospital room, Carrie Hoza said Norma's loved ones attempted to say goodbye with a virtual visit.

"We tried to have a Zoom family meeting, but we had trouble with the technology, so it didn't turn out well," Carrie Hoza said. "But the nursing staff at Evanston Hospital was beyond amazing. They took such good care of her, holding up the phone so she could hear us, and reading her our letters and prayers. None of us could be there when she died, so my grandmother's nurse, Alejandra, was like a guardian angel to all of us."

Norma Hoza is survived by her brother Raymond Bratschi; sons Phil Hoza III, Jeff Hoza and Alan Hoza; sons Harvey and Martin Youngberg; 10 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

With social distancing rules prohibiting large gatherings, Carrie Hoza said her grandmother's family and friends hope to have a celebration of Norma Hoza's life at a future date, followed by interment at Memorial Park Cemetery in Skokie.

— Karen Cullotta

## JAMES QUIGLEY, 77

Died March 27.

James Quigley was a proud Irishman with a slew of stories to tell.

He liked spending time with people, especially his large family boasting more than a dozen grandchildren and even a few great-grandchildren, and making them all laugh.

"He could be a lot of fun when he wanted to be," joked his wife of 56 years, Janice Quigley.

James Quigley died March 27 from pneumonia due to the coronavirus. He was 77.

Quigley was born in Chicago on Christmas Eve 1942. His father was a CTA bus driver, Quigley's family said, and at 16 he became the first one in his family to get a car.

"He was a little bit of the rebel of the family," his daughter Mary Aitchison said.

Quigley graduated from the Chicago Vocational High School and worked as a semitruck driver in the city, often clocking overtime but always carving out hours for those most important to him — his family.

The Quigleys raised their six children on the Southeast Side, but one son died eight years ago in a construction accident. The death spurred her husband to become more family oriented, Janice Quigley said. She was proud of how he moved forward.

"As he got older, he came out of his shell," she said.

Quigley gave many years to the Annunciata Athletics Association, and was a member of the Teamsters union and the Samurai Slidders of Chicago. He fished with his grandkids and celebrated with them. At Elmwood Funeral Chapel, Quigley comforted people as a wake attendant.

Quigley loved John Wayne movies. "A Quiet Man," about a boxer who flees to Ireland after a deadly match, was his favorite. Janice Quigley said they "had to watch that all the time."

The two met after Janice followed James to a bowling alley, sparking what would lead to almost 60 years of marriage.

"I was attracted to him right away," Janice Quigley said. "He was Mr. Neatnik and I was Mrs. Mess."

When asked what made her husband laugh, Janice Quigley said, "Oh, I did. Always yelling at him."

Even when Quigley was in the hospital, his wife called with a loving threat to get better that completely cracked him up.

The family doesn't know how James Quigley was infected with the coronavirus. He and his wife both came down with the infection, but James had complications like emphysema, his wife said.

One day, he couldn't breathe and Janice Quigley called an ambulance. Her husband was taken to Advocate Trinity

Hospital. She waited out the coming days alone in quarantine.

"Which is the worst thing of this disease," she said. "The separation and no closure. I wouldn't wish that on anybody."

Aitchison and one of her brothers were able to see their father in his final days. The children called him and waved to him through glass. He asked how everyone was doing. He said he was worried about his wife.

"He blew me a kiss," Aitchison said. "He gave me a thumbs-up."

Quigley is survived by his brother and sister, his children, more than a dozen grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

— Morgan Greene

## LARRY HARRIS, 62

From Oak Park, April 1.



FAMILY PHOTO

Larry Harris was a free spirit who held a lot of jobs and gave himself so many nicknames it was hard to keep up, coining aliases like Cloudy, Cisco and his final one, Nozomi Mbugua Mfume.

"I don't know the genesis of that," said his friend, the Rev. Marshall Hatch of Chicago's New Mount Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church. "The funniest thing to me is he asked

to be called by these names he made up. People would say, 'Did you see what Nozomi wrote on Facebook?'"

The retired police officer, security guard, restaurant manager, movie extra, warehouse worker and bookstore clerk died April 1 of causes related to COVID-19, according to the Cook County medical examiner. He was 62.

Harris grew up on Chicago's West Side and attended Dunbar Vocational High School. He and Hatch met working in the kitchen at Michael Reese Hospital, washing dishes, scrubbing floors and pushing carts loaded with food trays. There they developed a friendship that lasted for decades.

"He was a selfless guy, one of the funniest guys I ever met, who had the kind of genuine personality that never changed over 45 years," Hatch said. "Guy was just a heck of a loyal friend."

The two were fraternity brothers at Western Illinois University, where Harris studied political science. Harris worked in many fields after graduation — "He had about a thousand jobs," said his sister, Gale Dean Harris — but his most notable position was as a police officer for the Chicago Housing Authority. He also had a brief cinematic career, appearing as a bartender in the 1987 comedy "Big Shots," his family said.

Outside of work, he enjoyed dancing, playing the guitar and becoming "a fairly celebrated Facebook political pundit and provocateur," Hatch said. He lived in Oak Park in recent years but always kept in touch with his large, Chicago-based family.

"I can see him coming in the door now for a plate," his sister said. "That's what I'm really going to miss."

Though a funeral service will have to wait, some members of the family have written poems in his remembrance. One, written by his sister Brenda Faye Harris, concludes like this:

"So now Larry, may you rest in peace. I'll think of you every day. Sleep on, Larry. Sleep, until I come your way."

Harris is also survived by his sons Kenan Lamont Harris and Germaine Darnell Harris; daughter Lisa Buckner; nephews Robert Perkins, Larry Brown and Tracy Brown; niece Tammy Forest and godsister Gracie Sloan. He had 12 grandchildren.

— John Keilman

## ELIZABETH COTA, 98

From Oak Lawn, died April 4.

"She was never sick. We would always joke with her that she was going to outlive us all," Elizabeth Cota's granddaughter said Wednesday. "She never took medications. Not a Tylenol. Not a vitamin."

Cota, 98, of southwest suburban Oak Lawn died April 4 at Advocate Christ Medical Center in Oak Lawn.

The Cook County medical examiner listed the primary cause of death as sepsis, a major illness caused by the body's response to an infection. A COVID-19 viral infection was among the contributing factors, according to the medical examiner.

Born in Chicago in 1921, Cota served in the Women's Army Corps (WAC) during World War II, her granddaughter said.

The U.S. Army unit allowed women to serve in noncombat positions. Cota and her husband, Michael, lived for many years in Princeton, Illinois, about 100 miles southwest of Chicago, but moved to Oak Lawn when her husband became ill, her granddaughter said.

Her husband died in 2004.

"She continued on," her granddaughter said. "She would go and play bingo" at a nearby senior center. "She had a lot of friends."

Cota was hospitalized last week.

"It caught us very off-guard," her granddaughter said. "Because this is the first thing that's ever affected her."

— Blair Kamin

## WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

**ILLINOIS**  
April 15  
Powerball ..... 10 12 33 36 41 / 02  
Powerball jackpot: \$22M  
Lotto jackpot: \$8.75M  
Pick 3 midday ..... 548 / 6  
Pick 4 midday ..... 2280 / 2  
Lucky Day Lotto midday .....  
16 30 38 41 43  
Pick 3 evening ..... 571 / 3  
Pick 4 evening ..... 9425 / 3  
Lucky Day Lotto evening .....  
09 16 19 30 39

April 17 Mega Millions: \$159M

**WISCONSIN**  
April 15  
Megabucks ..... 01 07 09 19 25 30  
Pick 3 ..... 345  
Pick 4 ..... 7891  
Badger 5 ..... 02 10 12 27 28  
SuperCash ..... 01 09 20 27 33 36

**INDIANA**  
April 15  
Lotto ..... 09 14 20 24 30 36  
Daily 3 midday ..... 895 / 3  
Daily 4 midday ..... 5696 / 3  
Daily 3 evening ..... 859 / 9  
Daily 4 evening ..... 4525 / 9  
Cash 5 ..... 04 17 38 40 42

**MICHIGAN**  
April 15  
Lotto ..... 02 05 06 34 36 39  
Daily 3 midday ..... 509  
Daily 4 midday ..... 4413  
Daily 3 evening ..... 978  
Daily 4 evening ..... 2205  
Fantasy 5 ..... 04 15 18 29 36  
Keno ..... 01 03 06 07 10 14  
21 24 28 31 35 36 38 41  
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## Chicago Daily Tribune

### ON APRIL 16 ...

**In 1789**, President-elect George Washington left Mount Vernon, Va., for his inauguration in New York.

**In 1917**, Vladimir Ilyich Lenin returned to Russia after years in exile to assume leadership of the Bolshevik Revolution.

**In 1927**, Joseph Ratzinger, the longtime Roman Catholic cardinal and theologian who would become Pope Benedict XVI in 2005, was

born in Markt am Inn, Germany, a Bavarian town near the Austrian border.

**In 1945**, in his first speech to Congress, President Harry Truman pledged to carry out the war and peace policies of his late predecessor, President Franklin Roosevelt. **Also in 1945** during World War II, U.S. troops reached Nuremberg, Germany.

**In 1948**, WGN-TV broadcast its first big-league game, with Jack Brickhouse calling the White Sox's 4-1 win

against the Cubs at Wrigley Field.

**In 1962**, Walter Cronkite succeeded Douglas Edwards as anchorman of "The CBS Evening News."

**In 1972**, Apollo 16 blasted off on a voyage to the moon.

**In 1991**, President George H.W. Bush announced that U.S. forces would be sent into northern Iraq to assist Kurdish refugees.

**In 1992**, the House ethics

committee listed 303 current and former lawmakers who had overdrawn their House bank accounts.

**In 1999**, Wayne Gretzky announced his retirement from hockey.

**In 2003**, Michael Jordan played his final NBA game as a Washington Wizard.

**In 2012**, Chicago Tribune columnist Mary Schmich won the Pulitzer Prize for commentary; it was the paper's 26th Pulitzer.

# Chicago Tribune Death Notices

Chicago Tribune extends our condolences to the families and loved ones of those who have passed.

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## In Memoriam

### Jerry Serlin

(7/16/1940-4/16/2017)

Not a day goes by that I don't miss you. The day you died, I lost my best friend and the love of my life. You will always be a part of my heart and soul. I will always love you.

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## Death Notices

### Amati, Salvador

Salvador Amati, age 92. Proud Army Engineer Veteran of WWII and Korean War. Retired Chicago Firefighter Engineer for over 30 years. Beloved husband of Diane nee Gruber. Loving father of Alan (Jill) and Mark (Kim). Cherished grandfather of Brent (Meghan), Kyle, Lindsey and Nicholas. Caring brother of the late Carmella and the late Anthony (late Virginia). Fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Salvador was very active in many Veteran organizations. Memorials appreciated to Grace Lutheran Church River Forest. Arrangements entrusted to PETERSON-BASSI CHAPELS. Services are private. Please sign register book on funeral home website

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### Avram

See Paul A. Genova notice.

### Butterman, Lewis

Lewis Butterman, 91

Beloved husband of Phyllis Butterman nee Horton. Loving father of Mark (Susan Blake) Butterman and Dean (Melanie Shanks) Butterman. Proud grandfather of Blake, Sally, Tess and Cal. Dear brother of Inez Levy and Ted Butterman. Fond brother-in-law of Neil (Bronwen) Horton. Cherished companion of Roberta Busch. As kids he told us that he could lift the house, but only when we were sleeping. We never doubted him. We still don't. In order to keep everyone safe and healthy all services and shiva will be private. There will be a public memorial service at a later date. Memorials may be made to Mazon: A Jewish Response to Hunger, 10850 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 400, Los Angeles, CA 90024, [www.mazon.org](http://www.mazon.org). Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Buffalo Grove Chapel, 847.229.8822, [www.cjinfo.com](http://www.cjinfo.com)

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### Cohen, Ruth

Ruth Cohen, age 85. Devoted daughter of the late Benjamin and Sarah Cohen; loving sister of the late Celeste (Eugene) Shedroff (her twin) and the late Dorothy Jones; dear aunt of Barbara (Gregory) Johnston, Jennette "Jennie" (Charles) Winters, Sandie Locklear, Dodie Bertram and June (Robert) Maher and great-nieces and nephews Alan and Nathan Johnston, Blake, Trevor and Gabriella Winters, David Bertram and the late Dorie Locklear. Private graveside services are necessary, however family and friends who can't attend can view the funeral at Ruth's webpage on [www.mitzvahfunerals.com](http://www.mitzvahfunerals.com) Friday April 17 at 2PM live, or any-time after the funeral. Info **Mitzvah Memorial Funerals** 630-MITZVAH 630-648-9824

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### Cradick

See Paul A. Genova notice.

### Darin, Sam

Sam Darin, age 93-1/2, beloved husband and best friend of the late Lenore (nee Levinson), happily married for over 70 years; loving and devoted father of Mitchell (Lynn) Darin, Bruce (Suzi) Darin and Beth Cohen; treasured grandfather of Matthew (Nikki) Darin, Jessica (Isaac) Iglesias, Lindsey (Brian) Dextl, Seth (Kelly) Darin, and Abi (Dan) Sossaman; adored great grandfather of Alexa, Jack and Brody Darin, Hudson Dextl and Noah Darin; dear brother of the late Sally (Sid) Ankin and Harriet Darin. 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 the Chicago Botanic Garden or Congregation Beth Judea. For information or to leave condolences, **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**: 847-255-3520 or [www.shalom2.com](http://www.shalom2.com)

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### Fahey, Diane

Diane Fahey, nee Haig, age 76, passed away peacefully on April 14, 2020. Diane loved life...always a smile on her face and never a bad day. If you didn't know Diane, she was the most wonderful girl in the world! A beautiful angel to all on earth has now joined her angels in heaven. Beloved wife of Thomas L. Fahey; loving mother of Barbara (Patrick) McCarthy, Richard Parrillo, Jr., Michael (Tracey) Parrillo, and Beau Parrillo; dear stepmother of Lisa (Jack) Hlustik and Michelle (Charles) Annella; cherished grandmother of Patrick Jr., Hugh, and Morgan McCarthy, Richard Parrillo III, Olivia, Emmaleigh, Lilly, and Lucia Parrillo, Josephine Parrillo, Dominic and Chloe Hlustik, and Gianna and Nicole Annella; dearest sister of Carol (Larry) Banas, Judi Weigle, and Pattie (Bob) Baylati; fond sister-in-law of Irene and Susan Fahey.

With the current restrictions on public gatherings, all services will be immediate family only. The family looks forward to a future celebration of Diane's life. Please support the family by signing the online guestbook and tribute page at [www.sullivanfuneralhomehinsdale.com](http://www.sullivanfuneralhomehinsdale.com). In lieu of flowers, memorials to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org) are appreciated. Arrangements by **Sullivan Funeral Home Hinsdale**. 630-323-0275. [www.sullivanfuneralhomehinsdale.com](http://www.sullivanfuneralhomehinsdale.com)

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### Frolkis, Anita

Anita Frolkis, née Barr, 90, Lincolnshire, Illinois. Beloved wife of the late Sidney Frolkis, the late Ed Seidner, sister of the late Ruth and Sid, treasured mother of "her boys" Scott Seidner (Craig), Debbie Meyer (Marc), adored "Grammy" of Steph and Matt, wonderful and trusted friend to many. Anita was an avid reader and had a thirst for learning. Anita spent the last 10 years of her life at Sedgebrook where she participated in numerous activities. Her weekly Mahjong games and puzzle groups were not to be missed. Anita was very involved and respected in the Sedgebrook community. Much appreciation to her doctor; Kim Jenson, caregivers, especially Elvie and hospice nurses, Marg and Kathy who cared for her and treated her with respect through her final moments. Memorial contributions can be made to JNF, ASPCA, or V-Care Hospice Services. The family will be having a celebration of Anita's life and memorial dedication over the summer with details to follow. [Cremation-Society.com](http://Cremation-Society.com) (847) 577-6505

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### Gartenberg, Donna L.

Donna L. Gartenberg, nee Goodman, age 85. Beloved wife of Stanley J. Gartenberg. Loving mother of Robert L. Gartenberg (Bett Barnett) and Michael E. (Faye) Gartenberg. Proud grandmother of Jennifer Gartenberg, Jamie (Graham) Conatser and Cory Gartenberg. Due to the Pandemic, a private family service will be observed. A celebration of her life will be planned in the future. Memorials may be made in her memory to Alzheimer's Association, [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org). Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Buffalo Grove Chapel, 847.229.8822, [www.cjinfo.com](http://www.cjinfo.com)

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### Genova, Paul A.

Paul A. Genova, 101, passed away peacefully April 13, 2020. Loving husband of the late Anna Marie "Kitty" (nee La Paglia). Beloved father of Mary Anne (Michael) Avram, Louise (Tom, CPD retired) Cradick and John Genova, CFD. Cherished grandfather of Theresa (John) Guleserian, Joseph (Maggie) Avram, Tom (Elise) Avram, the late John (Maureen) Cradick, Brian Cradick and Michael Cradick, Jason (Antonette) Genova, CFD, and Michael Genova, DPFD. Proud great grandpa of Anthony, Coraline and Jack Avram, Conor, Charlie and Megan Cradick and Vincent Genova. Survived by his sister Antoinette (the late Fred) Braucher, brother-in-law Robert La Paglia, many nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by parents Guiseppe and Margaret Genova, siblings Carmella Jacobs, Mary (Al) Caniglia, Elaine, Vincent (Sally) and Rose (John) Stortzman. Paul was a proud WWII veteran who served with the Army Corps of Engineers in the Pacific Theater. Paul's smile, gentle manner and endearing sense of humor will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Heartfelt thanks to David, Deb and their wonderful care team and colleagues at Brookdale Lakeview and to Brookdale Hospice for their kindness and compassion. Out of concern for everyone's safety, funeral services and interment at Queen of Heaven Cemetery will be private. A funeral Mass will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions to The Gary Sinise Foundation P.O. Box 368, Woodland Hills CA 91365, The National Brain Tumor Society 55 Chapel St. Suite 200 Newton, MA 02458 or the charity of your choice would be appreciated. Info 708-456-8300 or [www.cumberlandchapels.com](http://www.cumberlandchapels.com).

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### Klein, Richard J.

On Thursday, April 9, 2020, Richard J. Klein, passed into eternal life, after a long battle with cancer, in Avondale, Arizona, at age 59. Richard was born August 3, 1960 in Chicago to Richard and Bernadine (Sanders) Klein. Richard is survived by his wife of 24 years, Heidi (Navarrete) Klein; mother Bernadine (Klein) Maynor; children: Erica (Jake) Gittleson, Krystn (Ryan) Johnson, Eric Klein, Steven Klein, Alex Klein; grandchildren: Zoe, Ely, Jordan, Wren, Olivia; siblings: Catherine (Matthew) Garoufalis, Robert (Amy) Klein, Donald (Tina) Maynor; mother-in-law Joan Navarrete; Godmother Margaret (Sanders) Kliefgan; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, cousins, brothers and sisters-in-laws. Richard is preceded in death by father Richard A. Klein; grandparents Arthur and Natalie Klein; grandparents Albert and Estelle Sanders; father-in-law Edward Navarrete; Godfather Richard Kliefgan; uncle William Sanders. A celebration of Richards life will be held in the coming months.

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### Kowalczyk, Dorothy Marianna

Dorothy Marianna Kowalczyk, age 77, of McCullum Lake, passed away peacefully at home on Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020, surrounded by her loving family. Dorothy was born March 10, 1943, in Chicago, the daughter of Leon and Helen (nee Swierzbinski) Nowotnik. On September 10, 1961, Dorothy married the love of her life, Ronald Kowalczyk in Chicago. Dorothy worked for many years as a graphic artist, a passion she truly enjoyed. She was a proud member of the McHenry Garden Club, and enjoyed baking, cooking and gardening. Dorothy loved holidays with the family, dancing while enjoying her occasional martini and working up creative Facebook posts for her loved ones. Dorothy will always be remembered as a Beloved Wife. Further, she will be remembered as a Fun, Caring, Selfless, and Nurturing Mother, Generous Grandmother, Fond Aunt, and a Cherished Friend to many.

Dorothy is survived by her loving husband: Ronald G. Kowalczyk; children: Timothy (Tham) Kowalczyk, Debbie (Steve) Higgin, Michele (Scott) Whyte, Tony (Wen-Jie) Kowalczyk, Lisa Kowalczyk, and Nicole Kowalczyk; grandchildren: Brittany, Nicholas, Kylie, Alexandra, Ethan, Samantha, and Scott, Jr. She is further survived by her brother, Richard (Mary Lou) Nowotnik and sister-in-law, Helen Losacco. In addition to her parents Leon and Helen Nowotnik, Dorothy is preceded in death by sons: Thomas and David Kowalczyk; in-laws: Ted and Frances Kowalczyk; brother-in-law: Frank Losacco; and her fur baby, Rufus. Due to the current public health crisis, a private family visitation and mass will be held on Thursday, April 16, 2020, at The Church of Holy Apostles, 5211 W. Bull Valley Road, McHenry, IL. Interment will follow in St Adalbert Cemetery, 6800 Milwaukee Avenue, Niles, IL.

To celebrate Dorothy's life, Dorothy would wish that everyone practice acts of kindness to one another. For further information, please call **Colonial Funeral Home** in McHenry, 815-385-0063 or visit [www.colonialmchenry.com](http://www.colonialmchenry.com)

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### Lavin, Sondra M.

Sondra M. Lavin nee Elkins. Beloved wife of the late Martin J. Lavin. Loving mother of Lauren (Alan) Goepfinger. Cherished grandmother of Leah (Marc) Levy, David (Brooke) Solow, Daniel (Abby) Solow, Sarah (Ori) Gross and Anna (Brian) Mortell. Great-grandmother of Aaron, Michal, Avi and Yonaton Levy and Scarlett, Samuel and Chloe Solow. Private graveside service Friday, 10 am, at Memorial Park Cemetery in Skokie. A live stream of this funeral service will be available to view at [www.chicagojewishfunerals.com](http://www.chicagojewishfunerals.com). Memorials to Crohn's and Colitis Foundation, 2200 East Devon Ave., Suite 392, Des Plaines, IL 60018 would be appreciated. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, [www.cjinfo.com](http://www.cjinfo.com)

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### Leviton, Zach

Zach Leviton, age 16, cherished son of Julie Leviton and Steven Leviton; loving brother of Ryan (Jennifer) Leviton and Taylor (Phillip) Tenca; thrilled uncle of Lucas John Leviton; forever loving grandson of Gravy and Poppy, and the late Ruth Greenfield; caring nephew of Wendy (David) Peck, Debbie (Paul) Cox, Ted (Ruth) Greenfield and Steve Fox; best bud of Sophie. Due to the current health crisis, services and interment will be private. Remembrances may be made to the charity of your choice. Info: Chesed V'Emet, Rudy Lerner, Funeral Director, 847-577-0856, [www.chesedvetem.com](http://www.chesedvetem.com).

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### Lind, Robert Allen 'Bob'

Robert Allen Lind, 77, passed away on March 13, in Tucson, Arizona. He is survived by his beloved wife Harriett (nee West) of 11 years of marriage; his brother Charles (Betty) Lind; sister-in-law Dorothy; and many nephews and nieces. Mr. Lind was preceded in death by his first wife Toby, parents Magdalene and George Lind, his sister Rosemary Sullivan Schaefer, and his brother Norman Lind. Mr. Lind was an automotive warehouse manager. His first wife was a computer programmer. Her association with Hughes/Raytheon took them to Albuquerque, New Mexico, Waco, Texas, and Tucson, Arizona. An avid model train collector and dog lover, Mr. Lind loved to travel in his RV with his wife and their loving dog, Ladybug.

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### Petelle, Donald R.

Donald R. Petelle, 91, of Fort Wayne, formerly of Huntley, IL, passed away on April 11, 2020, in Fort Wayne. Born in Chicago, IL, on February 26, 1929, to the late Walter and Marie (Hansen) Petelle. He spent his formative years in Chicago, graduating from Carthage College in 1950. Donald was married to his high school sweetheart Carlee Pochert in Chicago, IL, on August 13, 1950. The couple only recently move to this area after spending most of their married life in Mt. Prospect, IL, Huntley, IL and Elgin, IL area. He owned and operated Petelle Realty where he worked as an Industrial real estate broker. He was a member of the Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church, Huntley, IL. In his free time, he enjoyed playing golf, cards and travel. Donald is survived by his wife of 69 years, Carlee Petelle; a daughter, Sharon (Dr. Gerome) Kantor; three sons, Gary (Jeannette) Petelle, Carl (Kathi) Petelle and Steven (Connie) Petelle; ten grandchildren and many great-grandchildren. In addition to his parents he was preceded by three brothers. There will be a memorial service held at a later date. In Lieu of flowers, please direct memorials to the Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church's Memorial Garden and Columbarium Fund, 10805 Main Street, Huntley IL 60143 or Parkview Hospice, Fort Wayne. Online note to the family at [www.sheetsandchilds.com](http://www.sheetsandchilds.com).

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### Lueza

See Vincent J. Quaglione notice.

### Nicholson

See Vincent J. Quaglione notice.

### Quaglione, Vincent J.

Vincent J. Quaglione, age 87, entered into eternal life April 13, 2020. Beloved son of the late Olga Lueza and step-son of Hesiquio Lueza. Cherished brother of Juanita (Edward) Nicholson, Sylvia Lueza, and step-brother of M. Trinidad (the late J. Guadalupe) Alvarez. Loving uncle of Christopher Steel-Nicholson. Dearest cousin and relative of many. Dear friend to Dawn Samland and many others. A special thank you for your kindness to Uncle Mike's, Hollywood Grill, Breakfast House and Output. Visitation Thursday 3-7 P.M. at **Muzyka Funeral Home**, 2157 W. Chicago Ave., Chicago, IL 60622. Funeral Friday 10:30 A.M. at Muzyka Chapel. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery, River Grove, IL.

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### Rubin, Harold

Harold Rubin, age 91. Beloved husband of the late Selma Rubin nee Herman. Loving father of Michael (Debbie) Rubin, Gayle Rubin and the late Sari (Howard) Snow. Dear grandfather of Emily Snow, Jillian Snow, Samantha Rubin and Crystal Rubin. Dear brother of Alice (the late Seymour) Krause. In order to keep everyone safe, all services and shiva are private. There may be a public memorial service at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials in his name to Jewish National Fund, 60 Revere Dr #725, Northbrook, IL 60062, [www.jnf.org](http://www.jnf.org) would be appreciated. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, [www.cjinfo.com](http://www.cjinfo.com)

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### Seiler, Susan Reavis

Susan Reavis Seiler, aged 79, a long-time resident of Evanston, Illinois and of Valparaiso, Indiana, died April 13, 2020 in Glenview, Illinois, following a brief illness. A serious stroke in 2011 left Susan confined to a wheelchair for the rest of her life, but her indomitable spirit enabled her to regain many faculties initially feared lost.

Born November 8, 1940 in Gary Indiana, she graduated from William Wirt High School and attended Indiana University, before her 1960 marriage to Glen Reavis, Jr. In 1971 she moved with her young family to Valparaiso, Indiana, where she later opened and ran The Clothes Loft, a women's apparel store, from 1979 to 1993. While living in Valparaiso, Susan was involved in many charitable and civic activities, including serving as President of Tri-Kappa, a women's service organization, a member of the Valparaiso Chamber of Commerce and as a volunteer with Planned Parenthood. In 1993, Susan moved to Evanston, Illinois to live with her second husband Charles Seiler. While living in Evanston, Susan worked for several years as a Buyer and Merchandiser of apparel for Park Ridge Country Club.

Susan loved to travel and shared many European travel adventures with her husband Charlie prior to his death. She also loved to cook and to entertain her friends and family, and she was happiest sharing long holiday weekends with her growing and extended family on Lake Michigan. All will miss her warm personality and those special times.

Susan was predeceased by her parents, Ralph and Imogene (Condo) Barger, her dear aunt and namesake, Susan Cooper, her aunt Alice Condo, uncle E. Elmer Condo, and her husbands, Glen Reavis, Jr. and Charles Seiler. She is survived by her three daughters, Cynthia (Alan) Berkshire, Marybeth (Dean) Schwartz, and Amy (Mark) Hindson, and the eight grandchildren she adored - Emily, Vera, Grant, and Nora Berkshire, Cooper and Elizabeth Schwartz, and Olivia and Hannah Hindson, as well as her dear sister, Dorothy Meadows.

No services are planned.

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### Slov, Martin

Martin Slo, age 96. Beloved husband of the late Helen, nee Sternberg. Loving father of Steven (Carol) Slo and Cynthia (Harry) Reynolds. Proud grandfather of Nicole (Matt) Boutwell, Tracy and William (Katie) Redwine. Cherished great grandfather of Kefira White and Jacob, Ryan and Cameron Boutwell and Devon and Sierra Redwine. Dear brother of the late Leo Slo and Ida Arman. Loving companion for 10 years of Esther Siegel. Due to the Pandemic, a private family service will be held. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Susan G. Komen Foundation, 213 W. Institute Pl., #302, Chicago, IL 60610, [www.komenchicago.org](http://www.komenchicago.org). Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Buffalo Grove Chapel, 847.229.8822, [www.cjinfo.com](http://www.cjinfo.com)

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### Smar, William

Beloved husband of the late C. Doreen (nee DellaValle); loving father of Michael (Anne Wilson); fond brother of Barbara; dear uncle of many nieces and nephews; and close friend of Marleen and Larry. Veteran of the United States Air Force Korea. Arrangements by **Cooney Funeral Home**. For information please call 773-588-5850 or visit [www.cooneyfuneralhome.com](http://www.cooneyfuneralhome.com)

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### Stokes, Jeffrey R.

Jeffrey R. Stokes, age 49, of Elmhurst, member Local 399 Stationary Engineers; beloved husband of Nara; loving father of Amelia Elizabeth and Justin Khan Stokes; cherished son of James J. Stokes Jr. and Nancy Ann Stokes, nee Polick; dear nephew and cousin of many. Funeral services and interment Private at this time. Arrangements handled by **Gibbons Funeral Home**, Elmhurst. 630-832-0018 or [www.gibbonsfuneralhome.com](http://www.gibbonsfuneralhome.com)

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### Wleklinski, Sharon L.

Sharon L. Wleklinski (nee Stephan), age 77, passed away in Lindenhurst, IL on April 13, 2020. Sharon is predeceased by her husband Joseph and her parents Bernice & Joseph Stephan. Sharon is lovingly remembered by her children Lisa (Tim) Murphy and Joe Wleklinski, her grandchildren Joey, Andy, Nicholas, & Lexi Murphy, her brother Michael (Carol) Stephan, sister-in-law Barbara Sodin, aunt Lorraine Hable & many dear cousins, nieces, nephews, & friends. Sharon was an avid quilter, a lover of country music, & a talented secretary. Visitation: Friday, April 17, 2020 from 4-7pm at **Colonial-Wojciechowski Funeral Home** at 8025 W. Golf Road in Niles. Funeral Service: Saturday, April 18 at the funeral home at 11:00 am followed by interment at Maryhill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the "Cure Alzheimer's Fund" [www.curealz.org](http://www.curealz.org). Info 847-581-0536 or [www.colonialfuneral.com](http://www.colonialfuneral.com).

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### Wyslotsky, Ihor

Ihor Wyslotsky, engineer, inventor, entrepreneur, philanthropist, died in Chicago on Sunday, April 12, 2020 at home with his family at his side. Born in Slovakia in 1930, his family returned to their native Western Ukraine. As the family escaped to the West during WWII, they eventually settled in Argentina, where he graduated from the Instituto Universitario Aeronautico in Cordoba. He worked for Industrias Kaiser Argentina, and eventually immigrated to the United States where he became a citizen.

He pursued his American Dream to build his own company as he established TEC Inc. and then Redex Corp. His business career encompassed 53 years. Although his formal education was in aeronautical engineering he became a packaging industry champion creating systems to extend the freshness of perishable goods. He was awarded over 50 US patents.

His work and interests took him to many countries and he belonged to many professional organizations in Argentina, the United States, Israel, and Holland. He supported activities that promoted reforms and independence of Ukraine by donating to Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute, the Ukrainian Studies Program at the University of Illinois in Chicago, and in 1991 provided financial and organizational support for the re-establishment of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy in Ukraine.

He was a co-founder of the first America-Ukraine Business Council in 1991. For many years, he was a member of the America-Israel Chamber of Commerce Chicago, and at one time served as a member of the Board of Overseers of Harvard University.

Ihor spoke many languages fluently, English, Spanish, German, Ukrainian, Polish, Russian, Czech, and Hebrew. He is survived by his wife Marta Farion, his adult children Bohdan and Katria Wyslotsky, his stepsons Roman and Dr. Alex Forowycz, seven grandchildren, two sisters, and family members in the United States, Argentina, Ukraine, and Israel. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, all services were private and at home. He will be buried next to his mother at Elmwood Cemetery, River Grove, IL.

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**Northern Illinois Gas Company d/b/a Nicor Gas Company**

Melvin D. Williams, President, Nicor Gas

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STATE OF INDIANA )  
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IN THE MATTER OF:  
RAM (189142) - DOB 5/7/2004 AGE 15 years  
A CHILD ALLEGED TO BE  
A CHILD IN NEED OF SERVICES

AND  
SACHEL EDWINA JACKSON (MOTHER)  
REGINALD MCCRAY (FATHER) AND  
ANY UNKNOWN ALLEGED FATHERS

TO: Reginald McCray and  
Any Unknown Alleged Father  
Whereabouts unknown

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** to the above noted parent whose whereabouts are unknown, as well as Any Unknown Alleged Fathers, whose whereabouts are also unknown, that the Indiana Department of Child Services has filed its Verified Petition Alleging the child to be in Need of Services, in accordance with I.C. 31-34-9-3, and that an adjudication hearing has been scheduled with the Court.

**YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED** to appear before the Judge of the Marion Superior Court, 2451 N. Keystone Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46218, 317-327-8318 for a(n) Default Hearing on 7/10/2020 at 1:30 PM in JUVENILE COURT ROOM 08, ANNEX At said hearing, the Court will consider the Petition and evidence thereon and will render its decision as to whether the above named minor child is child in need of services and shall enter adjudication accordingly. Your failure to appear after lawful notice will be deemed as your default and waiver to be present at said hearing.

**UPON ENTRY OF SAID ADJUDICATION, A DISPOSITIONAL HEARING** will be held in which the Court will consider (1) Alternatives for the care, treatment, or rehabilitation for the child; (2) The necessity, nature, and extent of your participation in the program of care, treatment, or rehabilitation for the child; and (3) Your financial responsibility for any services provided for the parent, guardian or custodian of the child including child support.

**YOU MUST RESPOND** by appearing in person or by an attorney within thirty (30) days after the last publication of this notice, and in the event you fail to do so, an adjudication on said petition, judgment by default, may be entered against you, or the court may proceed in your absence, without further notice.

Lela Rae, 33819-29  
Attorney, Indiana Department of Child Services  
4150 N. Keystone Avenue  
Indianapolis, IN 46204  
Work: 3175174305

*Myla A. Eldridge*  
Ordered, Myla Eldridge  
Clerk of said Court, this 3/31/20

### LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF  
Jazmiana McCree

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Takarah Fields  
(Mother) AKA Takarah McCree

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA01061

### NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknown (Father) Any And All Unknown Fathers Any**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **September 24, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Robert Balanoff** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **05/06/2020**, at **1:30 PM** in **CALENDAR 12 COURTROOM L**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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**UNLESS YOU** appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

**UNLESS YOU** appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
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#### LEGAL NOTICE

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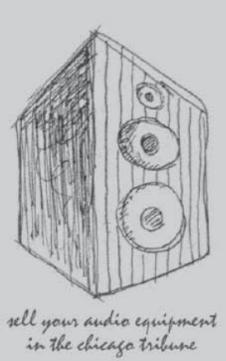
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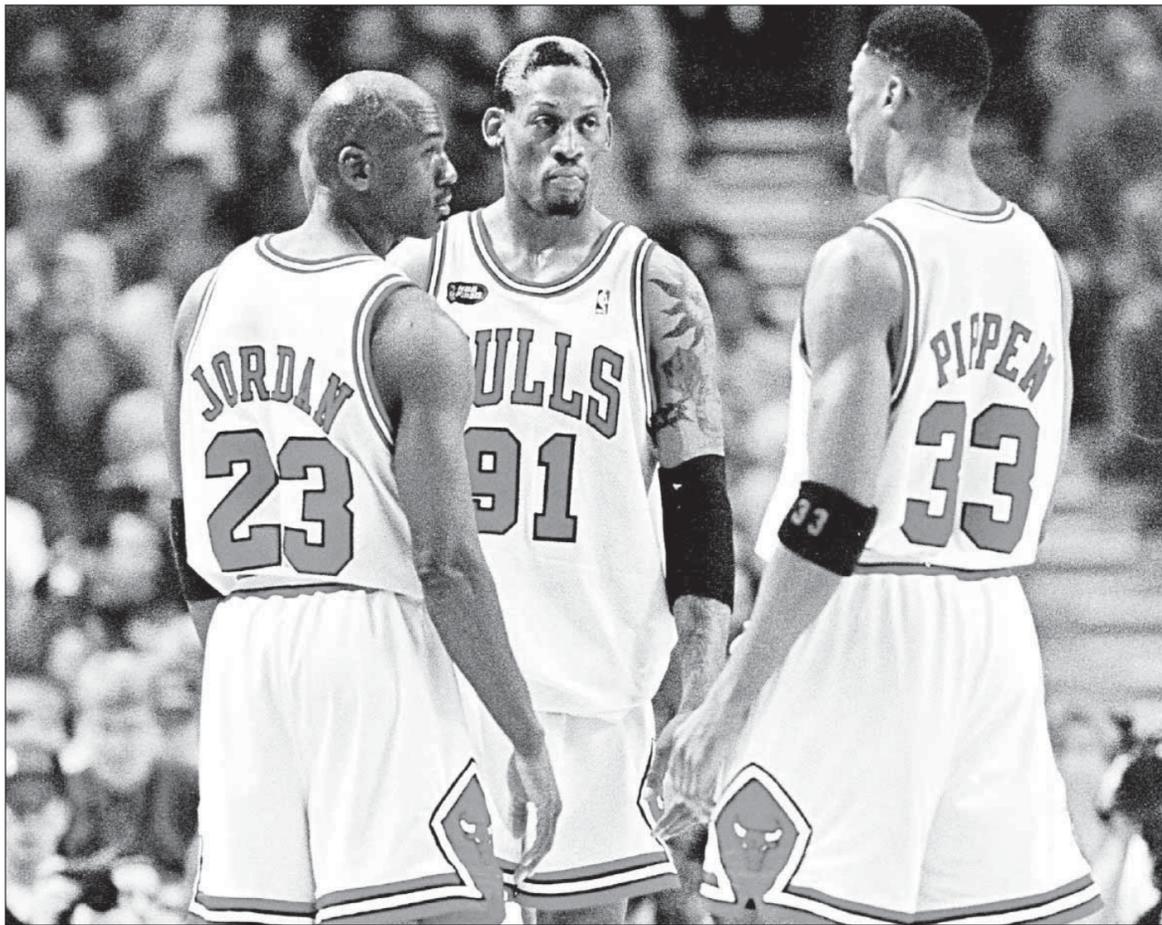
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We watched the 1st 8 episodes of ESPN's 10-part 'Last Dance' documentary on the 1997-98 Bulls— and it's exactly what sports fans need



PHIL ROSENTHAL

Stubbornness made Michael Jordan and the Chicago Bulls as great as they were, and it ultimately drove them apart.

That's one takeaway from "The Last Dance," the much-anticipated 10-part ESPN documentary on Jordan's 1997-98 NBA season and the Bulls era it brought to a close.

Director Jason Hehir repeatedly circles back during the series — which begins at 8 p.m. Sunday, unspooling two hour-long episodes weekly through May 17 — to highlight the dogged determination and steadfastness of Jordan, Scottie Pippen, Dennis Rodman, coach Phil Jackson and general manager Jerry Krause.

Again and again, the story of the season that completed the second three-peat by the 1990s Bulls returns to how and why these men held tightly to their worldviews and, for better and worse, their refusal to let go of past hurts.

Greatness, "The Last Dance" suggests, comes from not only talent, but also friction, pain, hard work and firm ideas about how things should be.

At a time when ESPN and other outlets are struggling to fill the sports-less void, thanks to the coronavirus pandemic's disruption of, well, everything, "The Last Dance" is exactly what fans need.

It's both a perfect diversion and a tribute to shared sacrifice.

For those who lived through and loved the Jordan years with the Bulls, it's a trip down memory lane, peppered with forgotten details such as the hard-luck household from which Pippen emerged and who Scott Burrell was.

Those Bulls teams were covered heavily and covered well, so there may not be many revelations.

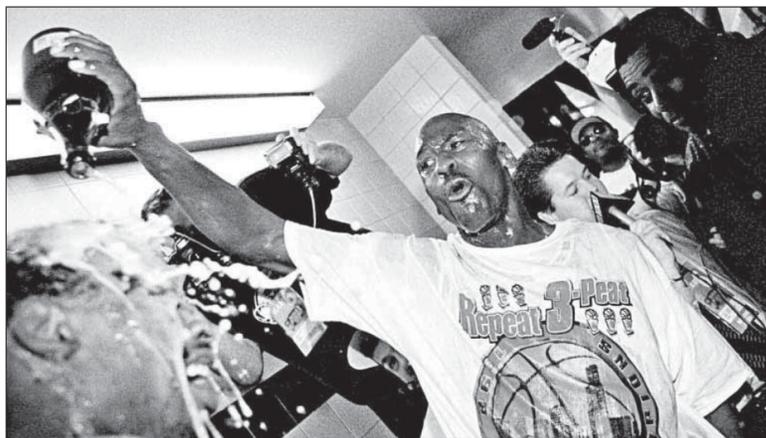
(One of the more amusing exceptions: Actress Carmen Electra hiding in Rodman's Las Vegas hotel room when Jordan came to retrieve the wayward rebounder, who overextended what was supposed to be a 48-hour leave from the team.)

But for those too young or who somehow failed to pay attention at the time, it's a terrific primer on just how special those Bulls teams and the rivals that tried to stop them were.

Viewers looking for societal insights, as found in ESPN's similarly epic-length, Oscar-winning "O.J.: Made in America," will come away disappointed.

Brief asides lightly address tangents such as Jordan's famous "Republicans buy sneakers, too" crack. But this production from ESPN, NBA Entertainment, Mandalay Sports Media, Jump 23 and Netflix, which will distribute it internationally, is squarely in the stick-to-sports camp.

Another documentary will have to deal with subjects such as the stress NBA success can put on a marriage or the overseas



CHARLES CHERNEY/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Michael Jordan, Dennis Rodman and Scottie Pippen led the Bulls to their sixth and final championship in 1998, the subject of the ESPN documentary "The Last Dance."

factories producing Nike Air Jordan shoes.

When former Presidents Barack Obama and Bill Clinton appear, it's for apolitical reasons. Obama talks about being a Bulls fan living in Chicago in the Jordan days. Clinton, a former Arkansas governor, recalls seeing a young, pre-NBA Pippen play in the state.

You might wonder why singer Justin Timberlake was chosen to reflect on the phenomenon of Air Jordans, but the documentary moves on before you're likely to come up with a good answer.

The biggest surprise of "The Last Dance" isn't that Hehir got so many of his 100-plus interviewees — especially the media-wary and reclusive-of-late Jordan — to open up on camera, though that's impressive.

Far more unexpected is that the much-ballyhooed, previously unseen trove of behind-the-scenes material captured by an NBA Entertainment crew embedded with Jordan and the team all season is not as integral as expected.

There are some closed practices, a few unspectacular closed-door Jordan conversations, scenes on team planes and at least one instance of hanging with Jordan in his hotel suite while he seeks refuge from the ever-present adoring throngs.

But much of the crew's material in "The Last Dance" seems to be following Jordan through arena corridors and showing assorted buses and cars arriving or departing facilities.

It's the interviews, both Hehir's and archival ones, that hold this thing together.

ESPN made only eight of the 10 parts available for review, a byproduct of moving up the premiere date from June to help fill its pandemic programming void. The series is launching before the final two hours have been completed.

So while we know how it ends, we can only guess in what light those events will

be cast.

Krause — who died in 2017, six months before Hehir secured Jordan's cooperation — is one of the few principals who wasn't interviewed for the project. The Bulls GM is heard and seen in archival materials but often shown on the fringes and a target of derision.

Even those who would cast him as a villain, however, may find it uncomfortable watching Krause hooted down as he attempts to join a team celebration dancing aboard a charter flight. That said, he was an easy mark to start, and he rarely did himself any favors when he dug in his heels.

Players and coaches win championships, but those with subpar organizations behind them rarely do.

Krause was at odds with Jordan, Jackson, Pippen and company, but he also brought them together and gave them a common antagonist, especially during that last season together.

It was long understood that Jordan — the gravity-defying basketball superstar hawking footwear, phone service, soft drinks, cars, underwear and fast food — had a killer instinct.

His adoring public was so dazzled by his winning smile, though, it barely acknowledged how sharp his teeth could be. "The Last Dance" is most impressive when it gets past the artifice.

Jordan's feats are most impressive when he is shown to be human, able to bruise and be bruised. Sometimes, in fact, he's downright mean and unapologetic.

"When people see this, they are going say: 'Well, he wasn't really a nice guy. He may have been a tyrant,'" Jordan says in an extended, emotional sound bite about pushing teammates that plays like a soliloquy. "Well, that's you — because you never won anything."

Stubborn as a bull, still, and yet so, so great.

### WHEN SPORTS STOOD STILL

Keeping an eye on the impact of the coronavirus crisis:

### PGA Tour plans to resume in June

Connecticut Gov. Ned Lamont said Wednesday he would support the idea of holding the Travelers Championship golf tournament in June, even if that means fans might not be able to attend.

The PGA Tour plans to release a tentative schedule Thursday.

Golf Digest has reported the tour will try to resume June 11-14 at the Charles Schwab Challenge at Colonial in Fort Worth, Texas, without fans.

The Travelers would keep its spot on June 25-28, but Lamont acknowledged that the public may not be allowed to attend, calling that a "new normal" for this year. If the tour can stick to its modified schedule, it is expected to play without fans for a month.

"I kind of like that report, if it turns out to be true, that we're going to have a chance at least on TV to enjoy a sport which showcases the best of Connecticut in a safe way," Lamont said. "So, I don't think that's too soon."

The tournament, which draws close to 300,000 fans to TPC River Highlands in Cromwell each year, raised more than \$2.1 million for 150 local charities in 2019.

PGA already has rescheduled three of the four majors, starting with the PGA Championship on Aug. 6-9 at Harding Park in San Francisco. The U.S. Open — which typically precedes the Travelers Championship — would be Sept. 17-20 at Winged Foot, followed a week later by the Ryder Cup in Wisconsin and the Masters on Nov. 12-15.

PGA of America CEO Seth Waugh said earlier this week that playing without fans at the PGA Championship was possible.

"It will feel strange to play without fans," Charles Howell III said Wednesday. "However, if that's one of the steps forward and it's agreed upon by the officials that I feel we need approval from, then that's how it has to be."

— Associated Press

### THE QUOTE

**"I think it's incumbent upon us to turn over every stone to try to play the game in 2020 if there's any way we can in the environment."**

— Commissioner Rob Manfred to the AP on his hope for MLB to be in position to take the field whenever government and health officials give the go-ahead



LM OTERO/AP

### THE NUMBER

# 10

All 10 of the commissioners of the nation's major college football conferences, as well as the AD at Notre Dame, told Vice President Mike Pence in a conference call that college sports can't return from the coronavirus shutdown until campuses have reopened.

<b>NBA</b> Season suspended indefinitely	<b>NHL</b> Season suspended indefinitely	<b>MLB</b> Opening day delayed until at least mid-May
<b>MLS</b> Season suspended until at least May 10	<b>NFL</b> Draft set for April 23-25	<b>NCAA</b> Spring sports schedule canceled

Others: PGA Tour suspended until June 11.  
NASCAR suspended until at least May 9.  
WTA, ATP suspended through at least July 13.



## SPORTS

## BLACKHAWKS

## Convention scheduled for July canceled

Annual Hawks event called off early; pandemic leaves sports, events on indefinite hiatus

BY PHIL THOMPSON

In what seemed to be a foregone conclusion, the Blackhawks on Wednesday canceled their annual fan convention that was scheduled for July 24-26, making it the latest sports gathering to be called off because of the coronavirus pandemic.

"As the National Hockey League continues to evaluate the future of the 2019-20 season with guidance from public health officials, the Chicago Blackhawks have decided to cancel the 2020 Blackhawks Convention," the team said in a statement.

Full refunds for hotel room deposits and convention passes will be processed automatically by the fan's point of purchase, either through the Hilton Chicago, Ticketmaster or Blackhawks ticketing. The

Hawks advise fans to visit blackhawks.com/convention for more information.

The Blackhawks Convention, first held in 2008, was scheduled for the last weekend in July at the Hilton Chicago. But public health and elected officials have talked recently about the possibility that social distancing will extend into the fall. So the prospect of packing a convention space with thousands of guests seemed unlikely.

The state's stay-at-home order runs through April, but Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot on Monday said she expects it to extend into May. During an appearance Tuesday on CNN, Gov. J.B. Pritzker took a conservative stance on allowing sporting events in Illinois this summer.

"We're not going to allow sports to reopen, major-league sports, unless we have all of these preconditions set because I'm not going to have tens of thousands of people getting into an arena together and giving each other COVID-19," he told CNN. He took a similarly dim view on conven-

tions and festivals in comments last week.

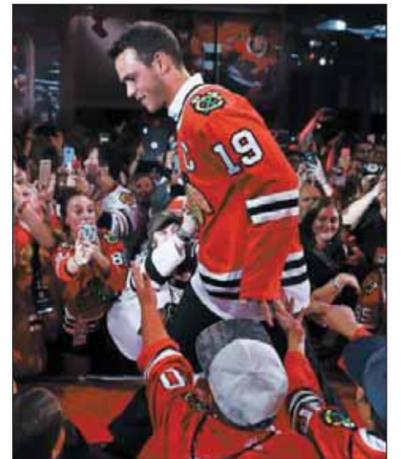
"From my perspective today, I do not see how we are going to have large gatherings of people again until we have a vaccine, which is months and months away," Pritzker said Thursday. "I would not risk having large groups of people getting together, anywhere. And I think that's hard for everybody to hear,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

The Hawks declined to release convention attendance figures from last year.

The NHL on March 12 postponed its season as the outbreak became more widespread in North America.

Commissioner Gary Bettman on April 7 raised the possibility of not completing the regular season in order to squeeze in time to award the Stanley Cup. Bettman also said the league is considering playing games at neutral sites in the event not all teams will be allowed into their home rinks.

Bettman, however, stressed these are among myriad options being considered with nothing determined yet.



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Captain Jonathan Toews is introduced at the 2019 Blackhawks Convention.

## ILLINOIS BASKETBALL

## Dosunmu declares for NBA draft

Illinois star announces on Twitter: 'I'm 100% locked in'

BY SHANNON RYAN

Illinois star Ayo Dosunmu declared for the NBA draft Wednesday evening, making the announcement with a video posted on his Twitter account.

The sophomore guard can receive feedback from NBA teams and return to Illinois if he withdraws before the NCAA's June 3 deadline for maintaining eligibility. In the video announcement, which he presented as a string of text messages, Dosunmu wrote that he has not hired an agent, though players now are permitted to and still return to college as long as they cut ties.

"This was a tough decision," the messages on the Twitter video said. "I'm not sure what the (NBA draft) date is. But I'm 100% locked in. Whenever they announce a date I'm prepared. 30 GMs are going to see what I'm made of. Straight ice in my veins."

Dosunmu has mentioned the idea of leaving Illinois early for the NBA since his commitment ceremony as a Morgan Park senior.

The 6-foot-5 Dosunmu led Illinois to its best record (21-10) in a decade this past season, averaging team highs of 16.6 points and 3.3 assists. The Illini were headed for their first NCAA Tournament appearance since 2014, but postseason play, including most of the Big Ten Tournament, was canceled to help contain the spread of the coronavirus.

Dosunmu's game-winning shots and court swagger made him a fan favorite in Champaign. After a victory against Iowa in the regular-season finale at the State Farm Center, Dosunmu lingered on the court, soaking in the cheers.

His possible departure puts Illinois' 2020-21 roster further in question.

Center Kofi Cockburn, who won the Big Ten Freshman of the Year award, declared for the NBA draft April 8. Sophomore guard Alan Griffin transferred to Syracuse, and reserve wing Tevian Jones also entered the transfer portal.

With guard Andres Feliz out of eligibility, if Dosunmu and Cockburn leave, the Illini will have lost four of their top five scorers.

Illinois has signed four-star guard Andre Curbelo and three-star forward Coleman Hawkins for the Class of 2020. The Illini also have a commitment from four-star Morgan Park guard Adam Miller, a top-40 national recruit.

The spring signing period for basketball began Wednesday, but Illinois did not announce a signing by Miller.

Mock NBA drafts seem to vary on where — and if — Dosunmu would be selected.

The NBA suspended its season March 11 because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The combine (May 21-24) and draft (June 25) are in question as many states have enacted shelter-in-place orders.

Dosunmu expressed his appreciation for Illinois fans.

"The two years I've spent at Illinois, I wouldn't trade that for anything," the video messages read. "You guys have helped me get where I am now."



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Illinois guard Ayo Dosunmu drives against Northwestern on Feb. 27 in Evanston.



AARON ONTIVEROZ/DENVER POST VIA GETTY

Arturas Karnisovas, then Nuggets general manager, pictured at the Denver Post in 2016.

## Cleaning up GarPax mess a massive task

## New Bulls boss Karnisovas now has to remake the rebuild

Now that the Bulls are done patting themselves on the back for making a long-overdue move, it's time to watch Arturas Karnisovas' first dance as rebuild-in-chief.

The new head of the Bulls front office is off to a strong start, firing general manager Gar Forman against all odds and citing the time-honored excuse of "philosophical differences" as his reason.

The decision was a no-brainer. But the fact Karnisovas managed to dismiss Forman without having to offer him some phony consulting role in the organization shows he's his own man and not just a mouthpiece for the Reinsdorfs — Chairman Jerry and President and Chief Operating Officer Michael.

How much consulting he'll need from John Paxson remains to be seen, but as long as no one calls it KarPax, I'm OK with Paxson sticking around in the shadows as a senior adviser.

Naturally, the Bulls couldn't let Forman go without Jerry Reinsdorf crediting him for bringing in "some of the brightest young basketball talent to our team, from Derrick Rose, Joakim Noah and Taj Gibson to Jimmy Butler and Coby White."

Never mind that Rose was the consensus No. 1 pick and already a hometown hero from Simeon when the Bulls chose him or that Noah was a high-profile college star who was drafted ninth. Butler was a nice find at No. 30 in 2011 but made himself into a superstar before being traded, and no one knew he would be as good as he turned out. And the jury is still out on White, who shot 39.4% in his rookie season, fourth-worst among qualifying players.

Curiously, Reinsdorf neglected to mention Lauri Markkanen, who regressed in his second season, or Wendell Carter Jr., who has been set back by injuries his first two years and has played only 87 games.



PAUL SULLIVAN  
In the Wake  
of the News

White, Markkanen and Carter were keys to Forman's rebuild, but now it's up to Karnisovas to decide whether that rebuild needs a new base.

The next order of business is hiring a general manager he trusts who can help decide who stays and

who goes. The first question Karnisovas needs to ask when interviewing prospective candidates is, "Would you keep Jim Boylen as head coach?"

If the answer is "Yes," the follow-up question should be, "Did you hear me correctly?"

It doesn't take a great basketball mind to see Boylen is not the right man for this Bulls team, or any NBA team for that matter. One needs only to read the body language of his players when he's "teaching" them during one of his legendary timeouts.

I'm not disputing Boylen's knowledge of the game or his work ethic. But a leader of any team needs to have the total respect of the players or else he cannot truly lead.

It's unfair to compare Boylen to the boorish, overmatched Terry Bevington, the former White Sox manager whom Jerry Reinsdorf shockingly retained after the 1996 season even after Bevington's players revolted against him. Boylen, by most accounts, is at least a decent guy.

But if the Bulls retain Boylen, it's basically Bevington redux. They would be wasting another valuable year and turning off the fan base until they eventually send him packing.

Not even the Reinsdorfs can ignore the fans on this one. The empty seats at the United Center this season are evidence of the lack of faith in Boylen's ability to turn the corner with this bunch.

Once Karnisovas has a new GM and head coach in place, he can go about fixing the mess GarPax made. And what a mess it is.

The Bulls don't shoot, rebound, defend

or handle the ball well, and they can't even compete in the vastly inferior Eastern Conference, where a sub-.500 team can make the playoffs. Their biggest star and go-to guy, Zach LaVine, isn't anyone's definition of a clutch shooter, though he seemingly gets to take the last shot in any game that comes down to the final seconds.

While he can score inside and may be talented enough to win at H-O-R-S-E on ESPN, LaVine is only an average 3-point shooter, ranking 63rd this season at 38%. You can't build a championship team around him, though he's a nice complementary player.

Nevertheless, Karnisovas has to play the hand he's dealt, unless he makes the bold move of dealing LaVine and starting Rebuild 2.0. No one else on the roster would bring anything of value back, and because LaVine has a team-friendly deal, it's an option Karnisovas should seriously consider, assuming he has the patience to take another step back before moving forward.

During his introductory teleconference, Karnisovas said he likes "multipositional players, guys with high basketball IQs that play off each other. That takes time."

That bodes well for those of us who would like to see a significant transformation of the roster and not a Band-Aid approach to see whether the young core of Markkanen, Carter and White can stay healthy and improve together.

But we'll see. With the season on hold, it's tough to look that far ahead.

Either way, it's a shame Karnisovas' arrival coincides with the airing of ESPN's "The Last Dance," the long-awaited documentary on Michael Jordan and the 1997-98 Bulls. Watching the 10-part series will remind us of a time when the Bulls were must-see TV and the epitome of a championship team, with a coach in Phil Jackson who had everyone's respect.

Now they're close to rock bottom, and the onus is on Karnisovas to give the organization a heart transplant.

He seems up to the challenge, which is all you can really ask.

## SPORTS

# Day 36

Since the sports world went mainly dark

## BASKETBALL

## Summer of discontent

The 1980 US basketball teams didn't get to play in the Olympics that year either. But it wasn't a pandemic that kept them away — it was a boycott.

BY MAGGIE HENDRICKS

When they heard the news, some athletes were angry. Others were just sad. One said she became physically ill. After years of training and preparation, the country's best basketball players would not be able to show the world what they could accomplish.

In 1980, the United States boycotted the Summer Olympics. Much like what has happened to countless athletes this year because of the coronavirus, those in 1980 stopped competing because of events out of their control. Basketball players including Mark Aguirre and Isiah Thomas had the chance to win gold for their country taken away. For many athletes, the loss still stings 40 years later.

"It will stop bothering me when I'm dead because that's when I'll cease to stop thinking about that wonderful time and the mountain you have to climb," said Rolando Blackman, a starting guard for the U.S. men's basketball team. "This is a lifetime of work. And your time is now. Right now. And you get a chance to be there, you get a chance to apply yourself, you get to be one of the excelling members on a great basketball team for a great country. And then not to go?"

The Soviet Union invaded Afghanistan in December 1979, putting international leaders, including President Jimmy Carter, on alert. NATO representatives discussed a boycott of the Soviet-hosted Olympics in a December meeting. When the USSR was unmovable from pleas from Carter and other international leaders, the boycott was announced formally March 21, 1980. Basketball players were in Colorado Springs, Colo., at the time and were told after a practice.

"Disbelief, and then it was anger and resentment because the underpinning was a political reason," said Carol Blazejowski, an alternate on the 1976 women's team and a starter in 1980. "We couldn't even believe it. It was the whole range of emotions, from anger to sadness to resentment to 'OK, what's next?' The unknown."

The U.S. continued to prepare to go to the Olympics in case the Soviet Union met the NATO demands. The men's team already had qualified for the 1980 Games because the 1976 team won gold, but the women won silver that year and still needed to win a tournament in Bulgaria to earn the right to compete. Even with the boycott hanging over their heads, the U.S. women went 6-1 to qualify for Moscow.

The men's team went on a tour in the "Gold Medal Series," playing games pitting the team of college Olympians against NBA All-Stars. Playing against teams that included Artis Gilmore, Magic Johnson, John Lucas and Kermit Washington, the young Olympians went 4-1.

The men's and women's teams joined the large group of 1980 Olympians on a visit to Washington. The players toured the White House and met Carter. The Olympians were outfitted with the same gear they would have received had they gone to Moscow to compete, including cowboy hats and boots for the opening ceremony. While in D.C., the players heard from other Olympians.

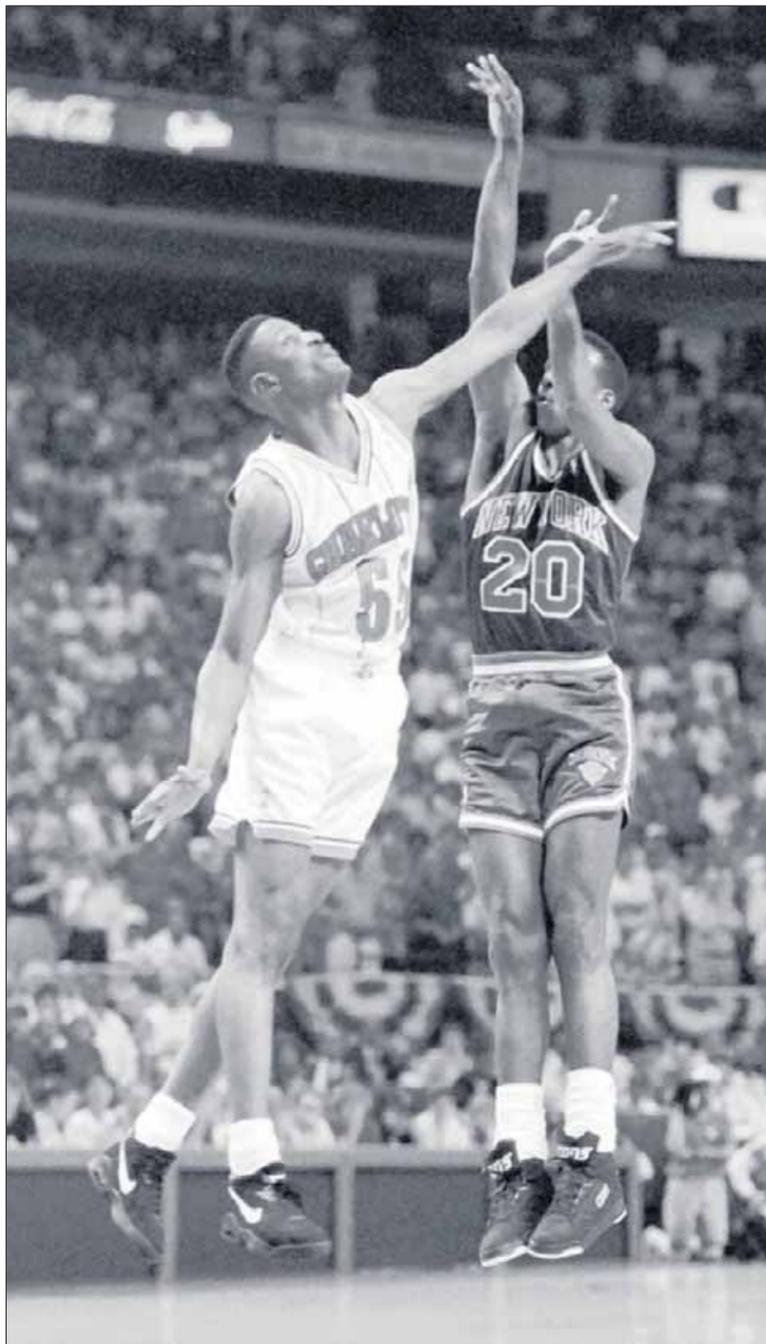
"They had one chance, and it was taken away from them," Bill Hanzlik said. "You felt really bad for whatever athlete area that was. For the basketball side, the ultimate was to play in the NBA, not play in the Olympics. It was really cool to play in the Olympics, but at least you had something else to look forward to."

Even with the American boycott and threats of a grain embargo, Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev showed no signs of capitulating. According to the State Department, American athletes who tried to compete in Moscow would have their passports confiscated. Though 25 athletes sued for the right to compete, their lawsuit was dismissed quickly. The Moscow Olympics went on without the United States, Japan, Canada and West Germany.

Soviet men's basketball coach Alexander Gomelsky boasted before the Olympics that the U.S. men, who won gold in 1976 and lost to the Soviets in a controversial final in 1972, were not playing in the Olympics because they were scared of the USSR. His team lost in an upset to Yugoslavia in a semifinal. Yugoslavia took gold, Italy silver and the Soviets bronze. After the loss, U.S. coach Dave Gavitt sent Gomelsky a telegram to congratulate him on the bronze.

Women's basketball was in the Olympics for only the second time in 1980, and the Soviets easily won, beating Bulgaria 104-73 in the gold medal game. Point guard Tatyana Ovechikina led the USSR.

"I could say I was disappointed, however sometimes you have to take one for the team," said Lynette Woodard, a four-time All-American for Kansas. "That's how I viewed it. It just wasn't women's basketball. It was every sport that was held at the



JIM BOUNDS/AP

Rolando Blackman, right, went on to the NBA but missed out on the Olympic experience because of the boycott.



JOHN SLEEZER/KNIGHT RIDDER TRIBUNE

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Olympic Games. You always try to find the positive. The positive for me was that I was going to try again. The part that saddened me was that a lot of folks were participating, this was their last shot. So it was bittersweet."

Most players on the 1980 teams continued a career in basketball. Every member of the men's team played in the NBA. Thomas went on to have a Hall of Fame career with the Detroit Pistons. Hanzlik hosts the Nuggets pre- and postgame shows and runs a foundation for kids in Denver.

Blackman, the director of player development for the Dallas Mavericks, played 13 NBA seasons and was a four-time All-Star.

But his success doesn't quite take away his Olympic disappointment. He was born in Panama and wanted Olympic success for his adopted country and the one in which he was born.

"I feel proud for myself, my family, I feel proud for the nation I came from," Blackman, 61, said. "That an immigrant boy could come up to the United States and have the opportunity to excel and move forward in the NBA, all that is super. ... But it still doesn't take away the sting of being the shooting guard on our national team and not being able to compete."

In 1980, women didn't have the same options to play professionally. Some played in Italy or Japan before switching to coaching. Woodard, a Hall of Famer, went on to win gold with the U.S. in 1984 and is now the coach at Winthrop University. Blazejowski played for one season with the New Jersey Gems of the short-lived Women's Basketball League. She became the first general manager for the New York Liberty in 1997 and stayed with the WNBA team until 2008.

"I'm proud that you can't take my Olympian status away from me or from any of the other athletes who made it in 1980," Blazejowski, 63, said. "We're Olympians. We didn't compete. We didn't have that privilege of competing. We still are Olympians. But as you move on, life moves on. Your other career moves on. I'm just proud. I'm proud to have been part of an Olympic group and the Olympic family."

Now a college coach, Woodard had to scramble to get her athletes home safely once Winthrop went to online learning and the NCAA suspended all activities in March. Though their seasons were cut short, as were the 1980 Olympians', the foe her players face is much different.

"This is life or death," said Woodard, 60. "That's what's hanging in the balance. That makes things a little bit different. And so much uncertainty. I don't know what's going to change from one day to the next, for I don't know how long. 'I could say to myself back then: 'Wow, this is crappy, but I'm going to fight and I'll be back in 1984.' There was that glimmer of hope."

"Right now, you don't know what the hope is."

Maggie Hendricks is a freelance writer.

## IN BRIEF

## Hall of Fame Packer Davis dies at 85

Associated Press

Willie Davis, a Pro Football Hall of Fame defensive lineman who helped the Packers win each of the first two Super Bowls, died. He was 85.

Davis' wife, Carol, said her husband had been hospitalized for about a month with kidney failure.

A 15th-round draft pick from Grambling, Davis began his NFL career by playing both offense and defense for the Browns in 1958 and '59. He had his greatest success after getting traded to the Packers.

He remained with the Packers until finishing his NFL career in 1969 as a five-time All-Pro. Although tackles and sacks weren't measured at the time Davis played, his 22 career fumble recoveries showcased his dominance and big-play ability.

He was voted to the NFL's all-decade team for the 1960s and was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1981.

Davis helped the Packers win the NFL championship in 1965 before capping the 1966 and '67 seasons with titles in the first two Super Bowls.

**Baseball:** Hall of Famer Roy Halladay had high-levels of amphetamines in his system and was doing extreme acrobatics when he lost control of his small plane and nosedived into the Gulf of Mexico in 2017, killing him, a National Transportation Safety Board report issued said. Halladay had amphetamine levels about 10 times therapeutic levels in his blood along with a high level of morphine and an anti-depressant that can impair judgement as he performed high-pitch climbs and steep turns, sometimes within 5 feet of the water, the report says about the Nov. 7, 2017, crash. The report didn't give a final reason for the crash. That's expected to be issued soon. Halladay, an eight-time All-Star, pitched a perfect game and a playoff no-hitter in 2010. He played for the Blue Jays from 1998 to 2009 and for the Phillies from 2009-13, going 203-105 with a 3.38 ERA. He was inducted into the Hall of Fame posthumously last year. ... Astros ace Justin Verlander has resumed throwing as he recovers from March groin surgery. Verlander, the 2011 and 2019 AL Cy Young Award winner, dealt with the problem early in spring training. His first start was delayed until March 3 because of discomfort in his right groin. He made two starts pitching 4<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> innings with a 3.86 ERA. ... Former Blue Jays 2B Damaso Garcia, a two-time All-Star in the mid-1980s, died in his native Dominican Republic. He was 63. Two years after retiring with the Expos, Garcia was diagnosed with a brain tumor and underwent surgery in 1991. He was told he possibly only had six to eight months live. He recovered, but had to deal with speech and mobility issues afterward. Garcia had several health problems in recent years, including a stroke, according to his son. He was also dealing with respiratory issues, but Garcia's son, Damaso Jr., said the death wasn't related to COVID-19.

**Golf:** Reliving last year at Augusta National turned out to be a big hit for CBS Sports. The network says its "2019 Masters Rewind" on Sunday — the final round of Tiger Woods winning a fifth green jacket, along with commentary from Woods — earned a 1.4 rating and a 4 share with an average of 2.2 million viewers. CBS said the re-airing of the 2004 Masters on Saturday — Phil Mickelson adding commentary of his first major — had a 0.7 rating with a 2 share and an average of 1 million viewers. CBS said Sunday's broadcast was the most-watched and highest-rated weekend sports telecast since live sports was suspended just over a month ago.

## ON THE CLOCK

7 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	



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To lure fans back to places like Nationals Park in Washington when sports resume, teams may have to offer discounted experiences.

## COMMENTARY

# Sports world's new future: Less money to play with

By **TIM DAHLBERG**  
Associated Press

Golfers on the European Tour received news this week that didn't exactly paint a rosy picture of what things might look like when the coronavirus crisis subsides and play resumes.

There will almost surely be less money to play for, which by itself was bad enough. Euro Tour CEO Keith Pelley told players he expects reductions in purses because sponsorships and television money will be down.

But no espresso in the player's lounge? No free courtesy cars to get around?

Possibly no fans, either, but that increasingly looks like the reality for most sports, at least for the remainder of this year.

A different era in sports is coming, thanks to the ravages of the new coronavirus. And it's not only golfers who will be feeling the fallout for some time to come.

Around the world, sports officials are scrambling to figure out a future that is suddenly uncertain. And just what that future might be is now beginning to come into a little focus.

In golf it likely means fewer tournaments, fewer perks and, yes, less money. While the PGA Tour has yet to weigh in, Pelley made it clear what the sport is facing in the places it plays around the world.

"The reality is, the pandemic is going to have a profound impact on the tour financially, as well as many of our partners, both in sponsorship and broadcast areas," Pelley said.

There will be changes in other sports, too. Money that has fueled exorbitant profits — and exorbitant salaries — for most of the current century won't be as easy to find as businesses and entire industries try to recover from the economic shock of the coronavirus shutdown.

The old guarantees are simply not there anymore. The financial model for sports may not be broken, but it's certainly going to suffer from a million cracks.

That's a big reason why the NFL folded its tent rather than try to resume what had been a promising first season. It's the same reason colleges around the country are beginning to make moves as they try to figure out what football and basketball will look like when sports resume.

Already, the University of Cincinnati has slashed soccer, a sport on campus for nearly a half century. Salaries at Iowa State have been trimmed, and Louisville basketball coach Chris Mack had \$400,000 lopped off his \$4 million annual pay.

Meanwhile, Major League Baseball is cutting the salary of senior staff by an average of 35% for this year as it becomes increasingly clear any season that might be played — if it is played — will be shorter than anyone wants. MLB had already made



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While some Premier League clubs have cut executive salaries amid the coronavirus outbreak, players have refused to take pay cuts. That position may be unsustainable when play resumes.

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a deal with the players' union to advance \$170 million to players in salary for the first 60 days of the season in exchange for players giving up the remainder of their roughly \$4 billion in salary if no games are played.

Revenues are going to be down across the board in all sports. There's no way around it because even if games resume, fans will be slow to return and adjustments will have to be made to lure them back.

That might not be such a bad thing for fans who have to pay \$50 to park and \$16 for a decent beer after already digging deep to buy tickets for the family. That's espe-

cially true now, with millions of fans out of work and others living paycheck to paycheck, with no money in the budget to go to a ballgame when they resume.

It will be a bad thing for players, who might be shocked to find out that in the real world, salaries can go down just as they once used to always go up.

It's already an issue in England, where players in the Premier League are digging their cleats in and refusing to accept pay cuts. That drew a response from a Conservative Party lawmaker who contrasted player pay to that of health care workers and said they needed to have their salaries cut as part of sacrifices being made across the nation.

There's no easy answer, and no magic wand to return to the days of not so long ago. There hasn't been since we first heard whispers of a virus in China that was spreading so fast it baffled health officials.

The world is being reset, and sports will be reset, too. The bubble of ever-escalating profits, salaries and costs has been punctured, and it's hard to imagine it will re-inflate quickly.

Everyone wants sports back, that's a given. But when they do come back, it can't be as if nothing ever really happened to force them to go away.

The price tag of sports that comes with sports will be in need of a heavy discount.

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Rapper JPEGMafia crowd surfs during his performance at the 2019 Pitchfork Music Festival. Like other musical events scheduled for this summer, Pitchfork's status is uncertain.

# The cloudy fate of festivals

Everything we know about Chicago's summer music scene so far

BY TRACY SWARTZ AND HOWARD REICH

Things were just starting to look up for the Hecks. The Chicago band's sophomore album, "My Star," was named one of the best albums of 2019 by Vice. Weeks later, the quartet was booked for its debut set at the **Pitchfork Music Festival**, which is slated to celebrate its 15th anniversary in July.

"We were really, really looking forward to it. It felt like such a win for us. We'd weathered some really hard years," singer-guitarist Andy Mosiman told the Tribune.

The band is scheduled to play Pitchfork in Union Park on July 19 — as of now. The **Chicago Gospel Music Festival**, **Taste of Chicago**, **Grant Park Music Festival**, **Chicago Air & Water Show** and **Chicago Jazz Festival** are also still on for this summer. Lollapalooza organizers say they "continue to remain optimistic" they will hold their music fest, which is set for July 30-Aug. 2 in Grant Park.

The teams behind those events say they are monitoring the coronavirus crisis and following guidelines set by local officials. What's unclear is when decisions to postpone, cancel or hold as scheduled the major events of Chicago's festival season



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Grace Weber performs on the BMI stage at Lollapalooza on Aug. 4, 2018.

will be made — and local leaders are giving mixed messages.

Gov. J.B. Pritzker, who issued the Illinois stay-at-home order through April 30, said last week that organizers should "think carefully about canceling large summer events." He later said his comment was simply a suggestion. Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot said Wednesday she's not in a position to discuss the sum-

mer calendar. Festival performers, sponsors and ticket holders, meanwhile, are left hanging until there's clarity.

"We're trying to focus on where we are in the short-term but obviously we have an eye towards what's going to be happening in the summer and the fall and thinking already about what things we need to do for example to make sure the November election is done in a way that's consis-

tent with public health guidance so that we avoid some of the challenges that we saw with the March 17 primary," Lightfoot said Wednesday.

For their part, **Lollapalooza** representatives said Tuesday they plan to have a "definitive decision" about the fate of this year's festival by the end of May. Lollapalooza is not the first major event of Chicago's festival season — but it is the crown jewel.

The four-day fest typically draws about 100,000 music fans each day to Grant Park to see more than 170 acts perform across eight stages. The Chicago Park District is said to have received \$5.7 million from Lollapalooza last year, and the local economic effect is even greater with restaurants, hotels and trains packed with visitors.

Last year, the Lollapalooza lineup was revealed on March 20. This year's lineup has not been announced, and tickets are not on sale. Festival details are scarce. BMI, the music rights management company, typically sponsors a stage at Lollapalooza. Samantha Cox, BMI vice president of creative in New York, said the company is in close contact with Lollapalooza promoter C3 Presents about this year's event.

"BMI's top priority is the safety and health of our performing songwriters, employees and fans. We understand the severity of what's happening all over the world right now and realize that these

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# Despite shutdown, life goes on at city's favorites

Planning never ends at Shedd, Art Institute, Botanic Garden

BY STEVE JOHNSON

When the Art Institute closed due to coronavirus March 14, giant question marks suddenly joined the poster touting what was to have been the museum's big May Claude Monet exhibition.

"I was apprehensive about, 'Is everything just going to come to a stop?'" said Gloria Groom, the "Monet and Chicago" curator. "What I just wanted to hear from the administration — and they've assured me — is, 'This is an exhibition that will go on, even if it has to be six, seven or eight months later.'"

Actually, what they're thinking — provisionally, of course — is that just maybe a July opening will be a possibility. And Groom and her colleagues have been scrambling via Zoom to reconfigure the show for a population they assume will be nervous about standing too close to one another.

It's a scenario being repeated in dozens of ways across Chicago cultural institutions: The doors may be closed to keep COVID-19 from spreading, but the work wants to, and in many cases has to, go on.

While museum financial personnel apply for federal relief funds in hopes of avoiding cost-cutting measures — Brookfield Zoo last week furloughed a third of its workers — some institutions are able to take advantage of the unexpected absence of people to handle maintenance.

The Chicago Botanic Garden, for instance, is replacing a crushed stone walkway near its English Walled Garden with bricks, a project made much easier by an empty park. Ditto for the new evaluation garden it is installing on the south part of its Glencoe campus. Lincoln Park Zoo in Chicago is continuing with its major Lion House renovation project.

Here is a closer look at three show-must-go-on scenarios, the Art Institute's Monet exhibition, the Botanic Garden's extensive urban agriculture program and Shedd Aquarium's efforts to breed an endangered minnow to help a Tennessee Aquarium increase its range and resiliency in the wild.

## Minnow

The Barrens topminnow is only about 4 inches long, and it lives in the wild now only in five sites around the Barrens Plateau, in

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Gloria Groom, the "Monet and Chicago" curator at the Art Institute, communicates with her staff on a laptop while using "Zoom" at her home in Oak Park on Tuesday. She was photographed through her back porch window to maintain social distancing.

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## Rachael Ray makes virus donation

Rachael Ray had big plans for the quarantine break at her upstate New York home. She envisioned “a Renaissance time,” rereading the classics, resuming Danish lessons and studying Italian.

“I was going to get more serious about my painting. I had all these lofty goals, and none of that’s happening,” the daytime talk show host said.

“We have never worked this hard in our entire lives,” said Ray, who is taping “#STAYHOME With Rachael” two days a week from her home.

Her husband, John Cusimano, is the cameraman, producer, cocktail maker and musical guest. Their pit bull Isaboo accounts for the entire studio audience, she jokes.

She wears sweats and no makeup, cooking low-budget meals based around pantry staples, offering a peek into her kitchen and a comforting smile.

She recently announced her organizations will donate \$4 million to several charities including food banks and relief funds for laid off restaurant workers, saying she wanted to “help people more than just, ‘Hey, here’s three things you can do with canned tuna.’”

Half the money will go to animal rescue. She says “a lot of the shelters can’t afford to keep going, there’s no workers. Animals are in crisis too.”

“The more you earn in life, the more you owe in service, and the more you owe to your community,” said a passionate Ray. “It is our absolute responsibility to take care of each other.”

**Cardi B goes live with Bernie Sanders:** Rapper Cardi B reunited Tuesday with her favorite politician, Bernie Sanders, to talk politics and public health while social distancing. During a lengthy live video



Rachael Ray cooks in her home kitchen in upstate New York, where she is taping “#STAYHOME With Rachael.”

chat, they sounded off on a number of topics, from Sanders’ recent exit from the 2020 presidential race to former Democratic opponent Joe Biden, to President Donald Trump and the coronavirus crisis.

Both expressed sympathy and concern for Americans hit hard by the outbreak — COVID-19 patients as well as the newly unemployed. Cardi B added that she knew someone who had been infected and was “in a very bad state.”

“It makes me sad that they cannot have their family around them — to nurture them, to hold their hands and say, ‘Everything is going to be all right,’” she said.

**Bocelli’s Easter concert sets record:** Andrea Bocelli’s voice reached a livestreaming audience of 2.8 million in real time on Easter Sunday and collected 28 million views worldwide in the first 24 hours after it streamed,

making it the biggest livestreamed classical music event in history.

A million people queued up in the waiting room ahead of the “Music for Hope” concert from Italy Sunday, and by Wednesday morning, the performance had notched more than 35.4 million views.

“For an artist, Sunday’s event is the reason for the sacrifices of a lifetime; for a believer and a Catholic as I am, it was further confirmation of the benevolent smile with which the Heavenly Father looks to his children,” Bocelli said in a statement Wednesday.

**April 16 birthdays:** Actor Peter Mark Richman is 93. Singer Bobby Vinton is 85. Actor Michael Gill is 60. Singer-bassist Jason Scheff is 58. Singer Jimmy Osmond is 57. Comedian Martin Lawrence is 55. Actor Jon Cryer is 55. Actor Peter Billingsley is 49. Actress Kelli O’Hara is 44. Actress Sadie Sink is 18.



## ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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## Couple pondering ways to give back

**Dear Amy:** I’m in my mid-30s. I am married, with no kids. My mortgage payment is low, my student loans are paid off, and both my husband and I work for “essential” businesses — I in the defense sector, and he in infrastructure.

We aren’t rich, but in comparison to so many families, we are in an enviable situation during this crisis. Right now, I don’t need a stimulus check. Since I’ll get one anyway, what can I do with it to help during this pandemic?

— So Far, So Good

**Dear So Far:** As of this writing, stimulus payments have not started arriving.

However, assuming that these payments find their way into many bank accounts, I urge you — and anyone else in this position — to consider donating your stimulus check to a worthy nonprofit that helps people in your community. My funds will go to Foodnet Meals on Wheels in my home county of Tompkins, New York.

Meals on Wheels (mealsonwheelsamerica.org) delivers nutritious meals to homebound seniors and is a godsend in the many small and isolated villages in the rural area where I live — especially now.

Healthy social distancing dictates that volunteers cannot closely connect with clients in the way they are used to doing, but these volunteers are valued “first responders,” as they visit elders whose own family members may not be able to get to them because of the current travel restrictions.

To help those on the other end of the generational spectrum, Save the

Children is partnering with No Kid Hungry to distribute funds to communities to ensure that the estimated 22 million schoolchildren who rely on school lunches have access to food. Check Savethechildren.org to see how you can help.

**Dear Readers:** I recently heard from Karl Pillemer, author of “30 Lessons for Living: Tried and True Advice from the Wisest Americans” (2011, Avery). Pillemer, a professor of gerontology at Weill Cornell Medicine, interviewed more than 1,000 elders for his 10-year research project. This is a great time to absorb some of the lessons they imparted. The following is an excerpt from a recent Cornell Chronicle interview:

“The elders can provide us with the long view, confirming in a literal sense that ‘this, too, shall pass.’”

“I met Holocaust survivors, refugees from many of the early 20th century’s other major conflicts, and people who lost everything in the Depression,” Pillemer said. “By the time I sat with them 40, 50, 60 or 70 years later, they had built comfortable, often successful and fulfilling lives. Their message was extraordinarily clear: Crises occur, societies change, and, with resilience, we recover and move on.”

“Focusing on what your future can be a decade or more from now can provide an antidote to worry, the elders advise. This lesson is also a reminder: Present actions are the future stories of how we survived. What story do we want to tell?”

“If you want to help yourself, the elders said, help others. Pillemer noted that their own poor families helped out even poorer ones during the Great Depression. They remember World War II as a time when communities came together, and everyone joined hands and hearts to support one another at home.

“Generously assisting other people to the extent that we can is a major way people are able to feel a sense of control,” Pillemer said. “Whether that was helping other people during the Great Depression or assisting the war effort during WWII. Generously helping others is a very good, self-interested strategy.”

**Dear Amy:** I’m responding to a question from “Wondering Diners.” These two were eating out and dumbfounded when a stranger paid for their meal.

I had a similar experience. My wife and I went to a steakhouse for dinner. After we ordered, a server informed us that a gentleman on the other side of the room had paid for our meal. I was wearing a cap with “Korean War Veteran” printed on it.

I wanted to thank him, but he had already left.

I am so grateful there are a few nice people left in the world.

— Proud Veteran

**Dear Proud:** It feels good to be able to thank veterans for service to the country.

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## Tyler introduces a new Baltimore character

Novelist discusses her hometown, latest book and social distancing

By HILLEL ITALIE

Associated Press

NEW YORK — After more than 20 books, Anne Tyler still finds ways to challenge herself.

Her new novel, “Redhead by the Side of the Road,” is set in her longtime home of Baltimore and features the family and romantic entanglements Tyler fans know well. But the main character, a self-employed tech consultant/repairman confronting the fallout of decisions made years before, pretty much came out of nowhere.

“This is the first book I’ve written where I began with no idea,” Tyler, the Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist known for “The Accidental Tourist,” “Morgan’s Passing” and “Breathing Lessons,” told The Associated Press in a recent email.

“I was wracking my brains for something to write about, and a single sentence popped into my head: ‘You have to wonder what goes through the mind of a man like ———.’ (I didn’t have a name for him yet.) I was baffled. Why should I have to wonder? I thought, and then up popped the next sentence: ‘He lives alone; he keeps to himself ...’

“The rest of the book was up to me, but at least I was on my way.”

The computer man’s name is Micah Mortimer. He lives alone and wonders if he’s meant to be that way as he alienates his current girlfriend and unexpectedly reconnects with the woman he loved — and drove away — back in college. Tyler tries to minimize politics and topical references in her books but is quite specific about locations, placing Micah in north Baltimore, in a three-story home near York Road, with an “incongruous front porch” and a “splintery

front porch swing that nobody ever sits in.”

The 78-year-old Tyler discussed the mind of Micah, the book’s tricky title, Baltimore and her life during the coronavirus outbreak.

**On Micah, whom she describes in one passage as “narrow and limited” but still aware of the world’s horrors, whether the 2018 shooting at a Pittsburgh synagogue or tragedies along the U.S.-Mexican border:**

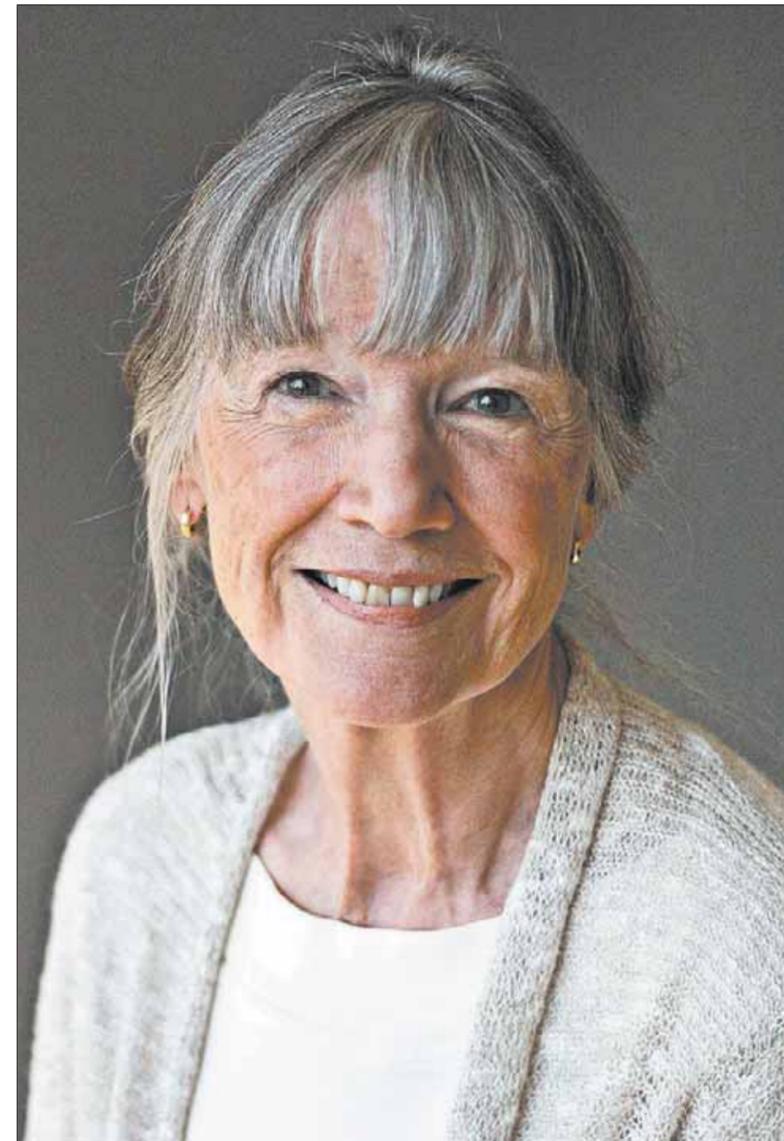
“I found it easy to ‘be’ Micah, so to speak, throughout the book, but especially in that passage. ... The events that he’s reflecting upon here — the synagogue shooting, the plight of immigrant children — weigh so heavily on my mind these days, as I imagine they do on everyone’s, that I felt even Micah would have to be affected by them.”

**On the book’s title, based on a recurring hallucination of Micah’s:**

“Several times I mistook the same object for another on my morning walk, although you’d think I would have learned after the first time. The experience started me thinking: How many other mistakes, more serious mistakes, do we repeat in the course of our lives? How often do we fail to realize they were mistakes? I thought it would be fun to explore the issue.”

**On life in Baltimore:**

“I guess it’s no secret that Baltimore is going through a hard spell. And yet it’s such a kindhearted city, paradoxical though that sounds. Just about everyone here, across all classes and cultures, behaves with grace and patience. Watch some trying episode in, say, a supermarket checkout line — a customer taking too long



MICHAEL LIONSTAR

Novelist Anne Tyler’s latest book “began with no idea.”

counting coins or a cashier who doesn’t know his produce codes. Baltimoreans stand by quietly or try to help out if they can. Not even an eye roll!

“I think this has an influence on my writing. In such surroundings, how could I possibly invent a mean-spirited character?”

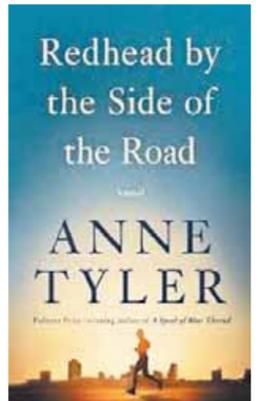
**On how Micah would handle social distancing:**

“I think he would have handled it the way I have. First I thought, ‘Oh, well, never mind; I basically shelter in place anyhow, and I already know about working from home — how you have to be sure and change out of your pajamas.’ But then after a few days I thought, ‘Oh, wait a minute. I’m surprised at how often now I feel the need to step out on my

front stoop and start a conversation with a passing neighbor.’”

**On how the book, completed well before the pandemic, might read now:**

“I haven’t read the book since the virus began. A friend asked recently, though, how I’d known to write Pages 94-95, so I checked to see what she



## ‘Redhead by the Side of the Road’

By Anne Tyler, 192 pages, Knopf, \$26.95

meant. Lo and behold, there was Micah on his early morning run fantasizing, briefly, that the empty streets were due to some global disaster and he was the last person left alive. Then he comes upon two women talking up a storm together, and he’s extremely pleased to see them. I relate to that scene now much more than when I wrote it.”

**On writing while sheltering in place:**

“For the first few days, I seemed to keep writing the same three pages over and over again. I just had a general feeling of distractiveness. Eventually, though, I did sink back into my work. I happened to be writing about an Easter dinner with a lot of people attending, some of them behaving a bit snarkily with each other. I thought, Oh, now I remember why I write. I write because it makes me happy.

“As for whether the virus will turn up in my next book: Well, generally I don’t think current events make for very good literature. They have to mellow for a while. We need a little distance to see them for what they are.”

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central Tennessee.

Its population has been diminished by factors including habitat loss and an aggressive invasive species, the Western mosquitofish, which competes for topminnow resources and feeds on topminnow young. The Barrens topminnow moved onto the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's endangered species list last October.

But beginning in mid-March, right about when Shedd was closing its doors to the public, dozens of new topminnows have been hatching from eggs clinging to "yarn mops" — simulated algae — in breeding tanks behind the scenes at the Chicago lakefront aquarium.

Three males and three females came to Shedd in January from the Tennessee Aquarium, in Chattanooga, and Shedd set up conditions just right for Barrens topminnow breeding in an area not on public display.

"This is a headstart program," said Keoki Burton, a Shedd fishes supervisor. "The idea is for us to reproduce a population of Barrens topminnows that will eventually go back to Tennessee Aquarium" for potential reintroduction to the wild and for "arkling" purposes, keeping the species alive in an aquarium setting "just in case anything would happen to its native habitat."

Burton and colleagues witnessed the topminnow mating dance, and they saw the males turn from "kind of gray" to "this beautiful metallic blue color" for mating purposes. The females laid their eggs on the yarn, as he described it, and the males followed right behind to try to fertilize them.

"I'm very happy with the clutch that hatched out," said Burton. "Many are hatching, so far about 30 to 35."

These first-generation offspring have particular genetic value and will be sent to Tennessee Aquar-

ium when they grow to about 2 inches long, which could take up to a year.

The adults will stay in Chicago to keep trying to breed and may even join the aquarium's "Underwater Beauty" exhibition to highlight the inter-aquarium conservation effort and spotlight the way the males doll themselves up for mating.

The aquarium was proactive in reacting to COVID-19, Burton said, providing personal protective equipment and making sure animal care teams were split to lessen the impact should illness strike.

"As far as animal care around the building, there hasn't been much change at all, which is fantastic," he said. And the human health crisis pushed the institution to "look inward: What are we doing behind the scenes that would be interesting for the public?" How can the moment be used for "a positive impact on connecting the community to the animals?" he said.

## Manna

To most of its more than 1 million annual visitors, Chicago Botanic Garden is a sumptuously landscaped outdoor park on the North Shore.

But its Windy City Harvest works some 17 gardens from Lake County to Maywood to Washington Park on the South Side, producing 100,000 pounds of produce a year for food banks, families in need and restaurants. It also provides apprenticeship opportunities.

"Building a sense of place and a sense of community is at the heart of our program," said Angela Mason, senior director of Windy City Harvest. "Social distancing kind of creates a challenge so we've had to retool a little bit."

Typically, the harvest has gone about 50% to restaurants, 50% to community food needs, Mason said. That's been adjusted to tip the balance largely to the community.

And from crops heavy on fancy lettuces, they've been shifting to "more basic food



SHEDD AQUARIUM/BRENNNA HERNANDEZ

A female Barrens topminnow at Shedd Aquarium. Barrens topminnow moved onto the endangered species list last fall.

crops, longer storage greens like collard greens and kale," she said. "Instead of a spicy lettuce mix that our chefs love, we've gone to more of our butter lettuce and romaine heads that are more approachable."

The Veggie RX program, distributing vegetable boxes to "patients" in areas including Lawndale, is experimenting with moving its discussion groups — where users share recipe tips and such — from in-person meetings to online.

Meanwhile, as spring brings thoughts of more outdoor work, WCH has come up with a kind of social distance gardening plan that they think will allow core community staff, a key to production, to begin next week.

"Everybody has face masks, gloves and protective equipment and we've made our crew sizes smaller," said Mason, who is also a botanic garden community engagement associate vice president.

They'll start with three four-person crews and, if that works as well with community members as it

did in trials with full-time staff, ramp it up to the more normal cohort of 15 to 20.

"In some ways this has brought the team together in a way that's positive and really helping to think through, 'How can we continue this critical need?' "

she said. "The Windy City Harvest mission statement is, 'We cultivate the power of plants to sustain and enrich life,'" said Mason. "At no time has that mission statement been more powerful."

## Monet

"For the Monet exhibition that was supposed to open May 6, we've been meeting with the designers and visitor service people just to see what kinds of adjustments we can make in the space whenever it's safe to have art and people back," said Groom, the Art Institute's chair of European painting and sculpture.

"We've been figuring out how to enlarge the space without losing the story and without losing the things that are cool."

That's meant planning to

move back the walls subdividing the big Regenstein Hall temporary exhibition space, for instance, and planning audio tour stops so that they are far enough apart to prevent clustering from people Groom and her cohorts are assuming will be nervous to be near one another again.

"Maybe we won't have benches," she said, nor the standard feature of placing an exhibition catalog on a table for visitors to share and thumb through.

Helpful, she said, is that "Monet and Chicago" really is about Monets from Chicago, a demonstration of how quickly and thoroughly the city that was rebuilding after its great fire took to the turn-of-the-20th-century French "father of Impressionism."

Supplementing the Art Institute's extensive Monet holdings will be 35 paintings and a work on paper from around Chicagoland. "We're lucky in the sense that we don't have to bring things in from overseas, absolutely," said Groom.

As for timing, "from what I've been told, we're hoping

to get in the building, and if the building's safe, can start bringing in works in late June and open the third week of July," she said.

Of course, she added, it really all depends on what the city thinks is safe as the coronavirus situation plays out. "That's just one scenario, and that could change," said Groom.

Beyond concern for the future of the exhibition, one of her first responses to the museum closing was to wonder how the Art Institute could get anything done.

"We were always a meeting culture," she said. "I didn't know about Zoom. You can get a lot done, even though you're seeing people's kids and dogs and things like that."

When it does finally open, Groom said, it'll be an especially apt story: "What better exhibition to open back up with than an artist people know and a Chicago story of how we rebuilt after the fire?"

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decisions are not made without careful consideration," Cox said in an emailed statement.

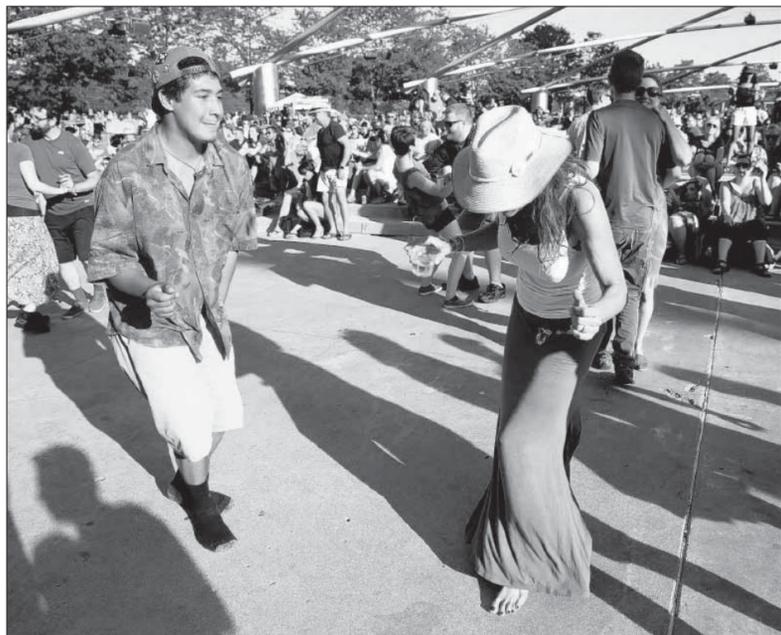
Lollapalooza is unique in that C3 has a multiyear contract with the Park District, whereas organizers of other private outdoor festivals seek permission from the Park District each year to hold their events. The Lollapalooza contract, inked in 2012, covers everything from revenue payments to the Park District to cleanup responsibilities and festival hours of operation.

Lollapalooza is supposed to take place the first August weekend each year, but the festival can occur on a different weekend if the Park District and C3 agree in writing on a new date, according to the contract. That move would require coordination with dozens of acts and a free weekend on Grant Park's calendar. The Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival, held annually in California, was moved from April to October because of the coronavirus.

The Lollapalooza contract has a "force majeure" clause that says neither C3 nor the Park District are obligated to hold the festival "if performance is prevented by" events including a flood, fire, "act of God" or terrorist attack; or if there is an order from a public or military authority because of war, hostilities or economic or emergency controls that could not be foreseen.

Chicago entertainment and media lawyer Jeffrey Becker, who does not represent either side, said the force majeure clause would most certainly come into play if Lollapalooza is canceled because of a local stay-at-home order.

"If, however, the stay-at-home orders are lifted before August, and Grant Park reopens to the public, it becomes a more complicated question as to whether C3 would actually



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lovanny Campos of Aurora, left, dances with Debra Volling, of Joliet, during the 2017 Chicago Blues Festival in Millennium Park. The fate of the 2020 event is still up in the air as the city continues to follow a statewide stay-at-home order because of the coronavirus.

be 'prevented' from holding Lollapalooza due to a government order," Becker, chairman of the Entertainment and Media Law Practice Group of Swanson, Martin & Bell, LLP, said in an email. "Thus, if C3 waits too long to make a decision as to whether it will cancel Lollapalooza, it could find itself seeking to do so in the absence of a force majeure event, which means it may remain on the hook financially under its contract with the Park District."

The Lollapalooza contract, which is set to expire in 2021, outlines payment requirements if the event is canceled. C3 is on the hook to pay the Park District \$1.5 million even if the festival doesn't happen this year, unless it's because of force majeure. In that case, C3 must pay \$750,000. Becker said C3 may be able to argue force majeure if government officials restrict large events even after the stay-at-home order is lifted; or if the pandemic continues to loom into August as an "act of God," Becker said, and it would be unreasonable for

the Park District to compel the promoter to hold an event that would bring tens of thousands of people in close contact.

Pitchfork organizers, meanwhile, announced the festival's lineup, which includes headliners the Yeah Yeah Yeahs, Run the Jewels and the National, on Feb. 19. Tickets are on sale. Union Park can hold about 19,000 attendees.

Katie Callahan, 25, said she snagged her Pitchfork ticket at the end of January. She is looking forward to seeing Twin Peaks and Waxahatchee perform.

Pitchfork sent ticket holders an email on March 13 that read in part: "We will continue to monitor as the industry, city, and health officials update large-event procedures, and we will implement and communicate those procedures to ticket holders." Pitchfork organizers promise if the festival is canceled, ticket holders will receive full refunds. When asked for an update, representatives pointed to the same statement, which is posted on its website. Callahan said she ex-

said in a statement.

The **Grant Park Music Festival**, a series of free concerts featuring the Grant Park Orchestra and Chorus, is scheduled to kick off on June 10 with Carlos Kalmar — the festival's principal conductor and artistic director — leading a concert of music by Richard Wagner, Beethoven and Florence Price. Paul Winberg, festival president and CEO, said there's still time before a decision about the season has to be made.

"We're used to putting on a show rather quickly. You probably know that our first orchestra rehearsal isn't even until June 9, the day before we open. So if we had to hold off to the end of May, which I doubt is going to happen — if it isn't clear what it looks like for the summer until the end of May, we could hold off 'til then," Winberg said. "The biggest challenge for us is we have 31 players in the orchestra that are from out of town. ... We're looking at how we might manage that."

Up in Highland Park, **Ravinia Festival** organizers have canceled public and private events through May 31. Welz Kauffman, Ravinia president and CEO, said contingency plans are being considered for events beyond that.

"I won't share the plans, because they'll change as soon as we get off the phone," Kauffman told the Tribune. "We're working on how to buy more time. How do we continue to talk to artists about what might change? How do we inform audiences and ticket buyers?"

The Chicago Symphony Orchestra's annual summer residency at Ravinia is scheduled for July 10-Aug. 16. "I'm in touch with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra," Kauffman said. "I've talked to a bunch of conductors and orchestra leaders around the world. What they're grappling with is: How do we set up on stage? Six feet between musicians? It's (normally) six inches. And choruses?"

Festivals scheduled for

the end of the season, like the annual **World Music Festival** (Sept. 11–27 at venues around the city) and **Riot Fest** (Sept. 11-13 in Douglas Park on the West Side), might be in the best position. Riot Fest organizers announced My Chemical Romance as headliner in January, and three-day passes are on sale now.

Dan Gibas, 37, said he purchased his Riot Fest ticket in December. He also has a Pitchfork pass. He said he's been attending Pitchfork, Riot Fest and Lollapalooza for several years. He first realized his summer festival schedule may be in jeopardy when the Ultra Music Festival was canceled in March two weeks before it was supposed to take place in Miami. South by Southwest in Texas was canceled that same month.

"It's a little disappointing, but at the same time, everybody's health and safety is way more important," said Gibas, of Hinsdale.

The Hecks' breakout year has already stalled, even without a Pitchfork decision. The band had some of its shows with the Archers of Loaf canceled because of coronavirus. Mosiman said his bandmates are quarantining separately, while still paying rent for their practice space. If Pitchfork was postponed, the band would still play the festival in a heartbeat.

"We're just really grateful to have been asked to do it at all. We've been a band for almost nine years now. You work really, really hard to just get things going for yourself. We had a record come out last year that Pitchfork reviewed for the first time, and we got a nice review from them. It's really had some good wind in our sails," Mosiman said.

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# WATCH THIS: THURSDAY



Perry Mattfield and Brooke Markham

**“In the Dark”** (8 p.m., CW): As this mystery series returns for its sophomore season, Murphy’s (Perry Mattfield) driving compulsion to solve the Season 1 murder of her best friend Tyson draws her deep into the world of Chicago’s underground heroin trade. As her situation grows more complicated, she’s forced to turn Guiding Hope, her school for guide dogs, into a front for drug kingpin Nia Bailey (Nicki Micheaux). Brooke Markham also stars.

**“Young Sheldon”** (7 p.m., CBS): Sheldon (Iain Armitage) has a true scientific epiphany while at the dentist’s office in the new episode “A Baby Tooth and the Egyptian God of Knowledge.” Elsewhere, Dale and Meemaw (Craig T. Nelson, Annie Potts) go to a casino, but Georgie (Montana Jordan) makes a huge mistake while Dale leaves him minding the store. Wallace Shawn, Sarah Baker and Ryan Stiles guest star; Zoe Perry and Lance Barber also star.

**“Brooklyn Nine-Nine”** (7:30 p.m., NBC): In a new episode called “Ransom,” Jake (Andy Samberg) is thrilled when Holt (Andre Braugher) asks for his help on a case that is exceptionally meaningful to the latter. Elsewhere, Terry and Charles (Terry Crews, Joe Lo Truglio) partner up on a side business. Melissa Fumero, Stephanie Beatriz, Dirk Blocker and Joel McKinnon Miller also star.

**“Flipping 101 With Tarek El Moussa”** (8 p.m., 11 p.m., HGTV): Lidia and Fernando are ready to sink all their savings into flipping their first home in Rancho Cucamonga, but they’re on totally different pages in the new episode “Failing to Plan Is Planning to Fail.” Lidia is a dreamer with expensive design tastes, while Fernando worries obsessively about every penny they spend.

**“Indebted”** (8:30 p.m., NBC): After Deb’s (Fran Drescher) Aunt Judith dies, she hands responsibility for hosting shiva to Dave and Rebecca (Adam Pally, Abby Elliott) in the new episode “Everybody’s Talking About the Shiva.” She regrets passing that torch, however, when the younger couple decides they’ll put a “modern spin” on the old traditions.

**“Law & Order: Special Victims Unit”** (9 p.m., NBC): Benson (Mariska Hargitay) and her SVU detectives struggle to catch a serial predator who is clever enough to use a date-rape drug that leaves behind no evidence in the new episode “Solving for the Unknowns.” On a happier note, however, Rollins (Kelli Giddish) receives some good news. Ice-T and Peter Scanavino also star.

## TALK SHOWS

- “Conan”** (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actress Julia Louis-Dreyfus.\*
- “The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon”** (10:34 p.m., NBC): Comic Chelsea Handler; singer-songwriter Kelly Clarkson; Michael McDonald performs; best of Fallon.\*
- “The Late Show With Stephen Colbert”** (10:35 p.m., CBS): TV host Trevor Noah; Christine and the Queens perform.\*
- “Jimmy Kimmel Live!”** (10:35 p.m. 11:36 p.m., ABC): Celebrity guests and comedy skits.\*

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	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00
<b>BROADCAST</b>	<b>CBS</b>	2 Young Sheldon (N)	Man With a Plan (N) ©	(8:01) Mom (N) ©	Broke: “The Dance.” (N)	Tommy: “Free to Go.” (N) ©	News (N) ♣	
	<b>NBC</b>	5 Superstore ©	Brooklyn Nine (N)	Will & Grace (N) ©	Indebted (N) ©	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (N) ©	NBC 5 News (N) ♣	
	<b>ABC</b>	7 Station 19 ©		Grey’s Anatomy ©		(9:01) How to Get Away With Murder (N) ©	News at 10pm (N) ♣	
	<b>WGN</b>	9 black-ish ©	black-ish ©	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	WGN News at Nine (N) (Live) ©	WGN News at Ten (N)	
	<b>Antenna</b>	9.2 Alice ©	Alice ©	3’s Comp. ©	3’s Comp. ©	Johnny Carson ©	Coach ©	
	<b>Court</b>	9.3 Closing Arguments (N)		OJ25: “It Doesn’t Fit.” (N)		OJ25: “It Doesn’t Fit.” ©	Closing ♣	
	<b>PBS</b>	11 Chicago Tonight (N)		Charles and Di: The Truth Behind Their Wedding		Nicholas and Alexandra: The Letters ©	Nicholas ♣	
	<b>CW</b>	26.1 Katy Keene (N) ©		In the Dark (Season Premiere) (N) ©		Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©
	<b>The U</b>	26.2 Dr. Phil ©		Tamron Hall ©		Steve Wilkos Show (N)	Cops ©	
	<b>MeTV</b>	26.3 Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle	Green Acres	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett
	<b>H&amp;I</b>	26.4 Star Trek ©		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9	Star Trek ♣	
	<b>Bounce</b>	26.5 Not Easily Broken (PG-13,09) **	Morris Chestnut. ©			Tempatati ♣		
	<b>FOX</b>	32 Last Man Standing (N)	Last Man Standing	(8:01) Mental Samurai: “Week Three.” ©		Fox 32 News at Nine (N)	Modern Family ©	
	<b>Ion</b>	38 Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago P.D. ©	Chicago ♣	
	<b>TeleM</b>	44 Cennet (N) ©		La Doña (N) ©		Operación Pacífico (N) ©	Chicago (N)	
<b>MNT</b>	50 Chicago P.D. ©		Law Order: CI		Law Order: CI	Chicago ♣		
<b>UniMas</b>	60 ¿Qué culpa tiene	Nosotr.	Nosotr.		Noticiero (N)	Vas con todo ♣		
<b>WJVS</b>	62 Paid Prog.	Light Shined	Joyce Meyer	Robison	Paid Prog.	Dn. Carson	Paid Prog.	
<b>Univ</b>	66 Ringo (N)		Amor eterno (N)		Sin miedo a la verdad	Noticias (N)		
<b>CABLE</b>	<b>AE</b>	The First 48 (N) ©		Live PD: Wanted (N) ©		60 Days In: “Moment of Truth.” (N) ©		
	<b>AMC</b>	Jumanji (PG,95) **	Robin Williams, Bonnie Hunt. ©			Home Alone (90) ***		
	<b>ANIM</b>	The Last Alaskans: Arctic Refuge (N)				Yukon Men ©	Yukon ♣	
	<b>BBCA</b>	Planet Earth: Blue Planet	Planet Earth: Blue Planet			Planet Earth: Blue Planet	Earth ♣	
	<b>BET</b>	Dea. Chronicles	Dea. Chronicles			Dea. Chronicles	Chronicles ♣	
	<b>BIGTEN</b>	BTN Football in 60 ©		The Journey	BTN Football in 60 ©	The Journey	Football ♣	
	<b>BRAVO</b>	Housewives/NYC	Housewives/NYC (N)			Top Chef (N) ©	Watch (N) ♣	
	<b>CNN</b>	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N)		CNN Tonight (N)	Tonight (N) ♣	
	<b>COM</b>	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Daily (N)	
	<b>DISC</b>	Rob Riggle Global Inves		Rob Riggle (N)		(9:01) Moonshiners ©	Moonshine ♣	
	<b>DISN</b>	Bunk’d ©	Bunk’d ©			Gabby	Sydney-Max	
	<b>E!</b>	The Kardashians (N)		Total Bellas (N) ©		The Kardashians	Total ♣	
	<b>ESPN</b>	College Football					SportCtr (N)	
	<b>ESPN2</b>	2019 WSOP		2019 WSOP		2019 WSOP	Sports. (N) ♣	
	<b>FNC</b>	Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)	Fox News	
	<b>FOOD</b>	Food Truck Race		Food Truck Race (N)		Restaurant: Impossible	Restaurant ♣	
	<b>FREE</b>	*(6:30) Back to the Future Part II (PG,89) *** ©				Siren: “Life and Death.” (N)	700 Club ♣	
	<b>FX</b>	*(6:30) Iron Man 2 (PG-13,10) **	Robert Downey Jr.			Better (N)	Breeders	Better
	<b>HALL</b>	The Sweetest Heart (NR,18)	Julie Gonzalo. ©			Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls
	<b>HGTV</b>	Flip or Flop	Flip (N)	Flipping 101		Hunters (N)	Hunt Intl (N)	Hunters
	<b>HIST</b>	Swamp People ©		Swamp People (N)		(9:03) Swamp People (Season Finale) (N)	Swamp ♣	
	<b>HLN</b>	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic		Forensic	Forensic	
	<b>IFC</b>	Old School (R,03) **	Luke Wilson, Will Ferrell. ©			Hot Tub Time Machine (R,10) **		
	<b>LIFE</b>	Married at First Sight (N) ©				King	King	King ♣
	<b>MSNBC</b>	All In With (N)		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)	11th Hour (N)	
	<b>MTV</b>	Jersey Shore (N)		Families of the Mafia (N)		Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.
	<b>NATGEO</b>	Alaska State Troopers		Alaska State Troopers (N)		Alaska State Troopers	Troopers ♣	
	<b>NBSCH</b>	Chicago Blackhawks Classics				Blackhawks Classics		
	<b>NICK</b>	Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (PG,08) *** ©				Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©
	<b>OVATION</b>	*(6) The First Wives Club (PG,96) ***		The Out-of-Towners (PG-13,99) **	Steve Martin.			
	<b>OWN</b>	20/20 on OWN		20/20 on OWN		20/20 on OWN	20/20 ♣	
	<b>OXY</b>	Killer Couples (Season Finale) (N) ©		Mark of a Killer (N) ©		Kemper on Kemper: Inside The Mind		
	<b>PARMT</b>	*(6:30) Sweet Home Alabama **	Wife Swap (N) ©			Sweet Home Alabama (PG-13,02) **		
	<b>SYFY</b>	Hansel & Gretel: Witch Hunters (R,13) **				Constantine (R,05) **	Keanu Reeves. ♣	
	<b>TBS</b>	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan ©
<b>TCM</b>	A Star Is Born (PG,54) ****	Judy Garland, James Mason. ©					Metropolis ♣	
<b>TLC</b>	My 600-Lb. Life: “Supersized: Tommy’s Story.” (N)				Dr. Pimple Popper		My Feet ♣	
<b>TLN</b>	Wealth	Prayer	Relevance Easter Special		Life Today	Like You	IMPACT	
<b>TNT</b>	*(5:30) Justice League **	Shaq Life (N)	Shaq Life (N)		Taken 2 (PG-13,12) **	Liam Neeson. ♣		
<b>TOON</b>	Home Movie	Burgers	Burgers	Rick, Morty	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Family Guy	
<b>TRAV</b>	Ghost Adventures ©		Ghost Adventures (N) ©		The Dead Files (N) ©		Dead Files ♣	
<b>TVL</b>	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Two Men	Two Men	King	
<b>USA</b>	Psych: “Tuesday the 17th.”		Psych ©		Psych ©		Psych © ♣	
<b>VH1</b>	Wild ‘n Out	Wild ‘n Out	Wild ‘n Out	Wild ‘n Out	Wild ‘n Out	Wild ‘n Out	Wild ‘n Out	
<b>WE</b>	Growing Up Hip Hop ©		Marriage- Stars (N)		Waka & Tammy (Season Finale) (N) ©		Marriage ♣	
<b>WGN America</b>	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	
<b>PREMIUM</b>	<b>HBO</b>	Run ©	It: Chapter Two (R,19) **	Jessica Chastain, James McAvoy. ©				
	<b>HBO2</b>	The Plot Against America		(8:15) Good Boys (R,19) **		(9:45) Run ©		
	<b>MAX</b>	The Marine (PG-13,06) *	John Cena.		(8:35) Deadpool 2 (R,18) ***	Ryan Reynolds. ©		
	<b>SHO</b>	*(6:30) Poms (19) **		A Dog’s Journey (PG,19) **	Voice of Josh Gad.		Desus (N)	
	<b>STARZ</b>	*(6:08) Smokin’ Aces **		(7:59) Spider-Man: Far From Home (PG-13,19) ***			21 Jump ♣	
<b>STZNC</b>	*(6:08) Prince of Persia: Sands		The River Wild (PG-13,94) ***	Meryl Streep.		Lone Rngr ♣		

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### Horoscopes

**Today's birthday** (April 16): Discover rising professional status this year. Strengthen and build support with your community. Adapt to shifting educational currents this summer, before settling into a homebody phase. Navigate professional shifts and communication delays or mix-ups next winter that inspire bold adventure.

**Aries** (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Connect with friends in new ways. A barrier or obstacle intervenes. Communicate and network to support shared resources to flow.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20): 8. Prepare for professional inspection. Get expert support when needed. Challenging circumstances reach resolution quicker without wasting time being upset. Stay cool. Smile for the camera.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20): 7. Investigate and explore. You may need to change course around obstacles. Avoid controversy or traffic. Stay thrifty despite new plans.

**Cancer** (June 21-July 22): 8. Focus on practical priorities. Revise budgets for unexpected expenses. Collaborate to grow shared accounts. Disciplined action gets results. Look for hidden opportunity and find it.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Step carefully around a collaborative obstacle. Wait for better conditions. Apologize sooner rather than later with mistakes. Otherwise, keep your bargains and sit tight.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 7. Don't force physical limitations. There's no arguing with a brick wall. Find innovative ways around. Prioritize health and wellness as you discover new ideas.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Love feeds your spirit, especially as you navigate an unforeseen challenge. Distractions abound. Listen to another's views. Charm your way around a barrier.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 7. Family matters need attention. Things may not go as planned. Show respect and keep your promises. Tend your garden. Clean a mess.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Use creativity and cleverness to surmount a communication breakdown. Work behind the scenes pays off. Listen to concerns privately.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Review income sources as budgets shift. Get terms in writing. Stay respectful. Bargain and trade for services and products. Use your valuable skills.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 9. Get intimately involved in a personal project. Get support when you get stuck. Determination and perseverance can advance you around a tricky corner.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): 7. Peaceful settings can soothe your spirit. Dig into a difficult puzzle. Review and revise your plans. Recharge and reconsider your upcoming moves.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

### The Argyle Sweater



### Bliss



### Bridge

East-West vulnerable, North deals

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

Today's deal illustrates a common problem in the modern game — dealing with pre-emption. South didn't have the values to bid game, but a simple three-heart bid would promise nothing and North might be hard pressed to raise on many hands that would provide good play for game. South bid four hearts and hoped for the best. The opening spade lead went to dummy's ace. A club to the 10 at trick two was successful and South continued with the king of clubs. East won with the ace and led a high spade. South ruffed in dummy's ace and a diamond was ruffed. Now a spade lead guaranteed one more trump trick and South had his contract. Very well done!

<b>North</b>		<b>East</b>	
♠ Void	♠ J 9 6	♠ 7 4	♠ Void
♥ A 10	♥ 7 4	♥ Void	♥ Void
♦ 10 9	♦ Void	♦ Void	♦ Void
♣ 8	♣ Void	♣ Void	♣ Void
	♣ 8 7	♣ Void	♣ Void
	♣ 8 7	♣ Void	♣ Void
	♣ 8 7	♣ Void	♣ Void

Ruffing a spade would lead to defeat, as West would discard his diamond and take three trump tricks. South led a trump, forcing West to split his honors. The queen lost to dummy's ace and a diamond was ruffed. Now a spade lead guaranteed one more trump trick and South had his contract. Very well done!

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### Dilbert



### Baby Blues



### Zits



### Mr. Boffo



### Frazz



### Classic Peanuts



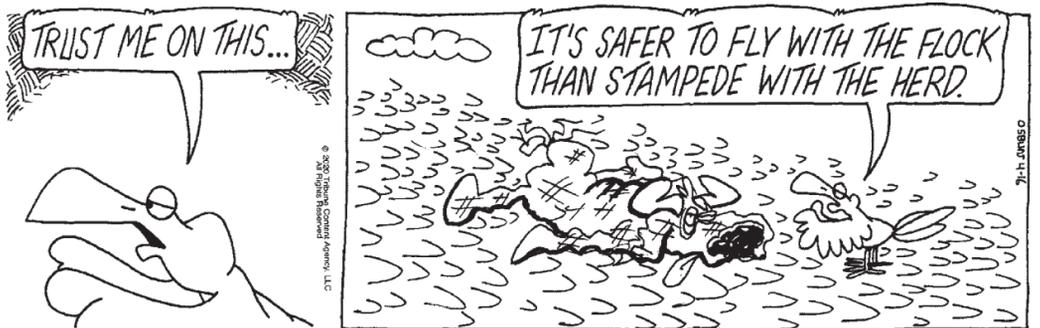
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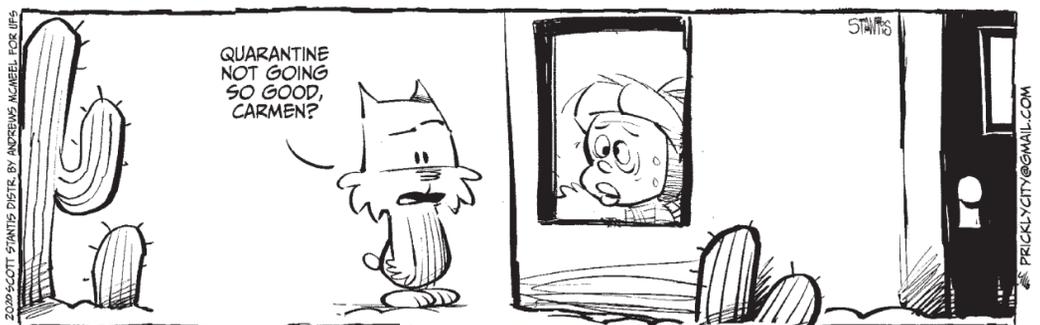
### Dick Tracy



### Animal Crackers



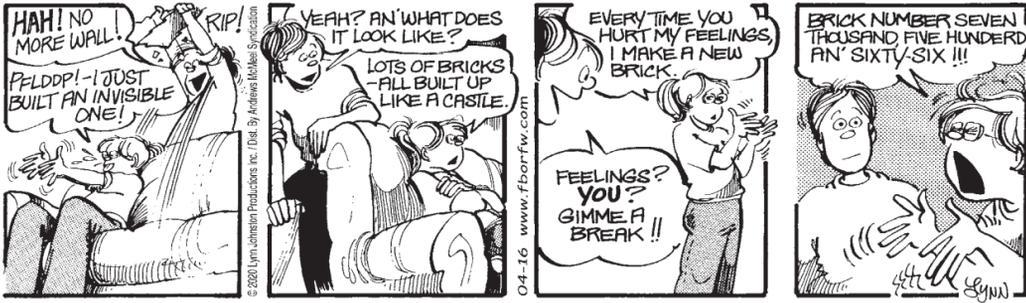
### Prickly City



**Dustin** By Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker



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



**Blondie** By Dean Young and John Marshall



**Hägar the Horrible** By Chris Browne



**Mutts** By Patrick McDonnell



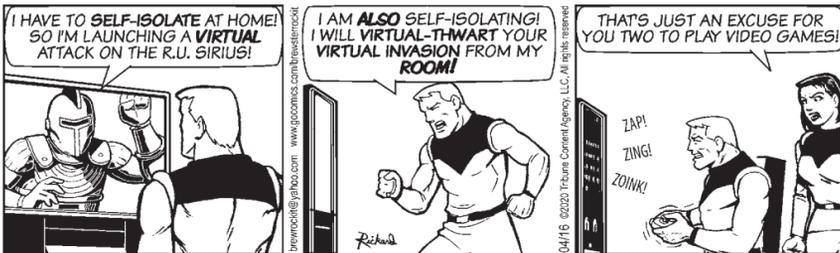
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**Broom-Hilda** By Russell Myers



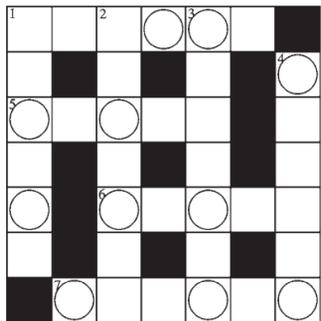
**Trivia Bits**

About how long is the famous chariot race scene in 1959's "Ben-Hur"?

- A) 4 minutes
- B) 11 minutes
- C) 23 minutes
- D) 37 minutes

Wednesday's answer: Muhammad Ali knocked out George Foreman at the 1974 "Rumble in the Jungle" in Zaire.

**Jumble Crossword**



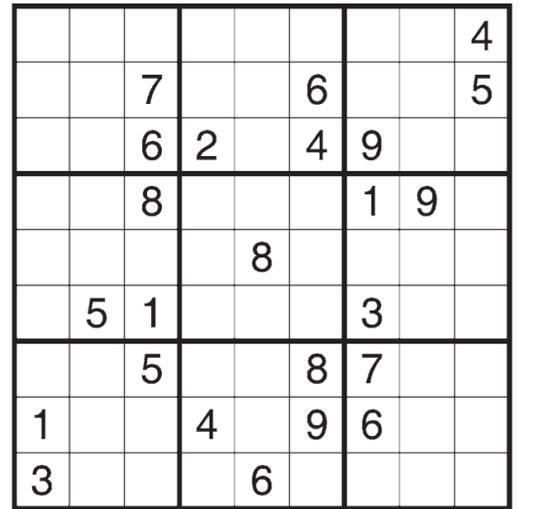
- CLUE ACROSS**
1. Argue
  5. Rent
  6. Dodge
  7. Decorated, designed
- CLUE DOWN**
1. Swanky, opulent
  2. Boldest
  3. ... clippers
  4. Clever, farsighted
- ANSWER ACROSS**
1. EADET  
5. SEAL  
6. VEDAE  
7. YDELT
- ANSWER DOWN**
1. UXDEEL  
2. RBVSTAE  
3. EOIALTN  
4. RHDSEW

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

**BONUS** [Grid]

**Sudoku** 1 2 3 4

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7	5	6	2	8	3	1	4	9
8	9	1	4	5	6	3	7	2
2	4	3	7	1	9	5	8	6
9	1	8	5	2	4	7	6	3
6	7	4	3	9	8	2	1	5
3	2	5	1	6	7	8	9	4
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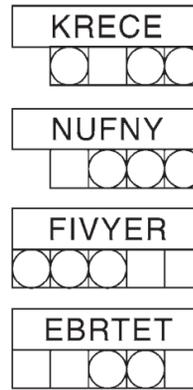
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

**Wednesday's solutions**

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**Jumble**

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



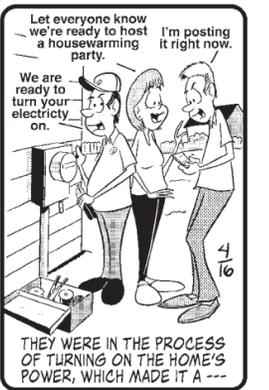
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**Wednesday's answers**

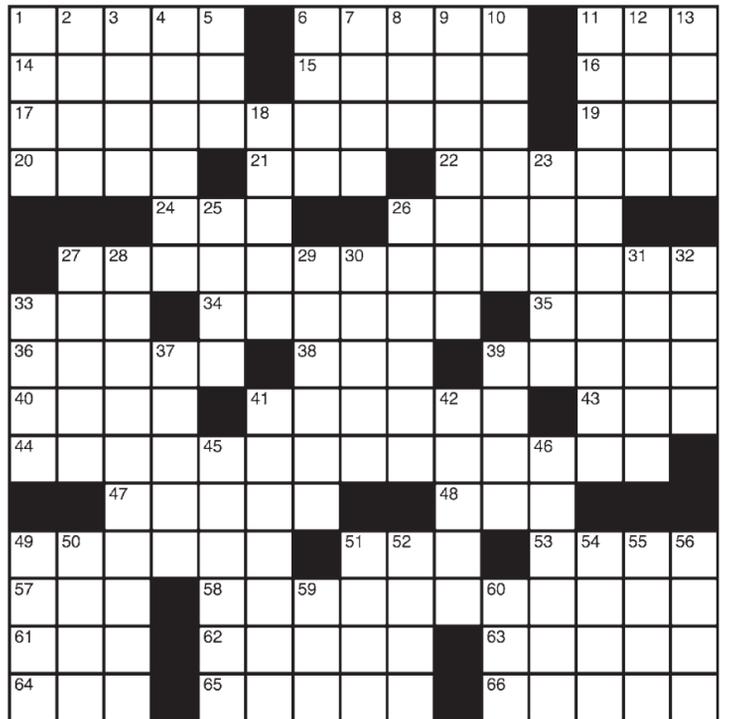
Jumbles: EXILE MESSY BETRAY CACKLE  
Answer: They sold ketches, sloops and cutters. The total cost of each boat included -- "SAILS" TAX

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**Crossword**

4/16



- Across**
- 1 Turning point
  - 6 Pagoda instruments
  - 11 Outdo
  - 14 Big game setting
  - 15 No-frills type
  - 16 "Yo, Hadrian!"
  - 17 Where the farmer relaxed to update the books?
  - 19 Cooper's creation
  - 20 Not behind
  - 21 Long-term digs in orbit: Abbr.
  - 22 Landscaping stones
  - 24 Three-time Cy Young Award winner Scherzer
  - 26 Visibility reducers
  - 27 Story of how the spider monkey climbed the tree?
  - 33 Asian language
  - 34 Takes up
  - 35 Cookware brand
  - 36 Dethrones
  - 38 Low digit
  - 39 Tries
  - 40 One with a password
  - 41 Notably different, with "a"
  - 43 JFK alternative
  - 44 Obstetrician's job, sometimes?
  - 47 Manicurist's tool
  - 48 NBC skit show
  - 49 Sad-eyed hound
  - 51 Moody rock genre
  - 53 Not too many
  - 57 Hundred Acre Wood know-it-all
  - 58 Put the fix in on Black Friday?
  - 61 Med. scan
  - 62 "Middlemarch" novelist
  - 63 Mastery
  - 64 Competition pass
  - 65 Nicks
  - 66 Cut back
  - 8 "NCIS: Los Angeles" actress Long
  - 9 Laverne and Shirley, e.g.
  - 10 Vulgar content
  - 11 Is arrested, in slang
  - 12 Exceeding
  - 13 Cello parts
  - 18 Put the kibosh on
  - 23 Sporty Chevy
  - 25 Sounds of realization
  - 26 Sophisticated, in a way, briefly
  - 27 Take a minute
  - 28 Ygritte portrayer on "Game of Thrones"
  - 29 \_ public
  - 30 Cricket, for one
  - 31 Tee size
  - 32 Idina's "Frozen" role
  - 33 Vibrant, as colors
  - 37 Cuts back
  - 39 "His Eye Is on the Sparrow," e.g.
  - 41 Good for growing
  - 42 Do a lawn job
  - 45 Went off course
  - 46 Yukon neighbor
  - 49 Have a rough night at the comedy club
  - 50 Not as planned
  - 51 Four-award acronym
  - 52 1969 MLB upstarts
  - 54 Midway event
  - 55 Redbook rival
  - 56 Fuse
  - 59 Flung spirits
  - 60 Deadly biter

**Wednesday's solution**



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**Down**

- 1 Nickname for Haydn
- 2 Press
- 3 Cumberbund alternative
- 4 As scheduled
- 5 \_ sushi: Japanese sea bream
- 6 April 1 array
- 7 Swingers on a perpetual-motion desk toy

# CHICAGO WEATHER CENTER

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THURSDAY, APRIL 16 NORMAL HIGH: 59° NORMAL LOW: 39° RECORD HIGH: 87° (2002) RECORD LOW: 18° (1875)

## More snow expected Thursday night into Friday

### LOCAL FORECAST

**HIGH** 46 **LOW** 28

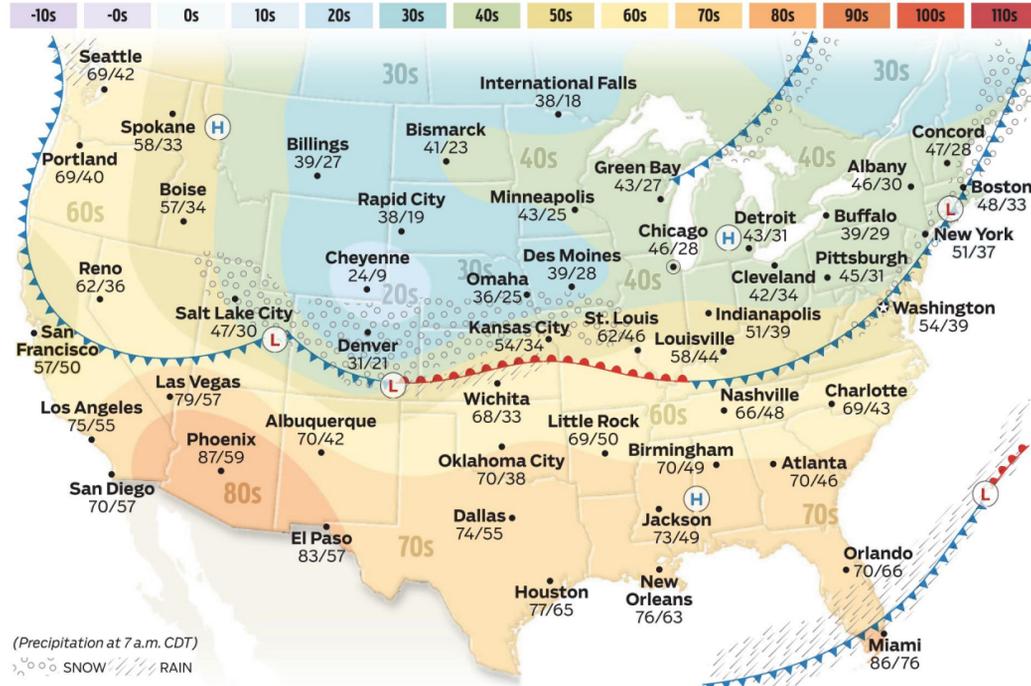
■ High pressure departs as our next "snow maker" low pressure system approaches from the west.

■ Mostly sunny early, with increasing and thickening clouds in the afternoon.

■ Snow begins in the west early in the evening and spreading over most of our area by midnight. Snow overnight into Friday morning with accumulations ranging from near a trace along the Illinois Wisconsin border to as much as 3-5 inches along and just south of the I-80 corridor.

■ SW winds 8-12 mph increase and shift NE after midnight.

### NATIONAL FORECAST



Snowfall ranged from a trace to over 3 inches in parts of the Chicago area Wednesday morning. The slick conditions contributed to many commuter accidents. We could have a repeat with perhaps even a little more snowfall as the next weather system looks to spread snow over our area from the west beginning Thursday evening. Snow will likely continue and accumulate overnight into Friday morning making for a slow and slick commute.

Wednesday's 1.7 inches of snow broke Chicago's old April 15 record of 1.5 inches set back in 1980. With the anticipated snow accumulations Friday morning, the record 0.5 inches of snow for April 17 set back in 1949 definitely appears in jeopardy. After all this snow, the upper air pattern is expected to bring milder more reasonable temps in our area this weekend.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 17

**HIGH** 44 **LOW** 32

Hazardous driving conditions likely for the morning commute. Snow ends during the forenoon hours, becoming partly sunny in the afternoon. NE winds 10-20 mph shift more westerly late in the day and overnight. Clearing skies.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 18

**HIGH** 60 **LOW** 39

Mostly sunny. Becoming breezy and milder in the afternoon. High near the normal of 60. SW winds 10-15 mph gusting to 20 mph. Increasing clouds overnight.

### SUNDAY, APRIL 19

**HIGH** 56 **LOW** 37

Partly sunny and a little cooler with a high in the mid 50s, about 5 degrees below normal. SW winds shift to the N by afternoon 10-18 mph. Partly cloudy overnight.

### MONDAY, APRIL 20

**HIGH** 57 **LOW** 38

Partly sunny with little temperature change. Highs in the mid to upper 50s. A few scattered clouds overnight. West winds 10-15 mph gusting to 25 mph shift to the NE and diminish overnight.

### TUESDAY, APRIL 21

**HIGH** 61 **LOW** 42

Considerable sunshine early then increasing high and mid-level afternoon clouds. Afternoon highs 60-65. Clouds continue to slowly thicken and lower overnight. Light E to SE winds.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

**HIGH** 60 **LOW** 46

Mostly cloudy with a good chance of showers. Highs in the upper 50s to lower 60s. Rain likely overnight. E to SE winds.



NOTE: Predicted high/low temps on Tribune weather page are chronological—the "high" refers to maximum reading expected during day and "low" is the minimum reading expected the following night.

### ASK TOM

Dear Tom,  
 What is the difference between graupel and sleet?  
 Thanks.  
 John Sullivan

Dear John,  
 Sleet, also referred to as ice pellets, is a precipitation type consisting of grains of ice that form when raindrops or partially-melted snowflakes fall through a layer of subfreezing air and freeze solid before they reach the ground. Graupel, on the other hand, is formed in an entirely different manner. Quite often, water droplets in clouds exist in a supercooled state—they are droplets whose temperature is below freezing. If snowflakes originating in clouds above that level descend through a layer of supercooled droplets, they frost over, and the result is graupel—crisp, white, roundish, and easily crushed pellets that have been described as resembling tapioca or Styrofoam.

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## Another round of snow followed by a milder weekend

### WEDNESDAY MORNING SNOWFALL TOTALS

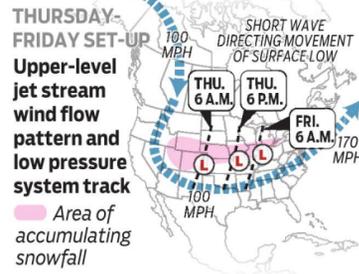
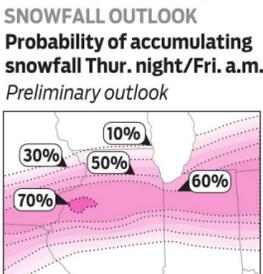
**Greatest snow reports**

Sublette (Lee Co.)	3.5"
Lockport (Will Co.)	3.0"
Somonauk (DeKalb Co.)	3.0"
Elburn (Kane Co.)	3.0"
Romeoville (Will Co.)	2.9"
Joliet (Will Co.)	2.9"
N. Aurora (Kane Co.)	2.8"
Warrenville (DuPage Co.)	2.8"
Batavia (Kane Co.)	2.6"
Naperville (DuPage Co.)	2.5"
Downers Grove (DuPage Co.)	2.0"

### MIDWAY AIRPORT 1.6"

### O'HARE AIRPORT 1.7"

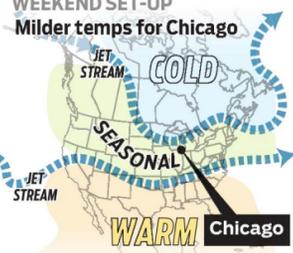
■ The official 1.7" tally at O'Hare was the heaviest for April 15 on record, eclipsing the old record of 1.5" (1980)



### SLOW WARM-UP TO FOLLOW UNSEASONABLE CHILL

Predicted Chicago highs/departures from normal

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
47°	42°	61°	56°	57°
-18°	-18°	-5°	-4°	



SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

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### CHICAGO DIGEST

#### WEDNESDAY TEMPERATURES

LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
Aurora	40	25	Midway	40	28
Gary	37	30	O'Hare	40	27
Kankakee	39	25	Romeoville	39	26
Lakefront	36	27	Valparaiso	37	27
Lansing	38	28	Waukegan	40	26

#### CHICAGO PRECIPITATION

PERIOD	2020	NORMAL
Wed. (through 4 p.m.)	0.10"	0.12"
April to date	0.75"	1.64"
Year to date	7.80"	7.66"

#### CHICAGO SNOWFALL

PERIOD	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Wed. (through 4 p.m.)	1.7"	1.6"
Season to date	31.8"	31.8"
Normal to date	36.1"	36.9"

#### LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS

THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Wind W/SE 6-16 kts.	NE 6-16 kts.
Waves 1-3 feet	1-3 feet
Wed. shore/creeper water temps 48°/46°	

#### WEDNESDAY PEAK POLLEN LEVEL

POLLEN	LEVEL
Tree	Moderate
Grass	0
Mold	Low
Ragweed	0
Weed	0

#### ILLINOIS AIR QUALITY

Wednesday's reading **Good**  
 Thursday's forecast **Good**  
 Critical pollutant **Particulates**

#### THURSDAY RISE/SET TIMES

Sun	6:07 a.m.	7:33 p.m.
Moon	3:33 a.m.	1:22 p.m.



#### THURSDAY PLANET WATCH

PLANET	RISE	SET
Mercury	5:38 a.m.	5:56 p.m.
Venus	7:53 a.m.	11:33 p.m.
Mars	3:15 a.m.	1:01 p.m.
Jupiter	2:20 a.m.	11:44 p.m.
Saturn	2:38 a.m.	12:12 p.m.

**BEST VIEWING TIME** DIRECTION

Mercury	Not visible	
Venus	8:45 p.m.	27.5° WNW
Mars	5:00 a.m.	15.5° SE
Jupiter	5:00 a.m.	21° SE
Saturn	5:00 a.m.	19.5° SE

Source: Dan Joyce, Chicago Astronomical Society

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— HOMES —

BILOOMING BACKYARDS

Homeowners find getting outdoors and connecting with nature can be a therapeutic experience. PAGE 4

# Spruce up your yard

BY DIANA CRANDALL  
HomeAdvisor

As spring brings warmer weather, now's a good time to start pulling out your lawn mower and gardening gloves — if you haven't already.

But before you get to planting and mowing, there are a few steps you can take to ensure your yard stays healthy and beautiful.

**1. Clean up your outdoor space.** First things first, it's important to clean up your lawn, garden and flower beds. Remove any fallen branches, leaves or other debris you find from the area, including hard-to-reach places like under your deck or porch. A leaf blower may help in getting rid of yard waste, and a deep raking gets rid of dead grass and thatch buildup in your lawn.

**2. Evaluate the health of your yard.** Do you notice your yard thinning out and

losing color? Is it failing to absorb water like it used to? If so, you may have compacted soil from heavy foot or vehicle traffic. This compaction keeps water and nutrients from reaching grass roots. Luckily, the solution is usually simple. Lawn aeration can help alleviate this problem, and early spring is a good time to do it. Depending on the tools and experience you have, you may be able to do it yourself.

Spring is also an opportune time to fertilize your lawn. This will protect your grass against disease and nutrient deficiency.

**3. Get your lawn mower ready.** Before you bring your mower roaring back to life, give it a once-over. Are the oil and gas levels where they should be? Top off fluids and make sure your blades are sharpened before you get to work. Dull blades can tear your grass instead of cutting it, which can damage the hard work



DREAMSTIME

Fertilizing in the spring will protect your lawn against disease and nutrient deficiency, and keep it looking healthy and beautiful all year.

you put into keeping it in great shape.

It's also a good idea to set your mower higher in spring, depending on the species of grass you have. This protects it from any unseasonal cold snaps and extra weed growth.

**4. Focus on your garden and landscape.** As you

hook up the hose and make sure your sprinkler systems are ready to go, grab your gardening tools and give them a rinse. You can also cut back dead growth and yank out weeds you see as your perennial plants start to sprout. For a stunning summer bloom, start planting as soon as it's advisable in your climate. Finally, if

you have the time and tools, consider trimming hedges and bushes that are starting to become unwieldy.

**5. Call in pros for help.**

Some outdoor jobs are difficult to do yourself, like gutter cleaning and roof inspections, and you may need to hire a pro to get these jobs done correctly. If

you need a hand with yard work, you can also hire a pro to come out to prep your lawn for the season or set up a routine mowing service.

In addition to ticking the work off your to-do list, you'll be able to offer support to small local businesses impacted by the pandemic.



DESIGN RECIPES

For kitchen and bathroom surfaces, whenever possible, select materials that are nonporous.

## 10 clean design tips for staying healthy at home

BY CATHY HOBBS  
Tribune News Service

For so many, the desire is for home to feel like a haven, a place where you feel warm, cozy and safe. Health is also top of mind, creating a clean and healthy environment. As you look for ways to beautify your environment, why not include ways to ensure clean design? Here are some tips.

**Remove shoes upon entry** into your home to

prevent tracking outdoor pollutants indoors.

**If possible, switch from carpet to hardwood**, especially in key areas such as entryways. Carpeting traps odors and dust mites.

**Consider making your own cleaners.** Lemon juice and water is a fantastic cleaner, as is baking soda and vinegar.

**Consider using a nylon shower curtain** instead of vinyl in bathrooms. Nylon

is not only a greener choice, but in many cases feels like fabric and is washable.

**Be sure to close the toilet seat.** Microparticles are released into the air during the flushing process.

**For kitchen and bathroom surfaces**, whenever possible, select materials that are nonporous. Nonporous surfaces such as quartz and porcelain are the easiest to clean and maintain.

**Wash sponges or replace frequently.** Place sponges in the dishwasher to clean, or replace them. This will help reduce the spread of germs.

**Deep clean.** Cleaning on a regular and consistent basis will help maintain a healthy environment.

**Open the windows.** There are so many benefits for allowing fresh, clean air to help ventilate your home from time to time.

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# Get down to earth to feed the soul

In chaotic times, gardening becomes a form of therapy

BY JOHN RABY  
Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Dig. Plant. Breathe.

As spring's arrival in the Northern Hemisphere coincides with government stay-at-home orders, the itch to get outside has turned backyard gardens into a getaway for the mind in chaotic times.

Gardeners who already know that working with soil is a way to connect with nature say it helps take away their worries, at least temporarily.

"I love to see things grow," Lindsay Waldrop said. "It's incredibly therapeutic."

Now more than ever. Waldrop, a resident of Anaheim, California, has an anxiety disorder. Exercise is supposed to help, but her new job as a college biology professor had prevented her from getting into a routine.

Her grandfather, who introduced her to gardening by showing her how to plant seeds, died about a year ago.

Add the global coronavirus pandemic to all that, and it's easy to see where her focus is these days.

"Sometimes I just like to sit and dig holes in the quiet with my own thoughts," she said. "Outside, it takes my mind off. It gives something for my hands to do. It gives you a separate problem to think about than whatever else is going on. It gets you off of social media."

Waldrop and her husband moved last summer from New Mexico, where she didn't have much luck gardening in a scorching climate. At her new home, she got rid of the lawn, installed an irrigation system, and recently planted dozens of tomatoes, egg-



STEVE HELBER/AP

Gail Henrickson, left, and her daughter, Melissa, shop for plants at a local garden center as they stay at home during the coronavirus outbreak.

***"More than anything, my garden gives me hope, gives me purpose and provides a sense of connection to something bigger than myself."***

— Hollie Niblett

plant, peppers and other vegetables.

Over the years, Waldrop converted her skeptical husband, who initially wondered why digging in the dirt and moving things around was considered fun.

After tasting his first homegrown tomatoes, he was converted.

Families, too, are discovering that gardening gives cooped-up kids something to do, builds their self-esteem and brings variety to what has suddenly become a lot of time spent together.

In Miami, Annika Bolanos isn't a fan of the South Florida heat and mosquitoes. But going outdoors lately has been a lifeline.

Bolanos works at home making cakes and doing bookkeeping with her husband's golf cart business. Her three young children add an extra layer of busy, and together they've seeded a variety of vegetables and herbs.

"We have always loved the idea of growing our own food," Bolanos said. "It feels good to eat something

that you grew yourself, too. It also helps my kids eat more fruits and veggies since they find it cool to eat what they have grown."

Her children water the plants daily and concentrate on what's growing.

"You're feeling the sun and the breeze and don't have to worry about anything in the moment," Bolanos said.

In Britain and Germany, there's a premium on allotments — popular parcels of land rented for growing food crops.

"Those with a garden are the lucky ones," said Heidi Schaletzky, standing on the lawn beneath a cherry tree in the north of Berlin.

Schaletzky and her husband have been cultivating a plot in the "Free Country" community garden for the past eight years, growing strawberries, salad greens and kohlrabi. So far, access

to garden plots remains exempt from restrictions intended to stop the spread of the virus in Germany.

"We'll be able to see other people, too," she said. "As long as they stay on their side of the fence."

As the weather warms, garden shops are bustling as other businesses are shut during the outbreak.

At the Almaden Valley Nursery in San Jose, California, rose expert John Harp has seen a mix of new gardeners and regulars. Customers can't come into the shop, so their online orders are brought to their vehicles in the parking lot.

"Around town everyone is gardening right now," Harp said. "They're looking to be a little bit more self-sufficient."

This homegrown attitude goes back to World War II, when millions of people cultivated victory

gardens to protect against potential food shortages while boosting patriotism and morale.

Hollie Niblett, who lives near Kansas City, Kansas, hopes the victory gardens come back. Niblett, who has a degree in horticultural therapy, tends to a kitchen garden near her backdoor, perennial flowers, flowering trees and shrubs, and upper and lower grassy yards connected by a path through an area left in its natural condition.

"There are so many things about it that feed my soul," she said. "Right now, more than anything, my garden gives me hope, gives me purpose and provides a sense of connection to something bigger than myself."

For beginners, wonderment awaits. Just south of Atlanta, 10-year-old Ezra Gandy's love for playing baseball has been paused. He and his grandmother, Melanie Nunnally, recently started an outdoor garden, planting strawberries, cabbage, broccoli, kale and asparagus.

"I like digging in the dirt because I like to see all the bugs and stuff that's in the ground," he said.

The nonprofit group KidsGardening.org suggests that children grow their own salads or do other activities.

The virus scare could even usher in a new crop of gardeners who start from seed rather than risk the crowds buying starter plants.

Kendra Schilling of Scott Depot, West Virginia, doesn't have space for a sprawling garden, so she's planting potatoes in a bucket and trying to figure out with her teenage daughter what to do with other vegetable seeds.

"I usually go buy the plants and stick them in the dirt. But this year we're going to try to do the seeds," she says. "Thank God for YouTube."



CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN

Power raking can help lawns with thatch buildup. Combining core aeration with proper watering, mowing and fertilizing will keep your lawn growing strong.

## Core aeration is a key way to keep lawns looking good

BY TIM JOHNSON

*My neighbor had his lawn power raked this spring. Should I have my lawn power raked?*

— Bob Jefferson, Barrington

I prefer using core aeration as an annual cultural practice for lawns. Power raking can be beneficial for lawns that have excess thatch buildup (more than 3/4-inch thick). Combining core aeration with proper watering, mowing and fertilizing practices will help keep your lawn growing strong and better able to withstand stress and reduce weed problems.

The best time to aerate cool-season grasses such as Kentucky bluegrass, which makes up most Chicago-area lawns, is in spring and fall, when the grasses are actively growing. Weather conditions are different from year to year, but April and May or September and October are generally good months to schedule aeration. I prefer the spring window for core aeration, although aerating twice a year can be beneficial for lawns that are heavily used.

Core aeration improves

the lawn's health and vigor by breaking up soil compaction, which improves water drainage, nutrient absorption and air circulation to the roots. A stronger root system promotes a better-looking and healthier lawn.

Lawn aeration also helps to decrease the buildup of thatch, which is a layer of organic matter that has not decomposed at the top of the soil. This can occur when there is excess grass growth caused by over-fertilization and light, frequent irrigation.

If this layer gets too thick, it will absorb moisture and encourage shallow rooting of the grass, making it more prone to drought stress and less able to absorb nutrients. Grub control is less effective when there is excessive thatch in a lawn. Lawn aeration also provides an opportunity to overseed if any areas of your yard are thin.

Core aeration is done with a machine that removes small plugs of grass and soil from the ground. You will get the best results if the soil is moist but not wet — the machine is not

able to pull good cores if the ground is very dry and hard.

You can rent a core aerator or hire a company to do the work for you. The machines are heavy and easiest to transport in the back of a truck. Flag any sprinkler heads, light fixtures, valve boxes and other hidden items before aerating so that you can avoid damaging them — or the machine — while aerating. If your lawn has been recently sodded, make sure it is well rooted in before aerating, or the machine will pull up the sod. A general rule is to wait a year after sodding before beginning a core aeration program.

It is best to leave the cores on top of the lawn and let them naturally break down over a couple of weeks.

*For more plant advice, contact the Plant Information Service at the Chicago Botanic Garden at [plantinfo@chicagobotanic.org](mailto:plantinfo@chicagobotanic.org).*

*Tim Johnson is senior director of horticulture at the Chicago Botanic Garden.*

## You don't have to social distance from your garden

BY BETH BOTTS

If you have a large yard where you can work outdoors at a suitable social distance, you have a handy stress reliever: You can garden. Even if you don't have a lot of outdoor space, there's still a lot you can do.

"As long as you're not too close to people, working in the garden can be good for you," said Sharon Yiesla, plant knowledge specialist at The Morton Arboretum in Lisle. "It's good exercise, and you can relax while you focus on what you're doing."

Here are some suggestions from Yiesla and the Arboretum's Plant Clinic for gardening, or preparing to garden, this spring.

**Rethink.** Often in springtime, gardeners rush outside and do what they've always done. This spring, when many have had their lives disrupted, is an opportunity to rethink many of those routines.

**Plan.** "Start by surveying the garden," Yiesla said. Take some measurements and draw up at least a rough plan of the garden. Mark large fixed objects, such as the garage, the house, the driveway and the trees. Think about how much shade they cast and note where the shade and sunlight fall. Make some copies of the plan or save it on your computer, so you can try out various possibilities.

**Measure.** Before you plan to purchase trees or shrubs, measure the available space. "It's important that the plant will fit when it's fully grown, not just when you plant it," Yiesla said. Trees and shrubs become wider as well as taller as they grow. Spend some of your indoor time researching a variety or species that might be suitable for your site. Start by going to [mortonarb.org/tree-and-plant-selection](http://mortonarb.org/tree-and-plant-selection).



MORTON ARBORETUM

Being outdoors in the garden among trees, wildlife and shrubs, such as this flowering viburnum, can be a good stress reliever.

**Pause.** Check to make sure the soil is dry before you dig or plant. "We've had a lot of rain this spring," Yiesla said, "and digging in wet soil or walking on it can compact it, which causes long-term problems." In the meantime, you can rake up debris, cut back perennials, care for tools, start seeds and think about what you'll do when the soil is dry enough to work.

**Plant.** Many gardeners have packets of seed on hand from previous years. If you have a relatively dry patch of soil, or a raised bed or large container in a sunny area, go ahead and sow some seeds of cool-season vegetables right in the soil. These vegetables will germinate in cool soil and can withstand cold weather in spring. In mid-April, Chicago-area gardeners can direct-sow seeds of broccoli, peas, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, kale, spinach, leaf lettuce, kohlrabi, rutabagas and turnips. In late April, it will be safe to sow seeds of beets, carrots, cauliflower, chard, Chinese cabbage, mustard greens, parsnips, and radishes. You may also be able to order plants online or through a local garden center for delivery or curbside pickup.

**Maintain.** Maybe you've been furloughed, or

you're being extra careful with money in these uncertain times. "Concentrate on doing a better job of maintaining the plants you have," Yiesla said. Identify and learn about all your shrubs and trees; online experts such as the Plant Clinic can help. Learn about your plants as individual species, so you can understand what each one needs. If some plants have problems, figure out why. Cut back or divide overgrown perennials. Prune shrubs according to each species' needs. Spread mulch around trees. Consider whether all your plants are in the right place in your yard, or if you should move or get rid of some.

As we keep a safe distance from people to avoid spreading the coronavirus, we can also stand back and take a new look at our gardens. "This is a chance for all of us to really think about our spaces and our plants and maybe reset some things," Yiesla said. "And as a bonus, we get to be outside among the birds, plants and trees."

*For tree and plant advice, contact the Plant Clinic ([mortonarb.org/plantadvice](http://mortonarb.org/plantadvice) or [plantclinic@mortonarb.org](mailto:plantclinic@mortonarb.org)). Beth Botts is a staff writer at the Arboretum.*

# Here and ready to help with home issues

BY TIM CARTER

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There's not a doubt in my mind that you've been directly affected by the current health crisis that's sweeping over the United States like some biblical plague. These are extraordinary times and they call for extraordinary effort from many of us, me included.

Several years ago, I was involved in a discussion with a dear friend. We are polar opposites on political issues. I think the discussion had to do with giving things to people who are less fortunate. My friend said to me, "From those to whom much is given, much is expected." She knew that God had blessed me with success with my building and media career. Her statement cut deep to the bone, but it rang true once I had cooled down.

Just because the economy has shut down for all intents and purposes, that doesn't mean the structural and mechanical problems and challenges at your own home have stopped. In fact, you may be more desperate now than you were a month ago.

Perhaps you don't want strangers coming to your house. I get that. The virus we're all battling is invisible. People who have COVID-19, the disease associated with the novel coronavirus, can infect other people before they show the telltale symptoms (if they ever show them at all).

Your challenge could be financial. So many are suffering. I get that. Just nine years ago, I had to face an incredible financial challenge of my own. I'm quite sensitive to this particular situation and understand the difficulty you might face.

This morning God sent me a vision of how I might be able to help you long distance. He told me that I need to radically alter my schedule, work longer hours and that I need to



DREAMSTIME

Tim Carter will devote at least two hours a day to calling homeowners across the country who have questions about repairs and other home projects.

step up to the plate to help you. He blessed me years ago with the ability to explain complex building issues in a way you can understand.

He also trained me on how to talk on the radio and in front of a camera. I did a two-hour live call-in radio show for 12 years, and I was the weekly home improvement expert on the ABC and NBC-TV affiliates in Cincinnati. It's time to brush off the dust from those past experiences to help you.

I've decided to devote two hours a day minimum calling homeowners all across the U.S. You may need to know how to do a simple repair. I can help get you started over the phone.

Because money is tighter

***In many cases, a simple quick phone call may help you. In others, I may have to record a short video.***

than a banjo string right now, you can't afford to buy something new so you need to know how to protect what you have. I can help. Or, if you are buying something, perhaps you want to know what the best product is so you don't waste precious money.

In many cases, a simple quick phone call may help you. In others, I may have to record a short video with some drawings as I made all those years ago sitting at future customers' dining room tables showing them

how I was going to solve a particular issue when building their room addition or house.

The point is, it's time for me to try to share my knowledge far and wide. I intend to record each phone call, keeping your identity private. I'll then upload the recording to my website so everyone with the same problem can listen and benefit.

Any video I do I'll upload to my AsktheBuilder YouTube channel so you can watch it. It's my hope

that your newspaper will allow me to devote a small section of this column to all the recordings and videos I completed the previous week.

I actually think this could help save tens of millions of dollars collectively and lessen your anxiety about issues you face with your home in these trying times.

I've created a form on my website that you need to fill out with some information so I can do my best to help you. Remember, your privacy is paramount. No one will know it's you who's asking for help.

If you want me to answer your questions, all you have to do is go to the form on my Ask the Builder website. Here's the URL: [go.askthe](http://go.askthebuilder.com/callme)

[builder.com/callme](http://builder.com/callme).

I don't yet know how many will respond. I don't know how many different problems a week I can solve. I do know that your problem may be shared by someone else so even though I don't call you, a phone call or video I create for someone else may be all the help you require.

I'm wide open to ideas on how to make this work for you, as the concept is not cast in stone. We can work together to refine how to transfer the knowledge. If you have a better mousetrap that will allow me to help more people faster, I'd love to hear from you.

Stay safe, and I pray each day that you'll survive this crisis stronger than before.

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## SAVINGS UPDATE

### Homeowners requesting a mortgage extension jump 1,000 percent

With the coronavirus pandemic disrupting many Americans' financial stability, and Congress passing the CARES Act, the door has been opened for U.S. homeowners to make special requests for mortgage forbearance. And the numbers have skyrocketed.

Forbearance refers to an agreement between a homeowner and their mortgage lender that monthly payments can be reduced or paused entirely for some agreed upon period. A plan for later repayment is established, and the lender cannot foreclose during forbearance.

We've now seen the release of the first monthly forbearance data since the pandemic took hold in the U.S., and March's figures have come in at record levels.

According to the Mortgage Bankers Association, which regularly reports on the percentage of mortgages in forbearance, the share of homeowners who have been granted more time to pay their mortgage jumped from 0.25 percent in February to almost 2.7 percent in March.

That's roughly a 1,000 percent increase, but the requests are likely just getting started. For one, the survey was conducted on April 2 for activity during March, and the CARES Act was passed very late in the month, on March 27.

Second, it's expected that households experiencing negative financial circumstances from the pandemic will find their expenses increasingly difficult to cover with each continued week of stay-at-home measures. For example, a homeowner who is able to make her first mortgage payment after losing her job may not be able to muster the next payment.

Forbearance numbers were highest among Ginnie Mae-backed loans, such as FHA, VA, and RD mortgages, which tend to serve low- to moderate-income borrowers. Here the forbearance rate for March was 3.45 percent vs. just 0.19 percent in February.

It is strongly recommended that anyone who feels they may need to request forbearance should contact their mortgage lender as soon as possible.

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