

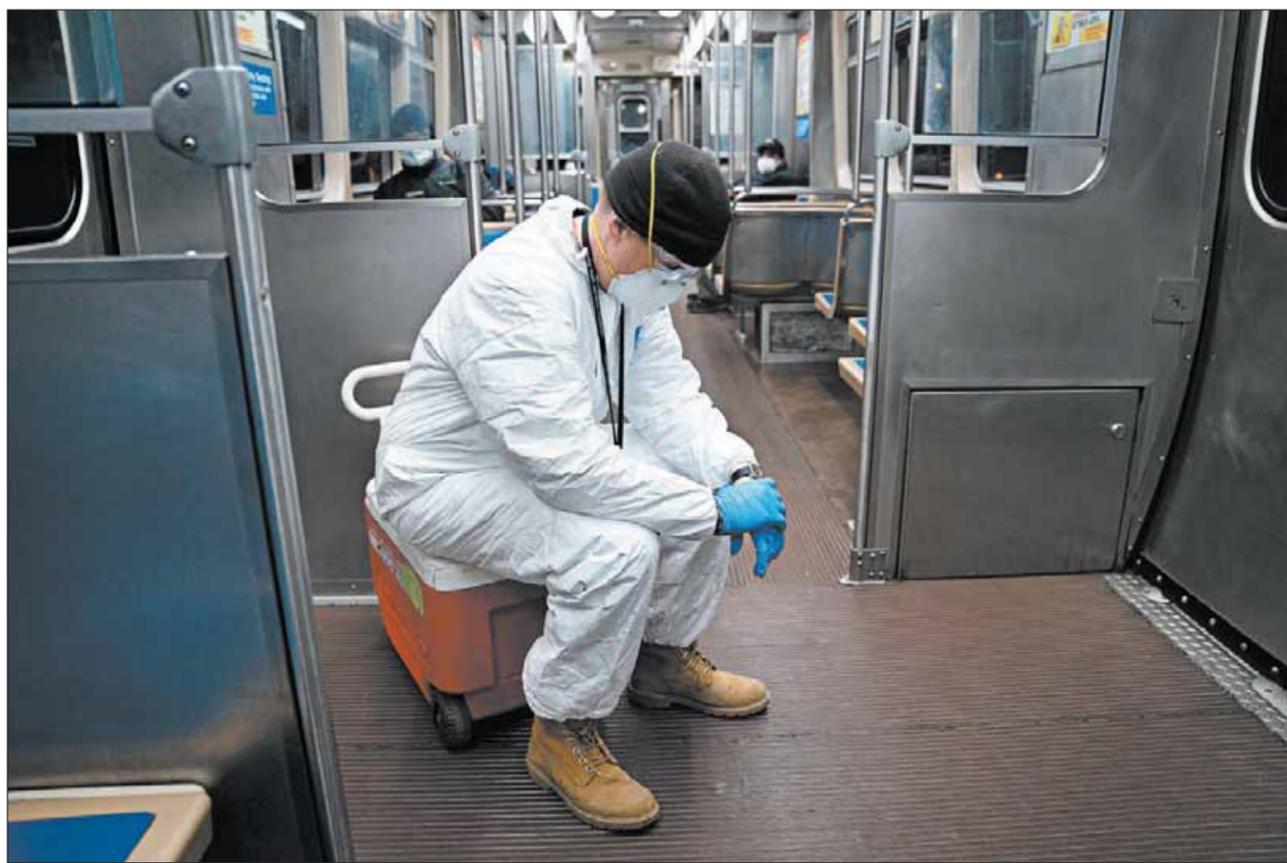


CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

ORDER EXTENDED

STAY-AT-HOME RULE TO STAY IN PLACE UNTIL MAY 30

SOME BUSINESSES, STATE PARKS ALLOWED TO REOPEN



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By JAMIE MUNKS, DAN PETRELLA, LISA SCHENCKER AND GREGORY PRATT

The stay-at-home order in Illinois that now runs until at least May 30 will require people to cover their faces in most public settings but will also allow some businesses and state parks to reopen and free golfers to get back to the links.

It will also permit hospitals to again offer some types of elective surgeries, giving relief to patients whose procedures had been put on hold because of the pandemic.

The order's basic message, though, remains the same: stay home, if you can.

Gov. J.B. Pritzker, flanked by experts at his daily briefing in Chicago on Thursday, pointed to charts showing that if the statewide stay-at-home order was lifted, it would result in a "second wave" of COVID-19 infections, hospitalizations and deaths.

"The projections are clear: if we lifted the stay-at-home order tomorrow, we would see our deaths per day shoot into the thousands by the end of May, and that would last well into the summer. Our hospitals would be full, and very sick people would have nowhere to go," Pritzker said.

"People who otherwise might have won their fight against COVID would die, because we wouldn't be able to help them through. No amount of political pressure would ever make me allow such a scenario for our state," the governor said.

Illinois has been under a statewide stay-at-home order since March 21, at which point the state had reported 753 confirmed

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'RECIPE FOR DISASTER'

Chandra Matteson, a nurse practitioner with The Night Ministry, pauses for a break between stops as she delivers sandwiches and checks temperatures on CTA Blue Line trains Wednesday. Nearly empty of regular commuters, trains now are carrying essential workers and the homeless. Social service agencies have reported an uptick in the number of homeless people sheltering on CTA trains during the pandemic. **Chicagoland**, Page 4



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Sales clerk Jesus Mata, right, aids a customer at CityEscape Garden Center last week.

Extension chills hopes

Warm-weather firms now must prep for worst

By ALLY MAROTTI

April 1 was the magic date for Tony Zarcone, owner of The Freeze in Logan Square. Whatever happened — rain, snow or shine — that was when he would open his doors for the season.

Instead, cases of ice cream destined for soft

serve machines sit in Zarcone's freezer. Orders for meat and bread have been canceled.

"I visit the store and I say a prayer," Zarcone said. "I remember the good old days, when the lines were long ... and everybody was smiling. And it's all come to a halt."

The coronavirus pandemic has forced businesses in almost every industry to search for lifelines that might help recoup months of lost reve-

nue. But for seasonal businesses like ice cream shops and Riverwalk vendors that make most of their sales in warm-weather months, the future is even more uncertain.

Gov. J.B. Pritzker on Thursday extended the state's stay-at-home order through the end of May, leaving some seasonal business owners wondering if they'll be able to

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Poll shows few trust what Trump saying about virus

Republicans remain in his corner, but still doubt his credibility

By JULIE PACE AND HANNAH FINGERHUT
Associated Press



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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump has made himself the daily spokesman for the nation's coronavirus response. Yet few Americans regularly look to or trust Trump as a source of information on the pandemic, according to a new survey from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

Just 28% of Americans say they're regularly getting information from Trump about the coronavirus and only 23% say they have high levels of trust in what the president is telling the public. Another 21% trust him a moderate amount.

Confidence in Trump is higher among his supporters, though only about half of Republicans say they have a lot of trust in Trump's information on

Only 23% polled say they have high levels of trust in what President Donald Trump is telling the public.

the pandemic — and 22% say they have little or no trust in what he says about the COVID-19 outbreak.

But even as many Republicans question Trump's credibility during the pandemic, the overwhelming majority — 82% — say they still approve of how he's doing.

That's helped keep the president's overall approval rating steady at 42%, about where it's been for the past few months.

Lynn Sanchez, 66, of Jacksonville, Texas, is among those who backs Trump despite reserva-

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4th aid package close to \$500B

A measure helping businesses and hospitals ride out the devastation is sent to President Trump on Thursday, as lawmakers' face masks and bandannas added an eerie tone to Congress' effort to aid a staggered nation.

■ With legions out of work, Republicans across the critical battleground states trying to lay blame on Democratic governors.

■ More than 4.4 million workers applied for unemployment last week. About 1 in 6 American workers have lost jobs in the past five weeks.

Nation & World

GAO faults feds' lax look at schools' seclusion data

Failure to analyze info puts kids at risk

By JODI S. COHEN AND JENNIFER SMITH RICHARDS

This story is a collaboration between the Tribune and ProPublica Illinois.

Federal education officials failed to check the accuracy of data submitted by school districts on their

use of seclusion and restraint and did not try to identify the ones that potentially overuse these methods, leaving children at risk of being mistreated, according to a new watchdog report.

The Government Accountability Office's report found the U.S. Department of Education's attempts to

determine how often schools use seclusion and restraint are "largely ineffective or do not exist." A dozen Illinois schools with troubling data were highlighted in the report, issued this week.

Last year, a Chicago Tribune-ProPublica Illinois investigation analyzed 50,000 pages of incident reports created from September 2017 through De-

ember 2018 and determined that Illinois schools routinely isolated and restrained students for reasons that violated state law. "The Quiet Rooms" series also found the state did not oversee these practices and that school districts reported incorrect or incomplete data to the federal government, making it difficult to determine if and how seclusion and restraint

were used in schools.

The Education Department is "lacking information that could really help them determine whether certain schools' and districts' use of these practices could be excessive or discriminatory or both," Jacqueline Nowicki, a director with the GAO, said in an interview. "Those are

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PATRICK SEMANSKY/AP

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell arrives at the U.S. Capitol before passage of a coronavirus relief bill this week.



JOHN KASS

Could bankruptcy idea actually save taxpayers?

When Republican Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell mentioned that states like Illinois should think of the "B" word — bankruptcy — to dig itself out of the bottomless fiscal pit our politicians have put taxpayers into, the reaction was predictably partisan.

Democrats hated it. But should they?

Or is bankruptcy for Illinois — and for Chicago — the last opportunity for taxpayers to escape the death spiral that our political class got us into?

Illinois politicians have proven again and again, year after year, that they just don't have what's necessary.

They don't have the political will. All they do is talk of raising taxes, even with millions now out of work due to the coronavirus shutdown.

I asked the respected financial analyst Ted Dabrowski, of wirepoints.org, about bankruptcy for Illinois and Chicago in an interview for an upcoming episode of "The Chicago Way" podcast.

"Without bankruptcy, what happens is that people continue to leave, the debt gets bigger, the taxes get higher and the spiral continues," Dabrowski said. "You're just stuck in a spiral and everything just gets worse."

"We have seen that even in the last decade where we had arguably the best economic growth ever, we saw Chicago's (public worker pension liabilities) get dramatically worse. We saw the state's (pension liabilities) get dramatically worse. And now that we're in the down cycle, it's going to collapse further."

Anyone doubt that? If so, then what color unicorns do you believe in? The pink ones, blue ones or the ones with sparkles?

State and city finances were overwhelmingly negative even before the coronavirus pandemic caused a business shutdown. Now the revenue stream is bone dry. And Illinois did not have a rainy-day fund to begin with.

Taxpayers see what is happening. And now they're out of work. For years they've been fleeing the state in droves as part of the Great Illinois Exodus.

I'm not saying bankruptcy is the only option. I'm willing to entertain other ideas. I love Illinois and Chicago like many of you do and want public retirement pensions to be saved.

But except for childish dreams about unicorns or Gov. J.B. Pritzker's demand for an income tax increase that will drive even more people out of Chicago and Illinois, there isn't much left but political wind.

Pritzker brushed off McConnell's bankruptcy idea. And the guy Pritzker is most jealous of, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, said it was "one of the saddest, really dumb comments of all time." They're Democrats.

For states to declare bankruptcy would require changes in federal law. All Chicago, or Harvey or East St. Louis would require a majority vote of the state legislature.

McConnell was reacting to a ham-handed ask from Illinois Senate Democrats hoping to use the coronavirus pandemic as a shameless excuse for a bailout of decades' worth of their political misdeeds by not funding state worker pension plans.

"I think this whole business of additional assistance for state and local governments needs to be thoroughly evaluated," McConnell, the Kentucky Republican, told Hugh Hewitt, the conservative radio host.

"There's not going to be any desire on the Republican side to bail out state pensions by borrowing money from future generations."

But, McConnell told Hewitt, "I would certainly be in favor of allowing states to use the bankruptcy route. It saves some cities. And there's no good reason for it not to be available."

Bankruptcy gave Detroit a chance to look forward. It might save Chicago and its taxpayers. Whether bankruptcy could apply to Illinois and its pension problems would require a ton of legal wrangling. But a federal judge would make tough decisions that politicians don't have the guts to make on who gets what.

It wouldn't be easy. Public worker union bosses don't want to take a hit. And big-shot bond investors don't want to take a hit.

Yet what about the rest, the major-

ity of taxpayers who aren't big bond investors who can get the governor on the phone, or public union bosses who elect governors and mayors?

Why should we keep taking the hit, and bleeding, and being forced to leave our homes?

Many see this simply as a McConnell ploy, to throw the Illinois Democratic Party's absurd request for a federal pension bailout back into Illinois Democratic laps.

But crisis means opportunity. Years ago, I took heat for saying on a panel discussion at the City Club of Chicago that bankruptcy was a way out for a Chicago without the political will to survive.

I still think it's worth considering.

And so, I asked Dabrowski to be a guest on "The Chicago Way" to discuss it some more.

The problem of course is politics. The Democrats and some Republicans rely on public worker unions — state and city employees — for votes. The politicians take good care of the public worker unions — I'm not talking about union electricians, carpenters and plumbers, etc. — and the public unions vote the politicians in election time.

Who gets left out? Everybody else.

"This is what's breaking us," Dabrowski said. "I'm not trying to be mean. I'm just trying to be factual. You've got one class of workers in this state with guaranteed long-term contracts, with guaranteed pay and guaranteed pensions, that's a big class."

"And there's a second class that doesn't have any of those protections, the private sector, they've lost their jobs (due to the coronavirus shutdown), we'll be getting to the point where we'll have close to a million job losses soon, losing pay, and yet they're still required, right now to continue to pay for that first class."

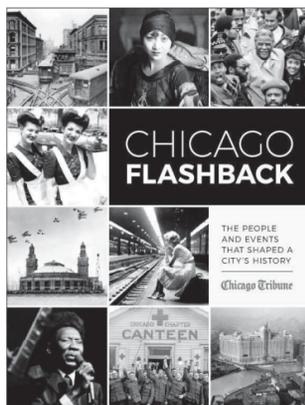
"So as long as that system exists, we'll never get out of it."

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Gyros Planet steps up in upside-down world

Evanston duo using restaurant to feed families amid crisis



HEIDI STEVENS
Balancing Act

April marks the one-year anniversary of Erika Castro and Pablo Sanchez reopening Gyros Planet, a storefront restaurant down the block from Evanston Township High School.

The couple purchased the spot from its previous owners in March 2019 and spent the next month cleaning it up, learning to make gyros and finding ways to incorporate some of their favorite family recipes into the offerings: tortas al pastor, jerk chicken tacos. They envisioned the place as a hub for ETHS kids and neighborhood families.

Castro, who immigrated to the United States from Colombia, and Sanchez, who hails from Guatemala, met in an English class at Truman College. They moved from Chicago to Evanston for the schools (they have three children), and they wanted their restaurant to become a gathering spot for Evanston's Latino community as well.

In March, as the coronavirus started forcing people to stay away from work and school and friends, the couple started to watch business dwindle. They switched to takeout and delivery. They didn't have any employees to furlough or let go — the two of them run the operation on their own. They cleared

out their savings. They prayed.

They listened. "I ask our customers, 'How are you? How is your family?'" Castro told me on Wednesday. "People tell you their struggles. A majority of them work in restaurants or they are babysitters or they do housekeeping. Their jobs right now, they're not allowed to go to. I see so many people losing their jobs."

Castro and Sanchez are tightly connected to their church, St. Nicholas, a multilingual Catholic church in Evanston. They're active in the Evanston Latinx Business Alliance. Everywhere she turns, Castro said, she hears about struggle.

"Some people in the Latino community are scared to go to hospitals," she said. "They feel their immigration status will not allow them to go to a doctor. Some of them have a language barrier or they don't know how to use a computer so they can't get the information for programs that can help them or learn how they can protect themselves. Their jobs don't give them unemployment."

Illinois recently launched a Latino COVID-19 Initiative, made up of public health experts and elected officials, to study the way the coronavirus is impacting the Latino population and to spread information within the community about how to stay safe and protected.

"I told my husband, 'How can we help?' I feel we have to do it," Castro said.

She heard about Evanston chef Q. Ibraheem preparing and delivering meals to families who don't have enough food. She

wanted to do something similar.

On April 6, Castro posted a note on the Gyros Planet Facebook page: "For all our Hispanic community in Evanston that is going through difficult times we want to offer you FREE LUNCH starting this week. ... Tell us how many are in your family and your address and we will deliver all FREE. God bless you today and always."

Calls poured in. "I heard from widows. I heard from single moms. I heard from families who both parents lost their jobs," Castro said. "It's so heartbreaking when a family calls you and says, 'Please, I don't have enough money to feed my kids.'"

One day they delivered 51 lunches. Another day they delivered 78. Another day, 81. Eventually, they couldn't keep up with the deliveries and still meet the demands of their paying customers, so they started asking callers to come to the restaurant to pick up their free meals.

Every day from 11 a.m. to noon, they set up a table. People call ahead and say what they need. Castro and Sanchez put it on the table. They remind the callers to wear masks and gloves. Their mission is to help the Latino community, but Castro says they don't turn anyone away.

They want to make 100 free lunches per day. They launched a GoFundMe page with a goal of \$20,000. They're at just under \$7,000 as of Thursday.

"We will be hopeful that everything will get better," Castro said. "We need to trust God and feel that we will be fine. My husband said, 'Even if we lose the restaurant, we did something good.'"

One day they showed up



STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS

Erika Castro and her husband, Pablo Sanchez, in top photo, put together food boxes at their restaurant, Gyros Planet. Pablo Sanchez, 15, one of their children, helps out.

at work and found the sidewalk chalked in front of the restaurant. "Gyros Planet. DELICIOUS, LOCAL, CURBSIDE PICKUP! HIGHLY RECOMMEND!"

They took a photo and posted it on Facebook. "Thank you Evanston. We found this, we are very thankful for your support and amazed to find some-

thing like this on the street. WE LOVE YOU AND THANK YOU!"

Certainly Castro and Sanchez didn't see any of this coming when they opened their doors last April. Who among us did?

But one of their hopes was to build and serve a community, and it's hard to imagine a more beautiful

example of that.

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You keep seeing it in the news: Mortgage rates are at all-time lows. But how low is that? And when was the last time we came close to rates like this?

The headlines refer to Freddie Mac's national weekly mortgage rate average. Freddie Mac has been surveying U.S. mortgage lenders since 1971 to compile weekly averages for 30-year fixed, 15-year fixed, and 5/1 adjustable-rate mortgages. The rates included in the survey have an 80% loan-to-value ratio.

Freddie Mac collects its rates every Monday through Wednesday and reports the weekly averages every Thursday at 10 a.m. ET. Last Thursday, the 30-year fixed-rate average was 3.31% APY.

That's just 2 basis points above the lowest average Freddie Mac has ever recorded since it began tracking in 1971. On Thursday, March 6, the average was a record-setting 3.29% APY.

But how does this compare to the past? Did we just

set the record by a few basis points, or a wide margin? What about the record lows of 2012?

A look at rate averages since 1971 shows that rates today are nothing like those in the 70s, 80s, or 90s. During those three decades, the average 30-year rate never fell below 6%. And dipping into the 5% range didn't happen until late 2002.

It then took us until January 2009, another 7+ years, before we ever dropped into the 4% range. And then another three years before we first hit the 3% range, in October 2011.

Then came Nov. 21, 2012, when the 30-year average sunk to its previous historic low of 3.31% APY.

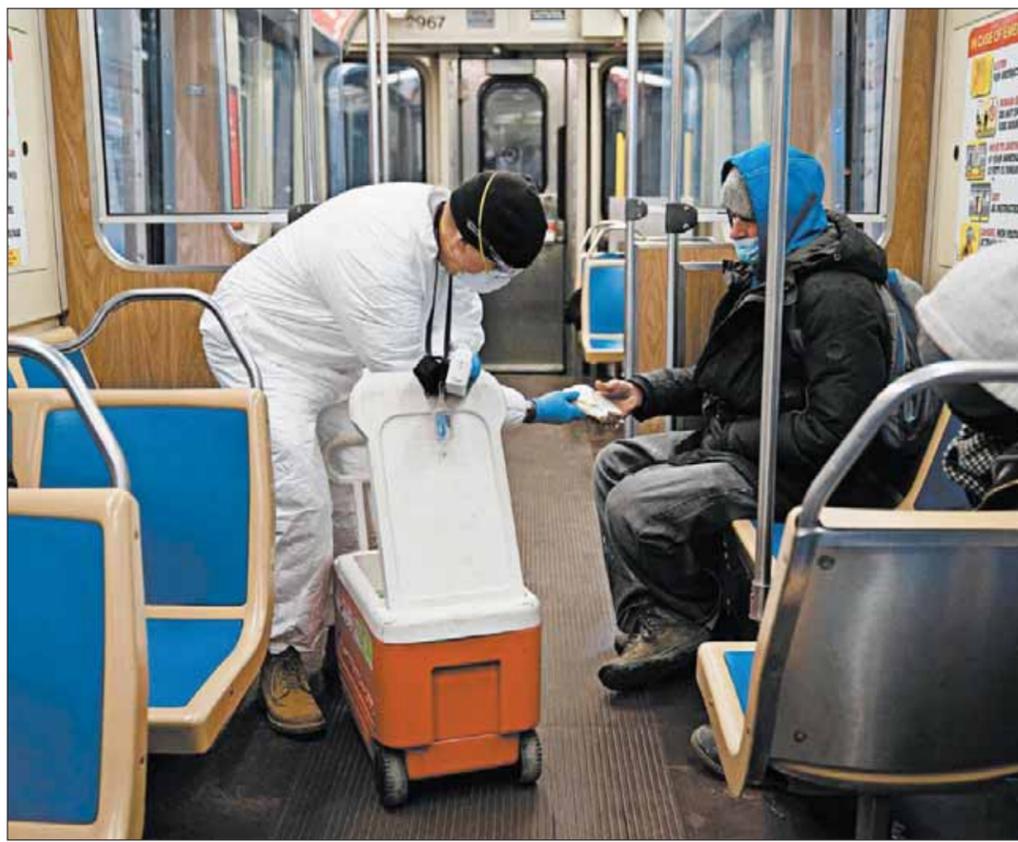
That means today's average closely matches the previous low, when millions of Americans refinanced. But since few were lucky enough to lock in the very lowest rate, significant opportunity exists for millions to score a second chance.

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Masks to be required starting May



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Chandra Matteson, a nurse practitioner with the Night Ministry, hands out meals on a CTA Blue Line train Wednesday.

AS RIDERS STAY HOME, HOMELESS RIDE CTA

But sharing trains with essential staff heightens concern

BY MARY WISNIEWSKI

When Melody Shipman and her boyfriend were evicted last month and couldn't find space in a homeless shelter, they started sleeping on the "L."

"It's cold, and because of COVID, everything's closed," said Shipman, 28, who rode CTA trains for about a month before finding a spot in a shelter last week. "You can't hang out in the laundromats."

Other havens, like coffee shops and libraries, also are shut down because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Advocates for the homeless have seen an increase in people sheltering on trains during the health crisis, and the CTA has received more complaints about the issue.

It has heightened concerns that homeless people, many of whom have health problems, are on trains with essential workers like medical personnel and grocery store clerks who may have been exposed to the virus.

With so many businesses closed, CTA trains — which have always drawn some homeless people — remain an easy and reliable option for those in need of shelter. As the economic impact of stay-at-home orders increases and more people find themselves out of work, experts worry the ranks of the homeless may grow, making the situation worse, especially once a halt on evictions statewide is lifted.

People may fear going into shelters, a few of which have coronavirus infection rates of 50%. Another issue is lack of space within the facilities.

Both the city and shelters have tried to create more room for social distancing within the facilities. The city moved about half of shelter residents out of typical "congregate" settings, where multiple residents share a space, and opened new beds at new locations to spread people out, said Julie Dworkin, policy director for the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless. But there aren't enough beds available, Dworkin said.

It also has been difficult for the homeless to get help from the city's 311 service,



The Night Ministry delivers sandwiches and counts homeless people on CTA Blue Line trains.

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because the shelters are full, she said.

"We're very concerned about coronavirus spread," said Chandra Matteson, a nurse practitioner with the Night Ministry, an organization that distributes food to the homeless and offers other assistance. "It's a recipe for disaster, having essential workers who are exposed to it every day and people experiencing homelessness who are staying on the trains."

Transit agencies around the country are dealing with the issue of homeless riders during the pandemic, said CTA spokesman Brian Steele. On New York City's MTA, for example, service cuts have meant that homeless people are concentrated on fewer cars, so their presence is more noticeable.

Under Illinois law, the CTA cannot prevent passengers from riding trains if they've paid their fares, though it is the agency's policy to remove "continuously riders" at the end of lines, Steele said. "There's only so much that the CTA can do," he said.

The presence of the homeless on the trains is usually a seasonal issue, with complaints going up in the winter and down as the weather warms. But so far this April, the agency has received 74 complaints about homeless riders, compared with 53 for the same time last year, Steele said.

The increase in com-

plaints comes as overall ridership on the CTA rail system was down 85% last week, compared with the same week a year ago, according to the transit agency.

The Chicago Department of Family and Support Services has expanded its efforts to assist homeless CTA riders. Workers canvass the CTA's Forest Park and O'Hare stations at the ends of the Blue Line, and the Howard and 95th Street stations at the ends of the Red Line, to provide meal cards, links to shelter services and resources for behavioral health and substance abuse, said spokeswoman Quenjiana Adams Olayeni. That type of outreach happened before the pandemic, but the hours have been extended.

Staffers with Thresholds, a social service agency that aids the mentally ill, have stopped boarding trains to talk to homeless riders and are instead engaging people on the Red Line's Howard platform.

The change was made to protect employees, who wear protective equipment, including masks and gloves. "We're getting people as they come off the train," said Nicole Richardson, associate director of Thresholds.

Olayeni said homeless riders have asked for masks to protect themselves from coronavirus, and the city has been providing them. But of the 118 homeless riders who received serv-

ices during last week's outreach, only 15 asked for shelter placement.

Sometimes, when CTA workers try to remove homeless individuals from cars at the end of the line, they get spat on or verbally abused, said Kenneth Franklin, president of the Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 308, which represents train workers. "It's always been a big problem for us," Franklin said.

He said the union advises workers to protect themselves and to call police if people don't go quietly. During the pandemic, the union has reminded workers to practice social distancing in their encounters.

The homeless typically ride on the Red and Blue lines, which operate 24 hours.

Shipman said in her experience of sheltering on the CTA, the homeless are not always kicked off at the end of the line. She recalls CTA workers and security guards at the Blue Line Forest Park station moving them or telling them to move from one train to another, and then leaving them alone. She said on the Brown Line, CTA employees sometimes won't bother homeless people at the end of the line at Kimball and will just clean around them.

Some homeless people don't like shelters, even in ordinary times, said Ed Stellan, executive director of Heartland Alliance Health. Some homeless riders suffer from serious mental illnesses, and being close to other people is overwhelming for them, Stellan said. Riding the trains gives them a certain level of privacy, Stellan said.

Stellan said that the best thing to do for homeless "L" riders right now might be to offer them a spot in individual hotel rooms, which the city has set aside for both emergency workers and homeless people who are displaying symptoms of COVID-19, have high risk factors for the disease or who have tested positive. "I think that would be a good fit," Stellan said.

But Dworkin said that some people don't qualify for hotel rooms because of behavioral health and other issues.

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Pritzker unveils new guidelines to slow virus as he extends stay-at-home order

BY STACY ST. CLAIR AND JESSICA VILLAGOMEZ

Illinois residents will be required to wear masks in public starting late next week to try to slow the spread of the coronavirus, as Gov. J.B. Pritzker made good on hints that the move was coming.

The cover-your-face news came Thursday as the governor announced a revised stay-at-home order that takes effect May 1 and lasts 30 days. Specifically, he is requiring anyone older than 2 to wear a mask while inside stores. People who cannot cover their faces for medical reasons are exempt.

The coverings do not need to be N95 or surgical masks, which are in short supply for the average person these days. Homemade fabric masks are acceptable, as are the YouTube-inspired T-shirt masks that the governor touted in recent days.

"Face coverings work, and we need all Illinoisans to do their part here," Pritzker said at his daily news briefing, where officials announced another 123 COVID-19-related deaths, bringing the total to 1,688.

The directive will require masks whenever maintaining a social distance of 6 feet is not possible. It's unclear whether people must wear them while walking, running or biking — activities in which participants go for stretches without coming in contact with anyone else but have moments when they are close to others.

The mask requirement was mentioned in a news release but not detailed in full. The Pritzker administration declined to clarify how the new rules would apply to outdoor recreation, saying that more information would be available on the state's website in coming days.

Rep. Mark Batnick, who had pushed to reopen the state in part by using more face coverings, said he was in support of the new mandate. However, the Republican from Plainfield said he wishes the requirement had been instituted earlier, and that the governor had allowed more businesses to resume operations as part of the extended stay-at-home order.

"I am grateful for the face coverings but wish more small businesses were opening that can use common sense with social distancing," he said.

Shortly before the governor's announcement, Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot told reporters that city police would not arrest anyone for appearing without a face covering in public. Much like the previous stay-at-home order, Pritzker said he does not want to see people fined or arrested for not wearing masks.

"We are not encouraging police officers to stop people and arrest them or take drastic action," Pritzker said. "People should wear a mask and they should be reminded if they're not."

Local businesses, however, should enforce the regulations and prohibit anyone from entering their buildings unless they have face coverings, the governor said.

"Private establishments do need to require that people who enter their establishments wear a mask," he said.

The governor's order reflects an evolving understanding of the virus, as government officials and researchers nationwide initially downplayed the need for face coverings. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention did not recommend wearing cloth masks in public until early April, when it reversed a previous guidance about their neces-



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A pedestrian wears a protective face mask while walking past tulips on Michigan Avenue on Thursday.

sity. The CDC now recommends "simple cloth face coverings" to slow the spread of the virus. The masks are not intended to prevent users from becoming infected, but rather to stop people — particularly those who are asymptomatic — from transmitting it to others.

President Donald Trump first recommended wearing masks on April 3, but stressed the "voluntary" practice should not replace social distancing. The president, 73, immediately clarified that he likely wouldn't be following the CDC guideline.

At least 20 suburbs, including Evanston, Skokie, Oak Brook and Tinley Park, already issued orders requiring residents to wear masks in public. New York imposed a similar rule last week.

Pritzker's move codifies a practice many Illinois residents have been adhering to since the virus gained traction in the Chicago area last month.

Lakeview's Katie Cahnmann said she purchased some fabric masks and has been wearing them outside since the end of March, though they can make it difficult to breathe and can be uncomfortable when worn for long stretches.

"I believe everyone should do their part to try to alleviate some of the real dangers to the current state of affairs," she said.

Quilter Nancy Krasinski, who lives in far west suburban Elburn, said she has made more than 500 fabric masks the past several weeks. She initially made them as a way to help her niece, an intensive care nurse on the East Coast, prolong the life of her medical masks while treating COVID-19 patients. Since then, she has sewn them for friends, hospital workers, an Illinois youth center and even employees of a local meat market.

A retired teacher, Krasinski starts sewing as soon as she wakes up and keeps working through the day as she takes orders and arranges for pickups. She considers the masks, which she gives away for free, her version of the victory gardens planted during both world wars to supplement rations and boost morale.

She wears them when she goes to the store, and supports the governor requiring others to do the same.

"I follow the science," she said during a phone interview. "If the experts say that masks are helpful, then I support it. The effects of safety measures often go unappreciated because you don't know what you've prevented."

Demand for masks may increase. Each one takes about six minutes to make, though the logistics of setting up delivery take much longer.

"But I'll keep making as many as I can," she said. "What else would I be doing right now anyway?"

Chicago Tribune's Gregory Pratt contributed to this report.

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Anti-violence groups girding for 2 fights

They hit streets early to confront shootings, virus

BY ALICE YIN

Facing a two-pronged public crisis of gun violence and the coronavirus, Chicago anti-violence groups are mobilizing earlier this year to target hot spots on the South and West sides.

The workers have become familiar faces in certain corners of the city since the program's genesis in 2018, often seen engaging with neighbors to de-escalate conflicts. Now they'll be educating communities about the novel coronavirus too.

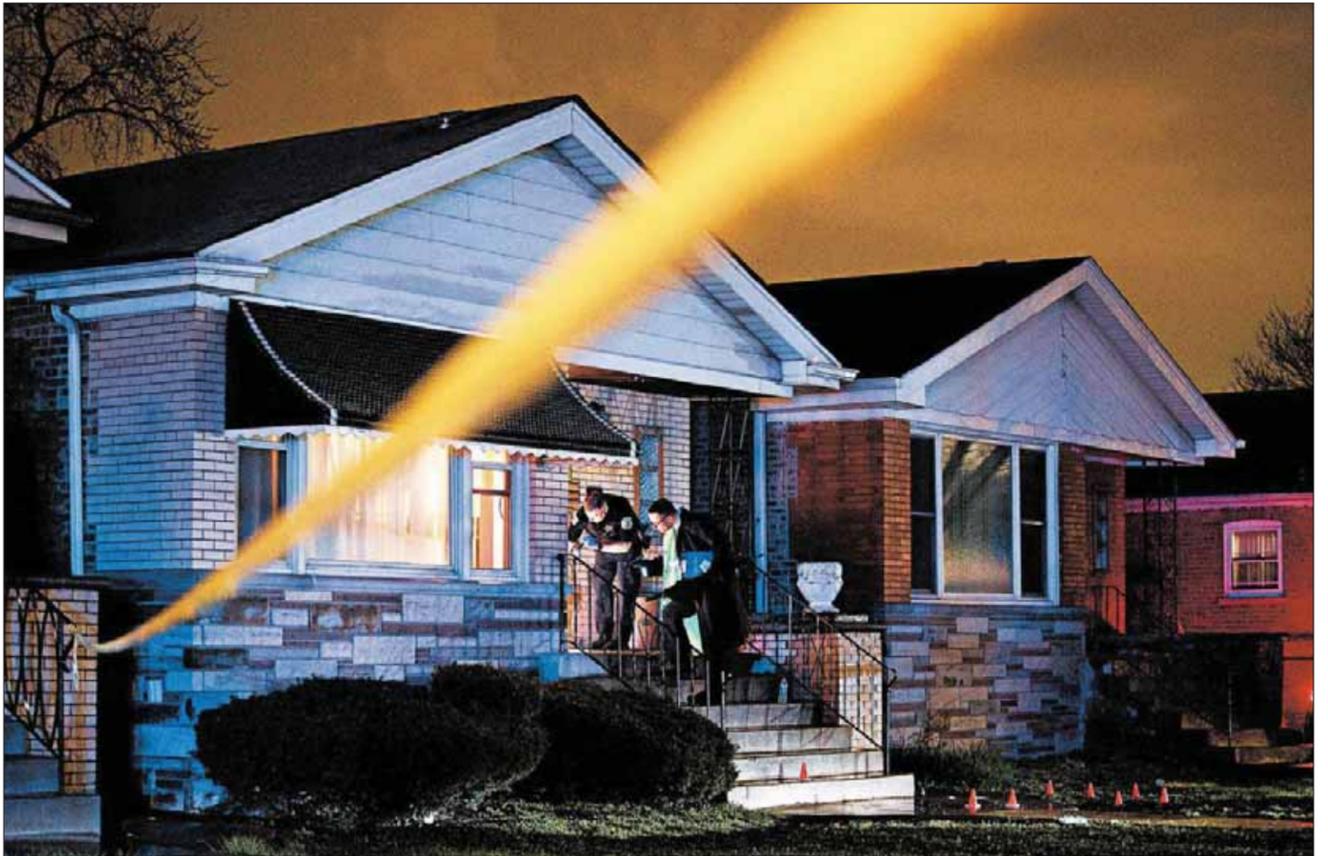
They are usually young men hailing from the neighborhoods they work in, showing up daily during the summer as on-the-ground peacekeepers in Chicago's gang and drug feuds.

A \$2.5 million funding boost this year will buoy this program, run by Chicago Creating Real Economic Destiny (CRED) and Communities Partnering for Peace (CP4P), a coalition of more than a dozen organizations. They plan to expand to more sites and start about a month ahead of schedule.

The acceleration comes after a grim first quarter of 2020. As of mid-March, homicides were up 34% over the same time last year and shootings have increased by 27%.

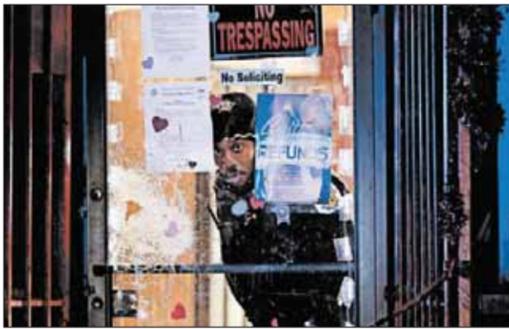
Though the coronavirus has slowed overall crime in the city, anti-violence groups are concerned that communities already grappling with gun violence will be hit especially hard by the economic and public health fallout from the outbreak.

"This was not a good start to the calendar year," said Arne Duncan, former U.S. Secretary of Education and CRED founder. "So we just didn't feel like we could



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Police work the scene where four people were shot, including a 3-year-old girl, in early April. A 37-year-old man was killed in the shooting.



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Police secure a crime scene on East 71st Street between Michigan Avenue and Wabash Avenue in February.

afford to wait."

The stacks of safety cards carried by a worker with the Institute for Nonviolence

Chicago are double-sided:

on one side, COVID-19 safety tips, on the other violence prevention tips. The work-

ers, who receive mentorship and a stipend for their time, will fan out through Austin, Garfield Park and Back of the Yards to educate others — and keep an ear out for disputes.

Teny Gross, executive director of the Institute for Nonviolence Chicago, said these hot spot workers are attuned to the streets where they are assigned. They may have had past ties to violence and can intervene early in disagreements, no matter how small, because they know when to detect trouble from groups gathered outside or driving around, he said.

"Conflict is learned and peace is learned," Gross

said. "If you help young people imagine themselves as peacemakers and give them their role, they start to see themselves and believe more in that side of them."

In total, 62 sites in 10 neighborhoods from Austin to South Shore will be assigned with workers from CRED and CP4P.

The rollout, which began this week, is one aspect of the Chicago anti-violence groups' long-term campaign of reducing gun violence by 80% by 2025. Last year, homicides dropped 13% from 2018 and shootings fell 9.7%.

In addition to the \$2.5 million from private donors and foundations, the or-

ganizations landed another \$7.5 million from the city on Tuesday.

Gross knows there's always a chance a worker might stray back to the violence of the streets. But he believes it is worth the investment, and recalls one crew of young men who shrugged off outreach efforts two years ago and, gradually, warmed up to the hot spot program.

"It is a very, very risky program," Gross said. "But we think if you say violence reduction, you cannot do it without engaging people who are engaged in violence."

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CPS tries to connect with kids not doing remote learning

BY HANNAH LEONE

Roughly half of the Chicago Public Schools students who needed computers to use during the coronavirus closure have yet to get them, more than a week into the formal start of remote learning.

Before remote learning started, CPS estimated that, including charter schools, about 115,000 students, or nearly a third of the total student body, needed a laptop or tablet in order to participate in learning from home. As of the end of day Tuesday, about 55,000 devices had been logged as distributed to students at nearly 400 district-run schools, CPS Chief Information Officer Phil DiBartolo said during Wednesday's Board of Education meeting, held remotely.

Not all devices are immediately logged, so the number could be slightly higher, officials noted.

Charter schools have distributed another 6,400 computers, according to CPS.

Most of the devices distributed so far were already in schools when classroom instruction was halted on March 17 in an attempt to contain the spread of COVID-19.

The district has also ordered another 53,000 devices, including 31,300 Chromebooks, 16,700 iPads and 5,000 Windows laptops. About 43,000 of those have come in, and about 10,000 have already been doled out to schools, according to CPS.

In total, the district has said an initial wave of 155 schools will get new devices to supplement those they already had.

DiBartolo said district officials initially anticipated needing 37,000 new devices, but since realized they'd need more and ordered another 16,000.

Board President Miguel del Valle pressed for a timeline on getting students the tools they need to log into



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People pick up laptops for students outside Richardson Middle School in Chicago last week.

class, and what could be done for families who still lack sufficient internet.

"At what point would we be able to say that all students who need a device have received one?" del Valle asked.

DiBartolo later said he'd be "remiss" if he told the board every student who needed access would get it, but said staff would continue efforts to reach everyone.

"There is no finish line here," DiBartolo said.

Calling in to comment, Chicago Teachers Union President Jesse Sharkey asked for the district to formally disclose the number of students they had not been able to contact. He also repeated his disappointment about the district's decision to proceed with third-quarter grades last week, and for fourth quarter, asked leaders to consider an opt-in system in which, by default, students would either pass or not.

CPS CEO Janice Jackson said the district is close to completing guidance for fourth-quarter grades but still needs to work with stakeholders such as the union to make sure they're "striking the right balance."

District leaders also have yet to say how they'll track student engagement or participation. While many students have been doing assignments and logging into class, some still haven't

checked in.

"We need to find out why the others aren't there, and we need to find that out quickly," del Valle said. "Teachers need to be able to get the kind of support they need in that process of determining why the student isn't engaged so that action can be taken quickly."

He asked about efforts to reach out to students.

Jackson said the first step was to determine engagement, which the district is "in the process" of doing.

"I don't want to get ahead of some training that we're going to be doing with principals toward the end of this week and early next week when we release the guidance," Jackson said, adding that since remote learning began, that has been limited to teachers noting if they had contact with students.

Chief Education Officer LaTanya McDade added the goal is to capture data that would show how teachers and students are engaging, along with defining what that means.

Currently, the district is collecting data "around whether work is even being assigned, much less completed by students," Jackson said.

Every teacher has the responsibility to reach out to their students, she said.

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Ana McCullom and a coalition of activists from across the Chicago area protest in a caravan of vehicles to slow traffic outside the Cook County Jail on April 7.

More sparring in jail lawsuit

Response to outbreak, treatment of inmates at heart of legal matter

BY JASON MEISNER AND MEGAN CREPEAU

The assistant director of Cook County Jail testified in federal court Thursday that more than 175 tiers in the sprawling facility have been transitioned to single-cell housing to help stem the rapid spread of coronavirus that so far has killed six inmates and a correctional officer.

In addition to putting more prisoners in cells by themselves, jail officials have stepped up social distancing measures by spray painting “X’s” on the floors to try to keep detainees 6 feet apart, said Mike Miller, executive director of the Cook County Department of Corrections.

They’ve instructed inmates to spray down showers with disinfectant after use, handed out writing tablets and puzzle books to keep detainees occupied, and threatened those who violate social distancing protocols with loss of phone time or even the privilege of

using the microwave, Miller testified via a video link in U.S. District Judge Matthew Kennelly’s courtroom.

His testimony came as part of an ongoing lawsuit filed by the Loevy and Loevy law firm and the MacArthur Justice Center at Northwestern University alleging Sheriff Tom Dart has failed to stop a “rapidly unfolding public health disaster” at the jail, which has been identified as one of the nation’s leading hot spots for COVID-19 infections.

And attorneys for the plaintiffs kept up their pressure calling for improvements Thursday. They have continued to argue that not enough is being done to enforce social distancing, which in some settings — such as double-occupant cells and dormitories where dozens of inmates sleep together on cots — is simply impossible, and inmates are paying for it with their health.

“The virus is spreading rapidly in the jail since the

issuance of this court’s order, and that is not surprising: People are sleeping within 3 feet of each other, eating and using showers in close proximity to each other, and touching the same surfaces,” the plaintiffs wrote in an ongoing request for a preliminary injunction.

Earlier this month, Kennelly rejected an emergency request by plaintiffs in the suit to order the release of hundreds of medically vulnerable detainees due to the pandemic threat. Kennelly did, however, grant a temporary restraining order forcing Dart to comply with strict sanitation and testing measures.

Thursday’s hearing focused in large part on efforts to implement social distancing at the jail, a crucial measure to halt the disease’s spread.

“The sheriff’s decision not to enforce social distancing within Cook County Jail is objectively unreasonable,” attorney Sarah Grady argued for the plaintiffs. “They offer no details other than vague platitudes ... they admit they are not enforcing social dis-

tancing in the common areas.”

The plaintiffs’ lawyers asked Kennelly on Thursday to order the sheriff’s office to implement a plan mandating 6 feet of social distance between each person at the jail, including in through-ways and common areas, except in cases of “extreme emergency.”

Detainees should all be kept in single cells and dormitory-style housing should be closed, Grady argued.

Attorneys for the sheriff’s office asserted that such an order would go above and beyond the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommendations on handling COVID-19 in a custodial setting.

“When we found there were standards to follow, we started following them under the law,” attorney Robert Shannon said. “Now the plaintiffs appear to say ‘you can comply with the CDC guidelines, but not that one, we want you to exceed that one.’”

The judge said he will rule by Monday whether to issue such a preliminary injunction ordering the jail

to implement a plan mandating social distancing. His temporary restraining order will remain in place until then, Kennelly said.

As of Wednesday, six detainees have died after contracting COVID-19 at the jail, according to the sheriff’s office.

Another 231 inmates currently have the virus, 18 of whom are hospitalized. Hundreds of others have tested positive and have since recovered.

Also, 173 correctional officers who work at the jail are currently positive for COVID-19. One officer has died of the disease, the sheriff’s office said.

Officials with the Chicago Department of Public Health and the federal Centers for Disease Control toured the jail complex last week, Miller, the jail’s assistant director, testified. They were stunned by what they saw, he said — in a good way.

“One of them told me, ‘I can’t believe how well you guys are doing,’” Miller testified. “It was phenomenal.”

But an expert for the plaintiffs, Dr. Homer Venters, testified that the sheriff

has failed to implement a cohesive plan to curtail COVID-19, fallen short in identifying high-risk detainees and only spottily enforced social distancing amid inmates and staff.

Venters, who previously oversaw medical care in jails in New York, said it was particularly worrisome that guards at Cook County Jail continue to wear masks around their necks or on their head instead of covering their mouth and nose.

Dart has repeatedly defended his response and said he was “ahead of the curve” in recognizing the dangers the growing pandemic in a jail setting. To help alleviate overcrowding, Dart said he’s been working hard with stakeholders to release detainees who are medically vulnerable or accused of nonviolent offenses.

As of Thursday, the inmate population at Cook County Jail had dipped to just below 4,200 — its lowest mark in decades.

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Worker ‘super spreader’ at Joliet nursing home

26 people have died, officials say, showing need for more testing

BY ROBERT MCCOPPIN

After the coronavirus shut down dining rooms at nursing homes, a maintenance worker at Symphony of Joliet took it upon himself to order, assemble and install personal dining tables in more than 40 rooms.

Tragically, though the worker had no symptoms, it was discovered later that he was carrying the COVID-19 virus.

By visiting those rooms and through his physical exertion, officials at the nursing home believe, he became a “super spreader” and infected many of the residents.

As soon as administrators learned the worker had the virus, they relocated the exposed patients and other workers to another floor. Regardless, 24 residents and two workers — one of them the maintenance worker — died of the disease.

That account came in a

letter from Symphony Care Network CEO David Hartman to Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker, and was verified by Dr. Alexander Stemer, who oversees the nursing home chain’s response to the pandemic.

Once initial testing confirmed infections at the home, the officials said, state health officials advised to stop testing and to treat everyone who had symptoms as if they had the virus. That approach, though, ignored all the people who may have had the virus but showed no symptoms, like the maintenance worker.

Testing of all residents and workers could have revealed who had the virus so they could have been separated and saved lives, Stemer said.

Now, anyone who enters the Joliet facility for the first time must be tested, Stemer said. But a nationwide shortage of tests has left most nursing homes without the capacity to test

everyone, he said, leaving many residents and workers vulnerable.

“Our entire nation is woefully short of testing materials,” Stemer said. “We need to test our staff all at once, every patient and every new patient. To conquer this, we’re going to need to do that.”

That call for comprehensive testing was echoed by Mark Parkinson, president and CEO of the American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living, which represents more than 14,000 nursing homes.

“We feel like we’ve been ignored,” he said. “Certainly now that the emphasis has gone away from hospitals to where the real battle is taking place in nursing homes, we should be at a priority level one.”

Meanwhile, Symphony of Joliet reported that it is taking “massive” precautions, taking the temperatures of staff and residents



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According to reports, 24 residents at Symphony of Joliet nursing home in Joliet have died.

twice a day, disinfecting high-touch surfaces 12 times a day, and mandating personal protective equipment like masks and gloves.

Symphony operates 28 nursing homes in four states, according to its website.

To improve transparency, in addition to one-to-one communication, Symphony officials say they will soon roll out video, email and website briefings for patients and families.

Officials also called for

the Illinois National Guard to help nursing homes administer tests, as it is doing at a drive-thru center in Aurora.

Nearly one-quarter of all coronavirus deaths in Illinois have occurred at nursing homes, in part because many residents are elderly and have medical conditions that make them vulnerable, such as heart or lung problems or diabetes.

On Monday, Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker called for testing of all residents and staff

at nursing homes that have yet to report a single case. The goal, he said, is “to identify early the presence of COVID-19 in a facility and isolate those cases before widespread transmission.”

This week, the Illinois Department of Public Health announced it expected to deliver testing material to at least a dozen homes.

Associated Press contributed to this report.

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Seniors reflect on last months of Rich East

Isolation brings a cruel twist to Park Forest high school's last year



TED SLOWIK

The class of 2020 at Rich East High School in Park Forest has been through a lot.

Like 2 million other public school students throughout Illinois, the 900 pupils at Rich East have not set foot inside their school since the middle of March. The deadly coronavirus pandemic has forced students, teachers and others to stay home as much as possible.

The isolation during the final months of the school year adds a cruel twist to what was already an extraordinary year at Rich East. The Rich Township High School District 227 Board voted 4-3 in October to close the school at the end of the school year.

Rich East opened in 1952 and was the first of the district's three high schools. Student Council President Dwayne Wardell, 18, of Chicago Heights, said students had heard talk for years that their school might close.

"The student body, we already knew that the school was going to close," Wardell said. "It was devastating. I remember the night they voted. The community fought really hard over the summer. They got together and made signs and protested."

Wardell and two other members of the Rich East class of 2020 recently participated in a conference call to share perspectives about their school. They discussed coping with a school year that dramatically changed when stu-

dents were sent home on Friday, March 13.

"The last day of school, a lot of people didn't think that school would close for as long as it has," said Kaelin Dean, 18, of Park Forest. "They said they would just clean up over the weekend and everything would be fine and go back to normal but that didn't happen."

Rich East senior Lluvia Hernandez Aguirre, 18, of Park Forest, said she spends her mornings doing online coursework offered by a local college through a dual-enrollment program. The college studies are rigorous, she said, but the high school assignments lack challenges.

"It's busy work, nothing constructive," she said. "We're not really learning anything new." Aguirre plans to attend Governors State University in the fall, she said.

There is little to no opportunity for collaboration among students, the Rich East seniors said.

"We're kind of isolated," said Dean, who said she plans to attend the University of Illinois in the fall.

"I'm someone who likes to be in class in person to learn," Aguirre said. "It's kind of difficult."

Teachers provide daily opportunities for students to use technology to interact with one another, District 227 said in a statement in response to an inquiry.

"We are proud to have distributed over 500 of Chromebooks and over 1,000 cell phone hot spots to students to ensure there is access to technology and virtual interactions," the district reported.

Across the nation, high school seniors are missing out on proms, graduations and other milestones. Friendships during senior



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— Kaelin Dean

year often lead to bonds that last a lifetime.

One could understand if the community succumbed to a gloomy pall, but the Rich East seniors seem resilient despite the stressful uncertainty. The stay-at-home order was initially for two weeks, then extended through April. Then officials announced that in-person classes would not resume this year and that spring high school sports were canceled.

"This year felt like a slap in the face," Dean said. "We all felt like we were going to finish strong, graduate and finally wear our robes but we can't."

School officials were unable to plan events because of uncertainty over how long stay-at-home orders would remain in place.



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— Lluvia Hernandez Aguirre

"We were being made false promises, like maybe we could still have graduation," Dean said. "Just tell us how it is and let us deal with it in our own way."

District officials are planning a "virtual" graduation ceremony for May 31, the district said.

On top of the decision to close the school and the isolation of the stay-at-home order, Albert Brass stopped serving as Rich East principal.

"As of today, Dr. Brass has tendered his resignation to the district effective June 30, 2020, for personal reasons," the district said. "Until that time, however, Dr. Brass remains an employee of the district on special assignment. For privacy reasons, the district does not provide personnel information on faculty. Rich East is in the capable hands of Linnea Garrett as interim principal."

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principal shortly before the stay-at-home order took effect, furthering dampening morale at the school, students said.

"I never expected something like that to happen," Wardell said. "A lot of kids loved Dr. Brass. He was that principal that everybody could go to. His office was always open. A lot of people wanted him to come back, just for these last months before Rich East closes."

If adversity builds character, the Rich East class of 2020 might have as much character as any high school class ever.

"We never knew the school year would turn out

the way it did," Wardell said. "I still feel we finished strong together."

The mood is not all glum, however.

Rich East High School and Park Forest-Chicago Heights School District 163 are planning a Community Motor Parade Through Park Forest from 10:30 a.m. to noon April 27.

Organizers are directing people to watch the parade from inside their homes or from porches. Participants will ride in vehicles, wearing personal protection equipment, or remain at least 6 feet apart.

"We're doing a parade to boost everyone's spirit, especially now that they've decided to close the schools for the rest of the school year," Wardell said. "It will get the community together but at the same time practice social distancing."

The district said it was proud that 100% of Rich East students had been accepted to colleges and that a farewell celebration of the school's 68-year history would be held at some point.

"This is not how we envisioned the school year concluding, but we are grateful for the students, parents, faculty, staff and alumni who have worked to ensure the last graduating class of Rich East feels it's supported in these difficult times," the district said.

Beginning in the fall, athletic programs at Rich South in Richton Park and Rich Central in Olympia Fields will be merged into a single Rich Township High School program. The mascot will be the Raiders. Construction work at the two schools is set to begin this summer, the district said.

Plans for the future of the Rich East building will be communicated at a later date, the district said.

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CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Address-sharing to first responders creates tension

Suburban police chiefs, advocacy groups spar over proposal

BY ALICE YIN

The vote on a proposed resolution to support sharing addresses of known coronavirus patients with first responders was postponed during Thursday's Cook County Board meeting to allow more time for analysis, following a public comment hearing that touched on privacy concerns.

Proposed by Commissioner Scott Britton, a Glenview Democrat, the resolution needs more analysis, he said.

Britton's resolution follows a McHenry County judge's order to disclose names of coronavirus pa-

tients to 911 dispatchers. Health officials have opposed the practice, but are complying with the judge's mandate.

"Ensuring the safety of our health care workers, first responders, and law enforcement partners is of great importance, as is protecting the identity of people who test positive for the new coronavirus to prevent them from being stigmatized," Britton said in a statement, adding that he was calling for the minimum amount of information needed.

Other commissioners also have raised concerns, sending the proposal back

to committee for further consideration.

Suburban police chiefs and leaders spoke in favor of the resolution, stating that police and firefighters need the data to take safety precautions when entering a house with the coronavirus. They insisted the information would be kept confidential and was necessary given shortages of personal protective equipment.

Hazel Crest police Chief Mitchell Davis, on behalf of the South Suburban Association of Chiefs of Police, said it would be "irresponsible" not to warn officers who are about to head into close quarters with some-

one infected with COVID-19.

"If the dispatcher sending the officer also knowingly had information that the suspect had previously shot and killed officers and did not share that information to warn responding officers, that omission of information could have deadly consequences," Davis wrote, arguing that COVID-19 information was just as crucial.

The resolution was decried by advocacy groups on privacy and efficacy grounds, with Brian Johnson of Equality Illinois mentioning it would give first responders "a false sense of assurance" when entering houses not marked

as containing COVID-19.

Michael Rabbitt, founding member of the Northwest Side Coalition Against Racism and Hate, said in a written comment that identifying coronavirus patients — who in Cook County are disproportionately black — subjects them to prejudice.

"From a harm standpoint, we must view this through the lens of the experiences people of color have had with the police, especially black and brown residents of Cook County," Rabbitt wrote. "Given the history of systemic racism and shortcomings of police accountability, especially in Chicago, could this increase the risk of harm? Does this resolution actually ensure

the safety of residents?"

Mayors and managers from Wheeling, Palatine, Arlington Heights, Buffalo Grove and Riverside spoke in favor of the address-sharing resolution. Also during the public comment section, multiple advocacy groups spoke out for the need to depopulate jails amid fears of a "devastating outbreak" of coronavirus there. They advocated for more testing, data transparency and the release of nonviolent detainees, stating that social distancing is near impossible to maintain inside Cook County Jail and the Juvenile Temporary Detention Center.

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Order

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cases of COVID-19 spread across 26 counties and six people had died.

On Thursday, officials reported 1,826 new known cases, and there have now been 36,934 cases in 96 of the state's 102 counties since the start of the outbreak. With 123 more fatalities also reported, the death toll stands at 1,688, officials said.

The standing order was set to expire April 30. The new order will take effect May 1, and among several changes is a requirement that anyone over 2 years old who can medically tolerate it wear a mask or some other sort of face covering while in a public place where they can't stay the recommended 6 feet from others.

Garden centers, greenhouses and nurseries will be allowed to reopen as essential businesses with requirements for staff and customers to wear face coverings and maintain social distancing.

Animal grooming services can also reopen May 1, and retail stores that are not designated as essential businesses under the current order will also be able to start taking orders by phone and online for pick-up and delivery.

The state Department of Natural Resources will implement a phased-in reopening of state parks for hiking, boating and fishing with no more than two people. Golf will be permitted under guidelines from the state Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity and when social-distancing requirements are followed.

"These changes are what the data says we can offer the people of Illinois without risking so much viral transmission that our hospitals will again become, or potentially become, overrun," Pritzker said. "That said, if we start to see crowds and people violating the order or breaking the rules, I will need to bring back these restrictions. I am hopeful that we will not need to do that."

In addition, certain elective surgeries for non-life threatening conditions that have been on hold will be able to move forward. Illinois Department of Public Health Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike said Thursday the department will roll out more details in the coming days.

The state health department did not say when the guidance might be released, but criteria for restarting elective surgeries will include having appropriate personal protective equipment, having enough space for COVID-19 patients and the ability to test elective surgery patients for COVID-19.



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Gov. J.B. Pritzker said Thursday that enforcement of the stay-at-home order would again be left up to local jurisdictions and residents.

Elective surgeries include an array of procedures for conditions that aren't immediately life threatening but often must be addressed, such as repairing certain types of hernias, bariatric surgeries and joint replacements.

The University of Chicago Medical Center has already started to ramp up what doctors are calling "medically necessary time-sensitive" surgeries, said Dr. Jeffrey Matthews, surgeon in chief at University of Chicago Medicine.

Advocate Aurora Health said in a statement that it is "extending existing restrictions" on elective surgeries and non-urgent outpatient visits through May 15 but will explore lifting restrictions in communities without many cases of COVID-19.

Cancellations of elective surgeries to ensure there was enough room for COVID-19 patients during the public health crisis have both left patients waiting and hit hard hospitals' bottom lines. The Illinois Health and Hospital Association has estimated that Illinois hospitals are now losing about \$1.4 billion a month because of canceled surgeries and fewer non-COVID-19 patients.

Among the experts Pritzker presented Thursday was Nigel Goldenfeld, director of the Institute for Universal Biology at the University of Illinois, who said one of the unknowns is "seasonal forcing" and the question of whether COVID-19 will fade out during the summer months.

"Other coronaviruses do have a seasonal effect, and so we have assumed that COVID-19 will do so, also," Goldenfeld said.

The University of Illinois models predict that "as we get into the summer months, COVID-19 will tend to be weaker, and maybe even fade away com-

pletely. If we are wrong about this, then then our predictions will be too optimistic," he said.

But if COVID-19 is affected seasonally, the downside is that the epidemic may ease during the summer months and could later restart, Goldenfeld said.

The presence of people who are infected with COVID-19 but don't show symptoms could also mean there are more infectious people within the population than the models predict. Another unknown is that it remains unclear if people become immune to the illness after they've been infected, he said.

Sergei Maslov, a University of Illinois bioengineering professor, detailed three different scenarios the governor commissioned researchers to consider — one in which the stay-at-home order was never put in place, another in which the order was issued but then relaxed after April 24 and a third in which the order remained in place during the entire simulation period.

"Our calculation shows that the number of deaths would have been about 20 times as high as they are today," Maslov said. "That means that we would have seen as much as 30,000 deaths or more by this time in the epidemic."

Relaxing social-distancing guidelines "too early" would start another wave of the epidemic, in which the simulation showed a "drastic" rise in the number of hospital and ICU admissions that could overwhelm the health care system and could erase improvements that have been made in stemming how rapidly COVID-19 has spread across the state, Maslov said.

In the month Illinois has been under a stay-at-home order, residents have been able to put gas in their cars,

go to the grocery store and pharmacy, walk their pets and exercise outdoors. Enforcement of the order has largely been left up to local jurisdictions and residents, to police themselves and one another. That will continue when the new rules about wearing face coverings take effect May 1, Pritzker said.

"It's certainly done at the local level, we're not encouraging police officers to stop people and arrest them, or take drastic action, we are encouraging certainly everybody to encourage everybody else that they know," Pritzker said. "People should wear a mask, and they should be reminded if they're not wearing a mask that they're not."

The modified executive order will require businesses deemed "essential" to provide face coverings to all employees who are not able to maintain 6 feet of social distance, and will impose occupancy limits for essential businesses and other measures including shift-staggering and operating only essential lines for manufacturers.

Schools will be able to establish procedures for pickup of necessary supplies or student belongings, while dormitory move-outs will be required to follow public guidelines including social distancing.

Pritzker addressed projections that Illinois will not see its peak in the COVID-19 pandemic until next month, after models previously projected an April peak. A pushed-out peak "is the best indicator that we are flattening the curve," Pritzker said.

"That's what you're aiming to do, slow down the rate of transmission, which leads to a slower rate of increase over a longer period of time," Pritzker said. "Hence, a later and lower peak, pushing the peak further down the line might

not sound like good news, but I promise you, it saves lives."

Republican lawmakers have urged the governor to consider provisions that allow some businesses to reopen with density controls and social distancing. They also urged him to reopen state parks and allow some elective medical procedures, which he said Wednesday he was considering.

Pritzker had a conference call with the state's four legislative leaders Wednesday evening but didn't share details about his plans to extend the order, sources said.

Republican leaders in the General Assembly welcomed the parts of Pritzker's modified order that will allow some state parks to reopen and retailers to begin taking orders for pickup and delivery, steps they and their members had been pushing for.

"While I am pleased with today's actions, we must do more to restore economic vitality of the state while maintaining the health and safety of our citizens," House GOP leader Jim Durkin of Western Springs said in a statement.

In recent days, Pritzker said he'd considered some region-by-region changes to the order based on case counts and hospital capacity.

Senate Republican leader Bill Brady of Bloomington expressed disappointment that those changes weren't included in the governor's announcement.

"Downstate communities, while following the proper social distancing guidelines, are not seeing the same number of cases, but they're suffering just the same economically," Brady said in a statement.

Pritzker said his administration is finalizing steps for "safely moving toward reopening in phases," and will

be giving more details in the coming days.

He has repeatedly said that among his primary considerations in ultimately reopening the state's economy is a larger capacity for COVID-19 testing. The governor set a goal for processing 10,000 tests per day in Illinois by a deadline earlier this month that officials have said is essential to understanding how far the highly contagious virus has spread.

Illinois missed that initial deadline Pritzker set and still has not reached the 10,000 tests in a day benchmark.

"We aren't there yet, but we're getting closer," he said. "And then the question I'm certainly thinking about this too: What's the next goal?"

At an unrelated news conference before Pritzker's announcement, Mayor Lori Lightfoot praised the governor's order as appropriate.

"A month ago, in March, we were all thinking this week would be the peak that we would reach, but what I think we have seen now is not so much a peak but a flattening. That's a good thing, but we don't know at this point how long it's going to take not just to flatten but to decrease," Lightfoot said.

The mayor said she wants to see decreases in hospitalizations, use of ICU beds and other key metrics before the order can be lifted.

"We need to see those realities come into fruition, and we're just not there yet," Lightfoot said.

The mayor said the city won't be ticketing or arresting people for not having face coverings.

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Alderman calls for council to meet twice monthly for faster response

BY JOHN BYRNE

The Chicago City Council should meet twice as often during the coronavirus stay-at-home order to act faster on plans to deal with the emergency, an alderman said Thursday.

North Side Ald. Andre Vasquez, 40th, said he will

introduce a plan to the council this week to require the body to have twice-monthly meetings during the pandemic, instead of meeting once a month as usual. Vasquez pointed to ordinances brought forward this week by colleagues to set caps on the fees collected by food deliv-

ery services during the stay-at-home order and to require Chicagoans to wear masks in public as ideas that need a swifter response.

"We clearly have the capability to do this, so if it helps us act more quickly, let's do it," Vasquez said.

He noted a section of the municipal code stipulates

the City Council should meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month unless another date and time is set for the next meeting. For decades, the council has set its regular meetings for just one Wednesday per month.

"It's right there in the code, so let's do what the

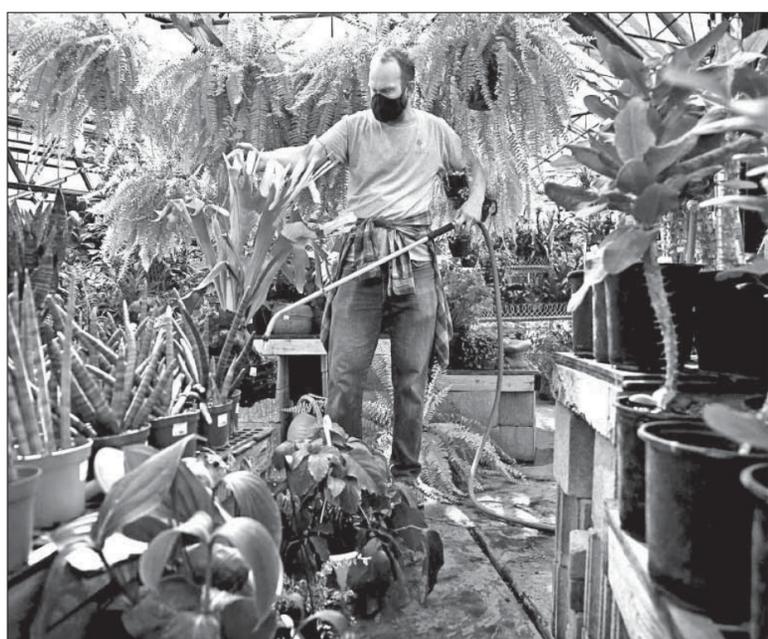
code says," Vasquez said.

He will introduce his plan to the council on Friday, when the body reconvenes to vote on Mayor Lori Lightfoot's emergency powers ordinance that gives her the authority to spend and move money within the city budget without aldermanic approval to respond to the

COVID-19 crisis. The mayor adjourned Wednesday's meeting after aldermen blocked the measure, and set the Friday meeting to come back and vote on it. The mayor's office didn't immediately respond to questions about the proposal.

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Tropical plants manager Bryan Wave waters plants while wearing a face mask.

Warm

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open at all this year. Others already are tweaking the way they operate to try to salvage some revenue. And as they grapple with when they'll be able to reopen, operators wonder how they'll be able to operate safely.

Zarcone has owned The Freeze for almost three decades. He made his first sales via food delivery app Grubhub on Thursday. He said he's working with the city to follow social distancing rules, and hopes he is financially stable enough to withstand a bad year.

"We're just following the guidelines," he said. "We'll see how it goes."

Some businesses will have a harder time adapting than others. If kayak tour and rental company Wateriders can't operate, the company is out of business, said owner Charlie Portis. Still, Portis said safety should come first, and he trusts government officials to make that call.

"If they say it's not safe for May, it's not safe for May," he said.

Wateriders had a big summer planned. It operates along the Chicago River out of the East Bank Club, and was planning to open a second launch point near Metropolitan Brewing in the Avondale neighborhood. Portis is staying optimistic. The company normally doesn't start tours or rentals until the end of May, so he has wiggle room — but not much.

If the company can't have some basic programming by mid-June, "that's a huge problem," Portis said. "I hope we don't get there."

Seasonal businesses should plan for the worst and hold off on hiring workers, said Phillip Braun, a clinical professor of finance at Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management.

They need to "make sure their finances are as secure as possible so they can get through the season without opening," he said.

There's also the question of what normal operations will look like once stay-at-home orders are lifted.

"Things are definitely going to look much different in the way that we social distance and the way that we sort of experience the city," said Nathan Holgate, City Winery's Chicago general manager. "We're going to have to put in place a lot of new protocols to make sure everyone is safe and healthy."

City Winery's Riverwalk location sells tens of thousands of gallons of rosé each summer, Holgate said. On a nice day, people sit shoulder-to-shoulder sipping wine, snacking and people-watching. Runners along the Riverwalk often must slow down to weave their way through the crowd.

The summertime scene seems like a distant memory amid coronavirus fears, as people are told to stay away from one another and wear masks in public.

City Winery is exploring ways to reopen with social distancing in mind, maybe with tables that are smaller and spaced farther apart, Holgate said.

Last year, the 17 businesses operating along the



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Lloyd Ramsey, 72, buys ice cream for his granddaughter Skylar Ramsey, 6, in Chicago's Beverly neighborhood.

"Is everybody going to want to come out in the droves that they normally do, or are half the people still going to stay in?"

— Steve Majerus, co-owner of Island Party Hut

Riverwalk generated \$16.5 million. Roughly 750,000 people visited the 1.25-mile path spring through fall.

But the Riverwalk has been closed since March 26 — along with the lakefront, adjacent parks and beaches, and The 606 Trail — as part of the battle against the spread of COVID-19, the disease caused by the coronavirus. Some businesses, like docked tour boat companies, already have taken a hit.

Normally, Wendella Sightseeing Co. would be running water taxis and have two tour boats in the water by now, showing school groups, tourists and locals the sights. Its water taxis could run, but there's no one downtown to ride them, said Craig Wenokur, a vice president for the company. Instead, all five tour boats and five water taxis are docked at Wendella's shipyards.

Island Party Hut isn't operating its floating Tiki bar and party boats. The Riverwalk business lost 75% of the revenue it usually brings in on the Saturday before St. Patrick's Day, when the annual river dyeing was canceled, said co-owner Steve Majerus.

That first day of operations usually helps propel the bar and restaurant into the summer season, Majerus said. The business also is losing prospective customers as corporate events and other boat outings don't happen.

Like other seasonal business owners, Majerus doesn't know what to expect when he does reopen.

"Is everybody going to want to come out in the droves that they normally do, or are half the people still going to stay in?" Majerus said. "Is the city going to ... cut your capacity?"

The unprecedented situation has created a new level of uncertainty for businesses predicting consumer demand and making hiring, inventory and marketing decisions.

CityEscape Garden Center in the East Garfield Park neighborhood already is receiving trees, shrubs and spring flowers that it ordered last year, said owner Connie Rivera. The garden center has been able to tweak its orders on a weekly basis, and that has helped with adjusting to decreased demand, reduced

hours and reduced

staff. Some customers have continued to shop through FaceTime, but normally, April marks the start of CityEscape's busiest time of year.

Even retailers that operate year-round are seeing a change in buying behavior. Some ice cream shops, for example, are selling more pints than cones these days.

Ohio-based Graeter's Ice Cream has shops in Northbrook and Winnetka, and sells pints at Chicago-area grocery stores. Sales are up roughly 50% in grocery stores nationwide and down about 40% in scoop shops.

Chicago's Original Rainbow Cone is seeing a similar phenomenon at its Beverly shop, said assistant manager LaShonda Black.

"We are still getting customers," she said. "Only difference is now we're pretty much selling more carryout tubs than anything. In the summer, it's more cones, shakes, banana splits."

The Original Rainbow Cone is an icon in Chicago, tracing its origin back to a stand that opened in 1926. It layers chocolate, strawberry, Palmer House (vanilla with walnuts and cherries), pistachio and orange sherbet. It has a Navy Pier location that remains closed, and makes summer appearances at festivals such as Lollapalooza and Taste of Chicago.

Though the fate of those festivals remains undecided, Rainbow Cone is planning as if they will still be on, and staffing up for summer.

But Rainbow Cone's shop closes only for a month every year, Black said. That means it has more time to try to make up for any lost business. Gordo's Homemade Ice Cream, which has shops on the Riverwalk and in Edgewater, does not have that cushion. It is open only in the summertime.

"If it goes into the summer, the stay-at-home order, or if people are so tentative about going out, it's just going to eat up those main months we need to make a profit," said owner Jim Hebson. "My guess is we wouldn't even bother to reopen."

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Lightfoot to deliver speech at NU's virtual commencement

By ELYSSA CHERNEY

Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot has worn many hats throughout the coronavirus pandemic: commanding political leader, frequent guest on national news shows and the star behind the city's humorous memes reminding residents to stay at home.

Now she adds another role to that list: commencement speaker for Northwestern University's virtual ceremony.

On Wednesday, Northwestern announced Lightfoot as its pick to address graduates, possibly softening the blow when administrators shared that the ceremony would not take place on campus because of social distancing guidelines.

The livestreamed event will be held June 19.

In selecting Lightfoot, Northwestern President Morton Schapiro praised her response to the public health crisis, according to a news release.

"Lori Lightfoot has consistently reminded us of

society's obligation to serve everyone, and she has worked tirelessly toward that end," Schapiro said. "As the mayor of one of the world's great cities, she has committed Chicago to being a model for solutions to urban challenges around the globe."

Lightfoot was also a fitting choice, Schapiro said, because the ceremony marks 150 years since women were first admitted to NU.

For her part, Lightfoot said she was "honored" to address the graduates during the challenging time. For many college seniors, the final weeks of school have been bittersweet as end-of-the-year rituals had to be canceled and students packed up their dorm rooms early.

"As we struggle to navigate a global public health crisis that is truly without precedent, we are also presented with a historic moment for our city that is filled with untold possibilities," she said in a news release. "By working together as true partners and

collaborators, we will be able to double-down on our investments in our communities, expand opportunity to every resident, and transform the economic map of our city for generations to come. I am deeply honored to be able to share this renewed mission with Northwestern's graduating class as they embark on their own journey to remake the world as an inclusive, just and sustainable home for us all."

If Lightfoot's new "stay home, save lives" campaign is any indication, students are sure to be entertained. The lighthearted videos and images feature Lightfoot sharing reasons why residents should follow social distancing. In one popular meme, Lightfoot says, "Your jump shot is always going to be weak. ... Stay out of the parks."

Northwestern also intends to hold an in-person ceremony at a future date when it is safe for large crowds to gather.

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Could remote learning extend into fall?

By GREGORY PRATT AND HANNAH LEONE

Mayor Lori Lightfoot said Chicago Public Schools is preparing for the possibility that remote learning will continue in the fall.

Asked about that prospect at an unrelated news conference Thursday, Lightfoot said, "We don't know that at this stage, but I think one of the things all of us are thinking about, and obviously CPS is as well, is 'what if?' and making sure we're truly prepared."

With next year being the earliest a coronavirus vaccine could become avail-

able, "we have to be prepared for a lot of different contingencies, including a worst-case contingency," Lightfoot said. "We want to make sure our children learn."

Lightfoot said she's "very concerned" about student learning over the past several weeks and about how it's going to go for the remainder of the school year.

She said the city is particularly worried about a summer slump this year, amid the uncertainty.

"We want to stand up systems and structures now to be prepared but also to continue to support our

young people in particular," Lightfoot said.

CPS CEO Janice Jackson addressed the matter at Wednesday's Board of Education meeting.

"Our original working knowledge was that this was a temporary thing. It's now been extended through the end of the year and some of the models have us even planning — not planning, but realizing — the possibility that this may be the new normal even in the fall," she said.

The current school shutdown has been extended several times, including now through the end of the academic year.

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Allergies complicate COVID-19 symptoms

Doctors give tips on telling the difference

BY KATHERINE ROSENBERG-DOUGLAS

As captive Chicagoans focus on COVID-19, allergy sufferers have an added layer of worry: Pollen counts for both trees and grass have yet to peak in Illinois and they're hoping their congestion and cough don't mean something more serious.

Figuring out when allergy season starts has gotten harder in recent years because of long cold spells in spring, which have led to an overlap of different kinds of pollen that trigger allergies. At the same time, the Illinois stay-at-home order may be triggering allergies for people stuck in the house with pets. But while allergies and the novel coronavirus show some of the same symptoms, experts say there are ways to tell which people are experiencing.

Were it a typical year, tree pollen most likely would peak in April in Illinois, as rates ramp up from March to May, said Dr. Rachna Shah, Loyola Medicine's allergy expert who does pollen counts for the non-profit Allergy and Asthma Center of Chicago. The second common allergen locally, grass pollen, is then expected to spike, usually lasting from May to the end of June. Ideally, the worst of each would be spread out over several months.

But Illinois hasn't had many typical allergy seasons in the past five years or so, Shah said. It is hard to say whether this spring allergy season is abnormal because there isn't a "normal" recent year to compare it with, but tree pollen levels have yet to hit their high point this year.

"What we learned in the textbook is not what we have actually been experiencing in Chicago in

spring," Shah said. And the strange weather Chicago has had this April is affecting tree pollen levels and likely "prolonged tree season," to the point that it could significantly overlap with the beginning of grass pollen season.

"The tree season has kind of extended because of these really cold spells that we've had," Shah said.

"My prediction is that ... the first week of May may be really challenging."

Those who have known allergies to either tree or grass pollen — they tend to trigger the similar symptoms, Shah said — can expect itchy eyes and nose, sneezing and a runny nose. Some can develop headaches, nasal congestion and postnasal drip.

In some cases, allergies also can lead to or exacerbate asthma, a disease that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says can put people at higher risk for more severe COVID-19.

Dr. Sharmilee Nyenhuis, an associate professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago with expertise in allergies and asthma, said there can be some overlap in the symptoms of allergies and the new coronavirus. But the ones that do overlap aren't common for those suffering from the new coronavirus.

"Getting to the symptom overlap between allergies and COVID-19, some of the overlapping symptoms can be the runny nose and sometimes a sore throat and a dry cough," she said. "Those could be either. Though, it's much more common to have a runny nose with allergies in general whereas a runny nose in COVID-19 happens less than 10% of the time."

"The biggest thing with COVID-19 is over 80% of people will have a fever, even with a mild case. And (in) patients with allergies, fever doesn't happen, essentially. And usually, we're not seeing the runny nose

and sneezing and itchy, watery eyes. With the absence of fever, the probability of it being COVID-19 is low," Nyenhuis said.

Nyenhuis' real concern with COVID-19 and allergies relates more to the effects of the state's stay-at-home order. With people spending more time in their homes than usual, there is a greater chance they will experience symptoms or develop allergies to things such as pet dander, dust mites, or even pests such as mice or cockroaches, she said.

And people's attempts to ward off the novel coronavirus can backfire and trigger allergies.

"Another trigger besides a change in weather is strong odors or chemicals, and people are using strong chemicals to clean more now because of COVID-19," Nyenhuis said.

She said people should be aware of their environment and take precautions such as wearing a mask when cleaning with harsh chemicals. Those who are prescribed medicine for allergies or those who use over-the-counter remedies may want to ask for a 90-day supply of their medicine or plan to stock up on what they need so they're leaving the house less often.

Mold also can trigger asthma and breathing issues and it's important to check your home, especially with rain in the forecast, Nyenhuis said.

Shah understands why people may be on edge if they're experiencing symptoms during the pandemic. But without the common COVID-19 symptoms of fever and fatigue, people should try to determine whether they're experiencing allergies. "Everyone's concerned. Every symptom we're kind of analyzing," Shah said. "But the itchy symptoms, the eyes, nose and throat, will not be present in COVID-19."

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The isolated timeout space at the Southwest Cook County Cooperative Association for Special Education in Oak Forest. The school, which uses seclusion, was not included in the recent Government Accountability Office's report about the practice.

Data

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some serious effects of choosing not to analyze your data and take significant steps to ensure data quality."

For all but the nation's largest school districts, there is no requirement that officials certify their data is correct when they report they haven't used seclusion or restraint. That, according to the GAO, is among the reasons the practices are underreported. In response, the Education Department said it will now require all districts to confirm the accuracy of the data they submit.

The GAO also did what it said the Education Department should have done: analyze the data. That analysis found a dozen Illinois special education schools were among those with the highest rates of seclusion and restraint per student enrolled in 2015-16, the year examined in the government report and the most recent period for which the data was made public.

All public schools are required to report their use of seclusion and restraint to the Education Department as part of the agency's Civil Rights Data Collection, which is used to help investigate discrimination complaints and to ensure districts follow federal policies. The data, which was the focus of the GAO report, is collected every other year and published online.

Of the 52 schools or districts with the highest rates of physical restraint per student enrolled, 11 were in Illinois — by far the highest number from any state, according to the GAO's analysis.

For seclusion, five of 36 schools highlighted for high rates per student came from Illinois, again putting it at the top. Two Illinois districts had the highest rates: the Sangamon Area Special Education District, which reported that 25 students were secluded an average of 27 times each, and the Bi-County Special Education Cooperative in northwestern Illinois, which reported putting 34 students in seclusion an average of 13 times each. Each district reported secluding students hundreds of times that school year.

Mark Strawn, the Sangamon district's director of special education, said the district put students in seclusion 424 times last school year, down from 676 times in 2015-16. He said his district may be including incidents in its reporting that other districts don't. The GAO report, in fact, says the Education Department should clarify its definitions of seclusion and restraint.

Officials at the Bi-County cooperative did not respond to a request for comment.

The Southern Will County Cooperative for Special Education in Joliet, also highlighted in the GAO analysis, reported that about one-fourth of its students were restrained by employees an average of 16 times each, a rate higher than any other Illinois district. The district reported

restraining students 441 times that year. Data obtained by the Tribune and ProPublica Illinois showed that the district restrained students 1,424 times in the 15-month period reporters examined. Executive Director Bill Roseland did not respond to a request for comment.

The Education Department likely would not have detected districts' frequent use because it "had no rules that flagged outliers that might warrant further exploration," according to the 58-page report released Tuesday. Without this kind of information, the department cannot enforce civil rights laws against discrimination, the report said.

"It is extremely alarming that even though we know that students, particularly students with disabilities and students of color, are being secluded and physically restrained at school, the Department of Education still can't provide us with quality reporting to understand the scope of the problem and begin to solve it," Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., a ranking member of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, said in a written statement.

"The Quiet Rooms" investigation, based on a database built from the details of 35,000 incidents in 100 school districts from September 2017 through December 2018, revealed children were put in isolation every school day for reasons that violated the law, which allowed seclusion and restraint only when students' behavior posed a physical danger to themselves or others.

The day after the investigation was published, Illinois officials banned locked, isolated seclusion and floor restraints and ordered schools to alert the State Board of Education of every timeout and restraint used. The state also collected three years' worth of incident data. Illinois officials have since decided to allow floor restraints next school year, though pending legislation could ban them.

Illinois now collects incident data from schools but did not for the past two decades. Nowicki said the GAO's research included visiting nine districts, where investigators were told that schools benefited when they were required to collect and submit data at the state level.

"We did find that in districts that were in states that had state-based reporting requirements, many of those district officials told us that helped them report better data and use their data to examine whether they might need to make changes to their own practices," she said in an interview.

In Illinois, some districts reported zero incidents of seclusion and restraint to the federal government, even though records obtained by ProPublica Illinois and the Tribune showed that the interventions had been used. Crystal Lake District 47, for example, put students in seclusion more than 120 times in the 2015-16 school year but reported that it didn't use seclusion at all during that time.

The Education Department's reporting system would not have caught that

School programs

Here are the Illinois school programs named in the Government Accountability Office report as having the highest rates of physical restraints per enrolled student or the highest rates of seclusions per enrolled student, in alphabetical order:

- AERO Special Education Cooperative
- Bi-County Special Education Cooperative
- Bond/Christian/Effingham/Fayette/Montgomery ROE
- Cooperative Association for Special Education
- Eisenhower Cooperative
- Henry-Stark Counties Special Education District
- Kendall County Special Education Cooperative
- North DuPage Special Education Cooperative
- Northern Suburban Special Education District
- Northwest Suburban Special Education Organization
- Sangamon Area Special Education District
- Southern Will County Cooperative for Special Education

error because it only flags a district for reporting zero incidents of seclusion and restraint and asks for verification if that district is among the 100 largest in the country. Crystal Lake officials told reporters last year that the omission was a mistake but then repeated it in the 2017-18 reporting year.

The GAO made six recommendations to the Education Department, including changing its reporting system to flag any district that reports zero incidents because "misreporting is a problem among districts of all sizes." Identifying patterns through data can help schools determine whether they need more staff training and support services, the report says.

The GAO also recommended the department analyze school-level data and identify troublesome trends, including high incidences of seclusion and restraint.

In a March letter included with the report, the Education Department said it agreed with the recommendations and would implement them.

An Education Department spokesperson said the department has made "significant reform efforts" since the 2015-16 data collection, including more data analysis and an increase in outreach to districts. In August, the department clarified reporting requirements and received corrected seclusion and restraint data from dozens of districts, the spokesperson said.

Schools already have submitted data for the 2017-18 year, but it has not been released publicly. The next data collection will be for the current school year, which was cut short for districts around the country in March because of the spread of COVID-19.

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Mayor Lori Lightfoot previews her economic recovery plan Thursday at the Water Tower.

Ex-Bush aide tasked with leading post-crisis economic recovery

Lightfoot drafts former chief of staff as co-chair

BY GREGORY PRATT

Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot has enlisted the help of former President George H.W. Bush's chief of staff in launching an economic recovery task force to help guide the city's response to the coronavirus pandemic.

Lightfoot announced the COVID-19 Recovery Taskforce outside the Water Tower downtown as a nod to the city's resilience and recovery from the Great Chicago Fire.

"We are the great American city of Chicago," Lightfoot said. "We must be a model for the rest of the nation on how to move forward, and we will be."

Lightfoot will co-chair the task force with former

White House chief of staff Sam Skinner.

There also will be working groups dedicated to policy and economic stimulus, mental and emotional health, marketing and business development, regional coordination and economic change study.

The committees feature political and business heavy hitters, including Melody Hobson, co-CEO of Ariel Investments; Bob Reiter, the Chicago Federation of Labor's president; Evelyn Diaz, president of the Heartland Alliance; Karen Freeman Wilson, president and CEO of the Urban League of Chicago; Daniel Cronin, DuPage County board chair; and Toni Preckwinkle, Cook County board president.

"As Chicago goes, so does the entire Chicagoland region and very much vice versa," Lightfoot said.

Lightfoot also said the city will ask the federal

government for money to help replace lost revenue, though she said she didn't have a specific figure to share. Lightfoot also said she wants more money for homeless housing.

The task force's work will include creating a plan to help residents coping with grief, fear and loss, address COVID-created unemployment, keep Chicago a hot spot for tourism and events, and making sure recovery efforts "are aligned across multiple jurisdictions," the mayor's office said.

Preckwinkle said she was excited to work with Lightfoot and regional leaders "during this turbulent time."

"There's no silver bullet for turning things around, but I'm convinced we can improve our regional outlook through collaborative efforts," Preckwinkle said.

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CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

House sends aid measure to Trump

Latest package will deliver an infusion of almost \$500B

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WASHINGTON — Congress delivered a nearly \$500 billion infusion of coronavirus spending Thursday, rushing new relief to employers and hospitals buckling under the strain of a pandemic that has claimed almost 50,000 American lives and 1 in 6 U.S. jobs.

The measure passed almost unanimously, but the lopsided tally belies a potentially bumpier path ahead as battle lines are being formed for much more ambitious future legislation that may prove far more difficult to maneuver through Congress.

The bipartisan measure neared passage as lawmakers gathered in Washington as a group for the first time since March 27, adopting stricter social distancing rules while seeking to prove they can do their work despite the COVID-19 crisis.

Lawmakers' face masks and bandannas added a somber tone to their effort to aid a nation staggered by the health crisis and devastating economic costs of the pandemic.

"Millions of people out of work," said House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif. "This is really a very, very, very sad day. We come to the floor with nearly 50,000 deaths, a huge number of people impacted, and the uncertainty of it all. We hope to soon get to a recovery phase. But right now we're still in mitigation."

Anchoring the bill is the Trump administration's \$250 billion funding request to replenish a fund to help small- and medium-size businesses with payroll, rent and other expenses. The payroll pro-



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Face mask-wearing members of Congress head to the House Chamber on Thursday to vote on the latest relief bill.

gram provides forgivable loans so businesses can continue paying workers while forced to stay closed for social distancing and stay-at-home orders.

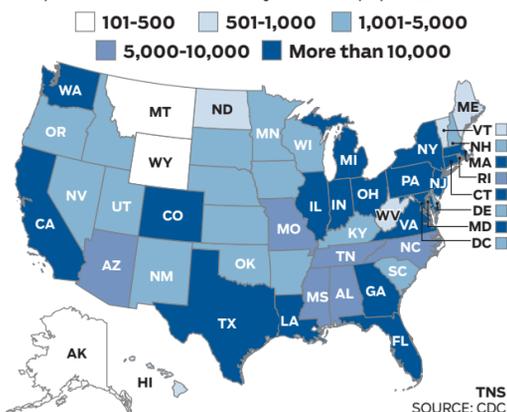
It also contains \$100 billion demanded by Democrats for hospitals and a nationwide testing program, along with a \$60 billion set-aside for small banks and an alternative network of community development banks that focus on development in urban neighborhoods and rural areas ignored by many lenders.

There's also \$60 billion for small-business loans and grants delivered through the Small Business Administration's existing disaster aid program.

President Donald Trump celebrated the bill's passage Thursday at his daily White House briefing. "At a time when many Americans are

Coronavirus cases across the US

Confirmed coronavirus cases by state as of April 22



enduring significant economic challenges, this bill will help small businesses to keep millions of workers on the payroll," he said.

The 388-5 vote — with Rep. Justin Amash, I-Mich.,

voting "present" — came at the end of a nettlesome path to passage. Republicans sought immediate action on Trump's "clean" request for the small business money — backed by powerful, GOP-

leaning business groups — but Democrats demanded equal funding for their priorities, frustrating Republicans who accused them of seeking leverage during the crisis. Republicans said delays in replenishing the paycheck subsidy program probably pushed some struggling businesses over the edge into closure.

Signs of the pandemic were everywhere in the House chamber.

As Pelosi spoke from the floor, she lowered a white scarf that had covered much of her face.

House Chaplain Patrick Conroy delivered the opening prayer wearing a yellow protective mask, and most lawmakers and aides on the chamber's sparsely populated floor wore masks as well.

Passage of more coronavirus relief is likely in the weeks ahead.

Supporters are already warning that the business-backed Payroll Protection Program will exhaust the new \$250 billion almost immediately. Launched just weeks ago, the program quickly reached its lending limit after approving nearly 1.7 million loans. That left thousands of small businesses in limbo as they sought help.

Pelosi and allies like Ways and Means Committee Chairman Richard Neal, D-Mass., said the next measure will distribute more relief to individuals, extend more generous jobless benefits into the fall, provide another round of direct payments to most people and help those who are laid off afford health insurance through COBRA.

Democrats tried to win another round of funding for state and local governments in Thursday's bill but were rebuffed by Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., who says he's going to try to pump the brakes on runaway deficit spending.

McConnell says he doesn't want to bail out Democratic-governed states for fiscal problems that predated the pandemic, but there's plenty of demand for state fiscal relief among Republicans, too.

After the Senate passed the latest bill Tuesday, McConnell declared that Republicans would entertain no more coronavirus rescue legislation until the Senate returns to Washington, promising rank-and-file Republicans greater say in the future legislation, rather than leaving it in the hands of top bipartisan leaders.

Pelosi attacked McConnell for at first opposing adding any money to his original \$250 billion package and saying cash-strapped states should be allowed to declare bankruptcy, a move that they currently cannot do and that would threaten a broad range of state services.

White House pitches idea that sun, humidity could help fight virus

By **KEVIN FREKING**
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WASHINGTON — The White House on Thursday pitched "emerging" research on the benefits of sunlight and humidity in diminishing the threat of the coronavirus as President Donald Trump encourages states to move to reopen their economies.

Past studies have not found good evidence that warmer temperatures and higher humidity of spring and summer will help tamp

down the spread of the virus.

But William Bryan of the Department of Homeland Security said at a White House briefing that there are "emerging results" from new research that suggest solar light has a powerful effect in killing the virus on surfaces and in the air. He said scientists have seen a similar effect from higher temperatures and humidity. A biocontainment lab in Maryland has been conducting testing on the virus since February, Bryan said.

"The virus is dying at a much more rapid pace just from exposure to higher temperatures and just from exposure to humidity," Bryan said.

Bryan said having more knowledge about this could help governors when making decisions about how and when to open their state economies. However, he stressed that the emerging results of the light and heat studies do not replace social distancing recommendations.

Trump, who has consistently

looked for hopeful news about containing the virus, was asked if it was dangerous to make people think they would be safe by going outside in the heat, considering that so many people have died in Florida.

"I hope people enjoy the sun. And if it has an impact, that's great," Trump replied.

Trump noted that the researchers were also looking at the effects of disinfectants on the virus and wondered aloud if they could be injected into people, saying the virus "does a tremendous

number on the lungs, so it would be interesting to check that," Bryan said there was no consideration of that.

The president has often talked up prospects for new therapies and offered rosy timelines for the development of a vaccine.

Earlier in the month, scientific advisers told the White House there's no good evidence yet that the heat and humidity of summer will rein in the virus without continued public health measures.

Researchers convened by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine analyzed studies done so far to test virus survival under different laboratory conditions as well as tracking where and how COVID-19 has spread.

"Given that countries currently in 'summer' climates, such as Australia and Iran, are experiencing rapid virus spread, a decrease in cases with increases in humidity and temperature elsewhere should not be assumed," researchers wrote.

Trump tweet elicits threat from Iran Guard command

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TEHRAN, Iran — The leader of Iran's Revolutionary Guard warned Thursday that he has ordered his forces to potentially target the U.S. Navy after President Donald Trump's tweet the previous day threatening to sink Iranian vessels.

Iran also summoned the Swiss ambassador, who looks out for America's interests in the country, to complain about Trump's threat coming amid months of escalating tensions between the two countries. While the coronavirus pandemic temporarily paused those tensions, Iran has since begun pushing back against the Trump administration's maximum pressure policy both militarily and diplomatically.

The Guard on Wednesday

launched Iran's first military satellite, unveiling a previously secret space program.

Speaking to state television Thursday, Guard Gen. Hossein Salami warned that his forces "will answer any action by a decisive, effective and quick counteraction."

The latest dispute comes after the U.S. Navy said last week that 11 Guard naval gunboats had carried out "dangerous and harassing approaches" to American Navy and Coast Guard vessels in the Persian Gulf. The Americans said they used a variety of nonlethal means to warn off the Iranian boats, which eventually left. Iran, meanwhile, accused the U.S. of sparking the incident, without offering evidence for the claim.

Trump on Wednesday, facing a collapsing global energy market and the co-

ronavirus pandemic amid his reelection campaign, tweeted out a warning to Iran, saying that he ordered the Navy to "shoot down and destroy any and all Iranian gunboats if they harass our ships at sea."

Meanwhile, the Guard surprised analysts by sending a satellite into space Wednesday from a previously unused launchpad and with a new system. While Iran stresses its program is peaceful, Western nations fear such a program will help Iran build intercontinental ballistic missiles.

State television said Thursday that Iran received signals from the satellite, without elaborating. While American officials have not acknowledged that the satellite reached orbit, open-source data from the U.S. military suggested the "Noor," or "Light" satellite



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Revolutionary Guard gunboats cruise near a U.S. destroyer in the Persian Gulf.

now orbited the Earth.

France said Thursday that it strongly condemns the launch and called on Tehran to "immediately halt any activity related to the development of ballistic missiles designed to be able to carry nuclear weapons, including space launch vehicles."

Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova rejected assertions the launch violated the U.N. Security Council's resolution on Iran, noting that Iran has the right to develop its space program for peaceful purposes.

Later Thursday, Iranian Gen. Amir Ali Hajizadeh,

the head of the Guard's aerospace division, told state TV that ground stations in Iran are communicating with the satellite, which takes about a week to reach its full capacity.

He said, without elaborating, that the Guard plans to send more such satellites into even higher orbits.

CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Quick strike boosts coronavirus fight

Preparation pays off in Germany and South Korea

BY DAVID RISING
Associated Press

BERLIN — Derided by many economists for years for insisting on a balanced budget and criticized for a health care system seen as bloated and overly expensive, Germany has found itself well equipped now to weather the coronavirus pandemic.

Already applauded for early actions such as social distancing regulations and aggressive testing seen as helping keep the death toll comparatively low, Europe's largest economy has had the financial flexibility to launch a massive rescue plan to help businesses and keep workers paid.

As the country moves to relax some restrictions, Chancellor Angela Merkel is pointing to the example of South Korea, which relied on its experience fighting a different coronavirus five years ago to combat COVID-19, as the way forward.

In the U.S., some protesters have taken to the streets — supported by President Donald Trump's tweets — to demand an end to virus-related shutdowns to help the faltering economy, which has caused tens of millions to lose their jobs, even if it could lead to an increase in deaths as the health care system struggles.

"This is a crisis which, on the one hand, has probably hit the U.S. where it is most vulnerable, namely health care," said Carsten Brzeski, ING bank's chief Eurozone economist. "While at the same time it has hit the German economy where it's the strongest."

Brzeski was among those who argued for Germany to spend more to stimulate the economy as growth ground



MARTIN MEISSNER/AP

People make their way to a shopping center this week as many smaller stores were allowed to open in Essen, Germany.

toward stagnation, but concedes now the country is in a fortunate position.

For years, balanced-budget proponents argued it was prudent during good economic times to bring Germany's house in order to be prepared for a crisis. So in announcing a \$1.1 trillion rescue plan for the country's 83 million people last month, Finance Minister Olaf Scholz was able to assure there was more money available, if needed.

Italy and Spain were faced at the height of the crisis with having to decide whether to allocate precious ICU beds to elderly patients with the most urgent need or to younger patients with the greatest chance of survival. Germany has never had a shortage and has even taken in patients from other European countries.

"They had the means, but then they also had the political will, and also the very good analytical insights to use the means," Brzeski said, noting Merkel

was a scientist before entering politics. "I can't imagine any government better than Angela Merkel's to deal with this."

Germany is now taking baby steps to ease restrictions, allowing smaller shops to reopen this week while sticking to strict social-distancing guidelines and requiring face masks on public transport and in stores. The effect will be analyzed after two weeks to see whether infections have again started to significantly climb.

"We must not overwhelm our health care system," Merkel said, warning restrictions could be snapped back. "The best path is one that is careful."

The far-right Alternative for Germany Party has criticized Merkel's go-slow approach as "ruining our country," but the chancellor's popularity has been steadily rising and Germans overwhelmingly see her government's crisis management positively.

Opening her Berlin toy

store Wednesday for the first time in more than a month, Galina Hooge said she had already received government aid and the process was "surprisingly quick and uncomplicated."

She said it covered only the store's rent and bills, but she felt relatively secure thanks to Germany's universal health insurance and strong social safety net.

"The main thing is that everyone stays healthy and the situation doesn't become like America," Hooge said, referring to the large number of cases and deaths in the United States.

Germany's aid package is designed to keep the unemployment rate down and allow workers to return quickly.

While Washington is sending out one-time stimulus checks to Americans, the German government plan pays at least 60% of the salary of employees who are on reduced or no hours.

As restrictions are eased, Merkel has pointed to South Korea as an example

of how Germany will have to improve measures to "get ahead" of the pandemic with more testing and tracking of cases to slow the infection rate.

Experts say one reason South Korea has managed to avoid lockdowns or business bans was its aggressive testing and contact-tracing program that draws from its experience of fighting a different coronavirus — MERS, or Middle East Respiratory Syndrome — in 2015.

Following that outbreak, which killed 36 people and sickened about 200, South Korea rewrote its infectious disease law to allow health authorities quick access to a broad range of personal information to fight infectious diseases.

Amid criticism from privacy advocates, authorities have fully exercised such powers during the COVID-19 pandemic, aggressively tracing virus carriers' contacts with tools such as smartphone GPS tracking, credit card records

and surveillance video.

People's movements before they were diagnosed are published on websites and relayed via smartphone alerts to inform others whether they have crossed paths with a carrier.

The government is also using smartphone tracking apps to monitor the tens of thousands of people placed under self-isolation at home and plans to use electronic wristbands on people who defy isolation orders.

South Korea on Wednesday reported 11 new coronavirus cases, the 21st day in a row that the jump in infections came below 100. The approach has meant South Korea has managed to slow the spread of the virus without imposing massive lockdowns or banning nonessential businesses, so there has never been any debate over "re-opening" its economy.

In the U.S., there has been growing impatience over virus-related shutdowns that have led tens of millions to lose their jobs in the country of some 328 million.

Trump's administration has issued guidelines advising relaxation of some restrictions only after prerequisites, such as a two-week downward trajectory of cases, are met. Trump, however, has grumbled "our country wasn't meant to be shut down" and has tweeted support for anti-shutdown protests, and some states are moving ahead with plans to begin reopening as early as Friday.

To date, Germany has registered over 151,000 infections, not far behind the worst-hit European countries of Italy, with more than 189,000 cases, and Spain, with about 213,000. More than 5,000 people have died in Germany, but Spain's toll has topped 22,000 and Italy has over 25,000 deaths. Meanwhile, U.S. infections are over 856,000 with more than 47,000 deaths.

Expert says opposing drug Trump touted led to ouster

BY RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR
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WASHINGTON — The head of a government agency combating the coronavirus pandemic is alleging he was ousted for opposing politically connected efforts to promote a malaria drug that President Donald Trump touted without proof as a remedy for COVID-19.

Rick Bright, former director of the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority, said in a statement Wednesday that he was summarily removed from his job Tuesday and reassigned to a lesser role. His lawyers, Debra Katz and Lisa Banks, called it "retaliation plain and simple."

Controversy has swirled around the malaria drug hydroxychloroquine since Trump started promoting it from the White House briefing room.

BARDA, the agency Bright formerly headed, is a unit of the Department of Health and Human Services created to counter threats from bioterrorism and infectious diseases. It has recently been trying to jump-start work on a vaccine for the coronavirus.

"I am speaking out because to combat this deadly virus, science — not politics or cronyism — has to lead the way," Bright, who has a doctoral degree in immunology, said in his statement, which was released by his lawyers.

"Specifically, and contrary to misguided directives, I limited the broad use of chloroquine and hydroxychloroquine, promoted by the administration as a panacea, but which clearly lack scientific merit," Bright said.

"I also resisted efforts to fund potentially dangerous drugs promoted by those with political connections," he added.

Asked about Bright at



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Packets of tablets containing chloroquine and hydroxychloroquine are shown Feb. 26 in Marseille, France.

Wednesday's briefing, Trump said he "never heard of him."

"The guy says he was pushed out of a job," Trump said. "Maybe he was. Maybe he wasn't."

Bright and his lawyers are requesting investigations by the HHS inspector general and by the Office of Special Counsel, an independent agency that has as part of its charge the protection of government whistleblowers.

"While I am prepared to look at all options and to think 'outside the box' for effective treatments, I rightly resisted efforts to provide an unproven drug on demand to the American public," Bright wrote.

He also alluded to "clashes with HHS political leadership" over his efforts to "invest early in vaccines and supplies critical to saving American lives." One of the major criticisms of the Trump administration's pandemic response is that little was done in the month of February to stockpile needed equipment.

"Science, in service to the health and safety of the American people, must always trump politics," Bright said.

Trump has repeatedly touted the malaria drug during his regular coronavirus briefings, calling it a "game changer," and suggesting its skeptics would be proved wrong. He has offered patient testimon-

nials that the drug is a lifesaver.

But a recent study of 368 patients in U.S. veterans hospitals found no benefit from hydroxychloroquine — and more deaths. The study was an early look at the medication, which has prompted debate in the medical community, with many doctors leery of using it.

In a statement, HHS confirmed Bright is no longer at the BARDA agency, but did not address his allegations of political interference in scientific matters.

HHS said it was Bright who had requested an emergency use authorization for chloroquine and hydroxychloroquine. Bright said he had insisted that the authorization be limited to a restricted group of patients, those hospitalized with confirmed COVID-19 under the supervision of a doctor.

Hydroxychloroquine was given to patients in the New York area, the nation's most intense COVID-19 hot spot. It is usually administered in combination with the antibiotic azithromycin.

The HHS inspector general's office had no response to Bright's request for an investigation.

HHS said Bright is now assigned to the National Institutes of Health, working on new approaches to testing.

His allegations were first reported by The New York Times.

Swing-state Republicans pin virus fallout on Democrats

BY MARG LEVY
Associated Press

HARRISBURG, Pa. — With legions out of work, Republicans across the critical battleground states are trying to lay blame for the economic wreckage of the coronavirus outbreak on Democratic governors, ramping up a political strategy that is likely to shape the debate in the run-up to the presidential election.

In Wisconsin, Michigan and Pennsylvania — all three swing states with Democrats in charge — state Republican lawmakers, after an initial detente, have grown fiercely critical of the stay-at-home orders or business shutdowns imposed by governors to limit the spread of the coronavirus, casting them as the work of overzealous, nanny-state Democrats.

In Wisconsin and Pennsylvania, GOP legislators have gone so far as to try to strip the Democratic governors of the power to enforce the restrictions on businesses.

Stay-at-home orders have been imposed by Republican and Democratic governors alike, acting on the advice of state and federal health officials and guidance from President Donald Trump.

But the backlash comes as some governors, mostly Republicans, are beginning to ease their orders, and the GOP, led by Trump, is attempting to position itself as the defender of the economy, even if it means taking health risks.

"We're going to pressure this governor. We're going to get you guys your jobs. We're going to get money back in your pocket!" Republican state Rep. Aaron Bernstein of Pennsylvania told a protest of hundreds of people Monday at the state Capitol.

It was one of several staged across the country in the past two weeks, and another is scheduled for



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Demonstrators at the Michigan State Capitol in Lansing protest Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's stay-at-home order.

Friday in Wisconsin's capital.

In Pennsylvania, Republican state Rep. Russ Diamond blasted Gov. Tom Wolf's "lockdown," while GOP state Sen. Doug Mastriano urged protesters to "rise up" and "say 'no' to tyranny."

The hard-line messages marked the arrival of a more contentious phase in the virus fallout — the political fight over who to blame for the economic devastation. Implicit in the messaging is the potential political disaster ahead for Republicans if jobs do not return by November and Trump is blamed for unemployment.

In Wisconsin, Michigan and Pennsylvania, all of which narrowly flipped to Republican in the 2016 presidential election and handed Trump his victory, more than 3 million people have filed for unemployment benefits, and economists expect that high unemployment will last well beyond November's election.

Before the virus hit, Trump and his party had planned on running on a strong economy. The new reality forces Republicans on the ballot to adjust.

But the effort to target Democratic governors has challenges. Right now, stay-at-home orders are broadly popular with both Democrats and Republicans, ac-

ording to a new AP-NORC survey. And Americans have generally given higher marks to their state government's response than to the federal response. Meanwhile, Trump's approval rating has been stagnant.

But polling does find some growing impatience with the virus restrictions, particularly among Republicans.

In late March, 60% of Republicans living in states led by Democratic governors approved of their state's response. But the new AP-NORC poll found that share had slipped to 49% in just three weeks.

In the interim, Trump appeared to have shifted his focus from managing the public health crisis to looking ahead to "reopening" the economy. The White House has issued guidance on the public health conditions that should be met before those orders are eased, but Trump has called on some of his supporters to "LIBERATE!" their states.

Brock McCleary, a Pennsylvania-based Republican pollster, said governors seem to have the advantage right now in public approval.

But, he said, Trump and Republicans could benefit if voters look back at the shutdowns and say, "Gee, not that many people died. Was it all worth it?"

CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

US jobless claims reach 26 million

1 in 6 workers have lost their jobs in 5 weeks, Labor says

By Christopher Rugaber
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — More than 4.4 million laid-off workers applied for U.S. unemployment benefits last week as job cuts escalated across an economy that remains all but shut down, the government said Thursday.

Roughly 26 million people have now filed for jobless aid in the five weeks since the coronavirus outbreak began forcing millions of employers to close their doors, the Labor Department reported. About 1 in 6 workers have lost their jobs in the past five weeks, by far the worst string of layoffs on record. That's more than the number of people who live in the 10 largest U.S. cities combined.

Economists have forecast that the unemployment rate for April could go as high as 20%.

The enormous magnitude of job cuts has plunged the U.S. economy into the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression of the 1930s. Some economists say the nation's output could shrink by twice the amount that it did during the Great Recession, which ended in 2009.

An urgent question for the unemployed is how quickly the economy may rebound. Most economists expect some employers to start rehiring within months, though significant job gains aren't considered likely until later in the year.

Few experts foresee a downturn anywhere near as long as the Great Depression. During the Depression, unemployment stayed high for nearly a decade, with the jobless rate remaining above 14% from 1931 to 1940.

But unemployment is considered likely to remain elevated well into next year and probably beyond.

The painful economic consequences have sparked protests in several state capitals from crowds insisting that businesses be allowed to reopen.

Some governors have be-



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A man enters an unemployment office April 9 in Forest City, Arkansas, as states scramble to deal with a deluge of claims.

gun easing restrictions despite warnings from health authorities that it may be too soon to do so without causing new infections. In Georgia, gyms, hair salons and bowling alleys can reopen Friday. Texas has reopened its state parks.

Yet those scattered reopenings won't lead to much rehiring, especially if Americans are too wary to leave their homes. Most people say they favor stay-at-home orders, according to a survey by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs and believe it won't be safe to lift social distancing guidelines anytime soon.

The number of people who are receiving unemployment benefits has reached a record 16 million, surpassing a previous high of 12 million set in 2010, just

after the 2008-2009 recession ended. This figure reflects people who have managed to navigate the application systems in their states, have been approved for benefits and are receiving checks.

Women make up a majority of workers in some industries that have been hit hardest, such as health care, where many jobs outside hospitals have been lost, and hotels and restaurants.

Heidi Shierholz, an economist at the progressive Economic Policy Institute, calculates that 56% of the layoffs have involved women. "As in all recessions, job loss in this recession is not being meted out equally," she said.

African Americans and Latinos are typically among the first to be laid off in recessions. Though the gov-

ernment doesn't track the jobless claims data by gender or race, a survey by the University of Southern California found that 21% of African Americans and 18% of Latinos say they have lost jobs in the past month, compared with 15% of whites.

One factor in that disparity is the ability to work from home.

A study by the Center for American Progress found that whites are more than twice as likely as blacks to say they can work from home and 50% more likely than Latinos.

Just about every major industry has absorbed sudden and severe layoffs.

Economists at the Federal Reserve estimate that hotels and restaurants have shed the most jobs — 4 million since Feb. 15. That is

nearly one-third of all the employees in that industry. Construction has shed more than 9% of its jobs. So has a category that includes retail, shipping and utilities, the Fed estimated.

A federal relief package enacted last month made millions of gig workers, contractors and self-employed people newly eligible for unemployment aid.

But most states have yet to approve unemployment applications from those workers because they're still trying to reprogram their systems to do so. As a result, many people who have lost jobs or income aren't being counted as laid-off because their applications for unemployment aid haven't been processed.

Among them is Sasha McVeigh, a musician in Nashville, Tennessee. Hav-

ing grown up in England with a love of country music, she spent years flying to Nashville to play gigs until she managed to secure a green card and move permanently two years ago. She had been working steadily until the city shut down music clubs in mid-March.

Since then, she's applied for unemployment benefits but so far has received nothing. To make ends meet, she's applied for some grants available to out-of-work musicians, held some livestreaming concerts and pushed her merchandise sales.

By cutting expenses to a bare minimum, McVeigh said, "I've managed to just about keep myself afloat."

But she worries about what will happen over the next few months.

Poll

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tions about his credibility.

Sanchez, who identifies as a political independent, said she trusts "only a little" of what the president says about the crisis, but believes he's "doing the best he can."

"He's contradicted his own health experts a couple of times. I believe he gets carried away and doesn't sit down and think things through," said Sanchez, a retired truck stop manager.

The poll's findings underscore Trump's backing from Republicans, who have been unwavering in their overall support throughout his presidency, despite reservations about his credibility and temperament. If that support holds through the November election, Trump would still have a narrow — but feasible — path to victory.

The findings also raise questions about the value of Trump's daily briefings during the pandemic — televised events that often paint a sunny picture of the na-



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A poll raises questions about the value of President Trump's daily briefings on the virus.

tion's pandemic response that runs counter to the experiences of many Americans in cities and states hard-hit by the virus.

While the briefings are the White House's main vehicle for getting information to the public, they

frequently devolve into forums for the president to berate journalists and critics of the administration.

Trump has personally led the briefings for weeks, with a regular cast of public health officials, Cabinet secretaries and Vice President

Mike Pence also taking turns updating Americans on the administration's response to the health and economic crisis.

Many Americans say they wish Trump were listening to some of those experts more as he navi-

gates the crisis. Specifically, 60% think Trump is not listening to health experts enough.

The leading public health officials advising Trump, Drs. Anthony Fauci and Deborah Birx, have advocated for maintaining strict social distancing measures even as the president and some of his supporters agitate to begin reopening the economy.

The survey found the vast majority of Americans — 80% — continue to back requiring Americans to stay in their homes, and a majority doubt that it will be safe to ease restrictions soon.

There is no indication that Trump is ready to step away from the daily briefings. He regularly touts their television ratings, one of his favorite metrics for success. And indeed, the briefings continue to be aired at length on major cable news channels each evening.

Still, this moment of national crisis, with more than 47,000 reported coronavirus deaths in the U.S. and millions of Americans losing their jobs, has done

nothing to broaden the president's appeal.

Just 11% of Democrat say they approve of Trump's job as president. And 84% of Democrats have little to no trust in information the president is providing about the pandemic.

"I don't believe a thing the man says," said Goble Floyd, 70, a retiree from Bonita Springs, Florida. "And that's sad when so many lives are at stake."

When it comes to the nation's response to the virus, Americans are more inclined to trust and seek guidance from their state and local leaders.

About half of those surveyed said they regularly get information from state and local officials and about the same amount say they have a significant trust in that information.

A majority of Americans — 63% — say they approve of how states are handling the outbreak, up slightly from three weeks ago.

The margin of sampling error in the poll of 1,057 adults, conducted April 16-20, is plus or minus 4.0 percentage points.

129 deported from US arrive in Haiti amid virus concerns

By Evens Sanon
Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — A plane carrying 129 migrants who were deported from the U.S. landed Thursday in Haiti amid concerns that the second such flight this month could strain the impoverished country's limited resources as it fights the COVID-19 disease.

Authorities whisked the group away in buses and took the migrants to a hotel in the capital of Port-au-

Prince, where they joined more than 60 other recent deportees already serving a two-week quarantine.

Three of the migrants who arrived in early April have tested positive for COVID-19, although none in the group that departed San Antonio, Texas, on Thursday had a temperature, said Jean Negot Bonheur Delva, director of Haiti's migration office. The newest group includes 50 children from ages ranging 5 to 15, he said.

The World Health Or-

ganization is providing Haiti with free testing kits, although the local government is paying for three meals a day and the deportees' two-week stay at hotels, including one in the north coastal town of Cap-Haitien, where nearly 400 migrants are under quarantine after being expelled from the nearby Turks & Caicos Islands.

Bonheur declined to say how much the situation is costing the government as a Miami-based Haitian rights advocacy group called on

President Jovenel Moise to stop accepting deportees and ask that President Donald Trump place a moratorium on deportations.

"These flights do not only put the deported individuals at risk, but they also threaten to spread the coronavirus in Haiti, a country as you know all too well is ill-equipped to deal with a pandemic," wrote Marleine Bastien, executive director of the Family Action Network Movement.

Government officials in Haiti did not immediately

respond to a request for comment. However, Prime Minister Joseph Jouthe said earlier this week that the country is caring for the deportees.

"They are Haitians. They are coming home. We have to receive them," he said Monday on Radio Vision 2000.

Haiti has reported at least four deaths and 62 confirmed new coronavirus cases, according to a tally compiled by Johns Hopkins University from official government figures.



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An ambulance worker prepares to take three infected people to the hospital this week in Tabarre, Haiti.

CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Could you give up data to halt virus?

Tracking medical info or violating our civil liberties?

BY CHRISTINA LARSON AND MATT O'BRIEN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Cameron Karosis usually strives to protect his personal information.

But a scary bout of COVID-19 that began last month with headaches and fevers, progressed to breathing problems and led to a hospital visit has now left him eager to disclose as much as possible to help halt the virus' spread.

Karosis has already shared personal details with Massachusetts health investigators. And if he was asked to comply with a disease-tracking phone app that monitored his whereabouts but didn't publicly reveal his name and Cambridge street address, he said he'd do that too.

"I'm sick and I'm under a quarantine — hold me accountable for it," the 27-year-old software salesman said. "You have the potential to kill other people."

As countries worldwide edge toward ending lockdowns and restarting their economies and societies, citizens are being more closely monitored, in nations rich and poor, authoritarian and free.

New systems to track who is infected and who isn't, and where they've been, have been created or extended in China, South Korea and Singapore. And a range of other surveillance systems — some using GPS location data, some gathering medical data — have been debated or piloted in Israel, Germany, the U.K., Italy and elsewhere.

The challenge: achieving the tricky balance between limiting the spread of disease and allowing people freedom to move outside their homes.



ELISE AMENDOLA/AP

Cameron Karosis strives to protect personal information, but COVID-19 has him eager to disclose as much as possible.

Whether the prospect on the table is "immunity passports" or cellphone-based tracking apps, the aim is to protect public health. But experts say it's also important to avoid a slippery-slope scenario in which data collected to minimize the spread of disease is stored indefinitely, available without limits to law enforcement or susceptible to hackers.

"We need to build necessary guardrails for civil liberties," said Jake Laperuque, a lawyer at the non-profit Project on Government Oversight in Washington. "If new data is being collected for public health purposes, it should only be used for public health purposes."

Scientists believe that the hundreds of thousands of people who already have recovered from the virus worldwide are likely to have some immunity to future infection, but they aren't sure for how long. To ensure new cases don't over-

whelm hospital capacity, any plans to relax lockdowns will include provisions to track infections.

"The virus is not going away — if we all just come out on a certain date, it will spread widely again," said Dr. Tom Frieden, an infectious disease expert and former director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "That means we need to think carefully about how and when we come out."

Dr. Anthony Fauci, the White House's top disease expert, said the administration has looked at the idea of issuing certificates of immunity to people whose blood tests reveal they have developed antibodies to fight the virus, among other possible plans.

Yet they haven't concluded that approach would be effective.

"I know people are anxious to say, 'Well, we'll give you a passport that says you're antibody-positive, you can go to work and

you're protected.' The worst possibility that would happen is if we're actually wrong about that" and those people get infected.

Meanwhile, public health agencies from Massachusetts to San Francisco have hired a surge of people to run "contact tracing" teams. Their mission is to identify anyone who has recently been in contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19, then encourage those people to get tested and perhaps isolate themselves. These meetings can be sensitive and require training, and support, to pull off effectively.

Aiming to take the tracing approach to a new scale are tech giants Apple and Google, which are jointly working to build smartphone technology that alerts users if they shared a park bench or grocery store aisle with a stranger later found to be infected with the virus.

Unlike the more invasive

location-tracking methods attempted by some governments, the Apple-Google approach uses Bluetooth beacons to detect physical proximity and encrypted keys to maintain people's anonymity. The companies say they're building the software for public health departments only, on the condition that they won't make use of them mandatorily.

In addition to developing the technology, experts warn that the implications of deploying such devices need to be carefully considered.

Who will collect and verify the data?

How long will it be held? Will enough people use a voluntary app for it to be helpful?

"We know from history that 'emergency measures' too often last long beyond their initial expiry date," said Deborah Brown, a senior researcher at Human Rights Watch, said.

Susan Landau, a cyberse-

curity professor at Tufts University, said she has doubts about the effectiveness of relying on smartphone-based approaches, even if the apps are carefully designed to protect individual privacy.

"My real concern about the whole thing is I think it's being oversold," she said. "Does it reduce spread? I don't doubt that. Does it enable us to eliminate social distancing? No, not as long as there's a high portion of people who are asymptomatic."

Collecting data should complement, but not substitute for, well-managed public health interventions, said Deborah Seligsohn, a political scientist at Villanova University.

It's one thing to merely send a phone alert that someone exposed to a COVID-19 case should self-isolate for 14 days.

It's another to have government workers bring them groceries or other essentials to make that quarantine period possible if someone would otherwise have trouble complying, she said.

After the various lockdowns lift, it's not clear how readily Americans will submit to tracking efforts.

Cameron Karosis had his mind changed by contracting the virus, but many others are still wrestling with the prospect of how far they'd be willing to go.

"Personally, I would not be thrilled to be forced into downloading an app, mostly because I don't love the idea of Silicon Valley knowing even more about me than they already do," said Maura Cunningham, a writer in Ann Arbor, Michigan. "But I'd probably give in on that pretty quickly if it were made a widespread prerequisite for getting back to normal activity at some point in the future. I'd definitely resist a blood test — that just feels too intrusive."

NEWS BRIEFING

Staff and news services

Virus resurgence leads to new limits on movement in China

Chinese officials have imposed new limits on movement in some northern parts of the country following a spate of new coronavirus infections.

The restrictions imposed over the past week include the city of Harbin, a city of 10 million in northeastern China.

Other cities in the region have also imposed restrictions, which include preventing outsiders from visiting other neighborhoods and warn-

ing residents to stay away from high-risk areas.

The new limits came after authorities reported dozens of new infections, according to Chinese state media, all of which experts said were linked to the return of Chinese nationals from Russia and the United States.

The restrictions do not go as far as the lockdowns that paralyzed Wuhan, the city where the coronavirus outbreak emerged.

US plans for new development office to open in Greenland

COPENHAGEN, Denmark — Greenlanders said Thursday they welcome U.S. investment in their island, but the money has to come without conditions.

The U.S. administration is expected to announce the opening of a U.S. Agency for International Development office at the new American consulate in the capital, Nuuk.

The announcement, expected Thursday in Wash-

ington, will come less than a year after President Donald Trump drew derision for expressing an interest in buying Greenland, which is a Danish territory.

The Inuit government said in a statement that the U.S. government had decided to allocate \$12.1 million for projects in Greenland, focused on economic development including the mineral industry, tourism and education.

Trump: Rescue US uranium mining, nuclear fuel industries

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration on Thursday urged government intervention to rescue U.S. uranium mining and nuclear fuel industries in a tough global marketplace, from making it easier to mine public lands out West to blocking some imports of foreign nuclear fuel.

The recommendations include Trump's earlier request to Congress for \$1.5 billion over 10 years to

buy domestic uranium to create a national stockpile and meant to "pull America's nuclear industrial base back from the brink of collapse," a task force appointed by President Donald Trump in July said in Thursday's report.

Energy Secretary Dan Brouillette said the United States risked losing position in the industry globally, costing it leverage when it comes to encouraging safe nuclear use.



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After severe weather raked several Southern states, a large tree branch lies on a road after an apparent tornado touched down early Thursday in Mississippi's Jones County.

Severe weather leaves at least 7 dead throughout the South

MADILL, Okla. — Severe weather blew through the South on Thursday after killing at least seven people in Oklahoma, Texas and Louisiana, including a worker at a factory hit by an apparent tornado, a man whose car was blown off the road and a man who went outside to grab a trash can and was swept away in a flood.

More than 150,000 businesses and homes from Texas to Georgia were without power as the severe weather blew eastward, according to power-outage.us.

Winds peeled roofing material off a church in Alabama and sent an aw-

ning crashing onto a car at a gas station. In Adel, Georgia, pieces of metal flew off a building during a possible twister.

In Anniston, Alabama, a firefighter and an emergency medical worker were injured when part of a tree fell atop them while they were rescuing a person trapped inside a home by a tree that fell during a storm, Anniston EMS said in a statement on its Facebook page.

The workers and the resident were all taken to a hospital, but none of the injuries was life-threatening, the agency said.

Forecasters said additional damage was possible

from another wave of storms.

Earlier, an apparent tornado killed three people and injured 20 to 30 more in and around the southeast Texas town of Onalaska. Suspected twisters destroyed 46 homes and damaged another 245 in the surrounding area, according to Polk County Judge Sydney Murphy.

Nine suspected tornadoes raked southern Oklahoma, National Weather Service meteorologist Alex Zwick said. One of them caused widespread damage across Madill, near the Red River and the Texas border, said Donny Raley, the city's emergency manager.

Pompeo says China pushing its ambitions in pandemic

BANGKOK — U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo told his Southeast Asian counterparts on Thursday that China is taking advantage of the world's preoccupation with coronavirus to push territorial ambitions in the South China Sea.

Pompeo made the accusation in a meeting via video to discuss the outbreak with the foreign ministers of the 10-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

Beijing's expansive territorial claims in the South China Sea conflict with those of ASEAN members Vietnam, Brunei, Malaysia, the Philippines and Indonesia, and are contested by Washington, which has an active naval presence in the Pacific.

He also accused China of deploying militarized ships to intimidate other claimant countries from developing offshore gas and oil projects.

In Peru: The dozens of howler monkeys, macaws and sloths in a zoo called the Amazon Shelter in the jungles of Peru have enough animal feed to last for about two more weeks.

After that, their future during the pandemic is uncertain.

The situation is the same for more than 140 breeding centers and zoos throughout Peru that have been left without income from paying visitors as quarantines designed to curb the spread of COVID-19 keep the public away.

Some operators of zoos and breeding centers are pleading for government help.

Zoo operators in Peru, hit hard by the pandemic, care for about 4,000 animals that police rescued each year from traffickers.

Sen. Warren's brother dies at 86 from coronavirus

BOSTON — The oldest brother of Sen. Elizabeth Warren, Donald Reed Herring, has died from the coronavirus, the Massachusetts senator said Thursday.

The former Democratic presidential candidate said her brother died Tuesday evening. He spent his ca-

reer in the military after joining the U.S. Air Force at the age of 19 and was "charming and funny, a natural leader," Warren tweeted.

The Boston Globe reported that Herring, 86, died in Norman, Oklahoma, about three weeks after testing positive for the

virus.

Herring flew B-47 and B-52 bombers for the Air Force, and flew 288 combat missions in Vietnam, the newspaper reported. He was a B-52 squadron pilot and a squadron aircraft commander before retiring in 1973 as a lieutenant colonel.

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EDITORIALS

FIVE MORE WEEKS, ILLINOIS. WE CAN DO THIS.

Gov. J.B. Pritzker on Thursday extended the stay-home order for Illinois residents and businesses to May 30, a full month beyond his previous April 30 order. There's not a lot of good news to report about five additional weeks of isolation. That's five more weeks of reduced or interrupted paychecks for employees, five more weeks of small-business owners worried about their livelihoods.

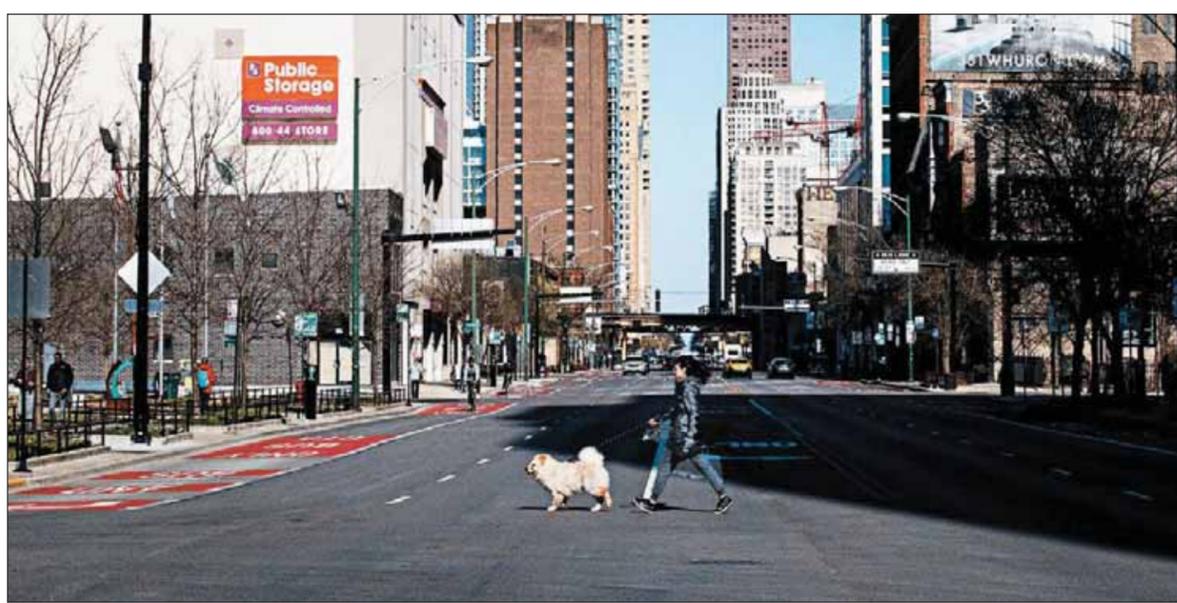
But there is some good news. The new order that takes effect May 1 and lasts through May 30 asks Illinoisans to continue staying home and following social distancing protocols. It also gradually allows for the reopening of state parks, along with boating, fishing and golfing, and will permit certain businesses to crack open their doors.

Gardening centers, pet groomers and health care centers performing elective procedures can begin to serve customers. Retailers that had been forced to close down — think dry cleaners, jewelers, sporting good stores and furniture shops — will be allowed to take telephone orders and offer curbside pickup.

Still off the list for reopening: restaurants, bars and gyms, among many other establishments.

It's not a perfect outcome. The unknowns about the damage to the economy, to employment, to retirement savings, to business owners who won't be able to recover from a month-long shutdown, loom large. There are no guarantees.

But the new stay-home order offers some relaxation of the rules — and of fear. The public isn't as concerned today as even two weeks ago, or a week before that, about becoming infected and being trapped with



ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

A dog is walked across an empty Chicago Avenue on Tuesday in River North. The state's stay-at-home order is extended to May 30.

no intensive care beds or ventilators to help in recovery. Those fears have not — knock on wood — come to widespread fruition in Chicago and Illinois. While sickness has been pronounced at 36,934 cases statewide and 1,688 deaths attributed to COVID-19, alarming issues of overflowing emergency rooms and a lack of ventilators have not played out here.

That doesn't mean we let up. It's exactly why we do not. It's why five additional

weeks of stay-home guidelines are necessary. Impatience is a preferable sentiment to fear. Recall one of the early assessments of how the fight against the coronavirus might conclude: The best outcome would be for us all to look back at March 2020 and debate whether Illinois overreacted, because it would mean the virus had been contained. Beyond May 30, we can't say what will happen. We don't know. If stay-home orders continue, Pritzker and his

team will face additional — warranted — pressure from the public to explain why and to relax the restrictions. The economy is a fragile thing too.

But for now, with projections indicating that a flattening of the curve of cases is taking place, the full-court press against COVID-19 is proving worth the hardships.

We can live with a May 30 target date. Can't we? For the health and safety of vulnerable populations, we can.

Why, even now, defendant R. Kelly belongs in custody

To be jailed isn't good for physical or psychological well-being. It just isn't. To be behind bars during a pandemic, trapped in close quarters with troubled souls and miscreants — who may not bother to wash their hands — heightens the health risks. That's why attorneys for R. Kelly, the indicted singer, sought his release from federal custody in Chicago.

U.S. District Judge Ann Donnelly of the Eastern District of New York, where he also faces charges, took stock of the significant charges against Kelly. She sympathized with his anxiety about COVID-19. Then she denied his attorneys' request that he be freed from the Metropolitan Correctional Center. "The defendant is currently in custody because of the risks that he will flee or attempt to obstruct, threaten or intimidate prospective witnesses," Donnelly wrote earlier this month. When his attorneys tried again, Donnelly stuck to her decision: Kelly faces serious charges, including racketeering and sexual abuse, in multiple jurisdictions. He's a flight risk. No bond, she said Tuesday, according to the Tribune's Jason Meisner.

That's a good call by the judge after an appropriate back-and-forth with Kelly's attorneys. The defendant will get his case heard in full if it goes to trial this fall.

Donnelly's decision comes in puzzling contrast to another call Tuesday by U.S.



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R. Kelly exits a hearing at the Leighton Criminal Court Building in Chicago on Sept. 17.

District Chief Judge Rebecca Pallmeyer in Chicago, who freed alleged street gang member Jose Flores from the same lockup. Flores, convicted of weapons charges, was released to the custody of his wife to await sentencing. He pleaded guilty in 2018 to being a felon in possession of a firearm. Prosecutors said he delivered two assault-style rifles to the Latin Saints. A different judge had ruled him a danger to the com-

munity.

Flores' attorney said he suffers from asthma and was simply the middle man in a weapons transaction. Pallmeyer indicated that being out on bond during the coronavirus stay-at-home order would be akin to home detention, which we're all experiencing.

Is it? Are we all on home detention? Pallmeyer heard the case, not us. Our view

is that while detainees and convicted prisoners have a right to petition for release to avoid contagion and deserve to be heard, protecting public safety is paramount. Anyone who represents a threat to the community or is a flight risk is behind bars for a reason. Even during a pandemic.

A similar triage process is underway in the Cook County criminal justice system. Cases are going before judges to determine whether offenders should be released from custody with an emphasis, appropriately, on defendants held on nonviolent or probationable felony charges. The Cook County Jail is a COVID-19 hot spot; at least one correctional officer and six inmates have died. As Sheriff Tom Dart works to make the jail as safe as possible, the inmate population Thursday morning was 4,178, down from about 5,700 pre-pandemic. Most of those in custody now occupy single cells to help fight the pandemic's spread.

Petitioners want the jail cleared of as many suspects and offenders as possible. No one wants to be locked up with a potentially deadly virus. Understandable. Dart and corrections officers have an obligation to keep the incarcerated as safe as possible and themselves too. But lockups are difficult places to enforce social distancing and other safety measures. Defendants live in close quarters. The best advice for staying healthy is to avoid trouble with the law.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

After an investigation that has lasted for months and left a black cloud hanging over the Red Sox organization, Major League Baseball has finally announced Boston's penalty for stealing signs during the team's run to the World Series in 2018. Turns out, it ain't much.

After concluding what the Red Sox did in 2018 was much less egregious than what the Astros did when they won it all in 2017, MLB commissioner Rob Manfred stripped Boston of its second round pick in this year's amateur draft (No 52 overall) and suspended the team's video replay system operator without pay for a year. Former manager Alex Cora, who was part of Astros organization in 2017 and was prominently featured in MLB's report about that team's activities, also was suspended for the delayed 2020 season — but only for his role as Houston's bench coach.

Officially, the report found Cora "did not violate any MLB rules as a member of the Red Sox organization in 2018 or 2019."

"I also take full responsibility for the role I played, along with others, in the Astros' violations of MLB rules in 2017," Cora said in a statement. "The collective conduct of the Astros organization in 2017 was unacceptable and I respect and accept the commissioner's discipline for my past actions."

Boston's penalty pales in comparison to what MLB did to baseball the Astros were forced to forfeit their first and second-round draft picks in both 2020 and 2021 and the team was hit with a \$5 million fine. Former Houston general manager Jeff Luhnow and ex-manager A.J. Hinch also received one-year suspensions and were subsequently released by the team. Despite the light penalty, Red Sox brass insist they are taking the findings seriously.

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PERSPECTIVE



OSF HEALTHCARE

OSF HealthCare Sacred Heart Medical Center in Danville. The hospital has seen a 39% drop in average daily traffic to its emergency room compared with last April.

Hospital woes are also heating up in coronavirus cold zones



ERIC ZORN

Vermillion County, halfway down the state from Chicago along the Illinois-Indiana border, saw its first case of COVID-19 on March 31.

That was more than three weeks after Gov. J.B. Pritzker issued a disaster proclamation due to the threat of the novel coronavirus and 10 days after Pritzker's statewide stay-at-home order went into effect.

Since then, county health officials have reported 11 cases of the disease, just two hospitalizations and no deaths.

But the quiet weeks have nevertheless been bad weeks at the OSF HealthCare Sacred Heart Medical Center in the county seat of Danville. Sacred Heart, with about 100 beds, is the area's main hospital and one of scores of similar facilities throughout the state that are off the front lines of the battle against the pandemic but still suffering plenty of shell shock.

When you hear that hospitals have stopped performing elective medical procedures, you may think of tummy

tucks, nose jobs and Lasik. But the term also covers joint replacements, weight-loss surgeries, sleep studies and such screening and surveillance tests on otherwise stable patients as colonoscopies, mammograms, blood measurements and imaging scans.

The result has been a drop of roughly 33% in the inpatient population, according to Dr. Jared Rogers, president of Sacred Heart and a sister hospital in Urbana, 30 miles to the west.

This April, Sacred Heart also has seen a 39% decrease in average daily traffic to its emergency room compared with last April.

Rogers listed three reasons for this: ■ A decrease in serious injuries because people are staying home and not driving or otherwise putting themselves in harm's way. The Illinois State Police reports a 53% drop in reported traffic crashes in the first 22 days of April compared with the first 22 days of April 2019.

■ A decrease in the number of such infectious diseases as the seasonal flu, again the result of so many people staying home and not gathering in large groups or touching contaminated public surfaces.

■ An increase in the number of people who feel reluctant to go into any sort of hospital setting for fear of being

exposed to the virus. Chicago doctors have also reportedly noted an otherwise inexplicable drop in the number of patients presenting in the ER with heart attack or stroke symptoms.

"Emergency rooms are very safe places," Rogers said. "We take great care to quickly isolate those who may be suffering COVID-19 and keep them away from those who are injured, suffering chest pains and so on."

Spokesman Danny Chun of the Illinois Health and Hospital Association said that effects like that are causing hospitals statewide to lose about \$1.4 billion a month during the crisis. "Inpatient revenues are down 30% to 50% and outpatient revenues are down 50% to 70%," said Chun. "That's not even counting the costs of caring for COVID-19 patients."

Chun said that Pritzker's announcement Thursday afternoon that he will soon loosen the restrictions on elective medical procedures in some cases is "a good sign," for hospitals, "but we have no idea what the impact is going to be until we see the specifics of the changes."

Rogers declined to say how much Sacred Heart has been suffering financially during the crisis, but allowed, "We've had to make some hard decisions. We've had to require some staff members to take unpaid time off. All

our executives have taken a reduction in pay."

Sacred Heart's parent company, OSF HealthCare, announced in a news release earlier this month that "as volumes have continued to decline" administrators have been "retraining and moving" staff along with imposing furloughs and hiring freezes in its 14 hospitals in Illinois and Michigan.

The Danville facility traces its roots in town back to 1882, when a group of Franciscan nuns took over a 14-room hotel and re-christened it as St. Elizabeth Hospital.

Its survival may depend on getting a sustaining share of the anticipated \$175 billion in new federal relief funds earmarked for hospitals and other health care providers. Chun said lawmakers have still not clarified how that money will be allocated.

And even though COVID-19 has barely shown itself in Vermillion County so far, Rogers, a former U.S. Army doctor who served in Germany in the 1980s, said he and his staff remain highly aware of the need to be ready should an outbreak strike.

"It's like we used to say in the Cold War," he said. "You've got to stay vigilant. Because if something happens, it could be devastating."

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Who failed in the coronavirus response? A look at the timeline

By IVO DAALDER

On Dec. 31, the World Health Organization was notified by Chinese health authorities of patients showing up with pneumonia of unknown causes. Less than four months later, more than 2.5 million people in 185 countries have tested positive for COVID-19, the disease caused by the novel coronavirus that first emerged in Wuhan, China. More than 185,000 people have died worldwide — 1 in 4 of them American.

President Donald Trump has blamed the WHO for "severely mismanaging and covering up" the threat emerging from China. Other countries have joined in the criticism. Japan's deputy prime minister suggested the WHO be renamed the China Health Organization for having been too deferential to Beijing. And Australia's prime minister has pushed for an outside review of the WHO's action in dealing with the COVID-19 outbreak and urged major reforms on the international body.

There is little doubt that the WHO was slow in responding to the danger represented by the emergence of a potentially new virus in China and that it was too willing to accept Beijing's statements of what was happening.

It should have known better. The same day Chinese authorities told the WHO about the new pneumonia cases, Taiwan, which Beijing had barred from membership in the organization, sent the WHO a note asking for more information about a SARS-like outbreak, implying that the cases might involve transmission between humans. The WHO did not reply. But that very day, Taiwan imposed border controls and quarantine measures to prevent the spread of the disease.

By mid-January, the likelihood of human-to-human transmission of the disease was becoming increasingly evident. In Geneva, a top WHO official noted that



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World Health Organization Director General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus is surrounded by journalists in Geneva after a daily news briefing on COVID-19 on March 11.

"limited" transmission between humans had taken place and warned hospitals to take measures to control the possible spread of the disease. Yet, that same day the WHO tweeted that "Chinese authorities have found no clear evidence of human-to-human transmission."

But the Chinese weren't being truthful, and by parroting its line the WHO delayed needed warnings and actions. Even after China revealed that human transmission was occurring, the WHO played down the need for action. It delayed announcing a global health emergency for a week, until the end of January, and even then it worried about not offending China. "The greatest enemy we face is not the virus itself," WHO Director General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus told security officials in Munich in mid-February. "It's the stigma that turns us against each other."

But that underplayed the threat of the

virus itself. Indeed, for weeks Tedros praised Chinese actions and downplayed the outbreak. On Feb. 3, he reported to the WHO's executive board that efforts to control the disease in the epicenter of Wuhan were working to slow the spread of the disease to other countries to a minimum. "If it's minimal and slow, what is going outside can also be controlled easily."

But China's efforts to lock down Wuhan had come too late. Millions had already left the city, many unwittingly taking the virus with them to wherever global air travel would take them. As we now know, even in late January it was already infecting people in other parts of Asia, in Europe and in the United States.

Tedros and the WHO were aware of that possibility, which is why, even as they expressed hope the virus could be contained, they pressed nations to prepare in case it wasn't. Throughout January, the

WHO published materials on how to prepare for and respond to possible cases, including blueprints for diagnostic tests. On Feb. 3, it released a "Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan" to help countries deal with the outbreak. The plan argued that temporary restrictions of movements on people could provide time to implement preparedness measures.

Throughout February, the WHO was regularly warning that the window of opportunity to prevent the spread of the disease was "rapidly closing." Most countries failed to listen. That included the United States. Rather than relying on the WHO testing blueprint, the administration insisted on making its own, ultimately flawed, test. And rather than using the month of February, after it closed down most travel from China, to prepare for dealing with the outbreak, it insisted the travel ban itself would do the trick.

That failure was on the administration, not the World Health Organization.

The WHO has its shortcomings, not least that as an international organization its authority and funding comes from the nations that comprise it. Big nations, like China and the United States, hold disproportionate sway over its actions, as Beijing demonstrated.

Even so, the WHO plays a crucial role, especially as the pandemic spreads to countries with weak health systems, which is most countries around the world. They rely on the WHO for guidance and information, for testing kits and protective equipment, and ultimately for treatments and vaccines.

A global pandemic requires a global response. And the WHO is critical to its success.

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PERSPECTIVE



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Supporters of LGBT rights stage a protest last year on the street in front of the U.S. Supreme Court.

LGBTQ employee protection in hands of the Supreme Court

BY PHILIP ROTNER

While COVID-19 has our full attention, two cases with potentially disastrous consequences for the LGBTQ community sit in the U.S. Supreme Court like a ticking bomb.

The two cases that could greenlight unfettered employment discrimination against gays and transgender individuals are awaiting decision in May or June. If the decisions go the way some observers believe they will, private employers will be able to fire LGBTQ employees at will.

They will not have to justify the firings on the basis of a religious belief. They will not have to claim that the employee has done anything wrong or has been anything other than a model employee. They will be able to do it — legally — just because they don't like gays or transgender individuals.

And this is precisely what the U.S. government is asking the court to do.

The two cases, *Bostock v. Clayton County* and *Harris Funeral Homes v. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission*, involve Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Title VII prohibits employers from discriminating on the basis of sex. The cases raise the issue of whether that prohibition applies to discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identification.

The stakes are enormous because there's no other federal law barring discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identification. Some states have such laws, but over half of them don't. Federal employees have some protection, but there's no federal law prohibiting private employers from discriminating against the LGBTQ community.

In *Bostock*, an employee was fired for

"conduct unbecoming an employee" because he participated in a gay softball league. The Department of Justice filed an amicus brief arguing that Title VII provides no protection against discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

The government conjured up an Orwellian argument that I'll call the "Federal Uniform Discrimination Doctrine." The FUDD goes like this: It's OK for employers to discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation as long as they do so uniformly against all LGBTQ individuals. It's only illegal if they discriminate against some, but not all of them.

Think I made that up? Have a look at part of that amicus brief:

"So long as the employer treats similarly situated individuals of both sexes equally, it has not discriminated against either on the basis of sex. Unfavorable treatment of a gay or lesbian employee as such is not the consequence of that individual's sex, but instead of an employer's policy concerning a different trait — sexual orientation — that Title VII does not protect."

The government made the same argument in the *Harris* case. It's OK to discriminate against transgender individuals as long as you target all of them: "Showing that the employer treated all transgender individuals of both sexes less favorably than non-transgender persons, whatever the employer's motivation, does not suffice."

If the court agrees with the government's position, the LGBTQ community will have no protection at all in at least 29 states.

If you think it's unlikely that the court would greenlight that kind of discrimination, think again.

This is the court that tied itself in knots to find the narrowest possible interpreta-

tion of the Constitution to permit states to rig elections by gerrymandering that it acknowledged was "highly partisan," "unjust" and "incompatible with democratic principles." The court couldn't find a single word in the Constitution that prohibits that kind of assault on our democracy.

And this is the court that stretched to find the broadest possible interpretation of a statute in order to permit a corporation to refuse to provide female employees with health insurance coverage mandated by law. In order to get there, the Supreme Court had to find that a for-profit corporation was a "person" capable of holding religious beliefs.

Given the court's willingness to bend its reasoning to achieve a desired result, how hard would it be for the conservative majority to find a way to side with employers who want to be free to fire gay and transgender people?

All of this can be avoided, though. Congress can take this decision out of the hands of the Supreme Court with the stroke of a pen.

All it has to do is add four words to Title VII. The law could be amended to prohibit discrimination on the basis of "sexual orientation" and "gender identification." Four words.

Or it can pass the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA), a bill that has been introduced in Congress repeatedly since 1994. ENDA would prohibit employers from discriminating on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity.

Or Congress can do nothing. In which case, the job security of gay and transgender individuals will be left to the tender mercies of the Roberts Court.

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Thanks to state's manufacturers

During a crisis, we make it a point to thank our heroes: our National Guard, first responders and health care professionals who put their lives on the line to protect and save others. Over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic, we've seen others worthy of our thanks and admiration: our manufacturers.

As Illinoisans hunkered down across the state, Illinois' manufacturers charged full steam ahead, making personal protective equipment for first responders, producing supplies needed to increase capacity in our health care system and ensuring our food supply remained safe and strong.

In Geneva, Smith & Richardson has bolstered production of valve parts needed to operate lifesaving ventilators. Richards-Wilcox's Aurora factory converted its machinery to produce metal frame hospital beds instead of its usual shelving units. And workers at J.C. Schultz/The Flagsource in Batavia are repurposing existing supplies to produce face masks.

Dozens of manufacturers around the state have bolstered food production to ensure grocery store shelves are stocked and we can all put food on our tables. Even alcohol producers are in on this effort: DeKalb's Whiskey Acres Distilling Co. has shifted to producing hand sanitizer instead of liquor.

Manufacturing has always been a powerhouse industry in our state: Illinois manufacturers employ nearly 600,000 people and generate over \$304 billion in economic output annually. The COVID-19 pandemic has proved that Illinois' manufacturers are not just important, but also essential to the well-being of our citizens and our economy.

— State Rep. Dan Ugaste, 65th District, Geneva

Heroes include journalists

Every day in every medium, there are tributes to the "front-line heroes" of the COVID-19 pandemic. I would like to add journalists to that list of heroes. Journalists ask the tough questions, speak truth to power and hold people in positions of leadership accountable for their actions.

In this time of peril to print media in general and newspapers in particular, I cannot imagine a morning when I cannot catch up with the Tribune columnists I read every day. Mary Schlich and Heidi Stevens lift my spirits. John Kass introduces me to different points of view, often irritating me in the best possible way. Rex Huppke is so funny he makes me spit out my coffee. Blair Kamin, Ryan Ori and Mary Wisniewski keep me informed about what's happening in our city. Michael Phillips, Chris Jones and Howard Reich keep me abreast of what's happening in the city's arts scene. Ron Grossman and Rick Kogan share brilliant insights that help me understand how we got to where we are today through their colorful profiles of movers and shakers, past and present. These are just a few of the wonderful journalists who share their knowledge and insight with us every day.

In short, I don't know what I'd do if I couldn't start my day with these friends by my side. I appreciate them even more now that contact with friends and family is so limited. Thank you, Chicago Tribune, for all that you do. You all are heroes.

— Emily Clott, Chicago

The buck stops with president

I read Tim Schneider's commentary about how Gov. J.B. Pritzker should stop blaming the president for Illinois' response to the coronavirus ("GOP leader to Gov. Pritzker: Stop blaming Trump and fix Illinois' coronavirus response," April 23). Even though some of his points are valid, it is ironic that Schneider would point fingers at Pritzker, when President Donald Trump blames almost everybody but himself for the response to this crisis.

Leadership and responsibility begin at the top. As President Harry Truman famously said, "The buck stops here." Trump is the one who needs to stop playing the blame game and start taking some responsibility. While Pritzker is responsible for Illinois and probably could do better, the president is responsible for the whole country and needs to set a better example.

— Tim Doyle, Tinley Park

A takeaway from this pandemic

The coronavirus pandemic is a foretaste of the catastrophic conditions that await the world when it feels the full impact of climate change.

Our grandchildren will hate us for our irresponsibility, indifference, selfishness and halfheartedness in dealing with this clear and present danger.

Sadly, I plead guilty to some of those charges.

— Neil Milbert, Wilmette

Pay attention, Supreme Court is debating abortion

BY NOAH FELDMAN

It was easy to miss in the middle of our COVID-19 madness, but this week the Supreme Court issued its most interesting decision of its current term so far.

At issue was whether it's constitutional for a state to allow for criminal conviction on a 10-2 jury verdict instead of requiring unanimity. But that wasn't what made the case interesting.

Rather, the case, *Ramos v. Louisiana*, featured heated disputes that, for once, split the court not along squarely ideological lines — but across them.

One argument was about whether a law's racist historical origins are relevant to its constitutionality when there are modern, nonracist reasons for it. The other was about when the principle of judicial precedent should lead the court to uphold a prior decision even if it considers the decision weak or wrong.

Both disputes will have long-term consequences — and the latter sheds some light on the perennial question of whether and when the court might overturn *Roe v. Wade*, the 1973 decision that recognized a legal right to abortion.

Two states, Louisiana and Oregon, have allowed for split-verdict criminal convictions. (Louisiana recently abolished the practice, but *Ramos v. Louisiana* arose before that happened.) Writing for the majority of the court, Justice Neil Gorsuch held that those laws are unconstitutional, because the Sixth Amendment jury trial right includes an implicit guarantee of jury unanimity.

In his opinion, Gorsuch emphasized that both states demonstrated a history of racism in enacting their laws. Louisiana did so in 1898 as part of a state constitutional convention that was convened "to establish the supremacy of the white race" by suppressing African Americans' rights. The 10-2 rule was designed to make sure that one or two African Americans on a jury couldn't block the conviction of an African American defendant. Oregon's law was adopted in the 1930s, apparently under the influence of the Ku Klux Klan's efforts to

dilute "the influence of racial, ethnic, and religious minorities on Oregon juries."

The racist origin of these laws was not the only reason Gorsuch gave for rejecting split verdicts. But he argued that their racism provided a reason to discount a prior court decision, issued in 1972, that upheld the use of split-jury verdicts.

Important parts of Gorsuch's opinion were joined by a striking mix of justices: liberals Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Stephen Breyer and Sonia Sotomayor; but also, conservative Brett Kavanaugh. Archconservative Justice Clarence Thomas joined the result, although he wrote a separate opinion for obscure technical reasons having to do with his interpretation of how the 14th Amendment applies the Bill of Rights to the states.

Justice Samuel Alito, another staunch conservative who often votes with Gorsuch, dissented sharply. Alito harshly rejected the idea that the racist origin of the split-verdict rules should matter given that there are good contemporary, nonracist reasons for it and that both states reenacted their rules in the modern era. The British Parliament adopted a similar rule in 1967, he pointed out, asking rhetorically, "Was Parliament under the sway of the Klan?"

Alito also condemned Gorsuch's reliance on the racist history as an instance of the ad hominem fallacy, which discredits an argument based not on its content but on the identity of its author. For good measure, he basically accused Gorsuch of political correctness, saying that the court "should set an example of rational and civil discourse instead of contributing to the worst current trends."

Then there was the precedent problem. Gorsuch rejected the 1972 case on several grounds, including claiming that it didn't really form a precedent at all. Yet he also took pains to argue that the court shouldn't take precedent too seriously when the justices think it's wrong as a matter of constitutional law.

Kavanaugh went even further. He wrote a separate, 18-page concurrence — the most significant piece of writing he's done

since joining the court — setting out what he considered his "road map" for when the court should overturn precedent. He boiled it down to three principles: Is the precedent not just wrong but egregiously wrong? Has it caused significant negative consequences for the world or the law? And would overruling the precedent upset settled "reliance interests" — e.g., existing laws and settled ways of doing things that rely on that precedent?

It's hard not to see Kavanaugh's opinion as a trial balloon for overturning *Roe*. That interpretation would explain why Justice Elena Kagan, a pragmatist and coalition-builder, joined Alito's dissent — alongside Chief Justice John Roberts.

It's not that Kagan thinks Alito would rely on precedent to uphold *Roe*. She knows he wouldn't. Rather, it's that Roberts, the justice who cares most about precedent right now, might be the swing vote who could save *Roe* — not because he thinks it's correct, but because it's been settled law for nearly half a century.

By sticking to Roberts' side, Kagan made sure the current decision didn't feature all the liberals on the same side while the conservatives split. More importantly, she made sure that at least one liberal was standing up for precedent even in a case where liberals would ordinarily favor the opposite result. That's exactly the stance that she and other liberals will want Roberts to take when the court's other conservatives make their increasingly inevitable push to overturn *Roe*.

Kavanaugh's concurring opinion strongly suggests that he's got *Roe* on the brain. It's still not utterly inconceivable that he might stand with Roberts if the chief justice refuses to overturn *Roe*. But the odds of Kavanaugh doing so are definitely lower now than they were before.

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CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Chicago toy store should be celebrating

Owner noticed the signs of the pandemic firsthand months ago

BY LAUREN ZUMBACH

Ann Kienzle saw early signs of the COVID-19 pandemic firsthand at a toy industry event in New York in late February.

There was less handshaking and more hand sanitizer than usual. Attendees from China were absent. Still, it seemed like the kind of thing that would affect toymakers' ability to source products from China, but otherwise have little impact on toy

shops like hers, called Play, in Chicago.

By mid-March, toys normally kept out for young customers to play with were hidden away. On St. Patrick's Day, she closed stores to shoppers, including a new location in Chicago's Uptown neighborhood that had opened after remodeling on March 14 — just three days earlier.

She kept offering curbside pickup and local delivery. Then the state's order closing nonessential businesses cut off even those sales, forcing her to furlough all 14 employees.

"In less than two weeks, it went

from 'This will be weird,' to 'This will be something bigger than we imagined,'" she said.

Kienzle, who opened her first store in Logan Square 10 years ago but never sold toys online, had to figure out a new way to do business.

Her social media post offering to assemble Easter baskets and ship them to families was flooded with responses. A friend helped her set up a website where people could register for 30-minute virtual shopping appointments. A dozen baskets got lost in the mail, but the rest made their way to homes in 15 states.

Kienzle said she plans to offer

PANDEMIC PIVOT

The coronavirus pandemic is forcing Chicago-area companies and workers to face harsh realities about their paychecks and their place in the local economy. The Tribune is reaching out to hear, and share, their stories. Read more profiles at chicagotribune.com/pivot

personal shopping sessions three or four days a week, for families buying birthday gifts or an activity to entertain kids stuck home from school. Sometimes that means video-chatting with little kids, sometimes it's a call with an adult who just seems happy to talk to someone, she said.

"There's no way that me doing personal shopping appointments is

going to make up for the traffic and business that three stores would generate, but it's at least keeping us in people's minds and bringing in some level of income that pays a few bills here and there," she said. "Also, it gives me a sense of purpose."

Days with no shopping appoint-

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Toyota employee Kirk Barber makes face shields at the company's factory in Georgetown, Kentucky.

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'Moral courage in action'

Despite risks, workers stepping up to make ventilators, face masks

BY TOM KRISHER

Associated Press

DETROIT — Cindy Parkhurst could have stayed home collecting most of her pay while the Ford plant where she normally works remains closed due to coronavirus fears.

Instead, she along with hundreds of workers at Ford, General Motors, Toyota and other companies has gone back to work to make face shields, surgical masks and ventilators in a wartime-like effort to stem shortages of protective gear and equipment.

"I didn't give it a second thought," said Parkhurst, 55, a tow motor driver who is now



CINDY PARKHURST/AP

Cindy Parkhurst works as a tow motor driver at the Ford Flat Rock Assembly Plant in Flat Rock, Michigan.

helping Ford and its partner 3M manufacture and ship respirators. "It's a neat thing to do for the community, for the first responders who definitely need

this kind of protective gear."

All over the country, blue-collar and salaried workers have raised their hands to make medical equipment as companies re-

purpose factories to answer calls for help from beleaguered nurses, doctors and paramedics who are treating patients with the highly contagious virus. Workers also are making soap and hand sanitizer, which early in the crisis were in short supply.

At Ford, over 800 people returned to work at four Detroit-area sites. General Motors, which President Donald Trump had alternately criticized and praised for its work, has about 400 people at a now-closed transmission plant in suburban Detroit and an electronics factory in Kokomo, Indiana, working on shields and ventilators. About 60 Toyota workers, both salaried and blue-collar, are making protective equipment in Kentucky, Texas, Michigan and Alabama.

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Target extends temporary pay raises

As online sales surge, workers are calling for more protection

BY LAUREN ZUMBACH

Target is extending temporary raises of \$2 an hour for store employees as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to fuel a surge in online shopping and dramatic shifts in what shoppers are buying.

Sales in Target stores have been down slightly since early February, but online sales more than doubled as customers in many parts of the country stocked up while staying home as much as possible, Target said Thursday.

Overall, sales online and at stores open at least 13 months are up more than 7% so far in its fiscal quarter that began in February, according to a news release from the retailer.

Even with the shift to online shopping, some workers say the health and safety precautions Target is taking don't go far enough, and that temporary raises aren't enough to compensate them for the risk. Employees are planning a mass sickout on May 1, according to a statement posted by employee activist group Target Workers Unite.

Target has been limiting store hours to allow for more cleaning, capping the number of guests in stores at a time to encourage social distancing and giving employees masks and gloves. But Adam Ryan, an employee in Virginia with Target Workers Unite, said the group feels precautions are still too lax given the number of shoppers coming to stores.

"They're leaving it to the discretion of customers to do the responsible things ... but you give them an inch and they take a mile," he said.

"We're not getting social distancing and safe spacing," he said. It's unclear how many workers

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Amid pandemic, charities facing huge challenges

BY DAVID CRARY AND KATHY MCCORMACK

Associated Press

NEW YORK — While celebrities and billionaires have announced huge gifts to combat the COVID-19 pandemic, many charities and nonprofits are still struggling. Donations to some churches have plummeted, and many charities have had to cancel crucial fundraising events such as galas, bike races and walkathons.

There's plenty of big-time philanthropy: Nine-figure gifts for coronavirus relief efforts — including food banks and medical research — were recently announced by billionaires Jeff Bezos, George

Soros and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Nonetheless, nonprofits are facing hard times amid prolonged lockdowns and a floundering economy.

"The arts and culture sectors are in trouble because they can't earn revenue from performances and exhibitions," said Stacy Palmer, editor of the Chronicle of Philanthropy. "Colleges and universities are worried — are people still going to see them as indispensable institutions?"

In hard-hit New York City, the Metropolitan Museum of Art is bracing for a \$100 million shortfall. The Metropolitan Opera has canceled the rest of its season, stopped

paying the orchestra and chorus, and launched an emergency fundraising drive.

Those two Mets, and comparably large nonprofits, will almost certainly survive. Palmer isn't so confident about some smaller organizations that have had to cancel fundraisers.

"Some of them are one benefit away from not being able to pay the bills," she said.

Some religious groups are anxious as online worship replaces in-person services. The Catholic Archdiocese of New York has reported a 50% drop in cash donations and warned that some parishes will struggle to stay open. Nashville-based LifeWay Re-

search, affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention, surveyed 400 Protestant pastors in late March. More than 90% said they had halted in-person services; more than half said donations from their congregations had decreased — often by more than 50%.

Catholic Charities, which operates nationwide and employs 55,000 people, does its own fundraising separate from parish collections.

CEO Donna Markham says it's a constant struggle to meet increasing demands for shelter and food programs, and some regular donors give less. In the diocese of Venice, Florida, demand for food assistance from the organization

has doubled. Catholic Charities of Eastern Washington has laid off several dozen workers, mostly from a child-care program where enrollment fell sharply.

In addition to direct funding from Congress, United Way, Goodwill Industries and other major nonprofits are seeking expanded tax deductions for charitable giving.

The New York-based James Beard Foundation has raised \$4.3 million to save independent restaurants nationwide from going out of business because of the pandemic.

Similarly, the New York Foundation for the Arts is funneling emergency funds to financially stressed artists.

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Most automakers in the U.S. temporarily stopped making vehicles about a month ago after workers complained about the risks of infection at the factories. Many white-collar workers are being paid to work remotely but members of the United Auto Workers who don't have that option are still collecting pay and unemployment benefits that equal about 95% of regular take-home wages.

Those workers making medical gear will get their full base pay, but that's not what's motivating them to keep coming to the factories. Many simply want to help.

Jody Barrowman has been making face masks at a repurposed former General Motors transmission factory near Detroit since early April.

"Instead of being home and not helpful, I thought I'd be productive here," she said.

She jumped at the chance to work because GM is donating the masks to hospitals and first responders "which is where it needs to go," she said.

Barrowman said that the operation has been so efficient that workers have been allowed to take masks home for family members.

"I dropped some off at my grandparents. My parents took a full packet of masks at my house. So, it's not just helping the first responders. It's helping me and my family feel safe," she said.

Inside a building on Toyota's giant factory complex in Georgetown, Kentucky, mechanical engineer Kirk Barber helps to ship thousands of face shields that laid-off workers are making. Sometimes he personally delivers boxes to hospitals or the state government, which is distributing them.

All of the workers, he said, had to undergo a cultural change to make sure they stay more than 6 feet apart to protect themselves from possible contagion.

"It's a hard habit to break when you're typi-

cally up and talking to someone, pointing to a document," Barber said. "People are very quick to point out 'Hey, you guys need to keep your distance.'"

Twenty-four UAW members have already died from COVID-19 but it's unclear when or where they contracted the disease. Ford, GM and Toyota said they aren't aware of any infections among workers who returned to make medical gear. Still, there's no denying the risks are likely higher at the factories than in the safety of one's home.

Joseph Holt, associate professor at Notre Dame's business school who specializes in ethics and leadership, said the workers and their companies are examples of business doing its best to quickly fill a critical unmet need.

"Courage is doing what you think is right even when it might cost you," Holt said. "Those workers being willing to go in to work to produce the medical equipment and personal protective gear, even at personal risk — that is moral courage in action."

The Detroit automakers are trying to restart production on their vehicles, perhaps as soon as early May, but both Ford and GM say medical gear production will continue. Ford says it has enough workers to do both while GM says it won't need all factory workers right away because it plans a gradual restart.

Back at the Ford complex in Flat Rock, Michigan, where Parkhurst works, she's hoping the respirators she's helping to ship make their way to the hospital in nearby Dearborn, where nurses treated her mother with compassion before she died of a stroke 15 years ago. She knows they must be "going through hell" now because the Detroit area is one of the national hot spots for the virus.

"When I compared that to taking maybe a small risk and going in and making respirators, I feel all right," she said.

The AP's Mike Household contributed from Warren, Michigan.



ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Owner Ann Kienzie stands behind items at the Logan Square location of Play, a toys, books and gifts store in Chicago.

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ments are for other tasks needed to keep the business going, including applying for COVID-19-related financial assistance for small businesses. Kienzie said she was told she is in line for the next round of funding through the Paycheck Protection Program, which has run

through the \$350 billion set aside as part of the \$2.2 trillion coronavirus relief package.

Every day, she thinks about what's ahead for the business. Will there be three stores? No stores? Could she resume operations gradually, with curbside pickup and an employee in each store doing virtual shopping? What if there's a second wave of infections in the fall, or during the critical holiday

season? "So much depends on how quickly the order is lifted, or to what level they can lift it. I feel like we'll come out of it maybe looking a little different, with a few bruises or a few scars," she said.

She feels hamstrung by rules that say she has to close her doors, while big chains that sell essentials like food and household products can also sell the same kind of

merchandise she carries. Even restaurants are allowed to stay open for pickup orders.

Kienzie said she hopes consumers think carefully when choosing whether to shop at large chains or local merchants.

"You're deciding what you want your community to look like after this," she said.

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plan to participate, but Target isn't the only retailer that has seen employees concerned about working conditions push back.

A group of workers at an Amazon delivery station in Chicago's Pilsen area held "safety strikes" outside the workplace after an employee was diagnosed with COVID-19 earlier this month. Instacart and Whole Foods workers called for strikes and sickouts last month, and McDonald's workers in California held protests and filed complaints with the state's Division of Occupational Safety and Health after some employees tested positive.



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

An employee sanitizes carts at the entrance March 29 at Target in Logan Square during the coronavirus pandemic.

Since Target saw a surge in stock-up buying in mid-March, the retailer said customers have been focused on groceries and other household items, and skipping apparel and home

goods aisles.

Sales of food, beverages and other essentials were up 40% in March compared with the same month last year while items like appliances, tools and sporting

goods rose about 20%, according to Target.

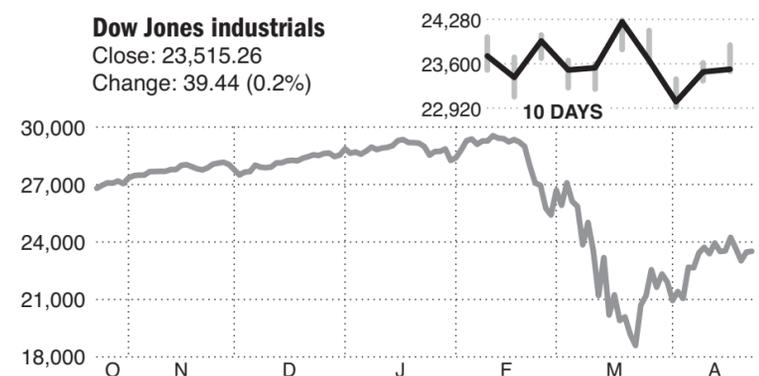
Meanwhile, apparel and accessories sales were down more than 30% in March and kept falling — down more than 40% so far in April. Food and beverage sales growth slowed in April after the March surge, but sales were still up more than 12% compared with the same period last year, Target said.

The growth in sales of less profitable items like groceries and shift to online sales will affect the company's profits, but Michael Fiddelke, Target's chief financial officer, said the company expects "to emerge from this crisis in a position of strength."

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MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow High: 23,885.36 Low: 23,483.35 Previous: 23,475.82



Nasdaq -0.63 (-0.01%)

Close: 8,494.75
High: 8,635.22
Low: 8,475.20
Previous: 8,495.38

S&P 500 -1.51 (-0.05%)

Close: 2,797.80
High: 2,844.90
Low: 2,794.26
Previous: 2,799.31

Russell 2000 +12.54 (+1.04%)

Close: 1,214.06
High: 1,232.59
Low: 1,203.66
Previous: 1,201.52

10-yr T-note ... to .61%

Gold futures +4.60 to \$1,733.30

Yen -0.09 to 107.61/\$1

Euro +0.0029 to .9272/\$1

Crude Oil +2.72 to \$16.50

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
-10	-44	-06	+4.27	+8.94	+6.38	-11.14	+4.63	-4.39

FUTURES							
COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 20	542	551.50	538.50	547	+4
		Jul 20	542.50	552	539	544.75	+1
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 20	317	323.50	315	319.25	+1.75
		Jul 20	324.50	331	322.25	326	+1.25
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 20	834.75	848.75	833.75	839.25	+4.50
		Jul 20	842.50	856.75	841.75	846.75	+4.25
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	May 20	25.58	26.29	25.57	25.61	+0.04
		Jul 20	26.00	26.70	25.98	26.04	+0.05
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	May 20	288.60	290.90	286.10	288.70	+0.40
		Jul 20	293.00	295.40	290.30	293.10	+0.20
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Jun 20	14.20	18.26	13.35	16.50	+2.72
		Jul 20	20.99	23.40	20.32	21.44	+7.5
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	May 20	1.910	1.953	1.806	1.815	-1.24
		Jun 20	2.041	2.071	1.931	1.942	-1.11
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	May 20	.6660	.7455	.6341	.6436	+0.052
		Jun 20	.7150	.7798	.6723	.6821	-0.054

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	93.94	-1.54	Dover Corp	N	88.01	+1.69	LKQ Corporation	O	20.47	+3.2
AbbVie Inc	N	82.04	+0.57	Envestnet Inc	N	56.55	+1.15	Littelfuse Inc	O	132.08	+5.1
Allstate Corp	N	99.45	-2.54	Equity Commonwealth	N	34.11	-0.1	McDonalds Corp	N	182.04	-4.44
Anixter Intl	N	90.04	+0.33	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	59.51	-0.81	Mondelez Intl	O	51.33	-8.9
Apptargroup Inc	N	105.02	-1.28	Equity Residential	N	63.81	-1.85	Morningstar Inc	O	135.49	-4.0
Arch Dan Mid	N	35.74	+0.34	Exelon Corp	O	36.32	-0.88	Motorola Solutions	N	153.61	+2.02
Baxter Intl	N	91.32	+0.78	First Indl RT	N	35.01	+0.88	NISource Inc	N	25.85	-1.6
Boeing Co	N	137.74	+2.77	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	43.80	+0.72	Nthn Trust Cp	O	75.61	-5.6
Brunswick Corp	N	42.18	+0.22	Gallagher AJ	N	74.82	-2.77	Old Republic	N	14.83	-4.1
CBIO Global Markets	N	99.05	-1.16	Grainger WW	N	258.43	-17.70	Packaging Corp Am	N	86.14	+5.9
CDK Global Inc	O	34.70	+0.21	GrubHub Inc	N	42.05	-1.29	Paylocity Hldg	O	86.91	-5.3
CDW Corp	O	100.86	-0.88	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	113.93	+2.38	RLI Corp	N	70.09	-1.35
CF Industries	N	27.85	+0.54	Hyatt Hotels Corp	N	53.29	-0.73	Stericycle Inc	O	46.82	+1.37
CME Group	O	178.48	-0.91	IAA Inc	N	34.74	+1.99	TransUnion	N	71.22	-5.2
CNA Financial	N	29.92	-0.66	IDEX Corp	N	152.36	+0.70	US Foods Holding	N	17.71	-8.4
Cabot Microelect	O	109.53	-0.14	ITW	N	155.12	-0.42	Ultra Salon Cosmetics	O	210.68	+1.97
Caterpillar Inc	N	112.91	+2.27	Ingredion Inc	N	78.80	+1.44	United Airlines Hldg	O	25.72	-1.6
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	33.98	-0.32	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	101.55	+3.18	Ventas Inc	N	28.12	+3.1
Deere Co	N	137.11	+0.90	Kemper Corp	N	65.65	-1.17	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	43.50	+1.9
Discover Fin Svcs	N	34.82	-0.33	Kraft Heinz Co	O	28.53	-0.23	Zebra Tech	O	200.97	+1.56

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Whiting Petroleum	1.68	+84
Callon Petrol	.59	+16
Denbury Res	.31	+09
Snap Inc A	16.06	-05
Gen Electric	6.52	+09
Ford Motor	4.89	+12
Occid Pet	13.87	+85
Bank of America	21.87	+07
Forum Energy Tech	.35	+12
Marathon Oil	4.84	+31
Carnival Corp	12.17	+53
Transocean Ltd	4.00	+05
Htu Unibanc Hldg	4.00	-12
Halliburton	8.92	+69
Delta Air Lines	22.48	+01
Invesco Ltd	7.24	-194
Apache Corp	10.50	+108
Wells Fargo & Co	26.53	-27
Energy Transfer LP	7.05	+132
Exxon Mobil Corp	43.45	+132
AT&T Inc	29.50	+03
Macy's Inc	4.89	+07
Barrick Gold	26.74	+26
Am Eagle Outfit	6.99	+26

LARGEST COMPANIES

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alibaba Group Hldg	205.24	-4.72
Alphabet Inc C	1276.31	+13.10
Alphabet Inc A	1271.17	+12.76
Amazon.com Inc	2399.45	+35.96
Apple Inc	275.03	-1.07
Berkshire Hath B	185.63	-0.95
Facebook Inc	185.13	+2.85
HSBC Holdings prA	25.51	+0.85
Home Depot	202.32	-1.85
Intel Corp	59.04	-1.06
JPMorgan Chase	89.39	+0.05
Johnson & Johnson	155.51	+2.52
MasterCard Inc	255.86	-1.05
Microsoft Corp	171.42	-2.10
Procter & Gamble	119.40	+0.79
Unitedhealth Group	285.33	+8.31
Verizon Comm	57.59	-0.40
Visa Inc	166.38	-0.21
WalMart Strs	128.53	-3.06

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AmrcnBaIa m	26.48	+0.2	+1.2
American Funds CptWldGrInCA	m43.87	+0.1	-8.5
American Funds CptInlcBldrA m	54.66	-0.2	-6.6
American Funds FdmtInvsA m	52.67	+1.7	-6.4
American Funds GfAmrcA m	47.96	+1.2	+1.8
American Funds IncAmrcA m	20.08	-0.1	-5.5
American Funds InvCAMrcA m	34.42	+0.2	-5.4
American Funds NwGrInpctVA m	41.76	+0.1	-2.5
American Funds WAMtInvsA m	40.40	-0.6	-6.9
Dodge & Cox Int	14.21	+0.5	+8.0
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	30.82	+3.2	+4.0
Dodge & Cox Stk	144.54	+1.12	-16.9
DoubleLine TlRetBdl	10.52	...	+4.0
Fidelity 500IxdInPrm	97.05	-0.4	-2.7
Fidelity Contrafund	12.97	+0.2	+4.1
Fidelity InvMGradeBd	11.83	+0.3	+9.4
Fidelity TlMktIxdInPrm	77.28	+0.4	-5.1
Fidelity USBldIxdInPrm	12.47	+0.3	+11.6
Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	2.00	...	-9.9
Metropolitan West TlRetBdl	11.36	+0.2	+11.1
PGIM Investments TlRetBdZ	14.22	...	+6.7
PIMCO IncIst	11.10	...	-2.3
PIMCO Incentl	11.10	...	-2.2
PIMCO TlRetIns	10.65	+0.2	+9.6
Schwab SP500Ixd	43.03	-0.2	-2.7
T. Rowe Price BcGr	118.88	-0.9	+3.9
T. Rowe Price GrStk	68.49	+1.2	+1.8
Vanguard 500IxdAdmrl	258.51	-1.3	-2.7
Vanguard BalIxdAdmrl	36.37	+0.4	+1.9
Vanguard DivGrIn	26.79	-0.6	-1.4
Vanguard GrlxdAdmrl	88.90	-1.6	+6.8
Vanguard HCAdmrl	84.06	+0.4	+18.7
Vanguard InTrInGdAdmrl	10.16	+0.1	+9.2
Vanguard InTrTEAdmrl	14.25	-0.4	+3.4
Vanguard InslxdIn	249.81	-1.2	-2.

High court rejects EPA's view of Clean Water Act

Rebuke of change in policy by the Trump administration

BY MARK SHERMAN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court ruled Thursday that sewage plants and other industries cannot avoid environmental requirements under landmark clean-water protections when they send dirty water on an indirect route to rivers, oceans and other navigable waterways.

Rejecting the Trump administration's views, the justices held by a 6-3 vote that the discharge of polluted water into the ground, rather than directly into nearby waterways, does not relieve an industry of complying with the Clean Water Act.

"We hold that the statute requires a permit when there is a direct discharge from a point source into navigable waters or when there is the functional equivalent of a direct discharge," Justice Stephen Breyer wrote for the court.

The decision came in a closely watched case from Hawaii about whether a sewage treatment plant needs a federal permit when it sends wastewater deep underground, instead of discharging the treated

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—David Henkin, lawyer for the environmental group Earthjustice

flow directly into the Pacific Ocean. Studies have found the wastewater soon reaches the ocean and has damaged a coral reef near a Maui beach.

The Environmental Protection Agency under President Donald Trump reversed the agency's position that Breyer noted has appeared to work well for more than 30 years.

Justices Samuel Alito, Neil Gorsuch and Clarence Thomas dissented. "I would hold that a permit is required only when a point source discharges pollutants directly into navigable waters," Thomas wrote.

David Henkin, a lawyer for the environmental group Earthjustice who argued the case in the high court, said, "This is unquestionably a win for people who are concerned about protecting clean water in the United States."

Sewage plants and other polluters must get a permit under the Clean Water Act when pollutants go through a pipe from their source to a body of water. The question in this case was whether a permit is needed when the pollutant first passes through the soil or groundwater.

Maui injects 3 million to 5 million gallons a day of treated wastewater into wells beneath the Lahaina Wastewater Reclamation Facility, which sits about a half-mile from the Pacific shoreline. Environmental groups in Hawaii sued Maui after studies using dyes to trace the flow showed more than half the discharge from two wells was entering the ocean in a narrow area.

Breyer raised concerns during arguments in November that a ruling for Maui would provide a "road map" for polluters to evade federal permit requirements.

CDC offers guidance on safety to SD pork plant

Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. — The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Thursday recommended that the operators of a South Dakota meatpacking plant where nearly 800 workers contracted the coronavirus implement a strict social distancing policy and find ways to overcome language barriers.

The CDC memo specifically addressed the situation at the Smithfield Foods plant in Sioux Falls but that also may give an indication of the broader recommendations that the agency is working on for meat processing plants nationwide. Smithfield closed the plant indefinitely because of the outbreak and faced complaints that it wasn't doing enough to protect its workers.

A CDC team toured the plant last week and reported that the company had slowed down production lines to space workers farther apart and installed about 800 Plexiglas barriers along the lines. But even though there were only a few workers left in the plant, some were still gathering closer than 6 feet apart when not working or not wearing face masks, the team found.

Plant management told the CDC that over 40 languages were spoken at the plant, making it difficult to communicate with employees. The agency recommended that Smithfield post signs with pictograms and in more languages to communicate vital information to employees.

Smithfield is also planning to give workers a new face mask every day and to equip production staff with face shields, according to the CDC.

The CDC memo also stresses the importance reconfiguring parts of the plant to accommodate social distancing, including making sure workers don't congregate in locker rooms, cafeterias or break areas.

Virginia-based Smithfield has not indicated when it might reopen the plant, which produces roughly 5% of the country's pork.



ANDY BUCHANAN/GETTY-AFP 2019

President Trump's resorts in Scotland, including Turnberry, above, and Ireland were gearing up for the season before closing.

Trump resorts tap Europe aid

Written out of US bailout, businesses look for funds in UK, Ireland

BY STEPHANIE BAKER
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Bloomberg News via TNS

The Trump Organization is seeking U.K. and Irish bailout money to help cover wages for bartenders, bagpipers and other employees furloughed from its European golf properties because of the coronavirus lockdown.

Overseas businesses owned by President Donald Trump can tap government funds meant to help retain workers. In the U.S., by contrast, they're specifically written out of the enormous U.S. economic relief package. The result is a potentially stark gap between how workers in different countries may weather the crisis, even within the same global operation.

In the U.K. and Ireland, where Trump owns three money-losing golf resorts, companies can tap enough government cash to pay most of their workers' salaries. It's unclear whether the Trump Organization is paying the balance of the salaries for furloughed workers.

In the U.S., roughly 2,000 employees dismissed from Trump golf courses and

hotels will have to line up with millions of others to apply for unemployment payments.

There's nothing improper about Trump companies seeking the U.K. and Irish funds, which are offered universally to help workers weather the crisis. Even so, social media blowback has been swift against deep-pocketed owners who could arguably weather the crisis without seeking state handouts. These include Victoria Beckham, the former Spice Girl who reportedly furloughed as many as 30 employees at her money-losing luxury fashion label.

Martin Ford, an elected official in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, where one of the resorts is located, said that a similar standard should be applied to Trump, who's boasted of his billions.

"The huge tab for this will be borne throughout the whole population through higher taxes," said Ford, a longtime critic of the Trump resort. "If what he says about his personal wealth is true, Trump doesn't need the money, and I don't see why U.K. taxpayers of the future should be helping him out."

Alan Garten, the Trump Organization's chief lawyer, didn't respond to requests for comment. Managers at two of the sites said they had taken measures offered by the government to protect their employees.

Although the Trump family business was explicitly prohibited from benefiting

from federal aid authorized in the last few weeks by Congress, its hotel in Washington is seeking separate relief on \$3 million of annual rent that it pays to the General Services Administration for use of government-owned former post office, The New York Times reported on Tuesday.

Trump's three resorts in Scotland and Ireland were just gearing up for the golf season before governments ordered businesses to close last month to prevent the spread of the coronavirus. Now they're among the tens of thousands of companies seeking to tap state relief programs. Companies in the U.K. and Ireland can claim the funds to cover furloughed employees as long as they've been paying payroll taxes.

"We've laid off the vast majority of our staff," Joe Russell, the managing director of Trump's Doonbeg resort on Ireland's west coast, said in an interview. He declined to say how many had been let go or furloughed under the government's wage subsidy program. "We are ensuring they're looked after in terms of the government schemes that are available," he said.

The resort was due to open at the end of March, leaving those scheduled to start in limbo until the government stepped in with additional direct payments to support workers nationally affected by the lockdown, said Rita McInerney, a local business owner who lives nearby.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

Foundations boost Detroit e-learning

WEST BLOOMFIELD, Mich. — About 51,000 K-12 public school students in Detroit will receive computer tablets and high-speed internet to help transition from classroom to virtual learning during the coronavirus pandemic in one of the nation's poorest big cities.

Schools across Michigan closed in March as part of the state's stay-at-home order to slow the spread of the virus. And while many suburban districts quickly moved teaching online, Detroit lagged because 9 out of 10 students don't have access to tablets, computers or the internet.

Detroit-based DTE Energy's foundation is one of the groups contributing a total of \$23 million to the initiative. Others include the Kellogg Foundation and GM.

Indonesia bans Ramadan travel

BANGKOK — Indonesia is suspending passenger flights and rail service as it restricts people in the world's most populous Muslim nation from traveling to their hometowns during the Islamic holy month of Ramadan because of the coronavirus outbreak.

The transportation ministry's director general of aviation, Novie Riyanto, said Thursday the flight ban applies to both domestic and international flights. He said there would be some exceptions, including for leaders of state institutions, representatives of international organizations and the repatriation of Indonesian citizens.

Millions of Indonesians usually cram into trains, ferries, cars and planes during the annual exodus.

US wants its loans back from big companies

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Big public companies that received loans under a government program intended to help small businesses devastated by the coronavirus outbreak could be forced to return it.

The Small Business Administration issued an advisory Thursday clearly aimed at companies like restaurant chains Ruth's Chris Steak House and Potbelly that received loans under the Paycheck Protection Program.

The guidelines imply that unless a company can prove it was truly eligible for a loan, the money should be returned by May 7.

The PPP, which launched April 3, is intended to help small businesses with

fewer than 500 employees stay afloat. The program's initial \$349 billion in funds ran out last week. Congress was debating \$310 billion in additional funds Thursday.

Earlier this week, an Associated Press investigation documented how dozens of publicly listed companies collectively received hundreds of millions of dollars of loans from the program's first round. According to data compiled and analyzed by AP, through Wednesday at least 147 publicly traded companies disclosed receiving \$555 million since the program opened. Some had market values well over \$100 million. Many had executives that were paid millions each year.

After a swift public backlash, several companies have announced they're returning their loans, including the burger

chain Shake Shack, which got a \$10 million loan, and Kura Sushi, which got nearly \$6 million.

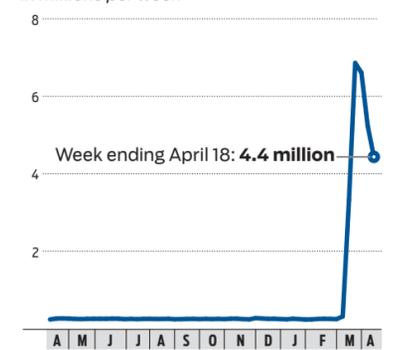
The SBA's new guidelines require companies to certify with their lender that they need the loan and cannot access the money from other sources. Given that public companies have access to capital markets, the SBA says it is unlikely they "will be able to make the required certification in good faith."

The initial rules of the program allowed bigger companies such as restaurants and hotels with under 500 workers per location to apply for the loans.

It was clear from SBA data released last week that the agency had approved large loans early in the program, including those that went to big companies.

Jobless claims

Initial unemployment claims, in millions per week



SOURCE: U.S. Department of Labor

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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 COVID-19 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.

ROBERT BRIESKE, 70

From Chicago, died April 8.



FAMILY PHOTO

Aug. 8, 1988: the first night game at Wrigley Field. The Cubs played the Phillies on a sticky, then thundering, then rainy evening under artificial light. The game eventually was called on account of weather.

Outside the park, hours earlier, an array of Chicagoans including many Vietnam War veterans gathered to protest Wrigley's unwillingness to fly a POW/MIA flag, honoring prisoners of war and those missing in action.

Bob Brieske, a Marine Corps veteran who enlisted at 17 and served in Vietnam in 1968 and 1969, was there that night. So was Judy Fischer. "That's where we met," she says. "We were friends for a year, then we dated for a year, then we were engaged for a year, and then we got married in 1991." Fischer changed her name to Brieske. Their two daughters, Taylor and Teri, are now 27 and 25.

After 21 days in the Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge, Bob Brieske died April 8 of acute respiratory failure caused by pneumonia and brought on by COVID-19.

Brieske, his widow said, was a fierce patriot and a veteran who believed in extending a hand. Each December he traveled to Washington, D.C., to honor fallen service members as part of the Wreaths Across America program.

"Courageous. Resilient. A true fighter. And selfless." Those are daughter Taylor's words for her father. "He was always willing to give more than he had. Like so many veterans who suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder, my dad believed in helping his brothers. I can't tell you how many other vets have come through with sympathy cards, and from what they wrote, he literally saved lives."

Returning from the war, Brieske worked as a lineman electrician for various contractors before being hired by the city of Chicago Bureau of Electricity, as it was then called. He retired in 2011.

Daughter Teri recalls: "He had a sense of humor that was just beyond anything you'd ever see. He always found a way to make somebody laugh or smile. He found a way to lighten up the room." She tells the story of both daughters heading off to their respective colleges for the first time, on the same day. Bob and Judy sent them off with supplies for their dorm rooms, including a tool kit. Underneath the tools, Bob tucked a note with a familiar phone number.

The note read: "If all else fails, call Dad."

Brieske's final weeks, Judy says, "did not start with the typical symptoms — coughing, fever, shortness of breath, that kind of thing." He thought he'd wrenched his back, which was not uncommon for him; he'd already had two back surgeries. A few days later he was in bed with gastrointestinal pain and fatigue. On March 19 Judy went to the grocery store. By the time she returned her husband was coughing violently with a sudden 103-degree temperature. "We took him in," Judy recalls. "And we never saw him again."

His heart was never in great shape, Judy says, from his exposure to Agent Orange while serving in Vietnam. Yet as his kidneys and lungs deteriorated in his final days, she says, his heart "turned out to be the strongest organ in his body."

Near the end, the care team at Lutheran General managed to place a plastic-wrapped cellphone up to Bob's ear, so that Judy, Taylor and Teri could say goodbye. "We just ... pushed the words into him," Taylor recalls, "with the hope that he heard, and understood."

On the morning of the final day, the family was allowed up to the intensive care unit floor. Outside his room, separated by glass, they offered words of peace and remembrance to him by phone, with Bob just a few feet away.

During the final weeks Bob's cousin, Dr. Elise Barney of Phoenix, Arizona, a nephrologist, spent what Taylor calls "countless hours" consulting with physicians, providing care and emotional support. "She truly fought for my father's life," Taylor says.

Brieske was a longtime member of the City Heat Motorcycle Club, in addition to the nonprofit Vietnam Veterans of America. "Every time he met a vet," Taylor says, "he'd tell them: 'If you have some free time, come on out and meet us for coffee.'" The meeting place was, and remains, the Dunkin' Donuts at Harlem and Dempster in Morton Grove. Judy says sometimes 80 or more veterans gather there to share information and conversation.

Brieske dreamed of returning to Vietnam in peacetime. More than once, Judy says, her husband's best friend invited him to visit him in Greece. No, Bob said. Not until I get back to Vietnam first.

For 19 years Judy Brieske has worked as a clerk in the Chicago Public Schools system, currently at Wildwood Elementary School. In addition to his wife and daughters, Robert Brieske is survived by a grandson, Michael.

The family plans to scatter Brieske's ashes in Vietnam, when the pandemic and finances allow. "We know that's what he would've wanted," Judy says.

— Michael Phillips

LUIGI PIERPAOLI, 96

From Des Plaines, died April 6.



FAMILY PHOTO

He survived one of the nation's most famous maritime disasters.

But Luigi Pierpaoli, a passenger on the final voyage of the doomed liner Andrea Doria in 1956, rarely spoke about what happened that fateful night.

"You had to pry it out of him," his son, Maurizio, said. "He never went on a large boat again and has been scared of water ever since."

The family patriarch died of COVID-19 complication April 6, more than six decades after he risked his life emigrating from Italy in search of a more prosperous future for his family.

The father of four was 96. A private Catholic service was held April 16. He died days before his 70th wedding anniversary.

Luigi Pierpaoli was born in San Giorgio di Pesaro and later moved to Senigallia, a beach town in central Italy along the Adriatic coast.

He served in the Italian Army just after World War II. It was in 1949 that he met his future wife, Adalgisa, or "Ada," seven years his junior, who lived in a nearby town. They came from different backgrounds — she was more of a city girl and he was the youngest of two sons in a farming family whose father also made wine.

The young couple fell in love and married that next year in a small ceremony honeymooned in Rome.

Their only son, Maurizio, was born that next year. A daughter, Mariella, arrived three years later.

It was in 1956 that Luigi Pierpaoli followed in his older brother's footsteps and came to America in search of more economic opportunities than his war-ravaged homeland offered. He left his wife and two children behind, temporarily, until he was settled enough to send for them.

At 32 years old, he traveled alone on the ill-fated Andrea Doria in summer 1956.

The Italian luxury vessel was heading across the Atlantic toward New York when it collided under dense fog with a smaller passenger ship, the Stockholm, capsized and slowly sank. There were 51 casualties, including those who died on the other ship.

Maurizio Pierpaoli said his father, when prodded to talk about the shipwreck, told him how the sound of the crash jolted him awake. Cloaked in darkness, wearing only his undergarments, he scrambled from his bed to help other passengers get into lifeboats.

The wreck was 45 miles south of Nantucket Island, Massachusetts, easing rescue efforts, and is considered one of the nation's most dramatic maritime events since the Titanic in 1912.

Pierpaoli's older brother, Rino, was waiting for him when a salvage ship brought him to the harbor. All his luggage was lost. Back in Italy, his family waited anxiously to learn if he had survived.

"I remember listening to the news on the radio," his son said. "My mom was terrified, not knowing if my dad made it. It was one of the scariest moments of my childhood. I remember that still today. If it had happened out in the middle of the ocean, it would have been much more tragic."

Luigi Pierpaoli sent for his wife and two young children in May 1958. They arrived by ship in New York, took a train to Chicago, and lived in Rino Pierpaoli's building with his family.

The couple had two more daughters, Patricia and Laura. All four children attended Catholic schools.

Pierpaoli worked long hours as a baker at Gonnella Baking Co., said his son who, along with his sisters, also worked for the company at various times.

Maurizio Pierpaoli said his parents, after becoming empty-nesters, moved from their home on the Northwest Side of the city to a raised ranch in Des Plaines.

In later years, after retirement, they enjoyed spending the winter months in Pompano Beach, Florida, renting the same condo each year, their children and grandchildren often joining them with a surprise visit.

Pierpaoli said his father was a soft-spoken man who wore a constant smile. He enjoyed bocce ball in his younger years and socializing with friends in the Mazzini-Verdi Club in Franklin Park.

Despite his age, Luigi Pierpaoli lived on his own with his wife in their home. Their family and caregivers provided extra assistance. But recent bouts with pneumonia weakened him further.

Three days before he died, two of his children were able to visit him in the hospital. Though he was sedated, he

opened his eyes. His son said they take comfort in knowing he saw them one last time.

"We owe everything to our dad for making the decision to come to this country," Maurizio Pierpaoli said. "We all benefited from a better life. He and my mother made sure we had everything we needed."

Still, the son was struck by how his father's timing in the United States was shaped by historic events.

"My dad arrived in America in a tragedy and he leaves in a tragedy," he said.

The family held a private service. A future celebration is being planned.

— Christy Gutowski

ALLEN JOSEPH SPINNER, 71

From Streamwood, died April 16.



JENNI SPINNER

Al Spinner's daughter, Jenni, was about to launch into the second week of the citywide singalong she started with her wife, Rebecca Kell, the one they started a week prior, with people from all over Chicago and the suburbs and other states taking to their windows and balconies and porches and belting out "Livin' on a Prayer" by Jon Bon Jovi.

Jenni sat out the singalong that second week. She and her dad texted shortly after he was admitted to St. Alexius Medical Center in Hoffman Estates on March 28. He fell unconscious shortly afterward.

She never talked to him again. He died from COVID-19, in the same intensive care unit where Al's wife died of cancer three years ago.

Al Spinner liked to tuck notes inside the cards he sent his kids for their birthdays and Christmas, not content to let the greeting card companies do all the talking.

"When I look at you, here is what I see," he wrote to Jenni, at Christmas 2019. "A well-rounded, educated, smart, clever, funny, caring and involved adult person."

When Jenni's dog, Willie, was getting old and struggling to jump onto the bed at night, Al Spinner built a set of stairs (carpeted, no less), to ease Willie's way. He used the wood from an old cornhole set he'd built a few years back.

"He loved to work with his hands, and he loved to do favors," Jenni told Tribune columnist Heidi Stevens the day after he died.

Spinner grew up in Naperville, the second of four kids. His parents were both raised on farms and taught Al and his siblings how to garden and can the surplus vegetables. Al was known for making use of his mom's favorite recipes and sharing them with family and friends.

"He also took up the Christmas cookie tradition of a large tin of cookies from recipes passed down from our grandmother and then baked yearly by our mom," Carol Miller, Al's older sister, told Stevens. "Ten different recipes."

Al had two younger brothers as well: Dave and Ralph. Ralph died of cancer. Al and his sister were especially close and shared frequent phone conversations.

"We laughed a lot and tried to solve the world's problems," she told the Tribune.

Al served in the Army after college and was stationed in Germany for a time. He made a career in human resources, doing stints at Sara Lee and Northern Telecom. He loved the Chicago Cubs.

"He was a very funny guy," Jenni emailed Stevens the day after her father's death. "He loved to don Groucho glasses, tell jokes (sometimes not-so-clean jokes), occasionally play pranks. He also loved to laugh himself. When he would laugh so hard he'd cry, and no sound would come out except little wheezy sounds when he was trying to catch his breath — that was one of my favorite sounds."

"When I see the people protesting the stay-at-home rules or refusing to wear masks and social distance when they're out, it makes me furious," Jenni told Stevens. "Those people are pretty much guaranteeing that they or someone they love will contract the disease, and then they or their kids or spouses or other family members will have to stare at them through the cold, hard glass of their ICU room, not able to talk to them or even hold their hand, for 18 days until they waste away and die. If my dad were able, he'd tell them, 'Cut the crap and get the hell back inside!'"

Jenni Spinner suggests any donations made in her father's honor go to JDRF, formerly known as Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Al had diabetes and was a huge fan of Cubs Hall of Famer Ron Santo, who was diagnosed with diabetes as a child.

Survivors include two daughters, Jenni and Sara; a daughter-in-law, Kell; a brother, Dave Spinner; and a sister, Miller.

The family will gather for a memorial service — "equal laughs and tears," Miller predicted — when it's safe.

— Heidi Stevens and Michael Phillips

Chicago Daily Tribune

ON APRIL 24 ...

In 1792, Claude Joseph Rouget de Lisle, a young French military officer, wrote the words and music to "La Marseillaise," which would become his country's national anthem.

In 1877, federal troops were ordered out of New Orleans, ending the North's post-Civil War rule in the South.

In 1898, Spain declared war on the U.S. after rejecting America's ultimatum to withdraw from Cuba.

In 1915, the Ottoman Turkish Empire began the mass deportation of Armenians during World War I.

In 1916, about 1,600 Irish nationalists in Dublin began the Easter Rebellion, an unsuccessful attempt to

overthrow British rule that was quashed several days later.

In 1944, the United Negro College Fund was incorporated.

In 1953, British statesman Winston Churchill was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II.

In 1962, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology accomplished the first satellite relay of a television signal, between Camp Parks, Calif., and Westford, Mass.

In 1968, leftist students at Columbia University in New York began a weeklong occupation of several campus buildings.

In 1970, China launched its first satellite.

In 1974, Bud Abbott, the straight man of the Abbott and Costello comedy team, died in Woodland Hills, Calif.; he was 78.

In 1980, the United States launched an abortive attempt to free the American hostages in Iran; eight U.S. servicemen were killed.

In 1988, three American sailors were killed and 22 injured in a fire aboard the submarine Bonefish off the Florida coast.

In 1993, the Irish Republican Army acknowledged it had planted a bomb that exploded in London's financial district, causing one death and 45 injuries. A 500-year-old church was destroyed and many buildings damaged.

In 1996, the main assembly of the Palestine Liberation

Organization voted to revoke clauses in its charter that called for an armed struggle to destroy Israel.

In 2001, the Supreme Court ruled, 5-4, that police can arrest and handcuff people for minor traffic offenses.

In 2002, after a meeting in the Vatican, American Roman Catholic leaders agreed to make it easier to remove priests who are guilty of sexually abusing minors.

In 2003, North Korea announced that it has nuclear weapons and would test, export or use them depending on U.S. actions, according to a senior U.S. official. **Also in 2003** U.S. forces in Iraq took custody of Tariq Aziz, the former Iraqi deputy prime minister.

In 2005, Pope Benedict XVI took over as leader of the Roman Catholic Church. **Also in 2005** former Israeli president Ezer Weizman died in Caesarea, Israel; he was 80.

In 2013, an eight-story building housing five apparel factories collapsed, killing more than 1,040 people and injuring 2,500 others, outside the Bangladesh capital of Dhaka.

WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

ILLINOIS		INDIANA	
April 23		April 23	
Lotto	11 20 33 45 51 52 / 01	Daily 3 midday	910 / 3
Lotto jackpot: \$9.5M		Daily 4 midday	7469 / 3
Pick 3 midday	438 / 2	Daily 3 evening	500 / 1
Pick 4 midday	6085 / 9	Daily 4 evening	0059 / 1
Lucky Day Lotto midday		Cash 5	06 17 27 36 38
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Pick 3 evening	379 / 5	April 23	
Pick 4 evening	3508 / 4	Daily 3 midday	322
Lucky Day Lotto evening	18 24 26 28 45	Daily 4 midday	0434
		Daily 3 evening	267
		Daily 4 evening	7941
April 24 Mega Millions: \$174M		Fantasy 5	05 07 12 15 22
April 25 Powerball: \$37M		Keno	01 02 03 06 10 11
WISCONSIN			16 21 23 26 34 35 36 38
April 23			41 49 55 60 61 68 69 77
Pick 3	587	More winning numbers at	
Pick 4	1566	chicagotribune.com/lottery	
Badger 5	07 08 10 25 27		
SuperCash	02 13 24 26 29 37		

Chicago Tribune Death Notices

Chicago Tribune extends our condolences to the families and loved ones of those who have passed.

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Death Notices

Baum, Herb

Herb Baum, the corporate giant, animal activist and philanthropist who stood at the helm of leading American product manufacturers throughout the 1990s and 2000s helping shape the US consumer landscape, died Monday, April 20, 2020 at Jupiter Medical Center in Jupiter, Florida due to complications of the novel Coronavirus Covid-19. He was 83 years old.

A titan of the business world prior to retirement in 2005, Baum served as president of Campbell Soup North and South America, chairman and CEO of the Quaker State Corporation, president and COO of Hasbro Inc. and chairman and CEO of the Dial Corporation.

During Baum's five years at the helm of The Dial Corporation, the company went from earnings per share of \$.36 in 2000, to earnings of \$1.29 per share in 2003. The stock price during his leadership for this time period went from approximately \$10.00 to the acquisition price of \$28.75.

It wasn't just results that fueled Baum's corporate success. Baum was well respected among his colleagues. Ulrich Lehner, former Chairman of the Management Board of Henkel KGaA said of Baum in 2005, "Herb Baum has made major contributions to the consumer products industry during his career and to Dial since he joined it in 2000...His vision and leadership have grown the company whose brands are among the leaders in the markets in which they compete."

Most recently Baum was awarded the Ellis Island Medal of Honor in New York City from the National Ethic Coalition of Organizations recognizing his championship in leadership. He served as chairman of the Advertising Council, chairman of the Association of National Advertisers and has served on more than 10 corporate boards. He also co-authored of the book, "The Transparent Leader."

Baum did not let retirement stop him from leading. Philanthropy, heroism and impactful achievement marked every phase of Baum's life- but were even more evident in his retirement where he served as Chairman and CEO of Furry Friends Animal Rescue in Jupiter, Florida. Herb was a tireless supporter of animal welfare and instrumental in founding the organization as it is known today. As one of the organization's most ardent supporters, Baum was one of its largest benefactors, donating property for Furry Friends' expansion and raising awareness for the animals in its care. Most recently Baum was the recipient of the first Furry Friends CIGO award for courage and integrity and service to animals. The non-profit bestowed the award to him in recognition of his extraordinary efforts to save the lives of thousands of animals in Palm Beach County.

Furry Friends president Pat Deshong said, "Herb embodied the true meaning of selflessness, support and leadership for Furry Friends. There are no words for us to express what Herb has meant to our organization. He touched all of our lives in an important and meaningful way, and helped thousands of animals. We have not only lost our chief and captain but more importantly a dear friend and family member."

Despite all these professional and philanthropic achievements, Baum considered only one thing his greatest accomplishment: the family he created with his loving wife of 37 years Karen Baum. Born in Chicago, Baum graduated from Drake University and went on to meet the love of his life Karen.

He is survived by wife Karen Baum, his daughter Dina Calloway and her husband Tommy Calloway, son Marc Goldfarb, his granddaughter Lexi Balduzzi and his grandson Logan McKaig.

A closed private funeral will be held in a few days for close family members via zoom call at the JJ Morris Star of David Cemetery of the Palm Beaches with a public memorial planned by Furry Friends for the coming months after quarantine bans have been lifted.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to Furry Friends to continue Herb's lifelong work, protecting and saving animals: www.FurryFriendsAdoption.org/donate

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Davis, Donald E.

Donald E Davis, age 86, Army Veteran, of Oak Brook IL passed away Saturday April 18, 2020. Donald was the beloved husband of Harriette Davis, and devoted uncle and great uncle to many nieces and nephews. Proud member of the American Legion Post 187. Funeral services and interment will be private. Arrangements by Elmhurst Community Funeral Home - The Ahlgrim Chapel, Elmhurst, IL www.Ahlgrim.com or (630) 834-3515.

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Degnan, Robert T.

Robert T. Degnan, 70, Retired Commissioner of the City of Chicago Department of Fleet Management and proud member of the Operating Engineers Local 150, passed away peacefully at home on April 19, 2020. Beloved husband of Kathleen A. (nee Shunt) "Sweetie" for over 46 years. Loving father of Robert P. (Deanna), Garrett F. (Lizzy Benner), and Laura A. (Dr. David) Teague. Proud and doting grandfather "Papa" of Meredith and Robert K. Degnan, Abigail and Emmylou Degnan, and Amelia, Madeline, Natalie, and Scarlett Teague. Beloved son of the late Francis J. "Bud" and the late Bernice (nee Hogan) Degnan. Loyal brother of Timothy F. (the late Sandra), the late Richard F. (Letitia), and Patrick F. (Rebecca Paulsen) Degnan. Dear brother-in-law of Regina (the late Frank) Moore, Alice (Richard) Schultz, and Patrick Moynihan. "Uncle Bob" was loved and will be missed by many nieces, nephews, cousins, and relatives of the extended Degnan, Hogan, and Shunt families. He was a treasured and cherished friend to many. Due to the current public health crisis, services and interment will be private at this time. A memorial Mass and a celebration of his life will be planned for a later date. Contributions in Bob's memory may be made to the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation. For further information contact Andrew J. McGann and Son Funeral Home at (773) 783-7700. For online condolences please visit www.andrewmcgann.com.

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Fox, Geraldine

Geraldine Fox, age 100. Beloved wife of the late Leo Fox. Loving mother of Iris Fox, Marlene (Bruce) Roth, Shelley (Chris Kambak) Fox, and Cary (Cindy Spina) Fox. Cherished grandmother of Barry (Stacy), Marcey (Jeffrey), Jason (Dawn), Stephanie, and Justin and great-grandmother of Zoey, Jacob, Leah, Liam, Meadow, Dylan, and Devin. Dear sister of the late Irving (survived by Ida) (the late Arlene) Zeman and the late Marilyn (the late Jerold) Coren. Due to global public health concerns, the service can be viewed on Geraldine's webpage at www.MitzvahFunerals.com at 2:00PM Friday (Live) or any time after. Arrangements by **Mitzvah Memorial Funerals**, 630-Mitzvah (630-648-9824) or www.MitzvahFunerals.com.

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Freudman, Ernest

Passed away April 18, 2020 at the age of 89 at home in Chicago, Illinois. He was born in Vienna, Austria on December 19, 1930. As a child, he emigrated to Quito, Ecuador. He attended high school in Panama, became a US citizen and moved to the United States, eventually obtaining a BS in Engineering from the University of Wisconsin and an MBA from the University of Chicago.

Ernest founded several successful technology companies including QuotePro which helped pioneer the insurance technology industry. He continued to serve as CEO until his passing.

Beloved husband of Margot Freudman (nee Nussbaum). Cherished father of Carla Freudman (Craig Scheunemann), Debra (Paul) Korner and Marco (Michele) Freudman. Loving grandfather of Arielle and Will Korner, Olivia, Vivienne and Genevieve Freudman. Dear brother of the late Nelly (Mischa) Weiser and uncle to Betty Weiser, Julie and John Oppenheimer, Cecilia McCall and Alicia Batchelor. He was a trusted friend and mentor to many. Burial services will be privately held for immediate family.

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Hund, Daniel Christopher

God gave us Daniel Christopher Hund on November 8, 1984 in Park Ridge, Illinois. He was returned to the Lord from Dallas, Texas on April 21, 2020. Dan passed away from adrenal cancer, a disease he battled with courage and dignity for eighteen months. Dan was a devoted son of Judy (nee Berrigan) and Thomas Hund of Westlake, Texas; loving brother of Victoria Hund of Keller, Texas; and adoring uncle of Abby Paliulis. Dan held undergraduate degrees in accounting and finance from Texas Christian University and a Master's degree in accounting from TCU. Dan was a Horned Frog fan in all sports.

Dan is survived by his parents and by his maternal grandparents, Clayton and Marie (Dentamaro) Berrigan, as well as many aunts, uncles, cousins and other relatives.

Dan was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Norbert, Dorothy (Mullarkey) and Marie (Giangrass) Hund; and his uncle, Patrick Berrigan. Due to the current social distancing mandate, a private memorial service will be held at Good Shepherd Catholic Community. In memory of Dan, contributions may be made to MD Anderson Cancer Center, Adrenal Research, P.O. Box 4486, Houston, TX 77210-4486 or www.mdanderson.org/gifts.

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Kampic, William S. "Bill"

William S. Kampic, of Oak Lawn, passed away Sunday April 19, 2020. He was the beloved husband of Donna Kampic, father of Amanda (William) Bartgen and Rebecca (Thomas) Kampic, and Grandfather of Nolan Bartgen. Son of Laverne Kampic-Welcher and the late Willis Kampic, brother of Cindy (Marty) Siegel, Andrea (Brian) Kampic, and Lorelei (Patrick) Flowers, Uncle and Brother-in-law to many. Bill was a family man and was loved dearly by many. He enjoyed the simple things in life and found nature to be his place of peace. He lived for his three Dachshunds, Bella, Penny and Max, and looked forward to springtime when flower-planting season began. Bill will be greatly missed by his family and friends. All Services private. Arrangements entrusted to **Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home**. thompsonkuensterfuneralhome.com 708-425-0500

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Karlovics, Steve

Steven Karlovics passed away on April 17, 2020; was a self-made man; immigrated from Austria; was a physicist; spoke 5 languages; led his high school soccer team to a national championship in Austria; was an engineer for the Zenith Corporation designing picture tubes; owned the El Rancho Motel in Gurnee; loved blue collar people and the Gurnee Legion; was friendly, approachable, generous; was quick to donate to charitable causes or help people in distress; was proud of his American citizenship and his Austrian heritage; and is survived by his wife, Irene, his sons, Paul and Peter, and his grandchildren Stephanie, Elizabeth, Michael, Matthew, Andrea, and Vincent. No flowers, please. Instead, send donations to the American Friends of Austria, c/o Trudy Nika, Treasurer, 7157 Dexter Road, Downers Grove IL 60516.

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Lyewski, Marie V.

Marie V. Lyewski (nee Blocki), age 97. Beloved wife of the late Thomas Lyewski. Dear aunt and cousin of many. Visitation Saturday, April 25, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. until time of Funeral Service 11:00 a.m. at **Colonial-Wojciechowski Funeral Home**, 8025 W. Golf Road in Niles. Entombment All Saints. Info 847-581-0536 or www.colonialfuneral.com

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Mest, Kathleen

Kathleen "Kathy" Mest, beloved wife of Carmon, passed away peacefully April 20, 2020. She was a loving sister of Michaleen Safka, dear step-mother of Lisa (Jim) Herbert and Lesli (Dr. Steve) Beck. Cherished grandmother of Greyson, Madeline, and Gianna. Fond cousin of many and friend to those whose path she crossed. Burial to be private. A memorial service is planned for a later date. Arrangements by Kurtz Memorial Chapel, 102 E. Francis Road, New Lenox, IL 60451 815-485-3700 or www.kurtzmemorialchapel.com

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Mulcrone, Patrick J.

Age 83, beloved husband of Loretta (nee Murphy); loving father of Maureen (Roy) Boland, Nancy (Michael) Funk, Patrick (Katie) and the late Raymond; proud and cherished grandfather of Bridget, Shannon and Daniel Funk and Reagan, Nola and Cullen Mulcrone; dear brother of Mary Catherine, the late John (the late Denise) and the late Michael (Mary "Bunny") Mulcrone; fond uncle and cousin of many. U.S. Army Veteran. Services private. In lieu of flowers donations to The Irish American Heritage Center and The Mundelein Seminary would be appreciated. Arrangements by **Cooney Funeral Home** - 847-685-1002 www.cooneyfuneralhome.com

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Murray, James C

Dr. James C Murray passed away April 16th, after a valiant battle with cancer. Dr. Murray was an orthopedic surgeon at Olympia Fields hospital for many years. He is survived by his wife Valerie, and children Eileen Maylone, and, James Murray Jr. A memorial mass will follow as soon as possible.

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Nahin, Mark P.

Mark P. Nahin, 73. Beloved husband of Patti, nee Loewenstein; loving father of Sherri and Lori Nahin; adored son of the late Lillian (nee Berling) and Nathan Nahin; caring brother of Lois (the late Joel) Michaels; fond brother-in law of Carol and Steve Strauss; loving uncle of 8 nieces and nephews and great-uncle of 14. Devoted to his many friends,

his bridge group, and his game of golf at Northmoor Country Club where he was 3 time winner of the Northmoor Open Club Championship. He adored his loving companion Charlie, his goldendoodle. Mark began his insurance career with Schwartz Brothers Insurance Agency in 1973 and became partner in 1976. Throughout his career, his clients have included many of the largest real estate developers, Real Estate Investment Trusts (REIT), owners and management companies in the Midwest. He also specialized in developing commercial programs for contractors, manufacturers, distributors and financial firms. Mark was one of the founding partners of Schwartz Benefit Services, Inc. He also served as a director and board member of Young Men's Jewish Council (now called Jewish Council for Youth Services), Chicago Youth Centers, and Council for Jewish Elderly. He was also a past Chairman of the Insurance Division of the Jewish United Fund. Mark held a Bachelor of Science degree from Drake University and received a Masters in Business Administration from the University of Illinois. Services are private by necessity. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to a Covid-19 related fund, or a charity of your choice.

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Wells, William Grummit 'Bill'

Bill was born and raised in Libertyville. He was a graduate of Libertyville H.S. He then graduated from the University of Illinois Law School. William then enlisted in the U.S.M.C. Officer training program at Quantico and later Camp Pendleton where he coached the U.S.M.C. basketball team and was an expert Marksman.

Although he and his wife Sheila settled down in Santa Monica, Ca, he never forgot his midwestern roots and returned to Libertyville several times a year.

Bill practiced law in California, Illinois and Wisconsin. His grandfather William Laycock had a cabin in Northern Wisconsin and he loved to get up to the great outdoors every chance he got. Bill taught his two daughters how to fish and the importance of preserving natural habitats in Wisconsin. Bill was a fifth generation resident of Libertyville. He is survived by his wife; Sheila nee Bittman, wells of Santa Monica, Ca, two daughters; Dr. Pamela Wells of San Diego, Ca and Catherine Wells of Simi Valley, Ca. A funeral has been planned for April 25, 2020 at **Burnett-Dane Funeral Home**, 120 W. Park Ave, Libertyville. Please share a memory at; www.burnettdane.com

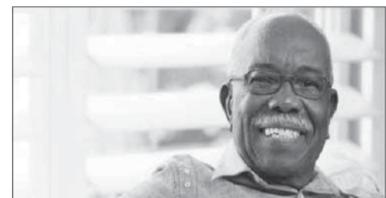
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Williams, Rose Mangiarulo

Rose Mangiarulo Williams age 71. Beloved daughter of the late Giuseppe and the late Maria Mangiarulo. Loving mother of Shirene Ali Akbar. Dear sister of Mary (Enrico) Matarazzo, late Edward (Rosa), late Robert (late Laureida). Cherished aunt of many nieces and nephews. Services Private. Arrangements entrusted to **Peterson-Bassi Chapels**. Please visit our website and click on View/Sign Guestbook. Sign your name and any thoughts you would like to share.

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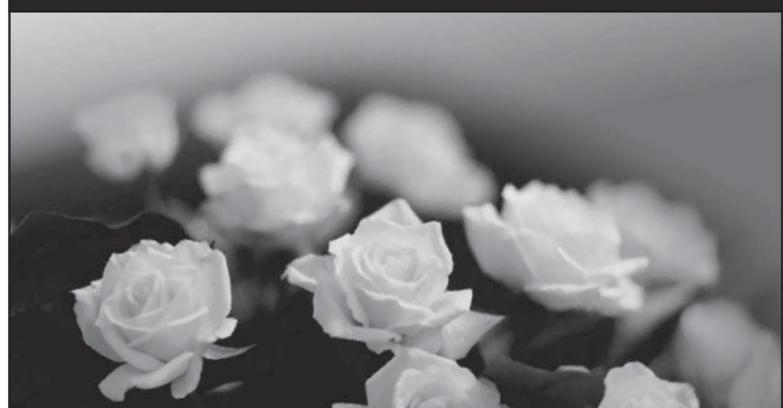
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FORECLOSURES

STATE OF ILLINOIS FIRM NO: 40466 COUNTY OF COOK IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY FSB, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE OF HOME PRESERVATION PARTNERSHIP TRUST Plaintiff, vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF GENEVA F SMITH; DAMON RITENHOUSE, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR GENEVA F SMITH; THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; DONETHA PENSON; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS Case No: 19 CH 10400 Cal: 59 Property Address: 11405 S LOOMIS ST, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60643 Defendant(s). NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF GENEVA F SMITH, and UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, defendants in the above entitled cause, that suit has been commenced against you and other defendants in the Circuit Court for the Judicial Circuit by said plaintiff praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: THE NORTH 5/6 OF LOT 31 AND THE SOUTH 1/2 OF LOT 32 IN JERNBERGS SUBDIVISION OF BLOCKS 2, 5, AND 8, 11 TO 28, INCLUSIVE AND RESUBDIVISION OF BLOCK 4 OF ROOD AND WESTON'S ADDITION TO MORGAN PARK, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 EXCEPT THE NORTH 20 ACRES AND THE EAST 1/2 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 EXCEPT THE NORTH 20 ACRES IN SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 37 NORTH, RANGE 14, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Commonly Known As: 11405 S LOOMIS ST, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60643 Property Index Number: 25-20-122-077-0000 and which said Mortgage was made by GENEVA F SMITH as Mortgagor(s) to BNY MORTGAGE COMPANY LLC as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 0730306076 and for other relief; that Summons was duly issued out of the above Court against you as provided by law and that said suit is now pending. NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Cook County on or before May 18, 2020, a default may be taken against you at any time after that date and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Date: April 13, 2020 By: Gersilda Baqi, Attorney Eric Feldman & Associates, P.C. Firm No: 40466 Eric Feldman & Associates, PC | Attorneys for Plaintiff 123 W. Madison, Suite 1704 | Chicago, IL 60602 P: 312.344.3529 | F: 877.571.4228 Firm No: 40466 | paralegal@efalaw.com 4/17, 4/24, 5/1/2020 6654801

FORECLOSURES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION J.P. Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Corp., Plaintiff vs. Ruby B. Davis; City of Chicago, a Municipal Corporation; Terry Clayborn; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Defendants. 2020CH01773 NOTICE OF PUBLICATION NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU; RUBY B. DAVIS; City of Chicago, a Municipal Corporation; Terry Clayborn; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants; defendants, that this case has been commenced in the East 1/2 of the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: Lot 3 in Block 23 in S.E. Gross Subdivision of Blocks 15, 16, 17, 18 and the North 1/2 of Blocks 23 and 24 in Dauphin Park Addition, being a Subdivision of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 3, Township 37 North, Range 14, East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Cook County, Illinois. Commonly known as: 707 E. 90th St., Chicago, IL 60619 and which said mortgage was made by Ruby B. Davis, unmarried; Mortgagor(s), to TCF National Bank; Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Cook County, Illinois, as Document No. 0731356234; and for other relief. UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of this County, Cook 50 W. Washington, Chicago, IL 60602 on or before MAY 26, 2020 A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT. RANDALL S. MILLER & ASSOCIATES, LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff 120 North LaSalle Street, Suite 1140, Chicago, IL 60602 Phone: (312) 239-3432 Fax: (312) 284-4820 Attorney No: 44869 pleadings@rsmilaw.com File No: 20IL00022-1 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that this firm may be deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained may be used for that purpose. 4/24, 5/1, 5/8/2020 6660382

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NFL DRAFT



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LSU cornerback Kristian Fulton could be one of the best options for the Bears likely to be available with 43rd pick Friday night.

Corner market

Bears need to shore up cornerback position with choice in Round 2

In discussing the draft in the most general terms possible Tuesday, Ryan Pace said he views cornerbacks in a similar light to pass rushers: It's impossible to have too many.

The Bears have spent big for pass rushers, acquiring Khalil Mack in a trade-and-extend deal that made him the NFL's highest-paid defensive player in September 2018. Then, the team splurged for Robert Quinn in free agency, signing him to a five-year, \$70 million contract with the key figure being \$30 million guaranteed.

Pace has paid for cornerbacks too, matching the offer sheet Kyle Fuller signed with the Packers, a four-year contract worth \$56 million that he is halfway through. On the other side of Fuller, the Bears spent \$25 million on Prince Amukamara over the last three seasons, an investment they got a reasonable return on.

But sort through options on the roster to replace Amukamara and it's difficult to identify a front-runner. Artie Burns is a former Steelers first-round draft pick and was signed to a one-year contract for the league minimum. Burns fell out of favor in Pittsburgh so long ago, he has started only two games since Oct. 14, 2018. The Bears were happy to add Kevin Toliver as an undrafted free agent in 2018, believing he had a solid midround grade had it not been for other circumstances. He has played 310 defensive snaps in two seasons. Duke Shelley was a sixth-round pick a year ago and is undersized. Tre Roberson was an All-Star in the CFL, but it's a leap to the NFL.

That brings us to Friday night's opportunity for Pace to add to a position that has little depth behind Fuller and nickel cornerback Buster Skrine. Whether the Bears find a cornerback they deem a good fit at No. 43 remains to be seen, but those clamoring for an offensive lineman, receiver, tight end, safety or any other position can't make a case for a greater need.

The Bears have invested very little draft capital in the position over the last two decades, spanning from Pace's regime all the way back to the end of Mark Hatley's control of personnel. In the last 20 years, the Bears have used first- or second-round picks on only three cornerbacks: Fuller (Round 1, 2014), Devin Hester (Round 2, 2006) and Charles Tillman (Round 2, 2003). Hester spent about as much time on defense as it took him to run back a kickoff for a touchdown.

In that long span there is only one third-round pick at cornerback, a name that could win a bar bet among the majority of fans. Roosevelt Williams came out of Tuskegee in Round 3 in 2002 and wasn't around long. Two years later, the team picked Nathan Vasher in Round 4, while Trumaine McBride, Corey Graham and



BRAD BIGGS
On the Bears



MICHAEL CONROY/AP

Auburn defensive back Noah Igbinoghene runs a drill at the NFL combine on March 1.

NFL DRAFT

6 p.m. Friday (Rounds 2-3),
11 a.m. Saturday (Rounds 4-7)
ABC-7, ESPN, NFL Network

Bears picks

■ Round 2, Pick 11	#43 overall
■ Round 2, Pick 11	#50 overall
■ Round 5, Pick 18	#163 overall
■ Round 6, Pick 17	#196 overall
■ Round 6, Pick 21	#200 overall
■ Round 7, Pick 12	#226 overall
■ Round 7, Pick 19	#233 overall

INSIDE

Bears have plenty of options with two second-round picks Friday night. **Page 10**

Zack Bowman all turned into nice Day 3 finds. Tim Jennings was a budget free-agent buy that flourished.

"We did some things in the offseason to help that," Pace said Tuesday. "We're excited about Toliver. We added Artie Burns. We have some young guys we're excited about developing. When I look at corner, for me it's really no different than pass rusher: You cannot have enough of those guys. So it's something we're always looking at improving."

Fortunately there is a good class of cornerbacks in this draft. Ohio State's Jeff Okudah and Florida's CJ Henderson will be drafted early, perhaps in the top 10. After that, the question is when a run on the position will begin. If it's in the middle of Round 1, that could thin out options for the Bears at No. 43. If it's later in the round, more prospects could be available. There could be a difference in selecting the fifth cornerback of the draft or getting, say, the seventh or eighth. Including the Bears, Lions and Vikings, a case can be made that 10 teams have the position as a primary draft need. Another 10 can safely call it a secondary need.

With two picks in Round 2, Pace has

some flexibility and is considering potential opportunities to trade down. The Bears should have a good idea which cornerbacks could be in the mix for them. In the last 10 drafts, an average of five cornerbacks are drafted by the 43rd pick and six are selected by the 50th pick. The number could be a tick higher this year.

"We're always mindful of how many players are going off at certain positions to predict who could be there when we get to our picks," Pace said. "We have some of those analytics in place to predict things. That's one thing you're watching is, 'OK, this position is going off the board a little more heavily than maybe we expected' or whatnot. That's all part of it. And just what trends are taking place in the draft. That's the main thing."

One general manager predicted the Bears could be making a choice between LSU's Kristian Fulton or Auburn's Noah Igbinoghene as the best options likely available at No. 43. A college scouting director for another team figures Fulton will be drafted earlier and believes six cornerbacks will come off the board in the top 42 picks. The short list he projected for the Bears included Igbinoghene, TCU's Jeff Gladney and Ohio State's Damon Arnette.

It all depends how the Bears view the small cloud of players available at No. 43 and how they project another cloud, with some overlap in players, a little later in the round. If the Bears can replicate the success they had with the few high picks they've made at the position, they can wait a couple of years before they address it again.

But it's surprising they've been as consistently good on defense for so long when Fuller is the only cornerback drafted before Round 4 in the last 13 years. Pace must know it's time for a cornerback, because while he says you can't have too many, you can have too few. And right now, that's the situation the Bears are in.

WHEN SPORTS STOOD STILL

Keeping an eye on the world of sports during the coronavirus crisis:



BRIAN LAWDERMILK/GETTY

NASCAR teams can work in race shops

The governor of North Carolina said Thursday that NASCAR teams can work in their race shops if they maintain social distancing guidelines, clearing a potential hurdle to resuming the season soon.

Gov. Roy Cooper extended the state's stay-at-home order through May 8 on Thursday and said he would gradually open the state in three phases. He said he's still considering NASCAR's request to run the Coca-Cola 600 as scheduled on May 24 without spectators.

The governors of both Florida and Texas have already said NASCAR is welcome to race in their states without fans, and South Carolina and Georgia are gradually easing restrictions.

For any racing to be done, the North Carolina-based teams need access to their shops to prep the cars.

"From the information that I have now, already under our state executive order, they could begin working in their garages as an essential business defined under our executive order," Cooper said. "They are still in contact with local health departments that local governments may have some different health restrictions."

As for Charlotte hosting the 600 on Memorial Day weekend, Cooper said public health officials are examining proposals for events without spectators submitted by NASCAR.

"We are the home of NASCAR, and I'm so grateful for this amazing sport that is in our state that not only provides people with a lot of entertainment, but also has an amazing economic engine for our state," Cooper said. "I've been in contact with NASCAR officials, track owners, team owners. They have come forward with a plan to try and protect their employees. So we'll be coming forward with an announcement on that pretty soon."

NASCAR ran just four of its 36 races this season before competition was suspended March 13.

— Associated Press

THE QUOTE

Trespassing in parks, breaking and entering... Just making myself at home in Tompa Bay!

— New Buccaneers QB Tom Brady in a Tweet on being told last week by a Tampa city employee that he couldn't work out in a public park because of the city's coronavirus-related stay-at-home orders and on walking into the wrong home earlier this month when trying to visit offensive coordinator Byron Leftwich

THE NUMBER

\$6B

Early estimates for the cost of delaying the Tokyo Olympics for one year range between \$2 billion and \$6 billion.



NBA
Season suspended indefinitely



NHL
Season suspended indefinitely



MLB
Opening day delayed until at least mid-May



MLS
Season suspended until at least June 8



NFL
Draft continues Friday and Saturday



NCAA
Spring sports schedule canceled

Others: PGA Tour suspended until June 11. NASCAR suspended until at least May 16. WTA, ATP suspended through at least July 13.

SPORTS

Trump has wrong team assembled

Advisory committee missing athletes and health experts

During a coronavirus news conference last week at the White House, President Donald Trump spoke for millions of fans when he said he wanted to “get our sports back.”

“I’m tired of watching baseball games that are 14 years old,” he said.

It might have been the first time I agreed with Trump.

I’m also tired of watching old baseball, basketball and football games that we already know who won. With the exceptions of “The Last Dance” and the NFL draft, nothing on TV is really worth watching for the average sports fan.

Trump’s solution to this vexing problem was to announce a panel of sports leaders who will advise him on restarting sports. Among the prominent names on the committee are the commissioners of the four major sports — the NBA’s Adam Silver, the NFL’s Roger Goodell, the NHL’s Gary Bettman and MLB’s Rob Manfred.

That makes sense. You can’t restart sports without those four giving a collective thumbs-up, though Silver is probably the only one who has the respect of his sport’s fan base.

Also on the White House list are WWE founder Vince McMahon — whose wife, Linda, previously was the head of Trump’s Small Business Administration and now chairs the pro-Trump super PAC America First Action — and two NFL owners, the Patriots’ Bob Kraft and Cowboys’ Jerry Jones, who also are prominent Trump donors. It’s not unexpected to see the advisory committee stacked with the president’s friends and enablers. That’s par for the course. But one name that later popped up caught my eye, and I still can’t decide whether to laugh or cry.

According to a report on NJ.com, Todd Ricketts, one of the four Ricketts siblings who co-own the Cubs, also was on a conference call last week with Trump and his sports advisers.

Yes, that’s the same Todd Ricketts introduced to the nation in a 2010 episode of the reality TV show “Undercover Boss,” on which he was mired in difficulty trying his hand at vending hot dogs and parking cars at Wrigley Field.

Ten years later, Todd Ricketts is serving as fundraising chairman for Trump’s reelection campaign while retaining his seat on the Cubs board with two of his siblings, Tom and Laura Ricketts.

Why does this matter if you’re a Cubs fan?

Maybe it doesn’t. All you really want is to see your favorite team back on the field, and if having Todd Ricketts whispering into Trump’s ear that we need to get back to playing baseball again, that’s probably a good thing.

With no baseball, Wrigley Field currently is serving as a food packing and distribution center for the Lakeview Pantry, while the Hotel Zachary has reopened to house health care workers from Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center. Kudos to the Rickettses for doing the right thing while we wait for the game to return.

But the question of whether it will be safe enough to return to ballparks in June or July is one no one can answer right now, even as many states are planning to reopen after a weeklong shutdown. And if you are going to have a panel to discuss the return of sports, it might be appropriate to have some members on the advisory committee whose health could be put into jeopardy by opening too soon.

I’d much rather have Kris Bryant, Lucas Giolito, Zach LaVine or Jonathan Toews chiming in on the matter than Todd Ricketts, whose primary concern is getting Trump reelected.

They’re the ones whose lives could be affected if the rush to provide entertainment for bored fans supersedes the need to provide a safe environment to play in. Yet the lack of a union representative on Trump’s sports committee suggests he sees no need for any player input and that the only ones who should have a say are commissioners and team owners.

Also missing are health experts such as Dr. Anthony Fauci, the director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases who has been discussing the reopening of sports with several media outlets. Fauci told the Yes Network on Monday that one possibility of restarting baseball would be to “limit the amount of people in a stadium and make sure you seat them in a way where they are really quite separated and maybe even wearing the facial covers.”

“I know people look at that and they say, ‘What, are you crazy?’” he said. “But to me, it’s better than no baseball at all.”

Fauci then added: “It’s more likely that you’re going to have more of a television baseball than a spectator baseball.”

That “empty stadium” scenario seems to be the most logical, but even that might be difficult to pull off.

Either way, Fauci’s voice — or that of any health expert — should matter more than a Todd Ricketts or a Jerry Jones.

Maybe there is a way to restart our sports in a safe manner, and hopefully it comes soon.

But boredom from watching 14-year-old baseball games on TV isn’t a good enough reason to jump the gun.



PAUL SULLIVAN
In the Wake of the News



STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

A group of golfers play at the Village Links of Glen Ellyn on March 25. State courses are scheduled to reopen on May 1.

GOLF

Courses to reopen

Pritzker gives all-clear for May 1 with ‘strict safety guidelines’

By TEDDY GREENSTEIN

Like finding a ball that was thought to be lost off the tee, Illinois golfers got some good news Thursday: Courses may open May 1 under “strict safety guidelines.”

What are those guidelines? They had not been spelled out as of 8 p.m. Thursday.

Course operators continually refreshed their browsers in hopes of learning what Gov. J.B. Pritzker’s Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity had in mind.

They were curious if the regulations would be identical to those of neighboring states such as Indiana and Iowa, which kept courses open throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, and Wisconsin and Minnesota, which recently rescinded their

bans.

Up for discussion: Would carts be permitted? And if so, would they be single-rider or would those who live in the same residence be permitted to ride side-by-side?

Would courses be required to spread out tee times in 15-minute intervals, up from the standard 9 to 10 minutes? Or would that be merely a suggestion?

And with clubhouses closed, would all transactions need to be made online?

Not up for discussion: New customs that make golf essentially a touch-free sport — no rakes for the bunkers, no ballwashers, and flagsticks are not to be handled. Courses have inserted foam into cups so that golfers can retrieve balls without reaching down. And golf course officials have stressed the need for players to maintain a distance of at least 6 feet.

Whatever the fine print, golfers and golf organizations are happy with the big picture.

“We are thankful that the governor’s

office has reintroduced golf,” said Carrie Williams, executive director of the Illinois PGA. “Golf can be part of the solution for people seeking physical activity and a relief from stress. While we want golf to be as accessible as possible, we are adamant that it has to be safe. We trust and will enforce the governor’s directive.”

Roughly half of America’s courses are open for play.

Locals flocked to courses such as the Village Links of Glen Ellyn on March 25 during a two-day reprieve. A reversal by the governor’s office sent Illinois golfers back inside after it was determined that recreational sports businesses — including golf courses — are “not considered essential businesses” amid the shutdown because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Since then, Illinois residents have been crossing state lines to support an industry that provides 50,466 jobs and \$1.5 billion in annual wages in Illinois, according to WeAreGolf.org.

Now that revenue will remain in-state.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Miller finds Illini to be ‘perfect fit’

Morgan Park star guard officially signs his letter of intent with Illinois

By SHANNON RYAN

Adam Miller’s signing ceremony with Illinois on Wednesday had all the signs of taking place during a pandemic.

A video-call news conference. His mom experiencing technical difficulties setting up the call. Glitchy questions from reporters. A radio ad interrupting the ceremony.

It wasn’t an ideal scenario for Miller’s big moment, but it was a significant day for Illinois.

“Now I’m Fighting Illini,” Miller said. “I’ve been one my whole life. Now I’m official.”

Miller, a 6-foot-3 guard from Morgan Park, has soothed Illinois fans’ fears after he didn’t sign his national letter of intent on the first day players could do so earlier this month. He said he wanted to gather friends and family, which isn’t easy during a shelter-in-place order because of the coronavirus.

Miller, who is the No. 33 senior in the nation, according to the 247Sports.com composite rankings, can ease the transition if sophomore guard Ayo Dosunmu sticks to his decision to enter the NBA draft. Miller dismissed speculation that he would have gone elsewhere had Dosunmu stayed at Illinois.

“A lot of people said I wasn’t even going there if Ayo was coming back, but that didn’t (influence) my decision,” he said. “Me and Ayo played high school together. So I would have gladly played college basketball with him.”

Miller, who recently was voted Mr. Basketball of Illinois for 2020, committed to Illinois on Nov. 21 at the Jordan Brand store in Chicago.

He joins guard Andre Curbelo and forward Coleman Hawkins in the 2020 class ranked No. 15 nationally, according to 247Sports. Miller averaged 23.9 points as a



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Morgan Park’s Adam Miller averaged 23.9 points as a senior, hitting 42% on 3-pointers.

senior, shooting 42% on 3-pointers.

Illinois also lost guard Andres Feliz to graduation, and guards Alan Griffin and Tevian Jones transferred. Center Kofi Cockburn declared for the NBA draft as well but has not hired an agent and plans to receive feedback from NBA teams to determine whether his decision is permanent.

During his announcement Wednesday, Miller wore an Illinois shirt and sat at a table in front of a wall with an “I” decal. Four young men stood behind him wearing Illinois gear, and he drew applause when he signed his letter of intent.

Miller’s work ethic stood out to Illinois coach Brad Underwood. He saw Miller perform an individual workout after a team workout.

“He went on to win a state champi-

onship with Morgan Park that year, dominating on the defensive end in the title game,” Underwood said Wednesday in a statement. “Adam has only continued to blossom and grow his game from there. He is an elite scorer, a multitalented two-play player with the ball in his hands, as a shooter with great range and with his defensive prowess. Adam is a winner.”

Attending Illinois felt right, Miller said.

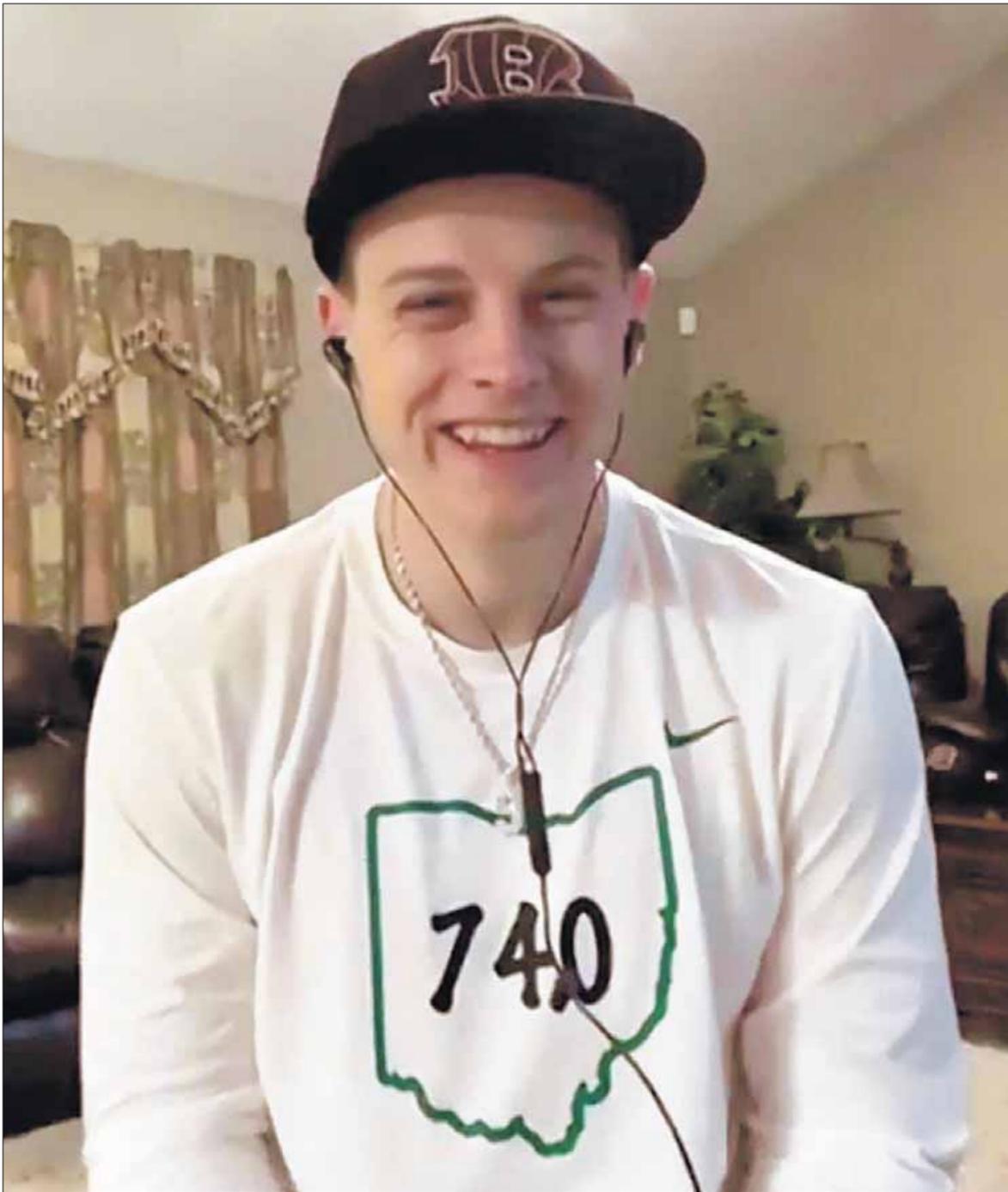
“I feel like this is my best option,” Miller said. “This is important to me. If I was going to be able to continue to go to my dream and make it to the NBA, why not do it at home? My family can come to my games. I’m a small-city guy. I like everything five minutes, 10 minutes away from me.”

“This is going to be a perfect setting for me. I’m going to be ready for everything.”

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The Bengals selected LSU quarterback and Ohio native Joe Burrow with the No. 1 overall pick in the NFL draft Thursday night.

NFL DRAFT

1 guarantee: Burrow

In this year's unique draft, the one constant was LSU QB to Bengals

By BARRY WILNER
Associated Press

In this most unique of drafts, filled with technological concerns and even uncertainty when real football might return, there was one constant Thursday night: Joe Burrow.

For months, the national champion quarterback from LSU was linked with the Bengals. They began the draft by sending the name of the Heisman Trophy winner to NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell in the basement of his home.

This digital/remote/virtual draft — take your choice — was up and running. With no apparent glitches.

Of course, there were no fireworks on the Las Vegas Strip. No bear hug between Goodell and Burrow; the commissioner said he would miss those, even if his body wouldn't. The most basic of selection meetings, organized in this manner due to the coronavirus pandemic, has team personnel making picks from their homes. And players learning their future employers in their homes.

The NFL canceled all draft activities in Las Vegas when the national shutdown of large gatherings began. The league had gone full-bore into free agency last month and, now, seven rounds of the draft through Saturday.

"I do believe this draft is going to be the most memorable we have ever had," said Goodell, noting that it is accompanied by a "Draft-A-Thon" to benefit six organizations on the front lines battling the pandemic.

"I just believe that our job is to continue on and operate within whatever guidelines are necessary to keep our personnel safe, whether it's players or coaches or their executives or league personnel. We need to make sure that we're doing things safely and put public safety No. 1, but we also need to carry on. We need to move toward the future. We need to make sure that we're prepared when we come out of this to be in a position to start our season on time and play our season. That's our role."

Normalcy, at least among the picks, was the order of the early evening, though.

FIRST ROUND SELECTIONS

1. Cincinnati; Joe Burrow; QB; 6-3; 220; LSU
2. Washington; Chase Young; DE; 6-5; 264; Ohio State
3. Detroit; Jeffrey Okudah; CB; 6-1; 205; Ohio State
4. N.Y. Giants; Andrew Thomas; OT; 6-5; 315; Georgia
5. Miami; Tua Tagovailoa; QB; 6-0; 217; Alabama
6. L.A. Chargers; Justin Herbert; QB; 6-6; 236; Oregon
7. Carolina; Derrick Brown; DT; 6-5; 326; Auburn
8. Arizona; Isaiah Simmons; LB; 6-4; 238; Clemson
9. Jacksonville; CJ Henderson; CB; 6-1; 204; Florida
10. Cleveland; Jedrick Willis; OT; 6-4; 312; Alabama
11. N.Y. Jets; Mekhi Becton; OT; 6-7; 364; Louisville
12. Las Vegas; Henry Ruggs III; WR; 5-11; 188; Alabama
13. Tampa Bay; Tristan Wirfs; OT; 6-5; 320; Iowa
14. San Francisco; Javon Kinlaw; DT; 6-5; 324; South Carolina
15. Denver; Jerry Jeudy; WR; 6-1; 193; Alabama
16. Atlanta; A.J. Terrell; CB; 6-1; 195; Clemson
17. Dallas; CeeDee Lamb; WR; 6-2; 198; Oklahoma
18. Miami; Austin Jackson; OT; 6-5; 322; Southern Cal
19. Las Vegas; Damon Arnette; CB; 6-0; 195; Ohio State
20. Jacksonville; K'Lavon Chaisson; EDGE; 6-3; 254; LSU
21. Philadelphia; Jalen Reagor; WR; 5-11; 206; TCU
22. Minnesota; Justin Jefferson; WR; 6-1; 202; LSU
23. L.A. Chargers; Kenneth Murray; LB; 6-2; 241; Oklahoma
24. New Orleans; Cesar Ruiz; C; 6-3; 307; Michigan
25. San Francisco; Brandon Aiyuk; WR; 6-0; 205; Arizona State
26. Green Bay; Jordan Love; QB; 6-4; 224; Utah State
27. Seattle; Jordan Brooks; LB; 6-0; 240; Texas Tech
28. Baltimore; Patrick Queen; LB; 6-0; 229; LSU
29. Tennessee; Isaiah Wilson; OT; 6-6; 350; Georgia
30. Green Bay.

First came Burrow: In his spectacular senior season, he threw for 60 — yes, 60 — touchdowns with only six interceptions. The Tigers beat six top 10 teams on their way to the national title.

"To jump up to No. 1 overall is crazy to me," Burrow said. "But it's a dream come true. I wasn't very good my junior year. I worked really hard to get better, my guys worked really hard to get better, and we jelled as a team."

Bengals coach Zac Taylor was confident Burrow could turn the franchise around after a 2-14 season.

"We will never pick at No. 1 again," Taylor said. "We don't want to pick in the top 10 again. We're looking at this as the only time you're going to get this caliber player to add him to the program, so obviously this is a big deal."

The second overall selection, Ohio State All-America edge rusher Chase Young, also was predictable. The Redskins fielded several offers for that spot, but many scouts and personnel executives felt Young was the best player in this crop.

At 6-foot-5, 264 pounds, Young led the nation with 16½ sacks and forced fumbles with six last season. The All-American won the prestigious Bednarik and Nagurski awards in 2019, leading the Buckeyes to the Big Ten title. He joins a Redskins team that went 3-13 and allowed 435 points.

If not for the NFL's obsession with finding the latest, greatest quarterback prospect, Young might have been the top overall selection. That QB infatuation saw three passers taken in the first six picks.

Alabama's Tua Tagovailoa went fifth to the Dolphins, followed in the next spot by Oregon's Justin Herbert to the Chargers. They were preceded by Ohio State's Jeff Okudah, the highest-rated cornerback, to the Lions, and Georgia tackle Andrew Thomas to the Giants.

Tagovailoa's health issues didn't turn off the Dolphins.

The Alabama quarterback went to a team that was accused going into last season of "Tanking for Tua." Tagovailoa comes off major hip surgery, which made his landing spot one of the first round's biggest uncertainties.

"For me and my family, whoever decided to take a chance on us, that's where I belonged," Tagovailoa said. "My biggest thing is I'm trying to prove this was the right decision."

One change he'll need to make in Miami: No. 13 isn't available. The Dolphins retired it for Hall of Famer Dan Marino.

"I understand No. 13 is retired, and it should be," Tagovailoa said. "Whatever number I'm given by the organization, if it's 78 or 99, I'll wear it."

Blessed with a quick release, excellent mid-range accuracy and nimble feet, Tagovailoa threw 76 touchdown passes in 24 starts the last two seasons. He helped the Crimson Tide to the 2017 national title.

Herbert had a strong postseason, including a terrific Senior Bowl week that raised his stock. At 6-foot-6, 236 pounds, he has the size the pros like, and he's a good athlete. But he also isn't as accurate passing as he'll need to be.

The Chargers had a burning hole at quarterback after letting go of longtime starter Philip Rivers. Plus, the Chargers plan to move into a new stadium and could use someone to help sell tickets.

It took until the 13th spot before a trade was made: the Buccaneers moving up one spot to get tackle Tristan Wirfs of Iowa to help protect new/old QB Tom Brady. The Bucs got that pick from NFC champion 49ers.

Wide receiver is the deepest position in this draft, but it took until the 12th selection for one to go. Alabama's Henry Ruggs III, perhaps the fastest man in this group (4.27 in the 40), was the first-ever draftee by the Raiders. Coach Jon Gruden loves speed, and he got a burner who scored 24 touchdowns among 98 career receptions.

IN BRIEF

NCAA takes step on pay for athletes

News services

The NCAA is moving closer to allowing Division I athletes to earn money from endorsements and sponsorship deals they can strike on their own as early as next year, The Associated Press reported Thursday.

Recommended rule changes that would clear the way for athletes to earn money from their names, images and likeness are being reviewed by college sports administrators this week before being sent to the NCAA Board of Governors, which meets Monday and Tuesday.

If adopted, the rules would allow athletes to make sponsorship and endorsement deals with all kinds of companies and third parties, from car dealerships to concert promoters to pizza shops, according to a person who has reviewed the recommendations.

The recommendations are expected to form the foundation for legislation the NCAA hopes to pass in January so it can take effect in 2021. Changes could still be made before January.

No school-branded apparel or material could be used by athletes in their personal endorsement deals. Athletes would be required to disclose financial terms of contracts to their athletic departments, along with their relationships with any individuals involved.

Athletes would be allowed to enter into agreements with individuals deemed to be school boosters.

The NCAA would create a mechanism to evaluate potential deals for fair market value and spot possible corruption. An athlete could compromise their eligibility for failing to disclose details of a financial agreement or relationship, the person said.

The recommendations also call for allowing athletes to sign autographs for money, sell their memorabilia, and be paid for personal appearances and working as an instructor in their sport.

The recommendations come from a working group set up 11 months ago and led by Ohio State AD Gene Smith and Big East Commissioner Val Ackerman.

The need for change was sped up by pressure from state lawmakers. California was first to enact a law that would make it illegal for NCAA schools to prohibit college athletes from making money on endorsements, social media advertising and other activities tied to name, image and likeness.

Dozens of states have followed California's lead, some more aggressively than others. California's law doesn't go into effect until 2023 while a Florida bill awaiting the governor's signature would go into effect July 2021.

NCAA leaders have gone to Congress looking for help to fend of a patchwork of state laws and create a national standard.

■ Purdue basketball player Matt Haarms has chosen Brigham Young over Kentucky and Texas Tech. Haarms will be eligible to play next season. The 7-foot-3 center from Amsterdam averaged 8.6 points, 4.6 rebounds and 2 blocked shots per game while shooting 63% last season.

■ Retired Dodgers broadcaster Vin Scully was hospitalized after falling at his Los Angeles-area home. The team says the 92-year-old fell Tuesday and was taken to the hospital for observation. Scully is resting comfortably and is expected to be released soon.

■ Steelers OLB Bud Dupree signed his franchise tender for \$15.8 million for next season. Dupree, 27, and the Steelers still can negotiate a long-term contract until the July 15 deadline for franchise players to sign such deals. ... The Patriots and former Jaguars WR Marquise Lee agreed to a one-year contract, ESPN reported. Financial terms weren't yet available. Lee, 28, was released Monday by the Jaguars.

■ The Blue Jackets signed G Elvis Merzlikins to a two-year contract extension worth an average of \$4 million per year, ESPN reported. The 26-year-old Latvian rookie is tied for second in shutouts (5) and is fifth in GAA (2.35) and save percentage (.923).

■ The Spanish league wants all players and coaches tested daily for the coronavirus when trainings resume. The 23-page protocol was prepared in a partnership with the medical staff of some first division clubs and details of a four-stage training plan before competitions can resume. There's still no timetable for the resumption of practices, and the league is not expected to restart before the end of May.

BEARS

Potential future Bears

Team could opt to go in many directions with 2 picks in Round 2

BY DAN WIEDERER, COLLEEN KANE

Chicago Bears general manager Ryan Pace is nothing if not patient. Sometimes, perhaps, to a fault. Still, that patience promises to be tested during the NFL draft.

The Bears begin with seven selections. But for the second consecutive year, they are without a pick on Night 1. And barring any trades, the Bears will also be sitting out Rounds 3 and 4 on Friday night and Saturday morning, respectively.

The Bears' first two picks are scheduled to come in the middle of the second round, at Nos. 43 and 50. That means Pace and his staff might have to remain patient as several waves of this draft's best players come off the board.

Then after picking at No. 50? Without a trade, the Bears would have to wait for more than 100 other prospects to be selected before they get a swing at No. 163 in Round 5.

Just to be clear, forecasting whom the Bears will select with their second-round picks is little more than a needle-in-a-haystack guessing game. Still, to help set the stage, the Tribune has assembled this cloud of 7 players who could fit well with what the Bears need.

Harrison Bryant ▶

Florida Atlantic TE, 6-foot-5, 243 pounds

Why the Bears should draft him: As a senior at FAU, Bryant was a first-team All-American and won the Mackey Award, given to the nation's top tight end. He recorded 65 catches for 1,004 yards with seven touchdowns, showcasing his combination of speed, fluidity and savvy. He is exactly the kind of chess piece Matt Nagy desires to use as a tight end in his offense.

Why they'd stay away: Bryant may need to add size and strength to hold up in the NFL and isn't known as an accomplished blocker. His athleticism, while decent, won't ever be elite. He might be considered a reach pick in the middle of Round 2.

Extra point: At the combine, Bryant expressed his admiration for the tight-end friendly offensive systems run by the Chiefs and Eagles and has noticed the production that Travis Kelce and Zach Ertz have given those passing attacks. He believes he'd quickly fit into a system such as those. For the record, Matt Nagy's offense is a branch from that same tree and in need of a playmaking tight end who can create favorable matchups.

Jeff Gladney ▶

TCU cornerback, 5-10, 191 pounds

Why the Bears should draft him: NFL Network analyst Daniel Jeremiah compared Gladney to Browns cornerback Denzel Ward and said he would be "a slam-dunk first rounder" if he were just a little taller. He called him quick, feisty, fluid, tough, and a willing, physical tackler, while Kiper praised his coverage skills, his feet and his awareness. Gladney was a four-year starter at TCU, where he had five career interceptions and 43 passes defended.

Why they'd stay away: His height and lack of bulk raise concerns about how he will fare against bigger wide receivers. Kiper noted his tendency to "get a little handsy at times," resulting in penalties. Gladney also was ejected for targeting against Texas Tech in November. He is coming off March meniscus surgery after playing through the injury in his senior season.

Extra point: At the combine, Gladney called himself "a physical speed demon" who likes to "stick my nose in everything." "(My team is) going to get a competitive and durable guy," he said.

Noah Igbinoghene

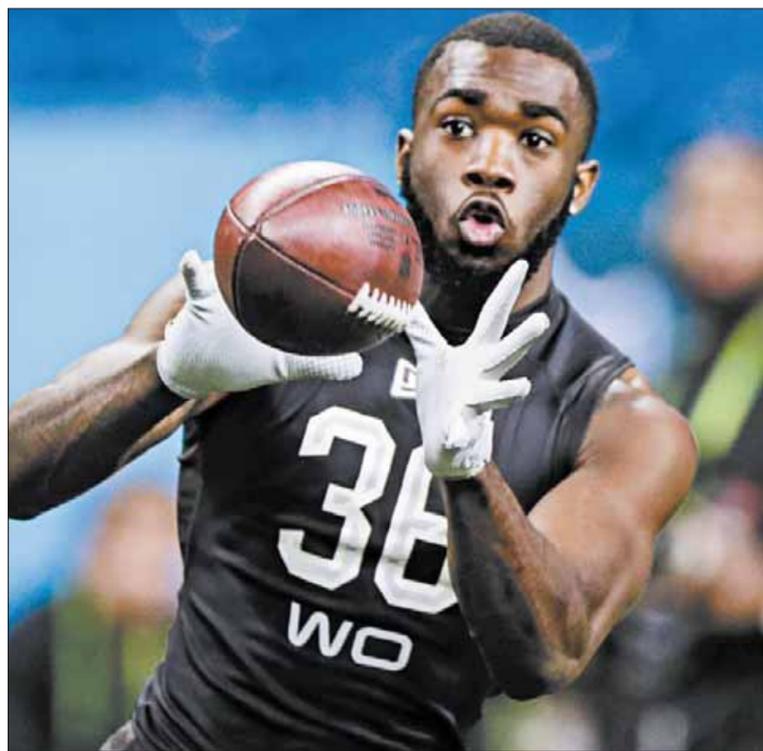
Auburn cornerback, 5-10, 198 pounds

Why the Bears should draft him: ESPN analyst Kirk Herbstreit said Igbinoghene "has a chance to really surprise a lot of people and be a big-time player." Also a sprinter and jumper for Auburn's track team, Igbinoghene has what Jeremiah dubbed "first-round athleticism" and "toughness that you love." He was a two-year starter for the Tigers at cornerback and also returned kicks.

Why they'd stay away: After joining Auburn as a wide receiver and playing there as a freshman, Igbinoghene converted to cornerback in 2018. Several analysts suggest he is still raw at the position. He didn't put up huge numbers in his two years as starter, totaling 19 passes defended and one interception.

Extra point: Igbinoghene is the son of two world-class Nigerian track athletes, Festus and Faith. His mother was a part of the Nigerian 400-meter relay team that won a bronze medal in the 1992 Olympics. He said at the combine that it was "kind of rough" growing up in his household.

"It was very strict," he said. "I didn't really get to do too much stuff, didn't really get to go out. Only got to focus on sports and school, so I used sports as my way to get out of the house. ... I'm able to focus so easily because I was so focused back then."



MICHAEL CONROY/AP (FROM TOP, TOP TWO), CHARLIE NEIBERGALL/AP, GREGORY SHAMUS/TNS
Baylor receiver Denzel Mims, from top, Florida Atlantic tight end Harrison Bryant, TCU defensive back Jeff Gladney and Notre Dame's Cole Kmet are viable second-round options.

◀ Denzel Mims

Baylor receiver, 6-3, 207 pounds

Why the Bears should draft him: Mims is a speed threat with the overall athleticism to give the Bears' offense more downfield potency. He had 66 catches for 1,020 yards with 12 touchdowns last season and boasts an eye-catching combination of size, strength and speed. He ran the 40-yard dash in 4.38 seconds at the combine and has an ability to stretch opposing defenses vertically.

Why they'd stay away: Mims will need to become much more detailed and show more concentration as a route runner at the next level. Some of his critics also want him to display more competitive fire to realize his full potential.

Extra point: Kiper is curious to see how Mims adjusts to the demands of becoming an NFL route runner. "The Baylor offense, obviously, is something people question as far as route running," Kiper said. "Senior Bowl week certainly helped him in that regard. And then he goes and has a phenomenal combine week where he did everything spectacularly well. He's 6-foot-3, 207. Ran (the 40) in under 4.4. His vertical was almost 40 inches and he ran a great three-cone (drill)."

Jacob Eason

Washington quarterback, 6-6, 231 pounds

Why the Bears should draft him: Along with Jake Fromm and Jalen Hurts, Eason is one of a few potential second-round quarterback prospects that could interest the Bears. Jeremiah said Eason has become "a polarizing figure" during the draft process, with his supporters touting imposing size, excellent arm strength and exciting flashes as he threw for three for 3,132 yards and 23 touchdowns against eight interceptions in his lone season as Washington's starter.

Why they'd stay away: Inconsistency within games and a lack of playmaking late in some instances concerned Kiper. And Jeremiah pointed to Eason's issues with handling opposing defense's pressure. "He's got some bad habits that he's got to clean up in terms of trying to spin out of pressure," Jeremiah said. "He takes a lot of bad sacks. He forces throws. He locks on. The touch is an area that needs to be improved."

Extra point: During his combine media session, Eason wasn't afraid to talk about what he needs to improve, including his pocket awareness and footwork, and what he needed to prove to interested teams during the lead-up to the draft.

"It's everything from football IQ to proving I'm a passionate player and that I love this game," Eason said. "I'm going to work hard to be the best I can be. Arm strength can only get you so far. Obviously I can rely on that in a lot of situations on Saturday, and it can allow me to do some pretty cool things with the ball, but I've been working on all the other things that go along with that to make me a more complete player."

Michael Pittman Jr.

USC receiver, 6-4, 223 pounds

Why the Bears should draft him: Pittman's quickness could give the Bears' passing attack more juice. He ran the 40-yard dash at the combine in 4.52 seconds and is a strong time for a receiver of his size. He has impressive ball skills and reliable hands, making him a constant threat on contested catches.

Why they'd stay away: Pittman isn't a consistent run-after-catch threat and will need to learn how to create separation at the next level. His explosion off the snap is ordinary.

Extra point: Pittman totaled 101 catches for 1,275 yards with 11 touchdowns in his senior season at USC. Throughout the pre-draft process, he has pushed to sell teams on his strong hands and body control. And he prides himself on his confidence as a playmaker. "I always tell my team, 'Hey guys, I'm gonna make this play,'" Pittman said at the combine.

◀ Cole Kmet

Notre Dame tight end, 6-6, 262 pounds

Why the Bears should draft him: With Trey Burton's release and questions about what Jimmy Graham still has left, the Bears still could use another playmaking tight end to add to their room of nine.

Kmet is some analysts' top prospect at the position after he had 43 catches for 515 yards and six touchdowns as a junior.

"If you're saying, 'OK, who looks like Gronk and who kind of has that physicality to them?' It would be Kmet," Jeremiah said. "Now he's not nearly as athletic as Gronk, but he's somebody with that big catch radius. He's tough to tackle. Big, physical and strong. He's good in the run game. He can create some movement there and help you."

Why they'd stay away: Kmet was also a baseball player at Notre Dame, and some analysts say there's still some development for him to do as he turns his focus solely to football. Kmet noted at the combine that his blocking technique is one of the biggest areas he wants to improve.

Extra point: Kmet is from Lake Barrington, Ill., grew up a Bears fan and played football and baseball at St. Viator. His dad, Frank Kmet, was a Bills fourth-round draft pick, and his uncle, Jeff Zgonina, played 17 seasons in the NFL.



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NFL DRAFT



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All-American WR CeeDee Lamb left Oklahoma as the school's career leader with catches of at least 40 yards (24).

Cowboys' big call

Jones, McCarthy get playmaker with Oklahoma WR Lamb

BY SCHUYLER DIXON
Associated Press

Receiver CeeDee Lamb was still there in the first round of the NFL draft for the Cowboys, who decided needs at several defensive positions could wait.

The Cowboys drafted the breakaway threat from Oklahoma 17th overall Thursday night, giving quarterback Dak Prescott another weapon to go with Amari Cooper and his newly minted \$100 million contract.

Pass rusher, cornerback and safety were bigger needs for a team that already has a trio of offensive stars in Prescott, Cooper and two-time NFL rushing champion Ezekiel Elliott, not to mention perennial Pro Bowlers on the offensive line.

Now there's another intriguing offensive option for new coach Mike McCarthy, who won a Super Bowl in Green Bay with Aaron Rodgers and cultivated a number of standout receivers.

Executive vice president Stephen Jones said Lamb was No. 6 on their draft board, and owner Jerry Jones said he thought up until Atlanta with the previous pick that Lamb would go next. He said other teams probably thought the Cowboys wouldn't take a receiver because it wasn't the biggest need. The Falcons took cornerback A.J. Terrell of Clemson at No. 16.

Lamb was the third receiver to get drafted, behind former Alabama teammates Henry Ruggs III (12th to the Raiders) and Jerry Jeudy (15th to the Broncos).

"I think that was really surprising to us to see CeeDee sitting there," Stephen Jones said. "We went through a lot of mock drafts. I can tell you he wasn't a part of any of them just because we felt like he was a top 10 player in this

draft and we'd never see him."

The Cowboys went with Lamb when they could have taken LSU edge rusher K'Lavon Chaisson, and former Oklahoma basketball star Trae Young was excited. The Hawks guard tweeted to Lamb that he was in good hands with young Mavericks sensation Luka Doncic. Young and Doncic were traded for each other on NBA draft night two years ago.

Lamb was projected to go slightly higher, so his availability was a bit of a surprise. The All-American skipped his final season and left as the school's career leader with catches of at least 40 yards (24). His 19-yard-per-catch average was the highest among Sooners with at least 130 receptions.

"I didn't know if they were going to take me," said Lamb, who went to high school in the Houston area. "But when I saw my phone ring, it obviously surprised me. Everything that I dreamed of was definitely in that phone call."

The Cowboys have the 51st overall pick in the second round and the 82nd choice in the third round Friday night.

A year ago, the Cowboys sat out the opening night of the draft following the 2018 midseason trade for Cooper, who has high-lighted free agency so far for the team with his monster five-year contract. Only the Falcons' Julio Jones has a higher annual compensation average among receivers.

The Cowboys lost their best cornerback in Byron Jones to the Dolphins and their 2019 sacks leader in Robert Quinn to Chicago in free agency.

While the remaining cornerbacks lack the pedigree of Jones, the Cowboys are optimistic that suspended defensive ends Aldon Smith and Randy Gregory will be reinstated



AP

"When I saw my phone ring, it obviously surprised me. Everything that I dreamed of was definitely in that phone call."

— CeeDee Lamb, WR, Cowboys first-round draft pick

to bolster the line.

Smith signed a one-year deal with the Cowboys even though he hasn't played since 2015 and has had several legal issues, including a domestic violence case in San Francisco that ended his most recent hope of returning in 2018. Gregory was productive in 2018 before his fourth substance-abuse suspension kept him out last season.

The Cowboys are shifting philosophically on defense, though McCarthy says the base 4-3 alignment will be the same. The Cowboys signed a true nose tackle in 350-pound Dontari Poe and another bulky interior defensive lineman in Gerald McCoy for new defensive coordinator Mike Nolan's defense. Predecessor Rod Marinelli preferred smaller, quicker linemen.

While the Cowboys had respectable overall numbers on defense the past three years, game-chang-

ing plays weren't frequent enough for a team that missed the playoffs twice. That included last season, which started with expectations and a 3-0 record before fading into another .500 finish under Jason Garrett, whose contract wasn't renewed.

Instead of focusing on that defense, though, the Cowboys gave Prescott more firepower in the passing game coming off career bests of 4,902 yards and 30 touchdowns.

The Cowboys are deep at receiver now as well. While Cooper is still the clear No. 1 receiver, Michael Gallup is going into his third season with the Cowboys believing he has plenty of promise. Gallup's numbers improved dramatically from his rookie season as he finished with 1,107 yards and six TDs.

The Cowboys entered the draft needing a slot receiver after losing Randall Cobb to the Titans in free agency.

First round

Comments by the Associated Press



1. Joe Burrow, QB, LSU

Strengths: Accuracy, poise and athleticism, plus the ability to command an offense.
Weaknesses: Doesn't have the biggest arm.



2. Chase Young, DE, Ohio State

Strengths: Prototype build and athleticism of an All-Pro pass rusher. Weaknesses: Could use more variety in his pass rush moves.



3. Jeff Okudah, CB, Ohio State

Strengths: Tall, smooth and physical. Plays well in multiple coverages.
Weaknesses: Getting off blocks in run support.



4. Andrew Thomas, T, Georgia

Strengths: Strong hands and the ability to play either side of the line. Weaknesses: Can get off-balance and heavy on his feet.



5. Tua Tagovailoa, QB, Alabama

Strengths: Quick release, with excellent mid-range accuracy and nimble feet.
Weaknesses: Coming off a serious hip injury.



6. Justin Herbert, QB, Oregon

Strengths: Ideal size and a good athlete.
Weaknesses: Spotty touch. His passes often sail when he lets loose.



7. Derrick Brown, DT, Auburn

Strengths: Elite size and strength that demands double teams — which he can beat.
Weaknesses: Agility could limit him.



8. Isaiah Simmons, LB/S, Clemson

Strengths: Maybe the best athlete in the draft. The perfect modern defender, can play three or four positions. Weaknesses: Ummmmmm?



9. CJ Henderson, CB, Florida

Strengths: Burst to make up ground.
Weaknesses: Locating and playing the ball can be spotty.



10. Jedrick Wills, T, Alabama

Strengths: Plays smart and mean.
Weaknesses: Lacks ideal size.



11. Mekhi Becton, T, Louisville

Strengths: Huge and nimble for his size.
Weaknesses: Technique needs to be refined.



12. Henry Ruggs III, WR, Alabama

Strengths: Elite speed and acceleration.
Weaknesses: His game is somewhat limited but what he does well is hard to find.



13. Tristan Wirfs, T, Iowa

The 49ers don't have a lot of pressing needs. But the interior of the defensive line needs reinforcement after trading DeForest Buckner.



14. Javon Kinlaw, DT, South Carolina

Strengths: Long, athletic and powerful as a pass rusher. Weaknesses: More tools than consistent technique.



15. Jerry Jeudy, WR, Alabama

Strengths: Smooth and polished route runner with excellent burst. Weaknesses: Slim build lacks strength.



16. A.J. Terrell, CB, Clemson

Strengths: Tall and steady with excellent speed. Weaknesses: Lean lower body. Could be more aggressive.



17. CeeDee Lamb, WR, Oklahoma

Strengths: Game-breaking elusiveness after the catch. Weaknesses: Will have to develop quickness off the line to beat press coverage.



18. Austin Jackson, T, USC

Strengths: Long arms and light on his feet.
Weaknesses: High upside, but very raw.



19. Damon Arnette, CB, Ohio State

Strengths: Physical corner who plays the ball well. Weaknesses: Little stiff and not a burner.



20. K'Lavon Chaisson, OLB/DE, LSU

Strengths: Explosive and agile with speed to run down plays. Weaknesses: Injuries cost him in '18 and '19.



21. Jalen Reagor, WR, TCU

Strengths: Speed to get deep and shiftiness to turn short plays into long gains. Weaknesses: Can get pushed around in coverage.



22. Justin Jefferson, WR, LSU

Strengths: Dominated from the slot with great body control. Weaknesses: Size and strength weren't tested much in LSU's offense.



23. Kenneth Murray, LB, Oklahoma

Strengths: Sideline-to-sideline playmaker. Weaknesses: Can fly out of position and into bad angles.



24. Cesar Ruiz, C, Michigan

Strengths: Solid build. Plays smart and instinctive. Weaknesses: Quickness is lacking.



25. Brandon Aiyuk, WR, Arizona State

Strengths: Dangerous after the catch.
Weaknesses: Needs to play stronger in traffic.



26. Jordan Love, QB, Utah State

Strengths: Big and talented arm. Tall, smooth athlete. Weaknesses: Telegraphs some throws and will bail out of workable pockets at times.



27. Jordyn Brooks, LB, Texas Tech

Strengths: Reliable tackler with good speed.
Weaknesses: Not a natural in coverage.



28. Patrick Queen, LB, LSU

Strengths: Speed and athleticism make him valuable in coverage or blitzing. Weaknesses: Size makes him more of a chaser against the run.



29. Isaiah Wilson, T, Georgia

Strengths: Ideal size and build. Weaknesses: Fundamentals and technique have a ways to go.



30. Noah Igbinoghene, CB, Auburn

Strengths: Recovery speed and toughness.
Weaknesses: Converted wide receiver is still raw as a cornerback.



31. Jeff Gladney, CB, TCU

The 49ers have some older cornerbacks, so adding a young one to the mix makes sense, whether they do it here or later.



32. Clyde Edwards-Helaire, RB, LSU

Strengths: Shifty with great balance.
Weaknesses: So-so speed, especially for his size.

SPORTS

A GOOD TIME TO LOOK BACK

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

Ducks go the distance

(APRIL 24, 2003)

This published after Petr Sykora scores 48 seconds into the fifth overtime as Anaheim outlasts Dallas 4-3 to win the opener of the Western Conference semifinal series. The game, on April 24, 2003, ranks as the fourth-longest in NHL history.

Associated Press

They chugged water, munched energy bars and wondered when Game 1 would finish. The Anaheim Mighty Ducks and host Dallas Stars began playing Thursday evening and still hadn't settled anything when Friday began.

About half the original crowd of 18,532 was still in the American Airlines Center and they were doing their best to stay fresh too. So during their seventh intermission, they did the wave.

Finally, 48 seconds into a fifth overtime, Anaheim's Petr Sykora smashed the puck by the stick of Dallas goaltender Marty Turco, ending the fourth-longest game in NHL history and by far the longest for either franchise.

The 4-3 victory in the opener of their second-round series brought more relief than joy. Sykora was glad to know his personal scoring drought was over and that his next meal wasn't going to be another Power Bar.

"I couldn't take one more," Sykora said.

The eight-period marathon lasted 80 minutes, 48 seconds beyond regulation.

Before the final period, the public-address announcer said, "Good morning, Stars fans" as the team took the ice. They went back to the locker room for good at 12:32 a.m. — 5 hours and 52 minutes after the puck first dropped and 37½ hours before the start of Game 2 on Saturday.

When it ended, weary fans were silent for few seconds, then they stood and applauded. How even was it?

Anaheim won 79 faceoffs, Dallas 77.

Each team went 0-for-3 on power plays. The Mighty Ducks wasted a two-man advantage for 1:12, yet scored short-handed the first time the Stars had an extra skater. There was only one penalty in overtime, and that came during the first OT.



PAUL MOSELEY/AP

Kurt Sauer (34) celebrates with Mighty Ducks' teammate Petr Sykora, left, after Sykora scored the winning goal in 4-3 win over the Stars.

Turco faced 54 shots, and Anaheim's Jean-Sebastien Giguere saw 63. Anaheim appeared to have won it in the third OT, but a goal off the leg of Steve Thomas was disallowed because officials said the net came loose before the puck went in.

Dallas fans were teased in the fourth OT when a long shot from Philippe Boucher went in, but officials clearly already whistled offsidess against the Stars.

OTHER APRIL 24 MOMENTS

1963: Bob Cousy ends his 13-year career by scoring 18 points as the Celtics win their fifth consecutive NBA championship, beating the Lakers 112-109 in Game 6.

1974: Tampa, Fla. is awarded the NFL's 27th franchise.

1994: David Robinson scores 71 points to win the NBA scoring title as the Spurs end the regular season with a 112-97 victory

over the Clippers.

1996: Petr Nedved scores with 44.6 seconds left in the fourth OT, ending the longest NHL game in 60 years and giving the Penguins a 3-2 victory over the Capitals.

2016: Klay Thompson scores 23 points and the Warriors set an NBA playoff record with 21 3-pointers to overcome another injury to Stephen Curry and beat the Rockets 121-94 for a 3-1 series lead.



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SOLITARY PURSUIT

Chicago is still on 'Vida' showrunner Tanya Saracho's mind

Were it not for the coronavirus, "Vida" showrunner Tanya Saracho would have been in Chicago this week — a city she still considers home — to screen episodes from the third and final season of her Starz drama, in person, ahead of its premiere on the cable network Sunday.

"We were going to bring the cast, it was going to be amazing," she said. Instead, Saracho has been quarantining at home in Los Angeles, where she moved seven years ago.

A longtime Chicago playwright, she relocated to pursue work in television; it's been a remarkable career so far, with credits that include HBO's "Looking" and ABC's "How to Get Away With Murder."

On "Vida," she is the creator and showrunner, which has launched her to the rarified level of executive producer. She's hoping to build on that even further.

But first, "Vida's" final season. The half-hour drama centers on two sisters who take over their mother's bar in East LA after she dies, and it's a wonderfully complicated portrait of what it means to be young, queer, Mexican American and forever baffled by life. At its heart, the show has always been about the bond between two sisters who come to realize they are their best selves when they are together.

I caught up with Saracho to talk about how she's spending her time during the stay-at-home order and what she has planned next.

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NINA METZ
Chicago Close-up



Tanya Saracho
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LIZ LAUREN PHOTO

The American Players Theatre in Spring Green, Wisconsin, will not start its 2020 schedule on time but hopes to have shows later on.

Summer theater goes dark for now around Midwest and Stratford



CHRIS JONES
Tribune theater critic

With the city of Chicago announcing the cancellation of numerous May and June events, including both the Chicago Blues Festival and the Chicago Gospel Music Festival, culture lovers may be thinking that their best summer bets for live entertainment lie in more rural

locales.

Not so fast with that picnic under the stars.

Many of the Midwest's summer operations, even those that operate outdoors, are abandoning any hope of programming anything this year.

In Wisconsin, the Peninsula Players of Door County, a perennial favorite with Chicagoans and a summer outpost for the city's actors and directors, has nixed its entire season.

In a letter sent to patrons, the famously bucolic theater expressed sadness and regret but

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A new Field Museum CEO

'Biker archaeologist' Julian Siggers will take the reins in September

BY STEVE JOHNSON

The Field Museum of Natural History has named as its new president and CEO Julian Siggers, the current director of the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology.

An archaeologist by training, Siggers, 56, is a native Brit the Philadelphia Inquirer once called "handsome, charming and possessed of an impressive academic pedigree." He has bachelor's and master's degrees from University College London and a doctorate from the University of Toronto, focusing on human prehistory in the Near East.

He'll take the reins in September, replacing Richard Lariviere, the Sanskrit scholar and former University of Oregon president who guided the 127-year-old museum campus mainstay for eight years.

Siggers was not available for comment, but David Hiller, who led the museum board search committee after Lariviere announced his intention to retire last August, said the incoming chief impressed trustees with his scientific acumen, fundraising ability and track record of opening up Penn Museum, in Philadelphia, to the wider community while revamping its exhibits.

"It begins with his passion for and commitment to science and the role that science can play, particularly the natural sciences,



ERIC SUCAR PHOTO

Julian Siggers has been appointed Field Museum CEO and president.

in dealing with, as he calls them, all these existential challenges the planet faces," said Hiller.

Hiller also noted that Siggers "seems to have great personal empathy and be a real good listener." At Penn, Hiller said, Siggers announced he was holding open office hours, and when he found that nobody came to his actual office, he moved them to the cafeteria.

"It built slowly and gradually," Hiller said. "People got the message he really did want to talk to people."

The Field's attendance dropped 2% in 2019 from the previous year, to 1.494 million visitors. But it remains an essential Chicago attraction,

trailing only the Art Institute, with 1.666 million visitors, in museum popularity.

Lariviere will depart in August having stabilized shaky museum finances that threatened the museum's robust scientific endeavors, overhauled its central Stanley Field Hall and embarked on a culturally sensitive reworking of its Native American galleries, among other achievements.

Siggers' plans will include shepherding the Native American project to completion and then likely embarking on a redo of its Egyptian presentation, Hiller said.

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CELEBRITIES

Tribune news services

Whitney Houston biopic in works

A feature film about Whitney Houston's life is in the works from the screenwriter of "Bohemian Rhapsody." The biopic is being shepherded by the Whitney Houston Estate, music producer Clive Davis and Primary Wave Music, the partners said Wednesday.

"I Wanna Dance with Somebody" will follow Houston from obscurity to pop stardom and promises to be "frank about the price that superstardom exacted," according to the announcement.

"From all my personal and professional experience with Whitney from her late teenage years to her tragic premature death, I know the full Whitney Houston story has not yet been told," Davis said in a statement. He said Anthony McCarten's script will finally reveal the "whole Whitney whose vocal genius deeply affected the world while she fiercely battled the demons that were to be her undoing."

Houston sold over 200 million records worldwide during her 25-year career and won six Grammys, 16 Billboard Music Awards and two Emmys before her death in 2012.

McCarten, who has gotten Oscar nominations for his scripts for "The Darkest Hour" and "The Two Popes," said in a statement that he's grateful to be working closely with the people who knew Houston best.

Rolling Stones release new song: The Rolling Stones have unveiled a new song the band thinks is perfect for these coronavirus times. The legendary band released the four-minute, slow-burning bluesy and harmonica-driven "Living in Ghost Town" on Thursday.

"I'm a ghost/ Living in a



MATT SAYLES/AP 2009

A feature film about Whitney Houston and her journey from obscurity to pop stardom is in development.

ghost town/ You can look for me/ But I can't be found," sings frontman Mick Jagger, who wrote it with guitarist Keith Richards.

The band explained that the song was one they were working on before the global lockdown, and they decided to revisit it in isolation, thinking it "would resonate through the times that we're living in right now."

Beyoncé identifies groups receiving aid: Beyoncé is focusing her coronavirus relief efforts on organizations that are helping communities of color that have been hit hard by the coronavirus pandemic. The superstar announced Thursday that her BEYGood charity will partner with Twitter's Jack Dorsey's Start Small campaign to provide \$6 million

in relief funds to groups working to provide basic necessities in cities such as Detroit, Houston, New York and New Orleans.

Elton John postpones tour: Elton John has postponed the end of his end-of-career Farewell Yellow Brick Road Tour. The tour, which began in 2018 and was planning to run for three years, is meant to signify the British pop icon's retirement from touring.

April 24 birthdays: Actress Shirley MacLaine is 86. Actress-singer-director Barbra Streisand is 78. Actor Michael O'Keefe is 65. Comedian Cedric the Entertainer is 56. Drummer Patty Schemel is 53. Actor Rory McCann is 51. Singer Kelly Clarkson is 38. Actor Joe Keery is 28. Actor Jordan Fisher is 26.



ASK AMY

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Aunt wants to reunite long-lost family

Dear Amy: My older sister's first marriage ended badly. Her husband cheated on her and stole money from our folks.

When they divorced, he took the kids. I was still in high school and was not pop to the reasons.

No one from our side of the family has seen my sister's children for over 20 years. With the advance of social media, I was finally able to find them.

My sister has since remarried and has a son who is 10 years younger than his half-siblings. I'm very close to this nephew. He mentioned that he sometimes wishes he wasn't an only child and that he often felt lonely.

I almost spilled the beans right then and there that he has two half-siblings, but I was able to hold my tongue.

My sister has health issues now and is going blind. I want for our family to reconnect with my niece and nephew, and I want my sister to see her kids while she still can.

I told my mom about my discovery. She told me that this may be too stressful for my sister, given her health. She asked me not to mention it to her.

I'm so torn. I think my sister would love to see her long-lost kids, but at the same time, she might feel ashamed and heartbroken for all the years she wasn't there for them.

My husband thinks I should just leave this alone, but I just can't seem to do so. I truly loved those kids and wish to see them and have a relationship. I think my younger nephew deserves to know that he has siblings. What should I do?
— Sad Family Situation

Dear Sad: Despite your mother's protective advice, I think you should take this to your sister. Let her decide what she wants to do. If she wants to try to reconcile, you could offer to help make the connection.

You should accept it as a given that nobody in your family wants your sister to feel hurt or upset, but this might have been weighing heavily on her mind and heart. You can hope that — with your support — she would feel brave enough to attempt a reconciliation.

You all need to understand that contacting these long-lost children does not guarantee a happy outcome. They might not want to reconnect. You say you don't know the reason they didn't have any contact with their mother (they might not have been safe with her). If they were raised by their father, he might have created a narrative in their household that does not favor reconciliation.

You should not take this information to your young nephew. You don't mention his age, but he should not be put in charge of this challenging dilemma until he is emotionally old enough to make his own choices — and handle the consequences.

Dear Amy: The COVID-19 pandemic is creating a mental health crisis for some people. Please remind your readers that talk therapy is useful and can be lifesaving. Therapists and social workers have quickly adopted "telehealth" virtual tools for seeing clients. Websites such as Teladoc, Amwell, MdLive, Doctor on Demand and Psychology

Today offer directories of therapists and specialties. Many insurers are temporarily waiving co-pays.
— Clinician

Dear Clinician: Thank you so much for offering this information. I would add that Crisis Text Line is very easy to use and could be a valuable first stop for someone in crisis. Simply text 741-741 and a volunteer social worker and crisis counselor will respond very quickly via text. This service is free and available 24/7.

Dear Amy: I just read your response to "Wondering Wife," who had the insight that her husband might have Asperger's.

I have been married to a wonderful man for almost 50 years. When the show "Big Bang Theory" first came out, I said, "I know people like that — in fact, I am married to one!"

Thank you for writing that Asperger's (Autism Spectrum Disorder) is "not an illness or disease. It is simply a unique way of thinking, seeing and interacting."

I gave up "wondering" about my husband years ago.

One needs to look past their actions and supposed "shortcomings" to what's in their heart.
— CS

Dear CS: Learning more about how people with ASD perceive and react to the world, and having a label that fits, can help.

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Ramsey Lewis brings his jazz pianism to cyberspace

HOWARD REICH
On Music

Last year, Chicago jazz pianist Ramsey Lewis declared that he was retired.

Well, not wholly retired — just "retired from O'Hare," as he put it to me. Meaning that he still wanted to perform, he just wasn't going to travel to the gig anymore. He'd had his fill of delayed flights, lost baggage, hotel rooms that weren't ready on time and other perpetual annoyances of life on the road.

Now that just about everyone is stuck at home, Lewis has found that he doesn't have to venture to his audience anymore — the audience can come to him, via streaming.

Granted, watching a concert on a computer screen, tablet or smartphone doesn't remotely resemble the real thing. But that's about all we've got now, making Lewis' pre-coronavirus decision to stay home rather timely.

To that end, he'll play a livestreamed recital at 1 p.m. Saturday from the grand piano in his living room, where he typically practices a couple of hours



TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Ramsey Lewis at the piano in his home, where he'll livestream a recital at 1 p.m. Saturday.

a day.

"I've always loved playing and sharing my music, but O'Hare and Midway and the New York and LA airports — the big airports, man, give me a break," says Lewis, 84.

The idea to do the recital from home came about rather spontaneously.

"It was funny," says Jan Lewis, the pianist's wife, who often paints in her home studio while her husband practices in the living room.

"I was in here painting, and Ramsey was practicing, and I hear him. Usually when he's practicing, he'll

play the song, then play scales, then go into a different song.

"For some reason, when he just started a song, I grabbed my phone, went in and video'd him doing this one song. He played it from beginning to end. It was the coolest thing. You could see him working it out ... to get this song just right.

"I knew when he finished that I would startle him because when he's deeply into a song, that's where he is."

Indeed, once he was done, Jan Lewis — cell phone in hand — announced herself, catching

her husband unawares. They later posted the video on the pianist's Facebook page, and "the thing almost went viral," says Jan Lewis. It prompted the Lewises to see potential.

Thus was born the idea of a livestreamed recital, but one that's more than a musical performance alone.

"It's an hour concert," says Ramsey Lewis. "It's mostly music. ... I do have a little something to say about most of these pieces.

"I'm not going to do too much talking because then it's like: 'Oh, boy, that's too much talk.'

"I think there'll be close

to 10 pieces."

Lewis will decide at showtime exactly what he's going to play, depending on what strikes his interest. The possibilities include John Coltrane's "Dear Lord," Duke Ellington's "Come Sunday," selections from Leonard Bernstein's "West Side Story," themes from the film "Black Orpheus," Hoagy Carmichael's "The Nearness of You," a Cole Porter medley and some originals. It's probably not a far stretch to suppose he may dip into such Lewis hits as "The In Crowd," "Wade in the Water" and "Hang on Sloopy."

If the venture proves popular, it may develop into a series, says Lewis. A portion of the proceeds from the \$20 ticket price will go to MusiCares COVID-19 Relief Fund.

How is Lewis faring during our shelter-in-place era?

"Fine," he says. "I always had books that I had intended to read. Now I'm reducing that stack. Also, newspapers every day, and magazines that I also would let stack up.

"But lots of practicing." Specifically, Lewis has been pulling out scores by Bach, Beethoven and Chopin, each a keyboard visionary whose works bear lifelong contemplation.

"I get out the pieces that I studied when I was taking lessons with Dorothy Mendelsohn," recalls Lewis of his long-ago teacher at Chicago Musical College.

"When I'd get to certain pieces, she'd say: 'Get up. You've got to make it sing!'"

"I'm 16 years old, and I've got to make the piano sing? You've got to be kidding. But I thank God I picked up on what I was shown."

So what does Lewis do with the rest of his day?

"There is no rest of the day," he says. "Jan has these bowls and paintings — we took one bedroom and made it into her studio — she goes in there and puts on her apron and smiles while she's painting. And I'm at the piano, smiling while I'm playing."

"After I practice, after I read, and after I do all the things like that, it's almost 5 o'clock. And 5 o'clock is cocktail time. Hello!"

"There's no reason to go out. They deliver groceries now. So we're happy."

"We stocked up on wine at the beginning of this thing."

To view Ramsey Lewis' livestreamed concert, visit www.ramseylewis.com.

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Siggers

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But more immediately he will have to deal with the impacts of the museum's forced closure during the coronavirus crisis, beginning in mid-March.

The Field in April successfully secured a Small Business Administration loan under the Payroll Protection Program, a spokeswoman said, but the financial impacts of having no revenue are likely to

outlast the several months of payroll the forgivable federal loan is designed to cover.

At Penn, Siggers is also coping with COVID-19 and would not talk about his new job at the moment because his "priority is supporting his team" at his current post, a Field spokeswoman said.

In a statement released by the Field, the new CEO said, "I'm thrilled to join the Field Museum family this fall. It's an incredible institution that makes a big difference in the

world, and I'm looking forward to being part of it.

"Understanding science and anthropology makes us better able to make good decisions for our planet, it makes us more welcoming to people who are different from us, and it's just fun — nobody should be left out from how amazing science is, and it's the job of museums to make sure everyone is welcomed in to learn."

In his eight years at Penn Museum, Siggers guided renovation of three-fourths of the university museum's public

spaces, led a \$100 million fundraising campaign and established its Center for the Analysis of Archaeological Materials.

He also implemented "new programs that welcome diverse audiences, including programs in which refugees act as docents giving more information and context about galleries focusing on the countries they're from," the Field noted in its hiring announcement.

Siggers also caught the eye of the popular press. In the 2015 interview with the

Inquirer, the paper's headline called him "Penn Museum's biker archaeologist," and the article noted his fondness for vintage British motorbikes and tattoos, including one on his back executed with ancient tools.

"My most exciting discovery was at a site in Britain called 'Boxgrove,' in the south of England," he told the Inquirer. "I found a hand ax made out of flint."

"They're very beautiful objects. You gradually see the top of the surface, and as you carefully brush away,

you begin to see the full tool, and to think that that is half a million years old. Somebody actually made it, held it, probably used it on something."

Siggers spent eight years teaching archaeology at University of Toronto while earning his Ph.D. Before taking the reins at Penn, he was vice president of programs, education, and content communication at the Royal Ontario Museum in Canada.

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'BEASTIE BOYS STORY' ★★ 1/2

Unlike impromptu rappers, a little stale

BY JAKE COYLE
Associate Press

Little was predictable about the Beastie Boys in their three-plus decades of making music. They were spontaneous, always evolving, off-the-cuff pranksters who turned pro without ever losing the punchline.

Even seeing ahead to the end of a rhyme was impossible. Their lyrics took circuitous, hysterical routes. "I'll stir fry you in my wok/Your knees'll start shakin' and your fingers pop/Like a pinch on the neck of Mr. Spock!"

So why is "Beastie Boys Story," a documentary of Mike Diamond and Adam Horowitz's staged show, so predictable? "Beastie Boys Story," which arrives Friday on Apple TV Plus, is billed as a "live documentary experience." And with Spike Jonze, who so memorably directed the Beastie Boys' "Sabotage" music video presiding over both the theater show and the film, one could reasonably expect — whatever "live documentary" means — something alive. Maybe even something "off the hook like Latrell Sprewell" or popping "like a pinch on the neck of Mr. Spock."

And yet, "Beastie Boys Story," while often rollicking and moving, frequently has the stale air of a Ted Talk, as Horowitz and Diamond calmly walk the stage, read teleprompters from stools, pause for frequent video inserts and chronologically tell the story of their unlikely rise from downtown New York to hip-hop elite.

"Beastie Boys Story" was a touring stage show that Horowitz (Ad-Rock) and Diamond (Mike D) performed following the



STEPHEN CHERNIN/AP 2007

The Beastie Boys, from left, Adam "Ad-Rock" Horowitz, from left, Mike "Mike D" Diamond and Adam "MCA" Yauch.

MPAA rating: Unrated

Running time: 1:59

Streaming: on Apple TV Plus

2018 publication of their memoir-scrapbook "Beastie Boys Book." Over their three-night stand last year at Brooklyn's Kings Theater, Jonze documented it. Occasionally, he's heard (but not seen) interjecting from the booth.

Those few moments, along with a handful of other sly riffs (a montage of their hardworking "Check Your Head" club tour is scored to Dolly Parton's "9 to 5") supply some of the deconstruction you'd expect from the Beasties and Jonze. But, really, much of this isn't so different than "Springsteen on Broadway," only with more interjections of "No joke!" and "That's crazy!"

But one of the richest threads of the Beasties' story is how they were so often propelled by improvisation and goofing off. Their sophomore album, "Paul's Boutique," was a mashup masterpiece of endless sampling and style mixing. When they rented a Hollywood house owned by Marilyn Grasshoff, her '70s wardrobe became their treasure-trove of props. "Sabotage," they filmed without permits or much planning. At their best, they just went out and made stuff, pulling from a wide spectrum of sources

and whatever was around them.

"Beastie Boys Story," though, is polished legacy burnishing that doesn't quite suit the rappers of "So What'cha Want" let alone "(You Gotta) Fight for Your Right (To Party)." At times, it feels perilously close to the rough draft of a jukebox musical to come.

But if the framework is less inspired, the story remains grand. Their arc is a spectacular one, starting as a wannabe punk band ("We were Monty Python as much as we were Black Flag," one recalls); being molded by Russell Simmons into a cheap MTV act; picking up instruments and taking control of their musical destiny; turning from party anthems to socially conscious activism.

"It's not so much that we grew up. We wised up," says Horowitz.

But where the Beastie Boys differed most from the standard music-stardom cliché is in how tight they remained, brothers to the last — a perpetual three-man weave with the comic timing of Moe, Larry and Curly. And it's in the heartfelt remembrances of Adam Yauch, the musical and spiritual leader, that "Beastie Boys Story" breaks into sometime more authentic and memorable. Even the deficiencies of the movie become a kind of tribute. Early on Mike D says: "The two of us will do the best we can because one of us isn't here."

'THE TRUE HISTORY OF THE KELLY GANG' ★★

Classic Australian legend told with punk rock vibe

BY KATIE WALSH
Tribune News Service

The legend of notorious Australian bushranger Ned Kelly is a tale that's been told on screen many times: There have been 11 feature films about the outlaw, seen by many as a Robin Hood-type figure who fought British oppression in colonial Australia. In fact, the first feature film ever made, "The Story of the Kelly Gang," was produced in Melbourne in 1906 (just 26 years after Kelly's execution in 1880) and followed the exploits of Kelly and his cohort. He has been played by Mick Jagger and Heath Ledger and now George McKay in Australian auteur Justin Kurzel's highly stylized take on the myth, "The True History of the Kelly Gang," adapted from Peter Carey's 2001 novel.

Kurzel, who took on Australian true crime in his debut, "Snowtown," and epic myth in his film "Macbeth," is well-suited to tackle the material. But the film is not so much a retelling of the facts, but an interpretation, an abstraction, a psychoanalysis. Using Carey's ironically titled book, which is fiction loosely based on Kelly's life, Kurzel and screenwriter Shaun Grant play with the elasticity of the story, imbuing the bloody bit of Aussie lore with a punk rock attitude and avant-garde style.

"The True History of the Kelly Gang" is a tale of bodies and brutality, and of skin slick with blood spatter. It violently wrestles with the value of human life in a lawless and unforgiving frontier. It's a story of nature versus nurture, of a boy who is forced to be a man, a man who just wants to be a boy and the crashing, crushing inevitability of his grisly destiny. It's a



IFC FILMS

Russell Crowe in "The True History of the Kelly Gang."

MPAA rating: R (for strong violence throughout, bloody images, pervasive language, sexual content and some nudity)

Running time: 2:04

Streaming: Digital streaming and cable platforms

fable of mother's love turned toxic and a father's love that can never be fulfilled.

With an emphasis on building a unique aesthetic and tone, the narrative structure is ragged almost to a fault. The guiding device is a letter written by Kelly to his as yet unborn child, detailing his rough upbringing as the son of an Irish convict. His beloved mother, Ellen (Essie Davis), uses every skill she has to keep her family intact. As a boy, Ned is pressed into service with bushranger Harry Power (Russell Crowe) in a savage servitude that drives a wedge between young Ned and his family. When he returns, grown, with a reputation as a child assassin and successful bare-knuckle boxer, he mends his fences with his mother and takes up the family business of horse thievery and murder after a feud with a local English

constable, Alexander Fitzgerald (Nicholas Hoult), lands Ellen in jail.

To a throbbing score by Jed Kurzel, strobing spotlights reveal Ned, writhing among gray, broken trees, transforming into what he has been groomed to become. He has been broken, beaten and bloodied, manipulated, and exposed to torture, death and sexual exploitation at a young age. It's no wonder he ends up fully feral with his gang of miscreants, faces smeared with soot, wearing lace gowns and tin helmets, and wielding rifles against their English oppressors.

The fierce performances from McKay, Davis and Hoult, combined with the daring mood and atmosphere Kurzel builds to a fever pitch, makes for a film that doesn't seek to explain Kelly, which has been done so many times before. Rather, it wants to climb into his skin, to experience the mud and blood and adrenaline (aided by anachronistic punk rock), and suggests Ned's yearning for love and purpose. It wants to understand him. And while this version of the story may seem more obtuse than even the facts, what it evokes is something deeply elemental and deeply human.

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Uma Bloo is following her music muse

The burlesque just wasn't doing it for her creative side



BRITT JULIOUS
Local Sounds

"The album that's coming up is mostly about being a mess," joked Molly Madden, who performs as Uma Bloo. The album — untitled and scheduled to drop sometime this summer — is the culmination of years of work, both musically and emotionally. Madden's music is a reflection of a different time, a more confusing and frustrating time, but one that pushed and changed her for the better.

Strangely enough, it all began in the theater.

Unlike her indie rock peers, Madden grew up with an interest in acting. Although she went to Catholic school and became "fascinated" by the hymns sung during mass ("The melodies were unreal and got stuck in my head," she admitted), it wasn't until she enrolled at Columbia College that music became more of a reality. Madden enrolled in the acting program and later stumbled into the world of burlesque.

Prior to this, Madden said she didn't enjoy singing in front of others and music was a private enjoyment. But the world of burlesque birthed the character of Uma Bloo, a healthy outlet for her fears and her talents.

"I started playing out with this other name that felt safe and

separate from me," Madden said. "I found this character, Uma Bloo, by dancing and discovering this other side of myself and I got less stage fright. I worked it out that way."

This wasn't about being sexy. No, burlesque also became a way for Madden to process her more complicated emotions, expelling them from her body and releasing them into the world. Uma Bloo is confident. Uma Bloo is brave. Uma Bloo is free.

But the world of burlesque — exciting, but still niche — could not fully embody Madden's goals as an artist. There is only so much one can do with a few minutes every night on a stage. "I always wanted to have this really big sound," she recalled. "The reason why I got so addicted to writing these songs is because I was able to access these really deep emotions that would overwhelm me and get stuck in my body." Bloo taught herself the car but that was not enough. Luckily, other musicians soon reached out about wanting to collaborate, helping Madden elevate her musical metaphors, extract a deeper sound and ultimately build an aural vocabulary to fully embody the core of her ideas.

If Uma Bloo, the burlesque character, was a means of overcoming her fears, then Uma Bloo, the band, is a means of processing every other emotion in Madden's life. Many of Madden's songs span the period of her early 20s, with some songs written when she was only 19 or 20 years old. She is now 25.

And many of the songs, she admitted, were from a more "confused" part of her life. In them, she explores the different phases of falling in love and of being traumatized by what one thinks is



TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The musical artist Uma Bloo is seen Tuesday on the Northwest Side of Chicago.

love. That greater thing one may chase after can fall under many disguises.

"I think when I was younger, I was really struggling to see myself and I kept trying to find my way into places I thought were me and being wrong and idolizing certain people and being hurt by them and thinking it was me. I was just projecting in an unhealthy way," she said. With distance, she can now make peace with that version of myself. "This is all the stuff

that happened to me earlier on, and the things that I'm writing now are kind of a response to that now from the other side," said Madden.

Although Uma Bloo is no longer a burlesque project, Madden still utilizes the costumes, the imagery, and the self-empowerment that helped the character first come to life. "The character of Uma Bloo, she's kind of elusive, even to me. I'm also reluctant to put words to it because it kind of

sucks the power out of it to me and it's something that's so pure of feeling," Madden said. "Anything could happen. I'm just going to allow the feeling to take me through what I want the performance to be."

Hear Uma Bloo on *The Sound-track's Instagram Livestream on May 14 at 8pm.*

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'SOMEONE SOMEWHERE' ★★ 1/2

A little romance from France

BY MARK KEIZER
Variety

There are two big takeaways in "Someone, Somewhere," director Cédric Klapisch's return to Paris after satisfying detours to New York ("Chinese Puzzle") and eastern France ("Back to Burgundy"). The first, which makes for the better movie, is you can't love someone until you've learned to love yourself. The second, which drags the movie down, is that our hyperconnected era has, paradoxically, kept us from establishing meaningful relationships. Both lessons need to be learned by Mélanie (Ana Girardot) and Rémy (François Civil), lonely thirty-something neighbors who'd be perfect for each other if only they could overcome their individual hangups, stop substituting computer screens for real connections and actually meet.

At this point, no one can argue that Facebook and Tinder are acceptable alternatives to engaging with the world around you. Had Klapisch advanced the idea 10 years ago, it would have been downright prescient. In 2019, however, his slams on life in the swipe-right era, even if gently delivered, give the movie a tired and dated feel. Still, a film from Klapisch is never without its upside, and his singular knack for examining with sensitivity and detail the relationship highs and lows of the 40-and-under crowd remains undiminished. The film is currently doing OK business in France. Should it earn a stateside release following its recent North American premiere at the COLCOA French Film Festival in Los Angeles, youthful audiences may recognize a bit of themselves but won't be particularly moved.

"Someone, Somewhere" ("Deux Moi" back home in France) essentially ends where a romantic comedy begins with Klapisch more interested in prepping his two main characters emotionally for their fateful encounter. Events smartly unfold in the more down-market arrondissements of Paris where neighbors Mélanie and Rémy, who've never met, live in urban isolation, two gnats struggling with low-boil depression in a metropolis too enormous and chaotic to concern itself with their petty problems. He works in a gigantic Amazon-style warehouse. She stares at molecules at a cancer research center. He can't sleep. She sleeps too much. These opposites, who are destined to



MUSIC BOX THEATRE

Ana Girardot stars in the French romance "Someone Somewhere."

No MPAA rating

Running time: 1:50

Rent: (\$10 for three days) starting Friday through musicboxtheatre.com. In French with English subtitles.

attract each other, personify the rhyming French phrase that sums up the monotonous daily grind of the average Parisian: "métro, boulot, dodo" ("subway, work, sleep").

After suffering a panic attack on the métro, Rémy starts seeing a psychotherapist, which his mother thinks is reserved for crazy people, while Mélanie, coincidentally, seeks out her own shrink. His therapist (François Berléand, terrific) is a slightly shambling, ready for retirement, social services psychoanalyst operating in a sparse office. Hers (Camille Cottin, also terrific) dispenses wisdom in what looks like the toniest drawing room on Avenue Montaigne.

Using therapy to reveal character is an overused device, but it provides much needed info on Mélanie and Rémy in a film whose notions of technology dependency and urban malaise aren't new or insightful anymore. And seeing Mélanie and her two friends lounge around using their phones to order food and troll for guys comes off as a scolding from the 58-year-old director, who co-wrote the script with Santiago Amigorena. In response to his argument that online relationships are superficial, Klapisch throws in the character of Mansour (Simon Abkarian, glowing with energy), the smiling, helpful, flesh-and-blood owner of a local specialty market who gives

bespoke advice to his customers.

All this becomes increasing beside the point as we learn that what's keeping Mélanie and Rémy apart isn't technology (initially, Rémy isn't even on Facebook) or the emptiness of their urban existence. The problem is their inability to move beyond their debilitating family issues. But getting Mélanie and Rémy to their simultaneous breakthroughs strafes melodrama and reveals story architecture in a fashion one might expect in a Hollywood romantic comedy but not from Klapisch.

Civil and Girardot played brother and sister in "Back to Burgundy" and both are fine here with Civil squeezing maximum mileage out of his perpetually confused look and Cocker Spaniel charm (also deployed in France earlier this year in "Mon Inconnu") while Girardot's open face and natural, almost hesitant beauty draw us in. Their inevitable meeting is teased in tantalizing increments: first her cigarette smoke wafts toward his balcony, later he hears her singing, later still they walk down the same street, all the while never noticing each other.

Klapisch is a director with an open heart whose deceptively simple films often reward a second viewing to reveal additional layers. "Someone, Somewhere" maintains many of his storytelling and stylistic trademarks but its characters cannot take on a life of their own when they feel specifically crafted to make a well-worn point. As a result, a director so gifted in dramatizing the vicissitudes of emotional connections has given us a film that itself feels a little disconnected.



ILYES GRIYEB PHOTO

Myriam Ben Salah, newly appointed executive director and chief curator of the Renaissance Society.

Myriam Ben Salah to take reins at Renaissance Society

BY STEVE JOHNSON

Myriam Ben Salah, a Paris-based curator and editor, has been appointed executive director and chief curator of the Renaissance Society.

Ben Salah, 34, will take the reins at the highly regarded contemporary art institution located at the University of Chicago in September, the society announced Wednesday.

"The future is very abstract right now for everyone, but having the perspective of starting something new in Chicago at the Ren is really a great light at the end of the tunnel," Ben Salah said in a phone interview from Los Angeles, where she has been co-organizing "Made in LA, 2020," an exhibition now slated for a delayed opening at the Hammer Museum and Huntington Library in July.

"It's an institution that I've long admired. I'm a big fan of their programming and their experimental spirit," she said of the Ren, which has modest gallery and office space in a UChicago building on the Hyde Park campus but has occupied an outsized role in contemporary art.

The society, which has members and an illustrious history of showcasing artists before they became widely known but no permanent collection, celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2015.

Then-executive director Solveig Ovstebo said at the time of the anniversary that, in Chicago, "There are not so many who know how famous the Renaissance Society is. The Ren is not very big, but Chicago would be much smaller without it."

Ovstebo stepped down in

February after seven years guiding the Ren to become executive director at Astrup Fearnley Museet, a leading contemporary art museum in Oslo, in her native Norway.

Ben Salah grew up in Tunisia, then pursued her college education in Paris, she said. Her interest in contemporary art developed afterward, beginning with an internship at age 23 at Paris's impactful Palais de Tokyo, a modern and contemporary art "anti-museum," as its website proclaims.

Among her roles at the Palais, which she left in 2016 as curator of special projects and public programs after seven years there, was co-organizing an annual performing arts festival called "Do Disturb."

She became editor in chief of Kaleidoscope, an international art magazine published in Italy, in 2016 and is currently an editor at large for the publication.

Ben Salah has curated a wide range of exhibitions in Europe, Tunisia and the UAE. At the Renaissance Society, she said she hopes to push its work across borders "even further" while continuing to test "the boundaries of what art can be and what art can do."

At the same time, the coronavirus pandemic offers, almost demands, a rethinking of the way things are done, she said.

"There is something that's comforting in going back to normal," Ben Salah said. "I don't know if that's going to be possible." With the public health crisis having such broad impacts, "I just don't know if normal is going to be an option."

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Theme song for a pandemic

And it only sounds like a joke: 'Spring Can Really Hang You Up the Most'



MICHAEL PHILLIPS
Talking Pictures

In Chicago last month, the sing-a-long of choice was Bon Jovi's "Livin' on a Prayer," proof that it felt great to make some noise together.

In California this week, protesters railing against their freedoms being sacrificed for the greater, cautionary good gathered to oppose the state's shelter-at-home regulations, blasting down the street to the tune of Bruce Springsteen's "Born in the U.S.A." That Springsteen anthem is a wily one: It sounds like an America First rabble-rouser, until you listen to the story it's telling.

We relish songs for our own reasons, even if no one song makes complete sense these days. We're all listening to whatever music fits, or dispels, the emotional turbulence. (If Sinatra were around, he'd have to record an album called "Songs for Swingin' Moods.") From my window, I see every sign of spring even though it snowed three inches the other day. Buds on the trees. Birds on the branches. Sun in the sky. Maybe Irving Berlin was right. If you've got the sun in the morning and the moon in the evening, is that all right enough? For a pandemic?

But the song that keeps coming back to me these days isn't by Berlin. This one popped into existence in the early 1950s, with a title that sounded like a gag and lyrics that did indeed start out as a jest. The melo-



RICH PEDRONCELLI/AP

To the tune of Bruce Springsteen's "Born in the USA," protesters calling for the end of California's stay-at-home orders pass near the state Capitol in Sacramento, Calif., on Monday.

dy, however, darkened the meaning and color of the words.

In April 2020, "Spring Can Really Hang You Up the Most" feels like the main title theme for a nation feeling its way through endlessly mutating versions of its new, uncertain self.

Fran Landesman wrote the lyrics, Tommy Wolf wrote the music. Landesman had already begun collaborating with Wolf, who played piano at the Crystal Palace, the St. Louis nightclub co-owned by Landesman's husband, Jay. One night Landesman began playing around with a satiric joke, pure and simple:

What if T.S. Eliot's famous line from his poem "The Waste Land," the one that went "April is the cruelest month / Mixing mem-

ory and desire," ended up as a 1950s hipster lament?

"I told this to piano player Tommy Wolf," Landesman later recalled on Terry Gross' "Fresh Air." "And he said: 'That would make a good song'... and he put this beautiful, beautiful music to it."

Landesman's lyrics are sung by someone who has "thrown (her) heart away each spring," falling in and out of love and someone's arms, romantic destination unknown. But the wear and tear have taken a toll. As the lyrics put it: "Spring this year has got me feeling / Like a horse that never left the post / I lie in my room / Staring up at the ceiling / Spring can really hang you up the most." Wolf's melody descends to such depths on the words "hang you up the most," it's like a dare to

the singer to get out of there alive.

Some of the greatest singers in jazz took the dare. The gorgeous Ella Fitzgerald version is nothing like the gorgeous Carmen McRae version, which is nothing like the Sarah Vaughan version (formidable vocals, orchestrations on the soupy side) or the straight, unembroidered interpretation by Chicago's own Irene Kral. Or Mark Murphy's swoops and dives.

It's really something, this song. Tribune music critic Howard Reich loves it as much as I do. "The way the melody takes a huge leap up — that's very aspirational, reaching for the stars, inevitably being pulled back down to earth," he said. "The shifts between major and minor, the

harmonic underpinnings, make you feel unconsciously unsettled. You don't know where you are. The ground underneath you is unsure. Spring's all about promise, and warmth, yet there's the thing tugging at us. That's the beauty of this song; it expresses the grief and the hope and the uncertainty we're all feeling."

As Ted Gioia wrote in "The Jazz Standards": "Wolf and Landesman created something here that rises above their ambitions for a hipster's ode to spring. It works as a dramatic monologue turned ballad... as well as a melancholy reverie that the pianist at the bar plays to an empty room before calling it quits for the night."

I first heard "Spring Can Really Hang You Up the

Most" in the 1983 romantic drama "Under Fire," when Gene Hackman sits at the piano and sings a few bars. "He's doing that on purpose," Joanna Cassidy says, sitting very close to Nick Nolte, knowing that her sometime lover is playing that particular song for strategic, heartsick reasons.

The title is kidding. The music isn't. Maybe that's why this unlikeliest of pandemic national anthems feels strangely in sync with our current national leadership. The song starts out as a comic diversion. Then, before long, it takes on the aura of tragedy.

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pointed to one of the big problems faced by summer arts organizations in these extraordinary circumstances: things have to start up now, with weeks of cleanup, staffing and rehearsals. Not only is that currently impossible due to stay-at-home orders and myriad other concerns, but there is no reliable information on when the situation may change.

"While our natural instinct entices us to entertain and uplift you during these difficult times," the theater told its patrons, "we must consider our future together and make difficult decisions so that when we do regather, we are all here together... with no one missing."

Patrons are being offered refunds, but the theater is hoping many will choose to turn their purchase into either a credit for the 2021 season or a donation.

Artistic director Greg Vinkler told the Tribune that the last time Peninsula Players closed its doors was between 1942 and 1944 "in order for company members and patrons to serve our country."

In Spring Green, Wisconsin, American Players Theatre, the premiere outdoor operation in the Midwest, is still hoping it can salvage the second half of its long season.

Spokesperson Sara Young said that the theater's strategy in the face of COVID-19 is to remain as flexible as possible. But American Players has taken all of its tickets off sale and says it will not start shows June 8, as planned.

As for what (if anything) APT will be doing this summer, that announcement won't be coming until May 15, Young says, at which time firm programming decisions will be made. However, she also said that even in the best-case scenario, APT is unlikely to be able to produce



DAVID HOU PHOTO

Members of the company perform in "Coriolanus," from the 2018 Stratford Festival of theater in Canada and one of the productions now available on streaming video.

anything until the beginning of August because of the amount of time it takes to ramp up operations and the extension of Gov. Tony Evers' stay-at-home order in Wisconsin through at least May 26.

APT generally programs shows in its beautiful outdoor theater all the way into October, so a total cancellation of its work would represent a severe and long-lived economic blow for the communities that surround the theater in Southwest Wisconsin.

Patrons wanting to support the theater are being asked to buy a "play pass" (\$30 to \$68, depending on the seating) that allows admission to a future unspecified performance in either the 2020 or 2021 season, a big leap of faith for the customer and a bet on APT fans' loyalty.

Down in St. Louis, the famed Muny, a massive outdoor summer theater that specializes in Broadway musicals, also is trying to delay its ultimate decision as long as possible.

In downstate Illinois, the Illinois Shakespeare Festival, which is affiliated with Illinois State University, has canceled its entire 2020 season in Bloomington-Normal. The festival, which also performed outdoors, says it hopes to present the same productions during the 2021 season.

In Michigan, there will be no summer shows at the Hope Summer Repertory Theatre, a 49-year-old

theater that never has canceled before. In theater-loving Saugatuck, the Saugatuck Center for the Arts already has canceled a planned June/July production of the musical "Kinky Boots" but has not made a decision on the shows that should follow later in the summer.

Finally, in Stratford, Ontario, the biggest summer operation in North America also is staring at a very different kind of season from the celebratory one it imagined, replete with the opening of a renovated theater.

The Stratford Festival of Canada has closed its buildings, suspended its rehearsals and canceled all of its performances through June 1, but it is likely to be a lot longer than that before a theater with 140 actors and a \$60 million Canadian-dollar budget returns to the small and precious town that depends on it for its livelihood.

In the meantime, and for a limited time for each title, Stratford fans can stream (for free) high-quality films of past productions at its theaters, many of which I have reviewed in far happier summers.

This particular, brutal year, such rare opportunities represent the only certainty.

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SHIRLEY KNIGHT 1936-2020

Oscar-nominated actress played a multitude of roles

BY LINDSEY BAHR
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Shirley Knight, the Kansas-born actress who was nominated for two Oscars early in her career and went on to play an astonishing variety of roles in movies, TV and the stage, has died. She was 83.

Knight died Wednesday at her daughter's home in San Marcos, Texas, according to her daughter Kaitlin Hopkins.

Knight's career carried her from Kansas to Hollywood and then to the New York theater and London and back to Hollywood. She was nominated for two Tonys, winning one. In recent years, she had a recurring role as Phyllis Van de Kamp (the mother-in-law of Marcia Cross' character) in the long-running ABC show "Desperate Housewives," gaining one of her many Emmy nominations.

Knight's first Academy Award nomination for best supporting actress came in just her second screen role, as an Oklahoman in love with a Jewish man in the 1960 film version of William Inges' play "The Dark at the Top of the Stairs."

She was nominated for best supporting actress two years later for her role as the woman seduced and abandoned by Paul Newman in the 1962 film "Sweet Bird of Youth," based on the Tennessee Williams play.

As success beckoned in 1960, she told columnist Hedda Hopper that she was struggling to keep on an even keel and keep bettering herself as an actress. "So many actors, once they became famous, lose some beautiful inner thing, something they should try hard to keep," she said. "They begin to think too highly of themselves and



CHARLES SYKES/INVISION 2012

Actress Shirley Knight died Wednesday at her daughter's home in Texas.

success."

For a time, she lived in New York, where she studied with Lee Strasberg. She turned down an offer to play Ophelia to Richard Burton's "Hamlet," preferring to appear on Broadway in 1964 with Geraldine Page and Kim Stanley in Anton Chekhov's "The Three Sisters," a play directed by Strasberg.

Her beauty helped bring her roles in such films as "The Group" (1966), based on Mary McCarthy's novel about the lives of a group of college girls, and "Dutchman" (1967), from Amiri Baraka's explosive one-act play about a middle-class black man and a sexually provocative white woman. After playing a pregnant woman who runs off with a football player in Francis Ford Coppola's "The Rain People," released in 1969, she wearied of the Hollywood routine, terming the studio bosses "blockheads."

Knight moved to England with her second husband, British playwright John Hopkins, with whom she had a daughter, Sophie. (Her first husband was producer Gene Persoff, father of her older daughter, Kaitlin.)

Over the next few years,

she raised her daughters and did needlework. But "I decided that acting is what I do best," she said. The family moved back to the U.S., and she returned to films in "Beyond the Poseidon Adventure." She also appeared in such films as "Endless Love" (as Brooke Shields' mother), "As Good as It Gets" (as Helen Hunt's mother) and "Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood."

Meanwhile, she thrived on stage and television. She won a Tony award in 1976 as best featured actress in a play for "Kennedy's Children."

She was nominated for another Tony in 1997 for best actress in Horton Foote's "The Young Man From Atlanta."

Knight became active in television starting in the 1980s and was nominated for Emmys eight times from 1981 to 2006. She won a guest actress Emmy in 1988 for playing Mel Harris' mother in "Thirtysomething," and then won two Emmys in the same year, 1995: one for a supporting actress role in the TV drama "Indictment: The McMartin Trial" and a second for a guest actress role as a murder victim in "NYPD Blue."

She was born Shirley Enola Knight on July 5, 1936, in the Kansas countryside, 10 miles from the town of Lyons. Her family was musical, and she learned to sing, tap-dance and play instruments.

She was the first in her family to enter college, winning a scholarship to a church college in Enid, Oklahoma, then moving to Wichita State University.

She aimed to become an opera singer, then switched to acting. She traveled west to study acting at the Pasadena Playhouse. Warner Bros. signed her to a contract.

WATCH THIS: FRIDAY



Kumail Nanjiani

“Stuber” (7:20 p.m., HBO): Director Michael Dowse’s 2019 buddy cop action comedy may have earned mixed reviews overall, but stars Kumail Nanjiani (“Silicon Valley”) and Dave Bautista (“Guardians of the Galaxy”) earned lots of critical love for the comedic odd-couple chemistry they bring to their respective roles as mild-mannered Uber driver Stu Prasad and his latest fare, hyper-intense Los Angeles Police Detective Vic Manning.

“HGTV Smart Home 2020” (6 p.m., HGTV): HGTV’s new “smart home” for this season is a cunning and attractive blend of industrial and Craftsman design that combines comfortable, classic styling with striking iron and metal accents to celebrate the rich history of its location city, Pittsburgh. Among its interior features are a cozy breakfast nook, and warm family dining room and a spacious chef’s kitchen that combines a playful mix of patterns and shapes. Viewers can enter an online contest to win the residence starting this week.

“Dateline: Secrets Uncovered” (7 p.m., 11 p.m., OXY): A new episode called “12 Minutes on Elm Street” visits the case of cousins Nick Brady and Haile Kifer, who were to all outward appearances inseparable best friends. To their family, certainly, the pair seemed like typical teenagers. Too late, their loved ones discover the cousins had a secret that would lead to tragedy. Craig Melvin is host.

“Double Indemnity” (7 p.m., TCM): A classic that set up an entire genre, director Billy Wilder’s 1944 drama established the idea of illicit lovers plotting a spouse’s murder. Barbara Stanwyck plays the greedy beauty who preys upon an insurance salesman’s (Fred MacMurray) weakness for her, thereby ensuring her husband’s demise. Edward G. Robinson also stars. The screenplay is by Wilder and mystery novelist Raymond Chandler, adapted from James M. Cain’s novel.

“Mama June: From Not to Hot” (8 p.m., 9:01 p.m., 10:01 p.m., 11:01 p.m., 1:01 a.m., 2:01 a.m., WE): In the new episode “Family Crisis: Mama’s Cry for Help,” Mama finally hits rock bottom and no longer can deny that she is in desperate need of professional help. Her family supports her getting treatment but things quickly spiral out of control, as usual. On another front, after her first day back at school, Alana acts out on social media and creates a disastrous scene that quickly goes viral.

TALK SHOWS

“The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon” (10:34 p.m., NBC): Pop band the Jonas Brothers; journalist Lester Holt; dancer Charli D’Amelio; Chvrches perform.*

“The Late Show With Stephen Colbert” (10:35 p.m., CBS): The comic interviews guests and introduces musical performances.*

“Jimmy Kimmel Live!” (11:05 p.m. 12:07 a.m., ABC): Celebrity guests and comedy skits.*

* Subject to change

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FRIDAY EVENING, APR. 24

		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	
BROADCAST	CBS	2	MacGyver: “Psy-Op & Cell & Merchant & Birds.” (N)	Magnum P.I.: “The Night Has Eyes.” (N) ©	Blue Bloods: “Hide in Plain Sight.” (N) ©			News (N) ♦	
	NBC	5	The Blacklist: “Nyle Hatcher.” (N) ©	Dateline NBC (N) ©				NBC 5 News (N) ♦	
	ABC	7	♦ (6) 2020 NFL Draft Interviews and highlights with the players selected in the second and third rounds by NFL teams. (N) (Live) ©						
	WGN	9	black-ish ©	black-ish ©	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	WGN News at Nine (N) (Live) ©		WGN News at Ten (N)
	Antenna	9.2	Alice ©	Alice ©	3’s Comp.	3’s Comp.	Johnny Carson ©		
	Court	9.3	Court TV Live (N) (Live) ©						
	PBS	11	Chi. Tonight: Washington Review (N)	Washington Week (N)	Check, Please!	Gun Violence (N)	Somewhere South: “It’s a Greens Thing.” (N) ©		Jazz (N) ♦
	CW	26.1	Penn & Teller: Fool Us		Whose Line	Whose Line	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©
	The U	26.2	Dr. Phil (N) ©		Tamron Hall (N) ©		Steve Wilkos Show (N)		Paternity
	MeTV	26.3	Andy Griffith Andy Griffith		Gomer Pyle	Green Acres	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett
	H&I	26.4	Star Trek ©		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek ♦
	Bounce	26.5	Brooklyn’s Finest (R,’09) ♦♦	Richard Gere, Don Cheadle. ©			Dead Presidents (R) ♦♦♦		
	FOX	32	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (N) (Live) ©				Fox 32 News (N)	Flannery Fired Up	Modern Family
	Ion	38	NCIS: Los Angeles ©	NCIS: Los Angeles ©	NCIS: Los Angeles ©	NCIS: Los Angeles ©	NCIS: LA ♦		NCIS: LA ♦
	TeleM	44	Cennet (N) ©		La Doña (N) ©		La reina del sur 2 (N)		Chicago (N)
MNT	50	Chicago P.D. ©		CSI: Miami: “Kill Clause.”		CSI: Miami ©		Chicago ♦	
UniMas	60	¿Qué culpa tiene (N)		Nosotr. (N)		Nosotr. (N)	Vas con todo ♦		
WJYS	62	Kenneth Cox Ministries		Joyce Meyer	Robison	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	
Univ	66	Te doy la vida (N)		Amor eterno (N)		Sin miedo a la verdad (N)		Noticias (N)	
CABLE	AE	Live PD: Rewind (N) ©		Live PD: “Live PD -- 04.24.20.” (N) (Live) ©		Live PD (N) ♦			
	AMC	♦ (6:30) Gran Torino (R,’08) ♦♦♦		Clint Eastwood. (SAP)		Friday (N)	Unforgiven (R,’92) ♦♦♦♦		
	ANIM	Deadliest Catch: The		Deadliest Catch: The		Deadliest Catch: The		Deadliest ♦	
	BBCA	♦ (6) The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers (PG-13,’02) ♦♦♦		Elijah Wood. ©		Norton (N) ♦			
	BET	We Belong Together (NR,’18)		Cassidy Fralin, Ross Fleming. ©		Martin ©	Martin ©		
	BIGTEN	Michigan Basketball		The Journey		The Journey		BTN in 60 ♦	
	BRAVO	Shahs of Sunset (N) ©		Shahs of Sunset (N) ©		Watch (N)	Fast & Furious ♦		
	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N)	Cuomo (N) ♦		
	COM	Tosh.0 ©		Tosh.0 ©		John Mulaney		Yankers	
	DISC	Gold Rush (N) ©				Last Frontier (N)		Aussie (N) ♦	
	DISN	Disney Family Singalong		High School Musical (NR,’06) ♦♦ ©		Raven		Just Roll ♦	
	EI	♦ (6) Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire ’05) ♦♦♦		(8:55) She’s All That (PG-13,’99) ♦♦♦					
	ESPN	♦ (6) 2020 NFL Draft (N) (Live)							
	ESPN2	30 for 30 ©		High School Basketball		Race ♦			
	FNC	Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News	
	FOOD	Diners, Drive Diners, Drive		Diners (N)		Diners, Drive Diners, Drive		Diners, Drive	
	FREE	Family Guy		Family Guy		Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (PG,’05) ♦♦♦ ©		700 Club (N)	
	FX	Maze Runner: The Death Cure (PG-13,’18) ♦♦		Dylan O’Brien. ©				Get Out (R) ♦	
	HALL	Christmas at Dollywood (NR,’19)		Niall Matter. ©		Tulips in Spring (NR,’16) © ♦			
	HGTV	Dream		Dream (N)		Dream (N)		Dream	
	HIST	Ancient Aliens ©		(8:02) Ancient Aliens		(9:05) Ancient Aliens ©		Aliens ♦	
	HLN	Death Row Stories ©		Death Row Stories ©		Forensic		Forensic	
	IFC	Two Men		Two Men		Two Men		Two Men	
	LIFE	King		King		King		King ♦	
	MSNBC	All in With (N)		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)	
	MTV	♦ (6:30) The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2 ♦♦				Ridiculous. Ridiculous.		Ridiculous.	
	NATGEO	Lockup: Boston		Lockup: Boston		Lockup: Cincinnati		Lockup ♦	
NBCSCH	Chicago Bulls Classic				World Poker Tour: Alpha8		White Sox ♦		
NICK	♦ Cloudy With Meatballs		Young Dylan SpongeBob		Friends ©		Friends ©		
OVATION	♦ (6) Overboard ’87) ♦♦		The Out-of-Towners (PG-13,’99) ♦♦		♦♦ Steve Martin.		First Wives ♦		
OWN	20/20 on OWN		48 Hours: Hard Evidence		48 Hours: Hard Evidence		20/20 ♦		
OXY	Dateline: Secrets (N)		Snapped: “Alaina Mercer.”		Snapped ©		Snapped ♦		
PARMT	Raiders of the Lost Ark (PG,’81) ♦♦♦♦		Harrison Ford. ©		Indiana Jones ♦				
SYFY	♦ (6) Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire ’05) ♦♦♦		(8:55) R.I.P.D. (PG-13,’13) ♦ © ♦						
TBS	♦ (5:30) San Andreas ♦♦		Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2 (PG-13,’17) ♦♦♦		Chris Pratt. ♦				
TCM	Double Indemnity (NR,’44) ♦♦♦♦		Fred MacMurray. ©		There’s Always Tomorrow ’56) ♦♦♦ ♦				
TLC	90 Day Fiancé: Before the 90 Days (N)				90 Day (N)		Self-Quarantined		
TLN	Dream Motel Your Bible		Lifestyle		The Three		Life Today		
TNT	Wonder Woman (PG-13,’17) ♦♦♦		Gal Gadot, Chris Pine. ©				Prayer		
TOON	Final Space Final Space		Burgers Rick, Morty		Amer. Dad		Amer. Dad		
TRAV	Paranormal Ca.		Paranormal Ca.		Paranormal Ca.		Paranorm. ♦		
TVL	Raymond Raymond		Raymond		Two Men		Two Men		
USA	♦ (6) Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire ’05) ♦♦♦				Mod Fam		Mod Fam		
VH1	RuPaul’s Drag Race (N) ©		RuPaul’s Drag Race (N) ©				Untucked (N)		
WE	Mama June- Not to Hot		Mama June (N)		Mama June- Not to Hot		Ma. June ♦		
WGN America	Last Man		Last Man		Last Man		Last Man		
PREMIUM	HBO	♦ (6:45) Run (7:20) Stuber (R,’19) ♦♦		Dave Bautista.		Real Time, Bill Maher (N)		We’re ♦	
	HBO2	Friend (Subtitled-English)		Spanglish (PG-13,’04) ♦♦		Adam Sandler. ©		How Lose ♦	
	MAX	Grudge Match (PG-13,’13) ♦♦		Robert De Niro.		(8:55) The Lucky Ones (R,’08) ♦♦♦			
	SHO	(7:15) Peppermint (R,’18) ♦		Jennifer Garner.		SCB30 ©		Boxing © ♦	
	STARZ	Vida ©		(7:36) Vida		(8:08) Vida (8:44) Vida: “Episode 4.”		(9:16) Vida	
STZENC	♦ (5:31) Funny People ♦♦		X-Men Origins: Wolverine (PG-13,’09) ♦♦ ©				Saturday ♦		

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Q: This is “Vida’s” final season, how did that decision happen?

A: I mean (long pause) I don’t have the how’s and why’s because I don’t really understand. I got a really kind, gentle phone call from the second-in-command at Starz at the time, who’s now at Apple, and he was like, “I have to tell you, we are picking you up for a third season but we’re only giving you six episodes and you have to make a plan for this to be your last season.” Basically the numbers weren’t there. I had so many plans — but then again, thank you for the six?

I mean, I was in a funk. And then I was in denial because I was like, “You know what? I can change their minds if I produce six masterpieces!” And then I got angry. I really went through all the phases of grief.

Q: Writing is such a solitary pursuit, so how has the quarantine been for you so far?

A: I’m doing OK — (coughs) sorry, that’s not corona — I’ve been meditating and feeding these squirrels, I’m obsessed with these squirrels in my backyard. So now everything in my life is about these squirrels.

For the first three weeks I felt so inadequate and guilty. The seed for a show or a play always starts when you’re alone, crafting it by yourself. So why the ... am I not writing? Why am I not creating? Why am I barren?

And other people are like, “Yeah, I’m gonna write!” My friend just did a 48 hour film project. And it has been so awkward to be like: I have nothing, I’m at zero.

I don’t understand it. I close my eyes and it’s dark — and it’s never dark, there’s always something — but nothing since March 13. So I’ve been having anxiety about that. I’ve been doing a lot of transcendental meditation, which is like “observe and accept,” and now I’m accepting it. But that’s still not yielding anything creative.

Q: You’re not alone in that, I’ve seen so many people express similar thoughts on social media. I think the uncertainty and fear can be paralyzing.

A: That’s what I feel like, creatively paralyzed. It’s nice to hear that other people are feeling this



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Tanya Saracho is the creator and showrunner of “Vida.” Before she branched out into television, Saracho was a longtime Chicago playwright.



STARZ

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because I’m surrounded by a bunch of people who are still working in writers rooms, who are straight up writing episodes. A friend of mine just got staffed on a new show. These are mostly streaming shows. I think what’s happening is, showrunners are banking scripts so that they’re ready when work starts again. Or (networks and streaming services) are buying stuff, just to stock up.

Although I don’t know how that’s going to work because space is at a premium here; when we all go back, there’s going to be a bottleneck of people who need

soundstage space and crews.

Q: Because you’re now the creator and showrunner of a TV series, are you at a different level in your career? Do you go back to being hired in someone else’s writers room — or do you think about your next step differently?

A: I might work on a friend’s show if they need me, or somebody that I’m close with. But for the most part I want a slate — meaning, I want my YA drama, my historical drama, my slate of shows. I won’t necessarily write all of them, but I’ll produce.

There’s not a Latina with a company, so I’m trying to form one — like an Ava DuVernay, like a Lena Waithe — but for that to happen, we have to be back at work.

There was no design for myself before “Vida.” I was going from job to job because there was always a plan to go back to Chicago — I didn’t let go of my apartment in Chicago until I had been in L.A. for three years.

Q: You’ve been developing a TV show set in Chicago called “Brujas,” about four Afro-Caribbean and Latinx women. I know the phrase “in development” doesn’t always mean a show will get made — where do things stand with that?

A: I don’t know, right now it’s paused.

“Vida” was my vida (life): I finished work on it March 12, that’s when I delivered the last mix of the episodes. Then March 13 I went into quarantine. And now this industry is at a standstill. Of course I have ideas and I want “Brujas” to come back so I can come home. My link to Chicago is strong. But the stars have to align and the COVID has to dissipate.

Q: When you start writing again, do you think you’ll want

to incorporate anything about the coronavirus experience into your work or will you avoid it altogether?

A: That’s such a big question that a lot of writers have been asking. I was watching an episode of “Vida” the other day and everybody kisses to say hello at this big warehouse party and I was like, “I will never be able to do that again as a showrunner.” Am I ever going to be able to do sex scenes again? This is a new world order.

This is Month 1 of this thing, it’s early days, and I have a feeling we’re going to be living it very fully for two years. But I’m thinking about it. The other day I went to CVS — I hadn’t left my house since March 18 — and I counted 17 people who were drinking iced coffee, just walking around in their shorts and not wearing masks and I was like, “It’s because of you that it’s going to take longer for us to get through this.”

Hopefully when you watch “Vida” it won’t feel dated when you see the closeness and people touching each other.

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BONUS PUZZLE PAGE

An extra array of word games, search, Jumble and other tests to help you pass the time at home

SUDOKU

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Level: **1** 2 3 4

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

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BOGGLE

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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INSTRUCTIONS: Find as many words as you can by linking letters up, down, side-to-side and diagonally, writing words on a blank sheet of paper. You may only use each letter box once within a single word. Play with a friend and compare word finds, crossing out common words.

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- 61-100 = Pro
- 31-60 = Gamer
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- 11-20 = Amateur
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Insert the missing letter to complete an eight-letter word reading clockwise or counterclockwise.

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WORD SEARCH

AN ACTOR'S LIFE FOR ME

Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, even diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.

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TV CROSSWORD

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Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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ACROSS

- 1 "Men ___ Certain Age"
- 4 "Full ___ Jacket"; Matthew Modine war film
- 9 Find a sum
- 12 Actor Wheaton
- 13 Sports building
- 14 And not
- 15 Actor Wallach
- 16 Of the kidneys
- 17 Large antelope
- 18 Eliminate insects from
- 20 Regions
- 22 "America's Got Talent" judge
- 26 Ring-shaped island
- 27 "Major ___"
- 28 Texter's giggle
- 29 Biol. or zool.
- 32 "The Postman Always Rings ___"; Jack Nicholson film
- 35 Harriet's hubby on a classic sitcom
- 39 "___ Acres"
- 40 "Sesame Street" character
- 42 ___ room; place for a pool table
- 43 Actor Lorenzo

DOWN

- 47 180 degrees from WSW
- 48 Bit of soot
- 49 Ralph's wife on "The Homeymooners"
- 50 Curry or Cusack
- 51 Wall and Easy; abbr.
- 52 Mae and Adam
- 53 "Bill ___ the Science Guy"
- 1 Had unpaid bills
- 2 "The Rockford ___"
- 3 Excuse
- 4 Actress Kidder
- 5 Prior to
- 6 "___ Days in the Valley"; recent Kyra Sedgwick series
- 7 Actress Ortiz
- 8 Legal series for Richard Dysart
- 9 Actress Lansbury
- 10 Trump or Sutherland
- 11 Actress Joanne & others
- 19 ___ Thurman
- 21 "The Hunt for ___ October"; Sean Connery film
- 23 Actor Nick
- 24 Chuckles or Bozo
- 25 Laurel's partner, familiarly
- 29 Most resentful
- 30 Prague residents
- 31 Suffix for vocal or vital
- 33 Glenn and Eric
- 34 Curvy letter
- 36 "Mothers-___"; Kaye Ballard sitcom
- 37 "The Deep End of the ___"; Michelle Pfeiffer film
- 38 Position for Fran Fine
- 39 "Mardi ___"; Pat Boone movie
- 41 Actress Russo
- 44 Tavern order
- 45 Prefix for placed or matched
- 46 "Sister ___"; film for Whoopi

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D	D	V	T	V	E	M	V	E	O	

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

KNOTE
O O O O O

FIRTD
O O O O O

SCEWHA
O O O O O

GOINGN
O O O O O

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

We are going to be full today. Lots on our agenda. Where would you like the cruise ship parked?

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Jumbles: TOKEN DRIFT CASHEW NOGGIN
Answer: The harbor master had a busy day scheduled, with several ships -- ON THE "DOCK-IT!"

ARROW WORDS

Fill in the grid using the clues provided in the direction of the arrows. When complete, unscramble the letters in the circles to reveal a mystery word.

Main artery	Italian island	Invitation initials	Blue-green shade	Allen of 'Raiders of the Lost Ark'	'The Taking of ___ 123'	Horse command	'Uh-huh'
Sluggish Sammy	Install a sidewalk	Tactical plan	Mail order book	Shelter	Cool, in old slang	A bit wet	Sweet substance
Jewish sect member	Step	Walk back and forth	Liquid sediment	Soft seat	'Ed Wood' Oscar winner	Sound boosters	Frenzy
Vampire slayers	Ski-lift type	Create with yarn	Soft seat	'Ed Wood' Oscar winner	Sound boosters	Frenzy	Sweet substance
Numbers game				Limb	June honoree	'A Chorus Line' song	
		Kermit, for one			Santa ___ CA		
Mata ___	Song syllable		Grammar class				

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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KIDNEWS FUN & GAMES

Transportation

A	E	S	U	B	S	P	A	C	E
I	N	Y	A	W	S	P	I	H	S
R	A	S	E	R	U	B	R	A	C
P	L	I	R	T	R	H	E	L	I
C	R	U	A	F	A	M	Y	A	C
S	P	N	L	U	S	T	H	C	O
H	I	I	U	N	U	E	I	T	P
T	R	A	C	I	B	N	X	A	T
S	U	B	Y	E	M	I	A	O	E
T	R	O	L	L	A	R	T	B	R

- Find all the words from the word list (ignore spaces and dashes, if any):
- | | |
|------------|------------|
| AIRPLANE | SUBWAY |
| BOAT | TAXI |
| BUS | TRAIN |
| CAR | TRAM |
| CRUISER | TROLLEYBUS |
| FUNICULAR | YACHT |
| HELICOPTER | |
| SHIP | |
| SPACESHIP | |
| SUBMARINE | |

Space Exploration

Help the rocket get to the moon.

ANSWER:

Find 10 differences

Horoscopes



Today's birthday (April 24): Expand your horizons this year. Discipline with your work leads to rising value and excellence. Revise shared budgets this summer, before muses inspire your creativity. Shift itineraries to avoid obstacles. Budget for reduced winter income before a shared venture blossoms into gold. You're learning valuable skills.

- Aries** (March 21-April 19): Today is a 9. Your past work speaks well for you. Dedicate your talents to a lucrative project. Fall into some good luck. You can get what you need.
- Taurus** (April 20-May 20): 8. Schedule time to indulge a personal passion. Relax and enjoy yourself. Take advantage of a lucky chance. You can take solid ground. Results satisfy.
- Gemini** (May 21-June 20): 7. Consider current circumstances from a spiritual perspective. Listen to your heart and align your plans toward what you love. Meditate on what's next.
- Cancer** (June 21-July 22): 8. Connect with friends and allies. Have patience with communications. Coordinate efforts to advance a shared cause. A long-desired prize is within reach.
- Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): 7. All is not as it appears at work. The truth isn't as expected. Stay calm despite changes or confusion. Revise plans. Find a lucky break.
- Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Study a subject of lasting interest. Read, discuss and write about a fascinating subject. Persuade with clear arguments. The truth gets revealed.
- Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 7. Work together to generate positive cash flow for shared accounts. Consistent efforts win. Coordinate your moves before making them. Strategize and organize plans.
- Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Change direction intuitively. Synchronize schedules with your partner. Support each other with a surprising development. Make sure that practical priorities get managed.
- Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Establishing efficient routines saves money, time and energy. Take extra care of your physical health and well-being despite challenges. Rest and good food work wonders.
- Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Use what you've kept hidden. Enjoy your special toys and games. Have fun with family and friends. Romance would be delightful.
- Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 7. Tend your garden. Manage domestic tasks and chores. Cook up something delicious and share it with the ones you love. Help others adjust to changes.
- Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. Take a leap of faith. Look at the situation from another vantage. Direct your passion toward solutions and communicational bridges.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater



Bliss



Bridge

East-West vulnerable, South deals

North		East	
♠ 85	♠ J73	♠ K42	♠ 1096
♥ 875	♥ KQ632	♥ 1096	♥ 9632
♣ 6	♣ AQJ10973	♣ 1094	♣ AK
♦ Q854	♦ AK2		♦ A
♦ QJ104	♦ AK		
♣ J875	♣ A		

North's three-club bid was natural and showed some values. Two no trump, instead, would have been a double negative, showing 0-3 points and fewer than three spades. This is a far more sensible approach, in our opinion, than using a three-club bid as a double negative. Some people object to this, saying that using a two no trump bid as a

second negative would wrong-side a potential no trump contract. This would be true if a player that opened two clubs and rebid in a suit wanted to play in three no trump opposite a terrible hand with no fit for his suit — a near impossibility.

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
2♣	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
6♣	All pass		

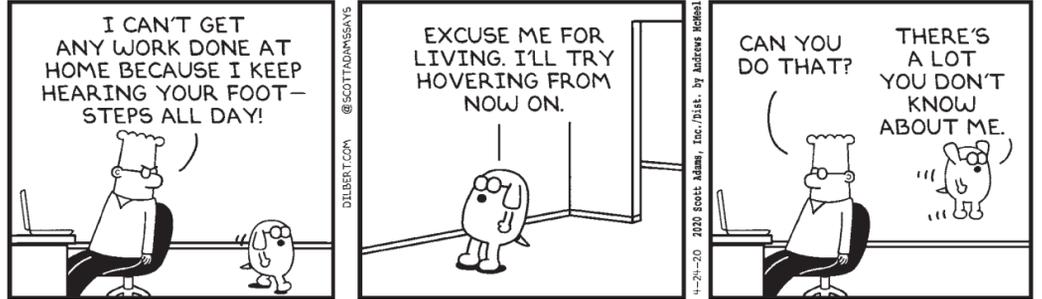
*Negative, 0-6 points
Opening lead: Queen of ♦

South won the opening diamond lead with his ace. A singleton king of spades would solve all his problems, but that was well against the odds. Dummy's eight of spades was intriguing, as it might become an entry to dummy if West held the king of spades. South, an imaginative player, also saw a route to success if West held a singleton six of spades.

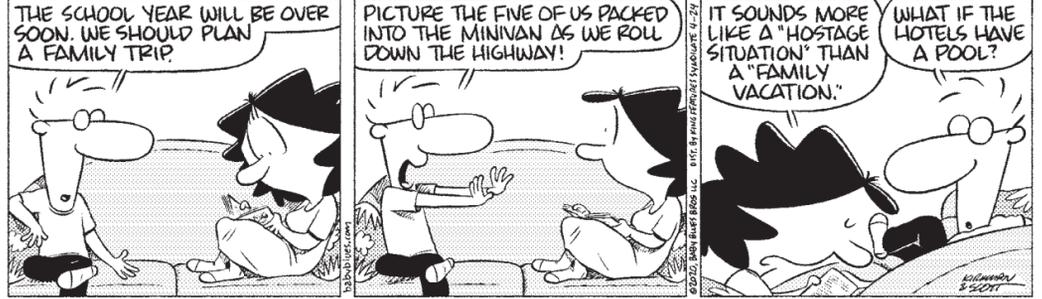
South cashed the ace of clubs at trick two and led the seven of spades from his hand. The appearance of the six from West ended the suspense. South overtook his seven with dummy's eight and East was helpless. Should East duck, South would be in dummy to take a discard on the king of clubs. East would then get fished out of his king for an overtrick. East won with the king and shifted to a heart, but South rose with his ace, crossed to dummy with the five of spades, and discarded his low heart on the king of clubs. A club ruff later, South drew trumps and claimed his contract. Well done!

— Bob Jones
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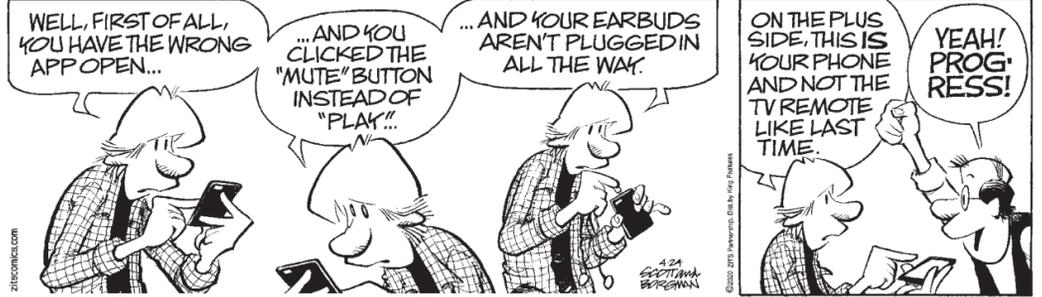
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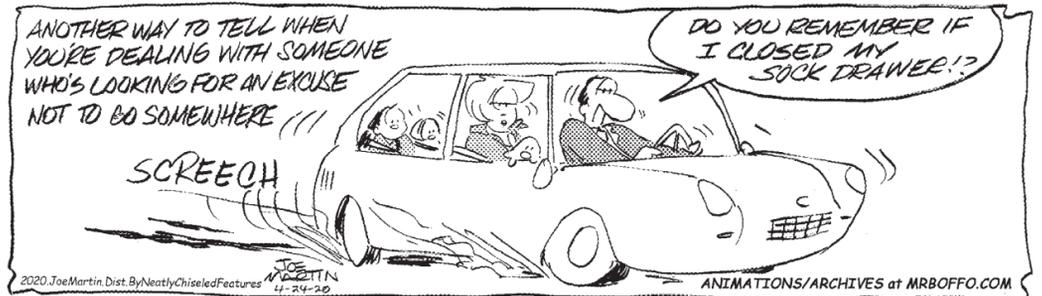
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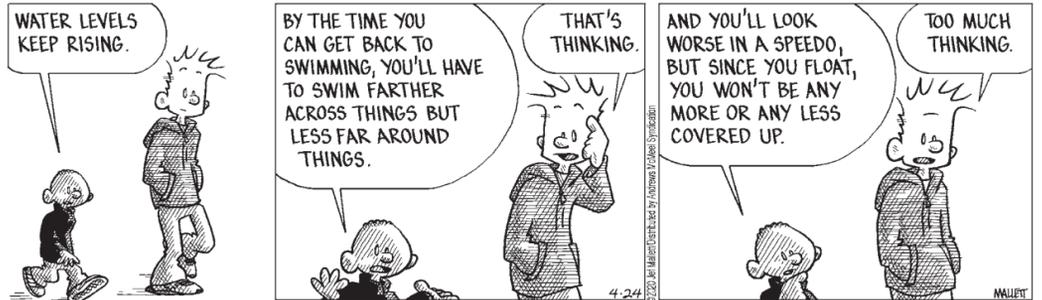
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Mr. Boffo



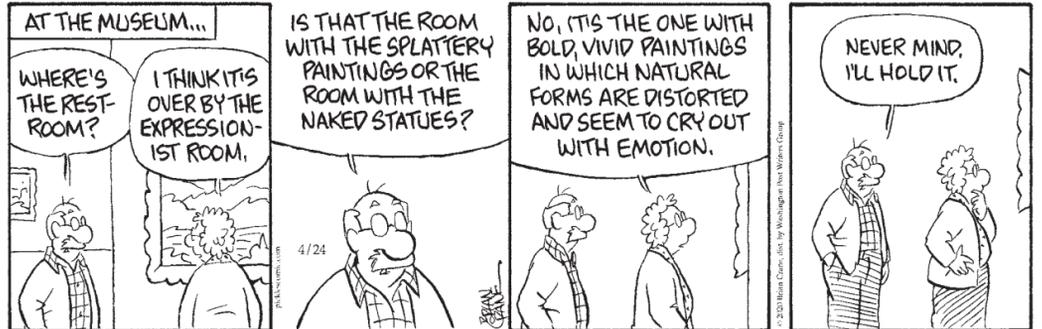
Frazz



Classic Peanuts



Pickles



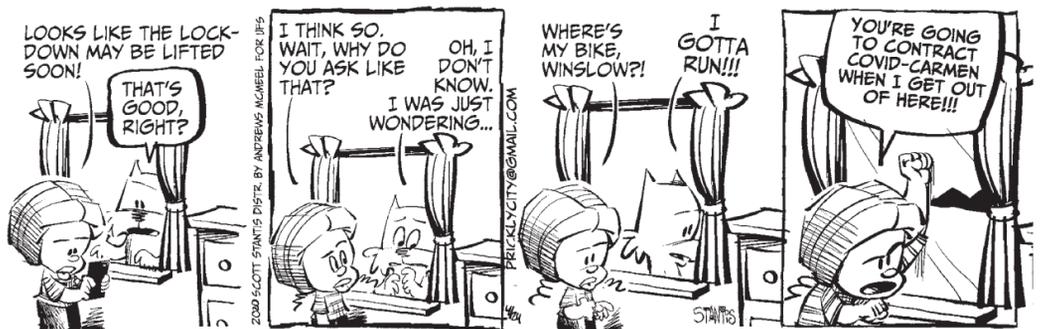
Dick Tracy



Animal Crackers



Prickly City



Dustin By Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker



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Blondie By Dean Young and John Marshall



Hägar the Horrible By Chris Browne



Mutts By Patrick McDonnell



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Sherman's Lagoon By Jim Toomey



Brewster Rockit: Space Guy! By Tim Rickard



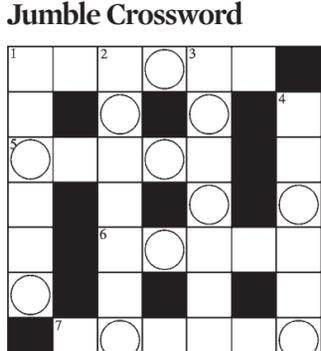
Broom-Hilda By Russell Myers



Trivia Bits

Which country's capital city is named for U.S. President James Monroe?
 A) Jamaica
 B) Liberia
 C) St. Kitts and Nevis
 D) Togo
 Thursday's answer: The almond-shaped amygdala is a part of the brain that governs emotion.

Jumble Crossword



CLUE ACROSS
 1. Flow, rush
 5. ___ donor
 6. Trunk
 7. ___ Hemingway

CLUE DOWN
 1. Weather map line
 2. ___ pilot
 3. Rattle
 4. HOLLOWED AREA

ANSWER
 FLIXUN
 AGNOR
 OROTS
 SREETN

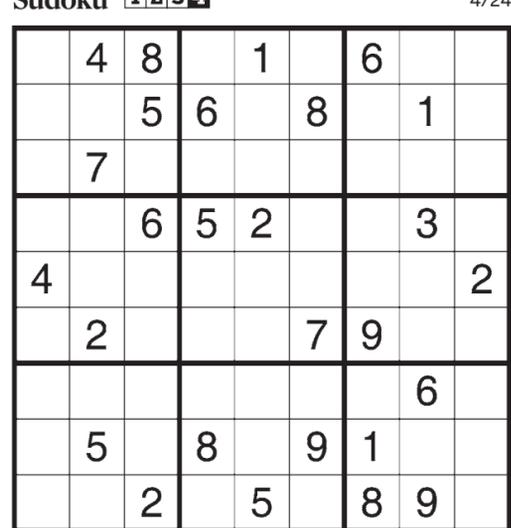
ANSWER
 BSOAIR
 GFRHTEI
 NRUNEVE
 GDUTUO

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 ○○○○○○ ○○○○○○

Sudoku 1 2 3 4

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

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

Thursday's solutions

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Jumble

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

HHCTU
 ○○○○○

SIHTO
 ○○○○○

LLDAYG
 ○○○○○

BRIFEB
 ○○○○○

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Answer here
 ○○○○○ ○○○○○○○○ ○○○

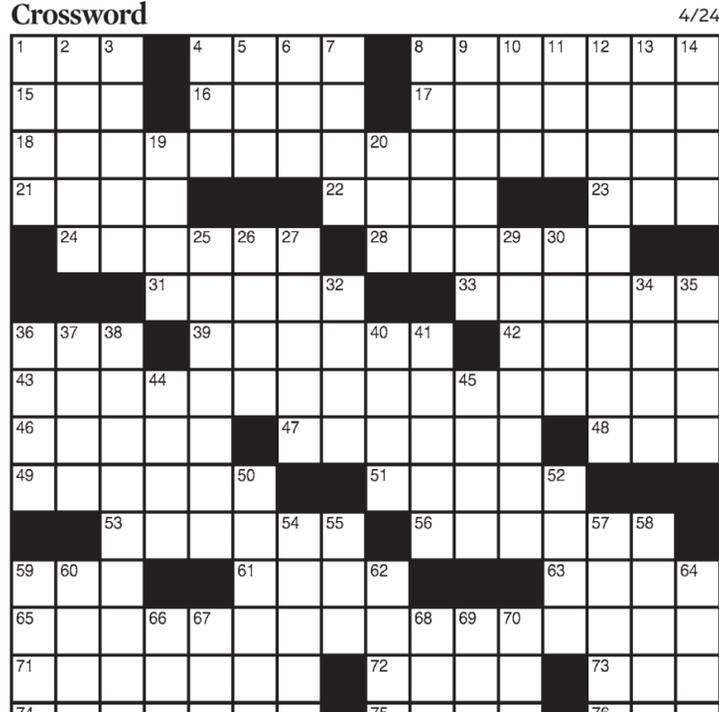
Thursday's answers

Jumbles: STYLE PROWL SUMMER FONDLY
 Answer: The horse didn't love the idea of being urged to speed up at the — SPUR OF THE MOMENT

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Crossword

4/24



Across
 1 35th pres.
 4 Smaller-than-life depiction
 8 Larger-than-life creations
 15 Spleen
 16 Hilo shindig
 17 Put into play
 18 "The Shape of Water" director
 21 Construction —
 22 Below 71-Across
 23 "Frontline" network
 24 What a pursuer seeks to narrow
 28 Evergreen shrubs
 31 Meat on a stick
 33 English "L'chaim!"
 36 Pack animal
 39 "Gimme the skinny!"
 42 Stiff
 43 Snapchat marketing expert, in modern lingo
 46 Northern Iraqis

Down
 47 Below 71-Across
 48 Virtual-city denizen
 49 ___ column
 51 Cabbage in a French café?
 53 Long trip
 56 Old tankard metal
 59 Suffix for but-
 61 Rolling rock?
 63 High pair
 65 "Watch your mouth!"
 71 Garden-variety, and a hint to what's hidden in 18-, 43- and 65-Across
 72 Below 71-Across
 73 In bygone days
 74 ___ status
 75 Ward with awards
 76 Explosive stuff

20 Cheer for a banderillero
25 Have one's chance to speak
26 Genesis victim
27 Conceals, in a way
29 Stylist's braid
30 Others, in Latin
32 French flag couleur
34 Island nation whose flag has a Union Jack on it
35 Dutch cheese
36 Seeks permission
37 Common stock option?
38 Bartleby, notably
40 "___ delighted!"
41 Hold higher, as a baby bottle
44 License fig.
45 Swiss river
50 Spanish soccer association that means "the league"
52 Command to Fido
54 Bench mallet
55 Christmas ___
57 Conspicuous display
58 Hold sway
59 Savage of "MythBusters"
60 Super star
62 Roadie's haul
64 Stain
66 Prefix with angle or athlete
67 Noir weapon
68 Fair-hiring initials
69 Co. that bought Netscape in 1999
70 Food service trade org.

Thursday's solution
 LAMB DAMP HALAS
 ALOE UBER ORATE
 PARACHUTE MCGEE
 DITCH SORHEAD
 HAIR PUBERTY
 TOSTITOS NOS
 OPPORTUNITY ADS
 GRAY EAR ALIT
 AYN ANNIVERSARY
 BRA LIMETREE
 INSURED NOHO
 SEIZESUP ENOLA
 LEEZA KINGMIDAS
 EDGER ESAU SIMI
 TIERS SAGS HEPA

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CHICAGO WEATHER CENTER

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FRIDAY, APRIL 24 NORMAL HIGH: 63° NORMAL LOW: 42° RECORD HIGH: 87° (1990) RECORD LOW: 29° (2014)

Extended period of rain begins Friday evening

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 52 **LOW** 41

■ Clouds thicken with an increasing chance of rain later in the day as high pressure moves off to the east and low pressure approaches from the west.

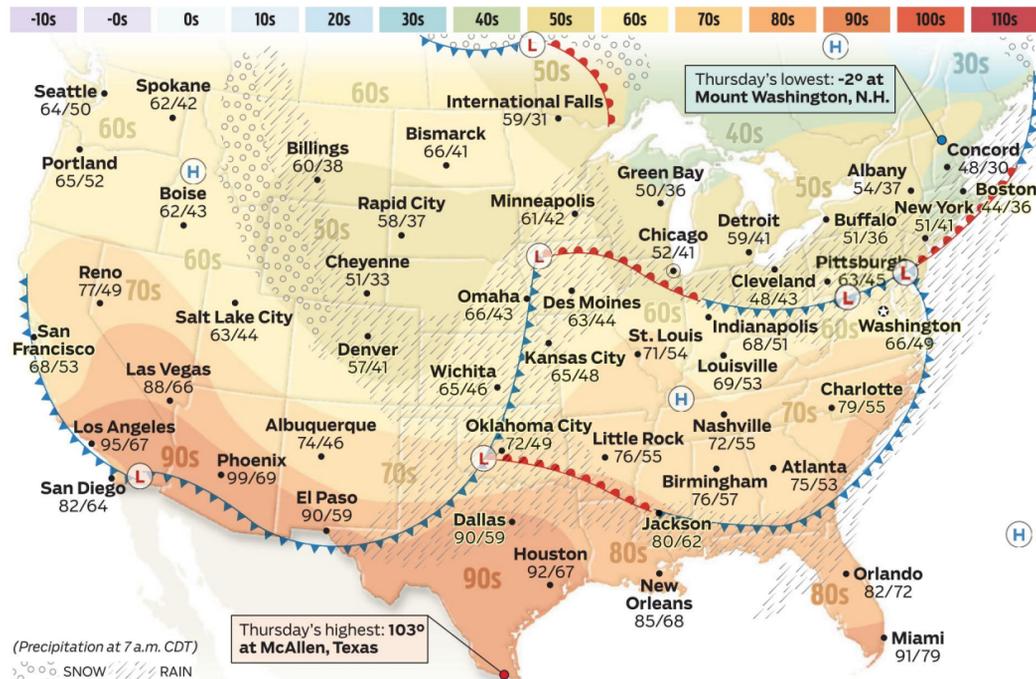
■ A few breaks in the clouds late morning/midday, otherwise mostly cloudy, cool with a chilling NE wind 10-20 mph.

■ Highs 50 to 55 with 40s along and just inland of the Lake Michigan shoreline.

■ Rain approaches from the west – reaching western portions before sunset and the immediate Chicago area early evening

■ Rain overnight.

NATIONAL FORECAST



Low pressure in the Central Plains will be approaching our area Friday with rain reaching western-most sections by late afternoon and spreading across the remainder of the Chicago area by early evening. A nearly continuous rainfall varying in intensity will cover NE Illinois into NW Indiana through Saturday, gradually ending from the west Saturday evening. By the time rain has ended, much of our area could have from 1-2 inches total rainfall for the approximate 24 hour period. East to NE winds will keep temps cool on the order of 10-15 degrees below normal Friday and Saturday.

High pressure moves into our area Sunday and then we go back to increasing cloudiness on Monday as another low pressure approaches from the west. Showers and t-storms are likely beginning Monday night.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

HIGH 46 **LOW** 42

Cloudy, windy with rain likely and continued unseasonably cool. Highs in the mid to upper 40s. Rain ending from the west overnight. NE winds 12-25 with gusts to 40; diminishing at night.

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

HIGH 56 **LOW** 36

Clouds early becoming partly sunny with highs in the middle 50s. Clear and chilly overnight with lows dropping into the 30s. Light winds shift to the south overnight.

MONDAY, APRIL 27

HIGH 61 **LOW** 47

Morning sunshine with slowly increasing cloud cover. Milder with highs 60-65. Showers and t-storms approach from the west late afternoon continuing over the area overnight. Southerly winds.

TUESDAY, APRIL 28

HIGH 67 **LOW** 47

Mostly cloudy and mild with showers or t-storms likely. Highs mid to upper 60s. A good chance of showers overnight. Gusty SW winds shift to the west late.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

HIGH 59 **LOW** 43

Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and turning cooler. Highs 55-60. Clouds and a slight chance of showers overnight. NW winds.

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

HIGH 60 **LOW** 43

Mostly sunny with highs around 60 degrees. Clear skies overnight. Light 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,
I have heard that heat fuels the weather, but in the oceans it was reversed. What does that mean?
Gladis Memfort

Dear Gladis,
Circulation patterns in the Earth's atmosphere and oceans are powered by energy that derives, ultimately, from the sun. The transfer of energy into the atmosphere and into the oceans occurs primarily at the Earth's surface. For the atmosphere, that is from *beneath*, and for the oceans that's from *above*. Sunlight warms the ground and the ground warms the atmosphere — from beneath.

Energy enters the oceans in three primary ways: sunlight warms the surface of the oceans, prevailing winds generate surface ocean currents, and polar cold chills surface water and causes it to sink (thereby initiating global water movements at great depth).

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asktomwhy@wgnv.com

Hear Demetrius
Ivory's weather updates weekdays 3 to 6 p.m. on WGN-AM 720 Chicago.

Severe storms rake south; windy, chilly storm arrives in Chicago

THURSDAY'S SEVERE WEATHER*

Parts of Alabama/Georgia hardest hit

- Severe Storm Watches
- Tornado Watches
- 11 tornado reports in south Georgia
- 1 tornado in western Florida
- 98 wind damage reports
- 18 large hail reports

*Through 8 P.M. CDT



SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

CHICAGO PRECIPITATION AREAL COVERAGE

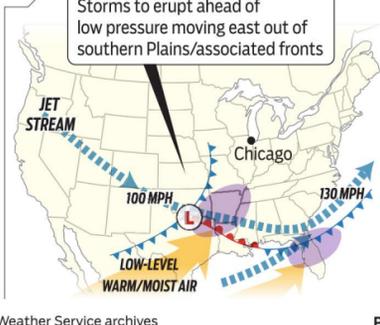
25% 80% 90% 50% 10%

FRIDAY FRI. NIGHT SATURDAY SAT. NIGHT SUNDAY

FRIDAY AFTERNOON AND EVENING

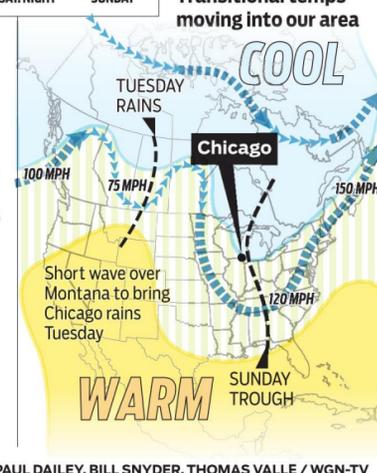
Storms expected to erupt

Risk of Severe Storms



CHICAGO ON EDGE OF COOL TEMPERATURES TO THE NORTH

Transitional temps moving into our area



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MIDWEST CITIES

FRI./SAT.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	pc	72	55	sh	58	44
Carbondale	pc	69	50	sh	56	39
Champaign	sh	70	50	sh	57	41
Decatur	sh	62	43	sh	60	37
Moline	sh	66	46	sh	57	38
Peoria	sh	68	47	sh	61	42
Quincy	sh	56	42	sh	54	36
Rockford	sh	72	50	sh	60	40
Springfield	sh	58	43	sh	56	36
Stirling	sh	69	52	sh	60	45
Indiana	pc	69	52	sh	60	45
Bloomington	pc	71	55	sh	62	47
Evansville	pc	63	47	sh	59	42
Marquette	pc	68	51	sh	62	44
Indianapolis	pc	70	53	sh	63	43
Lafayette	pc	62	47	sh	53	41
South Bend	pc	62	47	sh	53	41
Wisconsin	cl	50	36	cl	53	36
Green Bay	sh	47	39	sh	45	37
Kenosha	sh	55	41	sh	62	40
La Crosse	sh	52	40	sh	56	35
Madison	sh	45	39	sh	46	37
Milwaukee	sh	55	39	sh	46	37
Wausau	sh	55	36	sh	59	34
Michigan	pc	59	41	sh	55	42
Detroit	sh	54	40	sh	48	39
Grand Rapids	sh	53	39	sh	46	31
Marquette	sh	53	32	sh	53	35
St. Ste. Marie	sh	52	34	sh	52	35
Traverse City	sh	52	34	sh	53	35
Iowa	sh	60	41	sh	64	42
Ames	sh	56	41	sh	61	38
Cedar Rapids	sh	54	39	sh	65	44
Des Moines	sh	54	39	sh	60	37
Dubuque	sh	54	39	sh	60	37

OTHER U.S. CITIES

FRI./SAT.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Albany	su	87	53	pc	76	52
Albuquerque	su	74	46	su	77	50
Amarillo	pc	71	41	pc	70	45
Anchorage	pc	49	35	pc	49	30
Asheville	pc	68	49	ts	67	49
Aspen	pc	59	32	pc	53	35
Atlanta	pc	75	53	pc	77	53
Atlantic City	su	57	43	sh	55	48
Austin	su	58	43	sh	57	49
Baltimore	pc	60	48	cl	63	50
Billings	pc	60	38	pc	68	46
Birmingham	pc	76	57	pc	73	51
Bismarck	cl	66	41	pc	61	38
Boise	cl	62	43	cl	73	48
Boston	rs	44	36	pc	53	41
Brownsville	pc	96	74	pc	87	72
Buffalo	cl	51	36	cl	60	41
Butte	pc	57	37	sh	60	39
Charlotte	pc	79	55	ts	77	55
Charlottesville	pc	78	62	pc	74	65
Charlottesville	sh	64	47	sh	66	52
Chattanooga	sh	74	54	ts	72	50
Chicago	pc	53	33	pc	57	37
Cincinnati	pc	68	49	sh	66	48
Cleveland	sh	48	33	sh	58	46
Colorado Spgs	pc	57	37	sh	60	39
Columbia MO	ts	69	49	sh	62	44
Columbia SC	pc	81	56	pc	83	61
Columbus	pc	66	46	sh	64	46
Concord	sh	48	30	sh	63	37
Corpus Christi	su	72	50	su	84	66
Dallas	su	90	59	su	78	56
Daytona Bch.	ts	78	67	ts	86	68
Denver	pc	57	41	pc	62	44
Duluth	sh	51	34	sh	46	35
El Paso	su	90	59	su	82	64
Fairbanks	su	39	18	su	40	19
Fargo	pc	63	40	sh	59	40
Flagstaff	su	71	37	su	73	40
Fort Myers	cl	89	76	ts	87	76
Fort Smith	ts	77	54	pc	71	47
Fresno	su	88	60	pc	91	61
Grand Junc.	pc	60	40	pc	69	46
Great Falls	pc	58	36	pc	66	45
Harrisburg	rs	58	45	cl	64	47
Hartford	rs	47	35	pc	64	47
Helena	pc	60	36	pc	68	43
Honolulu	cl	83	71	pc	82	70
Houston	su	92	67	su	86	62
Int'l Falls	pc	59	31	pc	59	35
Jackson	su	86	66	su	92	65
Jacksonville	ts	79	69	pc	90	70
Janeau	sh	47	39	sh	51	40
Kansas City	rs	65	48	pc	67	46
Kiaomi	su	91	79	ts	89	77
Las Vegas	su	86	68	pc	86	66
Lexington	cl	64	50	ts	65	48
Lincoln	sh	67	42	ts	69	40
Little Rock	ts	76	55	pc	71	50
Los Angeles	su	95	67	su	92	65
Louisville	pc	69	53	ts	65	48
Macon	pc	80	53	pc	83	55
Memphis	pc	76	59	sh	69	50
Miami	su	86	66	su	92	65
Minneapolis	sh	61	42	pc	64	41
Mobile	su	83	66	su	86	62
Montgomery	su	79	56	pc	81	55
Nashville	pc	62	46	sh	65	50
New Orleans	su	86	68	pc	86	66
New York	rs	51	41	pc	61	47
Norfolk	pc	79	51	cl	63	53
Ola, Okla.	sh	72	49	sh	71	49
Okla. City	sh	66	43	ts	67	43
Orlando	ts	82	72	ts	87	72
Palm Beach	pc	95	76	ts	88	75
Palm Springs	su	102	75	su	104	74
Philadelphia	su	52	42	pc	63	47
Phoenix	su	99	69	su	101	70
Pittsburgh	sh	63	45	sh	65	50
Portland, ME	sh	45	34	pc	54	38
Portland, OR	sh	65	52	pc	64	42
Providence	rs	46	35	pc	62	39
Raleigh	pc	80	54	pc	73	57
Reno	pc	77	49	pc	62	37
Richmond	ts	76	49	cl	66	53
Rochester	sh	49	34	pc	56	41
Salem, Ore.	sh	63	50	pc	62	40
Salt Lake City	pc	63	44	pc	69	54
San Antonio	su	98	63	su	94	66
San Diego	su	82	64	su	79	62
San Francisco	pc	64	50	pc	61	46
San Juan	pc	85	76	pc	86	75
Santa Fe	su	68	40	su	71	42
Savannah	pc	84	60	ts	83	62
St. Louis	ts	71	54	rs	59	44
Tucson	pc	83	58	pc	76	54
Tulsa	su	55	36	pc	61	45
Tallahassee	ts	85	63	pc	89	61
Tampa	ts	81	72	ts	84	73
Topeka	pc	63	46	pc	68	51
Turkey	su	95	62	su	98	64
Tulsa	su	74	52	pc	65	51
Washington	ts	66	49	cl	65	51
Wichita	ts	65	46	pc	72	46
Wilkes Barre	rs					