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than in all the pirate's loot on Treasure Island.
—Walt Disney

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Troubled clubs giving up

Whether as a result of the forced economic lockdown, the Covid-19 pandemic or to pressure from neighbors and City Hall, some of River North's most troubled night clubs are now giving up.

Club Cuvee, 308 W. Erie St., is the most recent club to surrender their business and liquor licenses, and is now permanently closed.

This is the third closure of a River North nightclub with a history of late-night nuisance issues.

Concrete Cowboy, 646 N. Franklin St., and Bottled Blonde, 504 N. Wells St., also permanent-

ly closed in July. All three businesses were the source of multiple complaints and quality of life concerns reported to the local alderman, City Hall, the Chicago Police, and city's Dept. of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection. Ald. Brendan Reilly [42nd] has also placed a liquor license moratorium around the neighborhood, so no new Tavern or Late Hour liquor licenses can be approved at these locations.

Bottled Blonde is part of an Arizona-based chain, Evening Entertainment Group. They decided to close on July 27 after a

5-year battle with neighbors and City Hall.

Concrete Cowboy to shut down permanently, in the wake of a longstanding history of noise violations, crowd control issues, and even violence.

In May of 2019, two men were arrested on felony charges after as many as 40 shots were fired outside Club Cuvee nightclub. In a dramatic scene that was captured on video, two officers on foot spotted a white Rolls Royce fleeing the scene of the shooting. The

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Downtown alderman requests more police to fight late-night crime

BY STEVEN DAHLMAN
Loop North News

Ald. Brendan Reilly [42nd] has requested more police officers in downtown Chicago to combat what he says is an increasing "lawlessness that occurs downtown overnight."

He blames "curbside parties," where hundreds of people congregate between midnight and 4:00 a.m., "when literally nothing is open downtown."

In a letter to Streeterville Organization of Active Residents, Ald. Reilly says he and Ald. Bri-

an Hopkins [2nd] met with 18th police district commander Jill Stevens and former commander Daniel O'Shea, now Deputy Chief, about getting more officers downtown.

He says overnight crime downtown is "totally unacceptable" and deserves their immediate attention.

Reilly says he has spent "a large portion" of city funds available to him on license plate readers, throughout the downtown area, that are capable of spotting vehicles that have been involved in a crime or are owned by people

with outstanding arrest warrants.

Parking overnight has been banned in many parts of the Loop, River North, and Streeterville, making it easier, he says, for police to break-up curbside parties.

"We do not want people paying parking meters at 2 a.m. so they can 'just hang out,'" says Reilly, which he says is "code for drinking and drugs."

Five people have been shot and one has been stabbed downtown over the past two weeks in inci-

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Proposed Rush St. pot shop hosting Aug. 11 meeting

While the effort has so far been met with more difficulty than normal due to a variety of ancillary issues, PC AU 3, LLC [PharmaCann] is going forward with a second meeting on a proposed Rush St. District pot shop 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11, to allow for further discussion of the proposal for an Adult-Use Cannabis Dispensary at 12-14 W. Maple St.

The first community meeting was held in-person on March 5. This matter had been scheduled to be heard in City Hall on Friday, July 17, but was granted a one-month deferral before the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) for additional community review.

PharmaCann has volunteered to hold this meeting to allow the community to express concerns

and ask questions.

Those who wish to participate may visit Zoom.us/join. When prompted, enter the meeting ID [949 1486 4195] and password [151242].

Residents who are unable to access the Zoom video meeting may participate through a telephone conference. To dial in to the meeting, call 312-626-6799; when prompted, enter the same meeting ID and password.

The Zoning Board of Approval ultimately makes decisions on pot shop zoning matters.

For more information, contact the attorney for PharmaCann, Katrina McGuire, at 312-580-2326, or via email at kmcguire@thompsoncoburn.com.

After cops warn of scooter theft spree, man caught riding one around town

Just days after Chicago police warned that thieves are stealing motorized scooters from parking spaces on the Near North Side, cops have arrested a man who was allegedly riding one of the stolen two-wheelers. But he's not charged with actually taking it.

Last week, police said someone had stolen six scooters between July 18 and July 21 from legal parking spots between Streeterville and Old Town.

The very next day, patrol officers saw Rayquan Griffin, 20, driving a motor scooter without a license plate. The cops tried to pull him over after Griffin allegedly drove on the wrong side of the road and ran a red light.

Griffin stopped, got off the scooter, and ran, prosecutors said. Cops caught him and later learned that the motorbike he was riding was stolen from the 100 block of E. Bellevue in the Gold Coast on July 24.

The scooter's owner told police that it was secured with a disc brake locking mechanism when it was taken.

Prosecutors charged Griffin with felony possession of a stolen motor vehicle and attempted fleeing and eluding of police.

When his defense attorney argued that "there is no indication that my client knew" the scooter

was stolen, Judge Charles Beach fired back, "Other than him running away on foot?"



Rayquan Griffin

Beach then released Griffin on his own recognizance.

Detectives in their community alert last week did not describe

the person who's responsible for the scooter thefts, nor did they explain how the scooters are being taken.

But a source said the theft problem is significantly more pervasive and widespread than the limited number of cases that police detailed. One source said the thieves wear construction vests and use pick-up trucks and vans to haul the scooters away, even in broad daylight. The thefts reportedly appear to be the work of an organized crew.

Senior residents seek COVID care and information on deaths

BY PATRICK BUTLER

Davetta Brooks and other residents at the Jane Addams Seniors Caucus [JASC] started getting edgy recently when the staff at her senior apartment building failed to start wearing masks or gloves after Gov. J.B. Pritzker and Mayor Lori Lightfoot started issuing stay-at-home orders back in Mid-May.

At the same time Brooks started hearing that some staff members in her building started getting diagnosed with COVID-19.

"No type of wellness tests or support came after that. We were just left to fend for ourselves," Brooks told the City Committee on Health and Human Relations,

which ultimately recommended the full city council approve the measure at its July 20 session.

Help, however, may be on its way in the form of several City Council ordinances designed to help local seniors immediately and long term. One such ordinance championed by the JASC and co-sponsored by Ald. Matt Martin [47th] will help improve some of the safety conditions in some of the larger senior housing facilities by requiring more inspections in public housing for seniors as well as assistance with grocery shopping and in some cases helping seniors with medication shopping.

A June 2 ProPublica story explained the fate of Leonard

Graves. The 57-year-old lived alone in a senior building on Chicago's North Side, and no one had seen him in at least two days. Volunteers called community ambassadors usually checked on fellow residents in the Edith Spurlock Sampson Apartments, a 394-unit Chicago Housing Authority [CHA] complex at 2640 N. Sheffield Ave. But after the coronavirus began spreading in Chicago, leaders say the Chicago Housing Authority suspended the program.

With the help of a building maintenance worker, a worried friend entered Graves' apartment on March 14. Inside, they found

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Maybe the pot shop is just what is needed; not more hate



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

It's been quite a week. First the barrage of misinformation coming out of the mayor's office (where does she really live?).

Then the scattering of any aldermen of any wit or wisdom ahead of the feds.

Then the disappearance of two statues of Christopher Columbus from the parks in the wee hours of the morning and confirmation that the Lincoln statue in Lincoln Park was defaced. Not unlike the tearing up of the runways at old Miegs Field in the Richard M. Daley administration. Then the spike in Covid-19 cases that has Mayor Lori Lightfoot's administration losing their hair. Then not least, the arrival of hundreds of federal law enforcement officials to help end the bloodshed on Chicago streets. And finally, all my incoming mail focused on pampered Millennials and their decisions to speak out and march against systemic racism.

Reader **Glenn Farber** noticed it right away. He saw something change in my words. "Your column this week took a darker turn,

Thomas. I wish brighter times for you. Maybe the pot shop is just what is needed."

Violence and destruction, however, are not. What a strange week it has been. I apparently outraged an attorney at a silk stocking law firm who took issue with my defense of Theodore Roosevelt [TR]. And because my column failed to mention some historical items of Roosevelt history, I was accused of journalistic abuse and convenient doctoring of evidence. That also was never my intention. To Chicago's ubiquitous **Sugar Rautbord**, it was wisdom she smelled in what I said. "My scholarly friend, artist, columnist and chef, thank you for your wisdom and weighing in. You are my favorite wordsmith and your instincts unerring."

Attorney **Michael Vickery** sent an email to defend his children from my cruel words [See sidebar]. He must have a quiet safe place at home where his son and daughter can go to shield themselves from harsh words they don't want to hear. You can tell it's not an Irish family. We have no place to escape to shield us from the screaming and yelling of those who love us most.

But **Myra Reilly** got what I was trying to say. "You really hit the nail on the head with your latest column. Bravo. Keep it up. Perhaps "they" will take notice."

Mr. Vickery to date is the only angry reader of my column to communicate; where are the rest of you, I know you're out there?

He didn't like my disparaging reference to vegan sandwiches and whole milk.

"You then parlayed this (false) TR narrative into an over-the-top diatribe against the "marching Millennials" who, in your view, carry a vegan sandwich in their left hand, while bashing in store windows with a baseball bat in their right." [His daughter being among those marchers.] "They and their friends don't destroy anything; they are marching because they care deeply about sys-

Letter to the Editor

No trashing parents, protestors

While I normally enjoy your lead observations, your "Cancel Culture" piece was not only misinformed, but also offensive on several levels.

You omitted the reason why the Teddy Roosevelt statue was removed from the entrance of the Museum of Natural History: its depiction of [him] on horseback in between a Native American and an African on foot. This imagery suggests that TR is leading these people into a better world; imagery which troubles many and does not square with history. Indeed, the statue has little to do with TR's legacy (except for his association with colonialism, which should not be celebrated).

TR's great-grandson (77-year-old Theodore Roosevelt IV) approved the move, and, given your veneration of the Roosevelt family, you cannot complain that TR IV's own objections to the statue are the product of mollycoddling parents. Moreover, the Museum of Natural History has not "cancelled" TR; it just named its Hall of Biodiversity after him. There are two possibilities why these key facts are glaringly absent from your piece: either you were not aware of them, despite their wide publication (a bad thing for a journalist), or you were aware of them, but they were "inconvenient" to your pat story about "cancel culture" (worse).

You then parlayed this (false) TR narrative into an over-the-top diatribe against the "marching Millennials" who, in your

view, carry a vegan sandwich in their left hand, while bashing in store windows with a baseball bat in their right. My 23-year-old daughter and 21-year-old son happen to be among those marchers. They and their friends don't destroy anything; they are marching because they care deeply about systemic, entrenched racism, not only in the criminal justice system, but also in society at large.

As for your trashing of the marchers' parents, my children may have been raised in a comfortable environment, but they are hardly part of some imagined army of spoiled, entitled kids. My wife and I, along with many parents in our neighborhood, have attempted to parent by example, through, among other things, community activism and pro bono representation in social justice issues.

You closed by lauding Dr. King and other civil rights luminaries, focusing on their struggles in the 1960's (Selma, Mississippi Burning and others). The implication from this odd juxtaposition is that there is no longer a need for such activism (or, relatedly, that today's activism is somehow less true or righteous, but is instead the latest fad from the coddled vegan crowd). Respectfully, the lens of the Gold Coast/Palm Springs society crowd may be clouding your otherwise good sense.

Paul K. Vickrey
Loop

temic, entrenched racism, not only in the criminal justice system, but also in society at large."

I admit after watching the pillaging and rioting on Michigan Ave. I had little patience left for the soft soaping of bourgeois parents, even lawyers, who think they have raised the perfect children because their parenting style is reasoned and cool.

Vickery said, "As for your trashing of the marchers' parents, my children may have been raised in a comfortable environment, but they are hardly part of some imagined army of spoiled, entitled kids. My wife and I, along with many parents in our neighborhood, have attempted to parent by example, through, among other things, community activism and pro bono representation in social justice issues." Great. How does that work with the RevComs (revolutionary communists) from Univ. of Chicago with whom your children marched?

I was in no way saying that marching in general was bad. Or that there was no need to be vigilant guarding the human rights of our fellow citizens. I'm just surprised when 20-somethings think they're the first ones to discover injustice in the world.

"The implication," he posits of

my criticism, "is that there is no longer a need for such activism (or, relatedly, that today's activism is somehow less true or righteous, but is instead the latest fad from the coddled vegan crowd)."

This was never my meaning. More activism is needed. Just not the bitter, mean-spirited kind exemplified by the current caliber of marchers and looters. I also said that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. called us to march with love and peace in our hearts. Not the cancel-culture words of hate used on marches today that threaten the safety and dignity of police.

How did I possibly survive this negative, acerbic, criticism? Well, mostly because I believe I'm right. Secondly, because the wisdom of lawyers is something my generation simply does not believe in. And thirdly, by the overwhelming goodwill and heartfelt responses that most Chicagoans sent to me either on Facebook or emails.

Cynthia Olson, faithful column reader, was right on the money. She gives me goosebumps. "I feel almost like a woman knitting in Place de la Concorde as the heads roll. When will this madness be stopped? We are helpless as we watch our beloved city being ravaged by savages and nothing worthwhile being done and

the police with their hands tied behind their backs. Your newest column was beyond brilliant, you weren't afraid (as are the politicians) to place blame where it deserves to be. BRAVO."

The **Hansens, Connerys and Murrays**, big column fans, were of one mind. "Wonderful reminder that history is multifaceted and must be preserved to learn from the past to avoid repeating the past, yet recognizing the wrongs and correcting them for a better future for us all."

Doug Van Tress hit the nail on the head. "Thank you for weighing in - it's far safer to stay aloof. Your analysis is reasonable and respects both artistic and democratic considerations."

Fashion designer **Lauren Lein**, a real business woman and artist, was very solution-orientated. And clever. She added some references to other column items. "Have we all gone to pot? Hope not. You won't see me in that line — but — you will find me always supporting Chicago - my friends - my loved ones, this column, and you. You always tell the truth. Senseless violence toward statues — people, property — of course, not good. Ugh. Perhaps though, people are just looking for excuses to be violent — but also, the unheard need to be heard. It's a mess out there, the violence we have shown to one another, the killings that are off the charts — the extreme gun violence — is just as disheartening to me as a broken statue. History — people — our city — all breaking — but for me it's not time to point fingers, it's time to WORK TOGETHER —

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To the Gold Coast Community,

In early March, PharmaCann invited the public to a community meeting to discuss its plans to open Verilife, a licensed cannabis retail dispensary at 12-14 W. Maple in Chicago's Gold Coast neighborhood. During that meeting, we heard from supporters, we heard from opponents, and we heard from members of the community. From that meeting, we learned that much of the community's concern focused on issues of security and congestion in the Gold Coast.

So many changes have taken place in this world since our meeting 22 long weeks ago. We used this time to address these concerns to ensure our proposed retail location meets the standards of the community and contributes positively to the character of the neighborhood:

- **Security.** In addition to 24-hour continuous surveillance and alarm monitoring both outside and inside our dispensary, our on-site licensed security contractors will patrol the public way outside of our dispensary a minimum of four times each day. This includes Mariano Park. Our security personnel will be directed to escalate any issues they encounter for an appropriate response, whether it's picking up litter or reporting criminal activity.
- **Congestion.** In order to eliminate any queues outside of our location, our customers will be required to reserve a time online before coming to our store. We will work diligently to ensure there is no loitering in front of our business. While we will be able to manage the flow of customers into the dispensary through our online reservation system, our customers will also patronize retailers, restaurants, and bars in the neighborhood. In a post-COVID environment, foot traffic will help drive the recovery of area retailers.
- **Being a good neighbor.** Given our security presence, we will be an asset to the neighborhood. Our retail-only dispensary will close by nine p.m., nearly seven hours before the four a.m. licensed bars close, and five hours before the businesses that are open until two a.m. close.

To hear more about these process improvements, please join the virtual update on Tuesday, August 11, 2020, at 6pm. If you wish to participate online, visit [Zoom.us/join](https://zoom.us/join). When prompted, enter the Meeting ID [949 1486 4195] and password [151242]. Residents who are unable to attend the Zoom video meeting may participate by telephone. To access the meeting, call 312-626-6799; when prompted, enter the Meeting ID [949 1486 4195] and password [151242].

Thanks to our many supporters for their tireless advocacy on our behalf. As a good neighbor, we will exceed the level of decorum expected of businesses in the Gold Coast. For those still working to understand, we will strive to show that a world with regulated cannabis is a happier, healthier, and safer place.

The PharmaCann team



Pay property taxes through Oct. 1 with no penalty

Second Installment Cook County property tax bills are due Aug. 3, but North Side property owners have two extra months to pay without a late fee, said Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas.

"In my nearly 22 years as Treasurer, I've never told people not to pay their taxes," she said. "But the pandemic has changed a lot of things. If you've lost your job and don't have the money, you do not have to pay until Oct. 1."

Homeowners and business people can also now avoid a trip downtown by taking care of their property taxes at cookcountytreasurer.com, including making payments, searching for refunds and verifying tax exemptions, says Pappas. Property owners can pay the Second Installment online without a late fee through Oct. 1.

Partial payments are accepted too for those who need to spread out the payment.

To download a copy of your tax bill or to make a payment, visit cookcountytreasurer.com and select the blue box labeled "Pay Online for Free." Search by property address or enter your Property Index Number (PIN), there should be no fee if you pay from your bank account.

"Stay home!" urges Pappas. "Millions of people are still staying home and you should, too. Homeowners and business people can conduct all their business on my website." Property owners may use cookcountytreasurer.com to apply for or check the status of a refund, see if you are missing out on \$34 million in senior exemptions (going back four years), update your mailing address or submit a question.

You can also find out if your property is on the delinquent Tax Sale list. Just enter your address. A Property ID Number is not required. Any balance due after Oct. 1 will be charged a 1.5% per month fee, as required by law.

Property owners may also search \$75 million in available refunds going back 20 years.

Furnished apartments are hot as landlords shift away from Airbnb



The Home Front

by Don DeBat

Chicago's hotel and rental apartment markets are undergoing dramatic changes because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

With tens of thousands of people following state and city guidelines to stay at home, downtown Chicago hotels are posting soaring vacancies and managers are slashing room rates. And, the once-booming Airbnb market is sputtering in the Windy City.

One top Chicago Airbnb manager revealed that the city's once thriving business is off 30% to 50%, and thousands of future reservations have been canceled. It is likely that hotel and Airbnb reservations will not rebound until early 2021 or later when an anti-virus vaccine is developed, experts predict.

While some luxury downtown hotels are reducing room rates from the \$300-night range to as little as \$50-100 a night, apartment landlords who formerly hosted swank, completely furnished Airbnb units are quickly redrafting 2020 marketing plans with a shift to leasing apartments on six-month and one-year standard leases.

"Within the past six months 35 furnished apartments have been rented in Census Tract 8007, which includes Lincoln Park and Old Town," noted Realtor Sara E. Benson, president of Chicago-based Benson Stanley Realty.

An analysis of currently available furnished apartments in Lincoln Park revealed 22 active listings with monthly rents ranging from \$1,775 to \$14,950, Benson said.

"Renting former Airbnb apartments on standard leases is proving to be a strong business model," said San Diego-based Airbnb manager Paul Lougee of Native Travel, who recently leased a professionally furnished one-bedroom apartment on Lincoln



Gateway cities such as Chicago, Boston, Washington, D.C. and Houston and 15 other cities posted negative rent growth. The survey reported that rents have declined \$12 a month nationwide since Jan. 2020. The action on shared rentals sites like Airbnb and Home & Away have also dropped dramatically.

Ave. in Old Town to a medical professional for \$2,350 on a one-year lease.

Another professionally decorated and furnished one-bedroom-plus-den unit on North Park Ave. in Old Town is currently being listed by Benson Stanley Realty for \$2,395 a month. The 1,000-square-foot apartment features a 16-by-18-foot great-room, and a 12-by-18-foot master bedroom.

The unit showcases a black absolute granite "tuxedo" kitchen with undermount stainless-steel sink, gas range, dishwasher, built-in Euro-style washer/dryer, refrigerator with ice-maker. The full bath with marble floor has a glass-walled shower and 2-person Jacuzzi tub with Grohe full-body sprays.

The furnished apartment features hardwood floors and new area carpets in the great room, den and master bedroom, tasteful new modern furnishings and the building owner's original art, lamps, end tables, and a completely outfitted kitchen. Other amenities are track lighting, Levolor blinds, central air conditioning, and gas forced air heating system.

The rent includes access to a spacious deck which is perfect for entertaining. The deck features built-in seating and Weber gas barbecue grill and overlooks a gated private walled patio and garden with restful in-ground fountain, statue and waterfall.

Pandemic pushes rents lower

Average U.S. apartment rents decreased by \$2 a month to

\$1,457 in June, and year-over-year growth was in the negative for the first time since Dec. 2010, reported Yardi Matrix.

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Also, MRI Software reported a "worrisome trend" of an on-going rise in the use of credit-card debt to fund rent payments from unemployed renters of market-rate apartments.

The Yardi Matrix report also tracked an "exodus" from major U.S. cities, fueled by the success of remote working and the desire of many renters to exit populous areas, where it is harder to socially distance and rents are less expensive. Minneapolis/St. Paul, Indianapolis, Kansas City, St. Louis, Colorado Springs, and Tucson posted growth in rentals.

In California, Lougee noted the rise of a trend called "Staycations," where city families are renting luxury suburban single-family Airbnb homes with swimming pools to avoid crowded cities over the summer.

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Tenants get more time to stay in apartment under new measure

The City Council last week approved a new measure that will make it harder for Chicago landlords to evict a tenant for non-payment of rent when the city extended the notice period required for the non-renewal of leases and for notice of increased rent from 30 days to up to 120 days based on the length of the tenancy.

First introduced at City Council in May, the revised Fair Notice Ordinance will establish Chicago as having one of the longest notice periods in the country where people can stay in a property without paying any rent, requiring landlords with tenants of more

than three years to give 120 days' notice before non-renewing or terminating a lease.

By extending the notice period from 30 days to up to 120 days, the mayor and aldermen feel this will ensure that Chicagoans will have the housing stability they need during this unprecedented economic lockdown that has cost so many people their jobs.

The new ordinance will provide tenants of six months to three years with 60 days to secure new housing when their landlord intends to increase rent, does not renew or terminates yearlong or month-to-month leases, up from

30 days required previously. For renters who have been in their current unit for more than three years, landlords will be required to provide 120 days of notice.

"Thirty days is simply not long enough for the majority of Chicagoans who rent to find a new and suitable apartment and to move without disruption or trauma," said Ald. Harry Osterman [48th], Chairman of the City Council Housing and Real Estate Committee. "By extending the notice period up to 120 days, we are providing more stability and predictability for Chicago renters."

COVID hits home, good vibes needed

Plus, Lakeview memories wanted!



Heart of the 'Hood

by Felicia Dechter

If this week's column is a little fermished (Yiddish for messed up, mixed up), it's because so am I. It's impossible for me to focus or concentrate. My 30-year-old daughter, Andie, has the corona-virus.

Sunday for her was Day Four.

Her body is aching. Her eyes are killing her. She has a pounding headache. She told my husband and me that if we get this, "It will kill you."

I believe her.

She's staying with an already infected friend, but for the first time in her life, I've not been able to take care of my baby while she is sick. I drop off food and necessities and send them up in a vacant elevator. But I really just want to hug her, because no matter how old she is, she's still my baby. She's my heart.

So please, send good thoughts and vibes, prayers, whatever positive energy you can to help our family [and all other families similarly suffering] to get through this, safe and sound and in one piece. They will be much appreciated, in any language, from any religion. We need all the help we can get. Thank you.

Memories of Lakeview? ... I learned about honesty in the commissary of the building at 3600 N. Lake Shore Dr. in Lakeview. My grandparents lived in the north tower until I was 14, when they moved to Florida.

I was five-years-old when my grandpa gave me a dollar and sent me down -- alone -- to the commissary to get a quart of milk. I was so proud to do so! I felt so big and adult-like.

I got the quart of milk and as I stood in line waiting to pay for it, a Chunky candy bar stared me in the face. I loved Chunkys! I wanted one, really bad. It cost a nickel. I grabbed the candy and paid for it and the milk out of my grandpa's dollar. Then I ate the candy on the elevator back up, and stuffed the wrapper into my pocket.

When I got back upstairs, my grandpa counted his change. Somehow, he knew there was a nickel missing. He asked me about it and I lied and said I had no idea where the nickel was. My grandpa then told me to go back down to the commissary and tell the cashier they'd made a mistake and get his nickel back.

OMG, I had to fess up. I vividly remember how embarrassed and ashamed I was. "Grandpa," I stammered, tears filling my eyes. "I took the nickel. I bought a Chunky with it. I'm sorry Grandpa."



Say a little prayer for Andie, please.



Chris O'Brien



Learn about the interior of the Woman's Building at the World's Columbian Exposition in 1893 as part of Sally Kalmbach's upcoming tour.

All was forgiven, but it was a lesson in honesty that I learned early and have never forgotten for my entire life.

I have other, wonderful memories of Lakeview. Of people, places, and things. Of elementary and high school, and friends that I'm still in contact with.

Do you have any Lakeview memories? If so, East Lakeview resident Chris O'Brien wants to hear them for a book he's putting together.

Two years ago, O'Brien started a side business called Long Overdue, which is focused on helping people turn their stories into books. His work will be a compilation of stories from anyone in the Lakeview community, from residents who've lived there their entire life to people who moved there last summer.

"This could be for long-time authors, new authors, or families who want to record their parents/grandparents' life stories," said O'Brien.

He said he and his Long Overdue co-founders had always been kicking around the concept of doing a community book, where instead of just one author it would be different chapters from different people in the neighborhood. For the first project, O'Brien thought about either starting with his hometown of Midland, MI, or East Lakeview, where he has lived for the last seven years.

"I was talking with Sammi

Saliba over at the Lakeview East Chamber of Commerce and we decided, 'Hey, let's just put an announcement out there and start gathering stories from anyone in the community,'" said O'Brien. "We're excited to hear all the different stories and memories that people have and we hope the final book will be a showcase to what makes this such a great small town neighborhood within a big city."

For the last six years, O'Brien has run a weekly blog called "Medium Rare" on ChicagoNow and is currently working on a second book, "Close to Home," about Lakeview restaurants that will feature stories about their owners, and how they've managed to keep doors open during COVID-19.

O'Brien's Lakeview East memories in the community book is still untitled but he is open to any and all suggestions from our readers!

Looking forward to reading O'Brien's books. To be involved or if you have any questions email him at chris@longoverduestories.com.

Chicago's Grand Dames... Have you always wanted to know more about some of the city's grandest ladies? If so, check out Gold Coaster Sally Kalmbach's new walking tour, Grand Dames of Chicago and the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment, which occurs this month.

Tour the Gold Coast and learn how seven society ladies of the neighborhood first defined Parisian shopping, and then how they thrilled their admirers at the Chicago Columbian Exposition of 1893, at the Century of Progress 1933-34, and other glittering occasions with their sense of style and hospitality, said Kalmbach.

Through rare photographs and fascinating stories, Kalmbach said she will illustrate how all eyes were on society women such as Bertha Palmer and Ida B. Wells-Barnett --among others -- as they made their imprint on the city. Learn about Eleanor Robinson Countiss Whiting, whose home at 1524 N. Lake Shore Dr. houses the International Museum of Surgical Science.

"Their legacy, over the course of half a century, remains with us today through the Art Institute of Chicago, Hull House, the

Suffrage movement, The Junior League, and the world of journalism," said Kalmbach.

"I have given tours about Leading Ladies of Chicago, but thought this was an important event to celebrate, especially since this is a presidential year," said Kalmbach. Expect discussion of the Columbian Exposition and suffragists, as well as African-American representation at the Fair, she said.

"All relevant today," said Kalmbach.

Two 90-minute tour dates are being offered with limited availability: 5:30 p.m. Aug. 20 and 10 a.m. Aug. 22. Meet in front of Charnley House, 1365 N. Astor St. \$35 per person. Space usually fills up quickly for Kalmbach's tours so RSVP asap to sskalmbach@yahoo.com. Social distancing and masks are preferred. Private tours are also available.

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Senior LIVING

Prevent pandemic from spoiling your retirement

BY ALBERT LALONDE

The pandemic has brought the possibility that some older workers will have to retire sooner than they planned.

One factor is that people 65 and above are considered to be among the highest-risk groups for illness from COVID-19.

As the economy opens back up, baby boomers in particular are thinking twice about returning to office environments that could expose them to an increased risk of contracting the disease. And while in some cases retirement decisions will be voluntary, retirement may be essentially decided for some older workers due to jobs being eliminated as struggling companies restructure.

One report showed retirements of people from 50 to 65 and over have surged because of the pandemic. Medicare

eligibility starting at age 65 and full Social Security benefits soon thereafter become economic incentives.

It takes a lot more than government aid to get through the retirement years, and for older workers who planned to work long enough to collect full Social Security benefits but instead retire earlier, that could have permanent financial consequences. Filing at the earliest age of 62 will get the retiree only 75% of their annual full benefit. Whereas every year you delay filing for Social Security past full retirement age brings an additional 8% until you turn 70.

People often keep working as long as they can so they can continue to add to their retirement savings while also benefiting from employer-subsidized health insurance. Many older workers from the 40s on up think they will need to work longer because of the current economic crisis. But

due to the pandemic, we seem to have less control over length-of-career considerations than ever before.

Remember that sometimes, trying to save yourself from future market volatility can result in major investing mistakes. Here are some examples to avoid during this recession:

• **Being too conservative**

Finding a foothold for financial stability is on many people's minds given these nervous times, and income investments may limit growth potential. They won't match the growth of equities when the economy rebounds. One rule of thumb: the majority of those not yet retired should put at least half of their portfolios in equities, and the younger one is, the higher the percentage of equities. You can reduce risk and achieve stability by improving the quality of your equities, such as those with well-regarded management and

consistent customers, and those that have paid dividends over a long period.

• **Ceasing to invest**

While some companies have paused matching employee 401(k) programs due to the pandemic, it's not out of the question that they'll one day resume. But no saving plus no investing equals putting yourself much further behind for retirement. If you can afford to contribute to an IRA or 401(k) during the recession, do it. As the economy climbs back, share prices increase, but if you sat on cash while waiting for a recovery, you won't benefit from the upswing. And later on you'll pay higher prices for those shares, when you could have gotten them for less.

• **Trying to time the market**

Basing investment decisions on current market conditions is tricky. Some people are making those kinds of decisions, such as

selling off or pausing contributions, to protect themselves from future market declines. When deciding to liquidate, you later may have to decide when to reinvest. Will that timing always be good? No. Even professional fund managers have difficulty timing the market. So it's better to remember that you got into the stock market in the first place because, over long periods, history shows it often trends up. Don't react to what's happening today. And remember: long-term growth helps fund your retirement.

Albert Lalonde, a financial planner and investment advisor representative, is the founder of Kaizen Financial Group.

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A new normal: A day in the life at The Clare during COVID

When Clare resident Renee Zellner moved to The Clare from Cleveland about three years ago, she swiftly took advantage of new friendships, various concerts and lectures, and exploring her new neighborhood in the Gold Coast.

In recent months, however, the life she carved out for herself doesn't look quite the same as it once did. In early March, when COVID-19 took a foothold in the United States and prompted The Clare to implement a number of safety restrictions, Renee and her fellow Clare residents had to adjust to a new normal.

"Things changed quite drastically when COVID entered our world," Renee says. "From the beginning of the lockdown, I have felt safe and well cared for. And the employees sprang to action and quickly created ways to keep us busy and engaged."

In fact, Renee manages to keep her schedule jam-packed with activities. Between book clubs, wine tastings, coffee

hours, cooking demonstrations, and live concerts via Zoom, she hasn't lacked in terms of social connection, mental stimulation and cultural enrichment. The Clare's in-house television stations stream exercise classes throughout the day, and movies are shown each evening for nightly entertainment.

For Renee, all of this is in addition to taking an on-line class through Northwestern University's Osher Lifelong Learn Institute (OLLI) and regular video chats with her immediate family. She also participated in recording an interfaith service that was televised to residents on The Clare's in-house channel.

Because of technologies like Zoom and FaceTime, Renee has even had the oppor-



Clare resident Renee Zellner.

tunity to join 15 of her family members for a Passover Seder and several birthday celebrations, all without ever leaving the comfort and safety of her apartment at The Clare.

What's more, Renee and her fellow Clare residents have access to three meals a day delivered directly to their apartments. The extensive and varied menus change entirely each week, and they always come with daily specials and two homemade soups available

every day.

"There is never any need to expose oneself to the virus with the programs in place at The Clare," she says.

As the city of Chicago has gradually reopened, The Clare has slowly eased some restrictions, as well, providing residents with more freedom to come and go from the building for family visits, small group meetings and outdoor walks. But Renee feels no need to rush from her apartment, as she is content, safe and cared for within her new normal.

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terest of the residents in mind every step of the way," she says. "The result is that at this time in August, not one person in Independent Living has been diagnosed with COVID."

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"The result is that at this time in August, not one person in Independent Living has been diagnosed with COVID."

Overall, there's no questioning the difficulties associated with the lockdown, especially for seniors. But the positives The Clare has provided for its residents through it all are monumental.

"I feel so fortunate that I have been living at The Clare during this challenging time," Renee says. "I don't feel as isolated as I would if I were living on my own. And my children and grandchildren are happy to know that I am content and stimulated every day."

Facing our mortality helps us understand our legacies

Why the pandemic represents a valuable opportunity to take stock and build a better future

BY RUTGER BRUINING

The COVID-19 pandemic has had an unprecedented impact on our society and has resulted in the loss of our civil liberties and freedom in our daily lives, even for the luckiest of us. For many, the Coronavirus may have resulted in the loss of a job, accommodation or a way to provide for one's family.

However, arguably the most powerful consequence of the pandemic is that it has forced us as a society to face up to our own or our loved ones' mortality can be painful and upsetting, made all the more difficult with the varying restrictions of freedoms brought about by the Coronavirus measures removing the otherwise typical distractions of daily life.

As our country prepares to restart the economy and rebuild, some are beginning to find that the pandemic has given them a brand-new perspective by inspiring them to review what truly matters most in life.

There are several moments in life - such as the mid-life crisis or retirement - where our perspectives and what we consider to be most important are challenged. In these moments, people often look at what they have done so far and discover a new-found appreciation for what they cherish the most, but many more people have many regrets of a life left unexplored and worry that it may be too late to change.

It is often after periods of intense struggle and difficulty that societies often unite and people develop a greater sense of satisfaction. People who lived through World War II have long said that in the years following the war, there was a sense of community, togetherness and unity unlike any other. In the weeks and months following 9/11, several studies showed that people cited a greater appreciation for friends and family, spent

more time with loved ones and were more engaged in their local communities.

Despite the consequences of the pandemic, there is undoubtedly an opportunity for millions of people to benefit from a shift in perspective from taking stock of their lives, and understanding what matters most amidst the fallout. Taking the time to write down and reflect upon one's life thus far through the lens of the pandemic can help people everywhere to lead happier, more satisfying lives, and could lead to the development of a happier society as a whole.

The pandemic represents a major event for societies across the world, one which has transformed our daily lives and has challenged our perspectives on how the world is constructed and how life should be lived.

The pandemic has wreaked havoc in many ways. It has also inspired incredible showings of community and heroism. The country has a brand-new appreciation for frontline health workers, cleaners, delivery drivers, cashiers, refuse collectors and volunteers. Distant family members and friends from the past have rebuilt bridges and developed relationships. But I believe that the Coronavirus has given people a new lease of life and a sense of meaning which is sadly absent for many people in the daily grind of a nine-to-five.

However, there is one trend that is stands out across hundreds of life stories - and that is the idea of regret. So many people wait a lifetime before they truly take stock of their lives and reflect on what they truly want to experience and achieve, only to discover that in many cases, they still have desires and goals they want to reach, but with little time, energy or resources left to do so.

The Coronavirus pandemic represents a opportunity for everybody to evaluate their lives, and to reflect upon how they want their life beyond Coronavirus to look. We as a society need to recognize the potential benefits to be gleaned from our current predicament, and can use this pandemic as a launchpad to live a happier, more satisfying life.



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The words of kindness are more healing to a drooping heart than balm or honey. — Sarah Fielding

Just bike, walk or swim, there are no cabs

Not only is it just about impossible to head to the curb and hail a taxicab on downtown streets these days, it's now also going to be impossible to get one on the water too.

Last week Wendella Sightseeing Co. announced they are stopping its Chicago Water Taxi service for the rest of the year.

The dire truth these days is that there is just no demand. There are no tourists or conventioners, and local residents are no longer going downtown either. With nobody going downtown, and others working from home, like their land-locked four-wheeled cousins, the quaint yellow commuter taxi boats have called it quits. Wendella gave it a go, and instituted various pandemic safety protocols in resuming taxi service in June, but after a month they have now just given up.

The local land-born taxi industry has struggled for profitability for years now too due to unfair competition from ride-share companies like Uber and Lyft. Sadly the pandemic-generated economic lockdown has delivered a second devastating blow to the industry, and lead many to question if the industry will even survive, both on land and in the sea?

Wendell says the safety measures they were forced to adopt were not practicable for its water taxis, which once carry commuters around the Loop. They hope to re-open the service next year if pandemic fears pass and people return to downtown Chicago. But with more people choosing to work from home, and those who do go downtown now avoiding public transit options like, well... the plague, the future does not look promising. While Metra and the CTA have both seen ridership drop by over 90% this year, used cars and bicycle sales are booming these days.

Last year, Wendella carried 415,000 travelers between March and December. Wendella has continued to operate its tour boats.

As for the four-wheeled taxis, in Aug. of 2019 there were 3,433 active medallions, or about half of the city's total of 7,000 taxi medallions. Presently that number has fallen below 600. And perhaps most shockingly, over 2,200 taxi medallions have actually surrendered back to the city as worthless. In 2015 a Chicago Taxi Medallion would fetch \$290,000.



Archbishop Wilton Gregory



Ken Griffin's \$100 million Basquiat painting.



Rosemary Fanti, Dolores, Amy Makita and Mary.

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join forces — most of all, humans want a safe, clean, humane place to live — that's universal — let's make that place be Chicago. Said in peace and love."

Bobbi Painter was lavish in her praise over my words. "Brilliant, thank you for not being afraid to tell it like it is. We love our city and you. Let's hope we can save it." **Bonnie Spurlock's**



Wayne Klebe, Paul Tuminaro, Elizabeth Bertucci, and Justin Schneider.

words were a deep encouragement. "Thank you Thomas, my feelings as well."

Some of the column's supporters were dramatically critical of the mayor. As one critic, **Toni Di Meola** put it, "Mayor Lightfoot needs to be removed NOW! I never disliked a politician as much as I do her. I want my city back."

Then, Mr. Vickery closed his remarks with an off-handed comment that I didn't get at first. It reminded me of the TV show "30 Rock," when **Tina Fey** hears boss **Alec Baldwin** (Jack) make reference to "New Yorkers." To which she always says, "Do you mean Jews, Jack?" So I guess Mr. Vickery is accusing me of journalistic errors because I'm too influenced by my readers. So I stand accused with all my pals across the city when he says, "The lens of the Gold Coast/Palm Springs society crowd may be clouding your otherwise good sense." Not sure if he means the Jews, or not. Or the rich. Or the RL crowd or my soulmates in Chicago glittering society. How curious some critics can be when they don't think we see them. Hope it gives some added spice to the water cooler talk

at Vitale, Vickrey, Niro, Solon & Gasey LLP.

Remember, the more activism, the better. Just not more hate.

Reader **Jolanta Ruege**, originally from Poland, knew what I was getting at all along. "Great article. A history lesson for those who would like to erase it. Fortunately you can't erase the history of our Beautiful Country."

RECALL: The brightest brains in town are already hard at work

collecting necessary signatures for a recall of **Mayor Lori Lightfoot's** election. They're serious. They can do it. The electronic sign up is all over social media.

"URBAN LIFE/SOCIAL FABRIC": The Chicago Alliance of Visual Artists (CAVA) announces a themed art exhibit "Urban Life/Social Fabric." Featured are over 60 artworks that explore the many facets of the urban experience. Features in the art show are paintings, prints, photographs, drawings, mixed media, sculpture and ceramics. "Urban Life/Social Fabric" runs through Aug. 21, in the Scharpenberg Gallery in the DANK Haus German American Cultural Center, 4740 N. Western Ave. Hours are Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Check out the fabulous work of **Norman Baugher**.

DOGHOUSE: **Derek Rienzi Van Tassel**, the general manager of The Greenhouse Theater Center, resigned his post in protest of what he calls the "foolish and dangerous" decision by the company to open a live theater show last weekend. Then show closed after one performance. Take that!

BYE BYE NEIMAN'S: Neiman Marcus to leave Worth Ave. in Palm Beach. Two days after reopening, Neiman Marcus says it's permanently closing that location. Of course, at Water Tower Place, no more Macy's, American Girl, with the entire second floor food court gone and no Ritz Carlton. Only the beginning of the retail crash?

RED HATS: Fifteen new red cardinal hats seem to be on the Roman horizon. Word is **Pope Francis** will choose 15 new cardinals from the peripheries with a couple of the usual suspects thrown in. Expected to receive a

red hat are **Archbishop Wilton Gregory** of Washington, DC, a well liked Chicago priest, and **Archbishop Michel Aupetit**, of Paris. Gregory will be the first African American elevated to the College of Cardinals.

REASON TO CELEBRATE: **Rosemary Fanti's** mother **Dolores'** birthday bash, 91 yrs. young. A beautiful soul, celebrating with goddaughter **Amy Makita** and her mother **Mary**.

SERVICE CLUB: **Bobbi Painter** is with **Sylvia Wilczynska** at The Geraghty. So fun to be part of The Service Club of Chicago taping of their fashion show for this year's virtual Day on the Terrace charity event on Aug. 3. One of the creative ways they are raising money this year to help so many Chicagoland organizations who help others. **Candace Jordan** was with designer **Elda De la Rosa** walking the runway. So were **Mark Olley** and **Lou Cannelis**, models also for the day. The first "virtual" event like this. It was a huge success. **Sherrill Bodine** and **Tracey Tarantino DiBuono** are magic.



Peggy Snorf, Scott Green and Janet Owen.

ART INSTITUTE: **Ken Griffin's** recent acquisition, the \$100 million **Basquiat** painting, is now hanging in the Art Institute of Chicago. What a great gesture to lift Chicago hearts as the beloved museum reopens.

LOBSTERS ALL ROUND: Happy 46th wedding anniversary **Lois Dal Santo Haring** and **Michael A. Haring**. True love still, now to a 3rd generation. And 47 years for **Kathie** and **Henry Roenigk** who celebrated by scheduling shoulder surgery for a recent golf injury.

ART NUPTIALS: Arts mag boss **Marsin Mogielski** got an early start celebrating in Brooklyn at French Louie's with **Nora Danker** and artist **Adam Umbach**. Who then surprised us all by getting married during the lockdown. In seersucker, surrounded by New York friends, but so many of us could not be there with the pandemic. Celebrations in the future for sure. No long honeymoon, Adam has a Hamp-

tons exhibit opening on Aug. 9.

VENEZIA: **Cynthia Olson** with a scribble fashioned a splendid rendition of the domed Santa Maria Salute, done whilst enjoying a digestivo on the outdoor deck of the Gritti in Venice, only a year ago, seems like a lifetime.

RALPH LAUREN BAR & GRILL: Look who stopped by **Paul Tuminaro's** table at RL. So fun to have a meal with **Elizabeth Bertucci**, and to run into **Wayne Klebe** and **Justin Schneider** from Ralph Lauren.

ASPEN FROLIC: **Jim Kinney** and **Brian White** traveling with **Karen Zupko** to Aspen for trail hiking, mountain climbing, chalet gazing, cocktailing and a fun dinner with **Laurie, Ken, Karen, Brian** and **Mike**.

YENTAS: No it's not a new version of "Fiddler on the Roof." It started to drizzle at dinner on **Toni Di Meola, Sherry Lea Fox, Kathy O'Malley Piccone, April Schwartz** and **Julie Berrish**, the whole gang birthday noshing at Piccolo Sogno, when table napkins were quickly turned into headscarves. Brilliant.

SMILE: Writer **Lucia Adams** always looks fabulous. Travel and publishing are a great tonic, especially in pandemics. Catch her newest book on the **Baroness Blixen**. And her column in Classic Chicago Magazine.

ABOUTTOWNANDLAKE: **Janet Owen** loves broker's day off. Fun to have **Peggy Snorf** and **Scott Green** out on the lake. Perfect calm night, lots of laughs and beautiful sunset. And having lunch with **Leslie Kennedy** at the Women's Athletic Club.

THE KIMBELL MUSEUM: Fort Worth is the place to be if you cannot get to Italy. The masters of the baroque are chock a block on their walls. Even **Caravaggio's** Flagellation. "Flesh and Blood," Masterpieces from the Capodimonte Museum in Naples, until Aug. 16.

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Police Beat...

Two charged with burglarizing Near North pot shop, Xfinity store

Two men who allegedly tried to burglarize a Near North cannabis dispensary on July 26, are also charged with breaking into a nearby Xfinity store after police noticed one of them was wearing a pair of the cable company's promotional sunglasses.

Curtis Evans, 60, and Sean Jackson, 48, are each charged with burglary, attempted burglary, and possession of burglary tools.

Police responded to a burglary call at Windy City Cannabis, 923 W. Weed, around 12:25 a.m. Sunday, according to CPD. Evans and Jackson were arrested nearby.



Curtis Evans

Later on Sunday, police were dispatched to take a burglary report at an Xfinity store that's located near the dispensary, according to prosecutors. Cops reviewed surveillance video from the store and recognized the burglars as Evans and Jackson.

Detectives also noted that Evans was wearing a pair of Xfinity promotional sunglasses when police arrested him near the dispensary, prosecutors said.

Employees at Xfinity told police the burglars took two audio speakers and items from the store's promotional material storage room, according to the state. Evans and Jackson were allegedly wearing the same clothes as the Xfinity burglars when they were arrested.

Prosecutors said Evans has two pending felony cases — one stemming from an April burglary and the other for unlawful use of a weapon in Skokie. He was released on recognizance bonds both times, according to prosecutors. He has 11 felony convictions, mostly for theft, retail theft, and burglary.

Judge Charles Beach ordered Evans held without bail for violating the terms of bond in the two pending cases. Beach set Evans' bail in the new burglary at \$70,000 and ordered him to go on to electronic monitoring if he posts a \$7,000 deposit bond.

Jackson, who has not had a felony conviction since 2006, was released on his own recognizance with a 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. curfew.

Man charged with having gun near Loop shooting scene

Prosecutors have filed felony gun charges against a Chicago man who was allegedly seen carrying a loaded handgun in the Loop shortly after a man was shot nearby July 26. The accused man is not charged with the actual shooting.

A 911 caller reported seeing a man wearing a Bulls jersey pull out a black handgun, display it, and then put it back in his waistband around 1:45 a.m. near the LondonHouse Hotel, 85 E. Wacker, according to police and prosecutors.

The call came just a few min-

utes after a 31-year-old man was shot while sitting in a car near Wacker and Columbus drives, about three blocks away.

Officers who responded to the LondonHouse found Ronnie Christmas, 29, wearing a Bulls shirt nearby. Cops performed a pat-down search and found a loaded 40-caliber handgun with an extended ammunition magazine in Christmas' waistband, prosecutors said.

Defense attorney Kevin Sterk said Christmas, who owns a lawn care business, was at the LondonHouse hotel to meet with two small business owners.

Christmas was free on bail while awaiting trial for an identity theft case at the time of the alleged gun incident, prosecutors said. He also faced a felony gun charge in 2011, but that case was later pleaded down to a misdemeanor, according to the state.

Judge Charles Beach ordered Christmas held without bail for violating the terms of his previous bail bond. Beach also ordered him held in lieu of \$40,000 bail on the new unlawful use of a weapon charge. Christmas is required to go onto electronic monitoring if he can post a \$4,000 deposit bond, Beach said.

Police department sources have pointed to hotel parties and all-night street celebrations along Wacker Dr. for a recent spike in shootings around the downtown area.

Robbers attacked man as he walked dog near Mag Mile

A Streeterville man was attacked by four offenders as he walked his dog near the Magnificent Mile July 27, police said. No arrests have been made.

The victim, age 29, was walking eastbound on the first block of E. Oak St. when a group of four men attacked him from behind around 11:01 p.m., according to CPD spokesperson Kellie Bartoli.

One of the attackers pushed the man into a wall, displayed a handgun, and demanded his money and his property, Bartoli said. But the victim didn't have anything of value, and the men ran away — two headed eastbound on Oak and the other two went westbound.

The offenders are described as Black males between 20- and 30-years-old who stand 5'-10" to 6'-2" tall and weigh 145 to 180 lbs. Bartoli said the gunman wore a black t-shirt and had long dreadlocks.

Area Three detectives are investigating.

Shoplifting mobs hits Gold Coast convenience store three times in one week

Groups of shoplifters have raided one Gold Coast convenience store three times last week — and the store's owner is fed up.

Most recently, a crew of thieves entered the store at 1036 N. Dearborn just after 1 a.m. July 28. Similar groups raided the shop at 12:08 a.m. Monday and again last Wednesday, July 22.

Video of the latest raid shows at least 10 people walking calmly through the store, helping themselves to whatever they please. Some cram merchandise into their clothes. One woman is bold enough to simply carry around a tray that she and others fill with goodies. Still others fill backpacks with booze.

Then, they walk right out the door. Thieves took snacks, candy, sandwiches, wine, and much of the store's canned cocktail inventory.

One camera captured video of the

crew walking in. The first man walks directly to the camera, throws up some hand gestures, and gets to work with his colleagues. They do their thing and head back out the door in under 90 seconds.

In another scene, a thief hands can after can of mixed drinks to a companion who stuffs them all into the first man's backpack. Then, the rest of the crew comes around to choose their refreshments for the evening.

No arrests have been made.

It's not the first time we've reported about shoplifting mobs hitting that convenience store. Last September, a smaller group of thieves went behind the store's counter and stole over \$2000 worth of cigarettes and booze.

Two members of that theft crew, Ryan Munn and Fajour Hodges, are now accused of killing a former Marine by pushing him into the path of a moving CTA Red Line train in the Loop on April 7.

Men forced victim to withdraw \$4k from Lincoln Square bank

Two men forced a woman to withdraw cash from a Lincoln Square bank July 25, police said. The unusual robbery unfolded around 9:45 a.m. at Chase Bank, 1809 W. Lawrence.

The woman was walking near the bank when two men approached her and forced her to go to a nearby ATM and withdraw money, CPD spokesperson Karie James said.

After getting cash from the machine, the men then forced her to withdraw additional funds from a teller inside the bank, James said. The offenders then took her money — reportedly about \$4,000 — and fled.

James said the victim then returned to the bank and sought help. The woman was not injured.

The offenders are described as a well-built Black male who stands about 6' tall. He had a trimmed beard and wore a black t-shirt with black jeans. The second was a Black male weighing about 275 lbs. who wore a t-shirt

Both men fled in a red vehicle that had a third person sitting in the passenger seat. Area Three detectives are investigating.

Armed carjackers crash after victim fights them from back seat

Armed men took a woman's car in Uptown July 28 and then drove away with the victim's female roommate in the back seat, police said. Two of the three offenders are in custody.

The women, ages 26 and 27, were unloading their car on the 800 block of W. Windsor when three men approached them around 3:32 p.m., according to Sgt. Rocco Alioto, a CPD spokesperson.

One of the men demanded the vehicle's keys while the other two offenders tried to remove her 26-year-old roommate from the car, Alioto said. Eventually, two of the men drove away with the vehicle — with the roommate still in its back seat. The third offender ran from the scene.

Alioto said the woman continued to struggle with the carjackers who repeatedly threatened her with a gun as they rode south on Clarendon. The car crashed into a parked vehicle near the intersection of Clarendon and



(Inset) Juan Carlos Arias

Arsonist set Lincoln Park, Lakeview fires to "calm himself down"

A Palatine man set a series of arson fires across Lakeview and Lincoln Park to calm himself down after having arguments with his girlfriend, according to prosecutors.

Police arrested Juan Carlos Arias, age 43, shortly after a wave of fires broke out early July 30. He is also charged with setting at least one fire during another arson spree in the same area on June 29.

Prosecutors said surveillance video captured images of Arias riding a bike through a North Side alley on June 29, assembling materials on top of a trash can, and then setting the pile on fire. The blaze spread to a nearby garage.

Chicago police detectives distributed photos of that arsonist to patrol officers shortly after the fire.

Another video shows the alleged arsonist riding his bike through an alley on the 2600 block of N. Orchard around 5 a.m. Thursday. He is seen

Hutchinson and both offenders ran away

Police searched the area and arrested two suspects on the 1000 block of W. Dakin in Lakeview. A weapon was recovered, Alioto said. Neither woman was seriously injured. Charges are pending.

Woman mugged near her Lincoln Park home

A 35-year-old woman was attacked from behind and robbed near her Lincoln Park home July 28, police said. No arrests have been made.

She was walking in the alley behind her residence on the 800 block of W. Belden when a man struck her in the head and robbed her around 8:28 p.m., according to a CPD report. She was not seriously injured. A neighbor's surveillance camera system recorded part of the incident.

The offender and an apparent accomplice fled northbound, according to a police spokesperson. They are described as two Black males between 15- and 18-years-old. One wore a black t-shirt with black jeans, and white gym shoes. The other wore a black t-shirt with light-colored pants, and black gym shoes.

Area Three detectives are investigating.

Man stabbed outside Swissotel

A man is in serious condition after being stabbed outside a Loop hotel. It's the latest in a 10-day wave of violent crimes along Wacker D. that sources have said is connected to large parties at nearby hotels.

Police said two groups of men

walking up to a trash can that bursts into flames moments after he left the area, prosecutors said. The fire burned two garages and damaged three cars.

A police sergeant stopped Arias a few minutes later for riding his bike on a sidewalk near Wiggly Field Dog Park, 2645 N. Sheffield. The sergeant noticed that Arias resembled the June arsonist and took him into custody.

Arias told detectives that "he lights fires to calm himself down" and "he got into a fight with his girlfriend," an assistant states attorney said during his bond hearing on Friday.

Prosecutors charged Arias with three felony counts of arson. Judge Charles Beach set bail at \$10,000 and ordered Arias to go onto electronic monitoring if he can post a \$1,000 deposit bond.

got into an argument that turned violent outside the Swissotel, 323 E. Wacker, around 2:49 a.m. July 29. During the brawl, an offender stabbed the 19-year-old victim in the abdomen, according to police.

An ambulance transported the injured man to Northwestern Memorial Hospital.

Witnesses reported seeing a group of five people walk into the Swissotel after the stabbing. Other participants in the fight went into a nearby parking garage. No arrests have been made.

Police responded to at least two calls of arguments and disturbances near the hotel between 2 a.m. and the time of the stabbing, according to dispatch records.

CPD sources have said hotel rates in the downtown area, driven to rock-bottom prices during the COVID-19 pandemic, are sparking large hotel parties. Hotel rooms at leading downtown hotels are being sold for as little as \$79 for accommodations that drew rates of over \$300 a night last summer, according to hospitality workers who spoke with this reporter.

The downtown violence spree began on July 19.

Two cars (but no people) shot on Lake Shore Drive

Two vehicles, but no people, were shot Aug. 1 when a motorist opened fire on Lake Shore Dr. near

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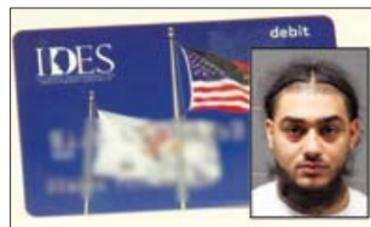
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Man charged with ID theft following Loop traffic stop

Many Illinoisans have struggled to get their unemployment claims granted during the COVID-19 outbreak. But one Chicago man seems to have had no problems with the system at all.

Lamont Andrews is facing multiple counts of identity theft and other charges after police found him carrying a trove of fraudulent



Lamont Andrews

payments and \$20,000 cash in the Loop this week, prosecutors said.

When police pulled Andrews over for a traffic violation around 7:20 July 29, he ran from the car — leaving a bag on his driver's seat, according to prosecutors. Cops arrested him on the 100 block of N. Wabash after a short foot chase.

Cops opened the bag he left in

the car and found 37 unemployment debit cards bearing 37 different names, \$20,000 cash, and 20 ATM receipts showing withdrawals totaling \$4,000, according to prosecutors.

Investigators contacted six of the victims whose names appeared on the unemployment cards. None of them had applied for unemployment, and none of them gave Andrews permission to apply for benefits on their behalf, prosecutors said.

Unemployment administrators told police the 37 debit cards were worth over \$82,000.

Prosecutors charged Andrews with six counts of identity theft, unlawful possession of more than three debit cards, various misdemeanors, and traffic violations.

Judge Charles Beach said Andrews could go home if he posts a \$300 deposit bond. Beach also ordered Andrews to stay in the house between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m., but Beach did not order him to go onto electronic monitoring to enforce that order.

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the Diversey bridge, according to Chicago police.

The lakefront park just east of the drive was filled with people who were enjoying beautiful summertime weather at the time of the shooting. Witnesses reported seeing people lie down on the ground to protect themselves when the shots rang out around 4:50 p.m.

Police confirmed that a man fired shots from a very dark gray Dodge Charger as he traveled northbound on the drive. One motorist exited at Belmont and reported the shooting to an officer who is stationed at the lakefront path. That driver's car had a bullet hole in it.

Another driver called 911 to report a bullet hole in their car after they arrived home in Lincoln Square shortly after the shooting.

Cops found five shell casings near the Diversey bridge's pedestrian path.

Police did not provide any description of the gunman. Area Three detectives are investigating.

Armed robbery crew attacks, robs two men on Far North Side

An armed robbery crew battered and attacked two men in separate hold-ups on July 29, according to

police records. No arrests have been made.

The first robbery unfolded around 8 p.m. on the 1300 block of W. Estes in Rogers Park. Police said four men jumped out of a black Toyota RAV4 and two of them pointed handguns at the victim as they robbed him of his phone and wallet.

Then, around 10:45 p.m., a passerby reported seeing a man bleeding from his head on a bus stop bench in the 6100 block of N. Western Ave. in West Ridge. The victim told police that four men who got out of a black RAV4 struck him in the head with a handgun, then took his phone and money.

An ambulance transported the second victim to St. Francis Hospital in Evanston for treatment.

According to the victims, the robbers are four Black men between 18- and 25-years-old.

No arrests have been made. Area Three detectives are investigating.

Man on bond for gun charge accused of having another firearm during traffic crash

A man who was on bail while awaiting trial for illegal gun possession is charged with unlawful possession of another gun after paramedics allegedly found him sitting on a firearm, passed out behind the wheel of his

car downtown.

Fire department personnel who responded to a traffic crash July 29 on the Columbus Bridge found Andres Alcala, 24, passed out behind the wheel of his Honda Civic.

When paramedics removed him from his car to begin treatment, they found a loaded handgun on the driver's seat where he had been sitting, prosecutors said. Arriving police officers secured the firearm and allegedly located a baggie containing more than two ounces of suspected Xanax in the driver-side cup holder.

Prosecutors charged Alcala with aggravated unlawful use of a weapon and possession of a controlled substance.

In September, Alcala posted a \$1,000 deposit bond to get out of jail after prosecutors charged him with another unlawful use of a weapon case, prosecutors said. He was convicted of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon in 2017, according to the state.

Judge Charles Beach ordered Alcala held without bail for violating the terms of his September bail bond. Beach set bail in the new charge at \$20,000 and ordered Alcala to go on electronic monitoring if he can post the mandatory 10% deposit bond.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION PROF-2013-M4 LEGAL TITLE TRUST II, BY U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS LEGAL TITLE TRUSTEE Plaintiff,

-v.- DEAN RAHM A/K/A DEAN R RAHM, ASHLEIGH RAHM, SHEFFIELD PARK CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants 16 CH 09975

1837 NORTH SHEFFIELD AVENUE, UNIT #3 CHICAGO, IL 60614 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 11, 2019, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on August 31, 2020, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

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Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a

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mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

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-v.- JOHN C. TURI, AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE TERMS AND PROVISIONS OF CERTAIN TRUST AGREEMENT DATED SEPTEMBER 24, 2012 AND DESIGNATED THE JOHN C. TURI REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST DATED SEPTEMBER 24, 2012, JOHN C. TURI, GRAN-OAK CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC. Defendants

18 CH 12532 2310 WEST GRANVILLE AVENUE UNIT 3 CHICAGO, IL 60659 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 4, 2020, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on September 3, 2020, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 2310 WEST GRANVILLE AVENUE UNIT 3, CHICAGO, IL 60659 Property Index No. 14-06-106-036-1020

The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$268,757.11.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

If this property is a condominium unit, or a unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). In accordance with 765 ILCS 5/15-1507(c)(1)(h-1) and (h-2), 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(5), and 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1), you are hereby notified that the purchaser of the property, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and legal fees required by subsections (g)(1) and (g)(4) of section 9 and the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of section 18.5 of the Illinois Condominium Property Act.

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

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For information, the sales department, Anselmo Lindberg & Associates, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1771 W. Diehl Road, Suite 120, NAPERVILLE, IL, 60563 (630) 453-6960 For bidding instructions, visit www.anselmolindberg.com. Please refer to file number F19040095.

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Case Number: 18 CH 12532 TJSC#: 40-2031

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Case # 18 CH 12532

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION NEWREZ LLC, DBA SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING Plaintiff,

-v.- RALF KIND; WATERFORD CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; AND JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. Defendants,

19 CH 10708 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:

P.I.N. 14-16-304-039-1027. Commonly known as 4170 North Marine Drive, 6C, Chicago, IL 60613.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Mr. Matthew C. Abad at Plaintiff's Attorney, Kluever Law Group, 225 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 236-0077. SMS000664

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION FIFTH THIRD BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff,

-v.- CLIFFORD ANDERSEN, 6300 SHERIDAN BUILDING CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORDER CLAIMANTS, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF DAVID ANDERSEN, GERALD NORDGREN, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR DAVID ANDERSEN (DECEASED) Defendants

2019 CH 09226 6300 N SHERIDAN RD #617 CHICAGO, IL 60660

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 13, 2020, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on September 1, 2020, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 6300 N SHERIDAN RD #617, CHICAGO, IL 60660 Property Index No. 14-05-202-019-1093

The real estate is improved with a condo/townhouse. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality

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Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

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For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION THE CORONADO INVESTMENT CORPORATION Plaintiff,

-v.- EUGENE NWACHUKWU, APPLONIA ADAMA NWACHUKWU, 6118 SHERIDAN CONDO HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION Defendants

18 CH 01390 6118 NORTH SHERIDAN ROAD, APARTMENT 303 CHICAGO, IL 60660

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 8, 2020, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on August 28, 2020, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth

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below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 6118 NORTH SHERIDAN ROAD, APARTMENT 303, CHICAGO, IL 60660 Property Index No. 14-05-210-023-1017

The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$69,649.53.

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For information, JOHNSON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 230 W. Monroe Street, Suite #1125, Chicago, IL, 60606 (312) 541-9710. Please refer to file number 18-6070.

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Parks Foundation asks community to "Pitch in for the Parks!"

Locals asked to help clean parks during financial crisis

The nonprofit Chicago Parks Foundation (CPF) is seeking volunteers who can help keep the city's 600+ public parks clean.

"Pitch in for the Parks" invites community groups, corporate teams and individual volunteers to participate in this season-long effort.

Park budgets are stretched thin this year and there are fewer seasonal employees. Those seasonal hires that are on the job are now primarily being used to keep people off lakefront beaches.

With the city heading toward insolvency due to the economic lockdown, the prospects are dim.

In partnership with the Chicago Park District, CPF is providing trash pick-up supplies, volunteer coordination and safety guidelines to support the parks' ongoing maintenance throughout the Summer.

Volunteers interested in helping to clean parks can visit chicagoparks-foundation.org/pitch-in.

Already over 1,000 people have volunteered their time for "Pitch in for the Parks!" and nearly 60 Park Advisory Councils, local businesses and community organizations have stepped up to adopt a park.

The plan shifts the responsibility for cleaning parks back to the communities hoping that they will build a stronger sense of pride and ownership of their parks by helping to keep them clean. They're seeking a way for the community to giving back to others, said Willa Iglitzen Lang, executive director of the CPF. "When you invest in a park you are investing in the communities who love and use them. And for that we say thank you."

Group volunteer efforts focusing on a specific park are encouraged, and larger park clean-ups across the city that are seeking volunteers will be listed on the website.

Ken Nordine's Edgewater home saved from the wrecking ball



The former residence of Ken Nordine at 6106 N. Kenmore Ave.

The guardian angel of Edgewater arrived on Kenmore just in time to save one of the community's beloved old homes from a fateful meeting with a demolition crew.

Spoken word artist Ken Nordine's family agreed to sell the artists' former residence at 6106 N. Kenmore Ave., after it was threatened with demolition for conversion into a condo project.

The 120-year-old property was purchased by preservation-minded philanthropists Richard Logan and Angela Spinazze on May 28 for \$1.375 million.

Nordine's former home was put up for sale after he died in 2019. The man-

sion is the last single-family home on a block zoned for mid- and high-rise housing, sparking a preservation effort among Edgewater residents. Notable architectural firm Pond and Pond designed the home, and it was built in 1903 for Herbert Perkins, who later became the president of International Harvester. Nordine bought the home in 1951.

Nordine was 98-years-old at the time of his death.

Constructed in the Arts and Crafts style, the property is one of the last surviving first-generation mansions built in Edgewater's early founding years.

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him face down on the kitchen floor. From the condition of his body, it was clear he had been dead for some time.

At the last City Council meeting, the aldermen passed an ordinance extending the time frame for notifying a tenant about an impending rent increase or landlord's decision not to renew a senior's lease. Another measure cuts back the steps the city can use when impounding a vehicle.

Ald. Martin said these and other measures materialized after he held a series of town hall meetings – to be followed shortly with another public meeting focusing on environmental and sustainability issues.

Our JASC sources – who have for years been focusing on housing problems – complained to this reporter that their low-income housing members say that "at least 90 people" have died of COVID-19 since last May in housing similar to the one Brooks lives in. In fact, 80% of all COVID-19-related deaths reported nationwide have been among adults aged 65 years and older. Indeed, the real infection risk for Chicago youth today may not be with sending them into public schools; it's in sending them to visit friends and family in Chicago's larger senior housing facilities, and assisted living facilities.

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dents that police sources have linked to parties in hotel rooms and along the riverwalk.

Federal assistance a 'real benefit'

Reilly says he supports the upcoming partnership between the Chicago Police Department and federal law enforcement agencies that will send personnel and other resources to help fight violent crime. The federal government is also making \$9.375 million available to CPD to hire 75 police officers.

About 10,000 people live in CHA senior buildings, and another 10,000 reside in privately owned properties in Chicago that are subsidized by the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development. Unlike residents of nursing homes and assisted

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living centers, most people in these senior buildings live independently in their own apartments.

According to ProPublica, from mid-March through early May, at least seven senior residents were found dead in their units days after they were last seen alive, often discovered by janitors or pest control workers making their rounds, according to investigative reports from the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office [CCMEO].

Nationwide, as of May 31, more than 7,000 assisted living residents may have died from Covid-19, according to a report

based on information that federal lawmakers gleaned from providers. The report suggests that the numbers may actually be higher, since deaths in assisted living facilities are not always reported to the federal government.

Nearly one in four assisted living facilities in the survey in the report [24%] had at least one positive test for coronavirus among residents, and approximately 8% of facilities had wider outbreaks of at least 10 cases. Residents of assisted living facilities have tested positive for coronavirus at over five times the overall national average rate [2.9%] as of May 31.

Overall, approximately 43% of assisted living facility residents who tested positive for coronavirus were hospitalized. Among all assisted living facility residents who tested positive for coronavirus, 31%—one in three—died.

Ald. Maria Hadden [49th], one of the ordinance sponsors, said information about deaths and illnesses in senior care buildings hadn't previously been listed because of privacy concerns. While the ordinance did not require residents to be notified when someone in their building died, information about COVID-19 deaths must now be publicly available through the CC-MEO.

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officers drew their guns and tried to stop the car, but it blew past them, and headed to the I-94 feeder ramp, where it crashed into a barrier wall.

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