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— John Lewis

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Art crime scholars and art world professionals constantly grapple with the most effective methods by which to prevent victimization by art vandals.

Does Lincoln Park's historic totem pole need protection?

STORY AND PHOTO
BY PETER VON BUOL

For 90 years, hidden in plain sight adjacent to Lake Shore Dr. at 3510 N. Recreation Dr., a wooden totem pole from the Pacific Northwest has stood as a quiet sentinel in Lincoln Park.

Indeed on an average weekend day, between all the boaters, bikers, drivers and joggers, perhaps 200,000 people may pass by this art piece and most don't pause to look up. Nor perhaps do many of the local nearby high-rise dwellers bother to look down to stand guard.

With Chicago's statues and outdoor art continuing to be vandalized and threatened with destruction, perhaps one of the most vulnerable pieces is Kwa-Ma-Rolas, the western red cedar totem pole carved by the late master carver Tony Hunt. Hunt was considered by many to be one of the greatest artists from the Pacific Northwest.

Does Chicago need to plan ahead to protect a world famous piece that is hidden in such plain sight?

According to the Multidisciplinary Digital Publishing Institute [MDPI] and art crime scholars, art world professionals constantly grapple with determining the most effective methods by which to reduce and prevent victimization by art vandals. Despite the numerous accounts of this form of criminality, there is a dearth of empirical studies focused on the security and care of public art.

Those MDPI studies explore the relationship between social and physical guardianship practices and the prevalence of art vandalism using data collected from 111 American art museums and art galleries.

The motives for committing art vandalism, while similar in many ways to the motives behind other forms of vandalism, are unique in some ways. The study results indicate an overwhelming lack of association between the majority of the guardianship measures and vandalism victimization, a pattern consistent with the possibility that social and physical guardianship practices are not implemented until after an act of vandalism has already occurred.

For example, in 1987, ex-soldier Robert Cambridge walked into the National Gallery in London, England with a sawed-off shotgun and shot Leonardo Da Vinci's drawing, The Virgin and Child with St. Anne and St. John the Baptist (1499-1500). Cambridge "told the police his intent had been to show his disgust with 'political, social, and economic conditions in Britain.'"

Does that sound familiar?

Arts educators claim that there are four underlying motivations for art vandalism: political agitation, ego-centric publicity-seeking, religious convictions, and the belief that an exhibit does not constitute 'art.'

Indeed, nobody really thought much about protecting Chicago - and the nation's - public art un-

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Shoot outs in River North, Loop

River North used to be Chicago's premiere entertainment neighborhood, it is now becoming a shooting gallery.

A man is dead and a woman injured after a shooting on the Wabash Bridge July 19, police said. No one is in custody.

For two hours before the shooting, police responded to a series of disturbances and complaints about large groups of people who were congregating and partying near Trump Tower and along Wacker Dr. between Michigan Ave. and State St.

At 2:35 a.m., two shooting victims waved down police near 45 E. Wacker after being shot while riding in a black Honda Accord on the Wabash Bridge, according to a CPD statement and a witness.

Police said a 35-year-old man died from a gunshot wound to his neck. The second victim, a

25-year-old woman, is in good condition at Northwestern Memorial Hospital with two gunshot wounds to her left arm, according to CPD. She was not cooperating with investigators, police said.

Police have video footage of the gunman, according to a source. Area Three detectives are investigating.

Two shooting incidents in the River North neighborhood July 18 left three people hospitalized, according to Chicago police. No arrests have been made.

In the first shooting, a man and woman were standing on the first block of W. Erie when someone opened fire from a silver sedan around 2:28 a.m., Chicago police said.

The woman, age 18, is in critical condition with two gunshot wounds to her back while the 21-year-old man is in good condition with a gunshot wound to his right

leg. Both victims are at Northwestern Memorial Hospital.

Police recovered 17 shell casings from the scene. The shooter's car was last seen heading east-bound from a nearby Walgreen's.

Then, witnesses reported seeing the occupants of three cars engaged in a rolling gun battle near the Ontario feeder ramp around 4 a.m. Officially, police said a 21-year-old man was driving on the 300 block of W. Ontario when the driver of a gray minivan shot him in the neck.

The victim drove himself to Rush Hospital, where he is listed in fair condition. Area Three detectives are investigating both shootings.

Thirteen people have been shot in River North this year — 11 of them since June 22, according to CPD records. That compares to 10 shooting victims in the neighborhood for all of 2019.

Battle rages over "Boystown" name

BY PATRICK BUTLER

Known since the 1980s as Boystown, will the North Side's longtime center of Chicago's gay community soon become rechristened Queerville, LGBTQ Town?

Or maybe even New Town as the neighborhood was once known?

Ironically, a group that has for years lobbied for understanding, tolerance and acceptance may soon find itself having to dish out the understanding and tolerance in what some claim was the first officially-recognized gay neighborhood in Chicago, and possibly the entire country.

The clout-heavy Northhalsted Business Alliance [NBA] board just formed a committee to look into a possible name change, and reportedly collected 900 signatures asking the NBA to stop marketing the neighborhood as "Boystown."

Introduced about three years ago, the petition argues that Boystown may not have started that way, but has in recent years become an "example of transphobia, racism, and sexism" — "starting at the top with the all-male board of the NBA."

According to the petition, the "all-male board" on the Alliance says it all, "announcing that the neighborhood is 'for the boys.'"

The Boystown nickname - once considered derogatory - got its name from the popular gay newspaper "Outlines" dating from the 1990s when Mayor Richard M. Daley officially designated the neighborhood as the city's official gay district.

For decades, the neighborhood had been a known, unofficially,



Rainbow-striped pillars like this were built in Lakeview East, in-part, to recognize the 'Boystown' community.

as a haven for gay white men and officially became one of the country's first neighborhoods to be so designated.

Devlyn Camp, a local gay activist who identifies himself as being 'nonbinary' said times have changed and that the neighborhood needs to be "more welcoming" to others ranging from lesbians, "nonbinary, transgender, and Interex people."

[In Science Fiction the Interex were a long-ago highly advanced human civilization with only one genetical difference - large bat-like ears that helped them use their unique language based on music and sounds. The urban dictionary claims they are a group or

clan of people that spend their entire life at their computer playing an online game, and killing people all day/trash talking to make themselves feel better.]

Camp said he's seen lesbian friends told to leave gay bars, reminded in no uncertain terms that Boystown is for the boys.

The movement apparently started with a "Drag March for Change" which reportedly drew hundreds of Black Lives Matter marchers during a June protest march complaining that Blacks were denied jobs at local gay nightclubs because of their color.

A petition drive was almost immediately organized by Camp, who told reporters that even though the name change was a "symbolic" one, "it represents a lot of other issues we need to address," including racism and transphobia in the North Halsted area, he told the Sun-Times.

At the same time, a competing "Keep Boystown alive" petition came to life recently, denying that the name "Boystown" was ever meant to be sexist or racist, had collected 75 signatures as of last week, with an overall goal of 100.

That opposing petition by Blake Taylor denied that Boystown has ever been inhospitable to anyone.

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Today's cancel-culture would make Mussolini cheer

People once had to learn about life the hard way, by living it



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

When Christopher Columbus set sail for his new route to the Indies, he wasn't cognizant that biological bacteria travelled with him. Science had not yet evolved to reveal the vast network of germs that would release contagion across the hemisphere.

But he did prove the world was round, not pancake-flat, permitting sailors and landlubbers the opportunity to fall off the edge. That delight seems to have been saved for our present moment in American history. So not so fast with that statue toppling.

Apparently those who explored the new world were deprived of mobile phones and the internet. Really there was once a time when they just did not exist.

As a result the transmission of humanist ideals, and even socialist doctrines, was not transmitted like a Rotten Tomatoes review. People actually had to learn about life the hard way: by actually liv-

ing it. So the vast population of illiterate peasants, serfs, indentured servants and human chattel were expected to tend the town and the land for the very brief period they were alive.

Between wars and pestilence there was little choice.

The outbreak of the Black Death brought its own rules. No need for masks. If you could breathe, you could live. Absence of breath was a death sentence. It wasn't very sophisticated. No need to wash your hands. Soap hadn't been invented. There was little time for plague news stories. No need for "influencers" or lattes.

Before the invention of electronic media news reports were usually just for the king. Written on sheepskin with quill and ink. Mostly a record of body count, and the geography of the pestilence. In the Americas the land was still ripe with its own pandemics. Plagues, like human sacrifice, were always local. There was no need to import anything.

Today, images and reputations of America's founding fathers are challenged. These were, however, people who actually were influenced by the humanistic ideals that had trickled down through time and personal experience.

Now their goodness is carried off to the ash pile. But it is curious to observe their world. The humanistic ideal that caused them to envision a universal political ideal of sovereignty, also forced them to confront the failure to eradicate slavery in one fell swoop.

That failure would affect every issue the infant republic would engage for the next half century. People of goodwill and genuine humanist ideals would take six decades to wipe out slavery, with the loss of many hundreds of thousands.

The wounds still have not healed for many.

Most Americans were faithful to the ideal, but often imperfect in their reasonable solution. But the loss of life on behalf of the ideal

cannot be forgotten. For every unreconstructed confederate, there were multiple citizens of reason who embraced radical change.

Theodore Roosevelt is just such an example. His mother's family, the Bullocks, were large plantation owners in the South. His mother, the actual model for Margaret Mitchell's "Gone with the Wind," Scarlett O'Hara, herself. Their family were slave owners. Secessionists. With prestigious uncles, admirals in the Confederate Navy. They would choose lifetimes of exile in England at the war's end.

Often during his childhood, young Roosevelt would travel with his mother to England to visit her brothers who never returned to America.

But Theodore's paternal relations were true New Amsterdam Dutch. Patriotic, slaveless Hudson River farmers. Their rise to economic and political power took generations. But Theodore was a product of his own experience. Bright, intelligent, sophisticated. A 'Mornings on horseback' wealthy New York American. Filled not only with the humanistic ideal, but the 'noblesse oblige' of responsible inheritance.

He served as governor of New York, McKinley's vice-president and then president himself. Perhaps that's why he did more to advance the American labor movement than any president in U.S. history. Helping establish the eight-hour workday. The five-day week. Fairness in the work place. Reason and intelligence in the issues of the American worker. I say all this because Theodore Roosevelt, naturalist 26th president, has also become a slandered American by the savage incompetence of current critics. Roosevelt lost a son, Quentin, at Cambrai, in France in World War I. And another son, Theodore, Jr., later, at Normandy in World War II.

The marching Millennials with their lifetime of suburban living have erased any speck of the humanist ideal in their crude actions. Yes, Millennials. The vegan sandwich crowd who spent their college years looking for safe environments in which only enforced politeness could shield them from the intellectual distractions of reason and intelligence. People who have never eaten a meat sandwich or drank a glass

of whole milk are dictating their "dream generation" mentality on our larger culture. And since their parents were unfit to transmit any substantive values or pieces of the humanistic ideal to them, it's not likely they will absorb such while at yoga, or during their looting, or during their electronic zoom educations.

When Dr. Martin Luther King walked across the bridge at Selma, the linking of hearts and arms then, was directed outwards, in loving embrace. A civil rights coalition was born of wide integrity to which many Americans gave their all. Including their lives.

I think today of the Mississippi burning martyrs that were so blind to color or creed. Just hearts speaking to hearts. For civil rights, voting rights, open housing and employment.

But I fear the nasty generation for whom all issues seem about revenge. Getting even. Pillaging. Looting. Nasty tweets.

Bombshells of damaged youth. A cancel-culture. Angry. Uninviting. Cold. Brutal. Unloving. Sociologists cite parents' unwillingness to impose boundaries on their children as spawning a generation of 'infantilized' Millennials.

No one had to be forced to walk with Dr. King or any of the heroes of the 1960s. Their warmth and goodness walked before them. We embraced working with them to create a time for American renewal. It was also the Catholic Church's finest moment in the 20th century. Walking in solidarity for justice. I can still see those nuns, in their old habits, and priests, walking the highways and town streets of the Southland. Spit at. Cursed. Young Chicago priest Father Richard Morrisroe was actually shot in Alabama answering Dr. King's call for marchers. His clerical companion, Jonathan Daniels, was killed. Abused for walking for human rights. An experience that transformed the church in this nation. But where is that today?

No contagious idealism walks the streets, now. Just the cancel-culture. Tinged with trappings that would make Mussolini cheer. With just belligerent 20-some-

things smashing shop windows, and weak political folk afraid to take a stand and lose themselves some votes. But without idealism, no humanism will flourish. No healing will take place. No matter how much your Twitter feed objects or your "influencer" demands. No matter how badly you shave your hair, pierce your nose, or hate your parents who seem to have always failed to tell you "no." Without goodness, the cause is lost.

CHICAGO BODY COUNT: Through Sunday, last week we saw 147 shot, with 24 total homicides.

AIC: The Art Institute of Chicago set to reopen Thursday, July 30 with free entry for Illinois residents on Aug. 3.

POT SHOTS: There's tremendous political and economic power opposing the Gold Coast "Pot Shop." Just look at the support leadership. A lesson in elementary Chicago clout. Wrong time.

Wrong place. Such leverage almost seems old-fashioned. Nothing works like good old everyday muscle. If shop opens, you better be high, Mayor Lightfoot.

RAVINIA NEWS: Ravinia, the country's oldest music festival, has named Jeffrey P. Haydon its new president and CEO. With more than two decades of cultural arts management programming experience under his handwoven belt, Haydon currently serves as the CEO of New York's Caramoor Center



Jeffrey P. Haydon

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A young life snuffed out senselessly

BY BILLIE BENNETT

It was around 7 a.m., in the early morning of June 28 and two African-American men were standing outside a residential building around 1400 W. Lunt Ave. in East Rogers Park. They exchange a few words, and as one looks away for a moment, the other puts a gun to his head and shoots a bullet into it, killing him instantly.

Angelo Pullum, 36, was pronounced dead shortly thereafter at St. Francis Hospital in Evanston. What you should know about him was that he was a good, decent soul, loved dearly by those who knew him. I was one of those people.

I met Angelo when he was eight or nine-years-old, through his mother, whose name shall remain anonymous here for safety reasons. His mother became very close to my family, and later, when my own mother was terminally ill, Angelo's mom became one of her caregivers. We have been friends for nearly three decades. I consider her kin.

I worry about her. She's devastated after losing her "Buddy," as that's what she called her beloved son.

A few days before his death, "Buddy" had taken his mom shopping for a birthday present -- a bracelet and a new pair of shoes. That's just the kind of son he was. Giving, adoring, and adored.

Our hearts have been breaking for his mom, a church-going, hard-working woman who has been a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) for decades. She raised Angelo single-handedly, and she did not deserve to have her son executed, because an execution is really what this was. And no, no arrest has been made for the crime, even though it was caught on video.

Yes, you read that right. The murder was caught by an apartment camera and police have a copy of the video. It is shown from behind so faces are not visible. It has crossed the globe now and of course run rampant on social media. But thus far, no one is talking, whether it be out of fear, or loyalty.

Angelo's funeral was held last



Angelo Pullum



Angelo and his mom.

Saturday at Bensen's Funeral Home on Montrose Ave. He was laid out in a beautiful white casket, draped with multicolored flowers. Rogers Park Baptist Church Minister Richard Boygan and ministry services leader Terry Roseborough did an excellent job leading the service with psalms and song. It was an afternoon filled with remembering, and celebrating, Angelo's too-short life.

Angelo had spent pretty much his entire life living in Rogers Park, attending Armstrong Elementary and Sullivan High schools. Besides being a snazzy dresser -- who'd give you the shirt off his back -- he was an inventor, and an event planner and organizer. He was a rapper, and looking forward to promoting shows.

He dreamed of owning a record company, which he had already named My Vision is Power. A young entrepreneur, he thought about opening up a barbershop too.

In other words, he had plans for the future that was so cruelly snatched out from him. He was filled with hope. When he was younger, he'd had a couple run-ins with the law but that was behind him. He had a lot of living to do.

After the funeral, I asked a few of Angelo's friends how they would best describe him. "Cool," one said. "An awesome guy," said

another. "A protector," a third one replied.

Protector. Angelo always made sure that when he ran into my daughter, he walked her home and she got there safely. His sister said the same thing, that when she saw him, he made sure she got to her destination safe and sound.

He was a loving son, brother, grandson, nephew and cousin. He loved kids and helping people. He was a good spirit. A Gofundme page in his honor has raised more than its goal of \$10,000.

I have to laugh when I think of Angelo. He was black as the night, and I am white as the driven snow. "This is my Auntie," he would tell people when he introduced me. Of course, they'd do a double take and then Angelo and I would have a good chuckle.

He had a fun sense of humor.

A touching poem written by Angelo's true auntie was read at his funeral. Part of it stated: "A lover of the ladies, a gladiator in the streets, always showing respect and kindness to those you'd meet. You were a researcher, inventor, rapper extraordinaire, debonair... an excellent cook... more precious than the most precious stones, more valuable than gold or any metals bought, made or sold."

Angelo was truly a diamond, in the rough - and getting rougher

- streets of Chicago.

According to heyjackass.com, which collects data from reputable sources throughout the city including the Chicago Police Dept. and the Chicago Tribune, as of Saturday, a person has been shot in Chicago every two hours and 19 minutes. Someone is murdered here every 11 hours and 39 minutes.

Last weekend some 70 people were shot, our disastrous 'new normal.'

As of July 12, thus far in 2020, police say there have been four murders in the 24th District, compared to three in all of 2019. As of that same date, the year-to-date citywide murder count is 385, compared to 260 last year.

Protector.
Angelo always made sure that when he ran into my daughter, he walked her home and she got there safely.

"It feels like the gun violence is out of control," Ald. Maria Hadden [49th] said during a virtual Town Hall meeting earlier this month. "It's scary."

On Aug. 1, from noon to 2 p.m., an anti-violence march will be hosted by Community Partnership 4 Peace (CP4P), Jungle Love Herbs, and ONE Northside. There will be live music, refreshments, food, and care packages/kiddie bags.

Starting points are at Willye White Park, 1610 W. Howard St. and United Church of Rogers Park, 1545 W. Morse Ave. Both groups will merge onto Touhy Ave. at Ashland and then collectively march to Loyola Beach.

We'll keep you posted on any new news regarding Angelo. But please know that he was a decent and loved young man, with dreams, aspirations, and a heart of gold. He will be sorely missed by a lot of people, including me.

Re-tightening of virus protections kicks in July 24; ticket moratorium extended

City Hall is re-tightening COVID-19 restrictions for bars, restaurants, gyms and personal services as a precautionary move in response to a recent increase in community cases of the virus.

The reinstatement of certain restrictions will go into effect 12:01 a.m. Friday, July 24, so North Siders should get their partying in now as Friday's restrictions will include bars, taverns, breweries and other establishments that serve alcohol for on-site consumption without a Retail Food license will no longer be able to serve customers indoors. Restaurants that serve alcohol will be allowed to continue to operate as long as they abide by existing regulations. Establishments without food may still provide outdoor service as they did under phase three. Maximum party size and table occupancy at restaurants, bars, taverns and breweries will be reduced to six people. Indoor fitness class size will be reduced to a maximum of 10 people, and personal services requiring the removal of face coverings will no longer be permitted (shaves, facials, etc.). City Hall is also asking all citizens to avoid indoor gatherings and parties.

On a happier note, City Hall has also announced that they will extend the moratorium on ticketing for expired City Stickers and Residential Permit Parking through July 31. The City Clerk will also extend the late fee waiver period on City Stickers to July 31 for residents whose stickers were up for renewal or who purchased a new vehicle from January-June of 2020.

Heart of the 'Hood will return next week.

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Police Beat...

Man accused of raping Tinder date — while on bail for allegedly raping another Tinder date

A North Side man is accused of raping a woman he met on a dating app in May while he was on bail for allegedly committing an identical crime against another woman last year.

Christian Valcich, 29, posted a deposit bond of \$3,000 to get out of jail after a woman accused him of choking and sexually assaulting her during a Tinder meet-up in Feb. 2019.

Now, he's accused of raping a n o t h e r woman that he met via Tinder this spring.

Appearing in bond court July 15, Assistant State's Attorney James Murphy conveyed chilling allegations of repeated sexual assaults on the second woman after she met Valcich for the first time.

The victim, age 27, told police she met Valcich on Tinder about a week before they got together in person at his apartment around 5 p.m. May 11.

Murphy said the woman drove to Valcich's home, and the two drank a beer in his kitchen for about 45 minutes before they moved to the living room and talked for another half hour or so.

Valcich began aggressively kissing the woman and sexually assaulted her as she repeatedly told him, "no," according to Murphy. The prosecutor then provided explicit details of an extended assault that the woman said took place in Valcich's living room.

The woman repeatedly told Valcich that the attack was painful, but Valcich forced her to have sex two more times, Murphy said. Valcich called the woman derogatory names and applied force to the woman's neck, according to allegations that Murphy presented to Judge David Navarro on July 15.

She said she repeatedly told Valcich to stop. Despite her pleas, Valcich continued and ejaculated twice without wearing a condom, according to Murphy.

Valcich "joked that he had impregnated the victim," Murphy said.

After crying and cleaning herself in Valcich's bathroom, the woman left and called her ex-boyfriend to talk about what happened, according to Murphy. She reported the alleged incident to a rape hotline the next day and sought treatment at Swedish Covenant Hospital.

Prosecutors charged Valcich with criminal sexual assault by force. He is still facing an aggravated criminal sexual assault by force case in connection with the allegations made by the other woman.

Valcich works as a brewer, according to his attorney, who disputed the state's allegations said the victim was intoxicated.

Judge Navarro ordered Valcich held without bail for violating the terms of his bond in the pending sexual assault case.



Christian Valcich

Lakeview robberies uptick as people venture out for post-COVID living

Robbery reports in Lakeview East, including Boystown, are at the lowest level seen in a generation this year — thanks in part to the COVID-19 pandemic that has caused the cancellations of major events, thinned nightlife crowds, and nixed the Cubs season, until now.

But there has been a noticeable uptick over the past week, although there are no apparent connections between the muggings.

Police recorded just 33 robberies in Wrigleyville and Boystown between Jan. 1 and June 30 this year. That's the fewest number of muggings for the first half of any year since at least 2001, the first year for which crime data is publicly available in Chicago.

With bars and restaurants either shuttered or operating on limited hours with reduced capacities, foot traffic in the area has been much lighter than usual. More people have been working from home and avoiding public transportation during the COVID outbreak, which is providing fewer opportunities for robberies to break out.

In fact, the neighborhoods only had five recorded robberies for the entire month of June. That's far below June's 19 year average of 18 robberies. Chicago's Pride Parade and Pride Fest street festival, both annual June events, were canceled this year.

But there have been more incidents reported over the past week in Boystown and nearby Lakeview, with at least four robberies involving at least seven total victims reported:

Boystown mugging

A 68-year-old man was pushed to the ground and robbed by a man he met July 13 on the Halsted St. bar strip in Boystown, according to Chicago police.

The victim and the other man walked from the intersection of Roscoe and Halsted to the 700 block of W. Waveland before the robbery unfolded shortly before 11 p.m.

As the men neared a Walgreens store, the offender pushed the victim to the ground and then took his wallet and phone, according to police. A passerby saw the victim lying on the ground and called 911.

The victim injured his left elbow, but declined medical attention, a CPD spokesperson said.

Police said the offender is a White man between 30- and 40-years-old who stands about 6-feet tall and weighs about 190 pounds. He has black hair and wore a dark baseball cap and a black t-shirt.

Belmont CTA robbery

Around 11:45 p.m. July 14, a man told police that he was robbed at knifepoint near the Belmont CTA station at 945 West Belmont. The victim said the offender battered him and took his bookbag while displaying a knife.

He described the robber as a Black male with orange braided hair who stands about 5'-11" tall and weighs about 240 lbs. The offender reportedly wore tan shorts with a black t-shirt and fled eastbound in a brown car that has a cracked windshield.

Two men mug three women

Three women were pushed to the ground and robbed by a pair of offenders who attacked them from behind near the Wellington Brown Line CTA station on the evening of Friday, July 10, police said

The victims were walking westbound in the 1000 block of W. Wellington when the men pushed them down, punched them, and stole their property at 10:54 p.m., according to a CPD spokesperson.

All three robbers ran to the Wellington train station and boarded a southbound train.



Edward Miller

Randy Leavell

Donald Wells

Undercover cop busts CTA pickpocket crew

Undercover Chicago cops assigned to patrol CTA train lines took a three-man pickpocket team into custody after they saw the thieves steal a Blue Line passenger's wallet in the Loop, according to prosecutors.

A covert officer allegedly watched as 63-year-old Randy Leavell, 59-year-old Donald Wells, and 60-year-old Edward Miller worked together to steal the billfold from a woman on the Clark-Lake train platform around 1:55 p.m. Tuesday.

While Wells and Leavell blocked the woman's path, Miller walked up behind her, unzipped a pocket on her bookbag, and took her wallet, prosecutors said.

Miller removed valuables from the wallet and then threw the billfold onto the train tracks before meeting up with the other two men on the esca-

The women, a 25-year-old and two 26-year-olds, were not seriously injured. Police did not provide a description of the offenders.

Dining disaster

We've previously reported that two men are charged with robbing a woman after exchanging phone numbers on a Lakeview bar's sidewalk dining area July 11.

Devin White, 31, and Germaine Hampton, 26, are both charged with felony robbery and unlawful restraint in the case. Area Three detectives are investigating the other three robberies.

Man inappropriately touched two girls outside State St. store

Police say a Chicago man inappropriately touched two girls who were with adults on the State St. shopping district in the Loop. The man has twice been accused of inappropriate touching in recent years, but those victims never followed through to pursue charges, an assistant state's attorney said in bond court July 15.

Michael Garrett, age 31, of the South Loop is charged with two felony counts of aggravated sexual abuse of a child under age 13, misdemeanor battery, and misdemeanor resisting police.

Around 5:15 p.m. July 12, a woman and her daughter were on the first block of . State when Garrett touched the girl's buttocks through her clothing, prosecutors said.

A witness who saw the incident screamed out and the girl confirmed that Garrett touched her, Assistant State's Attorney James Murphy said.

Moments later, Garrett walked up behind another girl outside a shoe store on the same block and gave the child a bearhug from behind — touching her back and buttocks over her clothing, Murphy said. Garrett then reached around to grab the girl's private areas, but the child stopped him, according to Murphy. The victim's cousin and other witnesses allegedly saw the incident.



Michael Garrett

tor, according to allegations.

The undercover officer radioed to back-up units who arrested the men at the top of the escalator.

Prosecutors charged all three men with felony theft.

Leavell, who has 14 felony convictions and two pending reckless conduct cases, was ordered held on \$10,000 bail. Judge John Lyke also ordered Leavell to go onto electronic monitoring if he can post the \$1,000 deposit bond.

Lyke released Wells on his own recognizance with electronic monitoring. Wells has three felony convictions, including a 1999 robbery case in New Jersey that landed him in prison for 18 years, prosecutors said.

Miller, whose last felony conviction was more than 30 years ago, was released on his own recognizance.

Garrett reportedly ran inside a nearby store to get away from witnesses who were confronting him. When an employee of the store approached Garrett, he caressed her from behind and busted through the shop's front revolving door, Murphy said. Police arrested Garrett about a block away.

Garrett denied touching the girls but said, "his energy may have touched them," according to Murphy.

Two women have contacted authorities about being inappropriately touched by Garret in recent years, including one in 2019, Murphy said. The victims did not follow through on filing charges with prosecutors and police.

A defense attorney said Garrett owns a real estate investment firm.

Judge David Navarro, who expressed concern about Garrett's willingness to follow conditions of bond, set bail at \$25,000. Garrett will need to post \$2,500 to get out of jail before trial.

Victim grievously injured in Uptown sexual assault

An Uptown man inflicted grievous injuries on another man during a sexual encounter that was arranged via a gay hook-up site, according to prosecutors.

Pedro Robles, 62, is charged with felony aggravated criminal sexual assault causing bodily harm in bond court on Friday.

Prosecutor James Murphy presented graphic, gruesome allegations of



Pedro Robles

a consensual sexual encounter that turned non-consensual while the victim was restrained. The victim has undergone surgery to repair severe injuries to internal organs, Murphy said.

Robles and the 35-year-old victim met on the BarebackRT site in September and exchanged sexual messages until they eventually agreed to meet in person this spring.

The victim smoked methamphetamine and then traveled to Robles' apartment on the 4900 block of N. Sheridan around 7 p.m. May 19, Murphy said. There, Robles and the victim

allegedly smoked more meth and engaged in oral sex for about an hour.

At some point, Robles restrained the victim's legs and began using sex toys on the man, Murphy said. The victim told Robles to stop, and that he was being injured, but Robles allegedly continued the assault with his hands, which caused severe internal injuries, according to Murphy.

After being freed, the victim called a friend for help and sought medical treatment, Murphy said. The victim has undergone multiple surgeries to repair damage to his gastrointestinal system, Murphy said. Some of the man's organs remain outside his body, and he is required to wear a colostomy bag, according to allegations made in court.

Vanessa Ellis, a public defender who represented Robles, said he lives in senior housing, and he routinely helps his fellow senior citizens.

Judge David Navarro set bail at \$500,000. Robles must post a \$50,000 deposit bond to get out of jail before trial.

Man shot, seriously wounded, on Near North Side

A 22-year-old man was seriously wounded July 16 in a shooting on the Near North Side, police said. The shooting unfolded a little more than two hours after a five-month-old and two adults were shot about a half-mile away.

Police said the man was sitting in a parked car on the 600 block of W. Division when someone fired shots at him from a black SUV around 9:15 p.m. The victim was struck multiple times in the stomach and once in the leg, according to CPD. An ambulance transported the man to Northwestern Memorial Hospital for treatment.

The shooting scene is located about a block from the 18th District police station.

According to police records, the victim has been arrested in the Old Town and Near North neighborhoods several times since he became an adult. In 2019, he was charged armed robbery with a firearm after police arrested him at the exact same street address where he was shot last night. The status of the robbery case was not immediately available. Area Three detectives are investigating.

Woman sexually assaulted near Lincoln Park Zoo

A woman reported being sexually assaulted and robbed by a knife-wielding man near Lincoln Park Zoo on July 14.

The woman, age 25, said she was walking around 4 a.m. when a man pushed a knife into her back and told her to keep walking, according to CPD spokesperson Kellie Bartoli.

When they arrived on the 1700 block of N. Cannon, the man ordered her to take off her pants and then sexually assaulted her, Bartoli said. He then took the woman's money and fled northbound.

The woman walked to a 24-hour service station near LaSalle and Clark to get help after the attack. Police searched the area for the suspect, but he was not found.

Officers transported the woman to Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center for treatment.

Police said the attacker is male, Black, 35- to 40-years-old, 6-feet to 6'-2" tall, and about 200-220 lbs. He has short hair and was wearing a gray shirt with dark blue shorts. Area Three detectives are investigating.

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Home-Loan roller coaster plunges to historic low at 2.98%



by Don DeBat

The Home Front

Home-loan interest rates have plummeted to a historic record low of 2.98% nationwide—the lowest ever recorded by the Freddie Mac's Primary Mortgage Market Survey, which dates back to 1971.

"Mortgage rates fell below 3% for the first time in 50 years," said Sam Khater, Freddie Mac's Chief Economist. The drop has led to soaring home-buyer demand, Khater observed.

"However, the countervailing force for the economy has been the rise in new virus cases which has caused the economic recovery to stagnate. This economic pause puts many temporary layoffs at risk of ossifying into permanent job losses."

Average benchmark 30-year fixed-rate mortgages fell to 2.98% for the week ending July 16, down from 3.03%. A year ago, the 30-year FRM averaged 3.81%.

Fifteen-year fixed loans averaged 2.48%, down from last 2.51% a week earlier. A year ago, 15-year fixed loans averaged 3.23%.

This means Chicago home buyers and families seeking to refinance now have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to lock in the lowest mortgage interest in five decades.

On July 17 Mutual of Omaha was quoting a rock bottom 3%, reported RateSeeker.com. Under an aggressive loan program involving pledged money-market funds, Huntington Bank, was

quoting 2.325% on a seven-year jumbo adjustable-rate mortgage (ARM) with 25% down payment, according to mortgage broker Brian Bockholdt.

Before the recent sharp dip in interest charges, mortgage rates last reached a historical rock bottom on Nov. 21, 2012, when the 30-year fixed mortgage average hit 3.31%, according to Freddie Mac's archives.

North Side home-sales contracts surge

While overall closed home sales in June were down, there was a surge in sales contracts written but not yet closed, noted Mary Jo Nathan, who compiles the quarterly Chicago North Side Market Report for the Charese Team at Compass Roscoe Village.

"North Side contracts were up 14.4% in June compared to the same month last year, and the gains were extremely strong in three communities, Edgewater, North Center and Lake View, which all had increases of 30% or more."

The report tracks home sales in nine neighborhoods: Edgewater, Lake View, Lincoln Park, Lincoln Square, Near North Side, North Center, Rogers Park, Uptown and West Ridge.

Second quarter closed sales activity declined almost equally in the detached and attached segments of the North Side market. Detached sales were down 32.2% to 215 homes, while attached sales, mostly condominium apartments and townhouses, fell by 33.2% to 1,908 units.

However, the median price for the two categories moved in opposite directions. Sale prices of condos and townhomes rose 7.9% to \$369,450, while median prices of detached single-family homes fell 9.7% to \$935,000.

The average time it took a list-

North Side Median Prices 2nd Quarter 2020

	Median Price	% Change
Edgewater		
Detached	\$775,500	+22.9%
Attached	\$265,000	+23.3%
Lake View		
Detached	\$1,152,500	-7.8%
Attached	\$429,000	+22.6%
Lincoln Park		
Detached	\$1,500,000	-9.9%
Attached	\$489,900	-4.4%
Lincoln Square		
Detached	\$727,500	+2.1%
Attache	\$340,000	+1.5%
Near North		
Detached	\$1,015,000	-12.2%
Attached	\$410,500	+2.6%
North Center		
Detached	\$1,005,000	-14.6%
Attached	\$446,000	-1.3%
Rogers Park		
Detached	\$452,500	-9.5%
Attached	\$177,750	+5%
Uptown		
Detached	\$940,000	-11.1%
Attached	\$293,700	+6.8%
West Ridge		
Detached	\$390,000	-4.9%
Attached	\$166,750	+8.5%

ing to go under contract increased only modestly during the second quarter across the North Side. Attached homes average 75 days, up eight days from a year earlier, while detached homes averaged 112 days, a six-day increase.

For more housing news, visit www.dondebat.biz. Don DeBat is co-author of "Escaping Condo Jail," the ultimate survival guide for condominium living. Visit www.escapingcondojail.com.

Uptown man accused of smothering wife is found dead

An Uptown man facing murder charges for allegedly smothering his wife to death with a pillow was found dead this weekend.

Police were called to Brian Rosin's home on the 900 block of W. Leland after someone saw him hanging from the building's wooden rear deck at 6:45 a.m. July 18. The Cook County medical examiner's office Sunday said his death was suicide.

Prosecutors charged Rosin, 35,

with first-degree murder in May. Authorities said Rosin smothered his 25-year-old wife, Isabel, with a pillow because she was screaming during a schizophrenic episode.

During a bond hearing in May, Assistant State's Attorney James Murphy said the Rosins ingested a hallucinogenic drug in the hours before Isabel Rosin was killed.

Murphy said the last text message Brian Rosin sent to Isabel

after she died said, "I am sorry."

Brian Rosin's defense attorney called Isabel Rosin's death "a sudden and intense tragedy." He said both of the Rosins took medications for psychiatric conditions.

"They had a loving relationship where they helped each other," Kusatzky said during the May court hearing.

The Rosins, who were married for three years, had no children.

Letters to the Editor

In defense of not defending statues

In your story on CPD's statues under threat from mobs, you attacked Howard Zinn's book *The People's History of the United States* by quoting Mary Graber who wrote the book *Debunking Howard Zinn*. You write that the book is full of lies and plagiarism and yet fail to cite specifics. Graber works at The Alexander Hamilton Institute for the Study of Western Civilization, a right-wing think tank. Her job is to attack the people today fighting against police oppression and other progressive causes.

Graber says Zinn accused Christopher Columbus of genocide and murder, but his facts are based on so-called plagiarism from a friend's book. Actually Columbus's diaries are first hand accounts of his abuse of the natives in his search for gold. Even the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans who defend Columbus acknowledge the well documented proof about his crimes against the natives. To say people used to honor and respect this man is because "historians" like Graber would prefer that their crimes against humanity be kept secret, as they were for years in the official history books. Sure, I was once proud of Columbus until I learned the facts. Facts that

dishonest pseudo historians prefer to hide today amidst the contrary evidence.

Graber says Zinn repudiates Columbus because he hates this country and wishes to replace it with a communist regime. I don't believe Zinn ever advocated that.

Once statues are removed people will have no way to communicate with the past? Do I need to look at a statue to know about our history? I thought that was what books were for. A statue is a symbol of pride, yes. That is why the Confederate monuments should come down, because who would look with pride to our country's history of owning slaves. And that is why we have statues of Lincoln that stay up.

Peter Nerad,
Lincoln Square

I'm concerned about the article about the CPD statues being under threat that ran in the July 1 edition. The racism of this take must be addressed. We can acknowledge our history, but it doesn't need to be in the form of reifying figures from our past that were anti-Black.

Dan Matthews,
Rogers Park

Use Census Tracts for test

It's unfortunate and confusing to see researchers trying to correlate ZIP Codes with Community Area names [story of July 8]. Their boundaries do not necessarily coincide.

"West Rogers Park" is a neighborhood name, with possibly more than one meaning - but it is not the name of a Community Area, one being West Ridge. Some developer slapped on the moniker "West Rogers Park" to attract people from Rogers Park to move to West Ridge, an already-established name.

The boundaries and name of Community Areas were chosen decades ago to pretty much coincide with existing neighborhood boundaries and names. They are stable long-term to make statistics comparable from one date or

span of time to the next. Except for rare changes - like the break-out of Edgewater from Uptown - Community Areas don't change.

ZIP Codes are mapped out in most places, including Chicago, to make postal delivery work for the Post Office.

It would make more epidemiological sense for researchers to compare data between Community Areas, instead of ZIP Codes.

How could this be done? Easy: use the list of Census Tracts in each Community Area. Every Community Area is 100% populated by Census Tracts, and no Community Area boundary crosses the boundary of a Census Tract.

Jean SmilingCoyote,
West Ridge

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for Music and Arts, a position he has held since 2012. He previously worked with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, the Fort Wayne Philharmonic, and the Aspen Music Festival.

MARATHON: The Chicago Marathon 2020 has officially been canceled due to the pandemic. But you can still run away from the in-laws.

IN PARADISIUM: Condolences to **Monsignor Ken Velo** and the family on the death of their mother **Jeanne Felice Velo** at 102. We used to meet on flights back from the desert years ago. Peace, dear lady.

IT'S GOLDEN: Chicago actor and Second City Star **John T. O'Brien** at the famed Pinewood Studios where he just received the news that his "Dad Man Walking" series was selected by the Lift Off Global Network for inclusion in their filmmaker showcase web series. This is a huge success and international achievement for the hardworking O'Brien. Pinewood Studios has been the golden kiss for more than 80 years.

FARE THEE WELL: **Milly Matlow**, mother of Chicago entertainment photographer **Linda Matlow**, passed away at 91.

A lifelong Chicagoan, Milly was an award-winning hair stylist that for more than 50 years, owned or managed beauty salons from Edgewater to downtown Chicago. Her first salon, Siboney was later



Gloria Swanson at Cynthia Olson's Palm Beach opening many moons ago.



Jay Emerich with Kathy O'Malley Piccone.



Nikki Friar with Thaddeus Buggs and Dr. Mike Ralls and Mr. Franklin at Marchesa Chicago.



Lauren Lein

followed by Continental Look in the Continental Plaza Hotel (now the Westin), which in the 1960s was one of the 'go to' destinations for visiting celebrities, Symmetry and Matlow Hair Design. She had a passion for theatre and spent years cultivating the craft

and writing at The Second City. Services will be private.

DINOSAURS AND MUMMIES: After four months shut, the Field Museum of Natural History reopened Friday. Go visit, and take the whole family too.

RAINBOW WAGON: Beverly's timeless Rainbow ice cream cone announced its super secret project and is finally ready to share it with fans. Original Rainbow Cone's ice cream truck will be debuting at the Buona in Darien's parking lot, serving ice cream from 4-9 p.m. Saturday and Sun-



Milly Matlow

day. A Southside tradition goes mobile.

MANGE: My favorite, Cook County Treasurer **Maria Pappas** now open for business, and happy to be spoolin' Italian at La Scandola on Grand Ave. with the 'boss di cuisine' **Joey Mondelli**.

MURDER SHE WROTE: Strange. Police are fine-combing Streeterville for clues after a 52-year-old woman's dead body was found outside the NBC Tower on the plaza sidewalk. She was discovered at 8 a.m. Very bloody. Teeth knocked out.

MURDER IN THE FRIDGE: The Edgewater Beach murder reads like a Miss Marple mystery. The body of a man found in a refrigerator in the famed pink lake shore vintage complex, the Edgewater Beach Apartments. Now reported, he was strangled. Before chilling.

TOP DECK PANORAMA: **Jim Kinney** and **Brian White** gathered for some stunning Lake Shore Dr. rooftop dining, continuing a pandemic tradition with guests **Matthew Defty**, **Tom Cooney**, **Peggy Snorf** and **William M Fix**.

REQUIESCAT: World Cup-winning England defender and former Republic of Ireland manager **Sir Jackie Charlton** has died at the age of 85.

CHICAGO LIGHTHOUSE: **Kevin Sullivan** tells us that for the past 10 years, Scooters Frozen Custard "has been a great supporter of the Chicago Lighthouse Scholarship Program by donating their delicious custard for guests of our

annual scholarship ceremony." While this year's ceremony will be held virtually, Scooter's generously donated gift cards to each of their scholarship recipients so they still have the opportunity to enjoy one of the tasty treats this summer. All are so grateful for their continued support. Also, if you visit Scooter's, you can check out one of the beautiful Lighthouse sculptures along The Mag Mile.

GALLERY MEMORY: **Cynthia Olson** says, "This photo is older than most of my friends with the legendary **Gloria Swanson** at my Palm Beach opening and yes

and safely, for a cocktail or swig of water, while sipping a fresh grapefruit juice gin and tonic... **Shelly Howard** with **Fernando Asturizaga** at their usual spot where **Angela** is one of the boys at Tavern On Rush, on a sweltering summer night, with **Dennis Donn**, **Jim Coston**, **Angela Milan** and **Jay Barksdale**... **Rhonda J Pennington Liesenfelt** dining with **Bobbi Panter** and **Maria Giordano** at Carmine's, loving the street scene and catching up with the girls... Fabulous cook and decorator, **Marc Joseph Sievers**, filming for his YouTube channel show... **Nikki Friar** with **Thaddeus Buggs**, **Dr. Mike Ralls** and **Mr. Franklin** at Marchesa where the three have not seen one another in many months, so they hosted a small soiree in The Marchesa Apartment... **Sherry Lea Fox** celebrating a shared birthday with movie-star looks son, **Taylor**, in San Juan Capistrano and Las Brisas, in Laguna Beach, CA... **Mark Olley** began his birthday celebrating with breakfast at Tempo Cafe.

FACES NIGHTCLUB: **Kathy O'Malley Piccone** reports that **Jay Emerich** of the famed Rush St. nightclub, "Faces," passed away. He had been ill for quite a while. He was a great man with a big heart. Kathy recalls that he and partner, **Jimmy Rittenberg**, were her first bosses back in 1973. Remember "Jay's?"

BROOKS BROTHERS: The news isn't good. America's classic home for fine apparel, founded in 1818, is on life support. It needs a new buyer with big pockets. I'm not good at financial matters, but I understand the consequences of cultural disintegration. Brooks Brother's filing for bankruptcy protection isn't just one shop closing. It's a way of life come to a sad end. Suits of fine fabrics. Oxford cloth button down shirts. The changeless Brahmin style of timeless fashion. It is said that the drop in the suit market during the quarantine is to blame. Let's just hope that the haberdasher who gave us good luggage and Ralph Lauren, can continue to dress Americans who care.

AMERICAN MUSIC: Chorus conductor **Joseph Liebling**, leader of many Bay Area ensembles, died on July 4 at the age

of 93. He was music director of the Oakland Symphony Chorus for quarter of a century.

WHO'S WHERE: Happy birthday to a fan of this column, **Dr. Henry Roenigk**, our publisher's pop, enjoying his birthday poolside in 115-degrees at home in Arizona. A party and tour of his old Midwest stomping grounds - with stops at Joe's Stone Crab, Shaw's, Ann Sather's and Gibson's was cancelled when a virus got in the way... **Lauren Lein** and **Tom Cavanaugh** at Cosmos Cucina, Kalamazoo, MI, sipping a frosty one, wearing masks, saying, just insert your straw, easily

VICTORIA R: The word from the palace at Public Television is that Victoria and Albert are no longer an item. **Jenna Coleman** who plays Queen Victoria and **Tom Hughes** who plays Prince Albert are splitsville after four lovey-dovey years. They will return in the popular PBS drama, 'Victoria,' soon, but are no longer an item in real life. Just friends. "We are not amused."

The difference between genius and stupidity is; genius has its limits. -- **Albert Einstein**

channel show... **Nikki Friar** with **Thaddeus Buggs**, **Dr. Mike Ralls** and **Mr. Franklin** at Marchesa where the three have not seen one another in many months, so they hosted a small soiree in The Marchesa Apartment... **Sherry Lea Fox** celebrating a shared birthday with movie-star looks son, **Taylor**, in San Juan Capistrano and Las Brisas, in Laguna Beach, CA... **Mark Olley** began his birthday celebrating with breakfast at Tempo Cafe.

HAPPY 86th BIRTHDAY: To **Giorgio Armani** who rose from the ranks of window dresser at La Rinascente department store to become one of the world's greatest and most successful designers. Thanks **Jeffrey Banks**.

NOTRE DAME ALIVE: French President **Emmanuel Macron** announced the spire of Notre Dame cathedral, destroyed in a fire in April 2019, will be restored according to the original Gothic design and not a modern style. He also said he wants the restoration to be completed by 2024, when Paris is hosting the Olympics.

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Bullet grazes teen’s head in Grant Park

A 15-year-old boy is in good condition after shots were fired July 14 in Grant Park and a bullet grazed his head, according to Chicago police. The boy does not appear to be the intended target.

Officers on patrol heard gunfire and were immediately waved down by witnesses after shots were fired near the Grant Skate Park, 1135 S. Michigan, around 10:30 p.m.

A source, citing preliminary information, said a group that was having a party at a nearby hotel got into an altercation with another group of people who were parked on Columbus Dr. The argument escalated, and someone fired shots, the source said, adding that the gunman may have fled back to the hotel.

Police found shell casings close to a nearby pedestrian bridge, according to officers at the scene. A blood trail led away from the area, but the victim was not immediately found.

Shortly before midnight, the boy arrived at Northwestern Memorial Hospital with his mother. He has been transferred to Lurie Children’s Hospital in good condition, police said.

The boy told officers he was walking alone when two groups of men began arguing, and someone opened fire, according to a police media release. CPD said the boy was struck by a “stray bullet.”

No one is in custody for the shooting. Area Three detectives are investigating.

Artis Senior Living announces partnership with Johns Hopkins

Physicians create a unique health and safety council

As part of its Advancing Safe Living initiative, Artis Senior Living announced the launch of the new Artis Safety Council in partnership with Johns Hopkins physicians and a cross-discipline group of Artis associates and healthcare leaders to focus on maximizing the safety and well-being of residents, associates and families.

For several weeks, the council has been actively strengthening the health and safety protocols for the current challenge of COVID-19. Artis, 3535 N. Ashland Ave., is a premier developer-owner-operator of assisted living residences. It was formed by the Bainum family along with a group of seasoned professionals in the senior living industry.

The council will be providing guidance in regard to the latest science of dealing with the new virus, along with proactively looking ahead at other potential community health issues that could arise, to have an industry-leading approach to safety and resident care.

The members of the Artis Safety Council include:

- Michele Bellantoni, MD, an Associate Professor of Medicine in the Division of Geriatric Medicine and Gerontology at The Johns Hopkins Univ. School of Medicine. She is the Certified Medical Direc-

tor for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care at Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center and Medical Director of Johns Hopkins Bayview Specialty Hospital Programs.

- Morgan Jane Katz, MD, is an Assistant Professor of Medicine at The Johns Hopkins Univ. School of Medicine and a member of the independent Coronavirus Commission for Safety and Quality in Nursing Homes that will be advising the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. Her area of clinical expertise is infectious diseases. Her research interests lie in infection control and antibiotic stewardship in long-term care facilities.

- Ravi Passi, MD, an attending physician in partnership with Artis at Olney Assisted Living in Maryland, is Board-Certified in Internal Medicine and has been in practice in Maryland, since 1985. He trained at DC General and Georgetown Univ. Hospitals. He is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians and a Certified Medical Director for Long-Term Care.

Core areas of focus for the Artis Safety Council initially include cleaning and sanitation protocols, use of personal protective equipment as effective tools against risk of infection or virus spread, and testing approaches to protect Artis residents, their families and staff. Beyond the COVID-19 pandemic, leadership from Artis and Johns Hopkins will continue working together on refining protocols and ongoing safety

recommendations that can span to provide a safe and positive living environment for community residents.

As part of their commitment to the safety and health of its residents, Artis is adding staff to serve as Safety Officers who will ensure appropriate training for Artis associates across all locations, continual monitoring of safety protocols and ongoing enhancements as needed over time to ensure community safety.

“We are proud of this exciting partnership with a truly world-class organization like Johns Hopkins,” said Donald E. Feltman, Artis Senior Living President and CEO. “Our commitment to our residents, their families and our staff is at the heart of what we do. Their safety today, and always, is a top priority.”

Artis will be hosting virtual Town Halls for residents and their families, prospective Artis families and local physicians interested in our safety efforts in late July. For more information, visit TheArtisWay.com/SafetyCouncil.

For information from Johns Hopkins Medicine about the coronavirus pandemic, visit hopkinsmedicine.org/coronavirus. For information on the coronavirus from throughout the Johns Hopkins enterprise, including the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and The Johns Hopkins University, visit coronavirus.jhu.edu.

TOTEM POLE *from p. 1*

til it was under attack. If public and private holders of art - like the Chicago Park District - would consider the underlying reasons that art vandals perpetuate their crimes, then security practices and procedures could be designed more effectively. Still, given the motives, art crime scholars and art world professionals constantly grapple with the most effective methods by which to reduce and prevent victimization by art vandals.

Born on Canada’s Vancouver Island, Hunt was a hereditary chief of the KwaGulth people and had carved the current version of Kwa-Ma-Rolas in 1984 to replace an earlier version of Kwa-Ma-Rolas that had been carved in 1900. Because the earlier totem pole is historically significant, it was returned to Canada for preservation pur-

poses and is now at the Museum of Anthropology at the Univ. of British Columbia.

Standing in Chicago for more than 50 years, the original totem pole had been installed in 1929. It had been presented as a gift to the city of Chicago from James L. Kraft, the founder of Kraft Foods. Decades of Chicago’s harsh weather caused serious damage to the red cedar pole and it had also been incorrectly restored by the park district.

According to the web site of the Chicago Park District, at the June 1929 dedication of the totem pole, a contingent of local native Americans participated in the ceremony. Children from Alcott School also participated and presented a “pageant symbolizing the story of Kwanusila-the Thunderbird-and other carved figures depicted on the forty-foot pole.”

Sadly, the original totem pole suffered

damage from vandalism. In 1972, the base of the totem pole was set on fire and defaced with paint. A Nov. 9, 1972 Chicago Tribune article reported the newspaper had been contacted by a man who said he was Richard Skyhorse. During a phone call, Skyhorse claimed to be a member of the Chicago arm of the American Indian Movement, a native American rights organization. Skyhorse provided specific details about paints used during the attack to the Tribune and said he and his accomplices had been thwarted by the Chicago Police Dept.

“We wanted to burn the thing down, but pigs came by and we had to get out,” the caller said to a Chicago Tribune reporter at the time.

Hunt’s works are prominently displayed around the world, including Japan, China, Mexico, and Germany. His works are also included in museums around the world. Many credit Hunt with getting indigenous art from the Pacific Northwest “out of the curio shops” and recognized as serious art by art museums and collectors.

Hunt’s maternal grandfather, Mungo Martin, had been the principal carver at the Royal British Columbia Museum in Victoria, British Columbia. Martin authentically repaired and replicated items.

Tony Hunt was a direct descendant of



The original totem pole stood in Chicago for more than 50 years.

Photo courtesy Chicago Park District

the Canadian-born ethnologist George Hunt, who had collaborated with American anthropologist Franz Boas to collect Kwakwaka’wakw items (known as Kwakiutl) for Chicago’s 1893 World’s Fair. By birth, George Hunt was a member of the Tlingit nation. He grew up in the Kwakwaka’wakw homeland and was a gifted linguist and ethnologist.

BOYSTOWN *from p. 1*

Taylor noted that while some Boystown residents struggled with “inclusivity,” that was an issue that plagued many places. It is an issue to be addressed, but the name Boystown itself isn’t the issue. Changing the name isn’t the issue. Changing the name isn’t going to solve anything.”

But not everyone seems to oppose at least looking at the idea of a new name. NBA board member Brad Balof told a Sun-Times reporter he’s “excited to explore the idea” of a new name that’s “more inclusive,” even though he admits he can’t speak for the entire board.

The most difficult part, Balof agreed, would be picking a new name that “honors the LGBTQ history of the neighborhood

while expanding its inclusivity.”

After all, he added, “Boystown” has become almost a trademark. “Getting everyone to change is going to be a much bigger endeavor.”

Nevertheless, Balof said he’s talked to people on the street and seen online posts indicating many in the North Halsted community are amenable to a change. He predicts the change could come in the next few months.

The debate is thick with a broad spectrum of real and imagined affronts and trespasses, and opinions based almost entirely on the fluid and ever-changing demands of political correctness. But in the meantime, “the process will likely take a few months, as we listen to the community feedback,” Camp said.



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