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— Minna Antrim

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As part of the Chicago Archdiocese's Renew My Church campaign, the Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Ravenswood is at risk of being shut down.

Historic Ravenswood church may face closure

PHOTOS AND STORY
BY PETER VON BUOL

For more than a century, Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 1601 W. Leland Ave. has served the Roman Catholic community in Ravenswood, but its future recently became uncertain.

As part of the Chicago Archdiocese's Renew My Church campaign, Our Lady of Lourdes has been included in a group of nearby parishes which also in-

cludes St. Mary of the Lake, 4200 N. Sheridan Rd., St. Benedict, 2215 W. Irving Park Rd. and St. Andrew Parish, 3546 N. Paulina St.

Designed by the prominent Chicago architectural firm of Worthmann and Steinbach, the church was originally built in 1916. Dozens of the churches and homes designed by the architectural firm have been recognized by the city of Chicago on its Architectural Resources Survey. The building

was originally located across the street, and was later moved across the street to the west side of Ashland Ave.

The church honors Our Lady of Lourdes, an honorific title bestowed upon the mother of Jesus Christ. In 1858, Bernadette Soubirousa, a young teenager who lived near Lourdes, France, began seeing visions of a person who appeared to be Mary. Despite

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Loyola to welcome more students in the Spring

BY BOB KITSOS

In addressing the health of students, faculty and staff, Loyola Univ. shuttered dorms and most classes were held online. However, as Leo Tolstoy said, "Spring is the time of plans and projects" and that's just what the university is doing.

Loyola recently announced its plans for the spring semester that will include an increased number of classes on campuses, modifications to the spring break schedule and offering more students the opportunity to live on campus.

President Jo Ann Rooney and other school officials announced in an Oct. 28 e-mail that the university expects up to 10% of its undergraduate courses will be offered on-campus as well as offering some additional graduate and professional classes. "We will offer all on-campus courses in dual mode (also called hybrid-flexible) to give students more options for

attending spring sessions in the classroom or participating online," according to the announcement.

Instead of one traditional week-long spring break in March, there will be two individual breaks that will run from Feb. 10 through Feb. 14 and March 6 through March 10. The start and end dates of the spring semester remain unchanged. Classes then will resume March 15 and end April 30.

A reduced number of students will be permitted to return to residence halls this Spring. The university will house students in single-occupancy units. Where available, those students will have access to a private bathroom and on-suite-style units (no more than two students will share one bathroom). Priority will be given to first-year students who held an active housing contract as of Aug. 6.

The university's announcement also stated, "The university will



For the spring term, Loyola will welcome a reduced number of students back to its residence halls. As a result of the need for social distancing, the university will house students in single-occupancy units.

continue to communicate transparently; encourage our students, faculty and staff to follow best practices; take all appropriate actions in the unlikely event of potential violations and address surges in transmission among our community.

Northwestern and DePaul universities also have recently announced modified plans for students to return to campus and attend in-person classes.

Four questioned in murder of Jhonny Guamán during Uptown robbery

BY CWBCHICAGO

Four people, including at least one juvenile are being questioned about the fatal shooting of Jhonny Guamán, 20, during an apparent robbery attempt as Guamán walked from work in Uptown on Oct. 29, according to a source.

No charges have been filed in this case, and a Chicago Police Dept. spokesman declined to confirm the information officially.

The suspects are believed to be responsible for a series of other crimes over the past few weeks, including an armed carjacking in the Loop on Oct. 13.

Investigators suspect Guamán was shot when he struggled for control of his property with two offenders who got out of a Jeep and approached him with a fire-



Jhonny Guamán

arm as he walked in the 900 block of W. Belle Plaine around 2 p.m., the source said.

Guamán fought back, and one of the robbers — believed to be a juvenile — shot him in the

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Bid to honor fallen police K9s and horses

BY SHEILA SWANN

It started with giant cows, then we had even bigger horses, followed by tall dogs, and now, finally, it's the tabletop dogs, more suitable for today's home living.

Yes, the painted K9s we enjoyed viewing on the streets of Chicago in 2017 now come in a more practical size, and the funds raised by their sale do just as much good.

The Chicago Police Memorial Foundation [CPMF] is holding an online auction, starting noon Thursday, that will pay tribute to the K9s and horse who have died after performing their duties as service animals within the Chicago Police Dept.

Proceeds raised from the auction will fund the new K9 & Equine Plaza, which will be located just north of the water wall at the Gold Star Families Memo-



K9 mini #31 up for auction.

rial and Park just east of Soldier Field. The horses and K9s are considered police officers too, and Foundation officials aim to have the plaza fully designed, installed and dedicated by late Summer 2021.

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Rogers Park robberies

Police are warning residents of Rogers Park to be aware of recent robberies where the offender(s) approached the victim, grabbed the victim's arm, took them to the ground and took their property.

Incidents include one on the 6200 block of N. Califor-

nia Ave. 8:45 p.m. Oct. 10; the 6300 block of N. Francisco Ave. 8:45 p.m. Oct. 18, and on the 6300 block of N. Fairfield Ave. 1 a.m. Oct. 28.

The offenders are described as male(s), Hispanic, 20-30 years old, 5'-5" to 5'-7" tall.



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Say a prayer for a Yale grad, and rediscover human worth and achievement



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

One of Chicago's great moments from back in 1979 is the visit of Pope John Paul II.

I was working for ABC as a commentator for the million plus Mass held in Grant Park, pre-Millennium Park, pre-Maggie Daley Park.

Actually, pre-Mayor Richard M. Daley.

My instructions for that Autumnal October papal visit was to be at the ABC platform site very early on the day. I still can remember the crunchy leafy smell of the park and that cold Lake Michigan fragrance that the lake gets as the water temperature lowers.

A Chicago hustle-bustle grinding was working overtime along the balmy lakefront then, and a nervous, 1970s excitement settled over Grant Park long in advance of the Polish pope's arrival.

He was bunking with Cardinal Cody at the Cardinal's mansion at the south end of Lincoln Park. Tens of thousands filled the streets around the Gold Coast's N. State Pkwy. Cody was chest-thumping proud of his most fabled houseguest. I recall the pope sang a tune from the roof of the house's portico.

Excitement on a grand scale was in the air, literally, it was like the whole city stayed up all night.

I got to the ABC news platform while it was still dark and had to climb up a ladder to reach the platform with the cameras. It was a big climb. After a stunning papal-worthy sunrise, essential workers were arriving at their posts. It was chilly but there was a promise that warm air was scheduled to arrive in advance of the pope.

That may have been Mayor Jane Byrne's most extraordinary

accomplishment for that October. A warm day of Chicago sunshine. An ironic accomplishment for someone who, even she would admit, wasn't much of a sunshine girl.

I got to the news platform first. Alone, I sat quiet in a lakefront solitude trying to imagine what was about to unfold.

I sat still in a folding chair and waited for others to arrive. I had scant information about whom we awaited. It was hard for me to get my head around the spectacular birds-eye-view that the news platform permitted. Even before any multitude arrived.

The first newsman to arrive was veteran ABC political reporter Hugh Hill. He had a superb, old-fashioned Chicago reputation. Right out of central casting. To this day I cannot recall how he scaled the ladder of the platform. Hill was a two-fisted reporter who loved to stick his nose under the tent. Surely he'd grappled his way through many a tough assignment so this was a cakewalk for him.

He was glib and full of a swashbuckling reporter's 2¢ on every issue you could imagine. Right or wrong. And just the right politically tested bluster for the occasion. His curiosity was demonstrated with hundreds of little human points of information and clarification about what the pope does, what the pope eats, or how the pope finds living outside of Poland.

But the man of the hour, as far as I was concerned, arrived on our platform with little ceremony, but plenty of authority: ABC newsman Joel Daly.

Of course, Hill reminded me right away that Daly was also a lawyer. As if that somehow made him less trustworthy or believable. Such was the educational divide among reporters.

Daly arrived ready to work and poetically describing the dawn surrounding the lakefront. I figured dawn must be when Hill would usually be just arriving back home after researching a story. But for the more sensitive Daly, it was a display of rare elan. One that set him apart as a thinking man's reporter.



John Paul II arrives at Grant Park, October 1979.

What else could you expect from a graduate of Yale?

I told him he was an old friend at our family home, that my Irish grandmother, Nora O'Connor, looked upon him as an old acquaintance. I told him a few stories to reinforce her discerning tastes, and her suspicions of most newsies. But, I said, he and Fahey Flynn, the longtime ABC Chicago anchor, held a special place of honor in my grandmother's prayers.

He kind of lit up, saying he could use all the added help he could get with heaven.

I say that because that tells you really how the long day of ancient prayers and hymns went with the pope. A million and a half people spread out before us, reaching to the ends of Grant Park.

Since Daly and Hill were frequently the running-on-the-ground reporters at the scene, they appreciated my stories of going to the Catholic Univ. in Poland, and all the opportunities we had, then, of meeting the pope-to-be when he was in Krakow.

Both of these reporters were charmers and well placed within Chicago's pantheon of local celebs. Daly of course would go on to several more decades of anchoring on ABC thanks to his achievement as a well-trusted and well-liked personality.

It was a pretty calm day 40 years ago in Grant Park. That is, until Communion time when the Catholic Mayor of Chicago decided that she would put herself in the papal line and go up

to receive Communion from John Paul II, himself.

One nod from her wild Irish head and the Chicago Police permitted her freedom of the realm, or at least Grant Park.

As police held back some of the pre-selected worshippers, the Mayor glided up to the papal altar. Devout. Humble. But, most certainly, in charge. It was a delightful Chicago moment of muscle to witness. And not lost on the political perceptions of Daly or Hill. I was glad the pope got a real taste of Chicago. As well as a street renamed for him.



Joel Daly

That moment is what seized my head and my heart when I heard the sad news that Daly

had died this past week at 86. He and I always spoke and had a kind word for each other after our papal bonding in the park. I always appreciated his work and his achievements. Especially the pride he took in being a member of the Chicago Bar Assoc. A reporter's lawyer. He took a small delight in my work at City Hall and the opportunity it provided me with scoops and inside stories.

Joel Daly will be missed. As a reporter, an anchor and as a savvy Chicagoan. The ultimate achievement of his career.

The pandemic is the devil's work. Lately, it has kept us from the proper presence and appropriate expressions of mourning and grief. We are, too often, prevented from having the right opportunity and ability to salute those whose humanity helped us to find a little

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more of our own. Ultimately, after the election, it is that which will make our nation great again. And will make our representatives respected again and our offers of friendship, nation to nation, trusted again.

It's only when we help others discover more richly their own human worth and human achievement that we find the real treasure of our own worth. Whether that's in a classroom, a pulpit or a kitchen.

Or on television.

Say a prayer for Joel Daly. And John Paul II. And Jane Byrne. And Hugh Hill. There's more than enough grace to go around. And say a prayer that we won't forget too much. Remembering is half the fun.

GOLD COAST NEWS: A scaled down version has appeared of the 29-story high-rise to go up on the Barnes and Noble site at State and Elm streets in possibly the most insane municipal over-kill project ever. It takes a pandemic to sneak in such ill-conceived plans. Chicagoans should be in the streets with pitchforks. Twenty-nine stories on that corner is mind boggling and heart-breaking. No wonder Bistro Zinc left town. **Ald. "No-show" Riley,** is this your doing? Or is it **Alderman "I'm Sitting Out the O'Brien/Fox Election" Hopkins?** Will all automobiles be banned from State St.? Where are the mobs of terrified citizens? And people thought a "pot shop" would wreck the neighborhood? What a joke.

EMINENCE: Cardinal-designate **Wilton Gregory** enduring an avalanche of Chicago love

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How sweet it is

New bakeries open despite pandemic woes



Heart of the 'Hood

by Felicia Dechter

You gotta hand it to Ernesto Luthje, who in the midst of the pandemic recently opened an adorable and mighty-tasty new bakery, Brick and Cake, at 2009 W. Roscoe St. in Roscoe Village.

And in Lincoln Park, Maison Parisienne hosted the grand opening of its second location Oct. 10, at 2564 N. Clark St. This is the same cuisine française that many locals have come to love in Lakeview, at 3307 N. Clark St., made by the same team, and led by Eris Erkoca.

While thousands of other businesses, sadly, have had to close their doors, it took an incredible amount of guts for Luthje to open his. Once you taste his goodies though, you'll surely be back for more. So hopefully, Brick and Cake will not only survive, but thrive.

My daughter works nearby, and one day she brought home the most mouth-watering, light and fluffy cupcakes, chocolate and peanut butter flavors. Where did you get these, I asked. When she said at a new bakery, I knew I had to stop in and not only see what else it had to offer, but also meet the person who had the courage to open shop during these crazy and unpredictable times.

There, I met Luthje, who is originally from the Dominican Republic. Eight years ago, he transplanted to Miami and spent six years there before heading to Nashville for a year. He then came to Chicago a year ago -- with the dream of a sweet life.

Here, Luthje landed jobs as a



Ernesto Luthje of Brick and Cake, 2009 W. Roscoe St., baking up heirloom recipes and savory Pastelitos.

food and beverage manager for Marriott and then as an assistant banquets manager for Loews Hotel. "There were no banquets though," said Luthje. "I lost my job."

Luthje is a man of faith, so when he found himself with no job and no money, he prayed. Luckily, he was not a man without a skill, thanks to his maternal grandmother, Germania.

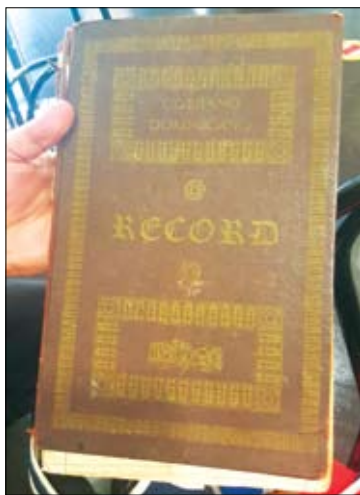
Germania was a baker, and she loved to cook. In her younger days, she had created the most beautiful wedding cakes. She and her grandson had bonded over baking the cakes and desserts he loved. In her house in the Dominican Republic, the pair had even started a little home business.

"I used to bake my grandma's recipes," said Luthje. "She let us use her living room in the Dominican Republic and said, 'Put your display there in front of the street.' I built up a business for five years."

When Germania died, Luthje headed to the United States. It was while here that, "I had a dream her Dominican Republic house burned and she told me to go to the house and, 'Grab what I leave you from the house.' The only thing left in the dream was her cookbook."

Luthje remembered how he used to watch Germania reading her vintage cookbook, filled with 65 years of her hand-written

recipes. It included, among many other things, the amazing, chock-full-of-goodness carrot cake that Brick and Cake sells. After his dream, Luthje had his mother UPS the cookbook to the U.S.



Luthje's grandmother's cookbook from the Dominican Republic.

He used his grandmother's recipes during this pandemic time and had been working from home baking, which helped open Brick and Cake. The name, he said, is symbolic of what it took for him to get the bakery up and running.

"Everything in my life was step-by-step," said Luthje. "I have to put one brick and then another. You have to start from something."

So thanks to the fact that his landlord, Larry Walter, is renting him the place for half price (even though Walter apparently had

a better \$ offer), Luthje is now truly living the American Dream. Today, he is serving his grandmother's hearty recipes that have withstood the test of time but he also bakes the most delish Pastelitos, which are like round empanadas with a Latin flavor. The feta and spinach was fabulous but also offered are chicken, ham and cheese, beef, and pizza and pepperoni.

"I feel it in my heart this is going to need a bigger space in the future," said Luthje, who gets to the bakery by 5 a.m. and doesn't leave until around 6:30, 7 p.m. "I think God brought me here for a reason and I'm gonna show the people..."

What he'll definitely show us is not only that he has wonderful baked goods, but he can also show off his great decorating job. Luthje has created a cheery, colorful, feel-good spot. It's a fun and welcome addition during these dark and dreary days, one that neighbors already seem to be appreciating.

"Everybody is so nice, so friendly," Luthje said. "It's like they know me -- from I don't know where."

He said he hopes to spread some goodwill in the community soon and have little ones in to decorate cupcakes.

"I love kids," said Luthje. "There's a space for everybody. Everybody can come."

I admire Luthje for having the gumption to do what he has done and wish him all the best. Thus far, his new job is bringing him lots of happiness, he said.

"Everything in your life doesn't have to be money," said Luthje. "It has to be joy."

Meanwhile down on Clark St., Erkoca's customers are now treated to fresh-baked pastries, creamy quiches and scrumptious sandwiches paired with a full espresso bar. He uses sacred recipes that originated in Paris. "We bring the same authentic taste to Chicago, thanks to our European butter, artisan unbleached flour and French chocolate," says Erkoca, who spent a year building out the new Lincoln Park shop.

Few of us today can jet off to Paris to enjoy authentic French pastries, or try grannie's goods now that she's gone... you know, the real thing. The next best option is to come to Brick and Cake and Maison Parisienne to find authentic baked goods, like Pastelitos, croissants, baguettes, macarons, sandwiches, quiche Lorraine or croque-monsieur.

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New online bookstore benefits local businesses

A new website was launched this year to support independent bookstores in the United States.

More than half a dozen neighborhood bookstores have signed up to participate, including The Book Cellar, 4736-38 N. Lincoln Ave.; Bucket O' Blood Books and Records, 3182 N. Elston Ave.; Heirloom Books, 6239 N. Clark St.; Uncharted Books, 2620 N. Milwaukee Ave.; Volumes, 1474 N. Milwaukee Ave.; Semicolon Bookstore, 515 N. Halsted St.; and after-words bookstore, 23 E. Illinois St.

People who use bookshop.org to order items from any of the bookstores listed will be contributing to the continued existence

of those businesses, as affiliates receive a percentage of the sale price.

"As more and more people buy their books online, we wanted to create an easy, convenient way for you to get your books and support bookstores at the same time," the website said in a press release. "We hope (we) can help strengthen the fragile ecosystem and margins around bookselling and keep local bookstores an integral part of our culture and communities."

Individuals without internet access at home may also visit the local bookstores in person to receive help placing an online order noon to 7 p.m. daily. For more information visit bookshop.org.

Meeting examines threatening legal issues for gig-workers, freelancers

Independent contractors in Chicago could be facing big challenges because of California's AB5 law – a law that forced thousands of freelancers out of part time gig work, and which has now spurred similar legislative action in other states and in Congress, in the form of the Federal PRO Act (Protecting the Right to Organize Act of 2019/HR2474).

The PRO Act passed in the House in February and awaits Senate ruling. Should it become law, it can affect "right to work" laws and freelancers of all stripes nationwide.

The Independent Writers of Chicago is hosting a virtual meeting 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10 with a presentation by Lawyers for

the Creative Arts, who will discuss such legislation and its potential consequences.

Issues to be covered will include how will such laws affect individuals to freely make a living, and the flexibility to work for private clients? What will be the disadvantages if Chicago or Illinois adopts such laws in Illinois? How will people legally establish themselves as independent contractors and if forming a business entity, such as a corporation or LLC, how can accomplish that?

The meeting is free to members but \$10 for non-members. For more information visit www.iwoc.org, then click "Upcoming Events."

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from friends, relatives, classmates and strangers from across the zip code on the soon to be conferred Red Hat at St. Peter's, Rome (Nov. 28), while the memories of a lifetime of service shape his humble acceptance of the new honor. His fab sisters must be ecstatic.

JAZZ CHICAGO STYLE: Tom McDonald, Mike Jeffers and Meg Steele at Epiphany Arts Center on S. Ashland Ave. glad to be photographing live music again. Chicago based tenor sax legend, Frank Catalano performed at the stunning new Epiphany Center for the Arts in a sold out appearance. Owners, David Chase and his wife Kimberly have created an amazing complex of performance and event spaces on the campus of this historic church. Chicago Jazz Magazine's Mike Jeffers curating a great lineup of shows.

ENLIGHTENMENT AND DECORATION: The esteemed architect and interior designer, David Easton, 83, died Oct. 29. A friend of Bunky Cushing's, Easton was gracious and generous. He will be missed.

HAUTE DOG LOS ANGELES: Leave it to canine wonderwoman Bobbi Panter to assemble Chicago's society creme de la creme out in Los Angeles for another Haute Dog extravaganza at the Skirball Center. Sherrill Bodine, Irene Michaels, Heath-



Betty and Floyd Brown.



Averill Leviton, Sherrill Bodine, Cookie Cohen, Roni Siegel and Susan Gohl at The Peninsula Chicago.



John Walcher

er Jane Johnston, Sally Jo Morris Pfaff, Sherry Abrahams, Tina Weller and Ann-Marie Streibich all made it out to California for the celebrity jammed doggie-do. What a night. Was there any bubbly left?

LOVE TRIUMPHANT: The treasured voice of WGN radio for many years, Floyd Brown and wife of 65 years, Betty Brown, celebrating that special wedding anniversary with the good wishes of Chicago fans everywhere.

AMERICANBOOKSTORE: One of the nation's most beloved bookstores is facing a collapse. The Strand, so important as New York's last great bookstore. We need to support such stores both in Chicago and afar. I am going tomorrow to order some books. Please, we can't let the store die. On Oct. 23, the Strand Book

Store announced that its year-over-year revenues have dropped nearly 70%, and that the business is turning to the crowd for assistance. If you are a book person, a reader, a collector, a mad library builder, please order some books. Make America Read Again. Let's help sustain the bookstore. It's a treasure of our American culture.

NEW RESTAURANT: Chef Oliver Poilevey will be opening a new restaurant in early November. Taqueria Chingon will be a collaboration between Chef Marcos Ascencio (Ivy Room Chicago, Bar Lupo), Chef Sotero Gallegos (La Sardine, LaFontaine) and Poilevey. Tacqueria Chingon - 2236 N. Western Ave.

INDIANA U. CROWD: Alum Dan Balanoff with Ty Rhoad, Nathan Burchfield, Megan Collins, Adam Schlesinger and Jon Shaye at Hopsmith Tavern, Chicago for BIG football.

SAFE AND SOUND: Good news for her Chicago friends. Gina Nincovitch texted she is safe while caught in the earthquake and tsunami in Izmir Province, Turkey.

WHO'S WHERE: Documentary producer Michael Dolan in LA, playing piano in a Universal Studio sound stage, well that's one off the bucket list... Maria Pappas front and center at Polish Mass at Holy Trinity Church Division St. and the JFK for Polish Heritage Month celebration... the three musketeers, Candace Jordan, Charles Jordan and Chicago Film Festival legend Michael Kutza out on the town... glamor guys, Mark Olley and hubby Jim Ellsworth getting some Calamigos Ranch Malibu celebrating a landmark anniversary, time flies when your having fun... Julia Jacobs catching up with Eileen Howard-Weinberg, one of her very 'You are a very special' peo-

ple, finding great joy being together at Ralph Lauren Bar & Grill... chanteuse Barb Bailey and Dina Cherin pulling their chariot up to Chicago Cut Steakhouse and surprising Jeanae Paul with a fabulous birthday celebration... Sherry Abrahams, Heather Jane Johnston, Sheree, Schimmer Valukas with Rhonda J Liesenfelt at Marchesa... Maestro Rich Daniels with birthday boy Dean Rolando "working those tutus" in the most celebratory photo Rich could find to commemorate Dean's 70 years on the planet, keep on dancing... the Kitty Cats, Sherry Lea Fox, Frances Renk and MJ Savard meowing at Gibson's Bar & Steakhouse... The Hickey Clan gathering to celebrate papa Jim Hickey's 93rd birthday with Laura, Lynn, Paul and Alan.

CHICAGO ARTIST: Peter Axelsen, Ralph Lauren Bar & Grill's most favorite server is also a gifted Chicago painter with two MFAs from the Univ. of Iowa, but that's no surprise to anyone who has seen his work, especially "Magic Lilies," exhibited in a Chicago show a few years back. So gifted.

SAD NEWS: Gene & Georgetti Steakhouse announced they are closing their doors in Rosemont. Not good news. We've heard rumors of more steakhouse blues coming around the bend.

ARTIST TO WATCH: Robert Rhodes, a Lancaster, PA, artist presents his latest work, "Quarantine," an oil on canvas. Well done.

R.I.P.: Marge Champion, 97, the dance model for Disney's "Snow White" back in 1937, as well as the Blue Fairy in "Pinocchio" and the hippo in "Fantasia." Longtime celebrity wife of dancer/producer Gower Champion. They were often the face of early

television in 1950s.

THE GRADUATE EVANSTON: Stephanie Leese Emrich opening the doors on the Graduate Evanston, a fresh hotel new to the college town scene. Every detail is wonderfully tasteful with purpose and whimsical in places with Eric C. Smith, general manager (personality-plus), Neelima Kondragunta (elegant and thoughtful) plus enormous, genuine smiles from doorman Hoover to Ms. B. at guest reception.

PRENTICE HOSPITAL: Handsome celebrity auctioneer John Walcher raising funds for the future of women's healthcare through "Friends of Prentice" and their first ever virtual gala: "Still Together, At Home." Support for this important work is growing and encourages Executive Director, Kristen Elizabeth Field. It's time to dedicate dollars to medical research, especially for women. If you feel inspired to give, visit www.classy.org/fundraiser/2818379.

CHI-TOWN FAVORITES: Jim and Nancy O'Shea, newsies in retirement, are enjoying beautiful 80-degree days in Cary, NC. Perfect for a walk on the Symphony Lake Greenway. Nancy's mom likes her spiffy wheelchair and family gets their major share of attention.

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Supporting our neighbors: Residents of The Clare commit to dining local

The Clare's location in Chicago's famed Gold Coast neighborhood has been a significant benefit for residents since the building opened in 2008.

Inside The Clare, luxurious amenities and high-end apartments provide residents with an unparalleled living experience. Step outside, and they have access to some of Chicago's best shops, restaurants, entertainment, and more, all within walking distance.

Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic has affected far more than the way The Clare operates. It has also had a tremendous impact on neighborhood businesses, which residents have come to love and cherish.

Restaurants, in particular, saw three times the job losses of any other industry just two months into the pandemic, according to Forbes. Now, they must contend with limited dine-in capacities, a struggle especially as Chicago winter approaches and outdoor seating becomes even more sparing.

That's why residents of The Clare find it more important than ever to step up and support their favorite locales.

"When we move to The Clare, we hope to be here for many years," resident Betsy Kennedy says. "And hopefully, if we support our local businesses, they'll still be here as we age."

Betsy's go-to restaurants in the neighborhood are Bistronomic, a contemporary French Bistro; and Mozzarella Store, a Neapolitan pizzeria and café. When the weather allows, she eats out about once a week, made possible by outdoor patio seating and proper precautions at both locations.



Providing local restaurants with business is as important for The Clare as it is for the restaurants themselves.

"The service at these places is outstanding," Betsy says. "And I always feel safe and comfortable."

Residents Mark and Sally Schwartz also frequent Bistronomic regularly, so when the lockdown took effect in March and restaurants were forced to suspend in-person dining, they pledged their continuous support of the restaurant.

"When they began takeout, we ordered once a week from their yummy three-course family meals," Sally says. "Laurence, the kind wife of Chef Martial Noguier, personally delivered our food to the Front Desk."

Mild Chicago weather throughout the fall permitted Mark and Sally to walk the couple blocks to dine outside at Bistronomic as restrictions loosened slightly. However things unfold moving forward, the couple will keep incorporating the restaurant into their weekly meal plans.

"We expect to continue to support Bistronomic through this winter, even if we have to go back to takeout," Sally says.

Resident Chris Lyon ventured back into the neighborhood, as well, stopping at



RL Chicago after a leisurely walk to sip a glass of wine and read a good book or shopping for her own groceries at Potash Market rather than ordering them for delivery. She also met friends for dinner at the restaurants on Rush Street, where the road is closed to cars and bikers to expand the dining venues' seating capacities.

"It's almost like being in Europe," Chris says.

For Chris, supporting the shops and restaurants that surround The Clare is her contribution to keeping them in the neighborhood.

"Walking around and seeing how many places are boarded up, I get concerned some of those businesses will never come back," Chris says.

Residents Pat and Cliff Terry feel similarly, which is why they have frequented many local restaurants for dine-in, pickup and delivery. They're very careful when making plans, checking that the restaurants offer seating that is properly spaced out and always wearing masks. So far, they've enjoyed meals at Tempo, Bistronomic, LYFE Kitchen, and the dining options at Sofitel, as well as takeout orders from 3rd Coast Café. They also celebrated their anniversary at NoMI, which they say was very accommodating of current protocols.

As residents have made clear, providing these restaurants with business is as important for The Clare as it is for the restaurants themselves.

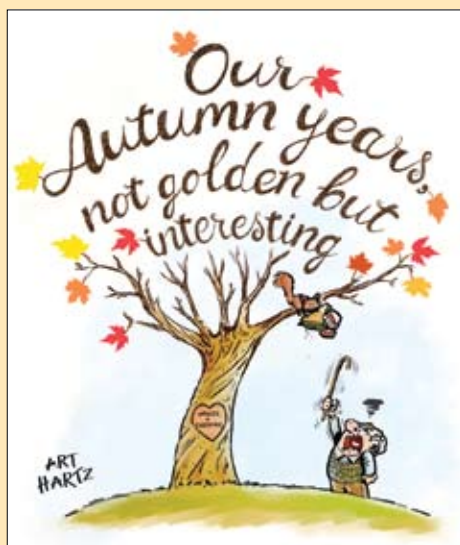
"We picked The Clare because of all the things to do in the neighborhood," Pat says. "Our support of these businesses is critical, not only for their income but for maintaining the vibrancy of the neighborhood."

Cartoons from the front lines of the battle against aging

Older people often face a medical profession that lacks patience, young people who lack tolerance and families who patronize them. Not funny, right? But what if the elderly "do not go gentle into that good night" and instead come out swinging? That's what the feisty elderly people do in the droll new book of cartoons and aphorisms, "Our Autumn Years: Not Golden but Interesting," by Arthur Hartz.

Hartz, a retired professional medical researcher and active hobby anthropologist who observes quaint customs in primitive cultures, such as the one you live in, shows that the way older people cope with challenges is often funny and always fascinating.

Drawing on the skills of top cartoonists, one cartoon features an elderly patient directing a "bullsh** meter" at his doctor while on the examination table and says, "Now I have a test for you." Other cartoons in "Our Autumn Years" show an old lady telling her friend, "I want to live as long as I find myself interesting," and an old man whose young grandson struggles to walk in step with him. A cartoon showing an old, wise man on the top of a mountain advis-



ing a young seeker, "Enjoy sex and avoid people who make you feel bad," will also get laughs.

This insightful, spirited and compassionate humor book, featuring illustrations by Aleksandar Jovic, Heroud Ramos and Mike Wolfe, also makes a great gift, which can be purchased at www.amazon.com/Our-Autumn-Years-interesting-Cartoons-ebook/.



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Police Beat...

More paintball attacks reported in Loop, Streeterville

A series of paintball gun attacks in the Loop and Streeterville left one man with bruises and swelling but no serious injuries. The incidents are part of a citywide pattern of similar drive-by paintball shootings that began in October.

We reported earlier this month that paintball shootings are rising as the attacks appear in viral videos. A similar wave of incidents was reported around this time last year.

The Oct. 28 shootings downtown were reported in quick succession beginning around 10:20 p.m. when a 33-year-old man was targeted as he walked on Illinois St. near McClurg Ct., according to Chicago police.

The man said he suddenly realized he was being "struck all over [his] body by paintballs," police said. He reported bruising and swelling to his left hand but refused medical attention. He did not see who fired the paintballs.

Within the next 20 minutes, two more paintball shootings were reported in the Loop. Workers said four men fired paintballs at them from a black Nissan near Monroe and State streets. Around the same time, another person reported being shot by paintballs fired from a passing car near the Chicago Theatre, 175 N. State.

In recent days, dozens of paintball attacks have been reported across the city. At least two CTA drivers have been struck while driving buses, according to police reports.

Most of the victims report no injuries or minor injuries. But a 29-year-old man was not so lucky in the Loop last month. He was struck in the right eye by paintballs fired at him from a car on the 700 block of S. Michigan around 12:30 a.m. Sept. 10. The shooters also struck another man who was with him, but that victim was hit in the chest and did not have any injuries, police said at the time.

Man shot, friend arrested in Edgewater

A suspect is in custody after he allegedly shot his own friend in Edgewater Oct. 30. The victim is expected to be OK.

According to court records, the victim and the shooter have twice been arrested together for separate alleged crimes in the Edgewater area since summertime. In September, they were arrested after police allegedly caught them breaking into an Edgewater apartment building together — for the second time.

The shooting victim, age 49, walked into Weiss Hospital around 1 a.m. for treatment of a gunshot wound to his right foot. He told police the shooting took place on the 1000 block of W. Argyle around 12:30 a.m.

According to the victim, he got into an altercation with the offender who then pulled out a handgun and fired three shots, striking him once in the right foot.

Police searched the area for the gunman and took him into custody a short time later. Officers recovered a handgun from the suspect, police said. Two shell casings were found at the shooting scene.

The two men are free on bail after being charged with burglary, theft, and other charges for a pair of

residential burglaries they allegedly committed together in Edgewater earlier this year.

Bogus parking attendants eyed in series of Loop auto thefts

Police are warning about a series of auto thefts from Loop parking lots over the past month — including at least one in which the offender posed as a lot attendant. All of the thefts have taken place on parking lots in the 800 and 900 blocks of S. Wabash.

Last week we reported an auto thief wore a reflective safety vest and posed as a parking lot attendant to steal a 42-year-old woman's car from a lot in the 900 block of S. Wabash around 8 a.m. on Oct. 21.

The man told the woman where to park, instructed her to leave her keys in the car, and then apparently stole the 2008 silver Nissan Armada while she attended to business nearby, a police spokesperson said.

Now, police say six other cars have been stolen or damaged while parked on that lot or another one that's nearby. Sometimes, the vehicles remain on the lot, but items are missing from inside, police said.

Cases were reported on lots in the 800 block of S. Wabash on Sept. 25, between Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, twice between Oct. 6 and Oct. 7, and once on October 8. In addition to the previously-mentioned case, another incident was reported on the 900 block of S. Wabash between Oct. 8 and 9.

The phony lot attendant was a Black male in his early- to mid-30's who wore black dress pants, black dress shoes, a black and white winter cap, and a neon yellow-green safety vest, police said.

So-called roving "attendants" are more likely to be scammers, police said. Genuine lot employees are more likely to stay in a parking booth than walk around the property.

Police encouraged drivers to closely examine parking lot signs that explain payment arrangements and fees.

Oak Park man shot while sitting in car in Uptown

A 46-year-old Oak Park man is in fair condition after someone shot him in the Uptown neighborhood Oct. 27.

According to Chicago police and a witness, the victim was sitting in his BMW on the 4600 block of N. Winthrop when a gunman opened fire on him from a nearby sidewalk. An ambulance transported him to Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center with a gunshot wound to his right thigh.

A witness reported seeing the gunman run southbound on Winthrop after the shooting. They said the shooter is a Black male in a gray hoodie who stands 5'-9" to 6'-1" tall.

Online records show the victim is an amateur photographer who works in corporate information technology. He is the 15th person to be shot in Uptown this year. The neighborhood had 14 shooting victims in all of 2019.

Girlfriends pulled off string of bank heists across Chicago

Two women who are in a romantic relationship also worked together as partners to rob six banks around Chicago — but a heist in North Center last week would be their last, according to a federal criminal complaint.

Violet Greco, 20, and 29-year-old Glenesha Currie were arrested in Elkhart County, IN, about four hours after their last robbery. A Chicago Police Dept. helicopter shadowed them by following pings from a GPS tracking device that investigators placed on the couple's car one day earlier.

In a federal complaint, Chicago Police Detective Robert Bridges said the robbery of PNC Bank at 4201 N. Lincoln on Oct. 20 was similar to five others reported in the city and suburbs since mid-August.



Violet Greco Glenesha Currie

Each robbery was carried out by a Black female of Currie's size who filled out a deposit slip before approaching tellers with a hold-up note, Bridges said. The robber's note said she had a gun, but no weapon was seen in any of the hold-ups. According to Bridges, the same vehicle was also used in each crime, and another person drove the car on four occasions.

Police tried to pull the vehicle over after last week's robbery in North Center, but the driver sped away and crossed into Indiana, where the car finally stopped at a service station in Elkhart. Greco was allegedly driving the car, which is registered in her name. She and Currie were taken into custody.

The women started their crime spree on August 13 when Currie donned a construction vest as she collected \$647 from a bank teller in suburban Summit after handing over a note that said, "Hi. Smile. I have a gun. Give me all the money," Bridges said. Surveillance video showed the robber get out of a car that appears to be Greco's, according to the complaint.

Other bank robberies were undertaken on Aug. 28, Sept. 11 and on Sept. 17.

According to Bridges, CPD surveillance cameras tracked the robbers' getaway car for a distance. They captured footage of someone who looks a lot like Greco getting out of the car to manipulate its license plate after the hold-up.

But cops' big break came on Oct. 7 after the pair allegedly robbed a TCF Bank in Brighton Park. Chicago cops tracked the getaway car on CPD's surveillance camera network and eventually captured the vehicle's license plate number. It came back to Greco, Bridges said.

That night, police saw Greco and Currie getting out of the car near the Englewood apartment they shared. A few days later, police planted a secret video camera near the couple's home to record their comings-and-goings. A few days after that, a federal judge authorized installing a tracking device on Greco's car. Police planted it on the morning of Oct. 19, Bridges said.

The next day, the couple drove to North Center, and Currie walked into the PNC bank.

"Do not press alarm. I have a gun. I need \$30,000," said a note that she allegedly passed to a teller.

CPD cameras again tracked the getaway car, and an FBI task force began monitoring the GPS tracker hidden on the vehicle. Cops tried to pull the car over in the New City neighborhood, but the driver sped away, and someone threw a green jacket out of the car, Bridges said. Police terminated the ground pursuit due to safety concerns.

But the tracker was still working, and investigators used its information and the CPD helicopter to follow the car to Elkhart, where the couple was taken into custody. Greco was arrested at the service station. Investigators found Currie at a nearby motel.

Bridges said Greco admitted to being the getaway driver, and she said Currie was the one who went into the banks to carry out the robberies. She also admitted that the green jacket she threw out of the car was the same one Currie wore during the North Center hold-up.

At the Elkhart police station, Greco saw Currie in the hallway and told in-

vestigators they were in a romantic relationship.

Two more robberies reported in Lakeview, area muggings up 143%

Two more people have been mugged in Lakeview as the local police district reports a triple-digit robbery increase during October compared to last year.

Most recently, a woman told police that a man that she thought was a jogger grabbed her purse and ran away in the 300 block of W. Wellington around 7:45 p.m. Oct. 28. The offender, described only as a tall man wearing a face mask, fled southbound.

On Oct. 27, a man reported that an offender robbed him in the 3800 block of N. Pine Grove around 10:45 p.m. and then used his debit card at a nearby bank and businesses. He said the robber was a stocky Black male who stood about 5'-10" tall and wore a black puffy coat with dark blue Air Jordans.

The Town Hall 19th Police District reported seeing a 250% increase in robberies in the week beginning October 19 compared to the same week last year. There were 14 muggings compared to four in 2019. Robbery reports are up 143% in October compared to the same time last year.

Motor vehicle thefts are also spiking in the district this month, up 112% with 36 cases compared to 17 during the same period last year. Theft reports are also climbing in October but at a lesser pace.

"Knuckleheads" charged with 10-day robbery spree in Lakeview, Uptown



Alexis Crutcher Davon McCoy

A man and woman are charged with carrying out a 10-day robbery spree that stretched from Uptown to Lakeview to Hyde Park before cops caught up with them last week.

Prosecutors on Sunday said Alexis Crutcher, 21, Davon McCoy, 20, and unknown co-offenders used McCoy's car to ride around the city and were recorded on multiple gas stations' surveillance cameras as they used victims' credit cards after the hold-ups.

The string of robberies began with two incidents in Lakeview on Oct. 19.

Around 8:50 p.m. that night, a woman was walking home with some bags when McCoy and unknown accomplices knocked her to the ground and stole her purse in the 800 block of W. Cornelia, prosecutors said. Crutcher and McCoy are allegedly seen using one of the victims' credit cards at a nearby gas station a short time later. The camera system reportedly captured clear images of McCoy's car and its license plate.

About an hour later, two men pushed a 40-year-old Wrigleyville resident to the ground and tried to rob him in the 1100 block of W. Grace. The man fought back as the robbers tried to take his earbuds and remove things from his pockets. All of the offenders fled empty-handed.

Prosecutors said a CPD surveillance camera captured images of McCoy's car parking near the robbery scene moments before he and two other men emerged and attacked the victim. The offenders allegedly ran back to the car after failing to get anything from the man. Crutcher admitted to driving the car and dropping the men off, but she denied knowing that they were going to try to rob someone, according to prosecutors.

Then, around 5:40 p.m. Oct. 26, two

men knocked a man to the ground as they walked in an alley behind the 1200 block of W. Winnemac. The offenders demanded the victim's property and went through his pockets to take his wallet and phone. Part of the attack was captured on cellphone video by a witness.

Less than 15 minutes later, Crutcher is seen using one of the victim's credit cards at a gas station while McCoy walks around the store, prosecutors said.

Finally, around 1:45 p.m. on Oct. 29, a group of offenders knocked a woman to the ground as she stopped to take pictures of a flower on the 5100 block of Kimbark in Hyde Park.

Once again, a gas station surveillance system recorded Crutcher using the victim's credit cards at a nearby gas station while McCoy wandered around the store, prosecutors said.

Police pulled McCoy's car over a short time later and allegedly found the last victim's ID and wallet inside the vehicle. Crutcher's purse contained Chinese currency that had been inside the woman's wallet, prosecutors said.

Crutcher and McCoy both admitted to their involvement in the crimes, according to prosecutors.

"The state tells me [Crutcher] as well as two other knuckleheads went on a crime spree," Judge John Lyke said after hearing the allegations. "Terrorizing at least four people [who were] just minding their own business, taking pictures, walking down the street."

"She needs to make better choices of which men she hangs out with," Lyke advised.

Prosecutors charged McCoy with four felony counts of robbery and one count of attempted robbery. Crutcher is charged with three counts of robbery one count of attempted robbery.

Lyke ordered Crutcher held in lieu of \$200,000 bail. Bail for McCoy was set at \$400,000. Lyke said they would need to go onto electronic monitoring if they can post 10% deposit bonds.

The judge also ordered McCoy held without bail for violating the terms of "second chance probation" that he received after being convicted of felony possession of a stolen motor vehicle and burglary.

Armed carjacking, robbery reported minutes apart in Lincoln Park

Police are investigating an armed carjacking and an attempted robbery that unfolded 20 minutes apart in Lincoln Park on Nov. 1. No one is in custody.

Around 11:15 p.m., a 38-year-old woman and a 27-year-old man were sitting in a car on the 400 block of W. Wrightwood when two men emerged from a passing black SUV. One of the offenders tried to rob the man of his bag, police said. The woman sped away before the robbery succeeded, and the offenders fled, said Officer Hector Alfaro, a CPD spokesperson.

The victims said both robbers were Black males. One of the men wore a puffy red and white jacket.

About 20 minutes later, two men got out of a black SUV and forced a woman from her car in the 600 block of W. Kemper, Alfaro said. The woman gave the men her valuables, and one of the men drove away in her car. She was not injured.

She said the robbers were two Black men, one of whom is skinny, 6' tall, and wore a gray ski mask with a dark hoodie.

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Veterans Day program pays tribute to WACs

Of the more than 300,000 women who served in the U.S. Armed forces during WW II, about half of them were in the Women's Army Corps (WAC), the women's branch of the U.S. Army. More than 20,000 were deployed overseas to combat theatres.

Cyndee Schaffer, daughter of a WAC, will share her mother's experiences at 1 p.m. on Nov. 11 during a free, virtual Veterans Day sponsored by Edgewater Village Chicago and Friends of the Edgewater Library in partnership with the Edgewater Branch.

Schaffer and her mother collaborated on a memoir, *Mollie's War*, which includes letters written home during the war while Mollie worked as a medical secretary in England, France and Germany. The book offers a glimpse into the life of a woman in uniform during this crucial time in history, vividly describing her experiences in basic training until her return home in 1945.

Register for the free program



Cyndee Schaffer will share her mother's experiences as a WAC during WW II during a free, virtual program on Nov. 11.

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on the Friends of the Edgewater Library website, foelchicago.org.



K9 mini #31 up for auction.

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The K9s for Cops minis up for auction stand 18" tall, some are Shepherds, some are Labradors, and bidding starts at \$400. All have been individually painted by Chicago artists, and are one of a kind.

"The horses of CPD's mounted unit and the dogs that make up the K9 Unit are critical to helping Chicago Police officers deliver on their mission to keep Chicago safe," said Phil Cline, CPMF executive director. "They help officers with crowd control and serve a critical role in helping officers with drug interdiction and ter-

rorism readiness. It's only fitting that we pay tribute to equines and dogs who died in service to our city. That's what the new K9 & Equine Plaza will do."

There are 40 K9 minis available to bid on at <https://one.bid-pal.net/minik9s/welcome>. The auction closes Thursday, Nov. 12 at 2 p.m.

The Foundation is also making special paver bricks for the K9 & Equine Plaza available for purchase as support. Just 1,000 bricks, in which donors may have their names or the names of a loved one or pet inscribed on them, are available. The cost per brick will be \$250.

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chest. An ambulance transported Guaman to Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead a short time later.

"He was an incredibly nice, hardworking young man that died way too young — he was only 20 years old," wrote Toni Siprut in a GoFundMe campaign for Guaman's funeral expenses. "His family and his work family at Dog Haus Biergarten and Athenian

Room will miss him dearly."

Police recovered a black Jeep that the robbers are believed to have used in southwest suburban Oak Lawn. A firearm was inside the vehicle. Three suspects were also taken into custody in Oak Lawn, but it was unknown if they were with the vehicle when police found them.

Chicago police believe the crew has committed a series of robberies and carjackings in the city during October — including the Oct. 13 vehicular hijacking

downtown.

In that case, a 42-year-old woman told police she was getting into her parked car when four or five men approached her with multiple firearms in the 700 block of S. LaSalle St. around 1:45 p.m. She complied with their demands to turn over her 2013 Jeep Cherokee, which the offenders took from the scene.

It was not immediately clear if the woman's Jeep is the same one that Oak Lawn authorities recovered.

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initial skepticism by local church officials, the young girl's visions were eventually accepted "worthy of belief" and the site of her visions has become a popular site for religious pilgrimages.

Soubirousa's story was the subject of a 1941 best-selling historical novel *Song of Bernadette*. The book served as the source for a popular 1943 movie of the same name.

Chicago's Our Lady of Lourdes is the designated national shrine of the French pilgrimage site. Worship services at the church include those associated with the site in France.

To those who worship regularly at Our Lady of Lourdes, the possibility of the building closing and having its services moved to another location can be difficult to face.

"Here in the parish, we are asking the hard questions involved with Renew My Church. This is a strategic plan for all the parishes of the Archdiocese of Chicago in which our aim is to combine resources of the parishes in order to renew and re-vitalize the mission of the parishes. Despite the fact that this is not an easy and comfortable time, we trust we will come to a place of renewal as a result of this process," wrote the church's pastor, Father Mike Shanahan, in the parish's Nov. 1 bulletin.

Cardinal Blase Cupich, Archbishop of Chicago since 2014, has said Renew My Church was necessary to revitalize the church. Throughout the process, parishes have been reconfigured and consolidated. Church officials have said these moves are necessary due to the declining number of active priests and declining atten-

dance at weekly mass.

"The future is uncertain, for we do not know if, how, or when Our Lady of Lourdes will combine with other parishes. It is important to remember why we are in this position in the first place. We are creating a path forward," Shanahan added in the Nov. 1 bulletin.

According to Shanahan, it would seem most logical for his parishioners to begin to form a partnership with the parishioners of St. Mary of the Lake.

"One of the primary future proposals is combining Our Lady of Lourdes with St. Mary of the Lake. For that reason, the pastor of St. Mary of the Lake and I have decided to visit each other's parish on the weekend of Nov. 14-15. Father Manuel Dorantes will preside and preach at all of our masses, and I will do the same at St. Mary of the Lake. Our pas-

tor exchange on that weekend is not intended to suggest or imply a definite outcome of the Renew My Church process," wrote Shanahan.

In the Oct. 25 Sunday bulletin, Shanahan had noted his parish had achieved or exceeded all of most of the archdiocese's goals for a healthy parish. With a weekly mass attendance of more than 975, Our Lady of Lourdes continues to be a very busy parish. Unfortunately, the parish has a budget shortfall. Its campus includes numerous older buildings, including its Spanish baroque church, and maintaining them continues to be expensive.

If the archdiocese does choose to close the church, it will lose a building with a remarkable history.

In his 2013 book *Hidden History of Ravenswood and Lake View*, Inside Publication's Patrick

Butler described how the Chicago church came to be located at its current location.

"In late 1928, Ravenswood was the site of one of the great engineering feats of the early 20th century—thanks to the ingenuity of a local priest. When the city told Father James Scanlon that Our Lady of Lourdes stood in the way of plans to widen Ashland Ave., he literally decided to turn things around to his advantage. Instead of letting them chop 10' off the front, he decided to move the 10,000-ton church across the street and turn it halfway around, so it faced north on Leland.

Scanlon then cut the 100-by-175-foot building down the middle and inserted a 20' addition, increasing the capacity from 800 to 1,370," wrote Butler.

While it was not uncommon for engineers in Chicago to lift or move a building, most of these projects involved much smaller buildings. Moving a brick church across a major Chicago street attracted worldwide attention.

"Engineers and architects from around the world came to watch as a handpicked crew of 150 men slowly lifted the building off its foundation on 2,500 jacks and then edged it across the street on four thousand rollers after using air drills to clear away several inches of ice still coating the street that frosty March day. To keep from pulling too hard on one part of the building, six heavy chains in front and six in the rear were hooked to 72 pulleys connected to four horse-powered capstans. On a signal from a whistle, the teams turned the capstans, and the church began to move about a foot a minute, stopping every four feet to check lines and replace rollers as needed. The building didn't suffer a single crack as it was being hauled across the street and then split down the middle for the 20' insert and attached to the new rectory," wrote Butler.



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